



Embedded Software

CS 145/145L



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Announcements (2022-05-05)



- Project 3 is due tomorrow
 - Check the rubric!
- Homework 3 is also due tomorrow



Agenda



- Analog-digital conversion
 - Rushed last class, so let's revisit!
- ATmega32's ADC
- Project 4

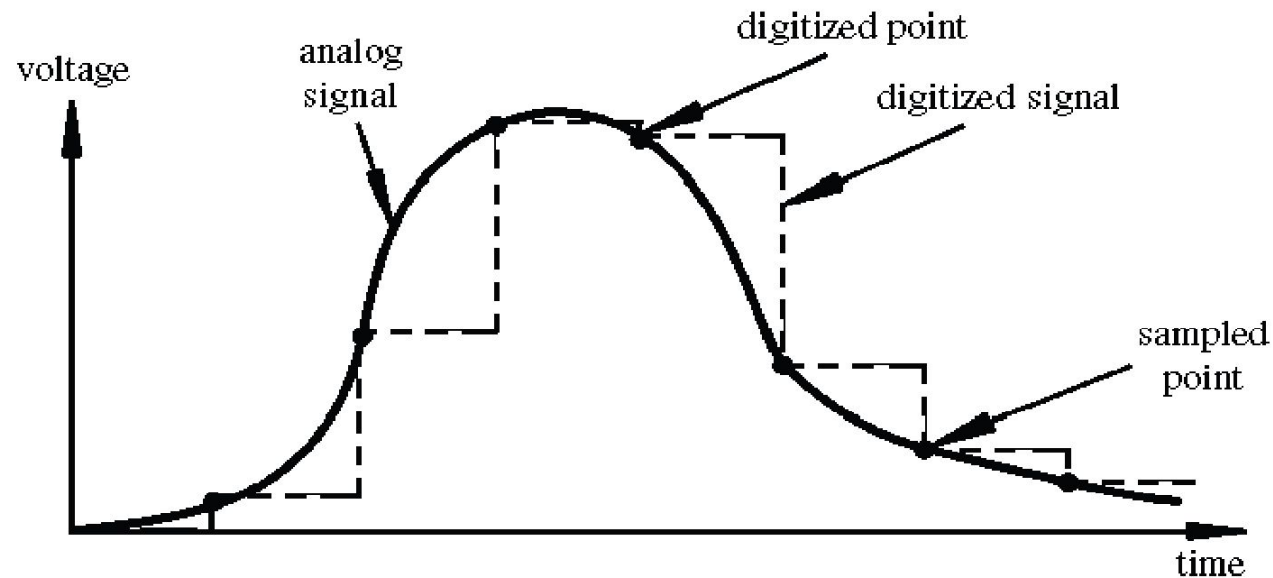


Analog-Digital Conversion (ADC)

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- Digital has **two** values: **on** and **off**
- Analog has many (**infinite**) values
- Computers don't really do analog, they *quantize*



- Range

- What are the minimum/maximum possible values

- Sampling Rate

- How often we get a new data point

- Precision

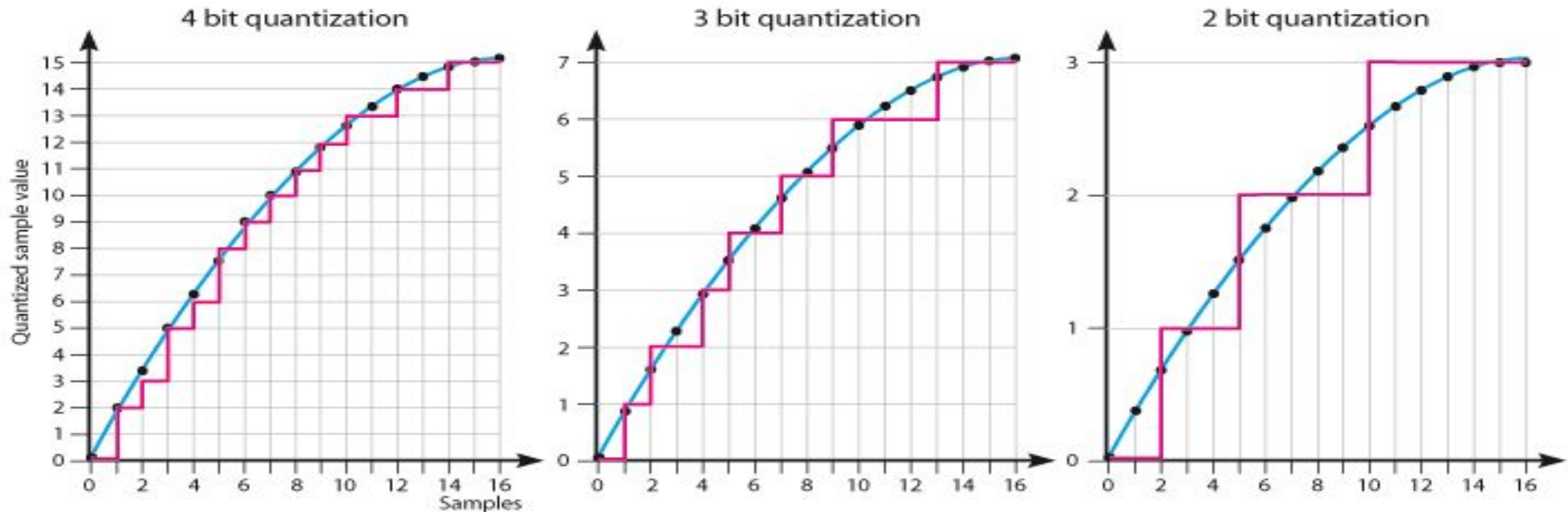
- How many bits we can use to represent the values



