

Lab 4 - Analog to Digital Converter

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The goal of this lab is to explore analog to digital conversion of electrical signals. This is the first lab where we use some Booster Pack functionalities along with the MSP432 board. We were given the task to start with converting analog signals from a temperature sensor found on the booster pack to digital values. Then we also use analog to digital conversion to output what quadrant the joystick on the Booster Pack is in.

## Pre-Questions

- a)  $V_{resolution} = \frac{V_{ref,max} - V_{ref,min}}{2^{resolution}} = \frac{3.3 - 0}{2^{14}} = 0.2014 \text{ mV}$
- b)  $Error = \frac{V_{ref,max} - V_{ref,min}}{2^{resolution+1}} = 0.1007 \text{ mV}$
- c)  $V_{saturation} = (V_{resolution})(2^{resolution} - 1) = 3.2998 \text{ V}$
- d)  $Temp_C = 0.52 * V_{adc}; V_{adc} = \frac{N_{adc} * V_{ref}}{2^{resolution}};$

The coefficient 0.52 comes from plotting a line of best fit for sample data found in the documentation for the internal temperature sensor.

## Temperature Sensor

To use the temperature sensor, we start with configuring UART communication like we did in Lab 3. We also make sure to include the functions “uart\_putchar” and “uart\_putchar\_n” so that we can transmit our data onto the RealTerm terminal. Then we have to configure the ADC, analog-to-digital converter, as stated in the Lab 4 instructions. We enable a reference voltage of 1.2 V and configure the internal temperature sensor to be read by the ADC. When the reference generator is not busy, the ADC is ready to convert data and then trigger an interrupt.

In the ADC14\_IRQHandler we convert the binary temperature readings to decimal values in Celsius, Fahrenheit, and Kelvin and display them on the RealTerm console. In pre-question d) we address how we convert the output of the temperature sensor to a temperature in celsius. We write and implement an int to ascii function because our “uart\_putchar\_n” function can only transmit a number up to 8 bits so we can’t transmit any temperature readings greater than 255. Essentially, with the int to ascii function we transmit each digit separately over UART guaranteeing no value will exceed 255.

## Interfacing the Joystick

To interface the joystick to the MSP432 we first configure the correct ports. Pin 4.4 determines the x-direction and Pin 6.0 specifies the y-direction. In the ADC14\_IRQHandler we write a function that transmits a string over UART specifying what quadrant the joystick is in. Since we have a 14-bit ADC resolution we can calculate the boundaries of the quadrants. The maximum in the x and y direction is given by

$$N_{adc} = 2^{resolution} - 1 = 2^{14} - 1 = 16383$$

So we know that the positive x-direction, the right quadrants, go from 8191 to 16383  $N_{adc}$ . Likewise, we know that the positive y-direction, the upper quadrants go from 8191 to 16383  $N_{adc}$ . However, the function we write doesn't work as expected, it can only distinguish between left and right but not up and down. The issue may come from the ADC interrupt handler trying to handle and read from two interrupts at once since both x and y directions are constantly making conversions.

## Real World Applications

Analog to digital conversion plays an important role in allowing an embedded system to interact with the world around it. In this lab, we already saw that analog to digital conversion can be used in temperature sensors and for joystick controllers, but there is a world of other applications. Many other sensors require analog to digital conversion. For example, the light sensors commonly found in phones. Many smartphones can take an input from a light sensor so that they can adjust the screen brightness according to the phone's environment. This requires converting the analog data of ambient brightness into a discrete value so that the phone can adjust.

Another major application would be music recording. Music is recorded today by sampling different elements of a song, and converting it to a digital file. These are then filtered and compiled to make a song recording. So, analog to digital conversion acts as the interface between the real world and electronics.

## Conclusion

This is a great lab to end the material with because it basically brings most of the important embedded systems topics together in one challenging exercise. This lab tests our pin configuration, interrupt enabling and handling, UART communication, circular buffer implementation, and problem solving capabilities.

This lab requires reading a lot of documentation. As we start working with more peripherals, more documentation is required. For example, while the technical manual contained information on pin configuration, we had to go through the temperature sensor document to find a table that provided binary N\_ADC values that corresponded to the temperature. Using this allowed us to create a conversion to temperature. Coupling ADC with UART allowed us to print the temperature readings from the temperature sensor in degrees Celsius, Kelvin, and Fahrenheit onto RealTerm.

