

LTC1292/LTC1297

Single Chip 12-Bit Data Acquisition Systems

FEATURES

- Built-In Sample-and-Hold
- Single Supply 5V Operation
- 60kHz Maximum Throughput Rate (LTC1292)
- Power Shutdown After Each Conversion (LTC1297)
- Direct 3-Wire Interface to Most MPU Serial Ports and All MPU Parallel Ports
- Analog Inputs Common Mode to Supply Rails

KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- Resolution: 12 Bits
- Fast Conversion Time: 12µs Max Over Temp
- Low Supply Current: 6.0mA
- Shutdown Supply Current: 5µA (LTC1297)

DESCRIPTION

The LTC1292/LTC1297 are data acquisition systems that contain a 12-bit, switched-capacitor successive approximation A/D, a differential input, sample-and-hold on the (+) input, and serial I/O. When the LTC1297 is idle between conversions it automatically powers down reducing the supply current to 5μ A, typically. The LTC1292 is capable of digitizing signals at a 60kHz rate and with the device's excellent AC characteristics, it can be used for DSP applications. All these features are packaged in an 8-pin DIP and are made possible using LTCMOS[™] switched-capacitor technology.

The serial I/O is designed to communicate without external hardware to most MPU serial ports and all MPU parallel I/O ports allowing data to be transmitted over three wires. Because of their accuracy, ease of use and small package size these devices are well suited for digitizing analog signals in remote applications where minimum number of interconnects and power consumption are important.

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TYPICAL APPLICATION



12-Bit Differential Input Data Acquisition System

Power Supply Current vs Sampling Frequency



CONVERSION RESULTS ARE NOT VALID WHEN ANY INPUT IS OVERVOLTAGED $(V_{IN} < GND \text{ OR } V_{IN} > V_{CC})$. SEE SECTION ON OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION IN THE APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage (V _{CC}) to GND 12V
Voltage
Analog and Reference
Inputs $-0.3V$ to V _{CC} + 0.3V
Digital Inputs0.3V to 12V
Digital Outputs $-0.3V$ to V _{CC} + 0.3V
Power Dissipation 500mW
Operating Temperature Range
LTC1292/LTC1297BC, LTC1292/LTC1297CC,
LTC1292/LTC1297DC 0°C to 70°C
LTC1292/LTC1297BI, LTC1292/LTC1297CI,
LTC1292/LTC1297DI –40°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature Range65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) 300°C

PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION



For Military Temperature Ranges please contact factory.

CONVERTER AND MULTIPLEXER CHARACTERISTICS (Note 3)

	CONDITIONS		LTC1292B LTC1297B MIN TYP MAY	LTC1292C LTC1297C MIN TYP MAY	LTC1292D LTC1297D MIN TYP MAY	UNITS
	CONDITIONS	- I				UNITS
Offset Error	(Note 4)	•	±3.0	±3.0	±3.0	LSB
Linearity Error (INL)	(Note 4 & 5)	•	±0.5	±0.5	±0.75	LSB
Gain Error	(Note 4)	•	±0.5	±1.0	±4.0	LSB
Minimum Resolution for Which No Missing Codes are Guaranteed			12	12	12	Bits
Analog and REF Input Range	(Note 7)	•		-0.05V to V _{CC} + 0.05V		V
On Channel Leakage Current (Note 8)	On Channel = 5V Off Channel = 0V	•	±1	±1	±1	μA
	On Channel = 0V Off Channel = 5V	•	±1	±1	±1	μA
Off Channel Lekage Current (Note 8)	On Channel = 5V Off Channel = 0V	•	±1	±1	±1	μA
	On Channel = 0V Off Channel = 5V	•	±1	±1	±1	μA



AC CHARACTERISTICS (Note 3)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS			LTC129 LTC129 LTC129 Min	2B/LTC1 2C/LTC1 2D/LTC1 TYP	297B 297C 297D MAX	UNITS
f _{CLK}	Clock Frequency	V _{CC} = 5V (Note 6)			(Note 9)		1.0	MHz
t _{SMPL}	Analog Input Sample Time	See Operating Sequence	LTC1292 LTC1297		0.5CLK+5.5µs	1.5CLK		
t _{CONV}	Conversion Time	See Operating Sequence				12		CLK Cycles
t _{CYC}	Total Cycle Time	See Operating Sequence (Note 6) LTC1292 LTC1297		14CLK+2.5µs 14CLK+6µs			
t _{dDO}	Delay Time, CLK \downarrow to D _{OUT} Data Valid	See Test Circuits		•		160	300	ns
t _{dis}	Delay Time, \overline{CS} to D _{OUT} Hi-Z	See Test Circuits		•		80	150	ns
t _{en}	Delay Time, CLK \downarrow to D _{OUT} Enabled	See Test Circuits		٠		80	200	ns
t _{hDO}	Time Output Data Remains Valid After CLK↓					130		ns
t _f	D _{OUT} Fall Time	See Test Circuits		٠		65	130	ns
t _r	D _{OUT} Rise Time	See Test Circuits		•		25	50	ns
t _{WHCLK}	CLK High Time	V _{CC} = 5V (Note 6)			300			ns
t _{WLCLK}	CLK Low Time	V _{CC} = 5V (Note 6)			400			ns
t _{suCS}	Setup Time, CS↓ Before CLK↑ (LTC1297 Wakeup Time)	V _{CC} = 5V (Note 6)	LTC1292 LTC1297		50 5.5			ns µs
twhes	CS High Time Between Data Transfer Cycles	V _{CC} = 5V (Note 6)	LTC1292 LTC1297		2.5 0.5			μs μs
tWLCS	CS Low Time During Data Transfer	V _{CC} = 5V (Note 6)	LTC1292 LTC1297		14CLK 14CLK+5.5µs			
C _{IN}	Input Capacitance	Analog Inputs On Channel Analog Inputs Off Channel Digital Inputs				100 5 5		pF pF pF

