

FIGURE B.6.1 A plumbing analogy for carry lookahead for 1 bit, 2 bits, and 4 bits using water pipes and valves. The wrenches are turned to open and close valves. Water is shown in color. The output of the pipe (c i + 1) will be full if either the nearest generate value (gi) is turned on or if the i propagate value (pi) is on and there is water further upstream, either from an earlier generate or a propagate with water behind it. Carryln (c0) can result in a carry out without the help of any generates, but with the help of all propagates.