main.c

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1
2#include "msp.h"
3#include "core_cm4.h"
4#include "CircBuff.h"
5#include <stdint.h>
6#include <stdlib.h>
7#define SCB_SCR_ENABLE_SLEEPONEXIT (0x00000002)
8#define BOUNDARY (8191) //Define Nadc boundary for joystick
9
10#define temp
11#define joystick
12
13void configure_port();
14void configure_ADC();
15void configure_clock();
16void configure_timer();
17void configure_serial_port();
18
19void P1_IRQHandler();
20void ADC14_IRQHandler();
21void TA0_IRQHandler();
22
23
24void uart_putchar(uint8_t tx_data){ //Single character transmit via UART
25    while(!(UCA0IFG & UCTXIFG)); //Wait for transmitter ready
26    UCA0TXBUF = tx_data; //Load data onto buffer for transmission
27}
28
29//Multi-character transmitter via UART
30void uart_putchar_n(uint8_t *data, uint32_t length){
31    uint32_t i;
32    for(i = 0; i< length;i++){ //Iterate through data
33        //Transmit 1 character per iteration using putchar function
34        uart_putchar(data[i]);
35    }
36}
37
38void i2a(int16_t data){ //Int to ASCII converter
39    uint8_t length;
40    int16_t abdata;
41    if(data < 0){ //Absolute value for determining length
42        abdata = -data;
43    }
44    length = 1;
45    if(abdata >= 10){
46        length = 2;
47    }
48    if(abdata >= 100){
49        length = 3;
50    }
51    if(abdata >= 1000){
52        length = 4;
53    }
54    if(abdata >= 10000){
55        length = 5;
56    }
57}
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58     uint8_t digit_data, a[length+1];
59
60     if(data < 0){ //Check if number negative
61         a[0] = 45; //Add '-' character
62         data = -data; //Absolute value for conversions
63     }
64     if(data >= 0){ //Number positive
65         a[0] = 32; //Add ' ' character (placeholder)
66     }
67     int i = length;
68     while(i>1){
69         //Get least significant digit and subtract from data
70         digit_data = data % (10^(length-i+1));
71         data -= digit_data;
72         digit_data /= (10^(length-i)); //Reduce to single digit
73         a[i] = digit_data + 48; //single digit to ASCII
74         i--;
75     }
76     a[1] = (data/(10^(length-1))) + 48;
77
78     uart_putchar_n(a,(length+1));
79 }
80
81 void main(void){
82
83     WDTCTL = WDTPW | WDTHOLD; //Stop watchdog timer
84     configure_port();
85     configure_ADC();
86     configure_clock();
87     configure_serial_port();
88     __enable_interrupt();
89
90     //Wake up on exit from ISR
91     SCB->SCR &= ~SCB_SCR_ENABLE_SLEEPONEXIT;
92
93     while(1){
94         ADC14->CTL0 |= ADC14_CTL0_SC; //Start conversion
95         __sleep(); //Block until conversion finish
96         __no_operation(); //No-operation
97     }
98 }
99 }
100
101
102 void configure_port(void){
103     //joystick: p4.4(y), p6.0(x)
104     P6->SEL0 |= BIT0; //Primary mode
105     P4->SELC |= BIT4; //Tertiary mode
106
107 }
108
109 void configure_ADC(void){
110     //Initialize shared reference module
111     while(REF_A->CTL0 & REF_A_CTL0_GENBUSY);
112     //Enable internal 1.2v ref
113     REF_A->CTL0 = REF_A_CTL0_VSEL_0 | REF_A_CTL0_ON;
114     //Turn on Temperature sensor
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115     REF_A->CTL0 &= ~REF_A_CTL0_TCOFF;
116
117     //Configure ADC - Pulse sample mode; ADC14SC trigger
118     //ADC ON, temperature sample period > 30us
119     ADC14->CTL0 |= ADC14_CTL0_SHT0_5 | ADC14_CTL0_ON | ADC14_CTL0_SHP;
120     ADC14->CTL0 |= ADC14_CTL0_CONSEQ_3;
121     //Configure internal temp sensor channel, set res
122     ADC14->CTL1 |= ADC14_CTL1_TCMAP | ADC14_CTL1_RES_3;
123     //Map temp analog channel to MEM0/MCTL0, set 3.3v ref
124     ADC14->MCTL[0] |= ADC14_MCTLN_INCH_22;
125     //Map joystick analog channels to (x)MEM1/MCTL1 and (y)MEM2/MCTL2
126     ADC14->MCTL[1] |= ADC14_MCTLN_INCH_15;
127     ADC14->MCTL[2] |= ADC14_MCTLN_INCH_9 | ADC14_MCTLN_EOS;
128 #ifndef temp
129     //Enable interrupts for temp sensor
130     ADC14->IER0 = ADC14_IER0_IE0;
131 #endif
132 #ifndef joystick
133     //Enable interrupts for joystick
134     ADC14->IER0 |= ADC14_IER0_IE1;
135     ADC14->IER0 |= ADC14_IER0_IE2;
136 #endif
137     while(!(REF_A->CTL0 & REF_A_CTL0_GENRDY));
138     ADC14->CTL0 |= ADC14_CTL0_ENC; //Enable conversions
139     NVIC_EnableIRQ(ADC14_IRQn); //Enable ADC interrupts in NVIC
140 }
141
142 void configure_clock(void){
143     //Configure clock
144     CS->KEY = 0x695A; //Unlock CS module for register access
145     CS->CTL0 = 0; //Reset tuning parameters
146     CS->CTL0 = CS_CTL0_DCORSEL_1; //Setup DCO clock (3 MHz)
147     //Select ACLK = REF0, SMCLK = MCLK = DCO
148     CS->CTL1 = CS_CTL1_SELA_2 | CS_CTL1_SELS_3 | CS_CTL1_SEL3;
149     CS->KEY = 0; //Lock CS module for register access
150 }
151
152 void configure_timer(void){
153     //Configure timer: Up mode, SMCLK src
154     TIMER_A0->CTL |= TIMER_A_CTL_SSEL__SMCLK | TIMER_A_CTL_MC__UP;
155     TIMER_A0->R = 0;
156     TIMER_A0->CCR[0] = 40000; //Capture compare value
157     //Enable capture compare interrupt
158     TIMER_A0->CCTL[0] |= TIMER_A_CCTLN_CCIE;
159     NVIC_EnableIRQ(TA0_0_IRQn);
160 }
161
162 void configure_serial_port(void) {
163     //Configure UART pins: primary function
164     P1SEL0 |= BIT2 | BIT3;
165     //Configure UART: SMCLK src
166     UCA0CTLW0 |= UCSWRST; //Put eUSCI in reset
167     UCA0CTLW0 |= UCSSEL_2;
168     UCA0BRW = 26; //Set Baud Rate (115200)
169     UCA0CTLW0 &= ~UCSWRST; //Initialize eUSCI
170     //Enable TX interrupts
171     UCA0IE |= UCRXIE;

