

EECS 373

Midterm 2 Review

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Topics

- Timers
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- Sampling, ADCs, DACs
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- Prototyping
- Memory
- PCBs
- Power consumption, temperature, and reliability
- Motors and driving them
- Analog interface circuits

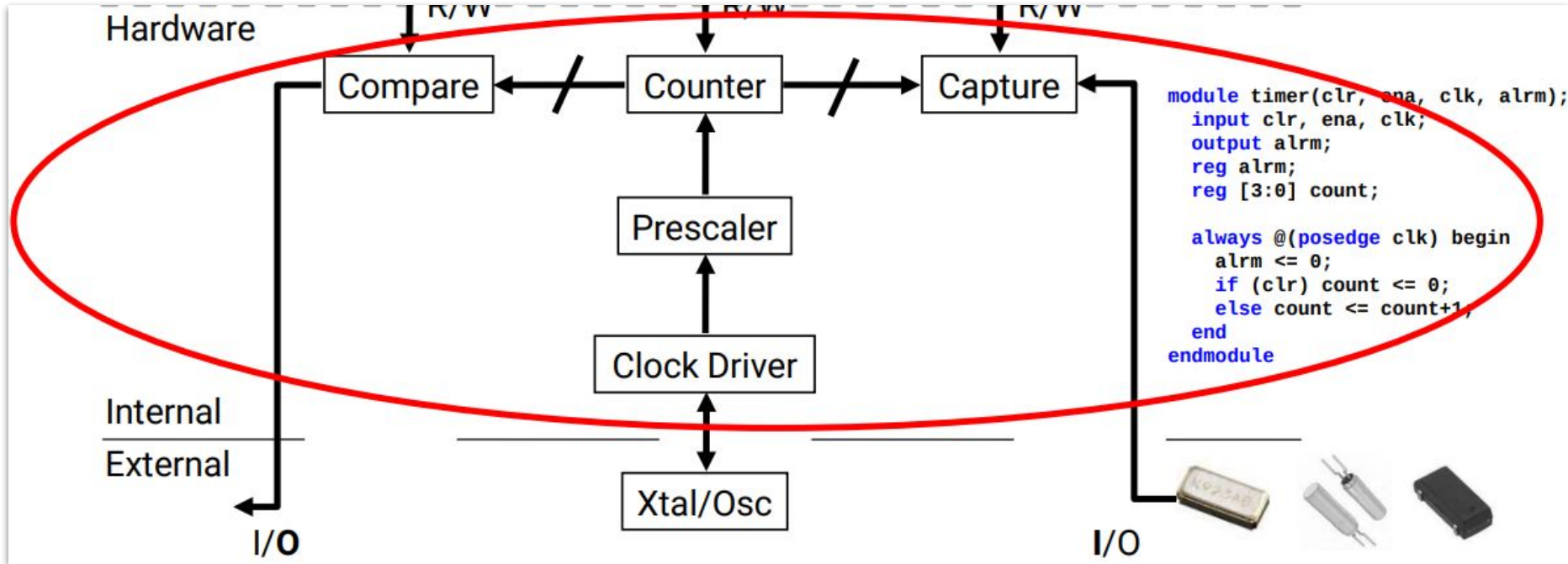
Timers

- Better than software loop-based delays
- Allow for more precise timing, delays, and control
- Two basic uses for timers:
 - Measure how long something takes - “Capture”
 - Have something happen once or every X time period - “Compare”
- Virtual Timers
 - We can make one hardware timer look like multiple timers through software
- PWM
 - Prescaler, CCR, ARR

Timers

- **Period**
 - Time between successive pulses.
- **Duty Cycle**
 - Percentage of time signal is “on”.
- **Prescaler**
 - Number that is used to divide the clock to produce counter frequency.
- **ARR**
 - Auto Reload Register. Used to determine period (treat is as overflow / max value).
- **CCR**
 - Capture & Compare Register. Used to trigger an event (e.g. duty cycle).

Timers

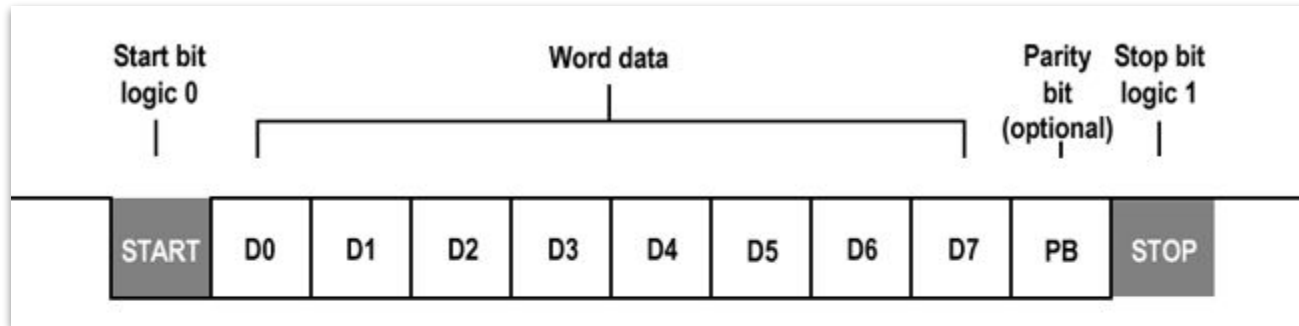


Serial Communication

- Send data one bit at a time (serially).
- Asynchronous vs synchronous communication protocols
 - Asynchronous protocols (e.g. UART, CAN) do not use a clock signal to synchronize data signals.
 - Synchronous protocols (e.g. I2C, SPI) use a clock signal to synchronize data signals.
- Methods of dealing with multiple bus drivers
 - Tri-State Buffers
 - MUX
 - Open collector (pull-up, wired OR)

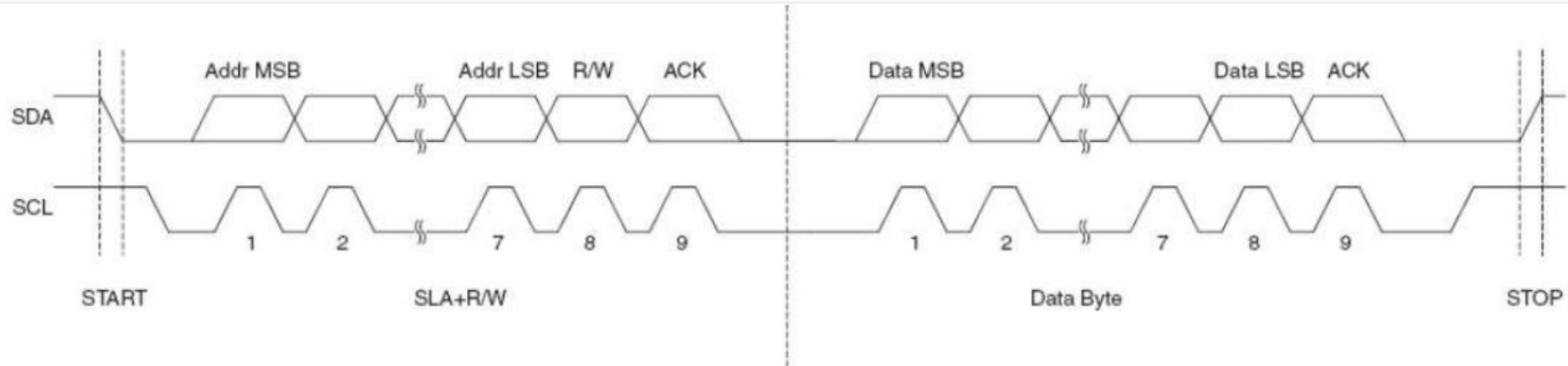
Serial Communication - UART

- Wires are RXD and TXD. Sometimes RTS and CTS for flow control (e.g., RS-232).
- UART is push-pull type (not open-drain). Default high. Asynchronous.
- Communication between two devices only. Need to agree on parity and baud rate.
- Transmission is the following: Logic low start bit, data bits, parity bit, logic high stop bit.



Serial Communication - I2C

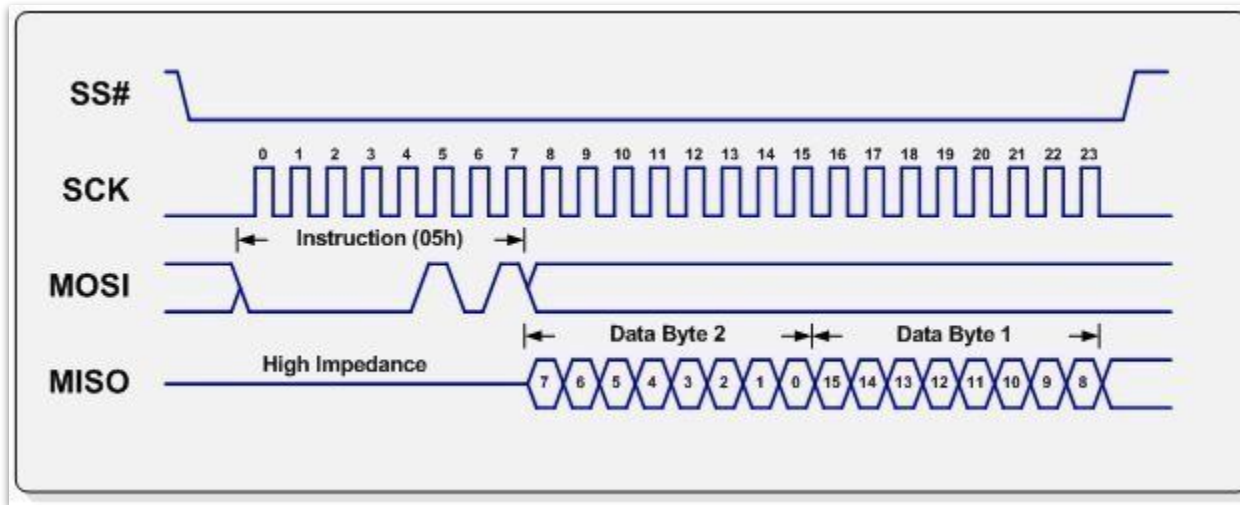
- Wires are SDA and SCL (2).
- I2C is open-collector. Default high. Synchronous.
- Multi-leader, multi-follower. Addressing is used. 1 is read. 0 is ack.
- Transmission is the following: Leader initiates, start, address, data, ack, stop.



