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Preface

In the Laser Cooling and Trapping related experiments, the frequency stabilized lasers are extensively used. There are many lasers that work simultaneously in such experiments. The simplest procedure to stabilize the lasers are by using the Saturation Absorption Spectroscopy and adjusting the parameters by monitoring the error signal that is fed back to the laser. So there will be many signals that are to be monitored simultaneously. Using the commercial digital oscilloscope to display all the signals will be very expensive.

The main aim of the Project is to design and develop a system, which works as a Mini-oscilloscope, for displaying signals of interest, and make the unit standalone and portable. The Mini –Oscilloscope is built using the microcontroller and a Graphical LCD. The Mini-Oscilloscope is integrated to the Laser, which will minimize the cost as well as reduce the maintenance.

The Chapter one gives a brief introduction to the Diode lasers, its characteristics and the need for saturation absorption spectroscopy. Chapter two deals with the hardware, the advantages of the components used to build the minioscilloscope. Chapter Three gives the software approach for running the entire program Chapter four in its first section gives the procedure to build the External Cavity Diode Laser including the tuning and temperature controlling of the diode laser and second section gives the theory and experimental set up of the saturation absorption spectroscopy.

Chapter 1

Introduction

The frequency stabilized laser diodes are used in various application in atomic physics. The Lasers with combination of high power, small linewidth and fast tuneability are essential for many fields in high resolution spectroscopy. One example is the quickly developing field of laser atom cooling and trapping. Requirements for a laser system used in this field of applications are extensive: a mode hop free tuning range of a few GHz, with a linewidth in the regime of 1-MHz with an output power of few hundreds of mW.

In the Laser cooling and trapping experiments the laser frequency has to be stabilized to either to the side of or at the peak of any sufficiently well resolved transition of the Rubidium (the element being used in the experiment) hyperfine absorption spectrum. Rubidium is a convenient atom to study with absorption spectroscopy. Because it has a single electron outside of closed shells, it is relatively simple hydrogen like structure of energy levels, figure 1.1 shows the Spectral transitions in Rubidium atom . With output frequency stabilized against atomic transition frequency through saturated absorption, diode lasers can be a very effective laser source for many high precision atomic physics experiments.



Figure1.1 : Spectral transitions in Rubidium

1.1 Diode Lasers

Diode lasers are small devices with dimensions of less then a millimeter. They operate on a wavelength ranging from 0.6 to 1.55 micro meter, depending on the materials of the laser medium. The diode laser light is generated in small rectangular active region of typical thickness of 0.1 micron, width 3 micron and length 300 micron. materials of the laser medium. (The diode laser light is generated in small rectangular active region of typical thickness of 0.1 micron, width 3 micron and length 300 micron) Diode lasers produce linearly polarized light with electric vector parallel to the junction, Diode lasers oscillate in TE and TM modes. The TE modes are characterized by an electric field that oscillates in a direction parallel to the junction plane, while TM modes have an electric field that oscillates perpendicular to the junction plane. Since the reflectivity of the TE mode is always greater than that of the TM modes, cavity end losses are smaller for TE modes. This leads to a lower TE mode threshold for lasing. Thus the lasing transverse mode in a diode laser will be a TE mode.



Figure 1.2: Laser modes

The typical output spectrum of a diode laser consists of a series of wavelength peaks corresponding to different longitudinal modes or cavity modes within the structure as shown in Fig1. 2. The spacing of these modes is dependent on the optical cavity length as each one corresponds to an integral number of lengths. The spacing of these modes also depends on the refractive index which in turn is controlled by temperature and carrier density i.e., injection

current. The injection current tuning arises because of the heating produced by the current. The injection current also changes the carrier density which changes the index of refraction. Thus there are two tuning parameters-temperature and current, which has to be controlled for stabilizing the Diode laser.

Inspite of the passive stability of the laser diode injection current and the active stabilization of the temperature, drifts in frequency of few tens of MHz can occur over a period of few minutes. Mechanical vibrations too can cause changes in the laser wavelength . Thus some form of active stabilization of the frequency of the laser is required. This requires a frequency reference , which is obtained by using Doppler free saturated absorption spectroscopy signal of Rb atoms .

1.2 Saturation Absorption spectroscopy

Doppler free Saturated absorption eliminates Doppler broadening to resolve hyperfine spectral lines that are spaced a few tens of MHz apart. Doppler widths of about 500MHz caused by the random thermal motion of atoms limited the resolution of convetional optical spectroscopy. Doppler free saturated absorption spectroscopy is insensitive to this effect and thus allows the splitting between energy levels of a sample to be measured with much greater precision. The Saturation Absorption spectroscopy theory and experimental setup is discussed in detail in chapter 4.

1.3 Frequency locking of a laser line

In laser cooling experiments, a Doppler free saturation absorption setup is used to monitor in real time the frequency of the laser. The laser frequency is actively stabilized by detecting deviation from set frequency as changes in absorption and correcting for it by a servo mechanism. This is also described in chapter 4. For this purpose the saturation absorption signals are displayed on an oscilloscope. As a typical experiment has at least four such frequency stabilized lasers, one requires four oscilloscopes for working as a stand alone system. In this project we have eliminated the need for commercial oscilloscope by using a graphical LCD to display the signals. The analog detector output is acquired by a PIC microcontroller and after processing passed onto the graphical LCD, which as then be used to monitor in real time, the laser frequencies.

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Chapter 2

Hardware : Mini – Oscilloscope

2.1 Introduction

The hardware for building Mini – Oscilloscope consists of a number of individual components which are linked together to produce the overall device. The main hardware units are :

- Processing unit : Microcontroller PIC 16F877A
- Display unit : Graphical LCD module with in-built T6963C controller
- PIC IC-programmer



Fig. 2.1 Block diagram of the hardware units used for "Mini-Oscilloscope"

2.2 Microcontroller

A microcontroller is a highly integrated chip which includes all or most of the parts needed for a controller. It typically includes: CPU (central processing unit), RAM (Random Access Memory), EPROM/PROM/ROM (Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory), I/O (input/output), serial and parallel timers, interrupt controller. The Peripheral Interface Controller(PIC) range of microcontrollers are the first "Reduced Instruction Set Computer" (RISC) microcontrollers. Although having few instructions (e.g. 35 instructions for the PIC 16F877 line versus over 90 for the Intel 8048), the PIC line has a wealth of features included as part of the chip. Separate buses for instructions and data allows simultaneous access of program and data, and overlapping of some operations for increased processing performance. The benefits of design simplicity are a very small chip, small pin count, and very low power consumption.

Putting together a microcontroller project involves several steps:

1. Defining the task

2. Designing and building the circuits

3. Writing the control program

4. Testing and debugging

Writing the control program , testing and debugging will be discussed in the Chapter 3

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2.21 Defining the Task

Every project begins with an idea, or a problem that needs a solution. Once it is known what is to be accomplished, we need to determine whether or not our idea is one that requires a microcontroller at all. In general, a microcontroller is the way to go when the circuits must make complex decisions or deal with complex data. For example, a simple AND gate can easily decide whether or not two inputs are both valid logic highs, and will change its output accordingly. But it would require many small-scale chips to build a circuit that stores a series of values representing sensor outputs and the times they occurred, and displays the information in an easily understandable form. This type of application is where microcontrollers come in handy. Inside, microcontrollers are little more than a carefully designed array of logic gates and memory cells, but modern fabrication processes allow thousands of these to fit on a single chip. The basic functions of a microcontroller performing arithmetic, logic, data-moving, and program branching functions are common ones. The abilities of the microcontroller is accessed by writing a program that performs the desired functions.

2.22 Designing and Building the circuit

When it is ready to design and build the circuits for a project, there are several ways to proceed. We can design our own circuits from scratch, using manufacturer's' data books as guides or we can also follow a tested design. In this

project I have approached both the methods, I have built a circuit for the PIC microcontroller and interfaced it to a tested design of Graphical LCD.

Choosing a chip.

All microcontrollers contain a CPU, and chances are that we can use any of several devices for a specific project. Within each device family, we will usually find a selection of family members, each with different combinations of options. For example, the PIC 16F877A is a member of the PIC 16x family of microcontrollers.

We should select the version that best suits the system's requirements. Microcontrollers are also characterized by how many bits of data they process at once, with a higher number of bits generally indicating a faster or more powerful chip. Eight-bit chips are popular for simpler designs, but 4-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit architectures are also available. Power consumption is another consideration, especially for battery-powered systems. Chips manufactured with CMOS processes usually have lower power consumption than those manufactured with NMOS processes. Many CMOS devices have special standby or "sleep" modes that limit current consumption to as low as a few microamperes when the circuits are inactive. Using these modes, a data logger can reduce its power consumption.

Finally, input/output (I/O) requires design decisions. Most systems require interfaces to things like sensors, keypads, switches, relays, and displays. Microcontrollers have ports for interfacing to the world outside the chip.

2.23 PIC 16F877A microcontroller

The PIC 16F877A is a 40-pin microcontroller , it has many features which makes it well suited for the present project of building a mini-oscilloscope. In the **Table 2.1** The PIC 16F877A is compared with some of the other 16F87X family controller .figure 2.2 shows the pin diagram of PIC16F877A micro-controller. The aim is to use this microcontroller in a new way to run a fully multi-tasking operating system.



Fig. 2.2 Pin diagram of PIC16F877 micro-controller

Key Features	PIC16F873	PIC16F874	PIC16F876	PIC16F877
MAX Operating Frequency	20MHz	20MHz	20MHz	20MHz
FLASH Program Memory	4K	4K	8K	8K

Table 2.1 : The key features of PIC16F87x family Microcontrollers:

(14-bit words)				
Data Memory (bytes)	192	192	368	368
EEPROM Data Memory (bytes)	128	128	256	256
I/O Ports	RA0-5 (6) RB0-7 (8) RC0-7 (8)	RA0-5(6)RB0-7(8)RC0-7(8)RD0-7(8)RE0-2 (3)(3)	RA0-5 (6) RB0-7 (8) RC0-7 (8)	RA0-5(6)RB0-7(8)RC0-7(8)RD0-7(8)RE0-2 (3)
Timers	3	3	3	3
ССР	2	2	2	2
Serial Communications	MSSP, USART	MSSP, USART	MSSP, USART	MSSP, USART
Parallel Communications	-	PSP	-	PSP
10-bit Analog-to- Digital Module	5 Channels	8 Channels	5 Channels	8 Channels
Instruction Set	35 Instructions	35 Instructions	35 Instructions	35 Instructions
Pins (DIP)	28 Pins	40 Pins	28 Pins	40 Pins

2.24 Analog-to-Digital Converter Module

A built in Analog-to-Digital converter is one of the major advantages of a PIC 16F877A chip.

The ADC offers these facilities :

- 10-bit resolution
- minimum conversion time 20µS
- Interrupt on ADC conversion completion

The Analog-to-Digital (A/D) Converter module has eight inputs . The analog input charges a sample and hold capacitor. The output of the sample and hold capacitor is the input into the converter. The converter then generates a digital result of this analog level via successive approximation. The A/D conversion of the analog input signal results in a corresponding 10-bit digital number. The A/D module has high and low voltage reference input that is software selectable to some combination of VDD, VSS, RA2, or RA3.Where RA2 and RA3 can be used to have variable reference voltages for ADC , whereas VDD and VSS are used for fixed reference voltage. The A/D converter has a unique feature of being able to operate while the device is in SLEEP mode. To operate in SLEEP, the A/D clock must be derived from the A/D's internal RC oscillator. The A/D conversion time per bit is defined as TAD. The A/D conversion requires a minimum 12 TAD per 10-bit conversion.

For simplicity of the device, I have used only the 8 most significant bits from the 10bit digital value, as this allows a complete sample to be stored and transmitted in a single byte.

ACQUISITION TIME

Tacq	=	Amplifier settling time +
		Hold capacitor Charging time+
		Temperature coefficient
	=	TAMP + Tc + $TCOFF$
	=	2µs+ Tc+[(Temperature –25 C)(0.05µs/C)]
Tc	=	CHOLD(RIC+RSS+RS)In(1/2047)
	=	-120pF (1KΩ+7KΩ+10KΩ)In(0.0004885)
	=	16.47µs

TACQ = $2\mu s + 16.47\mu s + [(50 \text{ C} - 25 \text{ C}) (0.05\mu s/\text{C})] = 19.72\mu s$

Note:

1: The reference voltage (VREF) has no effect on the equation, since it cancels itself out.

