

Welcome to 7718 semester 1 2022 <u>Mixed Signal Electronic Circuits</u>

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Lecture 05

Converters basic theory and definitions

1. System applications, rate

2. Definitions: SNR, ENOBs, DNL, INL..

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ADC converter building blocks





The Output Rate: "MS/s" definition



□ It's the Rate of the digital bits that are coming out

- Depends on signal input maximum BW mostly it's the clock rate (non over sampled system)
- \Box The maximum data input frequency can be $\frac{1}{2}$ of this

An Example: 500MS/s → means maximum input signal is half of this about 250MHz

Output clock rate is 500MHz



Applications

Some Mixed Signal Applications

- ✓ Wireless LAN 1-100MS/s, 6b-11b
- ✓ Magnetic storage -0.2 1GS/s , 6b-8b
- ✓ xDSL 1MS/s 100MS/s 11b-14b (30 MHz ADC)
- \checkmark Ultrasound 40MS/s 8b-12b (20 MHz ADC)
- ✓ Digital TV -20MS/s 8b-10b (base band)
- ✓ Handy- GSM -400 MS/s 12b (base band)
- ✓ CATV decoder -10-20MS/s 8b-10b (modem ADC)
- ✓ HDTV 50-100MS/s 10b
- ✓ 1-10GbaseT 130MS/s-840MS/s 7b-9b
- ✓ Videos, Audios…etc.. etc..

Example: ADC DAC in wireless system





•Antenna length forces high frequency mod.

Old codecs, voice music.. DSL front ends – multi bit , one bit(CDRs) Wireless ADCs Sensing : X ray detection, ultrasounds

Example: DSL AFE Architecture







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Basics definitions



- Quantization noise (Qn) and Harmonics
 - Qn for Dual Tones
- □ SNR Signal to Noise
- DR Dynamic Range
- Distortions:
 - DNL

 - Missing codes
- □ SNRD Signal to Noise + Distortions
- ENOBs Effective Number of Bits
- □ SFDR Spurious Frequency Dynamic Range
- □ Clock Phase Noise Jitter
- □ FOM Figure of Merit

Basics ADC







Basics DAC



The make ing of ADC





- □ ADC deals with 2 signals analog inputs and digital outputs.
 - \Box X(t) is continuous time input signal
 - \Box X(n) is discrete time signal. Defined by sampling interval T.

X*(t) is a discrete signal output

Sampling process





Sampling- A Step Back At Fourier Transform

Fourier Series
If x(t) periodic
$$(f_0 = \frac{1}{T_0})$$

 $C_x(nf_0) = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-\frac{T_0}{2}}^{\frac{T_0}{2}} x(t) e^{-j2\pi n f_0 t} dt$

Triangle wave 0, 8/pi*Pi, 8/9pi*pi, 8/25pi*Pi Only non even..

x(t) can be written as:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_x(nf_0) e^{j2\pi n f_0 t} \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

$$=A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n cos 2\pi n f_0 t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n sin 2\pi n f_0 t$$

 $C_x(nf_0) = A_n - jB_n$

Any periodic signal can be constructed from sum of sin waves.

The power (or PSD) density is:

$$S_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |C_x(nf_0)|^2 \delta(f - f_0) df = \text{Power}$$

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Also the power in t domain

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} (x^2(t))^2 dt$$

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$$f_sX(f) + f_sX(f - f_s) + f_sX(f - 2f_s) + f_sX(f - 3f_s) + \cdots$$
$$f_sX(f + f_s) + f_sX(f + 2f_s) + f_sX(f + 3f_s) + \cdots$$
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Note:

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The Shannon Theorem says:

Sampling: The Shannon theorem

"If a signal x(t) has a Limited Bandwidth (-BW, BW), it can be univocally determined by its samples x(nT) if the Sampling frequency is at least twice the bandwidth:

$$f_s = \frac{1}{T} \ge 2BW$$

Limited Bandwidth is a Necessary but not Sufficient condition

Xs(f)

 $1/T \ge 2BW$ is only a Sufficient but not Necessary condition

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f(s)

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Converter building blocks





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KEY: How each component works, its transfer function, what is the optimum? first to the definitions ! (lect. 2)



CLASS OF CONVERTERS

Nyquist converter





Nyquist converter:max speed lowest clock2fm(2xBW) < fs</td>2fm very close to fs.

