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Dual 16-Bit, 1.0 GSPS D/A Converter

Preliminary Technical Data AD9779

FEATURES

- DAC Output Sample Rate 1GSPS+
- 1.8/3.3 V Single Supply Operation
- Low power: 980mW @ 1GSPS, 600mW @ 500MSPS
- SFDR =82 dBc to $f_{\text{OUT}} = 100 \text{ MHz}$
- Single Carrier WCDMA ACLR = 79 dBc @ 80 MHz IF
- CMOS data interface with Autotracking Input Timing
- Analog Output: Adjustable 10-30mA (RL=25 Ω to 50 Ω)
- 2×, 4×, 8× Interpolation
- On Chip Coarse Complex Modulator allows $f_{DAC}/2$, $f_{DAC}/4$, $f_{DAC}/8$ Modulation
- Auxiliary DACs allow control of external VGA, Offset Control
- 100-lead Exposed Paddle TQFP Package
- Multiple Chip Synchronization Interface
- 84dB Digital Interpolation Filter Stopband Attenuation
- Digital Inverse Sinc Filter

APPLICATIONS

- Wireless Infrastructure
	- o Digital High or Low IF Synthesis
	- o Internal Digital Upconversion Capability
	- o Transmit Diversity
- Wideband Communications Systems:
	- o Point-to-Point Wireless, LMDS
	- o Multi Carrier WCDMA
	- o Multi Carrier GSM

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The AD9779 is a dual 16-bit high dynamic range DAC that provides a sample rate of 1 GSPS, permitting multi carrier generation up to its Nyquist frequency. It includes features optimized for direct conversion transmit applications, including complex digital modulation and gain and offset compensation. The DAC outputs are optimized to interface seamlessly with analog quadrature modulators such as the AD8349. A serial peripheral interface (SPI) provides for programming /readback of many internal parameters. The output current can be programmed over a range of 10mA to 30mA. The AD9779 is manufactured on an advanced 0.18µm CMOS process and operates from 1.8V and 3.3V supplies for a total power consumption of 950mW. It is supplied in a 100-lead TQFP package.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Ultra-low noise and Intermodulation Distortion (IMD) enable high quality synthesis of wideband signals from baseband to high intermediate frequencies.

Single-ended CMOS interface supports a maximum input rate of 300 MSPS with 1x interpolation.

Uses a proprietary DAC output switching technique that enhances dynamic performance.

The current outputs of the AD9779 can be easily configured for various single-ended or differential circuit topologies.

Figure 1 Functional Block Diagram

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Revision PrG: Added lead free and reel designations to ordering guide, fixed error in SPI table, added ESD information, fixed compliance range error, added reset pin description

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DC SPECIFICATIONS

(VDD33 = 3.3 V, VDD18 = 1.8 V, MAXIMUM SAMPLE RATE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

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-90 -85 F_{DATA} =122.88MSPS -80 -75 - dBc **ACLR - dBc** -70 $rac{1}{4}$ -70
4 -65 A4MSPS -60 -55 -50 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 260 280 300 **Fout - MHz**

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AD9779 combines many features which make it a very attractive DAC for wired and wireless communications systems. The dual digital signal path and dual DAC structure allow an easy interface with common quadrature modulators when designing single sideband transmitters. The speed and performance of the AD9779 allow wider bandwidths/more carriers to be synthesized than with previously available DACs. The digital engine in the AD9779 uses a breakthrough filter architecture that combines the interpolation with a digital quadrature modulator. This allows the AD9779 to do digital quadrature frequency up conversion. The AD9779 also has features which allow simplified synchronization with incoming data, and also allows multiple AD9779s to be synchronized.