2: The charge holding capacitor (CHOLD) is not discharged after each conversion.

3: The maximum recommended impedance for analog sources is 10 k Ω . This is required to meet the pin leakage specification.

4: After a conversion has completed, a 2.0 TAD delay must complete before acquisition can begin again. During this time, the holding capacitor is not connected to the selected A/D input channel.

2.3 Display Unit- Graphical LCD

The display unit used for this project is a graphical LCD module with resolution of 240 x 128 pixel with inbuilt T6963C controller. The T6963C does all the initialization for the display, but all the data and control lines for its operation should be sent from the processing unit(Microcontroller) accordingly.

2.31 The Main Features T6963C controller

- Resolution up to 240x128 pixels
- Capable of displaying text and graphics
- Build-in character generator ROM (CG-ROM) with 128 pre-defined characters
- 8 bit parallel bus and signal lines for interfacing to a micro controller. Data and commands from and to the micro controller are multiplexed on this

bus. -->

- Capable of controlling up to 64 KB of external display memory
- Duty Ratio for display multiplex driving in the range of 1/16 up to 1/128
- Current consumption 3-4 mA maximum
- Operating temperature –20 to +70 degrees Celsius



FIG: 2.3 Block diagram of Graphic LCD module

Although the T6963C is a controller for small LCDs, it has a lot of functions and options. The T6963C can not operate without a controlling element (usually a MPU). The T6963C is controlled by commands and data from the MPU. It is not possible, to load instructions or a program into the T6963C itself. Every operation and set-up parameter must be sent by the MPU. Every software consideration or command means a set of commands or data sent by the MPU.

The T6963C is used to control the row and column drivers of monochrome STN graphic displays with a resolution up to 240x128 pixels. The display row and column drivers are connected to the T6963C via a number of timing signals and one or two serial data lines. The T6963C is connected to a micro controller unit and external display memory, often called VRAM or display RAM.

2.32 Display Memory

The T6963C can control up to 64 KB display memory which must be of SRAM type memory (The T6963C can not refresh DRAM). The T6963C has 16 address lines, 8 data lines and several controlling lines to access the display memory. An option would be the direct mapping of the display memory in the microcontroller internal RAM. The advantage would be easy manipulation of the RAM by the microcontroller. (Without external address decoder logic).

d0~d7 (Pins 22-26 and 28-30)	Data I/O pins for VRAM
ad0~ad15 (Pins 33-48)	Address lines for VRAM
R/W(Pin 31)	Read/Write signal for VRAM
/ce (Pin 32)	Chip Enable pin for VRAM of any address
/ce0 (Pin 49)	Chip Enable pin for VRAM in the address range 0000h to 07FFh
/ce1 (Pin 50)	Chip Enable pin for VRAM in the address range 0800h to 0FFFh

Table 2.2 Pins for VRAM Communication

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The T6963C differs from most other LCD controllers in its use of the display RAM. A fixed area of memory is normally allocated for text, graphics and the external character generator, but with the T6963C the size for each area can be set by software commands. This means that the area for text, graphics and external character generator can be freely allocated within the external memory, up to 64 KB

2.33 MPU Connection

The communication between the T6963C and a MPU is not complex and there are only few hardware considerations. The T6963C has an 8 bit data bus and several signals for communication with a MPU. The PIC 16F877A has five I/O Ports(A,B,C,D,E), any one of the port can be used as data port and any other as control ports. It is better to use any port among B,C,D ports as an I/O port , because Port A & Port E can be used for analog input.

Note:

If the MPU instruction execution time is less than 200 ns, wait states, NOPs or delay loops may be required to allow time for the T6963C to recognize the instruction.

C/ D (Pin 4)	To write or read data, it must be driven "low". To write a						
Command/Write	Command or read status, it must be driven "high".						
selection.							
/RD (Pin 5) Data	It must be driven "low" to read data from VRAM via the						
Read.	T6963C.						
/WR (Pin 6) Data	It must be driven "low" to write data to VRAM via the						
Write.	T6963C.						
D0~D7 (Pins 7-	Data I/O pins for communications between MPU and						
14)	T6963C						
/CE (Pin 15)	It must be driven "low" while MPU communicates with						
Chip Enable.	T6963C.						
/RESET (Pin 16)	It is driven 'low' initially, then driven 'high' as long as the						
Chip Enable.	display is on						
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Table 2.3 Pins for MPU Communication

2.4 Setting up the T6963C

The T6963C must be set-up so that it operates correctly with the given display characteristics. There are both, hardware and software issues to consider. Hardware issues include selecting the correct pins which determine the size of the display (i.e. the resolution) or set the Font Size for example. Software issues include commands from the micro- controller for example to set the "software" size of the display

MDS, MD0, MD1 (Pins 3, 4, 5): Pins for selection of LCD vertical size, all possible combinations are given in Appendix-1. For example the combination MDS:MD1:MD0 = H:L:L would set 128 vertical dots .MD2, MD3 (Pins 6, 7): Pins used to select the number of columns. Columns in this instance refer to the number of displayable characters per row. There can be 4 combinations: 32 columns, 40 columns, 64 columns and 80 columns.

FS0, FS1 (Pins 8, 9): Pins for selection of Font Size. There are four Font Sizes available: 5x8, 6x8, 7x8 and 8x8 dots per font. (horizontal dots by vertical dots). The horizontal Font Size does not affect the driving signals, i.e. it does not change the horizontal resolution of the display when changing the Font Size.

Note:

Though there are several these pins available on the T6963C , But for the Graphic- LCD module I am using in this project , only MD2 and FS1 pins are accessible by the user. Datasheet for the LCD module is given in Appendix 2.

2.41 Powering sequence for T6963C

After powering on the whole system, a reset of the T6963C should be issued to ensure correct operation. This is achieved by holding the **#**RESET pin "low" for at least 5-6 clock cycles. VDD must be stable at +5 V for the reset.

It is important to keep the correct power on sequence for the whole system because the T6963C generates the M-Signal (In the T6963C datasheet it is called FR-Signal) for the LCD row and column drivers. The M-Signal is used to change the polarity of the driving voltage so that in sum, no DC is applied to the Liquid Crystal material. To ensure the stability of the M-Signal, the T6963C must be fully initialized before applying the Voltage VEE (-15V) to the Liquid Crystal material. If T6963C is reset during normal operation, it must be ensured that the VEE (-15V) voltage and the display are turned off until the T6963C is fully reinitialized.

The correct power up sequence would be:

1. Apply power to MPU and T6963C. The display and the display's power (VEE) should be off.

2. Reset T6963C and wait until it is fully initialised. (5-6 clock cycles).

3. Apply power to the display (VEE on).

4. Apply signals to the display and switch it on

Note:

For powering off, the reverse applies, i.e. first, switch off the display, remove signals, remove VEE display power and then switch off the MPU and T6963C (with proper delays, too).

2.5 LCD screen

Due to the low power and size requirements of the display for the scope, it was immediately clear that only LCD-type screens would be suitable. As it is desirable to display sampled waveforms on the device, a graphics-based display would have been the best solution, especially as many graphic displays can also be programmed to display text as well. The LCD used in this project has 240 pixels horizontally and 128 pixels vertically. This is the Maximum resolution that a T6963C driver controller can support.

The Toshiba - T6963C protocol allows the screen controller to be read as well as written bytes of data to the screen memory. Two different types of data can be sent , the display character data, and control data. The control signals are sent from the PIC accordingly.

To aid readability, the LCD displays can be chosen with or without a backlight. Backlight option makes the display readable at night and in dark areas. Power for the backlight is separate from the main LCD power supply. The backlight for the LCD display I am using requires +5V, and also has a contrast option, provided through an external variable resistor. After the contrast is once set, it didn't require alteration during use. Powering the backlight uses a considerable amount of power, especially when the whole device will be running from batteries.

The following table summarizes the connections required to the LCD:

PIN NO.	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	~ 7	6	5	4	3	2	1	BL 1	BL 2
SYMBOL	N/A	FS 1	MD 2	VEE	RST	CE	DB 7	~ DB 0	WR	RD	C/D	VL	VDD	Vss	INV OUT	INV OUT

The device is designed to be able to both sample, store and detect digital lines. The digital I/O lines are perhaps the easiest part of the device they are simply connected straight from the digital I/O port to a set of I/O lines on the microcontroller. All control (including setting whether a line is an input or output) is achieved through software.

2.6 ^P IC Programming

There are two different ways to program the FLASH memory on the microcontrollers by using a separate programmer, or by using the in-circuit programming facility. In the present Project I have used the external PIC Programmer to program the PIC 16F877A.

Figure 2.4 shows the process of programming PIC micro-controllers. The programming of PIC is done on the platform of Microchip devoloped **MPLAB** software.



Fig. 2.4: Programming the PIC micro-controller using IC Programmer

IC programmer

- PIC IC PROGRAMMER is a microchip MCU development programmer that enables to program software into PIC MCU device.
- PIC IC PROGRAMMER system components include: RS-232 interface to connect to any standard PC serial port, 9V power supply.
- Device programmer includes program memory, configuration bits and ID locations.

The important features of IC PROGRAMMER:

- We can verify whether PIC MCUs are blank.
- We can verify that code in the target MCU matches our firmware.
- We can read code from an unprotected PIC MCU into MPLAB IDEs program memory window for debugging and programming into micro devices.

Before programming a device the following steps must be followed

- 1. Install PIC IC PROGRAM hardware,
- 2. Establish communication between the PIC IC PROGRAM and PC,
- 3. Next step is to set up the device programmer and configure bit dialogs. Then load hex file into program memory. Check whether device is blank before programming.

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Chapter 3

Software: Mini- Oscilloscope

3.1 Introduction

The ability to communicate is of great importance in any field. However, it is only possible if both communicating partners know the same language, i.e., follow the same rules during communication. Using these principles , we can also define communication that occurs between microcontrollers and man . Language that microcontroller and man use to communicate is called "assembly language".

The instruction set of PIC 16F877 consists of 35 single word instruction, there are three types of instruction: byte-oriented ,bit-oriented and literal and control operation. The complete set of instructions is given in Appendix - 3 . Each instruction is a 14 – bit word, divided into an OPCODE which specifies the instruction type and one or more operands which further specify the operation of the instruction. The PIC 16F877 has 8Kx14 words of Flash memory ,256 bytes of EEPROM data memory and 368 bytes of Data memory (SRAM). The data memory in the PIC is partitioned into multiple banks which contain General Purpose Registers and the Special function Registers. There are four Banks in PIC 16F877A Microcontroller, the banks are selected by bits RP1(STATUS<6>) and RP0(STATUS<5>) is shown in Table 3.1.

RP1:RP0	Bank
00	0
01	1
10	2
11	3

Table 3.1: PIC 16F877 Bank selection

Each banks are of 128 bytes, the lower locations of each bank are reserved for special Function Registers. Above the special Function Registers are the General Purpose Registers. The banks 0 to 3 each have available 80 bytes of Data memory (General Purpose Registers) which are independent from each other. Banks 2 and 3 have further 16 bytes, which are also independent However upper 16 bytes of each bank have a common root. Accessing any of these 16 bytes in any bank automatically accesses those same location in Bank 0. So for the PIC16F877A, in Bank order, the available data memory locations total is 96+80+96+96 = 368 bytes.

The Toshiba T6963C is a very popular LCD controller for use in small graphics modules. It is capable of controlling displays with a resolution up to 240x128. Because of its low power and small outline it is most suitable for mobile applications. Although this controller is small, it has the capability of displaying, merging text and graphics and it manages all the interfacing signals to the displays Row and Column drivers. Various functions and options can be selected through software commands. Complete command set is listed in the Appendix-1. The commands are sent from the microcontroller and affect the display, the

external memory and the T6963C functions. The sequence of data is sent to the Graphic LCD through the T6963C LCD Controller.

