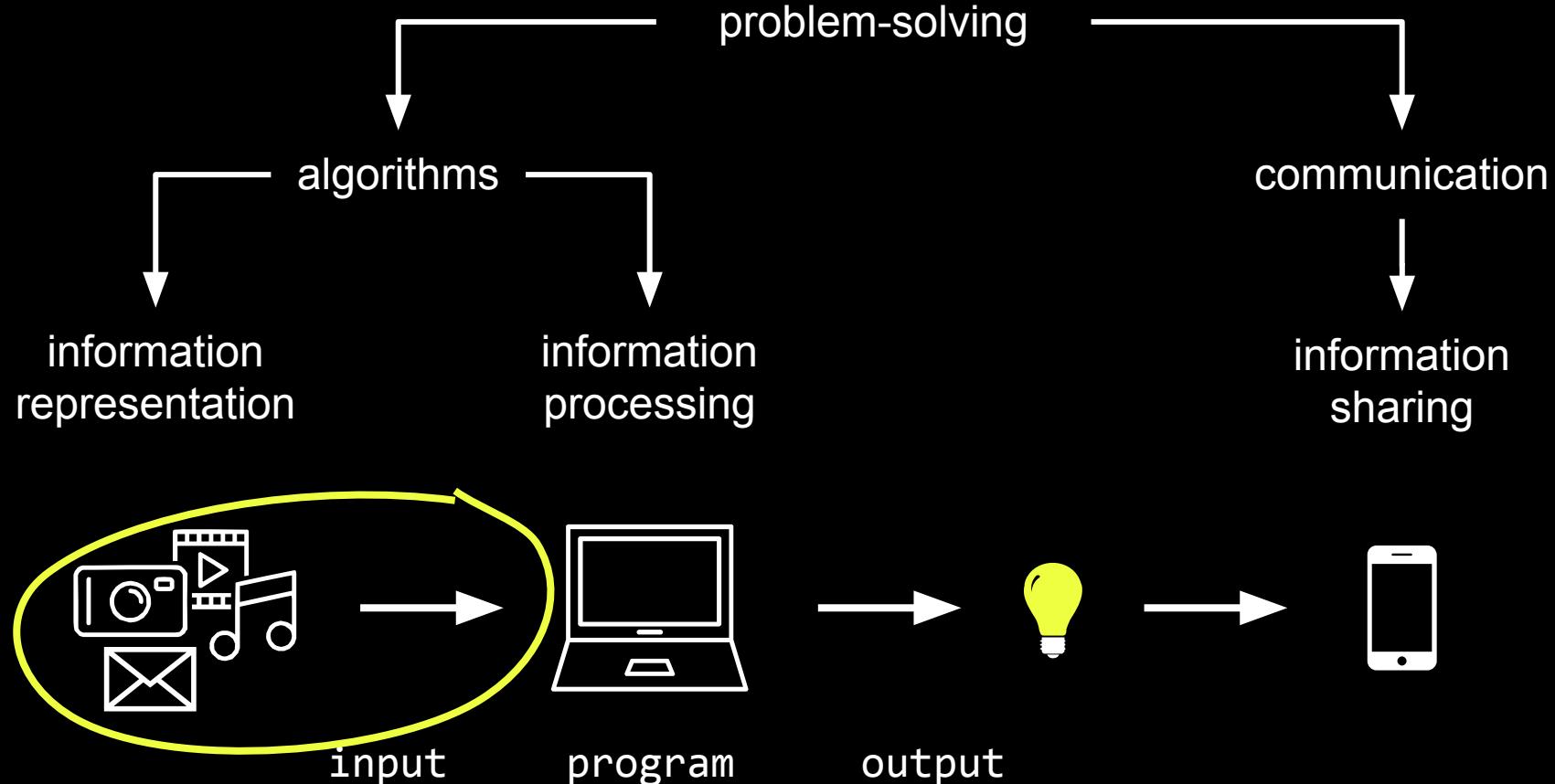


ANALOG VS. DIGITAL

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where can you stand on each side?



where can you stand on each side?



where can you stand on each side?



where can you stand on each side?



where can you stand on each side?

CONTINUOUS

any level is
possible



DISCRETE

only four
different levels

4

3

2

1

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”

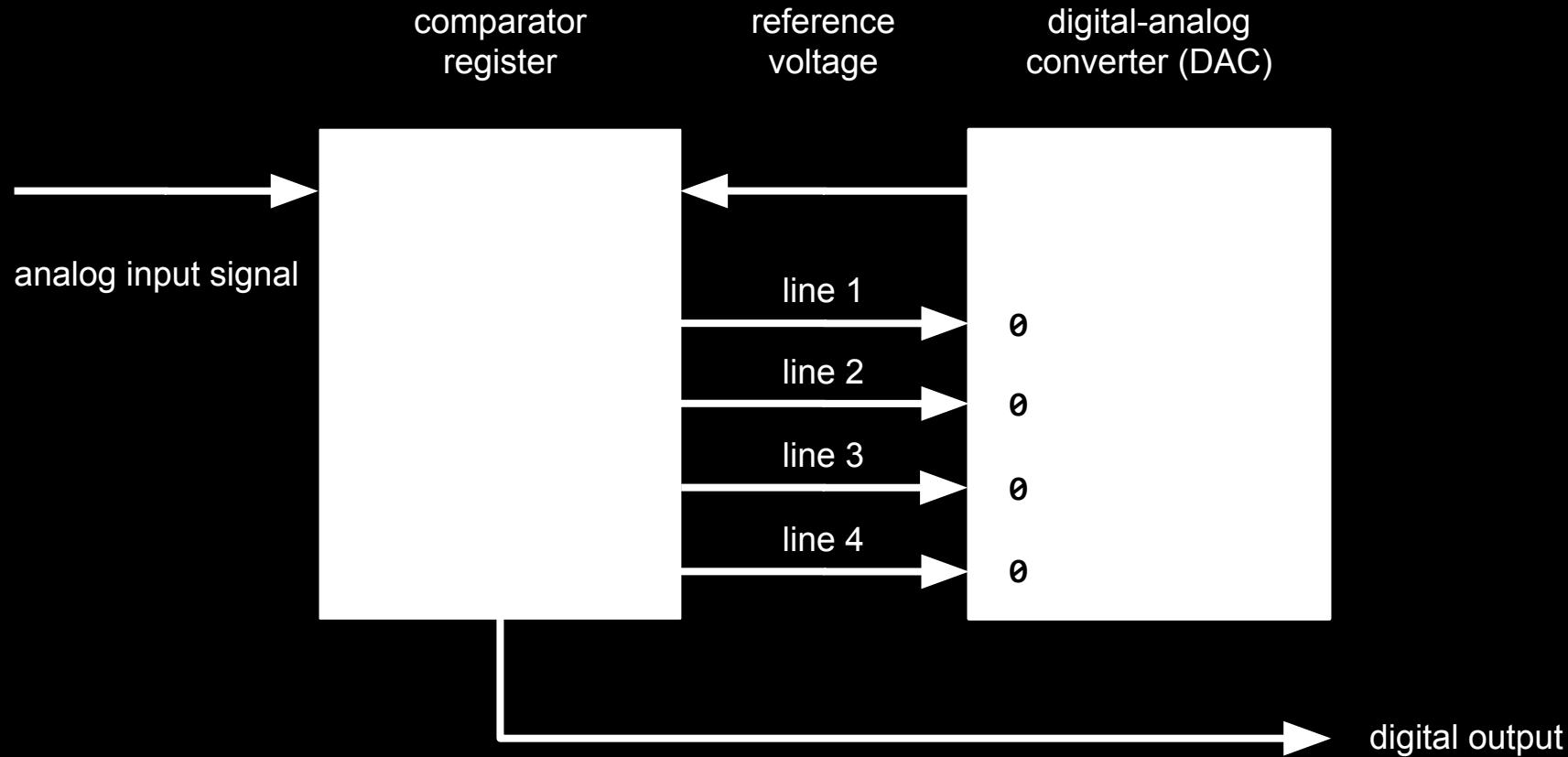
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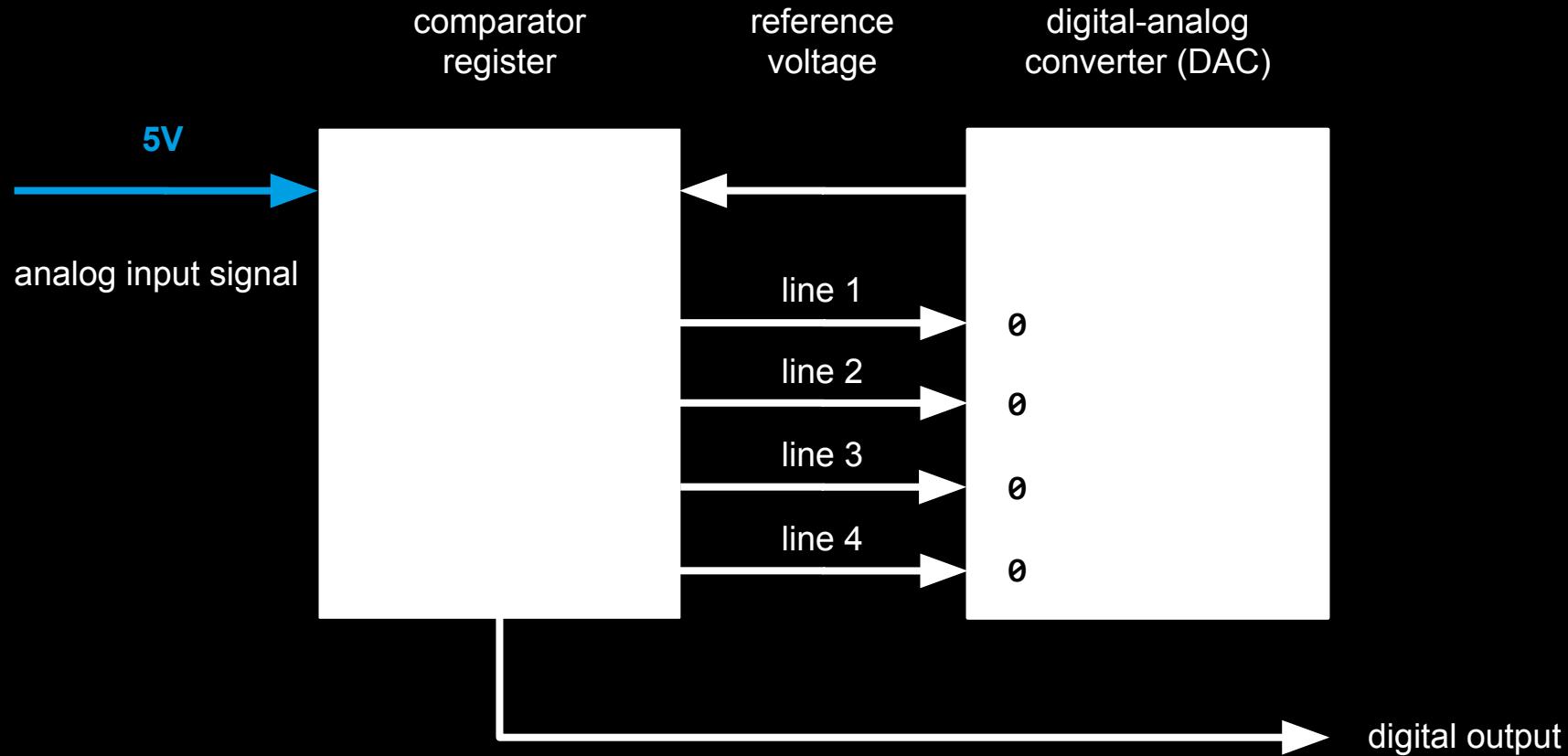


