

# *Analog Interfaces*

## *Connecting analog world to digital computers*

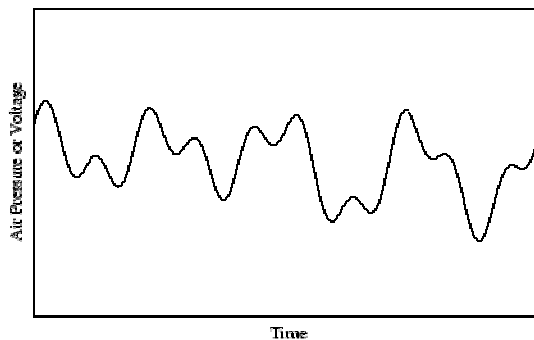
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### Some analog magnitudes



**Barometer / altimeter**  
Air pressure.

An audio signal



**Audio**

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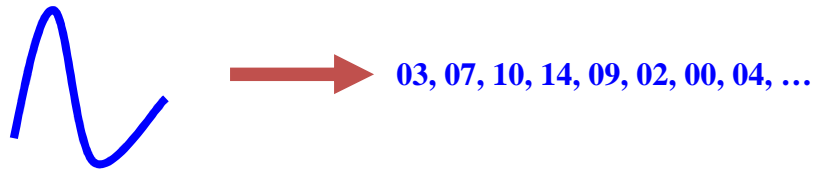
**Temperature**

## Analog to Digital Conversion

**World is analog ...**

**but computers deal with digital information.**

***DAC: Representing a continuously varying physical quantity by a sequence of discrete numerical values.***



## Basic of A/D Conversion

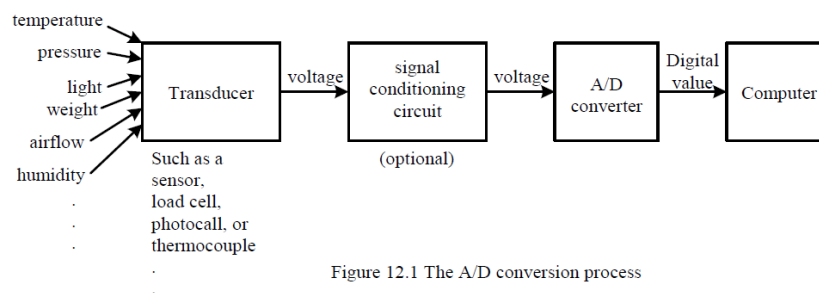
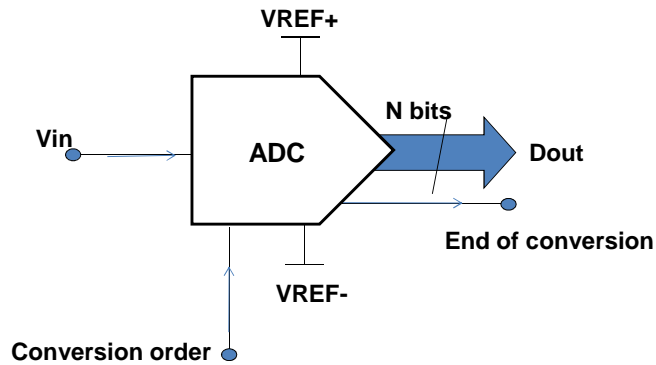


Figure 12.1 The A/D conversion process

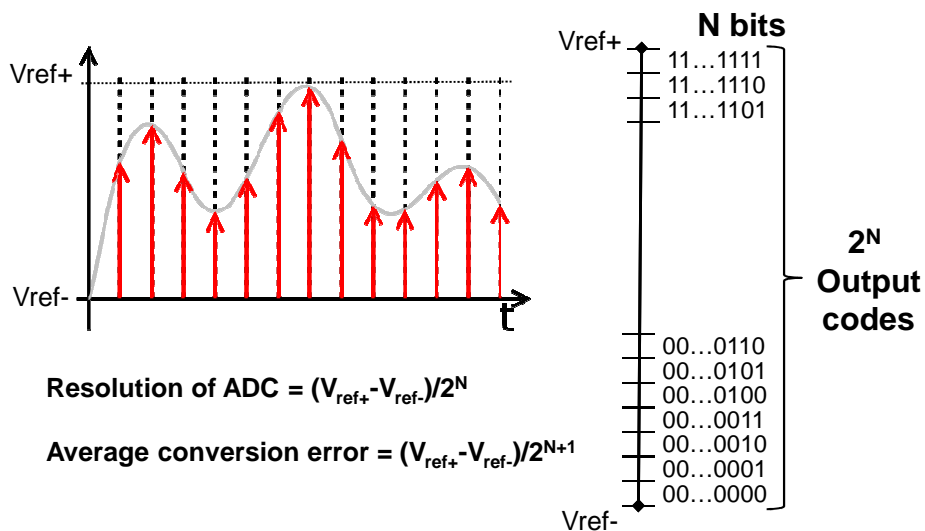
## Analog to digital converter concept (ADC)

ADC Scheme (with a synchrony signal *End of conversion*)



$$\text{Dout} = \text{round}[(2^N - 1) * (V_{in} - V_{ref-}) / (V_{ref+} - V_{ref-})]$$

## Analog versus Digital



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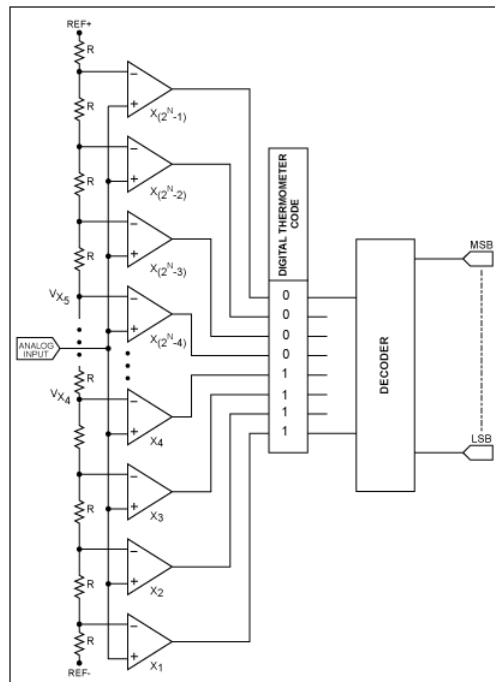
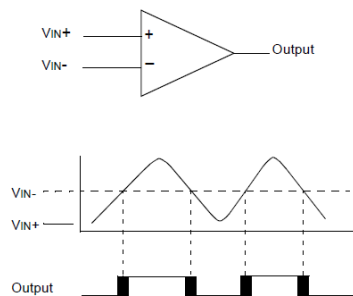
# Devices

1. A/D Flash Converter
2. Digital to Analog Converter \*
3. Slope A/D Converter
4. Successive approximations A/D Converter \*

