ANALOG VS. DIGITAL

where can you stand on each side?

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CONTINUOUS

any level is possible

DISCRETE

only four different levels

analog and digital clocks

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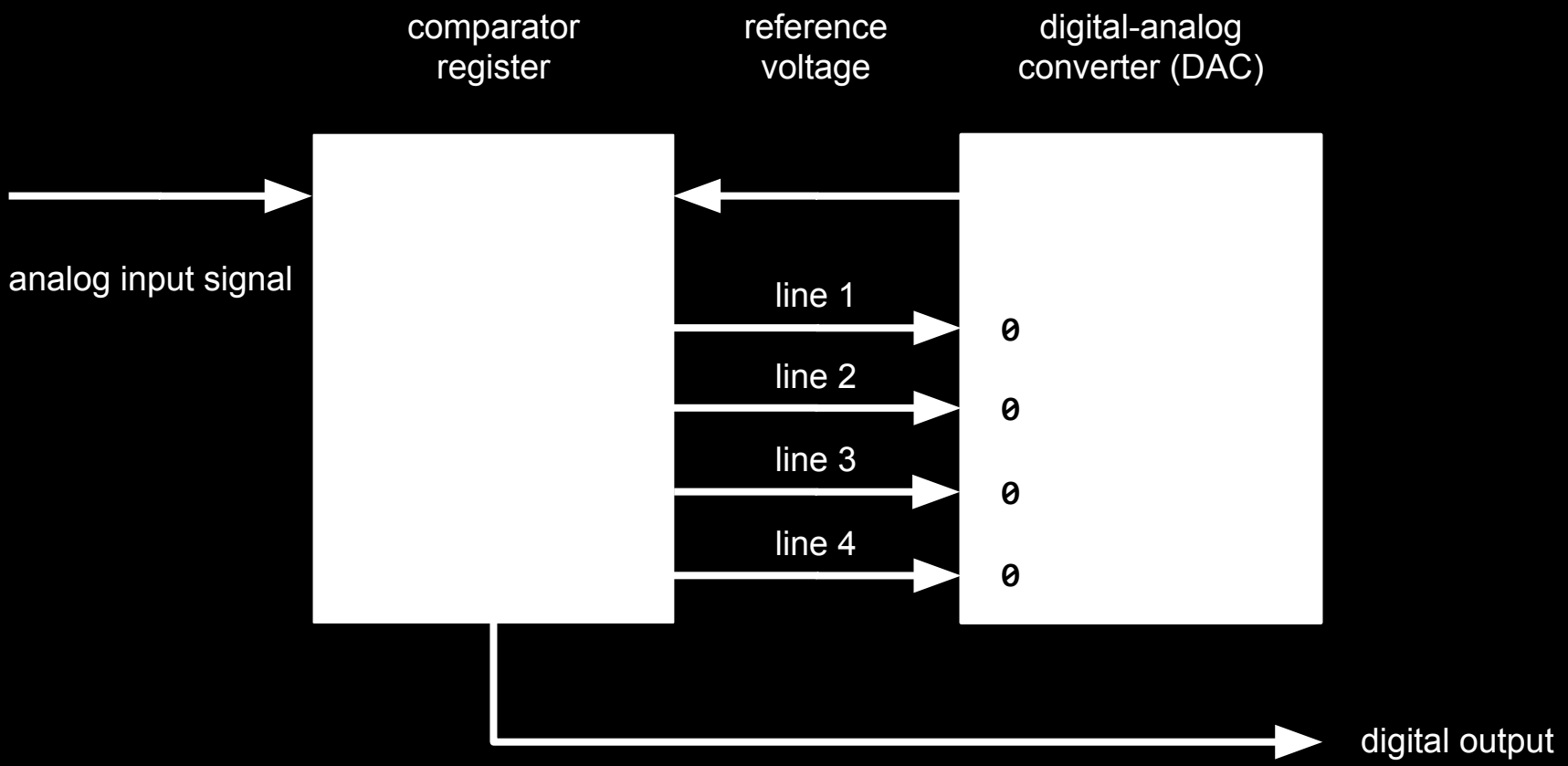
“Digitization is the representation of an object, image, sound, document or signal by generating a series of numbers that describe a discrete set of its points or samples”

analog-to-digital converter (ADC)

