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In This Manual

This manual provides the information for controlling the Agilent Technologies B2961A/B2962A by using an external computer, and consists of the following chapters.

- "Controlling the Agilent B2961A/B2962A"

  Describes how to control the B2961A/B2962A on a task basis.

- "Programming Examples"

  Introduces example programs for controlling the B2961A/B2962A .

See *Agilent B2961A/B2962A User's Guide* for information about the B2961A/B2962A itself.

Refer to *Agilent B2961A/B2962A SCPI Command Reference* for the SCPI messages and conventions, data output format, error code, and the details on Agilent B2961A/B2962A SCPI commands.

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This chapter describes basic information to control the Agilent B2961A/B2962A, and consists of the following sections.

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- “Controlling Various Functions”
- “Controlling the Source Output”
- “Controlling the Measurement Function”
- “Using the Math Function”
- “Using the Trace Buffer”
- “Using Program Memory”

The following conventions are used in this document for expressing SCPI commands.

Convention	Description
Angle brackets < >	Items within angle brackets are parameter abbreviations. For example, <NR1> indicates a specific form of numerical data.
Vertical bar |	Vertical bars separate alternative parameters. For example, VOLT | CURR indicates that either “VOLT” or “CURR” can be used as a parameter.
Square brackets [ ]	Items within square brackets are optional. The representation [SOURce:]VOLTage means that SOURce: may be omitted.
Parentheses ( )	Items within parentheses are used in place of the usual parameter types to specify a channel list. The notation (@1:3) specifies a channel list that includes channels 1, 2, and 3. The notation (@1,3) specifies a channel list that includes only channels 1 and 3.
Braces { }	Braces indicate parameters that may be repeated zero or more times. It is used especially for representing arrays. The notation <A>{,<B>} shows that parameter “A” must be entered, while parameter “B” omitted or may be entered one or more times.

Before Starting

This section describes the information needed before starting programming.

- “Software Requirements”
- “Connecting to the Interface”
- “Starting the Instrument Control”

Software Requirements

Programming examples described in this manual use the following software. Install the software to your computer to execute the programming examples.

- Agilent IO Libraries Suite software
- Microsoft Visual Basic .NET software

Connecting to the Interface

Agilent B2961A/B2962A supports GPIB, LAN, and USB interfaces. All three interfaces are live at power-on. Select the interface used for controlling the B2961A/B2962A. Connect your interface cable to the appropriate interface connector.

For the information on configuring the interfaces, see *Agilent B2961A/B2962A User’s Guide*.

Starting the Instrument Control

The following program code is one of the simple program template for starting and ending the communication between the computer and the instrument. For using the code, the instrument address must be set to the `address` variable correctly.

```
Sub Main()
  Dim rm As Ivi.Visa.Interop.ResourceManager
  Dim ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488
  Dim address As String = "enter address of your instrument"

  rm = New Ivi.Visa.Interop.ResourceManager
  ioObj = New Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488
  ioObj.IO = rm.Open(address)
      ' insert your code for instrument control
  ioObj.IO.Close()
End Sub
```

The `address` value depends on the interface as shown below.

- For using the GPIB interface

  The `address` value is the VISA GPIB Connect String displayed on the GPIB Configuration dialog box opened by pressing the More > I/O > GPIB function keys.

  Example:

  ```
  address = "GPIB0::23::INSTR"
  ```

- For using the USB interface

  The `address` value is the VISA USB Connect String displayed on the USB Status dialog box opened by pressing the More > I/O > USB function keys.

  Example:

  ```
  address = "USB0::2391::12345::XY00001234::0::INSTR"
  ```

- For using the LAN interface

  The `address` value is as follows.

  `address = "TCPIP0::`*xxx.yyy.zzz.aaa*`::5025::SOCKET"`

  Where, *xxx.yyy.zzz.aaa* is the IP Address displayed on the LAN Configuration dialog box opened by pressing the More > I/O > LAN > Config function keys.

  Example:

  ```
  address = "TCPIP0::192.168.0.1::5025::SOCKET"
  ```

Controlling Various Functions

This section describes how to control various functions apart from the source output and measurement functions.

- “Setting the Power Frequency”
- “Resetting to the Initial Settings”
- “Setting the Beeper”
- “Setting the Date and Time”
- “Performing the Self-Test”
- “Performing the Self-Calibration”
- “Setting the Operations at Power On”
- “Reading an Error Message”
- “Clearing the Error Buffer”
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- “Setting the Automatic Clear of Timestamp”
- “Confirming the Firmware Revision”
- “Setting the Remote Display Mode”
- “Making a Screen Dump”
- “Performing a File Operation”

Setting the Power Frequency

Power line frequency is set by the :SYST:LFR command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:LFR 50") ’50 Hz
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:LFR 60") ’60 Hz
```

Resetting to the Initial Settings

The initial settings are applied by the *RST command

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString("*RST")
```

For the initial settings, see *SCPI Command Reference*.

Setting the Beeper

Beeper is enabled/disabled by the :SYST:BEEP:STAT command. And a beep sound of the specified frequency and duration is generated by the :SYST:BEEP command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:BEEP:STAT ON") 'Enables beep
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:BEEP 200,1")   '200 Hz, 1 s
```

Setting the Date and Time

Date is set by the :SYST:DATE command. And time is set by the :SYST:TIME command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:DATE 2012,7,1")   'Y,M,D
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:TIME 23,59,59")   'H,M,S
```

Performing the Self-Test

Self-test is performed by the *TST? command. The *TST? command also returns the execution result. Before performing the self-test, disconnect test leads and cables from the channel terminals.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString("*TST?")
Dim d As String = ioObj.ReadString()
If d = 0 Then
  Console.WriteLine("PASS")
Else
  Console.WriteLine("FAIL")
End If
```

This example performs the self-test, and displays the test result, pass or fail.

Performing the Self-Calibration

Self-calibration is performed by the *CAL? command. The *CAL? command also returns the execution result. Before performing the self-calibration, disconnect test leads and cables from the channel terminals.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString("*CAL?")
Dim d As String = ioObj.ReadString()
If d = 0 Then
  Console.WriteLine("PASS")
Else
  Console.WriteLine("FAIL")
End If
```

This example performs the self-calibration, and displays the result, pass or fail.

Setting the Operations at Power On

Operations at power-on are decided by the memory program specified by the :PROG:PON:COPY command. And the power-on program execution is enabled/ disabled by the :PROG:PON:RUN command. The specified program must be previously defined in the program memory.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:PON:COPY ""program1""")
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:PON:RUN ON")
```

This example sets *program1* to the power-on program and enables the function.

Reading an Error Message

Error message is read one by one by using the :SYST:ERR? command. This command reads and removes the top item in the error buffer, and returns the code and message.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:ERR?")
Dim d As String = ioObj.ReadString()
Console.WriteLine(d)
```

If the error buffer is empty, the response is +0,“No error”.

Clearing the Error Buffer

Error buffer is cleared by the :SYST:ERR:ALL? command. This command reads and returns all items in the error buffer, and clears the buffer.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:ERR:ALL?")
Dim d As String = ioObj.ReadString()
Console.WriteLine(d)
```

If the error buffer is empty, the response is +0,“No error”.

Reading Timestamp

Timestamp is read by the :SYST:TIME:TIM:COUN? command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:TIME:TIM:COUN?")
Dim d As String = ioObj.ReadString()
Console.WriteLine(d)
```

Clearing Timestamp

Timestamp is cleared by the :SYST:TIME:TIM:COUN:RES command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:TIME:TIM:COUN:RES")
```

Setting the Automatic Clear of Timestamp

Automatic clear of timestamp is enabled/disabled by the :SYST:TIME:TIM:COUN:RES:AUTO command. If this function is enabled, the timestamp is cleared when the initiate action occurs.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SYST:TIME:TIM:COUN:RES:AUTO ON")
```

Confirming the Firmware Revision

Instrument's (mainframe) identification and firmware revision are read by the *IDN? command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString("*IDN?")
Dim d As String = ioObj.ReadString()
Console.WriteLine(d)
```

The returned value will be as follows.

`Agilent Technologies,`*model*`,`*serial*`,`*revision*

model: mainframe model number

serial: mainframe serial number

revision: firmware revision number

Setting the Remote Display Mode

Front panel display under remote operation is enabled or disabled by the :DISP:ENAB command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":DISP:ENAB ON")
```

Making a Screen Dump

Screen dump of the front panel display is made by the :HCOP:SDUM commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":DISP:ENAB ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":DISP:VIEW GRAP")
ioObj.WriteString(":HCOP:SDUM:FORM JPG")
ioObj.WriteString("*OPC?") : s = ioObj.ReadString()
ioObj.WriteString(":HCOP:SDUM:DATA?")

Dim data As Object
data = ioObj.ReadIEEEBlock(Ivi.Visa.Interop.IEEEBinaryType.Binary
Type_UI1, False, True)

Dim dataSize As Integer = data.Length
Dim dumpname As String = "C:/temp/screendump1.jpg"
Using stream As New FileStream(dumpname, FileMode.Create,
FileAccess.Write)
  stream.Write(data, 0, dataSize)
End Using
```

Performing a File Operation

File operation is effective for the USB memory connected to the front panel USB connector, and performed by the :MMEM commands. Error occurs if an USB memory is not connected.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":MMEM:CAT?")    'Gets file catalog
s = ioObj.ReadString()

ioObj.WriteString(":MMEM:STOR:DATA ""test.dat""") 'Saves data
ioObj.WriteString("*OPC?") : s = ioObj.ReadString()

ioObj.WriteString(":MMEM:STOR:STAT ""test.sta""") 'Saves status
ioObj.WriteString("*OPC?") : s = ioObj.ReadString()

ioObj.WriteString(":MMEM:LOAD:STAT ""test.sta""")  'Loads status
```

Controlling the Source Output

This section describes how to control the source output of Agilent B2961A/B2962A.

