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# Electronics for Information Technology

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# General Information

- Course: **Electronics for Information Technology**
- ID Number: IT3420
- Credits: 2 (2-1-0-4)
- Lecture/Exercise: 32/16 hours (48 hours, 16 weeks)
- Evaluation:
  - Midterm examination and weekly assignment: **50%**
  - Final examination: **50%**
- Learning Materials:
  - Lecture slides
  - Textbooks
    - *Introductory Circuit Analysis* (2015), 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> ed., Robert L. Boylestad
    - *Electronic Device and Circuit Theory* (2013), 11<sup>th</sup> ed., Robert L. Boylestad, Louis Nashelsky
    - *Microelectronics Circuit Analysis and Design* (2006), 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Donald A. Neamen
    - *Digital Electronics: Principles, Devices and Applications* (2007), Anil K. Maini

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# Course Contents

- The Concepts of Electronics for IT
- **Chapter 1: Passive Electronic Components and Applications**
- **Chapter 2: Semiconductor Components and Applications**
- **Chapter 3: Operational Amplifiers**
- **Chapter 4: Fundamentals of Digital Circuits**
- **Chapter 5: Logic Gates**
- **Chapter 6: Combinational Logic**
- **Chapter 7: Sequential Logic**

# Chapter 3:

## Operational Amplifiers

- Operational Amplifier
- Ideal Parameters
- Operational Amplifier Circuits
- Applications

# Applications of Op-amp

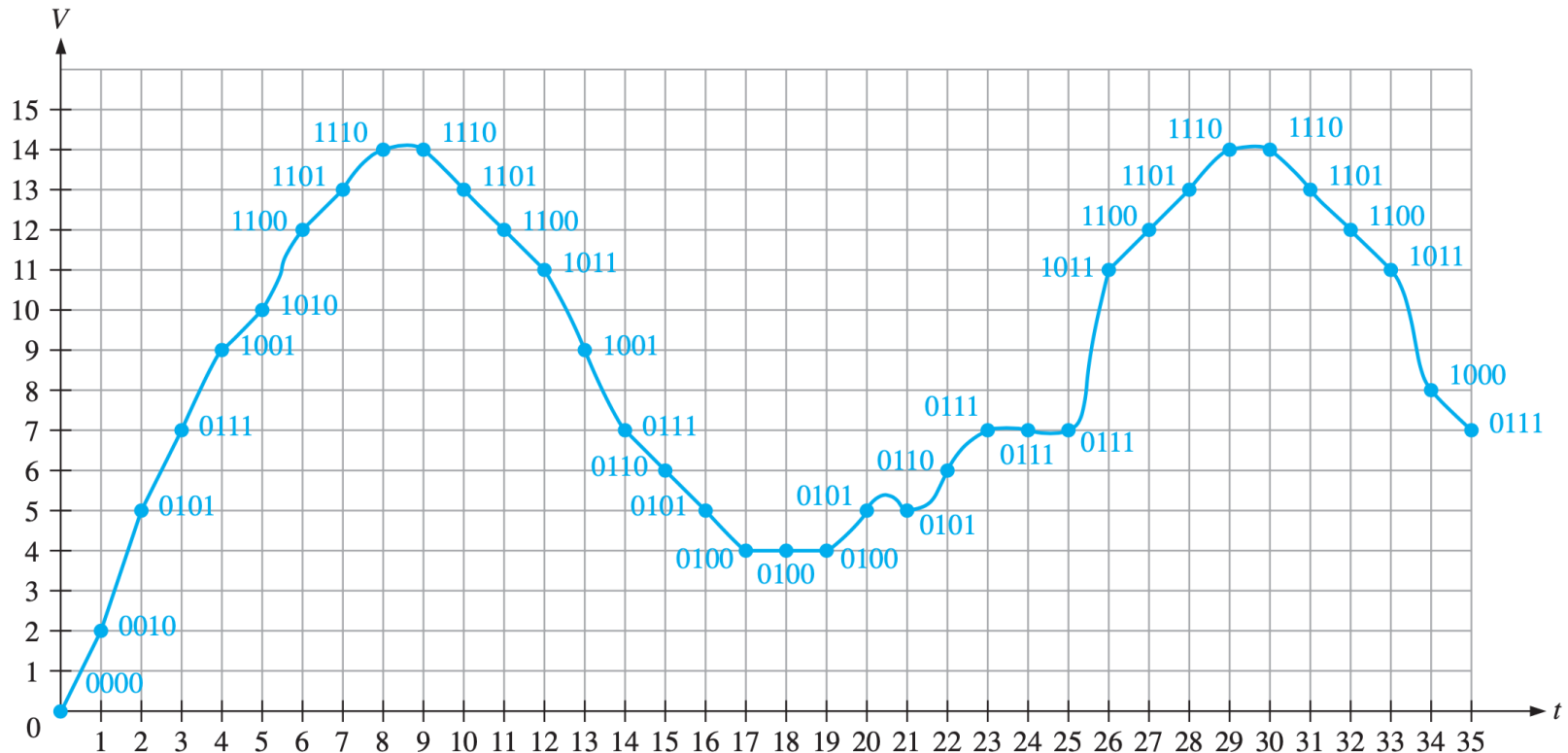
- Signal and A/D Conversion
- Analog-to-Digital Conversion/Converter – ADC
- Digital-to-Analog Conversion/Converter – DAC

# Signal and A/D Conversion

- **Analog signals** have continuous values, which often represent physical measurements of a time-varying quantity.
- **Digital signals** have a set of discrete values, which are generated by digital modulation, to represent a time-varying quantity.
- In signal processing, there are 2 important processes:
  - **Analog to Digital conversion**
  - **Digital to Analog conversion**

