

Chapter 4 Input/Output (I/O)

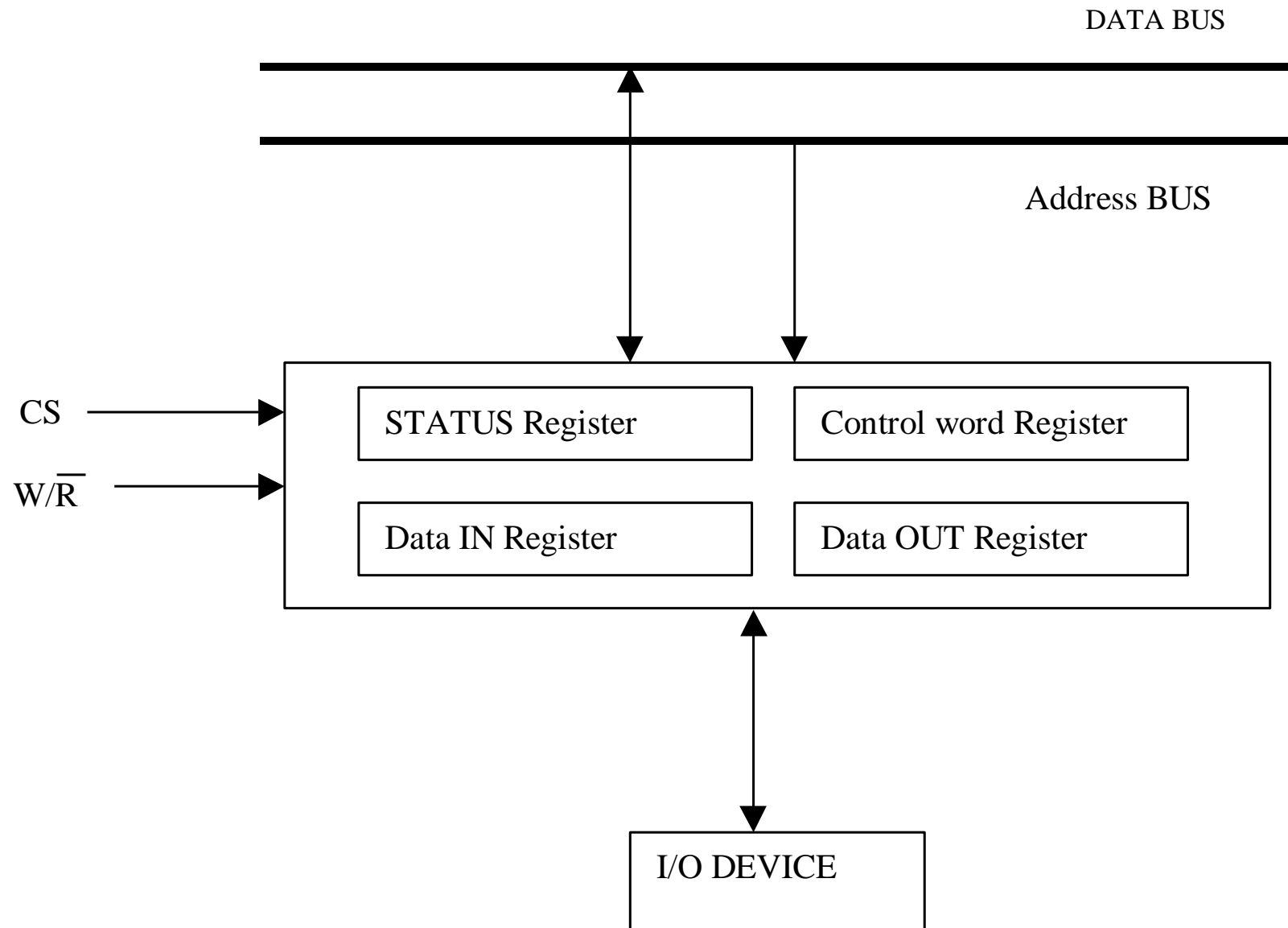
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4.1 peripheral

- general concepts of peripheral
- digital-to-analog conversion (DAC)
- analog-to-digital conversion (ADC)

4.1.1 general concepts of peripheral

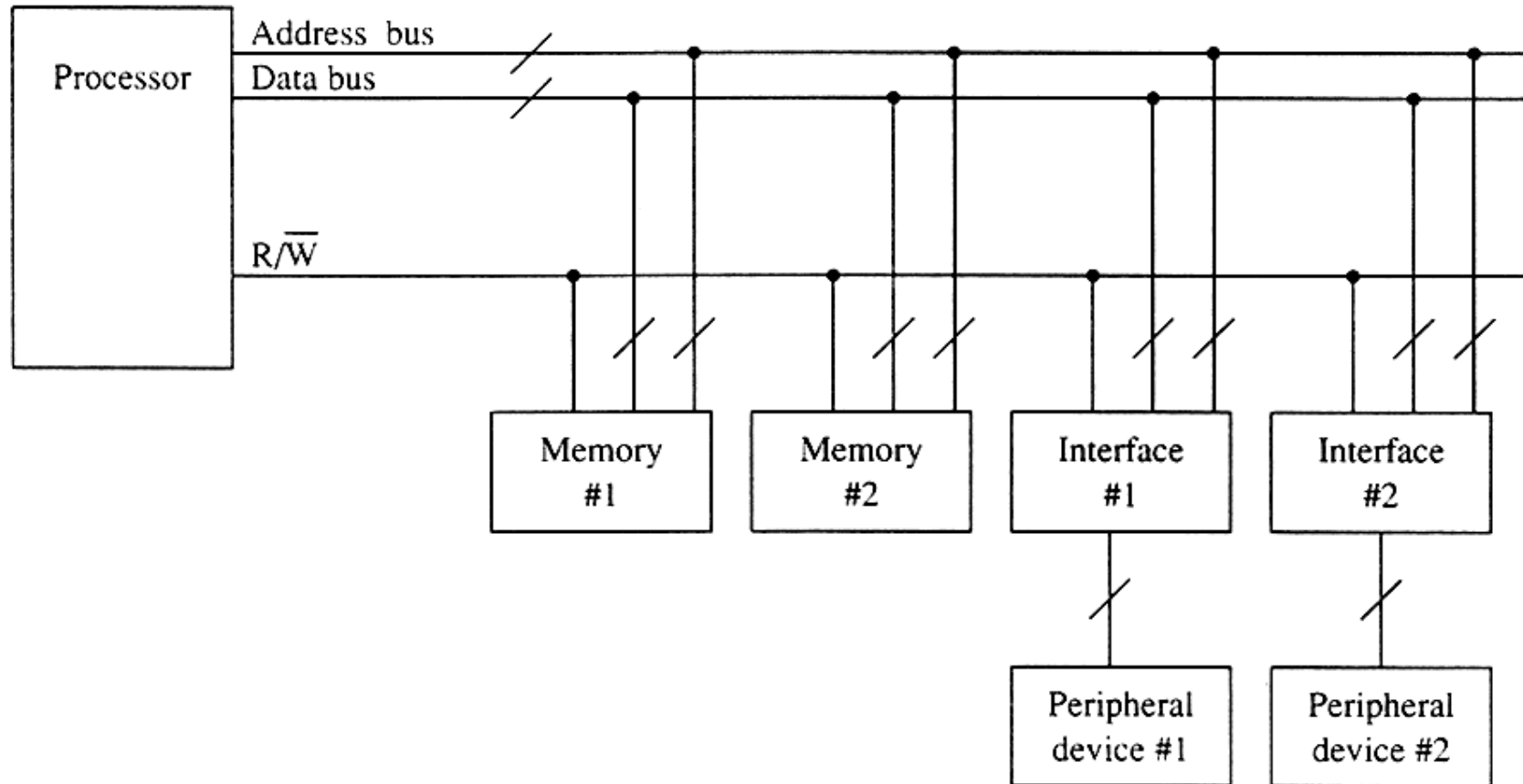
- there is an interface circuit between system bus and peripheral
- CPU reads or writes data to the device through the data IN/OUT registers
- status register reflects the status of the device
- CPU writes control words to the control word register to control the operation modes of the device
- each register occupies an address



- for PIC18, TRISA, TRISB, ... are used to control the I/O ports for input or output
- input/output the data from/to the device by accessing PORTA, PORTB, ...