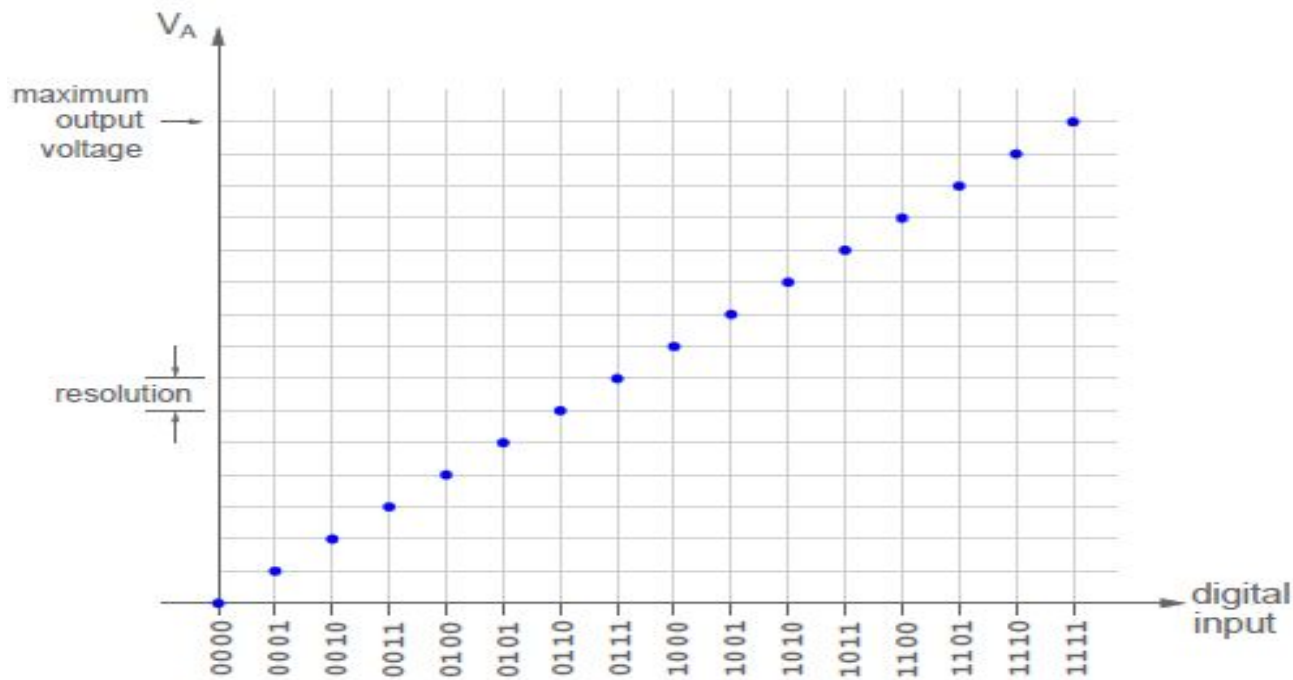
ADC 0~5V Example



Reads the voltage applied to an analog input pin and returns a number between **0 and 2^N-1** that represents the **voltages** between **0 and 5 V**.



4-bit Quantization



b3	b2	b1	b0	Expected Decimal	Vout (V)
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	0.315
0	0	1	0	2	0.630
0	0	1	1	3	0.937
0	1	0	0	4	1.268
0	1	0	1	5	1.577
0	1	1	0	6	1.892
0	1	1	1	7	2.2
1	0	0	0	8	2.51
1	0	0	1	9	2.83
1	0	1	0	10	3.14
1	0	1	1	11	3.45
1	1	0	0	12	3.78
1	1	0	1	13	4.09
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1	1	1	1	15	4.72



Intuitive Conversion



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The pattern is repeated

- The MSB is contributing to half of the voltage.

