Analog input and output

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Analog and Digital conversion

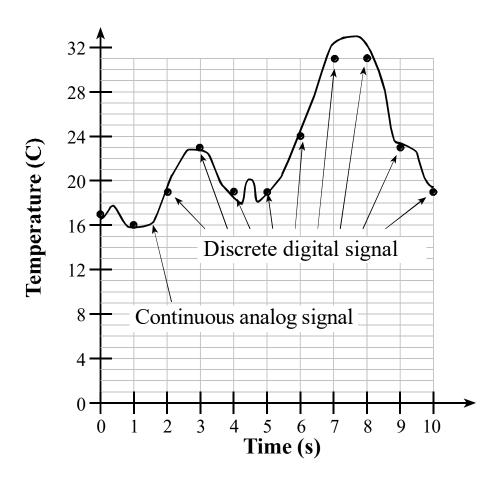
- Imagine the engineer tasked with controlling a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit.
- If planning to use any kind of microcontroller or microprocessor, it will be necessary to be able to read an analog temperature
 - which has an infinite amount of values and
 - convert that into a binary representation laid out into discrete steps
- When dealing with an analog value that needs to be processed by a digital system, an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) will be imperative.

Analog and Digital conversion (II)

- The same theory can be applied backwards to a digital signal that needs to be converted into an analog signal.
- Streaming a song online involves a few different steps that use the conversion of digital signals to analog ones.
- The signal that the host device receives from the server will be a binary representation of the original analog signal.
- The original signal was analog so the final representation of that will also need to be analog.
- This objective is obtained by the use of the digital-to-analog converter (DAC).
- This type of device takes a binary code that could have been encoded by an analog to digital converter, and turns it back into an analog voltage.

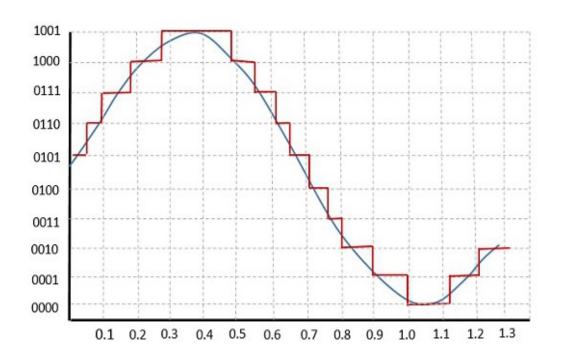
Digital Representation of Analog Signals

- The digitization of analog signals involves the rounding off of the values which are approximately equal to the analog values.
- The method of sampling chooses a few points on the analog signal and then these points are joined to round off the value to a near stabilized value.
- Such a process is called as Time and Amplitude Quantization.



ADC conversion rate

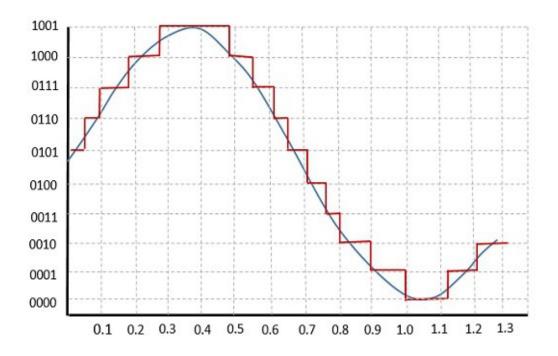
- Time Quantification is obtained by sampling the analogue signal at discrete points in time
- These points are usually evenly spaced in time, with the time between being usually referred to as the sampling interval



• The minimum sample interval or maximum conversion rate depends on the specific ADC circuit.

ADC resolution

- The amplitude quantization of an analog signal is done by discretizing the signal with a number of quantization levels
- The spacing between the two adjacent representation levels is called a quantum or step-size



- The resolution of an A/D converter (ADC) is specified in bits and determines how many distinct output codes (2ⁿ) the converter is capable of producing
 - For example, an ADC with a resolution of 4 bits can encode an analog input to one in 16 different levels ($2^4 = 16$)
 - This means that the ADC assumes 3.3V is 15 and anything less than 3.3V will be a ratio between 3.3V and 15
 - Quantum = 3.3V/15 = 0.22V.

