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Higher level description. Explain non-intuitive operations at the level of the algorithm below it. queue.Dequeue -¿ intuitive, described that it's a FIFO queue. CutLoops -¿ One line description of input -¿ output, not specifics of how. See Algorithm number for details. Repeat high level description for algorithm before. See section blah for a discussion of the recovery time calculation Explain WriteToFile - Just outputting

2 Data Structures

2.1 Basic Types

The following are the basic types, out of which others are built, and which will be referred to. There is generally, but not always, a direct relationship to a C++ primitive.

Name	Closest C++ Equivalent	Description
Integer	int	Whole number
Float	float	Floating point number
Queue	std::list	FIFO queue
List(type)	std::list<type>	
String	std::string	String object that provides operations to manipulate itself
File	std::iostream	Abstract type to represent simple I/O operations
Map(KeyType → ValueType, DEFAULT: DefaultValue)	std::unordered_map<KeyType, ValueType>	A map to translate values of type KeyType to values of type ValueType. If the key isn't present, returns DefaultValue

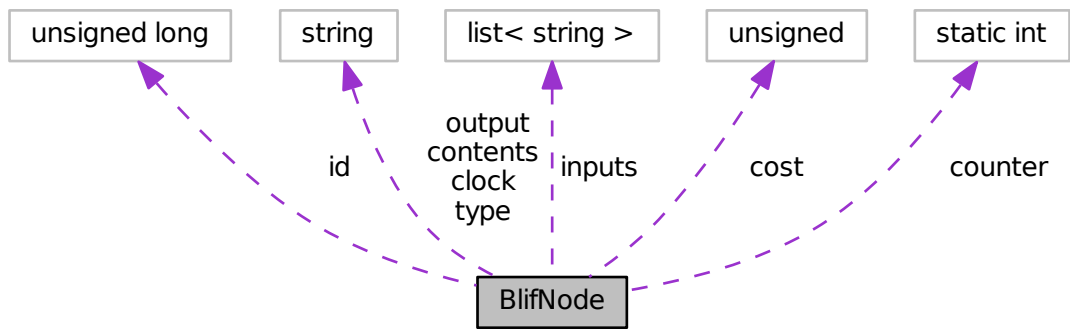
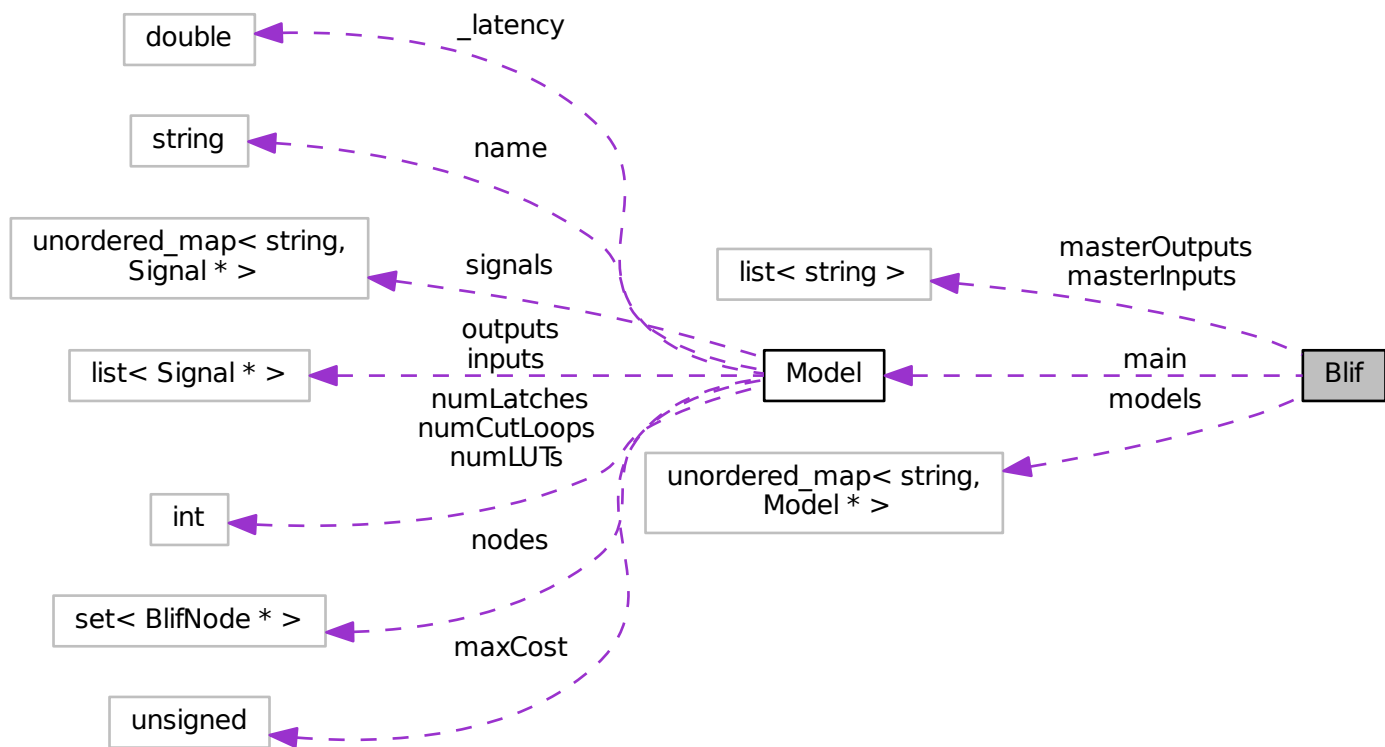
The following are complex types, which are further defined below. This is merely a quick description of each.