$$V_{out} = b3 * 2^3 + b4 * 2^2 + b1 * 2^1 + b0 * 2^0$$

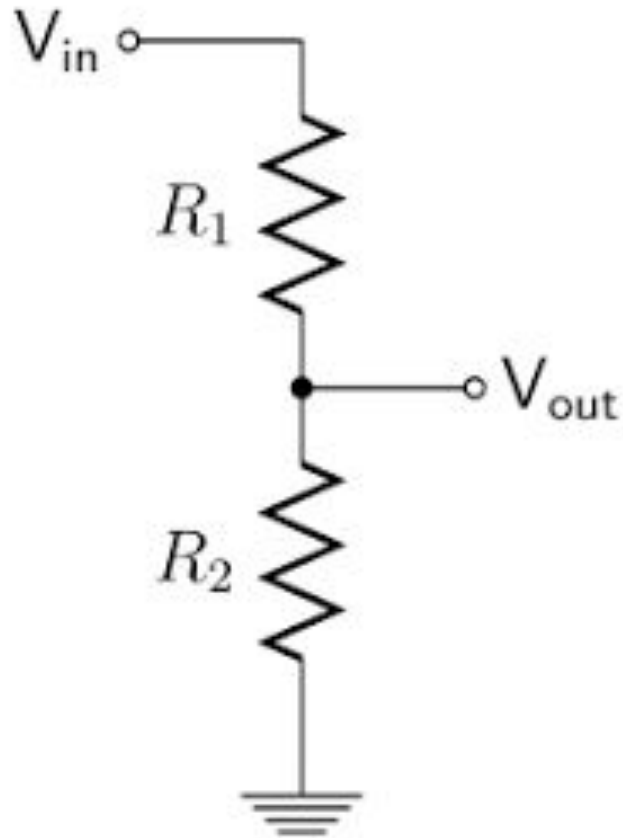
b3 is contributing to 50% of the voltage

b2 to 25%

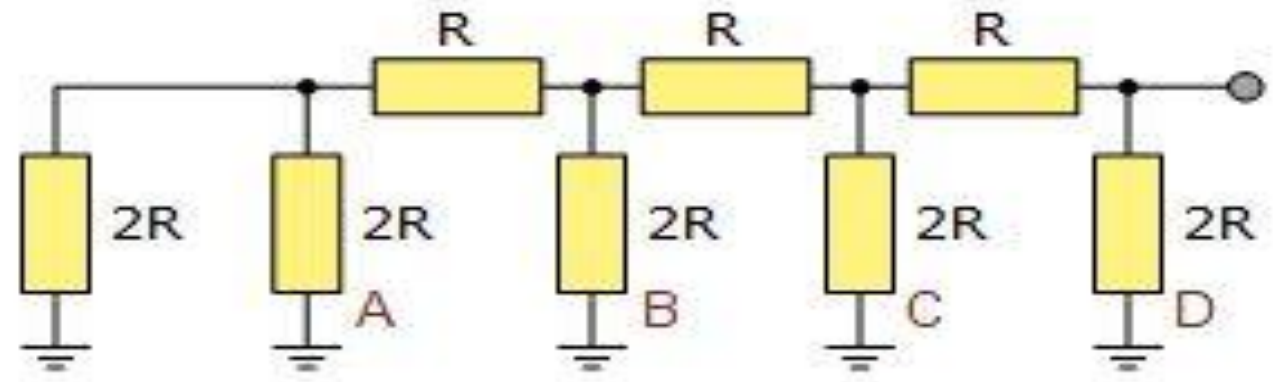
b1 to 12.5%

b0 to 6.25%





Voltage divider
(single bit)



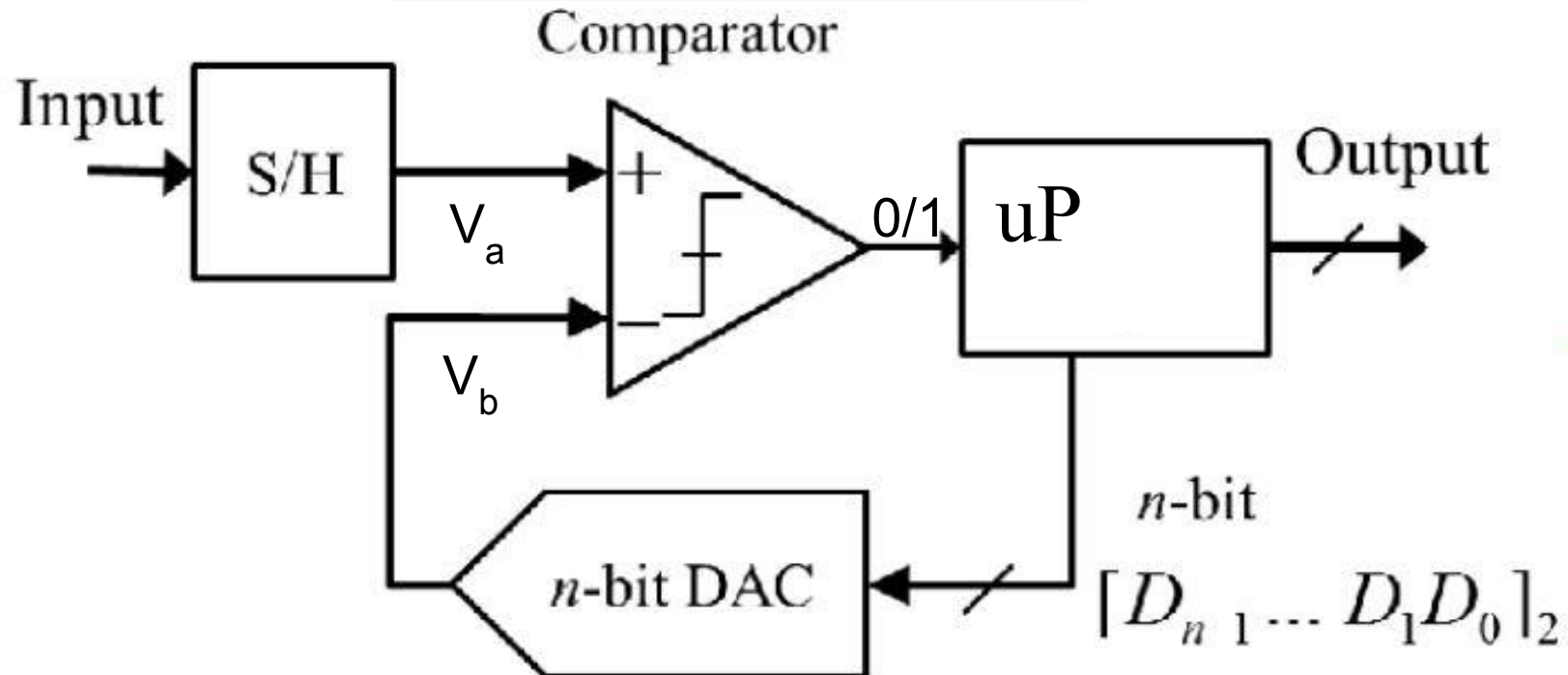
High quality signal without noise but expensive
because resistances should have precise tolerances
* e.g., audio systems



