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Computer Arithmetic

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What is Arithmetic?

- **Addition/Subtraction,**
- **Multiplication,**
- **Division,**
- **etc.**
- **all elementary school stuff**

What is Computer Arithmetic?

Three questions:

1. How are numbers represented in a computer?
2. How are the arithmetic operations performed in a computer?
3. How can the operations be performed efficiently?

Simple example: Design a 1-bit adder

1. Representation of the inputs and outputs:

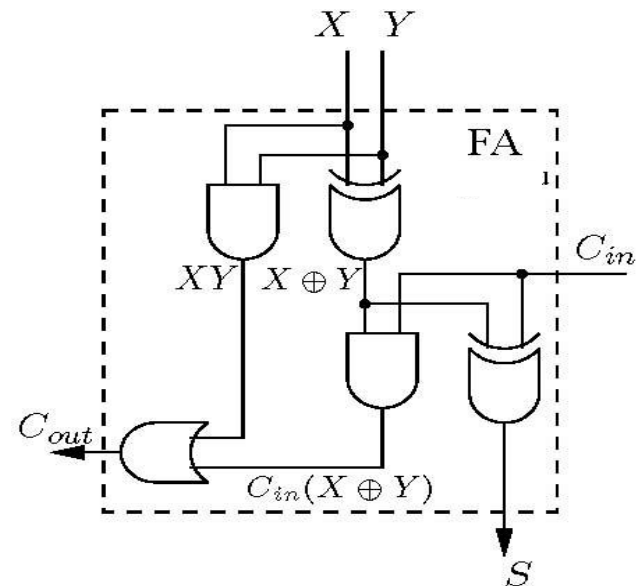
- Input: X , Y , C_{in} and Output: S , C_{out}
- All are one bit **binary number**

2. Algorithm for 1-bit addition:

- $S = X \oplus Y \oplus C_{in}$,
- $C_{out} = XY + C_{in}(X \oplus Y)$
- S is the sum bit of $X+Y$, and C_{out} is the carry-out bit.

3. Circuit for the 1-bit adder:

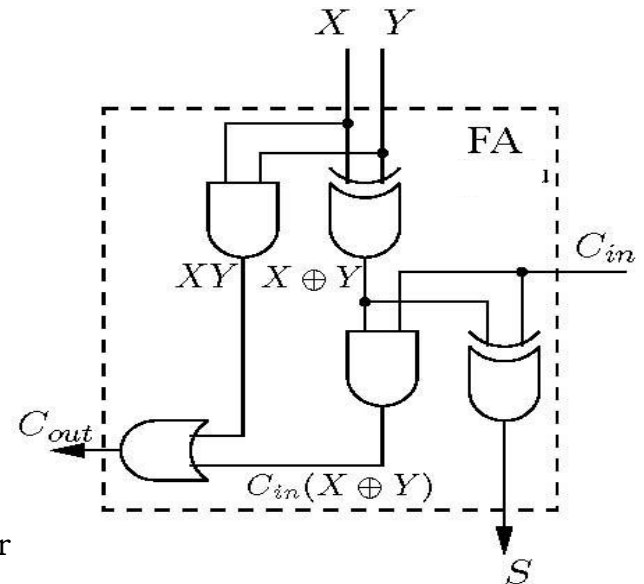
- Full Adder: the circuit diagram.



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4. How to evaluate the **efficiency** of a circuit?

- Circuit complexities: ✓
 - How many logic gates does it use?
 - How much time delay does it have?



This course is about efficient computation for

- Computer systems
- DSP
- Communications & Networks
- Network Security and Cryptography
- Control & Robotics
- Any computer or computation related applications

Background requirements

- Arithmetic (from elementary school)
- Digital logic design
- Computer architecture (i.e., CPU)

Important information

- All lecture notes are posted at course website.
- All assignment solutions are posted at course website after you have submitted the assignments.
- I generally follow the lecture notes in class, although more examples/discussions may be given in class.
- Only the content covered in the lecture notes or in class is tested in the exams (midterm and final).

A kind reminder (Important):

- Assignments and project reports are submitted electronically via course website,
 - which means **no email or hardcopy submission**.
- Late assignments will be deducted 10% per day up to 3 days (after which they will receive 0 marks).
- Visit the professor or teaching assistant only during office hours.
- For urgent matters it is recommended to use email to make an appointment.
 - If you cannot make it for the appointment, please send a cancellation email in advance.
- Emailing the professor/GA is welcomed. Please put [8550-1] in the email subject when emailing, otherwise replay could be delayed.