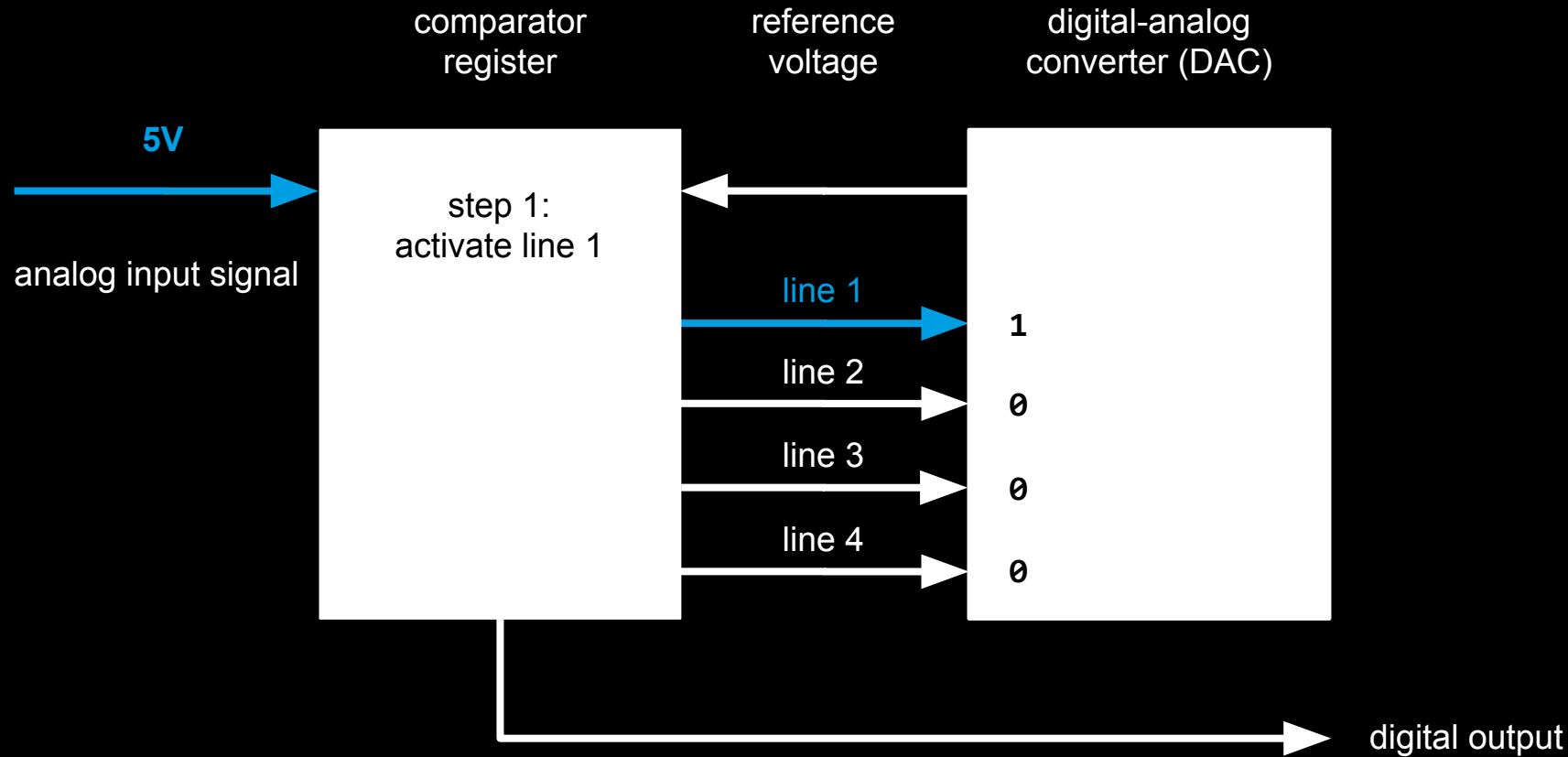
measuring of the
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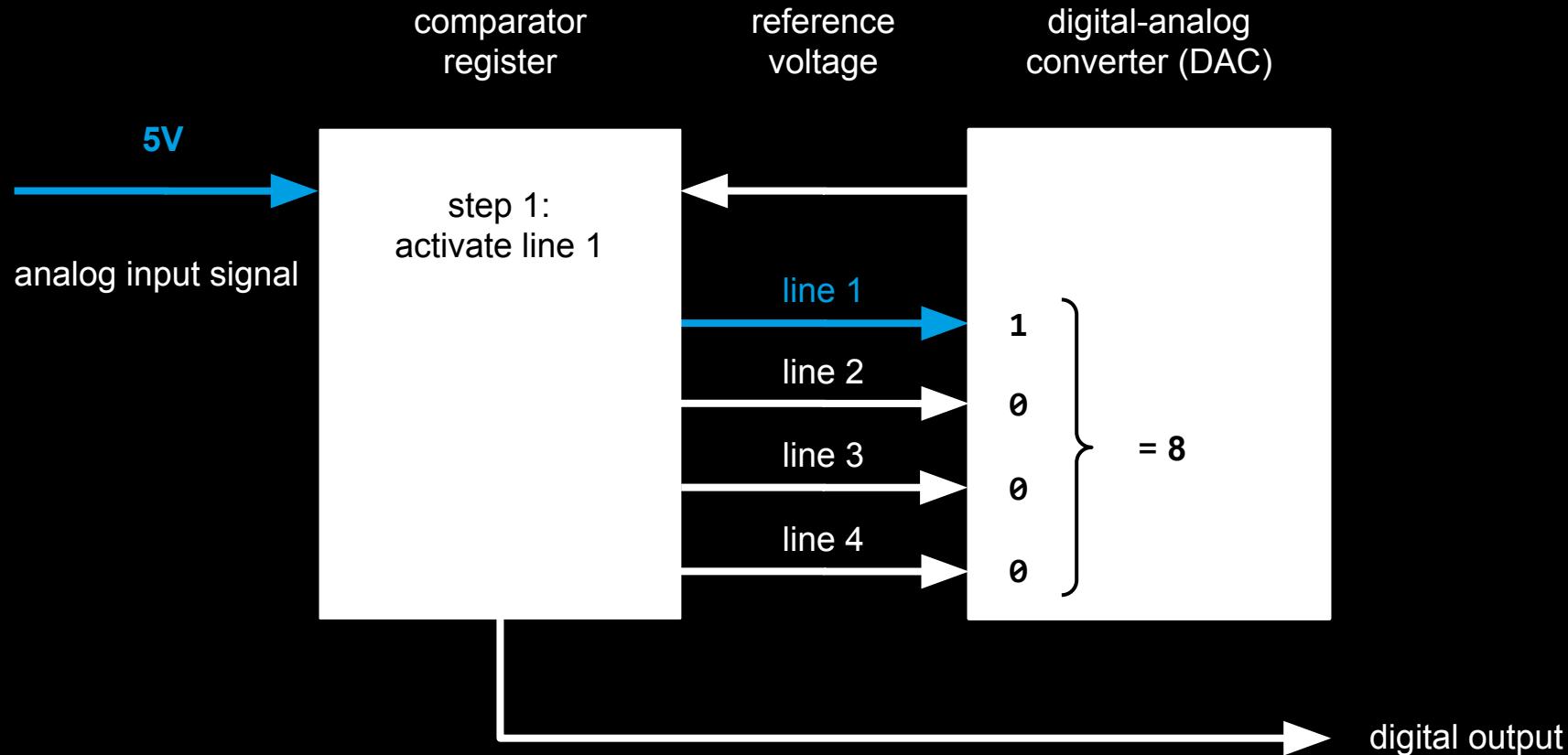
turning the
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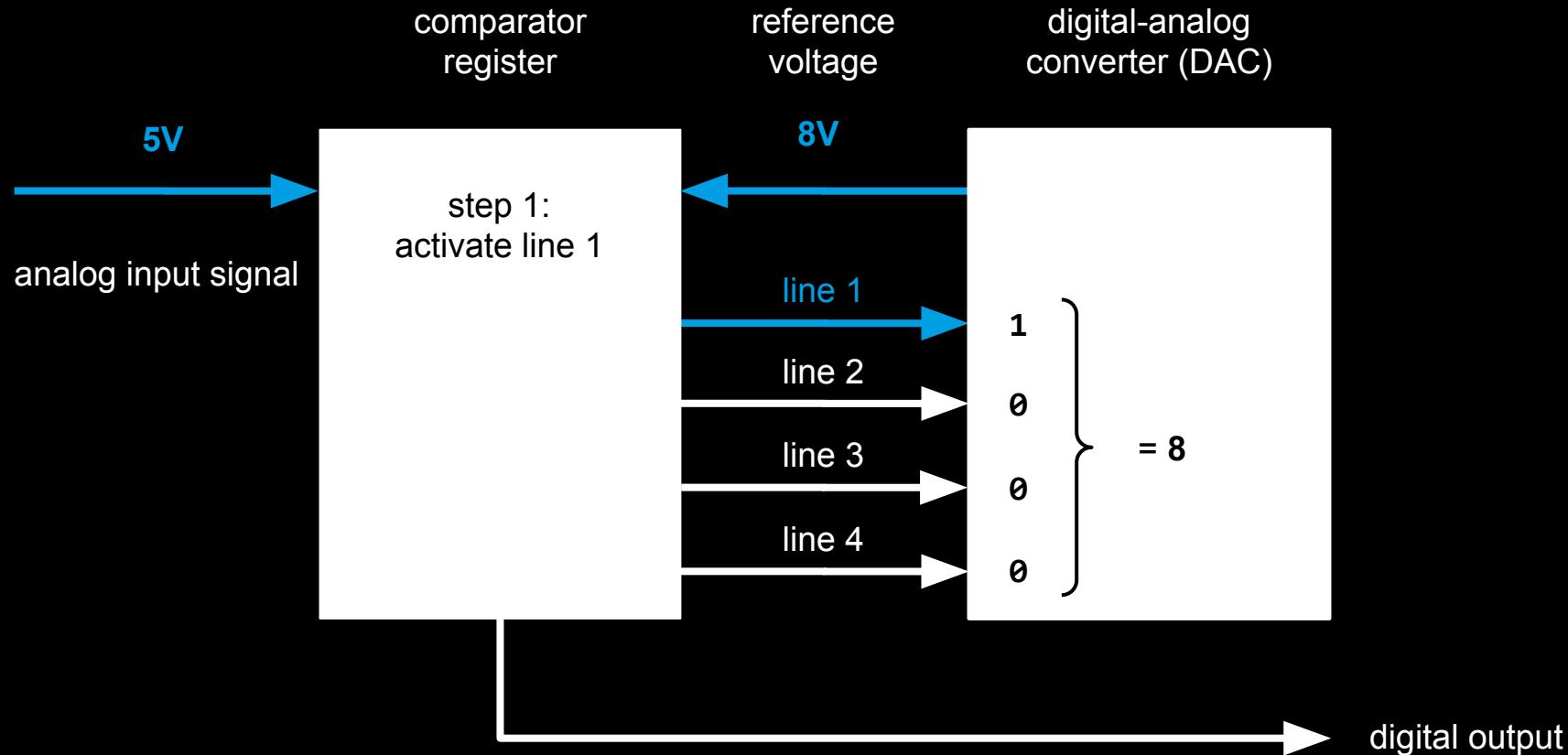
encoding the series of
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and assign meaning

