

Using the Dynamic Range Enhancer in TLV320ADC5140/6140

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ABSTRACT

TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320ADC6140 devices are quad-channel, high-performance, audio analog-todigital converters that have an extensive set of features that includes the following:

- Programmable Gain Amplifier (PGA)
- Digital volume control
- A programmable microphone bias voltage
- A phase-locked loop (PLL)
- A programmable high pass filter (HPF)
- Automatic Gain Control (DRE)
- Dynamic Range Enhancer (DRE)
- · Linear phase or low-latency filter modes for sample rates up-to 768 kHz

This application note describes how to configure the dynamic range enhancer (DRE) feature in TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320ADC6140 devices.

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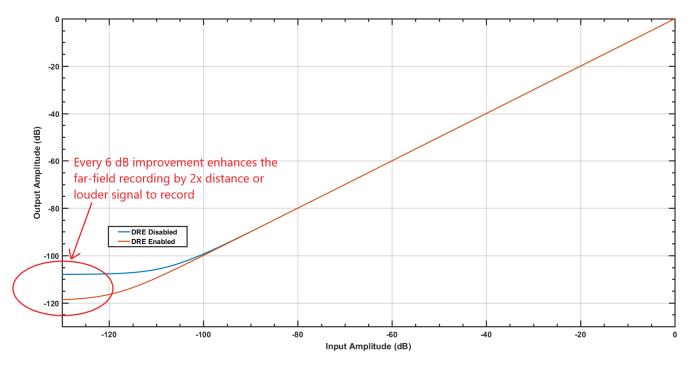
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1 Introduction

TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320AD6140 devices from TI's Audio ADC portfolio features an algorithm called Dynamic Range Enhancer (DRE) that can be used to improve the far-field recording performance by improving the dynamic range of the ADC channel at low signal levels. The DRE is a digitally-assisted algorithm that dynamically adjusts the front-end programmable gain amplifier (PGA) to improve the signal-to-noise ratio of low-level signals while preventing high-level signals from saturating the PGA and ADC. Far-field recording performance can also be improved by using a high PGA gain, but it can degrade near-field recording performance since a dynamic change to high-input levels combined with a high fixed-gain PGA can saturate the PGA and ADC. The DRE provides the ability to improve the far-field recording performance without degrading the near-field recording performance. Figure 1 shows the improvements in channel performance with DRE. With DRE, the ADC channel performance is not limited by the ADC noise floor and improves the recording performance even for signals below the noise floor of the ADC. Every 6 dB improvement in dynamic range increases the far-field recording distance by a factor of two.





DRE is supported on all ADC channels of TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320ADC6140 devices. This application note describes the operation of the DRE, the tunable parameters, and the device configurations required to use DRE.

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Figure 2 shows the signal processing chain for TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320ADC6140 devices. The dynamic range performance of the front-end PGA in TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320ADC6140 devices are 120 dB and 122 dB respectively. The subsequent delta-sigma ADC has 108 dB dynamic range for the TLV320ADC5140 and 113 dB dynamic range for the TLV320ADC6140. Without the DRE, the ultra-low noise performance of the PGA is limited by the ADC performance and the overall channel dynamic range is determined by the dynamic range of the ADC. With the DRE, the overall channel dynamic range can be improved beyond the dynamic range of the ADC and is limited more by the dynamic range of the PGA.



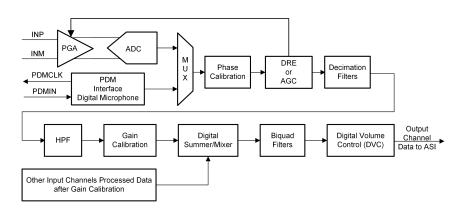


Figure 2. Signal Processing Block Diagram

The DRE algorithm monitors the input signal and increases the gain of the analog PGA for signal levels below a threshold. At the same time, the DRE algorithm creates a corresponding reciprocal attenuation in the digital circuits so the net effect of the analog PGA gain and digital attenuation cancel each other out. Thus the DRE improves the dynamic range without increasing the overall channel gain. The DRE does not gain signals above the threshold. Boosting the low-level signals in analog keeps the input to the ADC significantly above its noise floor and thus prevents the ADC performance from being the limiting factor. Subsequent processing is done using a high-performance, 32-bit, digital signal processor with very low quantization noise, and, therefore, the PGA performance becomes the limiting factor in the overall channel performance.