Memory Mapped I/O

I/O devices are addressed and selected by decoders as if they were memory devices.



Advantages :

- addressed and selected like a memory device
- all the memory reference operations and addressing modes can be used for I/O devices.
- e.g.

`MOVWF` TRISC

`MOVF` PORTB, W

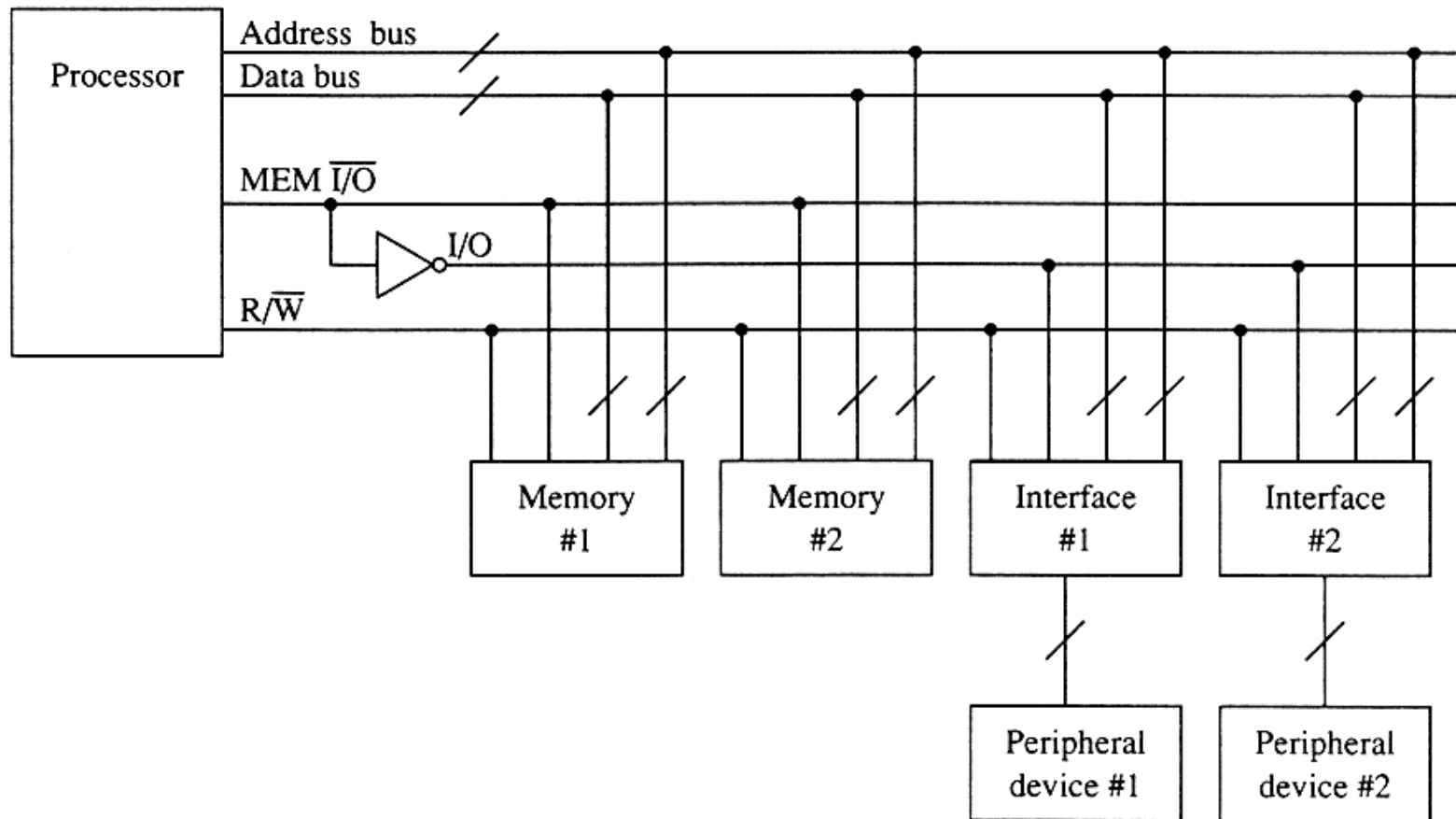
`CLRF` TRISB

Disadvantages :

- some system memory addresses are used up for I/O and are therefore not available for memory
- the total space for memory is reduced

Direct I/O

Use separate address space with separate instructions and separate control signals for I/O.



Advantage:

- not using the system memory address space

Disadvantage:

- only special IN and OUT instructions can be used for I/O operations

e.g. In 8086

IN AL, iox ; *iox address*, range 00-FFh

OUT iox, AL ; 8-bit I/O address

N.B. Some microprocessors, such as 8051, support only memory mapped I/O and some support both. The Intel 8086 supports both.

4.1.2 digital-to-analog conversion (DAC)

- analog signals are continuous, with infinite values in a given range
- examples: a voltmeter with a needle, music from speakers
- digital signals have discrete values - on/off, 0 or 1
- examples: digital voltmeter, digital watch

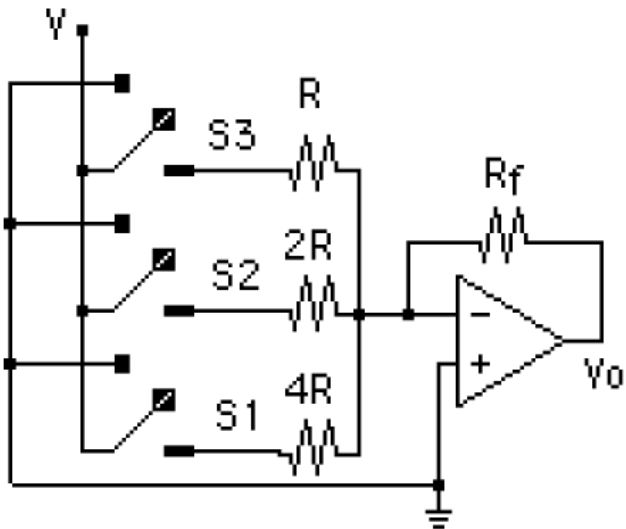
Data Conversion

- **Limitations** of analog signals
 - Analog signals **pick up noise** as they are being **amplified**.
 - Analog signals are difficult to store.
- **Advantages** of digital systems (signals)
 - Noise can be reduced by converting analog signals to 0s and 1s.
 - **Binary signals** can be easily stored in memory.
- The major limitation of a digital system is how **accurately** it represents the analog signals after conversion.

