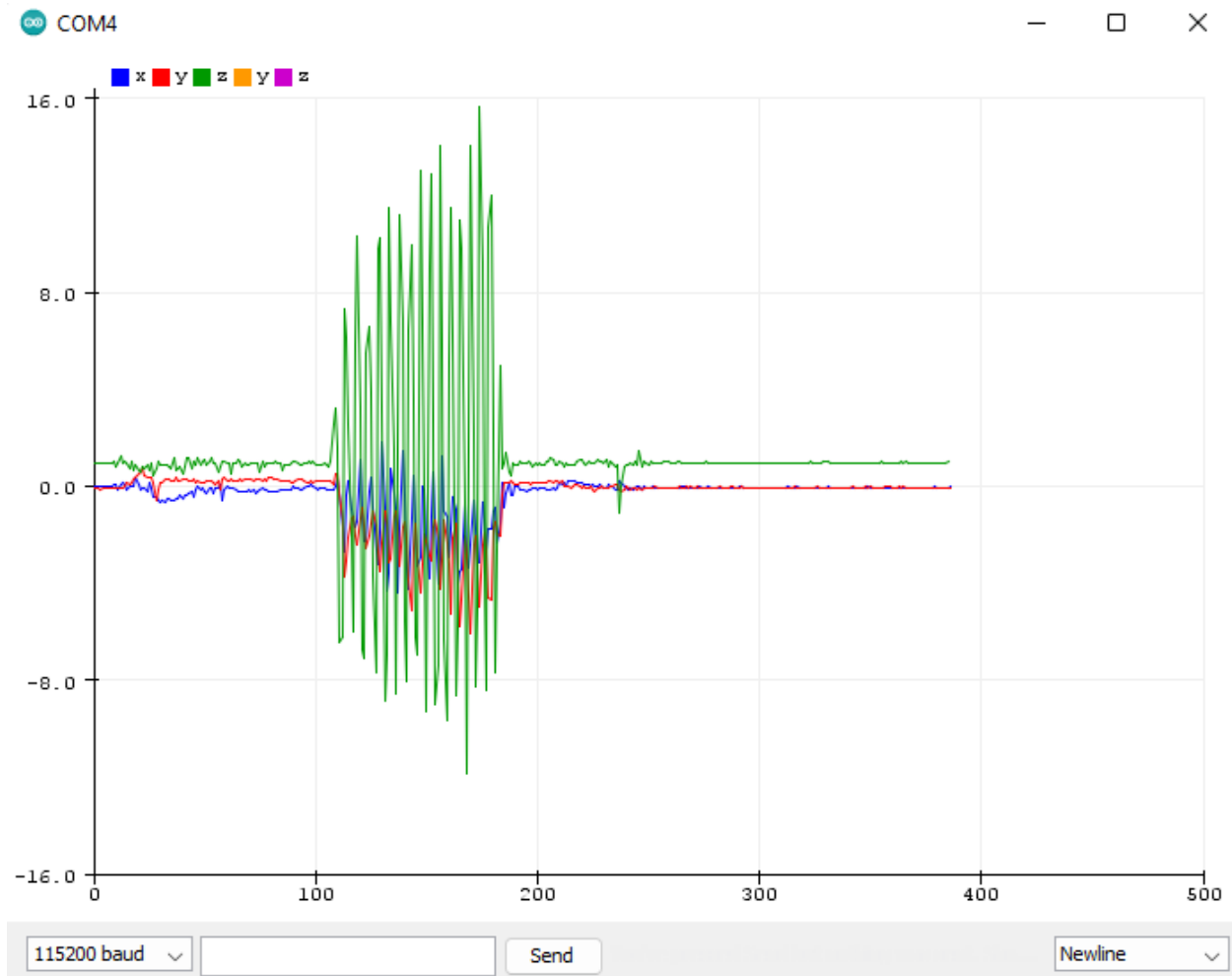


Setting the accelerometer range to 2G using high resolution, I do indeed notice that the sensor only outputs values up to 2/-2 G. Looking at the serial monitor, I also see slight changes of 0.01 which means that there should be a resolution of at least 0.01G. This means we have a dynamic range of  $\frac{2-(-2)}{0.01} = 400$  which is low since we should have  $2^{12} = 4096$  values in high resolution mode.

Switching to a range of 16G:



I have reached about 16Gs and I still see variations of 0.01 in the serial monitor so we can do the same calculation as above, assuming that the sensor also reaches -16G:

$\frac{16-(-16)}{0.01} = 3200$  which is much closer to the 4096 possibilities as given by the datasheet.

```
x:-0.06 y:-0.05 z:0.95
x:-0.05 y:-0.06 z:0.98
x:-0.06 y:-0.06 z:0.96
x:-0.08 y:-0.06 z:0.96
x:-0.06 y:-0.08 z:0.95
x:-0.04 y:-0.06 z:0.96
```

Turning off High resolution mode, I can immediately see that the precision is much less. I can only see jumps of more than 0.05. I am still in 16G range.

```
x:0.00 y:-0.10 z:0.90
x:0.00 y:-0.15 z:0.90
x:0.05 y:-0.15 z:0.90
x:0.00 y:-0.10 z:0.95
x:0.00 y:-0.10 z:0.90
x:0.00 y:-0.20 z:1.05
x:0.00 y:-0.10 z:0.95
```

This gives us:  $\frac{16 - (-16)}{0.05} = 640$ . This is somewhat far from the advertised 10-bit resolution which should give us 1024 distinct values, but it is still coherent.

Still in 16G range, setting the device to low-power mode, we obtain the following output:

```
x:0.00 y:-0.20 z:0.80
x:0.00 y:0.00 z:0.80
x:0.00 y:-0.20 z:0.80
x:0.00 y:-0.20 z:1.00
x:0.00 y:-0.20 z:0.80
x:0.00 y:-0.20 z:1.00
```

We are now only getting a precision of 0.2.

Again, computing:  $\frac{16 - (-16)}{0.2} = 160$  values, which is coherent with the 8-bit resolution that is advertised, which should be  $2^8 = 256$  values.

Repeating this process with all the ranges and we can organize the results in a table:

Range	High Precision Mode		Normal Mode		Low-Power Mode	
	<i>Distinct Values</i>	<i>Precision</i>	<i>Distinct Values</i>	<i>Precision</i>	<i>Distinct Values</i>	<i>Precision</i>
<b>2G</b>	400	0.01	400	0.01	400	0.01
<b>4G</b>	800	0.01	800	0.01	266	0.03
<b>8G</b>	1600	0.01	533	0.03	228	0.07
<b>16G</b>	3200	0.01	640	0.05	160	0.20

*Number of distinct values and precision observed*