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I. Introduction

The ADIOS module (Weinreb and Weinreb 1981: Electronics Division Internal Report No. 212) provides a convenient interface between an Apple II computer and laboratory instruments. The referenced report describes the hardware fairly thoroughly, but it includes suggested software which is deficient in several respects: (1) the BASIC programs for analog input and output are unnecessarily complicated; (2) useful features of the AM9513 counter chip, which forms the heart of ADIOS, are not utilized; and (3) only a "free running" mode is discussed, allowing the possibility of "missed data" if the user's program is not fast enough.

In this note, I present several programs which provide improved performance. For a thorough understanding of the details, the reader must study the AM9513 data sheet in some depth. But this is quite complicated and subtle, so such knowledge will not be assumed here. Familiarity with the Apple II and with Internal Report No. 212 will be assumed.

II. Changes to Internal Report No. 212

Sections II and III of the report contain some misleading statements which are clarified here. Also, some significant omissions are included here.

(1) The "obscure code" said to be required to turn on the indicator lights is not necessary. Instead, use the following:

```
POKE 49342,237 : REM SET "CALL" BIT
POKE 49342,229 : REM CLEAR "CALL" BIT
POKE 49342,235 : REM SET "MISS" BIT
POKE 49342,227 : REM CLEAR "MISS" BIT
```

For this to work, however, the modes of the counters must be set differently than the report suggests in Appendix A. The better modes are obtained by changing two bytes in ADIOS INITB, or by using the new initialization program described below. In ADIOS INITB, the changes are:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Old Value</u>	<u>New Value</u>	
\$1F3E	\$A8	\$AA	Counter 3 mode
\$1F4A	\$A8	\$AA	Counter 5 mode.

(2) The operation of these indicator LED's is only vaguely described in the report, although it can be deduced by careful study of the schematic. The situation is this: The CALL and MISS bits are outputs of the AM9513, and each may be set and cleared by the commands given above. When MISS is set, the "miss" LED lights for 0.5 s; MISS has no other effect. If CALL is set during COUNT, then the "wait" LED lights until not-COUNT; on the other hand, if not-COUNT occurs before CALL is set, the "dead" LED lights until CALL. Thus, "wait" indicates that Apple is waiting and "dead" indicates that ADIOS is waiting (or was not called when expected). Finally, when CALL is cleared, the "transfer" LED lights for 0.5 s. For proper operation, then, CALL should be set just before the computer begins waiting for COUNT to finish, and should be cleared as soon as all operations required prior to the next count cycle have been completed.

(3) To read in the analog data (two 32-bit values), one can PEEK at all eight bytes sequentially without re-setting the AM9513's data pointer, contrary to what the report says. One must merely POKE the correct readout code into the AM9513:

```
CMD = 49342          : REM 9513 COMMAND PORT
DTA = 49334          : REM 9513 DATA PORT
MK = 256 : MM = 65536 : REM CONSTANTS
POKE CMD,26         : REM SET DATA POINTER IN 9513
A = PEEK(DTA) + MK*PEEK(DTA) + MM*(PEEK(DTA) + MK*PEEK(DTA))
B = PEEK(DTA) + MK*PEEK(DTA) + MM*(PEEK(DTA) + MK*PEEK(DTA))
```

(4) The sense of some of the digital outputs is not made clear in the report. Each of the direct outputs, D000 thru D015, is a TTL high for logic "1" and low for logic "0". But the solid state relays connected to D011 and D012 are closed for logic "0" and open for logic "1", whereas the relay drivers connected to D008-D011 are on (relay energized) for logic "1" and off for logic "0".

III. New Software

A. Initialization. The assembly language program listed in Fig. 1 will initialize the AM9513 chip and set the count and blank times. Unlike the similar program in Report 212 (Appendix A), all three modes are supported (free-run, software trigger, and external trigger) and the parameters are passed in the CALL statement, rather than having to be POKE'd into place. The code fits into the portion of page 3 which is not used by Applesoft. After BLOADing the code, it can be used from Applesoft by executing

```
CALL 768,COUNT%,BLANK%,MODE%
```

All the parameters must be integer variables, not constants or expressions. Allowable values of MODE% are given in Table I. In the single-cycle modes, the blank/count cycle occurs only once, returning to the non-counting state until a command to start another cycle is sent by the computer. This allows software triggering and external triggering. The different modes also allow control of the clock period used for blank/count timing; COUNT% and BLANK% are in units of this clock period. MODE% may be omitted (but its preceding comma must be included), in which case the default mode is used.

TABLE I. Allowed Values of MODE%

<u>Clock Period</u> <u>(units of CO%,BL%)</u>	<u>Free-Run</u>	<u>Single-Cycle</u>	
10 ms	\$0F62 = 3938	\$0F42 = 3906	
1	0E62 3682	0E42* 3650*	*=default
100 μ s	0D62 = 3426	0D42 3394	
10	0B62 3170	0B42 3138	
1	0A62 2914	0A42 2882	

This program has another major difference from the scheme used in Report 212. The modes of the integrating counters are set for gating directly from the COUNT signal, bypassing the circuitry in ADIOS which introduces an extra clock pulse at the end of count time. This was necessary in order to make the single-cycle modes possible without erroneous extra counts, and it turns out that the extra pulses are not needed in free-run mode either. However, one consequence is that the contents of the integrators are not automatically saved at the end of count time, but this may be done by a simple command (see below). In the free-running

mode only, if the program fails to issue a "save" command during blank time, then the next integration will begin adding to the present one. Note that this imposes no additional speed requirements on the program compared with automatic saving, since in either case the program must complete processing of a measurement in less than one blank+count cycle to avoid losing data. In the single-cycle modes, ADIOS does not begin a new integration until commanded, so lost data is not possible no matter how slow the program is.

