

BCD Adder

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BCD adder 4-bit BCD code is added in such a way that if sum is greater than "9" (1001), then addition of "6" (0110)₂ is done and carry is generated to next decimal position.

⇒ Let us take an example of two given BCD numbers.
Adding 8 and 9 in BCD, we get

$$(8)_{10} = (1000)_2$$

$$(9)_{10} = (1001)_2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 9 \\ \hline 17 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 1000 \\ 1001 \\ \hline 0001 \quad 0001 \end{array} \quad \leftarrow \text{Incorrect BCD code}$$

→ To get the correct BCD result "6" has to be added in the least significant digit of sum.

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \longrightarrow 1000 \\ 9 \longrightarrow 1001 \\ \hline (17)_{10} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 0001 \quad 0001 \quad \leftarrow \text{Incorrect BCD code} \\ 0000 \quad 0110 \quad \leftarrow \text{addition of "6"} \\ \hline 0001 \quad 0111 \\ \hline 1 \quad 7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \longrightarrow 0101 \\ 4 \longrightarrow 0100 \\ 9 \Rightarrow 1001 \end{array}$$