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# MIDI to Voltage Converter Part 1

MAX 525 12BIT DAC with an Arduino  
Board

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- MIDI Plug + Opto coupler

## Arduino Board

Arduino Mega 2560

1 RX

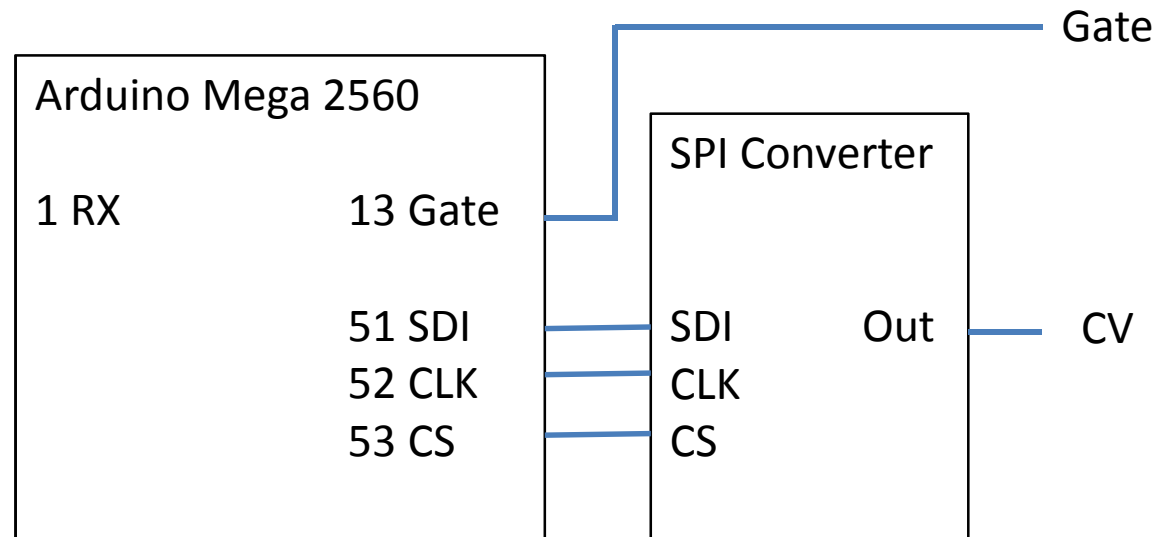
13 Gate

51 SDI

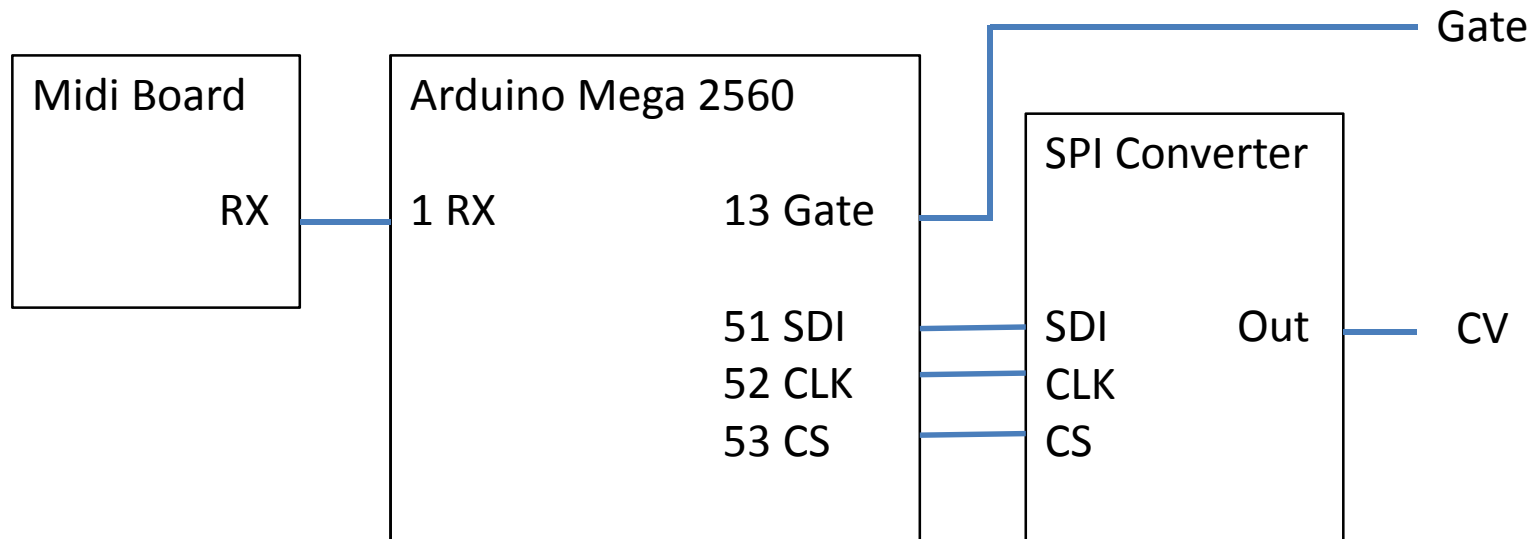