Serial Peripheral Interface

The AD9779 serial port is a flexible, synchronous serial communications port allowing easy interface to many industrystandard microcontrollers and microprocessors. The serial I/O is compatible with most synchronous transfer formats, including both the Motorola SPI® and Intel® SSR protocols. The interface allows read/write access to all registers that configure the AD9779. Single or multiple byte transfers are supported, as well as MSB first or LSB first transfer formats. The AD9779's serial interface port can be configured as a single pin I/O (SDIO) or two unidirectional pins for in/out (SDIO/SDO).

General Operation of the Serial Interface

There are two phases to a communication cycle with the AD9779. Phase 1 is the instruction cycle, which is the writing of an instruction byte into the AD9779, coincident with the first eight SCLK rising edges. The instruction byte provides the AD9779 serial port controller with information regarding the data transfer cycle, which is Phase 2 of the communication cycle. The Phase 1 instruction byte defines whether the upcoming data transfer is read or write, the number of bytes in the data transfer, and the starting register address for the first byte of the data transfer. The first eight SCLK rising edges of each communication cycle are used to write the instruction byte into the AD9779.

A logic high on the CS pin, followed by a logic low, will reset the SPI port timing to the initial state of the instruction cycle. From this state, the next 8 rising SCLK edges represents the instruction bits of the current IO operation This is true regardless of the present state of the internal registers or the other signal levels present at the inputs to the SPI port. If the SPI port is in the midst of an instruction cycle or a data transfer cycle, none of the present data will be written.

The remaining SCLK edges are for Phase 2 of the communication cycle. Phase 2 is the actual data transfer between the AD9779 and the system controller. Phase 2 of the communication cycle is a transfer of 1, 2, 3, or 4 data bytes as determined by the instruction byte. Using one multi-byte transfer is the preferred method. Single byte data transfers are useful to reduce CPU overhead when register access requires one byte only. Registers change immediately upon writing to the last bit of each transfer byte.

Instruction Byte

The instruction byte contains the information shown in *Table 9*.

Table 9. SPI Instruction Byte

R/W, Bit 7 of the instruction byte, determines whether a read or a write data transfer will occur after the instruction byte write. Logic high indicates read operation. Logic 0 indicates a write operation.

N1, N0, Bits 6 and 5 of the instruction byte, determine the number of bytes to be transferred during the data transfer cycle. The bit decodes are shown in *Table 10*.

A4, A3, A2, A1, A0, Bits 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 of the instruction byte, determine which register is accessed during the data transfer portion of the communications cycle. For multibyte transfers, this address is the starting byte address. The remaining register addresses are generated by the AD9779 based on the LSBFIRST bit (REG00, bit 6).

Table 10. Byte Transfer Count

Serial Interface Port Pin Descriptions

SCLK—Serial Clock. The serial clock pin is used to synchronize data to and from the AD9779 and to run the internal state machines. SCLK's maximum frequency is 40 MHz. All data input to the AD9779 is registered on the rising edge of SCLK. All data is driven out of the AD9779 on the falling edge of SCLK.

CSB—Chip Select. Active low input starts and gates a communication cycle. It allows more than one device to be used on the same serial communications lines. The SDO and SDIO pins will go to a high impedance state when this input is high. Chip select should stay low during the entire communication cycle.

SDIO—Serial Data I/O. Data is always written into the AD9779 on

this pin. However, this pin can be used as a bidirectional data line. The configuration of this pin is controlled by Bit 7 of register address 00h. The default is Logic 0, which configures the SDIO pin as unidirectional.

SDO—Serial Data Out. Data is read from this pin for protocols that use separate lines for transmitting and receiving data. In the case where the AD9779 operates in a single bidirectional I/O mode, this pin does not output data and is set to a high impedance state.

MSB/LSB Transfers

The AD9779 serial port can support both most significant bit (MSB) first or least significant bit (LSB) first data formats. This functionality is controlled by register bit LSBFIRST (REG00, bit 6). The default is MSB first (LSBFIRST $= 0$).

