

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Fall 2012 Midterm

CSC258: Computer Organization

Duration: 2 hours

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Instructions:

- **Write your name on the back of this exam paper.**
- **Do not open this exam until you hear the signal to start.**
- Have your student ID on your desk.
- No aids permitted other than writing tools. Keep all bags and notes far from your desk before the exam begins.
- There are 3 questions on 8 pages. When you hear the signal to start, make sure that your exam is complete before you begin.
- Read over the entire exam before starting.
- If you use any space for rough work or have to use the overflow page, clearly indicate the section(s) that you want marked.

Mark Breakdown

Part A: /22

Part B: /22

Part C: / 6

Total: / 50

Part A: Short Answer (22 marks)

Answer the following questions in the space provided. When providing a written answer, write as clearly and legibly as possible. Marks will not be awarded to unreadable answers.

1. Given inputs A, B and C, which of the following are valid maxterms? Circle all that apply. (2 marks)

a) $\bar{C} + \bar{B} + \bar{A}$

b) $A \cdot B \cdot \bar{C}$

c) $C \cdot B + A$

d) $A + \bar{C} + B$

e) $B + C$

f) $A + B + A$

2. True or False? JK flip-flops behave like RS flip-flops as long as at least one input is high. (1 mark)

True

False

3. What is the most negative value possible for a 8-bit signed binary number? Write your answer in both binary and decimal in the space below. (2 marks)

4. Which of the following Verilog statements doesn't belong in an `always` block? (1 mark)

a) `case`

b) `assign`

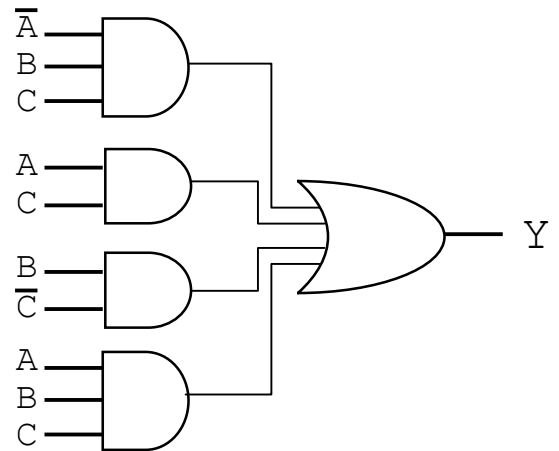
c) `if`

d) `for`

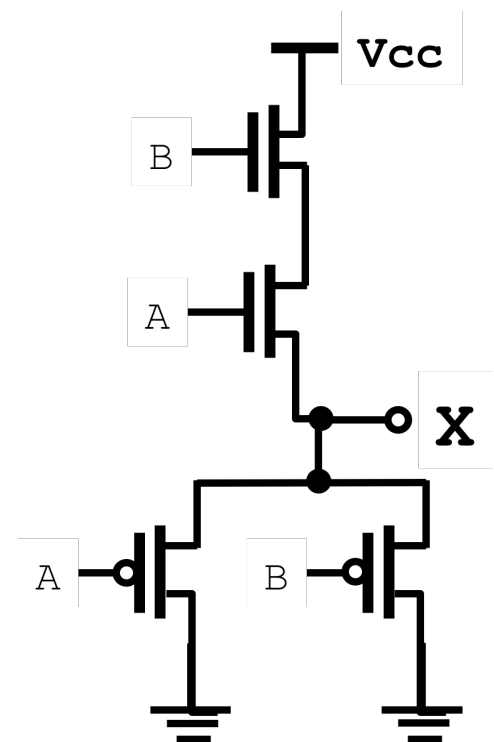
5. What is the name of the current caused by the combination of holes and electrons at a pn junction? (1 mark)

6. In the space below, assuming you have 18 switches as inputs and 18 red LEDs as outputs, write a Verilog statement that writes the values of the switches onto the LEDs. (2 marks)

7. Consider the circuit below. What is the boolean expression for Y, in terms of A, B & C? For full marks, provide the most reduced expression possible, and show your work. **(3 marks)**