52 CLK

53 CS

## Arduino Board + SPI Converter



## Arduino Board + SPI Converter + Midi Board





# DAC Converter Board

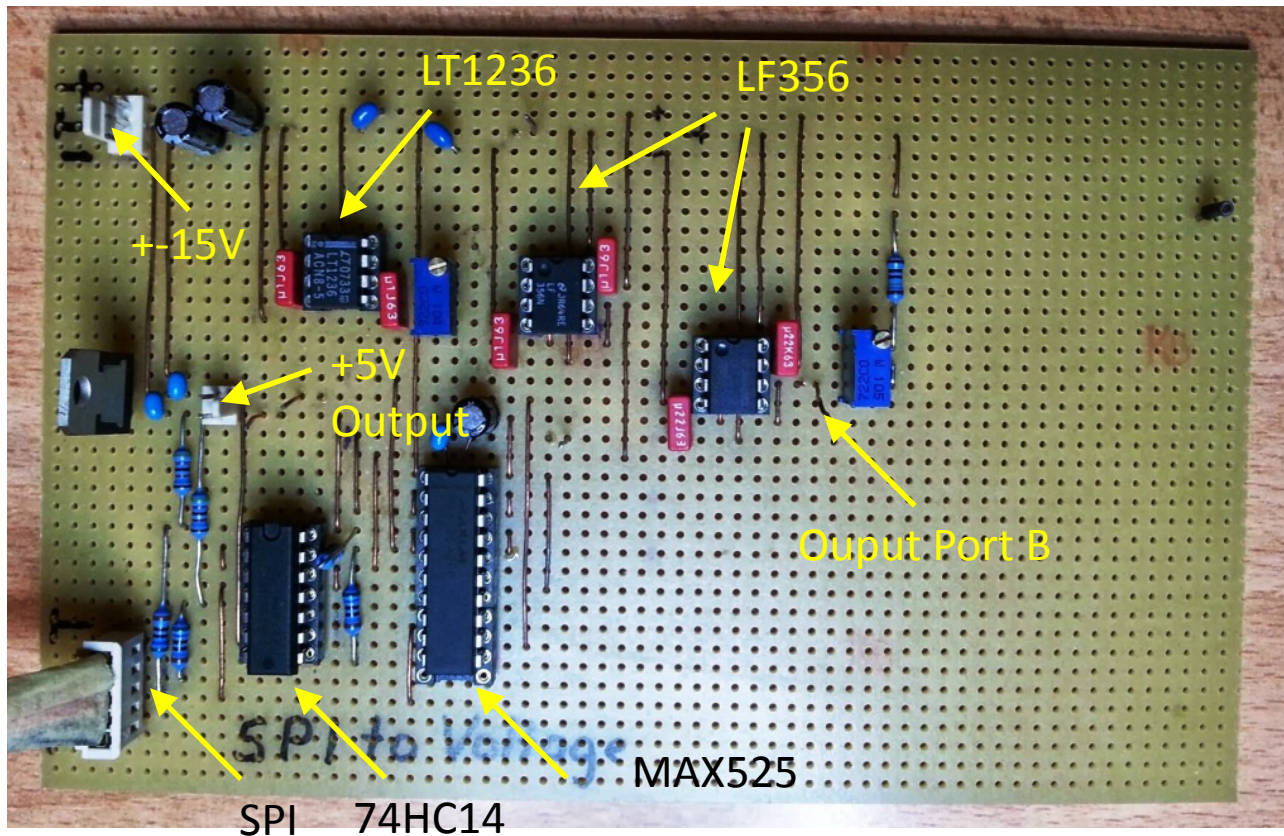
On the board there is MAX525 with 4 12bit DACs inside.

Beside the converter and the buffer OpAmps there is a LT1236 5V voltage reference and a 74HC14.

I use LF356 as Buffer OpAmps.

