

Computer Organization and Architecture

CHAPTER 4

Combinational Logic Design

Agenda

Encoder

Decoder

Multiplexer

Demultiplexer

Introduction

In a digital system, discrete quantities of information are represented with binary codes. Binary code of N digits can be used to store 2^N distinct elements of coded information.

This is what encoders and decoders are used for. **Encoders** convert 2^N lines of input into a code of N bits and **Decoders** decode the N bits into 2^N lines.

A binary code of n bits can represent up to 2^n distinct elements of the coded information.

Encoder and Decoder

Encoder

An Encoder is a **combinational circuit** that performs the reverse operation of Decoder.

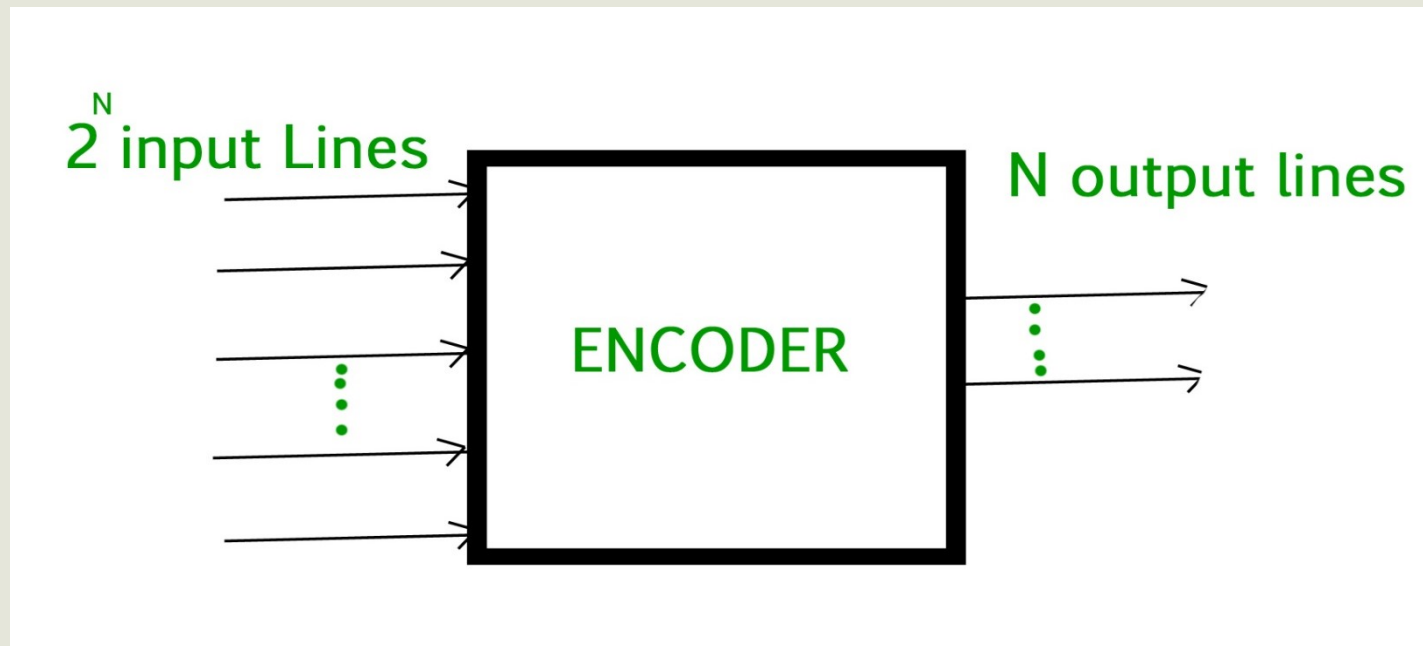
It has maximum of **2^n input lines** and **'n' output lines**, hence encodes the information from 2^n inputs into an n-bit code.

It will produce a binary code equivalent to the input. Therefore, the encoder encodes 2^n input lines with 'n' bits.

The encoders and decoders play an essential role in digital electronics projects; encoders & decoders are used to convert data from one form to another form.

