

# A Proposal of Digital-to-Analog Converter Architectures Based on Polygonal Numbers

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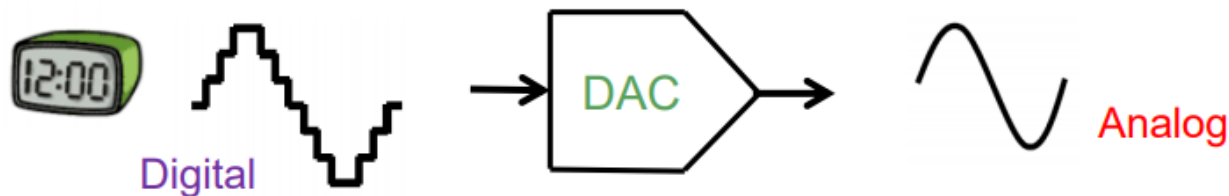
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# Research Objective

- Interesting properties of number theory



- Possibility of new configurations of DAC ( 6-bit case )



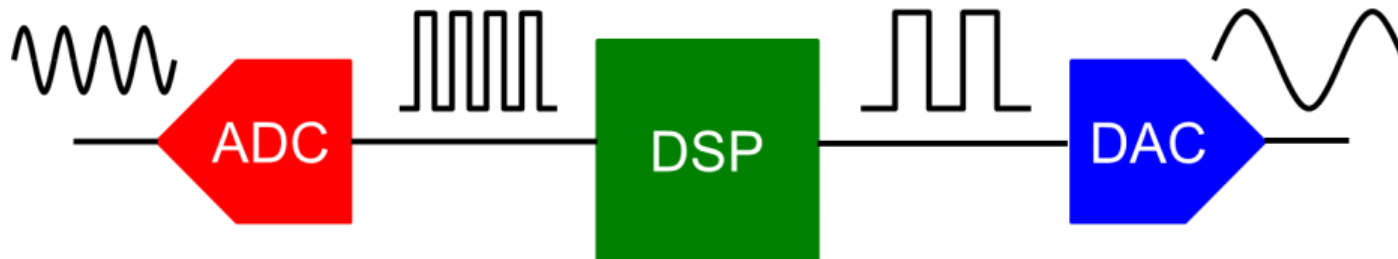
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# Importance of ADC / DAC

- Rapid development of digital electronics technology
- A natural signal is analog



# DACs are Everywhere !



**Communication  
equipment**



**Electronic measuring  
instrument**



**Audio systems**

# Integer Theory and Electronic Circuit Design

Many interesting properties of Integers



Currently  
No Link

Electronic circuit designs

Our research here makes their links !



Carolus Fridericus Gauss  
(1777-1855)

Integer theory is  
queen of Mathematics



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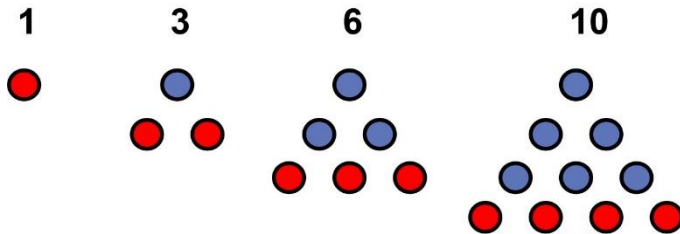
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# Polygonal Number

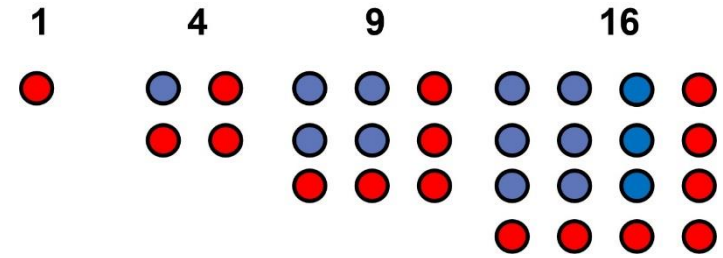
## Polygonal Number



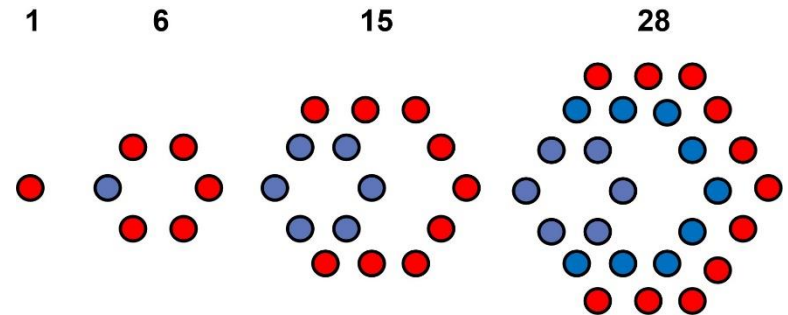
Represented as dots or pebbles arranged in the shape of a regular polygon.



(a) Triangular numbers.



(b) Square numbers.



(c) Hexagonal numbers.

# Fermat Polygonal Number Theorem

Any natural number



expressed by

Sum of **N** N-angular numbers



Pierre de Fermat  
1607 – 1665

k-th of N-angular number,  $m(N, k)$  can be expressed by

$$m(N, k) = (1/2) k [(N-2)k - (N-4)]$$

Then N-angular numbers are given by

$$1, N, 3N-3, 6N-8, 10N-15, \dots$$

for  $k=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

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# What is Triangular Number ?

**Triangular Number** : 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55, 66, .. $n(n+1)/2$

									1										
								2	3										
							4	5	6										
						7	8	9	10										
					11	12	13	14	15										
				16	17	18	19	20	21										
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28										
		29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36										
	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45										
46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55										
56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66									
67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78								
79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91							

# Theory of Trigonometric Numbers

Any natural number  $\longrightarrow$  Sum of 3 triangular numbers  
expressed by

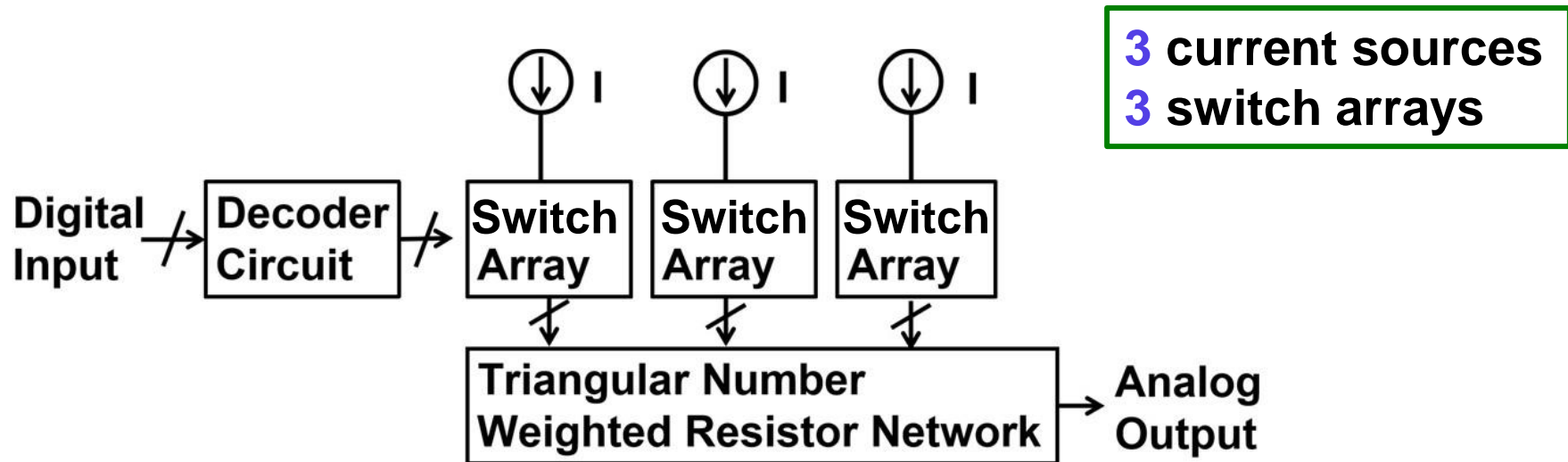
<b>1:</b> 1	<b>16:</b> 1+15	<b>31:</b> 3+28	<b>46:</b> 1+45
<b>2:</b> 1+1	<b>17:</b> 1+1+15	<b>32:</b> 1+3+28	<b>47:</b> 1+1+45
<b>3:</b> 3	<b>18:</b> 3+15	<b>33:</b> 6+6+21	<b>48:</b> 3+45
<b>4:</b> 1+3	<b>19:</b> 1+3+15	<b>34:</b> 6+28	<b>49:</b> 1+3+45
<b>5:</b> 1+1+3	<b>20:</b> 10+10	<b>35:</b> 1+6+28	<b>50:</b> 1+21+28
<b>6:</b> 6	<b>21:</b> 21	<b>36:</b> 36	<b>51:</b> 15+36
<b>7:</b> 1+6	<b>22:</b> 1+21	<b>37:</b> 1+36	<b>52:</b> 1+6+45
<b>8:</b> 1+1+6	<b>23:</b> 1+1+21	<b>38:</b> 1+1+36	<b>53:</b> 10+15+28
<b>9:</b> 3+6	<b>24:</b> 3+21	<b>39:</b> 3+36	<b>54:</b> 3+6+45
<b>10:</b> 10	<b>25:</b> 1+3+21	<b>40:</b> 1+3+36	<b>55:</b> 55
<b>11:</b> 1+10	<b>26:</b> 1+10+15	<b>41:</b> 3+10+28	<b>56:</b> 1+55
<b>12:</b> 1+1+10	<b>27:</b> 6+21	<b>42:</b> 6+36	<b>57:</b> 1+1+55
<b>13:</b> 3+10	<b>28:</b> 28	<b>43:</b> 1+6+36	<b>58:</b> 3+55
<b>14:</b> 1+3+10	<b>29:</b> 1+28	<b>44:</b> 6+10+28	<b>59:</b> 1+3+55
<b>15:</b> 15	<b>30:</b> 1+1+28	<b>45:</b> 45	<b>60:</b> 15+45

# Theory of Trigonometric Numbers

Any natural number  $\longrightarrow$  Sum of 3 triangular numbers  
expressed by

<b>61:</b> 6+55	<b>76:</b> 10+66	<b>91:</b> 91	<b>106:</b> 1+105	<b>121:</b> 1+120
<b>62:</b> 1+6+55	<b>77:</b> 1+10+66	<b>92:</b> 1+91	<b>107:</b> 1+1+105	<b>122:</b> 1+1+120
<b>63:</b> 3+15+45	<b>78:</b> 78	<b>93:</b> 1+1+91	<b>108:</b> 3+105	<b>123:</b> 3+120
<b>64:</b> 3+6+55	<b>79:</b> 1+78	<b>94:</b> 3+91	<b>109:</b> 1+3+105	<b>124:</b> 1+3+120
<b>65:</b> 10+55	<b>80:</b> 1+1+78	<b>95:</b> 1+3+91	<b>110:</b> 55+55	<b>125:</b> 10+10+105
<b>66:</b> 66	<b>81:</b> 3+78	<b>96:</b> 3+15+78	<b>111:</b> 6+105	<b>126:</b> 6+120
<b>67:</b> 1+66	<b>82:</b> 1+3+78	<b>97:</b> 6+91	<b>112:</b> 1+6+105	<b>127:</b> 1+6+120
<b>68:</b> 1+1+66	<b>83:</b> 28+55	<b>98:</b> 1+6+91	<b>113:</b> 1+21+91	
<b>69:</b> 3+66	<b>84:</b> 6+78	<b>99:</b> 21+78	<b>114:</b> 3+6+105	
<b>70:</b> 1+3+66	<b>85:</b> 1+6+78	<b>100:</b> 3+6+91	<b>115:</b> 10+105	
<b>71:</b> 6+10+55	<b>86:</b> 10+10+66	<b>101:</b> 10+91	<b>116:</b> 1+10+105	
<b>72:</b> 6+66	<b>87:</b> 3+6+78	<b>102:</b> 1+10+91	<b>117:</b> 6+6+105	
<b>73:</b> 1+6+66	<b>88:</b> 10+78	<b>103:</b> 6+6+91	<b>118:</b> 3+10+105	
<b>74:</b> 1+28+45	<b>89:</b> 1+10+78	<b>104:</b> 3+10+91	<b>119:</b> 28+91	
<b>75:</b> 3+6+66	<b>90:</b> 6+6+78	<b>105:</b> 105	<b>120:</b> 120	