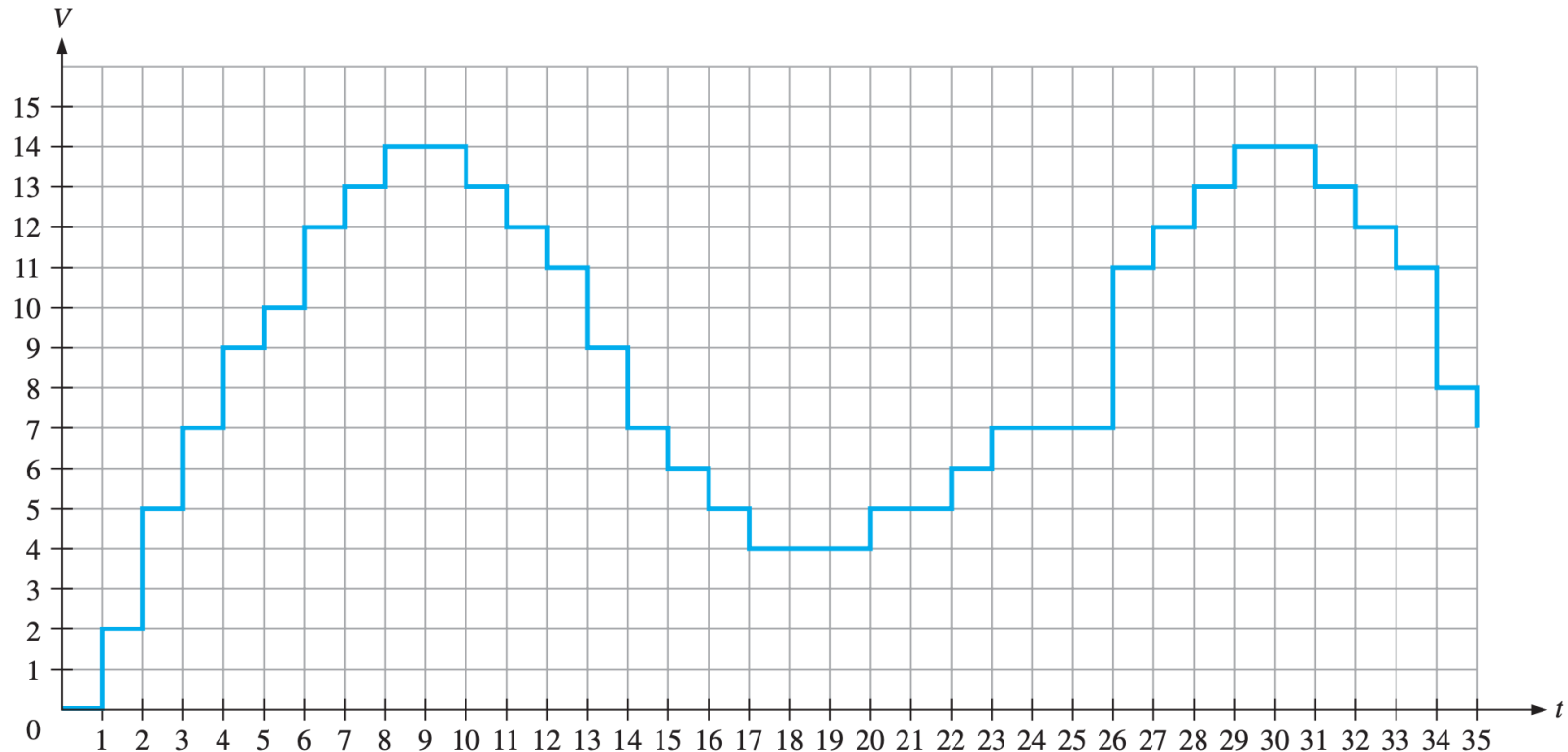


# Analog to Digital Conversion



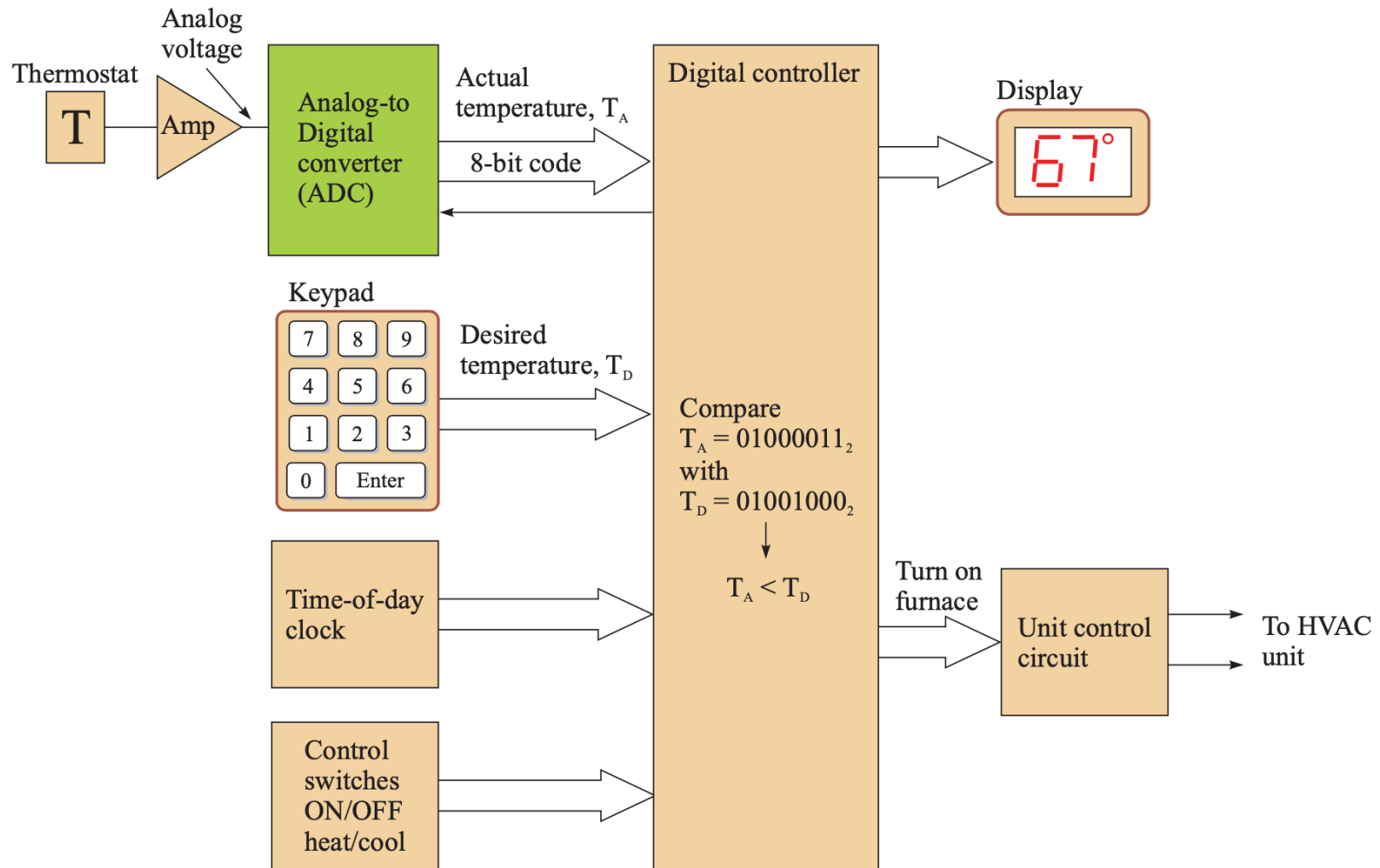
- **Data acquisition:** the process of taking analog information and converting it into a digital form.

# Digital to Analog Conversion

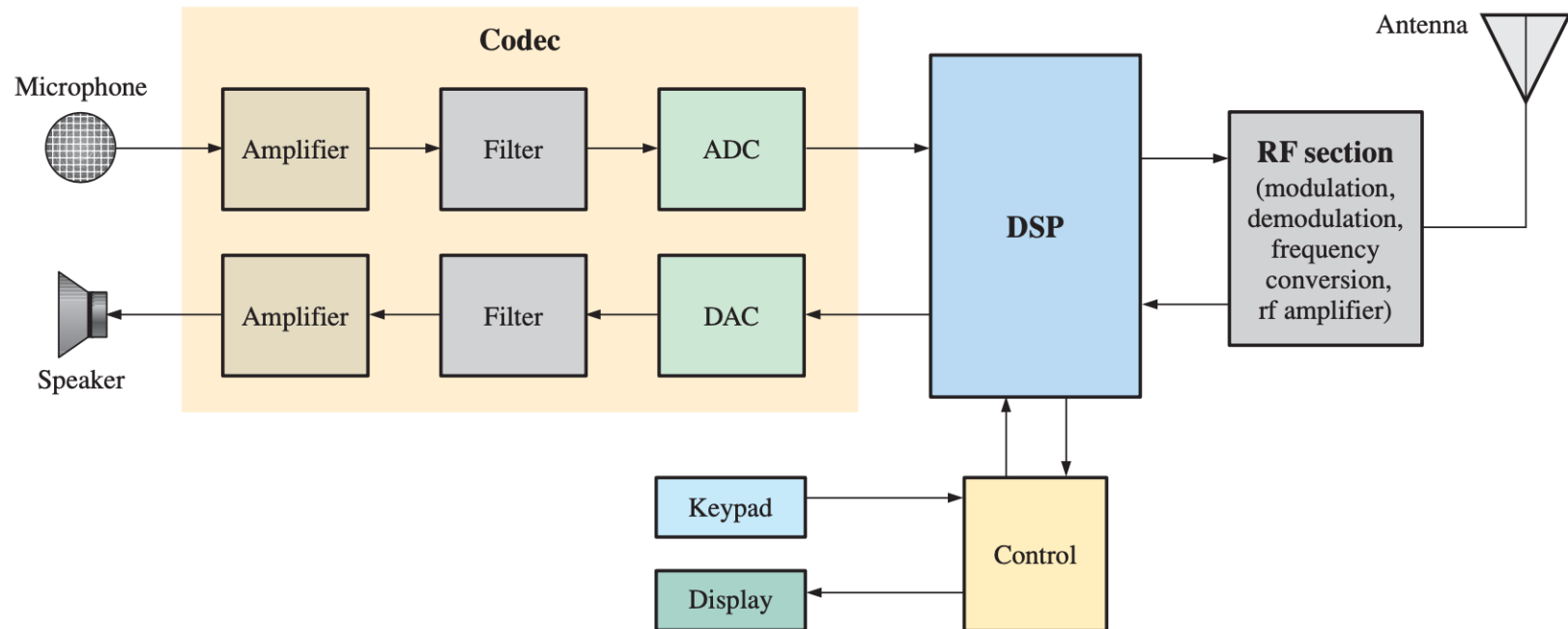


- **Signal reconstruction:** the process of reconstructing an analog signal from samples that have been transmitted, processed or stored.

# Applications of ADC - Thermostat



# Application of ADC/DAC - Telephone



# Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC)

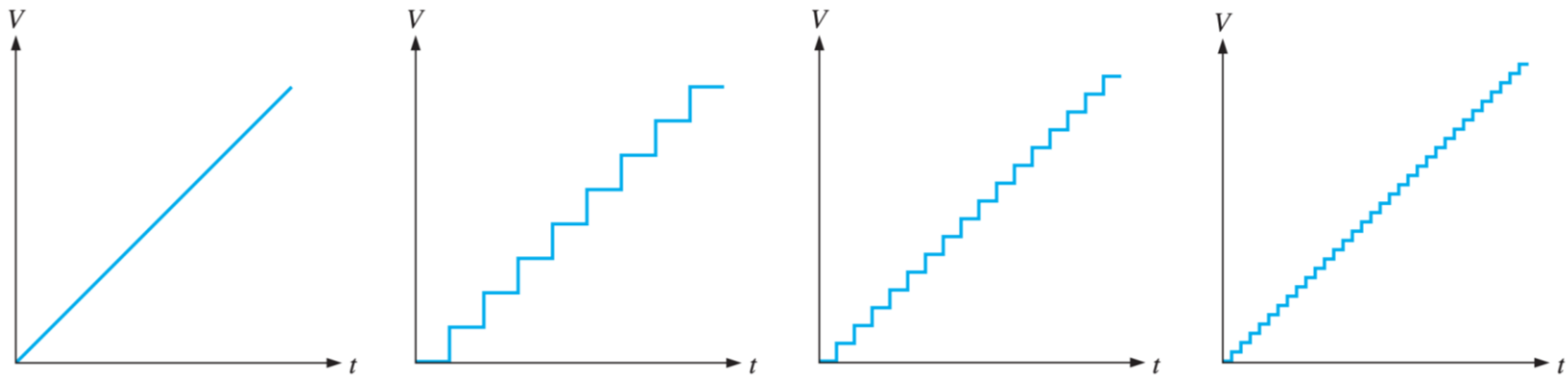
- What an ADC does
- Definition of resolution, conversion time, sampling and quantization error
- How a sample-and-hold circuit and ADC work together
- Flash ADC

# Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC)

- The process of converting the sampled values of the analog signal to a series of binary codes.
- Each binary code represents the amplitude of the analog signal at each of the sample times.
- Important characteristics of ADCs:
  - Resolution
  - Conversion time
  - Sampling frequency
  - Quantization error

# Resolution

- The **resolution** of an ADC can be expressed as the number of bits (binary digits) used to represent each value of the analog signal.
- Example: A 3-bit ADC can represent 8 different values of an analog signal.