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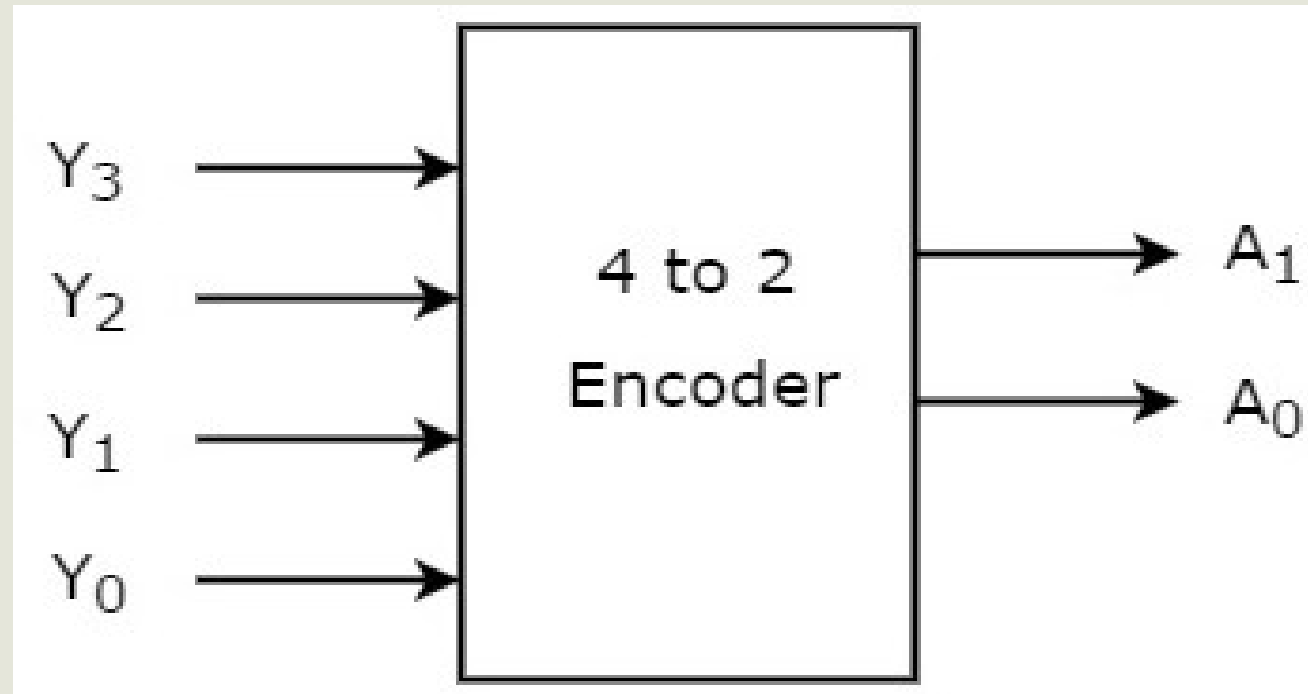
These are frequently used in communication system such as telecommunication, networking, etc. to transfer data from one end to the other end.



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4 to 2 Encoder

A 4 to 2 Encoder has four inputs Y_3 , Y_2 , Y_1 & Y_0 and two outputs A_1 and A_0 . The **block diagram** of 4 to 2 Encoder is shown in the following figure.



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At any time, only one of these 4 inputs can be '1' in order to produce the respective binary code at the output. The **Truth table** of 4-to-2 encoder is shown below.

Inputs				Outputs	
Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0	A_1	A_0
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	1