Unfortunately, a slight hardware modification is necessary to make this work. The COUNT signal must be made available to counters 3, 4 and 5 of the AM9513. To do this, jumper chip pins 4 and 34 to pin 39 and disconnect the wire originally on pin 39, as shown in Fig. 2 (wire wrap pins are D12, B15, and B10). This will not affect any systems which rely on the software described in Report 212.

B. Output. ADIOS provides three outputs to external equipment: two 16-b D-to-A converters and a 16-b digital word. (Some of the latter bits also have special functions.) Since it is awkward and slow to set these values from Applesoft, a simple assembly language routine to do it is included in Fig. 1. To use it,

```
CALL 909,C%,D%,DO% : REM SET ALL THREE OUTPUTS
or CALL 909,C%,D%, : REM SET ANALOG OUTPUTS
or CALL 909,C%, : REM SET OUTPUT "C" ONLY
```

With the latter two forms, the unspecified outputs remain at their previous settings.

C. BASIC Subroutines. The listing of Fig. 3 shows suggested subroutines for using ADIOS from Applesoft, and a sample measurement loop which calls these subroutines. These programs should be mostly self-explanatory, but a few notes are given here.

The various POKE's to CMD are commands to the AM9513 chip, and are described in REMarks. The full command set, along with other important reference data on the AM9513, is given in the Appendix; this is the most useful material in the AM9513 data sheet, but was not among the pages reproduced in Report 212.

Line 260 operates the "miss" light. Report 212 used ten lines of code to do the same thing. This line can be included for all three modes, but is only meaningful in free-run. Line 320 is all that one needs to implement external trigger mode, but one might want to precede it by a line similar to 260 to flash the "miss" light if an external trigger is missed. A low-to-high transition at the "ext trig" connector sets the EXT TRIG flip flop, connected to bit 6 of the digital input byte at address FF=49335.

In the single-cycle modes, the cycle starts when line 350 is executed. This line must be omitted for free-run mode. Blank time occurs first, followed by count time. Thus, blank time can be set to allow settling of the output signals just sent, and need not be any longer. One warning, however: due to a quirk in the AM9513, BLANK% and COUNT% may be no smaller than 2; using 0 or 1 gives strange results. This allows times as small as 2 microseconds.

Further details of the timing of the various modes are given in Fig. 4.

IV. Further Improvements

To obtain the highest possible speed of execution, both of the BASIC subroutines in Fig. 3 should be implemented in assembly language. This should be fairly easy to do.


```

1000 *****
1020 * INITIALIZATION ROUTINE FOR
1030 * ANALOG-DIGITAL INPUT/OUTPUT SYSTEM ("ADIOS") *
1040 *
1050 * TO USE FROM APPLESOFT:
1060 * CALL 768,C0%,BL%,MO%;
1070 * WHERE C0%,BL% ARE INTEGER COUNT TIME AND BLANK TIME,
1080 * RESPECTIVELY, AND MO% IS THE MODE OF COUNTER1 IN 9513.
1090 * MO% MAY BE OMITTED, IN WHICH CASE THE DEFAULT
1100 * MODE OF SINGLE-CYCLE, 1 MS CLOCK IS USED.
1110 *
1120 * ALSO PROVIDED IS A ROUTINE FOR SETTING ADIOS OUTPUTS:
1130 * CALL 969,C2%,D2%,D0%.
1140 * WHERE THE PARAMETERS ARE THE TWO ANALOG AND ONE
1150 * DIGITAL 16-BIT OUTPUT WORDS, RESPECTIVELY.
1160 * IF D0% OR D2% IS OMITTED, THE CORRESPONDING
1170 * OUTPUT(S) IS LEFT UNCHANGED.
1180 *
1190 * 810619 LRD.
1200 *****
1210 *
1220 * OR $300
1230 TEMP .EQ $85
1240 CHARGET .EQ $B1
1250 COMHA .EQ $2C
1260 PTRGET .EQ $DFE3
1270 DATA .EQ 49334
1280 CHO .EQ 49342
1290 C .EQ 49328
1300 D .EQ 49330
1310 D0 .EQ 49332
1320 FF .EQ 49335
1330 *
1340 INIT JSR UALGET
1350 STY HOLD1
1360 STA HOLD1+1
1370 JSR UALGET
1380 STY LOAD1
1390 STA LOAD1+1
1400 BCS 60
1410 JSR UALGET
1420 STY TABLE
1430 STA TABLE+1
1440 *
1450 FF LDR $FF
1460 STA CHD
1470 LDR $B17
1480 STA CHD
1490 LDR #0
1500 STA DATA
1510 LDR $B90
1520 STA DATA
1530 *
1540 LDR $B01
1550 STA CHD
1560 LDR #0
1570 LDR TABLE,X
1580 STA DATA

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```

033E- E6
033F- E0 1E
0341- D0 F5
1620 *
0343- A9 E1
0345- 8D BE C0
0348- A9 E3
0349- 8D BE C0
034D- A9 E5
034F- 8D BE C0
0352- 8D B7 C0
1700 *
J355- 50
1710 *
1720 *
1730 *FOLLOWING ROUTINE OBTAINS VALUE OF NEXT PASSED PARAMETER,
1740 *ASSUMED INTEGER, AND LEAVES IT IN ACHI BYTE) AND Y(LLO).
1750 UALGET JSR CHARGET
1760 BNE OK
1770 SEC
1780 RTS
1790 OK JSR PTRGET
1800 STA TEMP
1810 STY TEMP+1
1820 LDR #1
1830 LDR (TEMP),Y
1840 TRAY
1850 LDX #0
1860 LDR (TEMP,X)
1870 CLC
1880 RTS
1890 *
1900 TABLE .DA $0E42
1910 *
1920 *
1930 LOAD1 .DA 0
1940 HOLD1 .DA 0
1950
1960 .MS 00000000 LOAD2,HOLD2
1970 .DA $602A
1980
1990 .MS 00000000 LOAD3,HOLD3
2000 .DA $4420
2010
2020 .MS 00000000 LOAD4,HOLD4
2030 .DA $802A
2040
2050 .MS 00000000 LOAD5,HOLD5
2060
2070 OUTPUT JSR UALGET
2080 STY C
2090 STA C+1
2100 JSR UALGET
2110 BCS DONE
2120 STY D
2130 STA D+1
2140 JSR UALGET
2150 BCS DONE
2160 STA D0+1
2170 DONE
2180 RTS