- embedded system often needs to convert signals from analog to digital, and back to analog
- the system includes:
 - a transducer that converts non-electrical signals into electrical signals (*velocity sensor*)
 - an A/D converter that converts analog signals into digital signals
 - microprocessor/microcontroller to process digital data
 - a D/A converter that converts digital signals into equivalent analog signals
 - a transducer that converts electrical signals into non-electrical signals (*brake*)

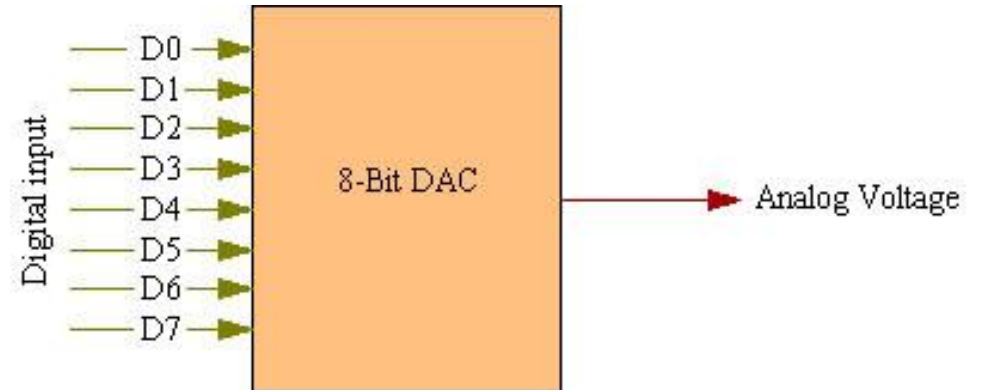
DAC

- use current source with digital switches

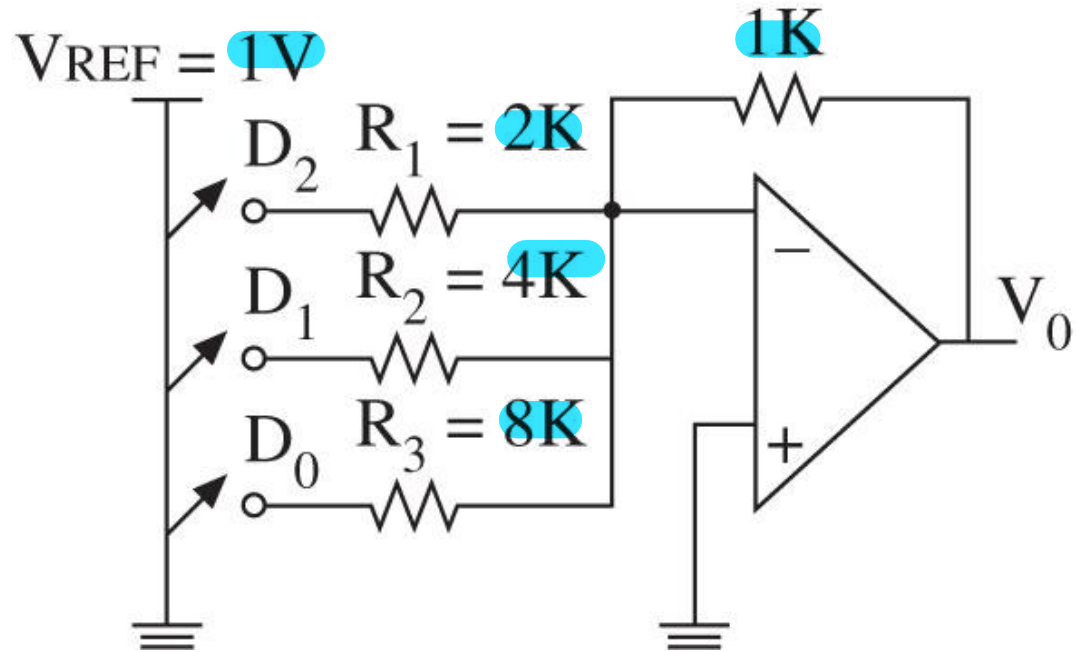


$$V_0 = -R_f \left(S_3 \frac{V}{R} + S_2 \frac{V}{2R} + S_1 \frac{V}{4R} \right)$$
$$= -\frac{R_f}{4R} V (4S_3 + 2S_2 + S_1)$$

	S_3	S_2	S_1
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0
3	0	1	1
4	1	0	0
5	1	0	1
6	1	1	0
7	1	1	1

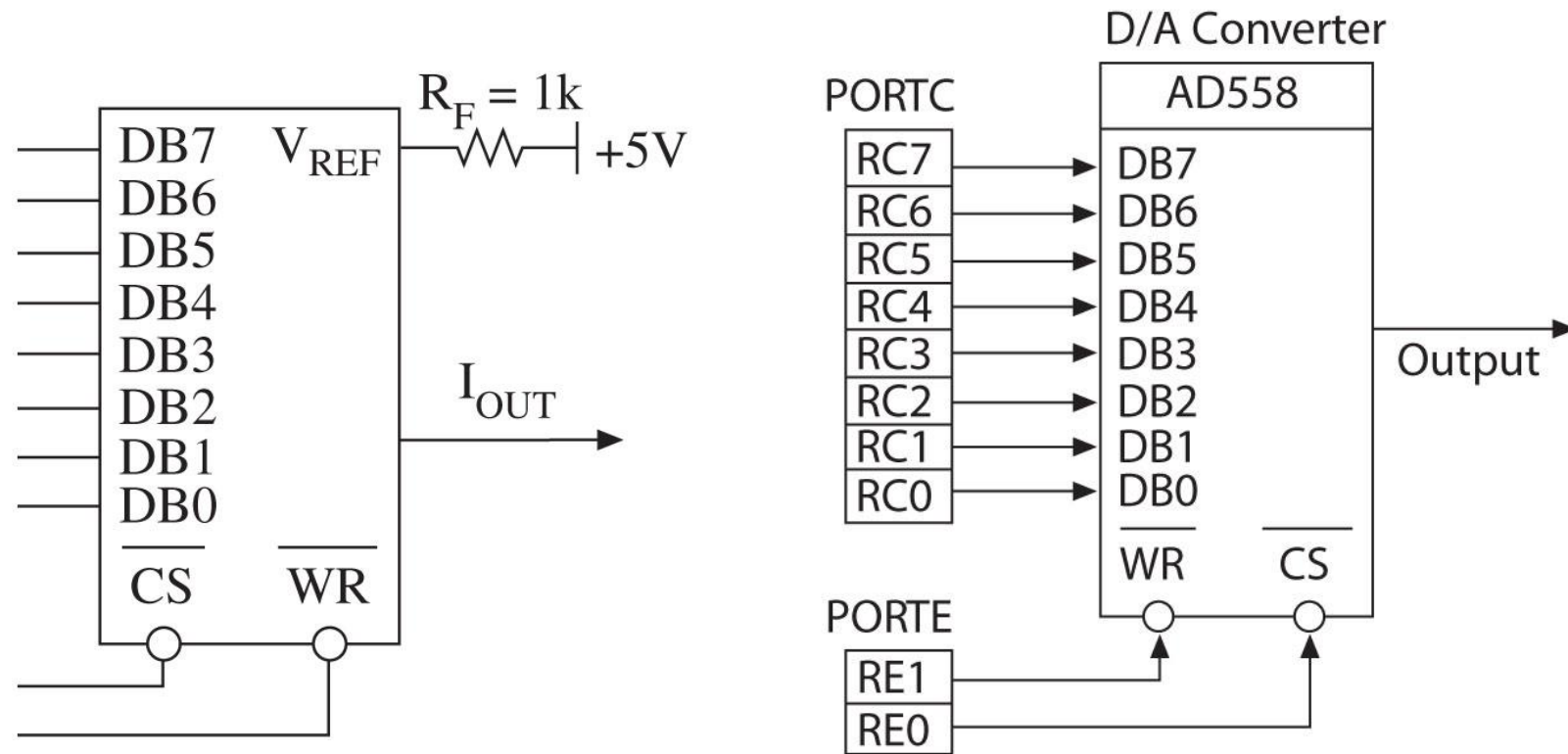


- convert discrete signals into discrete analog values that represent the magnitude of the input signal compared to a standard or reference voltage
- the output of the DAC is discrete analog steps
- by increasing the resolution (number of bits), the step size is reduced, and the output approximates a continuous analog signal



$$I_o = I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = \frac{V_{REF}}{R_1} + \frac{V_{REF}}{R_2} + \frac{V_{REF}}{R_3} = \frac{V_{REF}}{1k} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = 0.875 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_O = -R_f I_T = -(1k) \times (0.875 \text{ mA}) = -0.875 \text{ V} = \left| \frac{7}{8} \text{ V} \right|$$