measuring of the analog signal

turning the measurement into a series of 1 and 0

encoding the series of numbers in binary and assign meaning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digital-analog converter (DAC)
analog input signal
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
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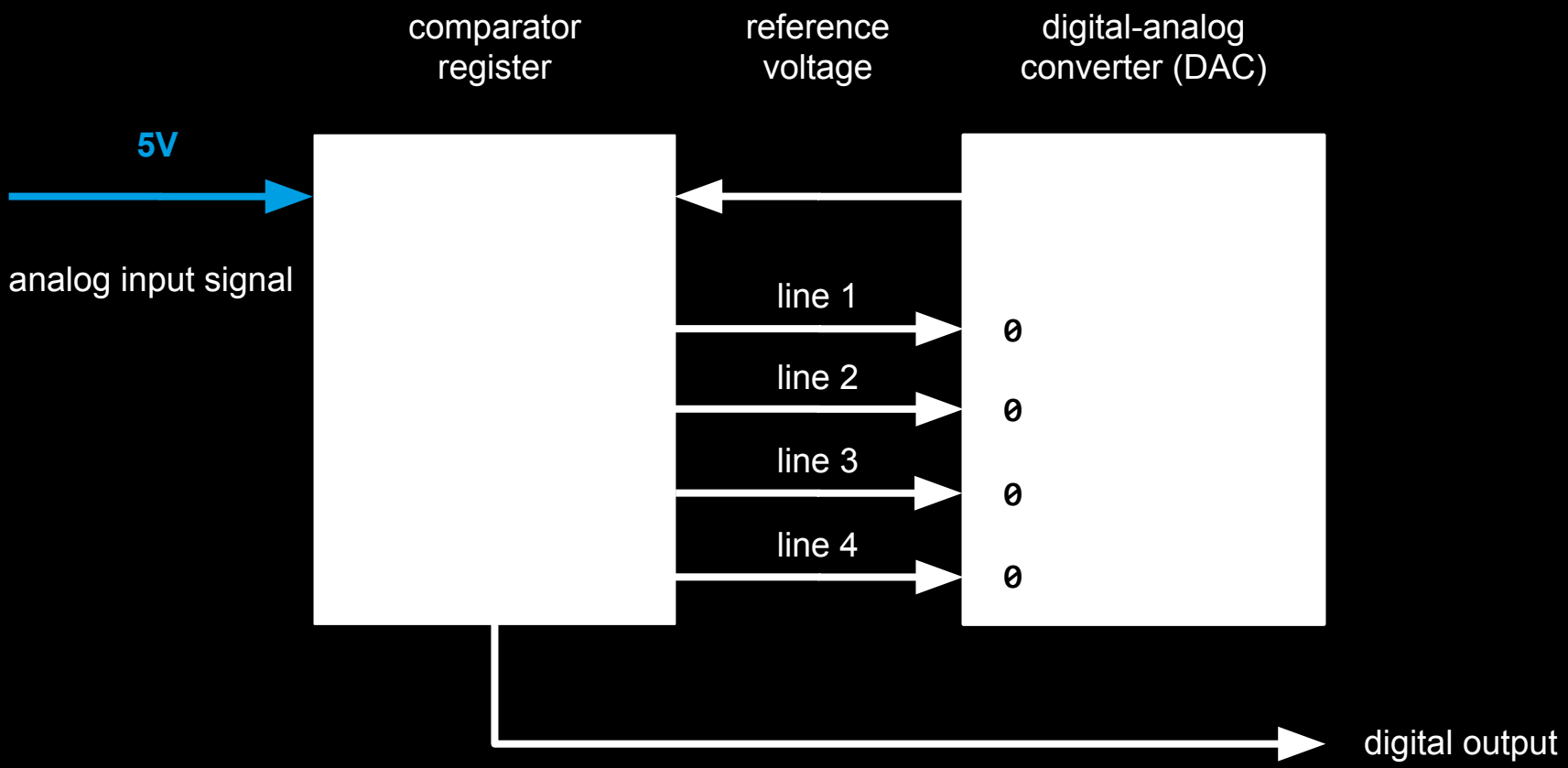
0
digital output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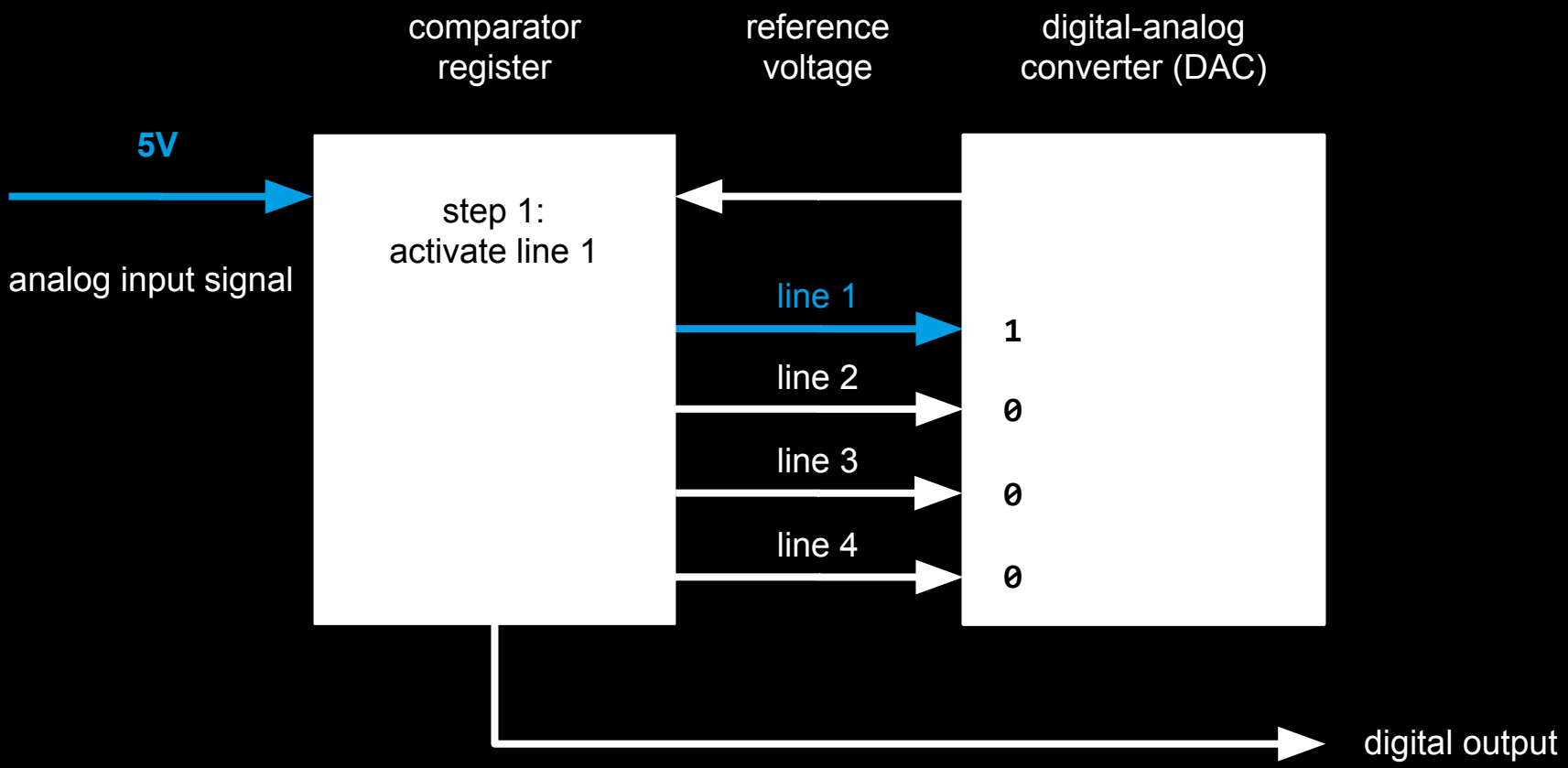
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
analog input signal
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
0
0
0
0
digital output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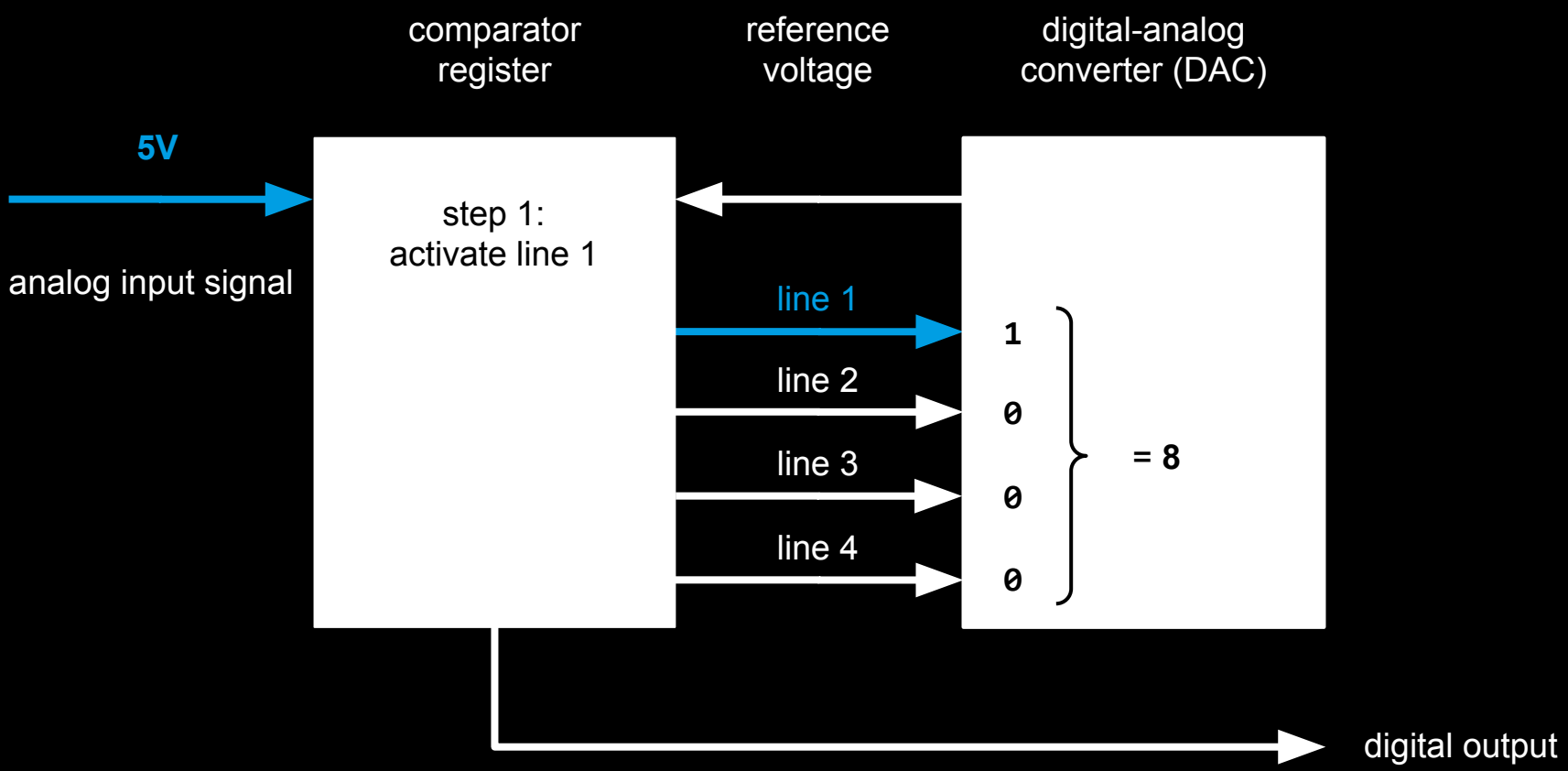
analog input signal
step 1: activate line 1
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
1
0
0
0
digital output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reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
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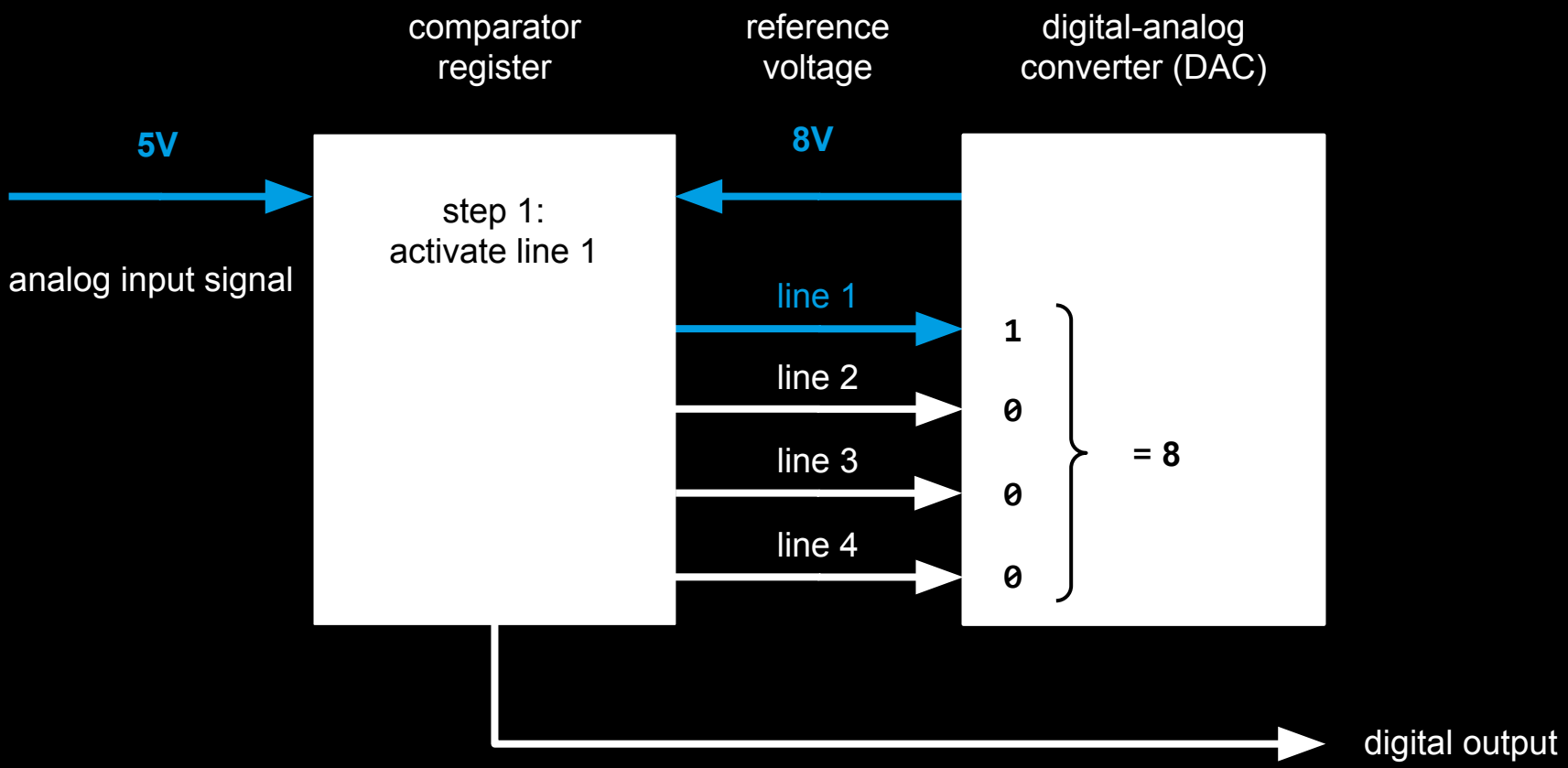
analog input signal
step 1: activate line 1
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
1
0
0
0
= 8
