Chisel: Control Flow & **Combinational Circuits**



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Encoder Decoder Block Diagram

Illustration of when and switch using encoder and decoder modules



Figure: Encoder (4 to 2) and decoder (2 to 4).



Chisel: when Syntax

```
when(/* condition for when */){
    /* do this if the condition for when is true */
}
.elsewhen(/* condition for elsewhen */){
    /* do this if the when is false and
    condition for .elsewhen is true. */
}
.otherwise{
    /* do this as a default condition, .otherwise
    do not require a condition as it is the default
    when no previous condition is met. */
}
```



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Implementing 4 to 2 Encoder with when

```
class EncoderIO extends Bundle {
   val in = Input(UInt(4.W))
   val out = Output(UInt(2.W))
class Encoder4to2 extends Module {
   val io = IO(new EncoderIO)
   when (io.in === "b0001".U) {
       io.out := "b00".U
   } .elsewhen(io.in === "b0010".U) {
       io.out := "b01".U
   } .elsewhen(io.in === "b0100".U) {
       io.out := "b10".U
     .otherwise {
       io.out := "b11".U
```



Chisel: switch Syntax

```
switch (state) {
   is(state1){
      // logic implementation which runs when state ===
      state1
}
is(state2){
      // logic implementation which runs when state ===
      state1
}
// what about the default state
}
```



Chisel: switch

```
class DecoderIO extends Bundle {
    val in = Input(UInt(2.W))
    val out = Output(UInt(4.W))
}
class Decoder2to4 extends Module {
    val io = IO(new DecoderIO)
    io.out := 0.U
    switch (io.in) {
         is ("b00".U) {
             io.out := "b0001".U
         is ("b01".U) {
             io.out := "b0010".U
         is ("b10".U) {
             io.out := "b0100".U
         is ("b11".U) {
             io.out := "b1000".U
         }
```

ALU Module

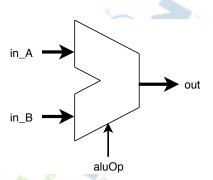


Figure: ALU block diagram representation.



ALU Operations

Define ALU operations using Scala object

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```
object ALUOP {
   // ALU Operations, may expand/modify in future
   val ALU_ADD
                  = 0.U(4.W)
   val ALU SUB = 1.U(4.W)
   val ALU_AND = 2.U(4.W)
                  = 3.U(4.W)
   val ALU OR
   val ALU_XOR = 4.U(4.W)
   val ALU_SLT = 5.U(4.W)
   val ALU SLL
                  = 6.U(4.W)
   val ALU_SLTU
                  = 7.U(4.W)
                  = 8.U(4.W)
   val ALU_SRL
   val ALU SRA
                  = 9.U(4.W)
   val ALU_COPY_A = 10.U(4.W)
   val ALU COPY B = 11.U(4.W)
   val ALU XXX
                  = 15.U(4.W)
```

Listing 1: ALU operations. 4日 × 4周 × 4 至 × 4 至 × 至



ALU Implementation: MuxLookup

```
import ALUOP._
trait Config {
   // global config parameters
   val WLEN
                        = 32
   val XLEN
                        = 32
   val ALUOP_SIG_LEN = 4 // control signal's width
class AluIO extends Bundle with Config {
   val in_A = Input(UInt(WLEN.W))
   val in_B = Input(UInt(WLEN.W))
   val alu_Op = Input(UInt(ALUOP_SIG_LEN.W))
                 = Output(UInt(WLEN.W))
   val out
```



ALU Implementation: MuxLookup Cont'd