DIGITAL AND DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 3)

				LTC1 LTC1 LTC1	292B/LTC 292C/LTC 292D/LTC	1297B 1297C 1297D	
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	ΤΥΡ	MAX	UNITS
VIH	High Level Input Voltage	V _{CC} = 5.25V	•	2.0			V
VIL	Low Level Input Voltage	V _{CC} = 4.75V	•			0.8	V
I _{IH}	High Level Input Current	V _{IN} = Vcc	•			2.5	μA
IIL	Low Level Input Current	V _{IN} = 0V	•			-2.5	μA
V _{OH}	High Level Output Voltage	$V_{CC} = 4.75V, I_0 = -10\mu A$ $I_0 = 360\mu A$	•	2.4	4.7 4.0		V V
V _{OL}	Low Level Output Voltage	V _{CC} = 4.75V, I _O = 1.6mA	•			0.4	V
I _{OZ}	High Z Output Leakage	$V_{OUT} = V_{CC}, \overline{CS}$ High $V_{OUT} = 0V, \overline{CS}$ High	•			3 –3	μΑ μΑ
ISOURCE	Output Source Current	V _{OUT} = 0V			-20		mA
I _{SINK}	Output Sink Current	V _{OUT} = V _{CC}			20		mA



DIGITAL AND DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 3)

					LTC1 LTC1 LTC1	292B/LTC 292C/LTC 292D/LTC	1297B 1297C 1297D	
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITION	S		MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
I _{CC}	Positive Supply Current	CS High	LTC1292	•		6	12	mA
		CS Low	LTC1297	•		6	12	mA
		CS High Power	LTC1297BC, LTC1297CC, LTC1297DC	•		5	10	μA
		Shutdown CLK Off	Shutdown LTC1297BI, LTC1297CI, LTC1297DI CLK Off LTC1297BM, LTC1297CM, LTC1297DM			5	15	μA
I _{REF}	Reference Current	CS High		•		10	50	μA

The • denotes specifications which apply over the operating temperature range; all other limits and typicals $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$.

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

Note 2: All voltage values are with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted).

Note 3: $V_{CC} = 5V$, $V_{REF} = 5V$, CLK = 1.0MHz unless otherwise specified.

Note 4: One LSB is equal to V_{BFF} divided by 4096. For example, when V_{BFF} = 5V. 1LSB = 5V/4096 = 1.22mV.

Note 5: Linearity error is specified between the actual end points of the A/D transfer curve. The deviation is measured from the center of the quantization band.

Note 6: Recommended operating conditions.

Note 7: Two on-chip diodes are tied to each reference and analog input which will conduct for reference or analog input voltages one diode drop below GND or one diode drop above V_{CC} . Be careful during testing at low V_{CC} levels (4.5V), as high level reference or analog inputs (5V) can cause this input diode to conduct, especially at elevated temperatures, and cause errors for inputs near full scale. This spec allows 50mV forward bias of either diode. This means that as long as the reference or analog input does not exceed the supply voltage by more than 50mV, the output code will be correct. To achieve an absolute OV to 5V input voltage range will therefore require a minimum supply voltage of 4.950V over initial tolerance, temperature variations and loading.

Note 8: Channel leakage current is measured after the channel selection. Note 9: Increased leakage currents at elevated temperatures cause the S/ H to droop, therefore it is recommended that $f_{CLK} \ge 125 kHz$ at $125^{\circ}C$, f_{CLK} \geq 31kHz at 85°C, and f_{CLK} \geq 3kHz at 25°C.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS





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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



* AS THE CLK FREQUENCY IS DECREASED FROM 1MHz, MINIMUM CLK FREQUENCY (∆ERROR ≤ 0 1LSB) REPRESENTS THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH A 0 1LSB SHIFT IN ANY CODE TRANSITION FROM ITS 1MHz VALUE IS FIRST DETECTED (NOTE 9).



TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



PIN FUNCTIONS

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30 50 70

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE (°C)

90

110 130

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0

-50 -30 -10

#	PIN	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
1	CS	Chip Select Input	A logic low on this input enables the LTC1292/LTC1297. Power shutdown is activated on the LTC1297 when CS is brought high.
2, 3	+IN, –IN	Analog Inputs	These inputs must be free of noise with respect to GND.
4	GND	Analog Ground	GND should be tied directly to an analog ground plane.
5	V _{REF}	Reference Input	The reference input defines the span of the A/D converter and must be kept free of noise with respect to GND.
6	D _{OUT}	Digital Data Output	The A/D conversion result is shifted out of this output.
7	CLK	Shift Clock	This clock synchronizes the serial data transfer.
8	V _{CC}	Positive Supply	This supply must be kept free of noise and ripple by bypassing directly to the analog ground plane.