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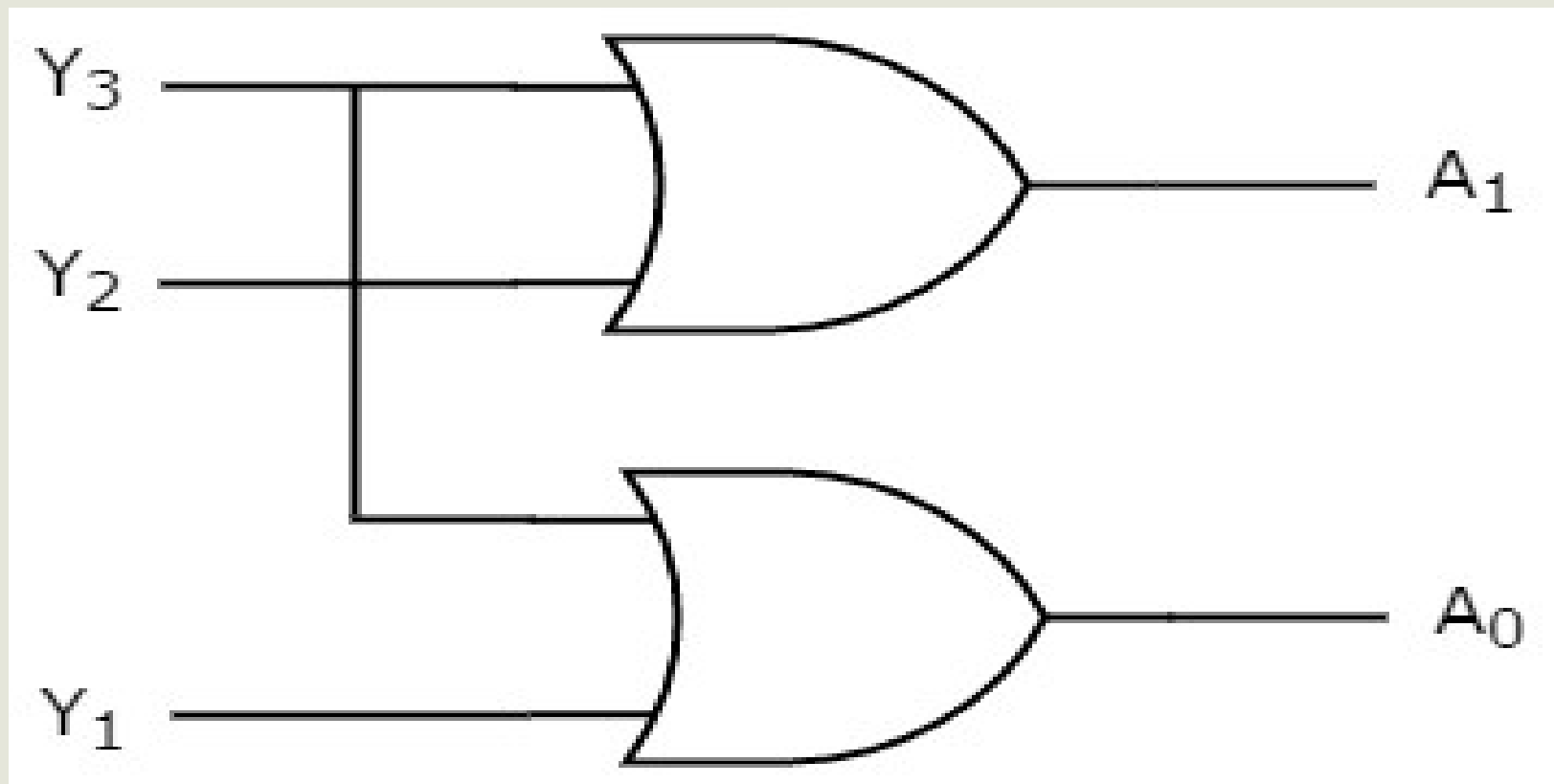
From Truth table, we can write the **Boolean functions** for each output as

$$A_1 = Y_3 + Y_2$$

$$A_0 = Y_3 + Y_1$$

We can implement the above two Boolean functions by using two input OR gates. The **circuit diagram** of 4 to 2 encoder is shown in the following figure.