Analog signal

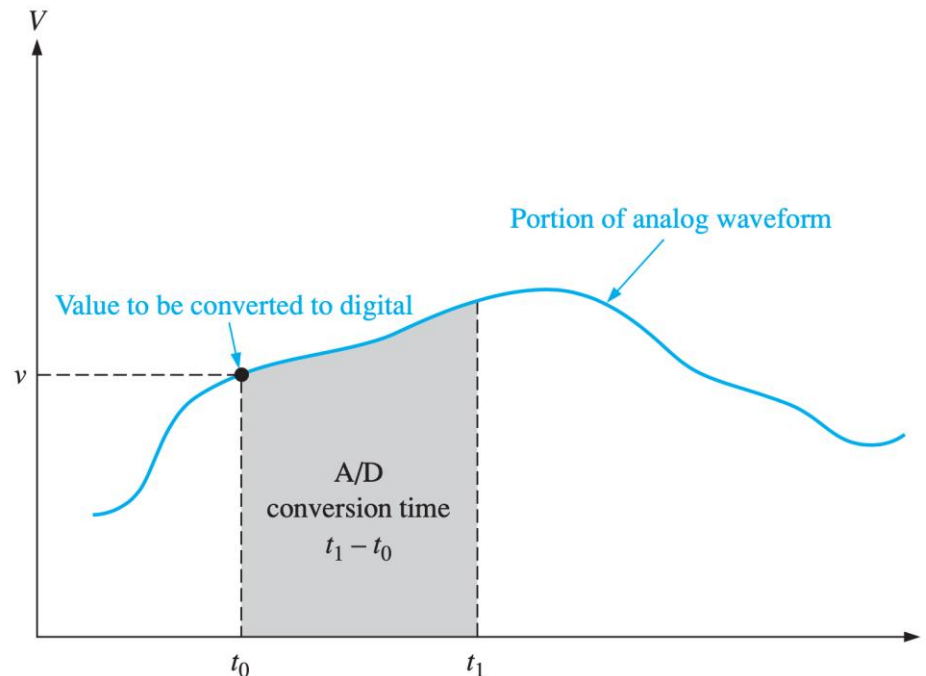
Digital signal  
with 3-bit  
resolution

Digital signal  
with 4-bit  
resolution

Digital signal  
with 5-bit  
resolution

# A/D Conversion Time

- The conversion of an analog voltage into a digital quantity is not an instantaneous event, but it is a process that takes a certain amount of time.
- The conversion time can range from microseconds ( $\mu\text{s}$ ) for fast converters to milliseconds (ms) for slower devices.



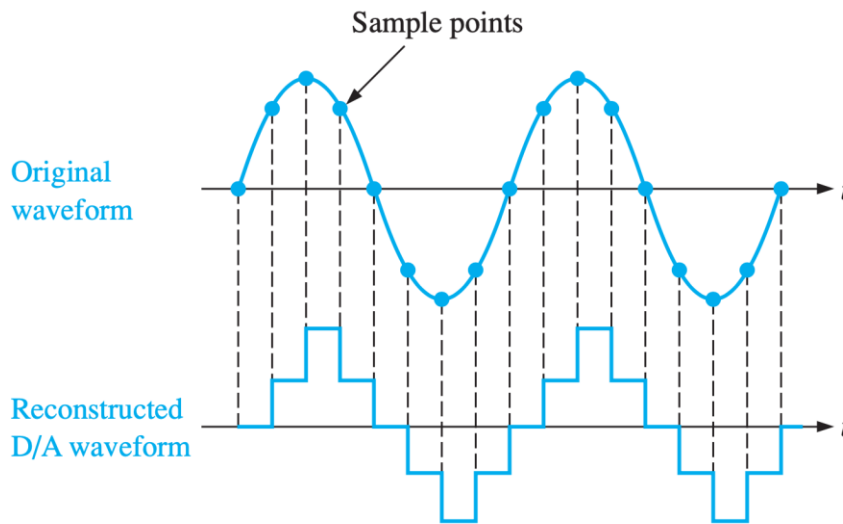


# Sampling Frequency

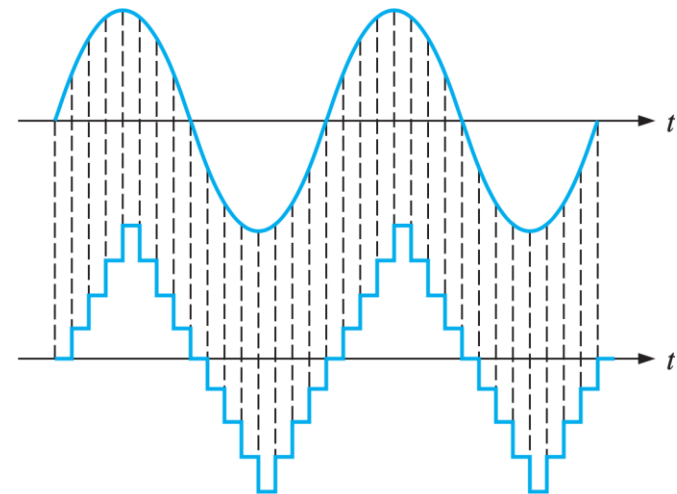
- At a given point, an analog waveform is sampled, and the sampled value is then converted to a binary number.
- Since it takes a certain interval of time to accomplish the conversion, the number of samples of an analog waveform during a given period of time is limited.
- The theoretical minimum limit of the sampling rate is known as the Nyquist rate or frequency: **an analog signal is sampled and converted two times per cycle.**

# Sampling Frequency

- Illustration of 2 sampling rates.



