Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)

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- 1. Analog-to-Digital Conversion
- 2. Keywords
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- 4. Nyquist Sampling Theorem
- 5. ADC architecture
- 6. STM32F767 ADC Module

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Learning Outcomes

- 1. Understanding analog-to-digital conversion
- 2. Using analog input with MCU
- 3. Reading analog-to-digital data

Analog-to-Digital Conversion: Terminology

Analog: continuously valued signal, such as temperature or speed, with infinite possible values in between

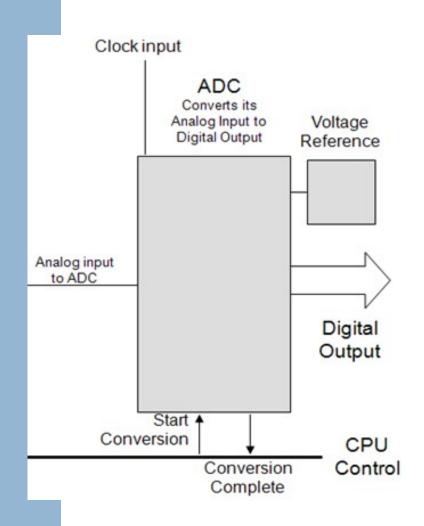
Digital: discretely valued signal, such as integers, encoded in binary

analog-to-digital converter: ADC, A/D, A2D; converts an analog signal to a digital signal

digital-to-analog converter: DAC, D/A, D2A

An embedded system's surroundings typically involve many analog signals.

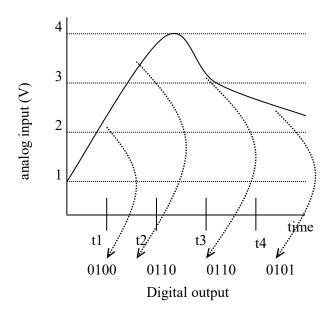
Analog-to-Digital Converter



- ADC is an electronic circuit that measures the input voltage, and gives a binary output number proportional to its size.
- ADC compares an input voltage to a reference voltage.
- Conversion takes time (µs++), so the ADC needs to signal when it has finished.

Analog-to-digital converters

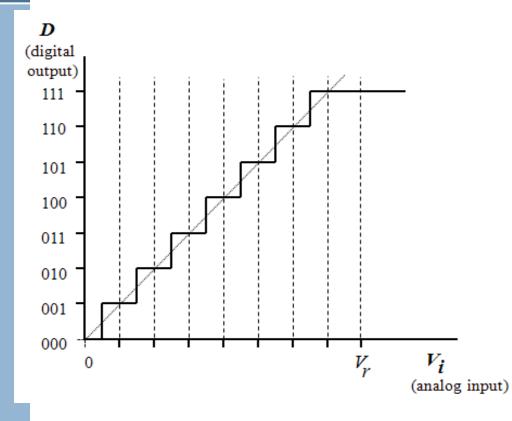
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7.0V	1110
6.5V	1101
6.0V	1100
5.5V	1011
5.0V	
3.0 V	1010
4.5V	1001
4.0V	1000
3.5V	0111
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3.0V	0110
2.5V	0101
2.0V	0100
1.5V	0011
	0011
1.0V	0010
0.5V	0001
0V	0000
0.1	0000



proportionality

analog to digital

Range, Resolution and Quantisation



$$D = \frac{V_i}{V_r} \times 2^n$$

- The ADC action follows Equation
 - D : output binary number
 - n : bit number
 - V_i : input voltage
 - V_r : reference voltage
- The difference between the maximum and minimum input values is called the Range.
- many ADC circuits the range is equal to the reference voltage.

Proportional Signals

Simple Equation

Assume minimum voltage of 0 V.