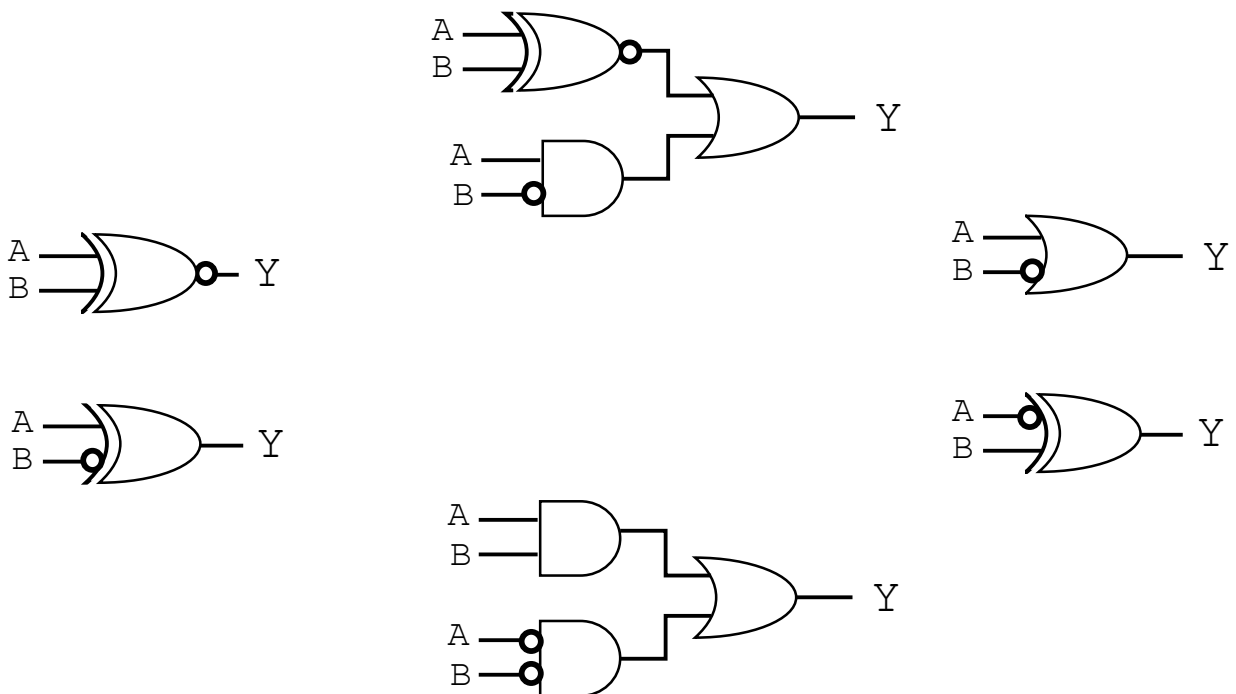
8. Consider the following circuit. What logic gate is represented by this circuit? **(2 marks)**



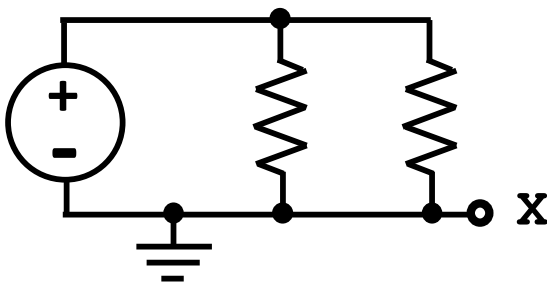
9. The signed binary and decimal operations below are the same. Fill in the blanks. **(3 marks)**

$$\begin{array}{r}
 001101 \\
 + \quad \boxed{} \\
 \hline
 \boxed{}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 \boxed{} \\
 - 15 \\
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 -2
 \end{array}$$