8 samples per cycles

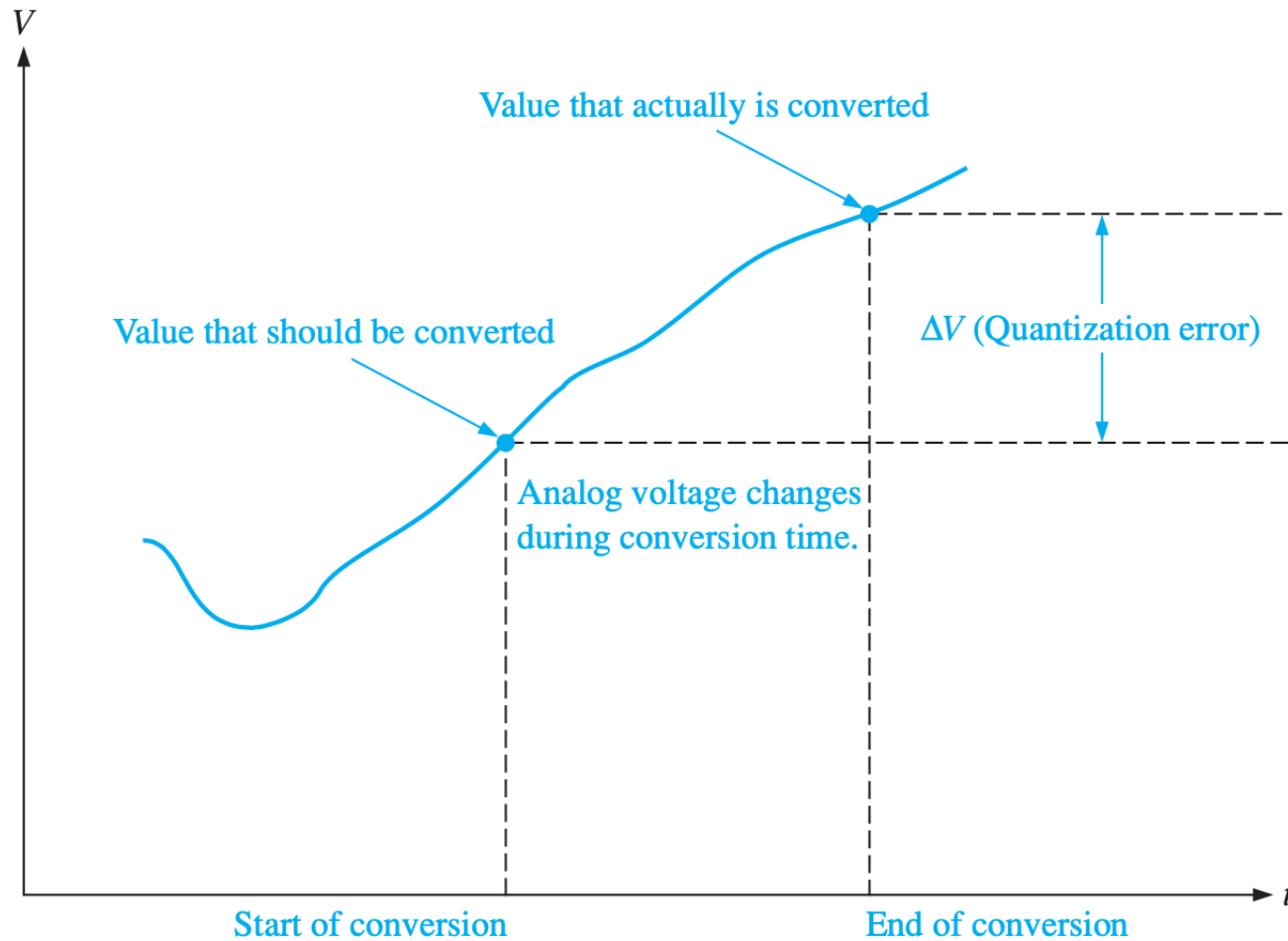


16 samples per cycles

# Quantization Error

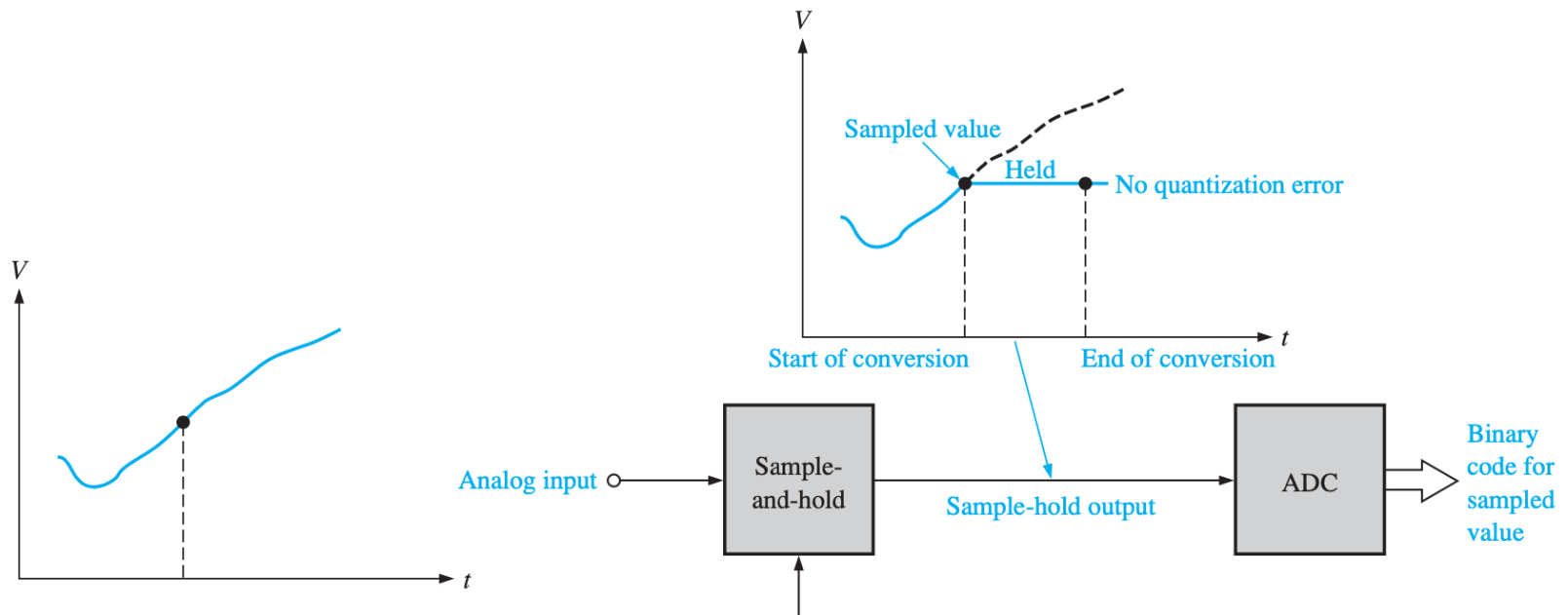
- The term **quantization** refers to determining a value for a changing analog voltage.
- **Ideally:** Assign a number to the voltage at a given instant and convert it **immediately** to digital form → impossible
- **In fact:** An analog signal may change during a conversion time → the voltage at the end of the conversion time may **not be the same** as it was at the beginning.
- **Quantization error** is the change in voltage during the conversion time.

# Quantization Error



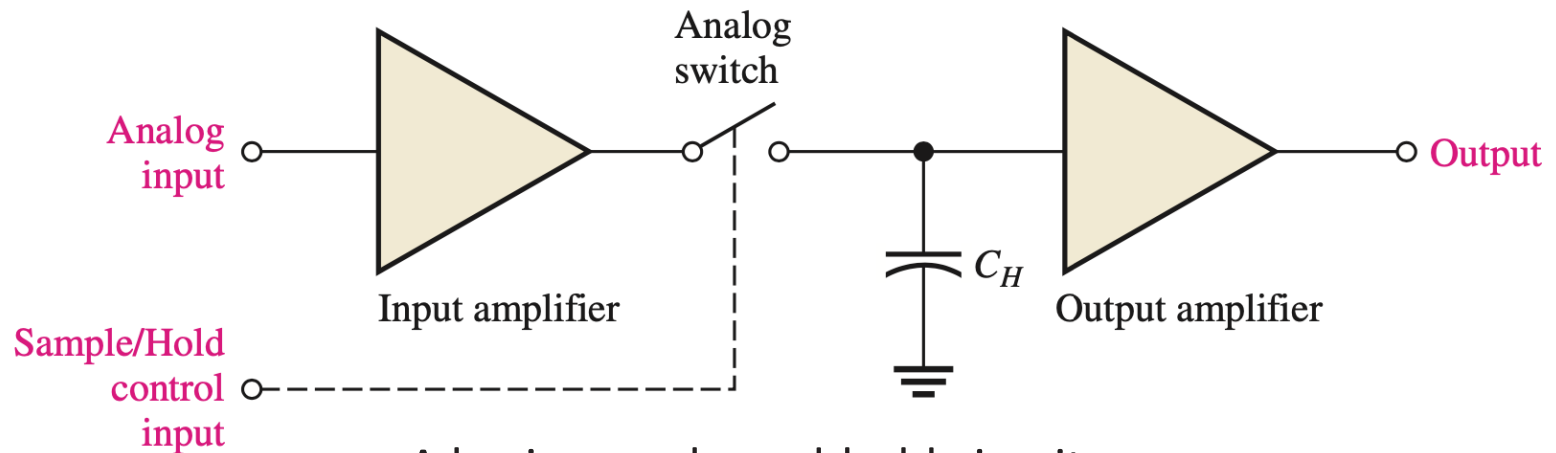
# Quantization Error

- **Solution:** Using a sample-and-hold circuit to avoid quantization error at the input to the ADC.



# Sample-and-Hold

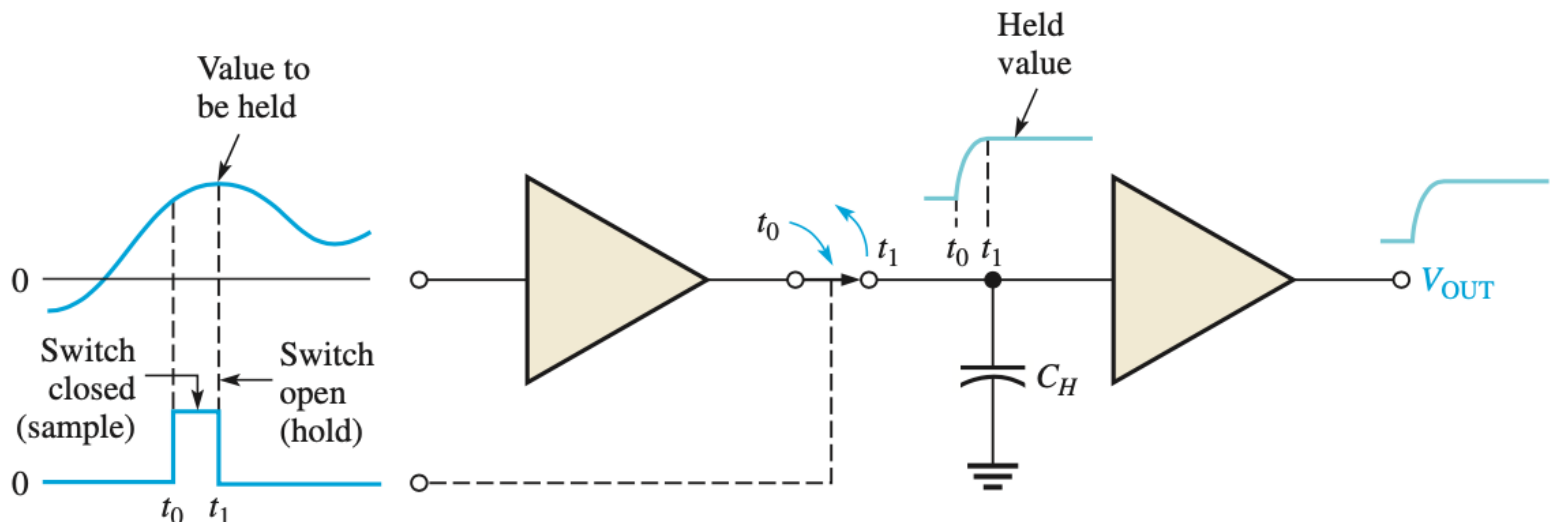
- A sample-and-hold circuit **quickly samples** the analog input and then **holds** the sampled voltage **for a certain time**.
- When used in conjunction with an ADC, the S&H is held **constant** for the duration of the **conversion time**.



A basic sample-and-hold circuit

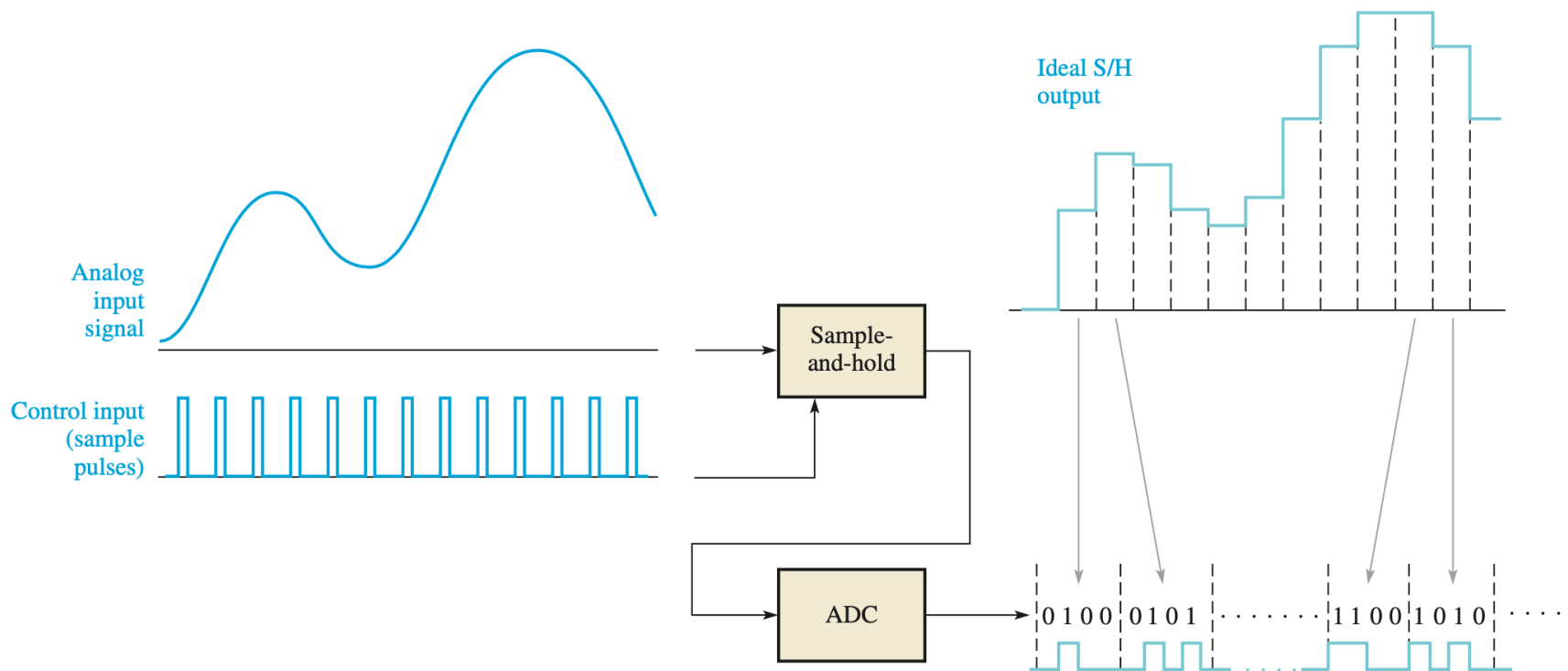
# Sample-and-Hold

- A **relatively narrow control voltage pulse** closes the analog switch and allows the **capacitor to charge** to the value of the input voltage.
- The switch opens, and the **capacitor holds the voltage** for a long period of time (because of the very high impedance discharge path through the op-amp input).