Vmax = maximum voltage of the analog
signal

a = analog value

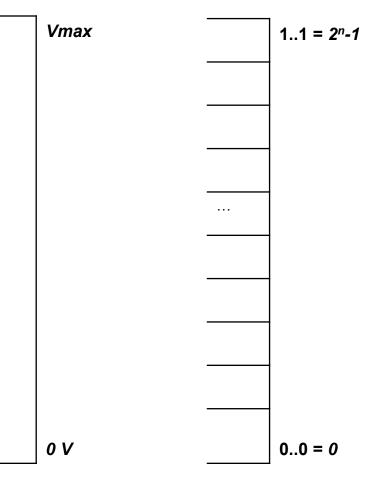
n = number of bits for digital encoding

 2^n = number of digital codes

 $M = \text{number of steps, either } 2^n \text{ or } 2^n - 1$

d = digital encoding

a / Vmax = d / M



Resolution

Let n = 2

$M = 2^n - 1$

3 steps on the digital scale

$$d_0 = 0 = 0b00$$

$$d_{Vmax} = 3 = 0b11$$

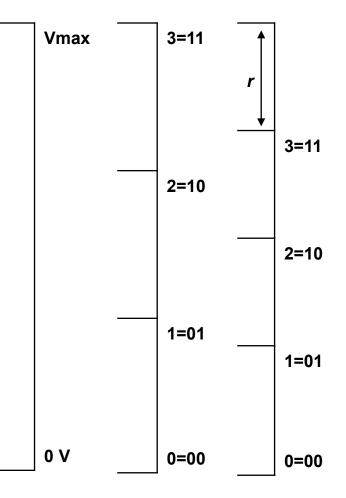
$M = 2^n$

4 steps on the digital scale

$$d_0 = 0 = 0b00$$

$$d_{Vmax-r}^{\circ} = 3 = 0b11 \text{ (no d}_{Vmax})$$

r, resolution: smallest analog change resulting from changing one bit



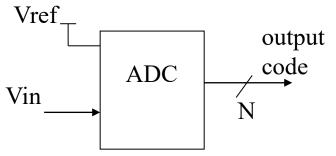
Resolution

ADC: Vin = input voltage, Vref = reference voltage

N = number of bits of precision

Vin/ Vref * 2^N = output_code output_code/ 2^N * Vref = Vin

$$1 LSB = Vref/2^N$$

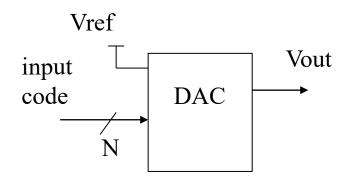


DAC: Vout = output voltage, Vref = reference voltage,

N = number of bits of precision

Vout/ Vref * 2^N = input_code input_code/ 2^N * Vref = Vout

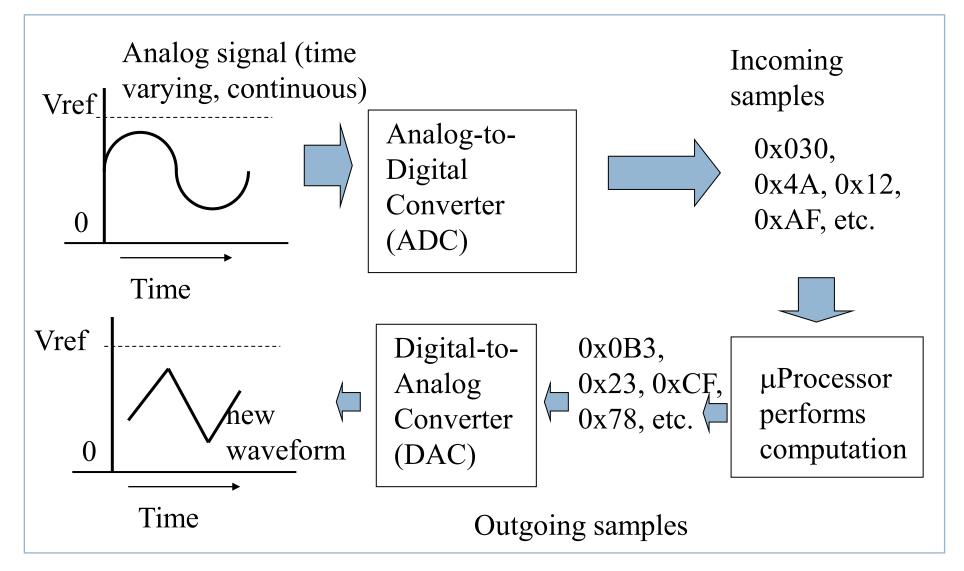
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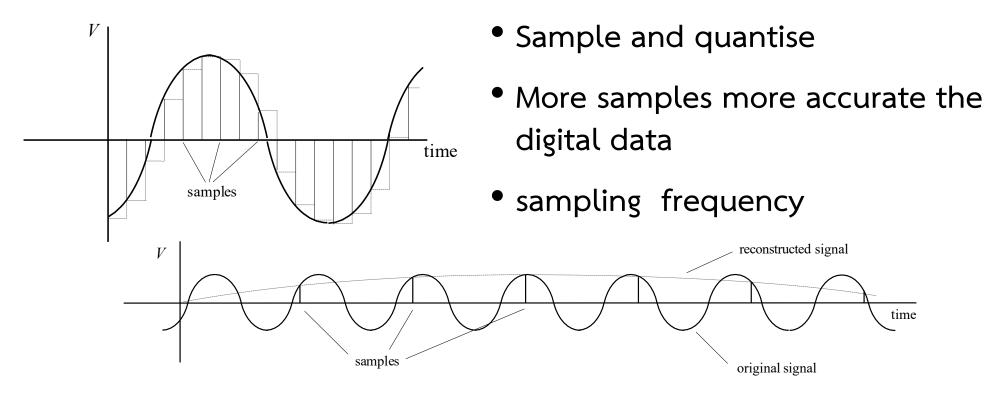
ADC Applications

- Data logging
- Audio
 - Speech recognition
 - special effects (reverb, noise cancellation, etc)
- Video
 - Filtering
 - Special effects
 - Compression

Digital Signal Processing



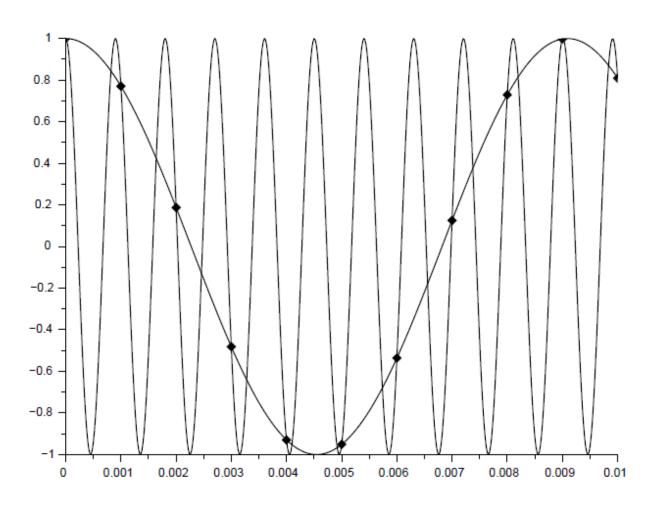
Sampling Frequency and Aliasing



The Nyquist theorem (sampling theorem):

- Sampling frequency must be at least twice of the maximum signal frequency.
- If the sampling is less than twice, then aliasing occurs
- Aliasing: a new lower frequency signal.

Aliasing of Two Sinewaves



Sample ADC Computations

If Vref = 5V, and the 10-bit A/D output code is 0x12A, what is the ADC input voltage?

output_code/
$$2^N$$
 * Vref = $(0x12A)/2^{10}$ * 5 V
= $298/1024$ * 5 V = 1.46 V (Vin)