Remember:

S&H not always needed LPF: Not always needed



Nyquist 1928 Over sampling converter



over sample converter: max speed lowest clock 2fm < fs





But... when is Nq random, do not sample at exact points..



□ Sample rate not repeated close to signal frequency or Nq. will not have enough information..

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Converters definitions



- \checkmark Resolution
- $\checkmark\,$ Quantization Noise (Qn) and harmonics
- \checkmark Qn for dual tones
- ✓ SNR
- ✓ Distortion:
 - ✓ Missing codes
 - ✓ INL/DNL
- $\checkmark\,$ ENOBs and SFDR definitions
- ✓ Clock jitter
- ✓ Thermal and 1/f noise
- $\checkmark\,$ Supply noise and substrate noise
- ✓ Mismatches

Resolution



□ It's the measure of number of digital bit at the output of the converter (ADC).



□ Its not an indication of the quality of the converter (bits may or may not move).

□ The number of bits of the digital code is finite, namely n.





Resolution, contouring



image signals are very sensitive to local resolution loss, e.g DNL.

Application location and data rate and resolution





Quantization noise - error

- □ The number of bits of the digital code is finite, namely n. 2^n
- For n bit we have possible codes each code represent a given *Quantization Level*.
- □ The error due to the Quantization is called the *Quantization Error* and ranges between ± half Quantization Level (LSB).
- □ This error is a consequence and a measure of the finite ADC resolution.

Possible Codes = 2^n

- Digital bits are limited: 9, 10, 16 etc..
 Therefore can't represent the input signal perfectly: error
- Quantization LSB error can't be higher then the resolution vice versa is possible





Uniform Sampling and Quantization



- Most common way of performing A/D conversion
 - Sample signal uniformly in time
 - Quantize signal uniformly in amplitude
- Key questions
 - How much "noise" is added due to amplitude quantization?
 - How can we reconstruct the signal back into analog form?
 - How fast do we need to sample?

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Must avoid "aliasing"

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EE 247 - Chapter 8: Sampling & Quantization



□ Input minus output after gain and offset errors are nulled

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Assuming the input signal has uniform density function over each code bin then quantization noise is well approximated by uniform distribution and white spectrum

Quantization Noise Power

- deterministic approach (assume input is a ramp)
- stochastic approach (assume rapidly varying input)

probability density function



(it's a uniform distribution.)

rms value of quantization noise is (noise has zero-mean):

$$V_{n(rms)} = \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_n(x) dx\right]^{1/2} = \left[\frac{1}{V_{LSB}}\int_{-\frac{V_{LSB}}{2}}^{\frac{V_{LSB}}{2}} x^2 dx\right]^{1/2} = \frac{V_{LSB}}{\sqrt{12}}$$

quantization noise power is:

$$\frac{(V_{LSB})^2}{12}$$

• this noise power is spread between $-f_s/2$ and $f_s/2$

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 $Nq = \frac{V_{LSB}}{\sqrt{12}}$

approximately 1/3 of an LSB !

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Just another way





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Quantization noise Calculation - in term of full scale



 \Box To maximize or distribute all the available codes we split the full scale (V_{pk}) to all the possible codes.

$$V_{fs} = V_{LSB} \cdot 2^{n} - 1$$
Substitute into the quantization noise Eq.
$$Nq = \frac{V_{LSB}}{\sqrt{12}}$$

$$Quantization Noise$$

$$n_{Q}^{2} = \frac{VFS^{2}}{12 \cdot 2^{2 \cdot Nbit} - 1}$$

□ A Sine wave for example at the end point (slowly moving input) may not be uniform enough over the code bin.



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Quantization noise density – An Example

How far does it spread and how does it depend on frequency?

