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## Special Handling Instructions

The Model 7421 circuit board contains CMOS circuitry that is sensitive to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). Special care should be taken in handling, transporting, and installing the 7421 to prevent ESD damage to the board. In particular:

- Do not remove the 7421 from its protective antistatic bag until you are ready to configure the board for installation.
- Handle the 7421 only at grounded, ESD protected stations.
- Remove power from the STDbus before installing or removing the 7421 circuit board.


## Introduction

The Sensoray model 7421 is an STDbus I/O card that performs several functions commonly required in embedded applications. On-board peripherals include:

- Programmable watchdog timer.
- 24 digital I/O channels.
- 12-bit analog-to-digital converter with eight differential input channels and resistor-programmed gain.
- Four 12-bit analog output channels.
- Three 16-bit counter channels optimized for interface to incremental encoders.

The 7421 is powered from the STDbus 5 -volt supply. No auxilliary 12- or 15 -volt supplies are required.

Power for linear circuitry is derived from an onboard DC-to-DC converter. Wherever possible, low power CMOS circuitry is used to minimize system power consumption and enhance reliability.

The board occupies a 16-byte block of I/O addresses in the STDbus 8-bit I/O space. Programming shunts may be installed to map the board to any 16-byte address boundary.

Three headers are provided for connecting on-board peripherals to external circuitry. Right-angle headers are used to satisfy the tight clearances mandated by modern high-density system designs. All headers are supplied with latches to ensure reliable operation in vibrating environments.

## Block Diagram



The 7421 board occupies a block of 16 consecutive addresses in the STDbus 8-bit I/O space. The address range occupied by the board must begin on a 16-byte address boundary. The first address in the block - the "base address" - is assigned by installing configuration option jumpers A1 through A4.

Care must be exercised to ensure that no other devices use addresses in the address range assigned to the 7421 . Use the table shown at the right to determine the proper address jumper settings for your application.

Option jumper EXP selects the active state of the STDbus IOEXP signal. This jumper should be installed to select IOEXP active low, or removed to select IOEXP active high.

Many STDbus CPU boards implement a 16-bit I/O address space. These boards typically map a block of 256 addresses as a "window" into the 8bit I/O space. If you are using this type of CPU, refer to the manufacturer's literature for information on addressing 8-bit I/O cards.

## Status Register

A status register, located at the board base address +11 , makes available four status bits for access by the STDbus host processor. The status register is organized as follows:

STATUS (11): | $x$ | $x$ | $x$ | WD | UN | DE | BZ | FT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Status bits are all active high and have the following definitions:

WD - indicates watchdog timer timed out.
UN - indicates $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ converter is programmed for unipolar operation.
BZ — indicates that the $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ converter is busy digitizing an analog input.
DE - indicates that all four DAC output channels have been enabled via the CHCTRL port.
PD — indicates 7421 is in the low-power standby mode, controlled by the RELAY2 port.

|  | Jumper Settings |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Range | A4 | A3 | A2 | A1 |
| 00 to 0 F | Install | Install | Install | Install |
| 10 to 1 F | Install | Install | Install | Remove |
| 20 to 2F | Install | Install | Remove | Install |
| 30 to 3 F | Install | Install | Remove | Remove |
| 40 to 4F | Install | Remove | Install | Install |
| 50 to 5F | Install | Remove | Install | Remove |
| 60 to 6 F | Install | Remove | Remove | Install |
| 70 to 7 F | Install | Remove | Remove | Remove |
| 80 to 8 F | Remove | Install | Install | Install |
| 90 to 9 F | Remove | Install | Install | Remove |
| A0 to AF | Remove | Install | Remove | Install |
| B0 to BF | Remove | Install | Remove | Remove |
| C 0 to CF | Remove | Remove | Install | Install |
| D0 to DF | Remove | Remove | Install | Remove |
| E0 to EF | Remove | Remove | Remove | Install |
| F0 to FF | Remove | Remove | Remove | Remove |

## Fault Indicator

A red light-emitting diode located near the upperleft corner of the circuit board indicates reset and fault conditions.

In normal operation, the indicator is turned on only during system or 7421 local reset. The indicator should be off at all other times.

If the fault indicator remains on for more than one second following a reset, a fault condition may exist on the board that requires servicing.

Before servicing the unit, make sure that your STDbus host CPU is not invoking repeated soft resets of the 7421 (which will also keep the indicator turned on).

The 7421 may be reset by either a "hard reset" from the STDbus system reset signal or a "soft reset" under software control of the STDbus master.

## Soft Reset

A "soft reset" may be performed at any time. This causes a local reset on only the 7421 and will not reset any other devices on the STDbus. A soft reset is invoked by writing to the RESET port.

RESET (11): | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



## Watchdog Timer

Embedded systems often include a watchdog timer to regain program control following an unplanned loss of control by the STDbus master. In such systems, the CPU is responsible for periodically refreshing the watchdog timer to prevent a timeout. Should the CPU crash, the watchdog will not be refreshed and will eventually timeout. The resulting timeout will restart the CPU.

Depending on whether the short or long watchdog timeout interval (WDTI) has been selected, the time between any two watchdog refreshes must not exceed 700 milliseconds or 11 seconds, respectively.

Some CPU's are not able to refresh the watchdog at the mandatory minimum rate during system boot or critical I/O operations. To accomodate these situations, the 7421 provides a control register for enabling and disabling the watchdog under program control. The first watchdog refresh must occur no later than WDTI after enabling the timer. The watchdog is automatically disabled by a soft reset or system-wide hard reset.

## Selecting the Watchdog Timeout Interval

Option shunt WDS is used to select the desired WDTI setting. Install a shunt at WDS (default) to select the 700 millisecond interval, or remove the shunt to select the 11 second interval.

