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100 MHz to 2400 MHz I/Q Modulator with Integrated Fractional-N PLL and VCO

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FEATURES

I/Q modulator with integrated fractional-N PLL and VCO Gain control span: 47 dB in 1 dB steps Output frequency range: 100 MHz to 2400 MHz Output 1 dB compression: 8 dBm at LO = 1800 MHz Output IP3: 20.5 dBm at LO = 1800 MHz Noise floor: −161 dBm/Hz at LO = 1800 MHz Baseband modulation bandwidth: 600 MHz (3 dB) Output frequency resolution: 1 Hz SPI and I ²C-compatible serial interfaces Power supply: 5 V/380 mA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The [ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755?doc=ADRF6755.pdf) is a highly integrated quadrature modulator, frequency synthesizer, and programmable attenuator. The device covers an operating frequency range from 100 MHz to 2400 MHz for use in satellite, cellular, and broadband communications.

Th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755?doc=ADRF6755.pdf) modulator includes a high modulus, fractional-N frequency synthesizer with integrated VCO, providing less than 1 Hz frequency resolution, and a 47 dB digitally controlled output attenuator with 1 dB steps.

Control of all the on-chip registers is through a user-selected SPI interface or I²C interface. The device operates from a single power supply ranging from 4.75 V to 5.25 V.

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7/12-Revision 0: Initial Version

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¹ LO carrier feedthrough is expressed in dBc relative to the RF output power changing as the attenuator is stepped. LO carrier feedthrough is constant as the RF output is altered due to a change in the I/Q input amplitude.

² For relative step accuracy at LO < 300 MHz, refer t[o Figure 37.](#page-17-0)

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ESD CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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 $V_{\text{CC}} = 5 \text{ V} \pm 5\%$, operating temperature range = -40°C to +85°C, I/Q inputs = 0.9 V p-p differential sine waves in quadrature on a 500 mV dc bias, REFIN = 80 MHz, PFD = 40 MHz, baseband frequency = 1 MHz, LOMON is off, loop bandwidth (LBW) = 100 kHz, Icp = 5 mA, unless otherwise noted. A nominal condition is defined as 25°C, 5.00 V, and an LO frequency of 1800 MHz. A worst-case condition is defined as having the worst-case temperature, supply voltage, and LO frequency.

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–60 –58 –56 –54 –52 –50 –48 –46 –44 –42 –40 –38 –36 –34 –32 –30

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THEORY OF OPERATION **OVERVIEW**

The [ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) device can be divided into the following basic building blocks:

- PLL synthesizer and VCO
- Quadrature modulator
- Attenuator
- Voltage regulator
- I ²C/SPI interface

Each of these building blocks is described in detail in the sections that follow.

PLL SYNTHESIZER AND VCO

Overview

The phase-locked loop (PLL) consists of a fractional-N frequency synthesizer with a 25-bit fixed modulus, allowing a frequency resolution of less than 1 Hz over the entire frequency range. It also has an integrated voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) with a fundamental output frequency ranging from 2310 MHz to 4800 MHz. An RF divider, controlled by Register CR28, Bits[2:0], extends the lower limit of the local oscillator (LO) frequency range to 100 MHz. See [Table 6](#page-22-0) for more details on Register CR28.

Reference Input Section

The reference input stage is shown [Figure 52.](#page-20-3) SW1 and SW2 are normally closed switches. SW3 is normally open. When powerdown is initiated, SW3 is closed, and SW1 and SW2 are open. This ensures that there is no loading of the REFIN pin at power-down.

Figure 52. Reference Input Stage

Reference Input Path

The on-chip reference frequency doubler allows the input reference signal to be doubled. This is useful for increasing the PFD comparison frequency. Making the PFD frequency higher improves the noise performance of the system. Doubling the PFD frequency usually improves the in-band phase noise performance by up to 3 dBc/Hz.

The 5-bit R-divider allows the input reference frequency (REF_{IN}) to be divided down to produce the reference clock to the PFD. Division ratios from 1 to 32 are allowed.

An additional divide-by-2 $(÷2)$ function in the reference input path allows for a greater division range.

The PFD frequency equation is

 $f_{\text{PFD}} = f_{\text{REFIN}} \times [(1 + D)/(R \times (1 + T))]$ (1)

where:

fREFIN is the reference input frequency.

D is the doubler bit.

R is the programmed divide ratio of the binary 5-bit programmable reference divider (1 to 32). T is the R/2 divider setting bit (CR10[6] = 0 or 1).

If no division is required, it is recommended that the 5-bit R-divider and the divide-by-2 be disabled by setting $CR5[4] = 0$. If an even numbered division is required, enable the divide-by-2 by setting $CR5[4] = 1$ and $CR10[6] = 1$ and implement the remainder of the division in the 5-bit R-divider. If an odd number division is required, set $CR5[4] = 1$ and implement all of the division in the 5-bit R-divider.

RF Fractional-N Divider

The RF fractional-N divider allows a division ratio in the PLL feedback path that can range from 23 to 4095. The relationship between the fractional-N divider and the LO frequency is described in the [INT and FRAC Relationship](#page-20-4) section.

INT and FRAC Relationship

The integer (INT) and fractional (FRAC) values make it possible to generate output frequencies that are spaced by fractions of the phase frequency detector (PFD) frequency. See the [Example—](#page-34-2) [Changing the LO Frequency](#page-34-2) section for more information.