TLV320ADC5140 and TLV320ADC6140 devices support up to four analog input channels. All analog input channels support DRE. The devices support differential or single-ended signals from an analog microphone source or auxiliary line input. The analog microphone inputs support electret condenser and microelectrical-mechanical (MEMS) microphones. Even though the devices also support digital pulse density modulated (PDM) digital microphones, the DRE does not support the digital channels as the analog gain of the digital microphone cannot be controlled.

The TLV320ADCx140 family of devices also support an automatic gain control (AGC) algorithm on the analog channels to maintain a constant nominal output level. AGC and DRE algorithms cannot be used simultaneously since both the algorithms control the PGA. DRE or AGC selection is done using AGC_DRE_SEL field of DSP_CFG1 register (page = 0x00, address = 0x6C) as shown in Table 1.

BIT	FIELD	TYPE	RESET	DESCRIPTION	
3	AGC_DRE_SEL	R/W	0h	DRE or DRE selection when is enabled for any channel. 0d = DRE is selected. 1d = DRE is selected.	

DRE can be independently enabled or disabled for each channel using the following register bits:

- CH1_DREEN (P0_R60_D0)
- CH2_DREEN (P0_R65_D0)
- CH3_DREEN (P0_R70_D0)
- CH4_DREEN (P0_R75_D0)

2.1 High Pass Filter

To remove any DC offset that leads to incorrect input level estimates, the DRE algorithm processes the input signal through a high-pass filter (HPF). This HPF is exclusive to the DRE and is different from the second-order HPF filters used by the decimation filters.

The transfer function implemented by the HPF is given by Equation 1.

 $H(z) = \frac{N0 + N1 \times z^{-1}}{1 + D1 \times z^{-1}}$

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The HPF is a first order filter implemented using three coefficients: DRE_HPF_B0, DRE_HPF_B1, and DRE_HPF_A1. The transfer function parameters (N0, N1, and D1) are converted to coefficients using Equation 2, Equation 3, and Equation 4.		
$DRE_HPF_B0 = round(2^8 * N0)$	(2)	
$DRE_HPF_B1 = round(2^8 * N1)$	(3)	

 $DRE_HPF_A1 = round(2^8 * D1)$

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These coefficients are user-programmable to set a different cutoff frequency from the default cutoff (3 dB point) frequency of 10 Hz for a 48 kHz operation. Increasing the cutoff frequency results in faster settling of signal-level estimates. Decreasing the cutoff frequency improves the accuracy of the signal-level estimate. The default filter coefficients provide a good balance between speed and accuracy and are suitable for most applications. Table 2 shows the coefficient registers of the HPF. The coefficients are represented in 2s-complement, 32-bit format.

Table 2. Programmable Registers for High Pass Filter Coefficients

COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
	0x06	0x6C	0x7F	DRE_HPF_B0 Byte[31:24]
DRE HPF B0	0x06	0x6D	0xFF	DRE_HPF_B0 Byte[23:16]
DRC_HFF_D0	0x06	0x6E	0xFF	DRE_HPF_B0 Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x6F	0xFF	DRE_HPF_B0 Byte[7:0]
	0x06	0x70	0x80	DRE_HPF_B1 Byte[31:24]
DRE HPF B1	0x06	0x71	0x00	DRE_HPF_B1 Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x72	0x00	DRE_HPF_B1 Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x73	0x01	DRE_HPF_B1 Byte[7:0]
	0x06	0x74	0x7E	DRE_HPF_A1 Byte[31:24]
DRE HPF A1	0x06	0x75	0xEE	DRE_HPF_A1 Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x76	0xD8	DRE_HPF_A1 Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x77	0xE2	DRE_HPF_A1 Byte[7:0]

2.2 **DRE** Parameters

Table 3 show the parameters of the DRE algorithm. Two of the parameters are controlled by writing to the device registers. The other parameters reside in the 32-bits wide coefficient memory (Book 0, Page 5, Page 6, and Page 7) of the device.

