

# Boolean Algebra

- Developed by George Boole in the 1850s
- Mathematical theory of logic
- Shannon was the first to use Boolean Algebra to solve problems in electronic circuit design. (1938)

## Variables & Operations

- All variables have the values 1 or 0
  - we often call these values TRUE or FALSE
- Three operators:
  - OR written as +, as in A+B
  - $\blacksquare$  AND written as  $\bullet$ , as in  $A \cdot B$
  - ullet NOT written as an overline, as in  $\overline{A}$

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#### Operators: OR

- The result of the OR operator is 1 if either of the operands is a 1
- The only time the result of an OR is 0 is when both operands are 0s
- OR is similar to addition, but operates only on binary values

#### Operators: AND

- The result of an AND is a 1 only when both operands are 1s
- If either operand is a 0, the result is 0
- AND is similar to multiplication, but operates on binary values.

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# Operators: NOT

- NOT is a unary operator it operates on only one operand
- NOT negates its operand
- If the operand is a 1, the result of the NOT is a 0

## Equations

Boolean algebra uses equations to express relationships. For example:

$$X = A \cdot (\overline{B} + C)$$

This equation expressed a relationship between the value of  $\boldsymbol{X}$  and the values of  $\boldsymbol{A}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{B}$  and  $\boldsymbol{C}$ .

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# Examples

What is the value of each X:

$$X_1 = 1 \cdot (0+1)$$

$$X_2 = A + \overline{A}$$

$$X_3 = A \cdot \overline{A}$$

$$X_4 = X_4 + 1 \leftarrow \text{huh?}$$

# Laws of Boolean Algebra

Just like in traditional algebra, Boolean Algebra has postulates and identities

We can often use these laws to reduce expressions or put expressions in to a more desirable form

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#### Basic Postulates of Boolean Algebra

Using just the basic postulates everything else can be derived:

Commutative laws
Distributive laws
Identity
Inverse

# **Identity Laws**

$$A + 0 = A$$

$$A \cdot 1 = A$$

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#### Inverse Laws

$$A + \overline{A} = 1$$

$$A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$$

#### Commutative Laws

$$A + B = B + A$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

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# Distributive Laws

$$A + (B \cdot C) = (A + B) \cdot (A + C)$$

$$A \cdot (B+C) = (A \cdot B) + (A \cdot C)$$

#### Other Identities

Can be derived from the basic postulates.

Laws of Ones and Zeros

**Associative Laws** 

DeMorgan's Theorems

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## Zero and One Laws

$$A+1=1$$
 Law of Ones

$$A \cdot 0 = 0$$
 Law of Zeros

#### Associative Laws

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$$

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

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# DeMorgan's Theorems

$$\overline{A+B} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cdot B} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$$

## Pop Quiz

- What does  $A + \overline{(A + B)} + A$  simplify to? Hint: start with the highlighted part
- $\blacksquare \ \mathsf{B} \colon \qquad A \cdot \bar{B}$
- $\boldsymbol{C}$ :  $\bar{A} \cdot B$
- D:  $ar{A} \cdot ar{B}$

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## Solution

$$F(a,b) = A + \overline{(A+B)} + A$$
 DeMorgan's

$$=\overline{\overline{A+(\overline{A}\cdot\overline{B})}}+A$$
 DeMorgan's

$$=\overline{A}\cdot\overline{(\overline{A}\cdot\overline{B})}+A$$
 DeMorgan's

$$=\overline{A}\cdot(A+B)+A$$
 Write as f<sub>AB</sub> + A, parentheses important!

$$=\overline{(\bar{A}\cdot(A+B))+A}$$
 DeMorgan's

$$=\overline{\left( ar{A}\cdot (A+B)
ight) \cdot ar{A}}$$
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# Solution (continued)

$$F(a,b) = \overline{\left( \overline{A} \cdot (A+B) \right)} \cdot \overline{A}$$
 DeMorgan's 
$$= (A + (\overline{A+B})) \cdot \overline{A}$$
 DeMorgan's 
$$= (A + (\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B})) \cdot \overline{A}$$
 Distributive 
$$= (A \cdot \overline{A}) + ((\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) \cdot \overline{A})$$
 Inverse 
$$= 0 + ((\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) \cdot \overline{A})$$
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# Solution (continued!)

