

SON 2026-2027 lecture 3

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Hardware Control and Audio Codec Configuration

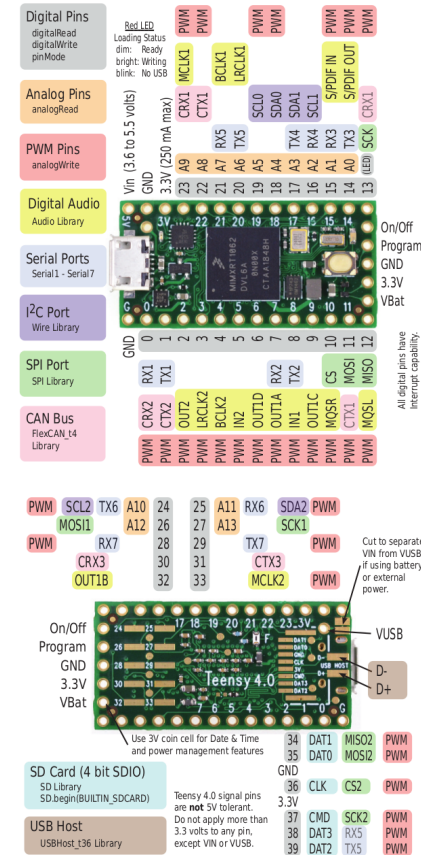
Electronic Basics

- Basic circuits do need to be implemented in order to *control* the various parameters of the DSP algorithms
- Hardware controllers such as buttons and potentiometers are used
- Hence, in case you feel like your electronics skills are a bit rusty, feel free to review the following page:

[https://ccrma.stanford.edu/wiki/Introduction_to_Electronics_\(condensed\)](https://ccrma.stanford.edu/wiki/Introduction_to_Electronics_(condensed)).

Teensy 4.0 Pinout (recall)

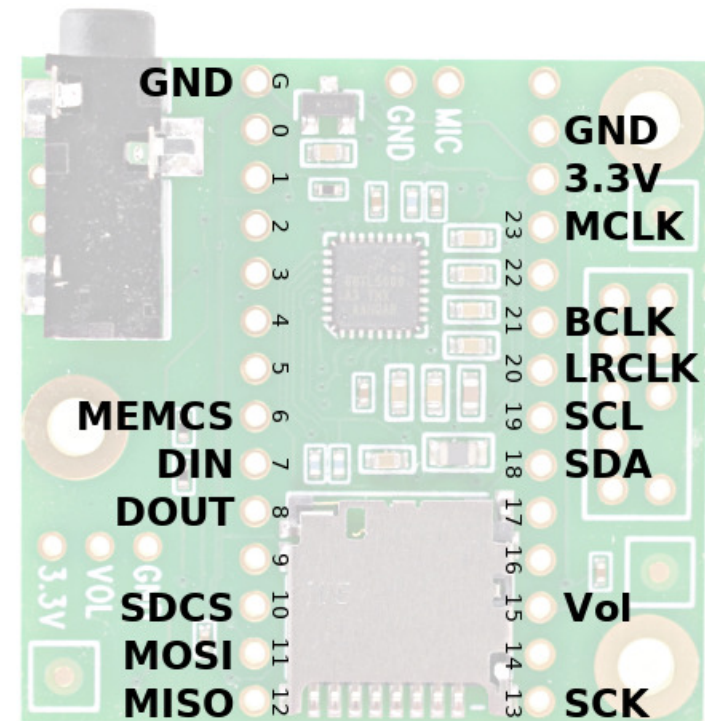
- Teensy pins map is on the [PJRC website](#)).
- Most pins can be used as digital I/Os. Some pins noted "A(N)" can be used as analog inputs.
- *3.3v power* can be retrieved from the top right corner pin and the *ground* from the top left pin.
- **Warning** Make sure to never connect the 5.5v Vin pin to any other pin of the Teensy



Teensy pinout.