# S&H Circuit and ADC Working Together

- Illustrating the basic function of an ADC
- The output of the S&H goes to the ADC → Minimizing quantization errors.





# Flash ADC

- The **flash ADC** uses several comparators to compare **reference voltages** with the **analog input** from a S&H circuit.
- When the **analog voltage exceeds the reference level** for a given comparator, a high-level output is produced by the comparator.
- **$2^n - 1$  comparators** are required for conversion to an  **$n$ -bit binary code**.
- **Main disadvantage:** **large number of comparators** necessary for a practical size binary code.

# 3-bit flash ADC

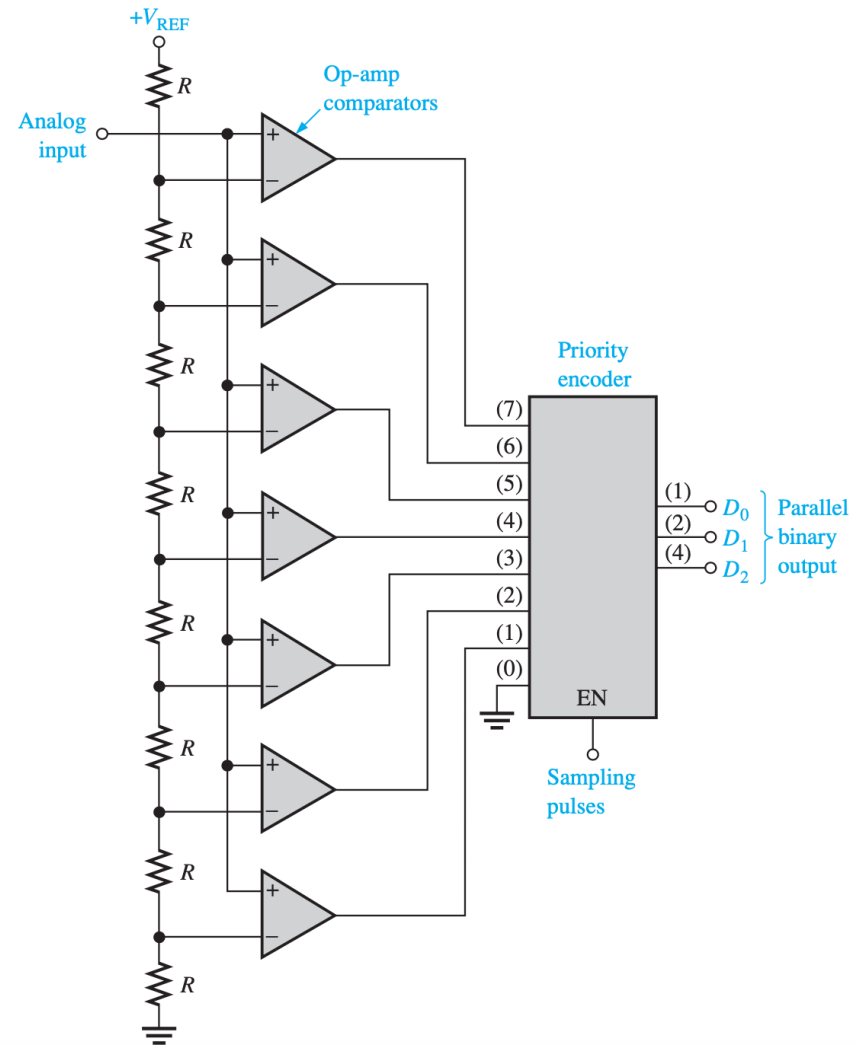
- 7 comparators for a conversion to 3 binary bits.
- The resistive voltage-divider sets the reference voltage for each comparator.

$$(7) = \frac{7}{8} V_{\text{ref}} \quad (3) = \frac{3}{8} V_{\text{ref}}$$

$$(6) = \frac{6}{8} V_{\text{ref}} \quad (2) = \frac{2}{8} V_{\text{ref}}$$

$$(5) = \frac{5}{8} V_{\text{ref}} \quad (1) = \frac{1}{8} V_{\text{ref}}$$

$$(4) = \frac{4}{8} V_{\text{ref}} \quad (0) = \frac{0}{8} V_{\text{ref}}$$



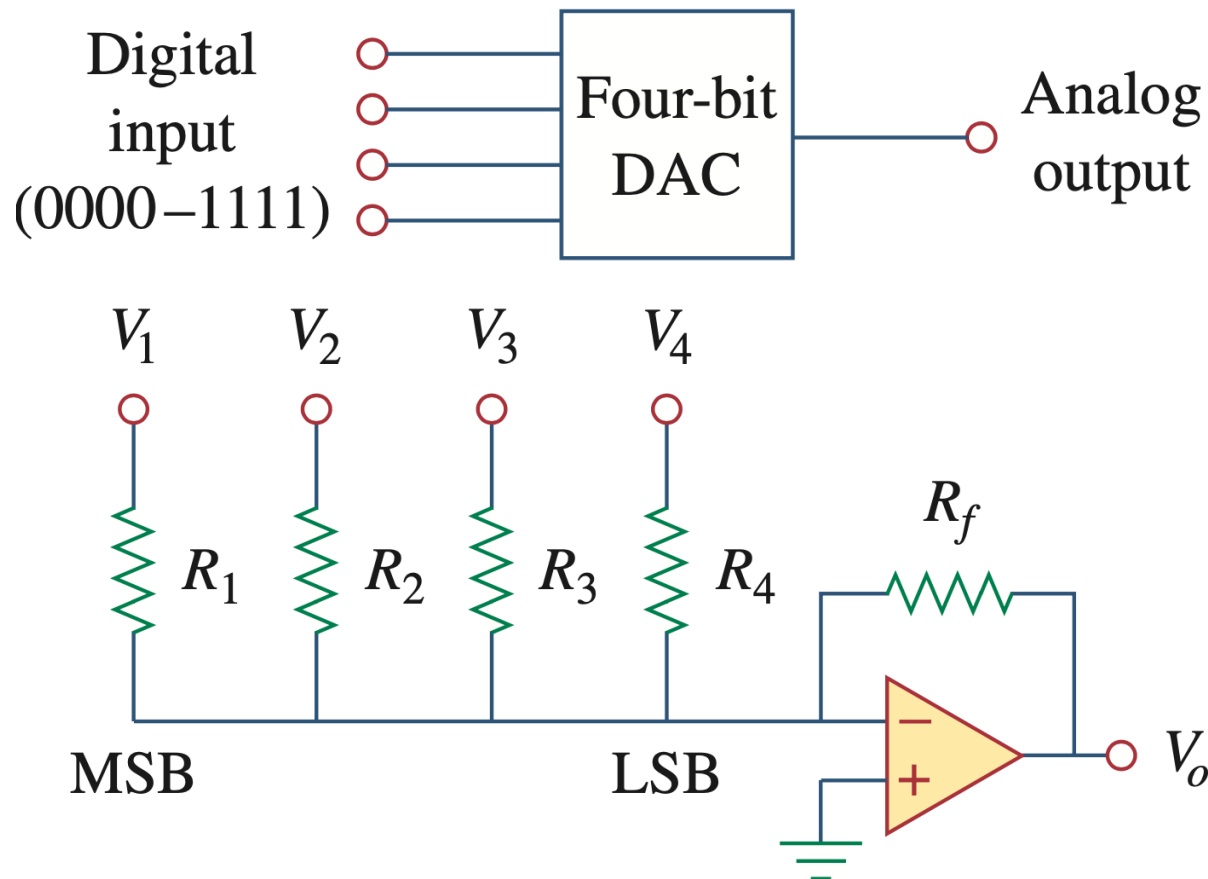
# Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC)

- Transforming digital signals into analog form.
- Input: digital signal
- Output: analog signal

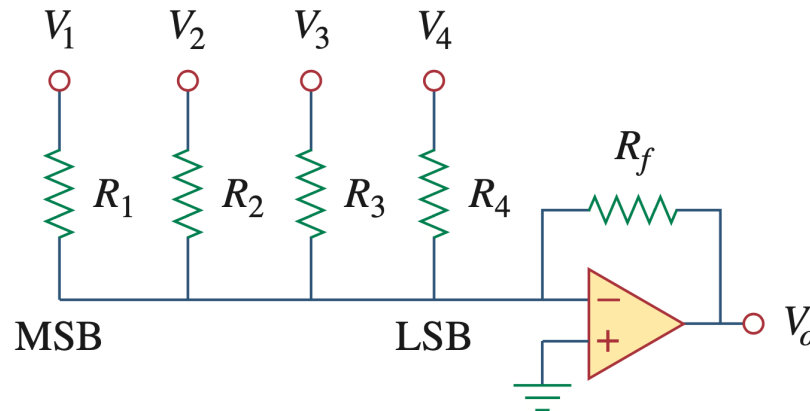


# 4-bit DAC: Binary Weighted Ladder

- Assuming only 2 voltage levels for inputs: +5V and 0V.