The quantization noise spreads to the half of the clock frequency. (+/- fs/2)

That is to say we can define quantization noise per root hertz. And now get the total noise for a fixed Band Width that we operate in. (a must for non Nyquist converters)

Example1:

a) If LSB is 1 mV and we sample at 2 MHz: <u>288uV is spread over 1 MHz</u>. which means 0.288uV/sqrtHz-- \rightarrow 288uV/sqrt(1e6) (Qnoise)

b) If we sample at 16 MHz the quantization noise density is : <u>0.101 uV/sqrHz</u> \rightarrow 288uv/sqrt(8e6)





Quantization harmonics



Can quantization produce non linear output signal? – Yes.- in advance notes

We measure its Harmonics ? Non linearity's ?



Elements of Transfer Diagram for an Ideal Linear ADC



SNR

SNR Definition

- □ In telecommunication the output quality is measured in term of Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR)
- Definition: SNR is defined as the ratio of output signal, so power to the base band noise power at the output No. Including Quantization, Harmonics (sometime not), and all Flicker Thermal Jitter noises.

$$SNR = 20 \log \frac{V_{in(rms)}}{V_{q(rms)}}$$

□ What are the units ?

Sine wave - SNR due to Quantization noise



Sin Wave, $V_{in} = A \sin \omega t$



Key: The noise is spread: to +/fs/2

Signal Power = Mean Square Root

$$v_{in}^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} A^2 \sin(\omega t)^2 dt = \frac{A^2}{2}$$

out

How is A related to LSB? △





$$20 \log 2^n + 10 \log(3/2)$$



Remember:

- But it is not exact for 1-4 bit there is some deviation (1bit: 6.31dB instead of 7.78 dB)
- Above 4 bits the error is in the second digit point of the SNR

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Example: SNR 1 bit converter exact calculations



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An example

example:

100mV sine wave is applied to an Ideal 12b converter which has its maximum range at 1V. Find the SNR of the digitized output, plot it (remember n = converter number of bits)

$$LSB = \frac{1}{2^{12} - 1}$$

$$SNR = [6.02 \cdot n + 1.76] = 74 dB$$

$$SNR = 10 \log \frac{\left(\frac{01}{2}\right)^2 12}{\frac{1}{2^{12} \cdot 2}} = 60 dB \implies 10 \log \frac{A^2/2}{A^2/12}$$

$$(V)$$

Same as: 100mV is 14dB below 0.5V (20*log5)

= 74 – 14= 60dB



Plot SNR Vs. sine amplitude





Some input are not sine waves but have much higher signal peak to RMS value. complex waveform QAM In that case SNRpk represent the peak value to the RMS noise..









DISTORTIONS IN CONVERTERS

How to calculate distortion



Methods

Fourier transform of the output points	1
Evaluate with Numerical Polynomial of the data point	2
Evaluate the INL (and DNL) – make sensible decision	3

Results

- □ 1 is most accurate also random errors possible
- □ 2 is accurate but tedious (need to look at the errors
- □ 3 is very quick feeling on what's going on (worse case only)

Next few pages: we look at method 3.

DNL

DNL Definition- differential non linearity

Differences between two adjacent output digital or analog compared to a step size of LSB weight.

Mathematically Definition of DNL

$$DNL_i \triangleq \frac{V_{i+1} - V_i}{VLSB} - 1 = INL_{i+1} - INL_i$$





INL – DACs and ADCs errors (systematic)

Distortion: Missing Codes, (INL/DNL)

INL Definition

□ The Deviation of output code or output signal from straight line drawn from 0 and full scale

Once Gain and Offset are corrected we calculate the errors called Integral Non Linearity (INL) INL leads to Harmonic distortions !

Monotonic:

□ The output never decreases with increase of code or signal if INL<1 LSB the converter is monotonic - no missing codes.

Mathematically Definition of INL
$$INL_i \triangleq \frac{V_i - V_{off}}{VLSB} - i + \frac{1}{2}$$



For ADC X Produces Code \hat{X} For ADC \hat{X} Produces Code X 8I does not use the current elements from the 7I sections therefore the 8I can be lower or higher and become a missing codes תלאביב **UNIVERSITY** 7718-Lect 05 DNL and INL: example2





<1 LSB DNL does not implies less than 1 LSB INL

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DNL/INL

INL is measure of worst case distortion

However,

We do not know how and were the DNL/INL – its defined in DC !!! only is corrupted therefore only FFT is accurate.

