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Experiment 8: ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER (A/D) MODULE



Objectives

- ❖ To familiarize you with the built-in A/D hardware module.

Pre-lab requirements

- ❖ Review the PIC16F877A datasheet section on the AD module.

Appendix A quickly reviews the AD module

Overview

An analog to digital converter converts analog voltages to digital information that can be used by a computer. In almost in all digital systems, there is a frequent need to convert analog signals generated by peripheral devices such as microphones, sensors, and etc. into digital values that can be stored and processed. As an example, temperature and brightness are changing continuously. This experiment will focus on A/D conversion by using the PIC16F877A Analog-To-Digital Converter.

The idea behind the code

Select RAO as input connected to potentiometer, get the result of a A/D conversion, convert the result into the BCD format and finally the result (the only low 8 bits) will be displayed on three 7-segment displays, The 7 segments display will use Time Division Multiplexing to display a 3-digit values.

A Detailed View of the Interworking of the System

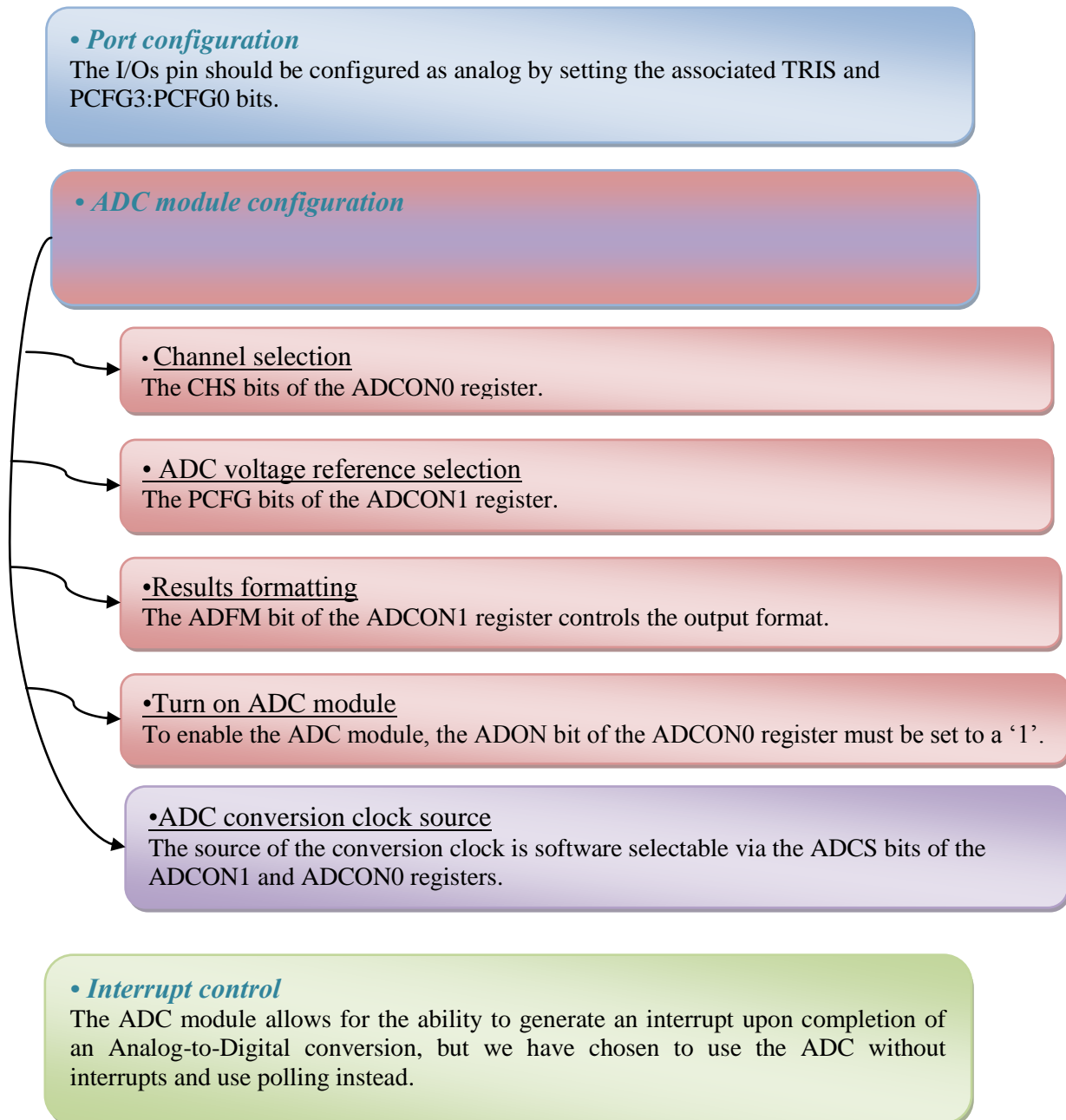
Based on the above discussion, we will further elaborate how this system works.