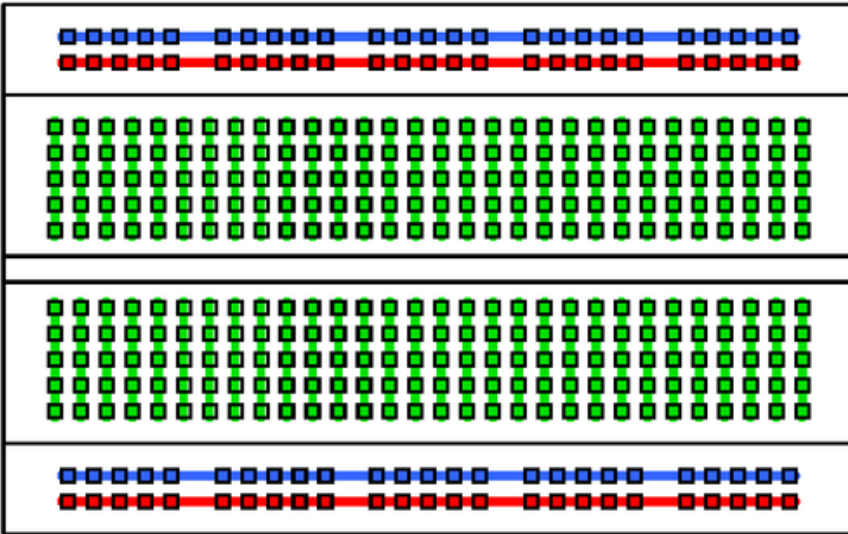
Teensy I2S to Audio Shield (recall)

- The Teensy audio shield uses a bunch of pins on the Teensy for i2c and i2s communication:
- This means that these pins (besides GND and 3.3v, of course) **cannot** be used for something else (i.e., connecting external sensors).



Teensy audio shield pins.

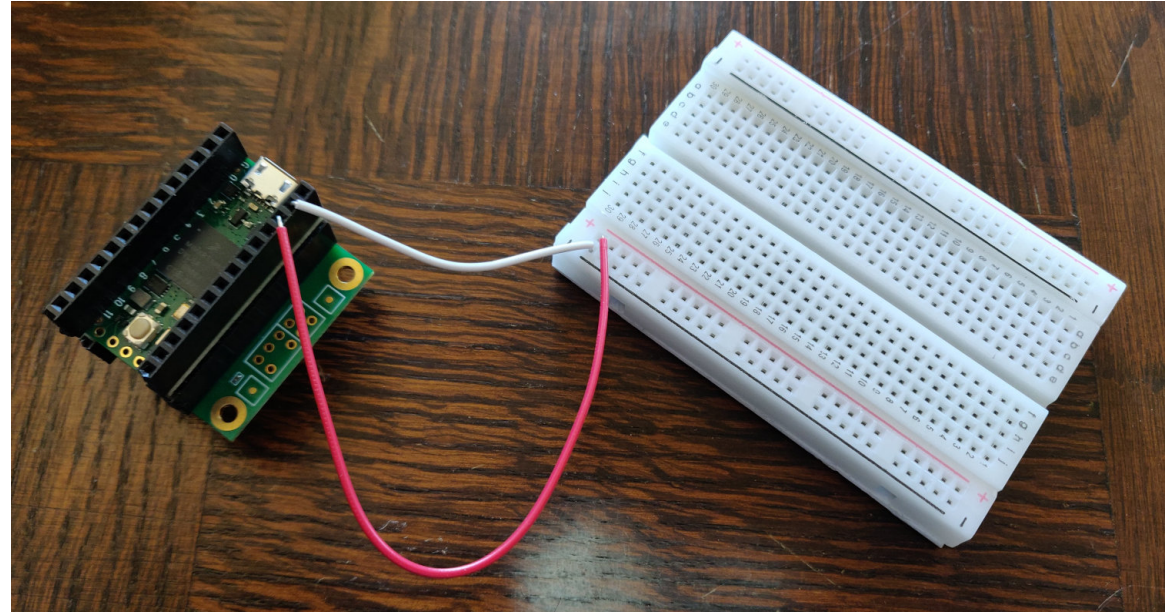
Breadboard: how is it connected



Connected pins on the breadboard

Bringing Power to Your Breadboard

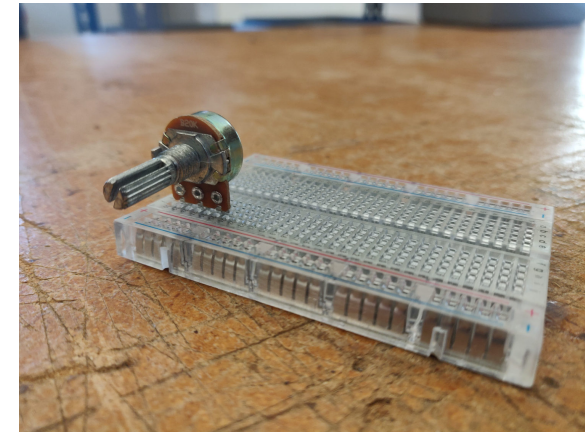
- Bring power to the breadboard included in your kit using jumper wires:
- Connect the 3.3v pin to the red strip and the GND pin to the black strip of the breadboard.
- **WARNING: Do not connect the 5.5v pin to the breadboard!**



Teensy connected to the breadboard.