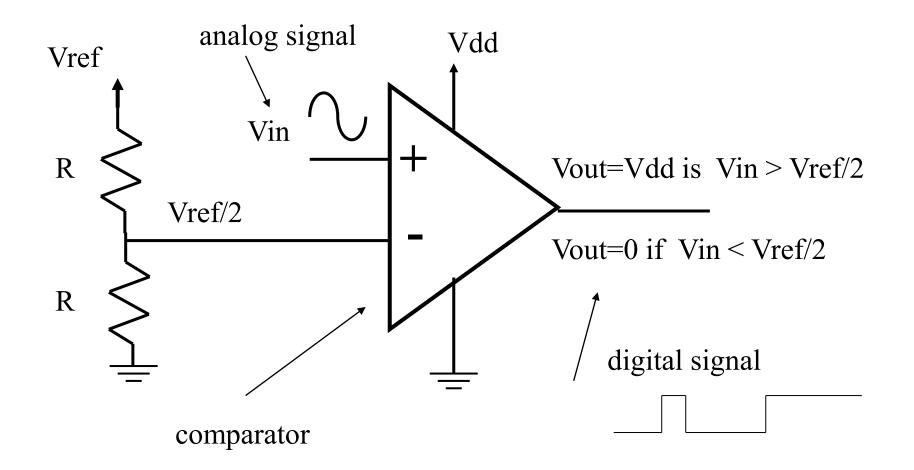
If Vref = 5V, and the upper 8 bits of the A/D output code is 0xA9, what is the ADC input voltage?

output_code/
$$2^N$$
 * Vref = $(0xA9)/2^8$ * 5 V
= $169/256$ * 5 V = 3.3 V (Vin)

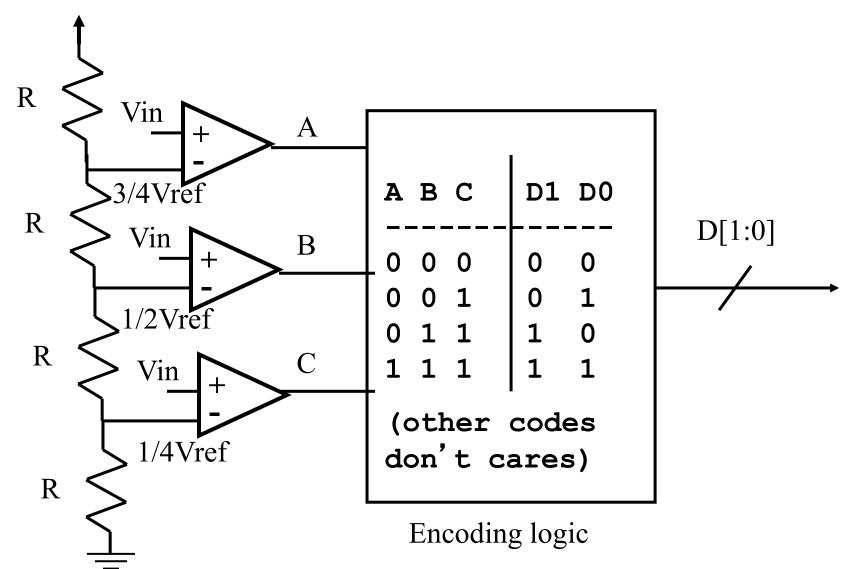
If Vref = 4V, and the A/D input voltage is 2.35 V, what is the ADC output code, upper 8-bits?

Vin/ Vref *
$$2^{N}$$
 = 2.35 V/4 V * 2^{8}
= .5875 * 256 = 150.4 = 150 = 0 x96

A 1-bit ADC



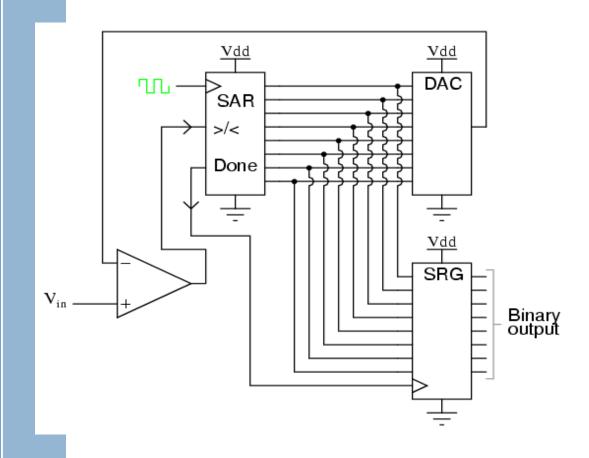
A 2-bit ADC



ADC Architectures

- The previous architectures are called *Flash* ADCs
 - Fastest possible conversion time
 - Requires the most transistors of any architecture
 - N-bit converter requires 2^N-1 comparators.
 - Commercially available flash converters up to 12 bits.
 - Conversion done in one clock cycle
- Successive approximation ADCs
 - Use only one comparator
 - Take one clock cycle per bit
 - High precision (16-bit converters are available)

Successive Approximation ADC



Output is Q[N]

First, set DAC to produce Vref/2.

Output of Comparator is Q[N-1] (MSB)

If MSB = 1, then Vin between Vref and Vref/2, so set DAC to produce ¾ Vref.

If MSB=0, then Vin between Vref/2 and 0, so set DAC to ½ Vref.

Output of comparator is now Q[N-2].

Do this for each bit.

Takes N cycles.