1. Initially, the system should be initialized as follows:

- We need to connect an analogue signal to the PIC, we shall use either one of PORTA or PORTE, since both offer analogue input interfacing to the PIC. We will specify which PORT and which exact pin of the port to be used as analogue or digital through the use of the **ADCON1** register. In this experiment we chose RA0 as the analogue input (corresponding to channel 0 "AN0" of the AD module)
- We will configure the AD module as follows, power on the module (set ADON), and choose the analogue channel 0 "AN0" as the analogue input of the AD module by setting CH2, CH1 and CH0 as zeros. We will set the voltage references to be between 0 and 5 volts (why?) and finally the result is to be right justified, that is the lower 8-bits will reside in ADRESL and the higher 2 bits will reside in ADRESH. In this program, we will choose to ignore ADRESL and only deal with the 8-bit digitized value to simplify program development.
- We chose a conversion speed of $F_{osc}/8$, therefore ADCON1 will have the value of 0x8E
- We implemented the code such that the main functionality is to convert analogue signals into digital ones and save them into ADRESL in a continuous fashion such that we will always have updated and recent values of the potentiometer, this is the code of the main subroutine will have all other actions: CHANGE_To_BCD ,this subroutine is used to convert the result of the conversion into BCD values (Units , Tens , Hundreds), then display the result on the 7 segment display , Time Division Multiplexing used to display a 3-digit values(Units , Tens , Hundreds).

2. As stated above, the main subroutine is to continuously update ADRESL register with a recent digitized value of the potentiometer. The routine starts by starting the conversion process (bsf ADCON0, GO), the value of ADRESL is not read until we are sure that the conversion process has truly finished. This is done through polling the ADIF flag (remember that we have not enabled the interrupt for AD, yet the flags of interrupts are set and cleared no matter whether they were enabled or not, this is why polling is possible). When the conversion is finished, the value of ADRESL is copied into TEMP register in order to display it on the 7 segment display!

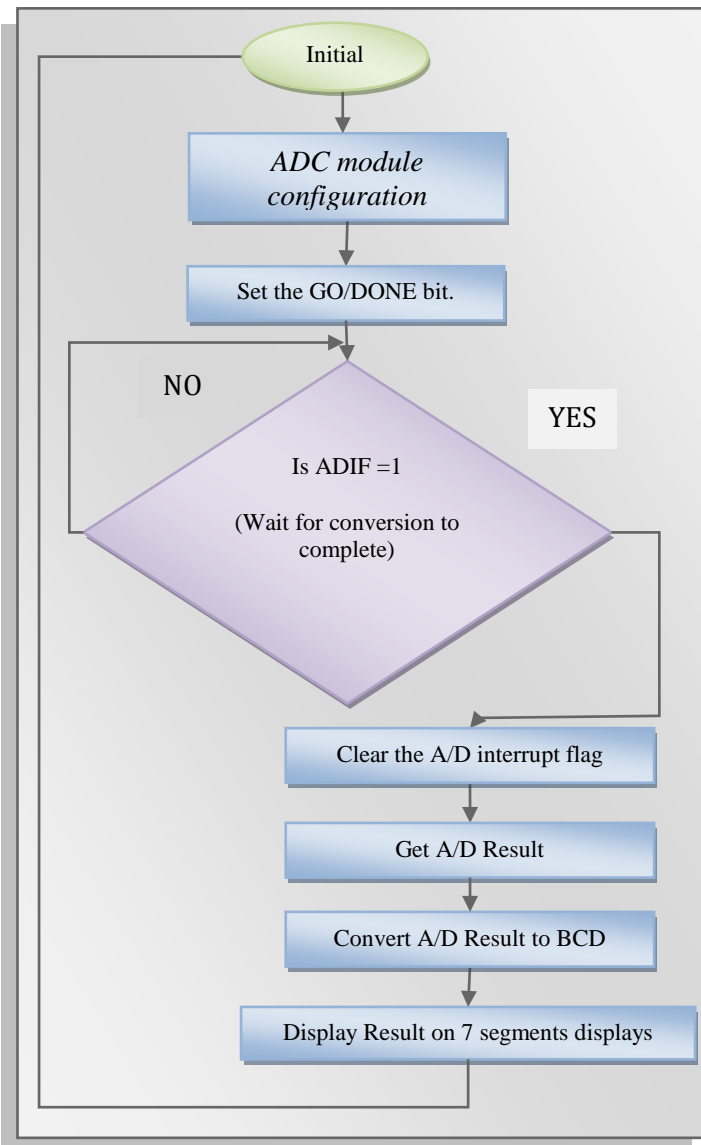
The steps should be followed for doing an A/D Conversion:



;;;;;;;;;Main Subroutine;;;;;;;;;

This subroutine shows the A/D Conversion Procedure.

Start conversion by setting the GO/DONE bit. Poll the AD interrupt flag ADIF (interrupts disabled) to check whether conversion has finished or not. Clear the ADC interrupts flag (required). Finally Read ADC Result found in ADRESH and/or ADRESL. Convert Result into BCD Format and display it on the 7 segments displays.



Main

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MOVLW 8EH           ;A/D data right justified
MOVWF ADCON1        ; RA0 is analogue input
BankSEL PORTA        ;BANK 0
MOVLW 41H           ;A/D enabled
MOVWF ADCON0         ;select CLOCK is fosc/,
CALL DELAY
BSF ADCON0,GO        ;startup ADC divert
WAIT
BTFSS PIR1,ADIF      ;Is the convert have finished?
GOTO WAIT            ; wait for the convert finished
bcf PIR1, ADIF        ; Clear the A/D flag
BankSEL TRISA
MOVF ADRESL,W        ;read the result of convert
BankSEL PORTA
MOVWF TEMP           ; keep in temporary register
CALL CHANGE_To_BCD   ; call result convert subr.
CALL DELAY
CALL DISPLAY          ; call display subroutine
CALL DELAY
GOTO Initial         ; Do it again
  
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1	;*****		
2	;Code Function:Select RAO as input connected to potentiometer,		
3	;get the result of a A/D conversion ,convert the result into the BCD format		
4	; and finally the result (the only low 8 bits) will be displayed on 7-segment displays.		
5			
6	#INCLUDE<P16F877a.INC>		
7			
8	TEMP	EQU 20H	;temporary register
9	hundreds	EQU 21H	;the hundred bit of convert result
10	tens	EQU 22H	;the ten bit of convert result
11	units	EQU 23H	;the ones bit of convert result
12	;*****		
13	ORG	00H	
14	NOP		
15	GOTO	Initial	
16			
17	;*****Initial subroutine*****		
18	Initial		
19		CLRF	hundreds
20		CLRF	tens
21		CLRF	units
22	Banksel	TRISA	;select bank 1
23	MOVLW	01H	;PORTA bit Number0 is INPUT
24	MOVWF	TRISA	
25	CLRF	TRISD	;All of the PORTD bits are outputs
26	;*****MAIN program*****		
27	Main		
28		MOVLW	8EH ;A/D data right justified
29		MOVWF	ADCON1 ;only select RAO as ADC PORT,the rest are data PORT
30		Banksel	PORTA ;BANK 0
31		MOVLW	41H
32		MOVWF	ADCON0 ;select CLOCK is fosc/8,A/D enabled
33		CALL	DELAY ;call delay program,ensure enough time to sampling
34		BSF	ADCON0,GO ;startup ADC divert
35	WAIT		
36		BTFSS	PIR1,ADIF ;is the convert have finished?
37		GOTO	WAIT ;wait for the convert finished
38		Bcf	PIR1, ADIF ; Clear the A/D flag
39		Banksel	TRISA
40		MOVF	ADRESL,W ;read the result of convert
41		Banksel	PORTA
42		MOVWF	TEMP ;keep Result in temporary register
43		CALL	CHANGE_To_BCD ;call result convert subroutine
44		CALL	DELAY
45		CALL	DISPLAY ;call display subroutine
46		CALL	DELAY
47		GOTO	Initial ;Do it again
48	;*****Convert subroutine*****		
49	CHANGE_To_BCD		
50	gen_hunds		
51		MOVLW	.100 ;sub 100,result keep in W
52		SUBWF	TEMP,0
53		BTFSS	STATUS,C ;judge if the result bigger than 100
54		GOTO	gen_tens ;no,get the ten bit result
55		MOVWF	TEMP ;yes,result keep in TEMP
56		INCF	hundreds,1 ;hundred bit add 1
57		GOTO	gen_hunds ;continue to get hundred bit result
58	gen_tens		
59		MOVLW	.10 ;sub 10,result keep in W
60		SUBWF	TEMP,0
61		BTFSS	STATUS,C ;judge if the result bigger than 10
62		GOTO	gen_ones ;no,get the Entries bit result
63		MOVWF	TEMP ;yes,result keep in TEMP
64		INCF	tens,1 ;ten bit add 1
65		GOTO	gen_tens ;turn to continue get ten bit