\* These devices can be found on PIC18F45K22

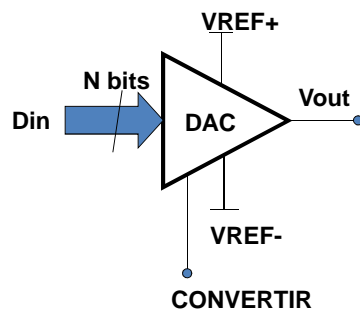
## 1. A/D Flash

### Comparator



## 2. Digital to Analog Converter (DAC)

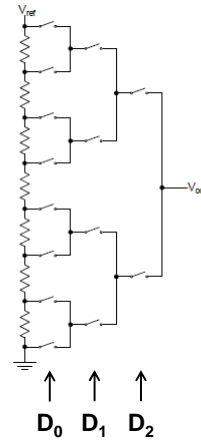
Symbol



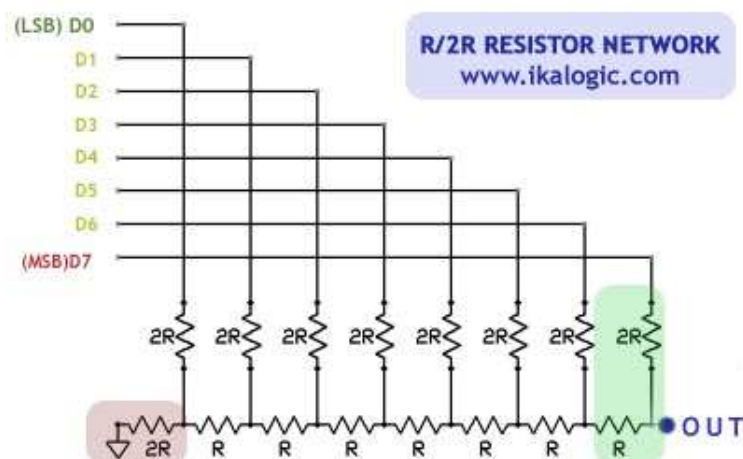
$$V_{out} = V_{ref-} + (V_{ref+} - V_{ref-}) * D_{in} / (2^N - 1)$$

Possible implementation:

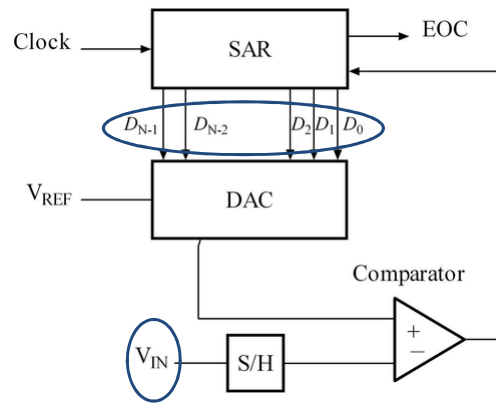
Resistor ladder (asymmetrical)



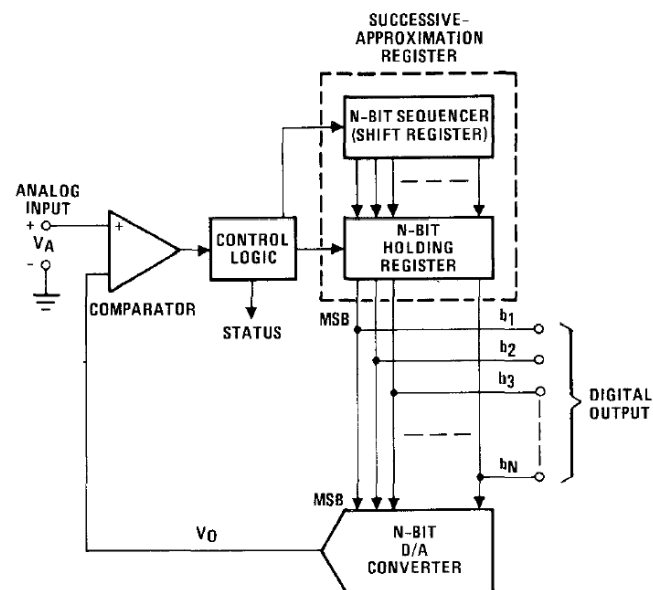
## D/A Converter



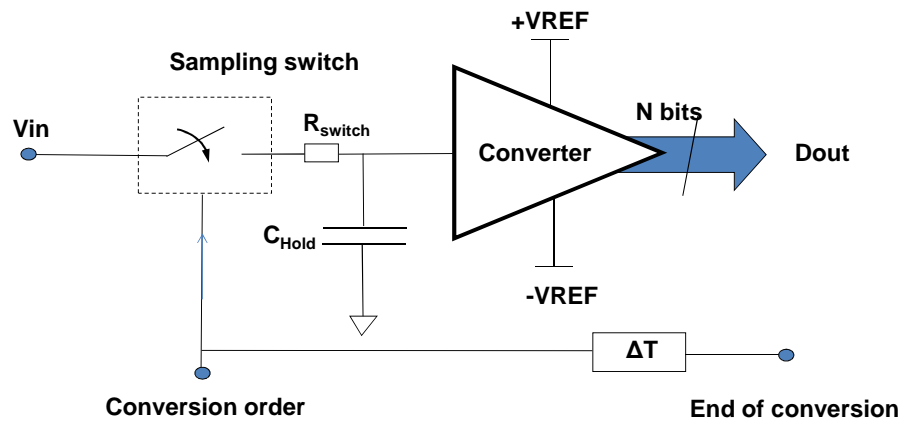
### 3. Slope A/D converter



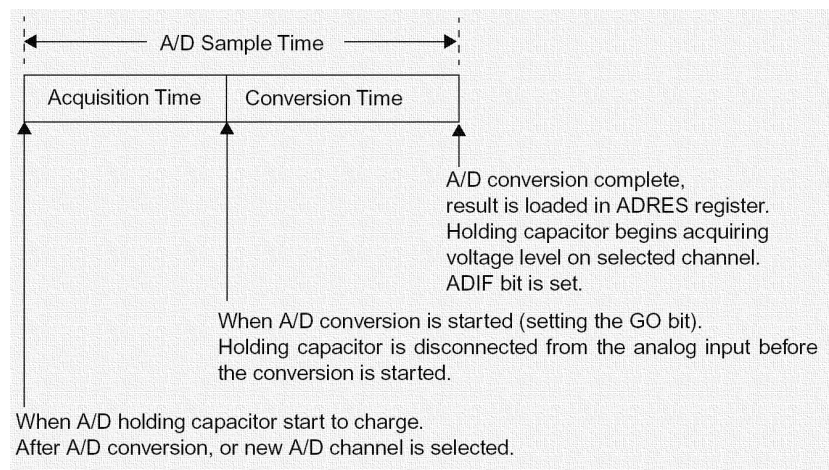
### 4. Successive approximations A/D Converter



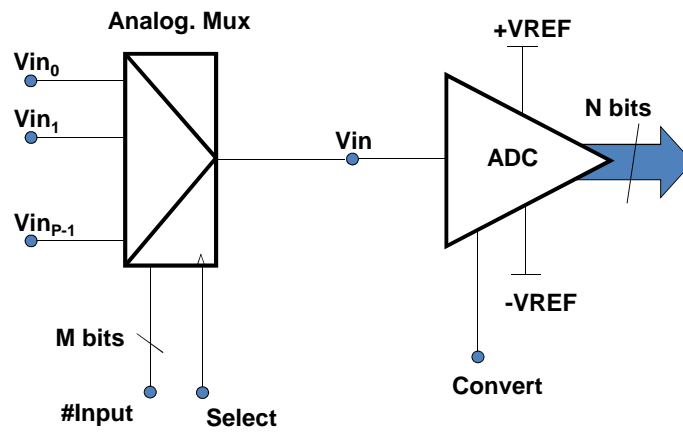
## ADC: sample and hold + converter



## Conversion & Acquisition times



## Multiplexed inputs



## Resolution

Suppose a binary number with N bits is to represent an analog value ranging from 0 to A