LPC1768 12-bit Analog to Digital Converter

- A 12-bit ADC is on-chip in the LPC1768 device
 - 12-bit successive approximation analog to digital converter
 - 8 multiplexed Input channels
 - Power-down mode
 - Measurement range VREFN (Ground voltage) to VREFP (typically 3 V)
 - 12-bit conversion rate of 200 kHz
 - Some advanced usage mode like
 - Burst conversion mode for single or multiple inputs.
 - Optional conversion on transition on input pin or Timer Match signal.

Additional details

- Input clock frequency: Maximum 13MHz
- A conversion requires 65 clock cycles

ADC registers

Table 531. ADC registers

Generic Name	Description	Access	Reset value[1]	AD0 Name & Address
ADCR	A/D Control Register. The ADCR register must be written to select the operating mode before A/D conversion can occur.	R/W	1	AD0CR - 0x4003 4000
ADGDR	A/D Global Data Register. This register contains the ADC's DONE bit and the result of the most recent A/D conversion.	R/W	NA	AD0GDR - 0x4003 4004
ADINTEN	A/D Interrupt Enable Register. This register contains enable bits that allow the DONE flag of each A/D channel to be included or excluded from contributing to the generation of an A/D interrupt.	R/W	0x100	AD0INTEN - 0x4003 400C
ADDR0	A/D Channel 0 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 0.	RO	NA	AD0DR0 - 0x4003 4010
ADDR1	A/D Channel 1 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 1.	RO	NA	AD0DR1 - 0x4003 4014
ADDR2	A/D Channel 2 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 2.	RO	NA	AD0DR2 - 0x4003 4018
ADDR3	A/D Channel 3 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 3.	RO	NA	AD0DR3 - 0x4003 401C
ADDR4	A/D Channel 4 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 4.	RO	NA	AD0DR4 - 0x4003 4020
ADDR5	A/D Channel 5 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 5.	RO	NA	AD0DR5 - 0x4003 4024
ADDR6	A/D Channel 6 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 6.	RO	NA	AD0DR6 - 0x4003 4028
ADDR7	A/D Channel 7 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 7.	RO	NA	AD0DR7 - 0x4003 402C
ADSTAT	A/D Status Register. This register contains DONE and OVERRUN flags for all of the A/D channels, as well as the A/D interrupt/DMA flag.	RO	0	AD0STAT - 0x4003 4030
ADTRM	ADC trim register.	R/W	0x0000 0F00	AD0TRM - 0x4003 4034

Control Register
Select operation mode
functionalities

Holds the result of the most recent A/D conversion and a status flags

Allows control over which A/D channels generate an interrupt when a conversion is complete

The Data Registers hold the result of the last conversion for each A/D channel

<u>(1)</u>

The A/D Status register allows checking the status of all A/D channels.

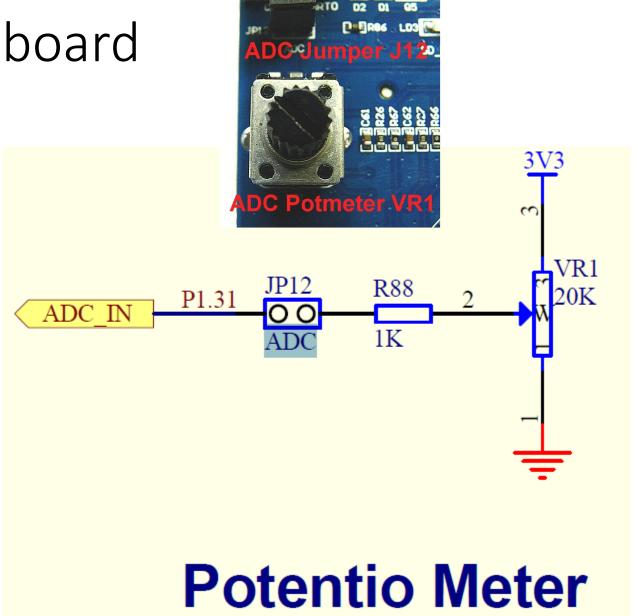
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ADDR5	A/D Channel 5 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 5.	RO	NA	AD0DR5 - 0x4003 4024
ADDR6	A/D Channel 6 Data Register. This register contains the result of the most recent conversion completed on channel 6.	RO	NA	AD0DR6 - 0x4003 4028
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ADC connection on board

- Adjustable potentiometer VR1 is connected to analog channel P1.31 (AD0.5).
 JP12 jumper is used to enable the potentiometer input.
- VR1 provides input voltages between 0V and 3.3 V to the ADC.