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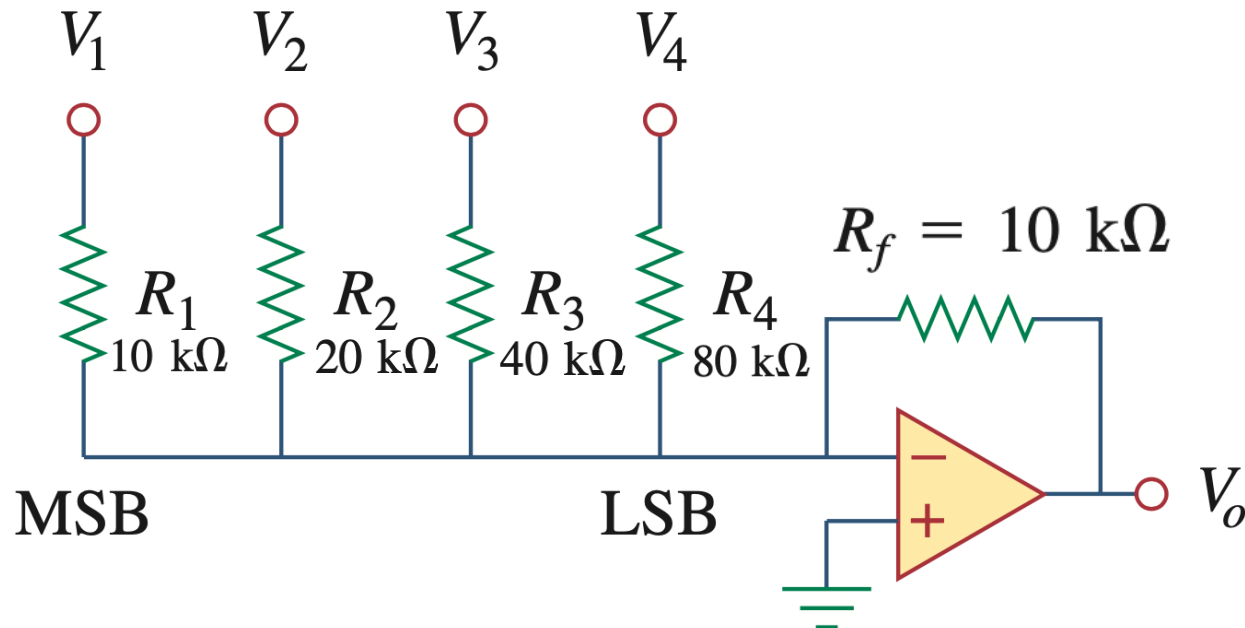
- The output is related to the inputs as:

$$-V_o = \frac{R_f}{R_1}V_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2}V_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3}V_3 + \frac{R_f}{R_4}V_4$$

- By using the proper input and feedback resistor values, the DAC provides a single output that is proportional to the inputs.

# Example 4.9

- For a 4-bit DAC shown in the figure, determine the analog output  $V_o$  for binary inputs  $V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4$  from 0000 to 1111.



# Example 4.9

- The analog output:

$$\begin{aligned} -V_o &= \frac{R_f}{R_1} V_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2} V_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3} V_3 + \frac{R_f}{R_4} V_4 \\ &= V_1 + 0.5V_2 + 0.25V_3 + 0.125V_4 \end{aligned}$$

- For each digital input, we have:

$$[V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4] = [0010] \quad \Rightarrow \quad -V_o = 0.25 \text{ V}$$

$$[V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4] = [0011] \quad \Rightarrow \quad -V_o = 0.25 + 0.125 = 0.375 \text{ V}$$

$$[V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4] = [0100] \quad \Rightarrow \quad -V_o = 0.5 \text{ V}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} [V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4] &= [1111] \quad \Rightarrow \quad -V_o = 1 + 0.5 + 0.25 + 0.125 \\ &= 1.875 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

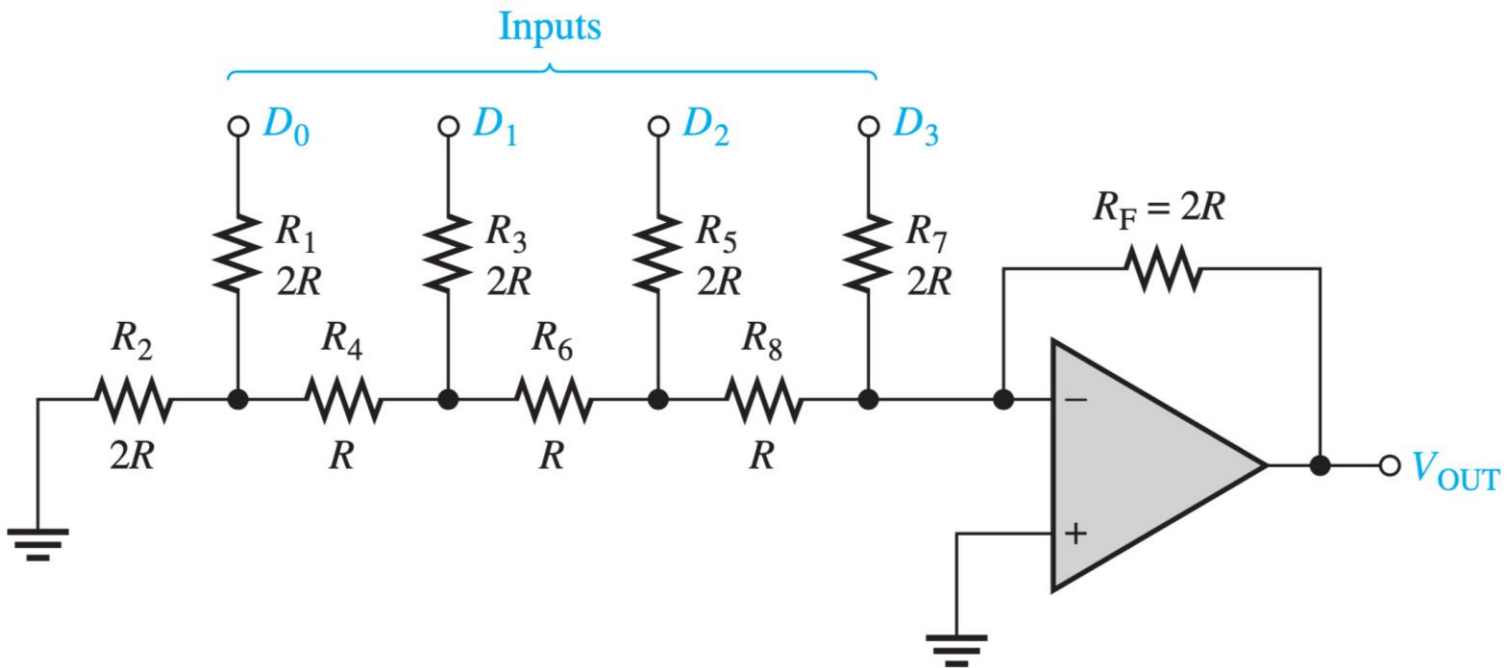
# Example 4.9

$[V_1V_2V_3V_4]$	Decimal value	$-V_o$
0000	0	0
0001	1	0.125
0010	2	0.25
0011	3	0.375
0100	4	0.5
0101	5	0.625
0110	6	0.75
0111	7	0.875
1000	8	1.0
1001	9	1.125
1010	10	1.25
1011	11	1.375
1100	12	1.5
1101	13	1.625
1110	14	1.75
1111	15	1.875