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REFERENCE VOLTAGE (V)

1

3

4

5

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0

0



BLOCK DIAGRAM



TEST CIRCUITS





Voltage Waveforms for D_{OUT} Rise and Fall Times, $t_{\text{r}},\,t_{\text{f}}$



Voltage Waveforms for t_{dis}



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NOTE 2: WAVEFORM 2 IS FOR AN OUTPUT WITH INTERNAL CONDITIONS SUCH THAT THE OUTPUT IS LOW UNLESS DISABLED BY THE OUTPUT CONTROL.



LTC1292/LTC1297

TEST CIRCUITS



APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The LTC1292/LTC1297 are data acquisition components which contain the following functional blocks:

- 1. 12-Bit Succesive Approximation Capacitive A/D Converter
- 2. Differential Input
- 3. Sample-and-Hold (S/H)
- 4. Synchronous, Half-Duplex Serial Interface
- 5. Control and Timing Logic

DIGITAL CONSIDERATIONS

Serial Interface

The LTC1292/LTC1297 communicate with microprocessors and other external circuitry via a synchronous, halfduplex, three-wire serial interface (see Operating Sequence). The clock (CLK) synchronizes the data transfer with each bit being transmitted on the falling CLK edge. The LTC1292/LTC1297 do not require a configuration input word and have no D_{IN} pin. They are permanently configured to have a single differential input and to perform a unipolar conversion. A falling CS initiates data transfer. To allow the LTC1297 to recover from the power shutdown mode, t_{suCS} has to be met. Then the first CLK pulse enables D_{OUT} . After one null bit, the A/D conversion result is output on the D_{OUT} line with a MSB-first sequence followed by a LSB-first sequence. With the half-duplex serial interface the D_{OUT} data is from the current conversion. This provides easy interface to MSB-first or LSB-first serial ports. Bringing $\overline{\text{CS}}$ high resets the LTC1292/LTC1297 for the next data exchange and puts the LTC1297 into its power shutdown mode.

Table 1. Microprocessor with Hardware Serial Interfaces Compatible with the LTC1292/LTC1297**

PART NUMBER	TYPE OF INTERFACE
Motorola MC6805S2, S3	SPI
MC68HC11 MC68HC05	SPI SPI
RCA CDP68HC05	SPI
Hitachi HD6305 HD6301 HD63701 HD6303 HD64180	SCI Synchronous SCI Synchronous SCI Synchronous SCI Synchronous SCI Synchronous SCI Synchronous
National Semiconductor COP400 Family COP800 Family NS8050U HPC16000 Family	MICROWIRE [†] MCROWIRE/PLUS [†] MICROWIRE/PLUS MICROWIRE/PLUS
Texas Instruments TMS7002 TMS7042 TMS70C02 TMS70C42 TMS32011* TMS32020* TMS370C050	Serial Port Serial Port Serial Port Serial Port Serial Port Serial Port SPI

* Requires external hardware

** Contact factory for interface information for processors not on this list

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Microprocessor Interfaces

The LTC1292/LTC1297 can interface directly (without external hardware) to most popular microprocessors' (MPU) synchronous serial formats (see Table 1). If an MPU without a dedicated serial port is used, then three of the MPU's parallel port lines can be programmed to form the serial link to the LTC1292/LTC1297. Included here are one serial interface example and one example showing a parallel port programmed to form the serial interface.

Motorola SPI (MC68HC11)

The MC68HC11 has been chosen as an example of an MPU with a dedicated serial port. This MPU transfers data MSB first and in 8-bit increments. A dummy D_{IN} word sent to the data register starts the SPI process. With two 8-bit transfers, the A/D result is read into the MPU (Figure 1). For the LTC1292 the first 8-bit transfer clocks B11 through B8 of the A/D conversion result into the processor. The second 8-bit transfer clocks the remaining bits B7 through B0 into











LABEL	MNEMONIC	OPERAND	COMMENTS	LABEL	MNEMONIC	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	LDAA	#\$50	CONFIGURATION DATA FOR SPCR		STAB	\$08, X	D0 GOES LOW (CS GOES LOW)
	STAA	\$1028	LOAD DATA INTO SPCR (\$1028)		NOP		
	LDAA	#\$1B	CONFIG. DATA FOR PORT D DDR				
	STAA	\$1009	LOAD DATA INTO PORT D DDR		LDAA	\$1029	CHECK SPI STATUS REG
	LDAA	#\$00	LOAD DUMMY DIN WORD INTO		LDAA	\$102A	LOAD LTC1292 MSBs INTO ACC A
			ACC A		STAA	\$61	STORE MSBs IN \$61
	STAA	\$50	LOAD DUMMY DIN DATA INTO \$50		STAA	\$102A	LOAD DUMMY DIN INTO SPI,
LOOP	LDX	#\$1000	LOAD INDEX REGISTER X WITH				START SCK
			\$1000		NOPS		6 NOPS FOR TIMING
		#\$00 \$50			DOLT	000 V 001	
	LUAA	\$30	EROM \$50		BOEI	\$08,X,\$01	
	STAA	\$1024			LDAA	\$1029	CHECK SPI STATUS REGISTER
	JIAA	\$10ZA	START SCK		LDAA	\$102A	LOAD LTC1292 LSBs IN ACC
	NOP		DELAY CS FALL TIME TO RIGHT		STAA	\$62	STORE LSBs IN \$62
			JUSTIFY DATA		JMP	LOOP	START NEXT CONVERSION

MC68HC11 CODE for LTC1292 Interface

the MPU. The data is right-justified in the two memory locations (Figure 2). This was made possible by delaying the falling edge of \overline{CS} till after the second CLK. ANDing the first byte with OF_{HEX} clears the four most significant bits. This operation was not included in the code. It can be inserted in the data gathering loop or outside the loop when the data is processed.