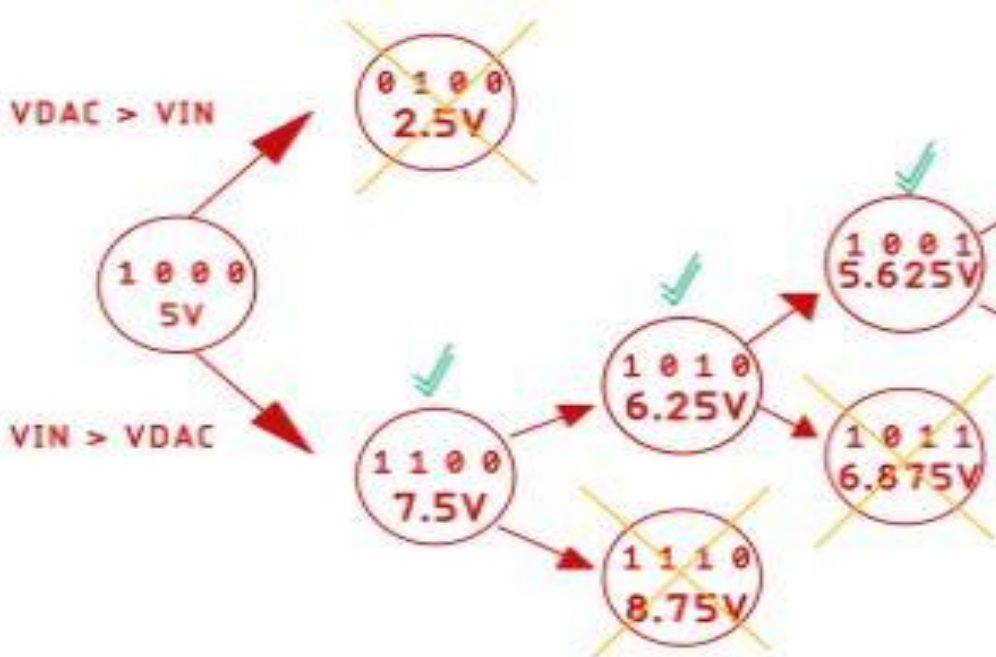
ADC Layout



Output	
0	$V_a < V_b$
1	$V_a > V_b$



ADC Result



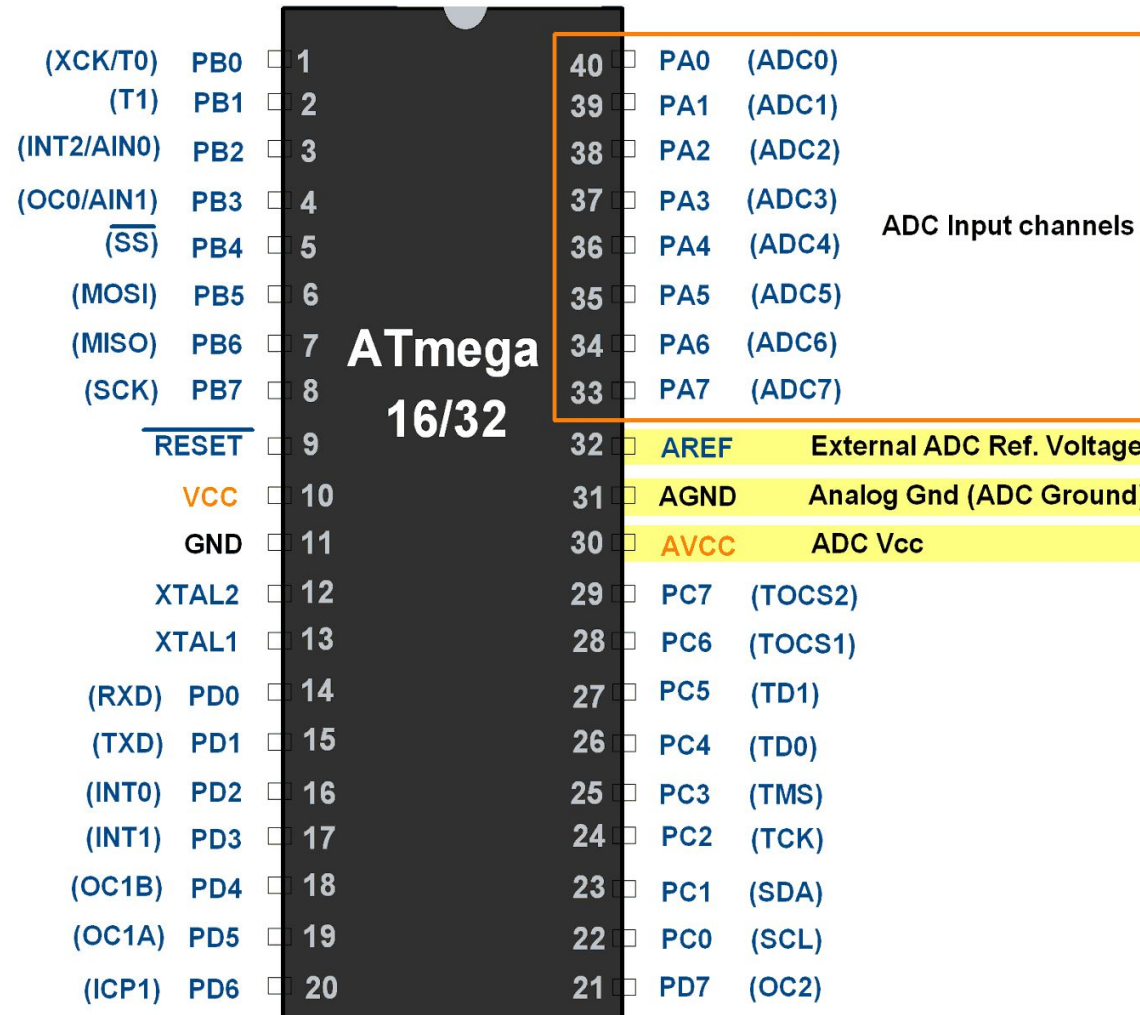
Successive Approximation
(Binary search)

- Let's say, the sampled input is 5.8V
- The reference of the ADC is 10V. When conversion starts, we guess it is 0b1000, which means half of the 10V reference.
- Now this voltage will be compared to the input voltage and based on the comparator output, the output of the register will be changed.



ADC on the ATmega32

ATmega32 Layout



<https://www.electronicwings.com/avr-atmega/atmega1632-adc>



ADC Registers



- ADMUX: ADC Multiplexer selection register