The output voltage range is 0 to 2V

## DAC Converter Board



Reference voltage is trimmed to 2V

$V_{ref} = V_{dd} - 1,4V!!$

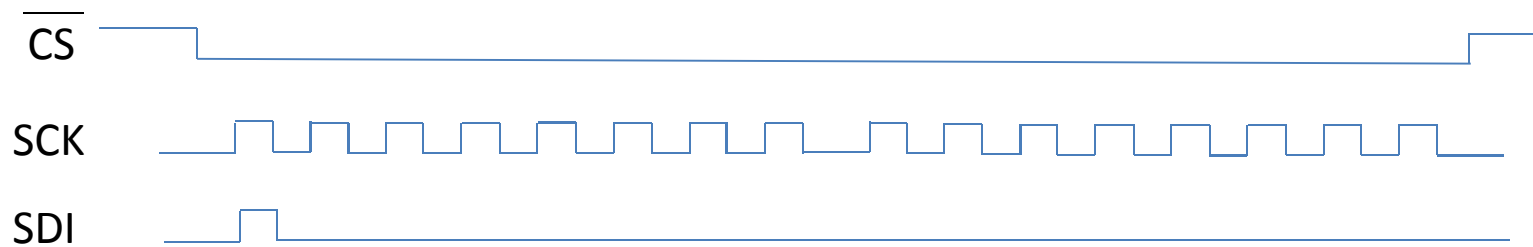
See Datasheet page 8.

# SPI Connector

- SDO (Serial Data Out) / MISO (Master in, Slave out)
- SDI (Serial Data In) / MOSI (Master out, Slave in)
- SCK (Serial Clock) / SCLK
- CS (Chip Select)

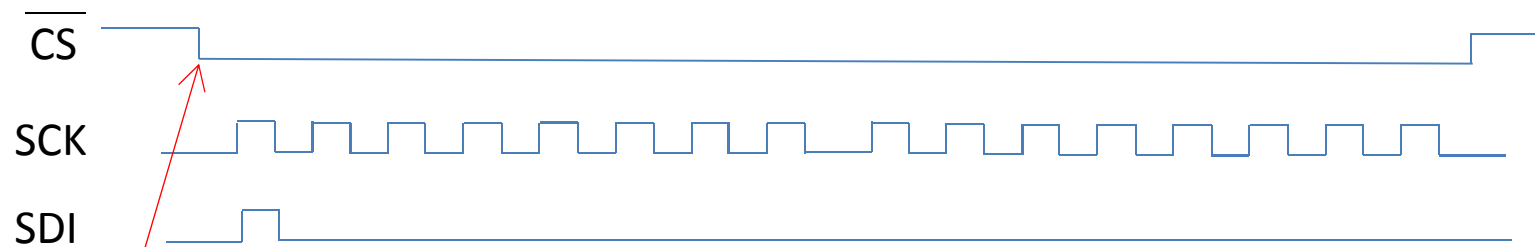
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### Timing



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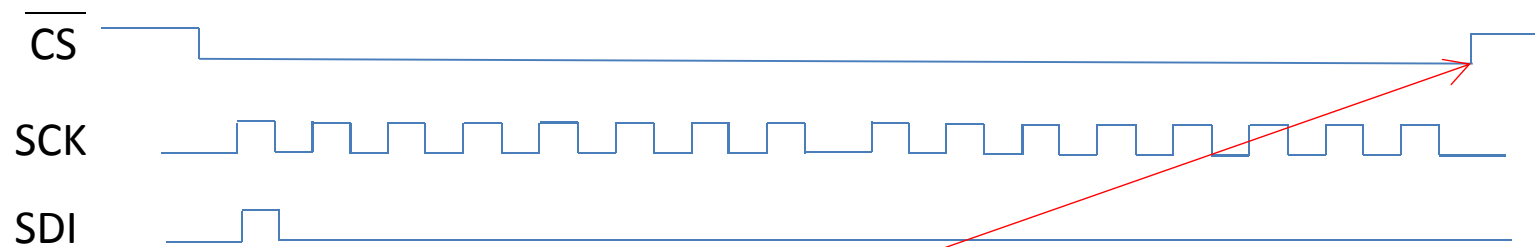
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- With the rising edge of the chip select the data is transferred to the DAC output.