ADC_init() and ADC_start_conversion()

```
9
     LPC PINCON->PINSEL3 \mid= (3UL<<30); /* P1.31 is AD0.5
10
11
    LPC SC->PCONP |= (1 << 12); /* Enable power to ADC block
12
13
    LPC ADC->ADCR = (1 << 5) | /* select AD0.5 pin
                       (4<< 8) | /* ADC clock is 25MHz/5
14
15
                        (1<<21); /* enable ADC
16
17
    LPC ADC->ADINTEN = (1 << 8); /* global enable interrupt
18
     NVIC_EnableIRQ(ADC IRQn); /* enable ADC Interrupt
19
20
21
22 - void ADC start conversion (void) {
     LPC ADC->ADCR |= (1<<24); /* Start A/D Conversion
23
24 }
```

ADC_init() and ADC_start_conversion()

```
Setup PIN function to ADC
 7 ☐ void ADC init (void) {
                                                                     Power on the ADC block
                                                  /* P1.31 is ADO
      LPC PINCON->PINSEL3 |= (3UL<<30);
10
                            I = (1 << 12);
                                                /* Enable power to ADC block
11
      LPC SC->PCONP
12
                                                                          Setup ADC behavior
13
                                                /* select AD0.5 pin_
      LPC ADC->ADCR
                             = (1<< 5)
14
                                 (4 << 8)
                                                   ADC CIOCK 18 Z5MH2
15
                                 (1 << 21);
                                                /* enable ADC
16
17
      LPC ADC->ADINTEN
                             = (1<< 8);
                                                   grobal enable
                                                                       Enable ADC interrupt
18
19
      NVIC EnableIRQ(ADC IRQn);
                                                /* enable ADC Interrupt
20
                                                          Enable NVIC channel
21
                                                        reserved to ADC interrupt
22 - void ADC start conversion (void) {
      LPC ADC->ADCR \mid = (1<<24); ~
23
                                                /* Start A/D Conversion
24
                                                             Start the conversion
```

select AD0.5 pin

A/D Control Register

```
25MHz/5
 7 - void ADC init (void) {
 8
       LPC PINCON->PINSEL3 |=
                                  (3UL<<30);
10
11
       LPC SC->PCONP
                                  (1 << 12);
12
13
       LPC ADC->ADCR
                                  (1 << 5)
                                   (4 << 8)^{\prime}
14
15
                                   (1 << 21)
                                             enable
16
                                              ADC
17
       LPC ADC->ADINTEN
                                  (1 << 8);
18
19
       NVIC EnableIRQ(ADC IRQn);
20
21
22 - void ADC start conversion (void)
23
       LPC ADC->ADCR |=
                           (1 << 24);
24
                                         Start
                                      conversion
```