Table 3. List of DRE Parameters

DRE PARAMETER	FUNCTION/DESCRIPTION			
DRE threshold (dB)	The signal level above which the DRE is inactive.			
Maximum Gain (dB)	Upper limit of gain applied by DRE.			
Release Time Constant (seconds)	How fast the DRE circuitry responds with a PGA gain increase when the input signal falls below DRE threshold.			
Attack Time Constant (seconds)	How fast the DRE circuitry responds with a PGA gain decrease when the input signal rises above DRE threshold.			
Release Hysteresis (dB)	Amount of signal-level decrease in dB past the DRE threshold that forces the DRE to increase gain and start a release.			
Attack Hysteresis (dB)	Amount of signal-level increase in dB past the DRE threshold that forces the DRE to decrease gain and start an attack.			
Release Debounce (samples)	The number of consecutive input samples that falls below the DRE threshold after an attack event before the DRE starts a release and increases the PGA gain.			
Attack Debounce (samples)	The number of consecutive input samples that rises above the DRE threshold after a release event before the DRE starts an attack and decreases the PGA gain.			



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DRE threshold: The signal level above which the DRE stops modifying the PGA and sets it to unity gain. The threshold level is expressed relative to full scale (dBFS) of the ADC output. Table 4 lists the DRE threshold configuration settings. The default is -54 dB. Setting a high threshold level reduces the headroom available for the DRE to react when there is a sudden increase in the signal level and can result in digital clipping and PGA saturation. Therefore, the DRE threshold has to be set with enough margin to prevent clipping with large dynamic changes in input levels.

P0_R109_D[7:4] : DRE_LVL[3:0]	DRE TRIGGER THRESHOLD LEVEL			
0000	The DRE target threshold is the –12 dB output signal level.			
0001	The DRE target threshold is the -18 dB output signal level.			
0010	The DRE target threshold is the -24 dB output signal level.			
0111 (default)	The DRE target threshold is the -54 dB output signal level.			
1001	The DRE target threshold is the -66 dB output signal level.			
1010 to 1111	Reserved (do no use these settings)			

Table 4. DRE Trigger Threshold Level Programmable Settings

Maximum Gain: The maximum gain represents the upper limit of gain applied by the DRE for signals below the DRE threshold. Table 5 lists the Maximum Gain configuration settings. The default value is 24 dB. It can be programmed from 2 dB to 30 dB with steps of 2 dB.

Table 5. DRE Maximum Gain Programmable Settings

P0_R109_D[3:0]: DRE_MAXGAIN[3:0]	DRE MAXIMUM GAIN ALLOWED
0000	The DRE maximum gain allowed is 2 dB.
0001	The DRE maximum gain allowed is 4 dB.
0010	The DRE maximum gain allowed is 6 dB.
1011 (default)	The DRE maximum gain allowed is 24 dB.
1110	The DRE maximum gain allowed is 30 dB.
1111	Reserved (do not use this setting)

Release Time Constant: How fast the DRE circuitry increases the PGA gain when the input signal falls below the DRE threshold. The Release Time Constant is controlled by two coefficients:DRE_REL_ALPHA and DRE_REL_BETA. Equation 5 and Equation 6 show how to compute the DRE_REL_ALPHA and DRE_REL_BETA parameters from the following time constant.

 $\text{DRE_REL_ALPHA} = round(2^{31} * e^{-ln(9)/48000*\text{RT}})$

DRE_REL_BETA =
$$2^{31}$$
-round(2^{31} * $e^{-ln(9)/48000$ *RT)

where

- RT is the Release Time Constant in seconds
- FSYNC is the sample rate of the ADC in Hz

Table 6 shows the registers that control the DRE_REL_ALPHA and DRE_REL_BETA parameters. Theses parameters are each 32-bits wide, and have to be written in 2s-complement representation. The default values for DRE_REL_ALPHA and DRE_REL_BETA corresponds to a time constant of 20 milliseconds.

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Table 6. Programmable Registers for Release Time Constant Parameter

COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
	0x05	0x7C	0x7F	DRE_REL_ALPHA Byte[31:24]
DRE_REL_ALPHA	0x05	0x7D	0xB5	DRE_REL_ALPHA Byte[23:16]
	0x05	0x7E	0x16	DRE_REL_ALPHA Byte[15:8]
	0x05	0x7F	0x50	DRE_REL_ALPHA Byte[7:0]
	0x06	0x08	0x00	DRE_REL_BETA Byte[31:24]
DRE REL BETA	0x06	0x09	0x4A	DRE_REL_BETA Byte[23:16]
DRE_REL_DETA	0x06	0x0A	0xE9	DRE_REL_BETA Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x0B	0xB0	DRE_REL_BETA Byte[7:0]

Attack Time Constant: How fast the DRE circuitry decreases the PGA gain when input signal rises above the DRE threshold. The Attack Time Constant is controlled by two coefficients: DRE_ATT_ALPHA and DRE_ATT_BETA. Equation 7 and Equation 8 show how to compute the DRE_ATT_ALPHA and DRE_ATT_BETA parameters from the following time constant.