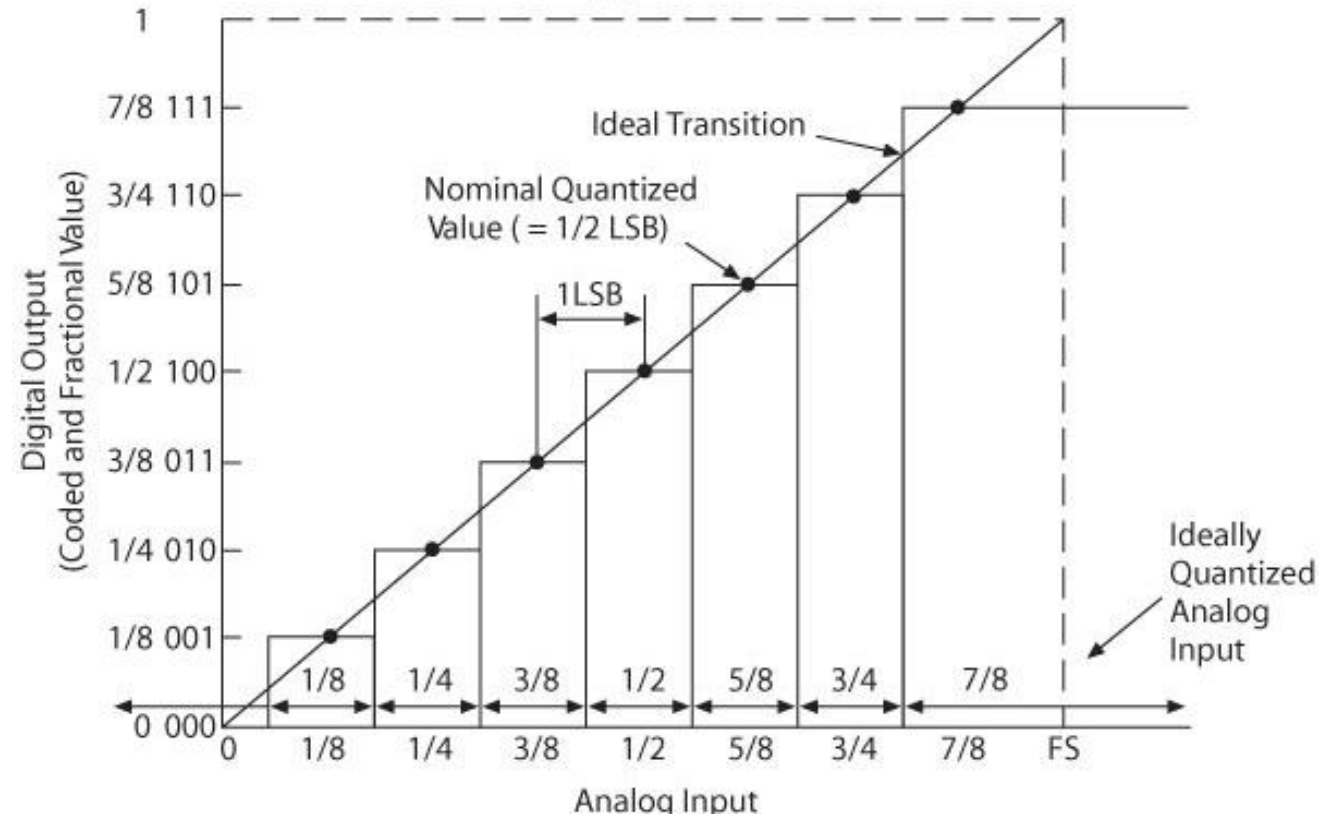
$$I_O = \frac{V_{REF}}{R_{REF}} \left(\frac{DB7}{2} + \frac{DB6}{4} + \frac{DB5}{8} + \dots + \frac{DB0}{2^8} \right)$$

$$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{0}{4} + \frac{0}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{0}{32} + \frac{0}{64} + \frac{0}{128} + \frac{1}{256} \right) = 2.832 \text{ mA}$$

Write a program to generate a sine wave with angles between 0 and 360 degrees (with 30-degree increments). The full-scale output of the DAC is 10V. Output the sine wave to PORT B.

4.1.3 analog-to-digital conversion (ADC)

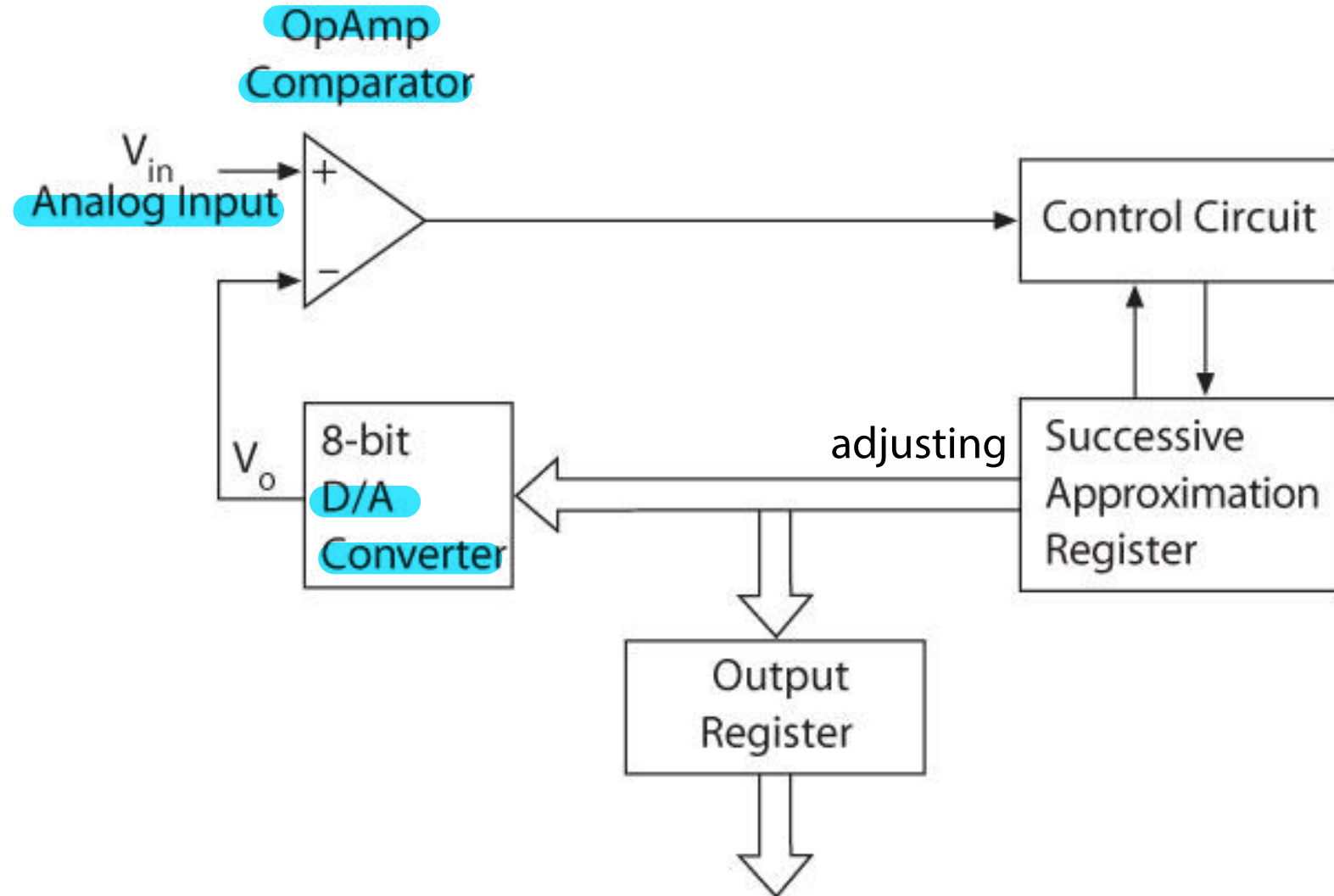
- convert a continuous varying signal, such as voltage or current, into discrete digital quantities that represent the magnitude of the signal compared to standard or reference voltage



