# TI-RSLKMAX

### Texas Instruments Robotics System Learning Kit





## Module 18

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#### **Question 1**

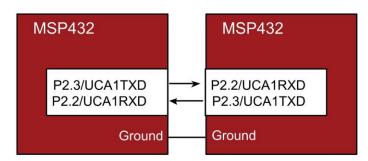
In this activity you will evaluate how the UART works using a logic analyzer or oscilloscope. Write software that outputs to the UART the same data at a fixed rate. Capture the digital output on the TxD pin and identify

Start bit	
Bit 0	
Bit 1	
Bit 2	
Bit 3	
Bit 4	
Bit 5	
Bit 6	
Bit 7	
Stop bit	

Make an empirical measurement of the bit time and baud rate.

#### **Question 2**

Connect two MSP432 microcontrollers together using the UART protocol. Connect the TxD of one to the RxD of the other. Connect the two grounds

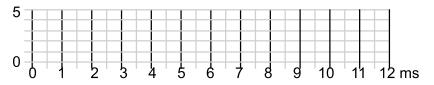


Develop a suite of functions to facilitate communication between computers: Channel\_Init(); Channel\_TransmitMessage();

Channel\_ReceiveMessage();

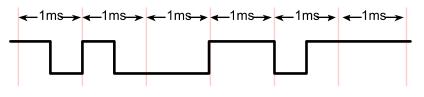
#### **Question 3**

Assuming the baud rate is 1000 bits/sec, draw the waveform on TxD as the data 0x31 is transmitted.



#### **Question 4**

This was measured on RxD. Assuming it is one frame, what is the baud rate and what is the data?



#### **Question 5**

Write software to communicate with UCA1 (P2.2, P2.3). a) Write the initialization for the UART to run at 38400 bits/sec. Assume the SMCLK is 12 MHz, and busy-wait synchronization is used

b) Write a busy-wait function that receives one 8-bit data. Wait for a frame to arrive on P2.2 and return the data.

c) Write a busy-wait function that transmits one 8-bit data. Wait for UART transmitter to be idle, and send the data out P2.3

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