```

THERE ARE 30 BYTES TO BE SENT.

SEND COMMANDS TO CLEAR OUTPUT BITS OF COUNTER 1, COUNTER 3, AND COUNTER 5.

CLEAR DATA READY & EXT TRIG FF'S.

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OBTAINS VALUE OF NEXT PASSED PARAMETER, AND LEAVES IT IN ACHI BYTE) AND Y(LLO).

GET FIRST CHAR OF VARIABLE.

CHECK FOR END-OF-STATEMENT.

END OF ST: SET CARRY BIT AND RETURN.

GET ADDRESS OF VARIABLE INTO (A,Y). SAVE ON ZERO PAGE.

GET LO BYTE OF VALUE. PUT INTO (Y).

GET HI BYTE INTO (A).

DONE.

DEFAULT MODE:NO GATE, INPUT F4.1KHZ).

ALTERNATE L/H ON RELOAD, SINGLE CYCLE, OUTPUT TOGGLE.

CTR 1 LOAD REG; SET TO BLANK TIME.

CTR 1 HOLD REG; SET TO COUNT TIME.

MODE2.

MODE3.

MODE4.

MODE5.

LOADS,HOLD5.

GET ANALOG C OUTPUT VALUE. SEND IT.

GET ANALOG D. CHECK WHETHER IT'S THERE. OK, SEND IT.

SIMILARLY FOR DIGITAL.

BACK TO APPLESOFT.

Fig. 1. Listing of assembly language subroutines.