Data Conversion

- **Flash**
 - Uses multiple **comparators** in parallel
 - **High-speed, high-cost converter**
- **Integrator**
 - Charges a **capacitor** for a given amount of time using the analog signal
 - **Slow**, but **high accuracy** and low noise
- **Successive Approximation**
 - Effective **compromise** among resolution, speed, and cost
- **Counter**
 - Similar to successive approximation circuit
 - Slower, with variable conversion times

Successive Approximation



Major Characteristics

- Resolution
 - n-bit digital output, n can be 8, 12, ...
 - higher resolution, smaller step size (8-bit, $V_{\text{ref}} = 5\text{V}$, step size = $\frac{5}{2^8} = 19.53 \text{ mV}$)
- Conversion time
 - time to convert the analog input to the digital output
 - depend on clock, conversion method, ADC chip technology
- V_{ref}
 - lower voltage, smaller step size (8-bit, $V_{\text{ref}} = 4\text{V}$, step size = 15.62 mV)
 - sometimes, differential reference voltage is used, $V_{\text{ref}} = V_{\text{ref}}(+)-V_{\text{ref}}(-)$
 - $V_{\text{ref}}(-)$ pin is connected to ground, $V_{\text{ref}}(+)$ is used as V_{ref}

- Digital output

- $D_{out} = \frac{V_{in}}{\text{step size}}$, D_{out} = digital output (in decimal)
- e.g. 8-bit, $V_{ref} = 2.56V$, $V_{in} = 1.7V$, $D_{out} = 170$ (decimal),
10101010 (binary) 1.7/(2.56/2^8)

- Parallel versus serial

- parallel: more data pins, shorter time to get data
- serial: one data pin (parallel-in-serial-out shift register inside ADC), longer time to get data

- Analog input

- ADC can have multiple input channels
- can monitor multiple sensors

- Conversion signals
 - start conversion signal (SC), starts converting V_{in} to D_{out}
 - end-of-conversion signal (EOC), notifies CPU the converted data is ready to be picked up

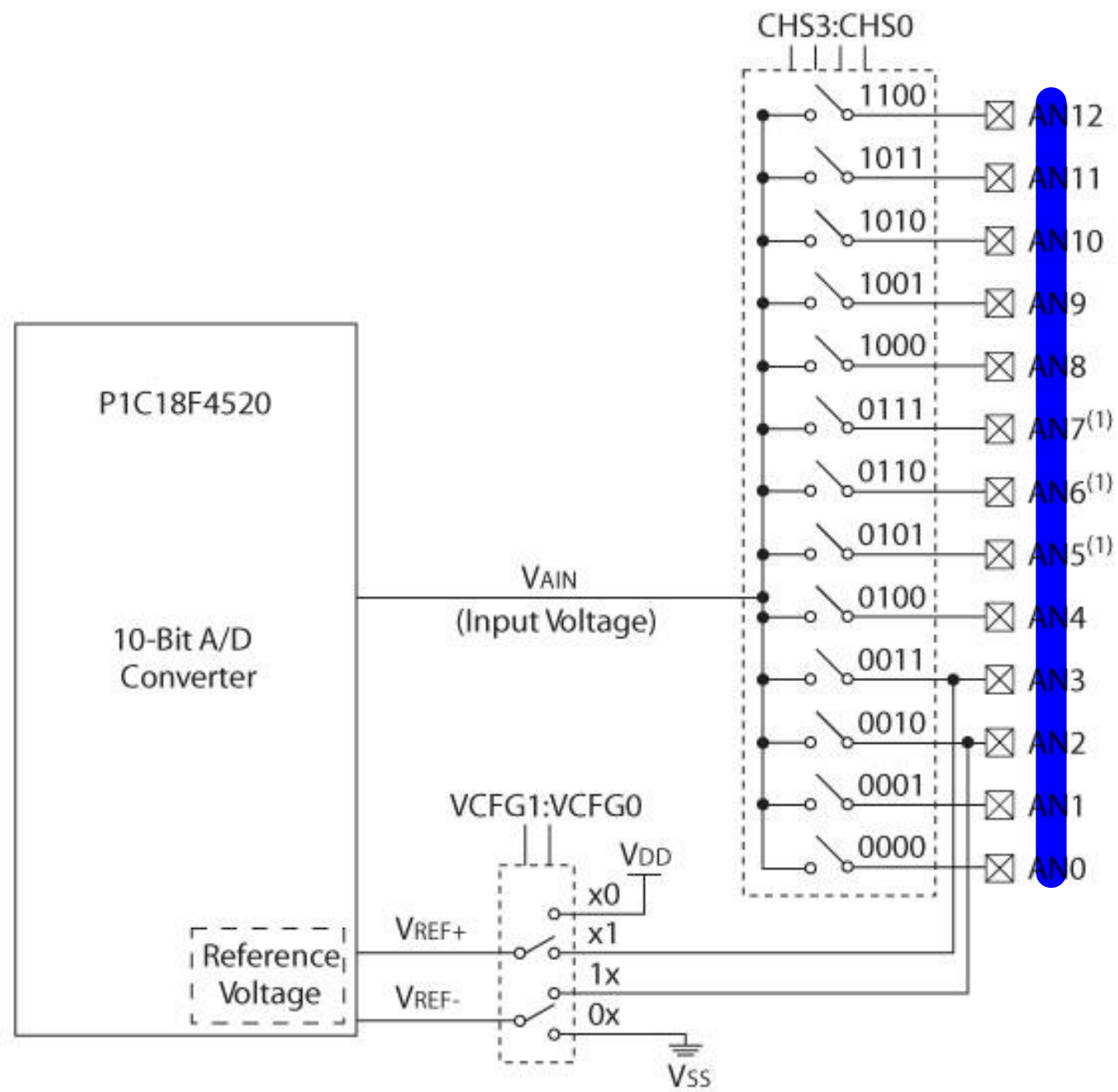
ADC procedure:

- select a channel
- activate SC signal
- monitor EOC signal
- read data from ADC

PIC18F A/D Converter Module

The PIC18F4520 microcontroller includes:

- 10-bit A/D converter
- 13 analog input channels AN0 - AN12
- 3 control and status registers: **ADCON0**, **ADCON1**, and **ADCON2**
- data registers: **ADRESH** (A/D Result High), **ADRESL** (A/D Result Low), *6 bits unused*
- conversion time is dictated by crystal frequency F_{osc}



A/D converter requires a low reference voltage (V_{REF-}) and a high reference voltage (V_{REF+}) to perform conversion.

