

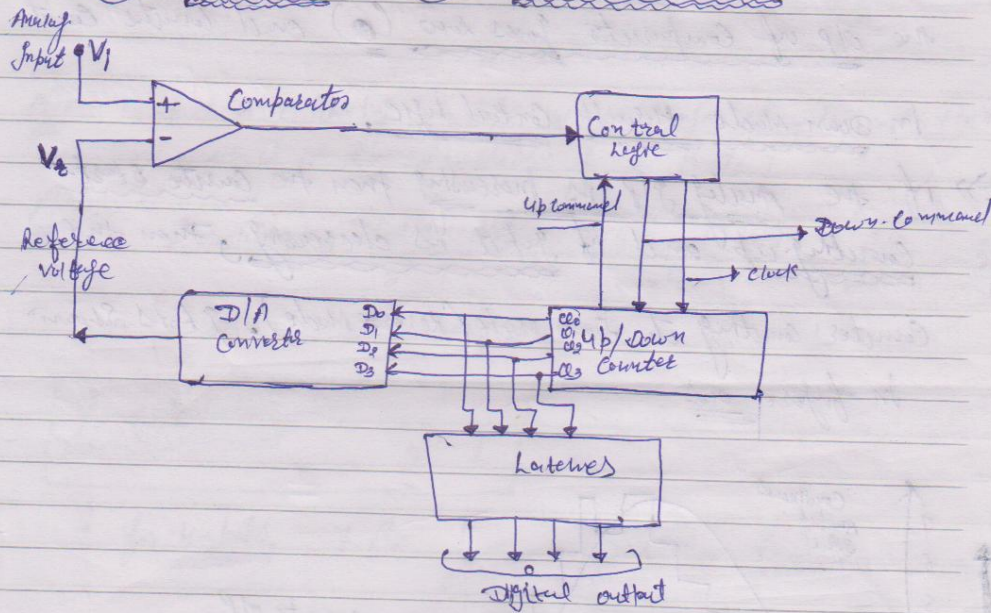
Continuous Counts A/D Converter or up/down counter

→ It makes the use of D/A converter, A/D Converter

The Main components of this converter are ⇒ ① Comparator

② Control Logic ③ Counter (up/down)

④ Latches ⑤ D/A Converter



Block Diagram of Counter type A/D converter

→ The Analog Input which is to be viewed as digital is given to the Comparator.

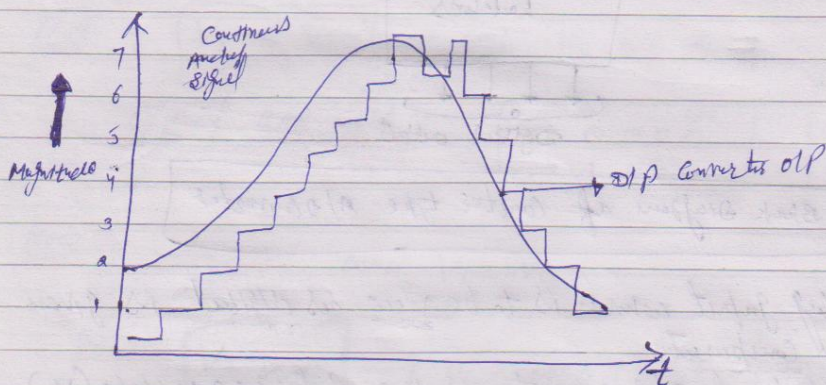
→ The output of D/A Converter is the Reference voltage (V_R) which is to be compared with the analog Input voltage (V_{in}) at Comparator.

If the Reference voltage (V_R) is less than the Analog Input V_{in} ($V_R < V_{in}$), then the O/P of Comparator gives high (1), and counter starts counting in up mode, via control logic. but the counter gives the binary counts and an Analog reference O/P

is obtained from the D/A Converter, which is then compared with Analog voltage (V_m)

⇒ whenever the V_e (Reference voltage) is equal to the or greater than the output Analog input voltage (V_m), then the OP of Comparator goes low (0) and counter count in Down mode through Control logic.

⇒ If the Analog input is increasing then the counter starts counting up and if input is decreasing, then the counter counting its Down mode (Reverse mode). It is shown in figure as



Input & OP waveforms for Counter type A/D Converter

Q. Find the Conversion time & Conversion Rate for a Successive Approximation A/D converter having 2 MHz clock and a 5-bit Binary Ladder containing Reference voltages of 8V.

Ans. Conversion time (t_c) = $\frac{n}{\text{clock rate}} = \frac{5}{2 \text{ MHz}} = \frac{5}{2 \times 10^6} = \underline{2.5 \mu\text{s}}$

Conversion Rate = $\frac{1}{t_c} = \frac{1}{2.5 \mu\text{s}} = 40,000 \text{ conversions/sec}$

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Resolution \Rightarrow

Resolution: It is defined as the voltage input change for one bit change in the output. for the n-bit ADC, the number of output levels are $2^n - 1$.

$$\text{Resolution} = \frac{\text{Full scale I/P}}{\text{No. of O/P level}} = \frac{\text{Full scale I/P}}{2^n - 1}$$

Q: 10-bit ADC having an I/P voltage range of -10 and +10V. what is the resolution? & R %?

Ans \Rightarrow

$$\text{Resolution} = \frac{\text{Full scale I/P}}{2^n - 1} = \frac{10 - (-10)}{2^{10} - 1} = \frac{20}{1024 - 1} = \frac{20}{1023}$$

$$\text{Resolution} = 19.5 \text{ mV}$$

$$\% \text{ Resolution} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^n - 1}$$

$$\therefore \text{for } \underline{4\text{-bits}}, \quad \% \text{ R} = \frac{1}{2^4 - 1} = \frac{1}{15} \times 100 = \underline{6.7\%}$$

Q: An 4-bit D/A converter has an O/P range of 0 to 1.5V. define its Resolution

Ans $n=4$, full scale O/P in case of D/A = 1.5V

$$\text{Resolution} = \frac{V_{\text{FS}}}{2^n - 1} = \frac{1.5}{16 - 1} = \frac{1.5}{15} = 0.1$$

$$\text{Resolution} = \frac{100 \text{ mV}}{1 \text{ LSB}} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Because } 100 \text{ mV} = 100 \times 10^{-3} \text{ V} \\ = 0.1 \text{ V} \end{array} \right]$$

So, An I/P voltage of 1 LSB changes the O/P by 100 mV.