3.2 General Considerations of Commands and Data for theT6963C controller

While sending commands or data to the T6963C a certain sequence must be obeyed. First of all, before sending any command or data to the T6963C, a status check must be performed. The status check is necessary to find out, if the T6963C is ready to accept any commands or data.

The status check is done by driving, ¬RD pin of the T6963C controller "low", ¬WD pin to"high", ¬CE pin to"low", and C/¬D pin to high".

The T6963C is still busy when one of the STA0,STA1 bits are "low". To accept commands and data STA0 and STA1 must be "high". After a successful status check, the T6963C is ready to accept commands and/or data. A command is always one byte long. However, some commands requires some data to be sent along with it. There are commands, which need two data bytes, one data byte or none. The data must be sent before the Command, i.e. if a command needs two data bytes, the first data byte must be sent, then the next and finally the actual command. Status checks must be performed before sending each byte.

MSB								LSB	
STA7	STA6	STA5	STA4	STA3	STA2		STA1	STA0	
D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2		D1	D0	
STA0	Check command execution capability					0:	Disable		
	1: 1:						Enable		
STA1	Check data read/write canability					0:) : Disable		
	1						: Enable		
STA2	Check Auto mode data read capability					0 :	: Disable		
						1 :	: Enable		
STA3	Check Auto mode data write capability					0 :	Disable		
						1 :	: Enable		
STA4	Not used								
STA5	Check controller operation capability					0 :	Disable		
						1 :	: Enable		
STA6	Error flag. Used for Screen Peek and Screen copy commands.					0 :	0 : No error		
						1 :	1 : Error		
STA7	Check the blink condition					0 : Display off			
						1 : Normal display			

Table 3.2 Status bits read from the T6963C







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Figure 3.1: Flow chart for Status checking of T6963C controller.

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Status byte can be read from the data lines D7~D0. Each bit (except bit 5) represents a certain state of the T6963C. The Important bits for the status check in normal mode are bits 0 (D0) and 1 (D1). of the status byte STA0 (D0) and STA1 (D1). The bits D2 and D3 has to be set for auto read and auto write respectively.

Procedure for sending a command



Figure 3.2: Flow chart for sending a command to T6963C controller.

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3.3 Writing the Control Program

After the hardware is completely built, the final step is to write the Program that controls the project. There are many options by which we can write the Program, they include using machine code, assembly language, or a higher-level language. Which programming language you use depends on things like desired execution speed, program length, and convenience. In this project I have chosen assembly language to write the program. I have used MPLAB software for writing the assembly language program.



Figure 3.3: Flow chart of a single channel oscilloscope.



3.31 Testing and Debugging

After writing the program, it has to be tested and as necessary, find and correct the mistakes to get it working properly. MPLAB is a windows based integrated devolopment environment (IDE) for Microchip technology incorporated PIC MCU families. MPLAB allows writing, debugging and optimising PIC micro applications for firmware product designs. MPLAB also

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supports the MPLAB ICE and PIC master emulators, PIC START PLUS, IC program etc.

MPLAB IDE runs under Microsoft windows 3.1x, windows 95, 98, NT and 2000. It allows creating and editing of source code by providing a full-featured text editor. Using MPLAB IDE we can easily debug source code with the aid of build result window, that displays the error found by compiler, assembler and linker when generating executable files.

3.4 PIC Initialization

As soon as the PIC microcontroller starts running the program the PIC initialization has to be done. As a part of initialization the ports has to be assigned as an input or an output. There are five ports in PIC 16F877A controller, which user can assign as input or output. The ports once initialized can be changed anywhere in between the program.

OPTION REG REGISTER

RBPU	INTEDG	EDG TOCS TOS		PSA	PS2	PS1	PS0
bit 7	L	I	I	I. —	I	L	bit 0

bit 7	-RBPU : PORTB pull-up Enable bit									
	1 = PORTB pu	ll –ups are disabl	ed							
	0 = PORTB pu	ll –ups are enable	ed							
bit 6	INTEDG: Inte	errupt Edge select	t bit							
	1 = Interrupt on rising edge of RB0/INT pin									
	0 = Interrupt c	on falling edge of	RB0/INT pin							
bit 5	TOCS: TMR0	clock source sele	ct bit							
	1 = transition of	on RA4/TOCKI p	in							
	0 = Internal ins	struction cycle clo	ock							
bit 4 TOSE : TMR0 source Edge select bit										
	1 = increment on high-to-low transition on RA4/TOCKI pin									
	0 = increment on low-to-high transition on RA4/TOCKI pin									
bit 3	PSA : Prescaler assignment bit									
	1 = Prescaler is assigned to the WDT									
	0 = Prescaler is	s assigned to the '	Timaer0 module							
bit 2-0	PS2:PS0 : Pres	scaler rate Select b	pits							
	Bit value	_TMR0 Rate	WDT Rate							
	000	1:2	1:1							
	001	1:4	1:2							
	010	1:8	1:4							
	011	1:16	1:8							
	100	1:32	1:16							
	101	1:64	1:32							
	110	1 : 128	1:64							
	111	1:256	1:128							

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The A/D module in the PIC is initialized using two registers ADCON0 and ADCON1. The ADCON0 register is used to assign conversion clock, analog channels , to check the status of the A/D conversion. The ADCON1 register is used to select to A/D result format, A/D port configuration i.e., selecting channels as either digital or analog inputs.

ADCON0 REGISTER

bit

bit

bit

	ADCS1	ADCS0	CHS2	CHS1	CHS0	GO/ ⁻ DONE	-	ADON						
	bit 7	,,,,,,,,,,,,	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0 		bit 0						
7-6	ADCS1:ADCS0: A/D Conversion Clock select bits 00 = FOSC/2													
	00 = FOSC/2 01= FOSC/8 10 = FOSC/32 11 = F _{RC} (clock derived from the internal A/D module RC oscillator)													
	01= FOSC/8	5												
	10 = FOSC/3	32												
	11 = F_{RC} (clock derived from the internal A/D module RC oscillator)													
5-3	CHS2:CHS0: Analog channel select bits													
	000 = Ch	annel 0												
	001 = Channel 1													
	010 = Channel 2													
	011 = Channel 3													
	100 = Channel 4													
	101 = Ch	annel 5												
	110 = Ch	annel 6												
	111 = Ch	annel 7												
2	GO/ ⁻ DON	E: A/D Cor	nversior	ı status k	oit									
	if ADON =	<u>l:</u>												
	1 = A/D Cor	nversion i	n progre	ess										
	$0 = A/D \operatorname{cor}$	version n	ot in pro	gress										

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bit1 Unimplemented

bit0 ADON: A/D on bit

1 = A/D converter module is operating

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0 = A/D converter module is shut-off

ADCON1 REGISTER

ADFM	-	-	-	PCFG3	CFG3 PCFG2 PCFG1		PCFG0
bit 7			•••	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>		bit 0

bit 7 **ADFM** : A/D Result Format select bit

1 = Right justified .6 Most significant bits of ADRESH are read as '0'

0 = left justified . 6 Least significant bits of ADRESH are read as '0'

bit 6-4 Unimplemented

bit 3-0 **PCFG3:PCFG0:** A/D port configuration control bits:

PCFG3: PCFG0	AN7 ^{1} RE2	AN6 ⁽¹⁾ RE1	AN5 ⁽¹⁾ RE0	AN4 RA5	AN3 RA3	AN2 RA2	AN1 RA1	AN0 RA0	VREF+	VREF-	Chan/ Refs ⁽²⁾
0000	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Α	Vod	Vss	8/0
0001	A	A	A	А	VREF+	A	А	Α	RA3	Vss	7/1
0010	D	D	D	А	A	A	A	A	VDD	Vss	5/0
0011	D	D	D	A	VREF+	A	A	Α	RA3	Vss	4/1
0100	D	D	D	D	A	D	A	A	Vdd	Vss	3/0
0101	D	D	D	D	VREF+	D	A	A	RA3	Vss	2/1
011x	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Vod	Vss	0/0
1000	A	A	А	А	VREF+	VREF-	A	А	RA3	RA2	6/2
1001	D	D	A	Α	A	A	A	А	Vdd	Vss	6/0
1010	D	D	A	А	VREF+	A	A	A	RA3	Vss	5/1
1011	D	D	А	А	VREF+	VREF-	A	А	RA3	RA2	4/2
1100	D	D	D	А	VREF+	VREF-	A	А	RA3	RA2	3/2
1101	D	D	D	D	VREF+	VREF-	A	А	RA3	RA2	2/2
1110	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	А	VDD	Vss	1/0
1111	D	D	D	D	VREF+	VREF-	D	А	RA3	RA2	1/2

A = Analog input ; D = Digital I/O

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3.5 LCD Initialization

The initialization of the LCD includes setting the Graphic Home Address, Text Home Address, Graphic Display Area, Text Display Area, setting the Display Mode. Etc., Depending on the application, LCD can be used to display both Graphics and Text, or either of them.

The Graphic (Text) Home address represents the starting address in the external display RAM for Graphic (Text) display, both the Graphic and Text Home Address can be merged together. The Graphic (Text) Area can be set during the initialization, it is better that it matches with the display columns defined by the hardware settings, so that the addressing scheme will be simpler.

3.51 Setting the Display Size

The actual display size is set using software commands. Two commands "Set Text Area" and "Set Graphic Area" are important to set the software-display size. Both commands need one data byte. Their values (in HEX) indicate how many bytes are used for one complete row, i.e. how "far" it is from one byte to the same byte of the next row. It makes sense to assign the same value to both Text Area and Graphics Area. Scrolling can be done by altering the Text Home Address. The external character generator area is always 2 Kbytes and can only be set to certain addresses.

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3.52 Setting different Modes of Display

There are many modes by which the Graphics and Text can be displayed. The logical OR, EXOR, AND operation on the text and graphic display can be performed.



figure 3.4 Examples for graphic and text pattern

If the figure 3.4 patterns corresponds to the Graphic and Text respectively, then their display in different modes is shown in figure 3.5







"EXOR"

figure 3.5 Different display modes

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The T6963C has the capability to generate characters in two ways. The first is with the built-in character generator ROM. The second way is using the external character generator. To ensure high flexibility, the T6963C can operate in two modes. The internal character generator ROM for the 128 pre-defined characters and the external character generator area for 128 user-defined characters. The other mode is using only the external character generator RAM for up to 256 user-defined characters. The two modes are called "Internal CGROM Mode" and "External CG-RAM Mode". It is possible to select either Internal Character Generator mode or External character Generator mode. If Internal CG ROM mode is selected character codes 00H to 7FH are assigned to built-in Character Generator ROM. The characters codes 80H to FFH are automatically assigned to the External Generator RAM.

The location of external CG-Area in VRAM is set by the command "Set Offset Register". The external CG-Area is always 2 Kbytes in size (2048 Bytes) and can store up to 256 user-defined characters. (Each character needs 8 bytes, 256 x 8 bytes = 2048 bytes). The command "Set Offset Register" needs two bytes of data to be sent before the command is sent to the T6963c controller. (The second data byte of the Command "Set Offset Register" must always be 00h) The five least significant bits of the first data byte sets the 2k external CG-Area within VRAM.

With five bits, 32 different memory segments can be selected (25 = 32). (There are 32 possible locations for a block of 2 Kbytes within 64 Kbytes of memory therefore 5 bits are enough to set the external CG-RAM area).

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Least significant data bits of	CG-Area (2 kByte)
first data byte	
00000	0000h – 07FFh
00001	0800h – 0FFFh
00010	1000h – 17FFh
11101	E800h – EFFFh
11110	F000h – F7FFh
11111	F800h – FFFFh

 Table:3.3
 The five bit combination corresponds to a memory block addresses

In "Internal CG-ROM Mode" the first 1024 bytes (1024 = 400h) of the external character generator memory block are not used therefore the address of the first external character must have an offset of 400h to the start address (With a start address of 1000h for example the first character would be located at 1400h).

T6963C combines the Off Set Register value and character code to locate the physical memory location of the chosen character.