Table 532: A/D Control Register (AD0CR - address 0x4003 4000) bit description

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description	Reset value
7:0	SEL		Selects which of the AD0.7:0 pins is (are) to be sampled and converted. For AD0, bit 0 selects Pin AD0.0, and bit 7 selects pin AD0.7. In software-controlled mode, only one of these bits should be 1. In hardware scan mode, any value containing 1 to 8 ones is allowed. All zeroes is equivalent to 0x01.	0x01
15:8	CLKDIV		The APB clock (PCLK_ADC0) is divided by (this value plus one) to produce the clock for the A/D converter, which should be less than or equal to 13 MHz. Typically, software should program the smallest value in this field that yields a clock of 13 MHz or slightly less, but in certain cases (such as a high-impedance analog source) a slower clock may be desirable.	0
16	BURST	1	The AD converter does repeated conversions at up to 200 kHz, scanning (if necessary) through the pins selected by bits set to ones in the SEL field. The first conversion after the start corresponds to the least-significant 1 in the SEL field, then higher numbered 1-bits (pins) if applicable. Repeated conversions can be terminated by clearing this bit, but the conversion that's in progress when this bit is cleared will be completed.	0
			Remark: START bits must be 000 when BURST = 1 or conversions will not start. If BURST is set to 1, the ADGINTEN bit in the ADDINTEN register (<u>Table 534</u>) must be set to 0.	
		0	Conversions are software controlled and require 65 clocks.	_
20:17	-		Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from a reserved bit is not defined.	NA
21	PDN	1	The A/D converter is operational.	0
		0	The A/D converter is in power-down mode.	_
23:22	-		Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from a reserved bit is not defined.	NA
26:24	START		When the BURST bit is 0, these bits control whether and when an A/D conversion is started:	0
		000	No start (this value should be used when clearing PDN to 0).	
	X	001	Start conversion now.	
		010	Start conversion when the edge selected by bit 27 occurs on the P2.10 / EINTO / NMI pin.	
		011	Start conversion when the edge selected by bit 27 occurs on the P1.27 / CLKOUT / USB_OVRCRn / CAP0.1 pin.	_
		100	Start conversion when the edge selected by bit 27 occurs on MAT0.1. Note that this does not require that the MAT0.1 function appear on a device pin.	
		101	Start conversion when the edge selected by bit 27 occurs on MAT0.3. Note that it is not possible to cause the MAT0.3 function to appear on a device pin.	
		110	Start conversion when the edge selected by bit 27 occurs on MAT1.0. Note that this does not require that the MAT1.0 function appear on a device pin.	
		111	Start conversion when the edge selected by bit 27 occurs on MAT1.1. Note that this does not require that the MAT1.1 function appear on a device pin.	
27	EDGE		This bit is significant only when the START field contains 010-111. In these cases:	0
		1	Start conversion on a falling edge on the selected CAP/MAT signal.	
		0	Start conversion on a rising edge on the selected CAP/MAT signal.	
31:28	-		Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from a reserved bit is not defined.	NA

A/D Interrupt Enable register

7 - void ADC init (void) { 8 LPC PINCON->PINSEL3 |= (3UL<<30); 10 11 LPC SC->PCONP |= (1<<12); 12 13 LPC ADC->ADCR = (1<< 5) 14 (4 << 8)15 (1 << 21);16 17 LPC ADC->ADINTEN (1 << 8);18 NVIC EnableIRQ(ADC IRQn); 19 20 Global interrupt enabled

Table 534: A/D Interrupt Enable register (AD0INTEN - address 0x4003 400C) bit description

Value Description

Symbol

DIL	Зушьог	value	Description	value
0	ADINTEN0	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 0 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 0 will generate an interrupt.	
1	ADINTEN1	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 1 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 1 will generate an interrupt.	
2	ADINTEN2	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 2 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 2 will generate an interrupt.	
3	ADINTEN3	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 3 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 3 will generate an interrupt.	
4	ADINTEN4	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 4 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 4 will generate an interrupt.	
5	ADINTEN5	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 5 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 5 will generate an interrupt.	
6	ADINTEN6	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 6 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 6 will generate an interrupt.	
7	ADINTEN7	0	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 7 will not generate an interrupt.	0
		1	Completion of a conversion on ADC channel 7 will generate an interrupt.	
8	ADGINTEN	0	Only the individual ADC channels enabled by ADINTEN7:0 will generate interrupts.	1
			Remark: This bit must be set to 0 in burst mode (BURST = 1 in the AD0CR register).	
		1	Only the global DONE flag in ADDR is enabled to generate an interrupt.	
31:17	-		Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from a reserved bit is not defined.	NA