Adding a Rotary Potentiometer to the Circuit

- Your kit should come with a couple of rotary potentiometers:
 - Place it on the breadboard,
 - Connect its leftmost pin to power
 - and its rightmost pin to the ground.
 - Finally, connect its center pin to the A0 pin of the Teensy using a jumper wire.
 - Please, note that we're using A0 pin since it is not used by the audio shield (see previous section).



Rotary potentiometer
mounted on the
breadboard.

Testing the Potentiometer

- the potentiometer will deliver:
 - 3.3v current at its center pin if it is *fully turned to the right side*,
 - and 0v if it is *fully turned to the left side*.
- The `AnalogRead()` function samples this current between 0 and 1024.
- Check the serial monitor, make sure that the values you're getting are consistent.

```
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);  
  Serial.println(sensorValue);  
  delay(100);  
}
```

Controlling DSP Parameters With the Potentiometer

- Use the potentiometer values to control the frequency of the sine
- Note that sensorValue needs to be turned into a frequency in hertz so we just add 100 to it to get a frequency between 100 and 1123 hertz.

```
#include <Audio.h>
#include "MyDsp.h"

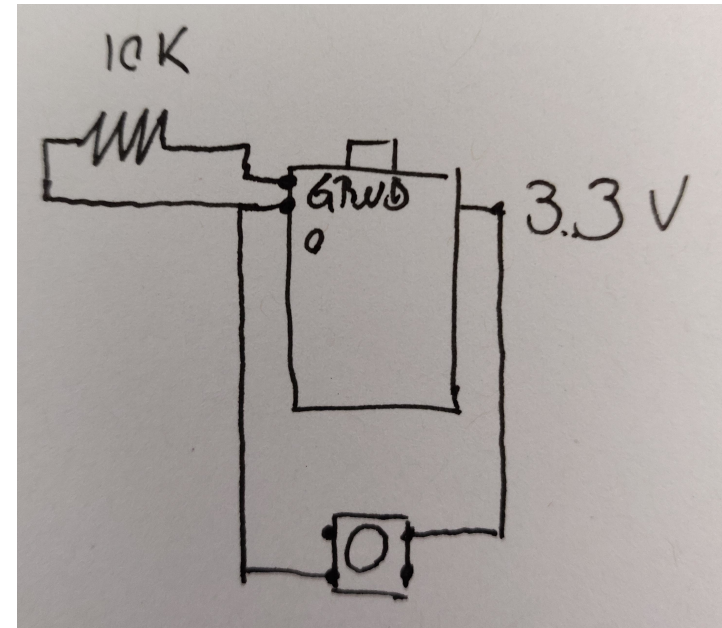
MyDsp myDsp;
AudioOutputI2S out;
AudioControlSGTL5000 audioShield;
AudioConnection patchCord0(myDsp,0,out,0);
AudioConnection patchCord1(myDsp,0,out,1);

void setup() {
    AudioMemory(2);
    audioShield.enable();
    audioShield.volume(0.5);
}

void loop() {
    int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);
    float freq = sensorValue + 100;
    myDsp.setFreq(freq);
}
```

Using a Button

- A button requires a *pulldown resistor* is required (alternatively, a pullup resistor could be used, of course) to ensure 0V when the button is not pressed and get a stable signal to be measured on the Teensy.
- Hence, the following circuit must be implemented:
- We are looking at discrete values here (0 or 1). Hence, the button shall be connected to a digital pin (number 0, for example).



Circuit to connect a button to the Teensy.

Program Using a Button

```
#include <Audio.h>
#include "MyDsp.h"

[.....]

void setup() {
  pinMode(0, INPUT); // configuring digital pin 0 as an input
  AudioMemory(2);
  audioShield.enable();
  audioShield.volume(0.5);
}

void loop() {
  if (digitalRead(0)) { // button is pressed
    myDsp.setGain(1);
  }
  else {
    myDsp.setGain(0);
  }
  int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);
  float freq = sensorValue + 100;
  myDsp.setFreq(freq);
}
```

Exercise: Looping Between Notes by Pressing a Button

- Expand the "note looper" that you implemented as part of the audio system course so that new notes are triggered when a button is pressed (as opposed to be triggered automatically).
- Every time the button is pressed, a new note is produced.
- This means that you'll have to turn your *push button* into a *switch* using software techniques...
- Finally, make sure that gain is controllable using a rotary potentiometer.