- ADC Data Registers
 - ADCH: Holds digital converted data higher byte
 - ADCL: Holds digital converted data lower byte
- ADCSRA: ADC Control and Status Register



ADC Multiplexer Selection Register (ADMUX)

Page 214 on manual



ADC Multiplexer Selection Register – ADMUX

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	REFS1	REFS0	ADLAR	MUX4	MUX3	MUX2	MUX1	MUX0	ADMUX
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Right or left shift

- **Bit 7:6 – REFS1:0: Reference Selection Bits**

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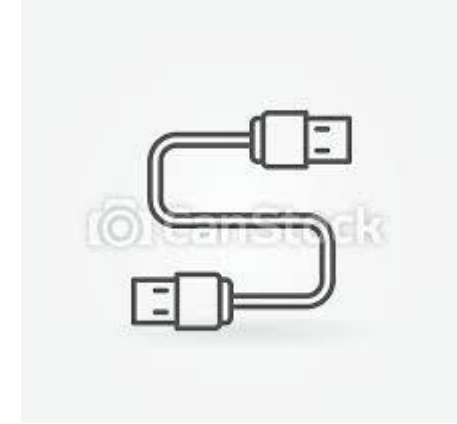
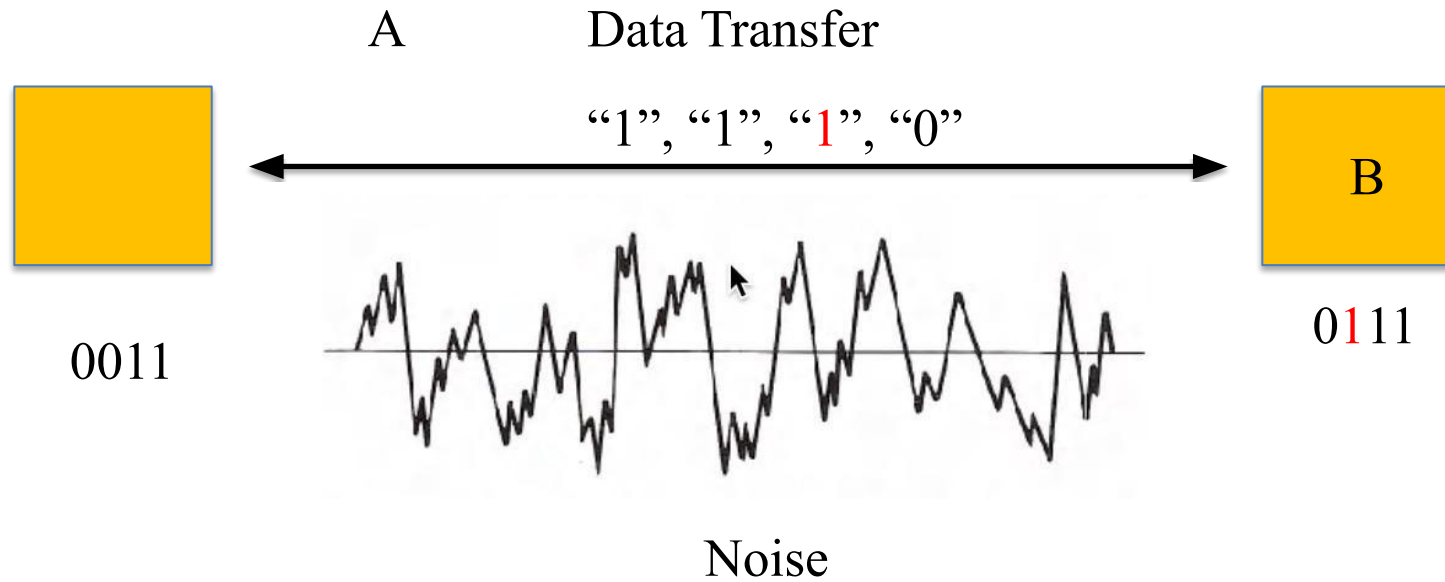




