

Topic 9 Pre-processor and Commands in C and Analog Input/Output

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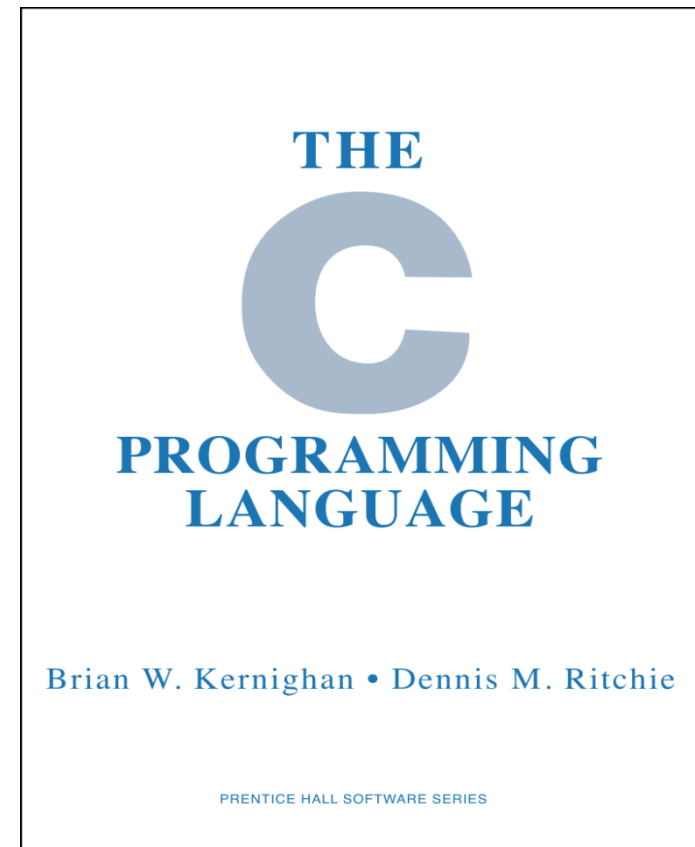
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9.1 The Pre-processor

- ❑ You can include various instructions to the compiler in the source code of a C program, namely *pre-processor*.

<i>#define</i>	<i>#endif</i>	<i>#ifdef</i>	<i>#line</i>
<i>#elif</i>	<i>#error</i>	<i>#ifndef</i>	<i>#pragma</i>
<i>#else</i>	<i>#if</i>	<i>#include</i>	<i>#undef</i>

#define

Its general form is

```
#define macro-name char-sequence
```

e.g.

```
#define LEFT 1
```

```
#define RIGHT 0
```

```
printf("%d %d %d", RIGHT, LEFT, LEFT+1);
```

9.1 The Pre-processor

Defining Function-like Macros

- ❑ The *#define* directive has another powerful feature: The macro name can have arguments.
- ❑ This form of a macro is called a function-like macro, e.g.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define ABS(a)      (a)<0 ? -(a) : (a)
int main(void)
{
    printf("abs of -1 and 1: %d %d", ABS(-1), ABS(1));
    return 0;
}
```

9.1 The Pre-processor

#error

- ❑ *#error* forces the compiler to stop compilation. It is used primarily for debugging. Its general form is

#error error-message

#include

- ❑ *#include* tells the compiler to read another source file in addition to the one that contains the *#include* directive.
- ❑ The name of the source file must be enclosed between double quotes or angle brackets. For example,

```
#include "stdio.h"
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

9.2 Conditional Compilation

#if, #else and #endif

□ The general form of *#if* is.

#if constant-expression

statement sequence

#endif

- The program at the right displays the message on the screen because $MAX > 99$.
- The expression that follows the *#if* is evaluated at compile time.

```
/* Simple #if example. */
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 100
int main(void)
{
    #if MAX>99
        printf("Compiled for array
greater than 99.\n");
    #endif
    return 0;
}
```

9.2 Conditional Compilation

- ❑ *#else* works much like *else* that is part of the C language. The previous example can be expanded as shown here:

```
/* Simple #if/#else example. */
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 10
int main(void)
{
    #if MAX>99
        printf("Compiled for array greater than
99.\n");
    #else
        printf("Compiled for small array.\n");
    #endif
    return 0;
}
```

9.2 Conditional Compilation

#elif means "else if" and establishes an if-else-if chain for multiple compilation options.