The LO frequency equation is

$$
LO = f_{\rm PFD} \times (INT + (FRAC/2^{25})) / 2^{\rm RFDIV}
$$
 (2)

where:

LO is the local oscillator frequency.

 f_{PFD} is the PFD frequency.

INT is the integer component of the required division factor and is controlled by the CR6 and CR7 registers. FRAC is the fractional component of the required division factor and is controlled by the CR0 to CR3 registers. RFDIV is set in Register CR28, Bits[2:0], and controls the setting of the divider at the output of the PLL.

Figure 54. RF Fractional-N Divider

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Phase Frequency Detector (PFD) and Charge Pump

The PFD takes inputs from the R-divider and the N-counter and produces an output proportional to the phase and frequency difference between them (see [Figure 55](#page-21-0) for a simplified schematic). The PFD includes a fixed delay element that sets the width of the antibacklash pulse, ensuring that there is no dead zone in the PFD transfer function.

Lock Detect (LDET)

LDET (Pin 44) signals when the PLL has achieved lock to an error frequency of less than 100 Hz. On a write to Register CR0, a new PLL acquisition cycle starts, and the LDET signal goes low. When lock has been achieved, this signal returns high.

Voltage-Controlled Oscillator (VCO)

The VCO core in th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) consists of three separate VCOs, each with 16 overlapping bands. This configuration of 48 bands allows the VCO frequency range to extend from 2310 MHz to 4800 MHz. The three VCOs are divided by a programmable divider, RFDIV, controlled by Register CR28, Bits[2:0]. This divider provides divisions of 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 to ensure that the frequency range is extended from 144.375 MHz (2310 MHz/16) to 4800 MHz (4800 MHz/1). A divide-by-2 quadrature circuit in the path to the modulator then provides the full LO frequency range from 100 MHz to 2400 MHz.

[Figure 56](#page-21-1) shows a sweep of V_{TUNE} vs. LO frequency demonstrating the three VCOs overlapping and the multiple overlapping bands within each VCO at the LO frequency range of 100 MHz to 2400 MHz. Note that [Figure 56](#page-21-1) includes the RFDIV being incorporated to provide further divisions of the fundamental VCO frequency; thus, each VCO is used on multiple different occasions throughout the full LO frequency range. The choice of three 16-band VCOs and an RFDIV allows the wide frequency range to be covered without large VCO sensitivity (K_{VCO}) or resultant poor phase noise and spurious performance.

The VCO displays a variation of K_{VCO} as V_{TUNE} varies within the band and from band to band. [Figure 57](#page-21-2) shows how Kvco varies across the full frequency range. [Figure 57](#page-21-2) is useful when calculating the loop filter bandwidth and individual loop filter components using ADISimPLL™. ADISimPLL is an Analog Devices, Inc., simulator that aids in PLL design, particularly with respect to the loop filter. It reports parameters such as phase noise, integrated phase noise, and acquisition time for a particular set of input conditions. ADISimPLL can be downloaded from [www.analog.com/adisimpll.](http://www.analog.com/adisimpll)

Autocalibration

The correct VCO and band are chosen automatically by the VCO and band select circuitry when Register CR0 is updated. This is referred to as autocalibration. The autocalibration time is set by Register CR25.

$$
Autocalibration Time = (BSCDIV \times 28)/PFD
$$
 (3)

where:

 $BSCDIV = Register CR25, Bits[7:0].$

PFD = PFD frequency.

For a PFD frequency of 40 MHz, set BSCDIV = 100 to set an autocalibration time of 70 µs.

Note that BSCDIV must be recalculated if the PFD frequency is changed. The recommended autocalibration setting is 70 µs. During this time, the VCO V_{TUNE} is disconnected from the output of the loop filter and is connected to an internal reference voltage. A typical frequency acquisition is shown in [Figure 58.](#page-22-1)

After autocalibration, normal PLL action resumes, and the correct frequency is acquired to within a frequency error of 100 Hz in 170 μs typically. For a maximum cumulative step of 100 kHz/ 2^{RFDIV} , autocalibration can be turned off by setting Register CR24, Bit $0 = 1$. This enables cumulative PLL acquisitions of ≤ 100 kHz (for RFDIV = $\div 1$, 50 kHz for RFDIV = $\div 2$, and so on) to occur without the autocalibration procedure, which improves acquisition times significantly (see [Figure 59\)](#page-22-2).

Figure 59. PLL Acquisition Without Autocalibration for a 100 kHz Step

Programming the Correct LO Frequency

There are two steps to programming the correct LO frequency. The user must calculate the RFDIV value based on the required LO frequency and PFD frequency, and the N-divider ratio that is required in the PLL.

1. Calculate the value of RFDIV, which is used to program Register CR28, Bits[2:0] and CR27, Bit 4 from the following lookup table, [Table 6.](#page-22-0)

2. Using the following equation, calculate the value of the N-divider:

$$
N = (2^{RPDV} \times LO) / f_{PFD}
$$
 (4)

where: N is the N-divider value. RFDIV is the setting in Register CR28, Bits[2:0]. LO is the local oscillator frequency. f_{PFD} is the PFD frequency.

This equation is a different representation of Equation 2.

Example to Program the Correct LO Frequency

Assume that the PFD frequency is 40 MHz and that the required LO frequency is 1875 MHz.