- “Enabling the Source Output”
- “Setting the Source Output Mode”
- “Applying the DC Voltage/Current”
- “Stopping the Source Output”
- “Setting the Limit/Compliance Value”
- “Setting the Output Range”
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- “Enabling or Disabling the High Capacitance Mode”
- “Enabling or Disabling the Over Voltage/Current Protection”
- “Specifying the Output-Off Status”
- “Enabling or Disabling the Automatic Output-On Function”
- “Enabling or Disabling the Automatic Output-Off Function”
- “Using the Programmable Output Resistance Function”

NOTE The string `:SOUR` in the command string described in this manual can be omitted. For example, `:SOUR:VOLT` can be `:VOLT`.

Enabling the Source Output

Source output is enabled by the :OUTP ON command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP ON")
```

Setting the Source Output Mode

Source output mode is set by the :SOUR:FUNC:MODE command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:FUNC:MODE CURR") 'Current output
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:FUNC:MODE VOLT") 'Voltage output
```

Applying the DC Voltage/Current

DC current/voltage is immediately applied by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT> command during the source output is enabled.

If you want to control the DC current/voltage output timing using a trigger, use the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:TRIG command. See Figure 1-4.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:FUNC:MODE CURR")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:CURR 1E-3")     'Outputs 1 mA immediately

ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:FUNC:MODE VOLT")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:MODE FIX")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:TRIG 1")   'Outputs 1 V by a trigger
```

Stopping the Source Output

Source output is stopped and disabled by the :OUTP OFF command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP OFF")
```

Setting the Limit/Compliance Value

Limit/compliance is set by the :SENS:<CURR|VOLT>:PROT command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:CURR:PROT 0.1") '100 mA compliance
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:VOLT:PROT 10")  '10 V compliance
```

NOTE To set the positive limit and the negative limit individually

Use the :SENS:<CURR|VOLT>:PROT:POS command to set the positive limit and the :SENS:<CURR|VOLT>:PROT:NEG command to set the negative limit. Do not use the :SENS:<CURR|VOLT>:PROT command.

Setting the Output Range

Output range is set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:RANG command. And the auto range operation is enabled/disabled by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:RANG:AUTO command. The lower limit for the auto range operation is set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:RANG:AUTO:LLIM command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:RANG:AUTO OFF")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:RANG 20")          '20 V range fix

ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:RANG:AUTO ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:RANG:AUTO:LLIM 2") '2 V range limit
```

Setting the Pulse Output

Pulse output is set by the :SOUR:FUNC:SHAP PULS, :SOUR:PULS:DEL, and :SOUR:PULS:WIDT commands. See Figure 1-4.

Pulse base and peak values are set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT> command and the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:TRIG command respectively.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:FUNC:SHAP PULS")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:PULS:DEL 1E-3")  'Delay time 1 ms
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:PULS:WIDT 1E-3") 'Pulse width 1 ms
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT 0")         'Base 0 V
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:TRIG 1")     'Peak 1 V
```

NOTE Outputting the pulse voltage/current

Execute the :OUTP ON command to start outputting the pulse base value.

Execute the :INIT to perform the specified pulse output and measurement.

Setting the Arbitrary Waveform Output

Arbitrary waveform output is enabled by the :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB command. And the output waveform is set by the :SOUR:ARB commands. See Figures 1-1 and 1-2 for various waveforms and associated setup commands.

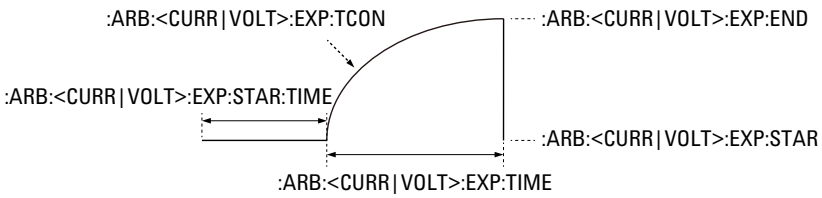
Waveform count is set by the :SOUR:ARB:COUN command.

Example

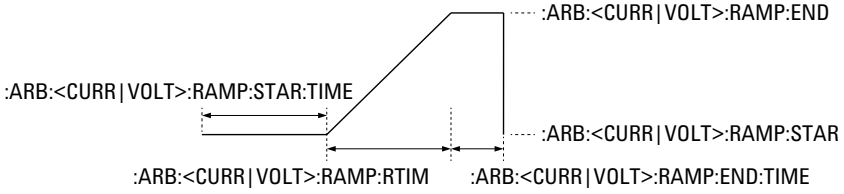
```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:MODE ARB")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:ARB:FUNC SIN")          'Sinusoidal wave
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:ARB:VOLT:SIN:AMPL 1")   'Amplitude 1 V
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:ARB:VOLT:SIN:OFFS 0")   'Offset 0 V
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:ARB:VOLT:SIN:FREQ 1")   'Frequency 1 Hz
```

Figure 1-1 **Variety of Arbitrary Waveforms, EXP, RAMP, SIN**

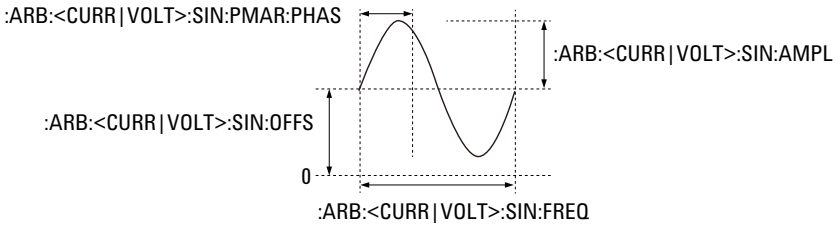
Exponential waveform :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB, :ARB:FUNC EXP



Ramp waveform :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB, :ARB:FUNC RAMP



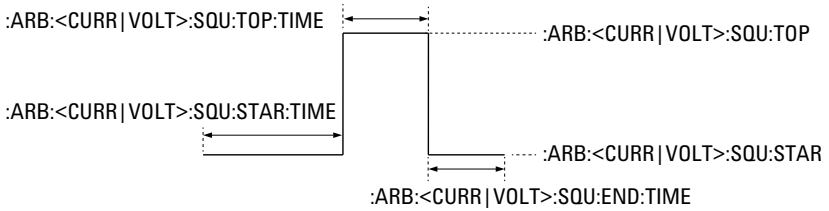
Sinusoidal waveform :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB, :ARB:FUNC SIN



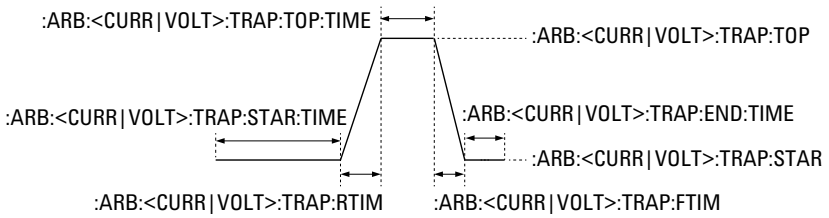
For all waveform, period must not exceed 1000 seconds.

Figure 1-2 **Variety of Arbitrary Waveforms, SQU, TRAP, TRI**

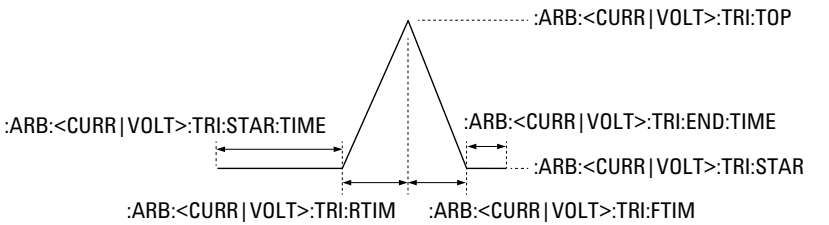
Square waveform :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB, :ARB:FUNC SQU



Trapezoidal waveform :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB, :ARB:FUNC TRAP



Triangle waveform :<CURR|VOLT>:MODE ARB, :ARB:FUNC TRI



For all waveform, period must not exceed 1000 seconds.

NOTE

To define your desired waveform

Use the :SOUR:ARB:<CURR|VOLT>:UDEF commands.

The :SOUR:ARB:<CURR|VOLT>:UDEF[:LEV] commands set the output level.

The :SOUR:ARB:<CURR|VOLT>:UDEF:TIME command sets the step time between adjacent points in a waveform.

Setting the Sweep Operation

For the variety of sweep output operation, see Figure 1-3.

Sweep direction, upward or downward is set by the :SOUR:SWE:DIR command.

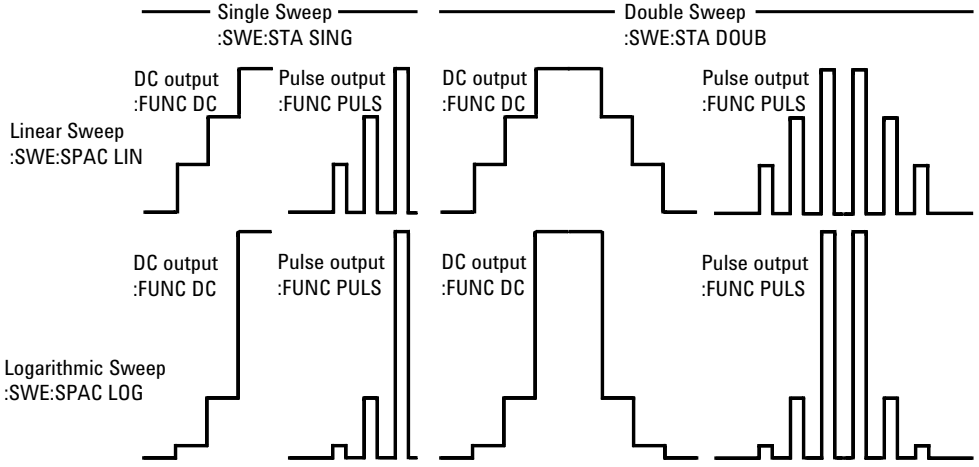
Sweep mode, single or double is set by the :SOUR:SWE:STA command.

Sweep spacing, linear or log is set by the :SOUR:SWE:SPAC command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:SWE:DIR DOWN")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:SWE:STA DOUB")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:SWE:SPAC LOG")
```

Figure 1-3 Variety of Sweep Outputs



Setting the Sweep Output

Staircase sweep output is set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:MODE SWE command, the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:<POIN|STEP> or :SOUR:SWE:POIN command, and the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:<STAR|STOP> or :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:<CENT|SPAN> command. See Figure 1-5.