Source: ATmega8 Handbook

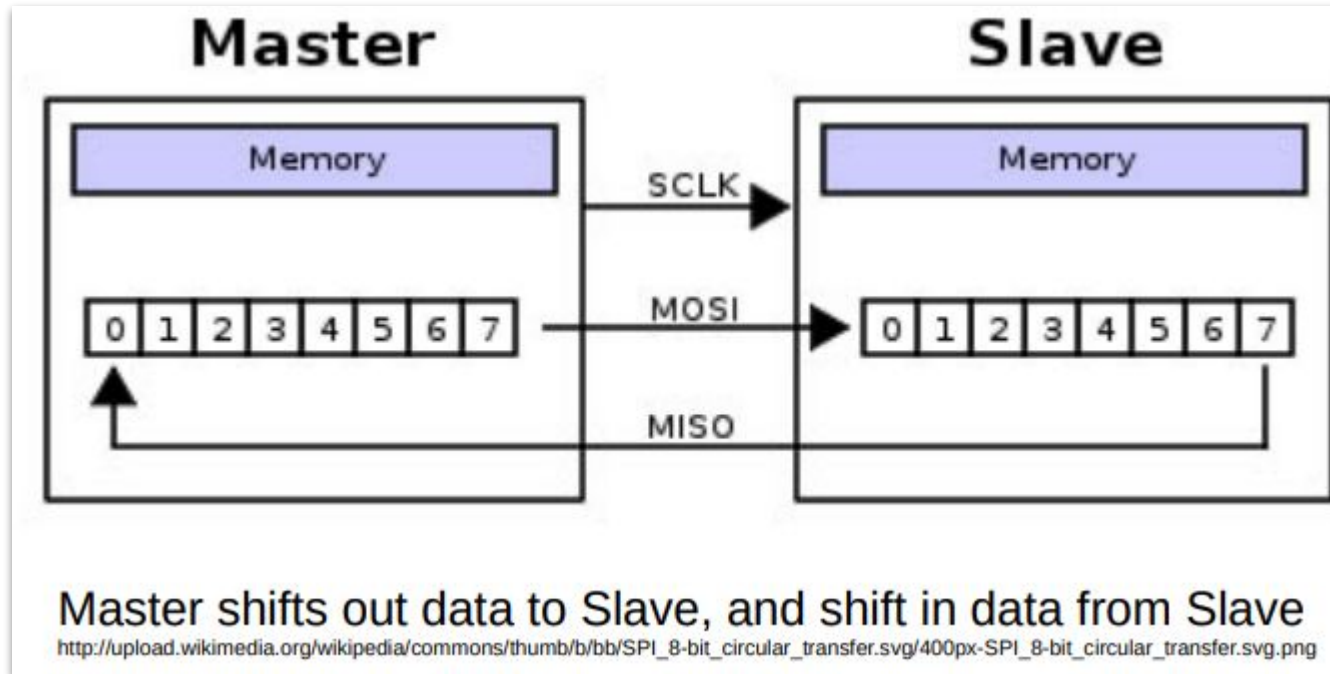
Serial Communication - SPI

- Wires are MOSI, MISO, SCLK, SS (Minimum 4).
- SPI is push-pull. Synchronous.
- Single master, multiple slaves. Slave select line is used to select device.
- Transmission is the following: Master generates SCLK, shift registers move in and out data.



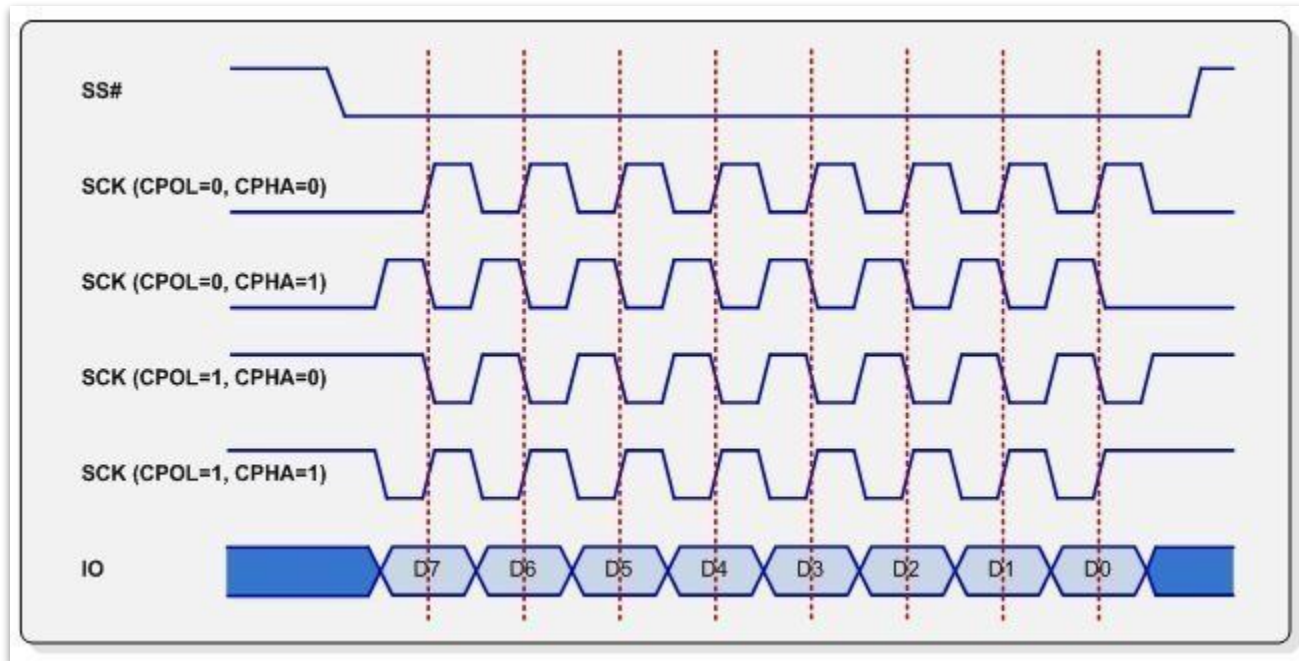
Serial Communication - SPI

- Shifting protocol



Serial Communication - SPI

- Clock polarity (CPOL) and clock phase (CPHA).



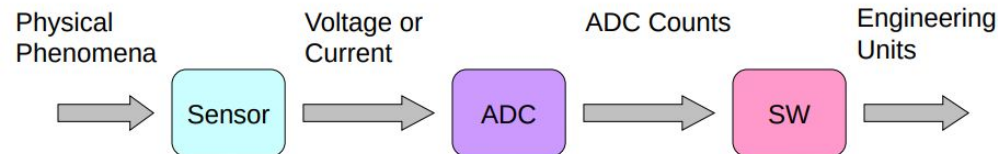
Sampling, ADCs, DACs

- Many sensors are effectively analog
- Need to process these with computers
- Solution is ADC

- Goal

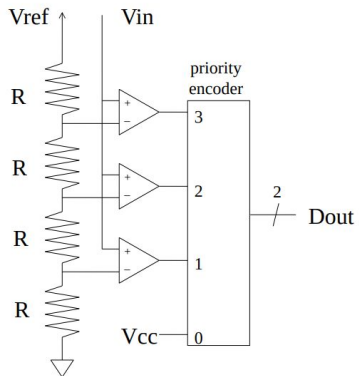


- Process



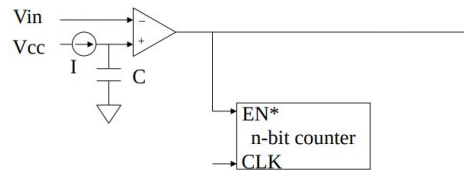
ADC Types

ADC #1: flash



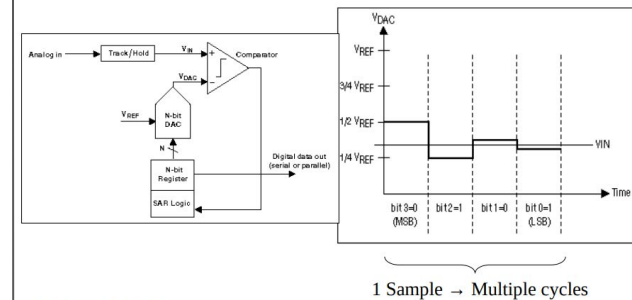
- Compare input with linear range of voltages.
- Use priority encoder.
- Only leave on highest input bit.
 - 001111111 → 001000000.
- Convert input bit index to binary number.
 - 001000000 → 110
 - Noting that 000000000 → 000.
- Huge: $O(2^n)$.

ADC #2: single-slope integration



- Start: Reset counter, discharge C.
- Charge C at fixed current I until $V_c > V_{in}$.
- Final counter value is Dout.
- Slow: $O(2n)$.
 - Conversion may take several milliseconds.
- Good differential linearity (dI/dO).
- Absolute linearity depends on precision of C, I, and clock.