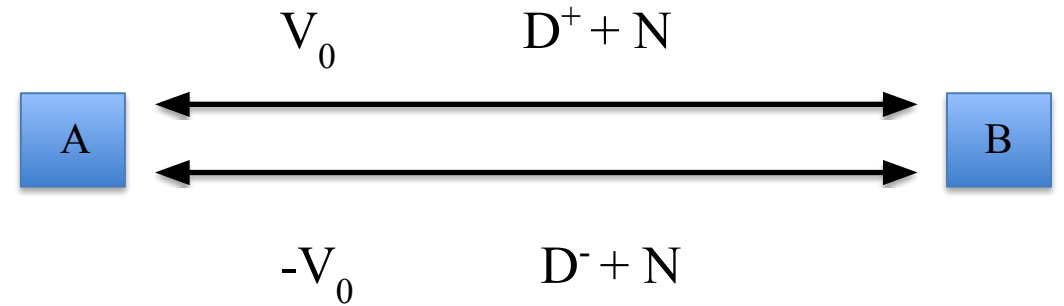
- Decides on multiplexing of the ports
- Let's check the manual
- Why would you use differentials?



USB Example



USB Example (Two Ports)



0	V_0	$-V_0$	4.0, -4.0
1	V_1	$-V_1$	2.0, -2.0

$$(D^+ - D^-)$$

$$(D^+ + N - (D^- + N))$$



ADC Data Registers



The ADC Data Register – ADCL and ADCH

ADLAR = 0

ADMUX[5]

ADLAR = 1

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
	–	–	–	–	–	–	ADC9	ADC8	ADCH
	ADC7	ADC6	ADC5	ADC4	ADC3	ADC2	ADC1	ADC0	ADCL
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	
	ADC9	ADC8	ADC7	ADC6	ADC5	ADC4	ADC3	ADC2	ADCH
	ADC1	ADC0	–	–	–	–	–	–	ADCL
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Read/Write	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	





ADC Control and Status Register A – ADCSRA

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	ADEN	ADSC	ADATE	ADIF	ADIE	ADPS2	ADPS1	ADPS0	ADCSRA
Read/Write	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	R/W	
Initial Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

- **Bit 7 – ADEN: ADC Enable**

Writing this bit to one enables the ADC. By writing it to zero, the ADC is turned off. Turning the ADC off while a conversion is in progress, will terminate this conversion.

- **Bit 6 – ADSC: ADC Start Conversion**

In Single Conversion mode, write this bit to one to start each conversion. In Free Running Mode, write this bit to one to start the first conversion. The first conversion after ADSC has been written after the ADC has been enabled, or if ADSC is written at the same time as the ADC is enabled, will take 25 ADC clock cycles instead of the normal 13. This first conversion performs initialization of the ADC.

ADSC will read as one as long as a conversion is in progress. When the conversion is complete, it returns to zero. Writing zero to this bit has no effect.



Project 4

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Design an embedded computer centered around the ATmega32 microcontroller.

For input: use a keypad and an analog-to-digital converter (ADC).

For output: use an LCD.