DRE_ATT_ALPHA = $round(2^{31} * e^{-ln(9)/48000*AT})$

DRE_ATT_BETA =
$$2^{31}$$
-round(2^{31} * $e^{-ln(9)/48000$ *AT)

where

- AT is the Attack Time Constant in seconds
- FSYNC is the sample rate of the ADC in Hz

DRE_ATT_ALPHA and DRE_ATT_BETA coefficients are each 32-bits wide, 2s-complement representations. Table 7 shows the registers that control DRE_ATT_ALPHA and DRE_ATT_BETA parameters. The default values for DRE_ATT_ALPHA and DRE_ATT_BETA corresponds to a time constant of 0.1 milliseconds.

Table 7. Programmable Registers for Attack Time Constant Parameter

COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
DRE_ATT_ALPHA	0x06	0x0C	0x50	DRE_ATT_ALPHA Byte[31:24]
	0x06	0x0D	0xFC	DRE_ATT_ALPHA Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x0E	0x64	DRE_ATT_ALPHA Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x0F	0x5C	DRE_ATT_ALPHA Byte[7:0]
DRE_ATT_BETA	0x06	0x10	0x2F	DRE_ATT_BETA Byte[31:24]
	0x06	0x11	0x03	DRE_ATT_BETA Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x12	0x9B	DRE_ATT_BETA Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x13	0xA4	DRE_ATT_BETA Byte[7:0]

Release Hysteresis: Amount of signal-level decrease past the DRE threshold that forces the DRE to increase gain and start a release. Release Hysteresis is specified in dB. Equation 9 shows the computation of the DRE_REL_HYST parameter.

$$DRE_REL_HYST = round(2^8 * RH)$$

where

• RH (>= 0) is the Release Hysteresis in dB

The default value of DRE_REL_HYST is 0x00000300, which corresponds to a hysteresis of 3 dB. Table 8 shows the registers that control the DRE_REL_HYST parameter.

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COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
DRE_REL_HYST	0x06	0x34	0x00	DRE_REL_HYST Byte[31:24]
	0x06	0x35	0x00	DRE_REL_HYST Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x36	0x03	DRE_REL_HYST Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x37	0x00	DRE_REL_HYST Byte[7:0]

Table 8. Programmable Registers for Release Hysteresis Parameter

Attack Hysteresis: Amount of signal-level increase past DRE threshold that forces the DRE to decrease the gain and start an attack. Equation 10 shows the computation of the DRE_ATT_HYST parameter.

 $DRE_ATT_HYST = round(2^8 * AH)$

where

• AH (>= 0) is the Attack Hysteresis in dB

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The default value of Attack Hysteresis is 1 dB. The default can be changed by writing to the registers listed in Table 9.

COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
DRE_ATT_HYST	0x06	0x3C	0x00	DRE_ATT_HYST Byte[31:24]
	0x06	0x3D	0x00	DRE_ATT_HYST Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x3E	0x01	DRE_ATT_HYST Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x3F	0x00	DRE_ATT_HYST Byte[7:0]

Attack Debounce: The number of consecutive input samples that rises above the DRE threshold after a release event before the DRE starts attack and decreases the PGA. The default value of this parameter is 2 samples at 48 kHz (0.01 milliseconds). Equation 11 shows the computation of DRE_ATT_CNT parameter.

$$DRE_ATT_CNT = round(2^8 * FSYNC * AD)$$

where

- AD (>= 0) is specified in seconds
- FSYNC is the sample rate of the ADC in Hz

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Table 10 shows the registers controlling the DRE_ATT_CNT parameter.

Table 10. Programmable Registers for	r Attack Debounce Parameter
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COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
DRE_ATT_CNT	0x06	0x18	0x00	DRE_ATT_CNT Byte[31:24]
	0x06	0x19	0x00	DRE_ATT_CNT Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x1A	0x02	DRE_ATT_CNT Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x1B	0x00	DRE_ATT_CNT Byte[7:0]

Release Debounce: The number of consecutive input samples that falls below DRE threshold after an attack event before the DRE starts releasing and increasing the PGA. The default value of Release Debounce is 25 milliseconds at 48 kHz. Equation 12 shows the computation of the DRE_REL_CNT parameter.

