

Summary

Analog Quantities

Most natural quantities that we see are **analog** and vary continuously. Analog systems can generally handle higher power than digital systems.

Digital systems can process, store, and transmit data more efficiently but can only assign discrete values to each point.

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Analog and Digital Systems

Many systems use a mix of analog and digital electronics to take advantage of each technology. A typical CD player accepts digital data from the CD drive and converts it to an analog signal for amplification.

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Binary Digits and Logic Levels

Digital electronics uses circuits that have two states, which are represented by two different voltage levels called HIGH and LOW. The voltages represent numbers in the binary system.

In binary, a single number is called a *bit* (for *binary digit*). A bit can have the value of either a 0 or a 1, depending on if the voltage is HIGH or LOW.

The diagram shows three voltage levels on a vertical axis:

- HIGH:** A green box representing the range from $V_{H(min)}$ to $V_{H(max)}$.
- Invalid:** A pink box representing the range from $V_{H(max)}$ to $V_{L(max)}$.
- LOW:** A green box representing the range from $V_{L(max)}$ to $V_{L(min)}$.

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Digital Waveforms

Digital waveforms change between the LOW and HIGH levels. A positive going pulse is one that goes from a normally LOW logic level to a HIGH level and then back again. Digital waveforms are made up of a series of pulses.

(a) Positive-going pulse: Shows a pulse starting at t_0 (Rising or leading edge) and ending at t_1 (Falling or trailing edge).

(b) Negative-going pulse: Shows a pulse starting at t_0 (Falling or leading edge) and ending at t_1 (Rising or trailing edge).

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Pulse Definitions

Actual pulses are not ideal but are described by the rise time, fall time, amplitude, and other characteristics.

The diagram illustrates various pulse characteristics:

- Amplitude:** The vertical height of the pulse.
- Base line:** The reference level for the pulse.
- Rise time (t_r):** The time interval from 10% to 90% of the pulse amplitude.
- Fall time (t_f):** The time interval from 90% to 10% of the pulse amplitude.
- Pulse width (t_w):** The time interval between the 50% amplitude points.
- Overshoot:** The peak voltage above the nominal high level.
- Ringing:** Oscillations that occur during the rise and fall times.
- Droop:** A gradual decrease in the pulse amplitude over time.
- Undershoot:** The minimum voltage below the nominal low level.

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Periodic Pulse Waveforms

Periodic pulse waveforms are composed of pulses that repeats in a fixed interval called the **period**. The **frequency** is the rate it repeats and is measured in hertz.

$$f = \frac{1}{T} \quad T = \frac{1}{f}$$

The **clock** is a basic timing signal that is an example of a periodic wave.

Example What is the period of a repetitive wave if $f = 3.2 \text{ GHz}$?

Solution $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{3.2 \text{ GHz}} = 313 \text{ ps}$

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Pulse Definitions

In addition to frequency and period, repetitive pulse waveforms are described by the amplitude (A), pulse width (t_w) and duty cycle. Duty cycle is the ratio of t_w to T .

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Timing Diagrams

A timing diagram is used to show the relationship between two or more digital waveforms.

A diagram like this can be observed directly on a logic analyzer.

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Serial and Parallel Data

Data can be transmitted by either serial transfer or parallel transfer.

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Basic Logic Functions

AND True only if *all* input conditions are true.

OR True only if *one or more* input conditions are true.

NOT Indicates the *opposite* condition.

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Basic System Functions

And, or, and not elements can be combined to form various logic functions. A few examples are:

The comparison function

Basic arithmetic functions

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Basic System Functions

The encoding function

The decoding function

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Basic System Functions

The data selection function

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Basic System Functions

The counting function

...and other functions such as code conversion and storage.

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Basic System Functions

One type of storage function is the shift register, that moves and stores data each time it is clocked.

Serial bits on input line:
0101

0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1

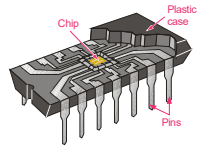
Initially the register contains only invalid data or all zeros as shown here.
First bit (1) is shifted serially into the register.
Second bit (0) is shifted serially into register and first bit is shifted right.
Third bit (1) is shifted into register and the first and second bits are shifted right.
Fourth bit (0) is shifted into register and the first, second, and third bits are shifted right. The register now stores all four bits and is full.