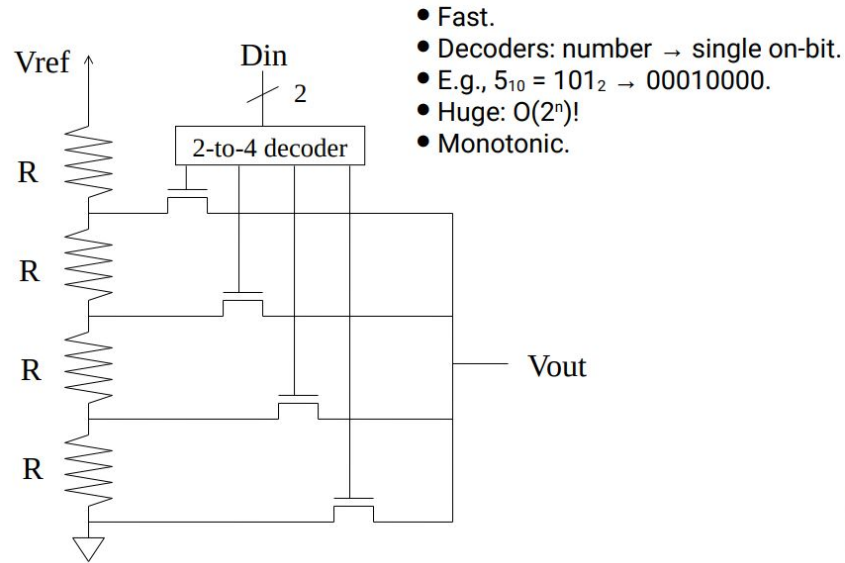
ADC #3: successive approximation



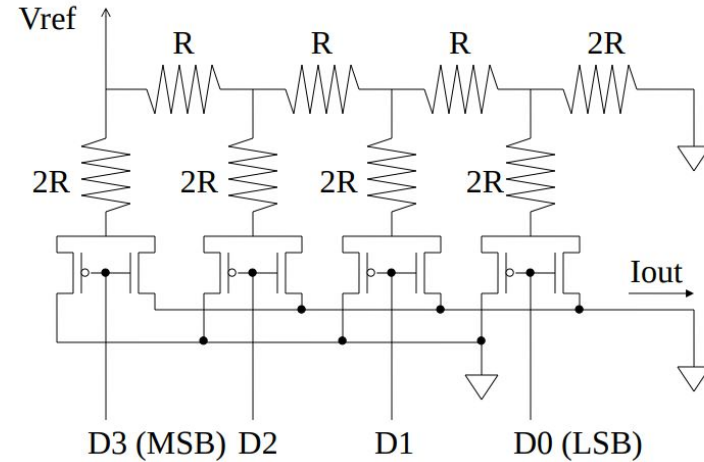
- Uses DAC for guessing.
- Somewhat fast: $O(n)$.
- Goes from MSB to LSB.

Types of DACs

DAC #1: voltage divider



DAC #2: R/2R ladder



- Small: $O(n)$.
- Monotonicity? (Consider 0111 \rightarrow 1000)

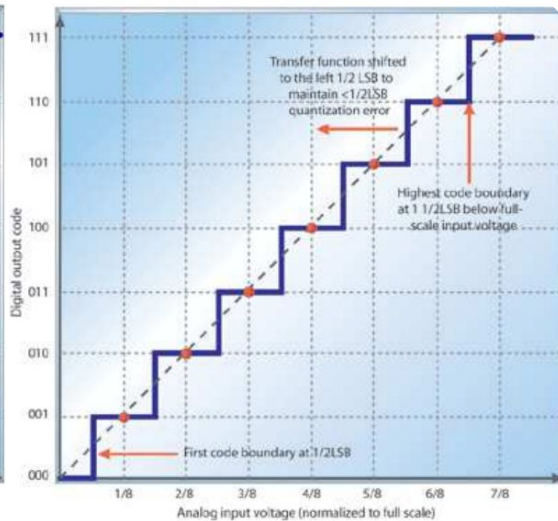
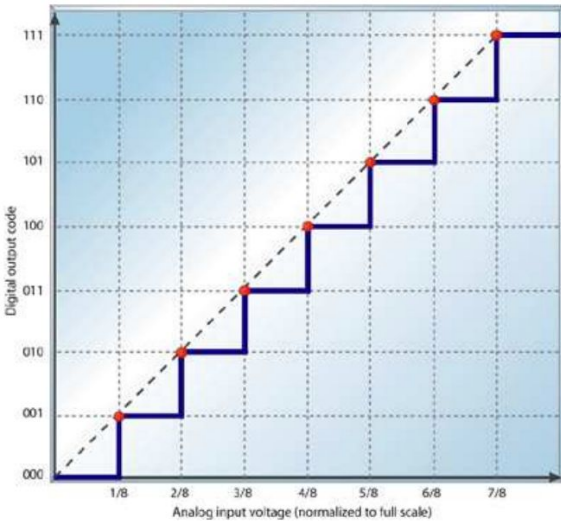
Sampling

- Types of Error:
 - Quantization Error
 - Error inherent to the quantization found in digital bits
 - Sampling (Timing) Error
 - Shannon-Nyquist Theorem: $f_{\text{sample}} > f_{\text{N}} = 2 \cdot f_{\text{max}}$
 - NonLinearity, Offset, and Gain Error
 - Error due to variations from ideal electrical characteristics

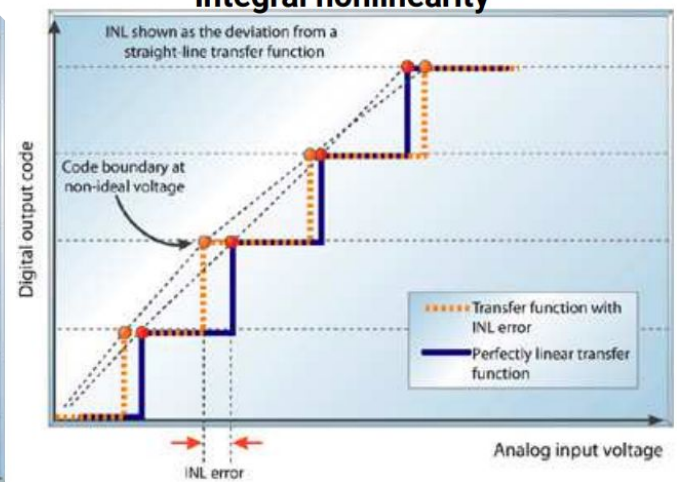
Sampling (cont.)



Built-in 1/2 LSB error corrected

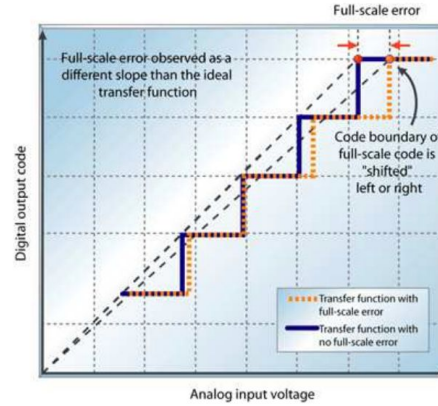
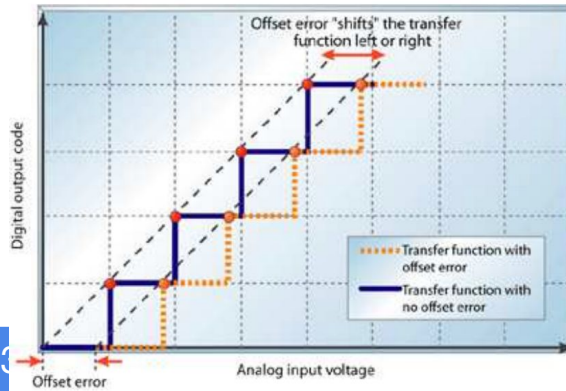


Integral nonlinearity



Offset error

Full-scale error is also sometimes called "gain error"



Datasheets

- Important Information on Datasheets
 - Cover page
 - Features, Applications, General Description
 - Conceptual Schematic Diagram and pinout
 - Physical and electrical characteristics
 - Output range and transfer functions (Graphs)
 - Register mapping
 - Example circuits