There are  $2^N$  possible numbers

$$\text{Resolution} = A / 2^N$$



### Resolution Example

Temperature range of 0 K to 300 K to be linearly converted to a voltage signal of 0 to 2.5 V, then digitized with an **8-bit** A/D converter

$$2.5 / 2^8 = 0.0098 \text{ V, or about 10 mV per step}$$

$$300 \text{ K} / 2^8 = 1.2 \text{ K per step}$$

### Resolution Example

Temperature range of 0 K to 300 K to be linearly converted to a voltage signal of 0 to 2.5 V, then digitized with a **10-bit** A/D converter

$$2.5 / 2^{10} = 0.00244\text{V, or about 2.4 mV per step}$$

$$300 \text{ K} / 2^{10} = 0.29 \text{ K per step}$$

*Is the noise present in the system well below 2.4 mV ?*

## N bits vs. Resolution

AD converter  
needed ?

Example 1:



Dissipator Range Temp: 1 – 60°C

Needed resolution: 1°



Bits of ADC:  $\log_2 (60/1) = \text{Min. 6 bits}$

Example 2:



Current sensor

Current Sensor for motor: 0 – 20A

Needed resolution: 1mA

Bits of ADC:  $\log_2 (20/0.001) = \text{Min. 15 bits} \rightarrow \text{Difficult}$

Resolution for 12 bits ADC standard?

$2^{12}=4096 \rightarrow 20/4096 \approx 4.5 \text{ mA}$

## Example

Measure air temperature  
(-20°C to 60°C with a 0.5  
resolution). Vref+=5 V i  
Vref-= 0 V.

Define the required bits  
of the ADC, and the  
sampling period.

The output voltage range for these devices is typically 100 mV at -40°C, 500 mV at 0°C, 750 mV at +25°C, and +1.75 V at +125°C. As shown in Figure 12.14, the TC1047A has a 10 mV/°C voltage slope output response.

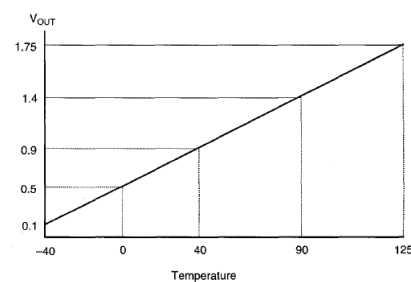
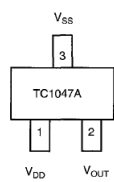
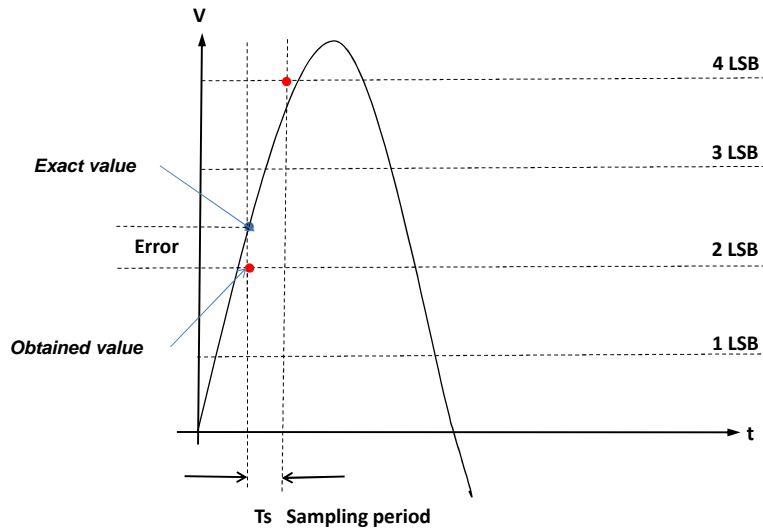
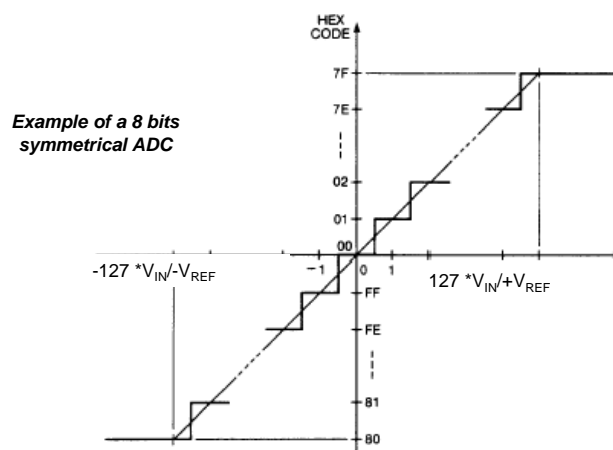