## Enabling/Disabling the Watchdog

The watchdog is enabled and disabled by writing to the CHCTRL port at board base address +12 :

The value written to the RESET port is ignored.

## Default State Following a Reset

Both hard and soft resets force the 7421 to its default power-up state:

- All relay channels are turned off.
- The watchdog timer is disabled.
- All DAC outputs are disabled.
- All encoder counters are reset to zero.

CHCTRL (12): | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | D | w |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Set W to logic one to enable the watchdog or zero to disable the watchdog. Note that D is used to enable and disable DAC outputs. Make sure D is set properly when changing the watchdog enable bit so that you don't inadvertently enable or disable the DAC outputs.

## Refreshing the Watchdog

The watchdog is refreshed by writing to the HITDOG port. The data value written to this port is ignored by the 7421 .

HITDOG (15):


## Routing the Watchdog to the STDbus

A watchdog timeout may be programmed to generate either a system reset (via STDbus "pushbutton reset") or non-maskable interrupt (NMI). Two option jumpers are provided to configure the appropriate signal routing: install option jumper NMIRQ to generate NMI, or install PBRST to generate a pushbutton reset. You may leave both NMIRQ and PBRST uninstalled if you will not be using the watchdog function.

| Option Jumper | Watchdog Routing |
| :---: | :---: |
| NMIRQ | Non-maskable Interrupt |
| PBRST | Pushbutton Reset |

Three quadrature-encoded input channels reside on the 7421. Each channel is optimized for incremental encoders by providing the following elements:

- Input buffers - buffers and conditions encoder signals with input hysterisis for low-slew rates.
- Decode logic - synchronizes encoder signals, then detects and converts encoder edges into clock and direction signals.
- 16-bit up/down counter - maintains encoder position without resorting to multiple counter channels.
- Power - STDbus 5-volts is accessible to power encoder.

In addition to the channel logic, additional logic is incorporated to implement synchronous transfer of encoder counts into a 16-bit holding register. This feature assures seamless acquisition of encoder counts by the STDbus master.

## Counter Control

Unlike conventional counters, the 7421 encoder counters do not accumulate errors when the encoder changes direction or dithers about a clock boundary.

Encoder channels count both up and down by decoding the phase relationship of the two encoder signals. Each channel has two quadrature encoded input signals (or "phases"): A and B, 90 degrees out of phase. The counters count up when A leads B, and count down when $B$ leads $A$.

Count events occur on both the rising and falling edges of the A phase, while B phase is used strictly for direction control. Consequently, encoder counters have twice the resolution of the physical encoder.

For example, one revolution of a 100 pulse/rev encoder will produce a change of 200 counts on the associated encoder counter.

Note: because both edges of the A phase are used for clocking, it is not possible to apply 7421 encoder channels as conventional single-phase counters.

## Reset

Hardware or software reset of the 7421 will asynchronously zero all three encoder counters and the 16 -bit data holding register. Channel logic is reenabled for counting upon termination of the reset pulse.

## Rollover

All 16-bit encoder counters will increment from FFFF to 0000 when counting up, and will decrement from 0000 to FFFF when counting down. No interrupts or status flags are available to notify the STDbus master of a rollover event. The master should read encoder position data with sufficient frequency to guarantee the validity of position data.


## Command Functions

The CNTCTL port is used to invoke all encoder command functions. Two parameters must be specified for each command: encoder channel and operation to be performed. See the box below for details.

Two commands are available for each channel: Latch and Reset. The Latch command synchronously
transfers the selected counter contents to the 16-bit data holding register. The Reset command resets the selected counter to zero.

Note: a Latch command must be executed before attempting to read the contents of an encoder counter.

S1/S0 select encoder channel to be operated on:

| S1 | S0 | Selected Encoder Channel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | Channel 0 |
| 0 | 1 | Channel 1 |
| 1 | 0 | Channel 2 |
| 1 | 1 | Reserved for future use |

## Reading Latched Encoder Counts

After executing a Latch command, the latched data may be read from ports CNTLSB and CNTMSB.

CNTLSB (14): $\quad$| d 7 | d 6 | d 5 | d 4 | d 3 | d 2 | d 1 | d 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

CNTMSB (15): $\quad$| d 15 | d 14 | d 13 | d 12 | d 11 | d 10 | d 9 | d 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Port CNTLSB contains the least-significant byte of the encoder counts and port CNTMSB contains the most-significant byte. It makes no difference which byte is read first. The data value remain latched until the next Latch command.

## Encoder Connections

Connector P4 is used to make all electrical connections to external encoders. Each counter channel is allocated six pins on connector $\mathrm{P} 4:+5 \mathrm{~V}$, GND, $+\mathrm{A},-\mathrm{A},+\mathrm{B}$ and -B .

## Power Connections

The +5 V and GND pins may optionally be used to power an external encoder. If an external encoder power source is used, you must connect GND to the external power supply return. Failure to connect these returns may damage the 7421 board.

## Clock Connections

Each counter channel is assigned four pins on connector P 4 for connection to the phase inputs. Each phase makes two electrical connections to P4 in the form of a differential RS422 pair. The A phase inputs consist of +A and -A , while the B inputs consist of +B and -B . Connections to these four inputs depend on the type of device to be interfaced.

For a variety of reasons, RS422 termination resistors are not supplied on the 7421 board. If your encoder (or other pulse source) employs RS422 drivers, you may need to supply external termination resistors near connector P4 for proper operation. Refer to your encoder manufacturer's documentation for recommended RS422 termination circuitry and practice.