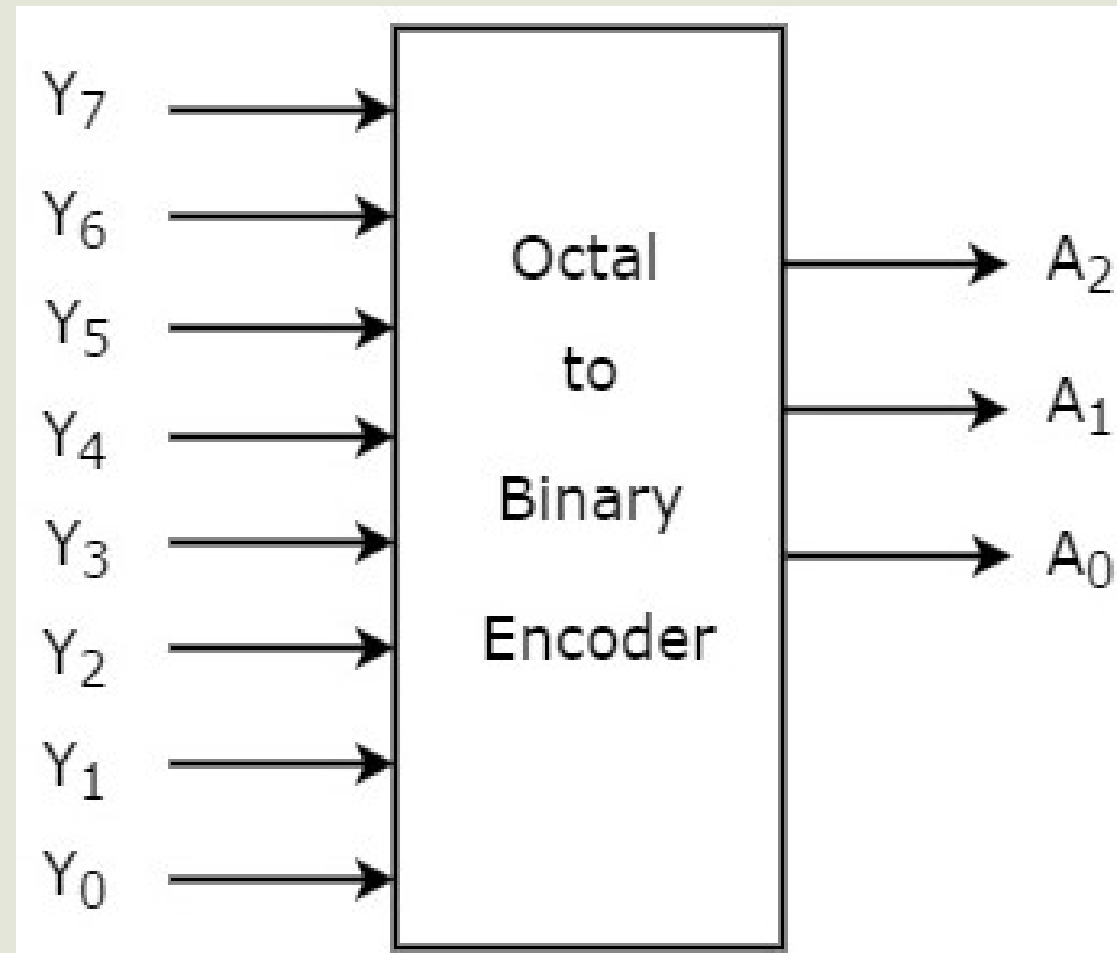
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Octal to Binary Encoder

Octal to binary Encoder has eight inputs, Y_7 to Y_0 and three outputs A_2 , A_1 & A_0 . Octal to binary encoder is nothing but 8 to 3 encoder. The **block diagram** of octal to binary Encoder is shown in the following figure.