RAM Address (HEX)	lh				4h			Oh					0h			
VRAM Address (Binary)	0	0	ò	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Actual Meaning	Actual5 Bits Offset Register DatMeaning(0 0010 = 02h)				Data	8 Bits Character Code (1000 0000 = 80h)								3 Bits Line Scan		

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Each character in the external RAM is 8 bytes wide (A character can have a Font Size of up to 8 by 8 dots) and therefore the character with code 80h is located from 1400h to 1407h. (And therefore the data for this character must be written to these addresses. To show this character on the display, "Text Mode" must be enabled, the selected character is taken from the memory location in character RAM and stored in the TEXT area of VRAM prior to display on the screen. The address pointer must be set to the appropriate address in the Text Area of VRAM and then, the command "Write Data" must be executed with the data byte "80h". The T6963C knows automatically this is a character from the external CG-RAM and writes all 8 bytes from the CGRAM locations 1400h to 1407h to the appropriate text memory location

Note:

A character code of 7Fh represents the letter "f" for the common CG-ROM Type 0101. This character generator table is similar to a small area of the ASCII Table. The characters of the T6963C CG-ROM from 00h to 5Fh are the same as for ASCII 20h to 7Fh. The ASCII characters have an offset of 20h compared to the T6963C characters. If you want an ASCII character displayed, you need its hex code and subtract 20h. If you send this value as character code to the T6963C you have it.

3.6 Address Pointer Considerations

The T6963C address pointer has several functions. Basically, it is used to set the address in the VRAM where to read or to write data. The address pointer is set by the "Set Address Pointer" command 24h and needs two data bytes a low address byte and a high address byte. (The addresses in the VRAM are 16 Bits wide).

To write data from the MPU into the VRAM, the address pointer has to be set to the required address and a "Write Data" or "Auto Write Data" command executed. To read data from the VRAM, set the address pointer and execute a "Read Data" or "Auto Read Data" command. The "Write/Read Data" commands can be executed so that the address pointer is increased or decreased automatically. An "Auto Write/Read Data" command controls the increase of the address pointer. To show data on the display, set the address pointer to the appropriate address in the Text or Graphic Area in the VRAM, enable the display with the "Mode Set" commands and execute a "Write Data" Command. The data now stored in the VRAM area is shown automatically on the display.

3.7 A/D Conversion

The PIC does the A/D conversion by successive approximation technique and stores the 10-bit result in two registers ADRESH (Bank0) and ADRESL(Bank1).For simplicity I have opted the result to be Left justified by making the bit 7 of ADCON1 register 'Low', so that the ADC value in the register ADRESH can be considered as the final value, neglecting the two MSB bits of the register ADRESL. It will introduce a negligible error in the ADC value.

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The ADC result in the ADRESH register is moved into the Banks successively, for the simplicity of the programming I have only stored 64 samples in each of the 3 Banks of data memory, the remaining one bank is used for scaling the ADC values. As the T6963C controller can maximum support LCD of the size 240 pixels Horizontally and 128 Pixels Vertically, the ADC value cannot be directly mapped on the screen, because the 8 bit ADC value will corresponds to 256 levels whereas vertically only 128 pixels are available on the LCD screen. Moreover as the T6963C is only byte addressable LCD controller, the scaling of the ADC value play an important role in displaying the smooth waveform.

3.8 Displaying the Waveforms on the LCD screen

The PIC first acquires the analog value, and the corresponding digital value is stored in the data memory. While displaying, the data from a bank is first displayed and simultaneously the displayed data is also erased from the memory, then the procedure is repeated for the data in the other banks. Only after the data in all the banks are displayed the PIC repeats procedure again and again, which makes it to function as an oscilloscope.

As the PIC 16F877A has got three banks for storing the ADC value, so it can be used as a single channel scope by storing the values simultaneously in all the three banks, or it can also be used utmost as a three channel scope by manipulating the register ADCON0 during the acquisition of the data. As mentioned earlier the register ADCON0 can be used to select the ADC channel.

Chapter 4

Building up of External Cavity Diode Laser

Diode lasers are very small source. They are characterized by very high efficiency, a long operating life and cost-efficient production processes. High-performance diode lasers therefore have great innovation potential and technical as well as economic advantages. The available wavelength range of diode lasers cover atomic transitions of many inorganic atoms such as Li, Na, Rb, Cs and Ca.

4.1 External Cavity Diode Laser (ECDL)

Laser cooling of atoms demands selective excitation of certain hyperfine transitions, which are separated by a few tens of MHz. This requires lasers with single mode output and linewidth less than the linewidth of the transition(~ few MHz). The laser should be tunable to access any transition of the hyperfine spectrum. In the free running Diode laser output is some tens of MHz wide with an output power of 80 -150 mW and can be continuously tuned only over certain limited region. The major drawbacks of the free running diode laser, when used for high resolution spectroscopy and laser cooling experiments, are multimode spectrum, large linewidth, difficulty of continuous tuning, mode hops and stringent requirements on the stability of temperature and injection current. As the laser power increases the spontaneous emission becomes less important at the higher photon densities and hence the linewidth decreases.

However the output power of the laser cannot be increased arbitrarily(large. A more efficient method to reduce the linewidth is to make the cavity longer, this can be achieved by the use of optical feedback to control the laser.

The external cavity device provides wavelength/frequency tuneability also. The extension of the laser cavity length and wavelength selection can be achieved by a wavelength dispersive element as one end of the cavity. Usually diffraction gratings are used. The lasing cavity is now determined by back facet of the diode and the grating as shown in Fig.4.1 , the increased cavity length (~few cm) reduces intermode spacing.



Figure 4.1 : Schematic of ECDL

The optical feedback from the grating narrows the linewidth of laser output to approximately 1MHz and provides a simple method for tuning the laser over a range of ≈ 25 nm. The laser has a frequency tuning range of 6nm for a temperature change of 30K. Note that grating feedback tuning range in the ECDL configuration is much larger than the temperature tuning range. The grating will select the lasing emission from the wide gain spectrum of a free running laser giving a narrow linewidth at a desired wavelength. Further more wavelength tuning of the output may be achieved by a mechanical rotation of the grating. The main components of an ECDL are :

Base Plate: the plate on which all the components are mounted. This is made of material with low thermal coefficient of expansion.

The Diode Laser: we normally use Sanyo or Sharp diode, which delivers ~80mW power at~100mA current.

The Collimating Lens: as the output of the laser is divergent ,this component is most essential. Typically, anti-reflection coated lenses,4-6mm focal length are used.

The Diffraction Grating : we usually use the grating of groove density 1200 lines/mm.



Figure 4.2 Components used in an ECDL

Two external cavity configurations are commonly used for narrowing linewidth of the diode laser.

1)Littrow configuration of grating
 2)Littmann configuration of the grating

Note: We generally build ECDL with the Littrow configuration.

Littrow cavity

In this type the cavity is formed between the rear facet of the diode laser and the reflection type grating in such a way that the zeroth order beam goes out as output beam and first order beam is coupled back to the diode.



figure 4.3 Littrow configuration of Grating

In the Littrow configuration as shown in the Fig4. 3 the angle of incidence and the angle diffraction are the same.

The diffraction from a grating is described by the equation

 $d(\sin \theta m - \sin \theta i) = m\lambda$

'd' the spacing of the grating

' θ m' the angle to the normal of the mth order diffracted beam

'θi'the angle to the normal of the incident beam

'm' order of diffraction

' λ ' the wavelength of the incident/diffracted light

If the incident angle is such that the first order diffraction beam counter propagates the laser output,

the equation simplifies to

$2d \sin \theta = m\lambda$

where θ is the Littrow angle for a given wavelength λ . It is better to use a blazed grating to get maximum efficiency in the first order. The tuning of the cavity can be achieved by changing the position of grating by the adjustment of screws on a coarse scale and by PZT displacement on a fine scale. In Littrow configuration the grating mount permits fine adjustment about two perpendicular axes, one horizontal, one vertical. The grating angle is so adjusted that the +1st order reflection goes back, through the lens onto the diode, providing the feedback. The setting of the grating for feedback is the most crucial part in building the ECDL. Incorrect placement may lead to mode jumps or multimode operation. when the feedback is the best, the threshold current is the least.

4.2 Temperature controller

The laser has a frequency tuning range of 6nm for a temperature change of 30K. Thus to stabilize the frequency it is very important to stabilize the diode's temperature. Precise control of the temperature of both the laser diode and the base plate is essential for a long term reliable operation of the laser at a particular wavelength. The cooling of the base plate and Laser diode can be achieved using Peltier.

A peltier is an electronic package that consists of two sides say A and B, one of which 'A' is placed in contact with the sample whose temperature is to be controlled and the other side 'B' to a heat sink. Depending on the direction of current flow, one may heat A or cool it. The side B then gets cooled or heated.



Figure 4.4: Wheatstone Bridge used in Temperature Controller

The temperature controller is a wheatstone bridge, with one of its arms consisting of a Negative Temperature Co-efficient (NTC) thermistor as shown in

Figure 4.4. Initially, the thermistor is calibrated to find its temperature equivalent voltage, from which the desired set temperature resistors are used.

'Rn' NTC thermistor resistance

'Rs' Set temperature equivalent resistance

The equation for a balanced bridge is given by $Rn / R_1 = Rs / R_2$

For a desired temperature, we select the value of Rs, which unbalances the bridge resulting in a voltage across the voltmeter. This voltage is fed back to the Peltier as an error signal. Whenever there is any change in the temperature of the ECDL box, the resistance of the NTC changes. This change results in a voltage developing across the wheatstone bridge. This voltage is taken as an error signal by the temperature controller and a feedback signal is generated which is fed to a peltier situated in the ECDL box. Depending on the polarity of the feedback signal, the peltier either cools or heats the ECDL box.

4.3 Laser Diode protection circuit

Laser diodes are very sensitive to voltage spike. The active region is very narrow(3μ m)and an overvoltage of just a volt will result in extremely large electric fields. The purpose of protection circuit is

- 1. To protect laser from over voltages or spikes.
- 2. To protect the laser from reverse voltages
- 3. To maintain steady current if there is a momentary reduction in voltage
- 4. To limit the current through the laser diode.

As the pin configuration and the characteristic parameters are different for different laser diodes, separate protection circuits have to be built for each laser diode. Each Laser diode package has three electrodes, one common electrode and two free electrodes, one from laser diode and the other from photo diode. Therefore, according to the electrode configurations the laser diodes can be divided into two major categories, namely "common anode" and "common cathode".



Figure 4.5: Laser Diode Protection Circuit

In the protection circuit figure 4.5, the current flows through the resistance(R) and then can split into four parallel arms. one of the arms contains the laser diode which is Forward biased, another contains 'n' number of forward biased

fast diodes in series. Another arm contains a reverse biased fast diode and the last arm has a capacitor (~100nF)

The forward biased voltage drop for each diode is 0.7 V, 'n' should satisfy the condition.

where 'V_{op'} is the maximum operating voltage of the laser diode, and 'n' is an greatest integer that satisfies the inequality.If there is an over voltage the diodes in series come into conduction and ensure that no excess voltage drops across laser diode. If the protection circuit gets connected to laser driver wrongly (LDA and LDC get exchanged) then only reverse biased diode will conduct. When the voltage suddenly drops, the capacitor acts as source, maintaining the laser current.

Based on the principles discussed above, an external cavity diode laser was built and adjusted for optimum feedback. The laser was then tuned to the required wavelength-in this case the $5S_{1/2}$ F =3 to $5P_{3/2}$ F¹ transitions in ⁸⁵Rb.

4.4 Saturation Absorption spectroscopy

The simplest spectroscopy that can be performed with the laser diode is to observe the absorption and Doppler-free saturated absorption of Rubidium atom. This can be easily done in a small glass vapor cells which are at room Say Rubidium

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temperature. It also provides the simplest way to determine the short and long term frequency stability and tuning behavior of the laser frequency.

The Doppler width for a gas can be estimated from $\Delta v = 2kv_{mp}$, where $v_{mp} = \text{most}$ probable velocity at the temperature of the gas, and $k = 2\pi/\lambda$. At room temperature both for ⁸⁵Rb and ⁸⁷Rb $v_{mp}\approx 230$ m/s and the Doppler width is ≈ 2 GHz. The natural line width of a hyperfine transition on the other hand, $\sim 2\pi x 6$ MHz, and the spacing between various hyperfine levels are few tens to few hundreds of MHz. These_, therefore , can not be resolved as the Doppler linewidth is much larger. The technique of Doppler free saturation absorption is used to select out from a collection of atoms moving with Maxwellian distribution of velocities ,those atoms that have zero velocity component in the direction of the input beam. This then yield absorption lines , which have widths equaling their natural linewidth.