Reset

ADC_IRQHandler()

```
According to previous
                                                     initializations
50 

─void ADC IRQHandler(void)
51
52
      unsigned short AD current;
53
      unsigned short AD last = 0xFF; /* Last converted value
54
55
      AD current = ((LPC ADC->ADGDR>>4) & 0xFFF);/* Read Conversion Result
56 F
      if (AD current != AD last) {
          /* your action here */
57
58
          AD last = AD current;
                                             The sampled value is read,
59
60
                                               cleaning the interrupt
61
```

```
50 - void ADC IRQHandler(void) {
                                                                           A/D Global Data Register
51
52
           unsigned short AD current;
53
           unsigned short AD last = 0xFF;
                                                                          /* Last converted value
54
55
           AD current = ((LPC ADC->ADGDR>>4) & 0xFFF);/* Read Conversion Result
56
           if (AD current != AD last) {
57
                  /* vour action here */
                                                                  Table 533: A/D Global Data Register (AD0GDR - address 0x4003 4004) bit description
58
                  AD last = AD current;
                                                                            Symbol
                                                                                          Description
                                                                                                                                                               Reset
59
                                                                                                                                                               value
                                                                                          Reserved user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from NA
                                                                  3:0
60
                                                                                          a reserved bit is not defined.
                                                                            RESULT
                                                                  15:4
                                                                                          When DONE is 1, this field contains a binary fraction representing the voltage on
                                                                                                                                                               NA
                                                                                          the AD0(n) pin selected by the SEL field, as it falls within the range of VREFP to
                                                                                          VREEN. Zero in the field indicates that the voltage on the input pin was less than,
                                                                                          equal to, or close to that on VREFN, while 0xFFF indicates that the voltage on the
                                                                                          input was close to, equal to, or greater than that on VREFP.
                                                                  23:16
                                                                                          Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from NA
                                                                                          a reserved bit is not defined.
                                                                  26:24
                                                                            CHN
                                                                                          These bits contain the channel from which the RESULT bits were converted (e.g.
                                                                                          000 identifies channel 0, 001 channel 1...).
                                                                  29:27
                                                                                          Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from NA
                                                                                          a reserved bit is not defined.
                                                                  30
                                                                                          This bit is 1 in burst mode if the results of one or more conversions was (were) lost 0
                                                                            OVERRUN
                 It is cleared when the ADC
                                                                                          and overwritten before the conversion that produced the result in the RESULT bits.
                                                                                          This bit is cleared by reading this register.
                          value is read
                                                                            DONE
                                                                                          This bit is set to 1 when an A/D conversion completes. It is cleared when this
                                                                                          register is read and when the ADCR is written. If the ADCR is written while a
                                                                                          conversion is still in progress, this bit is set and a new conversion is started.
```

```
50 

─void ADC IRQHandler(void) {
                                                                A/D Global Data Register
51
52
         unsigned short AD current;
                                                                                                    A/D Converter
53
         unsigned short AD last = 0xFF;
                                                               /* Last COI -A/D Control
                                                                                     ADCR: 0x01200420
                                                                                                      SEL: 0x20

▼ PDN

54
                                                                                                                 ☐ BURST ☐ EDGE
                                                                                                    CLKDIV: 0x04
55
         AD current = ((LPC ADC->ADGDR>>4) & 0xFFF);/*
                                                                                                ▼ A/D Clock: 5000000
                                                                                    START: Now
56
         if(AD current != AD last) {
                                                                                   A/D Global Data & Status
57
               /* your action here */
                                                                                    ADGDR: 0x850074A0
                                                                                                    RESULT: 0x074A

▼ DONE □ OVERUN

58
               AD last = AD current;
                                                                                   ADSTAT: 0x00012020
                                                                                                      CHN: 0x05
                                                                                                                 ✓ ADINT
59
                                                                                  A/D Channel Data
60
                                                                                    ADDR0: 0x00000000
                                                                                                  RESULTO:
                                                                                                                   DONEO OVERUNO
                                                                                    ADDR1: 0x00000000
61
                                                                                                     It is cleared when the ADC
                                                                                    ADDR2: 0x00000000
               ADC value read can be triggered by a counter
                                                                                                             value is read
                                                                                    ADDR3: 0x00000000
                    e.g., the RIT starts a conversion every
                                                                                    ADDR4: 0x00000000
                                                                                                   RESULT4: 10x0000
                           50ms = 50*10^{-4}s = 200Hz
                                                                                    ADDR5: 0xC0000000
                                                                                                   RESULT5: 0x0000

▼ DONE5 ▼ OVERUN5

                                                                                    ADDR6: 0x00000000
                                                                                                   RESULT6: 0x0000
                                                                                                                 ☐ DONE6 ☐ OVERUN6
       void RIT IRQHandler (void)
                                                                                    ADDR7: 0x00000000
                                                                                                   RESULT7: 0x0000
                                                                                                                ☐ DONE7 ☐ OVERUN7
  27 - {
                                                                                  A/D Interrupt Enable
  28
                                                                                                       ADINTENO
                                                                                   ADINTEN: 0x00000100
                                                                                                       ADINTEN1
                                                                                                                   ADINTEN5
  29
          /* ADC management */

□ ADINTEN2

                                                                                                                   ADINTEN6

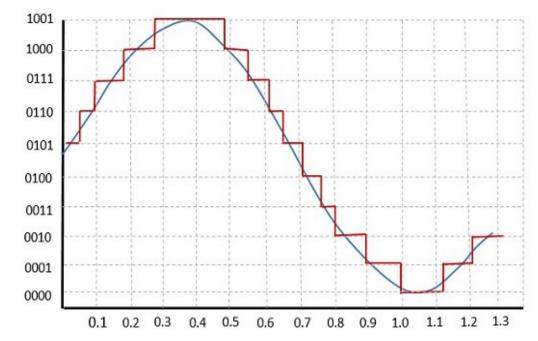
✓ ADGINTEN
  30
          ADC start conversion();

□ ADINTEN3

                                                                                                                 □ ADINTEN7
  31
                                                                                   Analog Inputs
                                                                                                                           Reference:
  32
          LPC RIT->RICTRL |= 0x1; /* clear interrupt flag */
                                                                                   AIN0: 0.0000 AIN1: 0.0000 AIN2: 0.0000 AIN3: 0.0000
                                                                                                                           VREF:
  33
                                                                                   AIN4: 0.0000 AIN5: 0.0000 AIN6: 0.0000 AIN7: 0.0000
                                                                                                                           3.3000
```