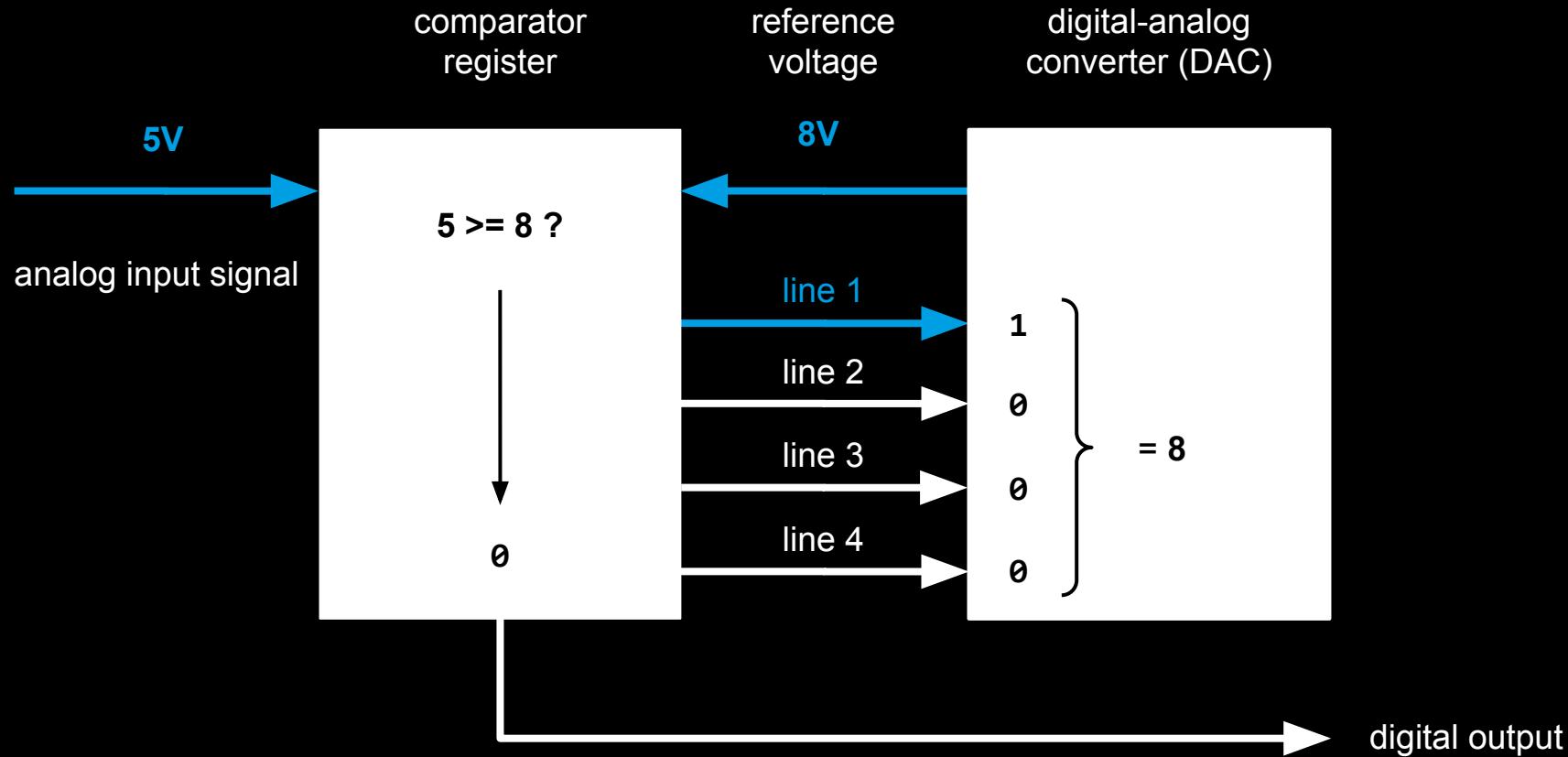


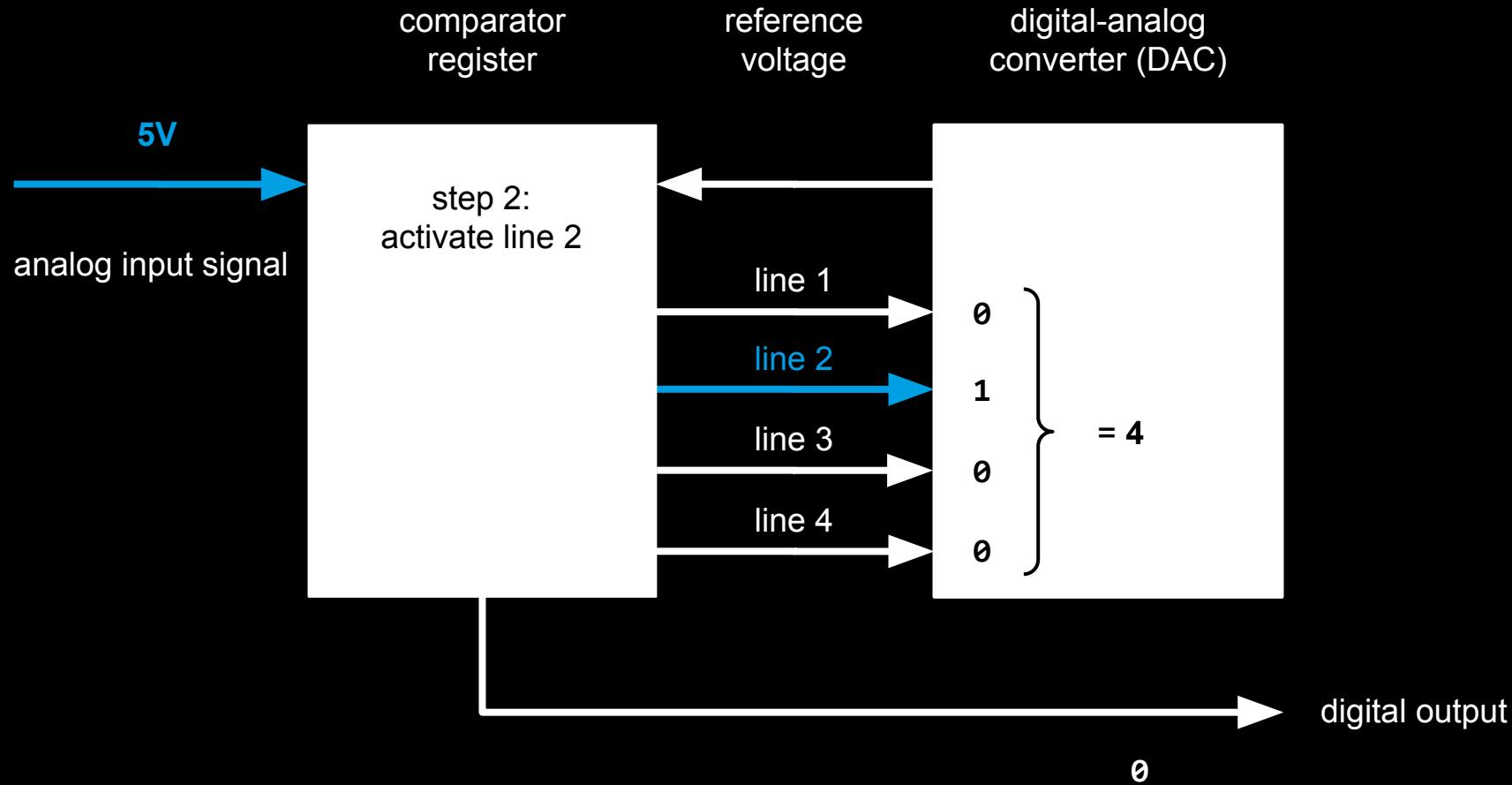


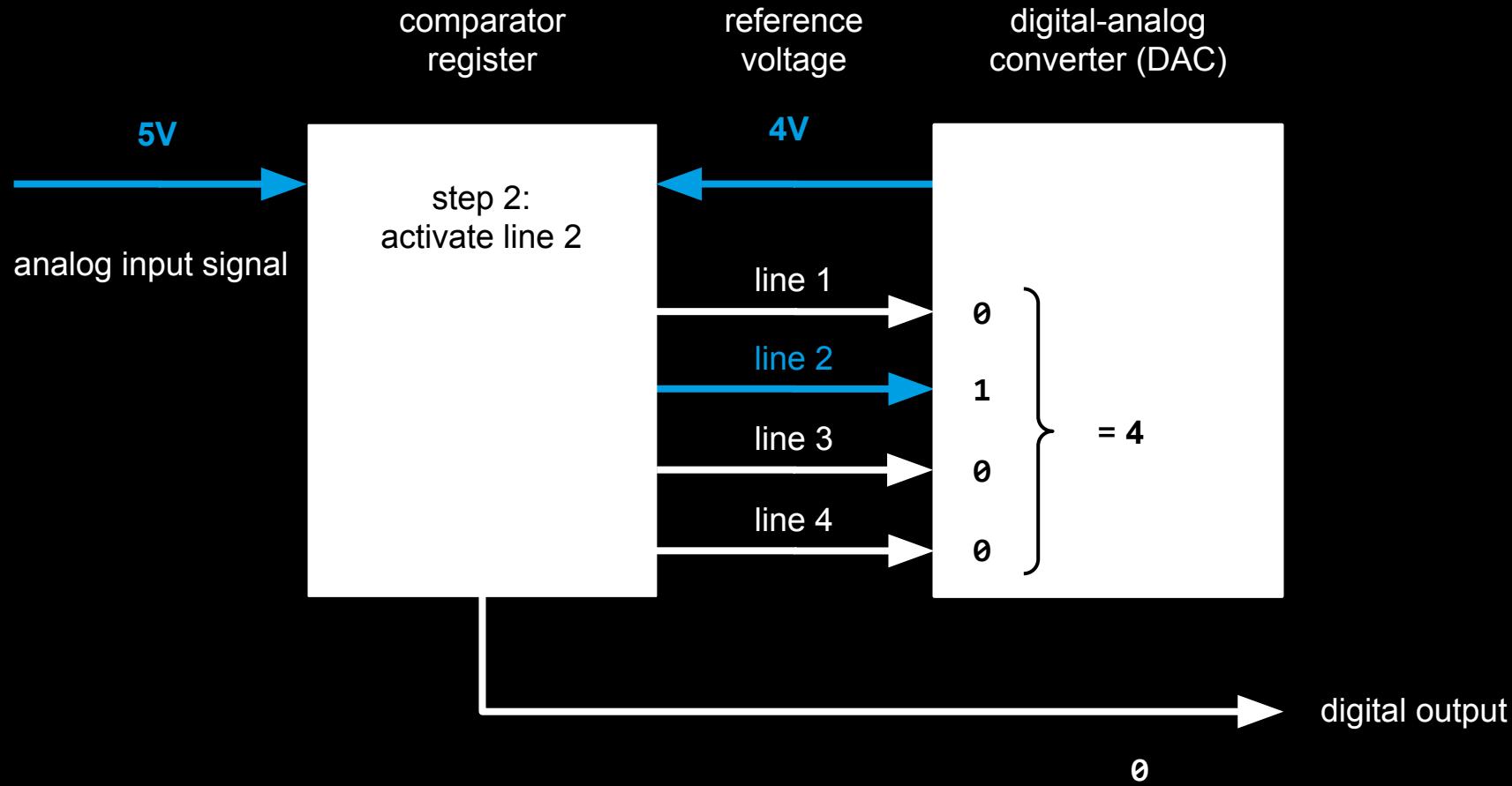


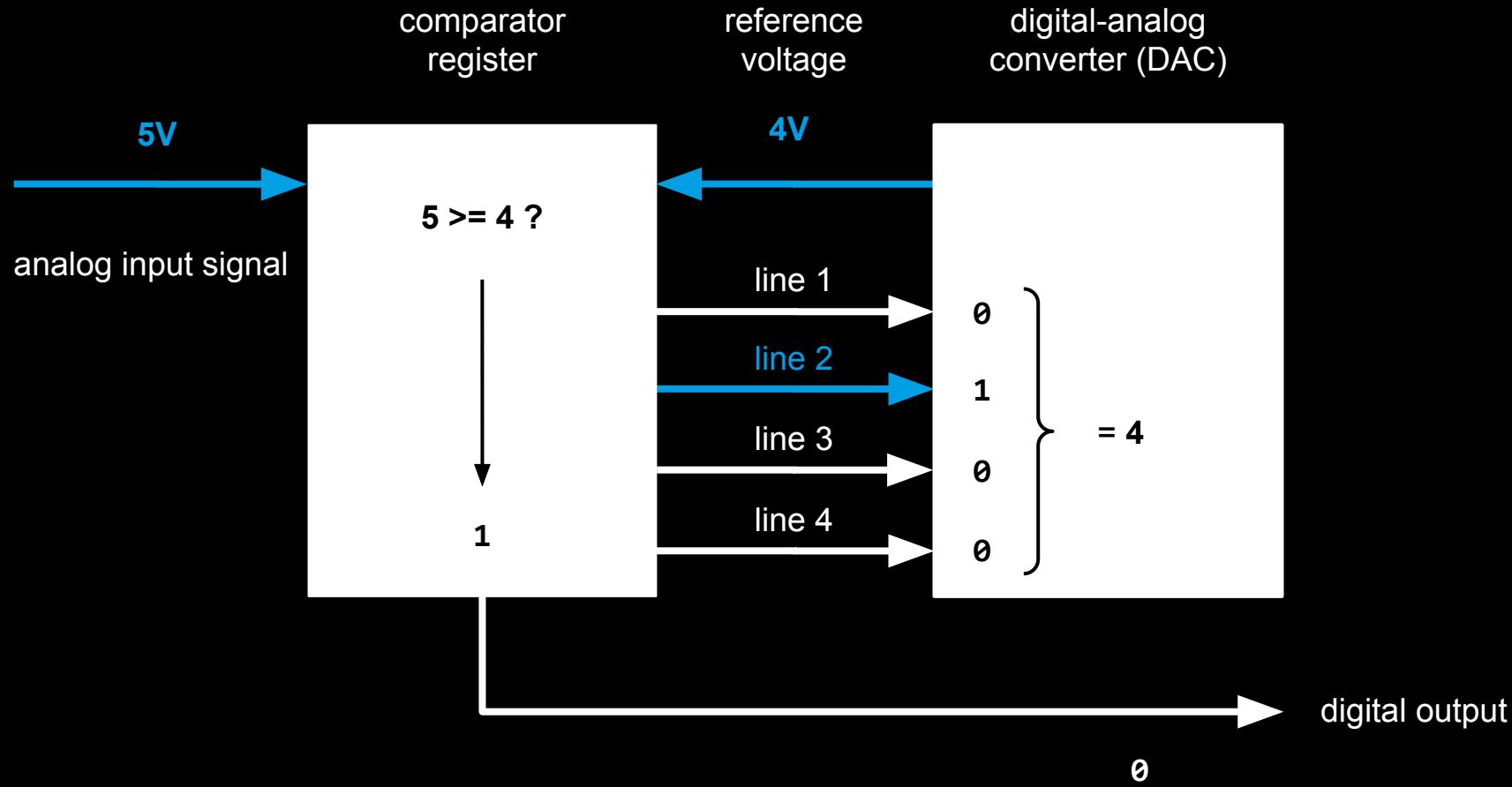


