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| Lab 2: Sensor Data Acquisition, Digitizing, Filtering, and Digital I/O |
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# 1. Problem Statement

Data acquisition and signal processing are common operations performed by embedded microprocessor systems. Within the scope of this experiment, we will implement a system which collects data from a temperature sensor and displays the results using LEDs.

# 2. Theory and Hypothesis

## 2.1. Analog-to-Digital Conversion

An analog-to-digital converter (ADC) translates an analog input into a digital value which can be transmitted over a data bus. The ADC used for this implementation has 12-bit resolution and operates in a range of 0 to 3 volts. The resolution and the range define the step size of the ADC according to equation (1).

(1)

Where Stepsize is the voltage range represented by the same digital value

Range is the total possible analog value [3v - 0v = 3v]

Numberstep is the number of possible digital values. [212 = 4098]

By substituting the given numerical values into equation (1), the step size of our ADC is found to be 0.000732V / step.

To interpret the output of the ADC, we need to perform the reverse calculation as shown in equation (2).

(2)

Where Valueanalog is the analog value corresponding to the digital value

Value­digital is the digital value at the output of the ADC

Stepsize is the voltage range represented by the same digital value

For example, the output of the ADC is 1080, then the corresponding analog value should be approximately 0.790629575V.

The many-to-one mapping of the ADC leads to loss of precision. Therefore, the calculated analog value will differ from the actual analog value measured at the input of the ADC. For this reason, a filter should be inserted between the output of the ADC and the computation of the analog value.

## 2.2. Kalman Filter

Kalman Filter is a low pass-filter used to block high frequency noise based on the current state. Its state is defined by five parameters: process noise covariance (q), measurement noise covariance (r), value (x), estimation error covariance (p) and kalman gain (k). As the matlab simulation shows (see Appendix A), q and r are the key parameters to be initialized when implementing a Kalman Filter. Together, these two parameter set how close the filtered value should follow the raw input. While q and r are fixed during the initialization of the filter, x, p and k are updated as the filter runs. A good initial approximation on those three parameters will result in the filtered value to converge more quickly.

## 2.3. Data Interpretation

After inserting a filter between the ADC output and computing the analog value, the voltage resulting from equation (2) should be more accurate. This value can in turn be translated into the corresponding temperature using equation (3).

(3)

Where Temp˚C is the temperature corresponding to a given voltage

V­sense is the voltage at the sensor computed by converting the digital value

V25 is the reference temperature at 25˚C [0.76V]

Avg\_Slope is the average slope of temperature vs V­­sense

## 2.4. Pulse Wave Modulation

* What’s a PWM?
* How does duty\_cycle and period influence the fade-in fade-out effect

# 3. Implementation

The overall system is controlled by a 168MHz system core clock. It is divided of two main components, data processing and visual feedback. The implementation of each is detailed in the following sections. The processor execution mainly resides within a main loop. Inside of the loop, the program checks whether the interrupt handler has set an interrupt flag. If it has, then it will execute the data processing portion. The portion controlling the LED display lies outside of the conditional check for the interrupt flag.

## 3.1. Data Processing

The data processing component is controlled by the clock operating at a rate derived from the system core clock. This software implemented system clock is called Systick, which counts up to a specific number of pulses before throwing an interrupt. The required sampling frequency of 50Hz is achieved by dividing the system core clock of 168MHz by 50Hz. The Systick interrupt handler will throw an interrupt every 0.02ms and allow one data sample to be taken and processed.

### 3.1.1. Data Acquisition and Digitizing (ADC)

The built in temperature sensor is connected to ADC1 through channel 16. To collect data from the temperature sensor, we initialized the ADC as summarized in table 1.