Prototyping

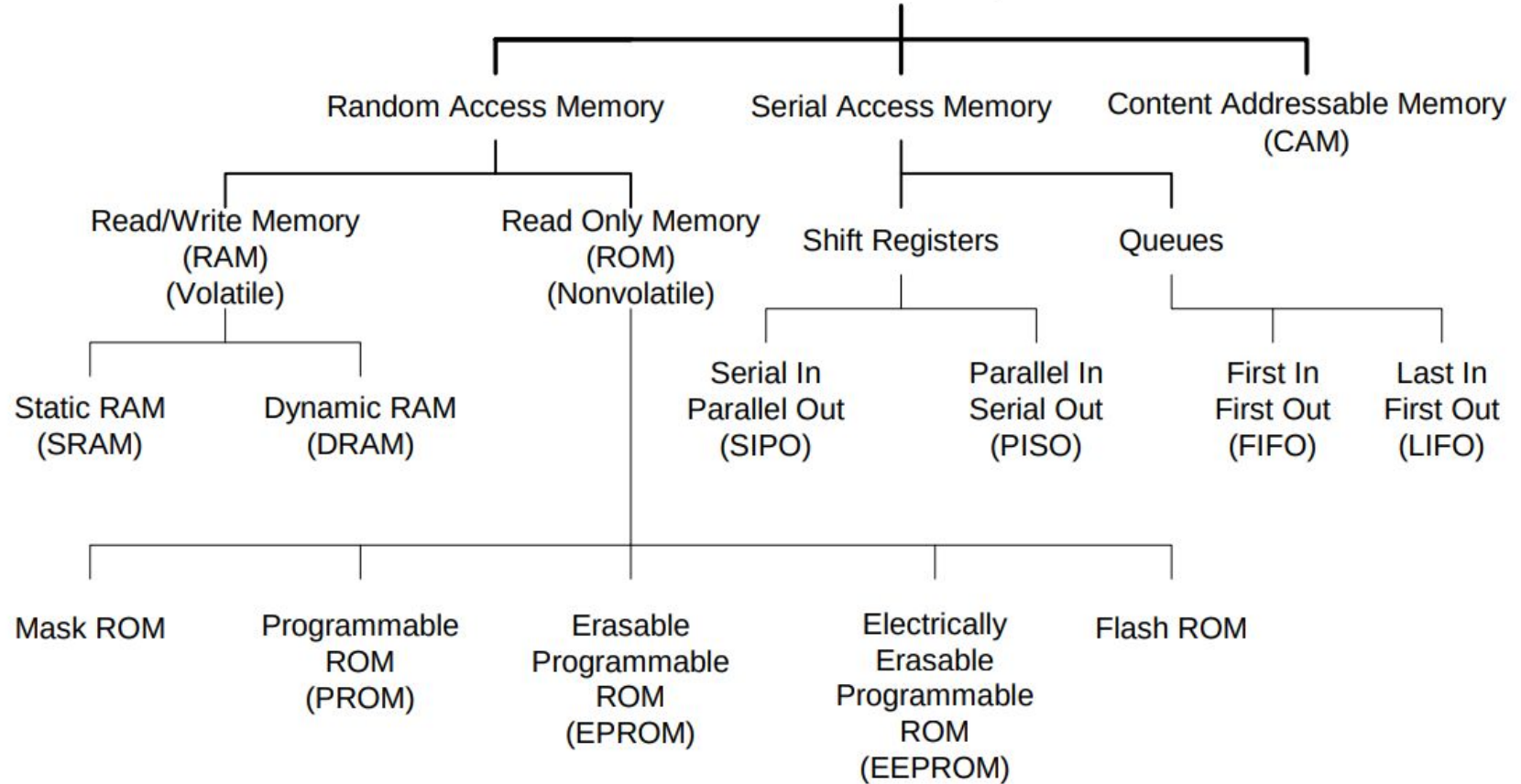
- Prototyping options
 - Breadboards
 - Quick but unreliable due to nasty parasitics. Fine for low-frequency (≤ 1 MHz, sometimes < 10 MHz).
 - Soldering
 - Use tools such as soldering iron, sponge or scrubber, solder sucker, wick, tinning block, heatsink.
 - Heat the trace and leads first, then let solder into gaps due to surface tension.
 - Wire Wrap
- Noise sources
 - Capacitive coupling, RF, motors, solenoids and relays.
 - Solutions include independent power supplies, ferrite beads, opto-isolators, conductive shielding, coaxial cables and twisted pair).

Prototyping

- Guild handshake of computer engineers
 - If ESD sensitive component is on path between high potential and low-potential student, it may be damaged or destroyed.
- ESD (Electrostatic discharge)
 - High potential difference results in high momentary current
 - Can destroy gate oxide and erase non-volatile memory locations.
 - For electrostatic discharge prevention, ground yourself.



Memory Arrays

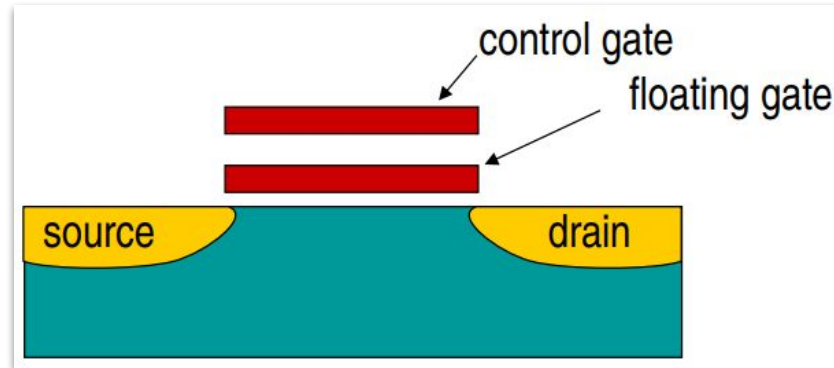


Memory

- Non-volatile memory
 - Flash ~ms
 - Writing is very slow, and can only write a finite amount of times
 - EEPROM ~ms
 - Similar to Flash
 - SRAM/DRAM ~ns
 - DRAM can be slower
 - Others (Spin-Transfer Torque Magnetic Memory, Bipolar-Filamentary OxRAM, etc)

Memory

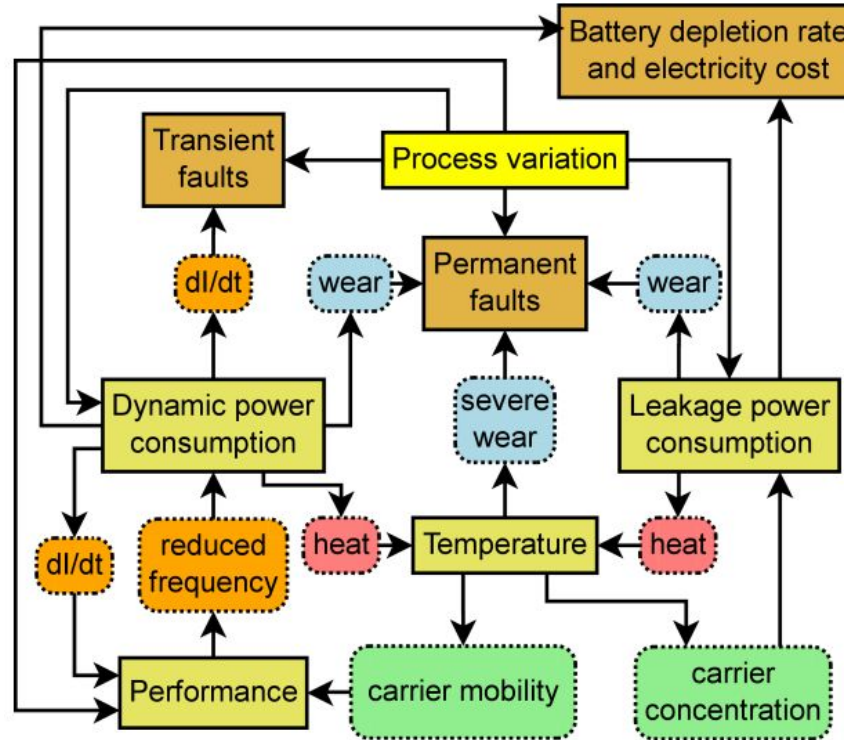
- Floating Gates
 - Can determine electrons in floating gate with control gate
 - Should behave like a FET if neutral. Otherwise, electrons trapped in gate.
 - To erase with EPROM, can shine UV light
 - To erase with EEPROM and flash, can erase with Fowler-Nordheim tunneling



PCBs

- Design Process
 1. Create Schematic
 2. Place Parts
 3. Board Design
 4. Generate Files
- Basic Terminology
 - Traces
 - Vias
 - Silk Screen
 - Solderpad
 - Through-hole
 - Through-hole component
 - Surface mount component

Power consumption, temperature, and reliability



Power Consumption

State-Based Power Modeling

- For each component
 - For each state

#states

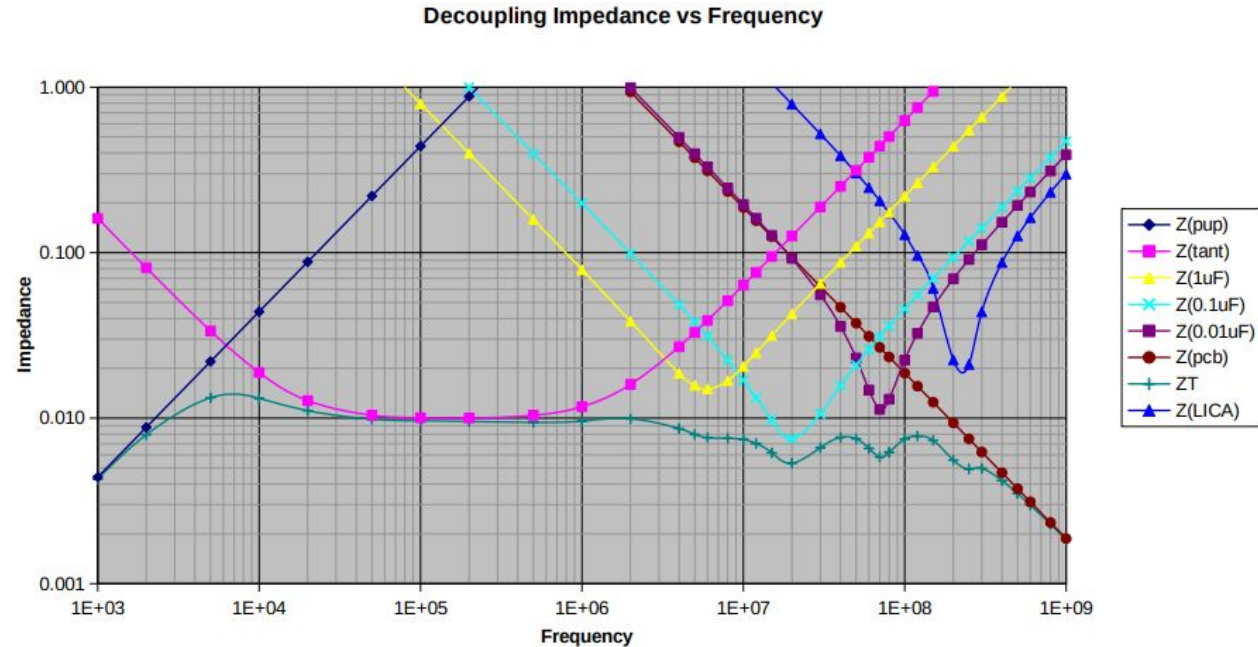
$$\sum_{i=0} time_i \times power_{i\ avg}$$