Some encoders have built-in RS422 drivers. If you are using this type of encoder, connect the encoder A outputs to the +A and -A inputs, and connect the encoder $B$ outputs to the +B and -B inputs:


Many encoders utilize single-ended TTL or CMOS compatible outputs. If you are using this type of encoder, connect the encoder A output to the +A input and connect the encoder $B$ output to the $+B$ input. Leave the -A and -B inputs disconnected:


Counter channels may be interfaced to devices that produce a single output phase. In such cases, the counters are configured for operation in either mode 3 or mode 7. Connect the device output to the +A input. Connect the +B input to GND. Leave the -A and -B inputs disconnected:


Connector P4 Pinout:

| Pin | Name | Function |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $+5 \mathrm{~V}$ | Channel $0+5 \mathrm{~V}$ power |
| 2 | $+\mathrm{A}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase A input ( + ) |
| 3 | GND | Channel 05 V return |
| 4 | $+\mathrm{B}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase B input (+) |
| 5 | $+5 \mathrm{~V}$ | Channel $1+5 \mathrm{~V}$ power |
| 6 | $+\mathrm{A}_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase A input (+) |
| 7 | GND | Channel 15 V return |
| 8 | + $\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase B input ( + ) |
| 9 | $+5 \mathrm{~V}$ | Channel $2+5 \mathrm{~V}$ power |
| 10 | $+\mathrm{A}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase A input ( + ) |
| 11 | GND | Channel 25 V return |
| 12 | $+\mathrm{B}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase B input ( + ) |
| 13 |  | -- no connect -- |
| 14 |  | -- no connect -- |
| 15 | - $\mathrm{A}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase A input (-) |
| 16 | - ${ }_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase A input (-) |
| 17 | $-\mathrm{A}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase A input (-) |
| 18 | - $\mathrm{B}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase B input (-) |
| 19 | - $\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase B input (-) |
| 20 | $-\mathrm{B}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase B input (-) |

## Relay Interface

The 7421 provides 24 high-current digital I/O channels for direct interface to an industry standard relay rack.

As shown in the diagram to the right, digital I/O channels are physically structured as opencollector buffers (with pullup resistors) looped back to the local data bus by tri-state buffers.

Channel data is active high on the local bus side, and active low on the I/O channel side.

## One of 24 Digital I/O Channels



## RELAYx Ports

The 24 digital I/O channels are organized as a bank of three byte wide ports. Each port accesses eight relay channels simultaneously.

RELAY0 (8): $\quad$| r 7 | r 6 | r 5 | r 4 | r 3 | r 2 | r 1 | r 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

RELAY1 (9): $\quad$| r 15 | r 14 | r 13 | r 12 | r 11 | r 10 | r 9 | r 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

RELAY2 (10): $\quad$| r 23 | r 22 | r 21 | r 20 | r 19 | r 18 | r 17 | r 16 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Each RELAYx port may be read from or written to at any time. Reading from a RELAYx port returns the physical state of the channels associated with that port. Writing to a RELAYx port programs the associated relay channel output registers.

Note: the value read from a relay channel may not be the same as the value stored in that channels output register. Specifically, the values will differ if an output register is programmed to 0 and an external sink pulls the corresponding channel down to 0 V .

## Configuring I/O Type

Each channel may be independently configured as either an input or output via software. To configure a channel as an input, set the associated channel register to 0 .

## Connections

All electrical connections are made through 50-pin header connector P3. One pin is assigned to each active-low I/O channel. All even pins are connected to STDbus five volt return. In addition, pin 49 may be used to supply limited five volt power $(<100 \mathrm{~mA})$ to an external relay rack.

Connector P3: Digital I/O

| Pin | Name | Function |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | CH0 | I/O Channel 0 |
| 3 | CH1 | I/O Channel 1 |
| 5 | CH2 | I/O Channel 2 |
| 7 | CH3 | I/O Channel 3 |
| 9 | CH4 | I/O Channel 4 |
| 11 | CH5 | I/O Channel 5 |
| 13 | CH6 | I/O Channel 6 |
| 15 | CH7 | I/O Channel 7 |
| 17 | CH8 | I/O Channel 8 |
| 19 | CH9 | I/O Channel 9 |
| 21 | CH10 | I/O Channel 10 |
| 23 | CH11 | I/O Channel 11 |
| 25 | CH12 | I/O Channel 12 |
| 27 | CH13 | I/O Channel 13 |
| 29 | CH14 | I/O Channel 14 |
| 31 | CH15 | I/O Channel 15 |
| 33 | CH16 | I/O Channel 16 |
| 35 | CH17 | I/O Channel 17 |
| 37 | CH18 | I/O Channel 18 |
| 39 | CH19 | I/O Channel 19 |
| 41 | CH20 | I/O Channel 20 |
| 43 | CH21 | I/O Channel 21 |
| 45 | CH22 | I/O Channel 22 |
| 47 | CH23 | I/O Channel 23 |
| 49 | +5V | +5V power |
| Even | GND | 5V return |
|  |  |  |

## D/A Interface

Each DAC channel consists of a low-byte/highnibble bus register pair, 12-bit output register, 12-bit D/A converter, and CMOS switch.

All four CMOS switches are enabled by the one-bit DAC Enable Register. When enabled, the CMOS switches connect all four DAC outputs to 40-pin
header P2. When disabled, all DAC output signals at P2 are pulled down to zero volts.

A control strobe - LDAC - simultaneously transfers data from the four bus register pairs to their corresponding 12-bit output registers. DAC output ranges are fixed at 0 to +10 volts.


## DAC Enable Register

Following a reset, the four 12-bit DAC output registers contain indeterminate values. To ensure orderly startup, the DAC Enable Register (DACEN) turns off all CMOS switches to prevent random DAC voltages from reaching the analog I/O connector.