Saturated absorption spectroscopy is a kind of nonlinear spectroscopy. In the linear spectroscopy a single propagating wave is incident on the sample, some photons are absorbed and only some fraction of the wave reaches the detector. Here the radiation reaching the detector is proportional to the radiation incident on the sample. In nonlinear spectroscopy there are two counter propagating beams which interact with the same atoms in the region where they intersect. In this case the radiation reaching the detector is dependent on both the beams. Saturated absorption eliminates Doppler broadening to uncover hyperfine structure. Doppler free saturated absorption spectroscopy is insensitive to this effect and thus allows the splitting between energy levels of a sample to be measured with much greater precision. The fundamentals of Doppler free saturated absorption spectroscopy were explored for a rubidium sample. Rubidium sample can be theoretically treated as a hydrogen like atom because of its single valence electron. Rubidium can absorb radiation when the frequency corresponds to a difference in energy levels exciting the valence electrons to a higher state. The absorption spectra in traditional spectroscopy are characterized by broad signals around each absorbed frequency. This is a result of Doppler effect. When the laser tuned to resonant frequency the difference between the probe beam that passes through the pump beam and the probe beam that is less effected by the pump beam gives the Doppler free emission spectrum.

4.41 Doppler broadening

Random thermal motion of atoms or molecules creates a Doppler shift in the emitted or absorbed radiation. The spectral lines of such atoms or molecules are said to be Doppler broadened since the frequency of radiation emitted or absorbed depends on atomic velocities. If an atom is moving towards or away from a laser radiation, then it sees radiation that is blue or red shifted respectively. If an atom at rest, relative to the laser absorbs radiation of frequency 'vo', then when the atom is approaching the laser it will see blue shifted radiation, hence for absorption to occur the frequency of the laser must be less than 'vo' in order for it to be blue shifted to the resonance value of 'vo'. Similarly, if the atom is receding from the laser, the frequency must be greater than 'vo' for absorption to occur.

In a quantitative way, let us consider vo is the atomic resonant frequency when

the atom is at rest in the frame of the laser. Consider the atom is moving along the x axis with a velocity Vx, then the frequency of the absorbed radiation in the rest frame of the laser will be VL,

where
$$v_L = v_O (1 + v_X/c)$$
.

If Vx is negative, moving towards the laser, then VL < Vo, that is the atom moving toward the laser observes radiation that is blue shifted from VL upto Vo. If Vx is positive, moving away from the laser, then VL > Vo, that is, the atom absorbs radiation that is red shifted from VL down to Vo. Therefore an ensemble of atoms having a distribution of speeds will absorb light over a range of frequencies. The atoms in the cell are moving with velocities that have a Maxwell Boltzmann distribution.

The probability of having a particle in the velocity range vx and vx + dvx is given by

 $P(v)\alpha \exp(-mv2x/2kT)$, where vx is the particle velocity and k is the Boltzmann constant and T is the temperature in kelvin.

The full width half maximum amplitude of the Doppler broadened signal is given by

$$\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 2\frac{\nu_0}{c}\sqrt{\frac{2kTln2}{M}}$$

M is the mass of absorbing atom in kilograms. This $\Delta v_{1/2}$ is about 500MHz for Rubidium at 300K.

In Doppler free saturated absorption spectroscopy the absorption spectra of two probe beams are measured. The pump beam which is counter propagating with one of the probe beams changes the ground state population of the rubidium atoms. Since these intersecting pump and probe beams are propagating in opposite directions, only a narrow velocity class of atoms centered about V=0 will interact with both probe and pump. Other velocity classes of atoms will interact either with the probe beam or with the pump beam, depending on the laser detuning from the main transition and on the magnitude of the Doppler shift by the atom's velocity. The V = 0 class of atoms are saturated by the strong beam. This means that almost half the atoms are promoted to the excited state of the transition so that the weak probe beam is less attenuated by the Rb vapour. In other words there are less atoms in the ground state to absorb the probe light.

Consider the frequency $v_L \gg v_0$ or $v_L \ll v_0$ The velocity classes of atoms

Vx = -c(VO / VL -1) will partially absorb the pump beam in the case VL < VO. These atoms see the frequency of the pump beam shifted upto their transition frequency. The probe beam will be partially absorbed by the velocity class Vx =c(VO / VL -1) at the same time. Since these are completely independent velocity classes of atoms, the pump does not affect the absorption of the probe beam. Only when the laser frequency is equal to the transition frequency both beams are absorbed by the same velocity class of atoms by those centered about Vx = 0. Subtracting from the crossed probe beam signal from the unaffected probe beam signal will result in sharp peaks at the resonant frequencies.

4.42 Saturation Absorption Spectroscopy: Experimental set- up

The experimental set up for the saturation absorption spectroscopy is shown in the Fig 4.6 Using mirrors and beam splitters, the beam from a diode laser was split into three parts. The beam splitter reflects a fraction of the laser light on each surfaces ('4% at each reflection)to get two weak parallel probe beams. These probe beams were sent through a cell containing rubidium atoms. After decreasing their intensity so as not to saturate the detectors, they were measured by the two photodiode detectors connected to an oscilloscope. The remaining high intensity is reflected by two mirrors and is aligned to counter propagate over one of the probe beams in the Rb cell. Since these intersecting beams are opposite in directions the atoms having velocity v = 0 will interact with both pump and probe. The v = 0 class of atoms are saturated by the strong pump beam. So the weak probe beam is less attenuated by the Rb vapor. Two different photodiodes detect the two probe beams separately. The photodiode currents are converted into voltages by means of I/V converters in both the cases. Both the photodiodes have their own separate gain stages and offset stages. Gain stage help to make the intensities and shapes of the two beams equal before the introduction of the pump beam. Offset control is to eliminate the effects of dark currents in the photo detector signal. When the Doppler profile of the unsaturated second probe beam is electronically subtracted from the signal obtained from the saturated probe beam using a differential amplifier, we get a Doppler free hyperfine spectrum. Here we have selected only the brightest fluorescence and ramped the fluorescence by using the piezo. A triangular waveform drives the piezo at a frequency of 1Hz and at a voltage of 0. 5Volt,

hence sweeps the laser frequency. Ramping the frequency up and down, one obtains a partial mirror image of the spectrum.



Figure 4.6: Experimental set up of saturation absorption spectroscopy

The Fig 4.7 gives the Doppler broadened signal and saturation absorption signal of Rb85 riding on the Doppler broadened signal. The next Fig4.8 gives the difference signal, the Rb85 cooling spectrum, along with the ramp signal. These are the signals that are desired to be displayed on the Mini-Oscilloscope. The laser can be locked at a particular frequency by monitoring these signals.

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Figure 4.7: (A)Doppler broadened signal (B) Doppler along with Rb85 cooling





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4.5 Frequency Locking

The frequency of the diode laser can be locked to the saturated absorption component with the help of an electronic servo control, where any deviation from the locked frequency is taken as the error signal which is applied to the external cavity component for controlling the cavity length so as to pull the laser frequency to the locked position. One method of locking the laser frequency is through lock-in amplifier. In this technique, the PZT is modulated sinusoid_ally at a reference frequency (800Hz) and the resulting modulated saturation absorption signal is phase sensitively detected at the reference frequency and the laser frequency is locked at the peak. Any deviation from the locked position again generates an error signal which after smoothening and amplification is applied to PZT.



Figure 4.9 lock box connected to ECDL.

The laser is scanned across the hyperfine lines by sending a ramp signal to the piezo-electric transducer (PZT) attached to the grating mount. The ramp signal sent to the PZT is drawn from the "Lock-in". We then reduce the ramp amplitude so that the frequency scanning gives rise to only one of the peaks of the saturated absorption spectrum, the one to which we want to lock the laser frequency. As the ramp signal sent to the PZT is modulated using sinewave, the detector output, which earlier gave smooth peak, is now distorted due to modulation. The new signal is multiplied in a multiplier stage in the lock --in circuit with the same sine wave which was used to modulate the ramp signal. The output of this stage is passed through a low pass filter. A dc signal is obtained which is derivative corresponds to the peak of the hyperfine absorption where we want to lock the frequency. The error signal produced(its the derivative of the actual signal) crosses zero exactly at the position of the peak of the spectrum, where the laser should be locked, and is positive at one side and negative at the other side. Because of this it is a suitable feedback signal to lock the frequency of the laser exactly at the top of the spectrum. The error signal monitor thus becomes an excellent indicator of the magnitude and spectral characteristics of the compensated noise.

The drift rate of the unlocked laser is normally under 5 MHz/min when the system is properly stabilized, and this slow drift is eliminated by locking. The short-term jitter amplitude of the unlocked laser frequency is typically \pm 3 MHz on a 1-s time scale, the short-term intensity variation are much smaller than 1%. When locked, the laser frequency is stabilized to 1MHz or better.

<u>Chapter 5</u> Design and Results

The microcontrollers currently available are not fast enough to simulate in software, test equipment such as a 50MHz oscilloscope. However, they are capable of easily simulating lower speed devices, such as volt-meters, and low speed (perhaps around 1-5MHz) sampling devices. These type of applications still have a very wide use, and thus any device based on current microcontroller technology could provide a solution with real benefits.

The microcontroller based Mini- oscilloscope is integrated to the external cavity diode laser, the figure 5.1 shows block diagram of the interconnection of entire system .





The Mini-oscilloscope built for this project is shown in the figure 5.2



(1) The PIC 16F877A Microcontroller, (2) The Graphical LCD screen

(2) The CCFL Inverter, (4) Dip switches to provide different sampling rates.(3)

Figure 5.2 Circuit built for Mini-Oscilloscope

Features of Mini-oscilloscope

- Can be used to monitor low frequency signals
- Two channel scope
- Different sampling rates are provided
- Variable voltage division for ADC

The figure 5.3 (A), 5.3 (B) shows the display of the signal fed from the signal generator on the LCD screen .



(A)

Channel 1 Signal Frequency = 30 Hz P - P Voltage = 3.5 volts

Channel 2

Signal Frequency = 10 Hz P - P Voltage = 3.5 volts



Channel 1

P - P Voltage = 3.8 volts

Channel 2

Signal Frequency = 50 Hz P - P Voltage = 3.8 volts

(B)





Figure 5.4(a) ⁸⁵Rb cooling signal on Mini-oscilloscope.



Figure 5.4(b) ⁸⁵Rb cooling signal on Agilent oscilloscope.

Signal Frequency ~ 0.6 Hz P-P voltage ~ 625 mV
The figure 5.4(a), gives the display of the Rb cooling signals on the Mini-Oscilloscope. It can be compared with display on Agilent oscilloscope, shown in figure 5.4 (b).

Limitations

There are several limitations in using PIC microcontroller. The PIC 16F877A has only 35 instructions that can be used for all the logical, arithmetic, data transfer operations.. etc., So there may be some difficulty while writing the program , and the program can become slightly lengthier. As PIC 16F877A can have the maximum of 5 Volts as the Reference for the A/D conversion, the signals with peak to peak voltage higher than 5 Volts cannot be displayed.

If the proper timing is not provided to the LCD, synchronization problem can arise. The consequences of this is that 'One command or data byte is sent, and the LCD interpret as some other way'. So the synchronization plays a major role while interfacing the LCD to a microcontroller. Proper delay should be provided while programming the PIC, so that the all the commands and data bytes are sent in a correct sequence.

Note :

The assembly language program written for this project is given in Appendix 4

Chapter 6

Conclusion

Built the circuit for microcontroller based Mini-Oscilloscope. Used PIC- 16F877A microcontroller as the processing unit and Graphical LCD module with T6963C controller as display panel. Written the assembly language program on the MPLAB software. Initially the Mini-Oscilloscope was tested feeding the signals from signal generator. Provided facility for having different sampling rate and variable voltage division. Built one external cavity diode laser(ECDL)using a Sanyo IR laser diode which has a lasing wavelength in the range of 775 to 783nm. The temperature of the ECDL is properly stabilized. Then integrated the Mini-Oscilloscope to the ECDL and observed the fluorescence spectrum using saturation absorption setup.