Before performing the pulsed sweep output, it is necessary to set the staircase sweep output and pulse output. For details on setting the pulse output, see “Setting the Pulse Output” on page 1-12. Also see Figure 1-6.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:MODE SWE")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:STAR 0")  'Start 0 V
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:STOP 1")  'Stop 1 V
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:POIN 11")  '11 points
```

NOTE

Outputting the sweep voltage/current

Execute the :OUTP ON command to start outputting the value set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT> command.

Execute the :INIT to perform the specified sweep output and measurement.

Setting the Ranging Mode of the Sweep Source

Ranging mode of sweep source is set by the :SOUR:SWE:RANG command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:SWE:RANG BEST")  'Covers all LIN steps
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:SWE:RANG FIX")   'Not change
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:SWE:RANG AUTO")  'Auto for each step
```

Setting the List Sweep Output

List sweep output is set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT>:MODE LIST command and the :SOUR:LIST:<CURR|VOLT> command

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:VOLT:MODE LIST")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:LIST:VOLT 0,2,4,6,8,10,0")
```

NOTE

Outputting the list sweep voltage/current

Execute the :OUTP ON command to start outputting the value set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT> command.

Execute the :INIT to perform the specified list sweep output and measurement.

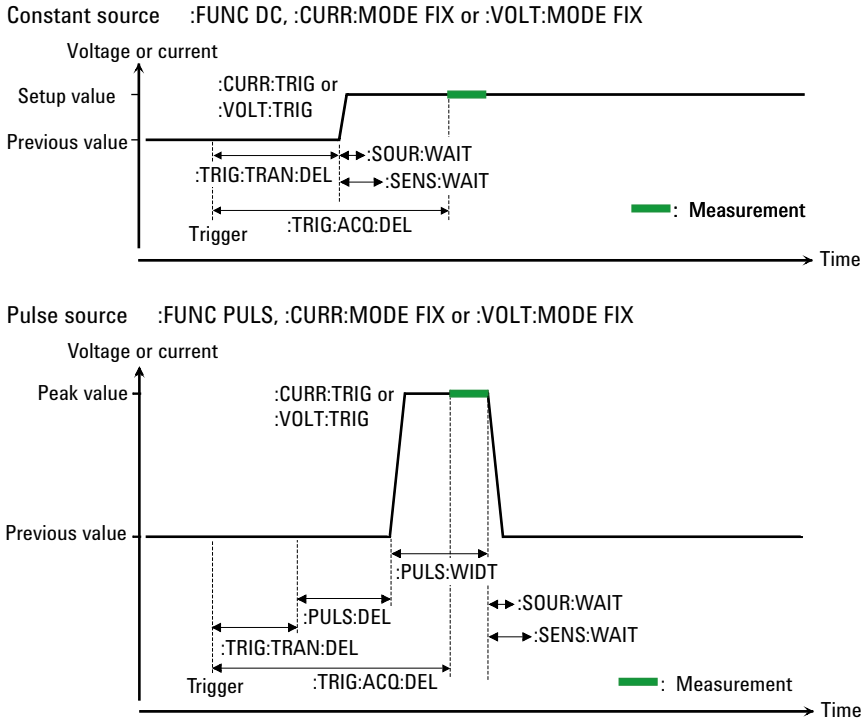
Setting the Source Output Trigger

Source output trigger is simply set by the :TRIG<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR, :TRIG<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM, :TRIG<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN, and :TRIG<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL commands. See Figure 1-4.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:SOUR TIM")
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:TIM 4E-3")       'Interval 4 ms
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:COUN 11")        '11 points
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:TRAN:DEL 1E-3")   'Source delay 1 ms
```

Figure 1-4 To Perform DC and Pulse Output and Spot Measurement



NOTE If you want to use arm trigger, use the :ARM<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR, :ARM<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM, :ARM<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN, and :ARM<:TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL commands. For more details, see *SCPI Command Reference*.

NOTE

If source channels are set as shown below, the source output starts simultaneously.

- Trigger source is set to the same mode.
- Delay time is set to the same value.
- Source output ranging mode is set to the fixed mode.
- Source wait time control is set to OFF.
- Measurement wait time control is set to OFF.
- Measurement ranging mode is set to the fixed mode.

Setting the Source Wait Time

Source wait time is set by the :SOUR:WAIT commands. See Figures 1-5 and 1-6 for the wait time.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT OFF")        'Wait = 0 s

ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT:AUTO OFF")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT:OFFS 10E-3") 'Wait = 10 ms

ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT:AUTO ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT:OFFS 10E-3")
ioObj.WriteString(":SOUR:WAIT:GAIN 1")'Wait = 10 ms + initial wait
```

Setting the Output Filter

Output filter is set by the :OUTP:FILT[:LPAS] commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:FILT ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:FILT:AUTO OFF")
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:FILT:FREQ 10E+3")  '10 kHz
```

Setting the External Filter

To use the N1294A-021/022 external filter, specify the filter type ULNF (N1294A-021 ultra low noise filter) or LNF (N1294A-022 low noise filter) by using the :OUTP:FILT:EXT:TYPE command and enable the external filter by using the :OUTP:FILT:EXT:STAT command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:FILT:EXT:TYPE LNF")  'N1294A-022 filter
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:FILT:EXT:STAT ON")    'Enables filter
```

Setting the Connection Type

Connection type, 2-wire or 4-wire is set by the :SENS:REM command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:REM ON")         '4-wire
```

Setting the Low Terminal State

Low terminal state, ground or floating is set by the :OUTP:LOW command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP OFF")
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:LOW GRO")       'Ground
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP ON")
```

Enabling or Disabling the High Capacitance Mode

High capacitance mode is set by the :OUTP:HCAP command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:HCAP ON")
```

Enabling or Disabling the Over Voltage/Current Protection

Over voltage/current protection is set by the :OUTP:PROT command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:PROT ON")
```

Specifying the Output-Off Status

Output-off status is set by the :OUTP:OFF:MODE command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:OFF:MODE ZERO")  'Zero volt
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:OFF:MODE HIZ")   'High impedance
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:OFF:MODE NORM")  'Normal
```

Enabling or Disabling the Automatic Output-On Function

Automatic output-on function is set by the :OUTP:ON:AUTO command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:ON:AUTO ON")
```

Enabling or Disabling the Automatic Output-Off Function

Automatic output-off function is set by the :OUTP:OFF:AUTO command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:OFF:AUTO ON")
```

Using the Programmable Output Resistance Function

The programmable output resistance function is set by the :OUTP:RES commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:MODE FIX")  'Sets fix mode
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:SER 1")     'Sets 1 ohm series R
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:STAT ON")   'Enables function

ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:MODE FIX")  'Sets fix mode
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:SHUN 50")   'Sets 50 ohm shunt R
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:STAT ON")   'Enables function

ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:MODE EMUL") 'Sets emulation mode
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:EMUL:VOLT 0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4,0.5,0.6,0.
7")            'Sets voltage list data for emulation table
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:EMUL:CURR 0.075,0.075,0.07,0.06,0.05
,0.03,0.01")   'Sets current list data for emulation table
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:EMUL:MODE CURR,CURR,CURR,VOLT,VOLT,V
OLT")          'Sets source type list data for emulation table
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP:RES:STAT ON")   'Enables function
```

Controlling the Measurement Function

This section describes how to control the measurement function of Agilent B2961A/B2962A.

- “Enabling the Measurement Channel”
- “Setting the Measurement Mode”
- “Enabling or Disabling the Resistance Compensation”
- “Performing Spot Measurement”
- “Setting the Measurement Speed”
- “Setting the Measurement Trigger”
- “Setting the Measurement Wait Time”
- “Performing Sweep Measurement”
- “Stopping Measurement”

Enabling the Measurement Channel

Measurement channel is enabled by the :OUTP ON command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP ON")
```

Setting the Measurement Mode

Measurement mode is set by the :SENS:FUNC commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:FUNC:ALL")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:FUNC:OFF ""RES""")

ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:FUNC:OFF:ALL")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:FUNC ""RES""")
```

Enabling or Disabling the Resistance Compensation

Resistance compensation is set by the :SENS:RES:OCOM command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:RES:OCOM ON")    'Enables compensation
```

Performing Spot Measurement

Spot measurement is performed by the :MEAS:<CURR|VOLT|RES>? command or the :MEAS? command. See Figure 1-4 for the spot measurement.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":MEAS:RES?")
```

```
ioObj.WriteString(":FORM:ELEM:SENS RES,STAT")
ioObj.WriteString(":MEAS?")
```

NOTE The :FORM:ELEM:SENS command is used to specify the data to obtain.

Setting the Measurement Speed

Measurement speed is set by the :SENS:<CURR|VOLT>:APER or :SENS:<CURR|VOLT>:NPLC command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:CURR:APER 1E-4")    '0.1 ms
```

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:CURR:NPLC 1")       '1 Power Line Cycle
```

Setting the Measurement Trigger

Measurement trigger is simply set by the :TRIG<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:SOUR, :TRIG<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:TIM, :TRIG<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:COUN, and :TRIG<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:DEL commands. See Figures 1-4, 1-5, and 1-6.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:SOUR TIM")
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:TIM 4E-3")       'Interval 4 ms
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:COUN 11")        '11 points
ioObj.WriteString(":TRIG:ACQ:DEL 2E-3")    'Meas delay 2 ms
```

NOTE If measurement channels are set as shown below, the measurement starts simultaneously.

- Trigger source is set to the same mode.
- Delay time is set to the same value.
- Measurement wait time control is set to OFF.
- Measurement ranging mode is set to the fixed mode.

NOTE If you want to use arm trigger, use the :ARM<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:SOUR, :ARM<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:TIM, :ARM<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:COUN, and :ARM<:ACQ | [:ALL]>:DEL commands. For more details, see *SCPI Command Reference*.