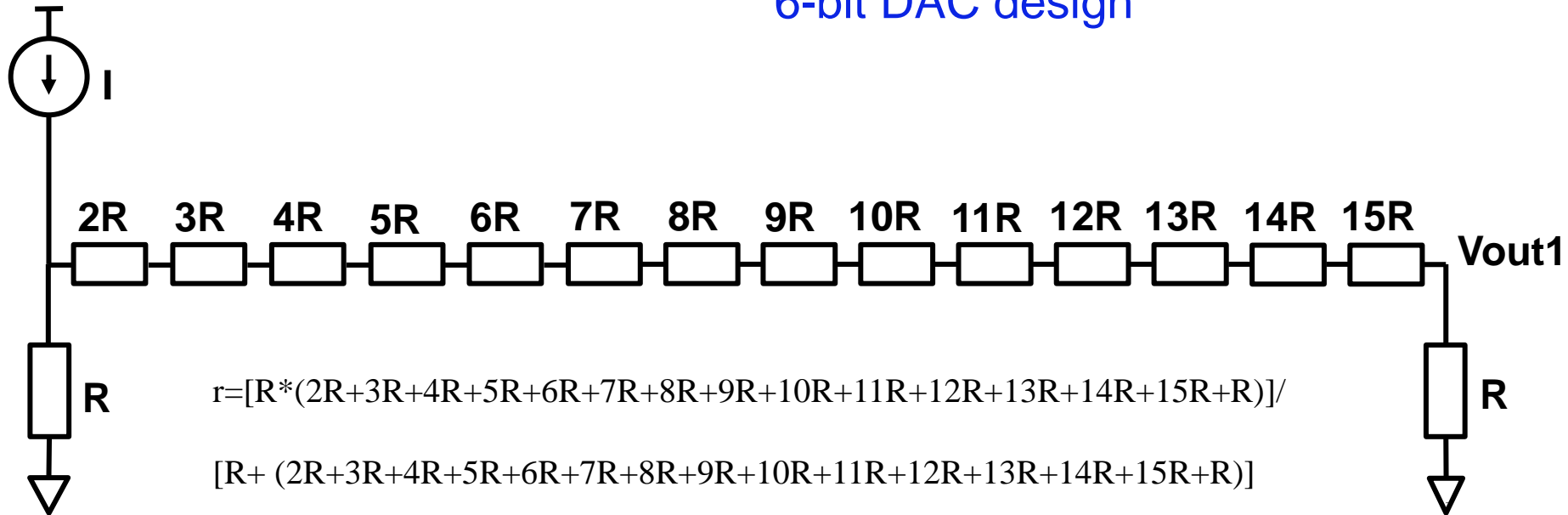
# Proposed Triangular Number DAC





# Triangular Number DAC **Input 1**

6-bit DAC design



$$r = [R * (2R + 3R + 4R + 5R + 6R + 7R + 8R + 9R + 10R + 11R + 12R + 13R + 14R + 15R + R)] / [R + (2R + 3R + 4R + 5R + 6R + 7R + 8R + 9R + 10R + 11R + 12R + 13R + 14R + 15R + R)]$$

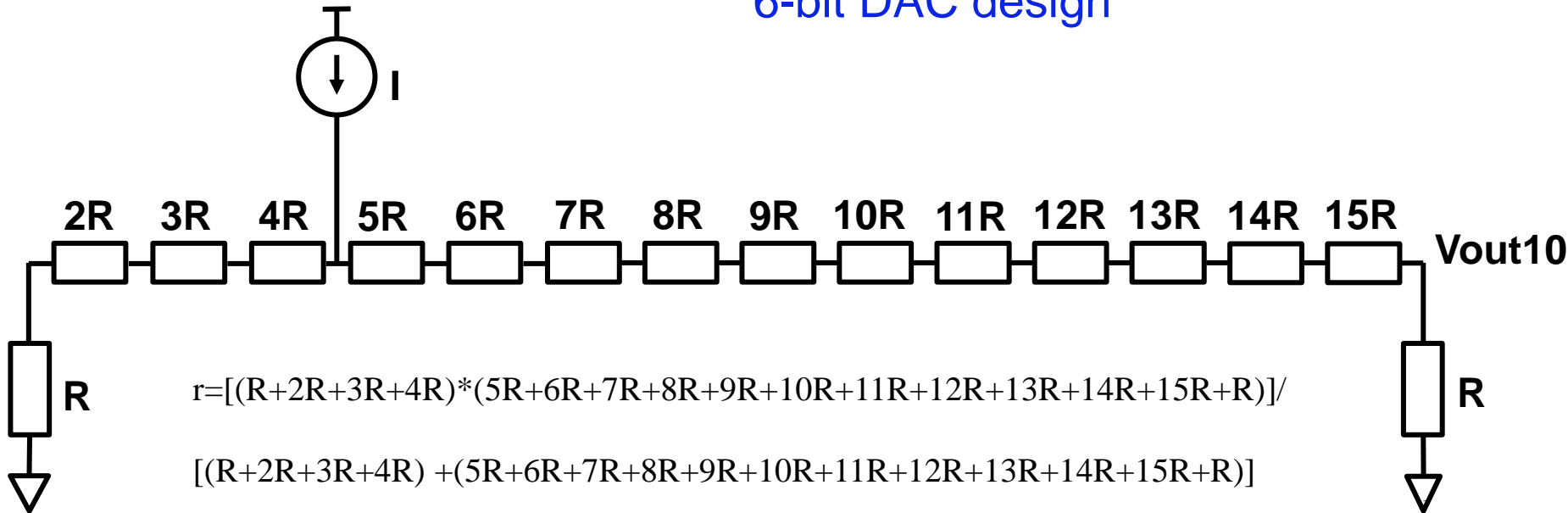
$$V = I * r$$

$$V_{out1} / V = R / (2R + 3R + 4R + 5R + 6R + 7R + 8R + 9R + 10R + 11R + 12R + 13R + 14R + 15R + R)$$

$$V_{out1} = I * R / 121$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 10**

6-bit DAC design



$$r = \frac{[(R+2R+3R+4R) \cdot (5R+6R+7R+8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}{[(R+2R+3R+4R) + (5R+6R+7R+8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}$$

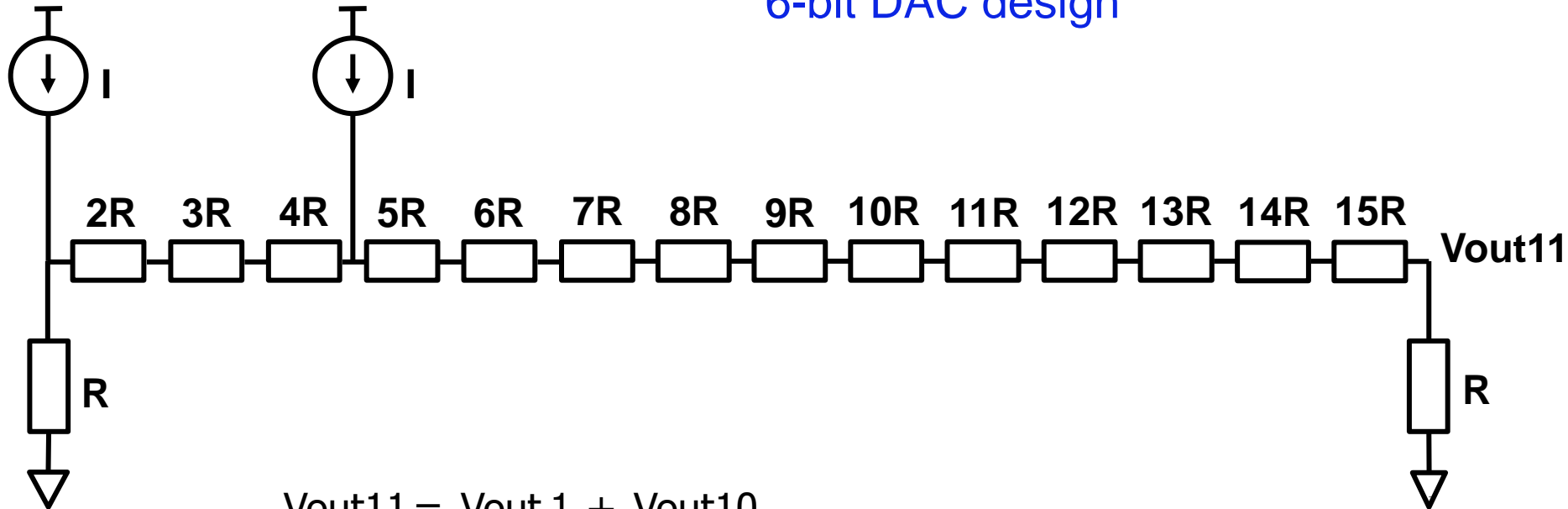
$$V = I \cdot r$$

$$V_{out10}/V = R / (5R+6R+7R+8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)$$

$$V_{out10} = 10I \cdot R / 121$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 11**

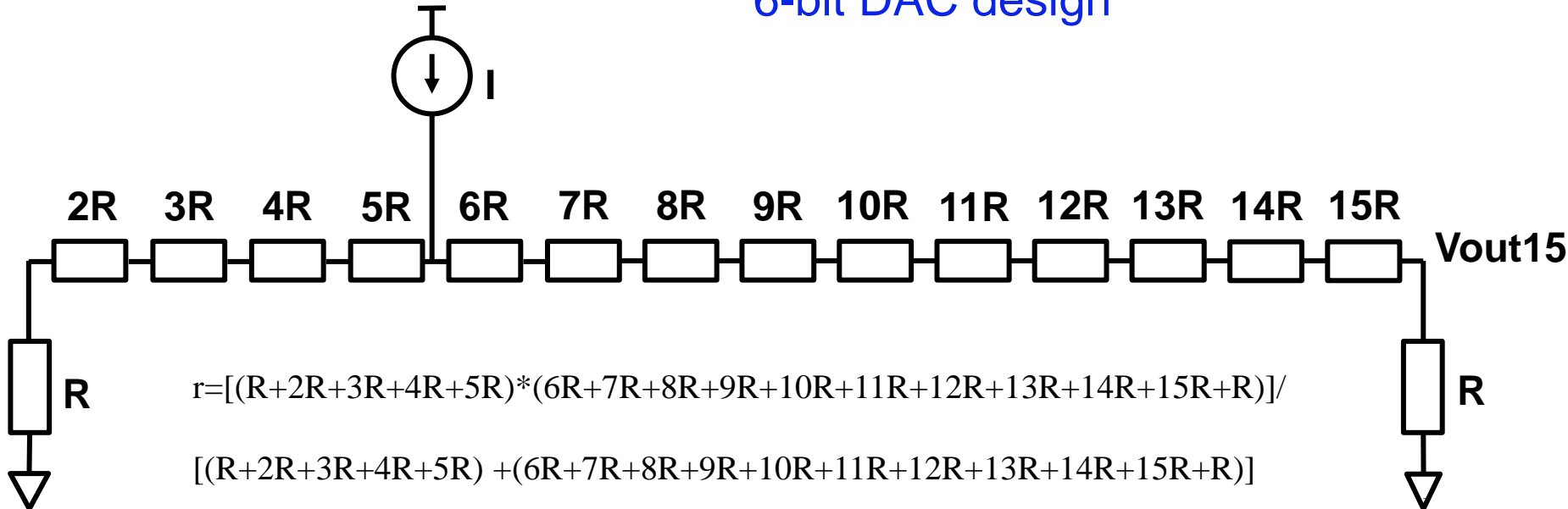
6-bit DAC design



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{out11} &= V_{out1} + V_{out10} \\
 &= I \cdot R / 121 + 10I \cdot R / 121 \\
 &= \mathbf{11I \cdot R / 121}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 15**