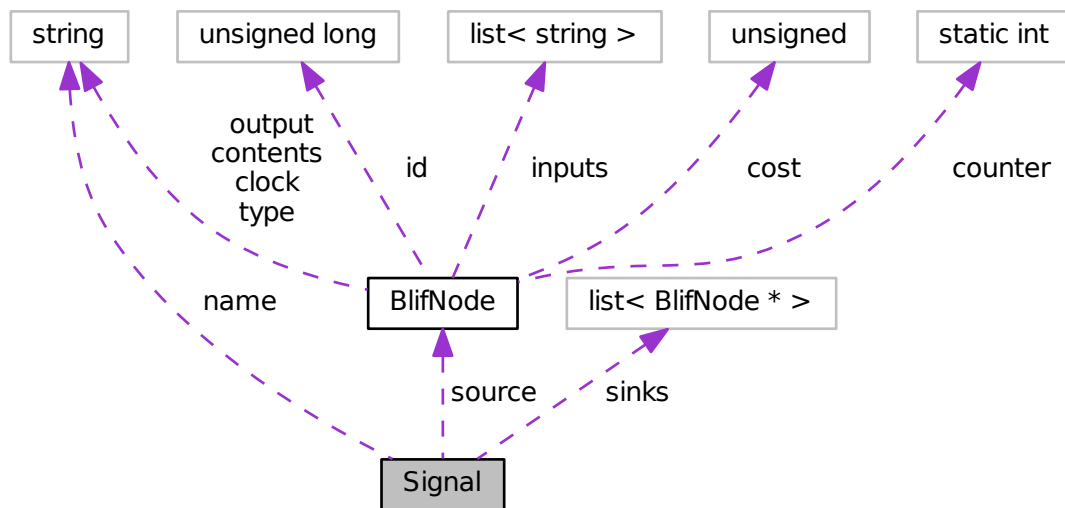
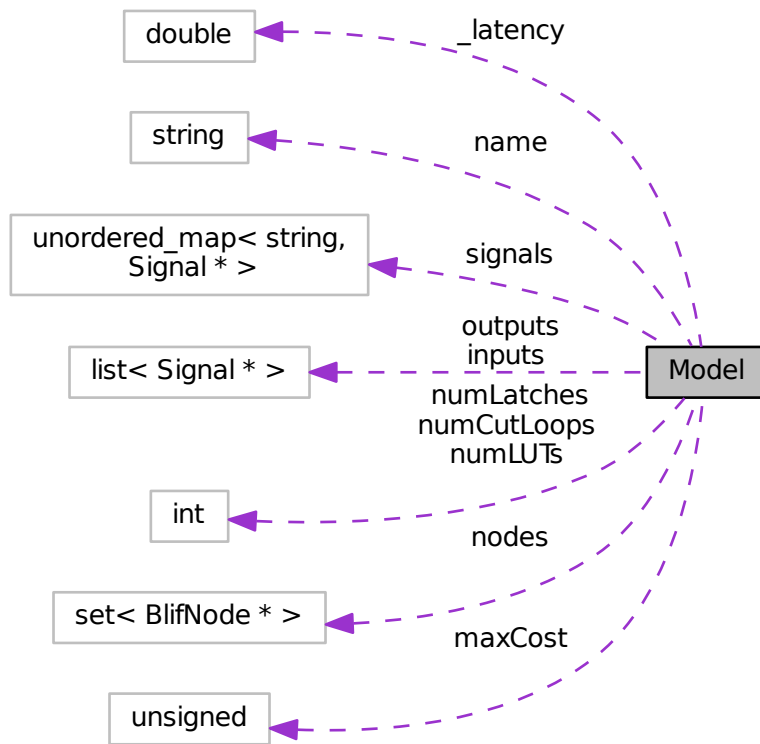
Name	Description
Blif	Parent object, contains all information about a BLIF file and provides useful operations
BlifModel	Represents a circuit within a BLIF file, and provides methods to manipulate said circuit
BlifNode	A circuit element, or node in the DFG representing the circuit
Signal	A signal within a specific circuit, or BlifModel, representing a set of edges with common source