#elif is followed by a constant expression.

```
#if expression  
    statement sequence  
#elif expression 1  
    statement sequence  
#elif expression 2  
    ....
```

```
#define US 0  
#define ENGLAND 1  
#define FRANCE 2  
#define ACTIVE_COUNTRY US  
#if ACTIVE_COUNTRY == US  
char currency[] = "dollar";  
#elif ACTIVE_COUNTRY == ENGLAND  
char currency[] = "pound";  
#else  
char currency[] = "franc";  
#endif
```

9.2 Conditional Compilation

#ifdef and *#ifndef*

- ❑ Another conditional compilation uses the directives *#ifdef* and *#ifndef*, which mean "if defined" and "if not defined," respectively.
- ❑ The general form of *#ifdef* is

```
#ifdef macro-name  
    statement sequence  
#endif
```

- ❑ The general form of *#ifndef* is

```
#ifndef macro-name  
    statement sequence  
#endif
```


9.2 Conditional Compilation

For example:

- If *TED* were defined, The code at right will print *Hi Ted* and *RALPH not defined*.
- However, if *TED* were not defined, *Hi anyone* would be displayed, followed by *RALPH not defined*.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define TED 10
int main(void)
{
    #ifdef TED
        printf("Hi Ted\n");
    #else
        printf("Hi anyone\n");
    #endif

    #ifndef RALPH
        printf("RALPH not
defined\n");
    #endif

    return 0;
}
```

9.2 Conditional Compilation

#undef has the general form below:

#undef macro-name //directive removes the current definition of identifier

For example:

```
#define LEN 100
#define WIDTH 100
char array[LEN][WIDTH];
.....
#undef LEN
#undef WIDTH
/* at this point both LEN and WIDTH are
undefined */
```

9.3 Using defined

The **defined** operator has this general form:

defined *macro-name*

- If *macro-name* is currently defined, the expression is true; otherwise, it is false.
- For example, to determine whether the macro MYFILE is defined, you can use either of the following commands:

`#if defined MYFILE` or `#ifdef MYFILE`

- You can precede defined with the ! to reverse the condition.

```
#if ! defined DEBUG
    printf("Final version!\n");
#endif
```

9.3 Using defined

#line has the following general form:

This contains the current line number as a decimal constant

For example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#line 100                /* reset the line counter */
int main(void)           /* line 100 */
{                         /* line 101 */
    printf("%d\n", __LINE__); /* line 102 */
    return 0;
}
```

9.4 Comments

C defines the style of comments as follows:

/ this is a comment */*

or

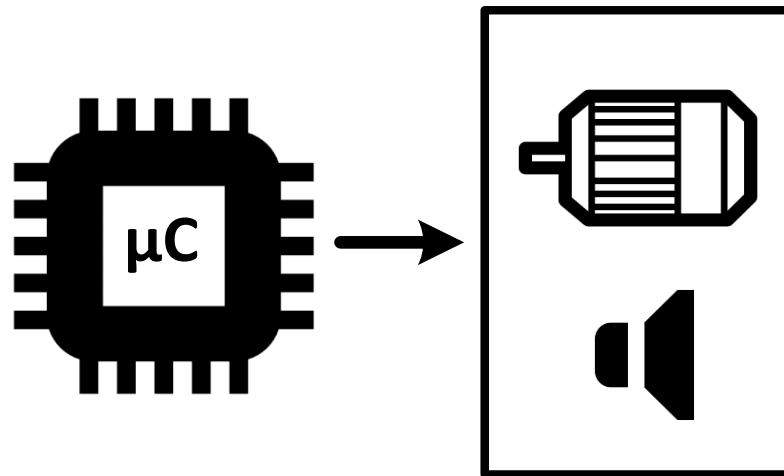
// this is a single-line comment

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    printf("hello");    /* print it o screen */
    return 0;
}
```

/ this is a
multiline
comment */*

9.5 Digital-to-analog conversion

- Microcontrollers must be able to convert digital signals to analog (e.g. driving loudspeaker or DC motor)
 - This process is called *data conversion*
- A digital-to-analog converter (DAC) is used to perform this operation
 - It is a circuit that converts a binary input number into an analog output

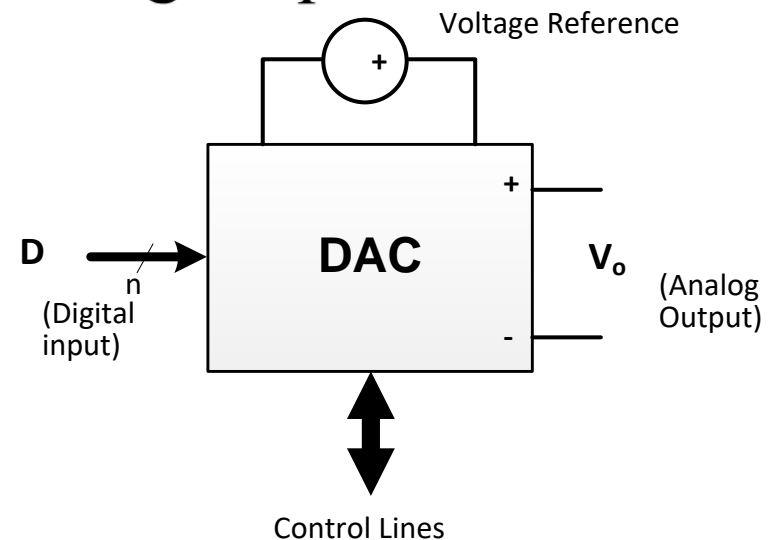


9.5 Digital-to-analog conversion (Cont'd)

- The DAC has a digital input D and an analog output V_o
- It uses a *voltage reference* (precise and known voltage) to calculate its output voltage
- Most DACs, including the one inside the chip, apply the following equation to calculate the analog output

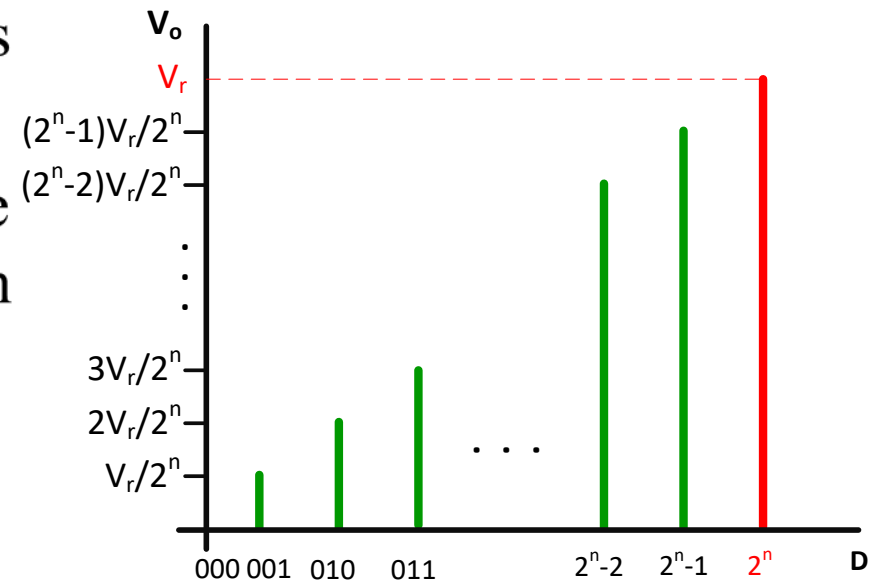
$$V_o = \frac{D}{2^n} \times V_r$$

- V_r : the reference voltage
- D : the value of the binary input
- V_o : the output voltage
- n : the number of bits in D



