Using the ADC to Measure Supply Voltage

By Kjetil Aamodt

Keywords

- *ADC*
- *VDD*
- *Supply Voltage*
- *CC1110*
- *CC1111*
- *CC2430*
- *CC2431*
- *CC2510*
- *CC2511*

1 Introduction

The above mentioned SoCs contain a feature for sampling VDD/3 using the ADC. By setting the ADC to sample VDD/3 with 1.25 V as internal voltage reference, VDD can easily be calculated.

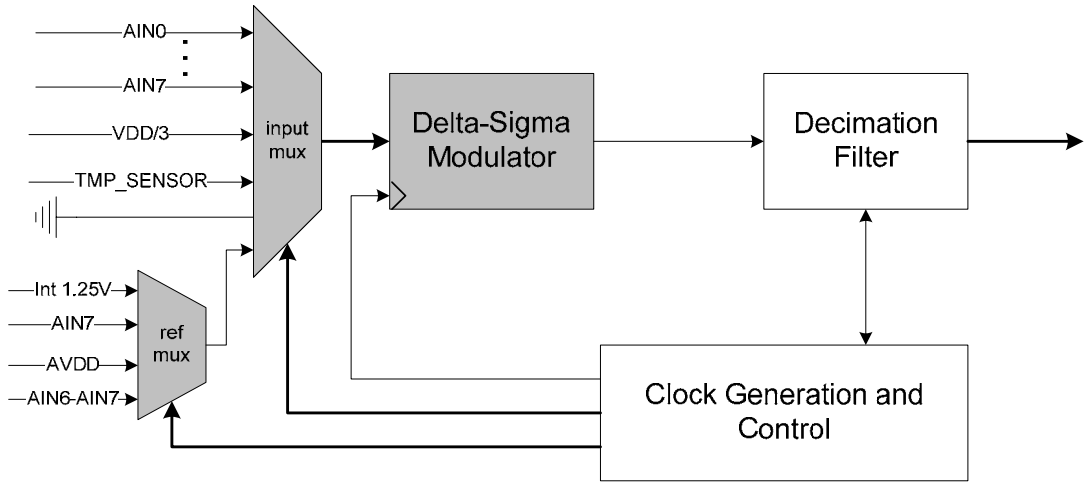

Figure 1: ADC Block Diagram

Table of Contents

2 Voltage Measurement

The following code sets up the ADC to perform voltage measurement of VDD/3.

```
/* Reference voltage:   Internal 1.25 V,
   Resolution: 12 bits,
   ADC input: VDD/3 (VDD is the battery voltage) */

#define SAMPLE_BATTERY_VOLTAGE(v)          \
    do {                                   \
        ADCCON2 = 0x3F;                    \
        ADCCON1 = 0x73;                    \
        while(!(ADCCON1 & 0x80));          \
        v =  ADCL;                         \
        v |= (((unsigned int)ADCH) << 8); \
    } while(0)


// Max ADC input voltage = reference voltage =>
// (VDD/3) max = 1.25 V => max VDD = 3.75 V
// 12 bits resolution means that max ADC value = 0x07FF = 2047 (dec)
// (the ADC value is 2's complement)

// Battery voltage, VDD = adc value * (3.75 / 2047)
// To avoid using a float, the below function will return the battery voltage * 10

// Battery voltage * 10 = adc value * (3.75 / 2047) * 10

#define CONST 0.0183195 // (3.75 / 2047) * 10

unsigned char getBatteryVoltage(void) {
    unsigned int adcValue;

    SAMPLE_BATTERY_VOLTAGE(adcValue);

    // Note that the conversion result always resides in MSB section of ADCH:ADCL
    adcValue >>= 4; // Shift 4 due to 12 bits resolution

    return CONST * adcValue;
}
```

3 General Information

3.1 Document History

Revision	Date	Description/Changes
SWRA100A	2007.10.22	Updated code example (12 bits resolution instead of 14). Added reference to CC1111. Changes to Figure 1.
SWRA100	2006.07.06	Initial release.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Texas Instruments Incorporated and its subsidiaries (TI) reserve the right to make corrections, modifications, enhancements, improvements, and other changes to its products and services at any time and to discontinue any product or service without notice. Customers should obtain the latest relevant information before placing orders and should verify that such information is current and complete. All products are sold subject to TI's terms and conditions of sale supplied at the time of order acknowledgment.

