

# Schedule...

| Date   | Day | Class No. | Title        | Chapters | HW Due date | Lab Due date | Exam |
|--------|-----|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------|------|
| 24 Nov | Mon | 24        | DAC          | 15.4     |             |              | →    |
| 25 Nov | Tue |           | Recitation   |          | HW 10       |              |      |
| 26 Nov | Wed |           | Thanksgiving |          |             |              |      |
| 27 Nov | Thu |           | Thanksgiving |          |             |              |      |
| 28 Nov | Fri |           | Thanksgiving |          |             |              |      |
| 29 Nov | Sat |           |              |          |             |              | →    |
| 30 Nov | Sun |           |              |          |             |              | →    |
| 1 Dec  | Mon |           | Final Review |          |             | LAB 8        | →    |
| 2 Dec  | Tue |           |              |          |             |              | ↓    |

# Conversion

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## Luke 22:32

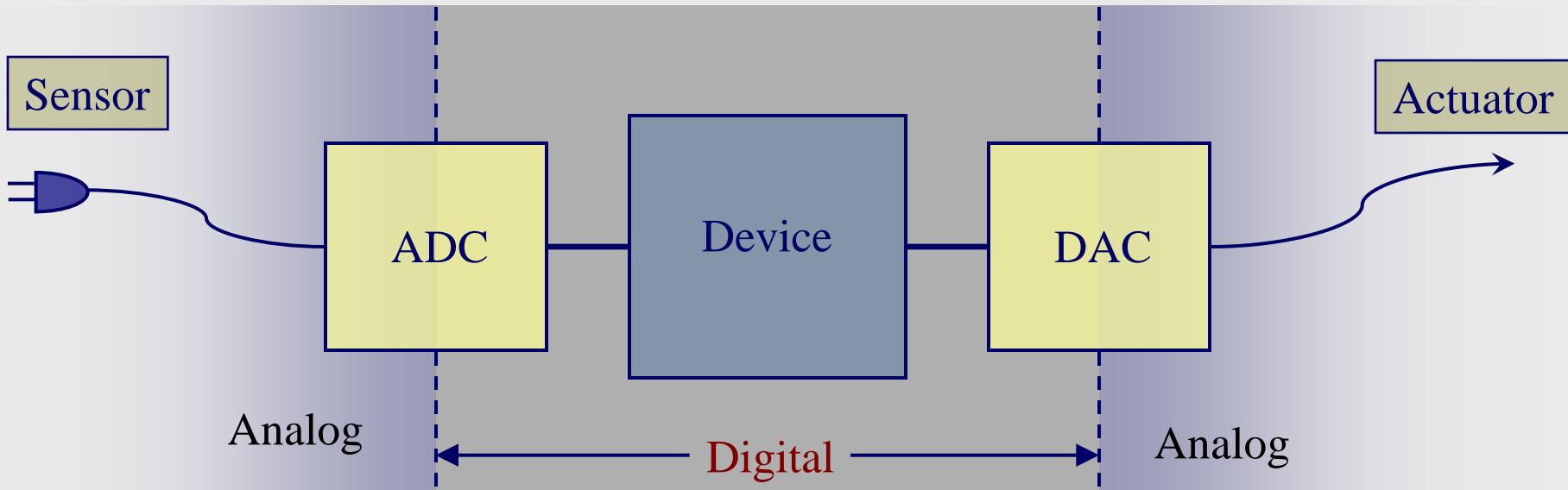
32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art **converted**, strengthen thy brethren.