Figure 1-5 To Perform Staircase Sweep Output and Measurement

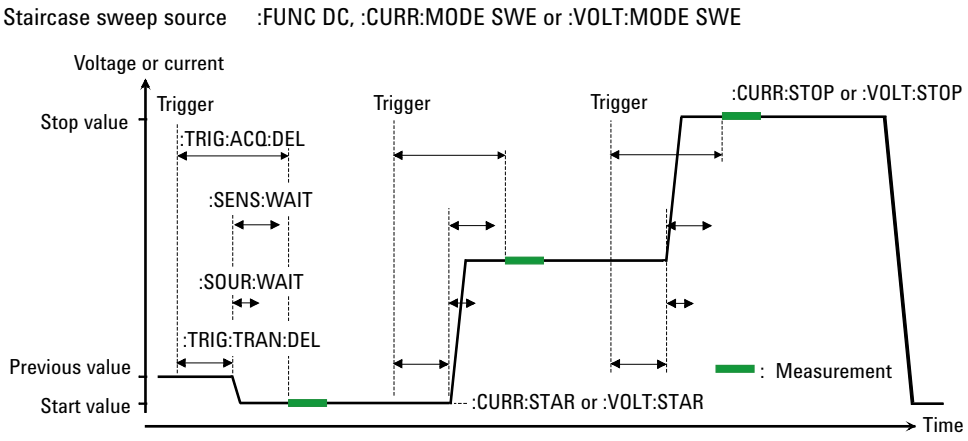
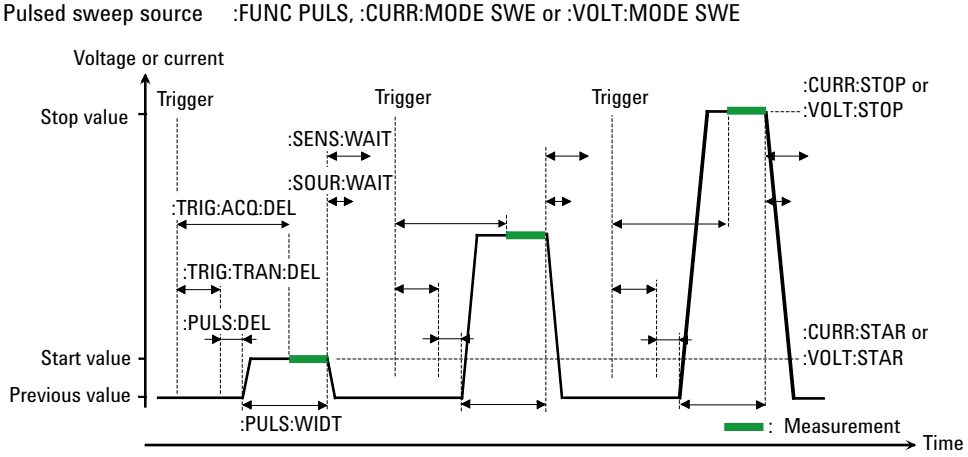


Figure 1-6 To Perform Pulsed Sweep Output and Measurement



Setting the Measurement Wait Time

Measurement wait time is set by the :SENS:WAIT commands. See Figures 1-5 and 1-6 for the wait time.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT OFF")        'Wait = 0 s

ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT:AUTO OFF")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT:OFFS 10E-3") 'Wait = 10 ms

ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT:AUTO ON")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT:OFFS 10E-3")
ioObj.WriteString(":SENS:WAIT:GAIN 1")'Wait = 10 ms + initial wait
```

Performing Sweep Measurement

Staircase sweep measurement is performed as shown below.

1. Set the staircase sweep source and the required source functions. For details, see “Controlling the Source Output” on page 1-10.
2. Set the required measurement functions. For details, see previous topics in this section.
3. Set the trigger condition. See “Setting the Source Output Trigger” on page 1-17 and “Setting the Measurement Trigger” on page 1-22.
4. Enable the channel. See “Enabling the Measurement Channel” on page 1-21.

   The channel starts output set by the :SOUR:<CURR|VOLT> command.
5. Execute the :INIT command to start measurement.

For the programming example, see “Staircase Sweep Output” on page 2-41.

NOTE To specify the data to obtain, use the :FORM:ELEM:SENS command for the measurement data or the :FORM:ELEM:CALC command for the calculation data.

Stopping Measurement

Measurement is stopped by the :OUTP OFF command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":OUTP OFF")
```

Using the Math Function

This section describes how to use the math function.

- “Defining a Mass Expression”
- “Deleting an User Defined Mass Expression”
- “Enabling or Disabling the Mass Function”
- “Reading Mass Result Data”

Defining a Mass Expression

Mass expression is defined by the :CALC:MATH[:EXPR] commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:NAME ""DiffV""")
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:DEF (SOUR-VOLT)")
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:UNIT ""V""")
```

Deleting an User Defined Mass Expression

Mass expression is deleted by the :CALC:MATH[:EXPR]:DEL commands. The commands do not delete the predefined mass expression.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:DEL ""DiffV""")   'Deletes DiffV
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:DEL:ALL")         'Deletes all
```

Enabling or Disabling the Mass Function

Mass function is set by the :CALC:MATH:STAT command.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:STAT ON")
```

Reading Mass Result Data

Mass result data is read by the :CALC:MATH:DATA? commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:DATA:LAT?")   'Latest data
ioObj.WriteString(":CALC:MATH:DATA?")       'All data
```

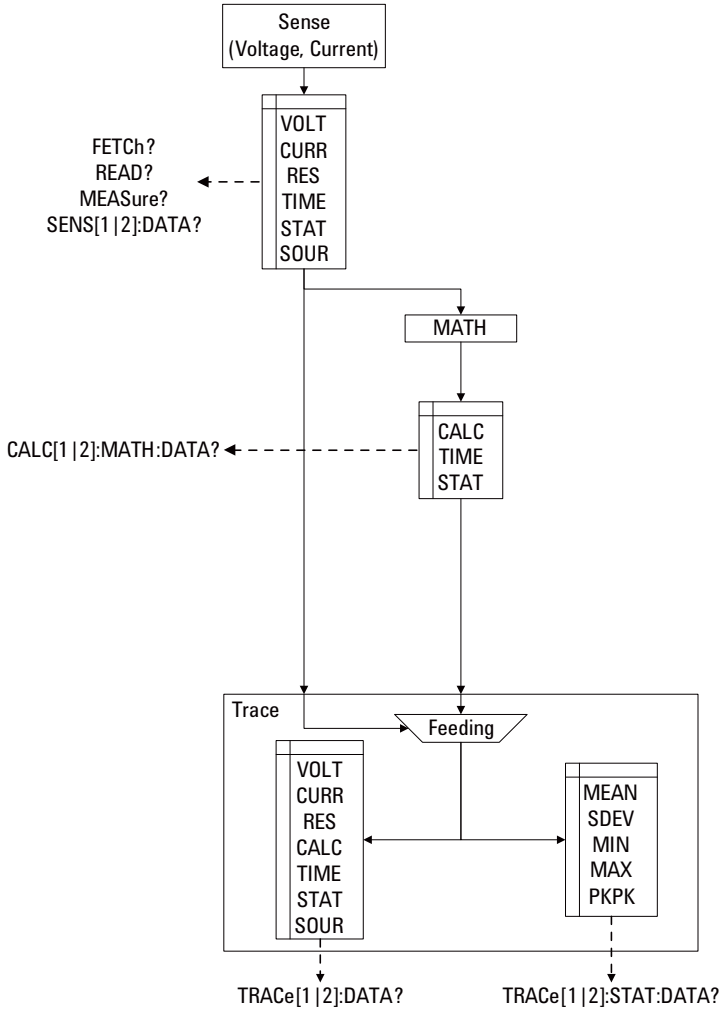
NOTE To specify the data to obtain, use the :FORM:ELEM:CALC command.

Using the Trace Buffer

This section describes how to use the trace buffer.

- “Setting the Trace Buffer”
- “Reading the Trace Data”

Figure 1-7 **Trace Buffer and Data Flow**



Setting the Trace Buffer

Trace buffer is set by the :TRAC commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:CLE")            'Clears trace buffer
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:POIN 1000")      'Sets buffer size
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:FEED SENS")      'Specifies data to feed
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:FEED:CONT NEXT") 'Enables write buffer
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:TST:FORM DELT")
```

NOTE

The :TRAC:TST:FORM command is used to specify the timestamp data format, delta (DELT) or absolute (ABS).

To specify the data to collect, use the :FORM:ELEM:SENS command for the measurement data or the :FORM:ELEM:CALC command for the calculation data.

Reading the Trace Data

All data in the trace buffer is read by the :TRAC:DATA? command.

Statistical data of the data stored in the trace buffer is read by the :TRAC:STAT:DATA? command. Previously, the type of the statistical data to read must be selected by the :TRAC:STAT:FORM command.

The :TRAC:STAT:FORM command selects one from the following statistical data.

- MEAN: Mean value
- SDEV: Standard deviation
- PKPK: Peak to peak value
- MIN: Minimum value
- MAX: Maximum value

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:DATA?")          'Reads all data

ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:STAT:FORM MEAN")
ioObj.WriteString(":TRAC:STAT:DATA?")     'Reads statistical data
```

Using Program Memory

This section describes how to use program memory.

- “Defining a Memory Program”
- “Deleting a Program”
- “Controlling the Program Operation”

Defining a Memory Program

Memory program is defined by the :PROG:NAME and :PROG:DEF commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:NAME ""sample""")
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:DEF #213:OUTP:STAT ON") 'Definite length

ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:NAME ""sample1""")
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:DEF #0:OUTP:STAT ON") 'Indefinite length
```

Deleting a Program

Memory program is deleted by the :PROG:DEL commands.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:DEL:ALL")          'Deletes all

ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:NAME ""sample1""")
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:DEL")              'Deletes sample1
```

Controlling the Program Operation

Memory program is controlled by the :PROG:NAME command and the :PROG:EXEC or :PROG:STAT command. The :PROG[:SEL]:STAT command needs a parameter used to control the operation or change the status. The parameter must be RUN to change the status to running, PAUS to change it to paused, CONT to change it from paused to running, STOP to change it to stopped, or STEP to perform step execution.