INL is a close call indication of linearity (THD) (remember should we extent the INL/DNL to AC)?

<1 LSB INL implies less than 1 LSB DNL <1 LSB DNL does not implies less than 1 LSB INL





INL related to DNL – Yield

The Relationship Between the 2:

$$INL_i = \sum_{k=-N_{out\,Max}}^{i-1} DNL_k$$

$$DNL_i \triangleq \frac{V_{i+1} - V_i}{VLSB} - 1 = INL_{i+1} - INL_i$$

If INL/DNL are not linear/equal, due to elements in the analog blocks, they are systematic, we made a mistake either in the design or mismatch in silicon (resistors/current source)

 \rightarrow Yield is effected – calculate it (unless you made design error)

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INL/DNL- in class example





We have 6 steps and 7.5 v clipping point

Use example from (Source: B.Murmann Stanford)

Code (k)	DNL [LSB]	INL (LSB	
1	0.09	0	
2	-0.45	0.09	
3	0.09	-0.36	
4	0.64	-0.27	
5	-1.00	0.36	
6	0.64	-0.64	
7	undefined	0	

Delta=0.91v

SNRD (SNDR), SNR+D

SNRD= signal / Total Noise can now be defined:

SNR + SND + all noises (jitter)..etc..

ENOBs

Definition of ENOBs

Linearity test:

□ With a Line set by end points (on occasion is best fit) - DC measure – can we extend to AC?

□ FFT the output – will tell it all.

ENOB is the Effective Number of Bits

$$ENOBs(bit) \equiv \frac{SNDR \ (effective) - 1.76}{6.02}$$

SNDR is the measured value

SNDR is measure of effective resolution ("real" of the converter)

N- Quantization

D- Harmonics



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ENOBs Improvements



1.5bit/8yrs – slow improvement..

Dynamic Range DR and SNR, SNRD

DR definition = Maximum signal/min signal(were its berried in noise) in power.

SNR+D



DR ****SNRpk

FOM

- □ How To Define a Good?
- □ Figure of Merit (F.O.M)
- □ It combines "all" parameters in one. !

FOM

Energy per conversion step! (Pico joules/conversion)

Definition 1:

How to measure how good is a converter or the inverse (usually for DACs)

Definition 2.

 $FOM = \frac{P}{2^{ENOB} \times 2 \times ERBW}$

 $Energy over Decision = \frac{Power}{SamplingRate \cdot 2^{Nbit}}$

- □ Energy per conversion step! (Pico joules/conversion)
 - P = Power (does Added element included PLL?)
 - □ ENOB = Effective number of bits but at full BW or DC?
- □ No Area? (Sometime you multiply by Vcc)
- Grain of salt: Because of technology and specs are different factor
- □ Number below 1 are good! (..12b/40Mw/5MHz)...

	All designs		High Frequency ((above 500 MHz	
	Average	Median	Average	Median
Energy per decision [pJ]	1.65	0.84	1.71	1.73
Figure of Merit [pJ*V]	7.40	5.48	5.55	5.58



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SFDR (vs. INL)

Definition of SFDR

- □ Spurious Free Dynamic Range of a converter.
- □ Is the ratio of the largest Harmonic component to the signal component
- □ It's a good measure for differential structures and to evaluate mismatches DNL INL effect on ADCs
- □ Can be done AC to be even closer to reality (max BW operation)
- □ How Harmonics and INL do depend on each other?

$$SFDR(dB) = -20log(|INL|2^{-Nbits} + 2^{-1.5Nbits})$$

Source: R.V. Plassche

Remember:

□ The 1.5 comes from the "perfect" converter.

In general we will try to keep all mismatches to below +/-1/2LSB

Key: Linearity (INL) Reduction on SNRD(ENOBs)

ENOB SFDR Vs. INL model

In reality since the converter is not accurate the INL/DNL can be inside the +/-lsb but the converter is not n bit converter !



The "INL +1" Needs.

In reality INL of LSB does not means the converter in n bit but more like \sim n-1.



Back to converter definition – SFDR.