# Lecture 24 – Digital to Analog Converters (DACs)

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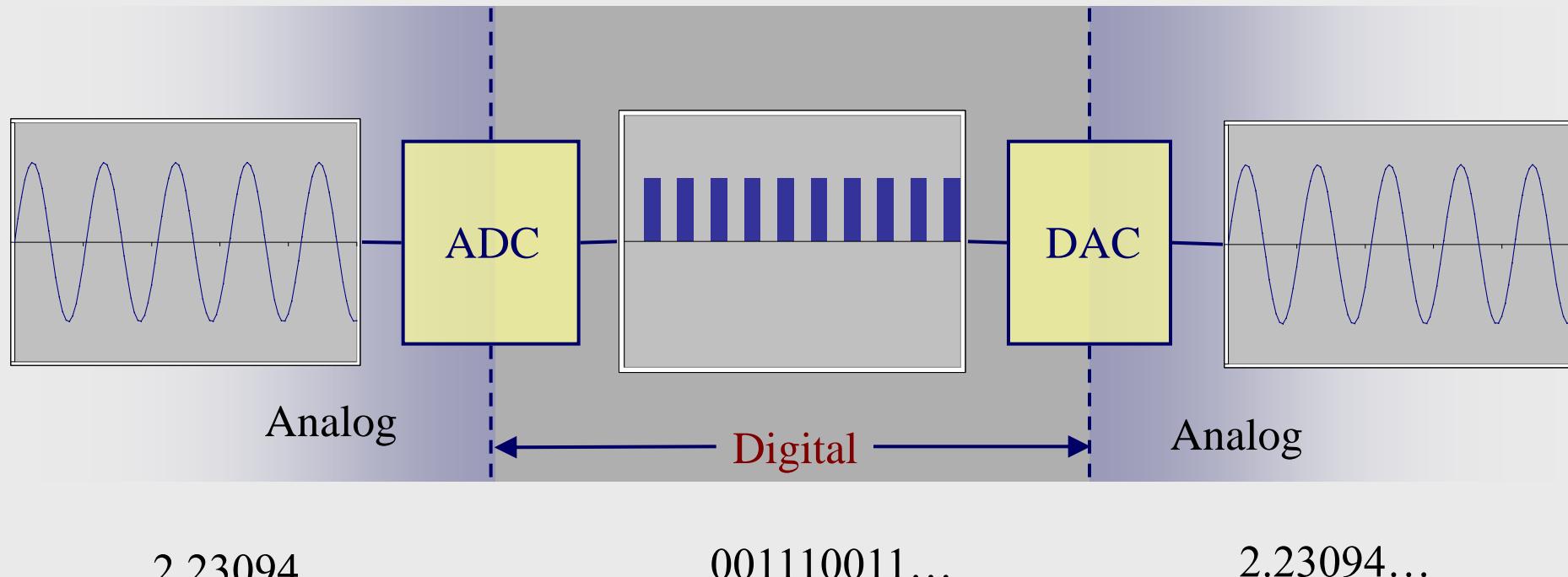
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**DAC**: converts a **binary word** to an analog output voltage or current

**Binary word (B)**: a sequence of n **1s** and **0s**

$$B = b_{n-1}b_{n-2}\dots b_2b_1b_0$$

- EX:

$$B = 10100101 \quad (n = 8)$$

**Word length (n)**: the number of bits in the sequence of **1s** and **0s** representing an output

- EX:

0110 – 4-bit word length

100101 – 6-bit word length

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**Resolution  $\delta v$** : minimum step size by which the output voltage (or current) can increment

**Output voltage  $v_a$** : the analog value represented by the binary word  $B$

•EX: let  $n=4$

$$v_a = (2^3 \cdot b_3 + 2^2 \cdot b_2 + 2^1 \cdot b_1 + 2^0 \cdot b_0) \delta v$$

**Max output voltage  $v_{aMax}$** : the maximum analog value

•EX: let  $n=4$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{aMax} &= (2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0) \delta v \\ &= (2^n - 1) \delta v \end{aligned}$$

**Example:**  $\delta v = 1V$ ,  $B = 10110$  ( $n = 5$ )  
Find  $v_{aMax}$  and  $v_a$

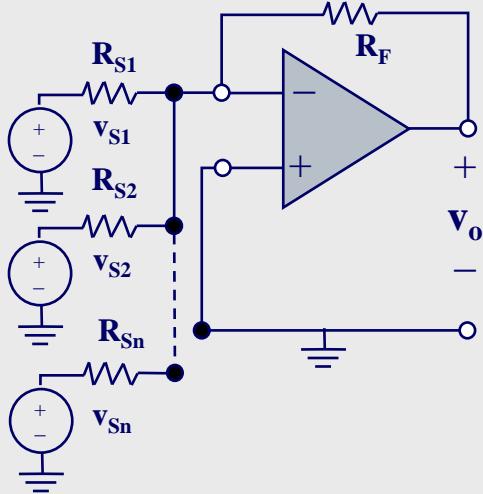
$$\begin{aligned} v_{aMax} &= (2^n - 1) \delta v \\ &= (2^5 - 1) \cdot 1 \\ &= 31 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_a &= (2^4 \cdot b_4 + 2^3 \cdot b_3 + 2^2 \cdot b_2 + 2^1 \cdot b_1 + 2^0 \cdot b_0) \delta v \\ &= (16 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0) \cdot 1 \\ &= (16 + 4 + 2) \\ &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