6-bit DAC design



$$r = \frac{[(R+2R+3R+4R+5R) * (6R+7R+8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}{[(R+2R+3R+4R+5R) + (6R+7R+8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}$$

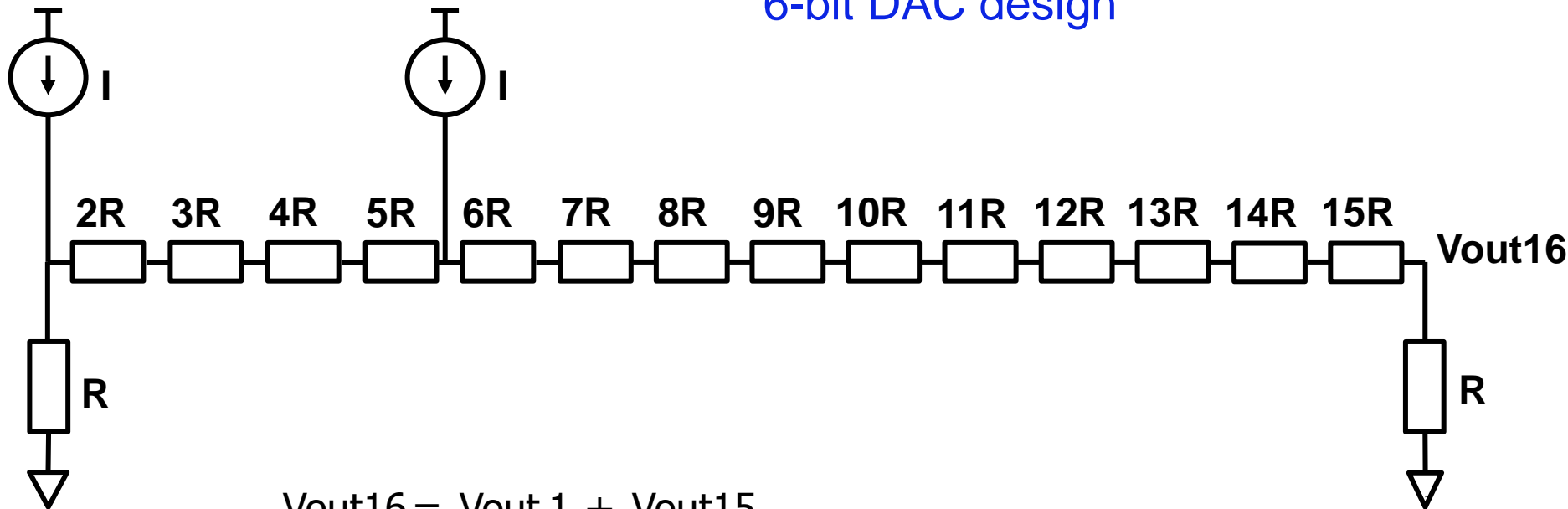
$$V = I * r$$

$$V_{out15}/V = R / (6R+7R+8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)$$

$$V_{out15} = 15I * R / 121$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 16**

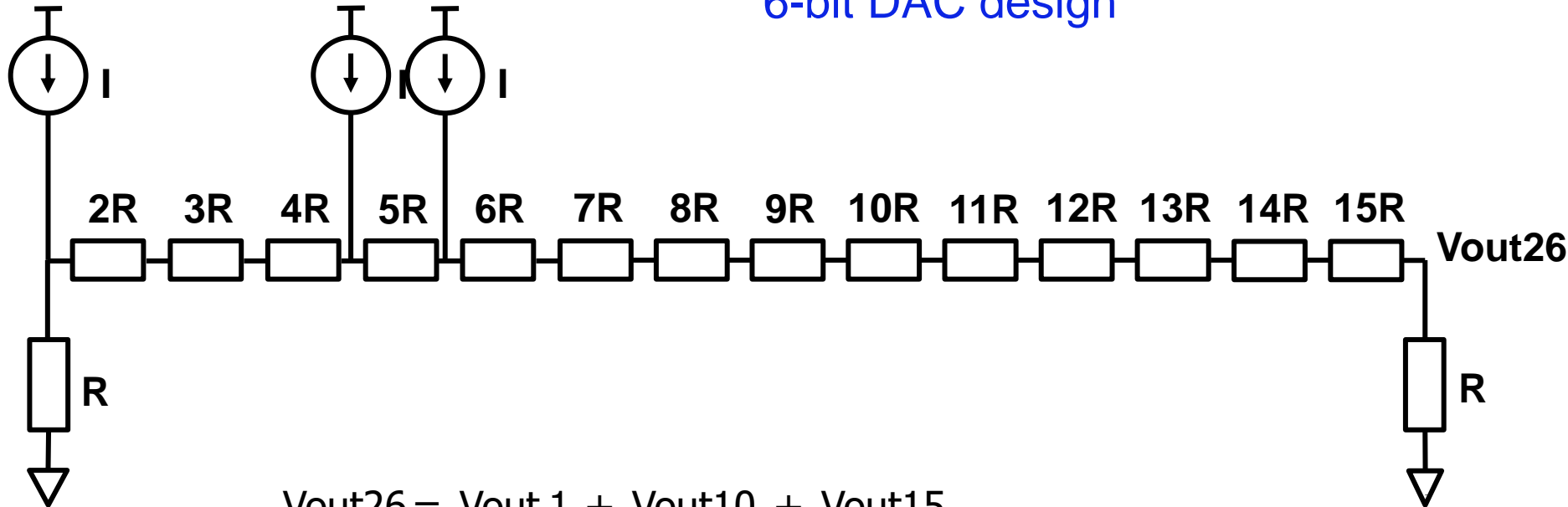
6-bit DAC design



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{out16} &= V_{out1} + V_{out15} \\
 &= I \cdot R / 121 + 15I \cdot R / 121 \\
 &= \mathbf{16I \cdot R / 121}
 \end{aligned}$$

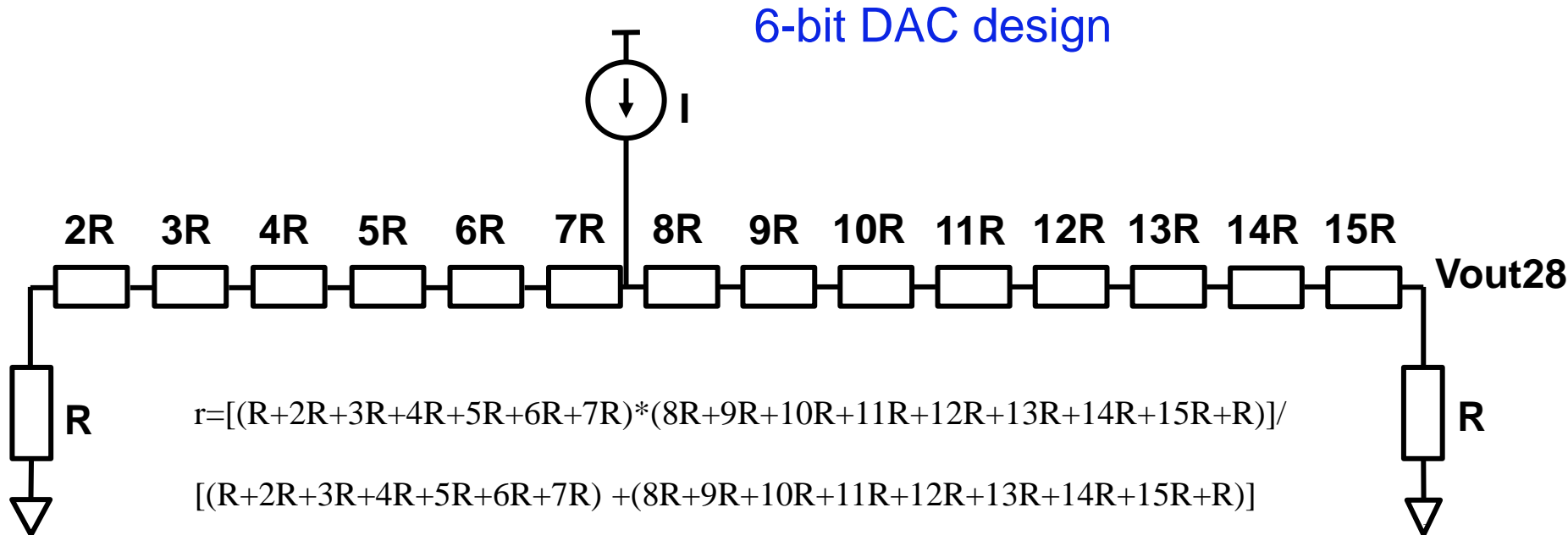
# Triangular Number DAC **Input 26**

6-bit DAC design



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{out26} &= V_{out1} + V_{out10} + V_{out15} \\
 &= I \cdot R / 121 + 10I \cdot R / 121 + 15I \cdot R / 121 \\
 &= \mathbf{26I \cdot R / 121}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 28**



$$r = \frac{[(R+2R+3R+4R+5R+6R+7R) * (8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}{[(R+2R+3R+4R+5R+6R+7R) + (8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}$$

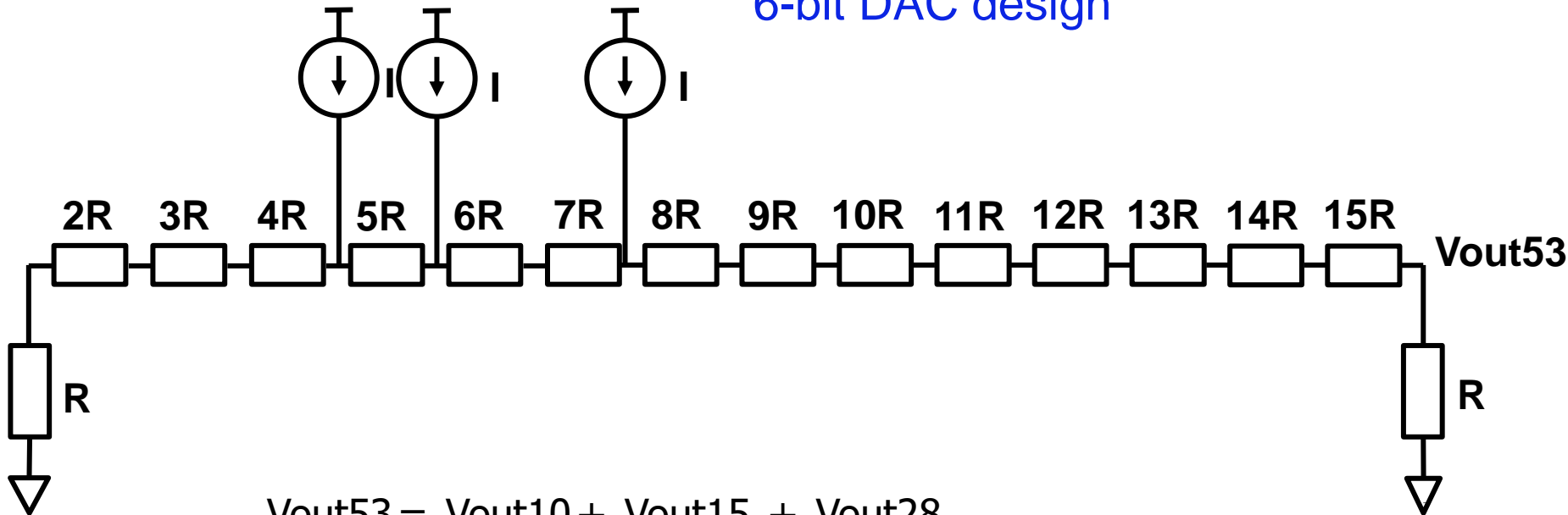
$$V = I * r$$

$$V_{out28}/V = R / (8R+9R+10R+11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)$$

$$V_{out28} = 28I * R / 121$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 53**