digital output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reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
8V
analog input signal
step 1: activate line 1
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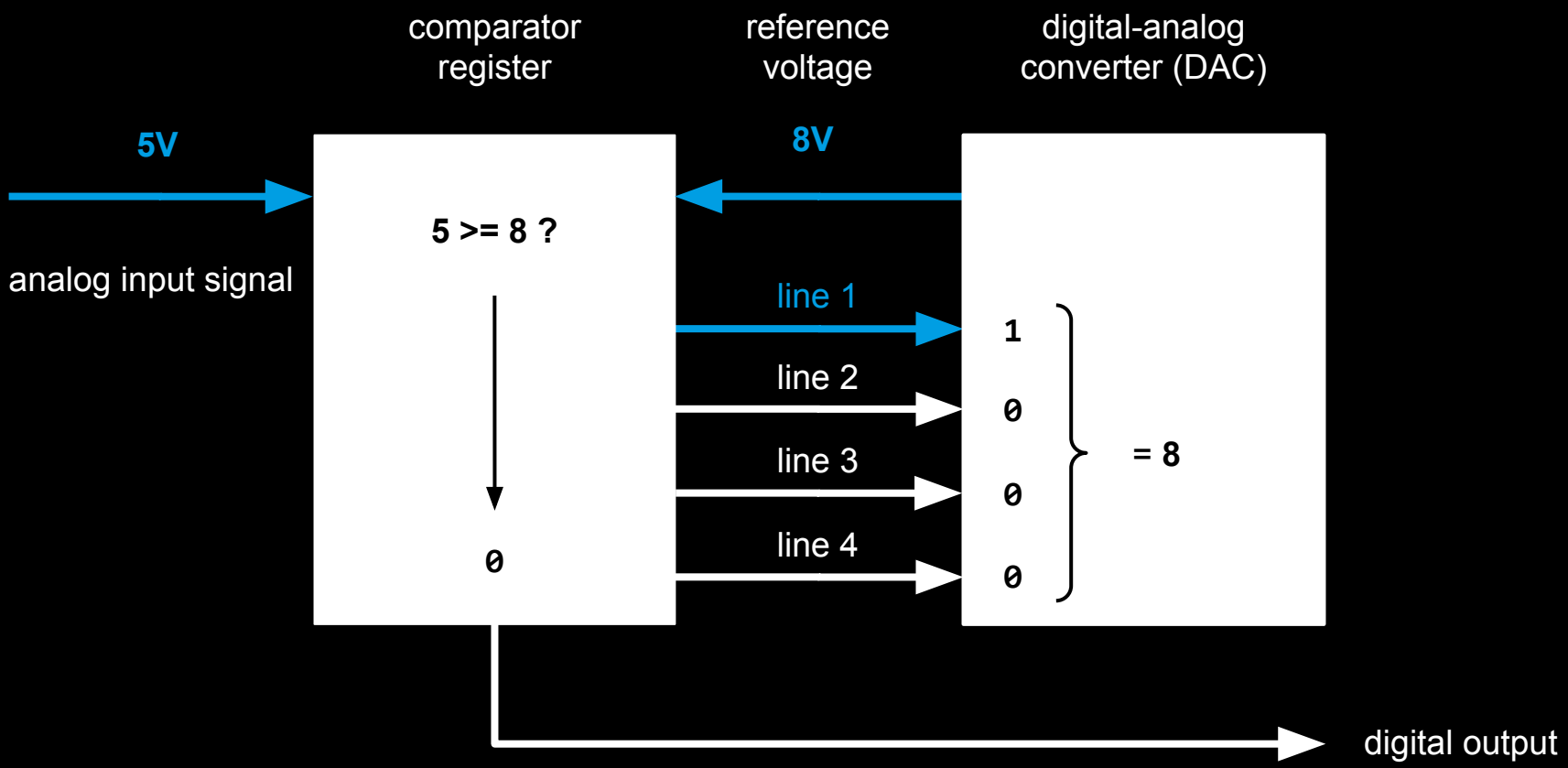
line 4
1
0
0
0
= 8
digital output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digital-analog
converter (DAC)
5V
8V
5 >= 8 ?
analog input signal
line 1
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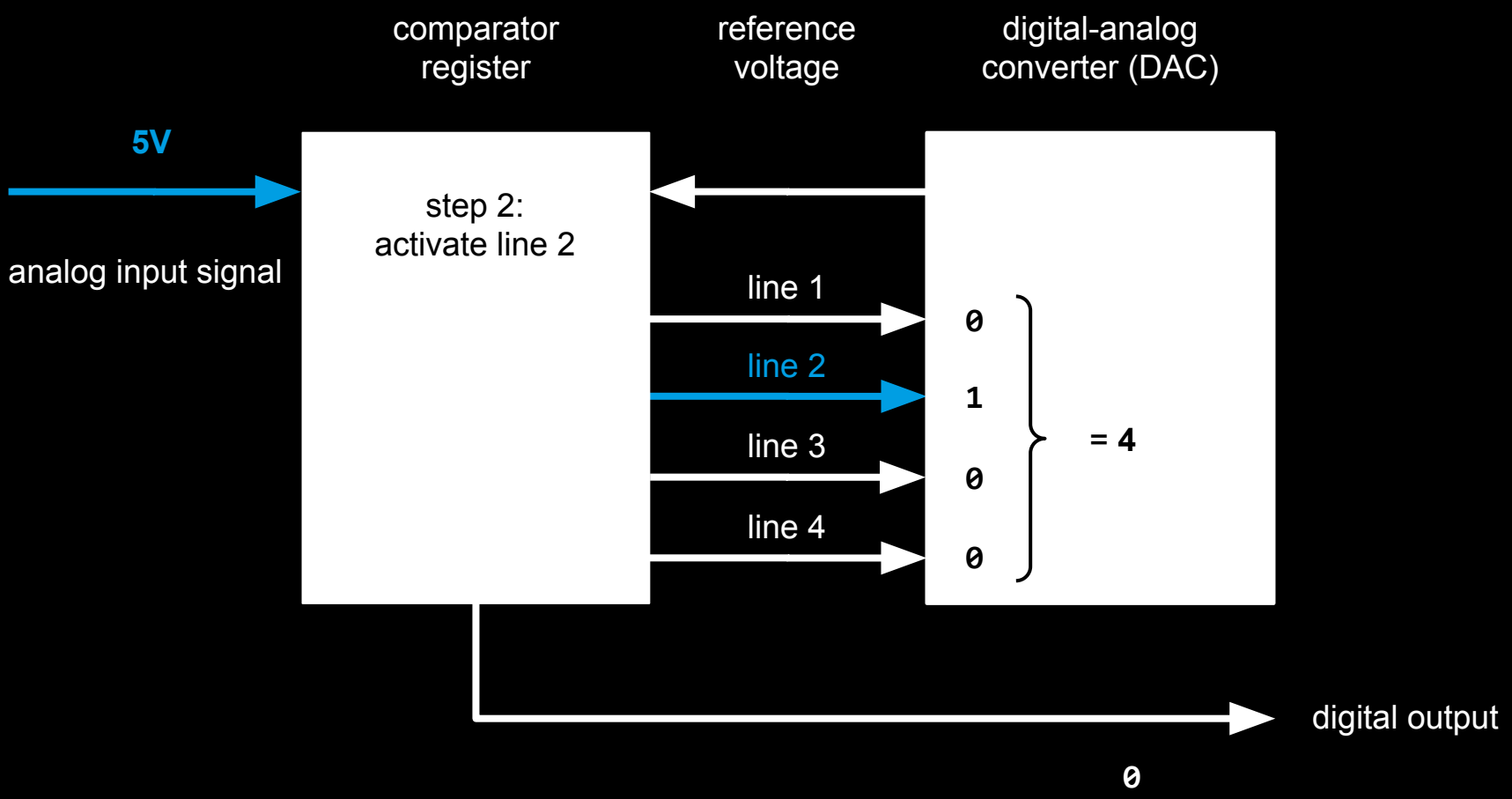
line 4
1
0
0
0
= 8
0
digital output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reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
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step 2: activate line 2
line 1
line 2
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line 4
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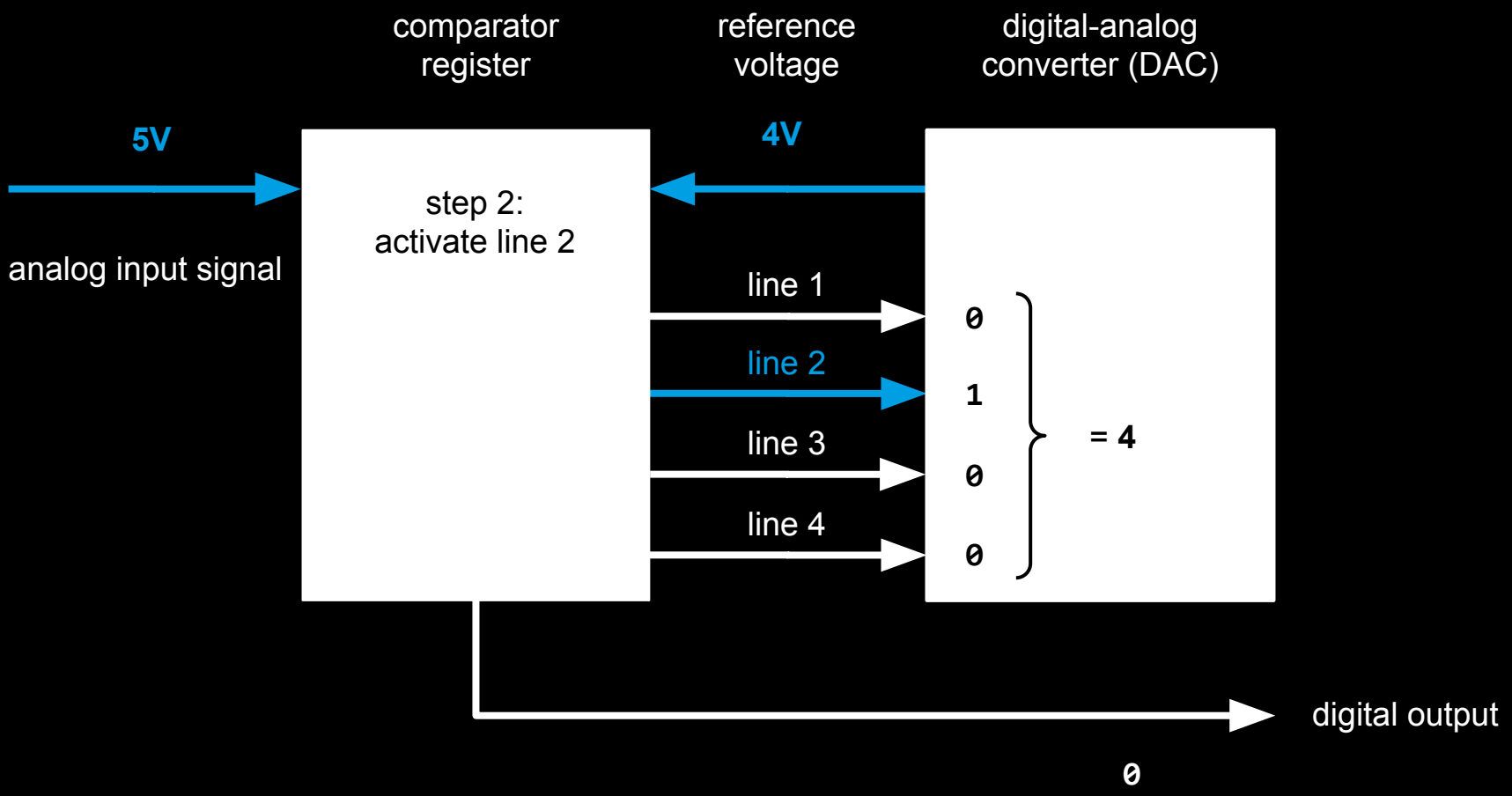
1
0
0
= 4
digital output
0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reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
4V
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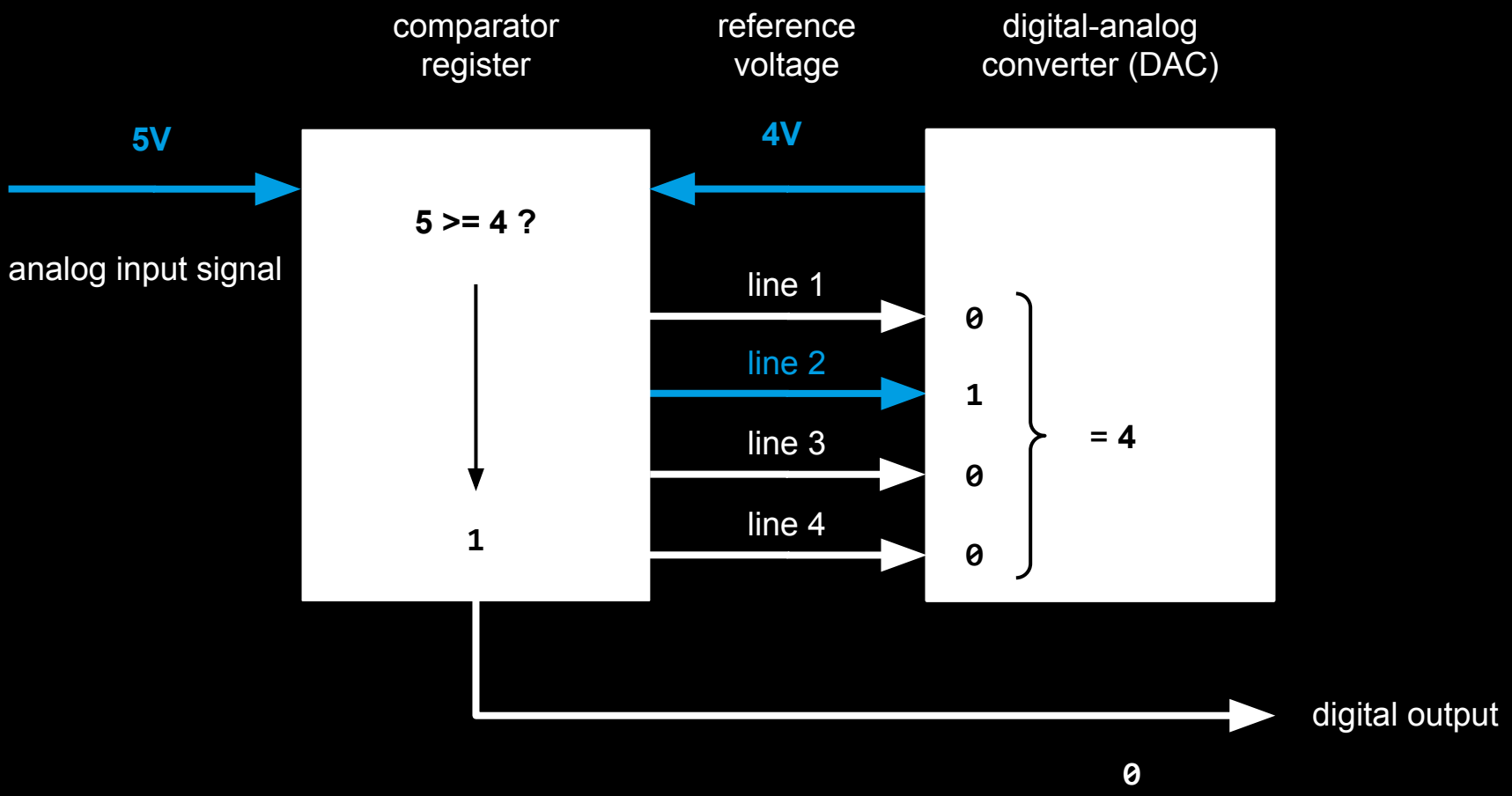
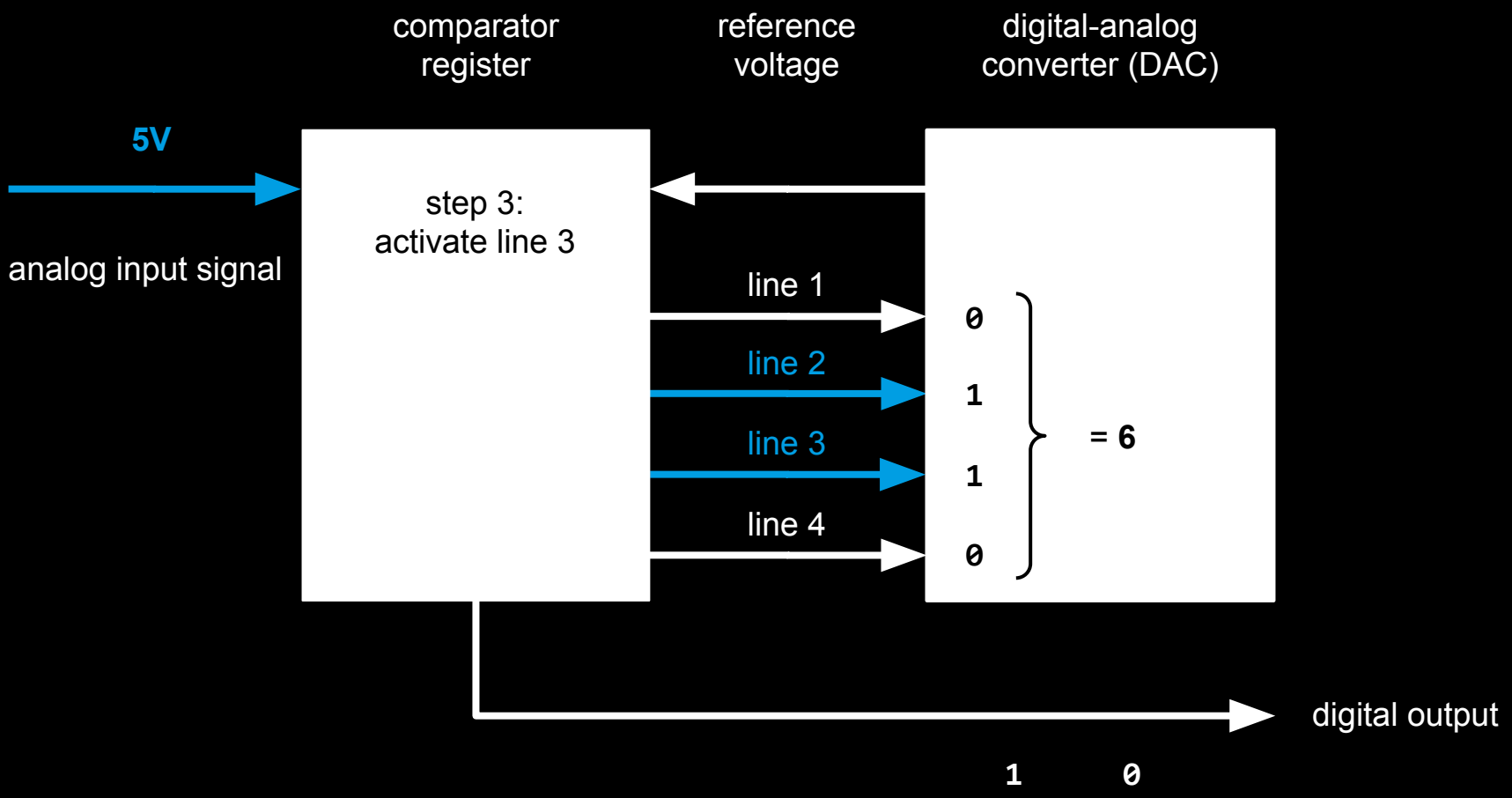
0
1
0
0
= 4
digital output
0