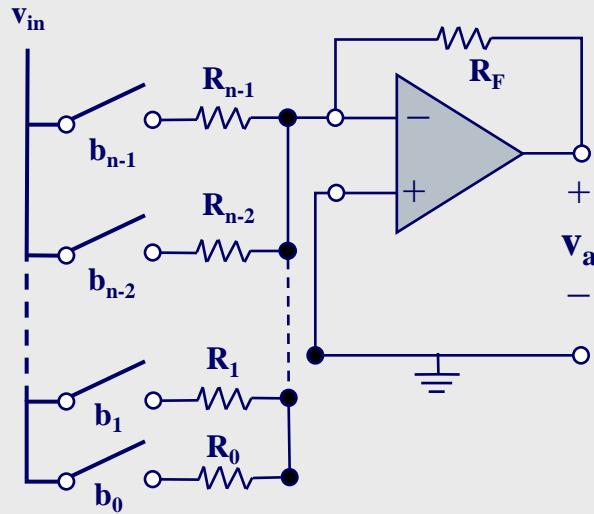
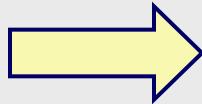
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## Building a DAC:

use a summing amplifier



Summing amplifier

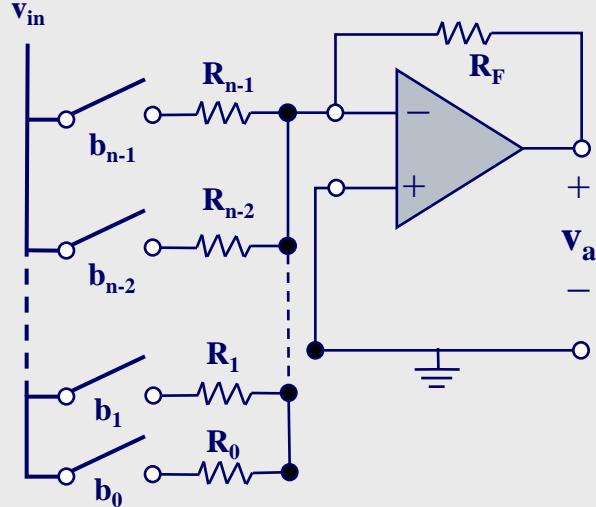


DAC

# Digital to Analog Converter (DAC)

## Building a DAC:

the analog output ( $v_a$ ) is proportional to the binary word  $\mathbf{B}$



$$v_a = -\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{R_F}{R_i} \cdot b_i \cdot v_{in}$$

Choose

$$R_i = \frac{R_0}{2^i}$$

$v_{si}$  in summing  
amplifier

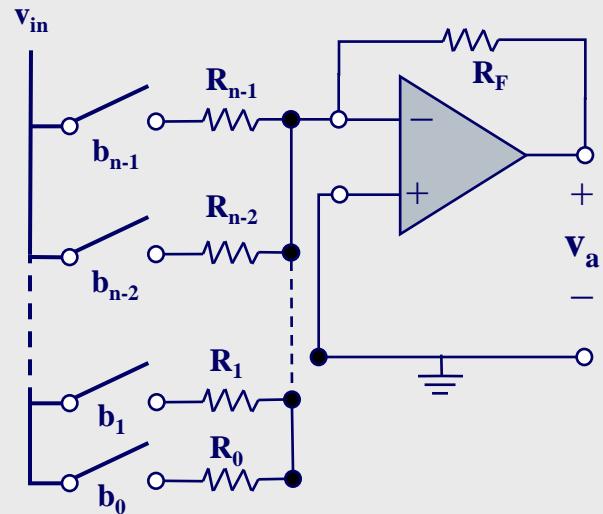
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# Digital to Analog Converter (DAC)