TI warrants performance of its hardware products to the specifications applicable at the time of sale in accordance with TI's standard warranty. Testing and other quality control techniques are used to the extent TI deems necessary to support this warranty. Except where mandated by government requirements, testing of all parameters of each product is not necessarily performed.

TI assumes no liability for applications assistance or customer product design. Customers are responsible for their products and applications using TI components. To minimize the risks associated with customer products and applications, customers should provide adequate design and operating safeguards.

TI does not warrant or represent that any license, either express or implied, is granted under any TI patent right, copyright, mask work right, or other TI intellectual property right relating to any combination, machine, or process in which TI products or services are used. Information published by TI regarding third-party products or services does not constitute a license from TI to use such products or services or a warranty or endorsement thereof. Use of such information may require a license from a third party under the patents or other intellectual property of the third party, or a license from TI under the patents or other intellectual property of TI.

Reproduction of TI information in TI data books or data sheets is permissible only if reproduction is without alteration and is accompanied by all associated warranties, conditions, limitations, and notices. Reproduction of this information with alteration is an unfair and deceptive business practice. TI is not responsible or liable for such altered documentation. Information of third parties may be subject to additional restrictions.

Resale of TI products or services with statements different from or beyond the parameters stated by TI for that product or service voids all express and any implied warranties for the associated TI product or service and is an unfair and deceptive business practice. TI is not responsible or liable for any such statements.

TI products are not authorized for use in safety-critical applications (such as life support) where a failure of the TI product would reasonably be expected to cause severe personal injury or death, unless officers of the parties have executed an agreement specifically governing such use. Buyers represent that they have all necessary expertise in the safety and regulatory ramifications of their applications, and acknowledge and agree that they are solely responsible for all legal, regulatory and safety-related requirements concerning their products and any use of TI products in such safety-critical applications, notwithstanding any applications-related information or support that may be provided by TI. Further, Buyers must fully indemnify TI and its representatives against any damages arising out of the use of TI products in such safety-critical applications.

TI products are neither designed nor intended for use in military/aerospace applications or environments unless the TI products are specifically designated by TI as military-grade or "enhanced plastic." Only products designated by TI as military-grade meet military specifications. Buyers acknowledge and agree that any such use of TI products which TI has not designated as military-grade is solely at the Buyer's risk, and that they are solely responsible for compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements in connection with such use.

TI products are neither designed nor intended for use in automotive applications or environments unless the specific TI products are designated by TI as compliant with ISO/TS 16949 requirements. Buyers acknowledge and agree that, if they use any non-designated products in automotive applications, TI will not be responsible for any failure to meet such requirements.

Following are URLs where you can obtain information on other Texas Instruments products and application solutions:

Products		**Applications**	
Amplifiers	amplifier.ti.com	Audio	www.ti.com/audio
Data Converters	dataconverter.ti.com	Automotive	www.ti.com/automotive
DSP	dsp.ti.com	Broadband	www.ti.com/broadband
Interface	interface.ti.com	Digital Control	www.ti.com/digitalcontrol
Logic	logic.ti.com	Military	www.ti.com/military
Power Mgmt	power.ti.com	Optical Networking	www.ti.com/opticalnetwork
Microcontrollers	microcontroller.ti.com	Security	www.ti.com/security
RFID	www.ti-rfid.com	Telephony	www.ti.com/telephony
Low Power Wireless	www.ti.com/lpw	Video & Imaging	www.ti.com/video
		Wireless	www.ti.com/wireless

Mailing Address: Texas Instruments, Post Office Box 655303, Dallas, Texas 75265
Copyright © 2007, Texas Instruments Incorporated