$$F(a,b) = \mathbf{0} + ((\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) \cdot \overline{A}) \qquad \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$$

$$= (\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) \cdot \overline{A} \qquad \text{Commutative}$$

$$= (\overline{B} \cdot \overline{A}) \cdot \overline{A} \qquad \text{Associative}$$

$$= \overline{B} \cdot (\overline{A} \cdot \overline{A}) \qquad \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}$$

$$= \overline{B} \cdot \overline{A}$$

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## Other Operators

- Boolean Algebra is defined over the three operators AND, OR and NOT
  - this is a functionally complete set
- There are other useful operators:
  - NOR: is a 0 if either operand is a 1
  - NAND: is a 0 only if both operands are 1
  - XOR: is a 1 if the operands are different
- NOTE: NOR or NAND is (by itself) a functionally complete set!

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#### **Boolean Functions**

- Boolean functions are functions that operate on a number of Boolean variables
- The result of a Boolean function is itself either a 0 or a 1
- Example: f(a,b) = a+b

# Alternative Representation

- We can define a Boolean function by showing it using algebraic operations
- We can also define a Boolean function by listing the value of the function for all possible inputs

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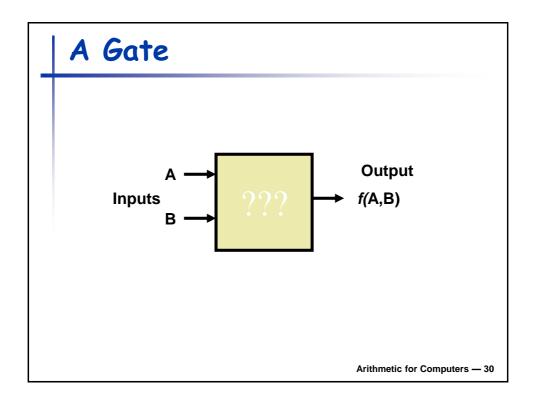
#### OR as a Boolean Function $f_{or}(a,b)=a+b$

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0	0	0	0	1	1	0				
0	1	1	0	0	1	1				
1	0	1	0	0	1	1				
1	1	1	1	0	0	0				
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	0	1	1	1	
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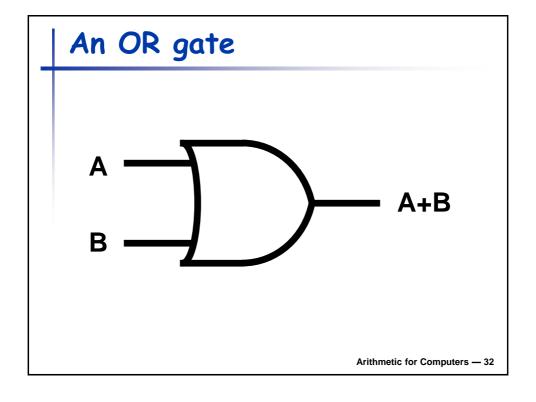
#### Gates

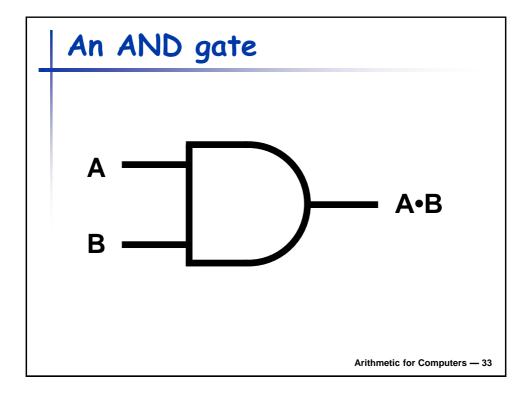
- Digital logic circuits are electronic circuits that are implementations of some Boolean function(s)
- A circuit is built up of gates, each gate implements some simple logic function