From [Table 6,](#page-22-0) $2^{RFDIV} = 1$ (RFDIV = 0)

 $N = (1 \times 1875 \times 10^6)/(40 \times 10^6) = 46.875$

The N-divider value is composed of integer (INT) and fractional (FRAC) components according to the following equation:

$$
N = INT + FRAC/2^{25} \tag{5}
$$

 $INT = 46$ and $FRAC = 29,360,128$

The appropriate registers must then be programmed according to the register map. The order in which the registers are programmed is important. Writing to CR0 initiates a PLL acquisition cycle. If the programmed LO frequency requires a change in the value of CR27[4] (se[e Table 6\)](#page-22-0), CR27 should be the last register programmed, preceded by CR0. If the programmed LO frequency does not require a change in the value of CR27[4], it is optional to omit the write to CR27 and, in that case, CR0 should be the last register programmed.

QUADRATURE MODULATOR

Overview

A basic block diagram of th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) quadrature modulator circuit is shown in [Figure 60.](#page-23-1) The VCO/RFDIVIDER generates a signal at the 2× LO frequency, which is then divided down to give a signal at the LO frequency. This signal is then split into in-phase and quadrature components to provide the LO signals that drive the mixers.

Figure 60. Block Diagram of the Quadrature Modulator

The I and Q baseband input signals are converted to currents by the V-to-I stages, which then drive the two mixers. The outputs of these mixers combine to feed the single-ended output. This single-ended output is then fed to the attenuator and, finally, to the external RFOUT signal pin.

Baseband Inputs

The baseband inputs, QBB, QBB, IBB, and IBB, must be driven from a differential source. The nominal drive level of 0.9 V p-p differential (450 mV p-p on each pin) should be biased to a common-mode level of 500 mV dc.

To set the dc bias level at the baseband inputs, refer to [Figure 61.](#page-23-2) The average output current on each of th[e AD9779](http://www.analog.com/AD9779) outputs is 10 mA. A current of 10 mA flowing through each of the 50 Ω resistors to ground produces the desired dc bias of 500 mV at each of the baseband inputs.

Figure 61. Establishing DC Bias Level on Baseband Inputs

The differential baseband inputs (QBB, QBB, IBB, and IBB) consist of the bases of PNP transistors, which present a high impedance of about 30 kΩ in parallel with approximately 2 pF of capacitance. The impedance is approximately 30 k Ω below 1 MHz and starts to roll off at higher frequency. A 100 Ω

differential termination is recommended at the baseband inputs, and this dominates the input impedance as seen by the input baseband signal. This ensures that the input impedance, as seen by the input circuit, remains flat across the baseband bandwidth. See [Figure 62](#page-23-3) for a typical configuration.

Figure 62. Typical Baseband Input Configuration

The swing of the AD9779 output currents ranges from 0 mA to 20 mA. The ac voltage swing is 1 V p-p single-ended or 2 V p-p differential with the 50 Ω resistors in place. The 100 Ω differential termination resistors at the baseband inputs have the effect of limiting this swing without changing the dc bias condition of 500 mV. The low-pass filter is used to filter the DAC outputs and remove images when driving a modulator.

Another consideration is that the baseband inputs actually source a current of 240 μA out of each of the four inputs. This current must be taken into account when setting up the dc bias of 500 mV. In the initial example based on [Figure 61,](#page-23-2) an error of 12 mV occurs due to the 240 μA current flowing through the 50 Ω resistor. Analog Devices recommends that the accuracy of the dc bias should be 500 mV \pm 25 mV. It is also important that this 240 μ A current have a dc path to ground.

Optimization

The carrier feedthrough and the sideband suppression performance of the [ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) can be improved over the specifications i[n Table 1 b](#page-2-1)y using the following optimization techniques.

Carrier Feedthrough Nulling

Carrier feedthrough results from dc offsets that occur between the P and N inputs of each of the differential baseband inputs. Normally these inputs are set to a dc bias of approximately 500 mV.

However, if a dc offset is introduced between the P and N inputs of either or both I and Q inputs, the carrier feedthrough is affected in either a positive or a negative fashion. Note that the dc bias level remains at 500 mV (average P and N level). The I channel offset is often held constant while the Q channel offset is varied until a minimum carrier feedthrough level is obtained. Then, while retaining the new Q channel offset, the I channel offset is adjusted until a new minimum is reached. This is usually performed at a single frequency and, thus, is not optimized over the complete frequency range. Multiple optimizations at different

frequencies must be performed to ensure optimum carrier feedthrough across the full frequency range.

Sideband Suppression Nulling

Sideband suppression results from relative gain and relative phase offsets between the I channel and Q channel and can be optimized through adjustments to those two parameters. Adjusting only one parameter improves the sideband suppression only to a point. For optimum sideband suppression, an iterative adjustment between phase and amplitude is required.

ATTENUATOR

The digital attenuator consists of six attenuation blocks: 1 dB, 2 dB, 4 dB, 8 dB, and two 16 dB blocks; each is separately controlled. Each attenuation block consists of field effect transistor (FET) switches and resistors that form either a pi-shaped or a T-shaped attenuator. By controlling the states of the FET switches through the control lines, each attenuation block can be set to the pass state (0 dB) or the attenuation state (1 dB to 47 dB). The various combinations of the six blocks provide the attenuation states from 0 dB to 47 dB in 1 dB increments.