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172     NVIC_EnableIRQ(EUSCIA0_IRQn);
173 }
174
175 void P1_IRQHandler(void){ //Button interrupt handler
176
177 }
178
179 void ADC14_IRQHandler(void){
180     if(ADC14->IFGR0 & ADC14_IFGR0_IFG0){ //ADC results [0] handler
181         uint32_t Nadc_temp = ADC14->MEM[0]; //Read data from ADC results
182         int16_t C_temp = (0.000038*Nadc_temp) - 357; //voltage to Celcius conv.
183         int16_t K_temp = C_temp + 273; //Celcius to Kelvin conv.
184         int16_t F_temp = (C_temp*(9/5)) + 32; //Celcius to F. conv.
185         i2a(C_temp); //Convert C temp to ASCII
186         uint8_t C_label[10] = {" Degrees C"}; //Formatting
187         uart_putchar_n(C_label,10);
188         uart_putchar('\n');
189         i2a(K_temp); //Convert K temp to ASCII
190         uint8_t K_label[2] = {" K"}; //Formatting
191         uart_putchar_n(K_label,2);
192         uart_putchar('\n');
193         i2a(F_temp); //Convert F temp to ASCII
194         uint8_t T_label[10] = {" Degrees F"}; //Formatting
195         uart_putchar_n(T_label,10);
196         uart_putchar('\n');
197         uart_putchar('\n');
198     }
199
200     if(ADC14->IFGR0 & ADC14_IFGR0_IFG1){ //ADC results [1] handler
201         volatile uint32_t X_adc;
202         uint8_t r_label[5] = {"Right"};
203         uint8_t l_label[4] = {"Left"};
204         X_adc = ADC14->MEM[1]; //Read data from ADC results
205         if(X_adc > BOUNDARY){ //Joystick x in right region
206             uart_putchar_n(r_label,5);
207             uart_putchar('\n');
208         }
209         else{ //Joystick x in left region
210             uart_putchar_n(l_label,4);
211             uart_putchar('\n');
212         }
213     }
214
215     if(ADC14->IFGR0 & ADC14_IFGR0_IFG2){ //ADC results [1] handler
216         volatile uint32_t Y_adc;
217         uint8_t up_label[5] = {"Upper"};
218         uint8_t down_label[5] = {"Lower"};
219         Y_adc = ADC14->MEM[2]; //Read data from ADC results
220         if(Y_adc > BOUNDARY){ //Joystick y in upper region
221             uart_putchar_n(up_label,5);
222             uart_putchar('\n');
223         }
224         else{ //Joystick y in lower region
225             uart_putchar_n(down_label,5);
226             uart_putchar('\n');
227         }
228     }

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229
230 void TA0_IRQHandler(void){ //Timer interrupt handler
231
232 }
233
```