When $LSBFIRST = 0$ (MSB first) the instruction and data bit must be written from most significant bit to least significant bit. Multibyte data transfers in MSB first format start with an instruction byte that includes the register address of the most significant data byte. Subsequent data bytes should follow in order from high address to low address. In MSB first mode, the serial port internal byte address generator decrements for each data byte of the multibyte communication cycle.

When $LSBFIRST = 1$ (LSB first) the instruction and data bit must be written from least significant bit to most significant bit. Multibyte data transfers in LSB first format start with an instruction byte that includes the register address of the least significant data byte followed by multiple data bytes. The serial port internal byte address generator increments for each byte of the multi-byte communication cycle.

The AD9779 serial port controller data address will decrement from the data address written toward 0x00 for multi-byte I/O operations if the MSB first mode is active. The serial port controller address will increment from the data address written toward 0x1F for multi-byte I/O operations if the LSB first mode is active.

Notes on Serial Port Operation

The AD9779 serial port configuration is controlled by REG00, bits 6 and 7 . It is important to note that the configuration changes immediately upon writing to the last bit of the byte. For multi-byte transfers, writing to this register may occur during the middle of communication cycle. Care must be taken to compensate for this new configuration for the remaining bytes of the current communication cycle.

The same considerations apply to setting the software reset, RESET (REG00, bit 5). All registers are set to their default values EXCEPT REG00 and REG04 which remain unchanged.

Use of only single byte transfers when changing serial port configurations or initiating a software reset is recommended to prevent unexpected device behavior.

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As described above, all serial port data is transferred to/from the AD9779 synchronous to the SCLK pin. If synchronization is lost, the AD9779 has the ability to asynchronously terminate an IO operation, putting the AD9779 serial port controller into a known state, thereby regaining synchronization.

Figure 34. Timing Diagram for SPI Register Read

SPI Register Map

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Table **11:** SPI Register Map

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Table 12: SPI RegisterDescription

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Table 13: Interpolation Filter Modes, see Reg 01, bits 5 :2

Table 14. VCO Frequency Range vs. PLL Band Select Value

VCO Frequency Ranges

Because the PLL band covers greater than a 2x frequency range, the user may find themselves with two options for PLL band select, one at the lower end of the range and one at the higher end of the range. Under these conditions, VCO phase noise will be optimal when the user selects the band select value corresponding to the higher end of the frequency range. Figure 35 shows how the VCO bandwidth as well as the optimal VCO frequency varies with the band select value.

PLL Loop Filter Bandwidth

The loop filter bandwidth of the PLL is programmed via SPI reg 0A, bits 4:0. Changing these values switches capacitors on the internal loop filter. No external loop filter components are required. This loop filter has a pole at zero (P1), and then a zero (Z1)-pole (P2) combination. Z1 and P2 occur within a decade of each other. The location of this zero-pole is determined by bit 4:0. For a setting of 00000, the pole-zero occurs near 10MHz. By setting bits 4:0 to 11111, the Z1/P2 combination can be lowered to approximately 1MHz. The relationship between bits 4:0 and the position of the pole-zero between 1MHz and 10MHz is linear. The internal

components are not low tolerance, however, and can drift by as much as ±30 %.

Figure 35. PLL Band Select vs. Frequency

Internal Reference/Full Scale Current Generation

Full scale current on the AD9779 IDAC and QDAC can be set from 10 to 30ma. Initially, the 1.2V bandgap reference is used to set up a current in an external resistor connected to I120 (pin 75). A simplified block diagram of the AD9779 reference circuitry is given below in Figure 36. The recommended value for the external resistor is 10k Ω, which sets up an I REFERENCE in the resistor of 120μa which in turn provides a DAC output full scale current of 20mA. Because the gain error is a linear function of this resistor, a high precision resistor will improve gain matching to the internal matching spec of the AD9779. Internal current mirrors provide a current gain scaling, where IDAC or QDAC gain is a 10 bit word in the SPI port register (registers 0A, 0B, 0E, and 0F). The default value for the DAC gain registers gives an IFS of 20mA.