Example

```
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:NAME ""sample""")
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:EXEC")
ioObj.WriteString("*OPC?") : s = ioObj.ReadString()

ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:NAME ""sample""")
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:STAT RUN")
ioObj.WriteString("*OPC?") : s = ioObj.ReadString()
ioObj.WriteString(":PROG:STAT STOP")
```

2 Programming Examples

This chapter provides the following sections which explain programming example.

- “Preparations”
- “DC Output”
- “Pulse Output”
- “Exponential Wave Output”
- “Ramp Wave Output”
- “Sinusoidal Wave Output”
- “Square Wave Output”
- “Trapezoidal Wave Output”
- “Triangle Wave Output”
- “User Defined Waveform Output”
- “Staircase Sweep Output”
- “Pulsed Sweep Output”
- “List Sweep Output”
- “Pulsed List Sweep Output”
- “Using Program Memory”
- “Reading Binary Data”

NOTE

About Numeric Suffix

Command header may be accompanied by a numeric suffix *c* for specifying the instrument channel. *c* must be 1 for using the channel 1, or 2 for using the channel 2. Abbreviating *c* gives the same result as specifying 1.

For example, the :OUTP ON command and the :OUTP1 ON command enable the channel 1, and the :OUTP2 ON command enables the channel 2.

NOTE

About Example Program Code

Example programs described in this section have been written in the Microsoft Visual Basic .NET language. The examples are provided as a subprogram that can be run with the project template shown in Table 2-1. To run the program, insert the example subprogram or your subprogram instead of the B2960control subprogram in the template.

Preparations

This section provides the basic information for programming of the automatic measurement using the Agilent B2961A/B2962A, Agilent IO Libraries, and Microsoft Visual Basic .NET.

- "To Create Your Project Template"
- "To Create Control Program"

NOTE To execute the example programs in this chapter, you need to install Agilent GPIB interface, Agilent IO Libraries Suite, and Microsoft Visual Basic .NET on your computer.

To Create Your Project Template

Before starting programming, create your project template, and keep it as your reference. It will remove the conventional task in the future programming. This section explains how to create a project template.

Step 1. Connect Agilent B2961A/B2962A (e.g. GPIB address 23) to the computer via GPIB.

Step 2. Launch Visual Basic .NET and create a new project. The project type should be Console Application to simplify the programming.

Step 3. Add the following references to the project.

- VISA COM 3.0 Type Library
- Ivi.Visa.Interop
- System.IO

Step 4. Open a module (e.g. Module1.vb) in the project. And enter a program code as template. See Table 2-1 for example.

Step 5. Save the project as your template (e.g. \B2960\my_temp).

NOTE To Start Program

If you create the control program by using the example code shown in Table 2-1, the program can be run by clicking the Run button on the Visual Basic main window.

To Create Control Program

Create the control program as shown below. The following procedure needs your project template. If the procedure does not fit your programming environment, arrange it to suit your environment.

Step 1. Plan the automatic measurements. Then decide the following items:

- Source mode, voltage or current
- Source function

  Arbitrary waveform, DC output, pulsed output, staircase sweep, your desired waveform, and so on.
- Number of waves/repetitions, and trigger timing
- Device under test and parameters/characteristics to measure, optional

Step 2. Make a copy of your project template (e.g. \B2960\my_temp to \B2960\source\my_temp).

Step 3. Rename the copy (e.g. \B2960\source\my_temp to \B2960\source\wave1).

Step 4. Launch Visual Basic .NET.

Step 5. Open the project (e.g. \B2960\source\wave1).

Step 6. Open the module that contains the template code as shown in Table 2-1. On the code window, complete the B2960control subprogram.

Step 7. Optionally, insert the code to display, store, or calculate data into the subprogram.

Step 8. Save the project (e.g. \B2960\source\wave1).

Table 2-1 Example Template Program Code

```
Module Module1

  Sub Main()                                                                    '1
    Dim rm As Ivi.Visa.Interop.ResourceManager
    Dim ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488
    Dim ifAddress As String = "23"
    Dim filename As String = ""
    Dim filedata As String = "Result: "
    Dim s As String = ""

    Try                                                                         '9
      rm = New Ivi.Visa.Interop.ResourceManager
      ioObj = New Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488
      Try
        ioObj.IO = rm.Open("GPIB0::" + ifAddress + "::INSTR")
        ioObj.IO.Timeout = 60000
        ioObj.IO.TerminationCharacter = 10
        ioObj.IO.TerminationCharacterEnabled = True
      Catch ex As Exception
        Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
      End Try

      B2960control(ioObj, s, filename)                                          '21
      Console.Write(filedata + s)
      MsgBox("Click OK to close the console window.", vbOKOnly, "")

      FileOpen(1, filename, OpenMode.Output, OpenAccess.Write, OpenShare.LockReadW
rite)                                                                           '25
      Print(1, filedata + s)
      FileClose(1)

      ioObj.IO.Close()                                                          '29
      System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(ioObj)
      System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(rm)
    Catch ex As Exception
      Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
    End Try
  End Sub

  Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As Stri
ng, ByRef filename As String)                                                   '37
  filename = "C:/temp/exdata1.txt"
  End Sub

End Module
```

Line	Description
1 to 8	Beginning of the Main subprogram. And defines the variables used in this program.
9 to 20	Establishes the connection with the instrument specified by the GPIB address ifAddress=23 on the interface GPIB0.

```
Module Module1

  Sub Main()                                                                    '1
    Dim rm As Ivi.Visa.Interop.ResourceManager
    Dim ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488
    Dim ifAddress As String = "23"
    Dim filename As String = ""
    Dim filedata As String = "Result: "
    Dim s As String = ""

    Try                                                                         '9
      rm = New Ivi.Visa.Interop.ResourceManager
      ioObj = New Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488
      Try
        ioObj.IO = rm.Open("GPIB0::" + ifAddress + "::INSTR")
        ioObj.IO.Timeout = 60000
        ioObj.IO.TerminationCharacter = 10
        ioObj.IO.TerminationCharacterEnabled = True
      Catch ex As Exception
        Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
      End Try

      B2960control(ioObj, s, filename)                                          '21
      Console.Write(filedata + s)
      MsgBox("Click OK to close the console window.", vbOKOnly, "")

      FileOpen(1, filename, OpenMode.Output, OpenAccess.Write, OpenShare.LockReadW
rite)                                                                           '25
      Print(1, filedata + s)
      FileClose(1)

      ioObj.IO.Close()                                                          '29
      System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(ioObj)
      System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(rm)
    Catch ex As Exception
      Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
    End Try
  End Sub

  Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As Stri
ng, ByRef filename As String)                                                   '37
  filename = "C:/temp/exdata1.txt"
  End Sub

End Module
```

Line	Description
21 to 23	Calls the B2960control subprogram. And displays the example data in a console window.
25 to 27	Saves the data to a file specified by filename.
29 to 35	Breaks the connection with the instrument specified by ifAddress=23.
37 to 39	B2960control subprogram. Instrument control program code should be entered here.

DC Output

A program example of DC output is shown in Table 2-2. This example is used to apply voltage and measure current.

DC output and measurement can be performed by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Sets source output range	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG:AUTO <ON | OFF>
	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG *value*
Sets source output value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c value*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates measurement and reads result data (latest data)	:MEAS? [*chanlist*]
	:MEAS:*func*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-2 DC Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/FixedDc1.txt"                                          ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage output to 0.1 V                                          ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt 0.1")

    ’ Set 100 mA fixed-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                 ’11
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ’ Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                              ’20

  Try ’ Initiate measurement and retrieve measurement result                 ’22
    ioObj.WriteString(":meas:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 8	Sets the voltage source function. And sets the source value to 0.1 V.
11 to 13	Sets the current measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
20	Enables the channel. And starts DC output.
22 to 24	Performs measurement and reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +9.000000E-05
```

Pulse Output

A program example of pulse output is shown in Table 2-3. This example is used to apply pulsed voltage and measure current three times.

Pulse output and measurement can be performed by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Sets pulse output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC[:SHAP] PULS
Sets source output range	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG:AUTO <ON | OFF>
	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG *value*
Sets source output value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c value*
Sets pulse peak value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:TRIG *value*
Sets pulse delay time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:PULS:DEL *time*
Sets pulse width	[:SOUR[*c*]]:PULS:WIDT *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]

Function	Command
Reads result data (latest data)	:FETC[:SCAL]? [*chanlist*]
	:FETC[:SCAL]:*type*? [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR? [*chanlist*]
	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-3 Pulse Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/FixedPulse1.txt"                                          ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage pulse output
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")                                   ’7
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:shap puls")

    ’ Set base/peak voltages to 0.0/0.1 V
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt 0")                                          ’11
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:trig 0.1")

    ’ Set delay/width to 500 us/1 ms
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:puls:del 0.5e-3")                                 ’15
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:puls:widt 1.0e-3")

    ’ Set 100 mA fixed-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                   ’19
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:aper 1e-4")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ’ Adjust trigger timing parameters
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:del 1.5e-3")                                 ’24
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:del 2.9e-3")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
7 to 8	Sets the voltage source function. And sets the pulse output function.
11 to 12	Sets the pulse base voltage and the pulse peak voltage.
15 to 16	Sets the pulse delay time and the pulse width.
19 to 21	Sets the current measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 ms and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
24 to 25	Sets the transient (source) delay time and the acquire (measurement) delay time.