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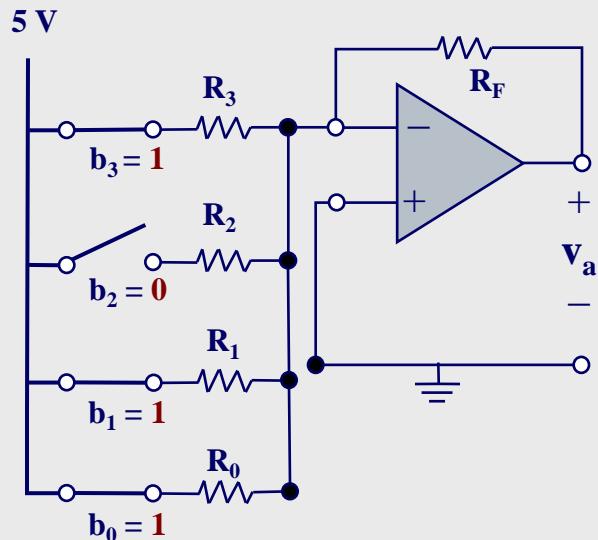
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$$R_1 = \frac{R_0}{2^1} = \frac{32k\Omega}{2} = 16k\Omega$$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_0}{2^2} = \frac{32k\Omega}{4} = 8k\Omega$$

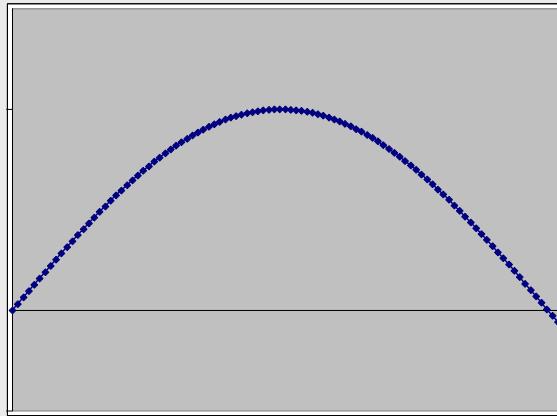
$$R_3 = \frac{R_0}{2^3} = \frac{32k\Omega}{8} = 4k\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned}v_a &= -\frac{R_F}{R_0} \cdot v_{in} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i \cdot b_i \\&= -\frac{64k\Omega}{32k\Omega} \cdot 5 \cdot (2^3 \cdot b_3 + 2^2 \cdot b_2 + 2^1 \cdot b_1 + 2^0 \cdot b_0) \\&= -10 \cdot (8 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1) \\&= -110V\end{aligned}$$

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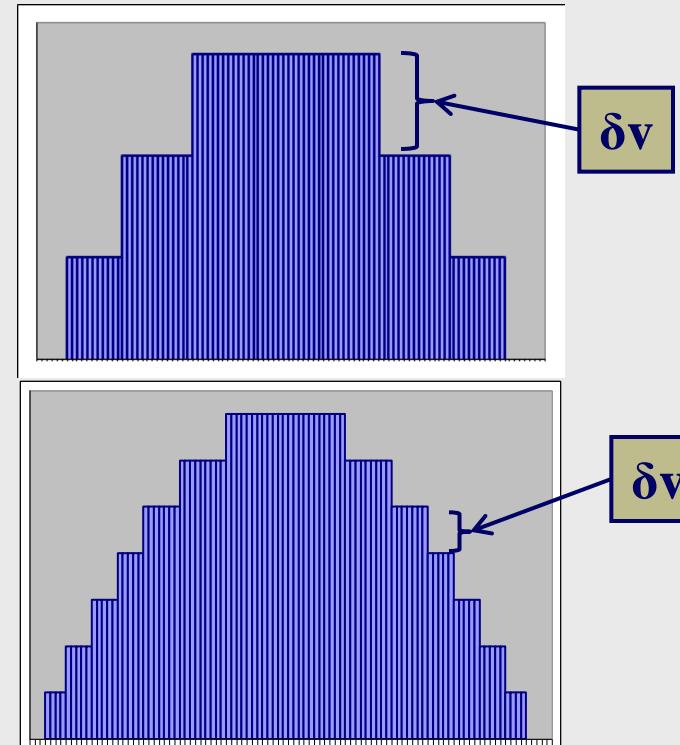
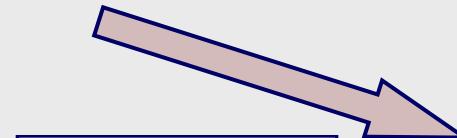
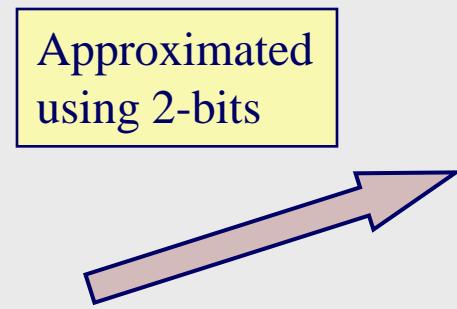
## Building a DAC:

- the analog output ( $v_a$ ) has a step-like appearance because of the discrete nature of a binary signal
- The **resolution** (coarseness of the “staircase”) can be adjusted by changing the **word length** (the number of bits)



Approximated  
using 2-bits

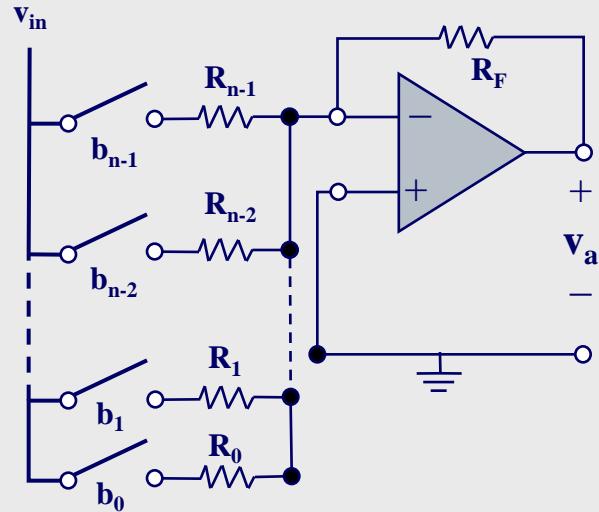
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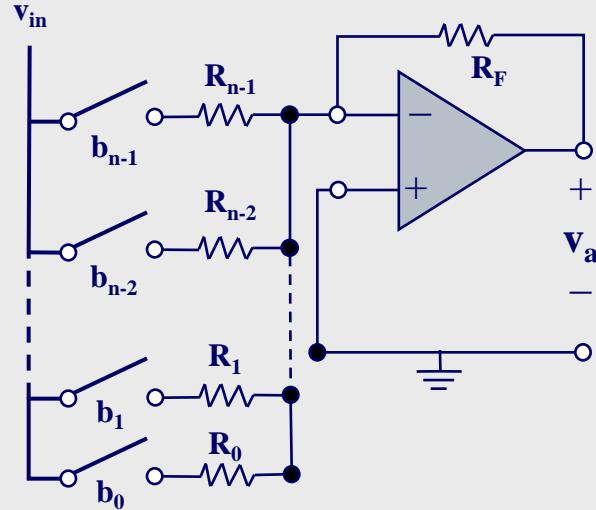
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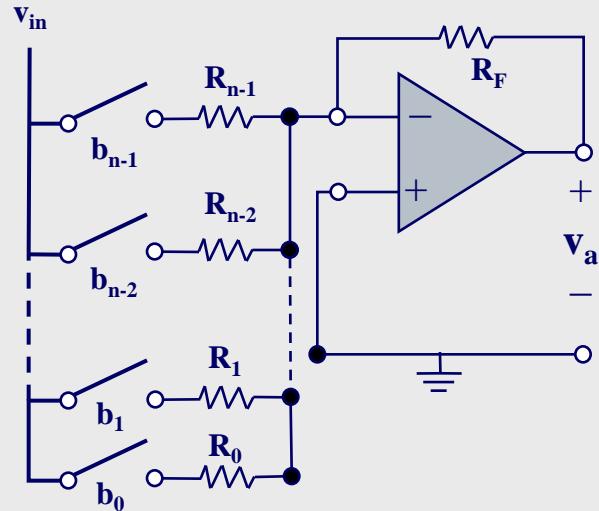
$$\begin{aligned} V_{a\text{max}} &= 2^n - 1 \delta v \\ \delta v &= \frac{V_{a\text{max}} - V_{a\text{min}}}{2^n - 1} \\ &= \frac{12 - 0}{2^8 - 1} \\ &= 47.1 \text{ mV} \end{aligned}$$