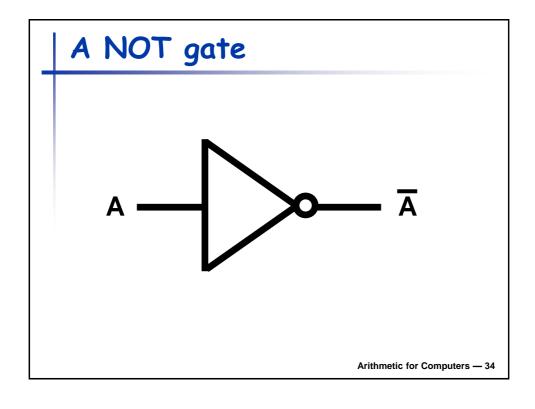


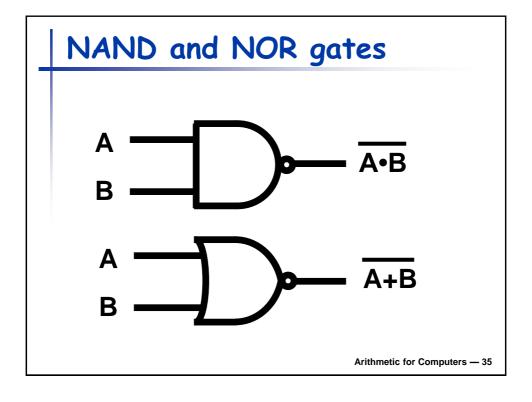
# Gates compute something!

- The output depends on the inputs
- If the input changes, the output might change
- If the inputs don't change the output does not change



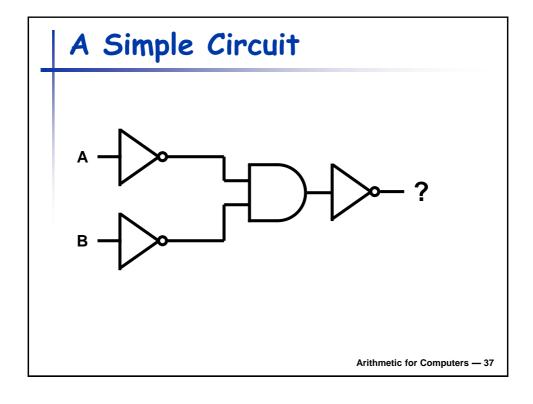


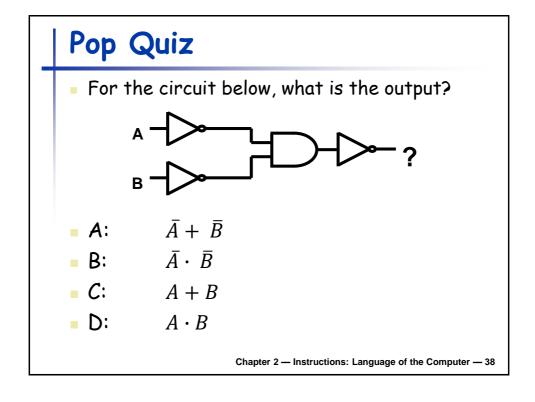




#### Combinational Circuits

- We can put gates together into circuits
  - output from some gates are inputs to others
- We can design a circuit that represents any Boolean function!





Truth	Table .	for our	circuit
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а	Ь	a	Б	<u>a·</u> b	$\overline{\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b}}$
0	0	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	1

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# Alternative Representations

Any of these can express a Boolean function. :

Boolean Equation
Circuit (Logic Diagram)
Truth Table

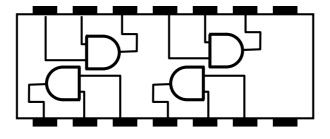
### **Implementation**

- A logic diagram is used to design an implementation of a function
- The implementation is the specific gates and the way they are connected
- We can buy a bunch of gates, put them together (along with a power source) and build a machine

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# Integrated Circuits

You can buy an AND gate chip:



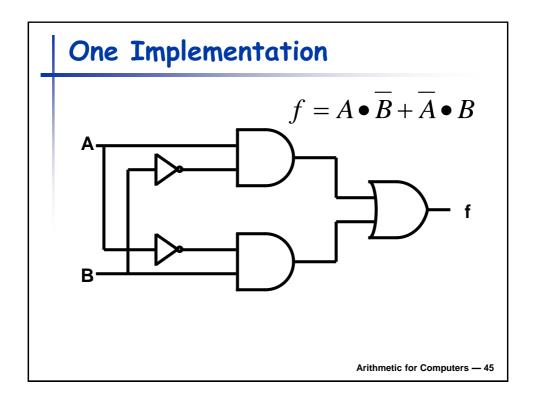
## Function Implementation

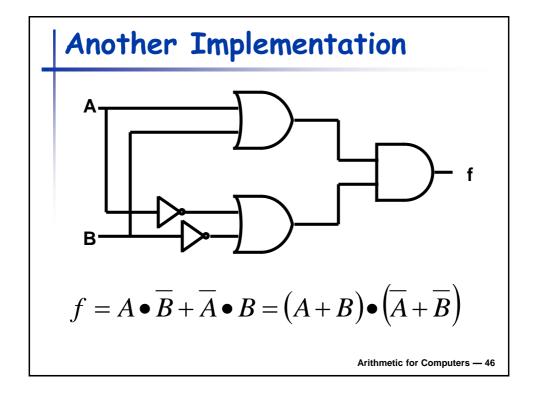
- Given a Boolean function expressed as a truth table or Boolean Equation, there are many possible implementations
- The actual implementation depends on what kind of gates are available
- In general we want to minimize the number of gates (why?)

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# Example: $f = A \bullet B + A \bullet B$

_/	4 B	$A \bullet \overline{B}$	$\overline{A} \bullet B$	f
	0	0	0	0
(	1	0	1	1
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1	L 1	0	0	0

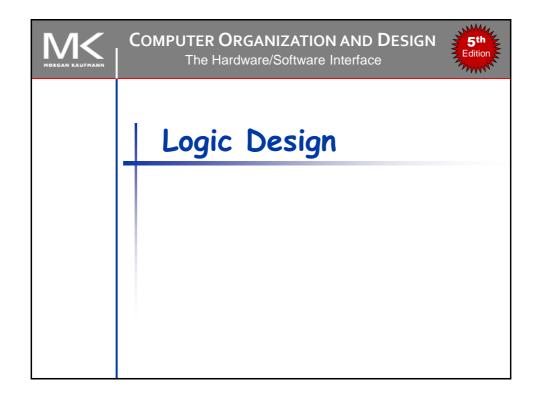




Prove it's the same function

$$A \bullet \overline{B} + \overline{A} \bullet B =$$

$$\overline{(A \bullet \overline{B})} \bullet \overline{(\overline{A} \bullet B)} =$$
DeMorgan's Laws
$$\overline{(\overline{A} + B)} \bullet \overline{(A + B)} \bullet \overline{(A + B)} =$$
Distributive
$$\overline{(\overline{A} + B)} \bullet A + \overline{(\overline{A} + B)} \bullet \overline{B} =$$
Distributive
$$\overline{(\overline{A} \bullet A + B \bullet A)} + \overline{(\overline{A} \bullet \overline{B} + B \bullet \overline{B})} =$$
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$$\overline{(\overline{A} \bullet A + B \bullet A)} + \overline{(\overline{A} \bullet \overline{B})} =$$
DeMorgan's Laws
$$\overline{(B \bullet A)} \bullet \overline{(\overline{A} \bullet \overline{B})} =$$
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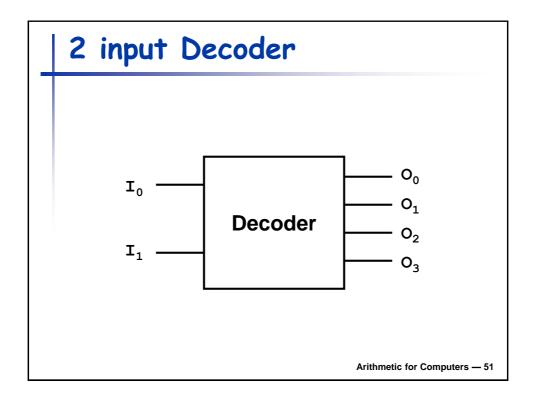
## Common Components

- There are many commonly used components in processor design.
- We will use these components when we design control systems (later).
- We will look at the functionality and design of some of these components now.

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#### Some commonly used components

- Decoders: n inputs, 2<sup>n</sup> outputs.
  - the inputs are used to select which output is turned on.
- Multiplexors: 2<sup>n</sup> inputs, n selection bits,
   1 output.
  - the selection bits determine which input will become the output.



