

Final Preparation

Questions?

Final Exam

- When: 8:00-10:00 am Monday, May 7th
- Location: here
- 1/3: midterm material
 - See lecture notes for midterm preparation
- 2/3: material since midterm
- 1 page of personal notes
- No electronic devices/books/other notes

Exam Parameters

- Most questions: multiple choice
 - Can grade your exam as you leave
- Some hand-written FSM questions
- Assigned seating

Sources of Material

- Zyante book and other assigned readings
- In-class and Zyante exercises
- Lecture notes
- Exams from prior years (both midterms and finals are available)

Pre-Midterm Material

- Number Representations (binary, hex, decimal)
- Arithmetic: adding, multiplying, incrementing, decrementing and shifting (<< and >>)
- Bit-wise operators: &, |, ~, ^
- Analog to digital conversion (and vice versa)
- Digital I/O on the Teensy processors
- Basic circuits: LEDs, analog comparators, resistors, switches
- Serial communication: synchronous vs asynchronous serial
- FSMs for control

New Material

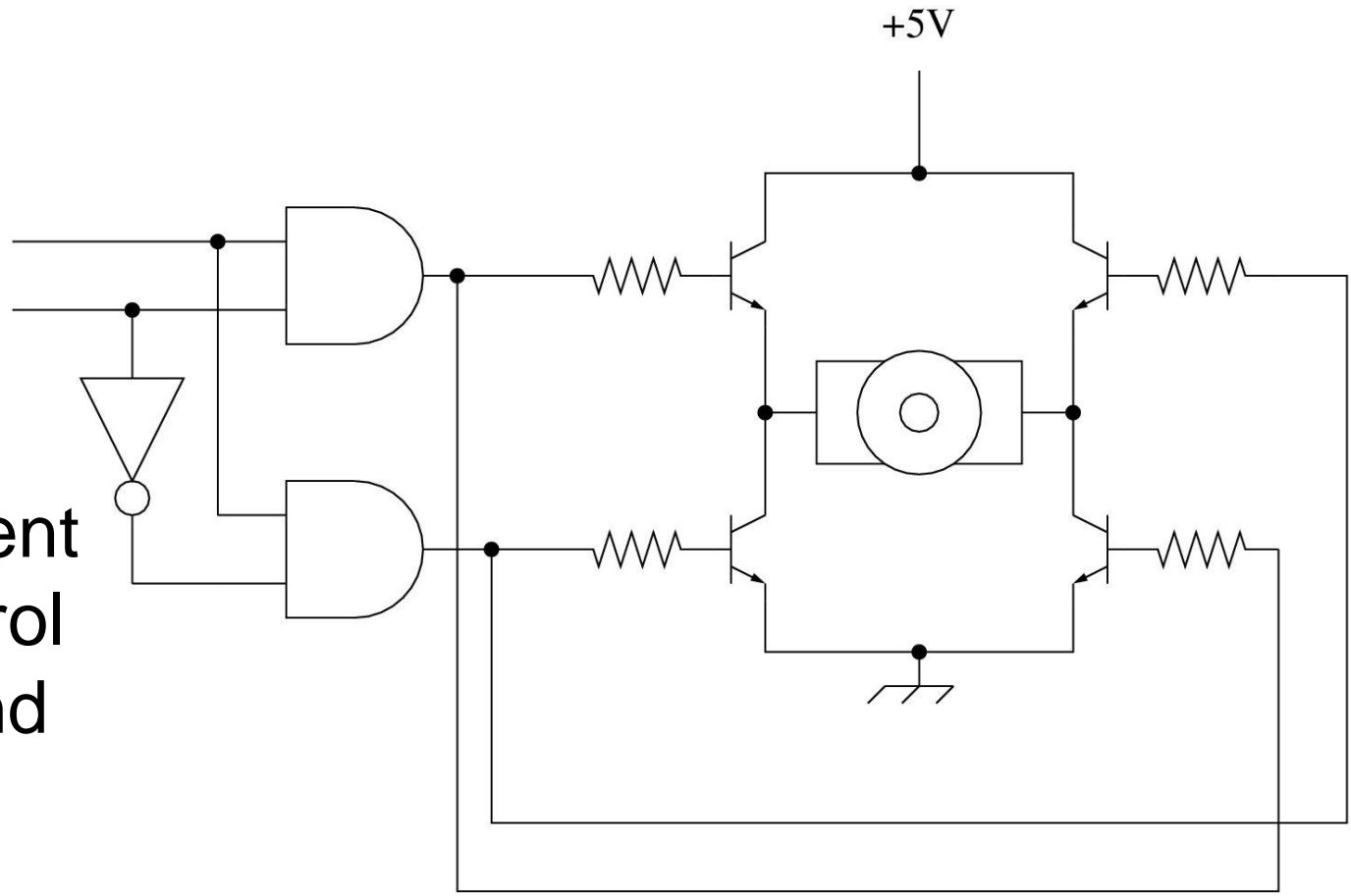
- Motor control: H-bridges; PWM
- Signed numbers
- Fixed point math
- Proportional-derivative control
- Microprocessor components
- Performing multiple tasks
- Interrupts and interrupt service routines
- System safety & watchdog timers
- More FSMs

PWM and Direction Control



Direction

Two low-current
inputs control
direction and
torque
magnitude



Representing Negative Integers

- Two's complement representation
- Taking the negative of an integer

Fixed Point Math

- Converting between floating point and fixed point representations
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fixed point numbers
- Why do we do fixed point math?

Proportional-Derivative Control

- Key PD control equation
- Meaning of the gains
- Phase plots

Key Microprocessor Components

- Data bus
- Data memory (RAM)
- Program memory (EEPROM in our case)
- General-purpose registers
- Special-purpose registers
 - Instruction register
 - Program counter
- Instruction decoder
- Arithmetic Logical Unit and Floating Point Unit

Performing Multiple Tasks

With `PeriodicAction`, we can define multiple, semi-independent code blocks (*tasks*)

- Naturally partition for the code
- Different tasks can be executed at different frequencies
- Some communication between tasks through global variables

Interrupts

- What are they?
- Interrupt service routines. Examples:
 - Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) generation (see slides)
 - Producing digital signals of various frequencies (e.g., can introduce software counters, too)
 - Shared data problem

Safety and Watchdog Timers

Watchdog:

- Hardware counter that causes the processor to reset once it reaches a critical value
- The code's job is to reset the counter fast enough to prevent this from happening ("feeding the dog")
- If the code does become stuck due to a bug or hardware problem, it is guaranteed that an IRS will be called (even resetting the processor)

Finite State Machines

- Definition
 - States
 - Inputs / Events
 - Transition function
 - Outputs / Actions
 - State transition diagrams
- FSMs for control

C Code

- Be prepared to read (and possibly fix) simple C code
- If any, you will not write more than a function of new code
- Look to lecture discussions of code and your projects as you prepare