VOLTAGE REGULATOR

The voltage regulator is powered from a 5 V supply that is provided by VCC1 (Pin 11) and produces a 3.3 V nominal regulated output voltage, REGOUT, on Pin 12. This pin must be connected (external to the IC) to the VREG1 through VREG6 package pins.

Decouple the regulator output (REGOUT) with a parallel combination of 10 pF and 220 µF capacitors. The 220 µF capacitor, which is recommended for best performance, decouples broadband noise, leading to better phase noise. Each VREGx pin should have the following decoupling capacitors: 100 nF multilayer ceramic with an additional 10 pF in parallel, both placed as close as possible to the device under test (DUT) power supply pins. X7R or X5R capacitors are recommended. See the [Evaluation Board](#page-36-0) section for more information.

I ²C INTERFACE

The [ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) supports a 2-wire, I^2C -compatible serial bus that drives multiple peripherals. The serial data (SDA) and serial clock (SCL) inputs carry information between any devices that are connected to the bus. Each slave device is recognized by a unique address. Th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) has two possible 7-bit slave addresses for both read and write operations. The MSB of the 7-bit slave address is set to 1. Bit A5 of the slave address is set by the CS pin (Pin 27). Bits[4:0] of the slave address are set to all 0s. The slave address consists of the seven MSBs of an 8-bit word. The LSB of the word sets either a read or a write operation (see [Figure 63\)](#page-24-3). Logic 1 corresponds to a read operation, whereas Logic 0 corresponds to a write operation.

To control the device on the bus, the following protocol must be followed. The master initiates a data transfer by establishing a start condition, defined by a high-to-low transition on SDA while SCL remains high. This indicates that an address/data stream follows. All peripherals respond to the start condition and shift the next eight bits (the 7-bit address and the R/W bit). The bits are transferred from MSB to LSB. The peripheral that recognizes the transmitted address responds by pulling the data line low during the ninth clock pulse. This is known as an acknowledge bit. All other devices then withdraw from the bus and maintain an idle condition. During the idle condition, the device monitors the SDA and SCL lines waiting for the start condition and the correct transmitted address. The R/W bit determines the direction of the data. Logic 0 on the LSB of the first byte indicates that the master writes information to the peripheral. Logic 1 on the LSB of the first byte indicates that the master reads information from the peripheral.

Th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) acts as a standard slave device on the bus. The data on the SDA pin (Pin 29) is eight bits long, supporting the 7-bit addresses plus the R/W bit. The [ADRF6755 h](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755)as 34 subaddresses to enable the user-accessible internal registers. Therefore, it interprets the first byte as the device address and the second byte as the starting subaddress. Auto-increment mode is supported, which allows data to be read from or written to the starting subaddress and each subsequent address without manually addressing the subsequent subaddress. A data transfer is always terminated by a stop condition. The user can also access any unique subaddress register on a one-by-one basis without updating all registers.

Stop and start conditions can be detected at any stage of the data transfer. If these conditions are asserted out of sequence with normal read and write operations, they cause an immediate jump to the idle condition. If an invalid subaddress is issued by the user, th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) does not issue an acknowledge and returns to the idle condition. In a no acknowledge condition, the SDA line is not pulled low on the ninth pulse. See [Figure](#page-25-0) 64 and [Figure 65](#page-25-1) for sample write and read data transfers, [Figure 66](#page-25-2) for the timing protocol, an[d Figure 2](#page-7-1) for a more detailed timing diagram.

Figure 63. Slave Address Configuration

ADRF6755 Data Sheet Figure 64. I²C Write Data Transfer Figure 65. I²C Read Data Transfer \sqrt{s} SLAVE ADDR, LSB = 0 (WR) $\sqrt{A(S)}$ SUBADDR $\sqrt{A(S)}$ DATA $\sqrt{A(S)}$ $\bullet \bullet \sqrt{A(A(S))}$ P **S = START BIT P = STOP BIT A(S) = ACKNOWLEDGE BY SLAVE** 10465-064 S | SLAVE ADDR, LSB = 0 (WR) | A(S)| SUBADDR | A(S) | S | SLAVE ADDR, LSB = 1 (RD) | A(S) | DATA | A(M) | ● ● ● | DATA | A(M) | P **S = START BIT
A(S) = ACKNOWLEDGE BY SLAVE A(S) = ACKNOWLEDGE BY SLAVE A(M) = ACKNOWLEDGE BY MASTER A(M) = NO ACKNOWLEDGE BY MASTER** 10465-065 **START BIT STOP BIT D0D7A0A7A5A6** SLAVE ADDRESS DATA **SUBADDRESS** DATA **SDA**

Figure 66. PC Data Transfer Timing

WRUACKU U <u>WACKU U UACKU</u> P

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SUBADDR[6:1] DATA[6:1]

S

SCL

SLAVE ADDR[4:0]

SPI INTERFACE

The [ADRF6755 a](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755)lso supports the SPI protocol. The part powers up in I²C mode but is not locked in this mode. To stay in I²C mode, it is recommended that the user tie the CS line to either 3.3 V or GND, thus disabling SPI mode. It is not possible to lock the I²C mode, but it is possible to select and lock the SPI mode.

To select and lock the SPI mode, three pulses must be sent to the CS pin, as shown i[n Figure 67.](#page-26-1) When the SPI protocol is locked in, it cannot be unlocked while the device is still powered up. To reset the serial interface, the part must be powered down and powered up again.