2.2 Blif

2.3 Model

Represents the circuit as a DFG. Contains a list of nodes, map of signal name → Signal*, and lists of primary inputs and outputs for the circuit. Each node contains the names of its input and output signals, allowing the Signal* to be looked up, then the Signal* contains pointers to its source and sink nodes. This allows the DFG to be traversed by going from node, to signal, to node, etc. The reason for having signals be referred to by name and looked up, rather than a node pointing directly to a signal is twofold. One, a node is an independent construct which can be added to or removed from any Model*. For example,





when adding a node into a partition. Signals, on the other hand, are circuit specific and are created and destroyed as circumstances demand. Two, regardless of implementation, the node would need to store the signal name and the circuit would need to provide a mapping from name to Signal*. This method just doesn't abstract it away **Todo: actual reasons TODO: Image showing DFG traversal, and example of blif file and class contents** !
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3 Algorithm

Types marked with an * are defined in the previous section (Data Structures). We're given a blif file as

Algorithm 2 Main Algorithm

Variable	Type	Description
<i>input</i>	file	Input blif file
<i>targetRecoveryTime</i>	float	Per partition recovery time (in seconds)
<i>files</i>	list of files	circuit partitions, one per file
<i>file</i>	file	
<i>header</i>	string	string containing the first three lines of the input file
<i>output</i>	file	output file

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1: procedure MAIN(input, targetRecoveryTime)
2:   files  $\leftarrow$  Partition(input)
3:   for all file  $\in$  files do
4:     file  $\leftarrow$  Triplicate(file)
5:   end for
6:   header  $\leftarrow$  input.lines[0  $\rightarrow$  3]
7:   file  $\leftarrow$  Join(files, header)
8:   output  $\leftarrow$  Flatten(output)
9: end procedure

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input. In line 11 we partition the input circuit into a number of sub circuits, each in a separate file, as further expanded in Algorithm [?]. Then in lines 12-13 for each partition file, we read it in as a black box, triplicate it, insert voting logic, and write it back out. Next in line 14 we extract the original header, which provides the name, inputs and outputs of the original circuit. We then, in line 15, join all the partitions together with the original name, inputs and outputs (in the same order), as the original circuit, and finally line 16 flattens the circuit, i.e. transforms the generated heirarchical netlist into a flat netlist with only one main model, or circuit, and no submodels.

Variable	Type	Description
<i>file</i>	file	input file
<i>targetRecoveryTime</i>	float	maximum per partition recovery time (in seconds)
<i>blif</i>	Blif*	In-memory representation of input blif file
<i>circuit</i>	BlifModel*	Main circuit from input file, represented as DFG
<i>partition</i>	BlifModel*	Circuit, which we are adding nodes to, to make our partition
<i>queue</i>	Queue	FIFO queue of nodes to visit
<i>visited</i>	Map(BlifNode* \rightarrow bool)	Map of whether a BlifNode is visited
<i>signal</i>	Signal*	
<i>circuit.outputs</i>	List of Signal*	List of output Signal* of a circuit
<i>signal.source</i>	BlifNode*	Node which drives this Signal*
<i>queue.size</i>	integer	Number of nodes in queue
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	
<i>file</i>	file	
<i>files</i>	List of file	
<i>numPartitions</i>	int	Counter of number of partitions
<i>signalName</i>	string	Name of a Signal*
<i>node.inputs</i>	List of string	List of names of signals which are inputs to this node
<i>model.signals</i>	Map(string \rightarrow Signal*)	Map from signal name to Signal* representing it in that BlifModel*