10. Which of the circuits below have equivalent behaviour? Draw lines to connect any circuits that match. **(4 marks)**

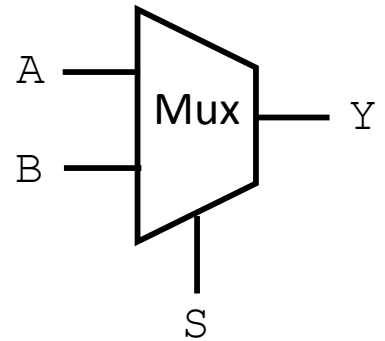


11. Assuming the voltage source on the left is 5V, what is the logic value of X? **(1 mark)**

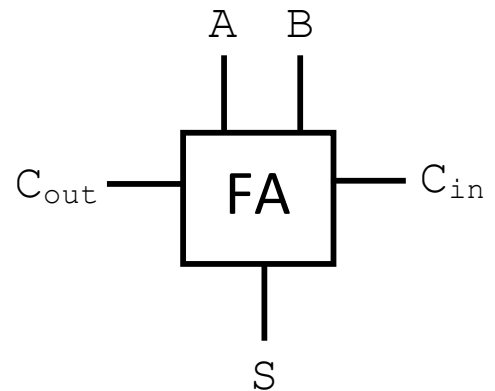


Part B: Circuit Design and Analysis (22 marks)

1. Consider the two-input multiplexer device on the right. In the space below, show how a **three-input multiplexer** can be implemented as a combination of two-input mux units. For full marks, no other gates or devices should be used in your solution. **(4 marks)**



2. Consider the full adder unit on the right. In the space below, draw a circuit that would implement a 4-bit adder circuit, implemented only using these 1-bit full adder units. **(4 marks)**



3. In the space below, use T flip-flops to implement a 3-bit counter that counts **down**, not up. That is, the counter values on $[Q_2, Q_1, Q_0]$ will be 111 on the first clock cycle, then 110 on the second, then 101 on the third, all the way down to 000. The counter will then reset back to 111. For full marks, no other gates or logic devices should be used. **(4 marks)**

4. Given the minterms $[m_0, m_1, m_2, m_4, m_5, m_8, m_{10}, m_{12}]$, fill in the Karnaugh map below. Make the minterm groupings that will result in a circuit with the lowest gate cost. **(3 marks)**

	$\bar{C} \cdot \bar{D}$	$\bar{C} \cdot D$	$C \cdot D$	$C \cdot \bar{D}$
$\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$				
$\bar{A} \cdot B$				
$A \cdot B$				
$A \cdot \bar{B}$				

5. Given the Karnaugh map groupings in the previous question, write the minimal equivalent boolean expression in the space below. **(1 mark)**

6. For this question, implement a FSM that takes in an input called X , and returns an output called *SAME*. *SAME* is high if the current value of X is the same as the previous value of X .

Draw a state diagram for this circuit in the space below. **(5 marks)**

7. How many flip-flops would you need to implement the state machine from Part 6? **(1 mark)**

Part C: Verilog (6 marks)

Consider the piece of Verilog code on the right.

1. What does this piece of code do? (2 marks)

2. What does the z signal represent here? (1 mark)

```
module part1 (V, z, M);
    input [3:0] V;
    output z;
    output [3:0] M;

    wire[2:0] B;

    // circuit A
    assign z = (V[3] & V[2]) |
               (V[3] & V[1]);

    // circuit B
    assign B[2] = V[2] & V[1];
    assign B[1] = V[2] & ~V[1];
    assign B[0] = (V[1] & V[0]) |
               (V[2] & V[0]);

    // multiplexers
    assign M[3] = ~z & V[3];
    assign M[2] = (~z & V[2]) |
               (z & B[2]);
    assign M[1] = (~z & V[1]) |
               (z & B[1]);
    assign M[0] = (~z & V[0]) |
               (z & B[0]);

endmodule
```

Consider the piece of Verilog code on the left.

3. What device does this piece of code represent? (3 marks)

```
module part2 (out, enable, clk, reset);

    output [7:0] out;
    input [7:0] data;
    input enable, clk, reset;
    reg [7:0] out;

    always @(posedge clk)
    if (reset) begin
        out <= 8'b0;
    end
    else begin
        out <= {out[6],out[5],
                out[4],out[3],
                out[2],out[1],
                out[0], enable};
    end

endmodule
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