For the LTC1297 (Figure 3) a delay must be introduced to accommodate the setup time, t_{suCS} , before the dummy D_{IN} word is sent to the data register. The first 8-bit transfer clocks B11 through B6 of the A/D conversion result into the processor. The second 8-bit transfer clocks the remaining bits B5 through B0 into the MPU. Note B1 and B2 from the LSB-first data word have also been clocked in.



Figure 3. Data Exchange Between LTC1297 and MC68HC11



Figure 4. Hardware and Software Interface to Motorola MC68HC11 Microcontroller

	MC68HC11	CODE	for	LTC1297	Interface
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LABEL	MNEMONIC	OPERAND	COMMENTS	LABEL	MNEMONIC	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	LDAA	#\$50	CONFIGURATION DATA FOR SPCR	LOOP1	LDAA	\$1029	CHECK SPI STATUS REG
	STAA	\$1028	LOAD DATA INTO SPCR (\$1028)		BPL	LOOP1	CHECK IF TRANSFER IS DONE
	LDAA	#\$1B	CONFIG. DATA FOR PORT D DDR		LDAA	\$102A	LOAD LTC1297 MSBs INTO ACC A
	STAA	\$1009	LOAD DATA INTO PORT D DDR		STAA	\$61	STORE MSBs IN \$61
	LDAA	#\$00	LOAD DUMMY DIN WORD INTO ACC A		STAA	\$102A	LOAD DUMMY DIN INTO SPI, START SCK
	STAA	\$50	LOAD DUMMY DIN DATA INTO \$0	LOOP2	LDAA	\$1029	CHECK SPI STATUS RES
LOOP	LDX	#\$1000	LOAD INDEX REGISTER X WITH		BPL	LOOP2	CHECK IF TRANSFER IS DONE
			\$1000		BSET	\$08X,\$01	D0 GOES HIGH (CS GOES HIGH)
	LDAB	#\$00	LOAD ACC B WITH \$00		LDAA	\$102A	LOAD LTC1297 LSBs INTO ACC A
	LDAA	\$50	LOAD DIN INTO ACC FROM \$50		STAA	\$62	STORE LSBs IN \$62
	BCLR	\$08,X,\$01	D0 GOES LOW (CS GOES LOW)		ROR	\$61	ROTATE RIGHT WITH CARRY
	NOP		3 NOP FOR t _{suCS} TIMING		ROR	\$62	NEEDED TO RIGHT JUSTIFY
	NOP				ROR	\$61	THE DATA IN \$61 AND \$62
	NOP				ROR	\$62	
	STAA	\$102A	LOAD DUMMY DIN INTO SPI. START CLK		JMP	LOOP	START NEXT CONVERSION

The data is right-justified in the two memory locations by rotating right twice (Figure 4). ANDing the first byte with OF_{HEX} clears the four most significant bits. This operation was not included in the code. It can be inserted in the data gathering loop or outside the loop when the data is processed.

Interfacing to the Parallel Port of the Intel 8051 Family

The Intel 8051 has been chosen to show the interface between the LTC1292/LTC1297 and parallel port microprocessors. The signals $\overline{\text{CS}}$ and CLK are generated

on two port lines and the D_{OUT} signal is read on a third port line. After a falling CLK edge each data bit is loaded into the carry bit and then rotated into the accumulator. Once the first 8 MSBs have been shifted into the accumulator they are loaded into register R2. The last four bits are shifted in the same way and loaded into register R3. The output data is left-justified in registers R2 and R3 (Figure 5).

For the LTC1297 four NOPs need to be inserted in the 8051 code after \overline{CS} goes low to allow the LTC1297 to wake up from power shutdown ($t_{su\overline{CS}}$).