```
    ' Generate 3 triggers in 4 ms period
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour tim")                                    '28
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tim 4e-3")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 3")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '37

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '40

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '42
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
28 to 30	Sets the timer trigger source. And sets the trigger interval to 4 ms, and the trigger count to 3. The B2961A/B2962A will perform the pulsed spot measurement three times.
37	Enables the channel. And starts source output.
40	Starts pulse output and pulsed spot measurement.
42 to 44	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +9.000000E-05,+9.000000E-05,+9.000000E-05
```

Exponential Wave Output

A program example of exponential wave output is shown in Table 2-4. This example is used to apply exponential wave voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the exponential wave.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects exponential wave output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC EXP
Sets exponential wave start level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:EXP:STAR *level*
Sets exponential wave end level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:EXP:END *level*
Sets exponential wave start time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:EXP:STAR:TIME *time*
Sets time constant	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:EXP:TCON *value*
Sets exponential wave output time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:EXP:TIME *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC “*func*”[, “*func*”[, “*func*”]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-4 Exponential Wave Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/ExponentialWaveform1.txt"                                    '2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ' Reset

  Try ' Set exponential wave voltage output                                        '6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func exp")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:exp:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:exp:end 5")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:exp:star:time 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:exp:tcon 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:exp:time 0.9")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                       '16
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                            '21
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 14	Sets the exponential wave output voltage from 0 V to 5 V and the time parameters. See Figure 1-1 for the relation between the commands and the waveform.
16 to 19	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
22 to 23	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
24 to 26	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '28
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '33

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '36

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '38
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
33	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
36	Starts the exponential wave output and monitor.
38 to 40	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000
E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.0
00000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+1.800000E-02,+2.610000E-01
,+4.920000E-01,+7.120000E-01,+9.210000E-01,+1.120000E+00,+1.30900
0E+00,+1.489000E+00,+1.660000E+00,+1.823000E+00,+1.978000E+00,+2.
125000E+00,+2.266000E+00,+2.399000E+00,+2.526000E+00,+2.646000E+0
0,+2.761000E+00,+2.870000E+00,+2.974000E+00,+3.073000E+00,+3.1670
00E+00,+3.256000E+00,+3.341000E+00,+3.422000E+00,+3.499000E+00,+3
.572000E+00,+3.642000E+00,+3.708000E+00,+3.771000E+00,+3.831000E+
00,+3.888000E+00,+3.942000E+00,+3.994000E+00,+4.043000E+00,+4.090
000E+00,+4.134000E+00,+4.176000E+00,+4.217000E+00,+4.255000E+00,+
4.291000E+00,+4.326000E+00,+4.359000E+00,+4.390000E+00,+4.420000E
+00,+4.448000E+00,+4.475000E+00,+4.500000E+00,+4.525000E+00,+4.54
8000E+00,+4.570000E+00,+4.591000E+00,+4.611000E+00,+4.630000E+00,
+4.648000E+00,+4.665000E+00,+4.681000E+00,+4.697000E+00,+4.712000
E+00,+4.726000E+00,+4.739000E+00,+4.752000E+00,+4.764000E+00,+4.7
76000E+00,+4.786000E+00,+4.797000E+00,+4.807000E+00,+4.816000E+00
,+4.825000E+00,+4.834000E+00,+4.842000E+00,+4.850000E+00,+4.85700
0E+00,+4.864000E+00,+4.870000E+00,+4.877000E+00,+4.883000E+00,+4.
889000E+00,+4.894000E+00,+4.899000E+00,+4.904000E+00,+4.909000E+0
0,+4.913000E+00,+4.917000E+00,+4.921000E+00,+4.925000E+00,+4.9290
00E+00,+4.932000E+00,+4.936000E+00
```

Ramp Wave Output

A program example of ramp wave output is shown in Table 2-5. This example is used to apply ramp wave voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the ramp wave.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects ramp wave output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC RAMP
Sets ramp wave start level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:RAMP:STAR *level*
Sets ramp wave end level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:RAMP:END *level*
Sets ramp wave start time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:RAMP:STAR:TIME *time*
Sets ramp wave ramp time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:RAMP:RTIM *time*
Sets ramp wave end time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:RAMP:END:TIME *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC “*func*”[, “*func*”[, “*func*”]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-5 Ramp Wave Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/RampWaveform1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ' Set ramp wave voltage output                                        ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func ramp")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:ramp:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:ramp:end 5")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:ramp:star:time 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:ramp:rtime 0.4")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:ramp:end:time 0.4")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                 ’16
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                       ’21
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 14	Sets the ramp wave output voltage from 0 V to 5 V and the time parameters. See Figure 1-1 for the relation between the commands and the waveform.
16 to 19	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
22 to 23	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
24 to 26	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '28
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '33

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '36

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '38
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
33	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
36	Starts the ramp wave output and monitor.
38 to 40	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000
E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.0
00000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00
,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.00000
0E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+8.
100000E-02,+2.060000E-01,+3.310000E-01,+4.560000E-01,+5.810000E-0
1,+7.060000E-01,+8.310000E-01,+9.560000E-01,+1.081000E+00,+1.2060
00E+00,+1.331000E+00,+1.456000E+00,+1.581000E+00,+1.706000E+00,+1
.831000E+00,+1.956000E+00,+2.081000E+00,+2.206000E+00,+2.331000E+
00,+2.456000E+00,+2.580000E+00,+2.705000E+00,+2.830000E+00,+2.955
000E+00,+3.080000E+00,+3.205000E+00,+3.330000E+00,+3.455000E+00,+
3.580000E+00,+3.705000E+00,+3.830000E+00,+3.955000E+00,+4.080000E
+00,+4.205000E+00,+4.330000E+00,+4.455000E+00,+4.580000E+00,+4.70
5000E+00,+4.830000E+00,+4.955000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,
+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000
E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.0
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000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+0
0,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.0000
00E+00,+5.000000E+00,+5.000000E+00
```

Sinusoidal Wave Output

A program example of sinusoidal wave output is shown in Table 2-6. This example is used to apply sinusoidal wave voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the sinusoidal wave.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects sinusoidal wave output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC SIN
Sets sinusoidal wave signal level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SIN:AMPL *level*
Sets sinusoidal wave frequency	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SIN:FREQ *frequency*
Sets offset value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SIN:OFFS *value*
Sets phase marker	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SIN:PMAR:PHAS *value*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-6 Sinusoidal Wave Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/SinusoidalWaveform1.txt"                                    '2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ' Reset

  Try ' Set sinusoidal wave voltage output                                        '6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func sin")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:sin:ampl 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:sin:freq 1")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                       '13
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                            '18
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 11	Sets the sinusoidal wave output with the signal level 1 V and the frequency 1 Hz. See Figure 1-1 for the relation between the commands and the waveform.
13 to 16	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
19 to 20	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
21 to 23	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '25
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '30

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '33

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '35
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
30	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
33	Starts the sinusoidal wave output and monitor.
35 to 37	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+3.450000E-02,+9.720000
E-02,+1.595000E-01,+2.212000E-01,+2.820000E-01,+3.417000E-01,+4.0
00000E-01,+4.568000E-01,+5.117000E-01,+5.647000E-01,+6.154000E-01
,+6.637000E-01,+7.093000E-01,+7.522000E-01,+7.921000E-01,+8.28800
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612000E-01,+9.766000E-01,+9.882000E-01,+9.958000E-01,+9.996000E-0
1,+9.994000E-01,+9.953000E-01,+9.872000E-01,+9.752000E-01,+9.5940
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1,-5.595000E-01,-5.064000E-01,-4.512000E-01,-3.943000E-01,-3.3580
00E-01,-2.760000E-01,-2.151000E-01
```

Square Wave Output

A program example of square wave output is shown in Table 2-7. This example is used to apply square wave voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the square wave.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects square wave output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC SQU
Sets square wave start level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SQU:STAR *level*
Sets square wave top level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SQU:TOP *level*
Sets square wave start time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SQU:STAR:TIME *time*
Sets square wave top time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SQU:TOP:TIME *time*
Sets square wave end time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:SQU:END:TIME *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-7 Square Wave Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/SquareWaveform1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ' Set square wave voltage output                                        ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func squ")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:squ:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:squ:top 5")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:squ:star:time 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:squ:top:time 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:squ:end:time 0.2")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                   ’16
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                        ’21
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 14	Sets the square wave output voltage and the time parameters. See Figure 1-2 for the relation between the commands and the waveform.
16 to 19	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
22 to 23	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
24 to 26	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '28
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '33

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '36

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '38
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
33	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
36	Starts the square wave output and monitor.
38 to 40	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000
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```

Trapezoidal Wave Output

A program example of trapezoidal wave output is shown in Table 2-8. This example is used to apply trapezoidal wave voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the trapezoidal wave.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects trapezoidal wave output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC TRAP
Sets trapezoidal wave start level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:STAR *level*
Sets trapezoidal wave top level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:TOP *level*
Sets trapezoidal wave start time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:STAR:TIME *time*
Sets trapezoidal wave rise time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:RTIM *value*
Sets trapezoidal wave top time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:TOP:TIME *time*
Sets trapezoidal wave fall time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:FTIM *value*
Sets trapezoidal wave end time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRAP:END:TIME *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC “*func*”[, “*func*”[, “*func*”]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*

Function	Command
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-8 Trapezoidal Wave Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/TrapezoidalWaveform1.txt"                                  '2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ' Reset

  Try ' Set trapezoidal wave voltage output                                      '6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func trap")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:top 5")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:star:time 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:rtim 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:top:time 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:ftim 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:trap:end:time 0.2")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                      '18
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                           '23
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 16	Sets the trapezoidal wave output voltage and the time parameters. See Figure 1-2 for the relation between the commands and the waveform.
18 to 21	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
24 to 25	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
26 to 28	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '30
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '35

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '38

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '40
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
35	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
38	Starts the trapezoidal wave output and monitor.
40 to 42	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000
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```

Triangle Wave Output

A program example of triangle wave output is shown in Table 2-9. This example is used to apply triangle wave voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the triangle wave.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects triangle wave output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC TRI
Sets triangle wave start level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRI:STAR *level*
Sets triangle wave top level	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRI:TOP *level*
Sets triangle wave start time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRI:STAR:TIME *time*
Sets triangle wave rise time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRI:RTIM *value*
Sets triangle wave fall time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRI:FTIM *value*
Sets triangle wave end time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:TRI:END:TIME *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC “*func*”[, “*func*”[, “*func*”]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*

Function	Command
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-9 Triangle Wave Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/TriangleWaveform1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ' Set triangle wave voltage output                                        ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func tri")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:tri:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:tri:top 5")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:tri:star:time 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:tri:rtim 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:tri:ftim 0.2")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:tri:end:time 0.2")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                     ’17
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                          ’22
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 15	Sets the triangle wave output voltage and the time parameters. See Figure 1-2 for the relation between the commands and the waveform.
17 to 20	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
23 to 24	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
25 to 27	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '29
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '34

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '37

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '39
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
34	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
37	Starts the triangle wave output and monitor.
39 to 41	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000
E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.0
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```

User Defined Waveform Output

A program example of user defined waveform output is shown in Table 2-10. This example is used to apply voltage and monitor the output voltage.

