

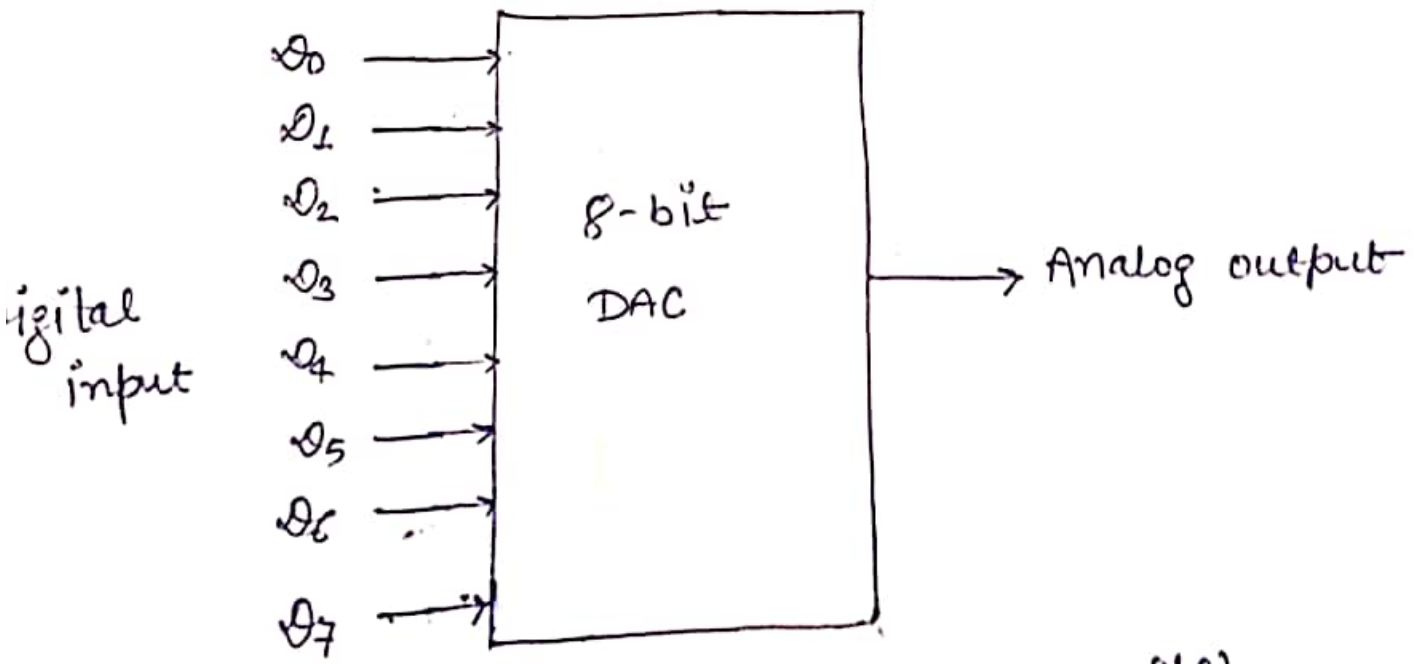
Unit IV [Digital to analog converters]

A DAC converts an abstract finite-precision number (usually a fixed point binary number) into a physical quantity (e.g. a voltage or a pressure etc) in particular.

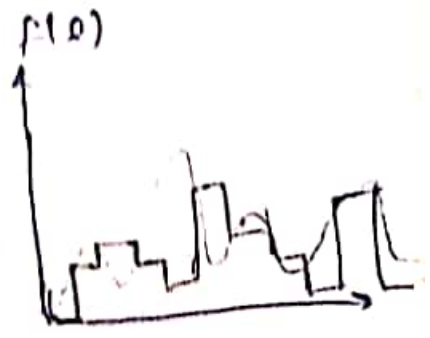
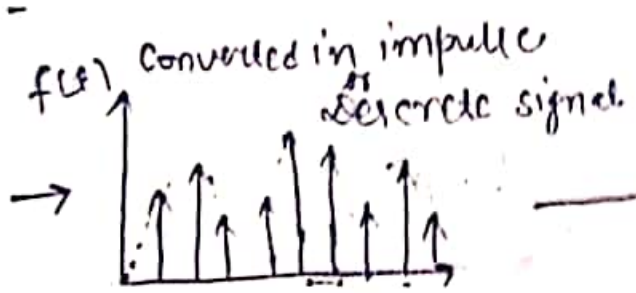
DACs are often used to convert finite-precision time series data to a continuous varying physical signal.