Figure 36 . Reference Circuitry

where I_{FS} is equal to;

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Auxiliary DACs

Two auxiliary DACs are provided on the AD9779. The full scale output current on these DACs is derived from the 1.2V bandgap reference and external resistor. The gain scale from the reference amplifier current I REFERENCE to the aux DAC reference current is 16.67 with the aux DAC gain set to full scale (10 bit values, SPI reg 0C, 0D, 10, 11), this gives a full scale current of 2ma for aux DAC1 and for aux DAC2. The aux DAC outputs are not differential. Either the P or the N side of the aux DAC is turned on at one time, with the other acting as a high impedance (>100k Ω). In addition, the P or N outputs can act as current sources or sinks. This control of P and N for both aux DACs via registers 0Eh and 10h, bits 7:6. When sourcing current, the output compliance voltage is 0-1.5V, and when sinking current the output compliance voltage is 0.8- 1.5V.

The Aux DACs can be used for LO cancellation when the DAC output is followed by a quadrature modulator. A typical DAC to Quadrature Modulator interface is given in *Figure 38*. Often, the input common mode voltage for the modulator is much higher than the output compliance range of the DAC, so that ac coupling is necessary. If the required common mode input voltage on the quadrature modulator matches that of the DAC, then the ac coupling capacitors can be removed. The input referred dc offset voltage of the quadrature modulator (as well as the DAC output offset voltage mismatch) can result in LO feedthrough on the modulator output, degrading system performance. If the configuration of *Figure 38* is used, the Aux DACs can be used to compensate for this dc offset, thus reducing LO feedthrough. A lowpass or bandpass filter is recommended when spurious signals from the DAC (distortion, DAC images) at the quadrature modulator inputs may affect the system performance. This filter should be placed at the quadrature modulator inputs.

Figure 38. Typical Use of Auxiliary DACs

Power Dissipation

Figure 21 through Figure 29 show the power dissipation of the 1.8V and 3.3V digital and clock supplies in single DAC and dual DAC modes. In addition to this, the power dissipation/current of the 3.3V supply (mode and speed independent) in single DAC mode is 102mW/31mA. In Dual DAC mode, this is 182mW/51mA.

Power Down and Sleep Modes

The AD9779 has a variety of power down modes, so that the digital engine, main TxDACs, or auxiliary DACs can be powered down individually, or all at once. Via the SPI port, the main TxDACs can be placed in sleep or power down modes. In sleep mode, the TxDAC output is turned off, thus reducing power dissipation. The reference remains powered on though, so that recovery from sleep mode is very fast. With the power down mode bit set (register 00h, bit 4), all analog and digital circuitry, including the reference, are powered down. The SPI port remains active in this mode. This mode offers more substantial power savings than in sleep mode, but the time to turn on is much longer. The Auxiliary DACs also have the capability to be programmed via the SPI port into sleep mode.

The auto power down enable bit (register 00h, bit 3) controls the power down function for the digital section of the AD9779. The auto power down function works in conjunction with the TxEnable pin (pin 39) according to the following;

TxEnable (pin 39) =

0: auto power down enable = 0: Flush data path with zeroes 1: Flush data for multiple DACCLK cycles, then automatically place digital engine in power down state, DACs, reference, and SPI port are not affected. 1: Normal operation

The TxEnable bit is dual function. In dual port mode, it is simply used to power down the digital section of the AD9779. In interleaved mode, the IQ data stream is synchronized to the rising edge of TxEnable. That is, to achieve IQ synchronization, TxEnable should be held low until an I data word is present at the inputs to data port one. A rising edge of TxEnable will now synchronize the I Q data into the AD9779. TxEnable can remain high and the input IQ data will remain synchronized. To be backwards compatible with previous DACs from ADI, such as the AD9777 and AD9786, the user can also toggle TxEnable once during each data input cycle, thus continually updating the synchronization. If TxEnable is brought low and held low for multiple DACCLK cycles, then the AD9779 will flush the data in the interpolation filters, and will shut down the digital engine after the filters are flushed. The amount of DACCLK cycles it takes for the AD9779 to go into this power down mode is then a function of the length of the equivalent 2×, 4×, or 8× interpolation filter. The timing of TxEnable, I/Q Select and filter flush and digital power down are given in

Figure 39. AD9779 TxEnable Function

The TxEnable function can be inverted by changing the status of reg 02h bit 1.