Figure 12.14 ■ TC1047A V<sub>OUT</sub> vs. temperature characteristic

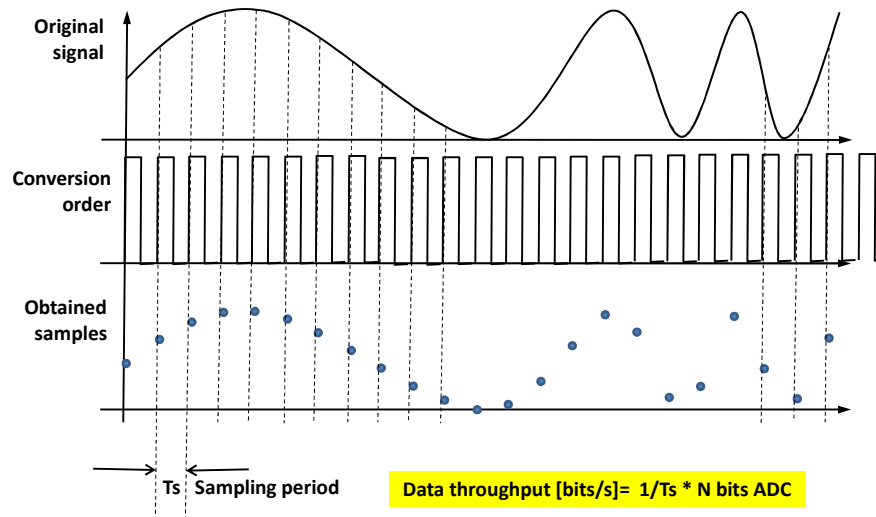
### Quantizing error: $\pm 0.5$ LSB



### ADC Sampling function (magnitude)



## Sampling (time)

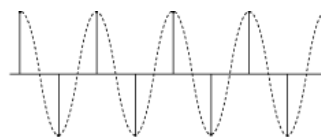


## Nyquist criterion

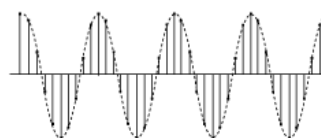
*To avoid aliasing*

$$f_{\text{sampling}} > 2 \cdot f_{\text{signal max frequency}}$$

*Nevertheless, higher sampling frequencies, higher quality*



C. 2 samples/cycle



D. 10 samples/cycle

## Data Collection – Sampling Rate

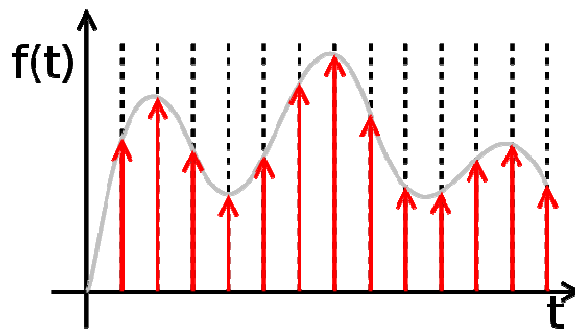
### The Nyquist Rate

*A signal must be sampled at a rate at least twice that of the highest frequency component that must be reproduced.*

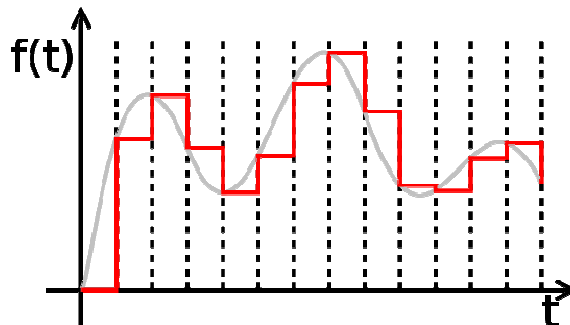
Example – Hi-Fi sound (20-20,000 Hz) is generally sampled at about 44 kHz.

External temperature during flight need only be sampled every few seconds at most.

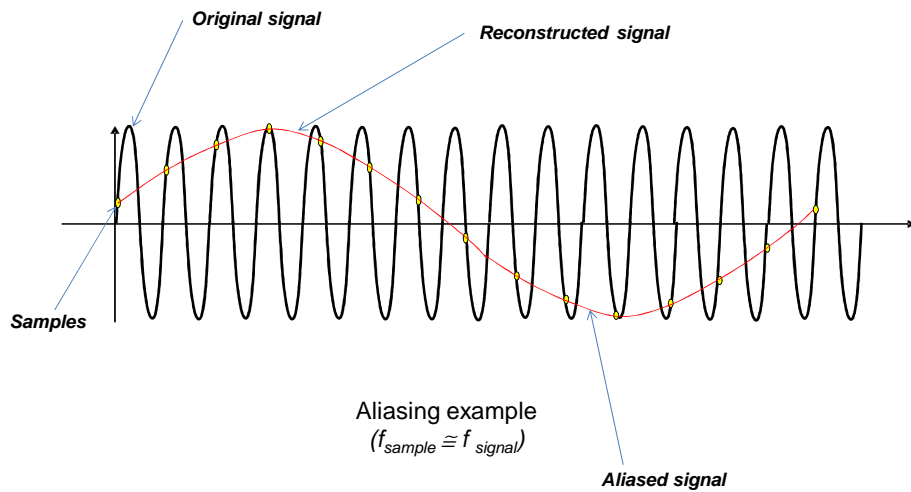
Original signal  
& Sampling



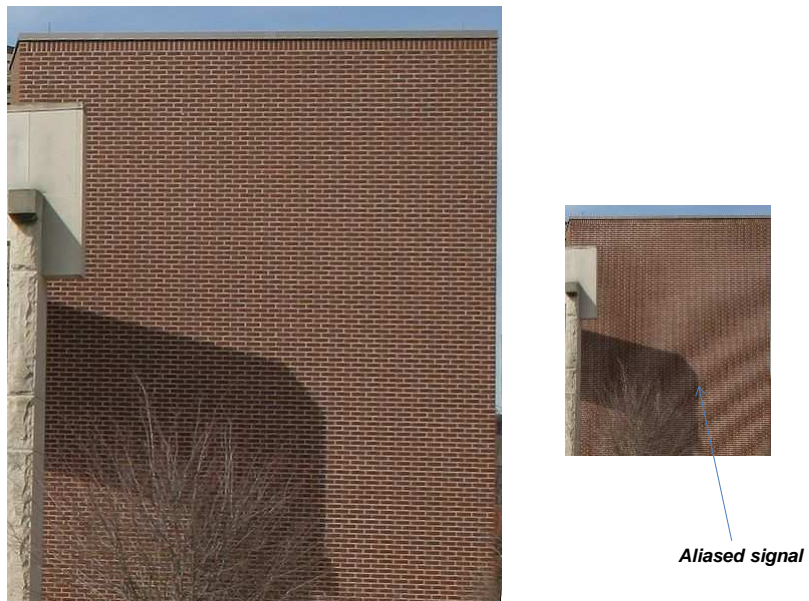
Original signal  
vs Sampled version



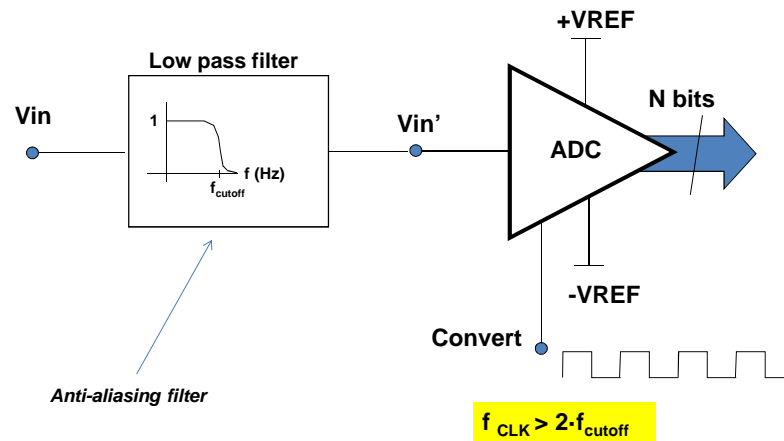
## Aliasing (1D)