DACEN - which is automatically cleared by a reset - may be manipulated by the STDbus master. The DACEN register is accessed through the write-only CHCTRL port.

CHCTRL (12): | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | D | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

The D bit enables DAC outputs when set to 1 and disables DAC outputs when set to 0 .

Note: the W bit, which enables and disables the watchdog timer, is also controlled by this port. Make sure you don't inadvertently change the watchdog enable bit when enabling or disabling the DAC outputs.

## DAC Data Ports

Each DAC is allocated two output ports -DACxLSB and DACxMSB (where x is the DAC identifier $0,1,2$, or 3 ) - called bus registers. All DAC setpoint data are written into these registers.

DACxLSB is the D/A converter least-significant data byte register, and DACxMSB is the most-significant data nibble register. The data value is right-justified in the DACxMSB registers.

Data may be written to the DACxLSB or DACxMSB registers in any order.

Note: DAC outputs do not change when the DACxLSB and DACxMSB registers are written to. DAC outputs change only

| Base Address <br> Offset | Function |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | DAC0LSB |
| 1 | DAC0MSB |
| 2 | DAC1LSB |
| 3 | DAC1MSB |
| 4 | DAC2LSB |
| 5 | DAC2MSB |
| 6 | DAC3LSB |
| 7 | DAC3MSB | when the LDAC port is read (see next section).

## LDAC Port

DAC outputs change when data is transferred from the bus registers into the corresponding DAC output registers.

The LDAC port is used to transfer data from bus registers to output registers. Reading from the LDAC port transfers data to all four DAC output registers simultaneously.

LDAC (0): | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

The data value returned from the LDAC port is indeterminate and has no meaning.

## Transfer Function

The relationship between DAC input code and output voltage is shown in the following table. Input coding for DAC channels is unsigned binary.:

| Data Value <br> (hexadecimal) | Output Level <br> (volts) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 000 | 0.0000 |
| 001 | 0.0024 |
| 7 FF | 4.9976 |
| 800 | 5.0000 |
| 801 | 5.0024 |
| FFF | 9.9976 |

## DAC Initialization

Before setting the DAC Enable Register to enable DAC outputs, the STDbus master should first zero all DAC output registers. Execute this event sequence to achieve orderly startup following a reset:

- Write zeros to all DACxLSB and DACxMSB registers.
- Read from the LDAC port to change all DAC outputs to 0 volts.
- Enable DAC outputs by setting the CHCTRL port D bit.


## Channel Differences

DAC channel 0 is identical to the other channels except for the addition of a remote sense function.

Each channel has an output source impedance specified at 85 ohms, maximum. Because channel 0 senses the DAC output after its CMOS switch, however, its effective source impedance is zero for output currents up to the specified maximum.

Because of their 85 ohm source impedances, channels 1 , 2, and 3 will tend to exhibit "gain error" as a function of load current. This is not a problem as long as the load current is constant, and hence, DAC output voltage is monotonic.

Use DAC channel 0 if load impedance varies significantly or absolute accuracy is important for your application. Alternately, any of the channel 1, 2, or 3 outputs may be buffered by external amplifiers.

## Connections: Channel 1, 2, and 3

Each DAC channel makes two connections to the 7421: 0 to +10 V output, and output return.


## Connections: Channel 0

In addition to output and return, channel 0 has a connection for remote voltage sensing. The remote sense signal must be connected to the output signal. Connect the output and sense signals near to the load for best accuracy.


## Connections: Channel 0 with External Buffer

In applications that use an external buffer for DAC channel 0 , it is best to sense the voltage at the buffer output instead of the DAC output.


The 7421 digitizer section consists of an eight-input differential CMOS analog multiplexer, resistor programmed instrumentation amplifier, and high speed 12-bit analog-to-digital converter.

A/D conversions are accomplished by executing the following event sequence:

- Select analog input channel to be digitized.
- Start an A/D conversion.
- Wait for conversion to finish.
- Read conversion result.

Each of these steps are discussed in detail below.

## Selecting an Input Channel

Analog input channels are selected by writing the desired channel number to the CHCTRL port. Valid channel numbers range from 0 to 7 , inclusive.

CHCTRL (12): $\quad$| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N 2 | N 1 | N 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Channel numbers may be written to CHCTRL at any time, but in general should not be done during an A/D conversion.

Sufficient settling time must be allowed between writing a new value to CHCTRL and starting a conversion. 90 microseconds settling time is adequate for low impedance analog sources. If you are digitizing high impedance sensors or using high gain ratios, longer settling delays may be required to meet specified performance.

## Starting a Conversion

A/D conversions are started by writing to the ADSTART port. The data value written to this port is ignored.

\section*{ADSTART (13): $\quad$| x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |}

Writing to this port starts a conversion and sets the BZ flag (A/D busy flag) in the status register. When the conversion ends, approximately 9 microseconds after start of conversion, the BZ flag is reset to zero and the binary result may be accessed.

## Reading the Conversion Result

Binary A/D conversion results may be read from ports ADLSB and ADMSB. Port ADLSB contains the least-significant data byte. Port ADMSB contains the most-significant nibble, right justified with leading zeros.

ADLSB (12):

| d7 | d6 | d5 | d4 | d3 | d2 | d1 | d0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

ADMSB (13): | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | d 11 | d 10 | d 9 | d 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Data from port ADLSB must be read first, followed by data from ADMSB. These I/O ports must be read once and only once at the end of each A/D conversion. A minimum delay of $1.5 \mu$ s is required

## Configuring Unipolar/Bipolar Operation

All analog input channels may be collectively programmed for either unipolar or bipolar operation. Option jumper "UNI" is used to configure the operating mode.

| UNI | Mode |
| :---: | :---: |
| Installed | Unipolar |
| Removed | Bipolar |

Install a shunt at UNI to configure all channels for unipolar operation. Remove the shunt from UNI to configure all channels for bipolar operation.