6-bit DAC design



$$V_{out53} = V_{out10} + V_{out15} + V_{out28}$$

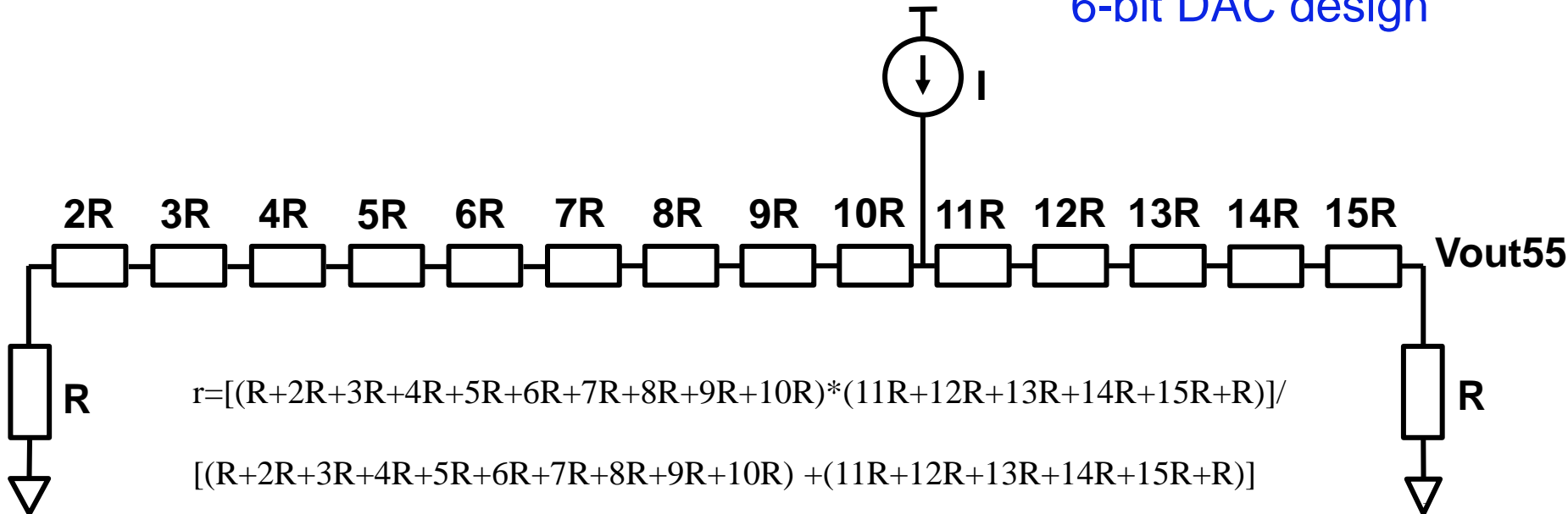
$$= 10I \cdot R / 121 + 15I \cdot R / 121 + 28I \cdot R / 121$$

$$= \mathbf{53I \cdot R / 121}$$



# Triangular Number DAC **Input 55**

6-bit DAC design



$$r = \frac{[(R+2R+3R+4R+5R+6R+7R+8R+9R+10R) * (11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}{[(R+2R+3R+4R+5R+6R+7R+8R+9R+10R) + (11R+12R+13R+14R+15R+R)]}$$

$$V = I * r$$

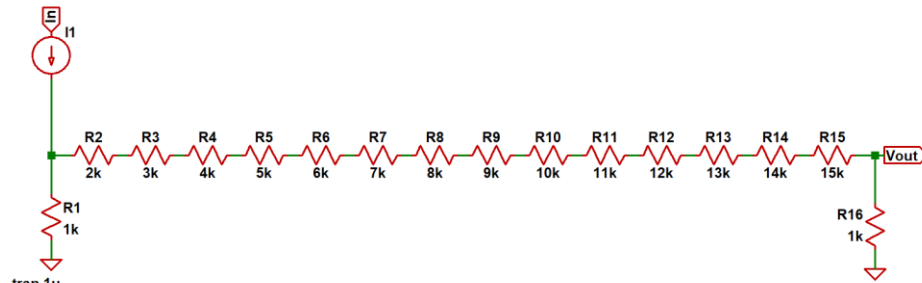
$$V_{out55}/V = R / (11R + 12R + 13R + 14R + 15R + R)$$

$$V_{out55} = 55I * R / 121$$

# Triangular Number DAC **Input 1**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

PULSE(0 100u 100n 0.1p 0.1p 100n 1 1)

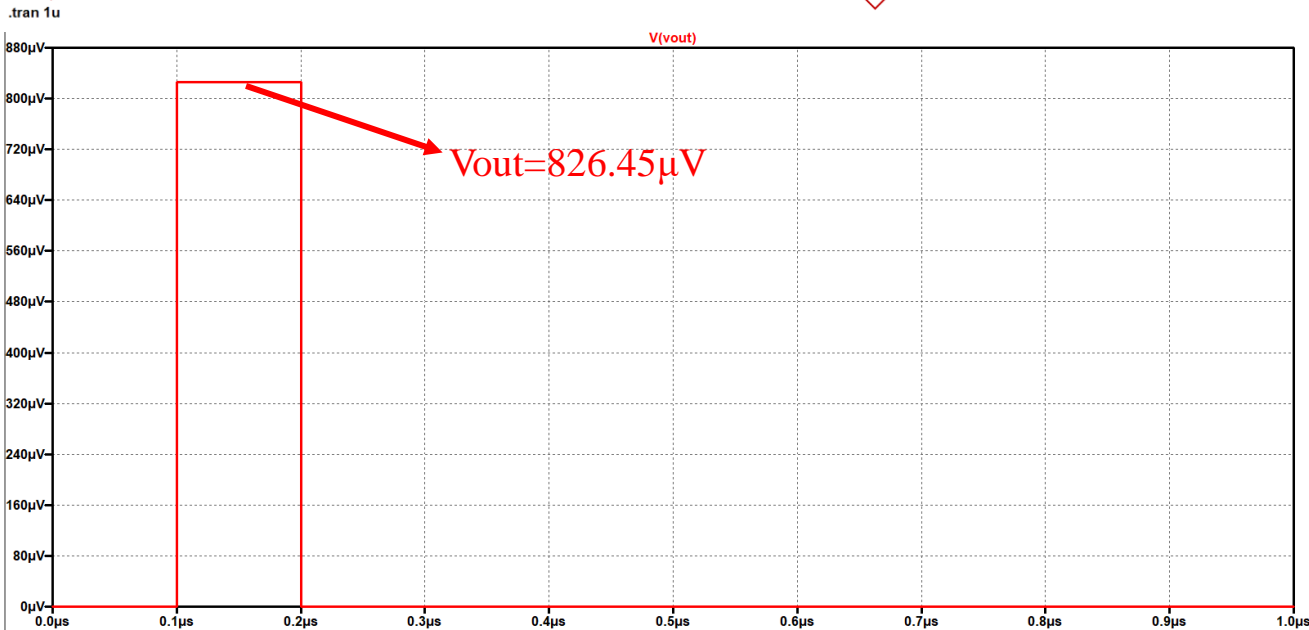


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = I \cdot R / 121 = 826.45 \mu\text{V}$$

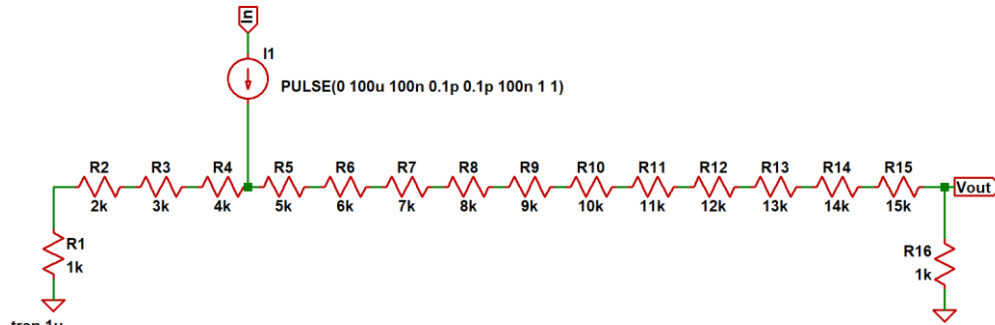
Simulation Value

$$V_{out} = 826.45 \mu\text{V}$$



# Triangular Number DAC **Input 10**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

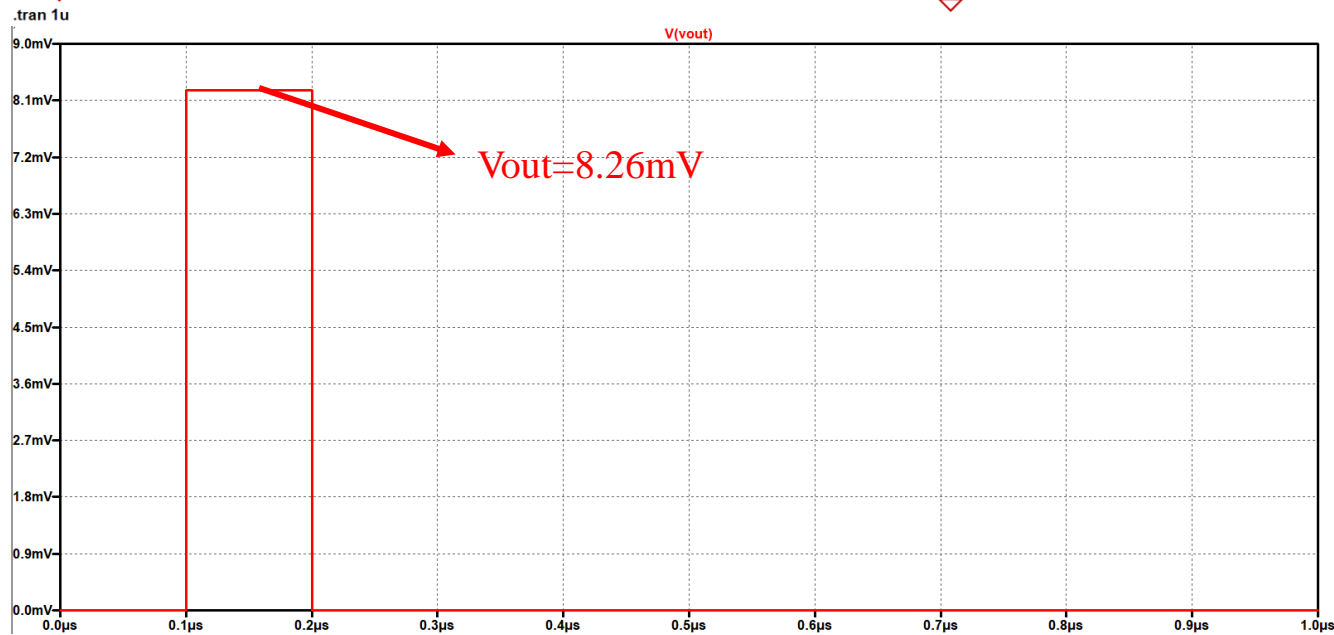


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = 10I \cdot R / 121 = 8.26\text{mV}$$