comparator register
reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
4V
5 >= 4 ?
analog input signal
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
0
1
0
0
= 4
1
digital output
0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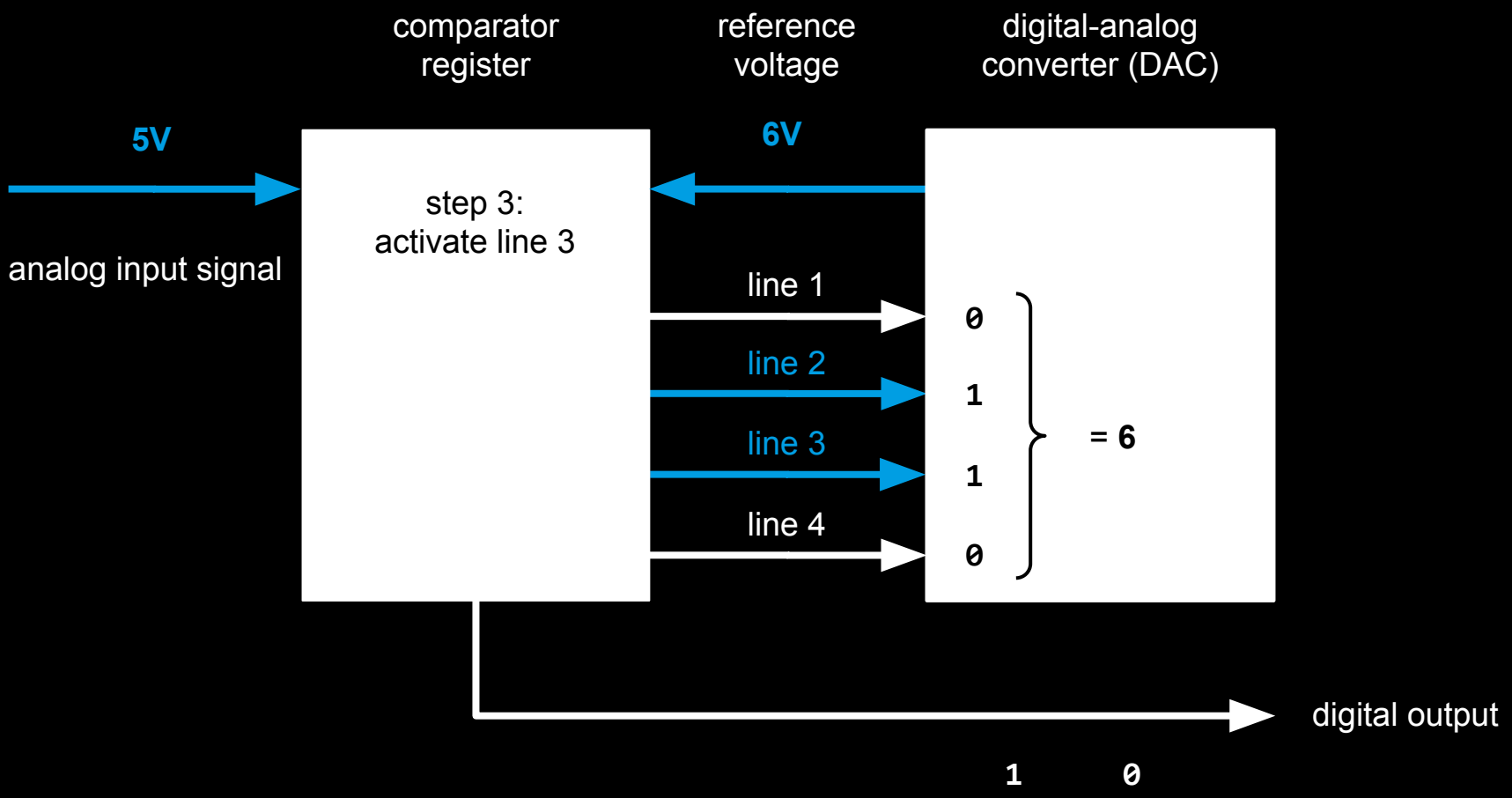
reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
analog input signal
step 3: activate line 3
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
0
1
1
0
= 6
digital output
1 0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5V
6V
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line 1
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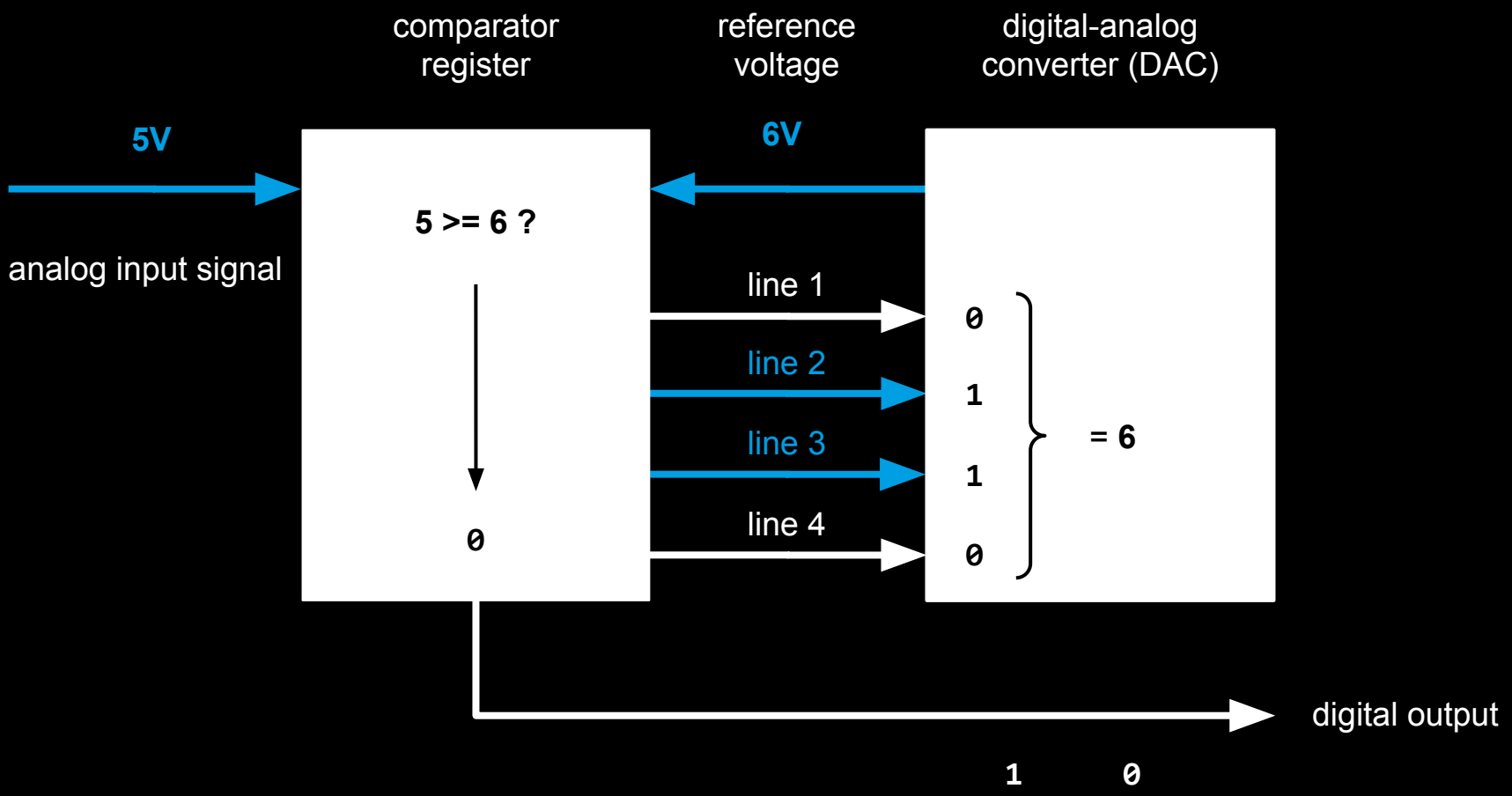
line 3
line 4
0
1
1
0
= 6
digital output
1 0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5V
6V
5 >= 6 ?
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line 1
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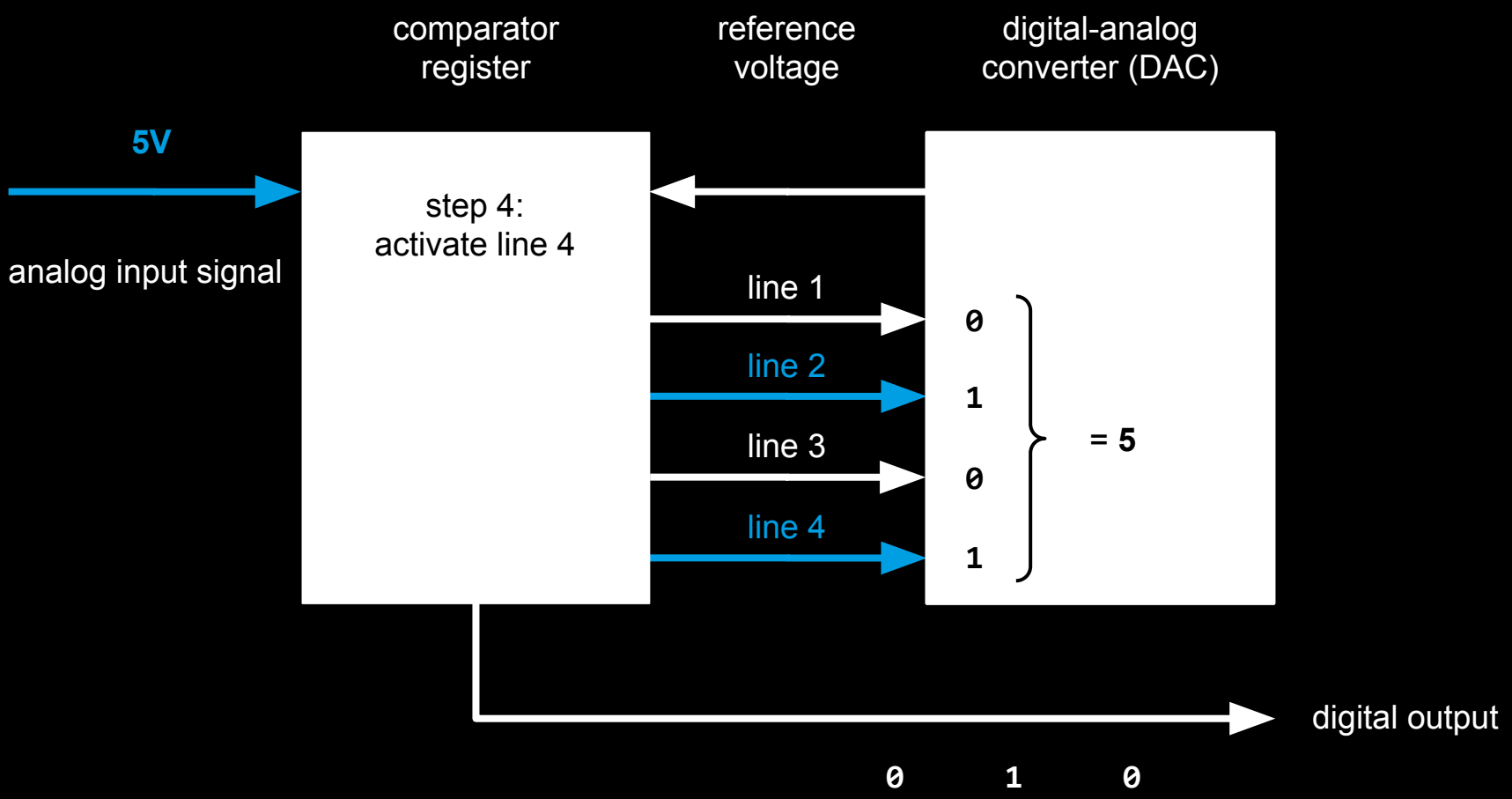
1
1
0
= 6
0
digital output
1
0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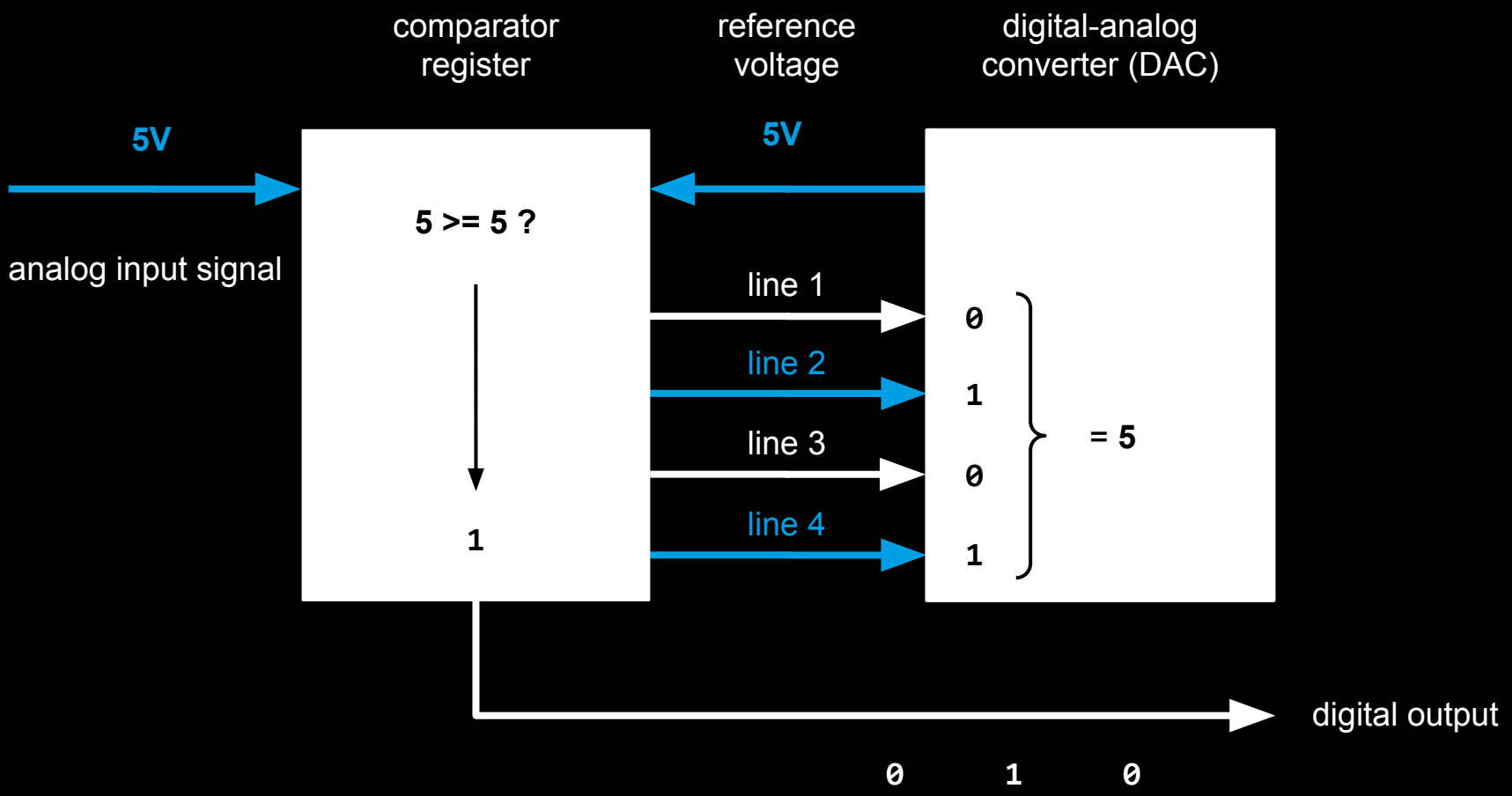
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
analog input signal
step 4: activate line 4
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
0
1
0
1
= 5
digital output
0 1 0


