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**EECS 145M: Microcomputer Interfacing Lab**

LAB REPORTS:

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Total of top 4 Lab Grades \_\_\_\_\_ (400 max)

Total of top 4 Question Sections \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Lab Bonus \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Participation \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Mid-Term #1 \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Mid-Term #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Final Exam \_\_\_\_\_ (200 max)

Total Course Grade \_\_\_\_\_ (1000 max)

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**Spring 1999 FINAL EXAM (May 21)**

Answer the questions on the following pages completely, but as concisely as possible. The exam is to be taken *closed book*. Use the reverse side of the exam sheets if you need more space. Calculators are OK. **In answering the problems, you are not limited to the particular equipment you used in the laboratory exercises.**

*Partial credit can only be given if you show your work.*

**FINAL EXAM GRADE :**

1 \_\_\_\_\_ (36 max)    2 \_\_\_\_\_ (60 max)    3 \_\_\_\_\_ (104 max)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ (200 max)

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**PROBLEM 1** (total 36 points):

Define the following terms:

**1a.** (6 points) Transition voltages of an analog-to-digital converter

**1b.** (6 points) Nyquist sampling theorem

**1c.** (6 points) Tri-state buffer

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**1d.** (5 points) Infinite impulse response digital filter

**1e.** (6 points) Comparator circuit

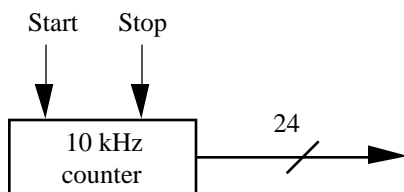
**1f.** (6 points) Sample-and-hold circuit

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**PROBLEM 2** (total 60 points):

You have been chosen to design a microcomputer system for timing the swimming events in the Summer Olympic Games.

- There are 12 swimmers and the pool has 12 lanes. Each swimmer starts at the one end of the pool and, at the sound of a gunshot, jumps in and swims to the opposite end of the pool in their own lane
- When they reach the opposite end of the pool, the swimmers make contact with a switch (called a “touch plate”) mounted on the wall of the pool. When the switch is touched, the contacts stay closed until manually reset.
- The athletic event is started by the starter’s pistol, which closes an electrical contact when the trigger is pulled
- Your computer system detects the contact closure and immediately sends a pre-recorded gunshot sound to 12 speakers, each located behind a swimmer. (this gives each swimmer a fair start and also avoids using chemical explosives).
- There is an external timing circuit mounted near each touch plate. Each has a 24-bit counter that is set to zero by a “Start” input pulse, increases by one every 100  $\mu$ s, and is stopped by a “stop” input pulse. The start and stop input lines float high when disconnected and can be brought low by connecting to ground.



- Your microcomputer has three 16-bit input ports, two 16-bit output ports, and *NO* analog I/O. The input port lines float high when disconnected and can be brought low by connecting to ground.
- The gunshot sound is in a digital file and you have a software function that sends the digital data to one of the output ports at the correct speed.
- You have an external 12-bit D/A converter and a power amplifier, and any digital circuits described in 145L

The requirements for your design are:

- The system must record the time for every swimmer to an accuracy of 100  $\mu$ s even if several swimmers touch their plates in the same 100  $\mu$ s.
- The lane numbers and time for each swimmer (in units of s) are to be written to the computer display screen and to a file as soon as possible after the swimmer finishes.

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**a.** (30 points) Sketch your design, showing and labeling all essential components and lines. (You only need to show two touch plate switches, timing circuits and speakers.)

**b.** (30 points) Describe the events (hardware and software) that must take place from the start of the race to after the last swimmer finishes.

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**PROBLEM 3** (104 points)

Design a system for using a microcomputer and the FFT to sample and analyze the harmonic content of the periodic waveforms produced by certain musical instruments.

The requirements are:

- Waveforms are sampled to an accuracy of 0.1% in the 0 to 20,000 Hz range.
- Higher frequencies that alias into the 0 to 20,000 Hz range must be reduced in amplitude by a factor of 100.
- The signal is sampled at a frequency of  $2^{16}$  Hz = 65,536 Hz for 2 s.
- Raised cosine (Hanning) window used to reduce spectral leakage.

You have available the following:

- A microphone and instrumentation amplifier capable of converting the music to an analog waveform with an amplitude of  $\pm 5$  volts.
- A microcomputer with a 16-bit digital input and 16-bit digital output port. Reading and writing takes 1  $\mu$ s.
- A circuit that produces 10  $\mu$ s-wide pulses at  $2^{16}$  Hz = 65,536 Hz.
- A 12-bit successive approximation A/D converter chip with a “start conversion” input and a “data available” output. The A/D input must be held constant during the 10  $\mu$ s conversion time.
- Any components discussed in 145L that you may need.

**3.a.** (24 points) Sketch your design, showing and labeling all essential components and lines.

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**3.b** (24 points) Design an anti-aliasing filter that meet the above requirements (determine the filter order  $n$  and the corner frequency  $f_c$ )

**3.c** (24 points) List the steps (hardware and software) involved in sampling the waveform and taking the FFT.

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**3.d** (6 points) To what frequencies do the FFT coefficients  $H_0$ ,  $H_1$ ,  $H_{65,536}$ , and  $H_{131,071}$  correspond?

(See equation sheet for powers-of-two table)

**3.e** (4 points) If the system input is a pure 1,000 Hz harmonic signal, how would it appear in the FFT coefficients?

**3.f** (6 points) How close in frequency can two harmonic signals of equal amplitude be and still appear as separate peaks in the FFT?



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**3.g** (6 points) If the system input is the sum of two pure 20,000 Hz and 46,536 Hz harmonic signals of equal amplitude, how would they appear in the FFT coefficients?

**3.h** (4 points) For a musical instrument with a fundamental frequency of 100 Hz, at what Fourier amplitude  $H_n$  would expect the fundamental to occur? (give Fourier frequency index  $n$ ).

**3.i** (6 points) At what Fourier amplitude  $H_n$  would expect the  $m$ th harmonic to occur?