## Data Format

A/D output data format is a function of the digitizer operating mode.

In the unipolar mode, output data is formatted as 12bit unsigned binary integers with leading zeros in the most-significant nibble.

In the bipolar mode, output data is formatted as 12 bit signed (two's complement) integers with leading zeros in the most-significant nibble.

## Gain Programming

A/D front-end gain may be set to any desired value greater than or equal to unity via selection of a gain programming resistor. Note that all analog input channels have the same gain. Changing the front-end gain affects all channels. As shipped from the factory, the front-end gain is set to unity.

The front-end gain may be programmed by installing a resistor at position R3. For any arbitrary gain R3 can be calculated using the formula

$$
R 3=\frac{49400}{\text { Gain }-1}
$$

Note that for Gain $=1$, R3 must be an open circuit (default as shipped from the factory).

To minimize gain drift, R3 should have a low temperature coefficient - $50 \mathrm{ppm} / \mathrm{C}$ or better for the best performance.

The table below shows required values of R 3 for various gains using standard $1 \%$ resistor values. The listed gain values are nominal and may be trimmed to exact values as described in the next section.

| R3 <br> (ohms) | Gain | Input Range |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Unipolar | Bipolar |
| Open | 1 | 0 to +10 V | -5 to +5 V |
| 49.9 K | 2 | 0 to +5 V | -2.5 to +2.5 V |
| 12.4 K | 5 | 0 to +2 V | -1 V to +1 V |
| 5.49 K | 10 | 0 to +1 V | -500 to +500 mV |
| 2.61 K | 20 | 0 to +500 mV | -250 to +250 mV |
| 1.00 K | 50 | 0 to +200 mV | -100 to +100 mV |
| 499 | 100 | 0 to +100 mV | -50 to +50 mV |
| 249 | 200 | 0 to +50 mV | -25 to +25 mV |
| 100 | 500 | 0 to +20 mV | -10 to +10 mV |
| 49.9 | 1000 | 0 to +10 mV | -5 to +5 mV |

## Gain Trim

Since it is unlikely that the gain setting resistor R3 will produce the exact gain value desired, a gain trim adjustment is provided on the 7421

A/D front-end gain may be trimmed by adjusting potentiometer R2. The trimmer provides an adjustment range of approximately plus and minus seven percent.

## Unipolar-mode Transfer Function

As discussed earlier, A/D output codes are represented as 12-bit unsigned integers in the unipolar mode. Output values range from 0 at zero volts input to 4095 at the positive full-scale input voltage.

The following table shows the relationship between input voltage and A/D output codes. A 0 to +10 volt gain range (unity gain) is assumed for this illustration.

| Input Voltage | Output Code |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.000 V | 000 |
| 2.441 mV | 001 |
| 4.998 V | 7 FF |
| 5.000 V | 800 |
| 5.002 V | 801 |
| +9.997 V | FFF |

## Bipolar-mode Transfer Function

A/D output codes are formatted as 12-bit signed two's complement integers in the bipolar mode. Output values range from -2048 at negative full-scale input to +2047 at positive full-scale input voltage.

The following table shows the relationship between input voltage and A/D output codes. A -5 to +5 volt gain range (unity gain) is assumed for this illustration.

| Input Voltage | Output Code |
| :---: | :---: |
| -5.000 V | 800 |
| -4.997 V | 801 |
| -2.441 mV | FFF |
| 0.000 V | 000 |
| +2.441 mV | 001 |
| +4.997 V | 7 FF |

## Input Connections

Each analog input channel makes two connections to the 7421 board. These two connections constitute a differential input pair. The digitizer measures the difference in voltage between the two inputs.

Note that the input common-mode voltage - the voltage at either input relative to STDbus five volt return (GND) - should not exceed plus or minus 10 volts. Minor excursions beyond this limit will cause inaccurate measurements. Significant excursions may result in damage to digitizer circuitry. Refer to the 7421 specifications section for further details.

All analog input sources should be referenced to STDbus GND. If you are connecting an isolated source (a source not referenced to GND), you should tie one side of the source to GND. Since analog input channels are true differential, it doesn't matter which side is connected to GND.

## Connector Pinout

All differential analog inputs connect to 40 -pin header connector P2. This connector is shared by 7421 analog input and analog output functions. The table below describes that portion of P2 related to analog input functions. Note that the GND signals are related to both analog input and output functions.

Connector P2: Analog I/O

| Pin | Name | Function |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | ADC0+ | A/D channel 0 positive input |
| 4 | ADC0- | A/D channel 0 negative input |
| 6 | ADC1+ | A/D channel 1 positive input |
| 8 | ADC1- | A/D channel 1 negative input |
| 10 | ADC2+ | A/D channel 2 positive input |
| 12 | ADC2- | A/D channel 2 negative input |
| 14 | ADC3+ | A/D channel 3 positive input |
| 16 | ADC3- | A/D channel 3 negative input |
| 18 | ADC4+ | A/D channel 4 positive input |
| 20 | ADC4- | A/D channel 4 negative input |
| 22 | ADC5 + | A/D channel 5 positive input |
| 24 | ADC5- | A/D channel 5 negative input |
| 26 | ADC6+ | A/D channel 6 positive input |
| 28 | ADC6- | A/D channel 6 negative input |
| 30 | ADC7+ | A/D channel 7 positive input |
| 32 | ADC7- | A/D channel 7 negative input |
| 33 | GND | Analog common |
| 34 | GND | Analog common |
| 38 | GND | Analog common |
| 39 | GND | Analog common |
| 40 | GND | Analog common |