Components with large power consumption

- Displays
 - Fluorescent tubes
 - OLEDs
- Wireless interfaces
 - Cellular
 - WiFi
 - Bluetooth
- CPU

Power Integrity

- Goal is to reduce impedance
The frequency bandwidth

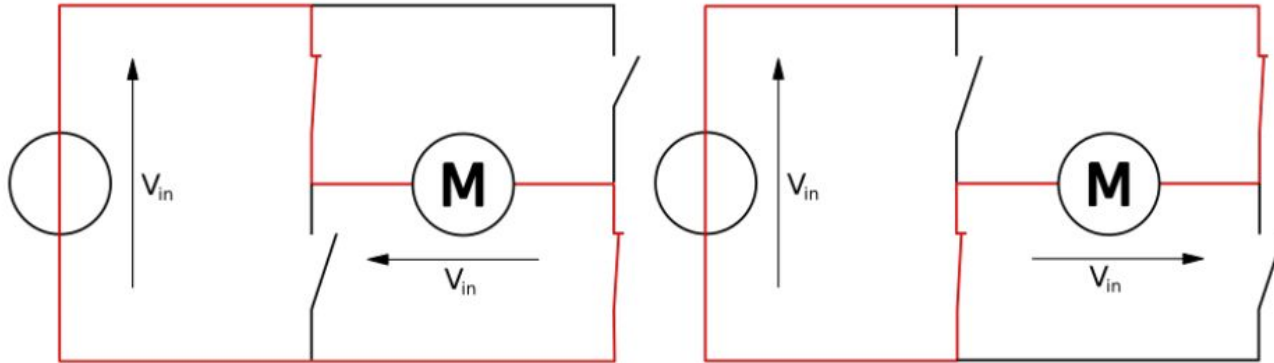


Motors and driving them

- Solenoids (electromagnet-based actuator)
 - Fast, poor controllability, major E and EM noise source.
- DC Motors
 - General purpose usage (turn things).
 - Switch magnetic field polarity during turn.
 - Brushed uses mechanical solution (brushes).
 - Brushless needs a control circuit with sensing capability.
 - Issues with back-EMF.
- Stepper Motors
 - Control position at precise orientation
 - Use toothed magnets and have high torque when stationary.
- Servo Motors
 - Control position at precise (continuous orientation)

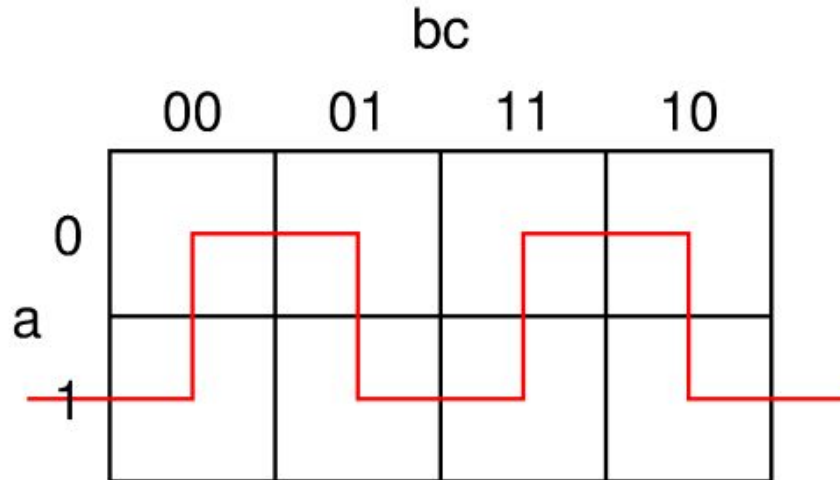
Motors and driving them

- Linear Motors
 - Can be used for launching objects.
 - Lead screws and rotary motors are more common.
- H-Bridges
 - Control direction of current through device with BJTs or FETs. Use diodes to prevent damage.
 - Help with back-EMF.

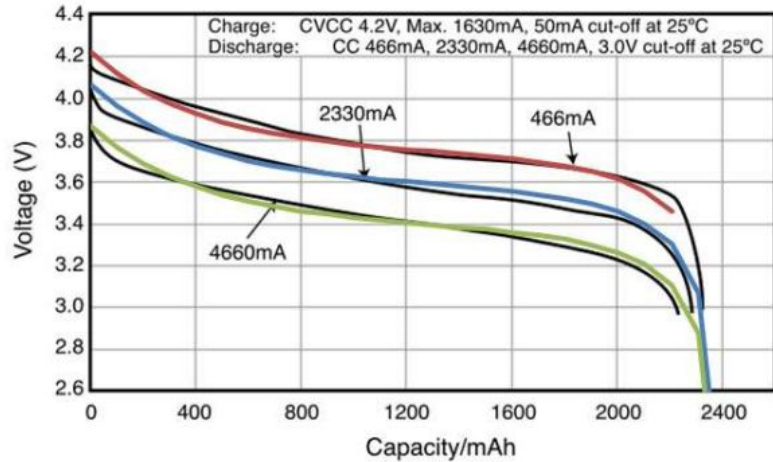


Motors and driving them

- Shaft encoders
 - Used to determine relative or absolute position of a shaft
 - Linear arrangement of binary numbers
 - Can read using LED+photodetector

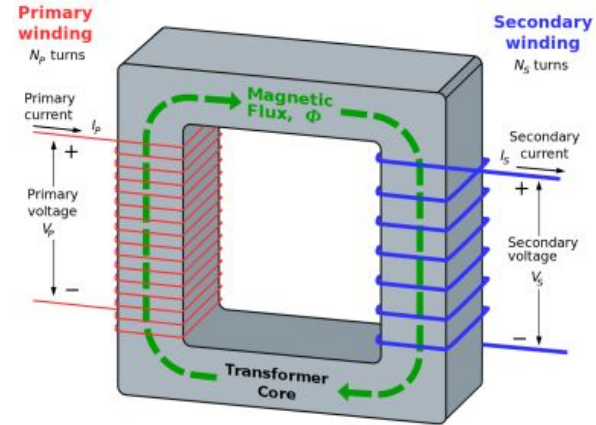


Power Supplies

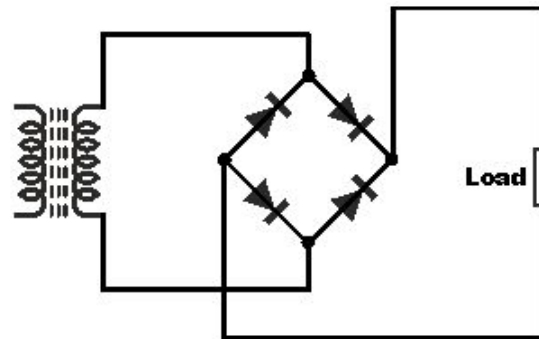


DC

AC - AC



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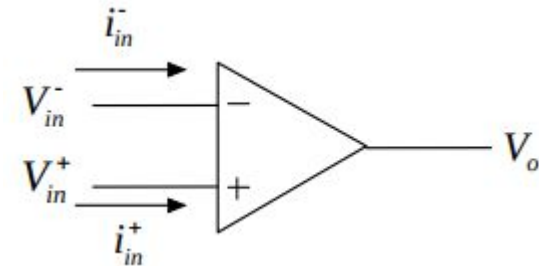
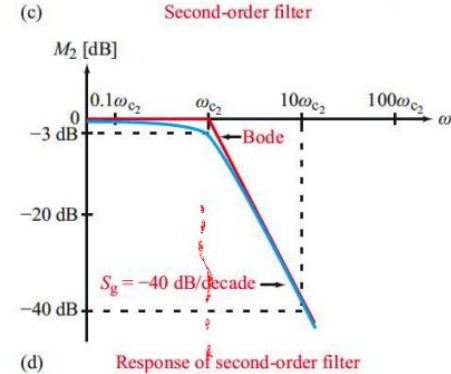
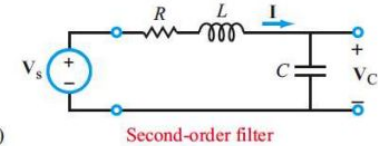
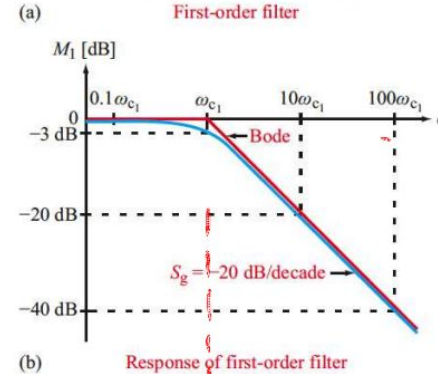
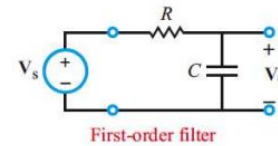
Voltage Regulators

- Linear Voltage Regulator (step-down)
 - Stable, Inefficient for large voltage
- Charge pump DC-DC (boost)
 - Charges and discharges a Capacitor
- Buck switching DC-DC (step-down)
 - Efficient, Step-down only
- Buck-boost switching DC-DC (boost, step-down)
 - Efficient, Inverting
- No Regulator
 - Don't always need regulator

Signal Conditioning

Often times need to condition signals

- Problems with many sensor outputs
 - High internal resistance
 - Voltage range mismatch
 - Unwanted frequencies
 - Fluctuating near-DC offset
- Solutions
 - Low-pass/high-pass/notch filters
 - Amplifiers



Questions about content?

onto practice problems...