## Aliasing (2D)



## Anti-aliasing filter

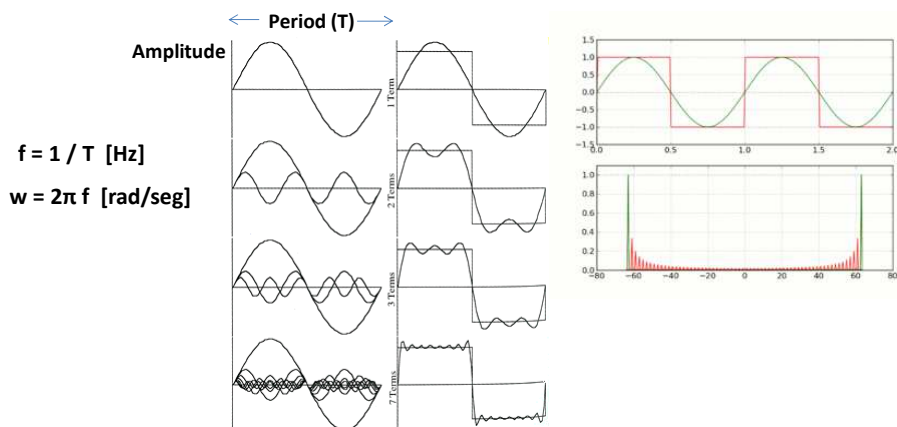


## Signal characteristics: basic concepts

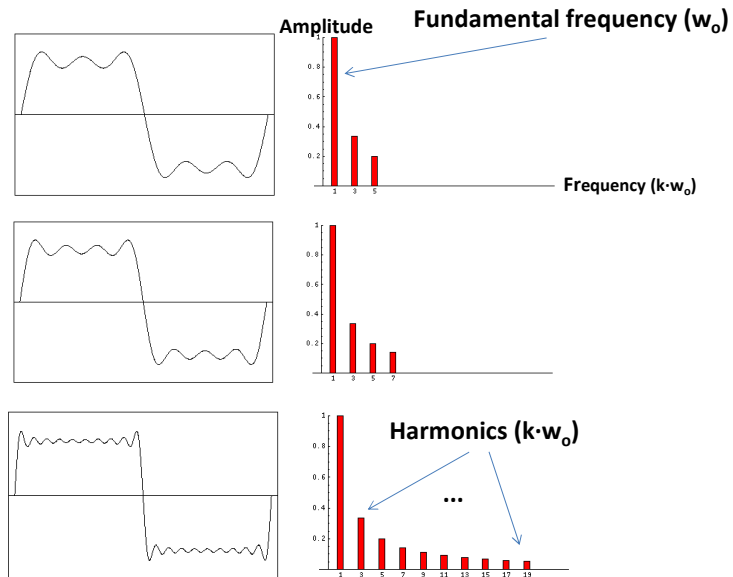
A periodic signal can be described as a sum of sinusoidal and cosinusoidal signals (Fourier series decomposition).

I.e. A square wave  $x(t)$  is decomposed as:  

$$x(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} (\sin(w_0 t) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3w_0 t) + \frac{1}{5} \sin(5w_0 t) + \dots)$$

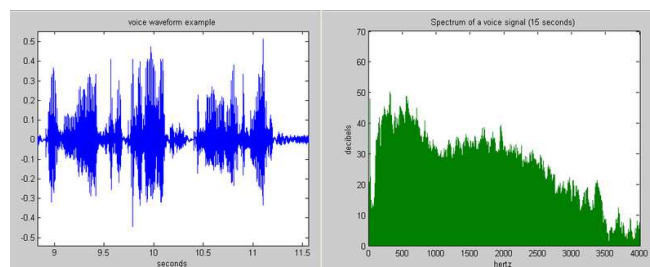
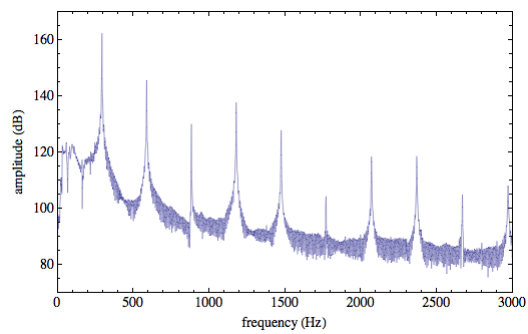


## Fundamental frequency and harmonics



## Signal's Frequency Spectrum

Piano spectrum  
(note D4)



Voice signal and its associated spectrum



## Time and frequency characteristics of audio signals

### Audio facts

Range of audible frequencies: 20 Hz to 20KHz (individual depending)

Frequency range of an analog phone call: 350 Hz to 3500 Hz

Violin frequency range: 96 Hz to 10 kHz (approx.)

8 Hz Lowest organ note (*note = fundamental freq*)

32 Hz Lowest note on a standard 88-key piano

80 Hz Lowest note reproducible by the average female human voice

500 Hz Fundamental frequency of a crying baby

1050 Hz Highest note reproducible by the average female human voice

4186 Hz The highest note on a standard 88-key piano

16K Hz The highest harmonic of a female human voice

120 dB The loudest sound that can be tolerated (l.e. Chainsaw)

60 dB Level of a normal conversation

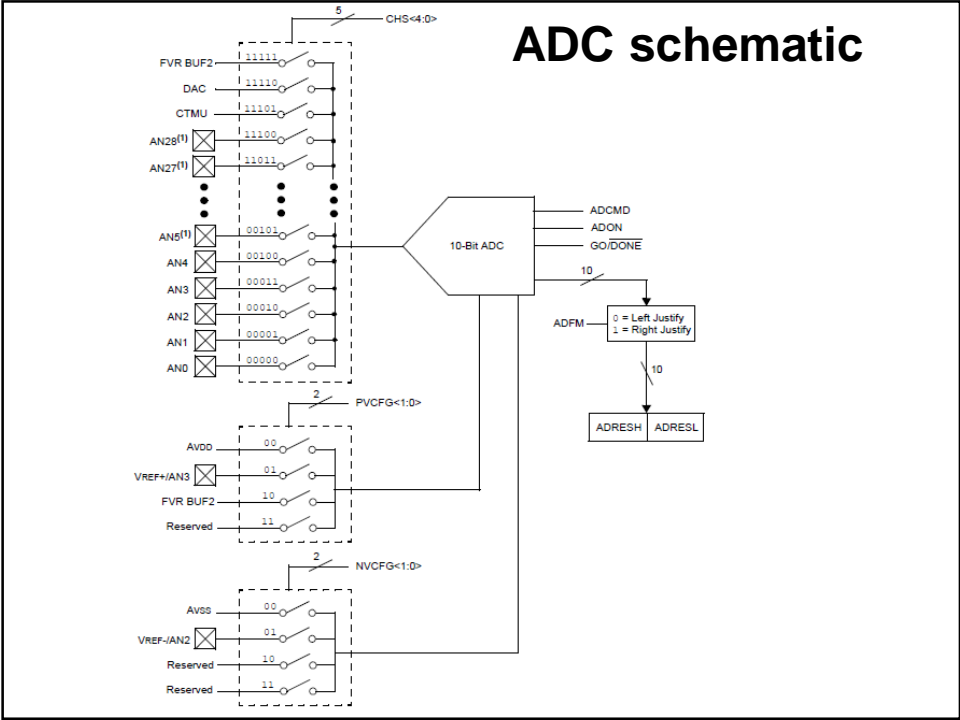
20 dB A whisper

0 dB The faintest audible sound (at 1KHz)

$$\text{Decibel: } \text{dB} = 10 \log_{10} (P_s/P_e)$$

## The PIC18 A/D Converter

- The PIC18 has a 10-bit A/D Successive Approximations converter.
- The number of analog inputs varies among different PIC18 devices.
- The A/D converter has the following registers:
  - A/D Result High Register (ADRESH)
  - A/D Result Low Register (ADRESL)
  - A/D Control Register 0 (ADCON0) (source selection)
  - A/D Control Register 1 (ADCON1) (reference selection)
  - A/D Control Register 2 (ADCON2) (timing selections)
- The contents of these registers vary with the PIC18 members.
- Other parameters must be considered:
  - ANSELX (pin configurations), ADIF, ADIE, ADIP (for AD interrupt)...