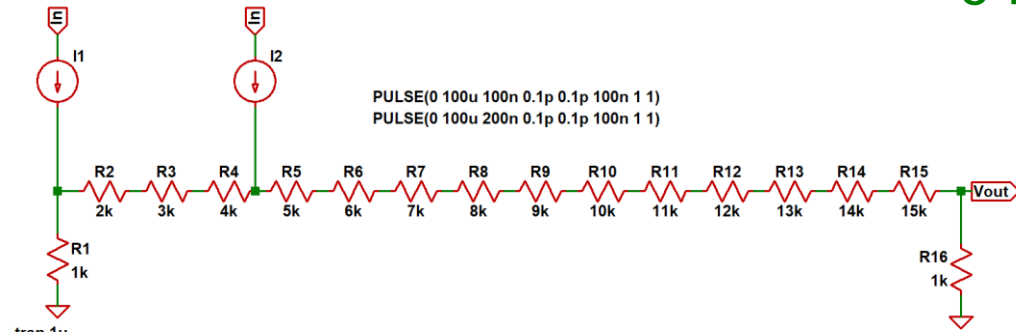
Simulation Value

$$V_{out} = 8.26\text{mV}$$



# Triangular Number DAC **Input 11**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

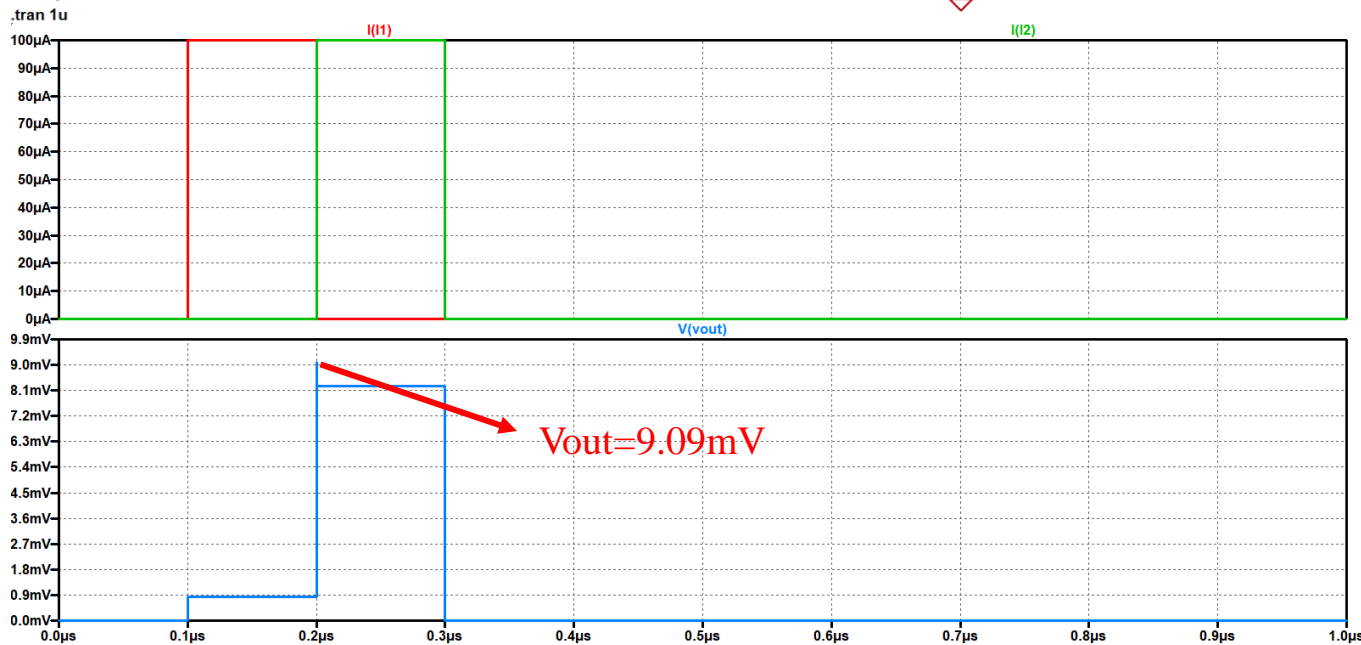


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = 11I \cdot R / 121 = 9.09\text{mV}$$

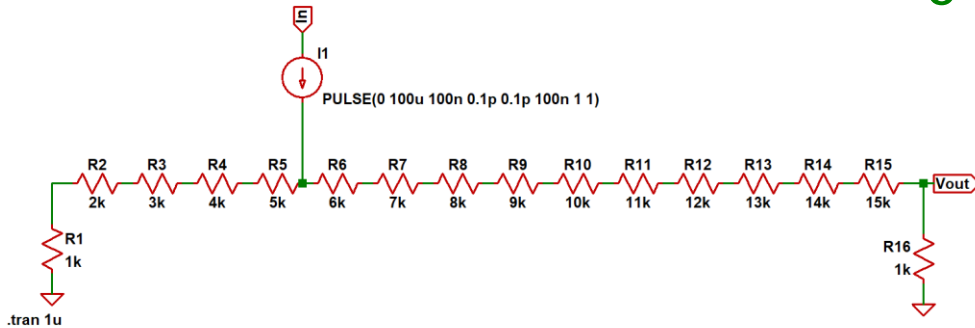
Simulation Value

$$V_{out} = 9.09\text{mV}$$



# Triangular Number DAC **Input 15**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

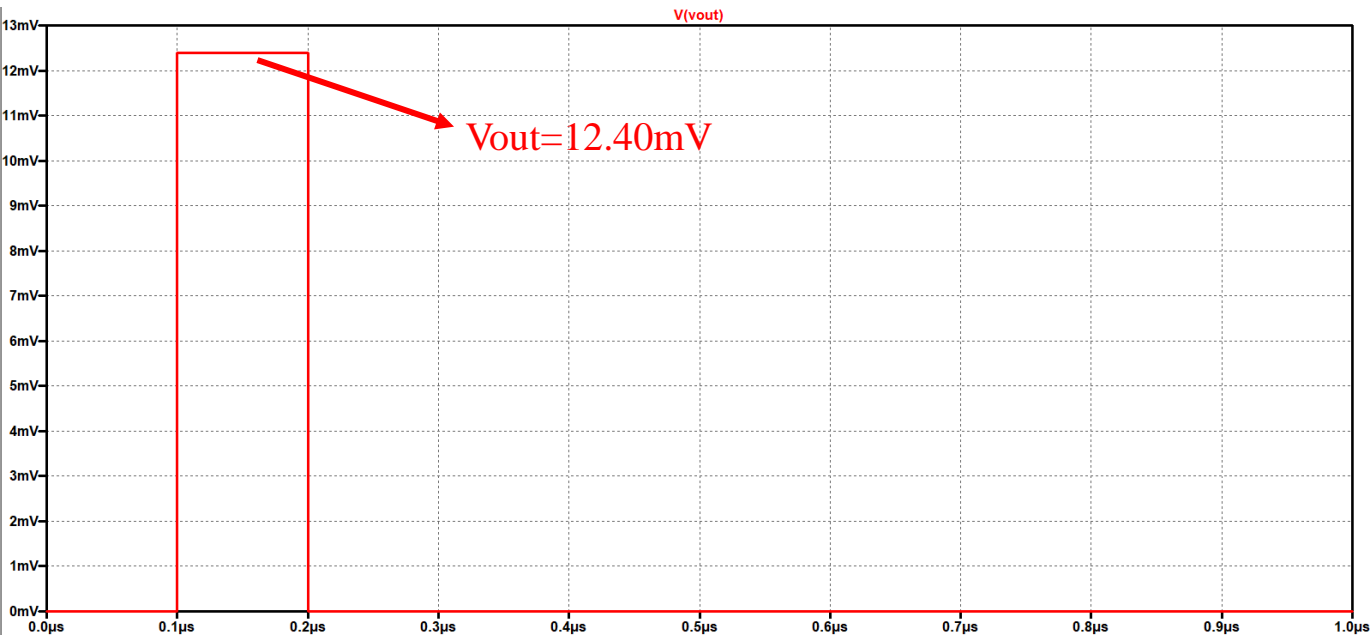


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = 15I \cdot R / 121 = 12.40\text{mV}$$

Simulation Value

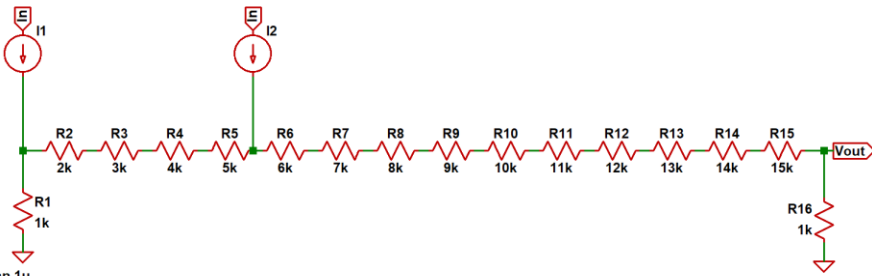
$$V_{out} = 12.40\text{mV}$$



# Triangular Number DAC **Input 16**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

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PULSE(0 100u 100n 0.1p 0.1p 100n 1 1)
PULSE(0 100u 200n 0.1p 0.1p 100n 1 1)
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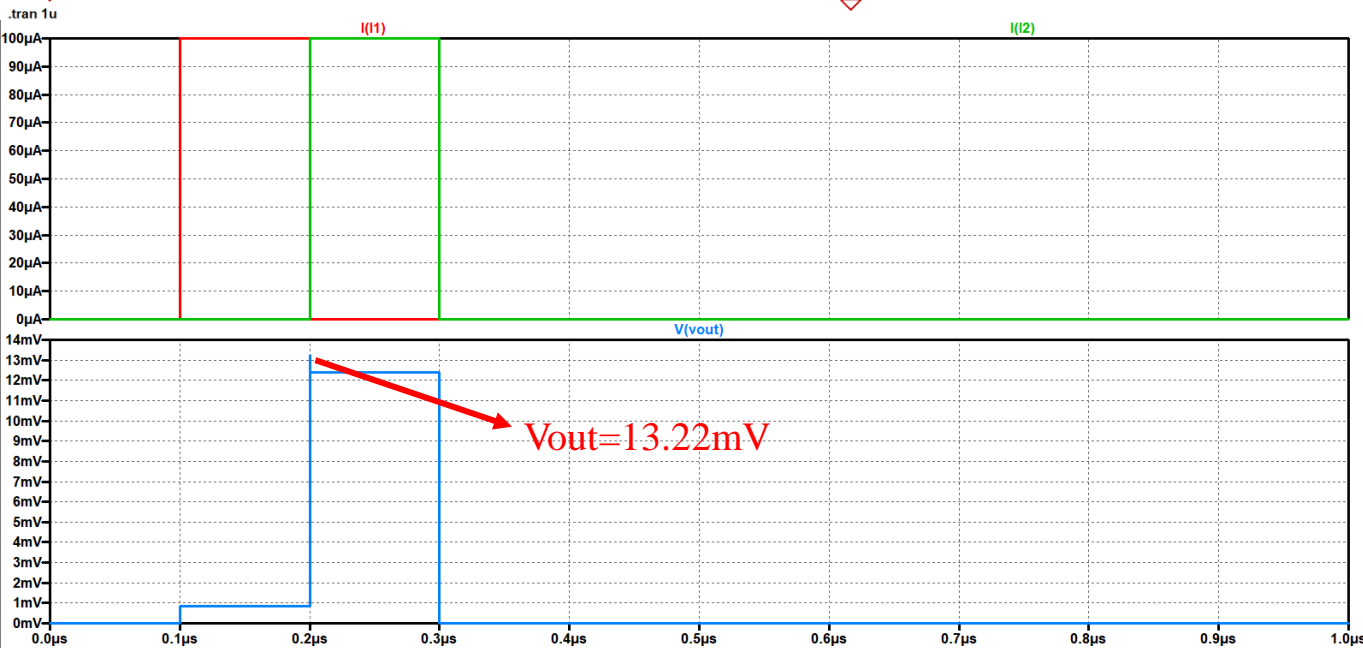


