

EXERCISE 2

DESIGN AND SIMULATION OF LOOP-BASED COMBINATIONAL LOGIC

In a competition consisting on an individual match between two contestants, A and B, three judges give 0 or 1 points to each of the contestants and a combinational system computes the winner. The score given by each of the judges can be one of four:

Table 1: Each judge votes for none, A, B, or both

| Judge Votes | Description |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 00 | No decision |
| 01 | 1 point for A |
| 10 | 1 point for B |
| 11 | 1 point for both A and B |

The result is given by the combinational system in a form of 4 possible outcomes:

Table 2: Winner output

| Winner | Description |
|--------|--|
| 00 | All judges gave 0 points to both A and B |
| 01 | A is the winner. A has more points than B. |
| 10 | B is the winner. B has more points than A. |
| 11 | Tie. A and B have equal number of points. |

The votes from each of the judges are combined into two vectors, one containing the votes for contestant A and one for contestant B.

Table 3 includes a few examples. The first three columns include the vote of each of the three judges. The middle two columns show the two vectors containing the votes for contestants A and B, respectively, and the last column is the match winner.

Table 3: Examples

| Judge 1 | Judge 2 | Judge 3 | Votes A | Votes B | Winner |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 00 | 00 | 00 | 000 | 000 | 00 |
| 01 | 00 | 00 | 100 | 000 | 01 |
| 11 | 10 | 01 | 101 | 110 | 11 |
| 11 | 11 | 11 | 111 | 111 | 11 |
| 10 | 10 | 10 | 000 | 111 | 10 |

Part 1: Design a combinational vote calculator

Design entity tally takes the two vectors as inputs and computes the two-bit output named winner. Given the following entity declaration for tally:

```
entity tally is
    port (
        scoresA, scoresB : in  std_logic_vector(2 downto 0);
        winner           : out std_logic_vector(1 downto 0)
    );
end entity;
```

Write an architecture named loopy that computes the output winner. The computation to determine the winner must be performed using a loop statement. Use type integers in the intermediate computations for the final output value.

Part 2: Simulation and Verification

Write a testbench that provides exhaustive verification of the tally scoring system. The testbench must use a *loop* to generate *all possible input combinations*. **You should use *different methods to calculate/obtain the winner in the module architecture and the testbench*.** You can use, for example, table method as in the first exercise; array that contains the correct number of votes according to an input vector (array of integers). An input vector can be used as an index number; or some other method, you name it.

A function must be used to calculate the expected result for the tally. In other words, a function can only calculate the expected value or calculate the expected value and verify the correctness of the tally. For example, a function can be used in an assert statement as follows:

```
assert( winner = result(scoresA, scoresB) )
```

where *result* is the name of the function, *scoresA* and *scoresB* are the input vectors to the tally, and *winner* the result calculated by your design. You may also do the comparison inside the body of the function:

```
assert result(scoresA, scoresB, winner)
```