The following commands are used to apply and monitor the user defined waveform.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Selects arbitrary waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE ARB
Selects user defined waveform output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:FUNC UDEF
Sets data list used to create an user defined waveform	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:UDEF *list*
Adds data to the list	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:UDEF:APP *list*
Gets the number of data in the list	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:UDEF:POIN *value*
Sets interval between each list data	[:SOUR[*c*]]:ARB:*v-or-c*:UDEF:TIME *interval*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

list is data list used to create an user defined waveform. It must be a comma separated values, such as `0,1,0,-1,0`. This example contains five data.

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-10 User Defined Waveform Output Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/UserDefinedWaveform1.txt"                                  '2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ' Reset

  Try ' Set user defined waveform voltage output                                 '6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode arb")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:func udef")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:udef 0,1,0,-1,0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:arb:volt:udef:time 0.2")

  ' Set voltage measurement                                                      '13
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""volt""")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

  ' Generate triggers                                                           '18
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:coun 1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:sour aint")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:coun 100")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:sour timer")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:tim 0.01")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 11	Sets the the user defined waveform voltage output. The `:sour:arb:volt:udef` command sets the list of the output levels separated by a comma. The `:sour:arb:volt:udef:time` command sets the interval for changing the output level.
13 to 16	Sets the voltage measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
19 to 20	Sets the transient trigger. Source output will be triggered once.
21 to 23	Sets the acquire trigger. Output monitor will be triggered 100 times in 10 ms interval.

```
  Catch ex As Exception                                                    '25
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '30

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '33

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '35
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
30	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
33	Starts the user defined waveform output and monitor.
35 to 37	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result:
+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000E+00,+0.000000
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```

Staircase Sweep Output

A program example of staircase sweep measurements is shown in Table 2-11. This example is used to apply sweep voltage and measure current at each sweep step.

Staircase sweep measurements can be performed by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Sets sweep output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE SWE
Sets output range when starting sweep	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG *value*
Sets source output value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c value*
Sets sweep start or stop value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:<STAR | STOP> *value*
Sets sweep center or span value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:<CENT | SPAN> *value*
Sets sweep step value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:STEP *value*
Sets number of sweep steps	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:POIN *value*
	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:POIN *value*
Selects sweep source ranging mode	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:RANG <BEST | FIX | AUTO>
Selects sweep direction	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:DIR <UP | DOWN>
Selects sweep linear or log	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:SPAC <LIN | LOG>
Selects sweep single or double	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:STA <SING | DOUB>
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC “*func*”[, “*func*”[, “*func*”]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*

Function	Command
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR? [*chanlist*]
	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +0.000000E+00,+2.000000E-05,+4.000000E-05,+6.000000E-05,+
9.000000E-05
```

Table 2-11 Staircase Sweep Measurement Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/StaircaseSweep1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage output from 0 V to 0.1 V, 5 steps                         ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode swe")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:stop 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:poin 5")

    ’ Set auto-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                  ’14
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ’ Generate 5 triggers by automatic internal algorithm
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour aint")                                      ’19
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 5")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ’ Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                               ’27

  ’ Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                             ’30

  Try ’ Retrieve measurement result                                           ’32
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 11	Sets the voltage sweep output function. And sets the sweep output from 0 to 0.1 V in 0.02 V step (5 points).
14 to 16	Sets the current measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A. Auto range is ON with the default setting.

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/StaircaseSweep1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage output from 0 V to 0.1 V, 5 steps                         ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode swe")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:stop 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:poin 5")

    ’ Set auto-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                  ’14
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ’ Generate 5 triggers by automatic internal algorithm
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour aint")                                      ’19
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 5")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ’ Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                               ’27

  ’ Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                             ’30

  Try ’ Retrieve measurement result                                           ’32
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
19 to 20	Sets the trigger source to AINT (automatic trigger). And sets the trigger count to 5 to perform a 5-step staircase sweep measurement.
27	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
30	Starts staircase sweep measurement.
32 to 34	Reads the measurement result data.

Pulsed Sweep Output

A program example of pulsed sweep measurements is shown in Table 2-12. This example is used to apply pulsed sweep voltage and measure current at each sweep step.

Pulsed sweep measurements can be performed by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Sets pulse output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC[:SHAP] PULS
Sets sweep output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE SWE
Sets output range when starting sweep	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG *value*
Sets source output value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c value*
Sets sweep start or stop value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:<STAR | STOP> *value*
Sets sweep center or span value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:<CENT | SPAN> *value*
Sets sweep step value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:STEP *value*
Sets number of sweep steps	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:POIN *value*
	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:POIN *value*
Sets pulse delay time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:PULS:DEL *time*
Sets pulse width	[:SOUR[*c*]]:PULS:WIDT *time*
Selects sweep source ranging mode	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:RANG <BEST | FIX | AUTO>
Selects sweep direction	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:DIR <UP | DOWN>
Selects sweep linear or log	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:SPAC <LIN | LOG>
Selects sweep single or double	[:SOUR[*c*]]:SWE:STA <SING | DOUB>
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]

Function	Command
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR? [*chanlist*]
	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-12 Pulsed Sweep Measurement Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/StaircasePulsedSweep1.txt"                              ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage output from 0 V to 0.1 V, 5 steps                         ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:shap puls")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode swe")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:star 0")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:stop 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:poin 5")

    ’ Set delay/width to 500 us/1 ms
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:puls:del 0.5e-3")                                ’15
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:puls:widt 1.0e-3")

    ’ Set 100 mA fixed-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                  ’19
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:aper 1e-4")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ’ Adjust trigger timing parameters
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:del 1.5e-3")                                ’24
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:del 2.9e-3")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 12	Sets the voltage pulse sweep output function. And sets the sweep output from 0 to 0.1 V in 0.02 V step (5 points).
15 to 16	Sets the pulse delay time and the pulse width.
19 to 21	Sets the current measurement function and the 100 mA fixed range measurement. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 ms and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
24 to 25	Sets the transient (source) delay time and the acquire (measurement) delay time.

```
    ' Generate 5 triggers in 4 ms period
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour tim")                                    '28
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tim 4e-3")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 5")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '37

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '40

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '42
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
28 to 30	Sets the timer trigger source. And sets the trigger interval to 4 ms, and the trigger count to 5 to perform a 5-step pulsed sweep measurement.
37	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
40	Starts pulsed sweep measurement.
42 to 44	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +0.000000E+00,+2.000000E-05,+4.000000E-05,+6.000000E-05,+9.000000E-05
```

List Sweep Output

A program example of list sweep measurements is shown in Table 2-13. This example is used to apply sweep voltage and measure current at each sweep step.

List sweep measurements can be performed by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Sets list sweep output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE LIST
Sets source output range	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG:AUTO <ON | OFF>
	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG *value*
Sets source output value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c value*
Sets list sweep output values	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c values*
Adds list sweep output values to the end of the present setting	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c*:APP *values*
Specifies the list sweep start point	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c*:STAR *start_index*
Asks the number of sweep points	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c*:POIN?
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*

Function	Command
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR? [*chanlist*]
	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-13 List Sweep Measurement Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/ListSweep1.txt"                                          ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage output to 0.03, 0.06, and 0.1 V                            ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode list")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:list:volt 0.03,0.06,0.1")

    ’ Set auto-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                   ’12
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ’ Generate 3 triggers by automatic internal algorithm
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour aint")                                       ’17
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 3")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ’ Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                                ’25

  ’ Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                              ’28

  Try ’ Retrieve measurement result                                            ’30
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 9	Sets the voltage list sweep output function. And sets the list sweep output 0.03 V, 0.06 V, and 0.1 V (3 points).
12 to 14	Sets the current measurement function. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 PLC and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A. Auto range is ON with the default setting.

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/ListSweep1.txt"                                          '2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ' Reset

  Try ' Set voltage output to 0.03, 0.06, and 0.1 V                            '6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode list")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:list:volt 0.03,0.06,0.1")

    ' Set auto-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                   '12
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:nplc 0.1")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ' Generate 3 triggers by automatic internal algorithm
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour aint")                                       '17
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 3")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                                '25

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                              '28