Internal PLL Clock Multiplier / Clock Distribution

The internal clock structure on the AD9779 allows the user to drive the differential clock inputs with a clock at 1x or an integer multiple of the input data rate, or at the DAC output sample rate. A PLL internal to the AD9779 provides input clock multiplication and provides all of the internal clocks required for the interpolation filters and data synchronization.

The internal clock architecture is shown in Figure 40. The reference clock is the differential clock at pins 5 and 6. This clock input can be run differentially, or singled ended by driving pin 5 with a clock signal, and biasing pin 6 to the mid swing point of the signal at pin 5. There are various configurations in which this clock architecture can be run;

- 1. PLL Enabled (reg 09h, bit 7=1) The PLL enable switch in Figure 40 is connected to the junction of the dividers N1 (PLL VCO Divide Ratio) and N2 (PLL Loop Divide Ratio). Divider N3 determines the interpolation rate of the DAC, and the ratio N3/N2 determines the ratio of Reference Clock/Input Data Rate. The VCO runs optimally over the range 1.0GHz to 2.0GHz, so that N1 is used to keep the speed of the VCO in this range, even though the DAC sample rate may be lower. The loop filter components are entirely internal and no external compensation is necessary.
- 2. PLL Disabled (reg 09h, bit 7=0) The PLL enable switch in Figure 40 is connected to the Reference Clock Input.

The differential reference clock input will be the DAC output sample rate and N3 will determine the interpolation rate.

Timing Information

Figure 41 through Figure 43 show some of the various timing possibilities when the PLL is enabled. The combination of the settings of N2 and N3 means that the reference clock frequency may be a multiple of the actual input data rate. Figure 41 through Figure 43 show, respectively, what the timing looks like when $N2/N3 = 1$, and 2.

Figure 43 shows the timing specifications for the AD9779 when the PLL is disabled. The reference clock is at the DAC output sample rate. In the example shown in Figure 43, if the PLL is disabled, the interpolation is 4x.. The set up and hold time for the input data are with respect to the rising edge of DATACLK out. Note that if reg 02h, bit2 is set, DATACLK out is inverted so the latching clock edge will be the DATACLK out falling edge.

Figure 43. Timing Specifications for AD9779, PLL Disabled, 4x Interpolation¹

 1 For an in depth description of how TxDAC timing specifications are specified, please read Analog Devices, application note AN748, Set up and Hold Measurements in High Speed CMOS Input DACs.

Interpolation Filter Architecture

The AD9779 can provide up to 8× interpolation or disable the interpolation filters entirely. The coefficients of the low pass filters and the inverse sinc filter are given in Table 5, Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8. Spectral plots for the filter responses are given in Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 5.

With the interpolation filter and modulator combined, the incoming signal can be placed anywhere within the Nyquist region of the DAC output sample rate. Where the input signal is complex, this architecture allows modulation of the input signal to positive or negative Nyquist regions (refer to Table 13).

The Nyquist regions up to $4\times$ the input data rate can be seen in Figure 44.

Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the low pass response of the digital filters with no modulation used. By turning on the modulation feature, the response of the digital filters can be tuned to any Nyquist zone within the DAC bandwidth. As an example, Figure 45 to Figure 51 show the odd mode filter responses (refer to Table 13 for odd/even mode filter responses).