```
class Alu_Lookup extends Module with Config {
   val io = IO(new AluIO)
   val shamt = io.in_B(4,0).asUInt
   io.out := MuxLookup(io.alu_Op, io.in_B, Seq(
   ALU_ADD -> (io.in_A + io.in_B),
   ALU SUB -> (io.in A - io.in B).
   ALU_SRA -> (io.in_A .asSInt >> shamt).asUInt,
   ALU_SRL -> (io.in_A >> shamt),
   ALU SLL -> (io.in A << shamt).
   ALU_SLT -> (io.in_A .asSInt < io.in_B.asSInt),
   ALU_SLTU -> (io.in_A < io.in_B),
   ALU_AND -> (io.in_A & io.in_B),
   ALU_OR -> (io.in_A | io.in_B),
   ALU XOR -> (io.in A ^ io.in B).
   ALU_COPY_A -> io.in_A ))
```



ALU Implementation: Optimized

```
class ALU extends Module with Config {
 val io = IO(new AluIO)
 val sum = io.in_A + Mux(io.alu_0p(0), -io.in_B, io.in_B)
 val cmp = Mux(io.in A (XLEN-1) === io.in B(XLEN-1), sum(XLEN-1),
              Mux(io.alu_Op(1), io.in_B(XLEN-1), io.in_A(XLEN-1)))
 val shamt = io.in B(4,0).asUInt
 val shin = Mux(io.alu_Op(3), io.in_A, Reverse(io.in_A))
 val shiftr = (Cat(io.alu_Op(0) && shin(XLEN-1), shin).asSInt >>
      shamt) (XLEN-1, 0)
 val shiftl = Reverse(shiftr)
  val out =
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_ADD.U || io.alu_Op === ALU_SUB.U, sum,
   Mux(io.alu Op === ALU SLT.U || io.alu Op === ALU SLTU.U, cmp,
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_SRA.U || io.alu_Op === ALU_SRL.U, shiftr,
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_SLL.U, shiftl,
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_AND.U, (io.in_A & io.in_B),
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_OR.U, (io.in_A | io.in_B),
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_XOR.U, (io.in_A ^ io.in_B),
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_COPY_A.U, io.in_A,
   Mux(io.alu_Op === ALU_COPY_A.U, io.in_B, O.U)))))))
  io.out := out
```



Comparing ALU Implementations

Table: ALU resource usage comparison for different implementations.

Parameter	MuxLookUp Based	Optimized
Slice LUTs as Logic	440	230
F7 Muxes	28	0
Bonded IOB Pads	132	132
Primitives, LUT2, LUT3, LUT4	52, 76, 75	2, 79, 3
Primitives, LUT5, LUT6	45, 252	53, 126
Primitives, CARRY4	32	8



Valid Interface

- A Bundle which adds valid bit to the data
- When valid data is put on data lines (bits) by the producer, it asserts valid bit
- Producer does not wait for the consumer



Figure: Valid signal for producer and consumer model.



Valid Interface Cont'd

- object Valid acts as factory to generate Valid interfaces
- Wraps the data by calling the companion object of class
 Valid



Ready Valid Interface

- A bundle providing valid and ready signals for handshaking
- Producer uses the interface as is
- The consumer uses flipped interface



Figure: Ready valid signaling for producer and consumer model.



Ready Valid Interface

- valid indicates that the producer has put valid data on data lines/bits
- ready indicates that the consumer is ready to accept the data this cycle
- No signaling requirements are imposed on ready and valid

```
class ReadyValidIO[T <: Data](gen: T) extends Bundle {
   val ready = Input(Bool())
   val valid = Output(Bool())
   val bits = Output(gen)
}</pre>
```



Decoupled IO and Decoupled

DecoupledIO is a subclass of ReadyValidIO signaling

```
// DecoupledIO class definition class DecoupledIO[+T <: Data] extends ReadyValidIO[T]
```

- The object Decoupled wraps/adds a ready-valid handshaking protocol to the data bundle
- The apply method of Decoupled adds the handshaking protocol using the DecoupledIO



Reading List

- Read the relevant sections from Chapters 2 and 4 of [Schoeberl, 2019]
- Also consult the [chisel3, 2020] for further details
- For type parameters and associated variance read Sections 19.3 to 19.6 of [Odersky et al., 2016]



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