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                            '30
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
17 to 18	Sets the trigger source to AINT (automatic trigger). And sets the trigger count to 3 to perform a 3-point list sweep measurement.
25	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
28	Starts list sweep measurement.
30 to 32	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +2.000000E-05,+5.000000E-05,+9.000000E-05
```

Pulsed List Sweep Output

A program example of pulsed list sweep measurements is shown in Table 2-14. This example is used to apply pulsed sweep voltage and measure current at each sweep step.

Pulsed list sweep measurements can be performed by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Selects source function	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC:MODE *v-or-c*
Sets pulse output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:FUNC[:SHAP] PULS
Sets list sweep output	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:MODE LIST
Sets source output range	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG:AUTO <ON | OFF>
	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c*:RANG *value*
Sets source output value	[:SOUR[*c*]]:*v-or-c value*
Sets list sweep output values	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c values*
Adds list sweep output values to the end of the present setting	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c*:APP *values*
Specifies the list sweep start point	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c*:STAR *start_index*
Asks the number of sweep points	[:SOUR[*c*]]:LIST:*v-or-c*:POIN?
Sets pulse delay time	[:SOUR[*c*]]:PULS:DEL *time*
Sets pulse width	[:SOUR[*c*]]:PULS:WIDT *time*
Sets measurement function	:SENS[*c*]:FUNC "*func*"[, "*func*"[, "*func*"]]
Sets aperture time in seconds or by using NPLC value	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:APER *time*
	:SENS[*c*]:*func2*:NPLC *value*
Sets limit (compliance) value	:SENS[*c*]:*v-or-c*:PROT *value*
Selects trigger source	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:SOUR *source*

Function	Command
Sets interval of timer trigger	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:TIM *time*
Sets trigger count	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:COUN *value*
Sets trigger delay time	:TRIG[*c*]<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]>:DEL *time*
Enables/disables channel	:OUTP[*c*] <ON | OFF>
Initiates specified action	:INIT<:ACQ | :TRAN | [:ALL]> [*chanlist*]
Reads result data (array data)	:FETC:ARR? [*chanlist*]
	:FETC:ARR:*type*? [*chanlist*]

v-or-c is VOLT for voltage source or limit (compliance), or CURR for current source or limit (compliance).

func is VOLT for voltage measurement, CURR for current measurement, or RES for resistance measurement.

func2 is VOLT for voltage measurement or CURR for current measurement.

source is AINT for the automatic trigger, BUS for the remote interface trigger command, TIM for the internal timer, INT*n* for a signal from the internal bus (*n*=1 or 2), EXT*m* for a signal from the GPIO pin *m* (*m*=1 to 14), or LAN for the LXI trigger.

type is VOLT for voltage data, CURR for current data, RES for resistance data, SOUR for source output data, STAT for status data, or TIME for time data.

chanlist is (@1) for selecting the channel 1 only, (@2) for selecting the channel 2 only, or (@1,2), (@1:2), (@2,1), or (@2:1) for selecting both channels 1 and 2. Abbreviating this parameter sets *chanlist*=(@1) for the 1-channel models, and *chanlist*=(@1,2) for the 2-channel models.

Table 2-14 Pulsed List Sweep Measurement Example

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/ListPulsedSweep1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Set voltage output to 0.03, 0.06, and 0.1 V                            ’6
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:mode volt")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:func:shap puls")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:volt:mode list")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:list:volt 0.03,0.06,0.1")

    ’ Set delay/width to 500 us/1 ms
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:puls:del 0.5e-3")                                 ’13
    ioObj.WriteString(":sour:puls:widt 1.0e-3")

    ’ Set 100 mA fixed-range current measurement
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:func ""curr""")                                   ’17
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:aper 1e-4")
    ioObj.WriteString(":sens:curr:prot 0.1")

    ’ Adjust trigger timing parameters
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tran:del 1.5e-3")                                 ’22
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:acq:del 2.9e-3")
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 10	Sets the voltage pulse list sweep output function. And sets the pulsed list sweep output 0.03 V, 0.06 V, and 0.1 V (3 points). Pulse base value is 0 V with the default setting.
13 to 14	Sets the pulse delay time and the pulse width.
17 to 19	Sets the current measurement function and the 100 mA fixed range measurement. And sets the aperture time to 0.1 ms and the current limit (compliance) value to 0.1 A.
22 to 23	Sets the transient (source) delay time and the acquire (measurement) delay time.

```
    ' Generate 3 triggers in 4 ms period
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:sour tim")                                    '26
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:tim 4e-3")
    ioObj.WriteString(":trig:coun 3")

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try

  ' Turn on output switch
  ioObj.WriteString(":outp on")                                            '35

  ' Initiate transition and acquire
  ioObj.WriteString(":init (@1)")                                          '38

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                        '40
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetc:arr:curr? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
26 to 28	Sets the timer trigger source. And sets the trigger interval to 4 ms, and the trigger count to 3 to perform a 3-point pulsed list sweep measurement.
35	Enables the channel. And starts source output (0 V with the default setting).
38	Starts pulsed list sweep measurement.
40 to 42	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +2.000000E-05,+5.000000E-05,+9.000000E-05
```

Using Program Memory

A program example for using program memory is shown in Table 2-15. This example is used to store a program in the program memory and execute it.

Program memory can be set and controlled by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Returns the names of all programs defined in the program memory	:PROG:CAT?
Specifies memory program	:PROG:NAME “*name*”
Defines memory program [a]	:PROG:DEF *program_code*
Adds program code to the end of the memory program [a]	:PROG:APP *program_code*
Sets a value to the variable specified by *n* [b]	:PROG:VAR*n* “*value*”
Executes memory program [a]	:PROG:EXEC
Changes status of memory program [a]	:PROG:STAT *operation*
Blocks other commands until the program execution status changes to Paused or Stopped [a]	:PROG:WAIT? *timeout_in_seconds*
Deletes a memory program [a]	:PROG:DEL
Deletes all memory programs	:PROG:DEL:ALL

a. This function is effective for the memory program previously specified by the :PROG:NAME command.
b. Variables can be used in the memory program. They must be expressed as %*n*% (*n*: integer. 1 to 100) in the memory program.

operation is RUN to change to the running status, PAUS to change to the paused status, CONT to change to the running status, STOP to change to the stopped status, or STEP to perform step execution.

Table 2-15 Example to Use Program Memory

```
Sub B2960control(ByVal ioObj As Ivi.Visa.Interop.FormattedIO488, ByRef s As String,
ByRef filename As String)
  filename = "C:/temp/ProgramMemory1.txt"                                    ’2

  ioObj.WriteString("*RST") ’ Reset

  Try ’ Build program                                                        ’6
    Dim program As String = ""
    program = ":sour:func:mode curr\n"
    program += ":sour:curr:mode swe\n"
    program += ":sour:curr:star 0.0\n"
    program += ":sour:curr:stop 40e-3\n"
    program += ":sour:curr:poin 21\n"
    program += ":sens:func ""volt""\n"
    program += ":sens:curr:nplc 0.1\n"
    program += ":arm:coun 1\n"
    program += ":trig:coun 21\n"
    program += ":outp 1\n"
    program += ":init (@1)\n"

    ’ Get program length
    Dim sProgramLength As String = String.Format("{0:#}", program.Length)    ’21

    ioObj.WriteString(":prog:name ""sample""")                               ’23
    ioObj.WriteString(":prog:def #" + sProgramLength.Length.ToString() +
sProgramLength + program)

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
```

Line	Description
2	Defines the file name used for saving the result data.
4	Resets the B2961A/B2962A.
6 to 18	Enters program code to the “program” variable. The program is for performing current source voltage measure sweep measurement from 0 A to 40 mA, 21 points, with the aperture time 0.1 PLC.
21	Gets the program length (number of characters in the “program” variable).
23 to 24	Stores the program code to the program memory as the program name “sample”.

```
  ' Run program
  ioObj.WriteString(":prog:stat run")                                    '31

  ' Wait for operation complete
  ioObj.WriteString("*OPC?")                                             '34
  s = ioObj.ReadString()
  Console.Write("*OPC?: " + s)
  Console.WriteLine()

  Try ' Retrieve measurement result                                      '39
    ioObj.WriteString(":fetch:arr:volt? (@1)")
    s = ioObj.ReadString()

  Catch ex As Exception
    Console.WriteLine("An error occurred: " + ex.Message)
  End Try
End Sub
```

Line	Description
31	Executes the memory program.
34 to 37	Waits for operation complete. And write “*OPC?: 1” on the console window when the operation is completed.
39 to 41	Reads the measurement result data.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: +5.200000E-03,+6.643000E-01,+1.931000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+
2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E
+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.00
0000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,
+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00,+2.000000E+00
```

Reading Binary Data

A program example for reading binary data is shown in Table 2-16. This example is used to read data in the ASCII format and the 8-byte binary format.

For performing a staircase sweep measurement, replace the program code from lines 32 to 38 shown in Table 2-11 with the code shown in Table 2-16.

Data output format can be controlled by using the following commands.

Function	Command
Sets the data output format	:FORM[:DATA] *format*
Sets byte order of binary data	:FORM:BORD *byte_order*

format is ASC for the ASCII data output format, REAL,32 for the IEEE-754 single precision format (4-byte data), or REAL,64 for the IEEE-754 double precision format (8-byte data).

byte_order is NORM for the normal byte order from byte 1 to byte 4 or 8, or SWAP for the reverse byte order from byte 4 or 8 to byte 1.

Measurement Result Example

```
Result: V (V), I (A), Time (sec), Status: 0,0,0.022718,41600.025,
2E-05,0.025817,41600.05,4E-05,0.02878,41600.075,6E-05,0.031722,41
600.1,9E-05,0.034668,4160
```

Table 2-16 Example to Read Binary Data

```
' Select measure data elements
ioObj.WriteString(":form:elem:sens volt,curr,time,stat")                    '2

' Retrieve measurement result & Output measurement result(Ascii format)     '4
ioObj.WriteString(":form asc")
ioObj.WriteString(":fetch:arr? (@1)")
Dim numOfElem As Integer = 4 'V, I, Time, Status
Dim data(numOfElem * trigCount - 1)
data = ioObj.ReadList(Ivi.Visa.Interop.IEEEASCIIType.ASCIIType_Any, ",")

Dim value As String = "V (V), I (A), Time (sec), Status: "
s = value
Console.WriteLine("ASCII format")
Console.WriteLine(value)
For i = LBound(data) To UBound(data)
  If (i + 1) Mod numOfElem = 0 Then
    Console.WriteLine(data(i).ToString())
    s = s + data(i).ToString()
  Else
    Console.Write(data(i).ToString() + ",")
    s = s + data(i).ToString() + ","
  End If
Next

Console.WriteLine()

' Retrieve measurement result & Output measurement result(Real64 format)    '27
Console.WriteLine("REAL64 format")
Console.WriteLine(value)
ioObj.WriteString(":form real,64")
ioObj.WriteString(":fetch:arr? (@1)")
Dim data64
data64 = ioObj.ReadIEEEBlock(Ivi.Visa.Interop.IEEEBinaryType.BinaryType_R8, False,
True)
For i = LBound(data64) To UBound(data64)
  If (i + 1) Mod numOfElem = 0 Then
    Console.WriteLine(data64(i).ToString())
  Else
    Console.Write(data64(i).ToString() + ",")
  End If
Next
Console.WriteLine()
```

Line	Description
2	Specifies the data to return. This example selects voltage measurement data, current measurement data, time data, and status data.
4 to 23	Reads the measurement result data in the ASCII format.
27 to 40	Reads the measurement result data in the REAL,64 format.