Table 1: Variables for Partition

Algorithm 3 Partition

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1: procedure PARTITION(file)
2:   blif  $\leftarrow$  new Blif(file) ▷ Read in file
3:   circuit  $\leftarrow$  blif.main ▷ The actual circuit within the blif file
4:   partition  $\leftarrow$  new BlifModel ▷ Empty Circuit
5:   queue  $\leftarrow$  new Queue ▷ Empty Queue
6:   visited  $\leftarrow$  new Map(BlifNode  $\rightarrow$  bool, DEFAULT: false)
7:   for all signal  $\in$  circuit.outputs do
8:     queue.Enqueue(signal.source)
9:   end for
10:  while queue.size > 0 do
11:    node  $\leftarrow$  queue.Dequeue()
12:    if visited[node] = true then
13:      continue ▷ Handle each node once and only once
14:    end if
15:    visited[node]  $\leftarrow$  true
16:    partition.AddNode(node)
17:    if partition.RecoveryTime() > targetRecoveryTime then
18:      partition.RemoveNode(node)
19:      MakeIOList(partition, circuit)
20:      file  $\leftarrow$  partition.WriteToFile()
21:      files  $\leftarrow$  files + file
22:      numPartitions  $\leftarrow$  numPartitions + 1
23:      partition  $\leftarrow$  new BlifModel ▷ Empty Circuit
24:      partition.AddNode(node)
25:    end if
26:    for all signalName  $\in$  node.inputs do
27:      signal  $\leftarrow$  model.signals[signalName]
28:      queue.Enqueue(signal)
29:    end for
30:  end while
31:  if partition.size > 0 then
32:    MakeIOList(partition, circuit)
33:    file  $\leftarrow$  partition.WriteToFile()
34:    files  $\leftarrow$  files + file
35:  end if
36:  return files
37: end procedure
```

Line 2 reads a **BLIF!** (**BLIF!**) into memory, transforming from the **BLIF!** format described in **TODO: Reference** to the one represented by **TODO: Reference**. Lines 12-15 ensure that we visit each node only once, and thus that each node is in exactly one partition, by checking if a node has been visited before and if so, skipping it, otherwise marking it as visited and continuing. Lines 16/24 inserts the current node into the open partition, cutting any created cycles and updating values such as critical path length as outlined in Algorithm [?]. Line 17 tests if the current partition recovery time is greater than our specified limit, with the algorithm used to calculate the recovery time located at Algorithm [?]. If the recovery time is greater we execute lines 18-24, where we remove the just added node to bring our recovery time back under the limit, and then write the partition to a file. Line 18 calculates which signals are primary inputs or outputs for the partition, and promotes them accordingly, with more detail given in Algorithm [?]. Writing the partition to a file simply involves outputting the name, inputs, outputs, and a list of every node in the partition in **BLIF!** format. RemoveNode, on line 19, merely removes the node from the partition's list of nodes rather than fully reversing everything AddNode does. As WriteToFile simply serialises the inputs, outputs and node list this is all that's required with the caveat that some cycles may be cut unnecessarily. Lines 31-34 write out the final partially full partition, if there is one. See Algorithm [?] for a description of WriteToFile.

Algorithm 5 MakeIOList

Variable	Type	Description
<i>partition</i>	BlifModel*	Partition to create list of primary inputs and outputs for
<i>originalCircuit</i>	BlifModel*	Original model
<i>signal</i>	Signal*	
<i>signal.source</i>	BlifNode*	The driver for the signal
<i>partition.inputs</i>	List(BlifNode*)	List of primary inputs for the circuit
<i>partition.signals</i>	Map(string \rightarrow Signal*)	Map from signal name to Signal*
<i>originalCircuit.signals</i>	Map(string \rightarrow Signal*)	Map from signal name to Signal*
<i>signal.sinks</i>	List(BlifNode*)	List of sinks for the signal

