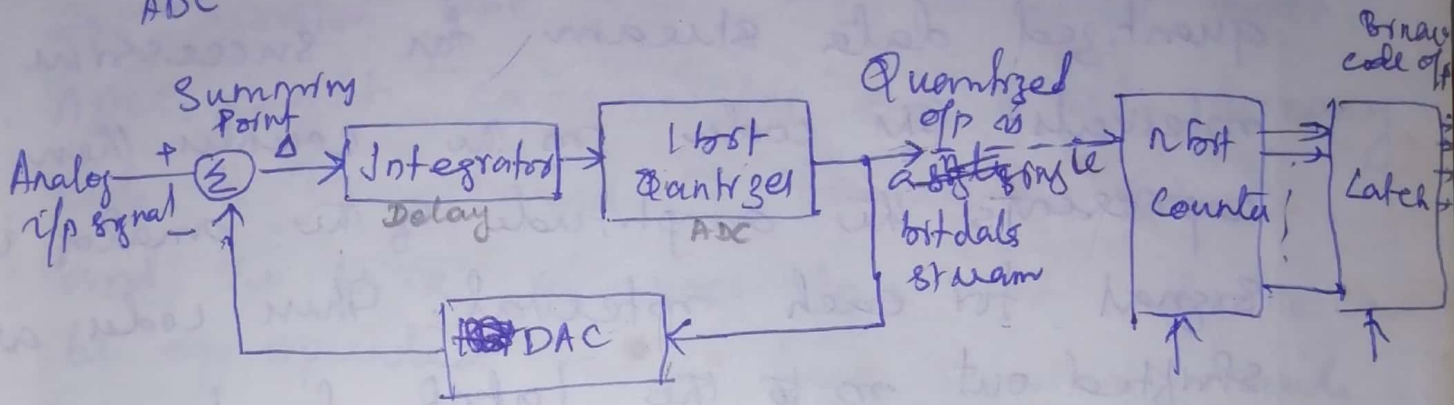


Functional Block diagram of a sigma-delta ADC



The analog i/p signal and the analog signal from the converted quantized bit stream from the DAC in the feedback loop are applied to the summation point.

The difference (Δ) signal out of the Σ is integrated, and the 1 bit ADC increases or decreases the no. of 1's depending on the difference signal. This action attempts to keep the quantized signal that is fed back equal to the incoming analog signal. The 1 bit quantizer is essentially a comparator followed by a latch.

To complete the sigma delta conversion process using one particular approach the single bit data stream converted to a series of binary codes.

The counter counts the 1s in the quantized data stream for successive intervals. An code in the counter then represents the amplitude of the analog input signal for each interval. These codes are shifted out to the latch for temporary storage.