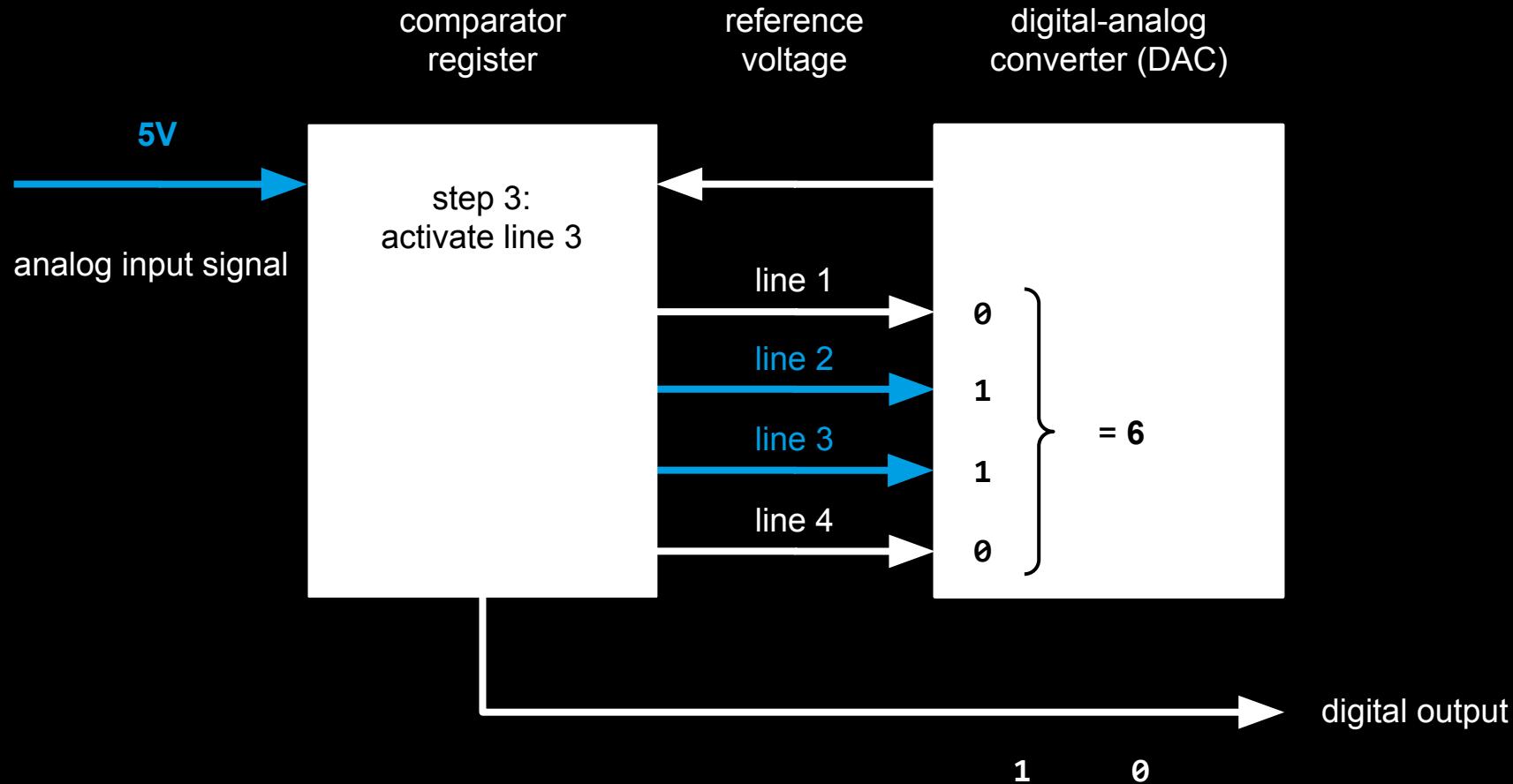


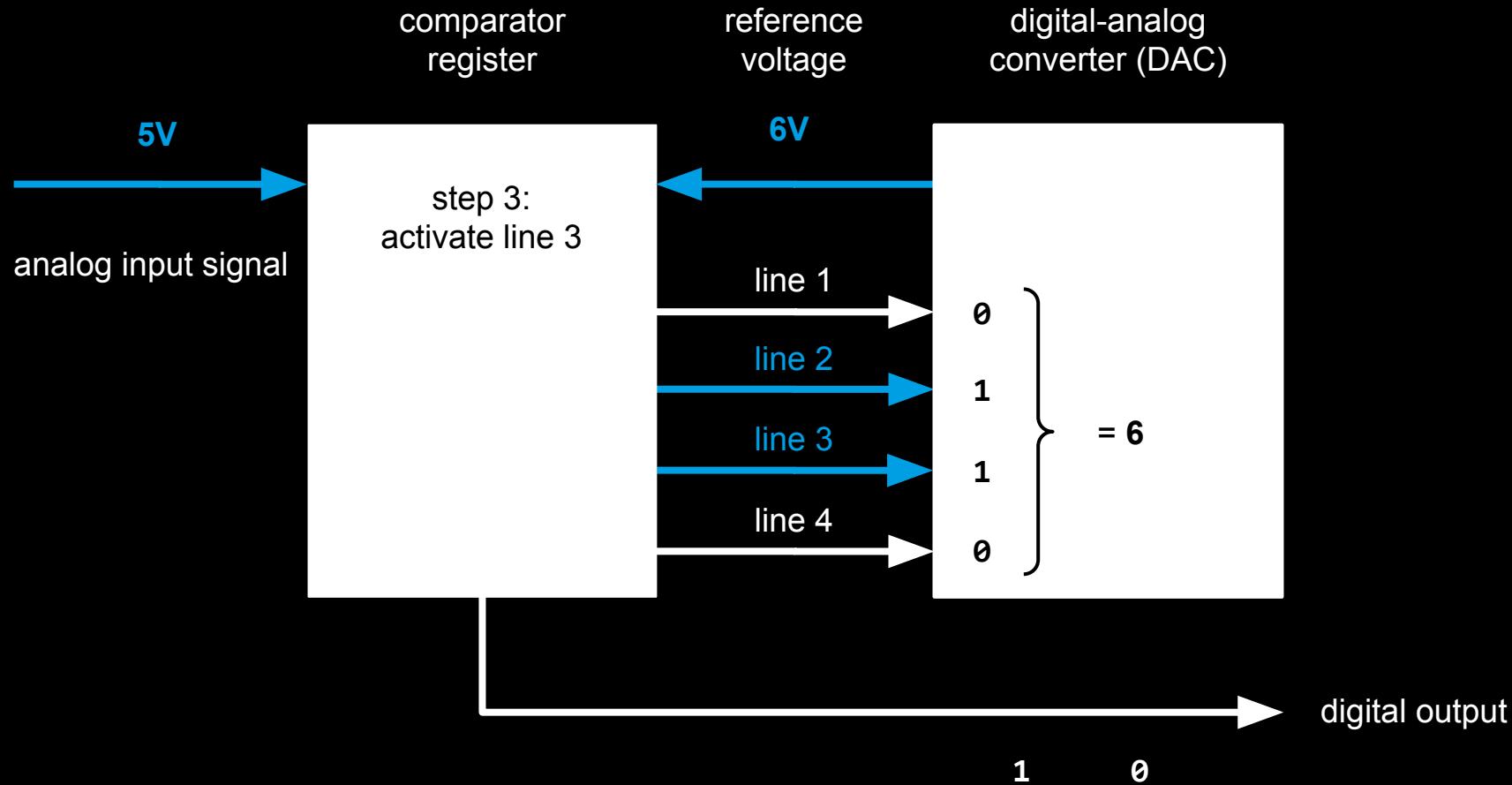


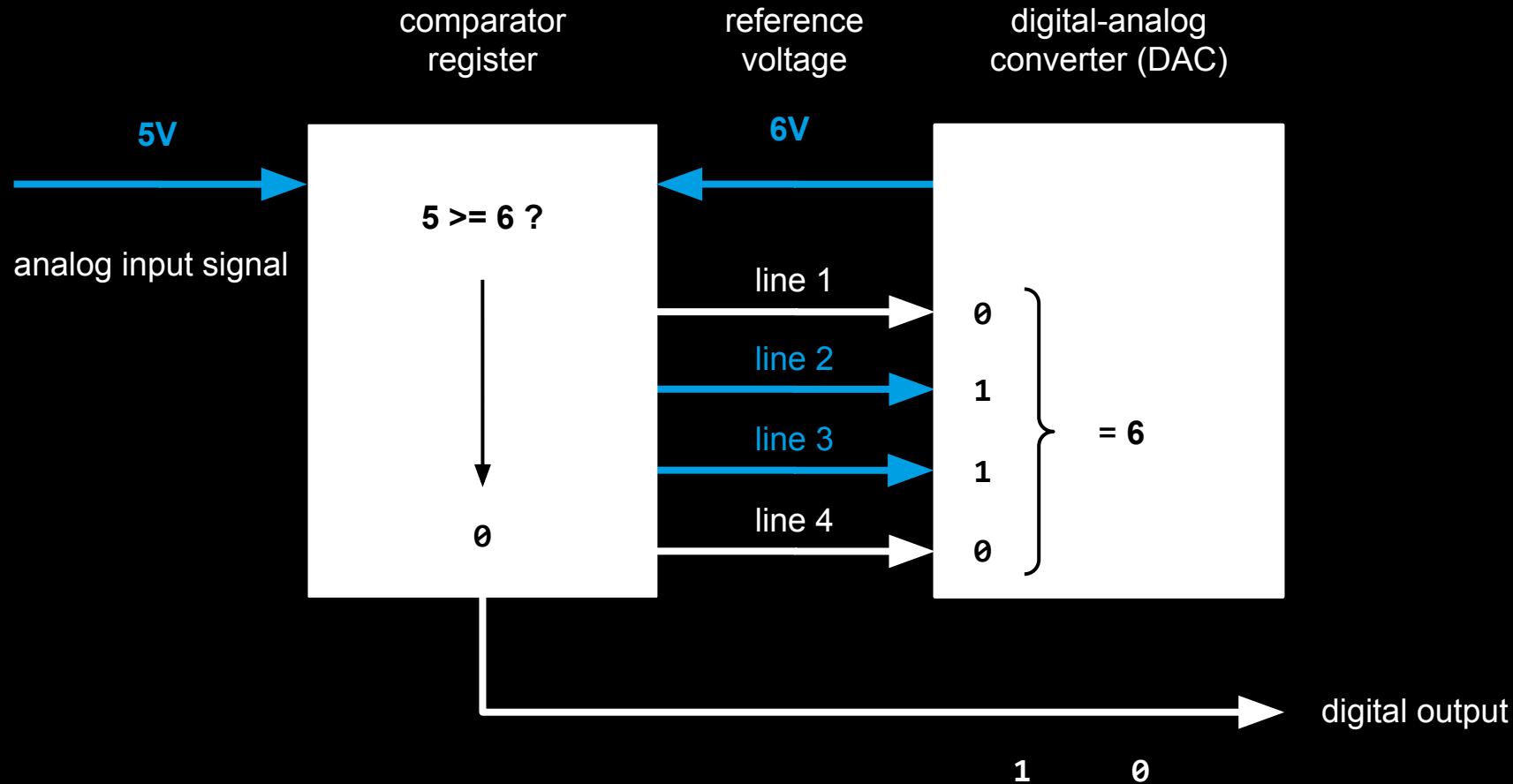


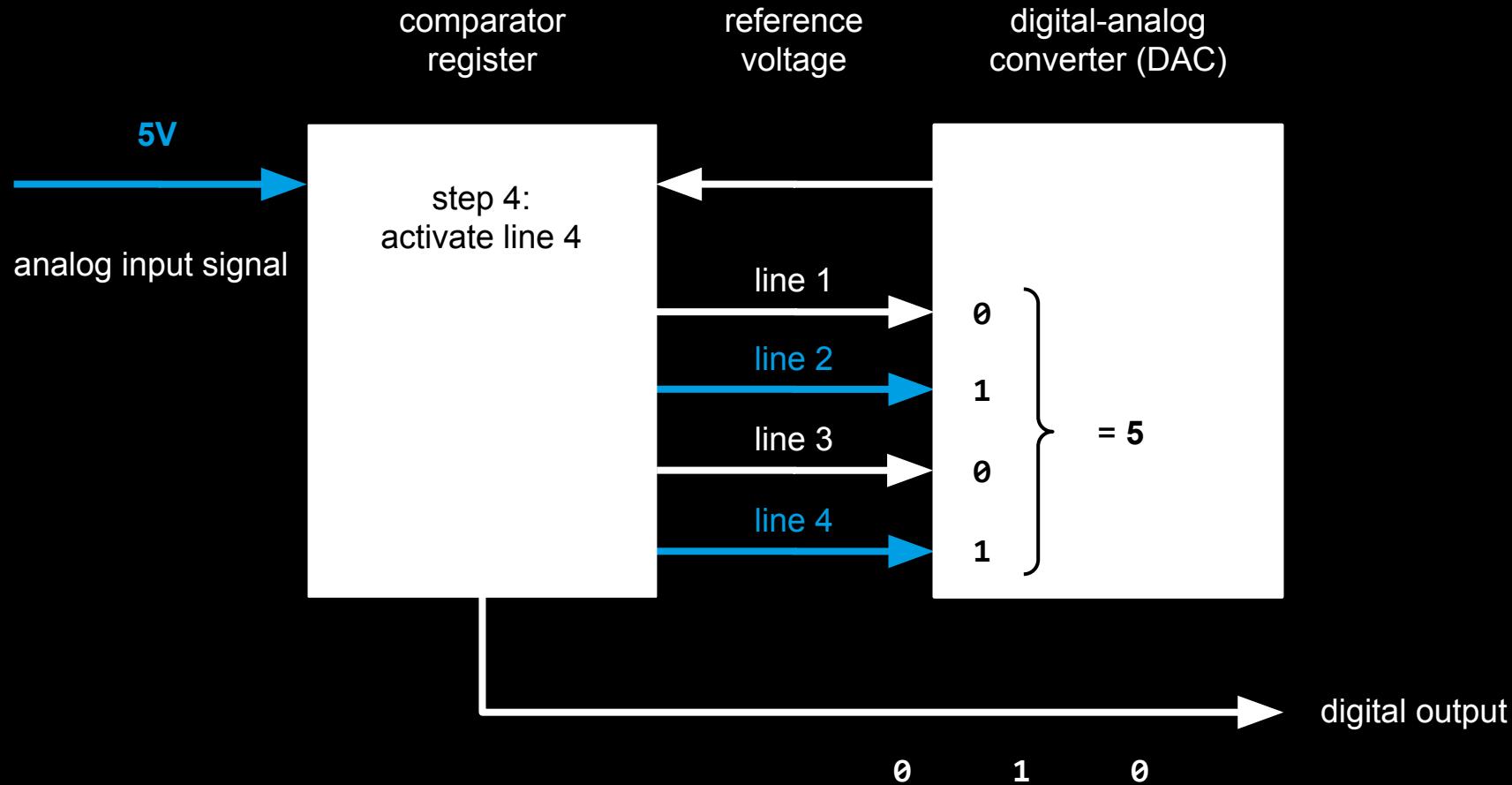


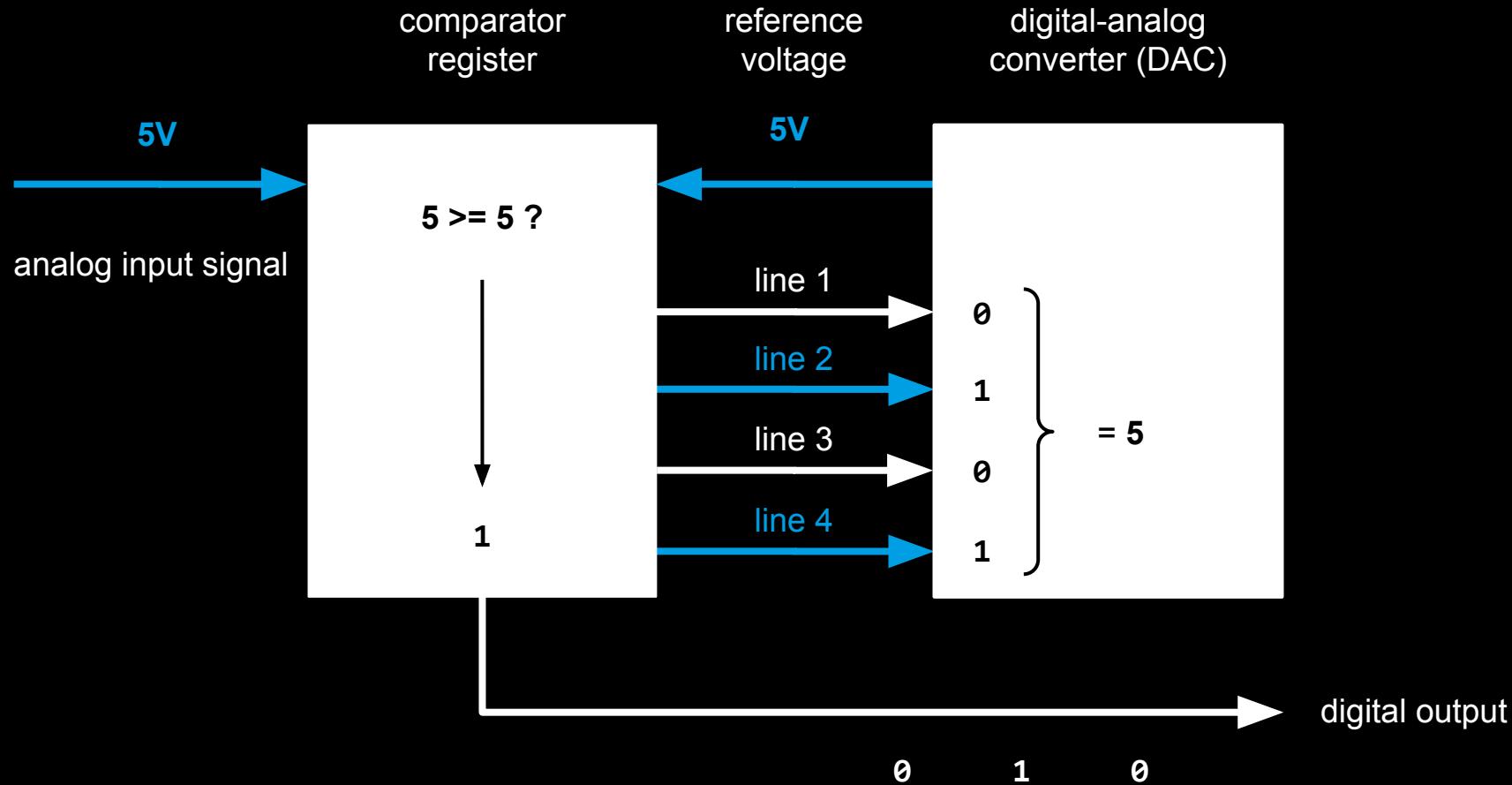