1. An analog input of V_{REF-} is converted to digital code 0.
2. An analog input of V_{REF+} is converted to digital code $2^n - 1$.
3. An analog input of V_{in} is converted to digital code

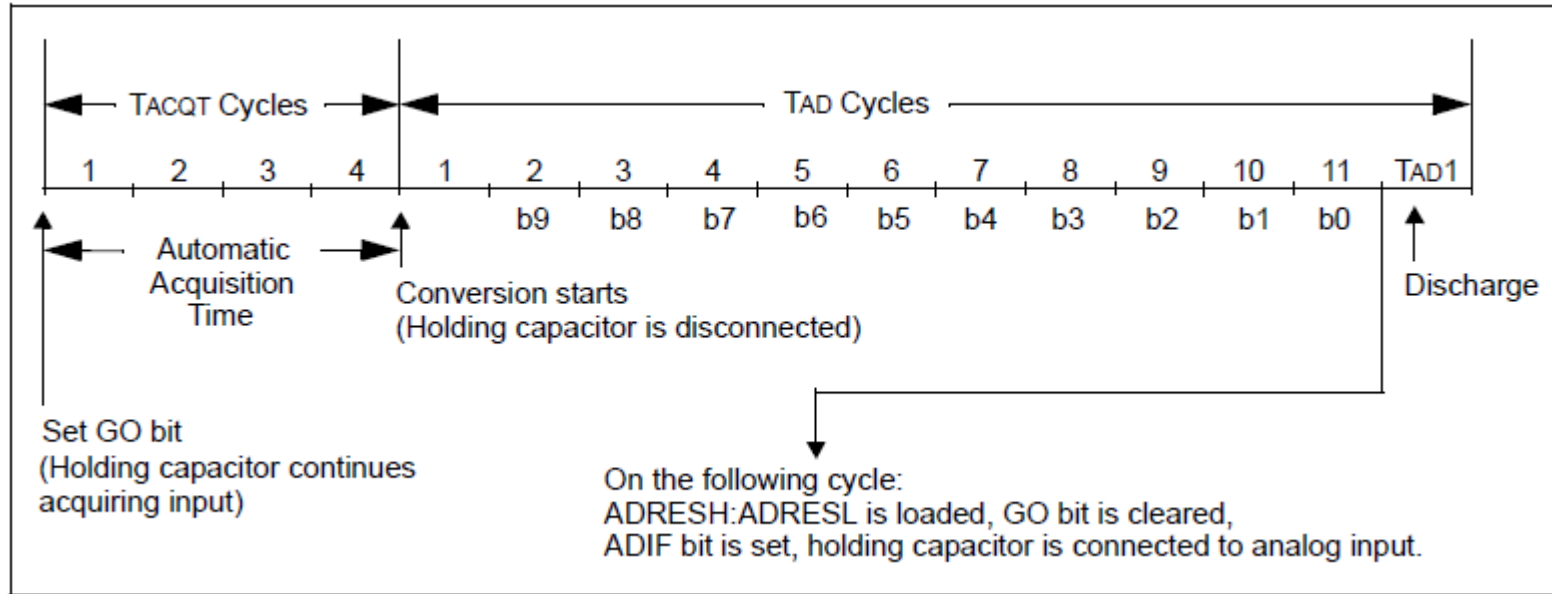
$$k = (2^n - 1) \times (V_{in} - V_{REF-}) \div (V_{REF+} - V_{REF-})$$

Given k, the measured voltage is given by

$$V_{in} = V_{REF-} + (V_{REF+} - V_{REF-}) \times k \div (2^n - 1)$$

Most systems use V_{DD} and 0V as V_{REF+} and V_{REF-} , respectively.

The output of a transducer should be scaled and shifted to the range of $0V \sim V_{DD}$ in order to achieve the best accuracy.



T_{AD} is the conversion time per bit

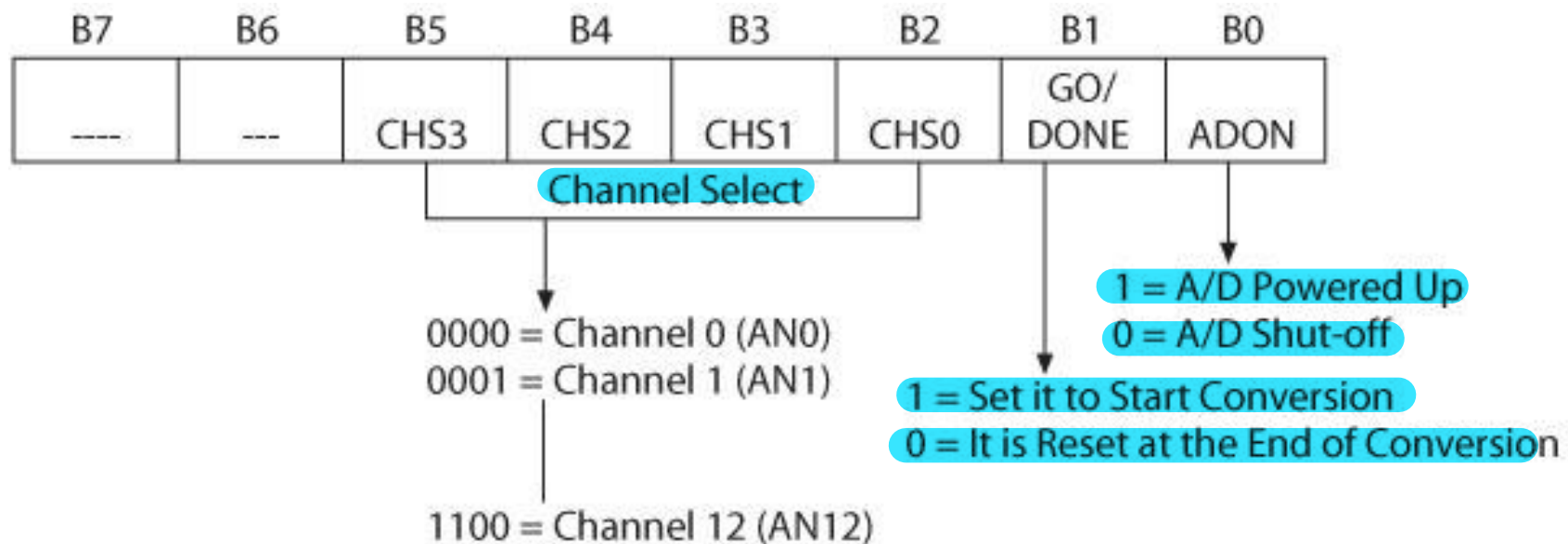
T_{ACQT} is the setup time for ADC

Both timing parameters can be programmed

Param No.	Symbol	Characteristic		Min	Max	Units	Conditions
130	TAD	A/D Clock Period	PIC18FXXXX	0.7	25.0 ⁽¹⁾	μs	TOSC based, VREF ≥ 3.0V
			PIC18LFXXXX	1.4	25.0 ⁽¹⁾	μs	VDD = 2.0V; TOSC based, VREF full range
			PIC18FXXXX	TBD	1	μs	A/D RC mode
			PIC18LFXXXX	TBD	3	μs	VDD = 2.0V; A/D RC mode
131	TCNV	Conversion Time (not including acquisition time) (Note 2)		11	12	TAD	
132	TACQ	Acquisition Time (Note 3)		1.4	—	μs	-40°C to +85°C
				TBD	—	μs	0°C ≤ to ≤ +85°C
135	TSWC	Switching Time from Convert → Sample		—	(Note 4)		
TBD	TDIS	Discharge Time		0.2	—	μs	