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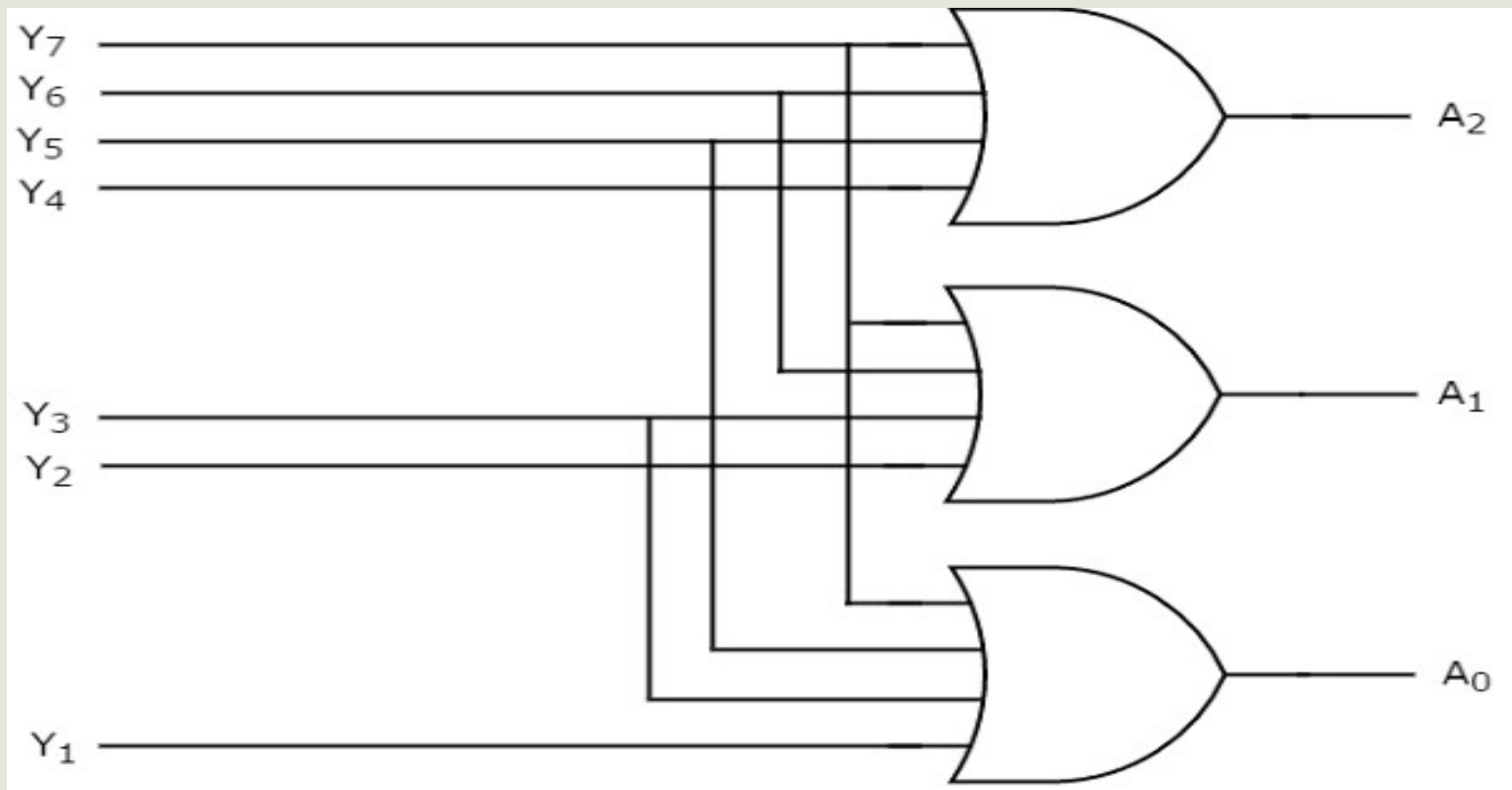
From Truth table, we can write the **Boolean functions** for each output as

$$A_2 = Y_7 + Y_6 + Y_5 + Y_4$$

$$A_1 = Y_7 + Y_6 + Y_3 + Y_2$$

$$A_0 = Y_7 + Y_5 + Y_3 + Y_1$$

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Drawbacks of Encoder

There is an ambiguity, when all outputs of encoder are equal to zero. Because it could be the code corresponding to the inputs, when only least significant input is one or when all inputs are zero.

If more than one input is active High, then the encoder produces an output, which may not be the correct code.

For **example**, if both Y_3 and Y_6 are '1', then the encoder produces 111 at the output. This is neither equivalent code corresponding to Y_3 , when it is '1' nor the equivalent code corresponding to Y_6 , when it is '1'.

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So, to overcome these difficulties, we should assign priorities to each input of encoder.

Then, the output of encoder will be the (binary) code corresponding to the active High input(s), which has high priority.

This encoder is called as **priority encoder**.

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Priority Encoder

A 4 to 2 priority encoder has four inputs Y_3, Y_2, Y_1 & Y_0 and two outputs A_1 & A_0 . Here, the input, Y_3 has the highest priority, whereas the input, Y_0 has the lowest priority.

In this case, even if more than one input is '1' at the same time, the output will be the (binary) code corresponding to the input, which is having **higher priority**.

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We considered one more **output**, **V** in order to know, whether the code available at outputs is valid or not.

- If at least one input of the encoder is '1', then the code available at outputs is a valid one. In this case, the output, V will be equal to 1.
- If all the inputs of encoder are '0', then the code available at outputs is not a valid one. In this case, the output, V will be equal to 0.