An ideal DAC converts the abstract numbers into a conceptual sequence of impulse that are then processed by a reconstruction filter (it is used to construct a smooth analog signal from a digital input)

functional diagram of 8-bit DAC.



sample with process -  $f(t)$  (input)



A digital to analog converter converts digital input signal into an analog output signal. The digital signal is represented with a binary code which is 0 and 1. In general, the number of binary input will be a power of two.

Common Types of DACs

① Binary Weighted resistor DAC

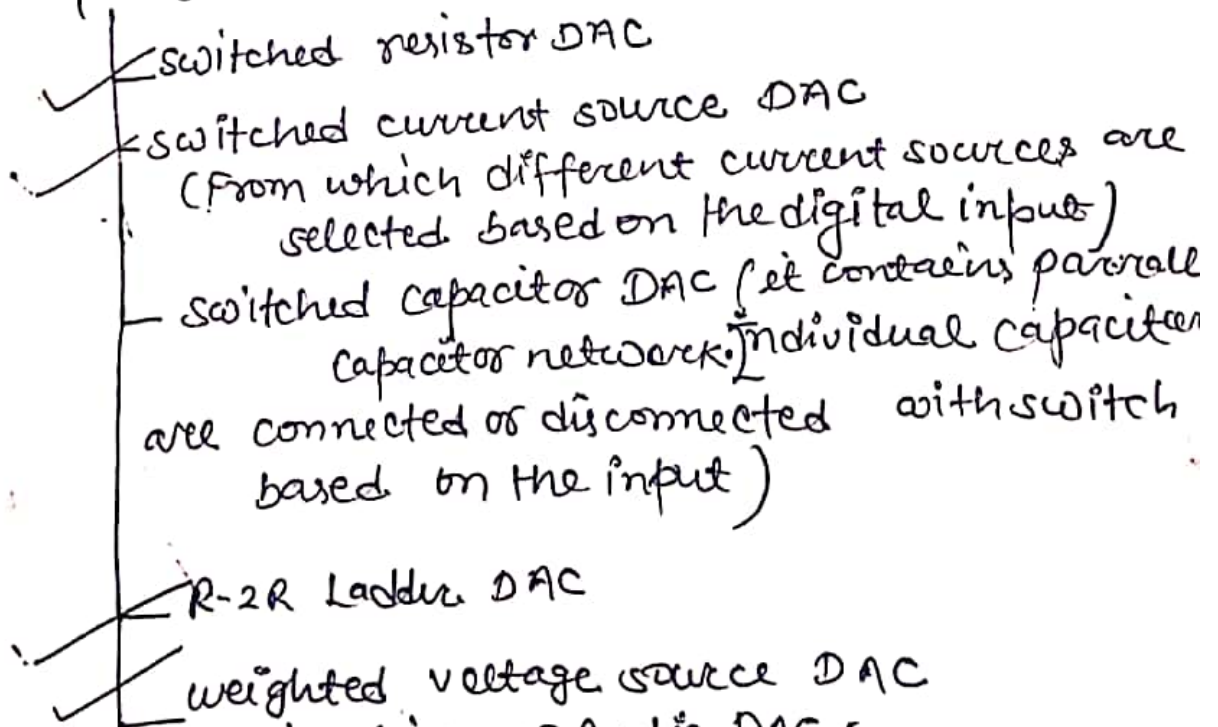
② R-2R Ladder DAC

Other types of DACs

② \* Pulse width modulator

③ \* Oversampling DACs or interpolating DACs

\* Binary weighted DACs



④ Successive approximation or cyclic DAC

⑤ Thermocoded DAC

⑥ Hybrid DACs - - - - many