Serial Communication: Fall 17 (2A) Q2

2. (10 pts.) Serial Buses

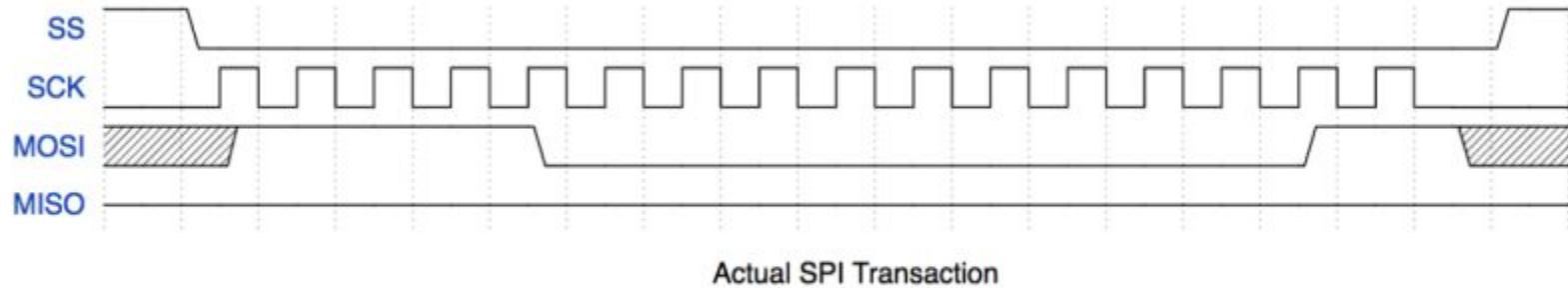
(a) (5 pts.) You are interfacing with a LIDAR module using SPI. You attempt to put the module into sleep mode, but the module does not respond as expected. You have gathered the following information.

From the datasheet:

- The module uses SPI mode 0 (CPOL = 0, CPHA = 0)
- The module can be put into sleep mode by writing instruction byte 0xF0 followed by the data byte 0x03
- The module uses a SPI frame size of 1 instruction byte and 1 data byte

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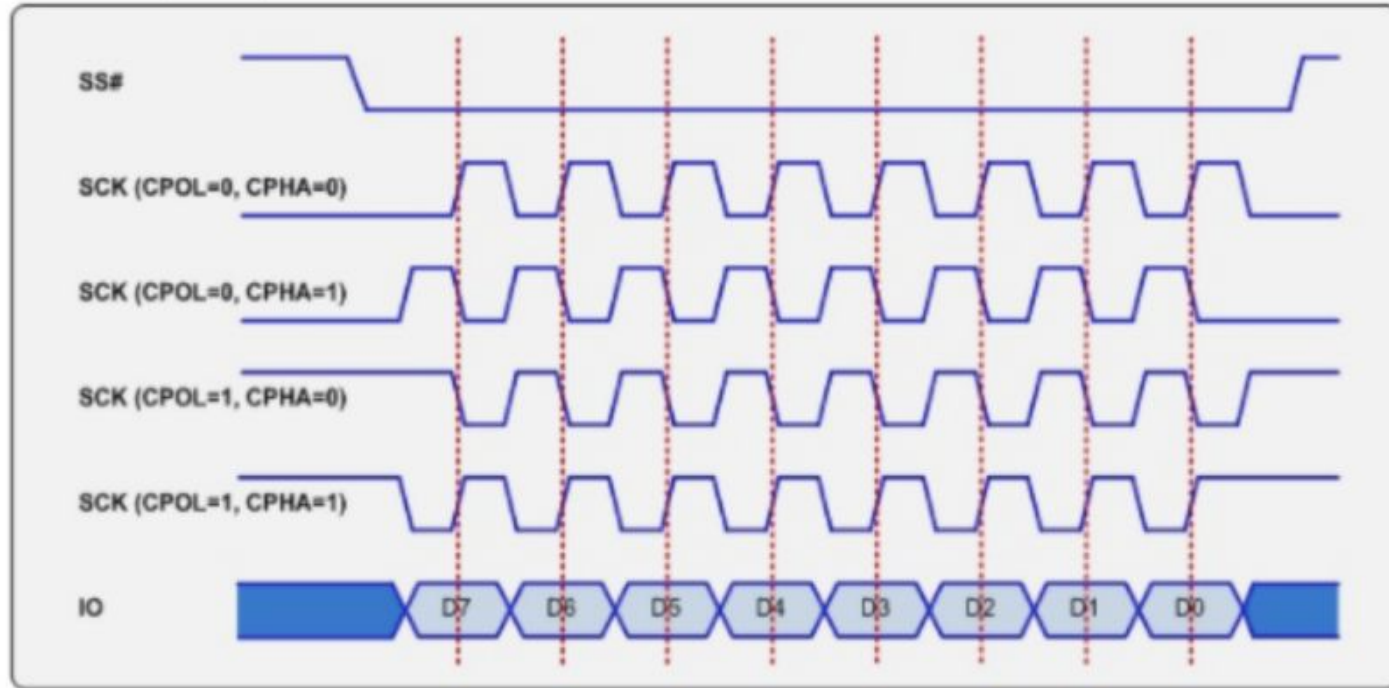
From a logic analyzer:



Using this information, what is the cause of this problem? A timing diagram is provided below.

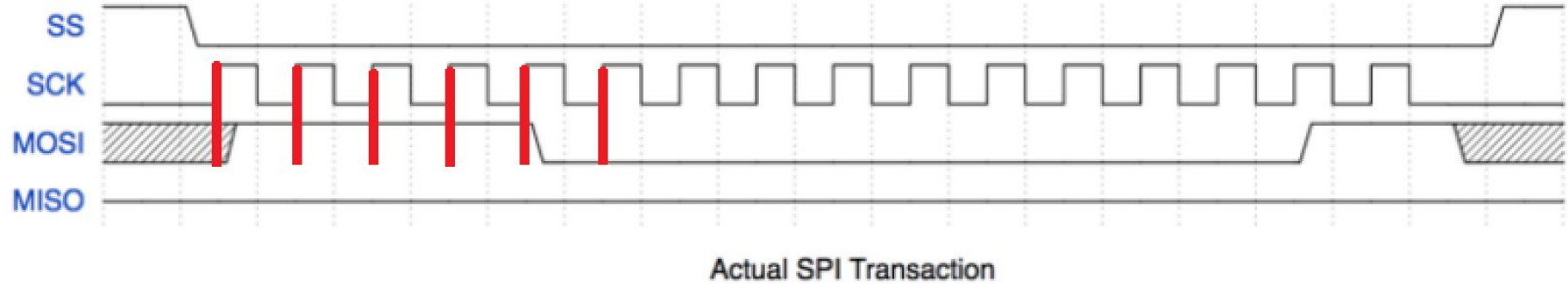
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SPI Timing Diagram:



Serial Communication: Fall 17 (2A) Q2

From a logic analyzer:



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- (b) (5 pts.) You are interfacing with two identical 12-bit DACs using SPI on a SmartFusion. Each DAC accepts levels between 0x000 and 0xFFF and output the corresponding voltage on one of 8 channels. The DAC uses SPI mode 0 (CPOL = 0, CPHA = 0). The 16-bit SPI frame is shown below. OutEnable is active high, Chan2–0 form a three bit number denoting channels 0–7.

Byte 1 (MSB on left)

OutEnable	Chan2	Chan1	Chan0	Data11	Data10	Data9	Data8
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Byte 2

Data7	Data6	Data5	Data4	Data3	Data2	Data1	Data0
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- i. (3 pts.) Fill in the blanks to make each DAC output the maximum value on channel 0. Assume that all GPIO pins are configured. See excerpts from the MSS SPI header file on the following page.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <inttypes.h>
#include "drivers/mss_spi/mss_spi.h"

int main(void) {
    const uint8_t frame_size = ____; // TODO: SPI FRAME SIZE IN BITS
    const uint8_t DAC0_frame[] = _____; // TODO: DAC 0 FRAME
    const uint8_t DAC1_frame[] = _____; // TODO: DAC 1 FRAME

    MSS_SPI_init( &g_mss_spi1 );

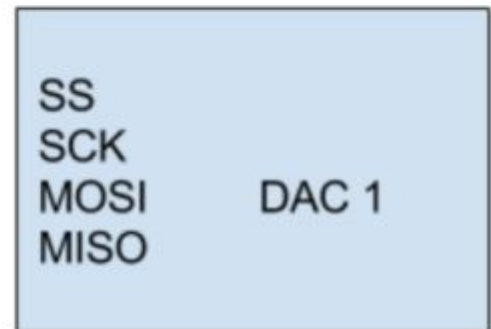
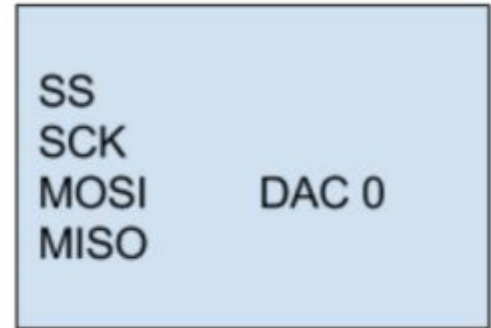
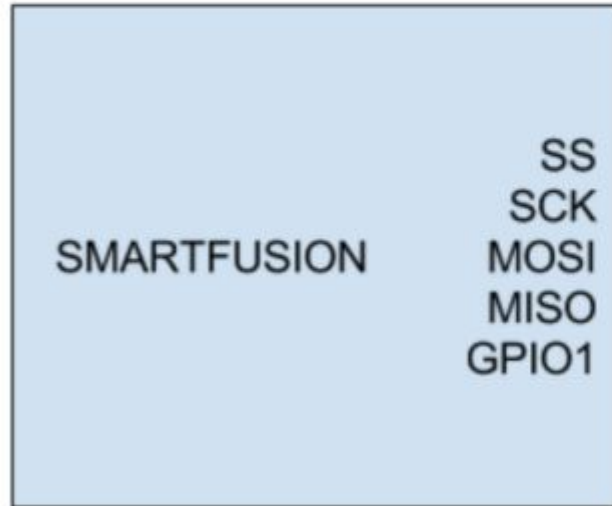
    MSS_SPI_configure_master_mode
    (
        &g_mss_spi1,
        MSS_SPI_SLAVE_0,
        _____, //TODO: SPI MODE (ex. MSS_SPI_MODE3)
        MSS_SPI_PCLK_DIV_256,
        frame_size
    );
};
```