ADC using successive approximation

- Given an analog input signal whose voltage should range from 0 to 15 volts, and an 8-bit digital encoding, calculate the correct encoding for 5 volts. Then trace the successive-approximation approach to find the correct encoding.
- Assume $M = 2^n 1$

```
a / Vmax = d / M

5 / 15 = d / (256 - 1)

d = 85 or binary 01010101
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ADC using successive approximation

Step 1-4: determine bits 0-3

$$V_{max} = 7.5 \text{ volts}$$

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$$V_{min} = 3.75 \text{ volts}$$

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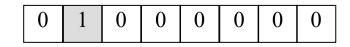
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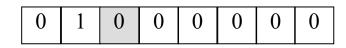
 $V_{max} = 5.63 \text{ volts}$

$$V_{min} = 4.69 \text{ volts}$$

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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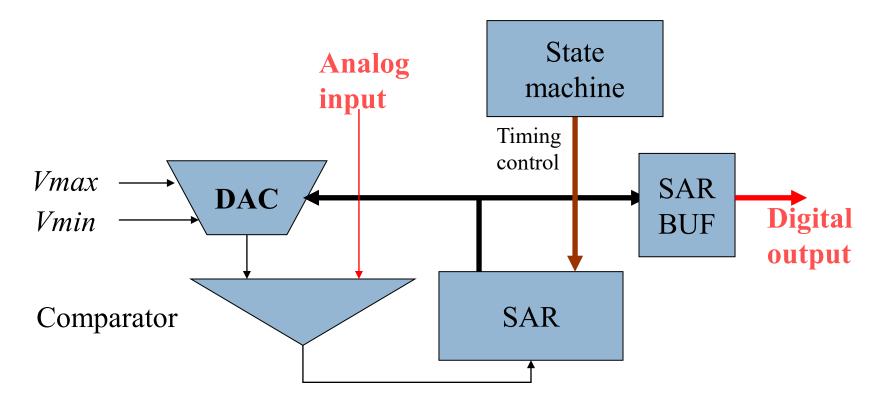
ADC using successive approximation

Step 5-8: Determine bits 4-7

$$V_{max} = 5.16 \text{ volts}$$
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 $V_{min} = 4.93 \text{ volts}$
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 $V_{max} = 5.05 \text{ volts}$
 $V_{max} = 4.99 \text{ volts}$

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Constructing ADC



SAR: Successive approximation register

STM32F767 ADC Module

- 12-bit ADC is a successive approximation analogto-digital converter
- A/D conversion of the channels can be performed in single, continuous, scan or discontinuous mode.
- The result of the ADC is stored into a left or rightaligned 16-bit data register.

STM32F767 ADC Features

- 3 ADCs
- 12-bit, 10-bit, 8-bit or 6-bit configurable resolution
- Interrupt generation at the end of conversion
- Single and continuous conversion modes
- Regular and Injection mode
- Data alignment with in-built data coherency