Figure 5. Hardware and Software Interface to Intel 8051 Processor

8051 CODE

LABEL	MNEMONIC	OPERAND	COMMENTS	LABEL	MNEMONIC	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	MOV	P1,#02h	BIT 1 PORT 1 SET AS INPUT		CLR	A	CLEAR ACC
	CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW		RLC	A	ROTATE DATA BIT (B3) INTO ACC
	SETB	P1.4	CS GOES HIGH			SETB	P1.3 CLK GOES HIGH
CONT	CLR	P1.4	CS GOES LO		CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW
	NOP		4 NOP FOR LTC1297 t _{suCS} (Wakeup		MOV	C,P1.1	READ DATA BIT INTO CARRY
	NOP		Time) (Not Needed for LTC1292)		RLC	A	ROTATE DATA BIT (B2) INTO ACC
	NOP				SETB	P1.3	CLK GOES HIGH
	NOP				CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW
	SETB	P1.3	CLK GOES HIGH		MOV	C,P1.1	READ DATA BIT INTO CARRY
	CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW		RLC	A	ROTATE DATA BIT (B1) INTO ACC
	SETB	P1.3	CLK GOES HIGH		SETB	P1.3	CLK GOES HIGH
	CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW		CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW
	моу	R4,#08H	LOAD COUNTER		MOV	C,P1.1	READ DATA BIT INTO CARRY
LOOP	моу	C.P1.1	READ DATA BIT INTO CARRY		SETB	P1.4	CS GOES HIGH
	RLC	A	ROTATE DATA BIT INTO ACC		RRC	A	ROTATE DATA BIT (B0) INTO ACC
	SETB	P1.3	CLK GOES HIGH		RRC	A	ROTATE RIGHT INTO ACC
	CLR	P1.3	CLK GOES LOW		RRC	A	ROTATE RIGHT INTO ACC
	DJNZ	R4.LOOP	NEXT BIT		RRC	A	ROTATE RIGHT INTO ACC
	MOV	B2.A	STORE MSBs IN B2		MOV	R3,A	STORE LSBs IN R3
	MOV	C,P1.1	READ DATA BIT INTO CARRY		AJMP	CONT	START NEXT CONVERSION

Sharing the Serial Interface

The LTC1292/LTC1297 can share the same two-wire serial interface with other peripheral components or other LTC1292/LTC1297s (Figure 6). In this case, the CS signals decide which LTC1292 is being addressed by the MPU.

ANALOG CONSIDERATIONS

Grounding

The LTC1292/LTC1297 should be used with an analog ground plane and single point grounding techniques. Do not use wire wrapping techniques to breadboard and evaluate the device. To achieve the optimum performance







Figure 6. Several LTC1292/LTC1297s Sharing One 2-Wire Serial Interface

Figure 7. Example Ground Plane for the LTC1292/LTC1297

use a PC board. The ground pin (Pin 4) should be tied directly to the ground plane with minimum lead length (a low profile socket is fine). Figure 7 shows an example of an ideal LTC1292/LTC1297 ground plane design for a two-sided board. Of course this much ground plane will not always be possible, but users should strive to get as close to this ideal as possible.

Bypassing

For good performance, V_{CC} must be free of noise and ripple. Any changes in the V_{CC} voltage with respect to ground during a conversion cycle can induce errors or noise in the output code. V_{CC} noise and ripple can be kept below 0.5mV by bypassing the V_{CC} pin directly to the analog ground plane with a minimum of 22μ F tantalum capacitor and with leads as short as possible. The lead from the device to the V_{CC} supply also should be kept to a

minimum and the V_{CC} supply should have a low output impedance such as obtained from a voltage regulator (e.g., LT323A). For high frequency bypassing a 0.1 μ F ceramic disk placed in parallel with the 22 μ F is recommended. Again the leads should be kept to a minimum. Figures 8 and 9 show the effects of good and poor V_{CC} bypassing.

Analog Inputs

Because of the capacitive redistribution A/D conversion techniques used, the analog inputs of the LTC1292/ LTC1297 have capacitive switching input current spikes. These current spikes settle quickly and do not cause a problem. If large source resistances are used or if slow settling op amps drive the inputs, take care to insure that the transients caused by the current spikes settle completely before the conversion begins.



Figure 8. Poor V_{CC} Bypassing. Noise and Ripple Can Cause A/D Errors



Figure 9. Good V_{CC} Bypassing Keeps Noise and Ripple on V_{CC} Below 1mV

Source Resistance

The analog inputs of the LTC1292/LTC1297 look like a 100pF capacitor (C_{IN}) in series with a 500 Ω resistor (R_{ON}) (Figures 10a and 10b). C_{IN} gets switched between (+) and (-) inputs once during each conversion cycle. Large external source resistors and capacitances will slow the settling of the inputs. It is important that the overall RC time constant is short enough to allow the analog inputs to settle completely within the allowed time.

"+" Input Settling

The input capacitor for the LTC1292 is switched onto the "+" input during the sample phase (t_{SMPL} , see Figures 11a, 11b and 11c). The sample period can be as short as t_{WHCS} + 1/2 CLK cycle or as long as t_{WHCS} + 1 1/2 CLK cycles before a conversion starts. This variability depends on where CS falls relative to CLK. The voltage on the "+" input must settle completely within the sample period. Minimizing R_{SOURCE} + and C1 will improve the settling time. If large "+" input source resistance must be used, the sample time can be increased by using a slower CLK frequency. With the minimum possible sample time of 3.0µs, R_{SOURCE} + <2.0k and C1 < 20pF will provide adequate settling time.

The sample period for the LTC1297 starts on the falling edge of CS and ends on the falling edge of the first CLK



Figure 10a. Analog Input Equivalent Circuit for the LTC1292



Figure 10b. Analog Input Equivalent Circuit for the LTC1297

(Figure 12). The length of the sample period is $t_{suCS} + 0.5$ CLK cycles. Again, the voltage on the "+" input must settle completely within the sample period. If large "+" input source resistance must be used, the sample time can be increased by using a slower CLK frequency or by increasing



Figure 11a. Setup Time (t_{suCS}) Is Met for the LTC1292

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Figure 11c. Setup Time (t_{suCS}) Is Not Met for the LTC1292

 t_{suCS} . With the minimum possible sample time of 6µs, **R**_{SOURCE}+ < 5k and C1 < 20pF will provide adequate settling time. In general for both the LTC1292 and LTC1297 keep the product of the total resistance and the total capacitance less than $t_{SMPL}/9$. If this condition can not be met, then make C1 > 0.47µF (see RC Input Filtering section).