## Appendix A: Specifications

| Bus Interface | Type | STD-80, I/O slave, 8-bit address, 8-bit data |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Address requirements | 16-byte block starting on any 16-byte boundary |  |
| Watchdog Timer | Timeout (short interval) | 700 milliseconds. | $\pm 5 \%$. |
|  | Timeout (long interval) | 11.2 seconds. | $\pm 5 \%$. |
| Encoder Interface | Type | Quadrature encoded, single-ended |  |
|  | Input characteristics | TTL/CMOS compatible, $10 \mathrm{Kohm} \mathrm{pullup} \mathrm{to}+5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |
|  | Pulse rate | 0 Hz , min. | 375 KHz , max. |
|  | 5 V current, per channel |  | 100 mA , max. |
| Relay Interface | Input characteristics | TTL/CMOS compatible, 10 Kohm pullup to +5 V |  |
|  | Output sink current | 60 mA , min. |  |
| A/D Interface | A/D type | 12 bits, successive approximation |  |
|  | Settling time ( $\mathrm{G}=1$ ) |  | 90 microseconds, max. |
|  | Conversion time |  | 10 microseconds, max. |
|  | CMRR ( $\mathrm{G}=1$ ) | 73 dB min. | 90 dB typical |
|  | Analog input | -25 Volts, absolute min. | +25 Volts, absolute max. |
|  | Offset error |  | $\pm 3 \mathrm{LSB}$, max. |
|  | Input impedance | 10 megohms, min. |  |
| D/A Interface | D/A type | 12 bits, voltage output, output range fixed at 0 to +10 V |  |
|  | Gain error |  | $\pm 3 \mathrm{LSB}, \max$. |
|  | Output offset |  | $\pm 7.5$ millivolts, max. |
|  | Output Impedance |  | 85 ohms, max. |
| Power | Operating range | +4.75 Volts, min. | +5.25 Volts, max. |
|  | Quiescent current | 200 mA , typical |  |

## Appendix B: I/O Map Summary

| Adrs | Write Function |  |  |  |  |  |  | Read Function |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | DACOLSB $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|} \hline \hline \mathrm{d} 7 & \mathrm{~d} 6 & \mathrm{~d} 5 & \mathrm{~d} 4 & \mathrm{~d} 3 & \mathrm{~d} 2 & \mathrm{~d} 1 & \mathrm{~d} 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ <br> Loads DAC 0 LSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  | LDAC <br> Transfers all DACxMSB and DACxLSB data to the DAC output registers, updating all DAC outputs simultaneously. The returned data value has no meaning. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | DACOMSB $\square$x x x x d 11 d 10 d 9 d 8 <br> Loads DAC 0 MSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | DAC1LSB $\square$ $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { d7 } & \text { d6 } & \text { d5 } & \text { d4 } & \text { d3 } & \text { d2 } & \text { d1 } & \text { d0 } \\ \hline \end{array}$ <br> Loads DAC 1 LSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | DAC1MSB $\qquad$ <br> Loads DAC 1 MSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | DAC2LSB <br> Loads DAC 2 LSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | DAC2MSB <br> Loads DAC 2 MSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | DAC3LSB <br> Loads DAC 3 LSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | DAC3MSB <br> Loads DAC 3 MSB register without updating the DAC output. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | RELAYO <br> Sets relay channels 0-7 simultaneously. All bits are active high. |  |  |  |  |  |  | RELAYO <br> Returns the states of relay channels 0-7. All bits are active high. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  <br> Sets relay channels $8-15$ simultaneously. All bits are active high. |  |  |  |  |  |  | RELAY1 <br> Returns the states of relay channels $8-15$. All bits are active high. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A |  <br> Sets relay channels 16-23 simultaneously. All bits are active high. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B | RESET <br> Force a local reset on the 7421 , returning it to its default power-up state. All relay channels are turned off, and the watchdog timer and DAC outputs are disabled. |  |  |  |  |  |  | STATUS <br> Returns 7421 status. All status bits are active high. Status bits have the following meanings: $\mathrm{UN}=\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ unipolar mode, $\mathrm{DE}=\mathrm{DAC}$ channels enabled, $\mathrm{BZ}=\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ subsystem busy, $\mathrm{FT}=7421$ fault. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C | CHCTRL <br> Declare A/D channel or set hardware enables. The "M" bit specifies the meaning of N0-N2 bits: $0=$ set $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ channel, $1=$ set enables. If $\mathrm{M}=1, \mathrm{~N} 0$ enables watchdog and N 1 enables DAC outputs. |  |  |  |  |  |  | ADLSB <br> Returns the least-significant data byte (lsb) from the last A/D conversion. The lsb must be read before the msb to ensure proper operation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D | ADSTART <br> Start an A/D conversion. |  |  |  |  |  |  | ADMSB <br> Returns the most-significant data nibble from the last $A / D$ conversion. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $E$ | CNTCTL <br> Latch or reset an encoder counter. S0 and S1 select the counter channel: $00=$ chan0, $01=$ chan $1,1 x=$ chan2. The " M " bit specifies the operation to be performed: $0=1$ atch, $1=$ reset. |  |  |  |  |  |  | CNTLSB <br> Returns the least-significant byte from the encoder counter latch register. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F | HITDOG <br> Restart the watchdog timer. |  |  |  |  |  |  | CNTMSB <br> Returns the most-significant byte from the encoder counter latch register. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Appendix C: Configuration Jumpers