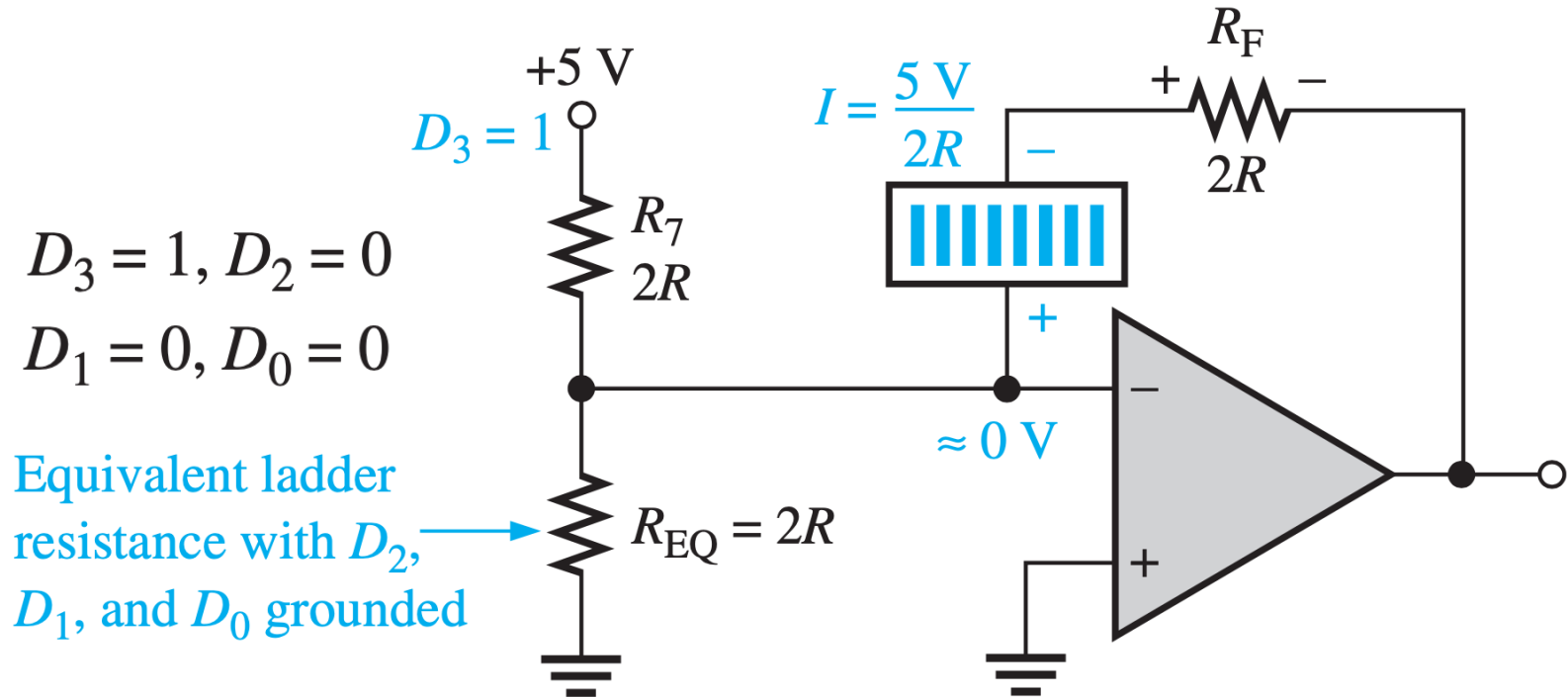


# R-2R DAC

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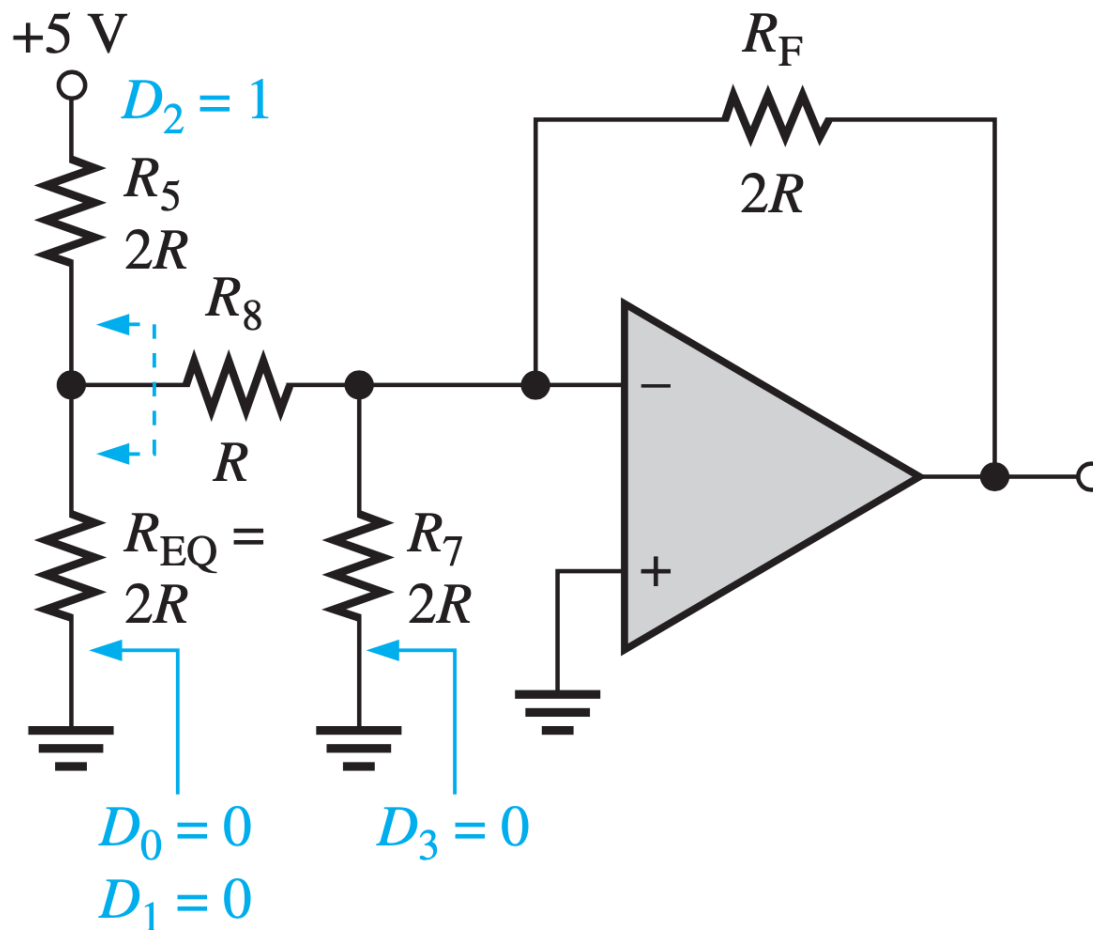
# R-2R DAC