Serial Interface Selection

The CS pin controls selection of the I²C or SPI interface. [Figure 67 s](#page-26-1)hows the selection process that is required to lock the SPI mode. To communicate with the part using the SPI protocol, three pulses must be sent to the CS pin. On the third rising edge, the part selects and locks the SPI protocol. Consistent with most SPI standards, the CS pin must be held low during all SPI communication to the part and held high at all other times.

SPI Serial Interface Functionality

The SPI serial interface of the [ADRF6755 c](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755)onsists of the CS, SDI (SDI/SDA), CLK (CLK/SCL), and SDO pins. CS is used to select the device when more than one device is connected to the serial clock and data lines. CLK is used to clock data in and out of the part. The SDI pin is used to write to the registers. The SDO pin is a dedicated output for the read mode. The part operates in slave mode and requires an externally applied serial clock to the CLK pin. The serial interface is designed to allow the part to be interfaced to systems that provide a serial clock that is synchronized to the serial data.

[Figure 68 s](#page-27-0)hows an example of a write operation to the [ADRF6755.](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) Data is clocked into the registers on the rising edge of CLK using a 24-bit write command. The first eight bits represent the write command, 0xD4; the next eight bits are the register address; and the final eight bits are the data to be written to the specific register. [Figure 69 s](#page-27-1)hows an example of a read operation. In this example, a shortened 16-bit write command is first used to select the appropriate register for a read operation, the first eight bits representing the write command, 0xD4, and the final eight bits representing the specific register. Then the CS line is pulsed low for a second time to retrieve data from the selected register using a 16-bit read command, the first eight bits representing the read command, 0xD5, and the final eight bits representing the contents of the register being read. [Figure 3](#page-8-3) [sh](#page-8-3)ows the timing for both SPI read and SPI write operations.

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PROGRAM MODES

The [ADRF6755 h](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755)as 34 8-bit registers to allow program control of a number of functions. Either an SPI or an I²C interface can be used to program the register set. For details about the interfaces and timing, se[e Figure 63 t](#page-24-3)[o Figure 69.](#page-27-1) The registers are documented in [Table 8 t](#page-30-2)o [Table 28.](#page-33-0)

Several settings in th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) are double-buffered. These settings include the FRAC value, the INT value, the 5-bit R-divider value, the reference frequency doubler, the R/2 divider, the RFDIV value, and the charge pump current setting. This means that two events must occur before the part uses a new value for any of the double-buffered settings. First, the new value is latched into the device by writing to the appropriate register. Next, a new write must be performed on Register CR0. When Register CR0 is written, a new PLL acquisition takes place.

For example, updating the fractional value involves a write to Register CR3, Register CR2, Register CR1, and Register CR0. Register CR3 should be written to first, followed by Register CR2 and Register CR1, and, finally, Register CR0. The new acquisition begins after the write to Register CR0. Double buffering ensures that the bits written to do not take effect until after the write to Register CR0.

12-Bit Integer Value

Register CR7 and Register CR6 program the integer value (INT) of the feedback division factor (N); see Equation 5 for details. The INT value is a 12-bit number whose MSBs are programmed through Register CR7, Bits[3:0]. The LSBs are programmed through Register CR6, Bits[7:0]. The LO frequency setting is described by Equation 2. An alternative to this equation is provided by Equation 4, which details how to set the N-divider value. Note that these registers are double buffered.

25-Bit Fractional Value

Register CR3 to Register CR0 program the fractional value (FRAC) of the feedback division factor (N); see Equation 5 for details. The FRAC value is a 25-bit number whose MSB is programmed through Register CR3, Bit 0. The LSB is programmed through Register CR0, Bit 0. The LO frequency setting is described by Equation 2. An alternative to this equation is described by Equation 4, which details how to set the N-divider value. Note that these registers are double buffered.

RFDIV Value

The RFDIV value is dependent on the value of the LO frequency. The RFDIV value can be selected from the list i[n Table 6.](#page-22-0) Apply the selected RFDIV value to Equation 4, together with the LO frequency and PFD frequency values, to calculate the correct N-divider value.

Reference Input Path

The reference input path consists of a reference frequency doubler, a 5-bit reference divider, and a divide-by-2 function (se[e Figure 53\).](#page-20-5) [The](#page-20-5) doubler is programmed through Register CR10, Bit 5. The 5-bit divider and divide-by-2 are enabled by programming Register CR5, Bit 4, and the division ratio is programmed through Register CR10, Bits[4:0]. The R/2 divider is programmed through Register CR10, Bit 6. Note that these registers are double-buffered.

Charge Pump Current

Register CR9, Bits[7:4], specify the charge pump current setting. With an R_{SET} value of 4.7 kΩ, the maximum charge pump current is 5 mA. The following equation applies:

$$
I_{CPmax} = 23.5/R_{SET}
$$

The charge pump current has 16 settings from 312.5 µA to 5 mA. For the loop filter that is specified in the application solution, a charge pump current of 5 mA (Register CR9[7:4] = $0xF$) gives a loop bandwidth of 100 kHz, which is the recommended loop bandwidth setting.

Transmit Disable Control (TXDIS)

The transmit disable control (TXDIS) is used to disable the RF output. TXDIS is normally held low. When asserted (brought high), it disables the RF output. Register CR14 is used to control which circuit blocks are powered down when TXDIS is asserted. To meet both the off isolation power specifications and the turn-on/ turn-off settling time specifications, a value of 0x80 should be loaded into Register CR14. This effectively ensures that the attenuator is always enabled when TXDIS is asserted, even if other circuitry is disabled.