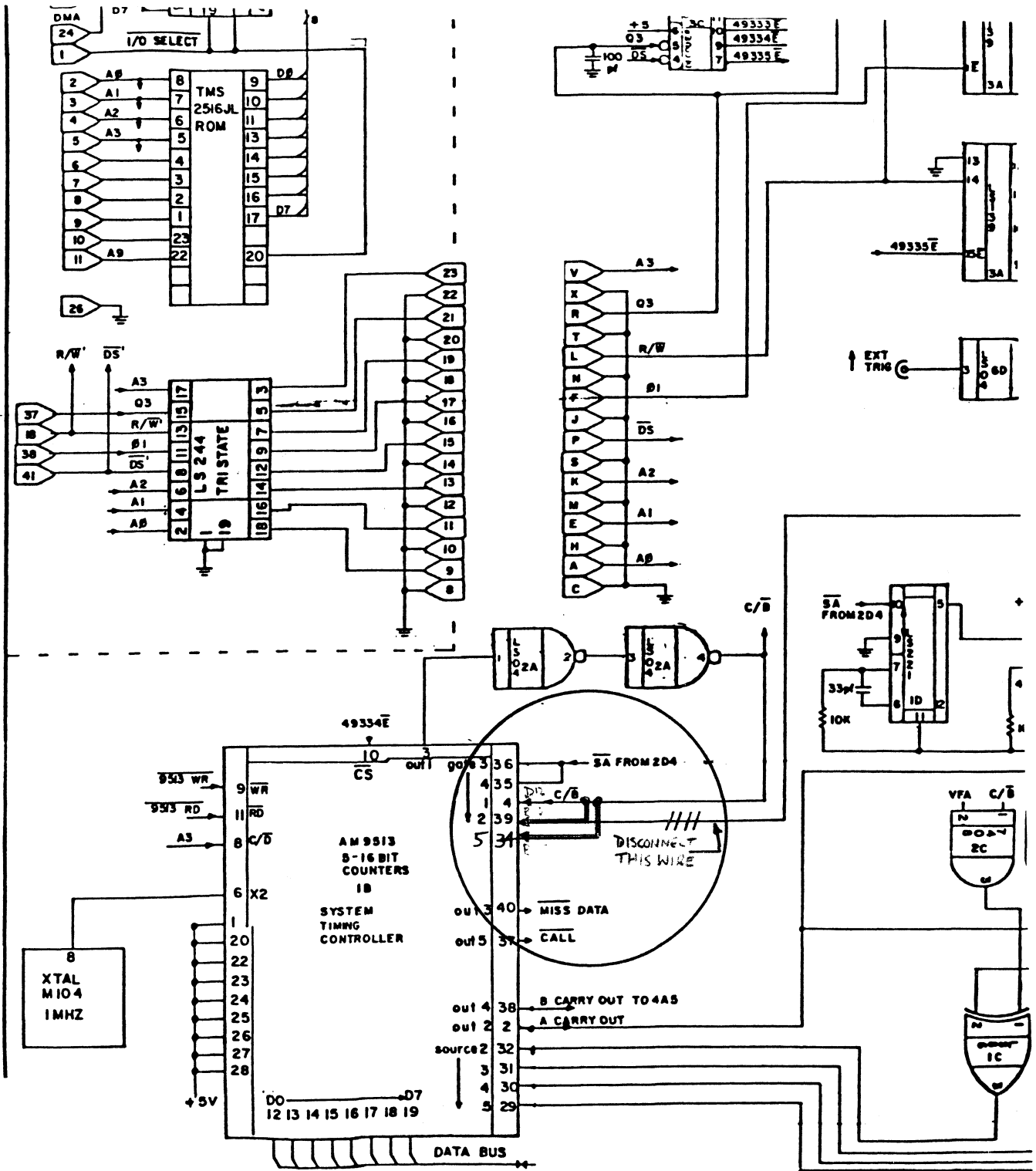


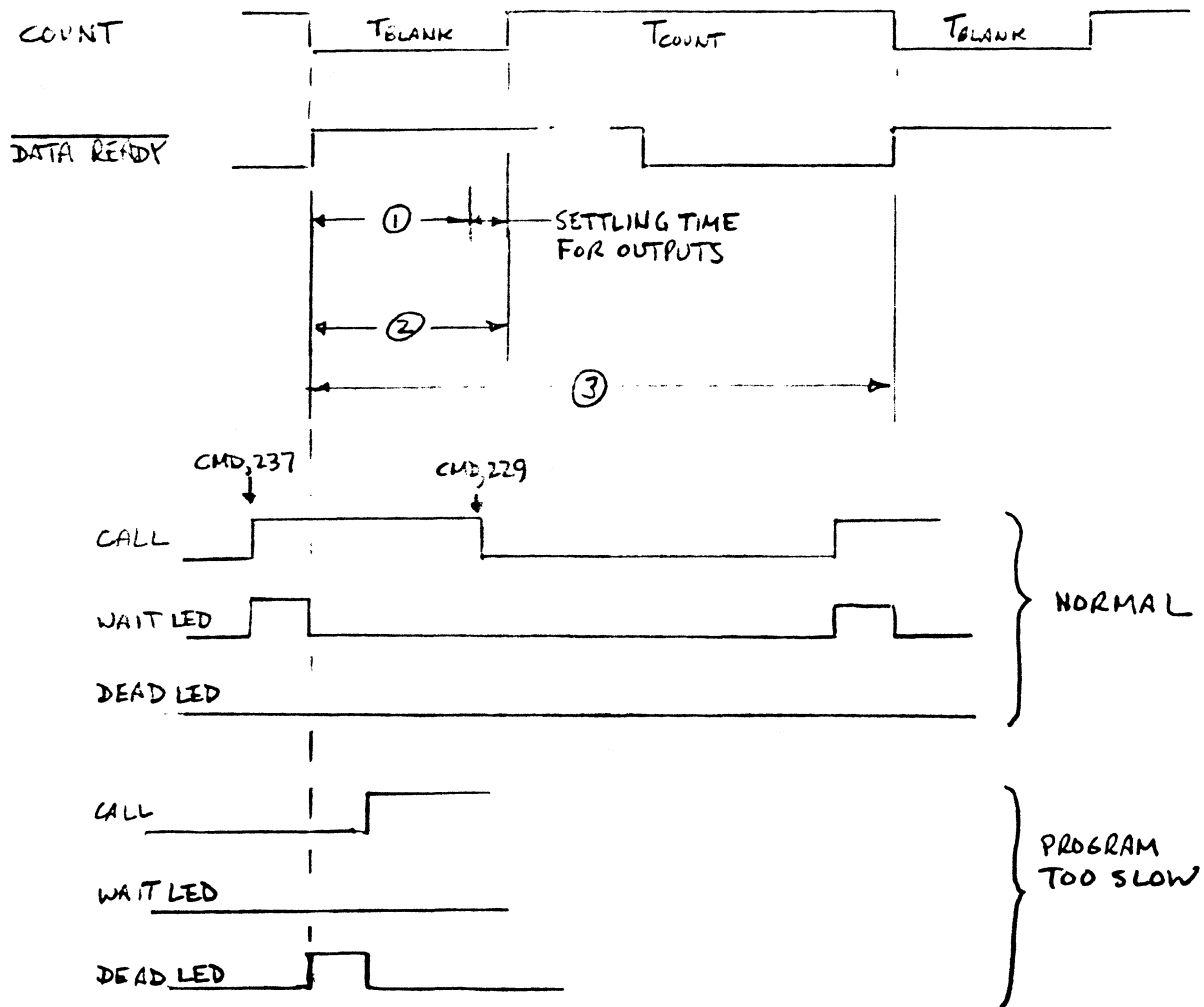
Figure 2. Wiring change required in ADIOS module.

```

100 REM
105 REM *****
110 REM * INITIALIZATION SUBROUTINE *
115 REM *****
120 REM
125 MK = 256:MM = 65536: REM CONSTANTS.
130 CMD = 49342:DTA = 49334:FF = 49335: REM ADIOS ADDRESSES.
135 DO% = 1000:BL% = 10:MO% = 3650
140 CALL 768,C0%,BL%,MO%
145 CALL 909,C%,D%,DO%: REM SEND OUTPUTS.
150 POKE CMD,127: REM LOAD&ARM ALL COUNTERS, STARTING 1ST MEASUREMENT.
155 RETURN
160 REM
165 REM
200 REM *****
210 REM * LOOP SERVICE SUBROUTINE *
220 REM *****
230 REM
240 POKE CMD,237: REM SET "CALL" BIT.
250 REM :::NEXT LINE IS FOR FREE-RUN MODE ONLY::: CHECKS FOR MISSED DATA.
260 IF PEEK (FF) < 128 THEN POKE CMD,235: POKE CMD,227: REM "MISS" LIGHT.
270 WAIT FF,128,128: REM WAIT FOR "DATA READY" BIT
280 CALL 909,C%,D%,DO%: REM SEND OUTPUTS.
290 POKE CMD,158: REM DISARM&SAVE INTEGRATORS.
300 POKE CMD,126: REM CLEAR&ARM INTEGRATORS.
310 REM :::NEXT LINE IS FOR EXTERNAL TRIGGER MODE ONLY:::
320 WAIT FF,64: REM WAIT FOR EXTERNAL TRIGGER.
330 POKE FF,0: REM RESET "DATA READY" AND "EXT TRIG" FLIP FLOPS.
340 REM :::NEXT LINE IS FOR SINGLE CYCLE MODES ONLY:::
350 POKE CMD,33: REM ARM COUNTER1, STARTING NEXT CYCLE.
360 POKE CMD,229: REM RESET "CALL" BIT
370 POKE CMD,26: REM SET DATA READOUT POINTER.
380 A = PEEK (DTA) + MK * PEEK (DTA) + MM * ( PEEK (DTA) + MK * PEEK (DTA))
390 B = PEEK (DTA) + MK * PEEK (DTA) + MM * ( PEEK (DTA) + MK * PEEK (DTA))
400 DI = PEEK (FF): REM GET DIGITAL INPUTS.
410 RETURN
900 REM
910 REM
1000 REM *****
1010 REM * SAMPLE MEASUREMENT SEQUENCE *
1020 REM *****
1030 REM
1040 REM TEN(10) MEASUREMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH OUTPUTS SET TO
1050 REM C(I),D(I),DO(I)
1060 REM AND MEASURED VALUES PLACED IN
1070 REM A(I),B(I),DI(I)
1080 REM FOR I=0 TO 9.
1090 REM
1100 C% = C(0):D% = D(0):DO% = DO(0): REM OUTPUTS FOR FIRST MEASUREMENT.
1110 GOSUB 100: REM INITIALIZE AND START FIRST MEASUREMENT.
1120 FOR I = 0 TO 9
1130 C% = C(I + 1):D% = D(I + 1):DO% = DO(I + 1)
1140 GOSUB 200: REM GET I-TH MEASUREMENT AND START (I+1)ST.
1150 A(I) = A:B(I) = B:DI(I) = DI
1160 NEXT
1170 GOSUB 200: REM GET LAST MEASUREMENT.
1180 A(9) = A:B(9) = B:DI(9) = DI
1190 END