9.5 Digital-to-analog conversion (Cont'd)

- For each digital input value there is a corresponding analog output
- The number of possible output values is 2^n and a step size (also called *resolution*) of $V_r/2^n$
- The maximum possible output occurs when $D = (2^n - 1)$
- The range of a DAC is the difference between its maximum and minimum output values



9.5 Digital-to-analog conversion (Cont'd)

Example

- A 6-bit DAC will have $2^6 = 64$ possible output values.
- If it has a 3.2 V reference, it will have a resolution (step size) of $3.2/2^6 = 50 \text{ mV}$

Exercise

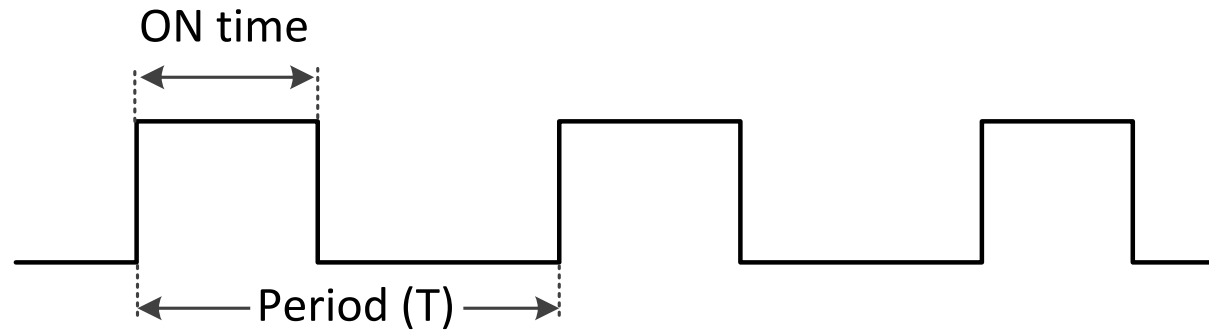
- The microcontroller has a 10-bit DAC and a reference voltage 3.3 V
 - How many output values we can get from it?
 - What is the step size?

9.5 Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

- Pulse Width Modulation is another form of analog output
- PWM represents a neat and simple way of getting a rectangular digital waveform to control an analog variable, usually voltage or current
- PWM control is used in a variety of applications (e.g. telecommunications, robotic)

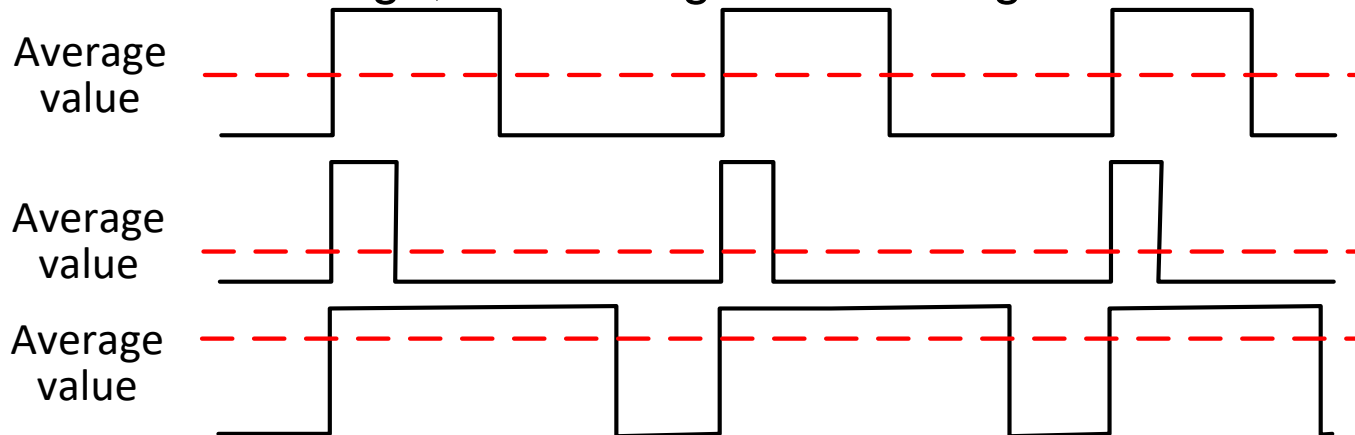