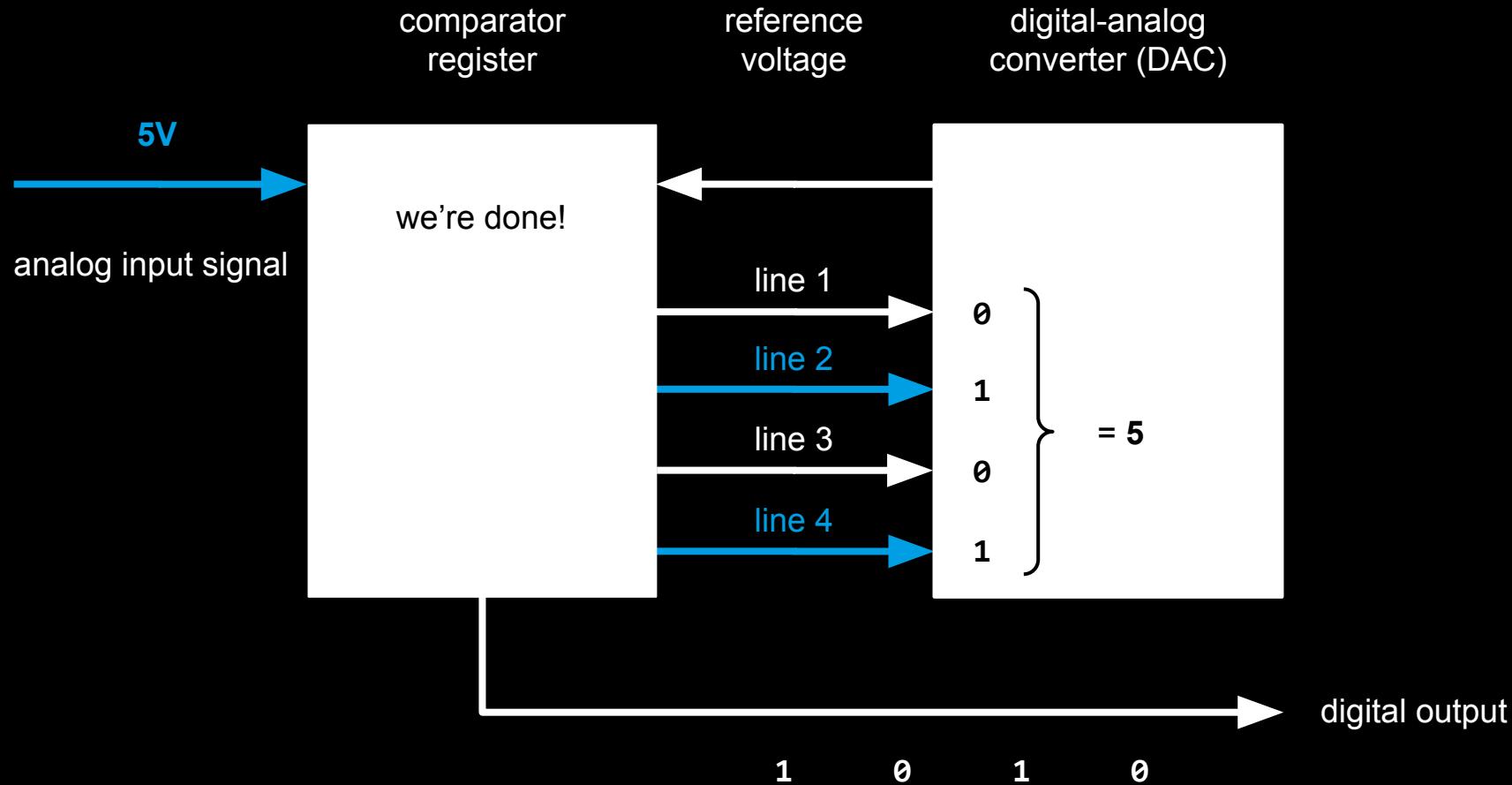




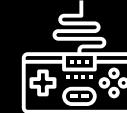


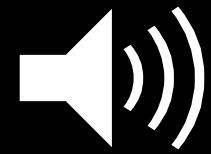






so, what analog signal is measured?





