

# EN1014 Electronic Engineering

## Combinational Logic Building Blocks

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- They are also used as **standard cells** in complex very large-scale integration (VLSI) circuits.

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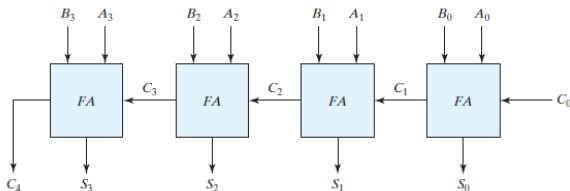
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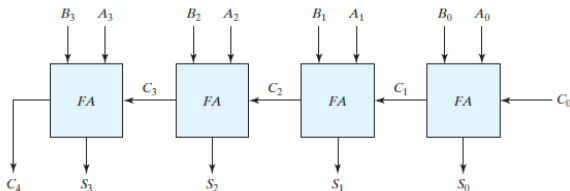
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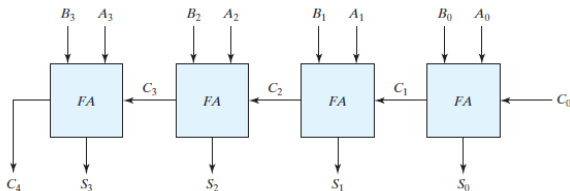


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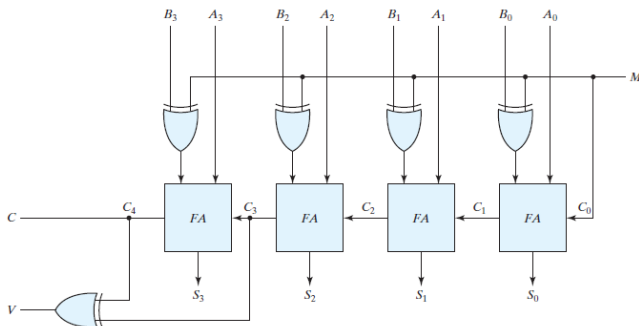


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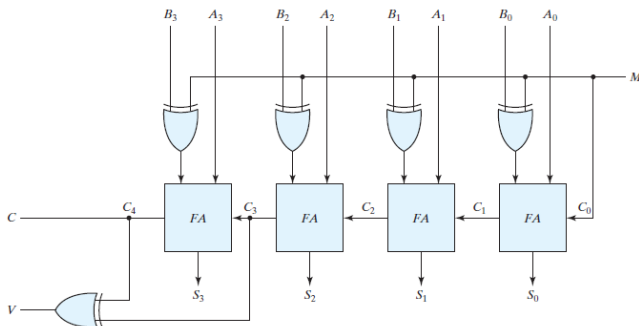


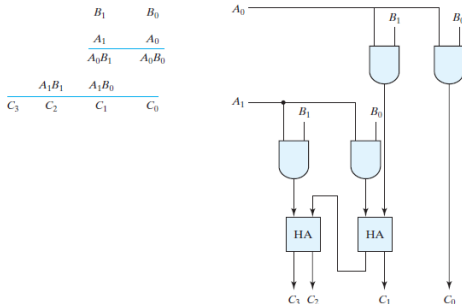
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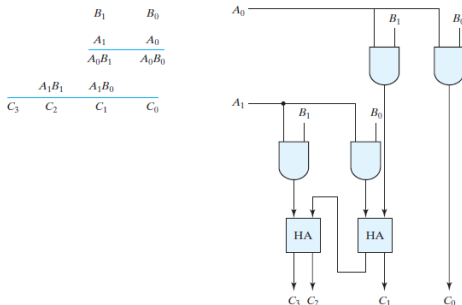


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- Home work:
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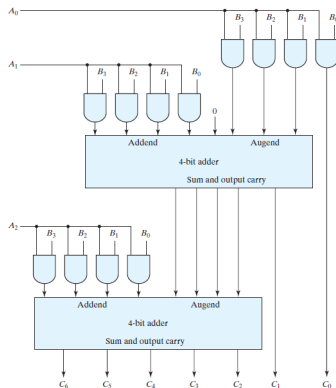


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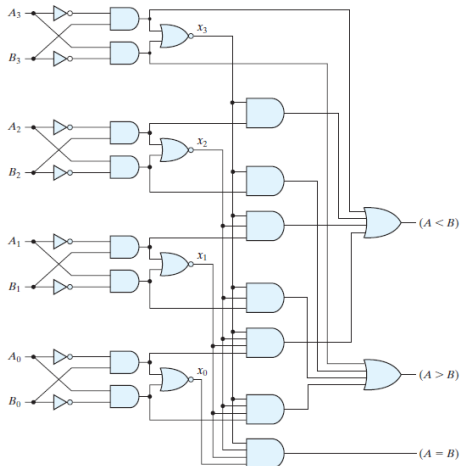
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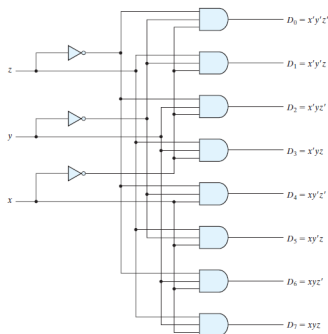


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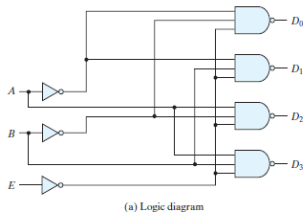
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(b) Truth table

**FIGURE 4.19**  
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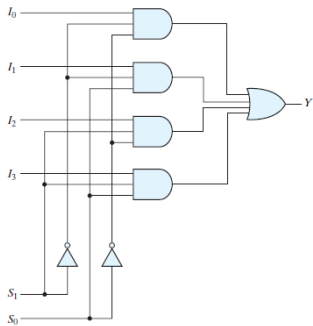


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(a) Logic diagram

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(b) Function table

**FIGURE 4.25**  
Four-to-one-line multiplexer

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