9.5 PWM signal

- PWM signal:



9.5 PWM signal (Cont'd)

- Whatever duty cycle a PWM has, there is an **average value**
 - The average value is the point of interest when using PWM
 - If the ON time is small, the average value is low
 - If the ON time is large, the average value is high

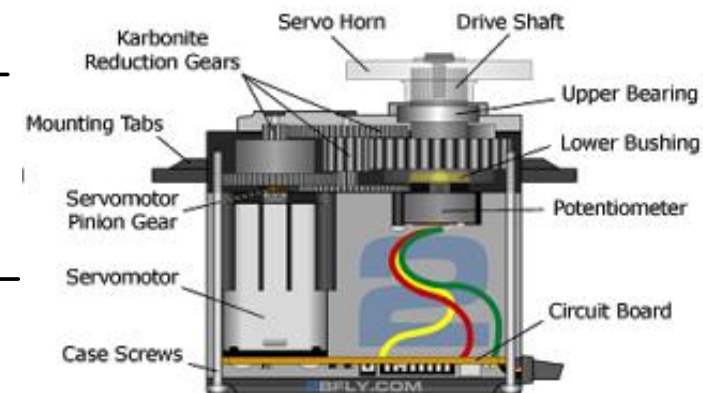
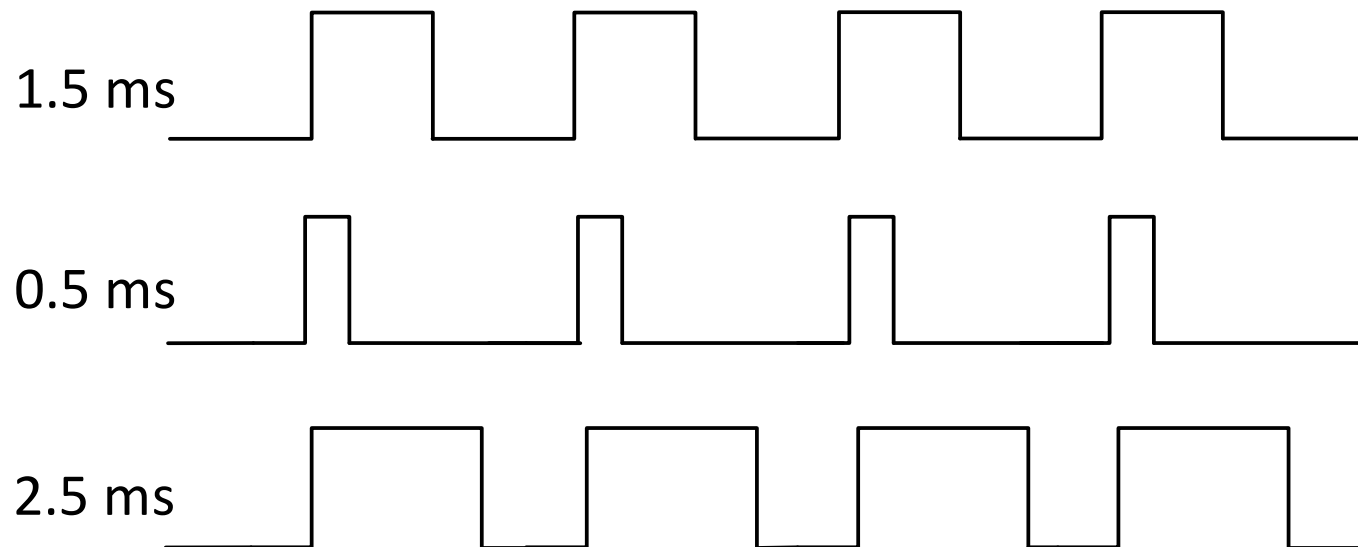


Example

- The control of DC motor is a very common task in robotics and its speed is proportional to the applied DC voltage
- A PWM signal can be used to control the speed

9.5 PWM signal (Cont'd)

- Continuous Rotation Servo Motor Timing
 - A pulse width of 1.5 ms will cause the servo shaft stop spinning.
 - A pulse width of 0.5 ms will cause the servo shaft to spin at full speed counter-clockwise..
 - A pulse width of 2.5 ms will cause the servo shaft to spin at full speed clockwise.



9.5 PWM signal (Cont'd)

Use Emoro lib:

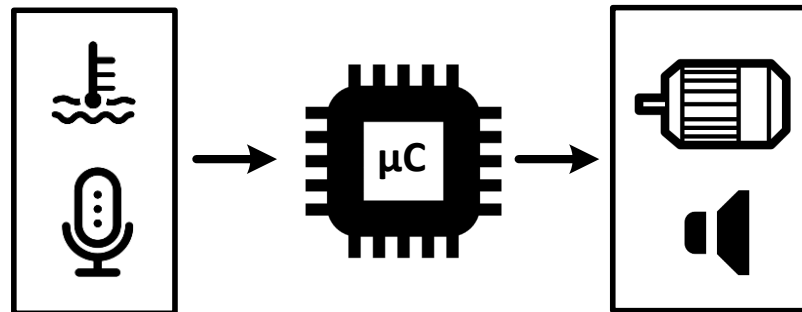
```
EmoroServo.write(SERVO_0, 1500); //stop  
EmoroServo.write(SERVO_0, 500); //full speed clockwise  
EmoroServo.write(SERVO_0, 2500); //full speed ant-clockwise
```

Use Arduino servo lib:

```
#include <Servo.h>  
int servoPort1 = SERVO_0;  
Servo myservol; // create servo object to control a servo  
void setup() {  
    myservol.attach(servoPort1, 500, 2500); // attaches the servo on  
    myservol.write(0);  
    delay(490);  
    myservol.write(180);  
    delay(490);  
    myservol.write(90);  
}
```

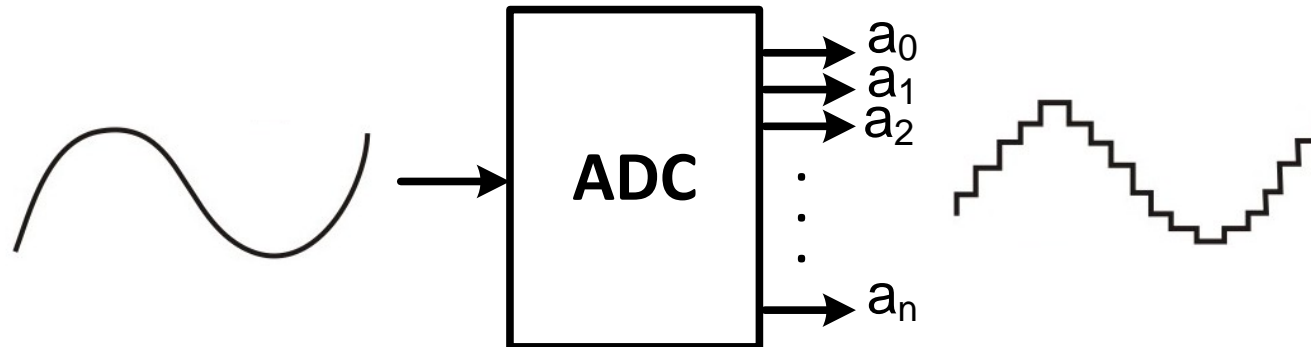
9.5 Introduction to analog data

- Human world signals are usually based upon continuous analog signals that vary in time and space
 - e.g. temperature variation in the room over a day
- Microcontrollers are often required to process analog signals (e.g. from microphone or temperature sensor) and must be able to convert them first to digital data
- They must also be able to convert digital signals to analog (e.g. driving loudspeaker or DC motor)



9.5 Analog-to-digital conversion

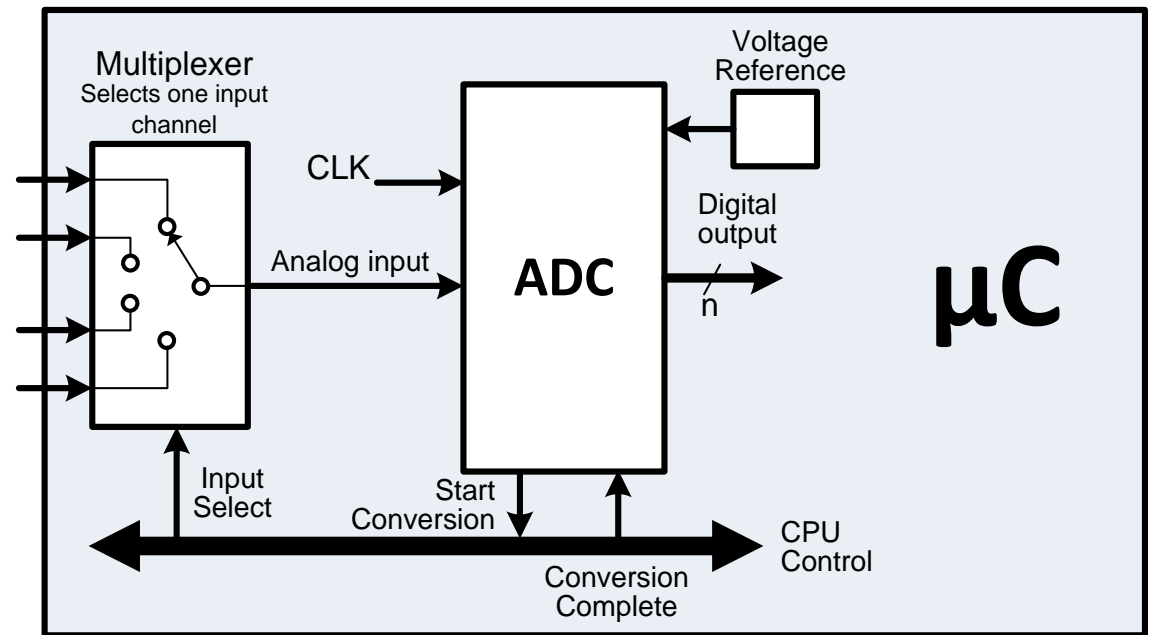
- An analog-to-digital convertor (ADC) is an electronic circuit whose digital output is proportional to its analog input
- The ADC measures the input voltage and gives a binary output number proportional to its size
- Analog signals can be repeatedly converted into digital representations with a **resolution** and at a **rate** determined by the ADC



9.5 Analog-to-digital conversion (Cont'd)

- Usually we want to work with more than one signal
 - More than one ADC could be used- **Costly and consumes semiconductor space**

- An analog multiplexer can be put in front of the ADC



9.5 Range and Resolution

- Many ADCs obey the following equation:

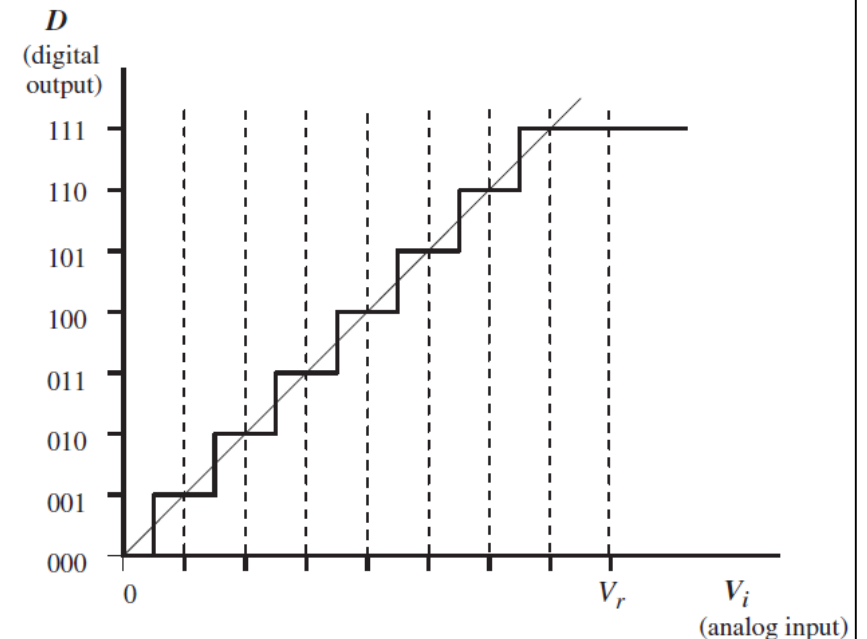
$$D = \frac{V_i}{V_r} \times 2^n$$

- **D**: the digital output value (integer value)
- **V_i**: the input voltage
- **V_r**: the reference voltage
- **n**: the number of bits
- ADC has minimum and maximum permissible input values