**REGISTER 17-1: ADCON0: A/D CONTROL REGISTER 0**

U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
—	CHS<4:0>				GO/DONE	ADON
bit 7						bit 0

bit 7

Unimplemented: Read as '0'

bit 6-2

CHS<4:0>: Analog Channel Select bits

00000 = AN0

00001 = AN1

00010 = AN2

00011 = AN3

00100 = AN4

00101 = AN5<sup>(1)</sup>

00110 = AN6<sup>(1)</sup>

00111 = AN7<sup>(1)</sup>

01000 = AN8

01001 = AN9

01010 = AN10

01011 = AN11

01100 = AN12

01101 = AN13

01110 = AN14

01111 = AN15

10000 = AN16

10001 = AN17

10010 = AN18

10011 = AN19

10100 = AN20<sup>(1)</sup>

10101 = AN21<sup>(1)</sup>

10110 = AN22<sup>(1)</sup>

10111 = AN23<sup>(1)</sup>

11000 = AN24<sup>(1)</sup>

11001 = AN25<sup>(1)</sup>

11010 = AN26<sup>(1)</sup>

11011 = AN27<sup>(1)</sup>

11100 = Reserved

11101 = CTMU

11110 = DAC

11111 = FVR BUF2 (1.024V/2.048V/2.096V Volt Fixed Voltage Reference)<sup>(2)</sup>

bit 1

GO/DONE: A/D Conversion Status bit

1 = A/D conversion cycle in progress. Setting this bit starts an A/D conversion cycle.

This bit is automatically cleared by hardware when the A/D conversion has completed.

0 = A/D conversion completed/not in progress

bit 0

ADON: ADC Enable bit

1 = ADC is enabled

0 = ADC is disabled and consumes no operating current

Note 1:

Available on PIC18(L)F4XK22 devices only.

Note 2:

Allow greater than 15  $\mu$ s acquisition time when measuring the Fixed Voltage Reference.

ADCON0  
Register

## ADCON1 Register

REGISTER 17-2: ADCON1: A/D CONTROL REGISTER 1

R/W-0	U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
TRIGSEL	—	—	—	PVCFG<1:0>		NVCFG<1:0>	
bit 7							bit 0

### Legend:

R = Readable bit      W = Writable bit      U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'  
 -n = Value at POR      '1' = Bit is set      '0' = Bit is cleared      x = Bit is unknown

- bit 7      **TRIGSEL:** Special Trigger Select bit  
 1 = Selects the special trigger from CTMU  
 0 = Selects the special trigger from CCP5
- bit 6-4      **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 3-2      **PVCFG<1:0>:** Positive Voltage Reference Configuration bits  
 00 = A/D VREF+ connected to internal signal, AVDD  
 01 = A/D VREF+ connected to external pin, VREF+  
 10 = A/D VREF+ connected to internal signal, FVR BUF2  
 11 = Reserved (by default, A/D VREF+ connected to internal signal, AVDD)
- bit 1-0      **NVCFG<1:0>:** Negative Voltage Reference Configuration bits  
 00 = A/D VREF- connected to internal signal, AVSS  
 01 = A/D VREF- connected to external pin, VREF-  
 10 = Reserved (by default, A/D VREF- connected to internal signal, AVSS)  
 11 = Reserved (by default, A/D VREF- connected to internal signal, AVSS)

## ADCON2 Register

REGISTER 17-3: ADCON2: A/D CONTROL REGISTER 2

R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
ADFM	—	ACQT<2:0>			ADCS<2:0>		
bit 7							bit 0

### Legend:

R = Readable bit      W = Writable bit      U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'  
 -n = Value at POR      '1' = Bit is set      '0' = Bit is cleared      x = Bit is unknown

- bit 7      **ADFM:** A/D Conversion Result Format Select bit  
 1 = Right justified  
 0 = Left justified
- bit 6      **Unimplemented:** Read as '0'
- bit 5-3      **ACQT<2:0>:** A/D Acquisition time select bits. Acquisition time is the duration that the A/D charge holding capacitor remains connected to A/D channel from the instant the GO/DONE bit is set until conversions begins.  
 000 = 0<sup>(1)</sup>  
 001 = 2 TAD  
 010 = 4 TAD  
 011 = 6 TAD  
 100 = 8 TAD  
 101 = 12 TAD  
 110 = 16 TAD  
 111 = 20 TAD
- bit 2-0      **ADCS<2:0>:** A/D Conversion Clock Select bits  
 000 = Fosc/2  
 001 = Fosc/8  
 010 = Fosc/32  
 011 = Frc<sup>(1)</sup> (clock derived from a dedicated internal oscillator = 600 kHz nominal)  
 100 = Fosc/4  
 101 = Fosc/16  
 110 = Fosc/64  
 111 = Frc<sup>(1)</sup> (clock derived from a dedicated internal oscillator = 600 kHz nominal)

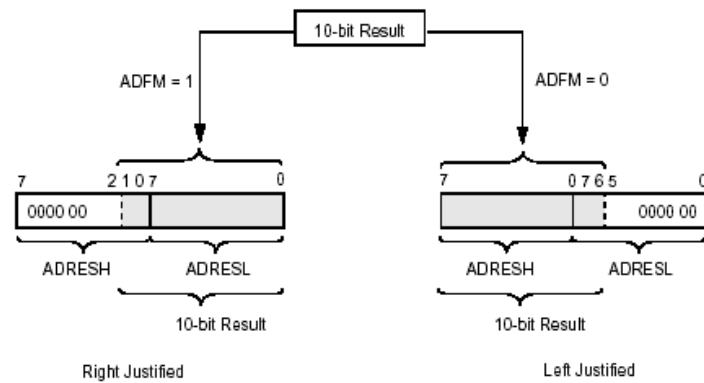
**10 bit data result format!**

**Acquisition time for AD**

**Base clock for AD**

**Note 1:** When the A/D clock source is selected as Frc then the start of conversion is delayed by one instruction cycle after the GO/DONE bit is set to allow the SLEEP instruction to be executed.

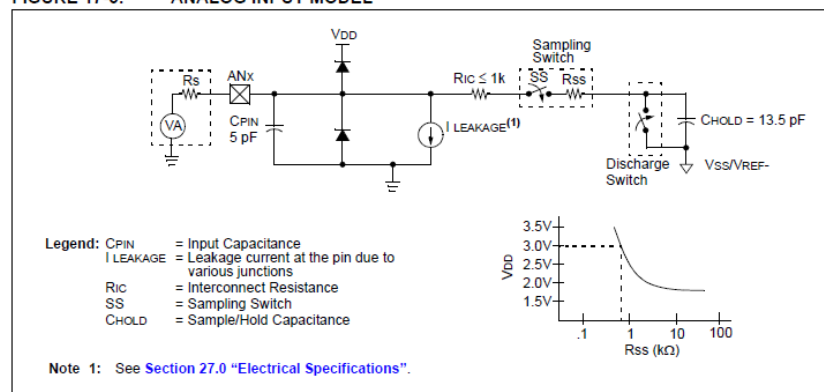
## Result format



## A/D Acquisition Time Requirements

- The A/D converter has a sample-and-hold circuit for analog input.
- The sample-and-hold circuit keeps the voltage stable when it is converted.
- The sample-and-hold circuit is shown in Figure 17-5.