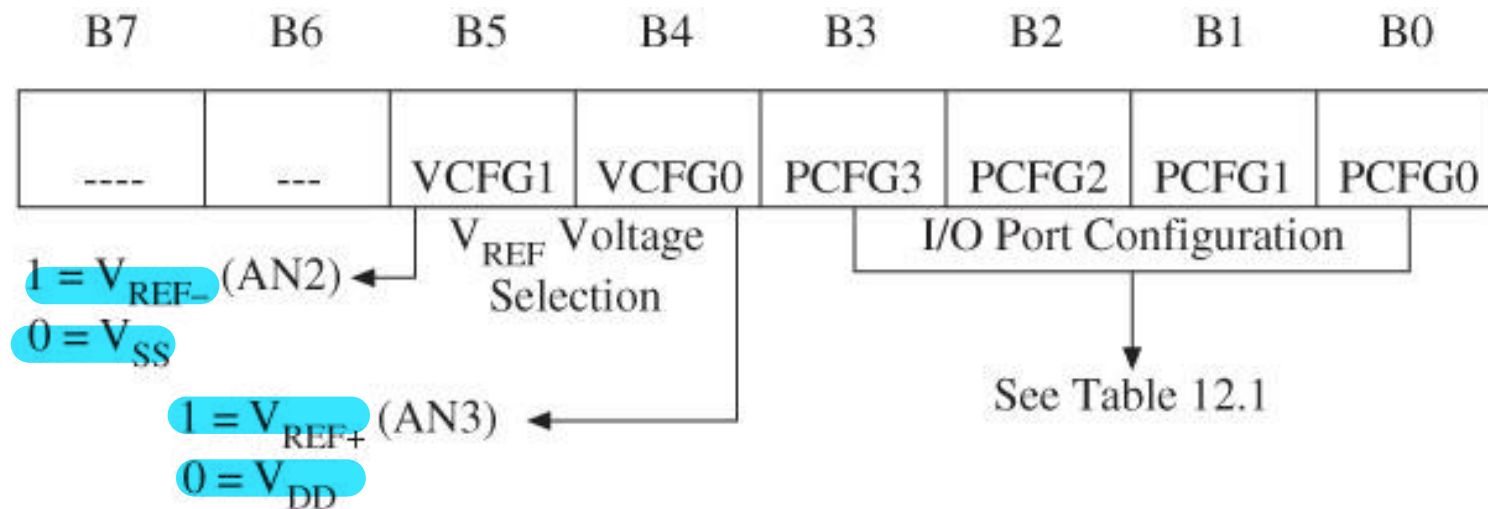
A/D Control Register

- **ADCON0** Register
 - Select analog input channel
 - Start a conversion
 - Indicate the end of the conversion



- **ADCON1 Register**

- Set up the **I/O pins** either for **analog** signal or for **digital** signals
- Select **V_{REF}** voltages



	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	--	--	VCFG1	VCFG0	PCFG3	PCFG2	PCFG1	PCFG0
value after reset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

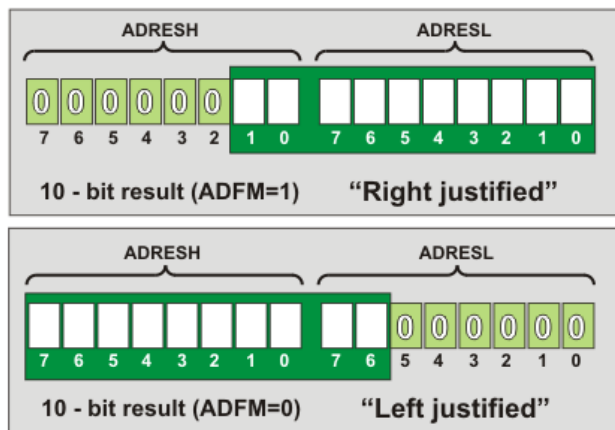
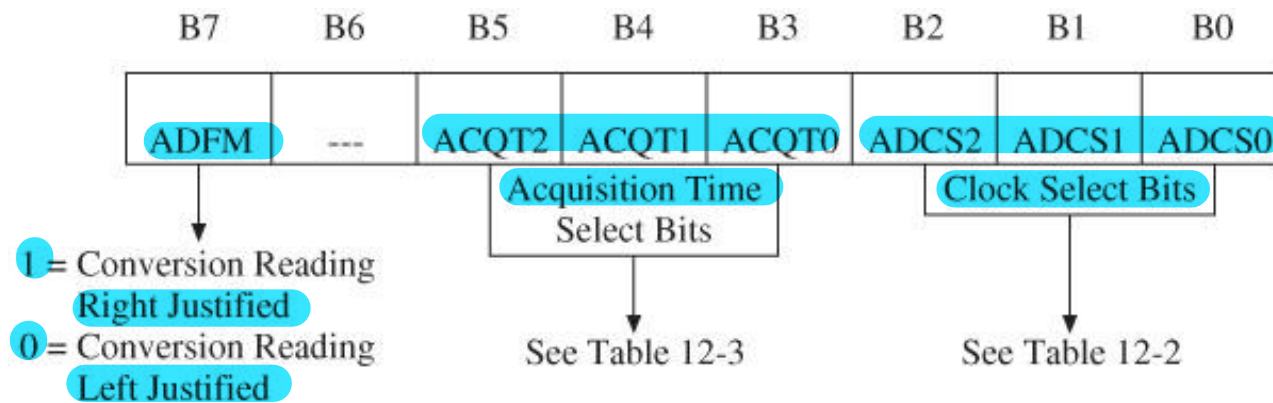
VCFG1:VCFG0: Voltage reference configuration bits
(see Table 12.2)

PCFG3:PCFG0: A/D port configuration control bits

	AN15	AN14	AN13	AN12	AN11	AN10	AN9	AN8	AN7	AN6	AN5	AN4	AN3	AN2	AN1	AN0
0000	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0001	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0010	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0011	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0100	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0101	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0110	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
0111	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
1000	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
1001	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A
1010	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A
1011	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A	A
1100	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A	A
1101	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	A
1110	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A
1111	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

e.g. 0f

- **ADCON2 Register**
 - Select an **acquisition time and clock frequency**
 - Right or left justify output reading



ACQT2:ACQT0: A

000 = 0 TAD(1)
 001 = 2 TAD
 010 = 4 TAD
 011 = 6 TAD
 100 = 8 TAD
 101 = 12 TAD
 110 = 16 TAD
 111 = 20 TAD

ADCS2:ADCS0: A/D conversion clock select bits

000 = FOSC/2
 001 = FOSC/8
 010 = FOSC/32
 011 = FRC (clock derived from A/D RC oscillator)
 100 = FOSC/4
 101 = FOSC/16
 110 = FOSC/64
 111 = FRC (clock derived from A/D RC oscillator)

Selecting ADC conversion time

- The programming value of T_{AD} (ADCS2-ADCS0) must be greater than the minimum value of T_{AD}
- The programming value of T_{ACQ} (ACQT2-ACQT0) must be greater than the minimum of T_{ACQ}

Let

the minimum value of $T_{AD} = 1.6 \mu s$
the minimum value of $T_{ACQ} = 13 \mu s$
 $f_{OSC} = 32 \text{ MHz}$

What are (ADCS2-ADCS0) and (ACQS2-ADCS0) ?