Converters with a good integral linearity usually give an SFDR that is larger than the signal-to-noise ratio of the system. To prove this statement, sup-

$$ENOB = \frac{SNDR_{measured} - 1.76}{6.02}$$

gated via a Taylor expansion of the $i_o = f(v_i)$ function in the equilibrium point:

$$i_{o}(t) = \alpha_{1}v_{i}(t) + \alpha_{3}v_{i}^{3}(t) + \alpha_{5}v_{i}^{5}(t) + \alpha_{7}v_{i}^{7}(t) + \dots$$
(1)

where the α_i parameters are determined from the particular circuit implementation. For a harmonic input of the type: $v_i(t) = v_m \cos \mu t$, and after grouping of the frequency components, (1) can be rewritten in the form:

$$i_{o}(t) = (\alpha_{1}v_{m} + ...)\cos\mu t + \frac{(8\alpha_{3}v_{m}^{3} + 10\alpha_{5}v_{m}^{5} + 7\alpha_{7}v_{m}^{7} + ...)}{32}\cos 3\mu t + \left(\frac{2\alpha_{5}v_{m}^{5} + 7\alpha_{7}v_{m}^{7} + ...}{32}\right)\cos 5\mu t + \frac{\alpha_{7}}{64}v_{m}^{7}\cos 7\mu t + ...$$

Look at coefficient of v qube. → 8/32=1/4 12dB..



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CMOS tran.



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Quick a little **more** advanced

Under sampling Converter

Sample at low clock converter: max speed lowest clock 2fm < fs



BW of signal is the limitation only not location (BPF)

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Numerical Polynomial of the Data Point

Numerical Polynomial

$$y = f(x)$$
 $P_n(x) = f(x)$
 $P_n(x) = \sum L_n(x)f(x)$

Where:

$$L(x) = \prod_{\substack{l=k\\i=0}}^{n} \frac{x-x_i}{x_k-x_i} \quad Error = \frac{p^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \prod (x-x_i)$$





Construct:

$$f(x) = 1 + \alpha_0 x + \alpha_1 x^2 + \alpha_2 x^3 \dots$$
$$x = \cos \omega t$$

Generate the outputs for each code. You construct a polynomial using the numerical data you look at the Coefficient of the polynomial with $x=cos(\omega t)$.

Lagrange Polynomial

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f(x_0, x_1)(x - x_0) + f(x_0, x_1, x_2)(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots$$
$$f(x_0, x_1) = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \quad Newton Form$$

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Quantization Noise Harmonic Derivations

Error
$$(x) = \frac{T_s}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin[n\omega_x Y_{in}(x)]$$
 Quantization Error Spectra
 $Y_{in} = \cos \omega_{in} t$

$$Error(t) = \frac{T_s}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin[n\omega_x \cos\omega_{in}(t)] \quad \text{Use Fourier Transform}$$
$$= \frac{T_s}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{2k+1} \cos[(2k+1)\omega_n t]$$

$$a_{2k+1} = \frac{2T_s}{\pi} (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{J_{2k+1}(n\omega_x)}{n}$$

$$a_{2k+1} = \frac{2T_s}{\pi} (-1)^k \dots$$
 Harmonic Level

$$J_{2k+1} = Bent Function$$

Conclusion

Example

10 bit produces 15 bit harmonic sat, -90dB from full scale.

16 bit converter will have ~24x6.02dB third order distortions

Result

$$a_3 = 2^{-n3/2}$$

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Quantization Noise Harmonic More Than 1 Tone

Intermediation Distortions (IMD):

When we apply to a converter two signals f1 and f2 close in frequency. The amount of distortions due to the converter digitizing the signals is specified as :

 $IMD = 20Log_{(10)} \frac{RMS \text{ sum of distortion terms}}{Input (Volts, RMS)}$

where the distortion terms are given by

2nd-order terms: - f1 + f2, f1 - f2 3rd-order terms: - 2f1 + f2, 2f1 - f2, f1 + 2f2, f1 - 2f2 Quantization Noise Harmonic More Than 1 Tone



Example 10 bit produces "20 bit IM harmonic" IM3 at -120dB from full scale. Almost not to worry above 10bit

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