```

Fig. 3. BASIC subroutines.



- ① Program must set outputs for next measurement.
- ② Program must issue command to save integrator contents from last measurement.
- ③ Program must clear the DATA READY bit and complete processing of last measurement.

Fig. 4 (a). Free-run mode timing.

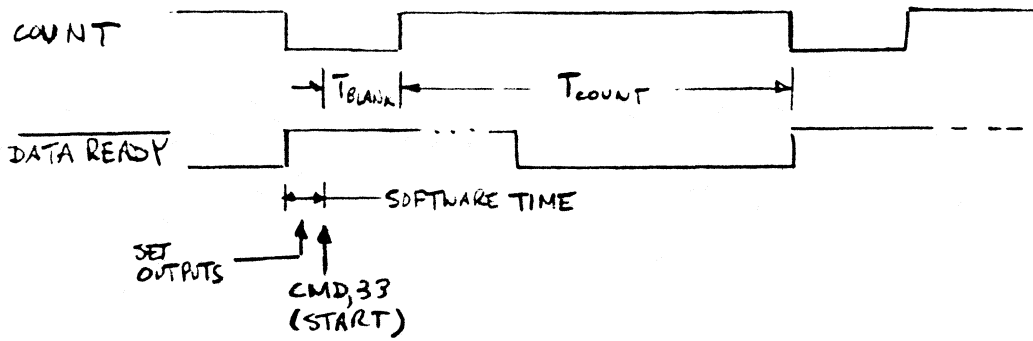


Fig. 4(b). Software trigger mode timing.