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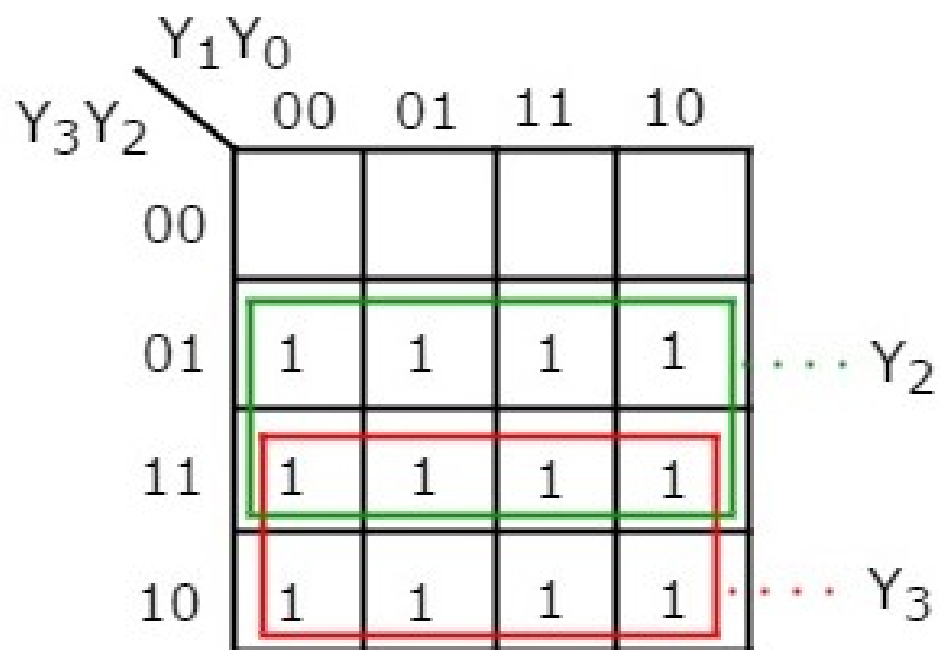
Truth table of 4 to 2 priority encoder is shown below.

Inputs				Outputs		
Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0	A_1	A_0	V
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	x	0	1	1
0	1	x	x	1	0	1
1	x	x	x	1	1	1

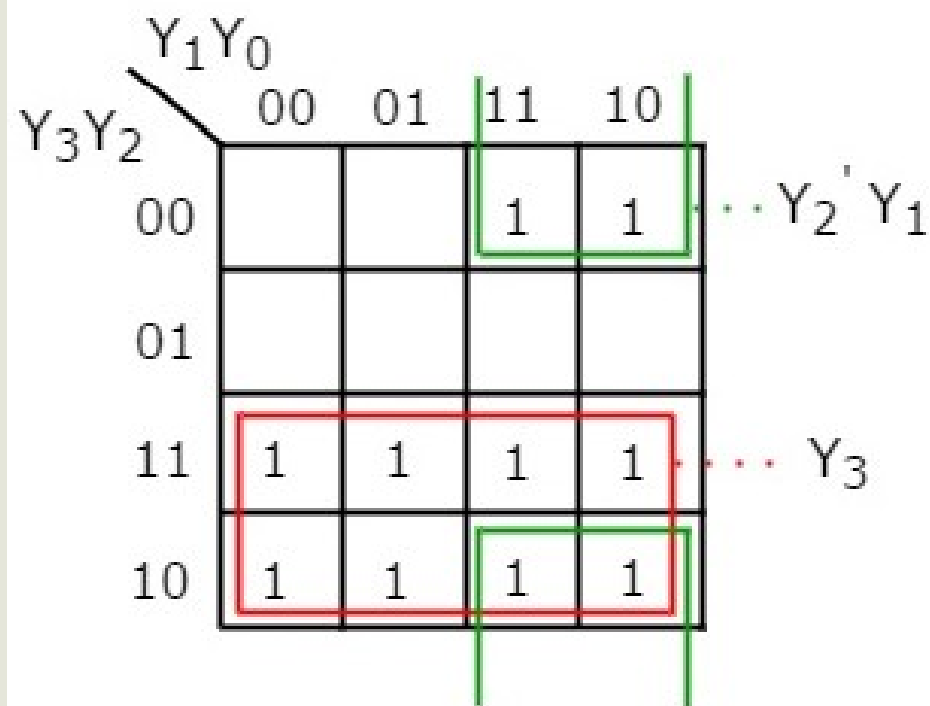
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4 variable K-maps for getting simplified expressions for each output.

K-Map for A_1



K-Map for A_0



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The simplified **Boolean functions** are

$$A_1 = Y_3 + Y_2$$

$$A_0 = Y_3 + Y_2'Y_1$$

Similarly, we will get the Boolean function of output, V as

$$V = Y_3 + Y_2 + Y_1 + Y_0$$