Power-Down/Power-Up Control Bits

The four programmable power-up and power-down control bits are as follows:

- Register CR12, Bit 2. Master power control bit for the PLL, including the VCO. This bit is normally set to a default value of 0 to power up the PLL.
- Register CR28, Bit 4. Controls the RFDIVIDER. This bit is normally set to a default value of 0 to power up the RFDIVIDER.
- Register CR27, Bit 2. Controls the LO monitor outputs, LOMON and LOMON. The default is 0 when the monitor outputs are powered down. Setting this bit to 1 powers up the monitor outputs to one of four options, −6 dBm, −12 dBm, −18 dBm, or −24 dBm, as controlled by Register CR27, Bits[1:0].
- Register CR29, Bit 0. Controls the quadrature modulator power. The default is 0, which powers down the modulator. Write a 1 to this bit to power up the modulator.

Lock Detect (LDET)

Lock detect is enabled by setting Register CR23, Bit 4, to 1. The lock detect circuit is based on monitoring the up/down pulses from the PFD. As acquisition proceeds, the width of these pulses reduces until they are less than a target width (set by CR23[2]). At this point, a count of the number of successive PFD cycles is initiated, where the width of the up/down pulses remains less that the target width. When this count reaches a target count (set by CR13[6] and CR23[3]), LDET is set. The truth table for declaring LDET is given in [Table 7.](#page-29-0)

Table 7. Declaring LDET

The appropriate setting to use depends on the PFD frequency as well as the desired accuracy when LDET is declared. The LDET setting does not affect the acquisition time of the PLL. It only affects the time at which LDET goes high.

VCO Autocalibration

The VCO uses an autocalibration technique to select the correct VCO and band, as explained in th[e Autocalibration](#page-21-3) section. Register CR24, Bit 0, controls whether the autocalibration is enabled. For normal operation, autocalibration must be enabled. However, if using cumulative frequency steps of 100 kHz/2^{RFDIV} or less, autocalibration can be disabled by setting this bit to 1 and then a new acquisition is initiated by writing to Register CR0.

Attenuator

The attenuator can be programmed from 0 dB to 47 dB in steps of 1 dB. Control is through Register CR30, Bits[5:0].

Revision Readback

The revision of the silicon die can be read back via Register CR33.

REGISTER MAP **REGISTER MAP SUMMARY**

Table 8. Register Map Summary

REGISTER BIT DESCRIPTIONS

Table 9. Register CR0 (Address 0x00), Fractional Word 4

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

Table 10. Register CR1 (Address 0x01), Fractional Word 3

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

Table 11. Register CR2 (Address 0x02), Fractional Word 2

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

Table 13. Register CR5 (Address 0x05), 5-Bit Reference Divider Enable

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

Table 15. Register CR7 (Address 0x07), Integer Word 1 and MUXOUT Control

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

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Table 16. Register CR9 (Address 0x09), Charge Pump Current Setting

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

Table 17. Register CR10 (Address 0x0A), Reference Frequency Control

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

Table 18. Register CR12 (Address 0x0C), PLL Power-Up

Table 19. Register CR13 (Address 0x0D), Lock Detector Control 2

Table 20. Register CR14 (Address 0x0E), TXDIS Control

Table 22. Register CR24 (Address 0x18), Autocalibration

Table 23. Register CR25 (Address 0x19), Autocalibration Timer

Table 24. Register CR27 (Address 0x1B), LO Monitor Output and LO Selection

0 = power down (default)

Table 26. Register CR29 (Address 0x1D), Modulator

Bit Description 7 Set to 1 6 Set to 0 5 Set to 0 4 Set to 0 3 Set to 0 2 Set to 0 1 Set to 0

0 Power up modulator

 $1 = power up$

Table 28. Register CR33 (Address 0x21), Revision Code¹

Table 25. Register CR28 (Address 0x1C), LO Selection

¹ Double-buffered. Loaded on a write to Register CR0.

¹ Read-only register.

SUGGESTED POWER-UP SEQUENCE **INITIAL REGISTER WRITE SEQUENCE**

After applying power to the part, perform the initial register write sequence that follows. Note that Register CR33, Register CR32, and Register CR31 are read-only registers. Also, note that all writable registers should be written to on power-up. Refer to the [Register](#page-30-0) [Map](#page-30-0) section for more details on all registers.