```
// WRITE TO DAC 0
MSS_SPI_set_slave_select( &g_mss_spi1, MSS_SPI_SLAVE_0 );
MSS_SPI_transfer_frame( &g_mss_spi1, DAC0_frame );
MSS_SPI_clear_slave_select( &g_mss_spi1, MSS_SPI_SLAVE_0 );

// WRITE TO DAC 1
-----; // TODO: Slave Select
MSS_SPI_transfer_frame( &g_mss_spi1, DAC1_frame );
-----; // TODO: Slave Select

return(0);
}
```


ii. (2 pts.) Fill in the schematic below by connecting all inputs and outputs.



MSS SPI Header – Function Declarations:

```
/*  
  The MSS_GPIO_set_output() function sets the state of a single GPIO Port  
  Example Usage:  
  MSS_GPIO_set_output(MSS_GPIO_0, 1);  
*/  
void MSS_GPIO_set_output  
(  
    mss_gpio_id_t      port_id,  
    uint8_t           value  
);
```

The `MSS_SPI_configure_master_mode()` function configures the SPI bus master

Example Usage:

```
MSS_SPI_configure_master_mode
```

```
(
```

```
    &g_mss_spi0,  
    MSS_SPI_SLAVE_0,  
    MSS_SPI_MODE3,  
    MSS_SPI_PCLK_DIV_256,  
    MSS_SPI_BLOCK_TRANSFER_FRAME_SIZE
```

```
);
```

```
*/
```

```
void MSS_SPI_configure_master_mode
```

```
(
```

```
    mss_spi_instance_t *    this_spi,  
    mss_spi_slave_t        slave,  
    mss_spi_protocol_mode_t protocol_mode,  
    mss_spi_pclk_div_t     clk_rate,  
    uint8_t                frame_bit_length
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Serial Communication: Fall 17 (2A) Q2

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const uint8_t frame_size = 16; // TODO: SPI FRAME SIZE IN BITS
const uint8_t DAC0_frame[] = {0x8F, 0xFF}; // TODO: DAC 0 FRAME
const uint8_t DAC1_frame[] = {0x8F, 0xFF}; // TODO: DAC 1 FRAME
  
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MSS_SPI_clear_slave_select( &g_mss_spi1, MSS_SPI_SLAVE_0 );

// WRITE TO DAC 1
-----; // TODO: Slave Select
MSS_SPI_transfer_frame( &g_mss_spi1, DAC1_frame );
-----; // TODO: Slave Select

return(0);
}

```

```

*/
void MSS_GPIO_set_output
(
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    uint8_t          value
);
/*

```

SMARTFUSION

SS
SCK
MOSI
MISO
GPIO1

```

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MSS_SPI_clear_slave_select( &g_mss_spi1, MSS_SPI_SLAVE_0 );

// WRITE TO DAC 1
MSS_GPIO_set_output(MSS_GPIO_1, 0); // TODO: Slave Select
-----
MSS_SPI_transfer_frame( &g_mss_spi1, DAC1_frame );
MSS_GPIO_set_output(MSS_GPIO_1, 1); // TODO: Slave Select
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return(0);
}

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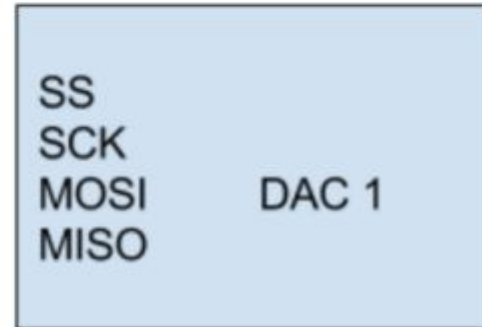
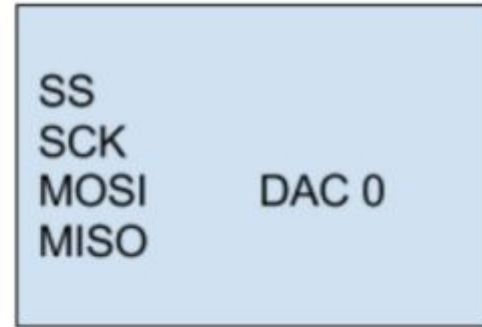
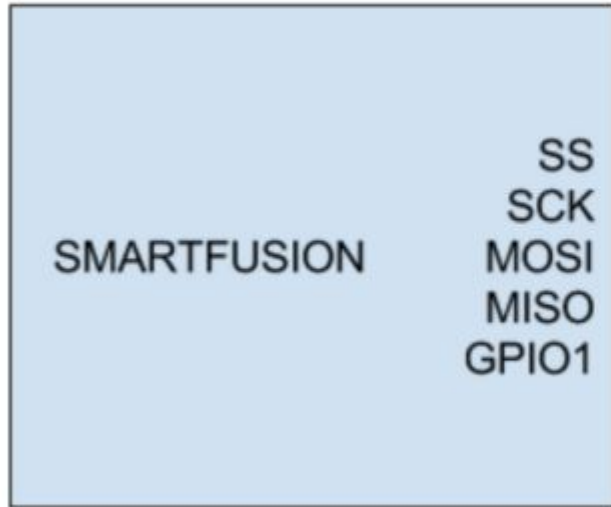
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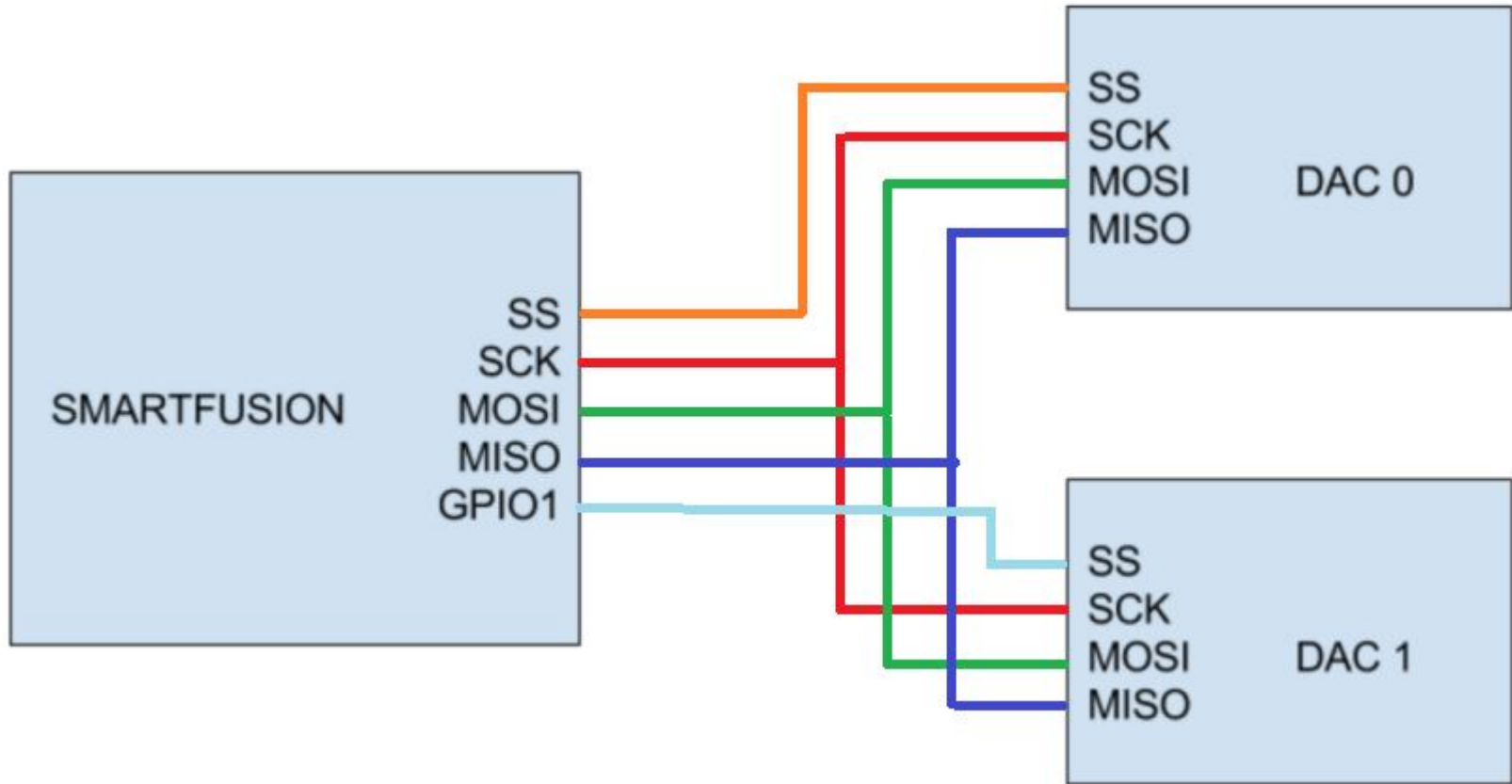
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SMARTFUSION