- ADC supply requirements: 2.4 V to 3.6 V at full speed and down to 1.8 V at slower speed
- ADC input range: VREF- ≤ VIN ≤ VREF+

Examples of Conversion Mode

Figure 4. Single-channel, continuous conversion mode

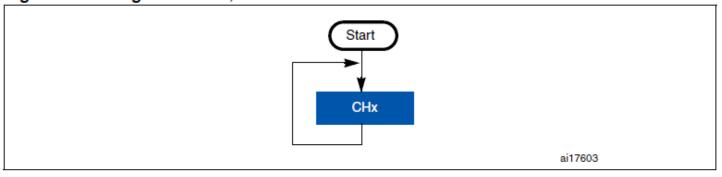
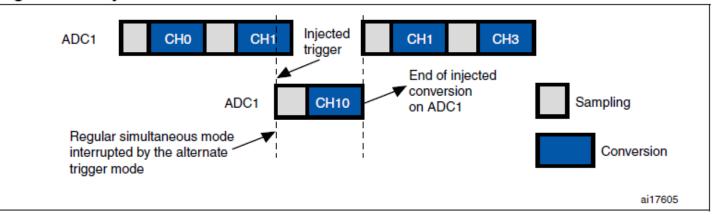
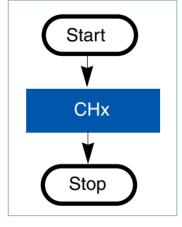


Figure 6. Injected conversion mode

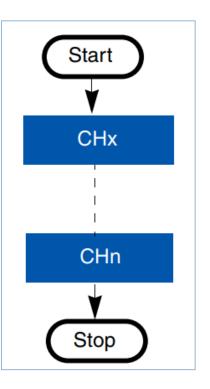


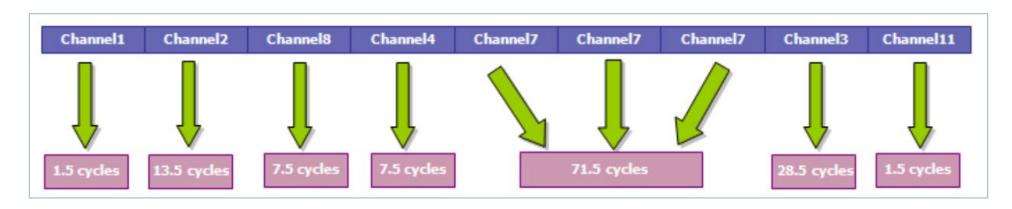
Single Conversion

Single Channel

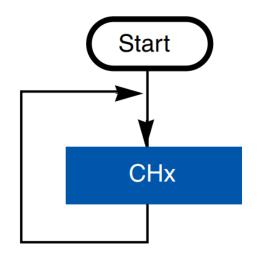


Multichannel





Continuous Mode



CHx

Start

Single Channel

Multichannel

Other modes

Figure 6. Injected conversion mode

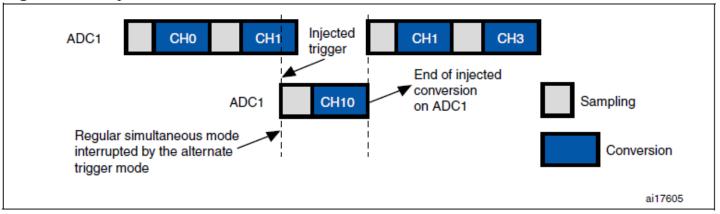
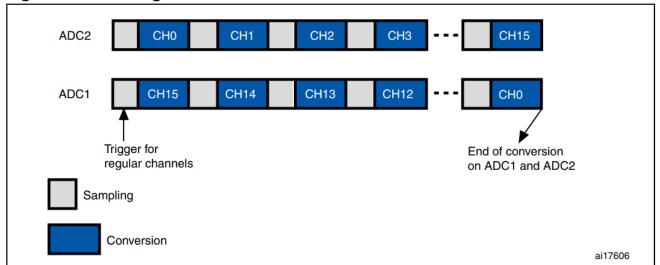
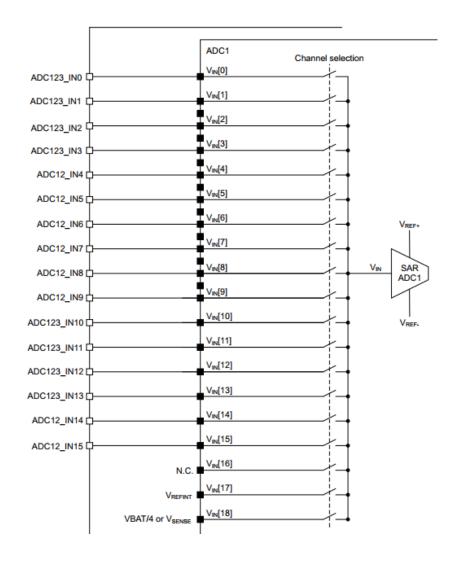
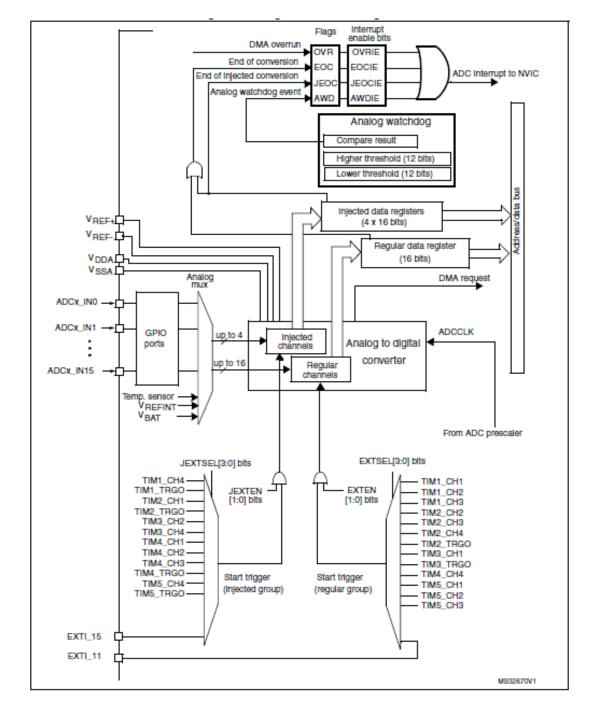


Figure 7. Dual regular simultaneous mode

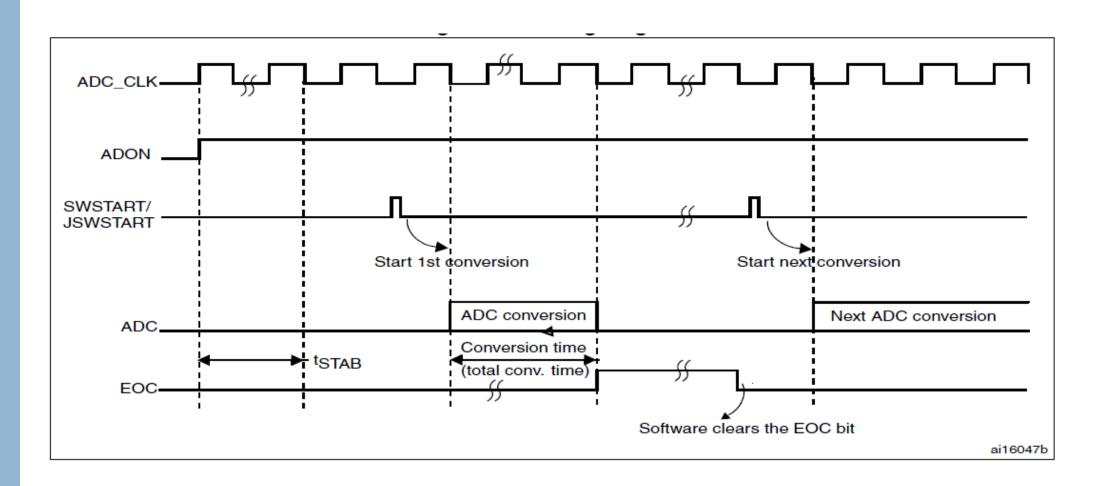


ADC Block Diagram





ADC Timing Diagram



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Data Alignment

Figure 35. Right alignment of 12-bit data

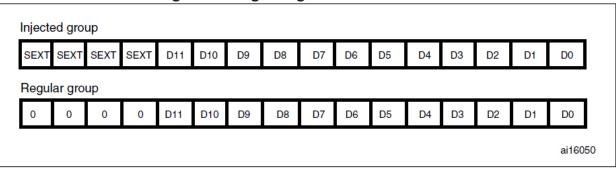


Figure 36. Left alignment of 12-bit data

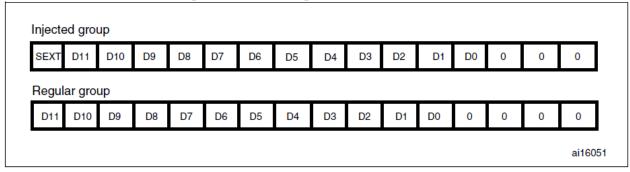
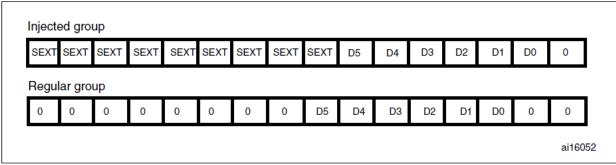


Figure 37. Left alignment of 6-bit data



11.12.14 ADC regular data register (ADC_DR)

Address offset: 0x4C

Reset value: 0x0000 0000

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Reserved															
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
	DATA[15:0]														
r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r

Bits 31:16 Reserved, must be kept at reset value.

Bits 15:0 DATA[15:0]: Regular data

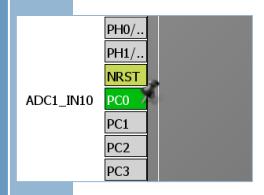
These bits are read-only. They contain the conversion result from the regular channels. The data are left- or right-aligned as shown in *Figure 35* and *Figure 36*.

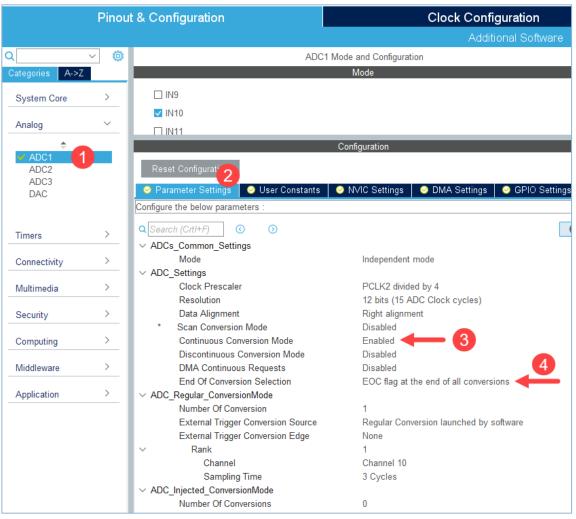
```
volatile uint32_t adc_val = 0;
HAL_ADC_Start(&hadc1);
```