Conversion from Digital to Analog

- Similarly to A/D Conversion, a Digital value can be converted into an analog one using a DAC
- Range
 - 0 to 3.3V
- Resolution
 - Depends on the number of bits of the DAC
 - 3.3V/15 = 0.22V
- Precision
 - n bits
 - 2ⁿ levels
 - $2^4 = 16$ levels



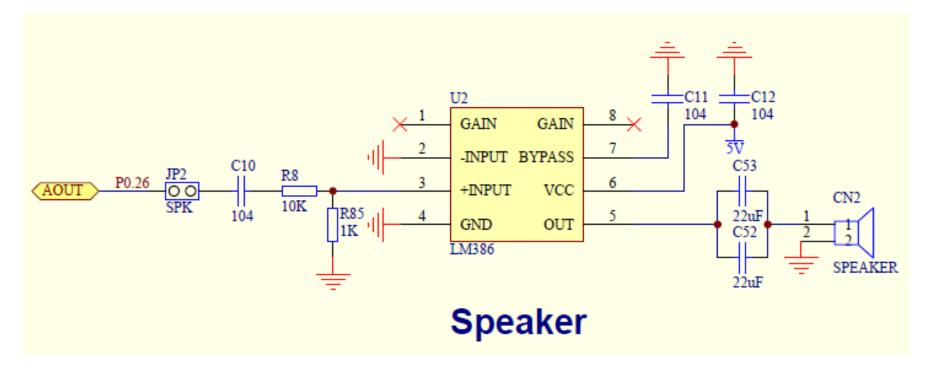
LPC1768 10-bit Digital to Analog Converter

- A 10-bit DAC is on-chip in the LPC1768 device
 - Precision = 1024 levels between 0 and 3.3V
 - Maximum update rate of 1 MHz.

DAC connection on board

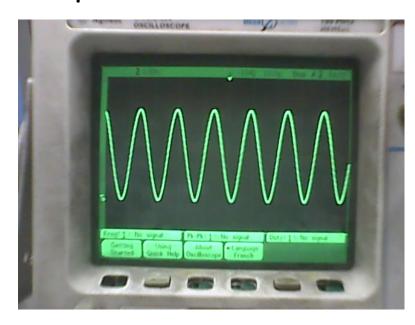
- External speaker circuit is connected to DAC output pin P0.26.
- The DAC output is enabled by JP2 SPK



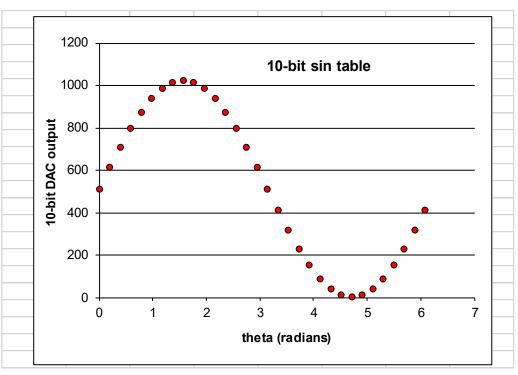


10-bit Sinusoid Table

 Sound can be obtained by repeatedly feeding the loudspeaker with a sampled sinusoid.