- 1. Write 0x00 to Register CR30. Set the attenuator to 0 dB gain.
- 2. Write 0x80 to Register CR29. The modulator is powered down. The modulator is powered down by default to ensure that no spurious signals can occur on the RF output when the PLL is carrying out its first acquisition. The modulator should be powered up only when the PLL is locked.
- 3. Write 0x0X to Register CR28. RFDIV depends on the value of the LO frequency to be used and is set according to [Table 6.](#page-22-0) Note that Register CR28, Bit 3, is set to 1.
- 4. Write 0xX0 to Register CR27. Bit 4 depends on the LO frequency to be used and is set according t[o Table 6.](#page-22-0)
- 5. Write 0x00 to Register CR26. Reserved register.
- 6. Write 0x64 to Register CR25, the autocalibration timer. This setting applies for PFD = 40 MHz. For other PFDs, refer to Equation 3 in th[e VCO Autocalibration](#page-29-1) section.
- 7. Write 0x18 to Register CR24. Enable autocalibration.
- 8. Write 0x70 to Register CR23. Enable the lock detector and choose the recommended lock detect timing. This setting applies to PFD = 40 MHz. For other PFDs, refer to the [Lock Detect \(LDET\)](#page-29-2) section in th[e Program Modes](#page-28-1) section.
- 9. Write 0x80 to Register CR22. Reserved register.
- 10. Write 0x00 to Register CR21. Reserved register.
- 11. Write 0x00 to Register CR20. Reserved register.
- 12. Write 0x80 to Register CR19. Reserved register.
- 13. Write 0x60 to Register CR18. Reserved register.
- 14. Write 0x00 to Register CR17. Reserved register.
- 15. Write 0x00 to Register CR16. Reserved register.
- 16. Write 0x00 to Register CR15. Reserved register.
- 17. Write 0x80 to Register CR14. Stop LO when TXDIS = 1.
- 18. Write 0xE8 to Register CR13. This setting applies to PFD = 40 MHz. For other PFDs, refer to the [Lock Detect \(LDET\)](#page-29-2) section in th[e Program Modes](#page-28-1) section.
- 19. Write 0x18 to Register CR12. Power up the PLL.
- 20. Write 0x00 to Register CR11. Reserved register.
- 21. Write to Register CR10. Refer to the [Reference Input Path](#page-20-6) section, in particular Equation 1.
- 22. Write 0xF0 to Register CR9. With the recommended loop filter component values and $R_{\text{SET}} = 4.7 \text{ k}\Omega$, as shown in [Figure 70,](#page-38-0) the charge pump current is set to 5 mA for a loop bandwidth of 100 kHz.
- 23. Write 0x00 to Register CR8. Reserved register.
- 24. Write 0x0X to Register CR7. Set according to Equation 2 in the [Theory of Operation](#page-20-0) section. Also, set the MUXOUT pin to tristate.
- 25. Write 0xXX to Register CR6. Set according to Equation 2 in the [Theory of Operation](#page-20-0) section.
- 26. Write to Register CR5. Refer to the [Reference Input Path](#page-20-6) section, in particular Equation 1.
- 27. Write 0x01 to Register CR4. Reserved register.
- 28. Write 0000010X binary to Register CR3. Set according to Equation 2 in the [Theory of Operation](#page-20-0) section.
- 29. Write 0xXX to Register CR2. Set according to Equation 2 in the [Theory of Operation](#page-20-0) section.
- 30. Write 0xXX to Register CR1. Set according to Equation 2 in the [Theory of Operation](#page-20-0) section.
- 31. Write 0xXX to Register CR0. Set according to Equation 2 in the [Theory of Operation](#page-20-0) section. Register CR0 must be the last register written for all the double-buffered bit writes to take effect.
- 32. Write to Register CR27, setting Bit 4 according t[o Table 6.](#page-22-0)
- 33. Monitor the LDET output or wait 170 μs to ensure that the PLL is locked.
- 34. Write 0x81 to Register CR29. Power up the modulator. The write to Register CR29 does not need to be followed by a write to Register CR0 because this register is not double-buffered.

Example—Changing the LO Frequency

Following is an example of how to change the LO frequency after the initialization sequence. Using an example in which the PLL is locked to 2000 MHz, the following conditions apply:

- $f_{\text{PPD}} = 40 \text{ MHz}$ (assumed)
- Divide ratio $N = 50$; therefore, INT = 50 decimal and $FRAC = 0$
- RFDIVIDER = divide-by-1. See [Table 6.](#page-22-0)

Register $CR28[2:0] = 000$ Register $CR27[4] = 1$

The INT registers contain the following values: Register CR7 = 0x00 and Register CR6 = 0x32

The FRAC registers contain the following values: Register CR3 = $0x04$, Register CR2 = $0x00$, Register $CR1 = 0x00$, and Register $CR0 = 0x00$

To change the LO frequency to 925 MHz,

- $f_{\text{PFD}} = 40 \text{ MHz (assumed)}$
- Divide ratio $N = 46.25$; therefore, INT = 46 decimal and FRAC = 8,388,608
- RFDIVIDER = divide-by-2. See [Table 6.](#page-22-0)

Register CR28[2:0] = 001 Register $CR27[4] = 0$

The INT registers contain the following values: Register CR7 = 0x00 and Register CR6 = 0x2E

The FRAC registers contain the following values: Register CR3 = 0x04, Register CR2 = 0x80, Register CR1 = $0x00$, and Register CR0 = $0x00$

Note that Register CR27 should be the last write in this sequence, preceded by CR0. Writing to Register CR0 causes all double-buffered registers to be updated, including the INT, FRAC, and RFDIV registers, and starts a new PLL acquisition.

EVALUATION BOARD **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Th[e EVAL-ADRF6755SDZ](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) evaluation board is designed to allow the user to evaluate the performance of th[e ADRF6755.](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) It contains the following:

- I/Q modulator with integrated fractional-N PLL and VCO
- Connector to interface to a standard USB interface board (SPD-S) that must be ordered with th[e EVAL-ADRF6755SDZ](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) board.
- DC biasing and filter circuitry for the baseband inputs
- Low-pass loop filter circuitry
- An 80 MHz reference clock
- Circuitry to monitor the LOMON outputs
- SMA connectors for power supplies and the RF output

The evaluation board is supplied with the associated driver software to allow easy programming of th[e ADRF6755.](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755)

HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

For more information, refer to the circuit diagram in [Figure 70.](#page-38-0)

Power Supplies

An external 5 V supply, DUT +5 V (J14), drives both an on-chip 3.3 V regulator and the quadrature modulator.