"-" Input Settling

At the end of the sample phase the input capacitor switches to the "–" input and the conversion starts (see Figures 11a, 11b, 11c and 12). During the conversion, the "+" input voltage is effectively "held" by the sample-and-hold and will not affect the conversion result. It is critical that the





Figure 12. "+" and "-" Input Settling Windows for the LTC1297

"-" input voltage be free of noise and settle completely during the first CLK cycle of the conversion. Minimizing R_{SOURCE} - and C2 will improve settling time. If large "-" input source resistance must be used the time can be extended by using a slower CLK frequency. At the maximum CLK frequency of 1MHz, R_{SOURCE} -<250 Ω and C2<20pF will provide adequate settling.

Input Op Amps

When driving the analog inputs with an op amp it is important that the op amp settles within the allowed time (see Figures 11a, 11b, 11c and 12). Again the "+" and "-" input sampling times can be extended as described above to accommodate slower op amps. Most op amps including the LT1006 and LT1013 single supply op amps can be made to settle well even with the minimum settling windows of 3.0µs for the LTC1292 or 6.0µs for the LTC1297 ("+" input) and 1µs ("-" input) that occurs at the maximum clock rate of 1MHz. Figures 13 and 14 show examples of both adequate and poor op amp settling.



Figure 13. Adequate Settling of Op Amp Driving Analog Input







RC Input Filtering

It is possible to filter the inputs with an RC network as shown in Figure 15. For large values of C_F (e.g., 1µF) the capacitive input switching currents are averaged into a net DC current. A filter should be chosen with a small resistor and large capacitor to prevent DC drops across the resistor. The magnitude of the DC current is approximately I_{DC} = 100pF×V_{IN}/t_{CYC} and is roughly proportional to V_{IN}. When running the LTC1292(LTC1297) at the minimum cycle time of 16.5µs (20µs), the input current equals 30µA (25µA) at V_{IN} = 5V. Here a filter resistor of 4Ω (5Ω) will cause 0.1LSB of full scale error. If a large filter resistor must be used, errors can be reduced by increasing the cycle time as shown in the typical performance characteristics curve Maximum Filter Resistor vs Cycle Time.



Figure 15. RC Input Filtering

Input Leakage Current

Input leakage currents also can create errors if the source resistance gets too large. For example, the maximum input leakage specification of 1μ A (at 125° C) flowing through a source resistance of 1k will cause a voltage drop of 1mV or 0.8LSB. This error will be much reduced at lower temperatures because leakage drops rapidly (see typical performance characteristics curve Input Channel Leakage Current vs Temperature).

SAMPLE-AND-HOLD

Single-Ended Input

The LTC1292/LTC1297 provide a built-in sample-andhold (S&H) function on the +IN input for signals acquired in the single-ended mode (–IN pin grounded). The sampleand-hold allows the LTC1292/LTC1297 to convert rapidly varying signals (see typical performance characteristics curve of S&H Acquisition Time vs Source Resistance). The input voltage is sampled during the t_{SMPL} time as shown in Figure 11. The sampling interval begins at the rising edge of \overline{CS} for the LTC1292, and at the falling edge of \overline{CS} for the LTC1297, and continues until the falling edge of the CLK before the conversion begins. On this falling edge the S&H goes into the hold mode and the conversion begins.

Differential Input

With a differential input the A/D no longer converts a single voltage but converts the difference between two voltages. The voltage on the +IN pin is sampled and held and can be rapidly time-varying as in single-ended mode. The voltage on the –IN pin must remain constant and be free of noise and ripple throughout the conversion time. Otherwise the differencing operation will not be done accurately. The conversion time is 12 CLK cycles. Therefore a change in the –IN input voltage during this interval can cause conversion errors. For a sinusoidal voltage on the –IN input this error would be:

$$V_{\text{ERROR}(\text{MAX})} = \left(2\pi f_{(-\text{IN})} V_{\text{PEAK}}\right) \left(\frac{12}{f_{\text{CLK}}}\right)$$

Where $f_{(-IN)}$ is the frequency of the -IN input voltage, V_{PEAK} is its peak amplitude and f_{CLK} is the frequency of the CLK. Usually V_{ERROR} will not be significant. For a 60Hz signal on the -IN input to generate a 0.25LSB error (300µV) with the converter running at CLK = 1MHz, its peak value would have to be 66mV. Rearranging the above equation the maximum sinusoidal signal that can be digitized to a given accuracy is given as:

$$f_{(-IN)MAX} = \left(\frac{V_{ERROR(MAX)}}{2\pi V_{PEAK}}\right) \left(\frac{f_{CLK}}{12}\right)$$

For 0.25LSB error ($300\mu V$) the maximum input sinusoid with a 5V peak amplitude that can be digitized is 0.8Hz.

Reference Input

The voltage on the reference input of the LTC1292/ LTC1297 determine the voltage span of the A/D converter. The reference input has transient capacitive switching currents due to the switched-capacitor con-



version technique (see Figure 16). During each bit test of the conversion (every CLK cycle) a capacitive current spike will be generated on the reference pin by the A/D. These current spikes settle quickly and do not cause a problem. If slow settling circuitry is used to drive the reference input, take care to insure that transients caused by these current spikes settle completely during each bit test of the conversion.