Figure 45. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of -4f_{DAC}/8 Filter in Odd Mode

Figure 46. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of -3 $f_{DAC}/8$ Filter in Odd Mode

Figure 47. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of - $2f_{DAC}/8$ Filter in Odd Mode

Figure 48. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of -1 f_{DAC} /8 Filter in Odd Mode

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Figure 49. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of $f_{DAC}/8$ Filter in Odd Mode

Figure 50. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of $2f_{DAC}/8$ Filter in Odd Mode

Figure 51. Interpolation/Modulation Combination of $3f_{DAC}/8$ Filter in Odd Mode

Even mode filter responses allow the passband to be centered around ± 0.5 , ± 1.5 , ± 2.5 and ± 3.5 F_{DATA}. Switching from and odd mode response to an even mode filter response does not modulate the signal. Instead, the pass band is simply shifted. As an example, picture the response of Figure 51, and assume the signal in band is a complex signal over the bandwidth 3.2 to $3.3\times F_{\text{DATA}}$. If the even mode filter response is then selected, the pass band will now be centered at 3.5×F_{DATA}. However, the signal will still remain at the same place in the spectrum. The even/odd mode capability allows the filter passband to be placed anywhere in the DAC Nyquist bandwidth.

The AD9779 is a dual DAC with an internal complex modulator built into the interpolating filter response. In dual channel mode, the AD9779 expects the real and the imaginary components of a complex signal at digital input ports one and two (I and Q respectively). The DAC outputs will then represent the real and imaginary components of the input signal, modulated by the complex carrier F_{DAC}/2, F_{DAC}/4 or F_{DAC}/8.

With reg 2, bit 6 set, the AD9779 accepts interleaved data on port one in the sequence I, Q, I, Q……. Note that in interleaved mode, that the channel data rate at the beginning of the I and the Q data paths are now ½ the input data rate, due to the interleaving. The max input data rate is still subject to the maximum specification of the AD9779. This limits the synthesis bandwidth available at the input to the AD9779 in interleaved mode.

With reg 02h, bit 5 (REAL MODE) set, the Q channel and the internal I and Q digital modulation are turned off. The output spectrum at the IDAC then represents the signal at digital input port one, interpolated by 1×, 2×, 4×, or 8×.

The general recommendation is that if the desired signal is within ±0.4*FDATA, that the odd filter mode should be used. Outside of this, the even filter mode should be used. In any situation, the total bandwidth of the signal should be less than 0.8*FDATA.

Using Data Delay to Meet Timing Requirements

In order to meet strict timing requirements at input data rates of up to 300MSPS, the AD9779 has a fine timing feature. Fine timing adjustments can be made by programming values into the DATA CLOCK DELAY register (reg 04h, 7:4). This register can be used to add delay between the DACCLK in and the DATACLK out. Figure 52 shows the default delay present when DATACLK DELAY is disabled. The disable function bit is found in reg 02h, bit 4. Figure 53 shows the delay present when DATACLK DELAY is enabled and set to 0000. Figure 54 indicates the delay when DATACLK DELAY is enabled and set to 1111. Note that the set up and hold times specified for data to DATACLK in the datasheet are defined for DATACLK DELAY disabled.

Figure 52. Delay from DACCLK to DATACLK with DATACLK DELAY disabled.

The difference between the min delay of Figure 53 and the maximum delay shown in Figure 54 is the range programmable via the DATACLK DELAY register. The delay (in absolute time) when programming DATA CLK DELAY between 0000 and 1111 is a linear extrapolation between these two figures. (typically 175ps-225ps per increment to DATA CLK DELAY).