Write a C program that implements a simple voltmeter. Your voltmeter must take a sample every 500ms and update the display accordingly. Your system should:

- use the maximum ADC precision;
- show: (1) instantaneous, (2) max, (3) min, and (4) average voltages;
- always display instantaneous voltage when powered;
- reset minimum, maximum, and average voltages on a push of a button;
- start sampling those values after another push of a button;

<https://canvas.eee.uci.edu/courses/45047/assignments/929274>



Project 4 - Grading



- Basic Project

- Displays all 4 readouts (60%, 15% each)
- Sampling rate should be at least 2 samples/second (i.e., every 500ms) (10%)
- One button resets max/min/avg to blank (i.e., -----) (10%)
- One button starts max/min/avg (10%)
- Use all 10 bits precision (10%)

- Extra Credit

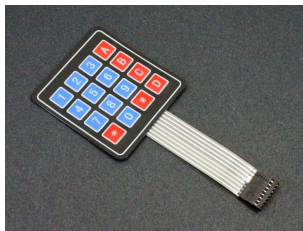
- Early submission by 2022-05-14 (5 points)
- Support differential inputs (10 points)
 - V1 and V2, display V1 - V2 (including negative values!)



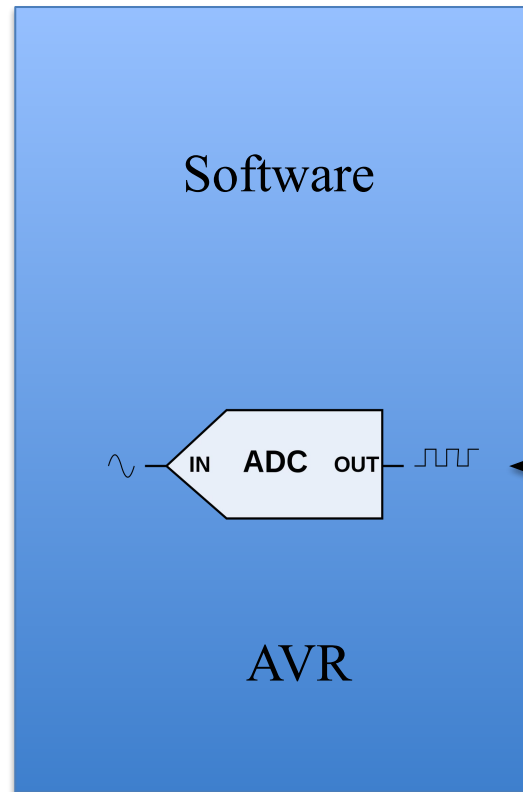
General Voltmeter Layout



- [0, 5.0 V]
- 10 bit
- $0 - 1023 \Leftrightarrow 0.0 \text{ to } 5.0\text{V}$



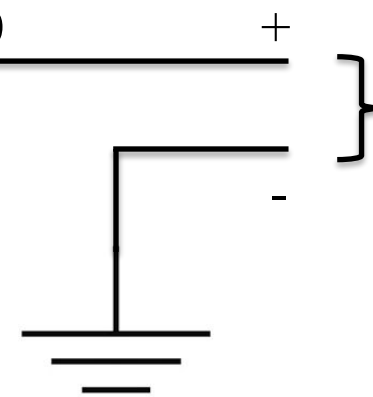
Stop / Go and Reset



LCD

3.14	4.80
0.12	2.23

A0



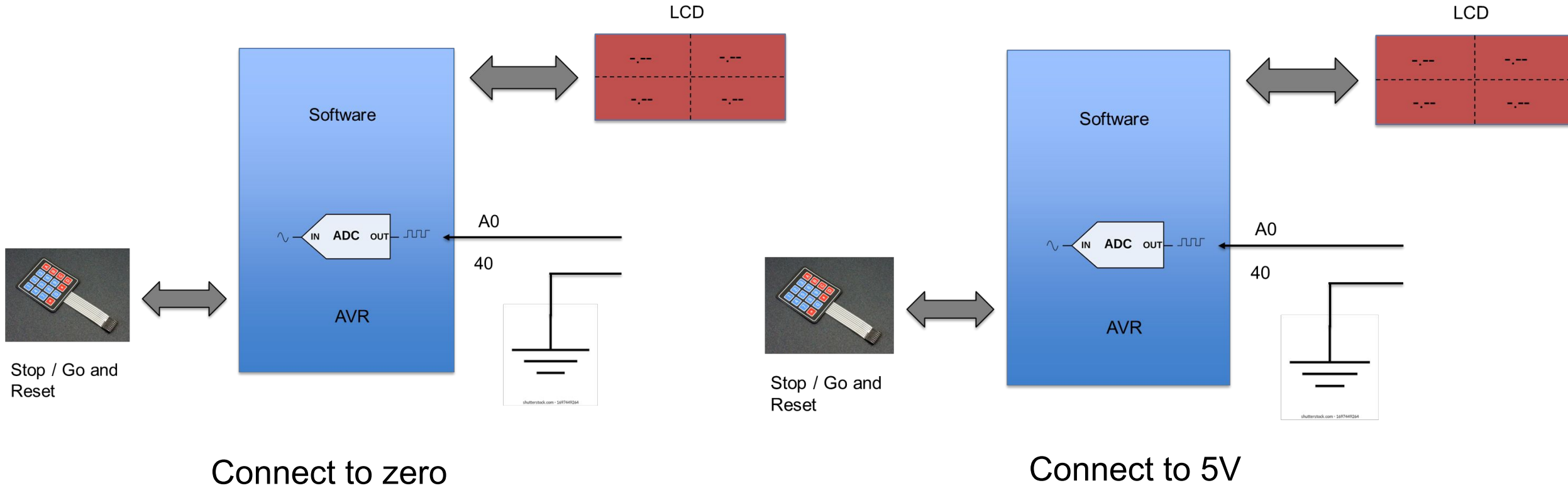
input

0 – 5.0 V

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Preliminary Tests



Getting a Reading



```
int get_sample() {  
    // configure the ADC  
    // start conversion  
    // wait for conversion result  
    return result;  
}
```

Gets a single sample, if you want many you'd call it many times.