Figure 16. Reference Input Equivalent Circuit



HORIZONTAL: 1µs/DIV Figure 17. Adequate Reference Settling (LT1027)



HORIZONTAL: 10µs/DIV Figure 18. Poor Reference Settling Can Cause A/D Errors

Figures 17 and 18 show examples of both adequate and poor settling. Using a slower CLK will allow more time for the reference to settle. Even at the maximum CLK rate of 1MHz most references and op amps can be made to settle within the 1 μ s bit time. For example the LT1027 will settle adequately. With a 10 μ F bypass capacitor at V_{REF} the LT1021 can also be used.

Reduced Reference Operation

The effective resolution of the LTC1292/LTC1297 can be increased by reducing the input span of the converter. The LTC1292/LTC1297 exhibit good linearity over a range of reference voltages (see typical performance characteristics curves of Change in Linearity vs Reference Voltage). Care must be taken when operating at low values of V_{REF} because of the reduced LSB step size and the resulting higher accuracy requirement placed on the converter. Offset and noise are factors that must be considered when operating at low V_{REF} values. The internal reference for V_{REF} has been tied to the GND pin. Any voltage drop from the GND pin to the ground plane will cause a gain error.

Offset with Reduced V_{REF}

The offset of the LTC1292/LTC1297 has a larger effect on the output code when the A/D is operated with a reduced reference voltage. The offset (which is typically a fixed voltage) becomes a larger fraction of an LSB as the size of the LSB is reduced. The typical performance characteristics curve of Unadjusted Offset Error vs Reference Voltage shows how offset in LSBs is related to reference voltage for a typical value of V_{OS}. For example a V_{OS} of 0.1mV, which is 0.1LSB with a 5V reference becomes 0.4LSB with a 1.25V reference. If this offset is unacceptable, it can be corrected digitally by the receiving system or by offsetting the –IN input to the LTC1292/LTC1297.

Noise with Reduced V_{REF}

The total input referred noise of the LTC1292/LTC1297 can be reduced to approximately $200\mu V_{P-P}$ using a ground plane, good bypassing, good layout techniques and minimizing noise on the reference inputs. This noise is insignificant with a 5V reference input but will



become a larger fraction of an LSB as the size of the LSB is reduced. The typical performance characteristics curve of Noise Error vs Reference Voltage shows the LSB contribution of this 200μ V of noise.

For operation with a 5V reference, the 200μ V noise is only 0.16LSB peak-to-peak. HeretheLTC1292/LTC1297 noise will contribute virtually no uncertainty to the output code. For reduced references, the noise may become a significant fraction of an LSB and cause undesirable jitter in the output code. For example, with a 1.25V reference, this 200μ V noise is 0.64LSB peakto-peak. This will reduce the range of input voltages over which a stable output code can be achieved by 0.64LSB. Now, averaging readings may be necessary.

This noise data was taken in a very clean test fixture. Any setup induced noise (noise or ripple on V_{CC} , V_{REF} or V_{IN}) will add to the internal noise. The lower the reference voltage used, the more critical it becomes to have a noise-free setup.

Gain Error Due to Reduced V_{REF}

The gain error of the LTC1292/LTC1297 is very good over a wide range of reference voltages. The error component that is seen in the typical performance characteristics curve Change in Gain Error vs Reference Voltage is due to the voltage drop on the GND pin from the device to the ground plane. To minimize this error the LTC1292/LTC1297 should be soldered directly onto the PC board. The internal reference point for V_{REF} is tied to GND. Any voltage drop in the GND pin will make the reference voltage, internal to the device, less than what is applied externally (Figure 19). This drop is typically 420 μ V due to the product of the pin



Figure 19. Parasitic Resistance in GND Pin

resistance (R_{PIN}) and the LTC1292/LTC1297 supply current. For example, with V_{REF} = 1.25V this will result in a gain error change of –1.0LSB from the gain error measured with V_{REF} = 5V.

LTC1292 AC Characteristics

Two commonly used figures of merit for specifying the dynamic performance of the A/Ds in digital signal processing applications are the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) and the "Effective Number of Bits (ENOB)." SNR is the ratio of the RMS magnitude of the fundamental to the RMS magnitude of all the non-fundamental signals up to the Nyquist frequency (half the sampling frequency). The theoretical maximum SNR for a sine wave input is given by:

SNR = (6.02N + 1.76dB)

where N is the number of bits. Thus the SNR depends on the resolution of the A/D. For an ideal 12-bit A/D the SNR is equal to 74dB. Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) plots of the output spectrum of the LTC1292 are shown in Figures 20a and 20b. The input (f_{IN}) frequencies are 1kHz and 28kHz with the sampling frequency (f_S) at 58.8 kHz. The SNRs obtained from the plots are 73.0dB and 61.5dB.

By rewriting the SNR expression it is possible to obtain the equivalent resolution based on the SNR measurement.

$$N = \left(\frac{SNR - 1.76dB}{6.02}\right)$$

This is the effective number of bits (ENOB). For the example shown in Figures 20a and 20b, N = 11.8 bits and 9.9 bits, respectively. Figure 21 shows a plot of ENOB as a function of input frequency. The 2nd harmonic distortion term accounts for the degradation of the ENOB as $f_{\rm IN}$ approaches $f_{\rm S}/2$.