The regulator feeds the VREG1 through VREG6 pins on the chip with 3.3 V. These pins power the PLL circuitry.

The external reference clock generator should be driven by a 3.3 V supply. This supply should be connected via an SMA connector, OSC +V (J15).

Recommended Decoupling for Supplies

The external DUT +5 V supply is decoupled initially by a 10 μ F capacitor and then further by a parallel combination of 100 nF and 10 pF capacitors that are placed as close to the DUT as possible for good local decoupling. The regulator output should be decoupled by a parallel combination of 10 pF and 220 µF capacitors. The 220 µF capacitor decouples broadband noise, which leads to better phase noise and is recommended for best performance. Case Size C 220 µF capacitors are used to minimize area. Place a parallel combination of 100 nF and 10 pF capacitors on each VREGx pin, as close to the pins as possible. The impedance of these capacitors should be low and constant across a broad frequency range. Surface-mount multilayered ceramic chip (MLCC) Class II capacitors provide very low ESL and ESR, which assist in decoupling supply noise effectively. They also provide good temperature stability and good aging characteristics.

Capacitance also changes vs. applied bias voltage. Larger case sizes have less capacitance change vs. applied bias voltage and have lower ESR but higher ESL. The 0603 size capacitors provide a good compromise. X5R and X7R capacitors are examples of these types of capacitors and are recommended for decoupling.

SPI Interface

The SPI interface is provided by an additional SPD-S board. This must be ordered with th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) evaluation board. The system demonstration platform (SDP) is a hardware and software platform that provides a means to communicate from the PC to Analog Devices products and systems that require digital control and/or readback (se[e Figure 71\)](#page-39-0).

The SDP-S controller board connects to the PC via USB 2.0 and to th[e ADRF6755](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755) evaluation board via a small footprint, 120-pin connector. The SDP-S (serial only interface) is a low cost, small form factor, SDP controller board.

Baseband Inputs

The pair of I and Q baseband inputs are served by SMA inputs (J2 to J5) so that they can be driven directly from an external generator or a DAC board, both of which can also provide the dc bias required. There is also an option to filter the baseband inputs, although filtering may not be required, depending on the quality of the baseband source.

Loop Filter

A fourth-order loop filter is provided at the output of the charge pump and is required to adequately filter noise from the Σ-Δ modulator used in the N-divider. With the charge pump current set to a value of 5 mA and using the on-chip VCO, the loop bandwidth is approximately 100 kHz, and the phase margin is 55°. C0G capacitors are recommended for use in the loop filter because they have low dielectric absorption, which is required for fast and accurate settling time. The use of non-C0G capacitors may result in a long tail being introduced into the settling time transient.

Reference Input

The reference input can be supplied by an 80 MHz Jauch clock generator or by an external clock through the use of Connector REFIN (J7). The frequency range of the PFD input is from 10 MHz to 40 MHz; if the 80 MHz clock generator is used, the on-chip 5-bit reference frequency divider or the divide-by-2 divider should be used to set the PFD frequency to 40 MHz to optimize phase noise performance.

LOMON Outputs

These pins are differential LO monitor outputs that provide a replica of the internal LO frequency at 1× LO. The single-ended power in a 50 Ω load can be programmed to −24 dBm, −18 dBm, −12 dBm, or −6 dBm. These open-collector outputs must be terminated to 3.3 V. Because both outputs must be terminated to 50 Ω, options are provided to terminate to 3.3 V using onboard 50 Ω resistors or by series inductors (or a ferrite bead), in which case the 50 Ω termination is provided by the measuring instrument. If not used, these outputs should be tied to REGOUT.

CCOMPx Pins

The CCOMPx pins are internal compensation nodes that must be decoupled to ground with a 100 nF capacitor.

MUXOUT

MUXOUT is a test output that allows different internal nodes to be monitored. It is a CMOS output stage that requires no termination.

Lock Detect (LDET)

Lock detect is a CMOS output that indicates the state of the PLL. A high level indicates a locked condition, and a low level indicates a loss of lock condition.

TXDIS

This input disables the RF output. It can be driven from an external stimulus or simply connected high or low by Jumper J18.

RF Output (RFOUT)

RFOUT (J12) is the RF output of th[e ADRF6755.](http://www.analog.com/ADRF6755)

Figure 70. Applications Circuit Schematic

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PCB ARTWORK

Component Placement

Figure 72. Evaluation Board, Top Side Component Placement

Figure 73. Evaluation Board, Bottom Side Component Placement

PCB Layer Information

Figure 74. Evaluation Board, Top Side—Layer 1

Figure 75. Evaluation Board, Bottom Side—Layer 4

Figure 76. Evaluation Board, Ground—Layer 2

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BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 29. Bill of Materials

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

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1 Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

2 Choose either EVAL-SDP-CS1Z or EVAL-SDP-CB1Z as EVAL-ADRF6755SDZ interface solution.

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I ²C refers to a communications protocol originally developed by Philips Semiconductors (now NXP Semiconductors).

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