Why int?

10 bits, so we need 2 bytes



ADMUX Reference Selection



- **Bit 7:6 – REFS1:0: Reference Selection Bits**

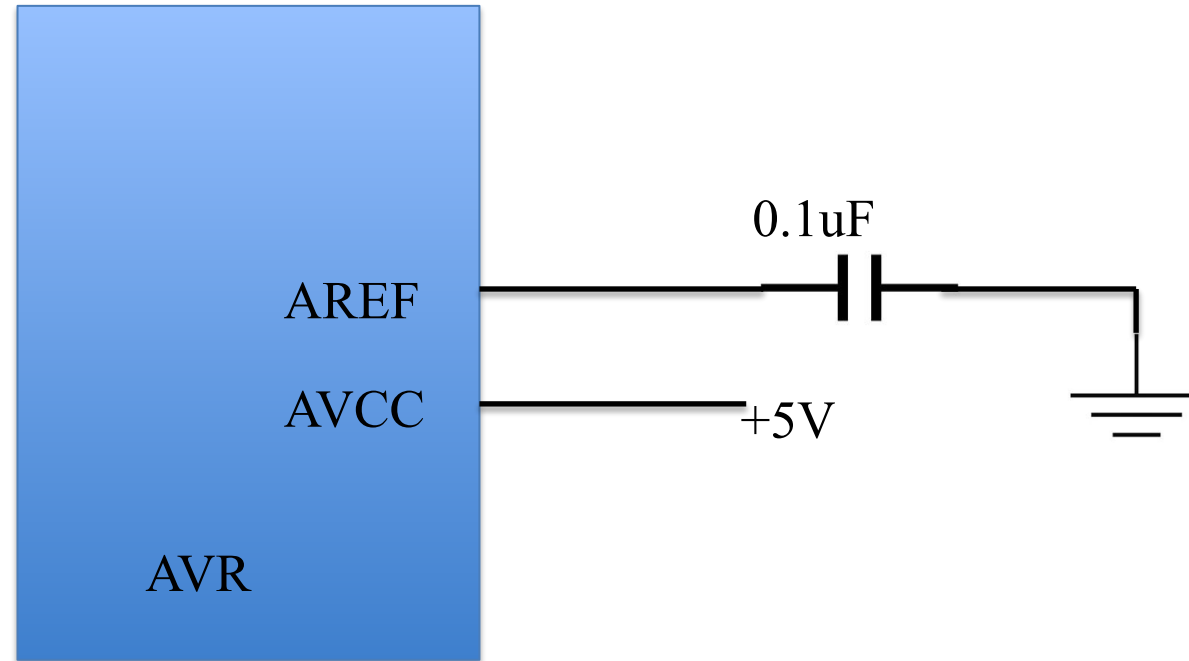
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Analog Reference



Completing get_sample



```
int get_sample() {  
    // configure the ADC  
    // start conversion  
    // wait for conversion result  
    return result;  
}
```

Depends how you're connecting things
To read from PA0, this should be 00000

```
int get_sample() {  
    ADMUX = 0b010xxxxx;  
    ADCSRA = 0b11yyyyyy;  
    while (bit 6 of ADCSRA);  
    return result;  
}
```

Depends how you're converting things
To do single conversions, this could be 000000



Minimum Test Program



```
int main () {
    char buf[20];
    avr_init();
    lcd_init();
    while (1) {
        sprintf(buf, "%d", get_sample());
        lcd_clr();
        lcd_pos(0, 0);
        lcd_puts2(buf);
        avr_wait(500);
    }
}
```

Does this display volts?
No! It's a normalized value without unit!

How do you convert it?
"De-normalize" it :)

How do you keep track of min/max/avg?
Use variables!



Converting from normalized to volts



```
sprintf(buf, "%.2f", (get_sample() / 1023.0) * 5);
```

Store the value as an integer, only convert it at the very last moment.
This helps you keep precision!

You might need to change a setting in microchip studio so sprintf works with floats.
One of your classmates already figured this out, and they posted on EdStem!



Computing Min and Max



New variable!

```
new_sample = get_sample();  
if (new_sample > max) {  
    max = new_sample;  
}
```

Remember to use int for these variables!



Computing Average



S0 → Avg = S0
S0, S1 → Avg = (S0 + S1) / 2
S0, S1, S2 → Avg = (S0 + S1 + S2) / 3

```
int sum = 0, count = 0;
while (1) {
    new_sample = get_sample();
    sum += new_sample;
    sprintf(buf, "%.2f", sum / ++count);
}
```

Any possible problems with this code?

Likely for sum to overflow!

Use unsigned (long) long



See you next time :)

Q & A