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = 16I \cdot R / 121 = 13.22\text{mV}$$

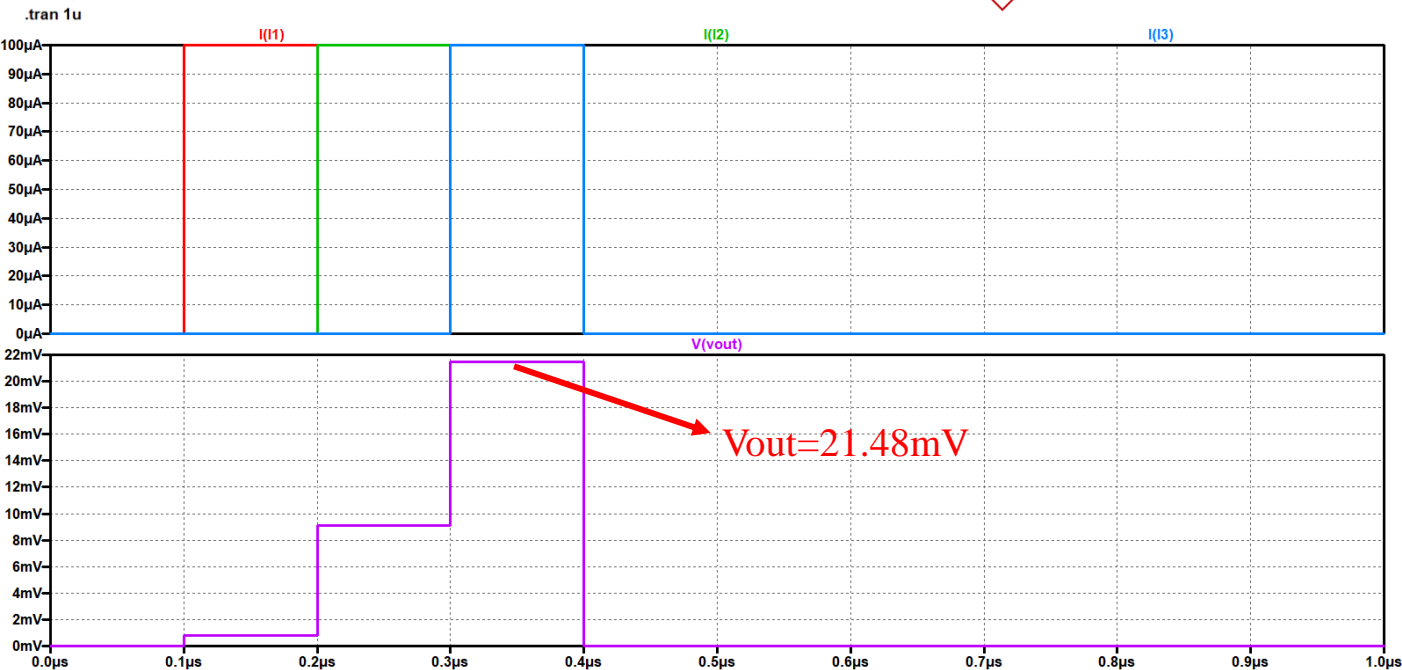
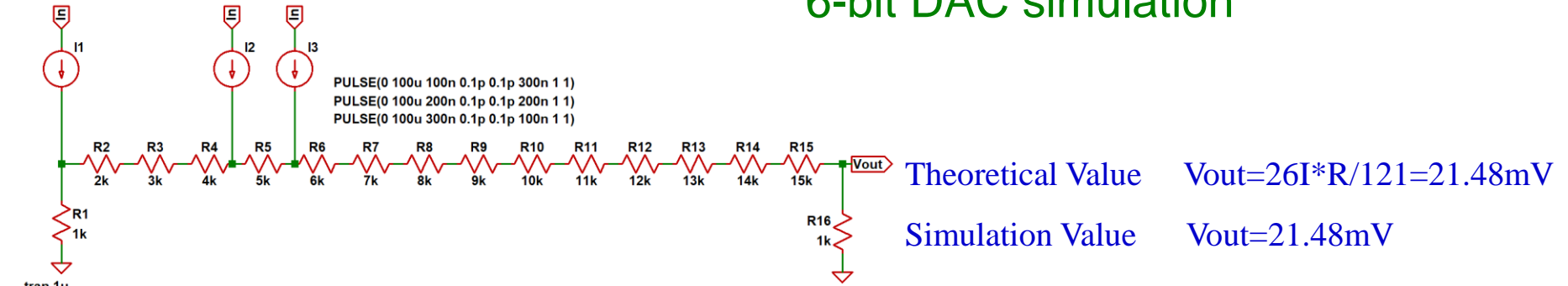
Simulation Value

$$V_{out} = 13.22\text{mV}$$



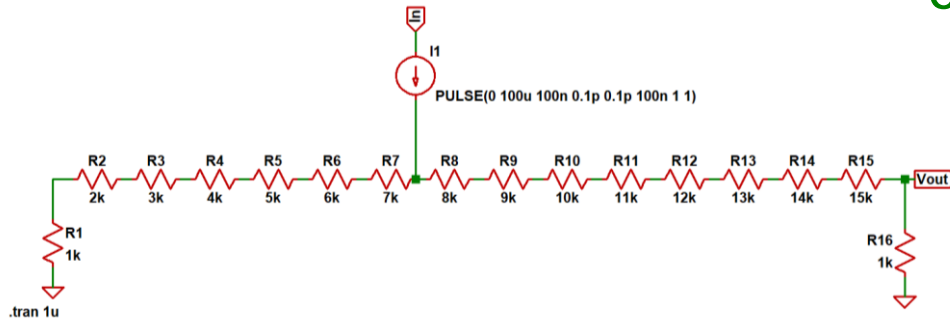
# Triangular Number DAC **Input 26**

## 6-bit DAC simulation



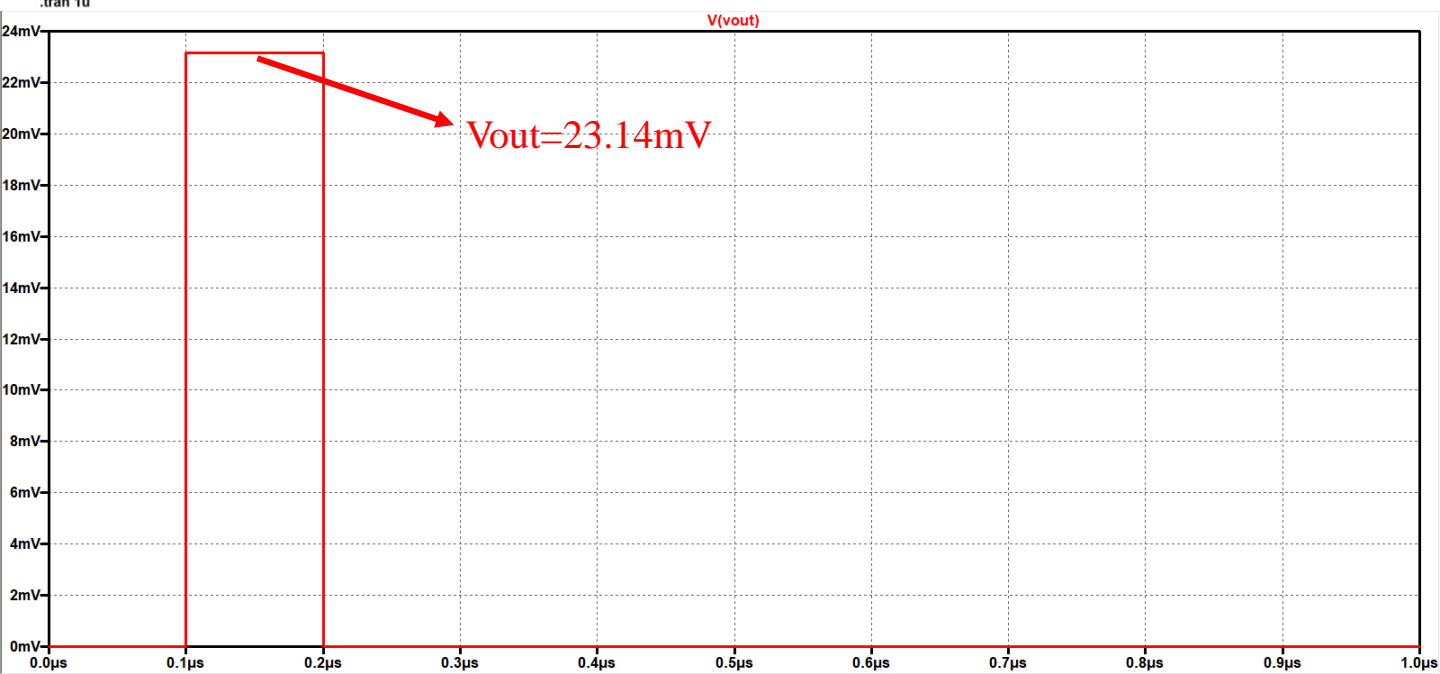
# Triangular Number DAC **Input 28**

## 6-bit DAC simulation



Theoretical Value  $V_{out} = 28I \cdot R / 121 = 23.14\text{mV}$

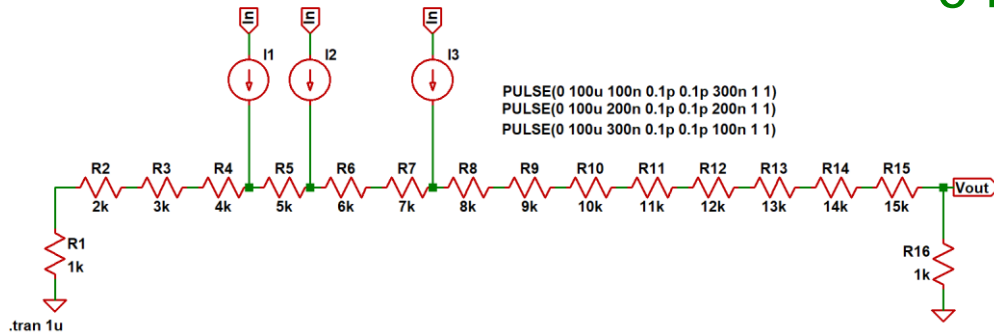
Simulation Value  $V_{out} = 23.14\text{mV}$