```
while (1) {
   while ( HAL_ADC_PollForConversion(&hadc1, 100) != HAL_OK ) {}
   adc_val = HAL_ADC_GetValue(&hadc1);
}
```

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Single Channel Continuous Conversion





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ADC HandleTypeDef hadc1; /* ADC1 init function */ void MX ADC1 Init(void) ADC ChannelConfTypeDef sConfig = {0}; /** Configure the global features of the ADC (Clock, Resolution, Data Alignment and number of conversion) hadc1.Instance = ADC1; hadc1.Init.ClockPrescaler = ADC CLOCK_SYNC_PCLK_DIV4; hadc1.Init.Resolution = ADC RESOLUTION 12B; hadc1.Init.ScanConvMode = ADC SCAN DISABLE; hadc1.Init.ContinuousConvMode = ENABLE; hadc1.Init.DiscontinuousConvMode = DISABLE; hadc1.Init.ExternalTrigConvEdge = ADC EXTERNALTRIGCONVEDGE_NONE; hadc1.Init.ExternalTrigConv = ADC SOFTWARE START; hadc1.Init.DataAlign = ADC DATAALIGN RIGHT; hadc1.Init.NbrOfConversion = 1; hadc1.Init.DMAContinuousRequests = DISABLE; hadc1.Init.EOCSelection = ADC EOC SEQ CONV; if (HAL ADC Init(&hadc1) != HAL OK) Error Handler(); /** Configure for the selected ADC regular channel its corresponding rank in the sequencer and its sample time. */ sConfig.Channel = ADC CHANNEL 10; sConfig.Rank = ADC REGULAR RANK 1; sConfig.SamplingTime = ADC SAMPLETIME 3CYCLES; if (HAL ADC ConfigChannel(&hadc1, &sConfig) != HAL OK) Error Handler();