comparator register
reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
5V
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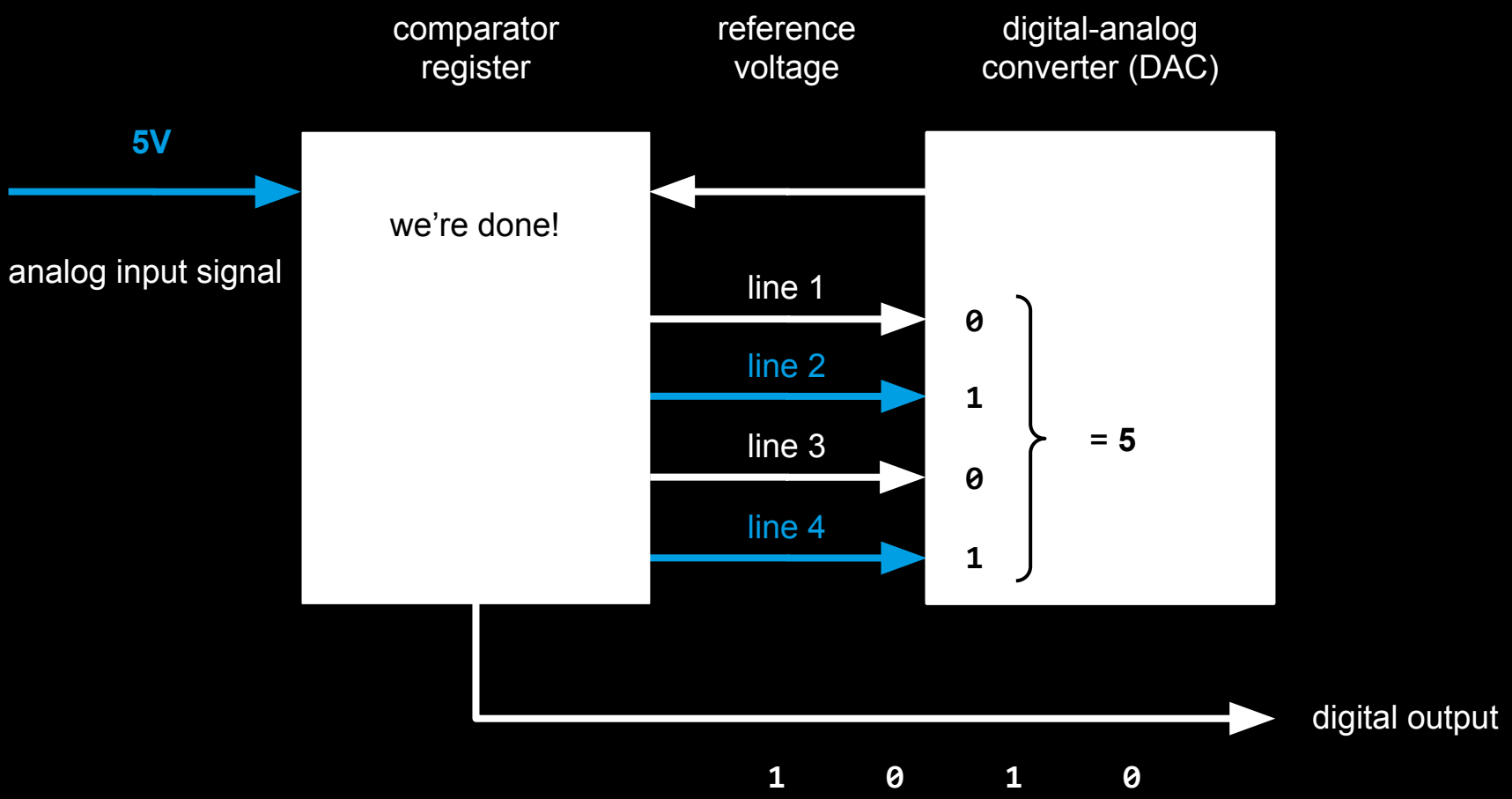
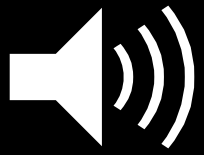
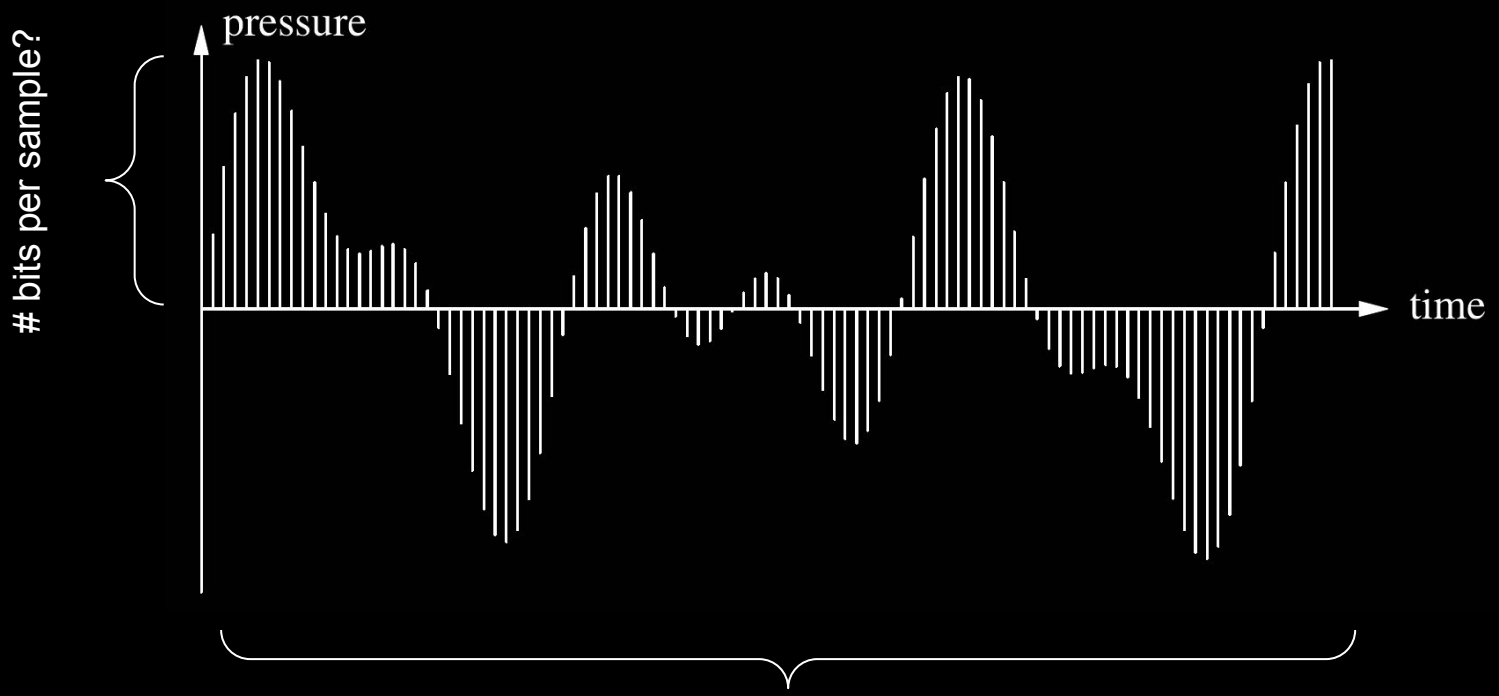
5 >= 5 ?
1
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
0
1
0
1
= 5
digital output
0 1 0