 - The difference between min and max values is called the **range**
 - Often the minimum value is 0 V

9.5 Range and Resolution (Cont'd)

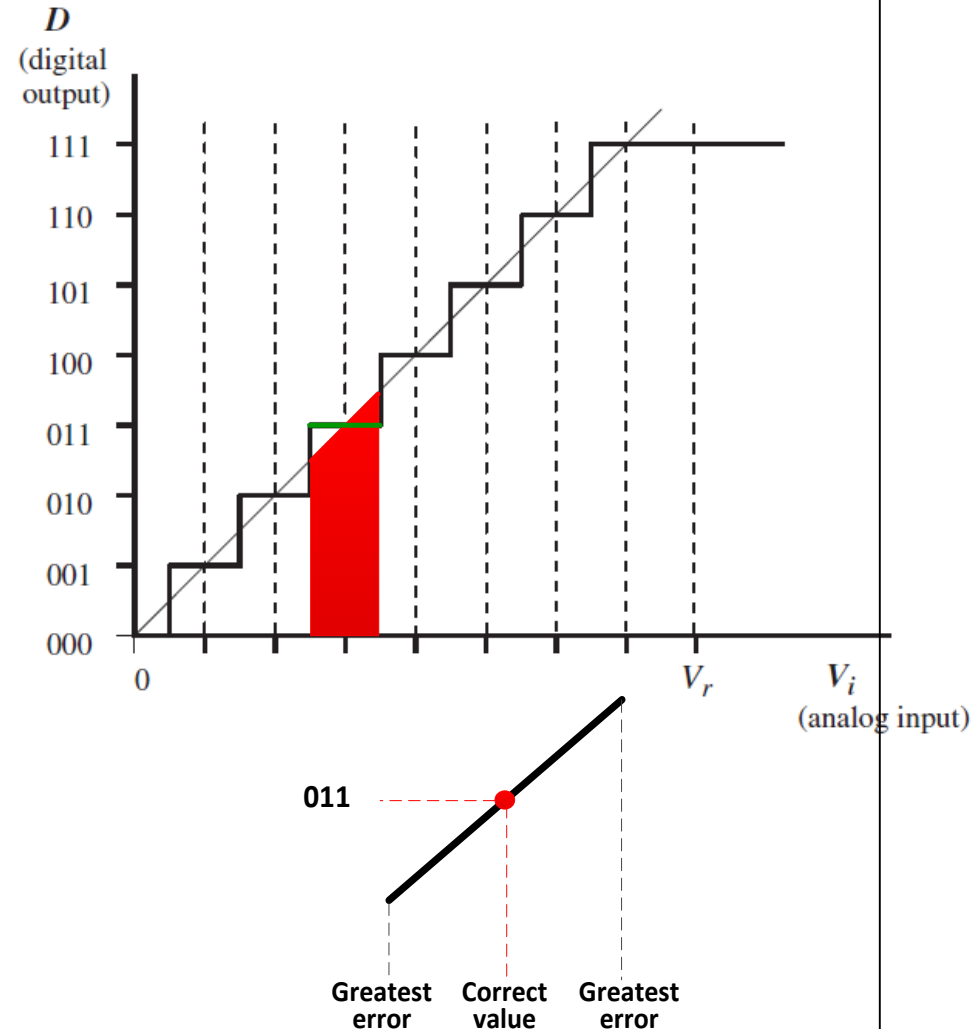
Example 3-bit ADC

- The input voltage is gradually increased starting from 0 V (Output 000)
- If the analog input slowly increases, there comes a point when the digital output changes to 001
- At some points the output will reach 111 (the max value $2^3 - 1$)
- The input may increase further but cannot force any increase in output value



9.5 Quantization error

- By converting an analog signal to digital there is a risk of approximation
- Any one digit output value has to represent a small range of analog input voltages
- If the output value of 011 is correct for the input voltage at the middle of the step then the greatest error occurs at either end of the step
- This is called *Quantization Error*



9.5 Quantization error (Cont'd)

- The more steps the lower is the quantization error
- More steps are obtained by increasing the number of bits in the ADC
 - This increases the complexity, cost of the ADC and the conversion time

Example

- To convert an analog signal that has a range **0 – 3.3 V** to an **8-bit** digital signal then:
 - There are **$2^8 = 256$** output values
 - The step width is: **$3.3/256 = 12.89 \text{ mV}$**
 - The worst case quantization error is **6.45 mV**

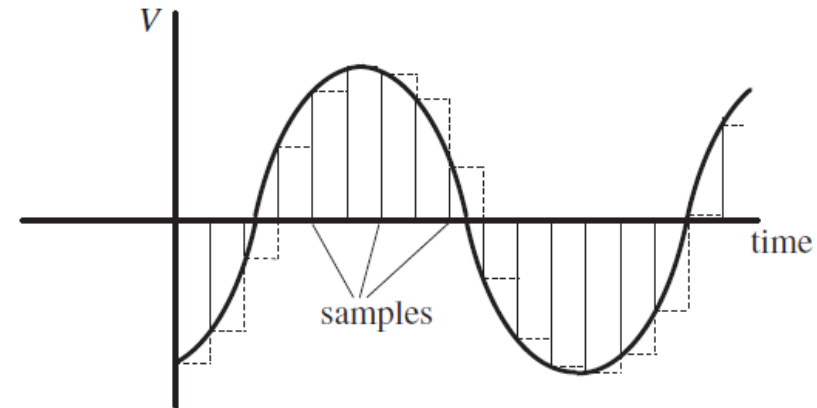
9.5 Quantization error (Cont'd)

Exercise

- An ADC is 12 bit
 - How many output values we can get from it?
 - What is the step width?
 - What is the worst case quantization error?

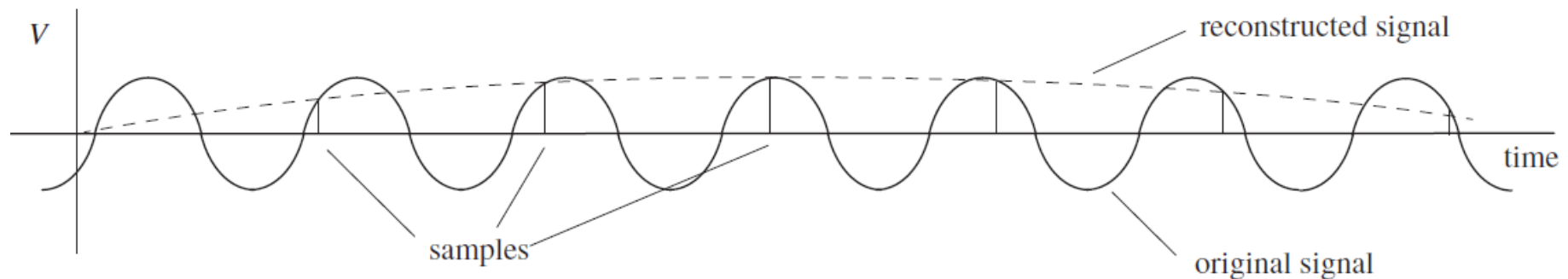
9.5 Sampling frequency

- During the conversion process, a sample is taken repeatedly and quantized to the accuracy defined by the resolution of the ADC
 - The more samples taken the more accurate the digital output will be