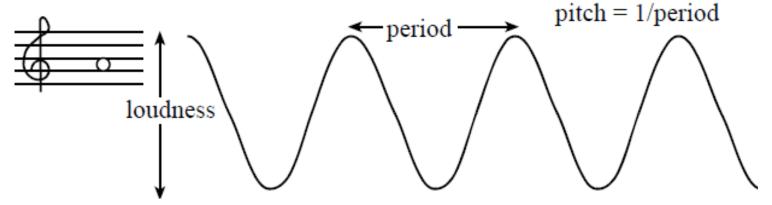
32 value sinusoid



int SinTab[32] = {512,612,708,796,873,937,984,1013,1023,1013,98 4,937,873,796,708,612,512,412,316,228,151,87,4 0,11,1,11,40,87,151,228,316,412};

Sound

- Loudness and pitch
 - Controlled by amplitude and frequency



- Humans can hear from about 25 to 20,000 Hz.
- A musical tone (note) produced by a sinusoid of a particular frequency
 - Middle A is 440 Hz
 - The sinusoid is completely reproduced every 2.27ms

Note	f	T (ms)
С	523	1,91
В	494	2,02
B^{b}	466	2,15
A	440	2,27
A^{b}	415	2,41
G	392	2,55
G^{b}	370	2,70
F	349	2,87
Е	330	3,03
E^{b}	311	3,22
D	294	3,40
D_p	277	3,61
C	262	3,82

Use of timer handler

- To reproduce the sinosoid, a timer can be used
- Timer frequency determines the note

Table 540: D/A Converter Register (DACR - address 0x4008 C000) bit description

Bit	Symbol	Value	Description	Reset Value	
5:0	-		Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from a reserved bit is not defined.	NA	
15:6	VALUE	1	After the selected settling time after this field is written with a new VALUE, the voltage on the AOUT pin (with respect to V_{SSA}) is VALUE × ((V_{REFP} - V_{REFN})/1024) + V_{REFN} .	0	
16	BIAS[1]	BIAS[1]	0	The settling time of the DAC is 1 μs max, and the maximum current is 700 $\mu A.$ This allows a maximum update rate of 1 MHz.	0
		1	The settling time of the DAC is 2.5 μs and the maximum current is 350 $\mu A.$ This allows a maximum update rate of 400 kHz.		
31:17	-		Reserved, user software should not write ones to reserved bits. The value read from a reserved bit is not defined.	NA	

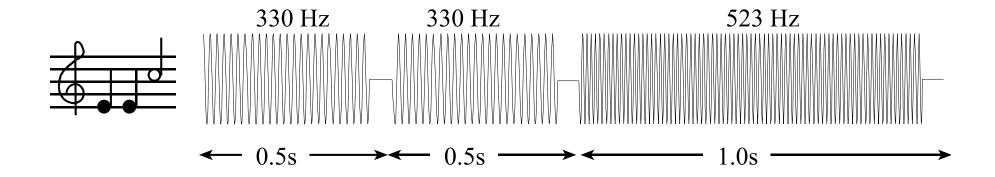
```
volatile uint16 t SinTable[45] =
24 - {
25
        410, 467, 523, 576, 627, 673, 714, 749, 778,
26
        799, 813, 819, 817, 807, 789, 764, 732, 694,
27
        650, 602, 550, 495, 438, 381, 324, 270, 217,
28
        169, 125, 87, 55, 30, 12, 2, 0, 6,
        20 , 41 , 70 , 105, 146, 193, 243, 297, 353
29
30
31
    void TIMER0 IRQHandler (void)
33 ⊟ {
34
      static int ticks=0;
     /* DAC management */
35
      LPC DAC->DACR = SinTable[ticks]<<6;
      ticks++:
37
      if(ticks==45) ticks=0;
      LPC TIMO->IR = 1; /* clear interrupt flag */
      return;
```

Synthesizing Digital Music (cont.)

- What is a musical tone?
 - A sinusoid of a particular frequency
 - Notes vary by twelfth root of 2 ~ 1.059
- What would the samples be?
 - Fixed point numbers
- How do we generate a sinusoid?
 - Output appropriate digital values via a resistor network that effectively produces a pseudo-analog signal
- What about frequency?
 - Employ a programmable timer to tell us when to output the next value

Tempo

- Tempo defines note duration
- Quarter note = 1 beat
- 120 beats/min => ½ s duration



Chord

- Two notes at the same time
 - Superimposed waveforms
 - 262 Hz (low C) and a 392 Hz (G)

