

# 【CA】 Day5

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## 【Ch2】 Boolean Arithmetic

### 2.1 Background

In general, let  $x = x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_0$  be a string of digits. The value of  $x$  in base  $b$ , denoted  $(x)_b$  is defined as follows:

$$(x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_0)_b = \sum_{i=0}^n x_i \cdot b^i$$

- The system can code a total of  $2^n$  signed numbers, of which the maximal and minimal numbers are  $2^{n-1} - 1$  and  $-2^{n-1}$ , respectively

### 2.2 Specification

#### 2.5.1 Adders

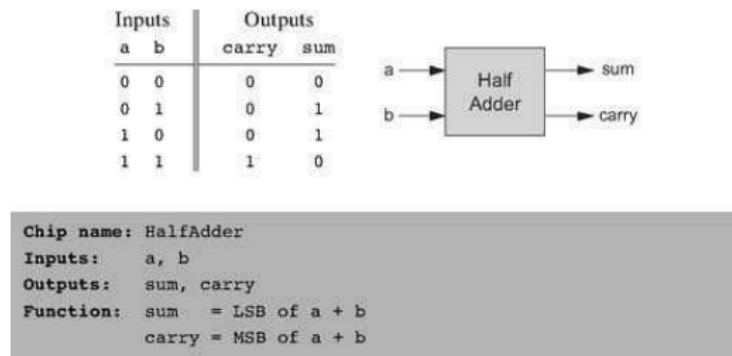
We'll focus on the following hierarchy of adders:

- **Half-adder**: designed to add two bits
- **Full-adder**: designed to add three bits
- **Adder**: designed to add two  $n$ -bit numbers

We will also specify a special-purpose adder, called an **incrementer**, designed to add 1 to a given number.

## Half-adder

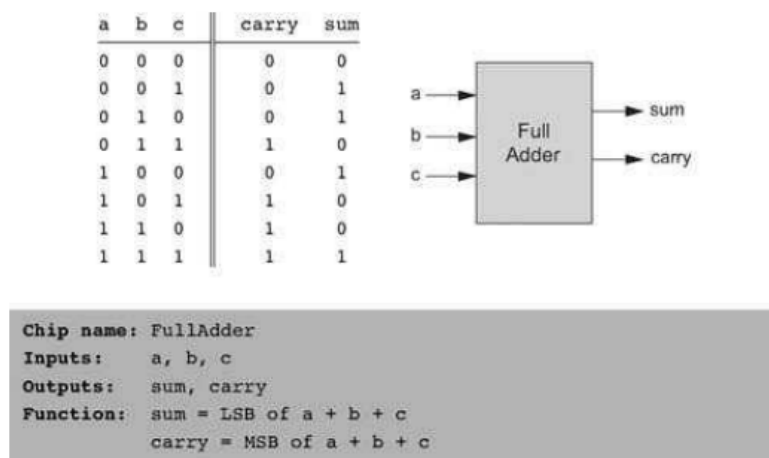
The first step on our way to adding binary numbers is to be able to add two bits. Let us call the least significant bit **sum**, and the most significant bit **carry**.



**Figure 2.2** Half-adder, designed to add 2 bits.

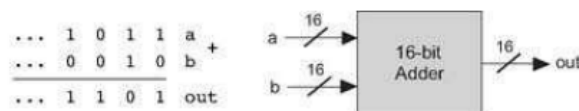
## Full-Adder

Now that we know how to add two bits, the following figure presents a full-adder chip, designed to add three bits. The full-adder chip also provides the carry bit and the sum bit.