```
1: procedure MAKEIOLIST(partition, originalCircuit)
2:   for all signal  $\in$  partition.signals do
3:     if signal.source = NULL then ▷ If this signal has no driver
4:       partition.inputs.Add(signal)
5:     end if
6:     otherSignal  $\leftarrow$  originalCircuit.signals[signal.name] ▷ Get the corresponding signal in
       the original circuit
7:     if otherSignal.sinks – signal.sinks > 0 then ▷ If the signal has more sinks in the original
       circuit than it does in this partition
8:       partition.outputs.Add(signal)
9:     end if
10:  end for
11: end procedure
```

We iterate through every signal in our partition. For each one we check if we have a source (line 4), if not it must be a primary input. Similarly, on line 7 we check if we have a sink which is not represented within our partition. If so, promote it to a primary output of the partition.

Algorithm 7 RecoveryTime

Variable	Type	Description
<i>latency</i>	float	Circuit latency (i.e. time for input to completely propagate to output) in seconds
<i>clockFrequency</i>	Integer	Operating frequency of the circuit, in seconds
<i>criticalPath</i>	Integer	Maximum number of steps between an input and an output
<i>numFF</i>	Integer	Number of Latches in circuit
<i>numLUT</i>	Integer	Number of look up tables in circuit
<i>resynchronisationTime</i>	Float	Time, in seconds, that it takes to resynchronise circuit
<i>detectionTime</i>	Float	Time, in seconds, that it takes to detect an error
<i>ReconfigureTime</i>	Float	Time, in seconds, that it takes to reconfigure circuit
<i>communicationTime</i>	Float	Time, in seconds, that it takes to transmit reconfiguration request to controller

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1: procedure RECOVERYTIME(partition)
2:   latency  $\leftarrow$  frequency  $\times$  (criticalpath + 1)
3:   detectionTime  $\leftarrow$  latency
4:   resynchronisationTime  $\leftarrow$  latency
5:   reconfigurationTime  $\leftarrow$   $\max(\text{numFF}, \text{numLUT})/10/15 \dots \text{morestuff}$ 
6:   communicationTime  $\leftarrow$  numPartitions  $\times$  latency  $\times$  morestuff
7:   recoveryTime  $\leftarrow$  detectionTime + resynchronisationTime + reconfigurationTime +
   communicationTime
8:   return recoveryTime
9: end procedure
```

The derivation of this algorithm and the values used is fully discussed in Section **TODO: Reference**. The criticalpath is a measure of the maximum number of latches on a path from input to output. The +1 is to account for the contribution of combinational logic, which may be up to one additional clock cycle of latency. !

Lines 4-6 check if one of the inputs signals for this node has been cut to remove a cycle. If so, we rename the signal appropriately, to what the new primary input is called. Additionally, lines 3-11 update the appropriate signals so that this node is reachable within the **DFG!** (**DFG!**). Lines 12-19 then update the maximum path length (or latency in clock cycles) while detecting and cutting any newly created cycles.

Algorithm 9 AddNode

Variable	Type	Description
<i>partition</i>	BlifModel*	BlifModel* containing DFG representing partition to add node to
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	Node to add
<i>signal</i>	Signal*	
<i>signalName</i>	string	
<i>partition.cutLoops</i>	Map[string \rightarrow string]	For signals which have been cut, a map of the old to the new name
<i>partition.signals</i>	Map[string \rightarrow Signal*]	Map of signal name to Signal*
<i>signal.sinks</i>	list(BlifNode*)	List of sinks for a Signal*
<i>signal.source</i>	BlifNode*	Source, or driver, for a Signal*
<i>inCost</i>	int	Maximum number of critical path steps to reach node, not counting the node itself
<i>explored</i>	Map(BlifNode* \rightarrow boolean)	Whether a node has been reached yet in the current iteration

```
1: procedure ADDNODE(partition, node)
2:   nodes.insert(node)
3:   for all signalName in node.inputs do
4:     if partition.cutLoops[signalName]  $\neq$  "" then
5:       signalName  $\leftarrow$  cutLoops[signalName]  $\triangleright$  If this signal has been renamed already to
        avoid a cycle, rename this occurrence of it.
6:     end if
7:     signal  $\leftarrow$  partition.signals[name]
8:     signal.sinks.Add(node)
9:   end for
10:  signal  $\leftarrow$  partition.signals[node.output]
11:  signal.source  $\leftarrow$  node
12:  inCost  $\leftarrow$  0
13:  for all signalName  $\in$  node.inputs do
14:    source  $\leftarrow$  partition.signals[signalName].source
15:    if partition.costs[source]  $>$  inCost then
16:      inCost  $\leftarrow$  partition.costs[source]
17:    end if
18:  end for
19:  UpdateCostsAndBreakCycles(partition, node, NULL, node, inCost, explored, costs)
20: end procedure
```