Table 1: ADC Initialization Parameters

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| --- | --- |
| Initialization Parameter | Value |
| ADC\_Mode | ADC\_Mode\_Independent |
| ADC\_Prescaler | ADC\_Prescaler\_Div2 |
| ADC\_DMAAccessMode | ADC\_DMAAccessMode\_Disabled |
| ADC\_TwoSamplingDelay | ADC\_TwoSamplingDelay\_5Cycles |

The mode is independent since we only needed to use one ADC component. The prescaler is set to div2 because that is the smallest division choice available. DMA Access Mode was disabled since we did not need to use any direct memory accesses. The two sampling delay indicates the amount of cycles to pass between two samples are taken. We chose 5 cycles since that was the highest frequency.

For specific ADC setting, we imposed the following configurations.

Table 2: ADC Configuration Parameters

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| --- | --- |
| Configuration Parameter | Value |
| ADC\_Resolution | ADC\_Resolution\_12b |
| ADC\_ScanConvMode | DISABLED |
| ADC\_ContinuousConvMode | DISABLED |
| ADC\_ExternalTrigConv | ADC\_ExernalTrigConvEdge\_None |
| ADC\_DataAlign | ADC\_DataAlign\_Right |
| ADC\_NbrOfConversion | 1 |

We set the resolution as 12 bits since that was the highest resolution size. We disabled the Scan Conversion Mode since we only needed to do the conversion in a single channel for one sensor. We disabled continuous conversion mode because we did not need a continuous sampling. We set the external trigger conversion edge to none since we are using a software interrupt. We set data align to right because that’s how integers are represented in C. The number of conversions is set to one since we are only doing one conversion per sample.

The channel on which samples are taken is configured as shown in table 3.

Table 3: Channel Configuration Parameters

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| --- | --- |
| Configuration Parameter | Value |
| ADCx | ADC1 |
| ADC\_Channel | ADC\_Channel\_16 |
| Rank | 1 |
| ADC\_SampleTime | ADC\_SampleTime\_480Cycles |

As previously mentioned, the temperature sensor is hardwired to ADC1 over channel 16. Since this is the only used, the value for rank does not matter. We selected 480 cycles as sample time because \_\_\_\_\_\_

Finally, the sampled data taken from the ADC is forwarded to the Kalman filter.

### 3.1.2. Data Filtering (Kalman Filter)

We reused the Kalman filter from Lab Experiment 1, with some changes. Instead of an array of inputs and outputs, each iteration will only pass in a scalar input value and pass back one output value. The parameters that we used for the Kalman filter we determined experimentally (see Section 4.1). The output values are passed as input to the conversion function.

### 3.1.3. Data Conversion

* Mention that the data received from the filter needs to be translated in order to be interpreted
* First get the voltage
* Second get the temperature
* Mention that the temperature changes are displayed using LEDs

## 3.2. Visual Feedback

The visual display for your program used two operational modes, one below a threshold temperature and one above a threshold temperature. The threshold temperature we set to 55 degrees Celsius (see section 4.2).

To configure the GPIO to output to the LEDs, we used the settings as in table 4.

Table 4: GPIO Configuration Parameters

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| **Configuration parameter** | **Value** |
| **GPIO\_Pin** | GPIO\_Pin\_12 | GPIO\_Pin\_13 | GPIO\_Pin\_14 | GPIO\_Pin\_15 |
| **GPIO\_Mode** | GPIO\_Mode\_OUT |
| **GPIO\_Speed** | GPIO\_Speed\_100MHz |
| **GPIO\_OType** | GPIO\_Otype\_PP |
| **GPIO\_PuPd** | GPIO\_PuPd\_NOPULL |

### 3.2.1. Visual Display (GPIO)

The operational mode when the temperature is below the threshold indicates changes in temperature. Every two degree change in temperature, the current LED will turn off and another LED will turn on. If the change is positive, then the next clockwise LED is turned on, otherwise, the next counter-clockwise LED is turned on. To specify the LED we implemented a counter. Then we took the modulo 4 of the counter and specified a results as in table 5. Whenever temperature changed, we can then increment or decrement the counter accordingly. The reference temperature is updated at every two degree change.