	Decoder Truth Table									
	Io	I <sub>1</sub>	<b>O</b> <sub>0</sub>	01	02	03				
	0	0	1	0	0	0				
	0	1	0	1	0	0				
	1	0	0	0	1	0				
	1	1	0	0	0	1				
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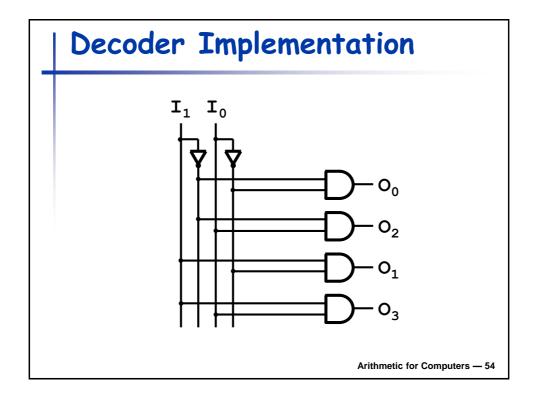
Decoder Boolean Expressions
$$O_0 = \overline{\mathbf{I}_0} \bullet \overline{\mathbf{I}_1}$$

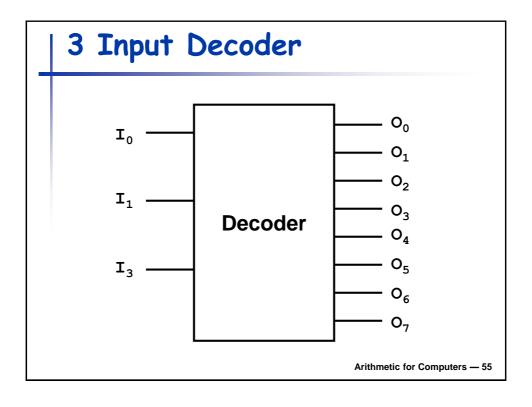
$$O_1 = \overline{\mathbf{I}_0} \bullet \overline{\mathbf{I}_1}$$

$$O_2 = \overline{\mathbf{I}_0} \bullet \overline{\mathbf{I}_1}$$

$$O_3 = \overline{\mathbf{I}_0} \bullet \overline{\mathbf{I}_1}$$

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	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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## 3-Decoder Boolean Expressions

$$O_0 = \overline{I_0} \bullet \overline{I_1} \bullet \overline{I_2}$$

$$O_1 = \overline{I_2} \bullet \overline{I_1} \bullet I_0$$

$$O_2 = \overline{I_2} \bullet I_1 \bullet \overline{I_0}$$

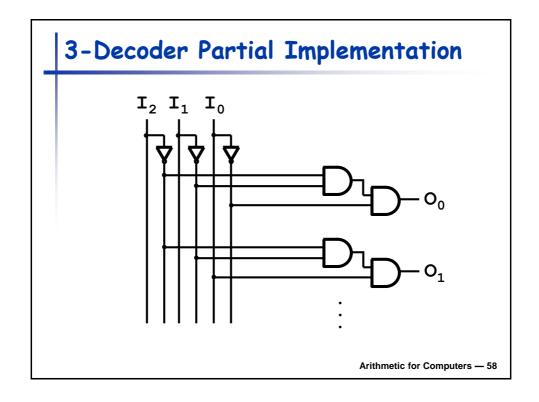
$$O_3 = \overline{I_2} \bullet I_1 \bullet I_0$$

$$O_4 = I_2 \bullet \overline{I_1} \bullet \overline{I_0}$$

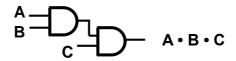
$$O_5 = I_2 \bullet \overline{I_1} \bullet \overline{I_0}$$