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

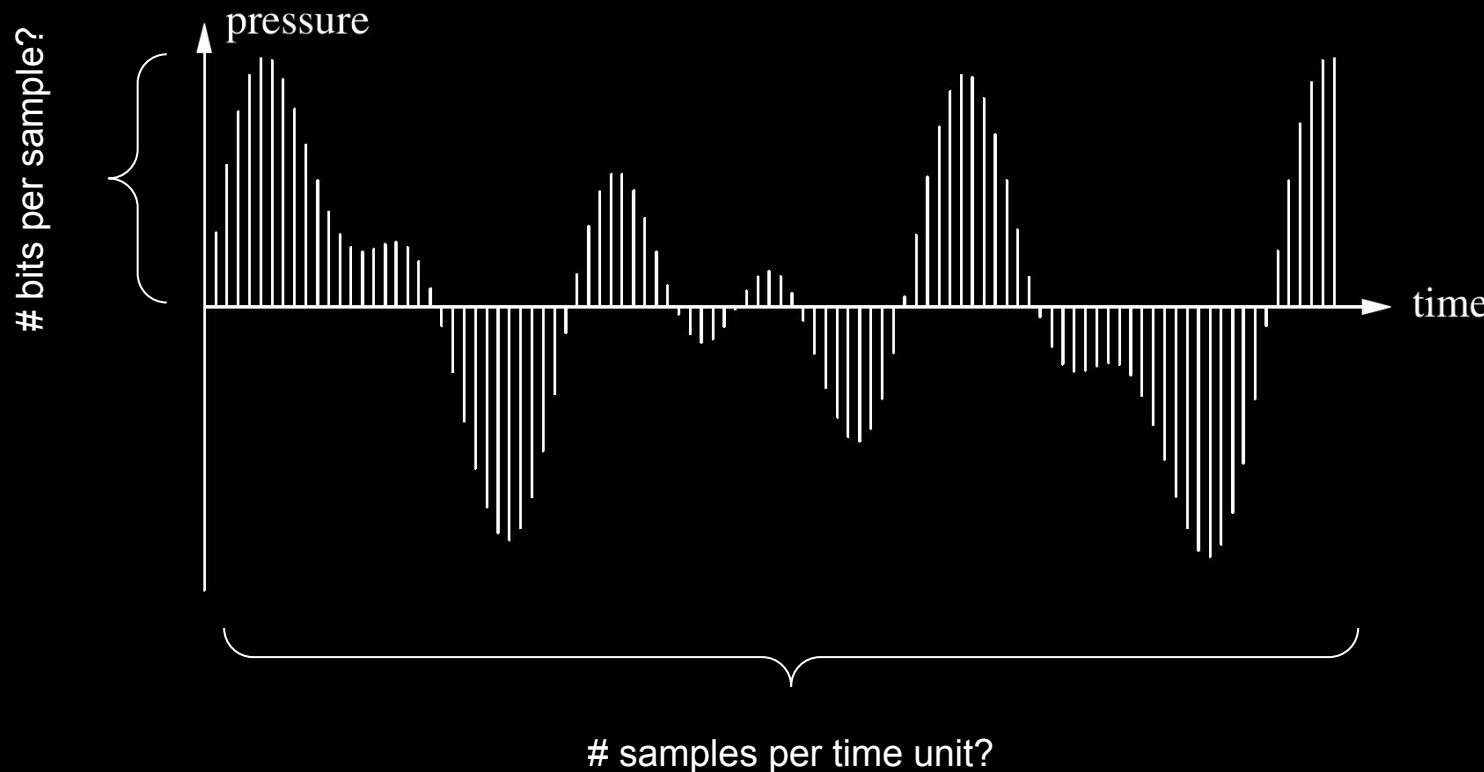




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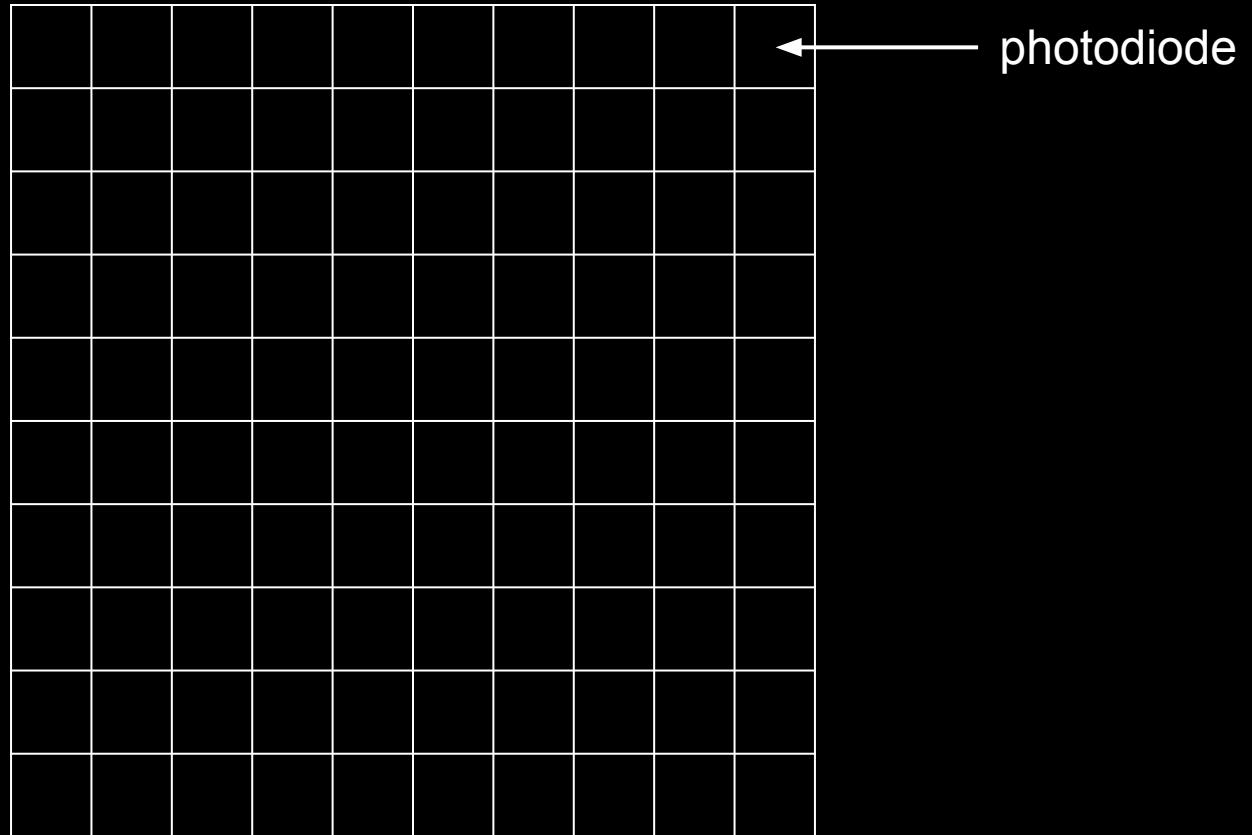
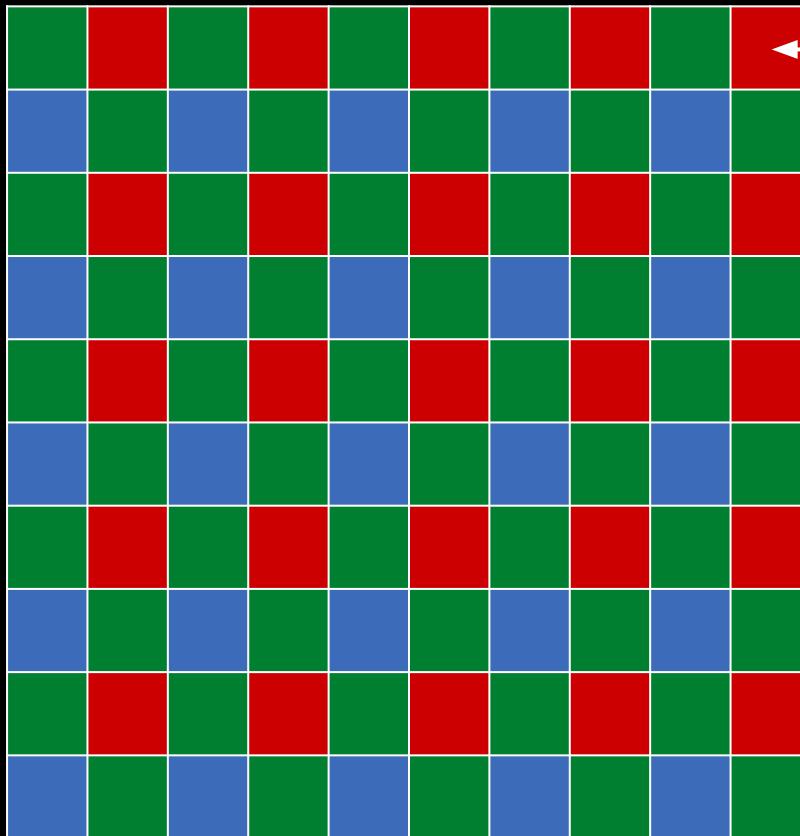
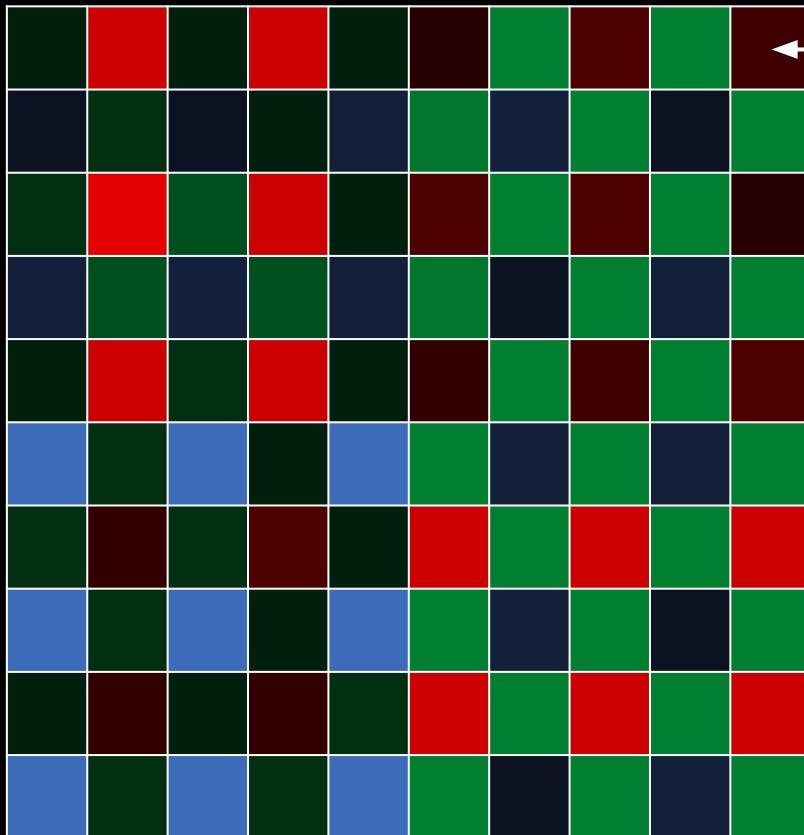


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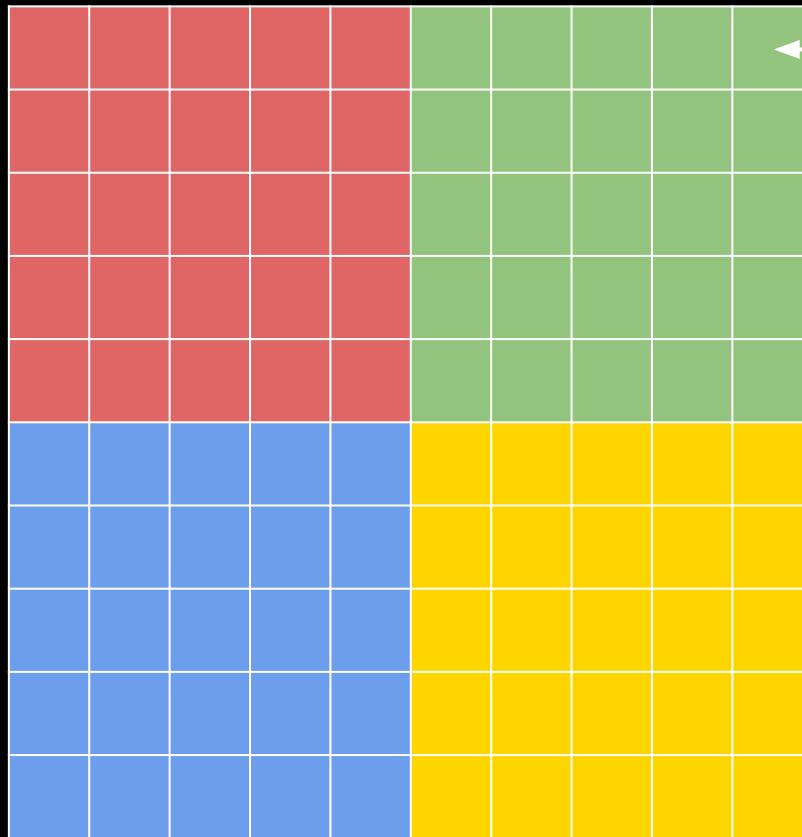
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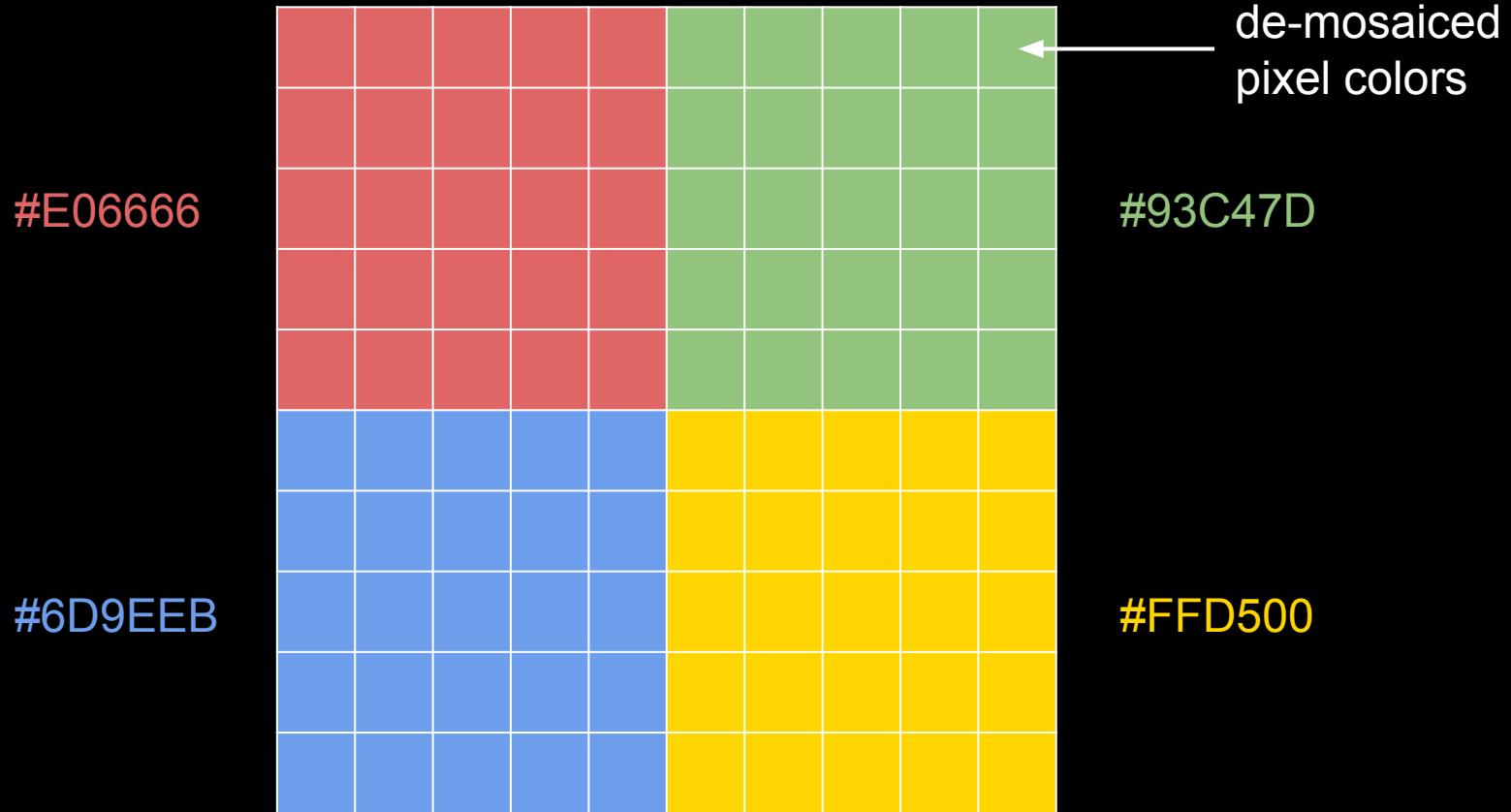
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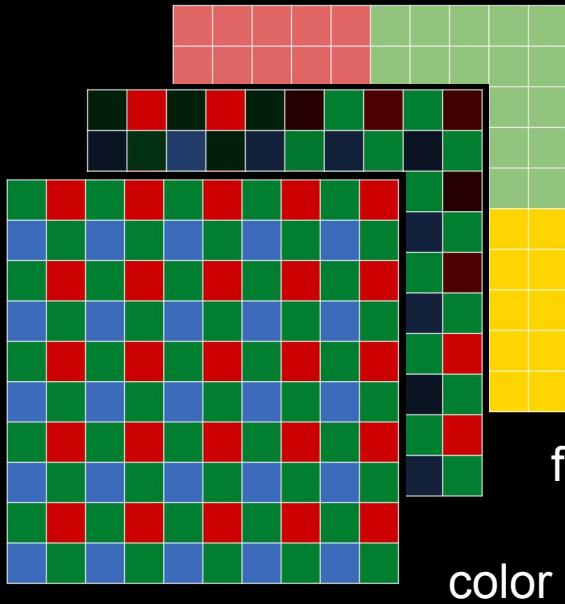
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de-mosaiced
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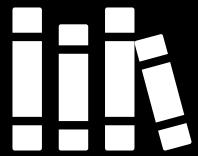