- Sampling is done at a fixed frequency called the **sampling frequency**
- Sampling frequency depends on the maximum frequency of the input signal



9.5 Sampling frequency (Cont'd)

- If the sampling frequency is too low then rapid changes in the analog signal may not be represented
- **Nyquist sampling criterion:** the sampling frequency must be at least double that of the highest signal frequency
 - If it is not satisfied then the **aliasing** phenomenon occurs



9.5 Coding example for Analog out

```
// These constants won't change. They're used to give names to the pins used:
const int analogInPin = ADC_0;           // analog input pin that the potentiometer is
    attached to
const int analogOutPin = LED_BUILTIN;     // analog output pin that the LED is attached to

int sensorValue = 0;                     // value read from the potentiometer
int outputValue = 0;                     // value output to the PWM (analog out)

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);                   // initialize serial communications at 9600 bps
}

void loop() {
    sensorValue = analogRead(analogInPin); // read the analog in value:
    outputValue = map(sensorValue, 0, 1023, 0, 255); // map it to the range of the analog out
    analogWrite(analogOutPin, outputValue); // change the analog out value

    // print the results to the serial monitor:
    Serial.print("sensor = ");           // print string "sensor ="
    Serial.print(sensorValue);           // print sensor value (0 - 1023)
    Serial.print("\t output = ");        // append tabulator and string "output"
    Serial.println(outputValue);          // print the calculated output value and append
        newline
    // wait 2 milliseconds before the next loop
    // for the analog-to-digital converter to settle
    // after the last reading:
    delay(2);
}
```