Table 5: Modulo to GPIO Pin

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| --- | --- |
| **Modulo Result** | **GPIO\_Pin** |
| 0 | 12 |
| 1 | 13 |
| 2 | 14 |
| 3 | 15 |

We set the pins 12 to 15 since these are the pins hardwired to the LEDs. We set the mode as out since we are writing to the LEDs. We set the speed as 100 MHz since it is the fastest speed. We set the output type as PP and PullUp and PullDown as NOPULL so that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### 3.2.2. Alarm (PWM)

The operational mode when the temperature is above the threshold acts as an alarm indicating that the temperature has reached a critical point. The alarm is implemented by using pulse width modulation (see section 2.4) when enabling the LEDs. The duty cycle of the PWM is implemented as a percentage. The actual duty cycle that the counter counts to is found by multiplying the duty cycle percentage by the set period. In this way, PWM can be reused with a different period without specifying the interval of increase for the duty cycle. Instead, adjusting the duty cycle only requires adding or subtracting 10% to the percentage value.

# 4. Testing and Observations

## 4.1. Terminal Window

* Display intermediate values
  + For Kalman Filter -- Compare against Matlab results
* Know when we passed the threshold

## 4.2. Visual Feedback

* Observe the clockwise/counter-clockwise LEDs
* Observe fade-in fade-out effect beyond threshold

# 5. Conclusion

* Take into account the wrap-around issue
* Consider using average when converting digital to analog

# References

# Appendix A – Matlab Simulation Results

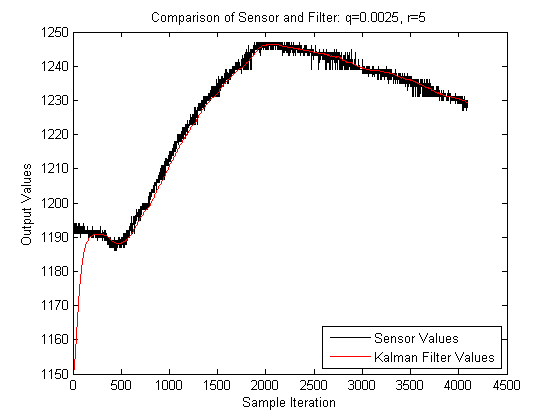


Figure 1: Kalman Filter Parameter q=0.0025, r=5

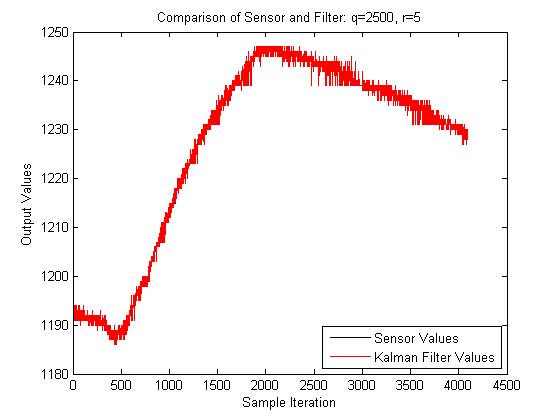


Figure 2: Kalman Filter Parameter q=2500, r=5

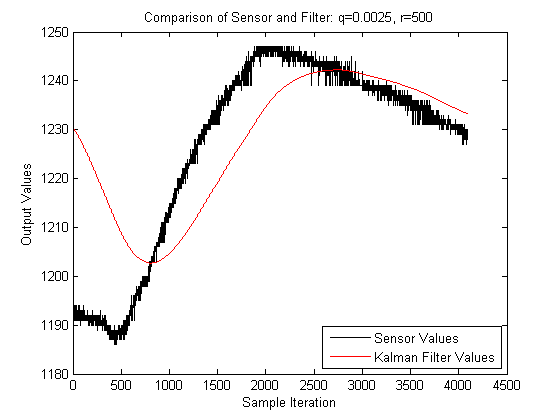


Figure 3: Kalman Filter Parameter q=0.0025, r=500