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Integrated Circuits

Cutaway view of DIP (Dual-In-line Pins) chip:



The TTL series, available as DIPs are popular for laboratory experiments with logic.


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An example of laboratory prototyping is shown. The circuit is wired using DIP chips and tested.

In this case, testing can be done by a computer connected to the system.

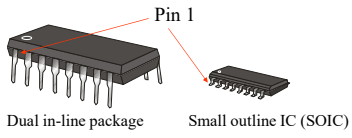


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DIP chips and surface mount chips



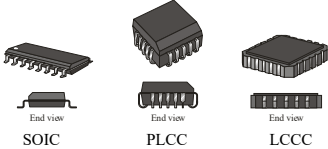
Dual in-line package Small outline IC (SOIC)

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Other surface mount packages:



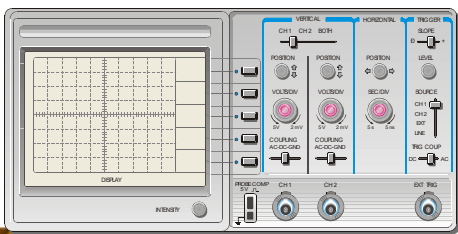
SOIC PLCC LCCC

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100 Test and Measurement Instruments

The front panel controls for a general-purpose oscilloscope can be divided into four major groups.



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Programmable Logic

Programmable logic devices (PLDs) are an alternative to fixed function devices. The logic can be programmed for a specific purpose. In general, they cost less and use less board space than fixed function devices.

A PAL device is a form of PLD that uses a combination of a programmable AND array and a fixed OR array:

The diagram shows a green box labeled 'Programmable AND array' with three input lines on the left and three output lines on the right. These output lines are connected to a blue box labeled 'Fixed OR array and output logic', which has three output lines on the right. Dashed lines indicate the internal connections between the two arrays.

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Selected Key Terms

Analog Being continuous or having continuous values.

Digital Related to digits or discrete quantities; having a set of discrete values.

Binary Having two values or states; describes a number system that has a base of two and utilizes 1 and 0 as its digits.

Bit A binary digit, which can be a 1 or a 0.

Pulse A sudden change from one level to another, followed after a time, called the pulse width, by a sudden change back to the original level.

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Selected Key Terms

Clock A basic timing signal in a digital system; a periodic waveform used to synchronize actions.

Gate A logic circuit that performs a basic logic operations such as AND or OR.

NOT A basic logic function that performs inversion.

AND A basic logic operation in which a true (HIGH) output occurs only when all input conditions are true (HIGH).

OR A basic logic operation in which a true (HIGH) output occurs when one or more of the input conditions are true (HIGH).

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Selected Key Terms

Fixed-function logic A category of digital integrated circuits having functions that cannot be altered.

Programmable logic A category of digital integrated circuits capable of being programmed to perform specified functions.

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Quiz

1. Compared to analog systems, digital systems

- a. are less prone to noise
- b. can represent an infinite number of values
- c. can handle much higher power
- d. all of the above

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2. The number of values that can be assigned to a bit are

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. ten

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3. The time measurement between the 50% point on the leading edge of a pulse to the 50% point on the trailing edge of the pulse is called the

- a. rise time
- b. fall time
- c. period
- d. pulse width

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Quiz

4. The time measurement between the 90% point on the trailing edge of a pulse to the 10% point on the trailing edge of the pulse is called the

- a. rise time
- b. fall time
- c. period
- d. pulse width

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5. The reciprocal of the frequency of a clock signal is the

- a. rise time
- b. fall time
- c. period
- d. pulse width

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6. If the period of a clock signal is 500 ps, the frequency is
- a. 20 MHz
 - b. 200 MHz
 - c. 2 GHz
 - d. 20 GHz

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7. AND, OR, and NOT gates can be used to form
- a. storage devices
 - b. comparators
 - c. data selectors
 - d. all of the above

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8. A shift register is an example of a
- a. storage device
 - b. comparator
 - c. data selector
 - d. counter

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Quiz

9. A device that is used to switch one of several input lines to a single output line is called a

- a. comparator
- b. decoder
- c. counter
- d. multiplexer

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Quiz

10. For most digital work, an oscilloscope should be coupled to the signal using

- a. ac coupling
- b. dc coupling
- c. GND coupling
- d. none of the above

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Quiz

Answers:

1. a	6. c
2. b	7. d
3. d	8. a
4. b	9. d
5. c	10. b

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