We care about two things. One, the maximum cost to reach a node, and two, detecting and removing any cycles. Given an existing **DAG!** (**DAG!** **Directed Acyclic Graph**) which we insert a new node into, then 1. The new node is the root node of a subtree within the **DAG!**. 2. Nodes which are not within the subtree cannot have the maximum cost to reach them change (as nothing has changed in any path to them). 3. Any cycles must pass through the new root node, as there are no cycles elsewhere in the graph. 4. Without any cycles, the root node will only be reached once at the start. Using this information we develop our traversal algorithm. Line 2 demonstrates an optimisation, in that once a path has been checked we need not recheck it unless we have found a more expensive path to it as otherwise nothing will change. Lines 5-8 check if we have detected a cycle. If so, cut it through cutting the signal, detailed in algorithm [?].

Algorithm 11 UpdateCostsAndBreakCycles

Variable	Type	Description
<i>partition</i>	BlifModel*	BlifModel* containing DFG representing partition to add node to
<i>root</i>	BlifNode*	Newly added node
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	Node we just came from
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	Current node
<i>costToReach</i>	int	Maximum number of critical path steps to reach node, not counting the node itself
<i>explored</i>	Map(BlifNode* → boolean)	Whether a node has been reached yet in the current iteration
<i>partition.signals</i>	Map[string → Signal*]	Map of signal name to Signal*
<i>partition.signals[parent.output]</i>	BlifNode*	Signal driven by the prior node i.e. the graph edge we most recently travelled.
<i>node.cost</i>	int	1 for latches, 0 for LUTs
<i>costs</i>	Map(BlifNode* → int)	Map of the cost to reach each node
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	
<i>signal.sinks</i>	list(BlifNode*)	List of sinks for a Signal*
<i>cost</i>	int	Number of critical path steps to reach node, including the node itself

```
1: procedure UPDATECOSTSANDBREAKCYCLES(partition, root, parent, node, costToReach, explored)
2:   if explored[node] = true and costs[node] ≥ costToReach then ▷ Already expanded this path,
   and it can't change
3:     return
4:   end if
5:   if parent ≠ NULL and node = root then ▷ We have a cycle, as all newly created cycles must go
   through the new node, and the new node should only ever be reached once at the start without cycles
6:     CutSignal(partition, partition.signals[parent.output])
7:     return
8:   end if
9:   cost ← costToReach + node.cost
10:  if cost > costs[node] then
11:    costs[node] = cost
12:  else
13:    cost = costs[node]
14:  end if
15:  for all node ∈ partition.signals[node.output].sinks do
16:    UpdateCostsAndBreakCycles(root, node, child, cost, explored)
17:  end for
18:  explored[node] = true
19: end procedure
```

Algorithm 13 CutSignal

Variable	Type	Description
<i>partition</i>	BlifModel*	BlifModel* containing DFG representing partition to add node to
<i>partition.cutLoops</i>	Map(string \rightarrow string)	Map from old to new name of a cut signal. Note that only the input signal is renamed. The output signal retains the same name.
<i>signal</i>	Signal*	The signal we're cutting
<i>newSignal</i>	Signal*	The new signal we created
<i>signal.source</i>	BlifNode*	The source, or driver, of a signal
<i>partition.signals</i>	Map(string \rightarrow Signal*)	A map from signal name to signal
<i>partition.outputs</i>	list(Signal*)	The primary outputs for the circuit
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	
<i>node.inputs</i>	list(string)	names of input signals to a node

```
1: procedure CUTSIGNAL(partition, signal)
2:   newSignal  $\leftarrow$  newSignal(name)  $\triangleright$  Create a new signal with the same name, but currently no
   sources or sinks
3:   newSignal.source  $\leftarrow$  signal.source
4:   partition.signals[name]  $\leftarrow$  newSignal
5:   replace(partition.outputs, signal, newSignal)  $\triangleright$  Replace any occurrences of the old signal in
   the circuit outputs with the new
6:   signal.name  $\leftarrow$  "qqrin" + name
7:   signal.source = NULL
8:   signals[signal.name]  $\leftarrow$  signal
9:   cutLoops[newSignal.name]  $\leftarrow$  signal.name
10:  for all node  $\in$  signal.sinks do
11:    replace(node.inputs, name, "qqrin" + name)
12:  end for
13: end procedure
```

Cutting a signal consists of splitting an existing signal into two. One with the same source but no sinks as a primary output. One with the same sinks but no source as a primary input. We also need to update existing references to point to the correct signal, and record the change to update any future references as nodes get added.