$$O_6 = I_2 \bullet I_1 \bullet \overline{I_0}$$

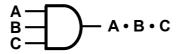
$$O_7 = I_2 \bullet I_1 \bullet I_0$$



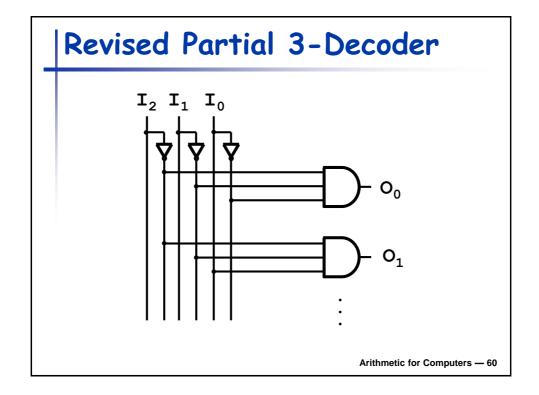
# A Useful Simplification

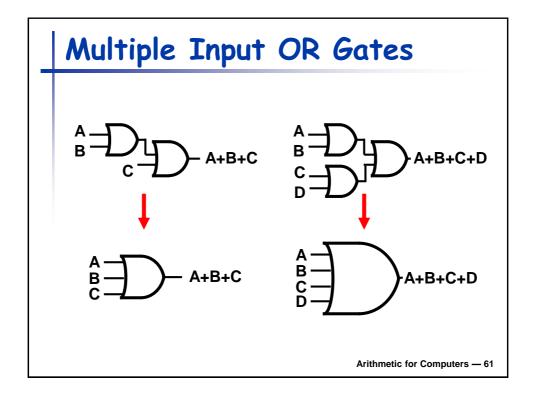


The above logic diagram is often abbreviated as shown below:



We can do this (without possible confusion) because of the associative property.





# Pop Quiz

- For the function  $f = I_1 \cdot I_2 \cdot ... \cdot I_{n-1} \cdot I_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$  what is the **minimum** number of layers of 2-input AND gates required?
- A: n
- B: 2<sup>n</sup>
- lacktriangle C:  $[log_2 n]$
- D: [log<sub>2</sub> n]

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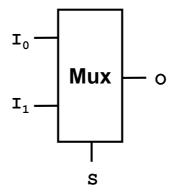
# 2 Input Multiplexor

Inputs:  $I_0$  and  $I_1$ 

Selector: s

Output: 0

If s is a 0:  $O=I_0$ If s is a 1:  $O=I_1$   $I_1$ 



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# 2-Mux Boolean Function

The output depends on  $I_0$  and  $I_1$ 

The output also depends on s !!!

We must treat s as an input

$$o = f(\mathbf{I}_0, \mathbf{I}_1, \mathbf{s})$$

## 2-Mux Truth Table

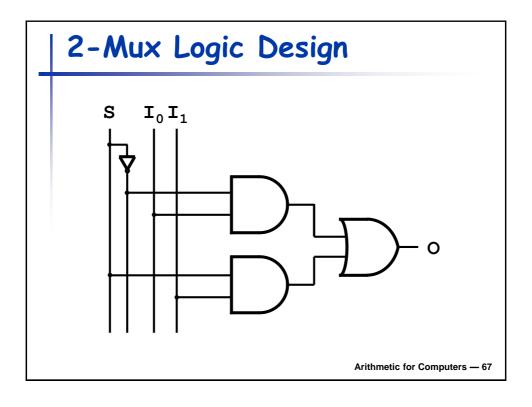
Abbreviated Truth Table  $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{O} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I_0} \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{I_1} \end{array}$ 

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# 2-Mux Boolean Expression

$$O = \left(\mathbf{I}_0 \bullet \overline{\mathbf{S}}\right) + \left(\mathbf{I}_1 \bullet \mathbf{S}\right)$$

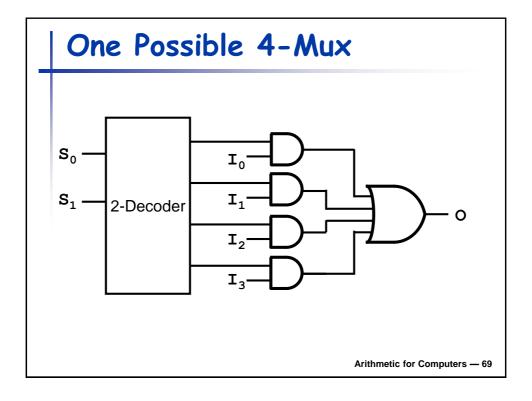
Since s can't be both a 1 and a 0, only one of the terms can be a 1.