66	gen_ones		
67		MOVF TEMP,W	
68		MOVWF units	;the value of Entries bit
69		RETURN	
70			
71		;*****Display subroutine*****	
72		DISPLAY	
73		MOVF hundreds,W	;display Hundreds bit
74		CALL TABLE	
75		MOVWF PORTD	
76		BCF PORTA,3	
77		CALL DELAY	
78		CALL DELAY	
79		BSF PORTA,3	
80			
81		MOVF tens,W	;display Tens bit
82		CALL TABLE	
83		MOVWF PORTD	
84		BCF PORTA,4	
85		CALL DELAY	
86		CALL DELAY	
87		BSF PORTA,4	
88			
89		MOVF units,W	;display Units bit
90		CALL TABLE	
91		MOVWF PORTD	
92		BCF PORTA,5	
93		CALL DELAY	
94		CALL DELAY	
95		BSF PORTA,5	
96		RETURN	
97			
98		;*****	
99	TABLE		
100		ADDWF PCL, 1	
101		RETLW B'11000000'	; '0'
102		RETLW B'11111001'	; '1'
103		RETLW B'10100100'	; '2'
104		RETLW B'10110000'	; '3'
105		RETLW B'10011001'	; '4'
106		RETLW B'10010010'	; '5'
107		RETLW B'10000010'	; '6'
108		RETLW B'11111000'	; '7'
109		RETLW B'10000000'	; '8'
110		RETLW B'10010000'	; '9'
111			
112		;*****Delay subroutine*****	
113	DELAY		
114		MOVLW 0xFF	
115		MOVWF TEMP	
116	L1	DECFSZ TEMP,1	
117		GOTO L1	
118		RETURN	
119			
120		;*****	
121	END		;program end
122			

Appendix A

Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC)

An analog-to-digital converter, or simply ADC, is a module that is used to convert an analog signal into a digital code. In the real world, most of the signals sensed and processed by humans are analog signals. Analog-to-digital conversion is the primary means by which analog signals are converted into digital data that can be processed by Microcontroller for various purposes.

Sensors signals is an analog quantity, and digital systems often use signals to implement measurement, control, and protection functions so it is the necessary to convert the analog signal to digital information.

There's generally a lot of confusion about using the A/D inputs, but it's actually really very simple - it's just a question of Extraction the information you need out of the datasheets.

There are four main registers associated with using the analogue inputs; these are summarized in the following table:

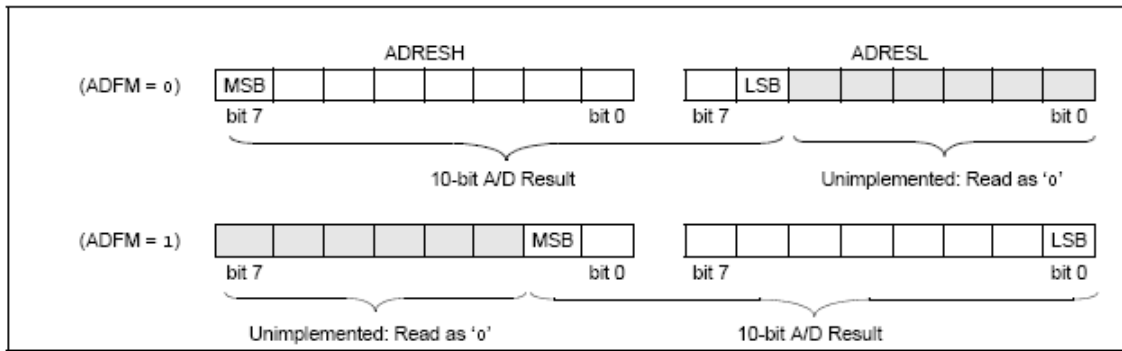
Main registers used for Analog-to-Digital Conversion.