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PIN ASSIGNMENT



PIN FUNCTIONS

PIN NAME	1/0		FUNCTIONS															
		Pins for selection of LCD size																
		DUAL	Н	H	Н	Н	н	Н	Н	Н	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
		MDS	L	L	L	L	Н	Н	н	Н	L	L	L	L	н	Н	Н	Н
MDS	1	MD1	Н	Н	L	L	Н	Н	L	L	Н	н	L	L	Н	Н	L	L
MD0	Input	MD0	Н	L	Н	L	Н	L	н	L	Н	L	Н	L	Н	L	Н	L
		LINES	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
		V-DOTS	16	32	48	64	80	96	112	128	32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256
						1 SC	REEN						2	SCR	EEN	S		
MD2 MD3	Input	Pins for	Pins for selection of number of columns MD2 H L H L MD3 H H L L Columns 32 40 64 80															
FS0 FS1	Input	Pins for :	Pins for selection of font FS0 H L H L FS1 H H L L Font 5×8 6×8 7×8 8×8															
D0 to D7	1/0	Data I/C) pin	s bet	wee	n CP	U an	d T6	963C	(D7	is M	SB)						
WR	Input	Data Wri	te. V	Vrite	data	a into	5 T69)63C	whe	n Wl	₹ = L.							
RD	Input	Data Rea	id. R	ead	data	from	1 T69	63C	whe	n RD	= L.							
CE	Input	Chip Ena	ble -	for T	6963	C. CE	mu	st be	Lw	hen	CPU	com	nunio	cates	wit	h T69	963C.	

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PIN NAME	1/0	FUNCTIONS				
C/D	Inout	WR = L ······ C/D = H : Command Write C/D = L : Data Write				
C/D	mput	RD= LC / D = HStatus ReadC / D = LData Read				
HALT	Input	H ······ Normal, L ····· Stops the oscillation of the clock				
		H ······ Normal (T6963C has internal pull-up resistor)				
RESET	Input	L Initialize T6963C. Text and graphic have addresses and text and graphic				
		area settings are retained.				
DSPON	Output	Itrol pin for external DC/DC. DSPON is L when HALT is L or RESET is L.				
		(When DSFOR goes it, the column drivers are cleared.)				
	ba an a	H ······ Single-Scan DUAL H H L L				
DUAL	input	L ······ Dual-Scan SDSEL H L H L				
		H ······ Sending data by odd / even separation				
CDCEL	lanut	L Sending data by simple serial method				
SUSEL	Input	Upper screen HOD, ED ED HOD, ED ED				
		Lower screen — — LOD, ED ED				
		ce0 at DUAL = H Chip enable pin for display memory in the address range				
ce0	Output	0000H to 07FFH				
(LOD)	•	LOD at DUAL = L Serial data output for odd columns in lower area of LCD				
		ce1 at DUAL = H Chip enable pin for display memory in the address range				
ce 1	Outout	0800H to 0FFFH				
(LSCP)	output	LSCP at DUAL = L Shift clock pulse output for column drivers in lower area of				
		LCD				
ce	Output	Chip enable pin for display memory of any address				
d0 to d7	1/0	Data I/O pins for display memory				
ad0 to	Output	Address outputs for display memory				
ad 15	<u> </u>	(ad15=L : for upper area of LCD, ad15=H : for lower area of LCD)				
K / W	Output	Read / Write signal for display memory				
ED	Output	SDSEL = H : Data output for even columns in both upper and lower areas of LCD				
HOD	Output	Data output for odd columns in upper area of LCD				
CDATA	Output	Sunchronous signal for row driver				
	Output	Shift clock pulse for column driver of upper area of LCD				
1.P	Output	Latch pulse for column driver. Shift clock pulse for row driver				
FR	Output	Frame signal				
XI	Input	Crystal oscillator input				
XO	Output	Crystal oscillator output				
CH1, CH2	Output	Check signal				
T1, T2	Input	Test input. Usually open				
VDD		Power supply (5.0V)				
Vss		Power supply (0V)				

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COMMAND DEFINITIONS

COMMAND	CODE	D1	D2	FUNCTION
	00100001	X address	Y address	Set Cursor Pointer
REGISTERS SETTING	00100010	Data	00H	Set Offset Register
	00100100	Low address	High address	Set Address Pointer
	01000000	Low address	High address	Set Text Home Address
SET CONTROL WORD	01000001	Columns	00H	Set Text Area
	01000010	Low address	High address	Set Graphic Home Address
	01000011	Columns	00H	Set Graphic Area
	1000X000			OR mode
	1000X001			EXOR mode
MODE SET	1000X011			AND mode
WODE SET	1000X100			Text Attribute mode
	10000XXX			Internal CG ROM mode
	10001XXX	_	—	External CG RAM mode
	10010000			Display off
	1001XX10			Cursor on, blink off
	1001XX11	—	—	Cursor on, blink on
DISTLAT MODE	100101XX			Text on, graphic off
	100110XX			Text off, graphic on
	100111XX	—		Text on, graphic on
	10100000		—	1-line cursor
	10100001			2-line cursor
	10100010			3-line cursor
CURSOR PATTERN	10100011	—		4-line cursor
SELECT	10100100		<u> </u>	5-line cursor
	10100101			6-line cursor
	10100110			7-line cursor
	10100111	·		8-line cursor
DATA AUTO READ /	10110000	-	<u> </u>	Set Data Auto Write
WDITE	10110001			Set Data Auto Read
WAILE	10110010			Auto Reset
	11000000	Data		Data Write and Increment ADP
	11000001			Data Read and Increment ADP
	11000010	Data		Data Write and Decrement ADP
DATA READ/WRITE	11000011			Data Read and Decrement ADP
	11000100	Data		Data Write and Nonvariable ADP
	11000101	—		Data Read and Nonvariable ADP
SCREEN PEEK	11100000			Screen Peek
SCREEN COPY	11101000			Screen Copy

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X : invalid

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CHARACTER CODE MAP

ROM code 0101

LSB MSB	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	А	В	с	D	E	F
0			11		1101 100 100 100	"," .'"						•••••	88 8 8		P.0 70	••
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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Ta = 25°C)

ITEM	SYMBOL	RATING	UNIT
Supply Voltage	VDD (Note)	-0.3 to 7.0	V
Input Voltage	VIN (Note)	-0.3 to V _{DD} +0.3	V
Operating Temperature	Topr	– 20 to 70	°C
Storage Temperature	T _{stg}	- 55 to 125	°C

(Note) Referenced to $V_{SS} = 0V$.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

DC CHARACTERISTICS

TEST CONDITIONS (Unless otherwise noted, $V_{SS} = 0V$, $V_{DD} = 5.0V \pm 10\%$, Ta = -20 to $75^{\circ}C$)

ITE	M	SYMBOL	TEST CIR- CUIT	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP.	ΜΑΧ	UNIT	PIN NAME
Operating	Voltage	VDD			4.5	5.0	5.5	٧	V _{DD}
Immut	H Level	VIH			V _{DD} - 2.2		V _{DD}	V	Input pins
Input	L Level	VIL	—		0	_	0.8	٧	Input pins
Output	H Level	∨он	—	-	V _{DD} - 0.3	—	VDD	V	Output pins
Voltage	L Level	VOL	-	—	0		0.3	ν	Output pins
Output	H Level	ROH	_	$V_{OUT} = V_{DD} - 0.5V$	_	_	400	Ω	Output pins
Resistance	L Level	ROL	—	V _{OUT} = 0.5V	—	—	400	Ω	Output pins
Input Pull- Resistance	up	RPU	_		50	100	200	kΩ	(Note 1)
Operating Frequency		fosc			0.4		5.5	MHz	
Current Consumpti (Operating	on)	^I DD (1)		V _{DD} = 5.0V (Note 2) f _{OSC} = 3.0MHz		3.3	6	mA	V _{DD}
Current Consumpti	on (Halt)	IDD (2)	-	V _{DD} = 5.0V			3	μA	VDD

(Note 1) Applied T1, T2, RESET

(Note 2) MDS = L, MD0 = L, MD1 = L, MD2 = H, MD3 = H, FS0 = L, FS1 = L, SDSEL = L, DUAL = H, D7 to D0 = LHLHLHLH

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• Switching Characteristics (2)

Bus Timing



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Appendix – 3

PIC 16F877A Instruction Set

PIC16F87X

TABLE 13-2: PIC16F87X INSTRUCTION SET

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Opera	ands	Description	CYCIOS	MSD			LSD	Affected	NO189
		BYTE-ORIENTED FILE F	REGISTER OPE	RATIC)NS				
ADDWF	f. đ	Add W and *	1	60	0111	1111	tiit	C.DC,Z	1,2
ANOWE	1.1	AND W with f	1	00	0101	1111	fiif	Z	1,2
CLR=		Clear f	1	00	0001	1111	1111	Z	2
CLRW	-	Clear W	1	00	0001	0.xxx	XXXX	Z	
COME	f. ជ	Complement f	1	00	1001	ittt	fiif	Z	1.2
DECF	1. đ	Decrement f	1	00	0011	dttt	1111	Z	1,2
DECFSZ	f. d	Decrement f. Skip if 3	1(2)	00	1011	itti	titt		1.2.3
INCE	f, đ	Increment f	1	00	1010	dfff	1111	Z	1,2
INCESZ	f, đ	Increment 1, Skip If 0	1(2)	00	1111	1111	ttit		1.2.3
IORWE	f, d	Inclusive OR W with 1	1	00	0100	1111	1111	Z	1,2
MOVE	f. 3	Move *	1	00	1000	dfff	<i>titt</i>	Z	1,2
MOVWE	4	Move W to f	1	00	0000	1211	****		
NCP	-	No Operation	1	00	0000	0xx≎	0000		
RLF	f. 3	Rolate Left I through Carry	1	00	1101	1111	::::	С	1,2
RRF	f, đ	Rolate Right f through Carry	1	00	1100	4511	ff1f	С	1,2
SU-5WF	f. đ	Subtract W from 1	1	60	0018	1111	1111	C.DC,Z	1,2
SWAPE	f. đ	Swap nibbles in f	1	00	1110	1111	1111		1,2
XORWE	ĩ. J	Exclusive OR W with 1	1	00	0110	dfff	1111	Z	1,2
		BIT-ORIENTED FILE R	GISTER OPER		١S				·
SCF	ſ.Þ	Bit Clear 1	1	01	OODD	bfff	2112		1.2
BSF	ſ.b	Bit Set f	1 1	01	0155	1111	2112		1.2
STESC	ſ, Þ	Bit Test f. Skip if Clear	1 (2)	01	1066	bfff	1111		3
STF5S	f, b	Bit Test f. Skip if Set	1 (2)	01	lipt	1111	1111		3
		LITERAL AND CON		ONS				······	
ADOUW	(Add literal and W	1	11	111x	xxkk	kkkx.	C.DC,Z	
ANDLW		AND steral with W	1	11	1001	rrkk	kkxx	Z	
CALL	4	Call subroutine	2	10	okkit	XXXX	KKXX		
CLRWDT	-	Clear Watchdog Timer	1	00	0000	0110	<u>0100</u>	TO.PD	
GOTO	κ.	Go to address	2	10	1,000	xxkk	<u>kkk</u> t		
ORLW	X	Indusive CR literal with W	1	11	1000	XXXX	kkxx.	Z	
MOVEW	4	Move literal to W	1	11	o≎xx	XXXX	<u>kkk</u> r		
RETERE	-	Return from Interrupt	2	00	0080	0000	1001		
RETLW	R	Return with literal in W	2	11	01xx	XXXX	KKKX.		
RETURN	-	Return from Subroutine	2	00	000	0000	1000		
SLEEP	-	Go into standby mode	1	00	0000	011 0	0011	TO.PD	
SUSLW	(Subtract Wilfrom Iteral	1	11	110x	XXXX	KKKK	C.DC,Z	
XORLW	¢	Exclusive OR Ineral with W	1	11	1010	XXXX	KKXX	Z	