# 4 Input Multiplexor

If we have 4 inputs, we need to have 2 selection bits: s<sub>0</sub> s<sub>1</sub>

Abbreviated Truth Table 
$$egin{array}{c|cccc} S_0 & S_1 & O \\ \hline 0 & 0 & I_0 \\ 0 & 1 & I_1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & I_2 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & I_3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



## Common Implementations

- There are two general forms that are used in many circuit implementations:
  - Product of Sums
    - A bunch of ORs leading to a big AND gate
  - Sum of Products
    - A bunch of ANDs leading to a big OR gate

#### Sum of Products

- Express the function by listing all the combinations of inputs for which the output should be a 1
- These combinations are rows in the truth table where the function has the value 1
- Represent each combination with an AND gate
- OR all the AND gates to generate the output

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# SOP Example: 2-Mux

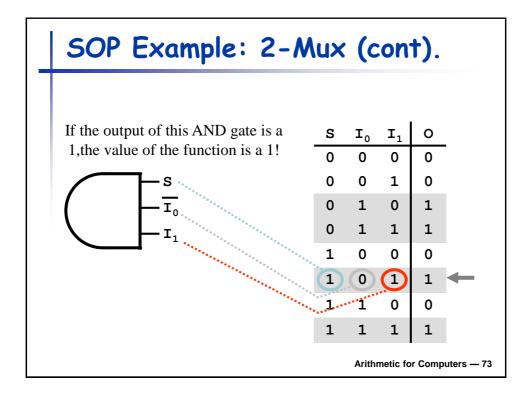
Find rows in truth table where the output is 1

If S is 1 in that row, connect s to a 3-input AND gate, otherwise connect  $\bar{s}$ 

Connect  $\mathbf{I}_0$  and  $\mathbf{I}_1$  in the same way

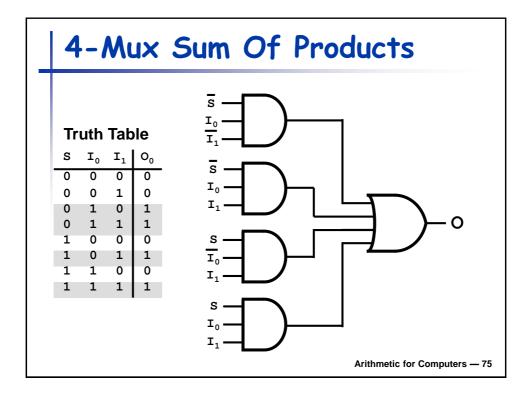
The AND gate corresponds to the row in the truth table

s	I <sub>0</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1



#### **SOP** Construction

- For each row on the truth table that has the value 1 (the function has the value 1) build the corresponding AND gate
- Ignore all rows where the function has the value 0
- Connect the output of all the AND gates to one big OR gate



#### Pop Quiz

- For the truth table below, the circuit on the previous slide (four 3-AND gates, one 4-OR gate) uses the minimum number of gates to make Truth Table an SOP solution.
- A: True
- B: False

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#### Product of Sums

- Express the function by listing all the combinations of inputs for which the output should be a 0
- These combinations are rows in the truth table where the function has the value 0
- Represent each combination with an OR gate
- AND all the OR gates to generate the output

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### POS Example: 2-Mux

Find rows in truth table where the output is 0

If S is 0 in that row, connect s to a 3-input OR gate, otherwise connect s

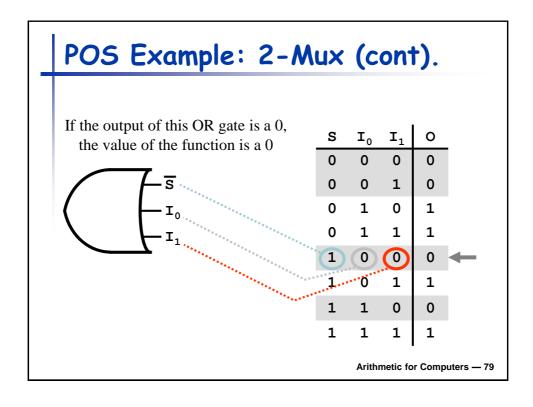
Connect  $\mathbf{I}_0$  and  $\mathbf{I}_1$  in the same way