```
void HAL ADC MspInit(ADC HandleTypeDef* adcHandle)
 GPIO InitTypeDef GPIO InitStruct = {0};
 if (adcHandle->Instance==ADC1)
 /* USER CODE BEGIN ADC1 MspInit 0 */
 /* USER CODE END ADC1 MspInit 0 */
   /* ADC1 clock enable */
   HAL RCC ADC1 CLK ENABLE();
    HAL RCC GPIOC CLK ENABLE();
   /**ADC1 GPIO Configuration
           ----> ADC1 IN10
   PC0
   * /
   GPIO InitStruct.Pin = GPIO PIN 0;
   GPIO InitStruct.Mode = GPIO MODE ANALOG;
   GPIO InitStruct.Pull = GPIO NOPULL;
   HAL GPIO Init(GPIOC, &GPIO InitStruct);
 /* USER CODE BEGIN ADC1 MspInit 1 */
 /* USER CODE END ADC1 MspInit 1 */
```

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ADC Blocking Call (Polling)

```
volatile uint32_t adc_val = 0;

HAL_ADC_Start(&hadc1);

while (1) {
   while ( HAL_ADC_PollForConversion(&hadc1, 100) != HAL_OK ) {}
   adc_val = HAL_ADC_GetValue(&hadc1);
}
```

HAL_ADC_GetValue

Function Name

uint32_t HAL_ADC_GetValue (ADC_HandleTypeDef * hadc)

Function Description

Get ADC regular group conversion result.

Parameters

hadc: ADC handle

Return values

Converted value

Notes

 Reading DR register automatically clears EOC (end of conversion of regular group) flag.

HAL_ADC_PollForConversion

Function Name

HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_ADC_PollForConversion (ADC HandleTypeDef * hadc, uint32 t Timeout)

Function Description

Poll for regular conversion complete.

Parameters

 hadc: pointer to a ADC_HandleTypeDef structure that contains the configuration information for the specified ADC.

Timeout: Timeout value in millisecond.

Return values

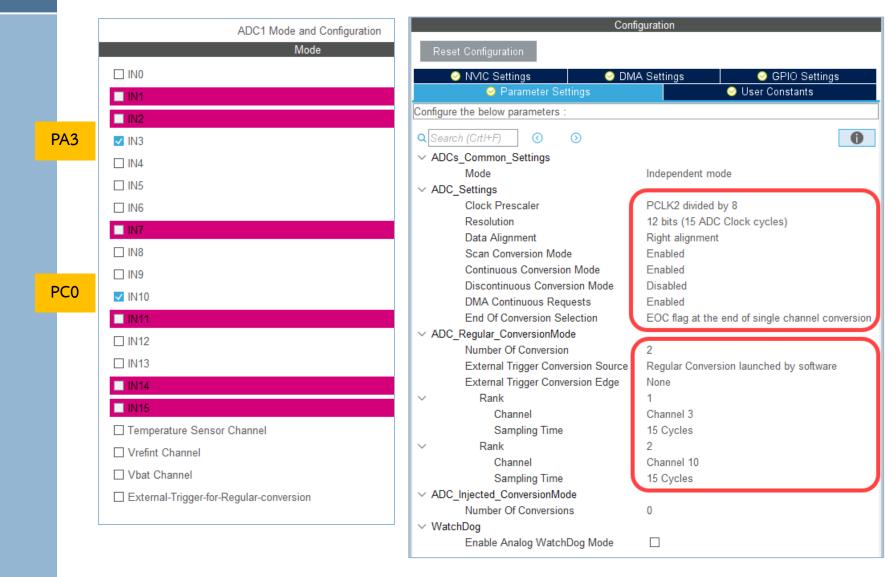
HAL: status

Notes

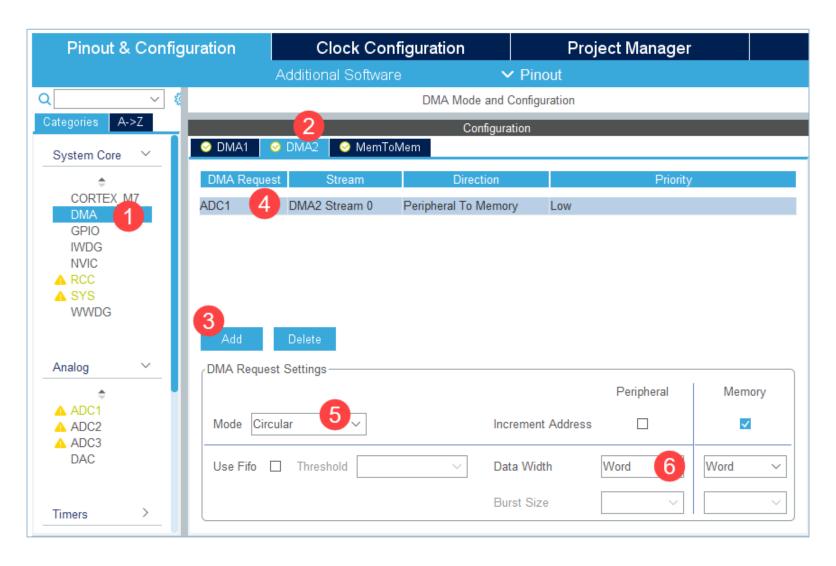
ADC conversion flags EOS (end of sequence) and EOC (end of conversion) are cleared by this function.

 This function cannot be used in a particular setup: ADC configured in DMA mode and polling for end of each π

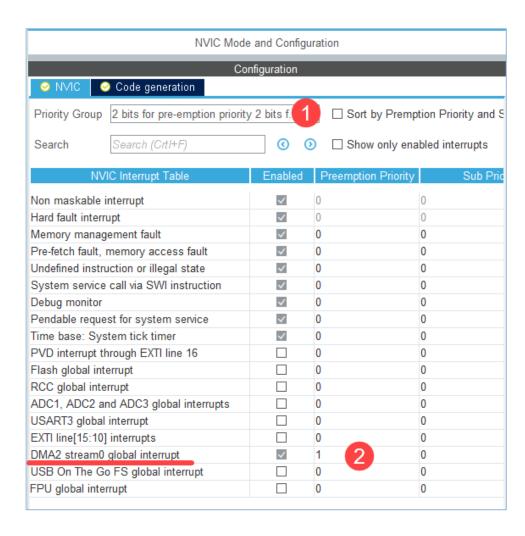
Multichannel Continuous with DMA



Direct Memory Access Controller Config



DMA Global Interrupt



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```
void DMA2_Stream0_IRQHandler(void)
{
   /* USER CODE BEGIN DMA2_Stream0_IRQn 0 */
   /* USER CODE END DMA2_Stream0_IRQn 0 */
   HAL_DMA_IRQHandler(&hdma_adcl);
   /* USER CODE BEGIN DMA2_Stream0_IRQn 1 */
   /* USER CODE END DMA2_Stream0_IRQn 1 */
}
```

ADC Non Blocking Call

Function	Interrupt	DMA
Trigger	HAL_ADC_Start_IT()	HAL_ADC_Start_DMA()
ISR	ADC_IRQHandler()	DMA2_Stream0_IRQHandler()
Callback	HAL_ADC_ConvCpltCallback()	HAL_ADC_ConvCpltCallback() HAL_ADC_ConvHalfCpltCallback()
Error Callback	HAL_ADC_ErrorCallback()	HAL_ADC_ErrorCallback()
Stop	HAL_ADC_Stop_IT()	HAL_ADC_Stop_DMA()

HAL_ADC_Start_DMA

Function Name HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_ADC_Start_DMA

(ADC_HandleTypeDef * hadc, uint32_t * pData, uint32_t

Length)

Function Description

Enables ADC DMA request after last transfer (Single-ADC mode) and enables ADC peripheral.

Parameters

- hadc: pointer to a ADC_HandleTypeDef structure that contains the configuration information for the specified ADC.
- pData: The destination Buffer address.
- **Length:** The length of data to be transferred from ADC peripheral to memory.