Appendix – 4 Assembly language program

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//** program for the Mini-Oscilloscope**//

list p=PIC16F877A,r=dec include P16F877A.inc ERRORLEVEL -302

EQU	00H
EQU	01H
02H	
EQU	03H
04H	
EQU	05H
EQU	06H
EQU	07H
EQU	08H
EQU	09H
EQU	0AH
EQU	0BH
EQU	1EH ;page 0
EQU	1FH ;page 0
	EQU EQU 6QU EQU EQU EQU EQU EQU EQU EQU EQU EQU

OPTION_	REG EQU	81H
TRISA	EQU	85H
TRISB	EQU	86H
TRISC	EQU	87H
TRISD	EQU	88H
TRISE	EQU	89H
ADRESL	EQU	9EH ;page 1
ADCON1	EQU	9FH ;page 1

;*** VARIABLES ONLY ACCESSABLE THROUGH BLOCK 0, PAGE 0 *******

ADC0	EQU 20H ; ADC storage set, extends to \$5F (64 samples)
ADCO1	EQU 6BH
LOOPB	EQU 60H ; general loop used in SETUP
LOOPC	EQU 61H ; general loop used in SETUP
TEMPA	EQU 63H
ADC11	EQU 64H
ADCTEMP1	EQU 66H

R1	EQU 6EH
R2	EQU 6FH
R3	EQU 65H

;******* VARIABLES ACCESSED THROUGH ALL PAGES & BLOCKS ********

LOOPA	EQU 70H	; waveform byte sample counter
ADCTEMP	EQU 71H	; temp store used in LCD output routines
LOOPD	EQU 72H	; general loop used in SETUP
LOOPD1	EQU 73H	; general loop used in SETUP
LOOPE	EQU 74H	; sample/line counter
ADCADR	EQU 75H	; ADC block address
ADRLSB	EQU 77H	; LCD low address
ADRMSB	EQU 78H	; LCD high address
PEAKLO1	EQU 79H	; waveform sample min for graph
XYZ	EQU	J 7AH
COLUMN	EQU 7BH	; column length holder
PEAKLO	EQU 7CH	; waveform sample min for graph
PEAKHI	EQU 7DH	; waveform sample max for graph
LOBIT	EQU 7EH	; rotating bit for 8-bit column

;****** variables in BLOCK 0, PAGE 1 ********

ADC1 EQU 0xA0 ; ADC storage set for 2nd SET of 64 samples ; extends from AO to DF

;****** variables in BLOCK 2, PAGE 2 ********

MEM0 EQU 20H ; start of memory for 64 screen line samples ; extends from 20 to 5F ADC2 EQU 0XA1 ; ADC storage set for 3rd SET of 64 samples ; extends from A1 to F0

;****** FIXED VALUES FOR COMMANDS ********

TXHOME	EQU 40H	; text home address command
TXAREA	EQU 41H	; text area (columns) address command
GRHOME	EQU 42H	; graphics home address command
GRAREA	EQU 43H	; graphic area (columns) address command
AWRON	EQU 0xB0	; autowrite on command
AWROFF	EQU 0xB2	; autowrite off command

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EQU 22H	; offset command
EQU 24H	; address set command
EQU 0xE0	; screen peek command
EQU 21H	; set cursor position command
	EQU 22H EQU 24H EQU 0xE0 EQU 21H

;****** BIT VALUES ******

W	EQU 00H	; working reg
F	EQU 01H	; file reg
Z	EQU 02H	; ZERO status
С	EQU 00H	; CARRY status
DC	EQU 01H	; DIGIT CARRY status
RP0	EQU 05H	; STATUS BLOCK0 (BANKS0/1) reg
RP1	EQU 06H	; STATUS BLOCK1 (BANKS2/3) reg
GIE	EQU 07H	; INTCON reg
GO	EQU ⁰² H	; ADCON0 reg
ADIF	EQU 06H	

ORG	00H	; Interrupt vector address
GOTO	START	; Jump to interrupt routine on interrupt
ORG	0x0005	; Start of program memory

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DELAY	MOVLW 0X01	;
	MOVWF R2	
	MOVLW 0X01	; MAX freq hz
	MOVWF R1	-
	btfsc PORTC,0	
	goto BB	
	MOVLW 0X01	
	MOVWF R2	
	MOVLW 0X40	;
	MOVWF R1	
	btfsc PORTC,1	
	goto BB	
	MOVLW 0X02	;
	MOVWF R2	
	btfsc PORTC,2	
	goto AA	
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AA BB 15	MOVLW 0X04 ; MOVWF R2 btfsc PORTC,3 goto AA MOVLW 0X0D ; approx 0.606hz MOVWF R2 MOVLW 0X80 MOVWF R1 NOP NOP NOP
	NOP NOP DECFSZ R1,1 GOTO I5 DECFSZ R2,1 GOTO AA RETURN
START bsf	STATUS,5 bcf STATUS,6 movies (1)xFF
movwf	TRISA ; PORTA as input clrf TRISC ; PORTC as input clrf TRISB ; PORTB as output GRAPHIC LCD D0-D7
clrf	TRISD ; PORTD as output GRAPHIC LCD control
clrf	TRISE ; PORTE as output
movlw	0x06
movwf	OPTION_REG
movlw	0x0B ; one analog pin RA0, +ref Vdd, -ref Vss ; left justified
movwf	ADCON1
DCf	DOPTC
movlur	$1 \cup K \in \mathbb{R}$
moviw	$\sigma_{\rm AOI}$, R31 10 W, CE WK KD CD IIIgh

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movwf

movlw

movwf

clrf

clrf

PORTD

PORTB PORTE

PORTD

0x1f ; RST CE WR RD CD high

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bcf
                              PIR1, ADIF
                                           ;clear A/D interrupt flag
                     movlw
                              0x1E
                                           ;30x8=240 lines
                              COLUMN
                     movwf
                                           ; set column length
                     call
                              SETUP
                MAIN: call SAMPLE1
                                                  ;get 3 consecutive 64-byte data blocks from ADC
                     clrf
                              LOOPD
                     clrf
                              LOOPA
                     movlw
                              ADC0
                     movwf ADCADR
                                                   FSF- hold the address location.
2 JUDF- -- -- -- 's data
                     movwf FSR
golota in Man
Bonk, this
Concrts 230 byth
                              INDF,W ; divide by 2
 As me ore
                     rrf
                     movwf ADCTEMP
                              ADCTEMP,W ; divide by 2 again and clear bits 6&7
                     rrf
                     andlw
                              0X3F
                     movwf
                              PEAKLO
                                         ; move into PEAKLO (setting screen start val)
                                    0X80
                                                  ; indicates which bit of column is affected
                BLK0:
                       movlw
        6 Kbyly
                             LOBIT
                     movwf
                              OSC_SUB1 ; config & send first set of samples to LCD
                     call
                     incf
                              LOOPD,F
                                           ; inc to next column
                                           ; has column 8 been reached?
                     btfss
                              LOOPD,3
                     goto
                              BLK0
                                       ; no
                     clrf
                              LOOPA
                                        ; config & send data ADC1 BLOCK 0 to screen
                              ADC1
                     movlw
                     movwf ADCADR
                BLK1: movlw
                                    0X80
                                                  ; indicates which bit of column is affected
                     movwf LOBIT
                              OSC_SUB1
                     call
                                           ; config & send second set of samples to LCD
                                           ; inc to next column
                              LOOPD,F
                     incf
                                           ; has column 16 been reached?
                     btfss
                              LOOPD,4
                              BLK1
                     goto
                                       ; no
                     BSF
                              STATUS,7
                     clrf
                              LOOPA
                     movlw
                             ADC2
                                        ; config & send data ADC1 BLOCK 0 to screen
                     movwf ADCADR
                     movwf FSR
                     movlw 0x08
                     movwf
                             XYZ
                     BCF
                              STATUS,7
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movlw MEM0 ; set address for 1st affected LCD store memory addwf PEAKLO,W movwf FSR ; movf PEAKLO,W ; set loop to val of PEAKLO movwf LOOPE LOBIT,W movf INDF,F iorwf OSC_SUB3: movf LOOPE,W ; is loop = peakhi? xorwf PEAKHI,W btfsc STATUS,Z OSC SUB4 goto LOBIT,W ; no movf iorwf INDF,F LOOPE,F incf btfsc LOOPE,6 -:limit to 64 max OSC_SUB4 goto FSR,F incf OSC_SUB3 goto . OSC_SUB4: BCF STATUS,7 ;BLKO return ;*********** send 8-bit column to screen SHOWMEM: movlw MEM0 0X3F addlw movwf FSR movlw 0X40 movwf LOOPE ; set loop val (number of lines) movlw 0X07 ; set graphic base address (\$02xx) movwf ADRMSB movf LOOPD,W ; set column addlw 0x66 movwf ADRLSB OSC_SUB5: call SCREENADR ; set screen write address AWRON ; AUTO WRITE ON movlw call SENDCMD ; send command ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3call CHECK3 BSF STATUS,7 ;BLK1 ; get value, clear store movf INDF,W INDF clrf

0X80 ; indicates which bit of column is affected BLK111: movlw movwf LOBIT call OSC_SUB11 ; config & send third set of samples to LCD incf LOOPD,F ; inc to next column decfsz XYZ ;has column 24 reached? goto BLK111 ; no goto MAIN ; start again at screen left LOOPA,W OSC_SUB1: movf addwf ADCADR,W movwf FSR rrf INDF,W ; divide by 2 movwf ADCTEMP rrf ADCTEMP,W ; divide by 2 again and clear bits 6&7 0X3F andlw movwf ADCTEMP ; store for later use movwf PEAKHI;; and move into PEAKHI PEAKLO,W ; is PEAKHI > PEAKLO ? (subtract hi from lo) subwf STATUS,C ; is there a borrow?(if carry flag is set then PEAKLO less then btfss PEAKHI) goto OSC SUB2 ; c=0 PEAKLO,W ;c=1, so swap lo & hi movf movwf PEAKHI ADCTEMP,W movf movwf PEAKLO OSC_SUB2: call ; config LCD memory store.. SETMEM ; store current val into PEAKLO movf ADCTEMP,W movwf PEAKLO incf LOOPA,F ; inc wavform counter LOOPA,6 ; limit to 64 max bcf bcf STATUS,C LOBIT,F rrf STATUS,C ; is CARRY set? (stating all 8 bits of col done) btfss OSC_SUB1 ; no goto SHOWMEM ; display results on screen call return

;********** config LCD memory store

SETMEM: BSF STATUS,7 ;BLK1

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BCF
        STATUS,7
                     ;BLKO
        FSR,F
decf
call
        OUTDATA
                    ;
movlw
        AWROFF
                   ; AUTO WRITE OFF
call
        SENDCMD
                    ; send command
decf
        LOOPE,F
btfsc
        STATUS,Z
return
        COLUMN,W ; set for next line
movf
addwf
        ADRLSB,F
btfsc
        STATUS,0 ; add CARRY (if any) to MSB
incf
        ADRMSB,F
        OSC_SUB5
goto
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OSC_SUB11: BSF STATUS,7

movf	LOOPA,W ; copy ADC loop val into PEAKHI
addw	f ADCADR,W
movw	f FSR ;
rrf	INDF,W ; divide by 2
movw	f ADCTEMP
rrf	ADCTEMP,W ; divide by 2 again and clear bits 6&7
andlw	0X3F
movw	f ADCTEMP ; store for later use
movw	f PEAKHI ; and move into PEAKHI
subwf	PEAKLO,W ; is PEAKHI > PEAKLO ? (subtract hi from lo)
btfss	STATUS,C ; is there a borrow?(if carry flag is set then PEAKLO less then
PEAKHI)	
goto	OSC_SUB21 ; c=0
movf	PEAKLO,W ;c=1, so swap lo & hi
movw	f PEAKHI
movf	ADCTEMP,W
movw	f PEAKLO