de-mosaiced pixel colors

filtered light

color filter



typing text

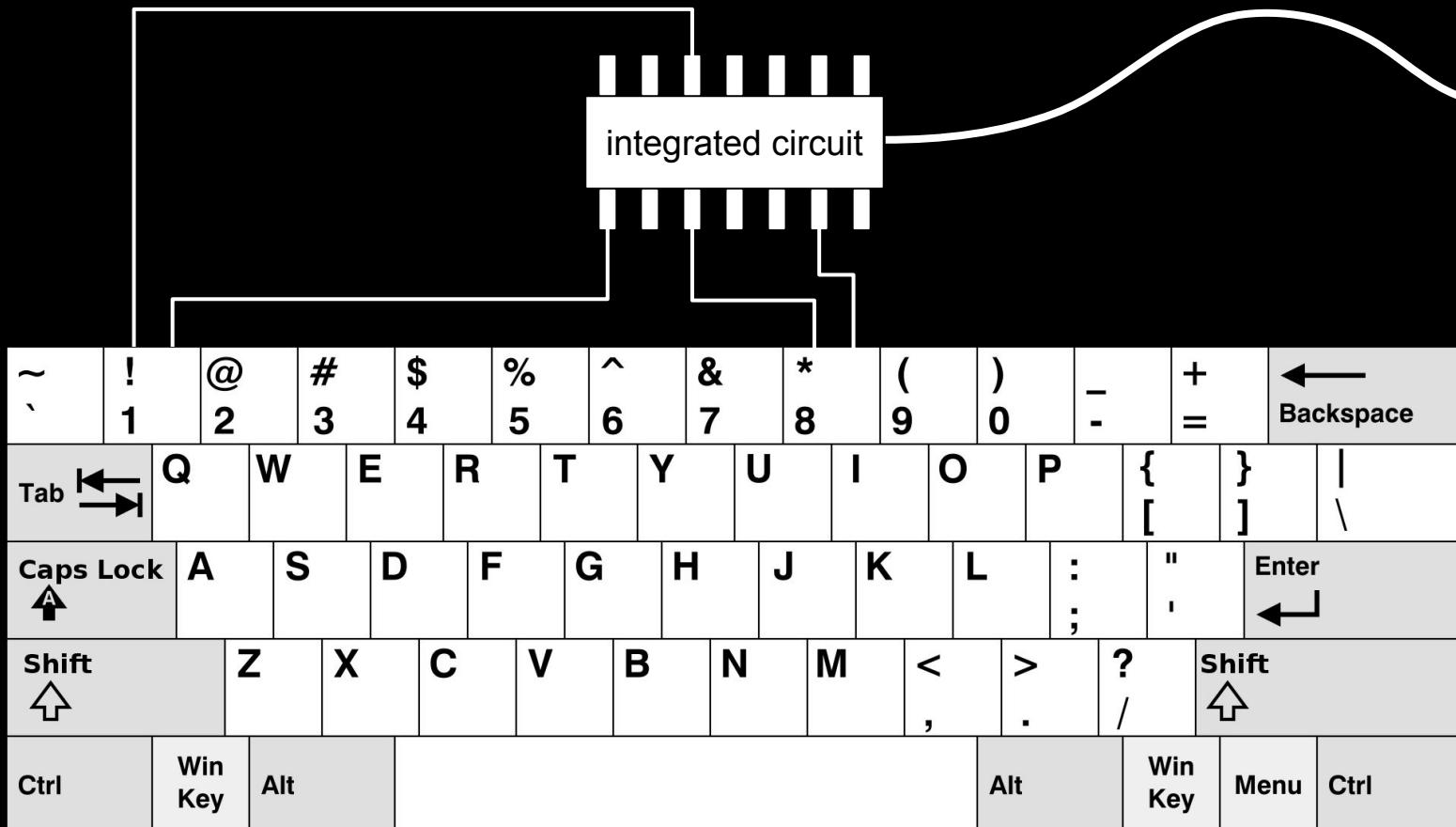


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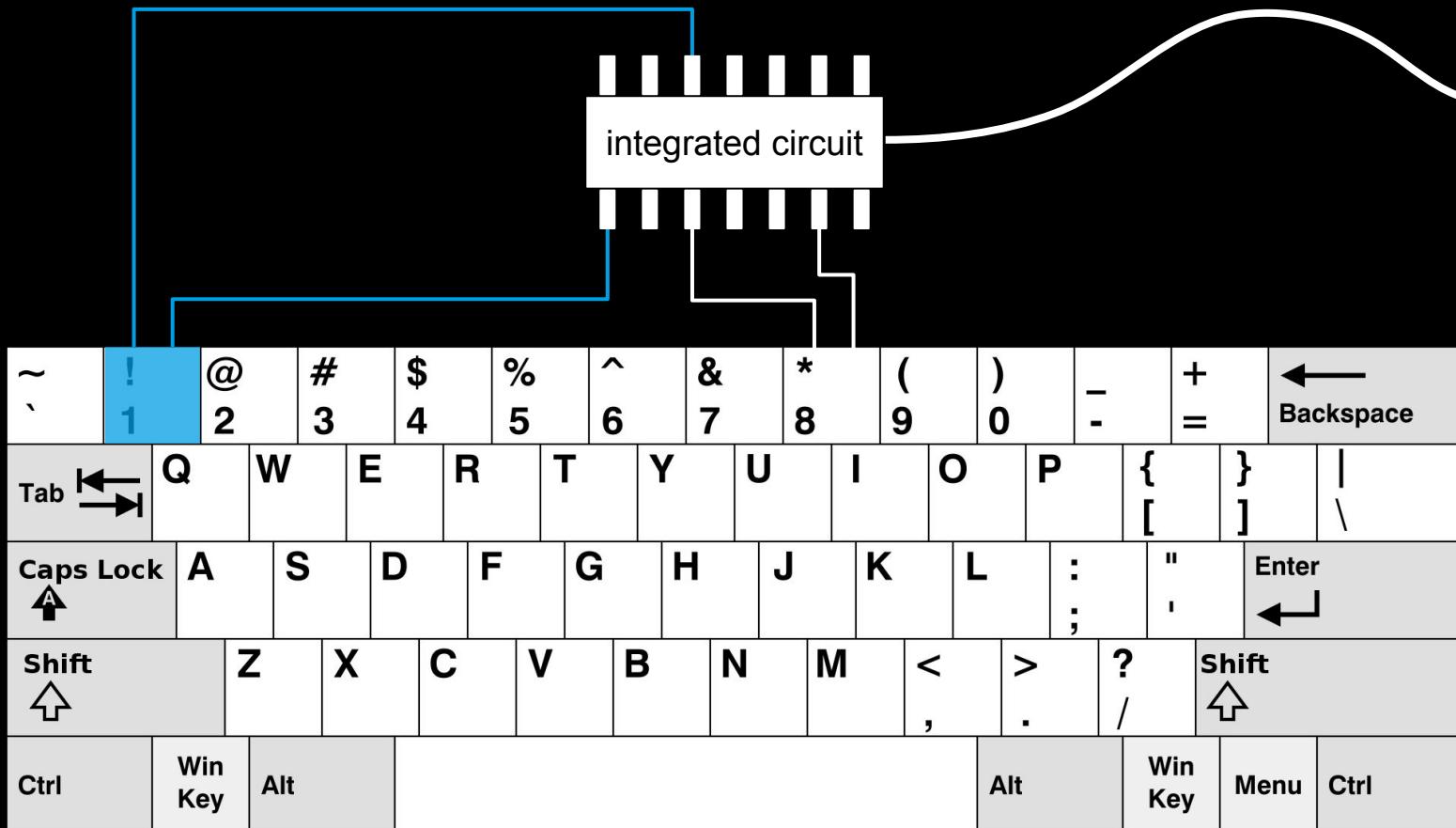
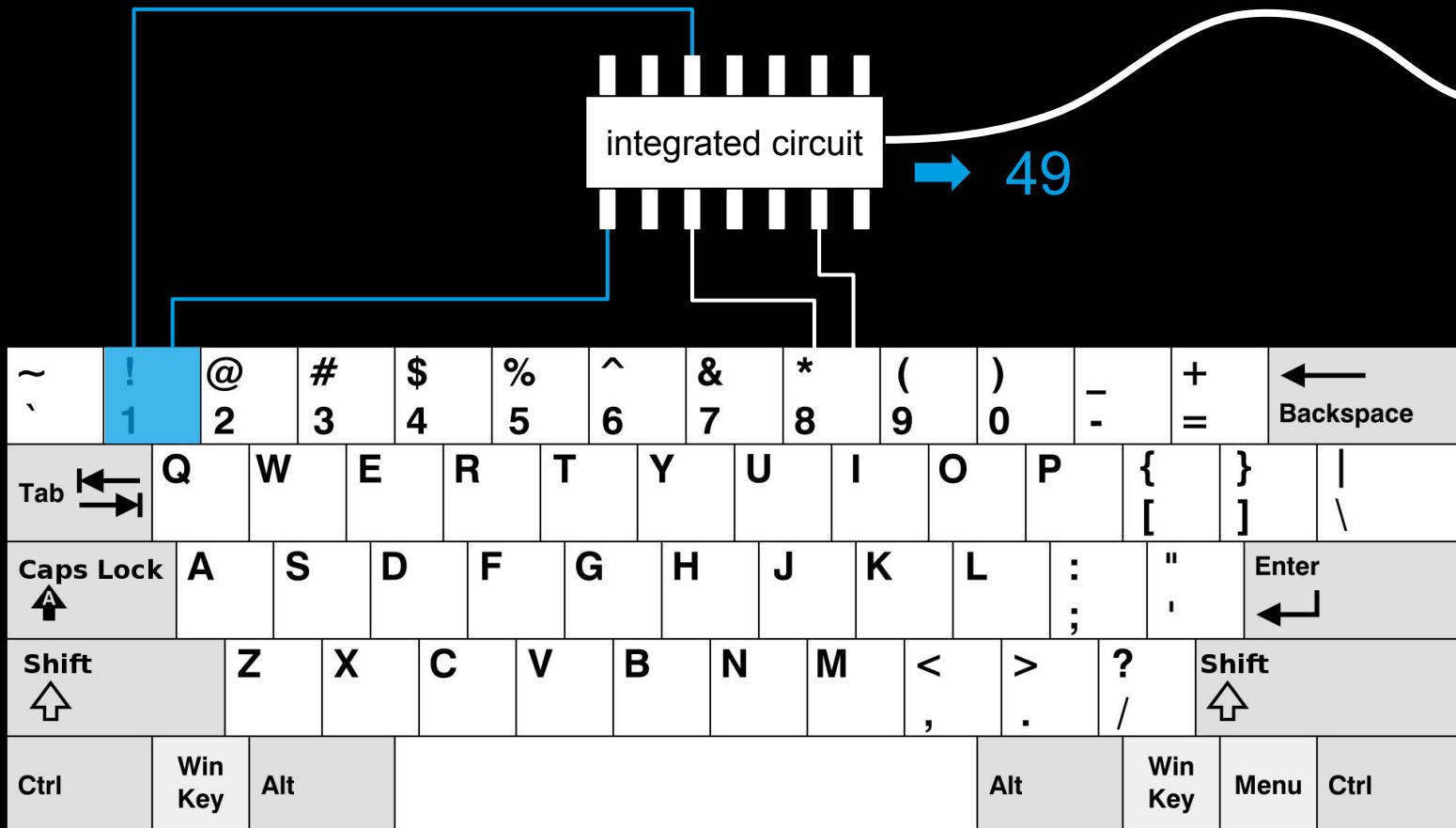
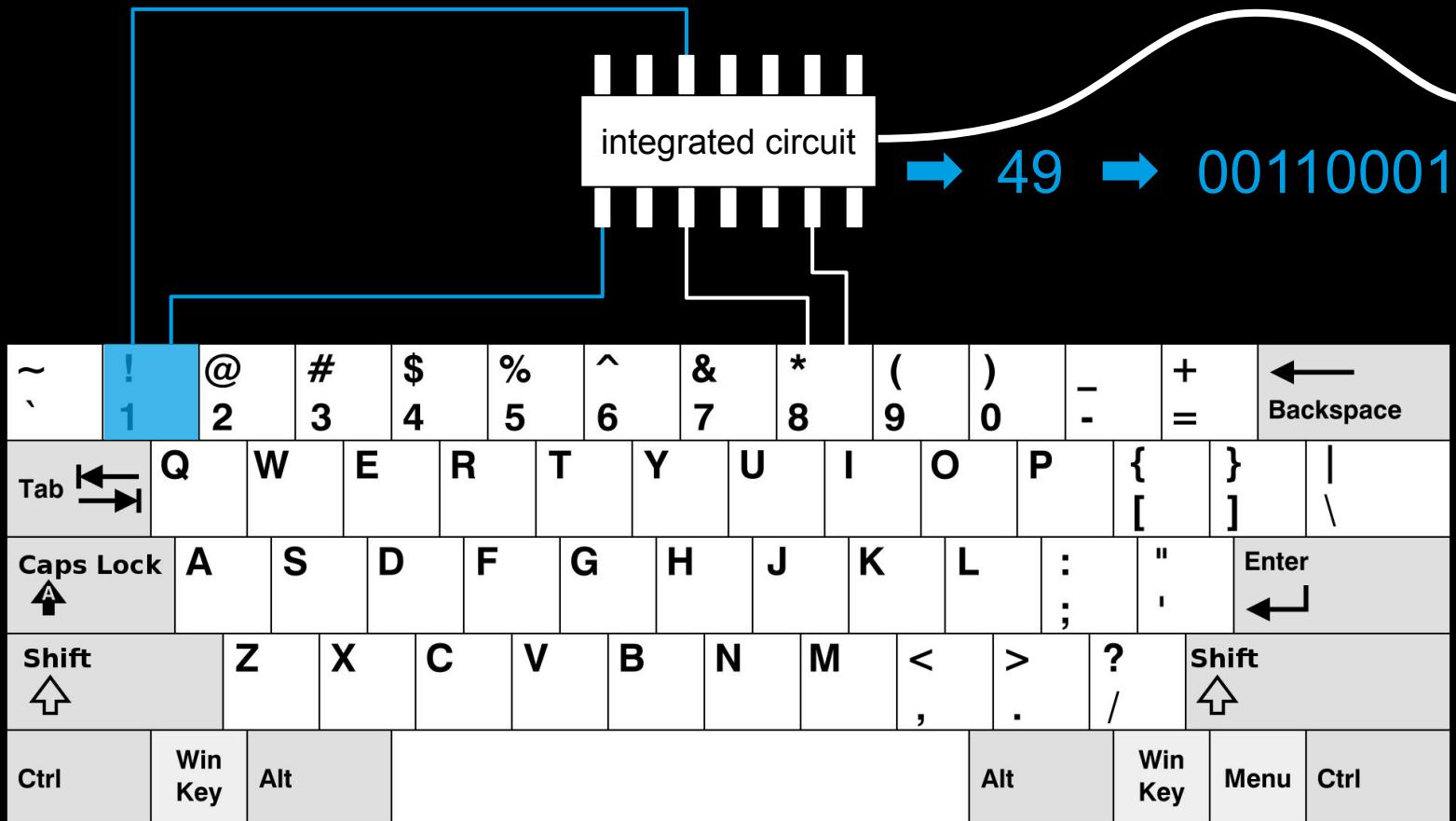