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MSB

LSB

16 Bit serial data



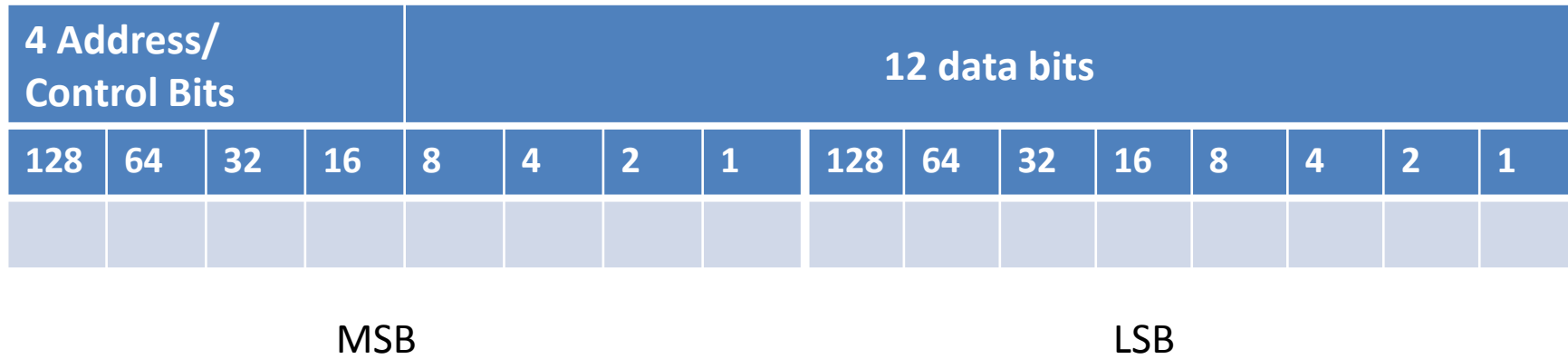
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16 Bit serial data							
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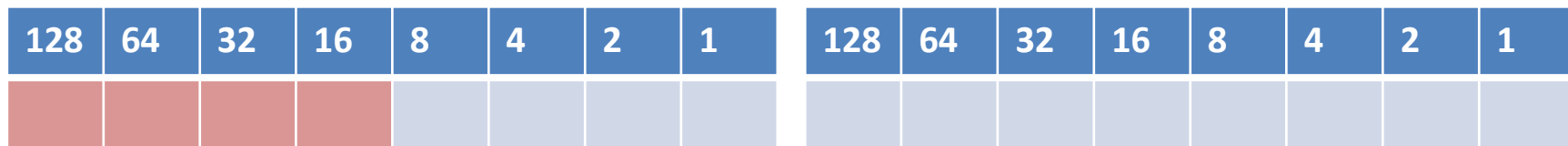
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MSB

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MSB

128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
1	0	0	0				

LSB

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This command is loading all DAC registers with the value of the input register.

All outputs have the same value.

See datasheet page 10 table 1.

## MSB and LSB

MSB

LSB

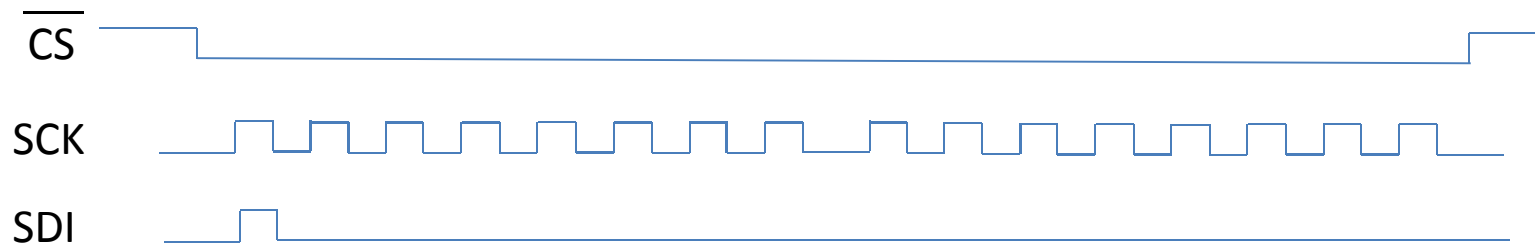
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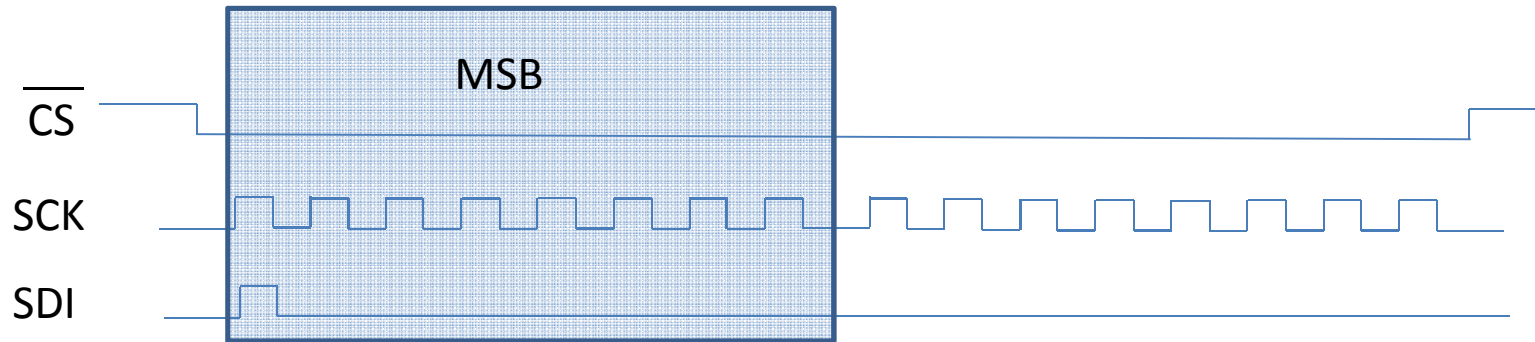
0 Volt output voltage