FIGURE 17-5: ANALOG INPUT MODEL



- The capacitor  $C_{\text{HOLD}}$  holds the voltage to be converted. It must be charged to a stable value in order to get the maximum precision.
- The required minimum acquisition time  $T_{\text{ACQ}}$  is computed as follows:

**EQUATION 17-1: ACQUISITION TIME EXAMPLE**

Assumptions: Temperature =  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$  and external impedance of  $10\text{k}\Omega$   $3.0\text{V } V_{\text{DD}}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{ACQ}} &= \text{Amplifier Settling Time} + \text{Hold Capacitor Charging Time} + \text{Temperature Coefficient} \\ &= T_{\text{AMP}} + T_{\text{C}} + T_{\text{COFF}} \\ &= 5\mu\text{s} + T_{\text{C}} + [(50^{\circ}\text{C} - 25^{\circ}\text{C})(0.05\mu\text{s}/^{\circ}\text{C})] \end{aligned}$$

The value for  $T_{\text{C}}$  can be approximated with the following equations:

$$V_{\text{APPLIED}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2047} \right) = V_{\text{HOLD}} \quad ; [1] \text{ } V_{\text{HOLD}} \text{ charged to within } 1/2 \text{ lsb}$$

$$V_{\text{APPLIED}} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{T_{\text{C}}}{RC}} \right) = V_{\text{HOLD}} \quad ; [2] \text{ } V_{\text{HOLD}} \text{ charge response to } V_{\text{APPLIED}}$$

$$V_{\text{APPLIED}} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{T_{\text{C}}}{RC}} \right) = V_{\text{APPLIED}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2047} \right) \quad ; \text{combining [1] and [2]}$$

Solving for  $T_{\text{C}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{C}} &= -\text{CHOLD}(R_{\text{IC}} + R_{\text{SS}} + R_{\text{S}}) \ln(1/2047) \\ &= -13.5\text{pF}(1\text{k}\Omega + 700\Omega + 10\text{k}\Omega) \ln(0.0004885) \\ &= 1.20\mu\text{s} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{ACQ}} &= 5\mu\text{s} + 1.20\mu\text{s} + [(50^{\circ}\text{C} - 25^{\circ}\text{C})(0.05\mu\text{s}/^{\circ}\text{C})] \\ &= 7.45\mu\text{s} \end{aligned}$$

## Other Time Requirements

**TABLE 27-22: A/D CONVERSION REQUIREMENTS PIC18(L)F2X/4XK22**

Standard Operating Conditions (unless otherwise stated)							
Operating temperature Tested at $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$							
Param. No.	Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
130	$T_{\text{AD}}$	A/D Clock Period	1	—	25	$\mu\text{s}$	$-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$
			1	—	4	$\mu\text{s}$	$+85^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$
131	$T_{\text{CNV}}$	Conversion Time (not including acquisition time) (Note 1)	11	—	11	$T_{\text{AD}}$	
132	$T_{\text{ACQ}}$	Acquisition Time (Note 2)	1.4	—	—	$\mu\text{s}$	$V_{\text{DD}} = 3\text{V}$ , $R_{\text{S}} = 50\Omega$
135	$T_{\text{SWC}}$	Switching Time from Convert $\rightarrow$ Sample	—	—	(Note 3)		
136	$T_{\text{DIS}}$	Discharge Time	1	—	1	$T_{\text{CY}}$	

**Note 1:** ADRES register may be read on the following  $T_{\text{CY}}$  cycle.

**2:** The time for the holding capacitor to acquire the "New" input voltage when the voltage changes full scale after the conversion ( $V_{\text{DD}}$  to  $V_{\text{SS}}$  or  $V_{\text{SS}}$  to  $V_{\text{DD}}$ ). The source impedance ( $R_{\text{S}}$ ) on the input channels is  $50\Omega$ .

**3:** On the following cycle of the device clock.

$$T_{\text{AD}} \geq 1 \mu\text{s}$$

$$T_{\text{ACQ}} > 1.4 \mu\text{s} \text{ (but } T_{\text{ACQ}} > 7.45 \mu\text{s} \text{ in the example)}$$

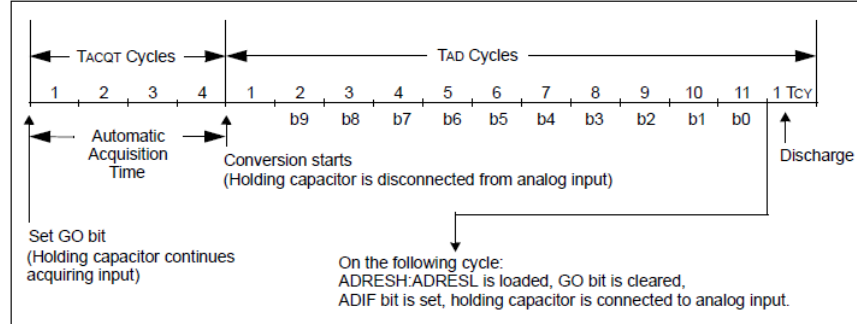
$$T_{\text{CNV}} = 11, \text{ we need } 11 T_{\text{AD}} \text{ for conversion.}$$

$$T_{\text{DIS}} = 1 \text{ Cycle}$$

## AD Conversion

### Timing example for $T_{ACQ} = 4 T_{AD}$

FIGURE 17-4: A/D CONVERSION  $T_{AD}$  CYCLES ( $ACQT<2:0> = 010$ ,  $T_{ACQ} = 4 T_{AD}$ )



## Automatic and manual modes

### 17.1.4 SELECTING AND CONFIGURING ACQUISITION TIME

The  $ADCON2$  register allows the user to select an acquisition time that occurs each time the  $GO/DONE$  bit is set.

Acquisition time is set with the  $ACQT<2:0>$  bits of the  $ADCON2$  register. Acquisition delays cover a range of 2 to 20  $T_{AD}$ . When the  $GO/DONE$  bit is set, the A/D module continues to sample the input for the selected acquisition time, then automatically begins a conversion. Since the acquisition time is programmed, there is no need to wait for an acquisition time between selecting a channel and setting the  $GO/DONE$  bit.

Manual acquisition is selected when  $ACQT<2:0> = 000$ . When the  $GO/DONE$  bit is set, sampling is stopped and a conversion begins. The user is responsible for ensuring the required acquisition time has passed between selecting the desired input channel and setting the  $GO/DONE$  bit. This option is also the default Reset state of the  $ACQT<2:0>$  bits and is compatible with devices that do not offer programmable acquisition times.

In either case, when the conversion is completed, the  $GO/DONE$  bit is cleared, the  $ADIF$  flag is set and the A/D begins sampling the currently selected channel again. When an acquisition time is programmed, there is no indication of when the acquisition time ends and the conversion begins.