- $f_{OSC} = 32 \text{ MHz}$, the A/D clock source must be set to $f_{OSC}/64$ $(32e6/64)^{-1} = 2e-6$ which makes $T_{AD} = 2 \mu s$. (ADCS2-ADCS0) = 110 $2 > 1.6$
- For $T_{AD} = 2 \mu s$, T_{ACQ} must be set to at least 8 T_{AD} . $2 \times 8 = 16 > 13$
(ACQT2-ACQT0) = 100

Assembly instruction sequence that achieve the desired setting:

movlw	0x01	; select channel AN0 and enable A/D	0000 0001
movwf	ADCON0,A		
movlw	0x0E	; configure only channel AN0 as analog port	1110 -> AN0
movwf	ADCON1,A	; select VDD and VSS as reference voltages	0000
movlw	0xA6	; set A/D result right justified, set acquisition	
movwf	ADCON2,A	; time to 8 TAD, clock source FOSC/64	10 100 110

Procedure for performing A/D Conversion

- Configure the A/D module
 1. Configure analog pins, reference voltages
 2. Select A/D input channel
 3. Select A/D acquisition time (if available)
 4. Select A/D conversion clock
 5. Enable A/D module
- ~~- Configure A/D interrupt~~
 - ~~1. Clear ADIF flag~~
 - ~~2. Set ADIE bit (if desired)~~
 - ~~3. Set GIE bit (if desired)~~
- Wait for the desired acquisition time (if required)
- Start conversion by setting the GO/DONE bit
- Wait for A/D conversion to complete
- Read the A/D result registers; clear the ADIF flag

Example

Assume that the AN0 pin of a PIC18 running with a 32 MHz crystal oscillator is connected to a potentiometer. The voltage range of the potentiometer is from 0V to 5V. Write a program to measure the voltage applied to the AN0 pin, convert it, and retrieve the conversion result and place it in PRODH:PRODL.

Let the minimum value of $T_{AD} = 1.6 \mu s$ and the minimum value of $T_{ACQ} = 13 \mu s$

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    org 0x00
    goto start
    org 0x08
    retfie
    org 0x18
    retfie
Start: movlw 0x01      ; select channel AN0 and enable A/D
    movwf ADCON0,A ; "
    movlw 0x0E        ; use VDD & VSS as reference voltages &
    movwf ADCON1,A ; configure channel AN0 as analog input
    movlw 0xA6        ; select FOSC/64 as conversion clock,
    movwf ADCON2,A ; 8 TAD for acquisition time,
                    1 ;right-justified
    bsf ADCON0,GO,A ; start A/D conversion
wait_con:
    btfsc ADCON0,DONE,A ; wait until conversion is done
    bra wait_con
    movff ADRESH,PRODH ; save conversion result
    movff ADRESL,PRODL ;
end

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Scaling circuit

Used to amplify the transducer output from a range of $0V \sim V_Z$ to $0 \sim V_{DD}$.

- Usually V_Z is smaller than V_{DD} .
- Voltage gain: $A_V = V_{OUT} \div V_{IN} = (R_1 + R_2) \div R_1 = 1 + R_2/R_1$

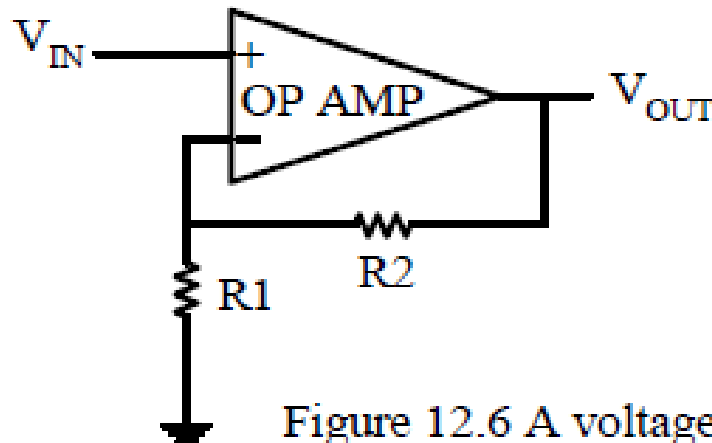


Figure 12.6 A voltage scaler

Suppose the transducer output voltage ranges from 0V to 200 mV.

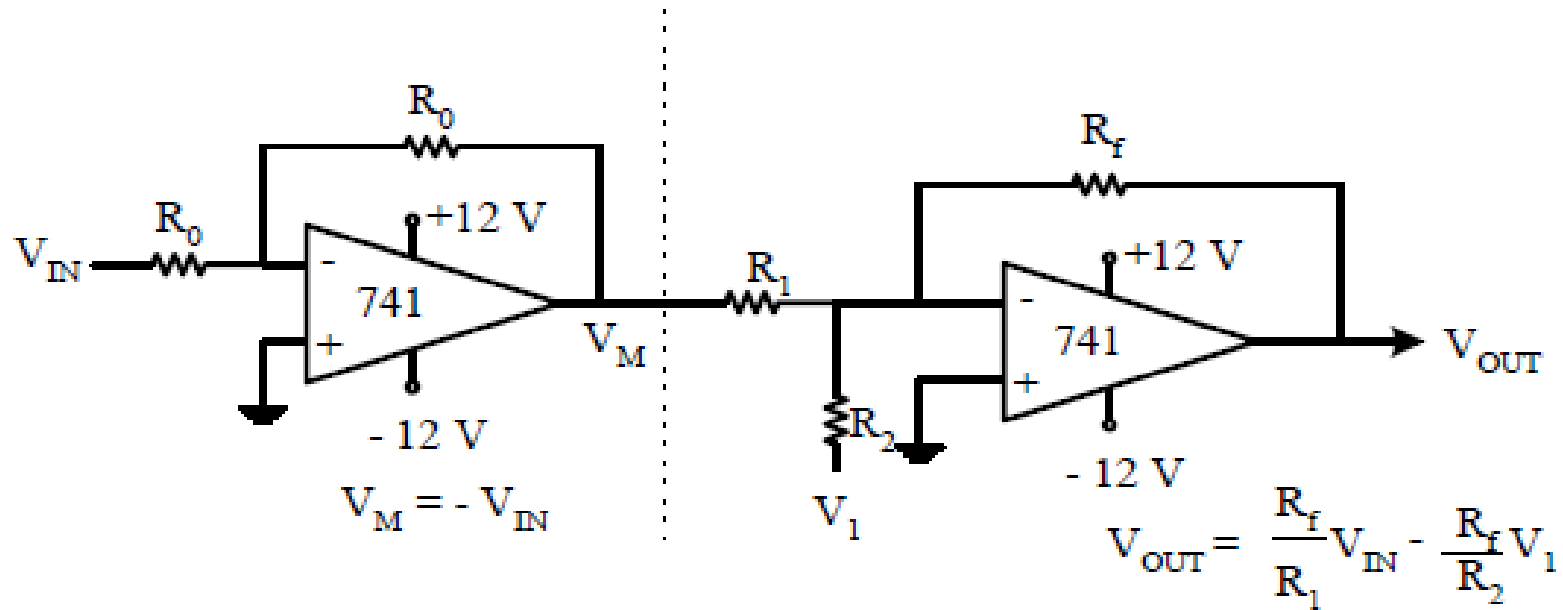
Choose the appropriate values for R1 and R2 to scale this range to 0 ~ 5V.

Solution:

- $R2/R1 = (V_{OUT}/V_{IN}) - 1 = 24$
- Choose 240 K Ω for R2 and 10 K Ω for R1.

Voltage translation circuit

Needed to shift and scale the transducer output in a range of $-V_X \sim V_Z$ to $0V \sim V_{DD}$



Choose appropriate resistor values and the adjusting voltage so that the circuit shown in the last page can shift the voltage from the range of $-1.2\text{V} \sim 3.0\text{V}$ to the range of $0\text{V} \sim 5\text{V}$.

Solution:

$$0 = -1.2 \times (R_f/R_1) - (R_f/R_2) \times V_1$$

$$5 = 3.0 \times (R_f/R_1) - (R_f/R_2) \times V_1$$

Choose $R_0 = R_1 = 10\text{ K}\Omega$ and $V_1 = -5\text{V}$

$R_f = 12\text{ K}\Omega$, $R_2 = 42\text{ K}\Omega$

Summary

- ◆ general concepts of peripheral
- ◆ DAC
- ◆ ADC