The frequency of DATACLK out depends on several programmable settings. Interpolation, zero stuffing and interleaved/dual port mode all have an effect on the DACCLK frequency. The divisor function between DACCLK and DATACLK is equal to;

In addition to this divisor function, DATACLK can be divided by up to an additional factor of 4, according to the state of the DATA CLK DIVIDE register (reg 03h, 5:4), as follows;

Figure 55 AD9779 Data Input Synchronization Logic

Manual or Automatic Input Timing Correction

Correction of input timing can be achieved manually, or the AD9779 can be programmed to automatically correct if it senses an error. The correction function is controlled via register 03h, bits 7:6. The function is programmed as follows;

The maximum divisor resulting from the combination of the above table, and the DATACLK divide register, is 32.

Data Input Synchronization

The AD9779 also allows the user to determine how close the data input timing is to the edge of the timing window (i.e., valid data set up and hold times). Figure 55 represents a functional block diagram of this circuitry. Data is effectively sampled at a time to before and after the clock edge. These two samples are compared. If both values are equal, the XOR gate will indicate a logic 0 for valid timing. Note that the Input Data Sampling Clock is the same signal as the DATACLK out, but without the delay programmed via the DATA CLOCK DELAY register. The time delay is programmable via register reg 03h, bits 3:0 (INPUT DATA TIMING ERROR TOLERANCE). The value of the XOR output is registered in reg 19h, bit 7 (DATA DELAY IRQ) when DATA DELAY IRQ ENABLE

With manual correction, DATA DELAY IRQ must be polled to determine if timing is being violated. Necessary corrections can be made by adjusting DATACLK DELAY and the DATACLK INVERT bit (reg 2, bit 2). When doing initial timing verification, the user should set INPUT DATA TIMING ERROR TOLERANCE (reg 03h, 3:0) to 1111. DATACLK DELAY can then be swept to find the range over which the timing is valid. The final value for DATA

DATACLK DELAY MODE (03h, 7:6). The user should initially set INPUT DATA TIMING ERROR TOLERANCE to 1111, then set DATACLK DELAY to 11 to initiate the automatic timing sweep. The AD9779 will then sweep DATACLK DELAY from 0000 to 1111. If the value for IRQ initially indicates that the timing is valid (set up and hold times are being met) then the sweep will stop immediately. Otherwise, the sweep will continue until IRQ indicates that the timing is valid. If the sweep completes and a valid timing region is not found, then the user should invert DATACLK INVERT and repeat the operation. If this is still not successful, then the user should decrement INPUT DATA TIMING ERROR TOLERANCE and rewrite 11 to DATACLK DELAY MODE.

Multi-DAC Synchronization

SYNC Pulse Generation (Master Devices)

In applications where multiple AD9779s are used, and need to be synchronized together, the AD9779 provides a flexible synchronization engine. There are two options for multi DAC

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synchronization. In the first situation, one AD9779 can be used as a master, and the rest of the AD9779 devices as slaves. The second option is that all the AD9779 devices operate as slaves. Both operations have the same timing restrictions, and there are no performance tradeoffs for either mode. The following text describes the Master mode. The differential input clock will drive the master device, and the master will in turn generate SYNC_O+ and SYNC_O-. These two signals use LVDS levels to generate a differential synchronization signal, which will in turn be used to synchronize all of the slave AD9779 devices. SYNC_O+ and SYNC_O- must loop back to the sync inputs (SYNC_I+ and SYNC_I-) of the master for multiple device synchronization. The master mode is enabled by writing the Sync Driver Enable bit (reg 07h, bit 6) to a logic 1. The SYNC_O signal speed can be an integer divisor of the DACCLK speed, according to reg 04h, 3:1. Enabling the AD9779 in slave mode is accomplished by writing the Sync Receiver Enable bit (reg 07 bit 7) to a logic 1. The timing of the DAC input clock and the SYNC output signals on the master device are shown in Figure 56.