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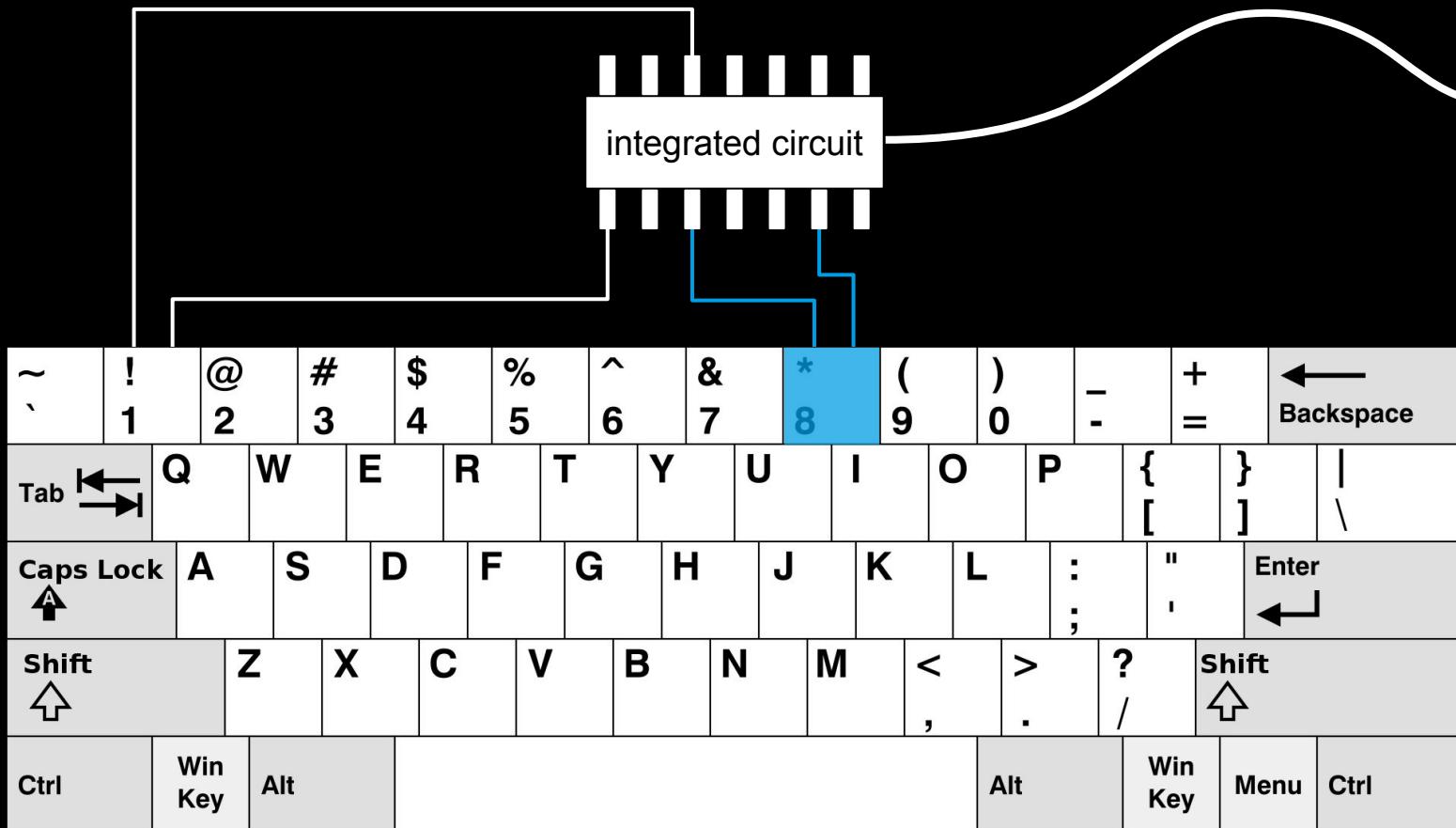
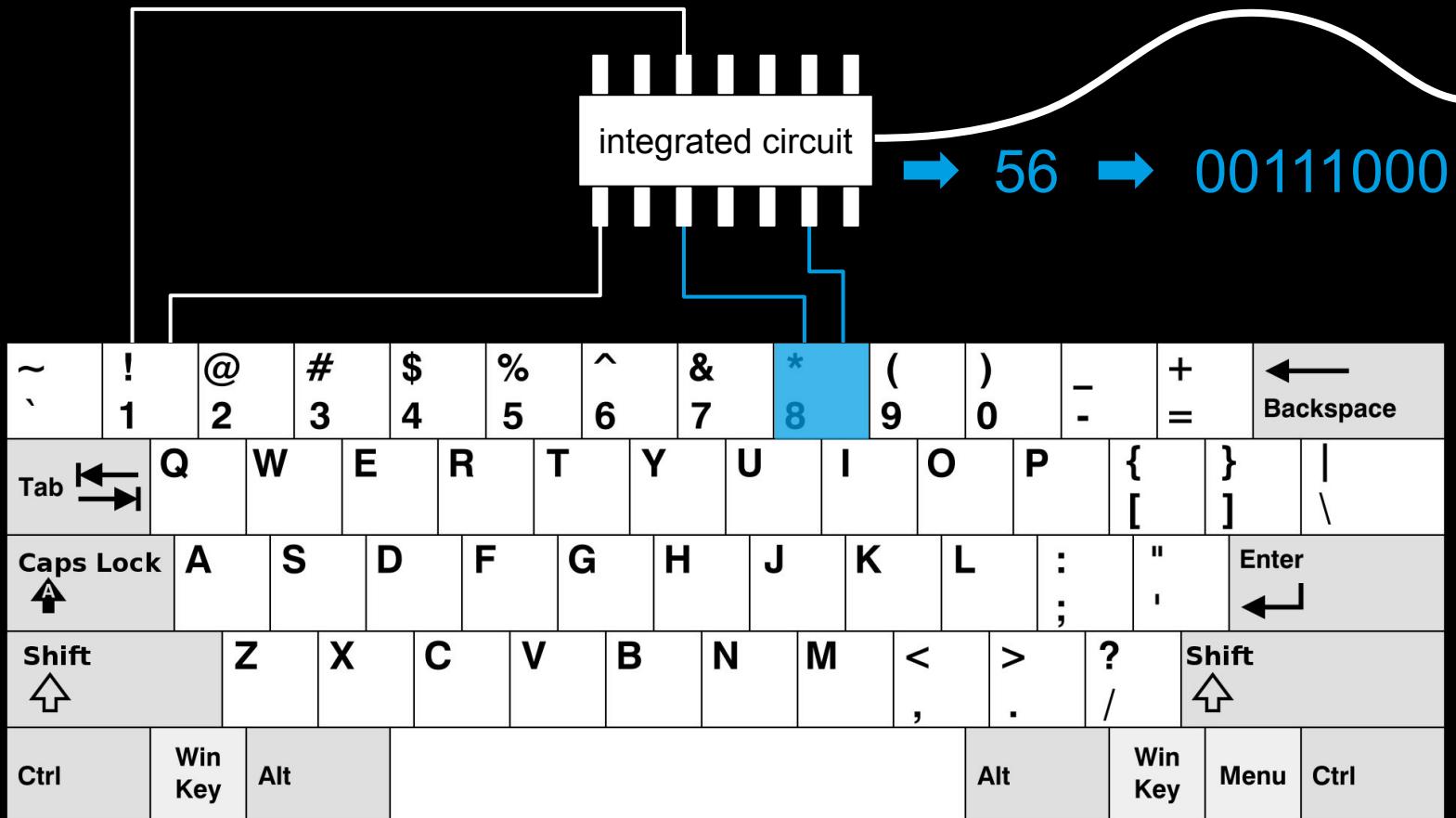


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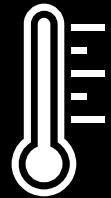


scanning text



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optical character recognition (OCR)



temperature sensor

A thermometer measures the temperature using a proxy, such as electrical resistance. The result is a change in voltage, which can be converted into a temperature.



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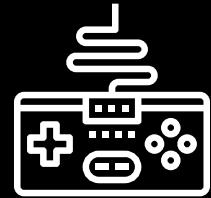




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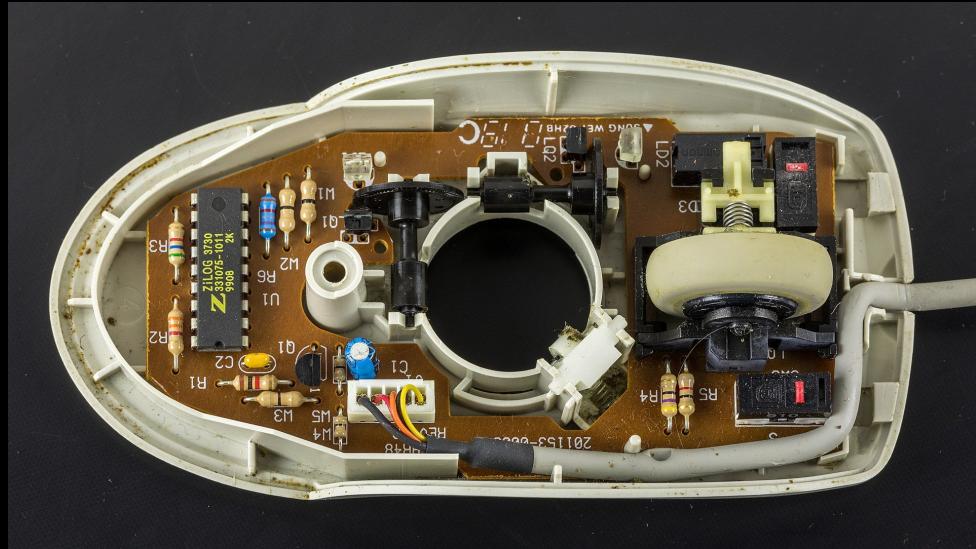


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