## I/O Address Selection

| EXP | IOEXP |
| :---: | :---: |
| Install | Active Low |
| Remove | Active High |


| Board | Jumper Settings |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Range | A4 | A3 | A2 | A1 |
| 00 to 0 F | Install | Install | Install | Install |
| 10 to 1 F | Install | Install | Install | Remove |
| 20 to 2 F | Install | Install | Remove | Install |
| 30 to 3F | Install | Install | Remove | Remove |
| 40 to 4F | Install | Remove | Install | Install |
| 50 to 5F | Install | Remove | Install | Remove |
| 60 to 6F | Install | Remove | Remove | Install |
| 70 to 7F | Install | Remove | Remove | Remove |
| 80 to 8 F | Remove | Install | Install | Install |
| 90 to 9 F | Remove | Install | Install | Remove |
| A0 to AF | Remove | Install | Remove | Install |
| B0 to BF | Remove | Install | Remove | Remove |
| C 0 to CF | Remove | Remove | Install | Install |
| D0 to DF | Remove | Remove | Install | Remove |
| E0 to EF | Remove | Remove | Remove | Install |
| F0 to FF | Remove | Remove | Remove | Remove |

## Watchdog Routing

## A/D Configuration

| UNI | Mode |
| :---: | :---: |
| Installed | Unipolar |
| Removed | Bipolar |


| Option Jumper | Watchdog Routing |
| :---: | :---: |
| NMIRQ | Non-maskable Interrupt |
| PBRST | Pushbutton Reset |

## Watchdog Timeout Interval

| WDS | Watchdog Interval |
| :---: | :---: |
| Installed | Short $(700 \mathrm{msec})$ |
| Removed | Long $(11.2 \mathrm{sec})$ |

## Appendix D: Connector Pinouts

Connector P3: Digital I/O

| Pin | Name | Function |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | CH0 | I/O Channel 0 |
| 3 | CH1 | I/O Channel 1 |
| 5 | CH2 | I/O Channel 2 |
| 7 | CH3 | I/O Channel 3 |
| 9 | CH4 | I/O Channel 4 |
| 11 | CH5 | I/O Channel 5 |
| 13 | CH6 | I/O Channel 6 |
| 15 | CH7 | I/O Channel 7 |
| 17 | CH8 | I/O Channel 8 |
| 19 | CH9 | I/O Channel 9 |
| 21 | CH10 | I/O Channel 10 |
| 23 | CH11 | I/O Channel 11 |
| 25 | CH12 | I/O Channel 12 |
| 27 | CH13 | I/O Channel 13 |
| 29 | CH14 | I/O Channel 14 |
| 31 | CH15 | I/O Channel 15 |
| 33 | CH16 | I/O Channel 16 |
| 35 | CH17 | I/O Channel 17 |
| 37 | CH18 | I/O Channel 18 |
| 39 | CH19 | I/O Channel 19 |
| 41 | CH20 | I/O Channel 20 |
| 43 | CH21 | I/O Channel 21 |
| 45 | CH22 | I/O Channel 22 |
| 47 | CH23 | I/O Channel 23 |
| 49 | +5 V | +5V power |
| Even | GND | 5V return |

Connector P4: Encoder Inputs

| Pin | Name | Function |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $+5 \mathrm{~V}$ | Channel $0+5 \mathrm{~V}$ power |
| 2 | $+\mathrm{A}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase A input (+) |
| 3 | GND | Channel 05 V return |
| 4 | $+\mathrm{B}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase B input (+) |
| 5 | $+5 \mathrm{~V}$ | Channel $1+5 \mathrm{~V}$ power |
| 6 | $+\mathrm{A}_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase A input (+) |
| 7 | GND | Channel 15 V return |
| 8 | $+\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase B input (+) |
| 9 | $+5 \mathrm{~V}$ | Channel $2+5 \mathrm{~V}$ power |
| 10 | $+\mathrm{A}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase A input (+) |
| 11 | GND | Channel 25 V return |
| 12 | $+\mathrm{B}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase B input (+) |
| 13 |  | -- no connect -- |
| 14 |  | -- no connect -- |
| 15 | - $\mathrm{A}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase A input (-) |
| 16 | - ${ }_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase A input (-) |
| 17 | - ${ }_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase A input (-) |
| 18 | - $\mathrm{B}_{0}$ | Channel 0 phase B input (-) |
| 19 | - $\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | Channel 1 phase B input (-) |
| 20 | $-\mathrm{B}_{2}$ | Channel 2 phase B input (-) |

## Appendix E: Programming

Sample QuickBasic code segments are listed below to illustrate programming interface techniques for the 7421 board. If you are coding your application in a language other than QuickBasic, you may find these listings useful as a framework for writing your own drivers.

Although these listings are intended principally as programming examples, they may be used as is (or with minor modification) as a basic set of interface drivers for the 7421.

Feel free to modify, plagiarize and adapt these listings to suit your application requirements.

Module Level Code


- SAMPLE QUICKBASIC INTERFACE CODE FOR THE 7421


CONST BASEPORT = \& HB2
' Write-only I/O ports:
CONST DACOLSB = BASEPORT + $0 \quad$ 'DAC data registers
CONST RESETPORT = BASEPORT + 11
CONST CHCTRL = BASEPORT + 12
CONST ADSTART = BASEPORT + 13
CONST CNTCTL = BASEPORT + 14
CONST HITDOG = BASEPORT + 15
' Read-only I/O ports:
CONST LDAC = BASEPORT + 0
CONST STATUSPORT = BASEPORT + 11
CONST ADLSB = BASEPORT + 12
CONST ADMSB = BASEPORT + 13
CONST CNTLSB = BASEPORT + 14
CONST CNTMSB = BASEPORT + 15

- Read/Write I/O ports:

CONST RELAYO = BASEPORT + 8
‘ CHCTRL port bit constants:
CONST DOGBIT = 1
CONST DACBIT = 2

## '7421 I/O base address

'board reset
'ADC channel reg / watchdog, DAC enables
'start A/D
'encoder control port
'watchdog refresh
'DAC update port
'board status
'A/D least-significant byte
'A/D most-significant nibble 'encoder least-significant byte 'encoder most-significant byte
'relay channel access ports
'watchdog enable/disable control bit
'DAC output enable/disable control bit

```
' Boolean constants:
CONST FALSE = 0
CONST TRUE = NOT FALSE
```

' Variables that are visible throughout this module:
DIM SHARED relay\%(0 To 2)
'image of relay channel output registers
DIM SHARED chctrllmage\%

## SUB DacEnable (Value\%)


‘ Collectively enable or disable all DAC outputs.
' Imports:

- Value\% (boolean): TRUE enables outputs, FALSE disables outputs.