comparator register
reference voltage
digital-analog converter (DAC)
5V
analog input signal
we're done!
line 1
line 2
line 3
line 4
0
1
0
1
= 5
digital output
1 0 1 0

so, what analog signal is measured?



A **continuous** wave is transformed into an array of **discrete numbers** representing pressure.



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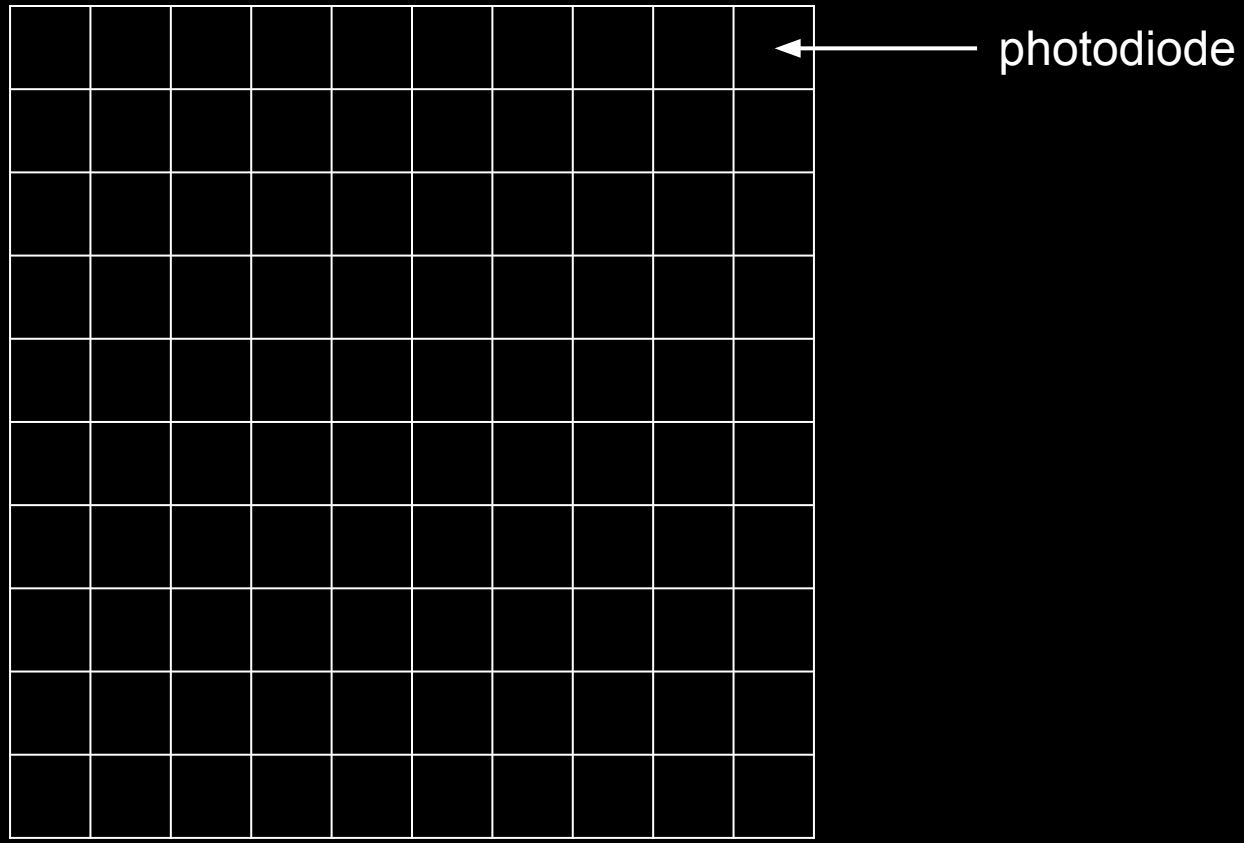

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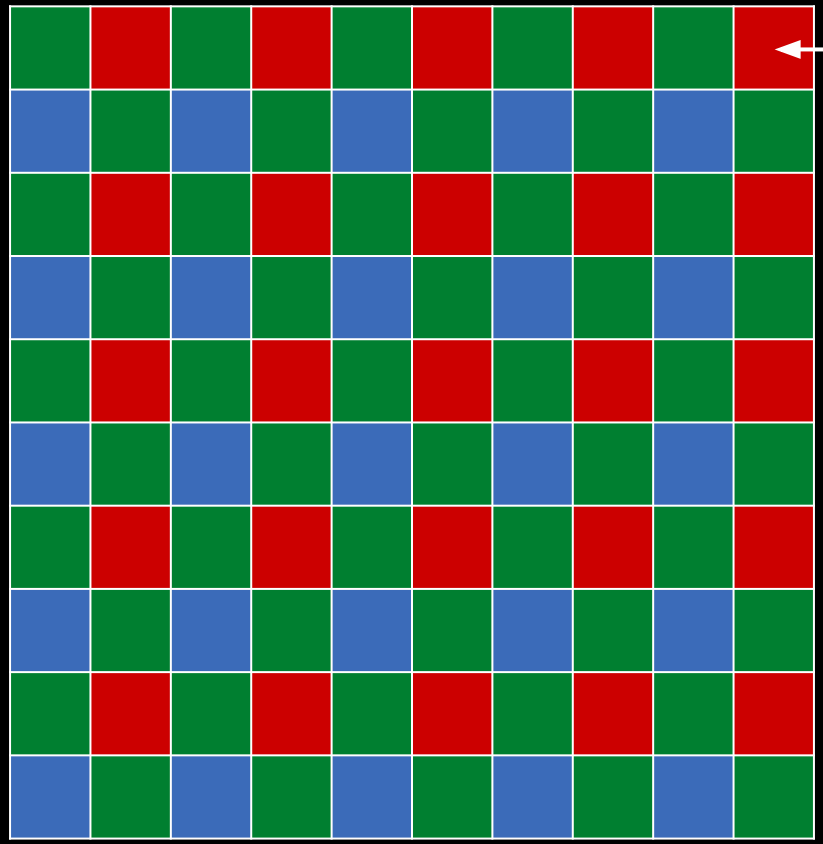
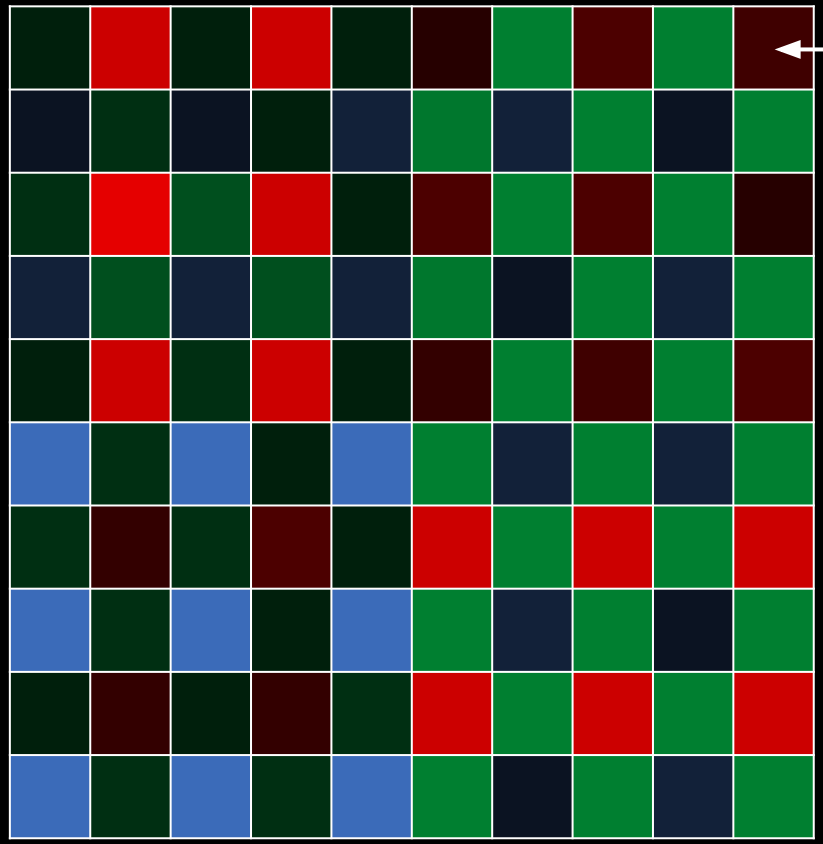