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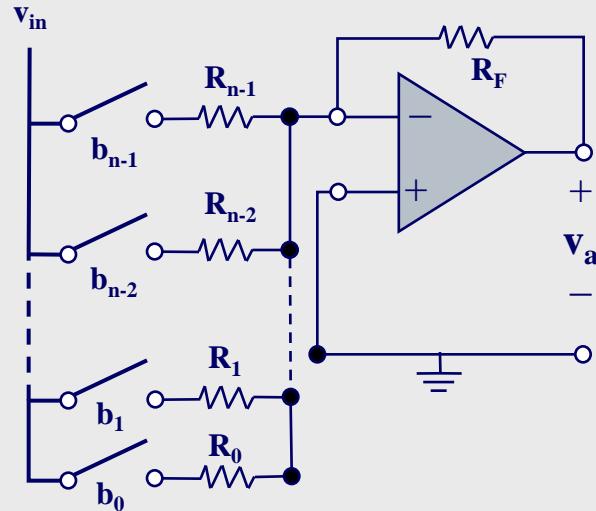


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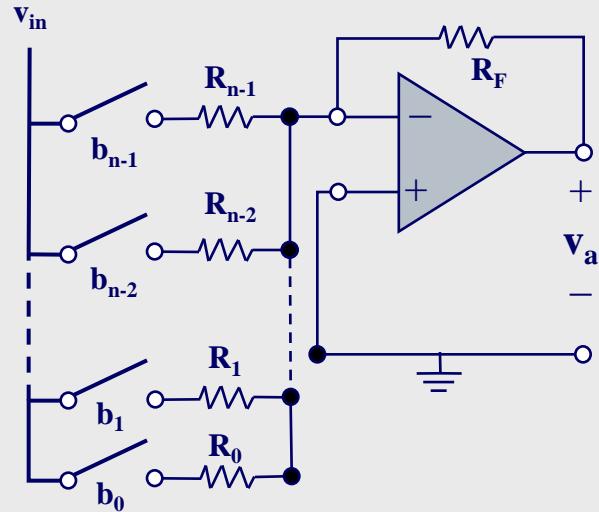
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$$n = \log_2 \left( \frac{v_{a\max} - v_{a\min}}{\delta v} + 1 \right)$$
$$n = \left\lceil \frac{\log_{10} (v_{a\max} - v_{a\min}) / \delta v + 1}{\log_{10} 2} \right\rceil$$

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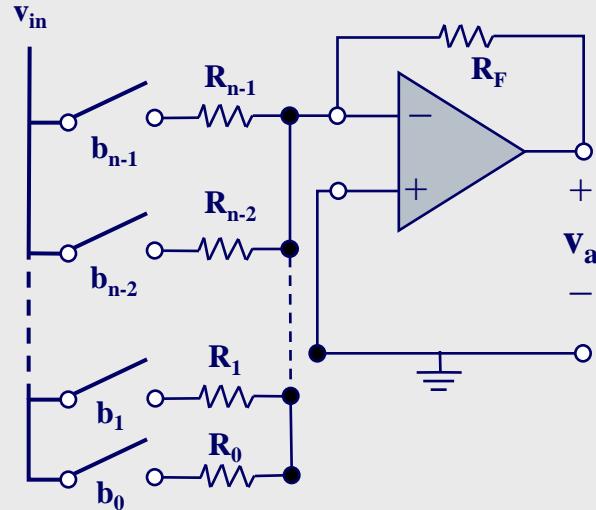


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$$\begin{aligned} n &= \left\lceil \frac{\log (v_{a\max} - v_{a\min}) / \delta v + 1}{\log 2} \right\rceil \\ &= \left\lceil \frac{\log (10 / 10^{-2} + 1)}{\log 2} \right\rceil \\ &= \left\lceil \frac{\log (1001)}{\log 2} \right\rceil \\ &= \left\lceil 9.97 \right\rceil \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