# Triangular Number DAC **Input 53**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

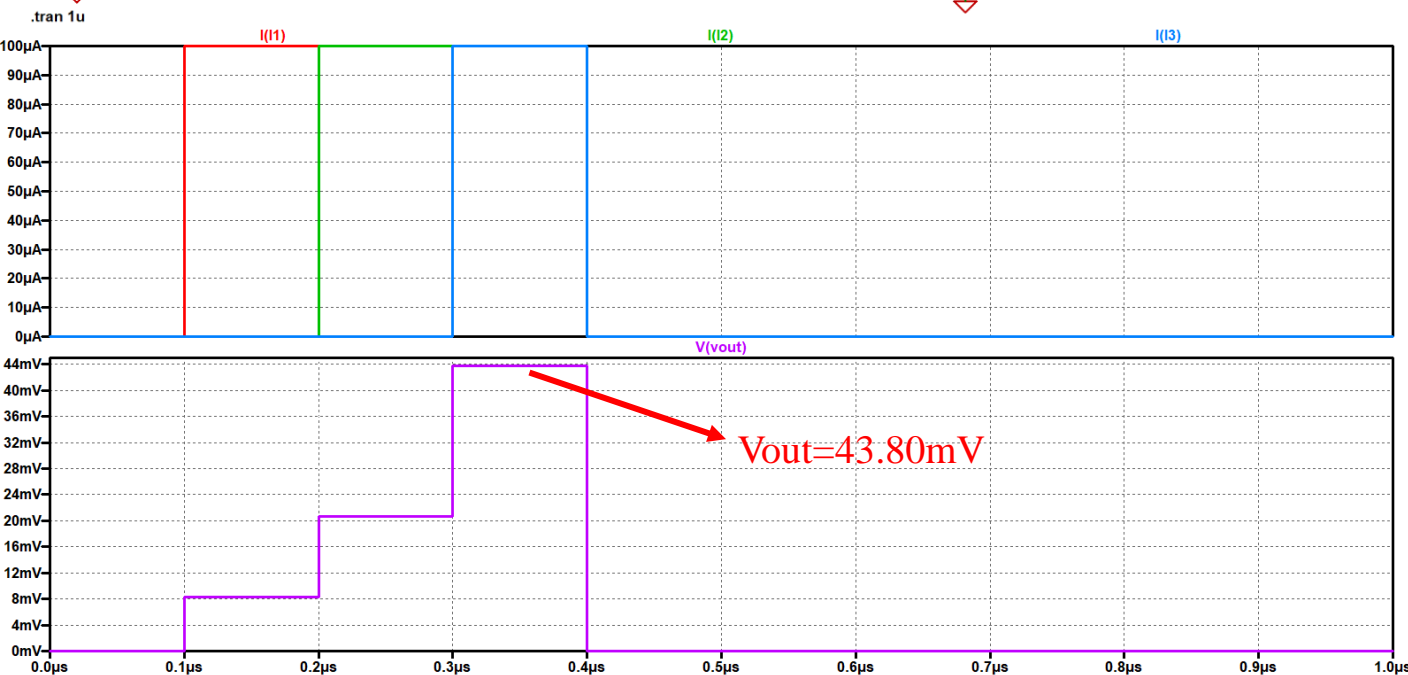


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = 53I \cdot R / 121 = 43.80mV$$

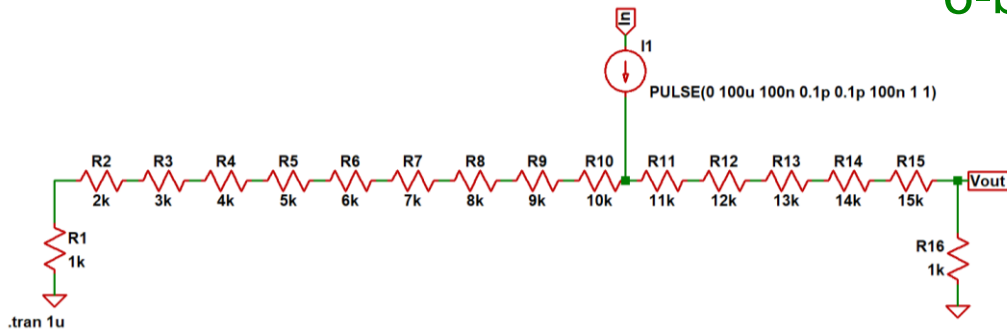
Simulation Value

$$V_{out} = 43.80mV$$



# Triangular Number DAC **Input 55**

## 6-bit DAC simulation

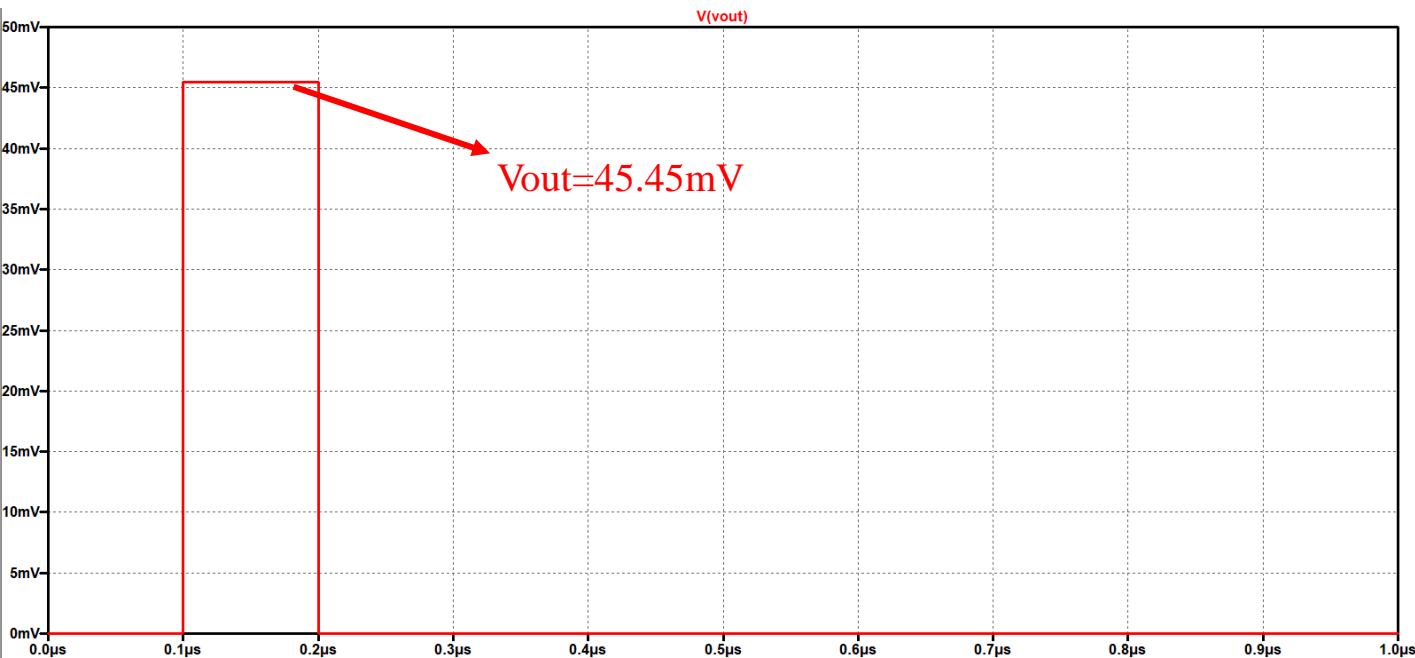


Theoretical Value

$$V_{out} = 55I \cdot R / 121 = 45.45\text{mV}$$

Simulation Value

$$V_{out} = 45.45\text{mV}$$



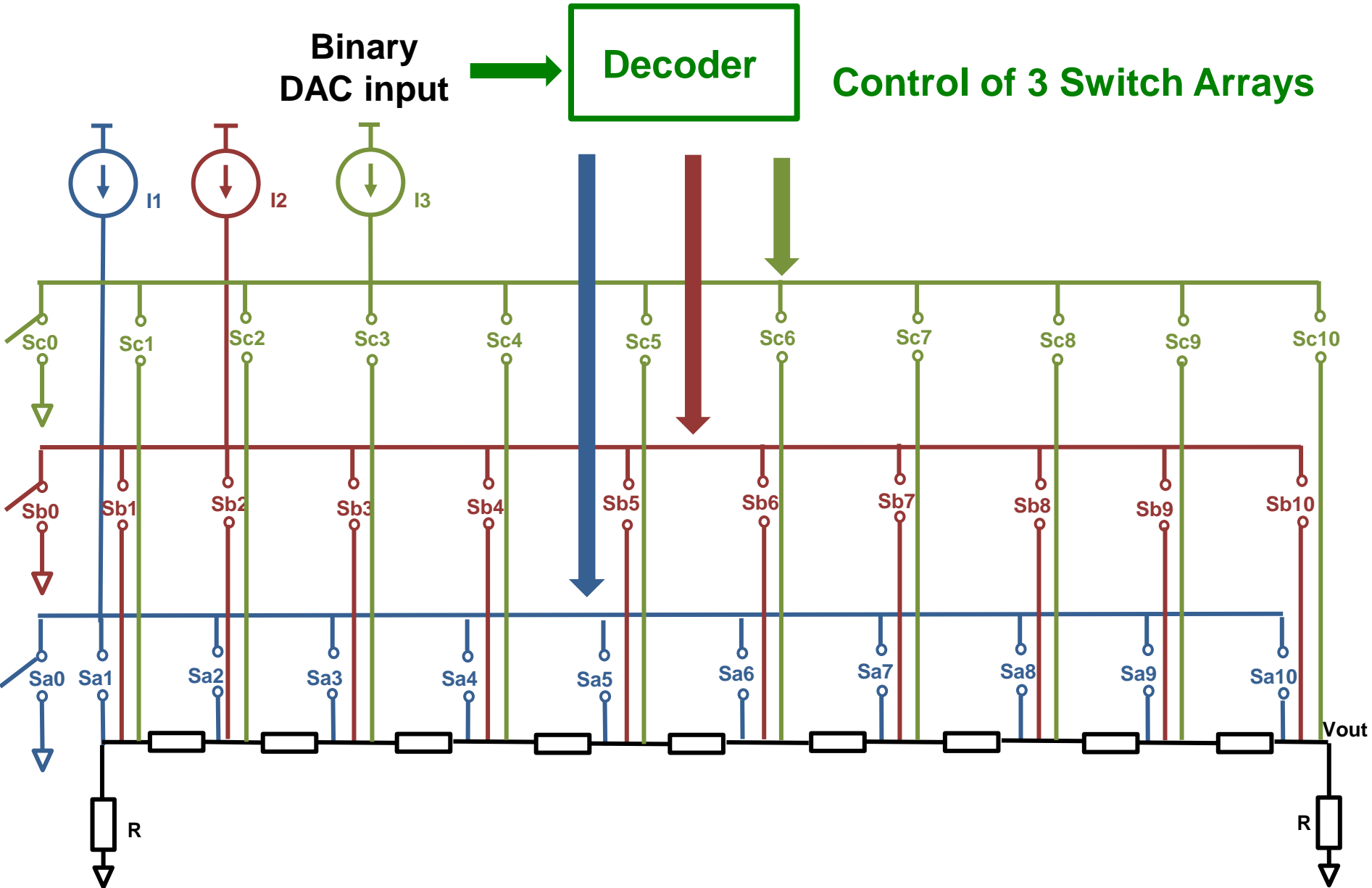
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# Circuits for Explanation of Switches

Sa0,... Sa10, Sb0,... Sb10, Sc0,... Sc10





# Triangular Number DAC Decoder Check Program

## Input

B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0(from 0 to 63)

Sa00 = Logical expression with B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

Sa01 = Logical expression with B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

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Sb00 = Logical expression with B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

Sb01 = Logical expression with B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

:

Sc00 = Logical expression with B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

Sc01 = Logical expression with B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

:

DataA =  $0 \cdot Sa00 + 1 \cdot Sa01 + 3 \cdot Sa02 + 6 \cdot Sa03 + 10 \cdot Sa04$   
 $+ 15 \cdot Sa05 + 21 \cdot Sa06 + 28 \cdot Sa07 + 36 \cdot Sa08 + 45 \cdot Sa09 + 66 \cdot Sa10.$

DataB =  $0 \cdot Sb00 + 1 \cdot Sb01 + 3 \cdot Sb02 + 6 \cdot Sb03 + 10 \cdot Sb04$   
 $+ 15 \cdot Sb05 + 21 \cdot Sb06 + 28 \cdot Sb07 + 36 \cdot Sb08 + 45 \cdot Sb09 + 66 \cdot Sb10.$

DataC =  $0 \cdot Sc00 + 1 \cdot Sc01 + 3 \cdot Sc02 + 6 \cdot Sc03 + 10 \cdot Sc04$   
 $+ 15 \cdot Sc05 + 21 \cdot Sc06 + 28 \cdot Sc07 + 36 \cdot Sc08 + 45 \cdot Sc09 + 66 \cdot Sc10.$

Data =  $B0 + 2 \cdot B1 + 4 \cdot B2 + 8 \cdot B3 + 16 \cdot B4 + 32 \cdot B5$

# Triangular Number DAC Decoder Check program

## Output

B5, B4, B3, B2, B1, B0

If Data = DataA + DataB + DataC,  
the output is OK.