## Timing chart Output value 0

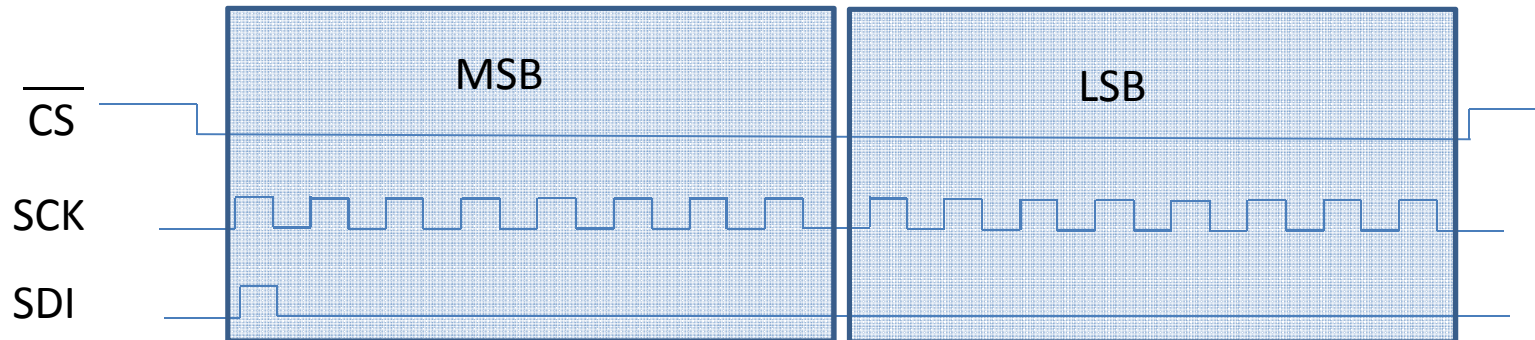




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128

+

15

255

143

## MSB and LSB

MSB								LSB								
128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1	
				2048	1024	512	256									
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
128				+	15				255							
143																

$$\text{Output voltage} = V_{\text{Ref}} * (\text{Value}/4096)$$

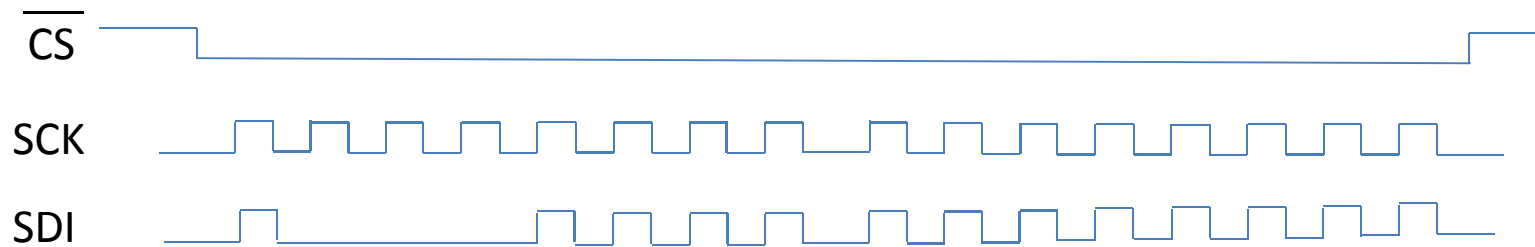
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128				+	15				255							
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Output voltage} &= 2V * (4095/4096) \\ &= 1,99V \end{aligned}$$