# SELECT CASE Value\% <br> CASE TRUE: chctrlImage\% = chctrllmage\% OR DACBIT <br> CASE FALSE: chctrlImage\% = chctrllmage\% AND (DACBIT XOR -1) <br> END SELECT 

OUT CHCTRL, 8 OR chctrIImage\%

## END SUB

## SUB WriteDAC (DACid\%, Value\%)


‘ Write data value to DAC output register and refresh DAC output.
،
' Imports:

- DACid\% = DAC channel in range 0:3.
- Value\% = data value to be written to DAC in range 0:4095.
‘ Copy data value to DAC input register
OUT DACOLSB + DACid\% * 2, Value\% AND 255
OUT DACOLSB + DACid\% * 2 + 1, Value\% \} 2 5 6
‘ Update DAC outputs
junk\% = INP(LDAC)
END SUB


## FUNCTION Digitize\% (Chan\%)


‘ Digitize one 7421 analog input channel.
' Imports:
، Chan\% = A/D input channel in the range 0:7.
' Exports:
، Digitize\% = digitized value in the range 0:4095.

CONST BZ = 2 ' Status register mask: "A/D busy" flag
OUT CHCTRL, Chan\% AND 7
‘ Select analog input channel
' NOTE: you may need to insert a settling time delay here, depending on your programming ' language and processor speed.

OUT ADSTART, 0
DO: LOOP WHILE INP(STATUSPORT) AND BZ
loResult\% = INP(ADLSB)
hiResult \% = INP(ADMSB)
Digitize\% = loResult\% + 256 * (hiResult\% AND \&HF) ‘ Package result for function return END FUNCTION

Board Reset Procedure

SUB reset7421 ()

‘ Invoke 7421 soft reset.


OUT RESETPORT, 0
‘ Reset 7421 board
chctrlimage\% = 0
For i\% = 0 To 2 relay\%(i\%) = 0
Next i\%

END SUB
' Digitize the input
‘ Wait for A/D to finish
‘ Read the digitized result

## Relay Interface Procedures

## FUNCTION ReadRelay\% (chan\%)

```
` Read relay channel input state.
،
' Imports:
، chan% = relay channel in range 0:23.
' Exports:
، ReadRelay% = relay channel input state (TRUE or FALSE).
6*******************************************************************************
    adrs% = RELAY0 + chan% \8 ' Compute relay channel port address
    bitMask% = 2 ^ (chan% AND 7) ` Compute relay channel bit mask
    readRelay% = ((INP(adrs%) AND bitMask%) <> 0) ' Read relay input state
```

END FUNCTION

## SUB writeRelay (chan\%, state\%)

```
' Program relay output.
`
` Imports:
، chan% = relay channel in range 0:23.
، state% (boolean): TRUE = relay on, FALSE = relay off.
```

Index\% = chan\% \8 ' Compute relay\%() index and port address
bitMask\% = $\mathbf{2 ~ \wedge ~}^{\wedge}$ (chan\% AND 7) 'Compute relay channel bit set mask
invMask\% = bitMask\% XOR 255 'Compute relay channel bit reset mask
‘ Update relay port output image relay\%(Index\%) = (relay\%(Index\%) AND invMask\%) OR (state\% AND bitMask\%)

OUT RELAY0 + Index\%, relay\%(Index\%) ‘Write new state to relay channel output register END SUB

FUNCTION ReadEncoder\& (EncoderID\%)

' Read and return encoder position.
‘
' Imports:

- EncoderID\% = encoder channel number in range 0:2.
- 

' Exports:

- ReadEncoder\& = encoder position in range 0:65535.
‘ Transfer encoder counter to holding register OUT CNTCTL, EncoderID\%
' Read holding register as 2 bytes \& concatenate into long counts\& = INP(CNTMSB)
counts\& = counts\& * $256+$ INP(CNTLSB)
ReadEncoder\& = counts\&


## END FUNCTION

## SUB ResetEncoder (EncoderID\%)


‘ Reset specified encoder counter to zero.
‘
' Imports:

- EncoderID\% = encoder channel in range 0:2.

OUT CNTCTL, 4 Or EncoderID\% ' Reset encoder counter to zero

## END SUB

Watchdog Timer Procedures

## SUB WatchdogEnable (Value\%)

## ‘**********************************************************************************)

' Enable or disable watchdog timer.
' Imports:

- Value\% (boolean): TRUE = enable timer, FALSE = disable timer.



# SELECT CASE Value\% <br> CASE TRUE: chctrlimage\% = chctrllmage\% OR DOGBIT <br> CASE FALSE: chctrllmage\% = chctrllmage\% AND (DOGBIT XOR -1) <br> END SELECT 

OUT CHCTRL, 8 OR chctrIImage\%
END SUB

SUB WatchdogBump ()

' Refresh watchdog timer.


OUT HITDOG, 0
END SUB