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ADCs: Winter 22 Q2

2 ADCs (12 points, moderate time)

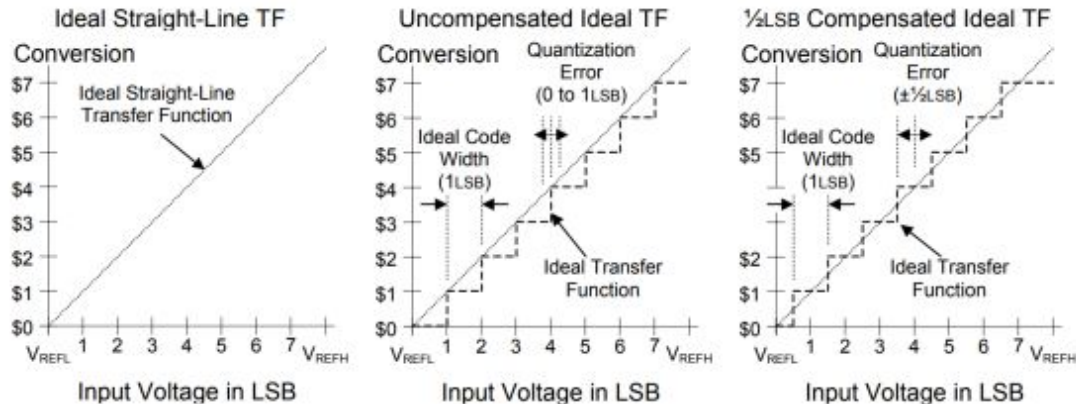


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1. What is its maximum quantization error (In volts)? (6 points)

$$(V_{\text{ref}+} - V_{\text{ref}-}) / (2 * 2^{10}) = \mathbf{2.441 \text{ mV}}$$

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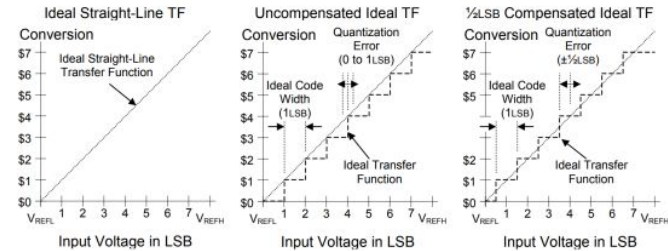


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2. What voltage would correspond with the ADC value of 377 (decimal)? (6 points)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= N_{adc} \cdot \frac{V_{REF+} - V_{REF-}}{2^n} + V_{REF-} \\
 &= \frac{377 \cdot 5 \text{ V}}{2^{10}} - 2.5 \text{ V} \\
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 &= 1885/1024 \text{ V} - 2.5 \text{ V} \\
 &= -675/1024 \text{ V} \\
 &= -0.65917 \text{ V}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)
- (6)
- (7)

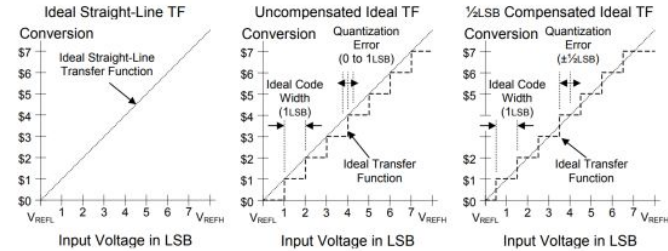


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Memory: Winter 22 Q4

4 Memory (10 points, short time)

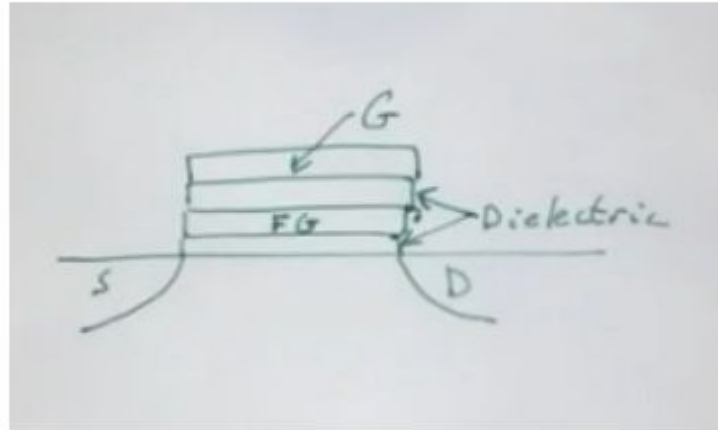


Figure 2: Floating gate transistor.

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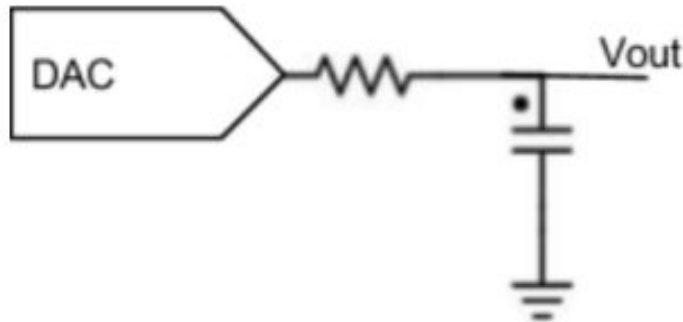
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5. (12 pts.) Analog Circuits

- (a) (4 pts.) You add a low pass filter to a DAC output and discover that its 3 dB down point is reduced from 500 Hz to 100 Hz. You reason that the source resistance for the DAC is affecting your filter. What is the DAC's source resistance if the filter component values are $R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $C = 1/\pi \text{ }\mu\text{F}$? Show your work.

$$1 \text{ }\mu\text{F} = 10^{-6} \text{ F.}$$

The 3 dB down point for a low pass filter is given by $2\pi f = 1/RC$.



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$$f = 100, R_f = 1000, C = 1/\pi \text{ uF}, 2\pi f = 1/R * C, R = R_f + R_{\text{adc}}$$

$$RC = 1 / 2\pi f$$

$$R_f + R_{\text{adc}} = 1/(C2\pi f)$$

$$R_{\text{adc}} = 1/(C2\pi f) - R_f$$

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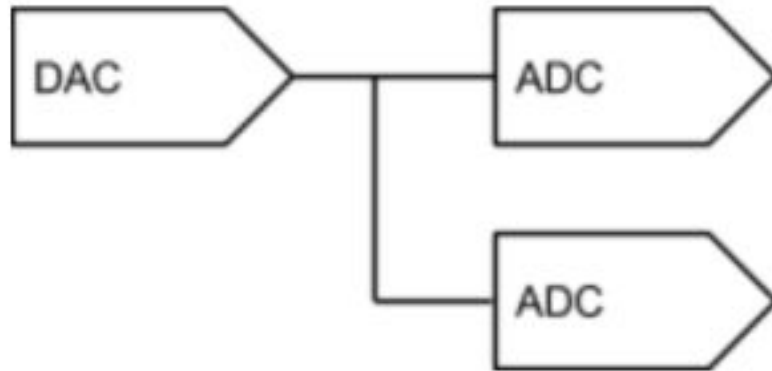
$$R_{\text{adc}} = 1/(10^{-6} * 200) - 1000$$

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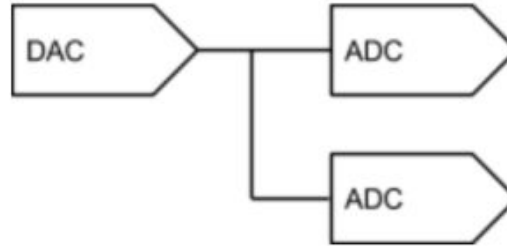
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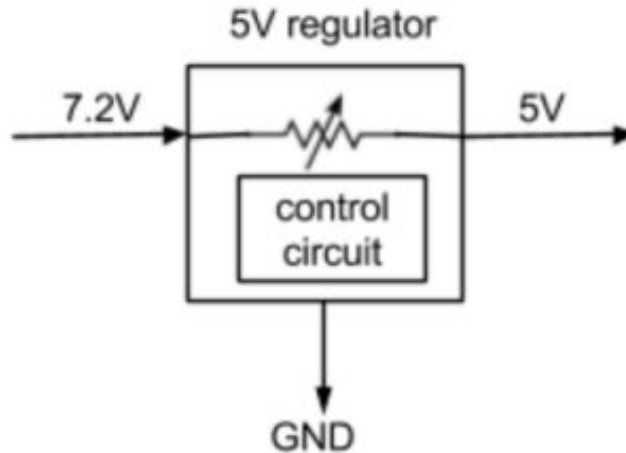
If voltage is half, $R_{\text{adc1}} \parallel R_{\text{adc2}} = R_{\text{dac}}$ to satisfy voltage divider rule. So $10 \text{ k}\Omega = 20 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 20 \text{ k}\Omega$

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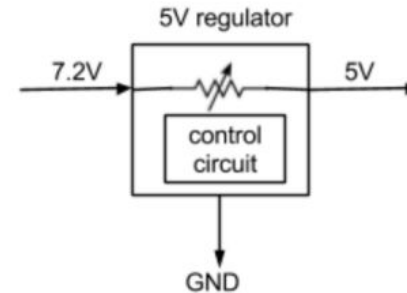


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Power dissipated thru regulator is $P = IV$ where V is voltage drop across regulator

$$P = (7.2 \text{ V} - 5 \text{ V}) * 200 \text{ mA} = \mathbf{440 \text{ mW}}$$

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Reminders

Midterm:

3 - 4:20 pm March 23rd

1010 DOW (A-L family name),

1311 EECS (M-Z family name),

1045 GGBL (SSD)

Optional Homework 3:

Wednesday, 11:59 am on 22 March