OSC_SUB21: call SETMEM1 ; config LCD memory store.. BSF STATUS,7 movf ADCTEMP,W ; store current val into PEAKLO movwf PEAKLO incf LOOPA,F ; inc wavform counter

bcf LOOPA,6 ; limit to 64 max

bcf STATUS,C

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rrf
            LOBIT,F
    btfss
            STATUS,C ; is CARRY set? (stating all 8 bits of col done)
    goto
            OSC_SUB11 ; no
    call
            SHOWMEM1 ; display results on screen
    return
;******* config LCD memory store
                  STATUS,7
SETMEM1: BSF
                               ;BLK1
    movlw
            MEM0
                         ; set address for 1st affected LCD store memory
    addwf
            PEAKLO,W
    movwf
          FSR
            PEAKLO,W ; set loop to val of PEAKLO
    movf
    movwf LOOPE
            LOBIT,W
    movf
    iorwf
            INDF,F
OSC_SUB31: movf
                  LOOPE,W ; is loop = peakhi?
            PEAKHI,W
    xorwf
    btfsc
            STATUS,Z
    goto
            OSC_SUB41
    movf
            LOBIT,W
                       ; no
            INDF,F
    iorwf
            LOOPE,F
    incf
                               ;limit to 64 max
            LOOPE,6
    btfsc
            OSC_SUB41
    goto
    incf
            FSR,F
    goto
            OSC_SUB31
OSC_SUB41: BCF
                  STATUS,7
                             ;BLKO
    return
;******* send 8-bit column to screen
                         MEM0
SHOWMEM1: movlw
    addlw
            0X3F
    movwf
            FSR
           0X40
    movlw
    movwf LOOPE
                      ; set loop val (number of lines)
                     ; set graphic base address
    movlw
            0X06
            ADRMSB
    movwf
            LOOPD,W
                        ; set column
    movf
    addlw
            0x76
    movwf ADRLSB
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BCF STATUS,7

OSC_SUB51: call SCREENADR ; set screen write address movlw AWRON ; AUTO WRITE ON call SENDCMD ; send command call CHECK3 ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3BSF STATUS,7 ;BLK1 movf INDF,W ; get value, clear store clrf INDF BCF STATUS,7 ;BLKO decf FSR,F call OUTDATA ; AWROFF ; AUTO WRITE OFF movlw call SENDCMD ; send command decf LOOPE,F STATUS,Z btfsc return movf COLUMN,W ; set for next line addwf ADRLSB,F STATUS,0 ; add CARRY (if any) to MSB btfsc ADRMSB,F incf OSC_SUB51 goto . dote geve ADC inte Borke. (all 4). pute This port of person SAMPLE1: movlw ADC0 ;set store address at ADC0 BLOCK0 ; initialize pointer, to RAM movwf FSR movlw 0X40 movwf LOOPE ;no of samples value (64 from 20-5F) ; set AD on, Fosc/2, RA1 analog input movlw 0x41 movwf ADCON0 nop nop ADVAL1: btfsc ADCON0,GO; start data conversion ADVAL1 goto ADRESH,W movf

bsf ADCON0,GO

movwf INDF / ;put it out to mem

call DELAY

incf FSR,F ;inc store address

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	decfsz	LQOPE,F
	goto	ADVAL1
	movlw	ADC1 ;set store address at ADC1 BLOCK0
	movwf movlw	FSR ; initialize pointer, to RAM 0X40
	movwf	LOOPE ;no of samples value (64 from A0-DF BLOCK0)
ADV	AL2:	btfsc ADCON0,GO ; start data conversion
	goto	ADVAL2
	movf	ADRESH,W
	bsf	ADCON0,GO
	movwf	INDF ;put it out to mem
	call	DELAY
	incf	FSR,F ;inc store address
	decfsz	LOOPE,F
	goto	ADVAL2
	bsf	STATUS,7
	movlw	ADC2 ;set store address at ADC2 BLOCK1
	movwf	FSR ; initialize pointer, to RAM
	movlw	0X40
	movwf	LOOPE ;no of samples value (64 from A1-F0 BLOCK1)
		BCF STATUS,7
ADV	AL3:	btfsc ADCONU,GO ; start data conversion
	goto	ADVAL3
	movt	ADRESH,W ;get & invert ADC val
	DSf	
		DSF STATUS,/
	incf	ESP E ving store address
	hef -	STATUS 7
	call	
	decfer I	DELAT DOPE E
	goto	
	5010	return
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AUTOWRITE: ; ** AUTO WRITE ROUTINE **

movwf TEMPA ; temp store value brought in on W(ooH INTO TEMPA)

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callCHECK8; read status for DA3 = 8movfTEMPA,W; WRITE DATAcallOUTDATA;return;
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CMDADR: ; ** SET ADDRESS FOR COMMAND SENDING **
   call
           CHECK3
                      ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3
   movf
           ADRLSB,W
                      ; WRITE DATA D1
   call
           OUTDATA
                        ;
   call
           CHECK3
                      ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3
   movf
            ADRMSB,W
                      ; WRITE DATA D2
   call
           OUTDATA
                      ;
   return
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SCREENADR: ; ** SET ADDRESS FOR WRITE/READ TO/FROM SCREEN call CHECK3 ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3movf ADRLSB,W ; WRITE ADDRESS LSB call OUTDATA ; call CHECK3 ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3ADRMSB,W ; WRITE ADDRESS MSB movf call OUTDATA ; ; SET ADDRESS POINTER movlw ADPSET SENDCMD ; send command call return

GRAPHHOME: ; ** SET GRAPHIC HOME ADDRESS ** ; GRAPHIC HOME ADDRESS \$0200 movlw 0X00 movwf ADRMSB clrf ADRLSB call CMDADR ; send command address movlw GRHOME ; call SENDCMD ; send command return

GRAPHAREA: ; ** SET GRAPHIC AREA **

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clrf ADRMSB

movfCOLUMN,W; columns lengthmovwfADRLSBcallCMDADR; send command addressmovlwGRAREA; graphic area commandcallSENDCMD; send commandreturn

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SETMODE: ; ** SET MODE ** movlw 0X80 ; (OR mode, Internal CG mode) call SENDCMD ; send command return

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SETDISPLAY: ; ** DISPLAY MODE ** movlw 0X98 ; text off, graphic on, cursor & blink off call SENDCMD ; send command return

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CLRGRAPH: ; ** CLEAR GRAPH AREA **
   movlw
           00H
   movwf ADRMSB
   clrf
           ADRLSB
                      ;
           SCREENADR ; set screen write address
   call
                      ; AUTO WRITE ON
   movlw
           AWRON
           SENDCMD
                       ; send command
   call
                   ; number of lines
   movlw
           80H
   movwf LOOPC
CLRG2: movf
                 COLUMN,W ; column length
   movwf LOOPB
CLRG3: movlw
                 00H
                         ; write 0
   call
           AUTOWRITE ; auto write and increment
           LOOPB,F
   decfsz
   goto
           CLRG3
   decfsz
           LOOPC,F
   goto
           CLRG2
                       ; AUTO RESET OFF
   movlw
           AWROFF
           SENDCMD
                       ; send command
   call
   return
;.....
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CHECK3: BSF STATUS,05 ; STATUS CHECK for DA0/DA1 = 3
            0XFF
    movlw
            TRISB
   movwf
                     ; set PORT B as inputs
            STATUS,5
    BCF
                      ; RST CE WR RD CD
    movlw
            0X15
                         ; 1 0 1 0 1
   movwf
            PORTD
                       ; set CE, RD low
   nop
CK3: btfss
            PORTB,0
                      ; PORT B bit 0 set?
    goto
            CK3
                    ; no
CK3A: btfss PORTB,1
                      ; PORT B bit 1 set?
                      ; no RST CE WR RD CD
   goto
            CK3A
            0X1F
    movlw
                         ; 1 1 1 1 1
            PORTD
   movwf
                      ; set controls
   nop
   BSF
            STATUS,5
   clrf
            TRISB
                     ; set PORT B as outputs
    BCF
            STATUS,5
   return
;.....
CHECK8: BSF STATUS,5
                         ; STATUS CHECK for DA3 = 8
   bsf
            TRISB,3
                         ; set PORT B bit 3 as input
   BCF
                      ; RST CE WR RD CD
            STATUS,5
                         ; 1 0 1 0 1
    movlw
            0X15
            PORTD
                      ; set CE, RD low
   movwf
    nop
CK8: btfss
            PORTB,3
                       ; is PORT B,3 high?
            CK8
                  ; no RST CE WR RD CD
    goto
            0X1F
                             1 1 1 1 1
   movlw
                         ;
   movwf
            PORTD
                      ; set controls
    nop
    BSF
            STATUS,5
            TRISB,3
                     ; set PORT B bit 3 as output
    bcf
            STATUS,5
    BCF
    return
;....
OUTDATA: ; ** SEND DATA ROUTINE **
                       ; temp store val brought in on W
    movwf
            TEMPA
             ; RST CE WR RD CD
                         ; 1 1 1 1 0
    movlw
            0X1E
           PORTD
                       ; set CD low
    movwf
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TEMPA,W
    movf
                        ; get stored data
    movwf
            PORTB
                      ; send data
                  ; RST CE WR RD CD
    nop
            0X12
                        : 1 0 0 1 0
    movlw
            PORTD
    movwf
                      ; set CD, CE, WR low
    nop
                  ; RST CE WR RD CD
    movlw
            0X1E
                        ; 1 1 1 1 0
    movwf
            PORTD
                      ; set CE, WR high
    nop
                  ; RST CE WR RD CD
            0X1F
    movlw
                        ; 1 1 1 1 1
            PORTD
    movwf
                      ; set CD high
    return
;.....
SENDCMD: ; ** COMMAND WRITE ROUTINE **
    movwf
           TEMPA
                      ; temp store val brought in on W
    call
            CHECK3
                       ; read status for DA0/DA1 = 3
    movf
            TEMPA,W
                       ; WRITE COMMAND
   movwf
            PORTB
                     ; send stored data
                  ; RST CE WR RD CD
   nop
            0X13
   movlw
                        ; 1 0 0 1 1
   movwf
            PORTD
                      ; set CE, WR low
                  ; RST CE WR RD CD
   nop
            0X1F
                        ; 1 1 1 1 1
   movlw
            PORTD
                      ; set all high
   movwf
    return
SETUP:
                  ; RST CE WR RD CD GENERAL SETUP
            0X1F
   movlw
                        ; 1 1 1 1 1
   movwf
            PORTD
                      ; set controls high (off)
            GRAPHHOME -; SET GRAPHIC HOME ADDRESS
   call
            GRAPHAREA ; SET GRAPHIC AREA
   call
                       ; SET MODE (INT/EXT/AND-OR-XOR etc)
   call
            SETMODE
   call
            SETDISPLAY ; DISPLAY MODE (text, graph on/off etc)
   call
            CLRGRAPH ; clear graph screen
   return
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Control Electronics for ECDL

Pin Name	I/O	Pin Function		
Vss	-	Ground (0V)		
VDD	-	Logic Supply (+5V)		
C/D	I	Register Select: "1" = Command Register, "0" = Data Register		
RD	I	Read Select (Active Low) - MPU ⇐ T6963C		
WR	I	Write Select (Active Low) - MPU \Rightarrow T6963C		
ĈĒ	I	Chip Enable (Active Low)		
DB0	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 0		
DB1	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 1		
DB2	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 2		
DB3	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 3		
DB4	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 4		
DB5	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 5		
DB6	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 6		
DB7	I/O	Bi-directional Data Bus Line 7		
RES	I	Reset (Active Low)		
FS1	I	Font Select 6x8 font: FS1="H" 8x8 font FS1="L"		
MD2	I	Mode Select 40 columns MD2="H" 32 columns MD2="H"		

MPU Interface Pin Functions

LCD Interface Pin Functions

For LCD modules with on-board controllers, these signals are not generally accessible; they are accessible on the SGI-01 serial interface card with the on-board T6963C option installed.

Pin Name	I/O	Pin Function
D1	0	Serial Data Line 1
FLM (CDATA)	0	First Line Marker (Start of Frame)
M (FR)	0	Control Signal for AC drive of LC
CL1 (LP)	0	Latch clock
CL2 (SCP)	0	Shift clock for serial data
D2	0	Serial Data Line 2
VDD	-	Power supply for logic circuits
Vss	-	Ground
V _{EE}	-	Power supply for LC drivers