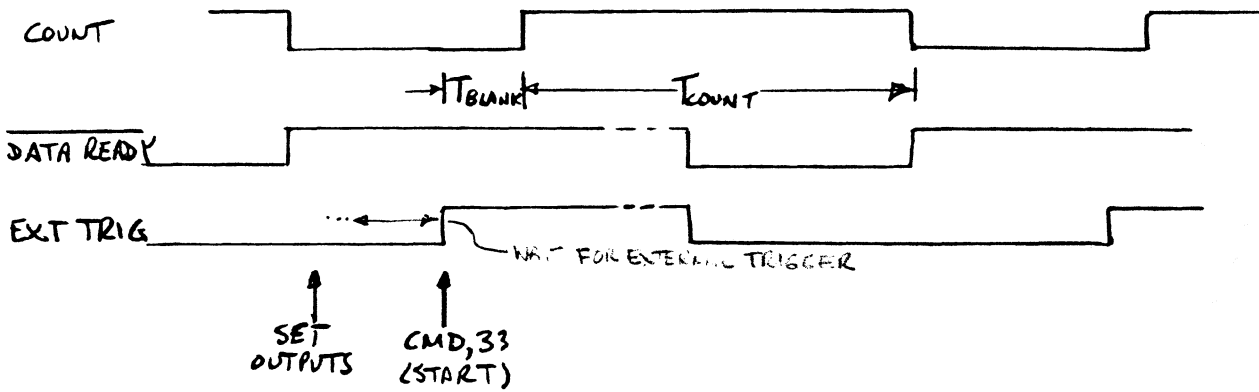
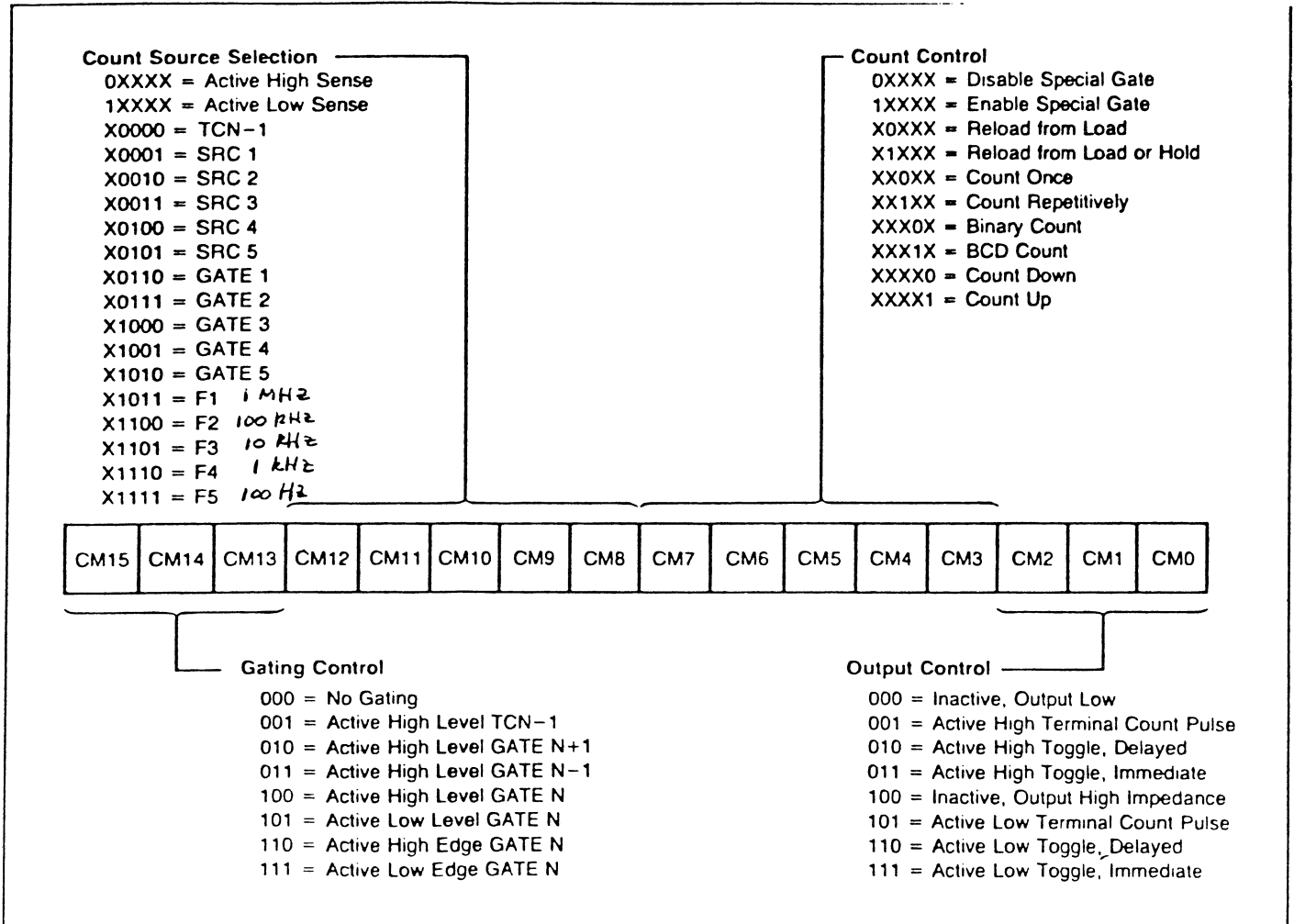


Fig. 4(c). External trigger mode timing.