 $DRE_REL_CNT = round(2^8 * FSYNC * RD)$

where

- RD (>= 0) is the Release Debounce specified in seconds
- FSYNC is the sample rate of the ADC in Hz

Table 11 lists the registers controlling the DRE_REL_CNT parameter.

COEFFICIENT	PAGE	REGISTER	RESET VALUE	DESCRIPTION
DRE_REL_CNT	0x06	0x1C	0x00	DRE_REL_CNT Byte[31:24]
	0x06	0x1D	0x04	DRE_REL_CNT Byte[23:16]
	0x06	0x1E	0xB0	DRE_REL_CNT Byte[15:8]
	0x06	0x1F	0x00	DRE_REL_CNT Byte[7:0]

Table 11. Programmable Registers for Release Debounce Parameter

2.3 Sample Rate Support

The DRE algorithm does not support all sampling rates and all channel combinations. Table 12 shows the sample rates and the corresponding number of channels supported at that sample rate by the DRE algorithm. For sample rates from 16 or 14.7 kHz to 48 or 44.1 kHz, the DRE algorithm supports all four analog channels. At a 96 or 88.2 kHz sample rate, the DRE algorithm only supports a maximum of two channels. At a 192 or 176.4 kHz sample rate, DRE is restricted to just one channel.

SAMPLE RATE (kHz)	NUMBER OF CHANNELS
16/14.7	4
24/22.05	4
32/29.4	4
48/44.1	4
96/88.2	2
192/176.4	1

Table 12. Sample Rates Supported by DRE Algorithm

3 Example

The DRE default parameters work well for most applications. The default DRE trigger threshold is -54 dB. This provides sufficient headroom for the DRE to react in a timely manner to a sudden loud signal. Increasing the DRE trigger threshold improves the small-signal performance, but it decreases the headroom available before switching to an attack cycle. This can be mitigated by decreasing the attack time. This section shows an example where a higher DRE trigger threshold is set and time constants adjusted to make the DRE respond faster.

- Target Level = -54 dB
- Maximum Gain = 24 dB
- Attack Time = 0.01 ms
- Release Time = 20 ms
- Attack Hold = 0.0417 ms
- Release Hold = 20 ms
- Attack Hysteresis = 1 dB
- Release Hysteresis = 3 dB

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#
# Power up IOVDD and AVDD power supplies keeping SHDNZ pin voltage LOW
# Wait for IOVDD and AVDD power supplies to settle to steady state operating voltage range.
# Release SHDNZ to HIGH.
# Wait for 1ms.
w 98 00 00 # Goto Page 0
w 98 02 81 # Exit Sleep mode
d 10
          # Wait for 16 ms
w 98 01 01 # Reset
w 98 6C 40 # Enable DRE in DSP_CFG1
w 98 3C 01 # Select DRE on Ch. 1 using CH1_CFG0
w 98 41 01 # Select DRE on Ch. 2 using CH2_CFG0
w 98 74 01 # Select DRE on Ch. 3 using CH3_CFG0
w 98 75 01 # Select DRE on Ch. 4 using CH4_CFG0
w 98 6D 4B # DRE LVL = -36 dB, DRE GAIN = 24 dB
w 98 00 05
                    # Goto Page 5
w 98 7C 7F B5 16 50 # DRE Release Time Alpha
w 98 00 05
                   # Goto Page 6
w 98 08 00 4A E9 B0 # DRE Release Time Beta
w 98 OC 01 50 DB 39 # DRE Attack Time Alpha
w 98 10 7E B5 16 50 # DRE Attack Time Beta
w 98 18 00 00 02 00 # DRE Attack Debounce
w 98 1C 00 04 B0 00 # DRE Release Debounce
w 98 3C 00 00 01 00 # DRE Attack Hysteresis
w 98 34 00 00 03 00 # DRE Release Hysteresis
w 98 00 00 # Goto Page 0
w 98 07 30 # TDM Mode with 32 Bits/Channel
w 98 73 f0 # Enable Ch.1 - Ch.4
w 98 74 f0 # Enable ASI Output channels
w 98 75 e0 # Power up ADC
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4 References

- Texas Instruments, TLV320ADC5140 Quad-Channel, 768-kHz, Burr-Brown Audio ADC Data Sheet
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