Name	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
ADRESH	A/D Result Register - High Byte							
ADRESL	A/D Result Register - Low Byte							
ADCON0	ADCS1	ADCS0	CHS2	CHS1	CHS0	GO/DONE	-	ADON
ADCON1	ADFM	ADCS2	-	-	PCFG3	PCFG2	PCFG1	PCFG0

- **ADCON0** and **ADCON1** are the registers that control the A/D conversation process.
- **ADRESH** and **ADRESL** are the registers that return the 10-bit result of the analogue to digital conversion, the only slightly tricky thing about them is that they are in different memory banks.

RESULT FORMATTING:

The 10-bit A/D conversion result can be supplied in two formats, left justified or right justified. The desired formatting is chosen by sitting the ADFM bit in the ADCON0 register.



ADCON0 Details

ADON (bit 0), turns the A/D On (when = 1) or off (when = 0), thus saving the power it consumes.

GO/DONE (bit 2), this bit has a dual function, the first is that by setting the bit it initiates the start of the analogue to digital conversion process, the second is that when the bit is automatically cleared when the conversion is complete, it can be polled to check if conversion has ended before initiating a subsequent conversion.

CHS2, CHS1 and CHS0 (bits 3 - 5), the channel selection bits, choose one channel among the available eight AD analogue channels and specify which one is to be used as an input for the AD module for digitization. Be careful that the first five channels AN0-AN4 map to pins (RA0-RA3, RA5). Further notice that AN4 uses digital pin RA5, not RA4 as you would expect. And the remaining three channels AN5-AN7 map to pins (RE0-RE2). See adjacent figure.

ADCS1 and ADCS0 (bits 6 - 7): A/D Conversion Clock Select bits (see **ADCS2**)

CHS2	CHS1	CHS0	Channel	Pin
0	0	0	Channel0	RA0/AN0
0	0	1	Channel1	RA1/AN1
0	1	0	Channel2	RA2/AN2
0	1	1	Channel3	RA3/AN3
1	0	0	Channel4	RA5/AN4
1	0	1	Channel5	RE0/AN5
1	1	0	Channel6	RE1/AN6
1	1	1	Channel7	RE2/AN7

ADCON1 Details

ADFM (bit 7), the Result Format Selection Bit, selects if the output is Right Justified (bit set) or Left Justified (bit cleared). For full digitization precision, the whole 10 bits are to be used.

ADCS2 (bit 6), which set the clock frequency used for the analogue to digital conversion, this clock is divided down from the system clock (or can use an internal oscillator), bit 4 and bit 5 Unimplemented: Read as '0'.

ADCON1 ADCS2	ADCON0 <ADCS1:ADCS0>		A/D Conversion Clock Select bits.
0	0	0	Fosc/2
0	0	1	Fosc/8
0	1	0	Fosc/32
X	1	1	FRC (clock derived from a dedicated Internal oscillator = 500 kHz max.)
1	0	0	Fosc/4
1	0	1	Fosc/16
1	1	0	Fosc/64

PCFG3:PCFG0 (bit 3:0): A/D Port Configuration Control bits

Example
If we make
ADCON1 = 0x80,
then we have 8
analog channels,
and Vref+ =
VDD, and Vref- =
Vss.

PCFG <3:0>	AN7	AN6	AN5	AN4	AN3	AN2	AN1	AN0	VREF+	VREF-	C / R
0000	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	VDD	VSS	8 / 0
0001	A	A	A	A	VREF+	A	A	A	AN3	VSS	7 / 1
0010	D	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	VDD	VSS	5 / 0
0011	D	D	D	A	VREF+	A	A	A	AN3	VSS	4 / 1
0100	D	D	D	D	A	D	A	A	VDD	VSS	3 / 0
0101	D	D	D	D	VREF+	D	A	A	AN3	VSS	2 / 1
011x	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	—	—	0 / 0
1000	A	A	A	A	VREF+	VREF-	A	A	AN3	AN2	6 / 2
1001	D	D	A	A	A	A	A	A	VDD	VSS	6 / 0
1010	D	D	A	A	VREF+	A	A	A	AN3	VSS	5 / 1
1011	D	D	A	A	VREF+	VREF-	A	A	AN3	AN2	4 / 2
1100	D	D	D	A	VREF+	VREF-	A	A	AN3	AN2	3 / 2
1101	D	D	D	D	VREF+	VREF-	A	A	AN3	AN2	2 / 2
1110	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	A	VDD	VSS	1 / 0
1111	D	D	D	D	VREF+	VREF-	D	A	AN3	AN2	1 / 2

A = Analog input D = Digital I/O

C / R = # of analog input channels / # of A/D voltage references