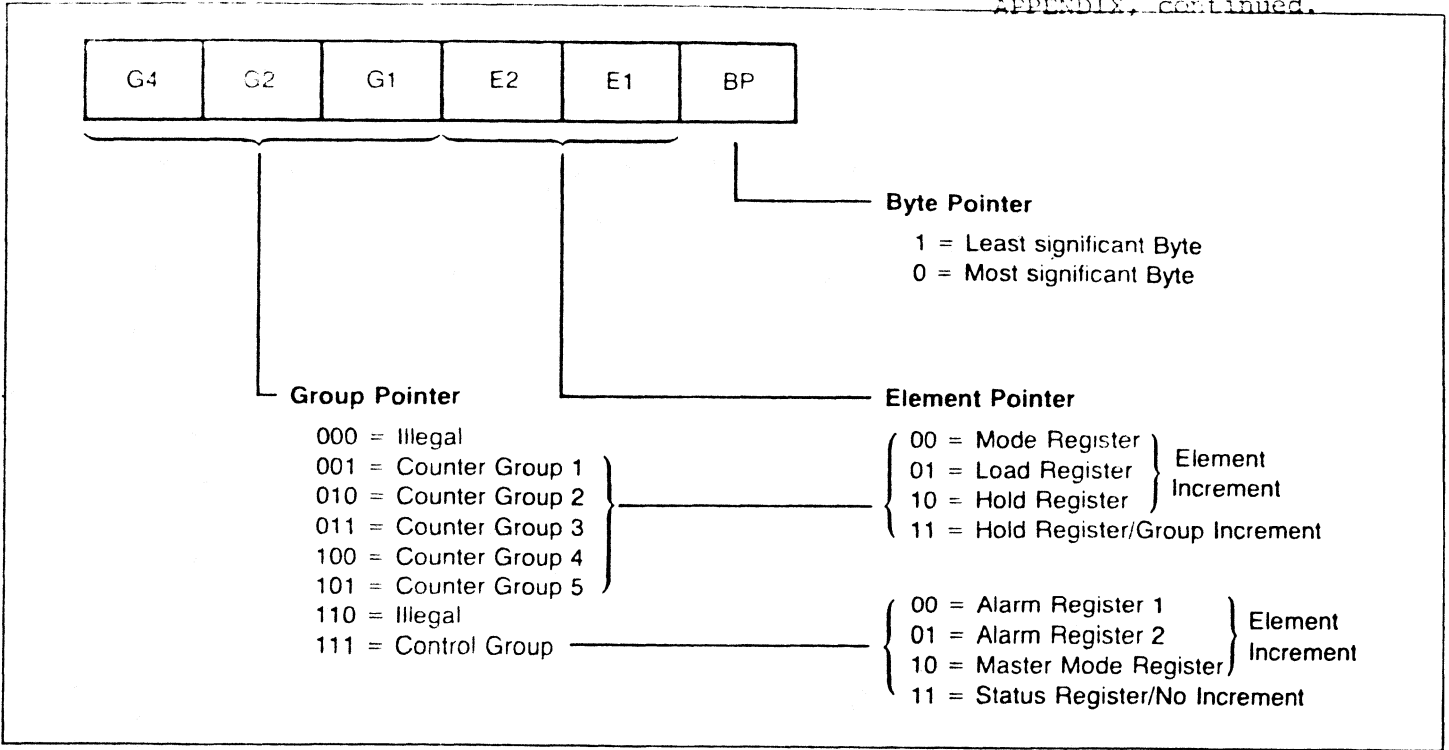
APPENDIX

C7	C6	C5	C4	C3	C2	C1	C0	Command Description
0	0	0	E2	E1	G4	G2	G1	Load Data Pointer register with contents of E and G fields. (G ≠ 000, G ≠ 110)
0	0	1	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	Arm counting for all selected counters
0	1	0	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	Load contents of specified source into all selected counters
0	1	1	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	Load and Arm all selected counters
1	0	0	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	Disarm and Save all selected counters
1	0	1	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	Save all selected counters in hold register
1	1	0	S5	S4	S3	S2	S1	Disarm all selected counters
1	1	1	0	1	N4	N2	N1	Set output bit N (001 ≤ N ≤ 101)
1	1	1	0	0	N4	N2	N1	Clear output bit N (001 ≤ N ≤ 101)
1	1	1	1	0	N4	N2	N1	Step counter N (001 ≤ N ≤ 101)
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	Set MM14 (Disable Data Pointer Sequencing)
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	Set MM12 (Gate off FOUT)
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	Set MM13 (Enter 16-bit bus mode)
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	Clear MM14 (Enable Data Pointer Sequencing)
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	Clear MM12 (Gate on FOUT)
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	Clear MM13 (Enter 8-bit bus mode)
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Master reset