Figure 22 shows an FFT plot of the output spectrum for two tones applied to the input of the A/D. Nonlinearities in the A/D will cause distortion products at the sum and difference frequencies of the fundamentals and products of the fundamentals. This is classically referred to as intermodulation distortion (IMD).





Figure 20a. $f_{IN} = 1kHz$, $f_S = 58.8kHz$, SNR = 73.0dB



Figure 20b. $f_{IN} = 28kHz$, $f_S = 58.8kHz$, SNR = 61.5dB



Figure 21. LTC1292 ENOB vs Input Frequency



Figure 22. $f_{IN1} = 5.1 \text{kHz}, f_{IN2} = 5.6 \text{kHz}, f_S = 58.8 \text{kHz}$

Overvoltage Protection

Applying signals to the LTC1292/LTC1297's analog inputs that exceed the positive supply or that go below ground will degrade the accuracy of the A/D and possibly damage the devices. For example this condition would occur if a signal is applied to the analog inputs before power is applied to the LTC1292/LTC1297. Another example is the input source is operating from different supplies of larger value than the LTC1292/ LTC1297. These conditions should be prevented either with proper supply sequencing or by use of external circuitry to clamp or current limit the input source. There are two ways to protect the inputs. In Figure 23 diode clamps from the inputs to V_{CC} and GND are used. The second method is to put resistors in series with the analog inputs for current limiting. Limit the current to 15mA per channel. The +IN input can accept a resistor value of 1k but the -IN input cannot accept more than 250Ω when clocked at its maximum clock frequency of 1MHz. If the LTC1292/LTC1297 are clocked at the maximum clock frequency and 250Ω is not enough to current limit the input source, then the clamp diodes are recommended (Figures 24a and 24b). The reason for the limit on the resistor value is that the MSB bit test is affected by the value of the resistor placed at the -IN input (see discussion on Analog Inputs and the typical performance characteristics Maximum CLK Frequency vs Source Resistance).



If V_{CC} and V_{REF} are not tied together, then V_{CC} should be turned on first, then V_{REF} . If this sequence cannot be met, connecting a diode from V_{REF} to V_{CC} is recommended (see Figure 25).



Figure 23. Overvoltage Protection with Clamp Diodes



Figure 24a. Overvoltage Protection with Current Limiting Resistors

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Because a unique input protection structure is used on the digital input pins, the signal levels on these pins can exceed the device V_{CC} without damaging the device.



Figure 24b. Overvoltage Protection with Diode Clamps and Current Limiting Resistor



Figure 25. Separate V_{CC} and V_{REF} Supplies



Figure 26. "Quick Look" Circuit for the LTC1292

A "Quick Look" Circuit for the LTC1292

Users can get a quick look at the function and timing of the LTC1292 by using the "Quick Look" circuit in Figure 26. V_{REF} is tied to V_{CC} . V_{IN} is applied to the +IN input and the –IN input is tied to the ground plane. \overline{CS} is driven at 1/32 the clock rate by the CD4520 and D_{OUT} outputs the data. The output data from the D_{OUT} pin can be viewed on an oscilloscope that is set up to trigger on the falling edge of \overline{CS} (Figure 27). Note the LSB data is partially clocked out before \overline{CS} goes high.



Figure 27. Scope Trace of the LTC1292 "Quick Look" Circuit Showing A/D Output 1010101010 (AAA_{HEX})

A "Quick Look" Circuit for the LTC1297

A circuit similar to the one used for the LTC1292 can be used for the LTC1297(Figure 28). A one shot has been generated with NAND gates, a resistor and capacitor to satisfy the setup time t_{suCS} . This can be eliminated if a slower clock is used. When CS goes low the one shot is triggered. This turns off the clock to the LTC1297 for a fixed time to meet t_{suCS} . Once the clock starts D_{OUT} is shifted out one bit at a time. CS is driven at 1/64 the clock rate by the 74HC393. The output data from the D_{OUT} pin can be viewed on an oscilloscope that is set to trigger on the falling edge of CS. See Figure 29.



Figure 29. Scope Trace of the LTC1297 "Quick Look" Circuit Showing A/D Output 1010101010 (AAA_{HEX})



Figure 28. "Quick Look" Circuit for the LTC1297



Opto-Isolated Temperature Monitor

Amplification of sensor outputs is often required to generate a signal large enough to be properly digitized. For example, a J-type thermocouple provides only 52μ V/°C. The 5μ V offset of the LTC1050 chopper op amp generates less than 0.1°C error (Figure 31). Cold junction compensation is provided by the LT1025A. (For more detail see LTC Design Note 5).

In the opto-isolated interface two signals are generated from one. This allows a two-wire interface to the LTC1292. A long high signal (>1ms) on the CLK IN input allows the 0.1 μ F capacitor to discharge taking \overline{CS} high. This resets the A/D for the next conversion. When CLK IN starts toggling, \overline{CS} goes low and stays there until the next extended CLK IN high time. See Figure 30.



Figure 30. Opto-Isolated Temperature Monitor Digital Waveforms



Figure 31. Opto-Isolated Temperature Monitor



PACKAGE DESCRIPTION Dimensions in inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted.



J8 Package 8-Lead Ceramic DIP

N8 Package 8-Lead Plastic DIP J8 (243