$$V_{\text{OUT}} = -IR_F = -\left(\frac{5\text{ V}}{2R}\right)2R = -5\text{ V}$$

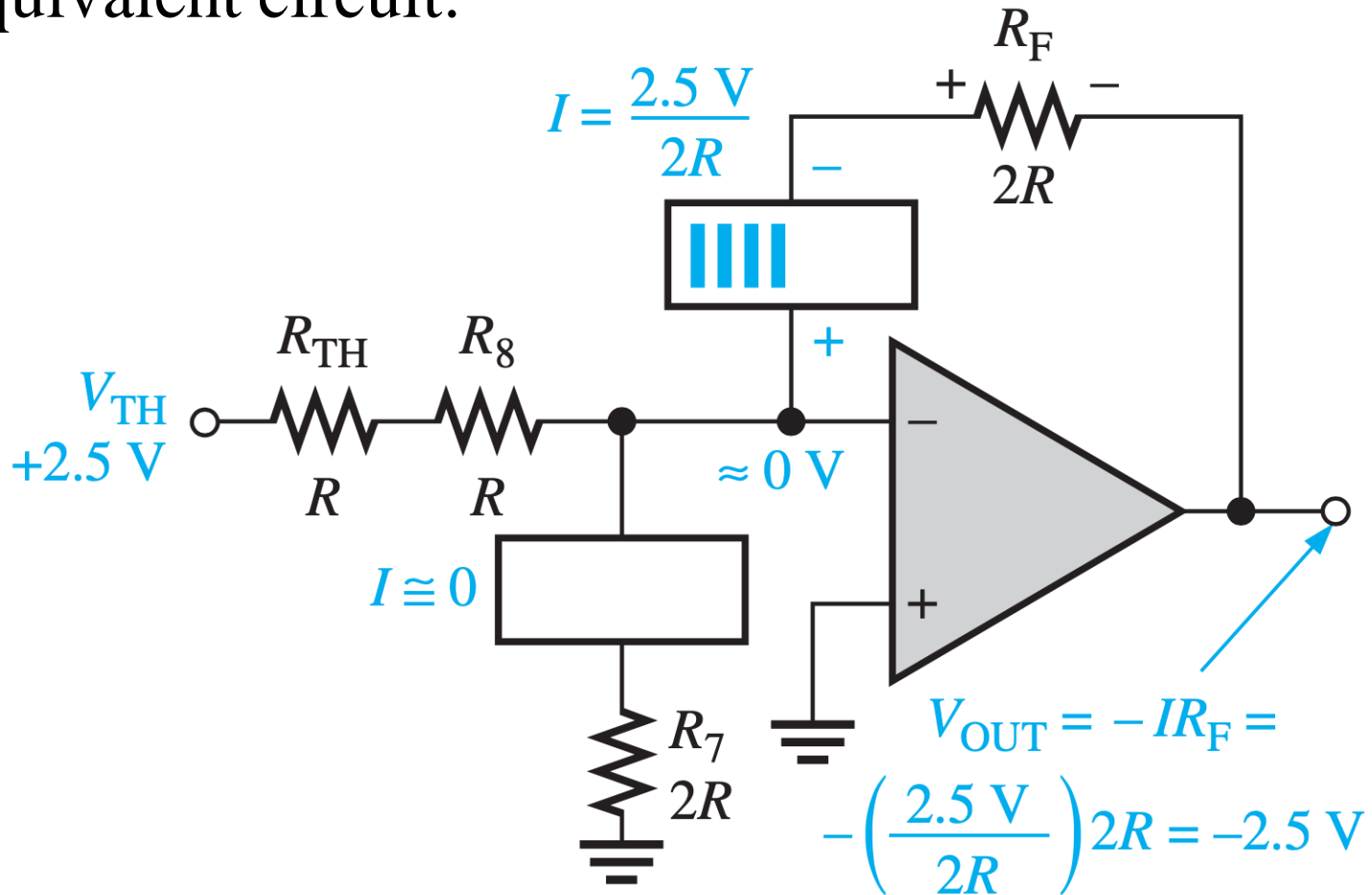
# R-2R DAC

$$D_3 = 0, D_2 = 1$$
$$D_1 = 0, D_0 = 0$$



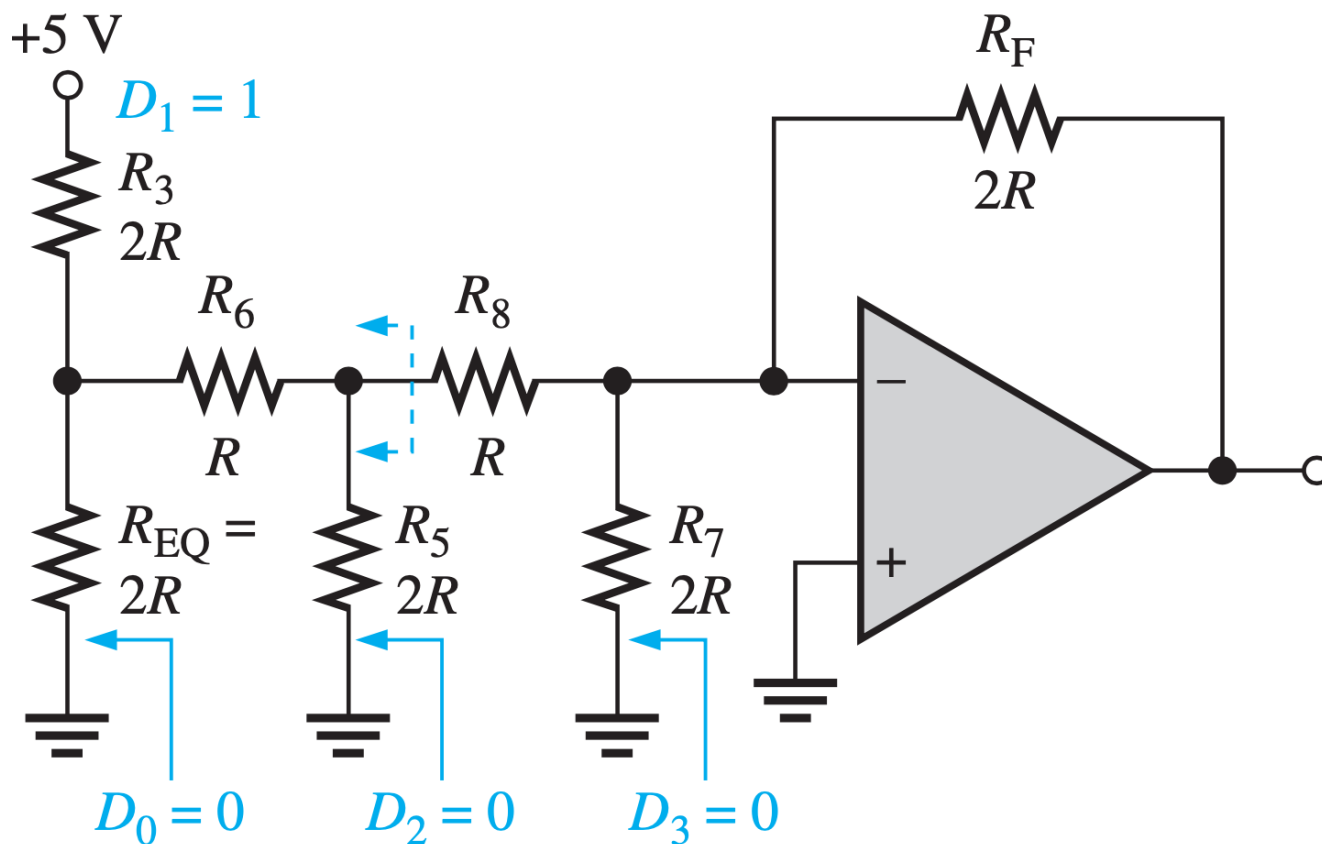
# R-2R DAC

- Equivalent circuit:



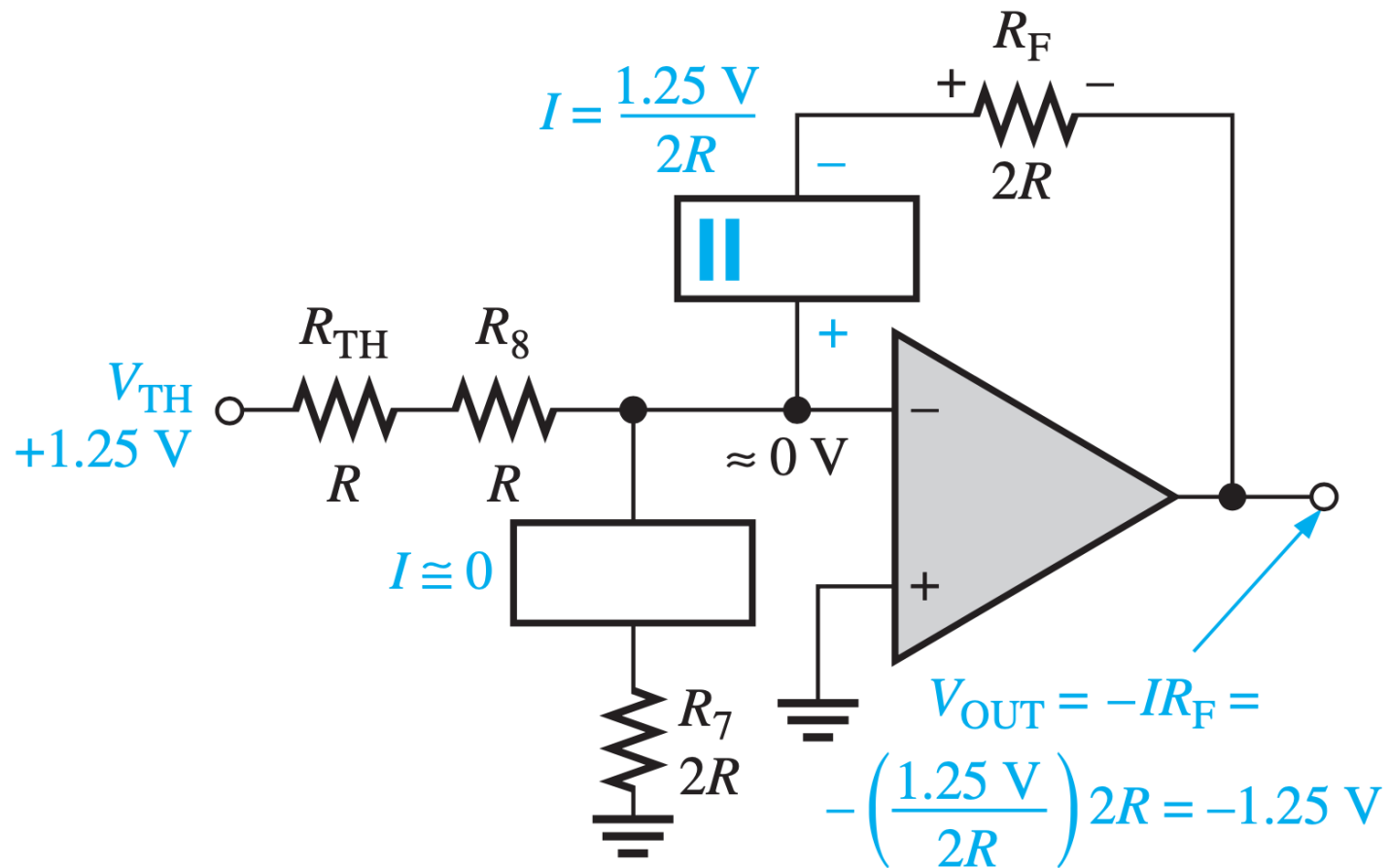
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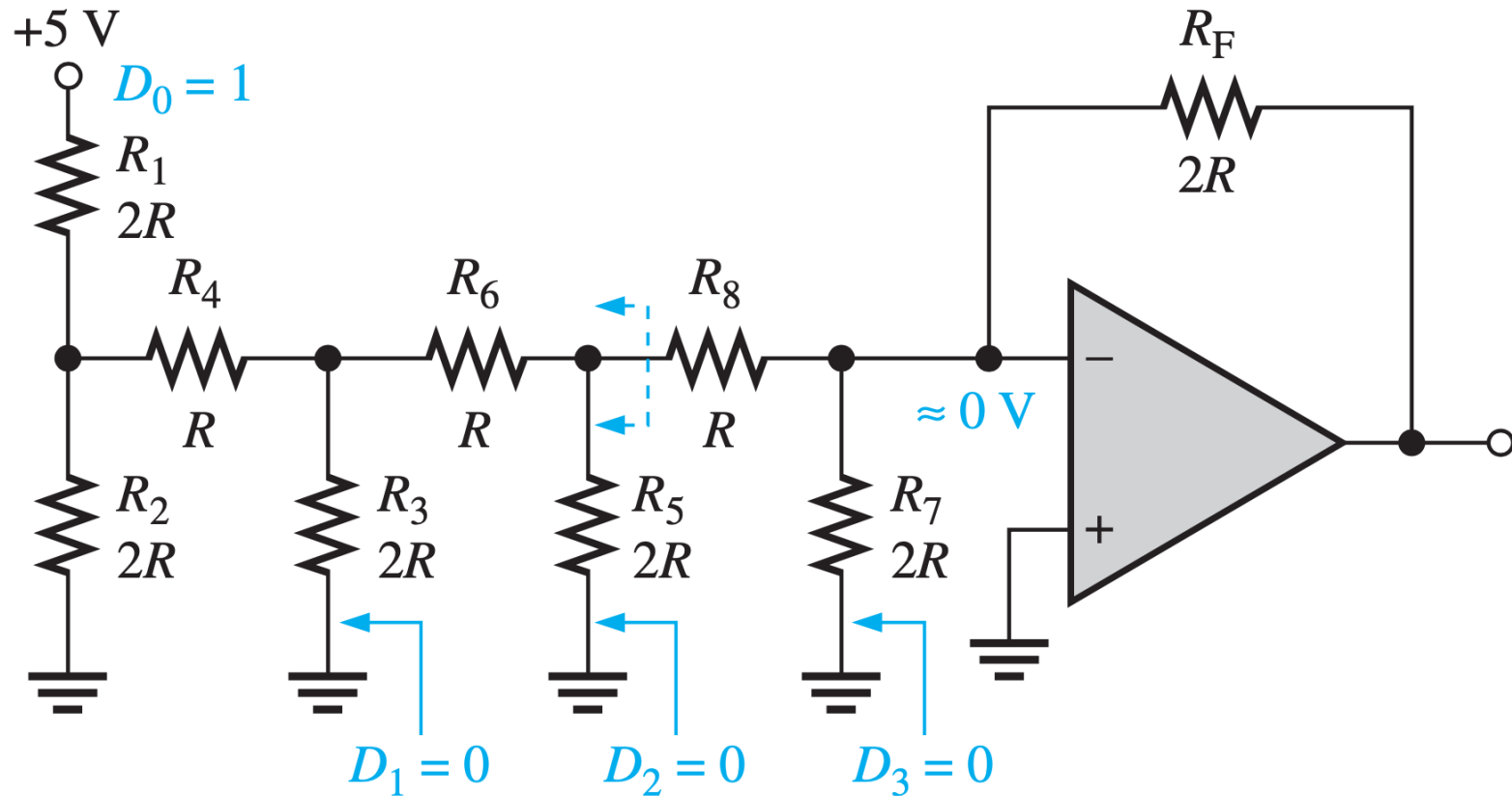
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