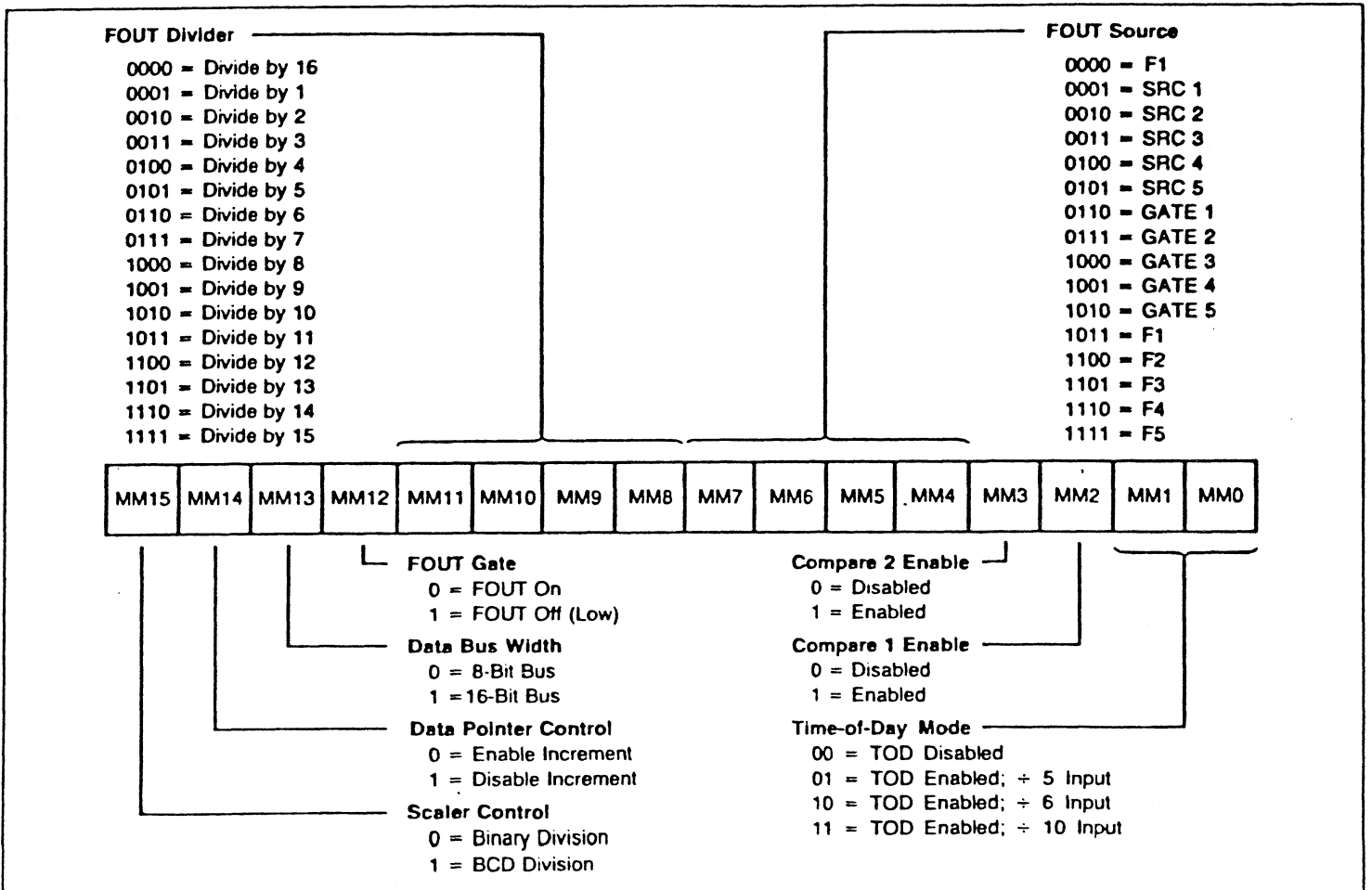
Am9513 Command Summary.



Counter Mode Register Bit Assignments.



Data Pointer Counter.



Master Mode Register Bit Assignments.

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I. New ADIOS Subroutines

The BASIC subroutines described in Report 224 for initialization and loop service of the ADIOS module have now been implemented in assembly language. These new subroutines have been incorporated in the binary library (see Report No. 225), versions 3.0 and 3.1, replacing subroutines "ADIOS" and "ADOUT" of earlier versions.

Initialization

Call thru indirect entry: AINIT=5126: CALL AINIT,MODE%(M),OUT%(N)

Call thru LIBENT: LIB=5171 : CALL LIB"AINIT"MODE%(M),OUT%(N)

Parameters:

MODE%(M) = mode from table below, or zero for default mode.

MODE%(M+1) = blank time*, in units dependent on mode (default: msec)

MODE%(M+2) = count time*, in units dependent on mode (default: msec)

OUT%(N) = 16 bit value for analog output "C"

OUT%(N+1) = 16 bit value for analog output "D"

OUT%(N+2) = 16 bit value for digital outputs

Description:

Any measurement in progress is stopped, the counters are initialized in the specified mode, count and blank times are set, the outputs are set to the specified values, and a new measurement is started (beginning with blank time).

* These values must be ≥ 3 .

Loop Service

Call thru indirect entry: ASERV=5129: CALL ASERV,IN(I),OUT%(N)

Call thru LIBENT: LIB=5171 : CALL LIB"ASERV"IN(I),OUT%(N)

Parameters:

IN(I) = analog channel "A" count (32 bits, converted to floating point)

IN(I+1) = analog channel "B" count

IN(I+2) = digital input byte (8 bits, converted to floating point)

OUT%(M...M+2) = same as "AINIT"

Description:

Waits until the current measurement is complete, if necessary. In external trigger modes, waits for the external trigger, if necessary. Reads inputs for measurement just completed and sets specified outputs for next measurement. Starts next measurement (except free run modes). Operates "transfer," "wait," and "dead" lights as appropriate in all modes, and "miss" light in free run and external trigger modes. Executes in less than 9 msec.

Allowed Values of Mode Code

<u>Clock Period</u>	<u>Code Values</u>					
	<u>Software Trigger</u>		<u>External Trigger</u>		<u>Free Run</u>	
10 ms	\$F42	= 3906	\$F43	= 3907	\$F62	= 3938
1 ms	E42*	3650*	E43	3651	E62	3682
100 μs	D42	3394	D43	3395	D62	3426
10 μs	C42	3138	C43	3139	C62	3170
1 μs	B42	2882	B43	2883	B62	2914

* Code=0 also selects this mode.