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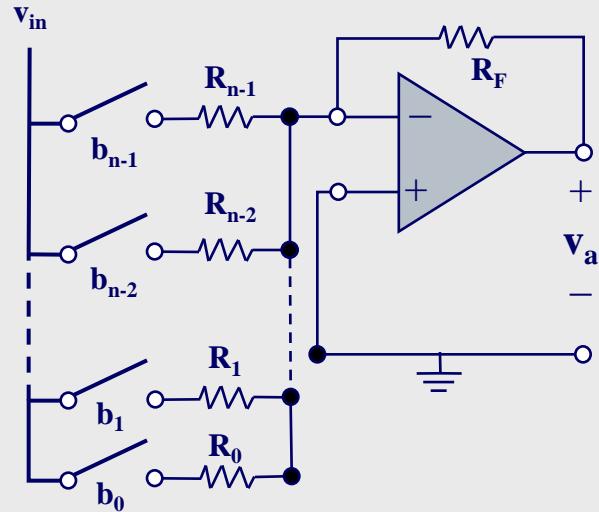
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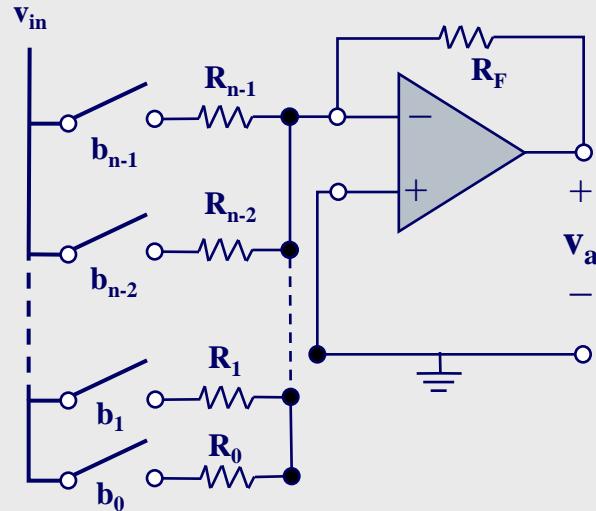
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$$= \left\lceil \frac{\log (5/1+1)}{\log 2} \right\rceil$$
$$= \sqrt{4}$$
$$= 4$$

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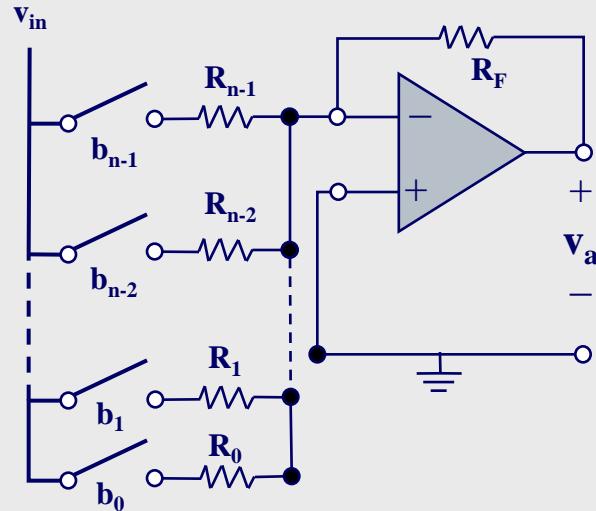
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$$= \frac{2}{15} (2^4 - 1)$$

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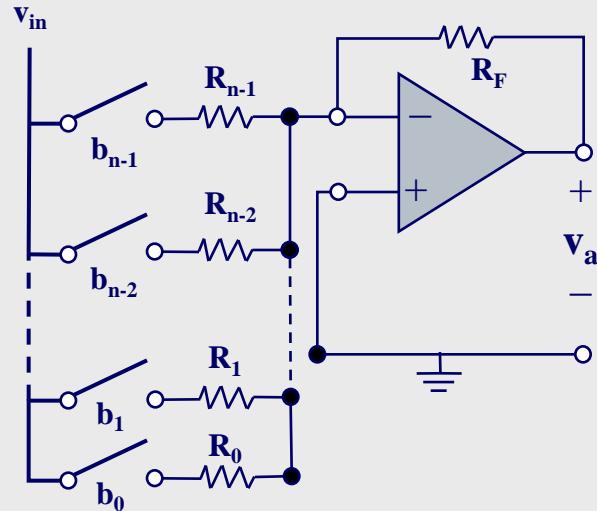
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