Audio Codec Configuration

Communication with Audio Codec

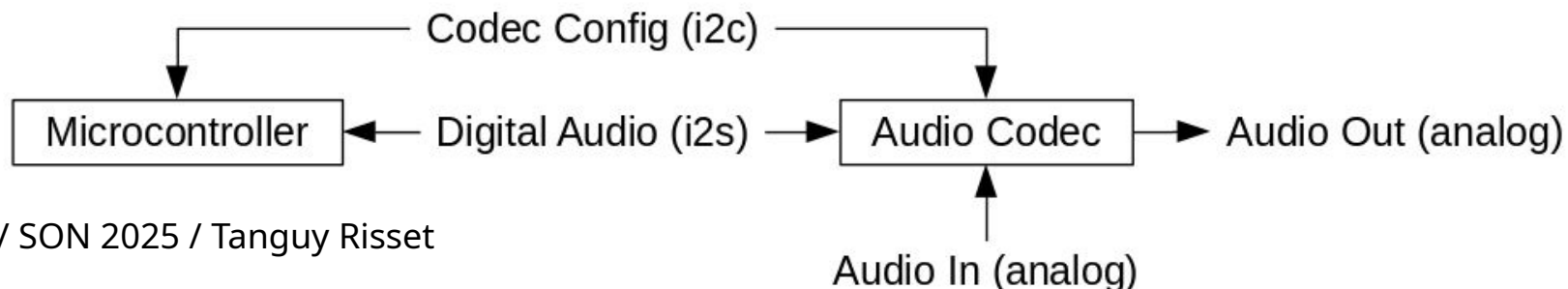
Audio codecs usually use two different communication channels to connect to the processor unit (whether it's a CPU, a microcontroller, etc.):

- an **I2C** bus is used to configure the codec,
- an **I2S** bus is used to transmit digital audio data.

I2C (pronounced I-squared-C) is a serial communication protocol heavily used in the field of microelectronics. Most digital elements in an electronic circuit communicate using i2c.

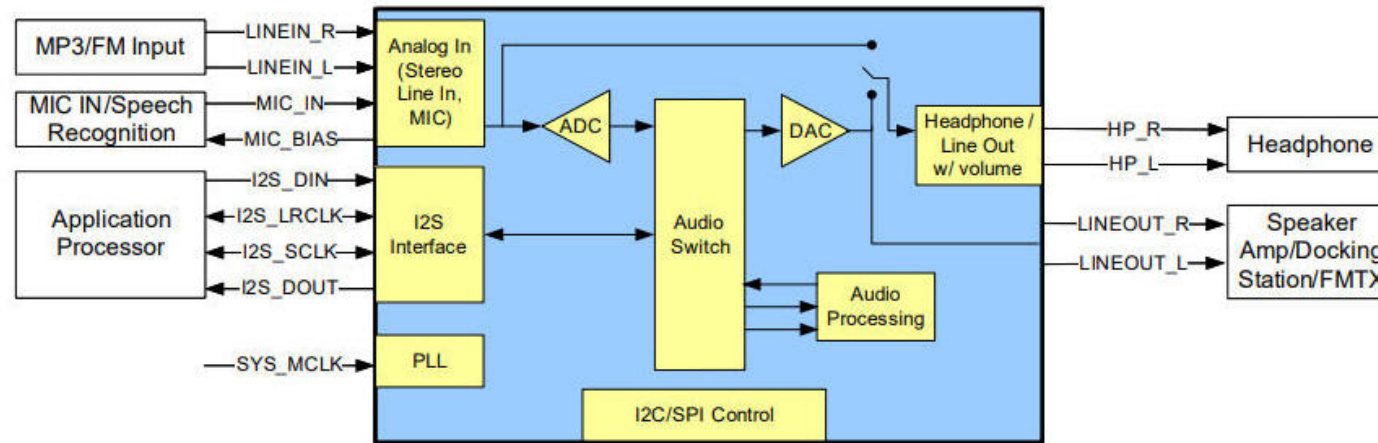
I2S (pronounced I-squared-S) is also a serial communication protocol but targeting specifically audio applications. We'll see that they're very close to each other in practice later in this class.

The **Teensy Audio Shield** hosts an audio codec (SGTL5000) which is connected to the Teensy using the following model:



Quick Tour of the SGT5000

- SGTL5000 is a low-power 24-bit, 8 kHz to 96 kHz audio codec. I



Note: SPI is not supported in the 3.0 mm x 3.0 mm 20-pin QFN package

- by default, headphone and microphone are activated.
- If you want to use Line Input/output (adapting pre-amplification), you will have to *configure the codec* using methods of `AudioControlSGTL5000` class (methods for changing `volume`, `micGain`, `lineInLevel`, etc.)
- In most cases, writing that will be sufficient: `audioShield.enable();`

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