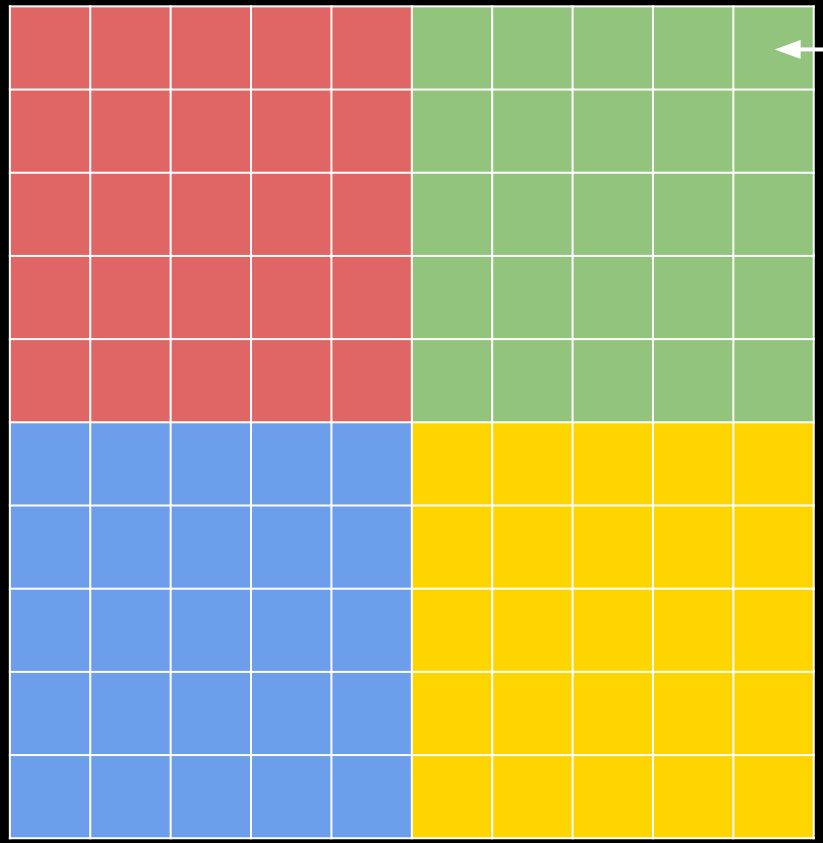
color filter on top of photo-diodes

image sensor



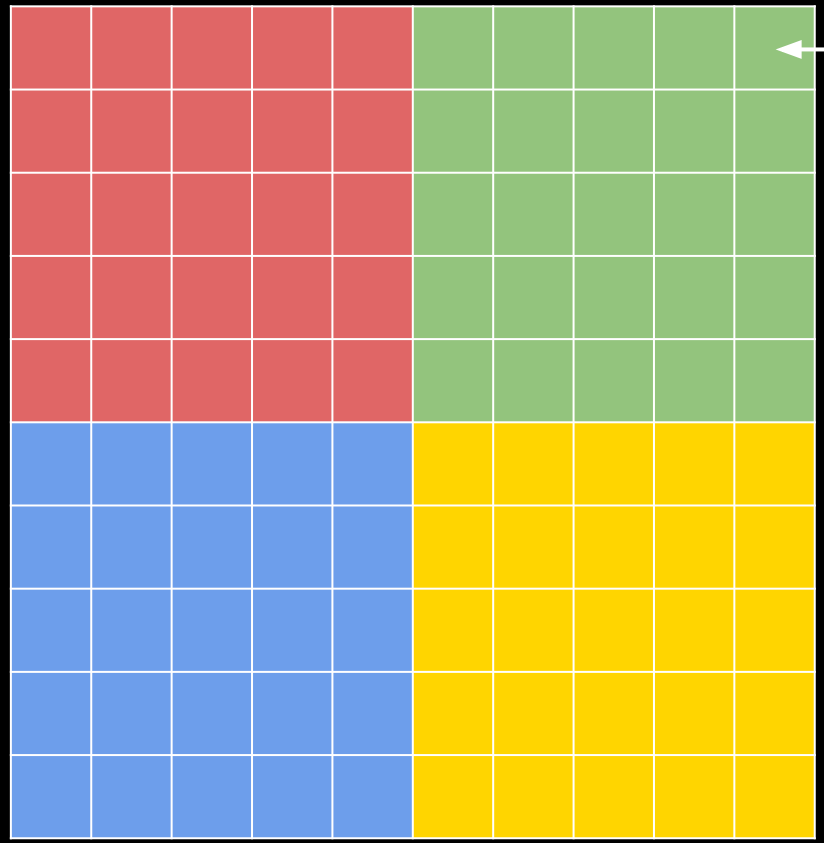
light passed through filter

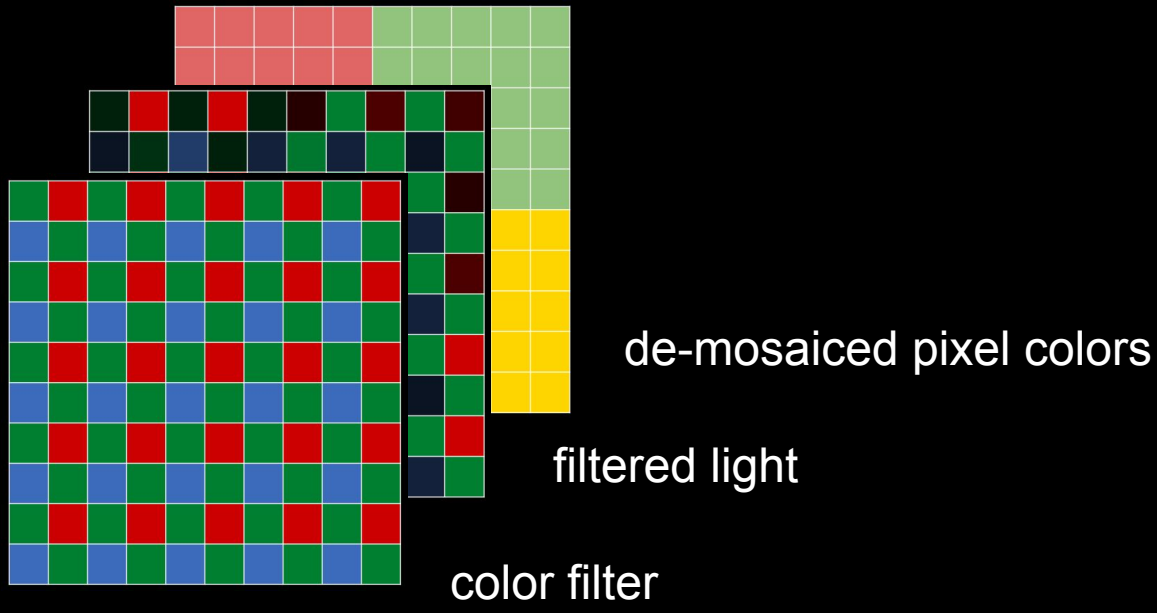
image sensor

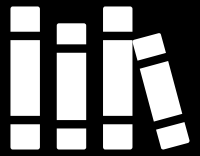


de-mosaiced
pixel colors

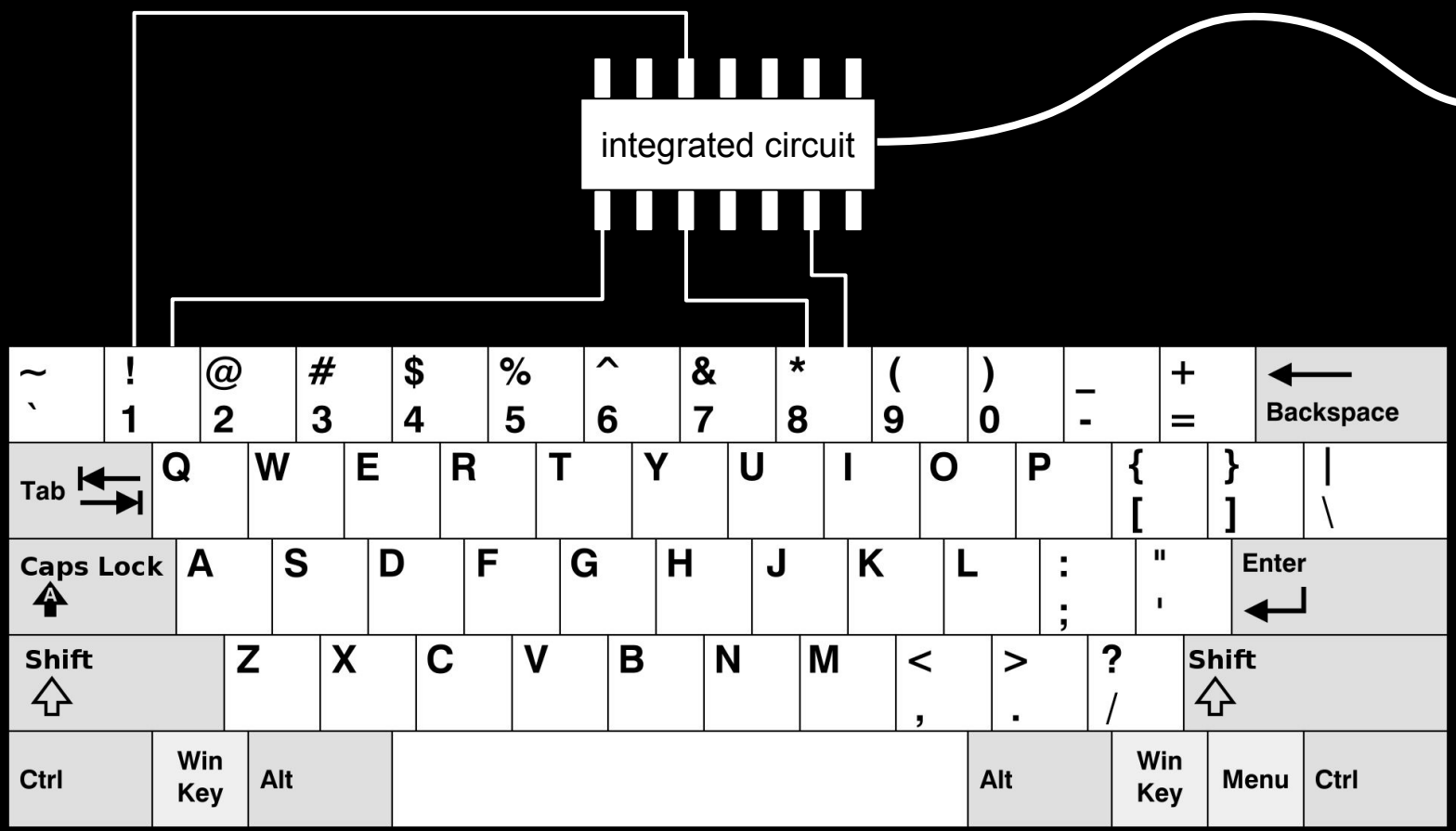
image sensor




de-mosaiced pixel colors
filtered light
color filter



typing text



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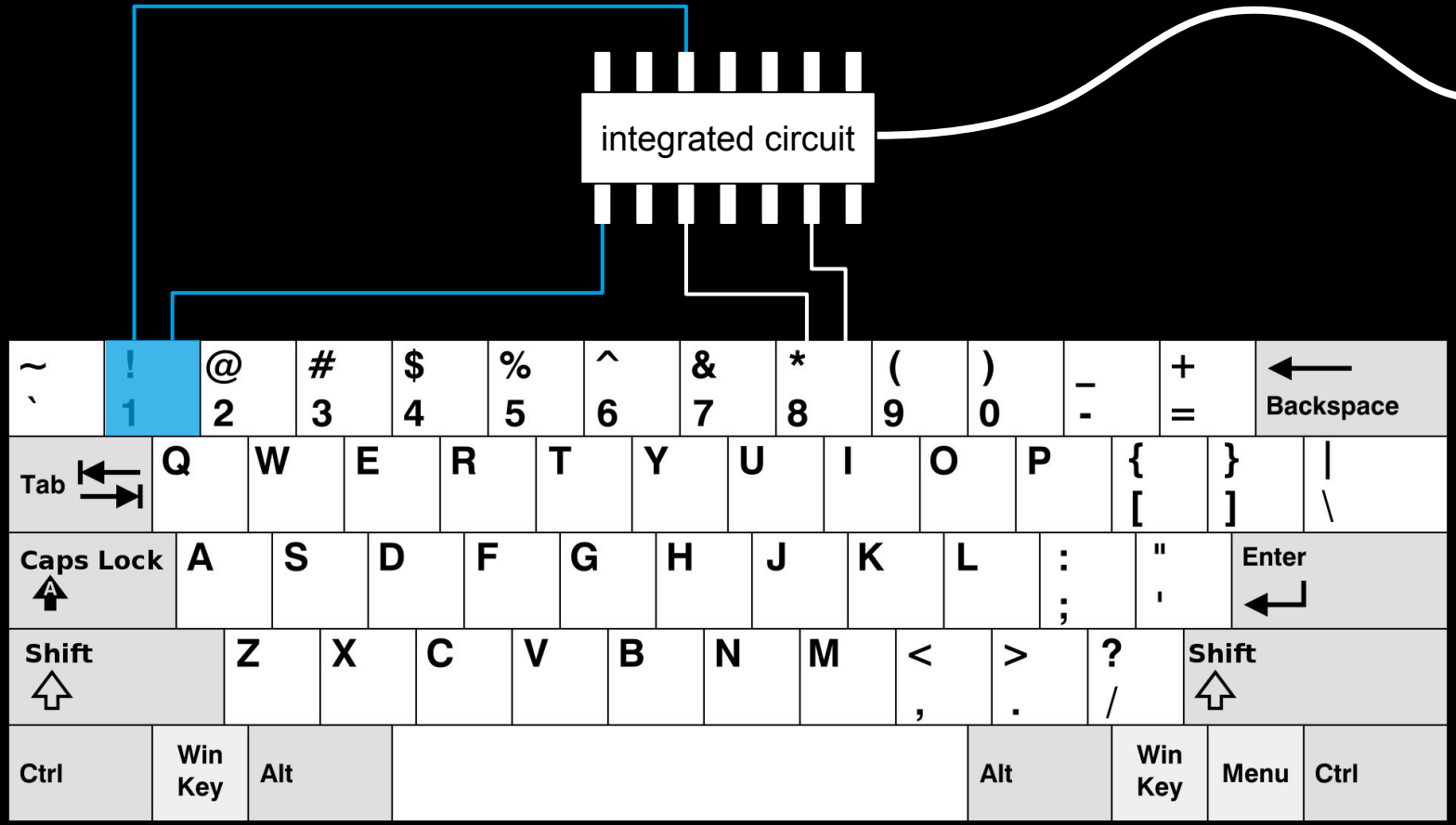

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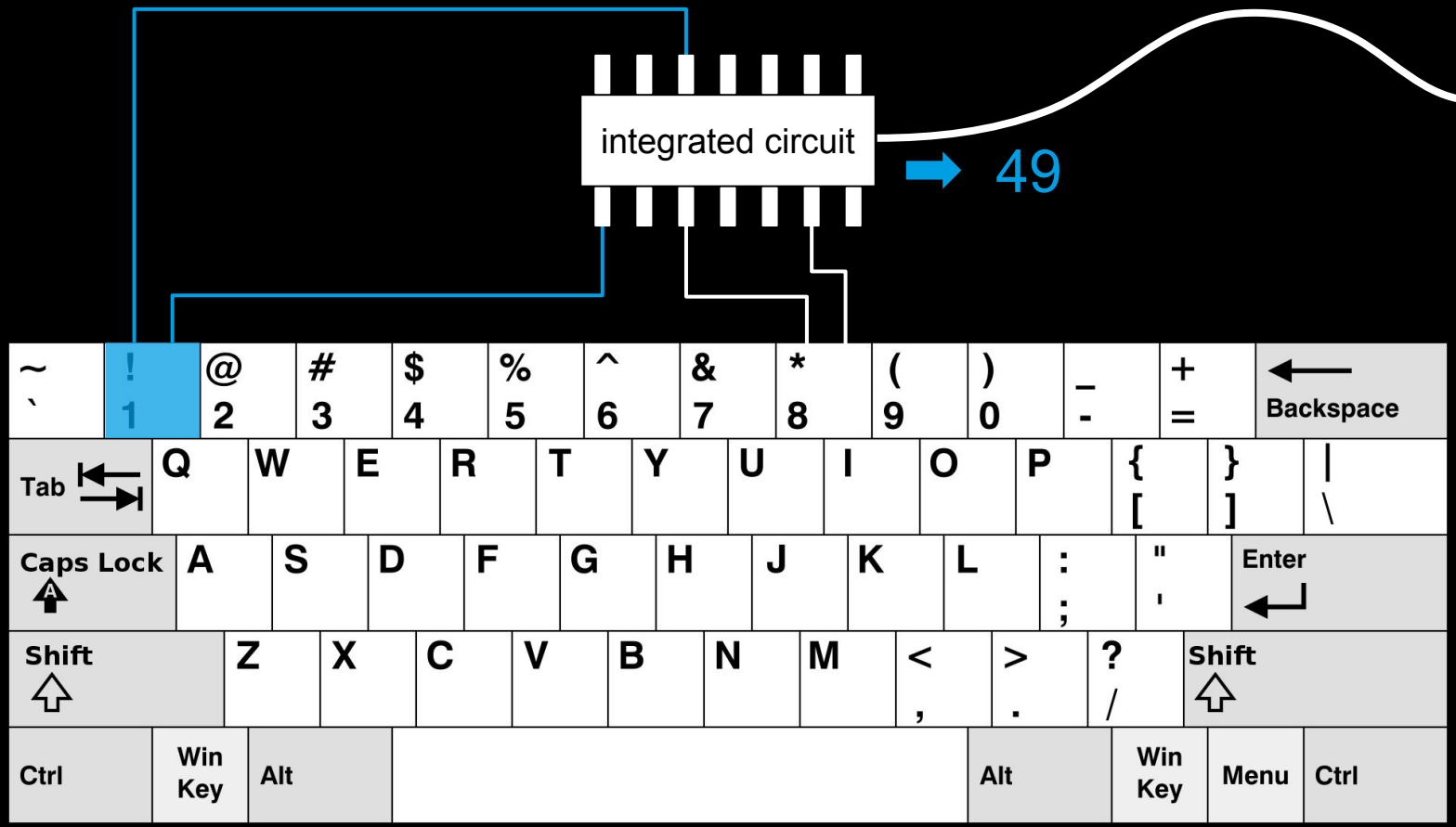

