ESS: Exercise Set 5

Peripherals

Question 1:

Two devices are communicating using asynchronous serial UART. The baudrate is 57600 bps, with 1 start bit, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit. Each device is run from its own, independent clock (oscillator).

- (a) What is the throughput of the serial link (maximum number of data bits per second)?
- (b) What is the maximum error that can be tolerated between the two clocks before timing errors will occur? (hint: we start timing at the start bit and need to keep clocks synchronized until the stop bit. In a noisy environment, there will be jitter on transitions, so we need to sample the last bit within ± 0.25 bits of the true position.)
- (c) What is the tolerance we need on each device's clock?
- (d) To generate the baudrate, we can use the following oscillators, which each contribute the following cost to the BOM:
 - 64 MHz, with a tolerance of ± 50 ppm (parts per million), a unit cost of \$2.30 and a supply current of 1 mA
 - 16 MHz, with a tolerance of $\pm 2\%$ and a unit cost of \$0.20 and a supply current of 0.1 mA
 - 8 MHz, with a tolerance of $\pm 4\%$ and a unit cost of \$0.00 (internal RC) and a supply current of 0.01 mA

Which oscillator would be suitable for a industrial control system? Which oscillator would be suitable for a mass-produced toy?

(e) What strategies can you think of to minimize this problem?

Question 2:

A 12 bit DAC has a reference voltage of 3.3V. What digital word would result in a voltage of 1.32V? What is the relative error?

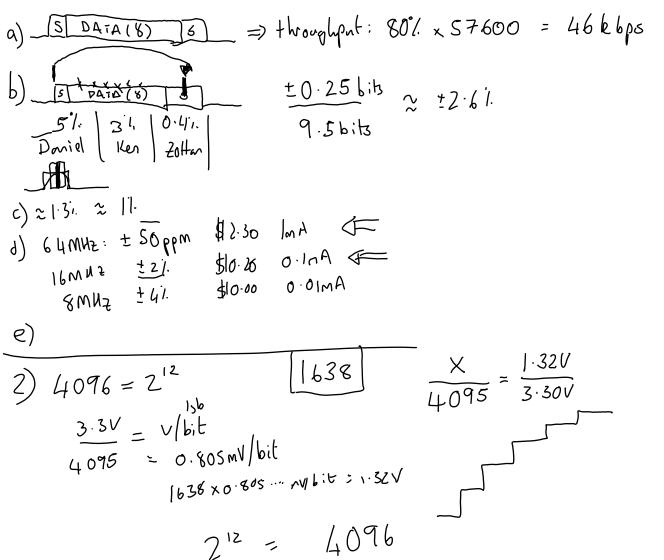
Question 3:

A 4 bit DAC can be used in conjunction with a comparator to digitize an analog voltage. Design an algorithm that the controller could use to find the digitized value.

Question 4:

A temperature sensor has an output from 0V to 3V, where 1V corresponds to $0^{\circ}C$ and 2V corresponds to $100^{\circ}C$. This signal is digitized with an ADC, with a full-scale range from 0V to 3V.

- (a) Using an 8-bit ADC, what is the resolution of a voltage that can be measured?
- (b) Using an 8-bit ADC, what is the resolution of the temperature that can be measured?



(c) To achieve a resolution of 0.1°C, how many bits should the ADC have as a minimum?

Question 5:

A timer has a period of 1000 counts. It has a 4 channel PWM module. Draw the output waveforms for:

- Timer counter
- Ch1 with a compare value of 250
- Ch2 with a compare value of 600
- Ch3 with a compare value of 10
- Ch4 with a compare value of 2000

Question 6:

The figure shows a sinusoidal waveform that is to be digitized by a 16 level ADC. Show the reconstructed waveform for sampling rates of 10 Hz, 5 Hz, 2 Hz and 1 Hz.