## Procedure for Performing A/D Conversion

### 17.2.10 A/D CONVERSION PROCEDURE

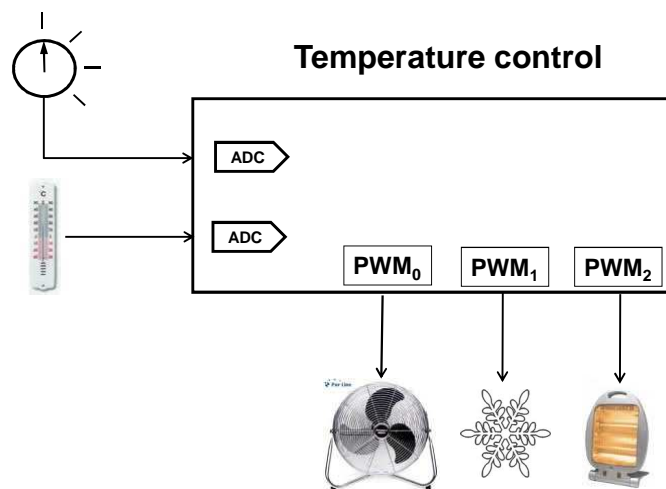
This is an example procedure for using the ADC to perform an Analog-to-Digital conversion:

1. Configure Port:
  - Disable pin output driver (See TRIS register)
  - Configure pin as analog
2. Configure the ADC module:
  - Select ADC conversion clock
  - Configure voltage reference
  - Select ADC input channel
  - Select result format
  - Select acquisition delay
  - Turn on ADC module
3. Configure ADC interrupt (optional):
  - Clear ADC interrupt flag
  - Enable ADC interrupt
  - Enable peripheral interrupt
  - Enable global interrupt<sup>(1)</sup>
4. Wait the required acquisition time<sup>(2)</sup>
5. Start conversion by setting the GO/DONE bit.
6. Wait for ADC conversion to complete by one of the following:
  - Polling the GO/DONE bit
  - Waiting for the ADC interrupt (interrupts enabled)
7. Read ADC Result
8. Clear the ADC interrupt flag (required if interrupt is enabled).

### EXAMPLE 17-1: A/D CONVERSION

```
;This code block configures the ADC
;for polling, Vdd and Vss as reference, Frc
;clock and AN0 input.
;
;Conversion start & polling for completion
;are included.
;
MOVLW    B'10101111' ;right justify, Frc,
MOVWF    ADCON2      ; & 12 TAD ACQ time
MOVLW    B'00000000' ;ADC ref = Vdd,Vss
MOVWF    ADCON1      ;
BSF       TRISA,0     ;Set RA0 to input
BSF       ANSEL,0     ;Set RA0 to analog
MOVLW    B'00000001' ;AN0, ADC on
MOVWF    ADCON0      ;
BSF       ADCON0,GO   ;Start conversion
ADCPoll:
BTFSC    ADCON0,GO   ;Is conversion done?
BRA      ADCPoll     ;No, test again
; Result is complete - store 2 MSbits in
; RESULTHI and 8 LSbits in RESULTLO
MOVFF    ADRESH,RESULTHI
MOVFF    ADRESL,RESULTLO
```

## Example Application



## Example Barometric Measurement

### The SenSym ASCX30AN Pressure Sensor

- The range of barometric pressure is between 28 to 32 **in-Hg** or 948 to 1083.8 **mbar**.
- The ASCX30AN output voltage would range from 2.06 V to 2.36 V.

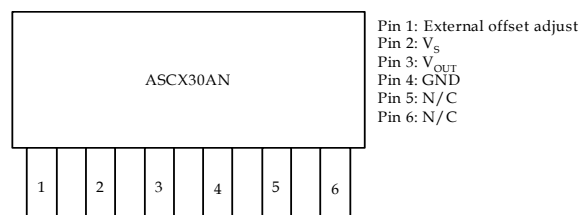
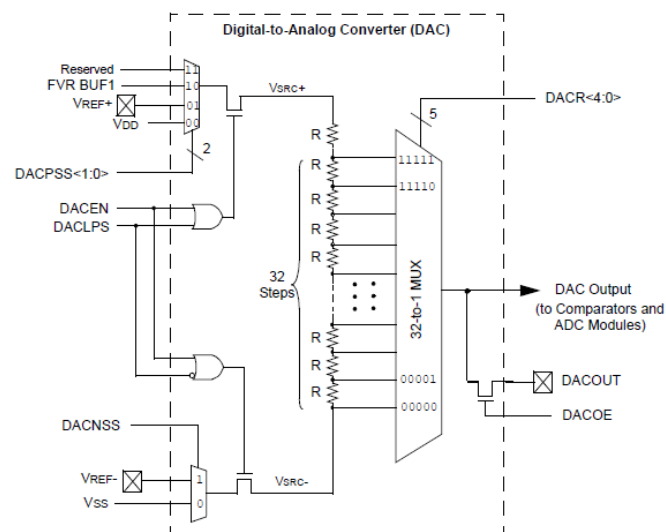


Figure 12.18 ASCX30AN pin assignment

## The PIC18 D/A Converter

- The PIC1845K22 has a 5-bit D/A converter.





## It is driven by registers VREFCON1

REGISTER 22-1: VREFCON1: VOLTAGE REFERENCE CONTROL REGISTER 0

R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	U-0	R/W-0
DACEN	DACLPS	DACOE	—	DACPSS<1:0>	—	DACNSS	
bit 7							bit 0

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
u = Bit is unchanged	x = Bit is unknown	-n/n = Value at POR and BOR/Value at all other Resets
'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	

bit 7	<b>DACEN:</b> DAC Enable bit 1 = DAC is enabled 0 = DAC is disabled
bit 6	<b>DACLPS:</b> DAC Low-Power Voltage Source Select bit 1 = DAC Positive reference source selected 0 = DAC Negative reference source selected
bit 5	<b>DACOE:</b> DAC Voltage Output Enable bit 1 = DAC voltage level is also an output on the DACOUT pin 0 = DAC voltage level is disconnected from the DACOUT pin
bit 4	<b>Unimplemented:</b> Read as '0'
bit 3-2	<b>DACPSS&lt;1:0&gt;:</b> DAC Positive Source Select bits 00 = VDD 01 = VREF+ 10 = FVR BUF1 output 11 = Reserved, do not use
bit 1	<b>Unimplemented:</b> Read as '0'
bit 0	<b>DACNSS:</b> DAC Negative Source Select bits 1 = VREF- 0 = VSS

## ... and VREFCON2

REGISTER 22-2: VREFCON2: VOLTAGE REFERENCE CONTROL REGISTER 1

U-0	U-0	U-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0	R/W-0
—	—	—			DACR<4:0>		
bit 7							bit 0

**Legend:**

R = Readable bit	W = Writable bit	U = Unimplemented bit, read as '0'
u = Bit is unchanged	x = Bit is unknown	-n/n = Value at POR and BOR/Value at all other Resets
'1' = Bit is set	'0' = Bit is cleared	

bit 7-5	<b>Unimplemented:</b> Read as '0'
bit 4-0	<b>DACR&lt;4:0&gt;:</b> DAC Voltage Output Select bits $V_{OUT} = ((V_{SRC+}) - (V_{SRC-})) \cdot (DACR<4:0> / (2^5)) + V_{SRC-}$