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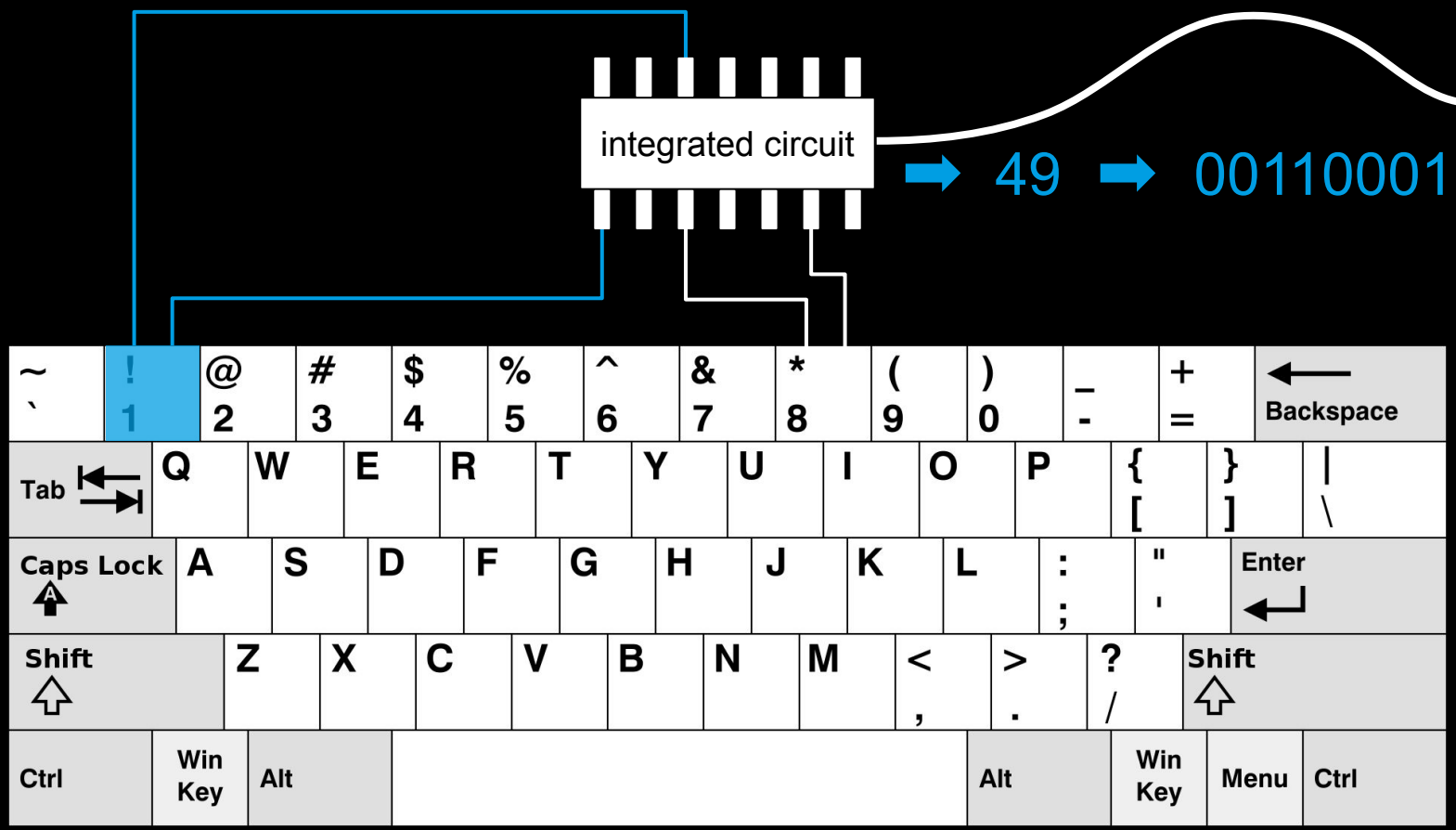

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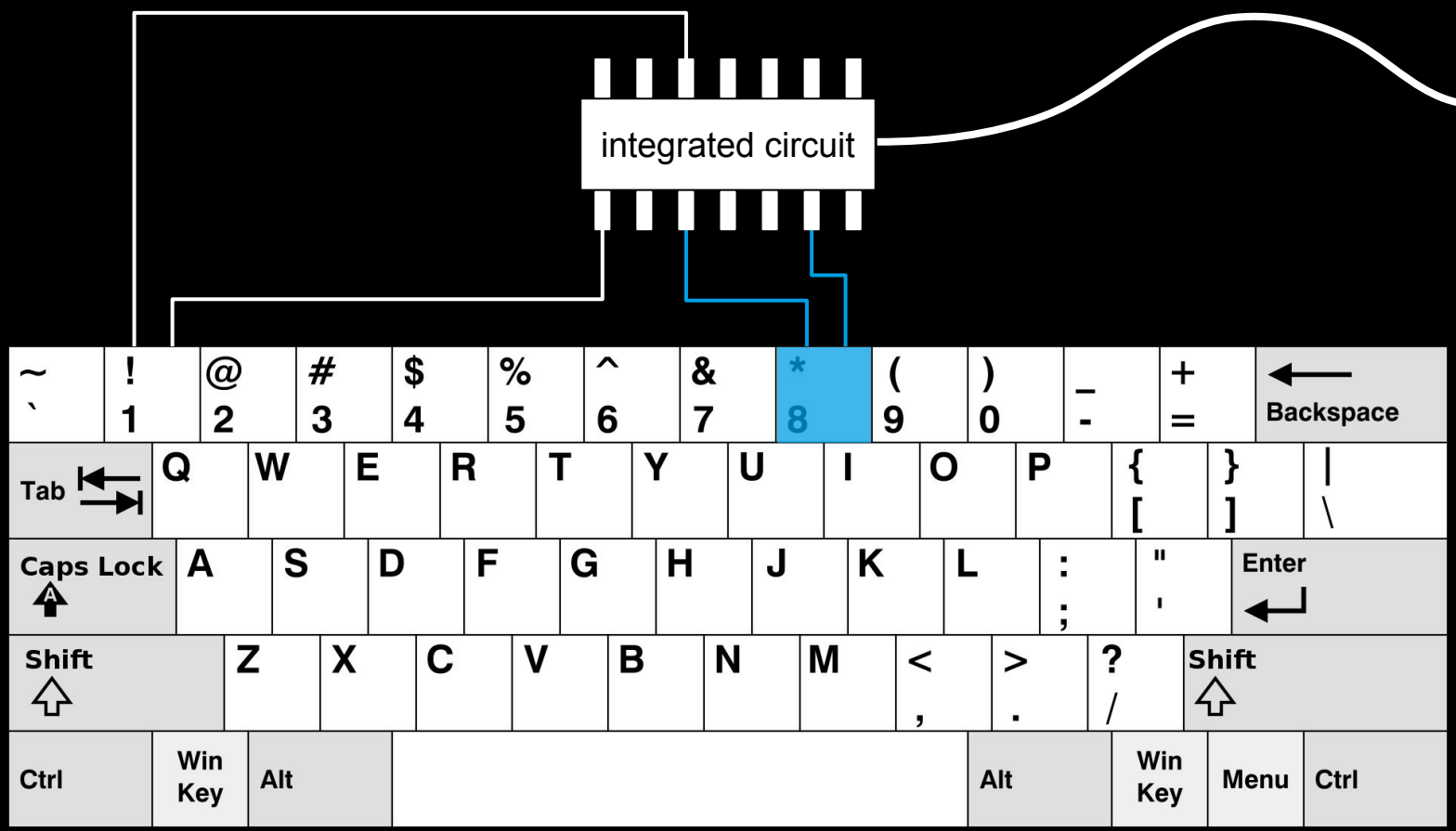

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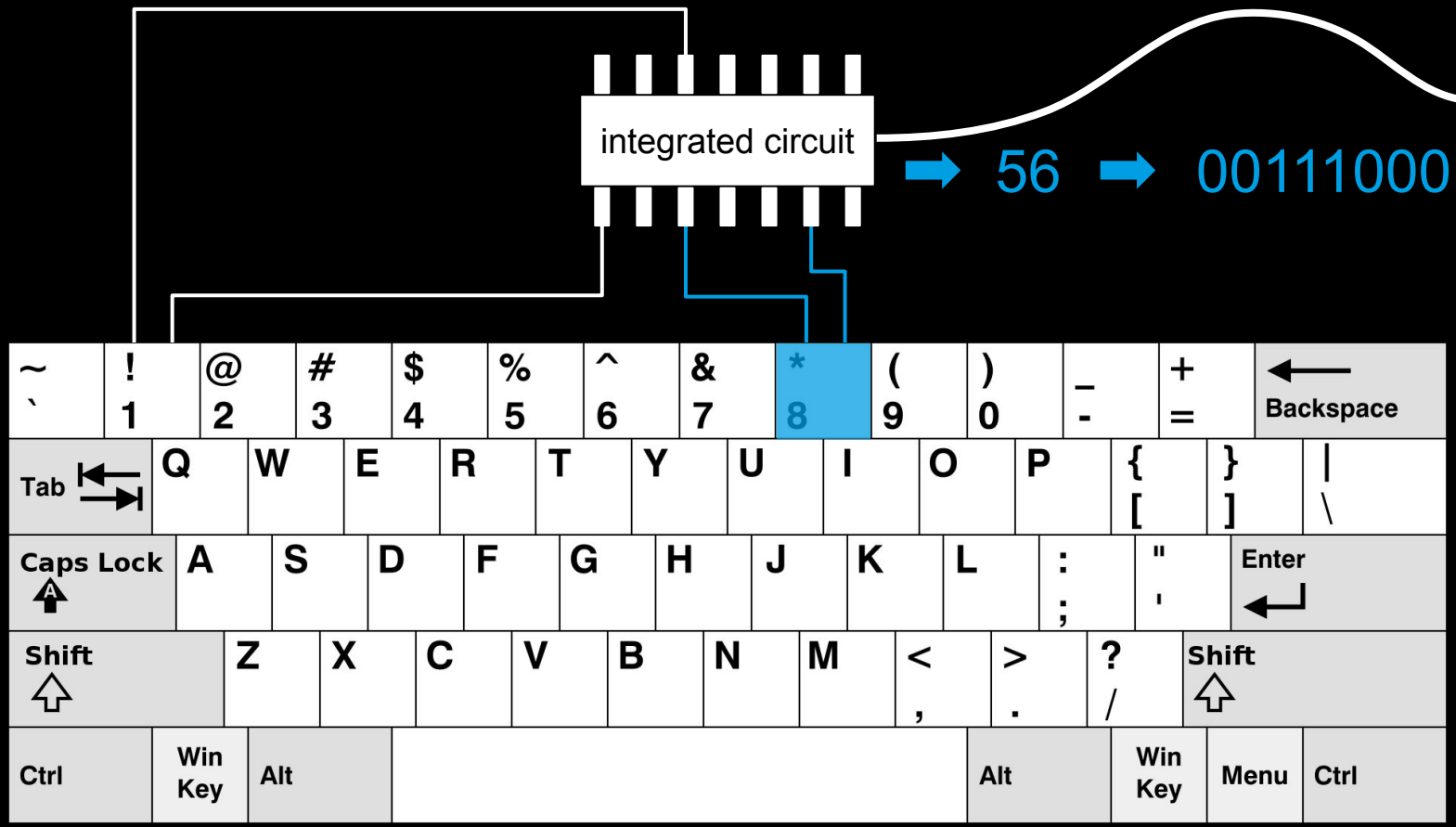

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scanning text

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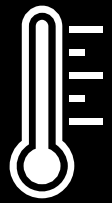
optical character recognition (OCR)



temperature sensor

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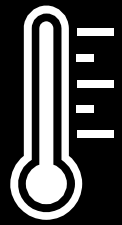

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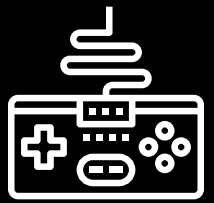

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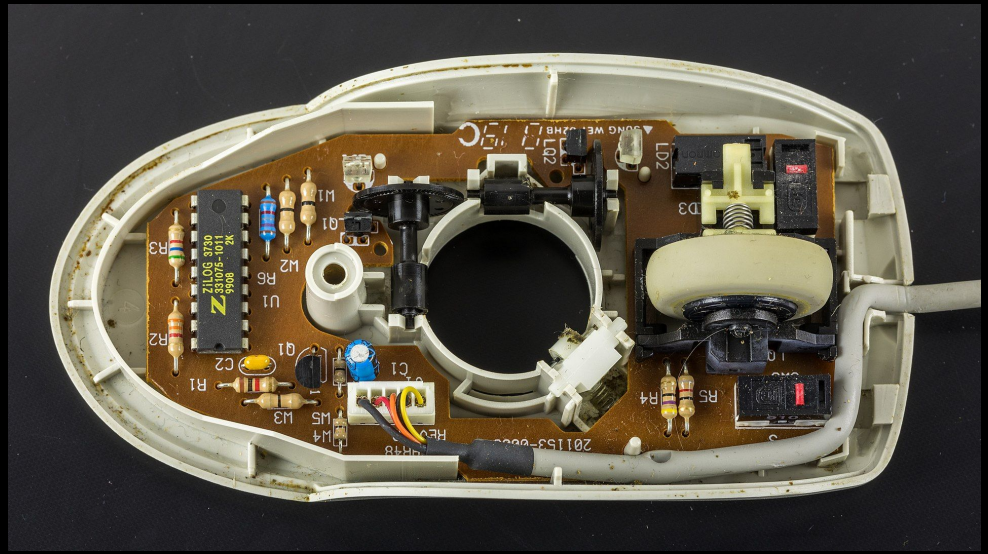

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