3.1 TMR

Given a file containing a partition, read it in as a black box, triplicate it, add voter logic, write back out to file.

Algorithm 15 TMR

Variable	Type	Description
<i>partition</i>	BlifModel*	BlifModel* containing DFG representing partition to add node to
<i>partition.cutLoops</i>	Map(string \rightarrow string)	Map from old to new name of a cut signal. Note that only the input signal is renamed. The output signal retains the same name.
<i>signal</i>	Signal*	The signal we're cutting
<i>newSignal</i>	Signal*	The new signal we created
<i>signal.source</i>	BlifNode*	The source, or driver, of a signal
<i>partition.signals</i>	Map(string \rightarrow Signal*)	A map from signal name to signal
<i>partition.outputs</i>	list(Signal*)	The primary outputs for the circuit
<i>node</i>	BlifNode*	
<i>node.inputs</i>	list(string)	names of input signals to a node

```

1: procedure TMR(file)
2:   circuit  $\leftarrow$  file.read()
3:   header  $\leftarrow$  circuit.header
4:   voter  $\leftarrow$  voter.read()
5:   subcktDefinition1  $\leftarrow$  MakeSubcktDefinition(circuit)
6:   subcktDefinition2  $\leftarrow$  MakeSubcktDefinition(circuit)
7:   subcktDefinition3  $\leftarrow$  MakeSubcktDefinition(circuit)
8:   voterDefinition  $\leftarrow$  MakeSubcktDefinition(voter)
9:   subcktDefinition.ConnectInputs(circuit.inputs)
10:  voterDefinition.ConnectInputs(subcktDefinition1.outputs, subcktDefinition2.outputs, subcktDefinition3.outputs)
11:  voterDefinition.ConnectOutputs(circuit.outputs)
12:  file.write(header)
13:  file.write(voterDefinition)
14:  file.write(subcktDefinition1)
15:  file.write(subcktDefinition2)
16:  file.write(subcktDefinition3)
17:  file.write(voter)
18:  file.write(circuit)
19: end procedure

```

This method operates on the **BLIF!** in a low level way, dealing manipulating the actual file contents, rather than operating on an abstract circuit representation, as we transform a flat circuit, into a heirarchical circuit, in which our original flat circuit remains untouched but we insert voting and similar logic around it. We read in our partition circuit and voter circuit. We now create three partition subcircuit and one voter subcircuit definitions. We match up our signal names between them appropriately, and then write out our subcircuit definitions, followed by our partition and voter subcircuits.

This transforms a file from format:

```
1 .name partition
2 .inputs ...
3 contents
```

Into one in format:

```
1 .name TMR
2 .inputs ...
3 .subckt partition
4 .subckt partition
5 .subckt partition
6 .subckt voter
7 .end
8
9 .name voter
10 ...
11 .end
12 .name partition
13 ...
14 .end
```

3.2 BlifJoin

Given a list of blif files, concatenates them all together, creates subcircuit definitions to connect them all together, and writes them to a file

3.3 Flatten

Algorithm 17 Flatten

Variable	Type	Description
<i>file</i>	file	File to flatten

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1: procedure FLATTEN(file)                                ▷ Flattening is currently performed by abc (link), called with
   parameters:
2:   ./abc -o output -c echo file ▷ Due to bug in abc, clock information is stripped from latches, so we
   then call grep and sed to fix the output file
3:   latch ← split(grep -m 1 'latch' file)
4:   if latch then
5:     sed -ri 's/(\.latch.+)(2)/\1 '+latch[3] + ' ' + latch[4] + ' 2/' output
6:   end if
7: end procedure
```

BEGIN Flatten(file) END Flatten(file) ./abc is provided an input file, given the command to echo the current file, and told to output everything to output grep is called to search for latches, and return

the latch information if there is one. If there is, replace the faulty latch information with the correct information. This assumes that there is only one global clock, all latches are triggered on the same signal (e.g. rising edge, falling etc), and all latches have initial state don't care, which holds true for all provided benchmarks.