## Adder

Memory and register chips represent integer number by  $n$ -bit patterns,  $n$  begin 16, 32, 64 and so forth-depending on the computer platform. The chip whose job is to add such numbers is called a multi-bit adder, or simply adder. The following figure presents a 16-bit adder.



```
Chip name: Add16
Inputs:   a[16], b[16]
Outputs:  out[16]
Function: out = a + b
Comment:  Integer 2's complement addition.
          Overflow is neither detected nor handled.
```

**Figure 2.4** 16-bit adder. Addition of two  $n$ -bit binary numbers for any  $n$  is “more of the same.”

## Incrementer

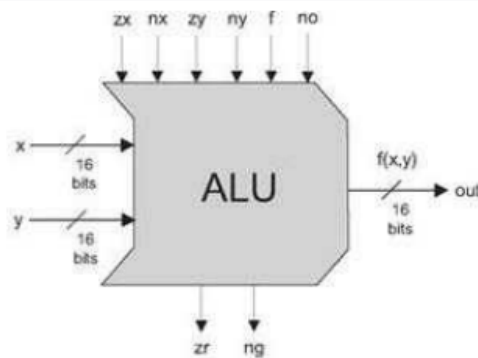
It is convenient to have a special-purpose chip dedicated to adding the constant 1 to a given number. Here is the specification of a 16-bit incrementer:

```
Chip name: Inc16
Inputs:   in[16]
Outputs:  out[16]
Function: out=in+1
Comment:  Integer 2's complement addition.
          Overflow is neither detected nor handled.
```

## 2.2.2 The Arithmetic Logic Unit(ALU)

The Hack ALU computes a fixed set of functions  $out = f_i(x, y)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are the chip's two 16-bit inputs,  $out$  is the chip's 16-bit output, and  $f_i$  is an arithmetic or logical function selected from a fixed repertoire of eighteen possible functions.

We instruct the ALU which function to compute by setting six input bits, called control bits, to selected binary values. The exact input-output specification is given in the following figure.



```
Chip name: ALU
Inputs:  x[16], y[16],      // Two 16-bit data inputs
         zx,               // Zero the x input
         nx,               // Negate the x input
         zy,               // Zero the y input
         ny,               // Negate the y input
         f,                // Function code: 1 for Add, 0 for And
         no                // Negate the out output
Outputs: out[16],          // 16-bit output
         zr,               // True iff out=0
         ng                // True iff out<0
Function:
if zx then x = 0           // 16-bit zero constant
if nx then x = !x         // Bit-wise negation
if zy then y = 0           // 16-bit zero constant
if ny then y = !y         // Bit-wise negation
if f then out = x + y      // Integer 2's complement addition
    else out = x & y       // Bit-wise And
if no then out = !out      // Bit-wise negation
if out=0 then zr = 1 else zr = 0 // 16-bit eq. comparison
if out<0 then ng = 1 else ng = 0 // 16-bit neg. comparison
Comment:  Overflow is neither detected nor handled.
```

Note that each one of the six control bits instructs the ALU to carry out a certain elementary operation.

Since the overall operation is driven by six control bits, the ALU can potentially compute  $2^6 = 64$  different functions. Eighteen of these functions are documented in the figure below.

These bits instruct how to preset the x input		These bits instruct how to preset the y input		This bit selects between + / And	This bit inst. how to postset out	Resulting ALU output
zx	nx	zy	ny	f	no	out=
if zx then x=0	if nx then x=!x	if zy then y=0	if ny then y=!y	if f then out=x+y else out=x&y	if no then out=!out	f(x,y)=
1	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	0	-1
0	0	1	1	0	0	x
1	1	0	0	0	0	y
0	0	1	1	0	1	!x
1	1	0	0	0	1	!y
0	0	1	1	1	1	-x
1	1	0	0	1	1	-y
0	1	1	1	1	1	x+1
1	1	0	1	1	1	y+1
0	0	1	1	1	0	x-1
1	1	0	0	1	0	y-1
0	0	0	0	1	0	x+y
0	1	0	0	1	1	x-y
0	0	0	1	1	1	y-x
0	0	0	0	0	0	x&y
0	1	0	1	0	1	x y

**Figure 2.6** The ALU truth table. Taken together, the binary operations coded by the first six columns effect the function listed in the right column (we use the symbols !, &, and | to represent the operators Not, And, and Or, respectively, performed bit-wise). The complete ALU truth table consists of sixty-four rows, of which only the eighteen presented here are of interest.