If Data  $\neq$  DataA + DataB + DataC,  
the output is WRONG.

6-bit binary input

decode

B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=0	OK	0 = 0 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=1	OK	1 = 1 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=0	OK	2 = 1 + 1 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=1	OK	3 = 3 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=1, B1=0, B0=0	OK	4 = 1 + 3 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=1, B1=0, B0=1	OK	5 = 1 + 1 + 3
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=1, B1=1, B0=0	OK	6 = 6 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=1, B1=1, B0=1	OK	7 = 1 + 6 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=0, B1=0, B0=0	OK	8 = 1 + 1 + 6
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=0, B1=0, B0=1	OK	9 = 3 + 6 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=0, B1=1, B0=0	OK	10 = 10 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=0, B1=1, B0=1	OK	11 = 1 + 10 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=1, B1=0, B0=0	OK	12 = 1 + 1 + 10
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=1, B1=0, B0=1	OK	13 = 3 + 10 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=1, B1=1, B0=0	OK	14 = 1 + 3 + 10
B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=1, B1=1, B0=1	OK	15 = 15 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=0	OK	16 = 1 + 15 + 0
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=1	OK	17 = 1 + 1 + 15
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=0	OK	18 = 3 + 15 + 0
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=1	OK	19 = 1 + 3 + 15
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=1, B1=0, B0=0	OK	20 = 10 + 10 + 0

**Calculation results are correct.**

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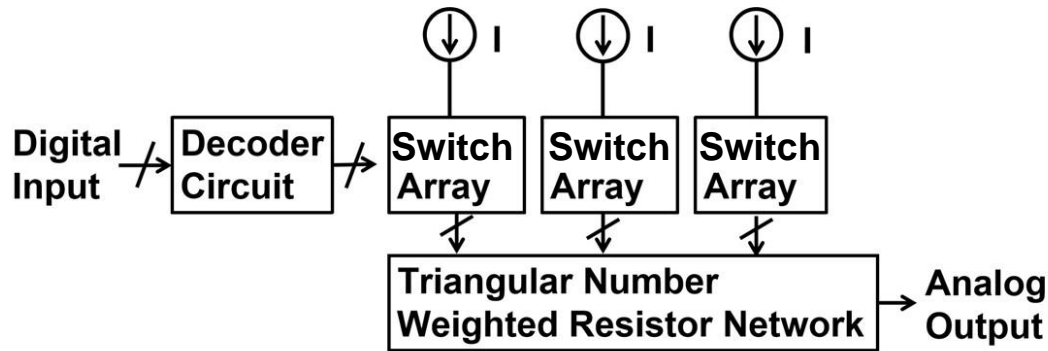
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# Summary

## Triangular number DAC

3 current sources  
3 switch arrays



6-bit DAC design

6-bit binary input

decode

B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=0	OK	0 = 0 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=1	OK	1 = 1 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=0, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=0	OK	2 = 1 + 1 + 0
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B5=0, B4=0, B3=1, B2=1, B1=1, B0=1	OK	15 = 15 + 0 + 0
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=0	OK	16 = 1 + 15 + 0
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=0, B0=1	OK	17 = 1 + 1 + 15
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=0	OK	18 = 3 + 15 + 0
B5=0, B4=1, B3=0, B2=0, B1=1, B0=1	OK	19 = 1 + 3 + 15
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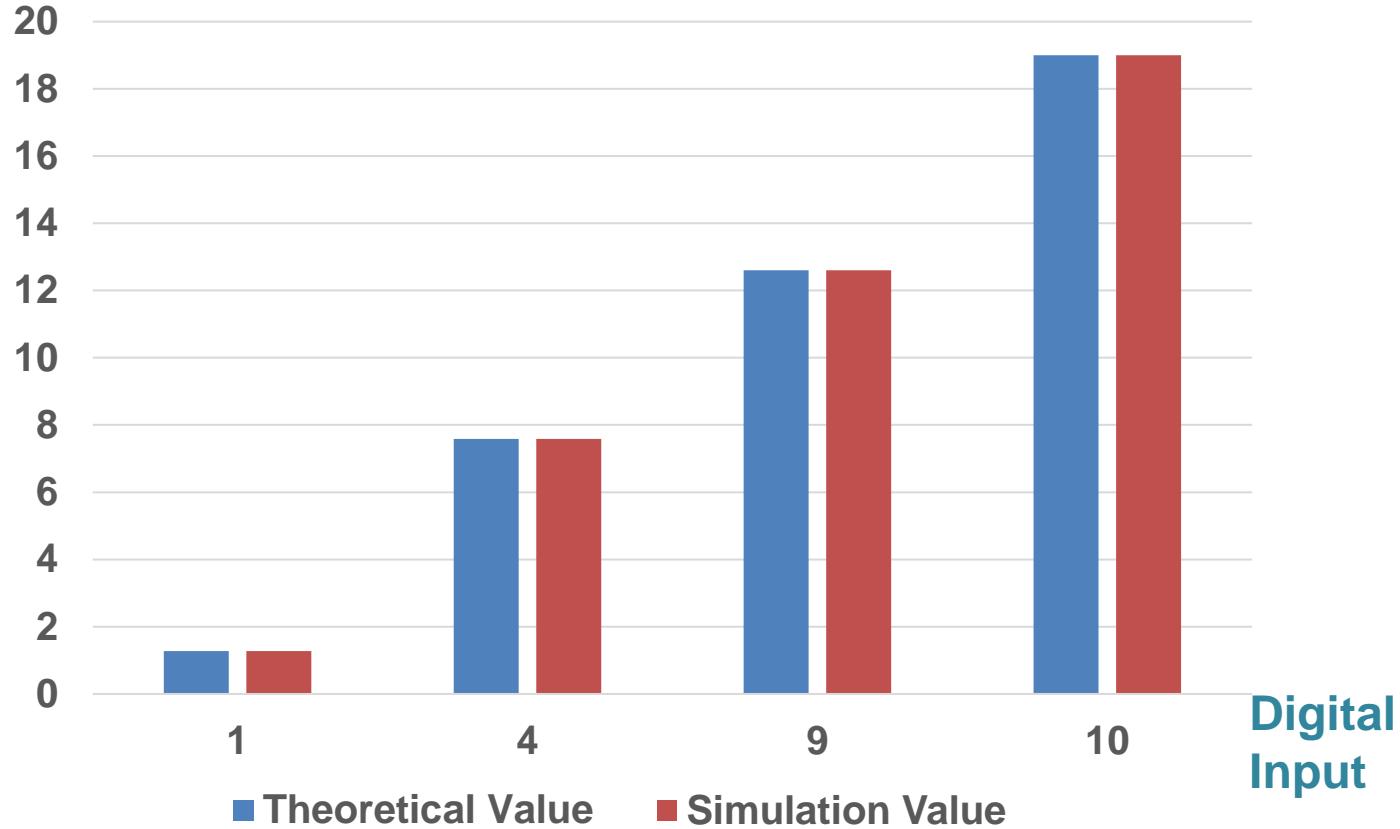
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# Square Numbers DAC Results

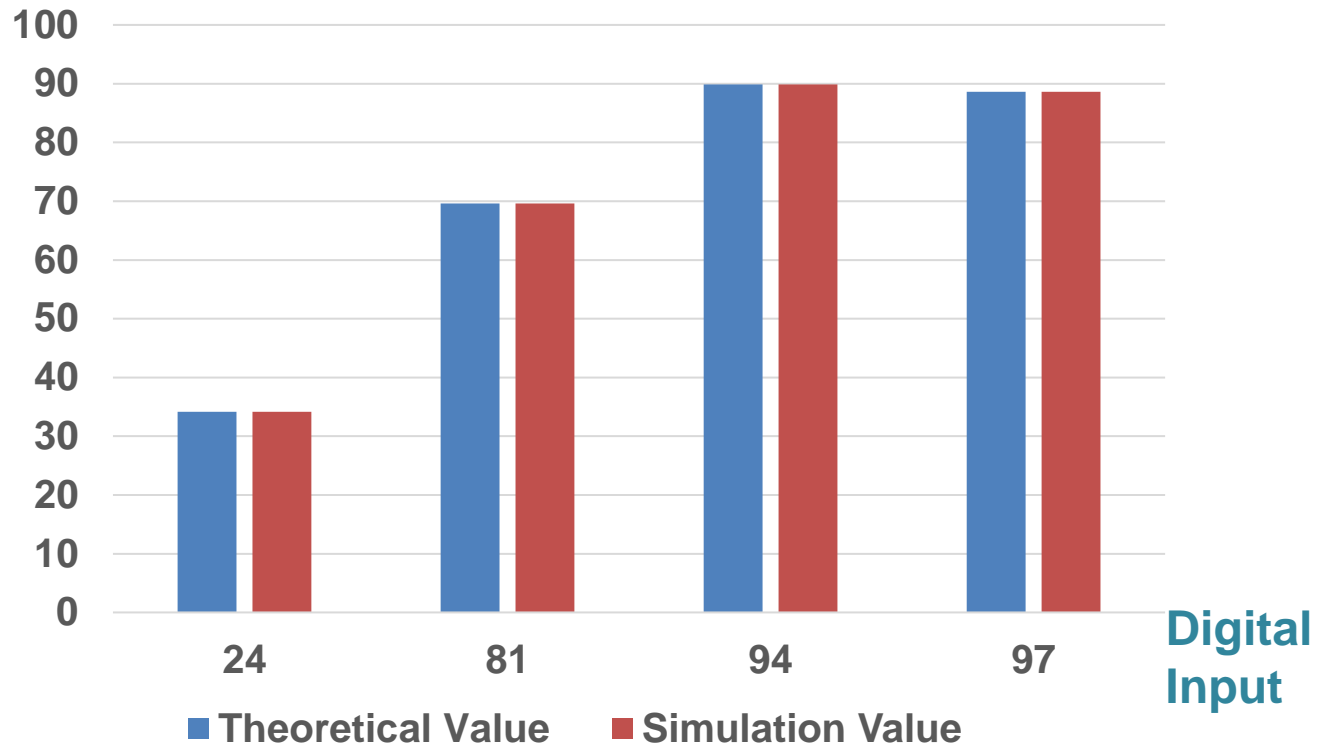
Analog  
Output  
Vout [mV]



Input	1	4	9	16
<b>Theoretical Value</b>	$V_{out} = I \cdot R / 79$ =1.27mV	$V_{out} = 6I \cdot R / 79$ =7.59mV	$V_{out} = 10I \cdot R / 79$ =12.6mV	$V_{out} = 15I \cdot R / 79$ =19.00mV
<b>Simulation Value</b>	Vout=1.27mV	Vout=7.59mV	Vout=12.6mV	Vout=19.00mV

# Square Numbers DAC Results

Analog  
Output  
Vout [mV]



Input	24	81	94	97
<b>Theoretical Value</b>	$V_{out} = I \cdot R / 79$ =34.18mV	$V_{out} = 55I \cdot R / 79$ =69.62mV	$V_{out} = 71I \cdot R / 79$ =89.87mV	$V_{out} = 70I \cdot R / 79$ =88.61mV
<b>Simulation Value</b>	Vout=34.18mV	Vout=69.62mV	Vout=89.87mV	Vout=88.61mV


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# Conclusion

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- **Completely new DAC architectures based on number theory**
- **Design of 6-bit DAC based on triangular number theory**  
 **Verified by SPICE simulation**
- **Decoder Design**
- **Decoder Check program**



Fermat polygonal number theorem  
was finally proven in 1813,  
by [Augustin-Louis Cauchy](#).



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