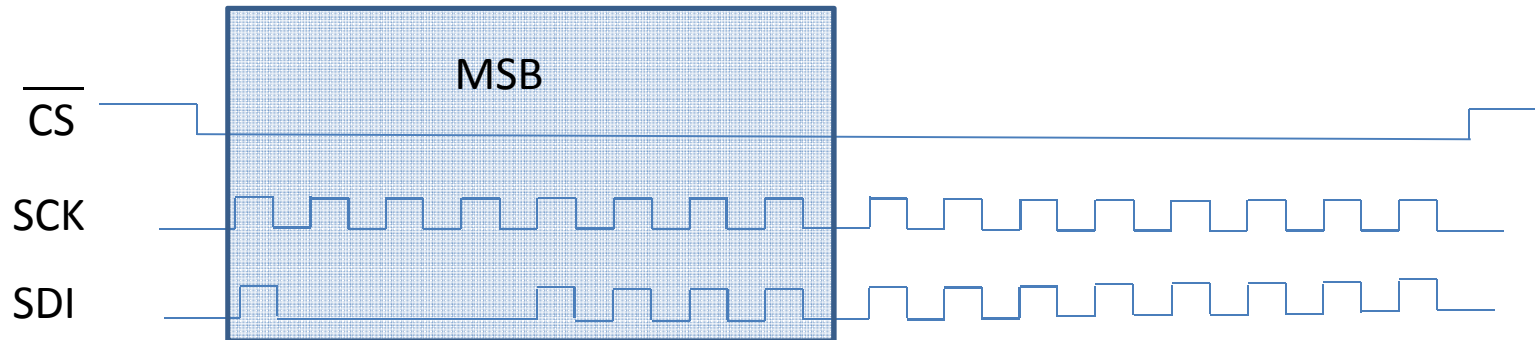
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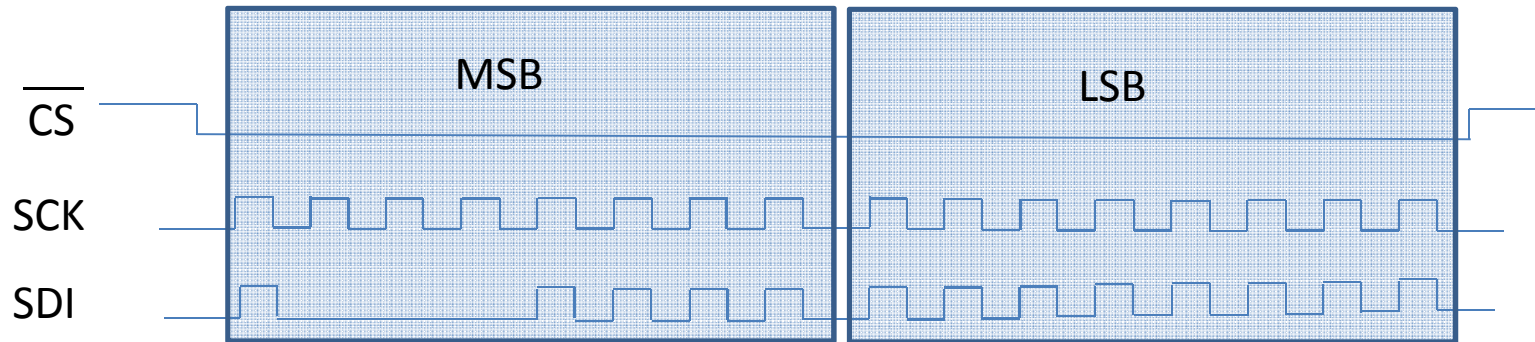
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- Activate SPI interface
- Setting the SPI parameter
- Set CS = low -> shifts the following data to the input register
- Transmit MSB thru SPI
- Transmit LSB thru SPI
- Set CS = high -> shifts the value to the output register of the DAC



## End Part 1

- MAX 525: <http://www.maximintegrated.com/datasheet/index.mvp/id/1445>
- LT1236: <http://www.linear.com/product/LT1236>
- LF356: <http://www.ti.com/product/lf356>
- 6N139: <http://www.ti.com/product/6n139>
- 74HC14: <http://www.ti.com/product/cd74hc14>
- Arduino: <http://www.arduino.cc/>