Figure 56. AD9779 DACCLK/SYNC Output Timing

The SYNC output pulse must then be distributed from the master to all of the slave devices. This may require that the user implement circuitry outside of the AD9779 that splits the LVDS signal. The splitter delivers the SYNC_O signal from the master to the multiple slave device SYNC_I pins. A block diagram of this implementation is shown in Figure 57. The equalization from the CLK source and SYNC_O to the DACCLK and SYNC inputs of the multiple AD9779 devices is critical. For the multi-chip synchronization to operate correctly at maximum specified DAC sample rates, the DACCLK inputs must be phase aligned to ±100ps. The SYNC_I inputs must also be phase aligned to ±100ps. At lower DAC sample rates, this timing alignment can be relaxed

Figure 57. Implementation of SYNC Signal Distribution in Master/Slave mode

Figure 58. Implementation of SYNC Signal Distribution in Slave mode

SYNC Pulse Receiver (Slave Devices)

The following description of SYNC_IN on the AD9779 slave devices also applies to the SYNC_I on the master device. The timing for SYNC_I on the master must match that of the slave devices. The SYNC IN pulses, as shown in Figure 57, are not restricted as to their duty cycle. The only restriction is that each SYNC pulse remain high for at least one DACCLK cycle. However, the slave DAC receiving the SYNC pulse must know what the speed of the input SYNC pulse is. The ratio of DACCLK to SYNC_I speed is determined by the values in INPUT SYNC PULSE FREQUENCY (reg 05h, 3:1) as follows;

Internal Synchronization in Slave Device

The internal timing functions in the slave AD9779 are given in Figure 59. The duty cycle of the SYNC_I signal is not restricted to 50%. The minimum restriction on duty cycle for SYNC_I is that it stays high for at least one full DACCLK cycle. Figure 59 shows two possible SYNC_I signals, one with 50% duty cycle, and one with minimum duty cycle. More detail on SYNC_I timing restriction are given later in this section.

DACCLK samples SYNC_I and generates the internal SYNC signal (SYNC_I_int). The period of SYNC_I_int is always DACCLK/32. If the rate of SYNC_I is greater than DACCLK/32, then the extra pulses are stripped off. The example Figure 59 shows SYNC_I period = DACCLK/16, so that every other SYNC_I pulse is stripped. DCLK_SMP is the input data sample clock, originally defined in Figure 55. DCLK_SMP is synthesized by DACCLK, but synchronized by SYNC_I. Note that there is also a programmable delay (SYNC INPUT DELAY) between SYNC_I_int and DCLK_SMP. This programmable delay adds even more flexibility to the timing interface. The example in Figure 59 indicates that the interpolation is set to 8× (DCLK_SMP rate is 1/8 that of DACCLK).

SYNC_I Timing Restrictions

In the same way that the AD9779 registers timing errors for the data input, it can also register timing errors for the SYNC_I signals. The block diagram for this synchronization logic is given in . This is very similar to the data input synchronization circuit

given in Figure 59. The difference is that this circuit uses the DACCLK to properly register SYNC_I. The delay is programmable via reg 06h, 3:0. IRQ is registered in reg 19h, bit 6.

Figure 60. AD9779 Simplified Internal Synchronization Logic

EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATICS

Figure 62. AD9779 Eval Board, Rev D , Circuitry Local to AD9779

Figure 63. AD9779 Eval Board, Rev D , AD8349 Quadrature Modulator

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Figure 67 AD9779 Rev D Eval Board, Top Silk Screen

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Figure 68. AD9779 Rev D Eval Board, Top Layer

L1 PRIMARY
08-009044-01
REV D

LZGND
08-009044-07
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Figure 69. AD9779 Rev D Eval Board, Layer 2

Figure 70. AD9779 Rev D Eval Board, Layer 3

L4 SECONDARY
08-009044-02
REV D

Figure 71. AD9779 Rev D Eval Board, Bottom Layer

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NOTES:

- 1. Controlling Dimensions are in mm.
- 2. All dimensions per JEDEC Standards MS-026-Variation.
- 3. Inverted Form is Paddle Up and Die Down

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ESD CAUTION

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ORDERING GUIDE

Table 15: Ordering Guide