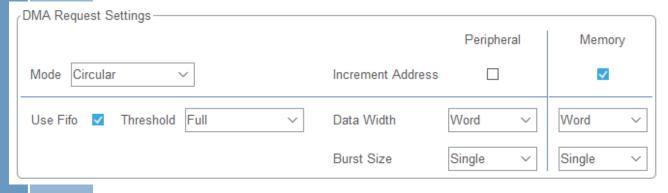
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/* USER CODE BEGIN PV */
uint32_t adc_val[2];
/* USER CODE END PV */
```

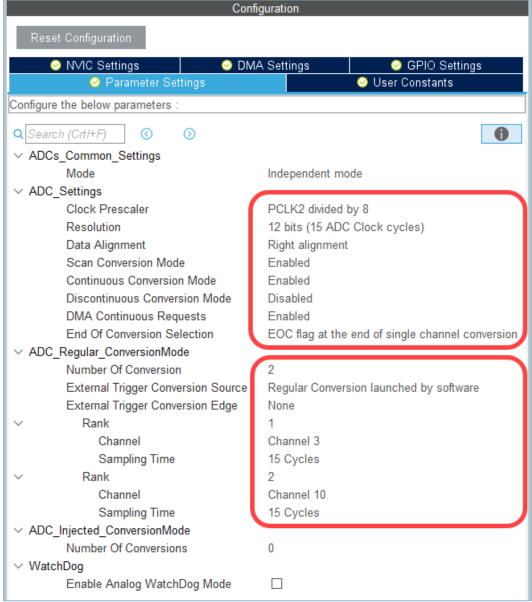
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/* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
HAL_ADC_Start_DMA(&hadcl, adc_val, 2);
/* USER CODE END 2 */
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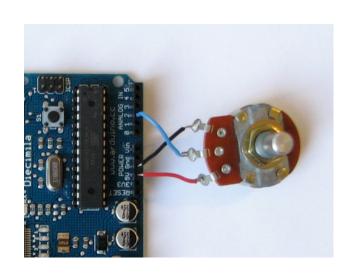
Beware of Overrun

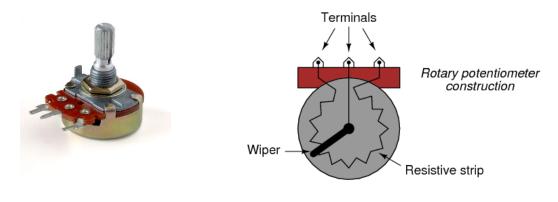
- ■Slow ADC Down
- Use FIFO in DMA
- ■Check OVR Flag
- Restart ADC

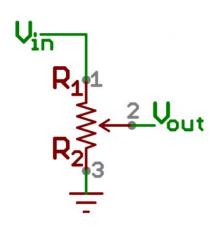




Potentiometer as Voltage Devider

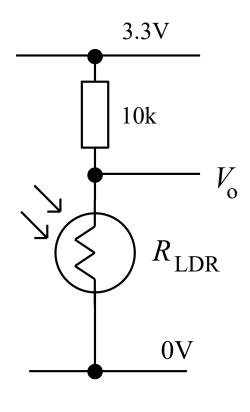








Simple Analog Sensors: the Light Dependent Resistor



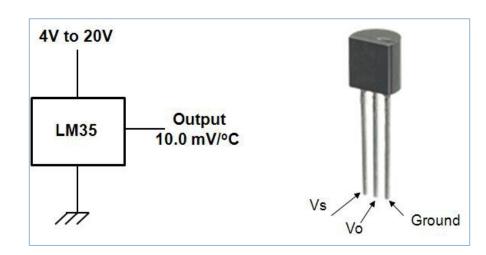
- LDR is made from semiconductor material.
- the brighter the light, the more electrons are released
- Released electrons are available to conduct electricity; the resistance falls
- Remove the light, electrons are back into their place; the resistance goes up again.



Illumination (lux)	R_{LDR} (Ω)	V _o
Dark	<u>></u> 1.0 M	<u>></u> 3.27 V
10	9k	1.56 V
1,000	400	0.13 V

Integrated Circuit Temperature Sensor

- Semiconductor action is highly dependent on temperature
- LM35 has an output of 10 mV/°C
- Up to 110 °C



Smoothing ADC Signal











Moving Average

```
int average_8(int x) {
    static int samples[16];
    static int i = 0;
    static int total = 0;

    /* Update the moving average */
    total += x - samples[i];
    samples[i] = x;

    /* Update the index */
    i = (i==15 ? 0 : i+1);

    return total>>4;
}
```

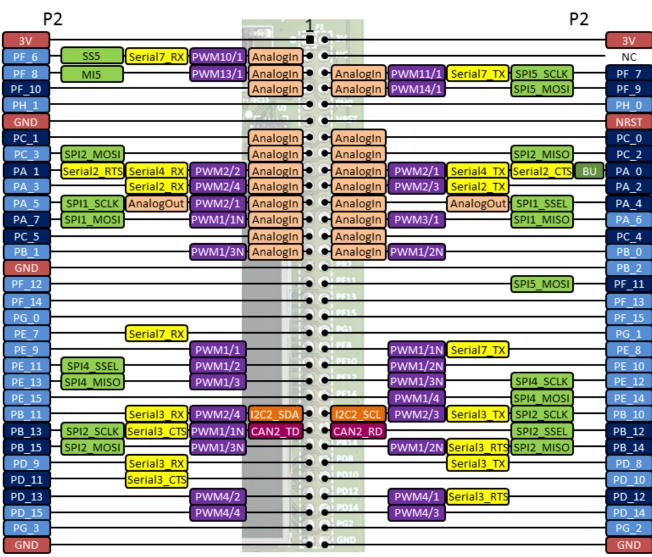
```
int average_16(int x) {
    static int samples[8];
    static int i = 0;
    static int total = 0;

    /* Update the moving average */
    total += x - samples[i];
    samples[i] = x;

    /* Update the index */
    i = (i==7 ? 0 : i+1);

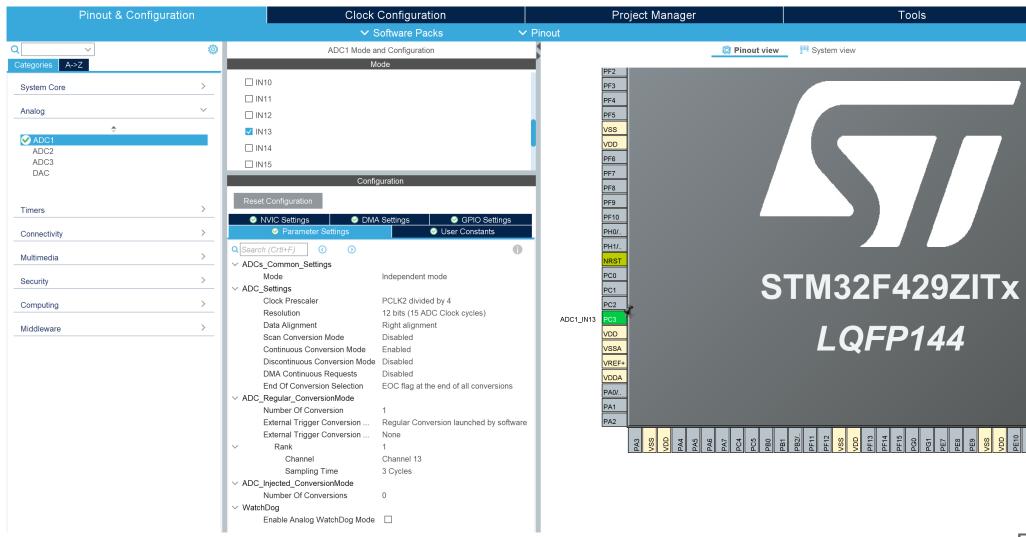
    return total>>3;
}
```





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Summary

- Many applications using Analog voltage as input to MCU
- ADC converts analog signal to n bit digital code
- Keywords: input range, resolution, sampling rate and conversion time
- Nyquist's sampling theorem : The sampling frequency must be at least twice of the highest frequency analog input.
- ADC Data can be further processed, and displayed or stored.
- Numerous sensors have an analog output; can be directly connected to MCU ADC input.