The OR gate corresponds to the row in the truth table

	Io	I <sub>1</sub>	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

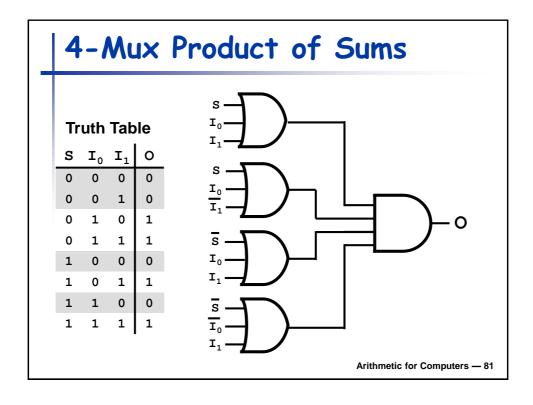
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#### **POS** Construction

- For each row on the truth table that has the value 0 (the function has the value 0) build the corresponding OR gate
- Ignore all rows where the function has the value 1
- Connect the output of all the OR gates to one big AND gate



# Pop Quiz

- Which of these is the POS form of the truth table below?
- A:  $(I_0 + \overline{I_1}) \cdot (I_0 + I_1)$
- B:  $(\overline{I_0} + I_1) \cdot (\overline{I_0} + \overline{I_1})$
- $C: (I_0 \cdot \overline{I_1}) + (I_0 \cdot I_1)$

**Truth Table** 

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#### Minimization

- SOP and POS forms provide a simple translation from truth table to circuit
- The resulting designs may involve more gates than are necessary
- There are a number of techniques used to minimize such circuits

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### Minimization Techniques

- Boolean Algebra
  - use postulates and identities to reduce expressions.
- Karnaugh Maps
  - graphical technique useful for small circuits (no more than 4 or 5 inputs)
- Tabular Methods
  - suitable for large functions usually done by a computer program

# Karnaugh Map (K-map)

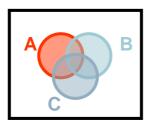
- Based on SOP form
- It may be possible to merge terms
- Example:  $f = (A \cdot B \cdot C) + (\overline{A} \cdot B \cdot C)$ 
  - Close inspection reveals that it doesn't matter what the value of A is!
  - Here is a simpler version of the same function:

$$f = (B \cdot C)$$

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# Graphical Representation

- The idea is to draw a picture in which it will be easy to see when terms can be merged
- We draw the truth table in 2-D, the result is similar to a Venn Diagram



# K-Map Example

$$f = A \bullet B + \overline{A} \bullet B$$

Truth Table

 A
 B
 f

 0
 0
 0

 0
 1
 1

 1
 0
 0

K-Map

B=0 B=1 A=0 0 1 A=1 0 1

In the K-Map it's easy to see that the value of *A* doesn't matter

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# Ex 2: The Majority Function

- The majority function is 1 whenever the majority of the inputs are 1
- Here is an SOP Boolean equation for the 3-input majority function:

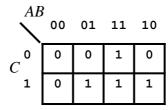
$$f = A \bullet B \bullet C + \overline{A} \bullet B \bullet C + A \bullet \overline{B} \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet \overline{C}$$

### K-Map for Majority Function

Truth Table

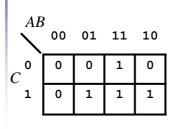
Α	В	С	f
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0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

K-Map

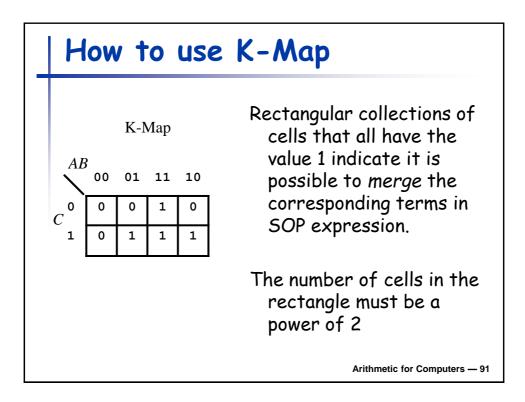


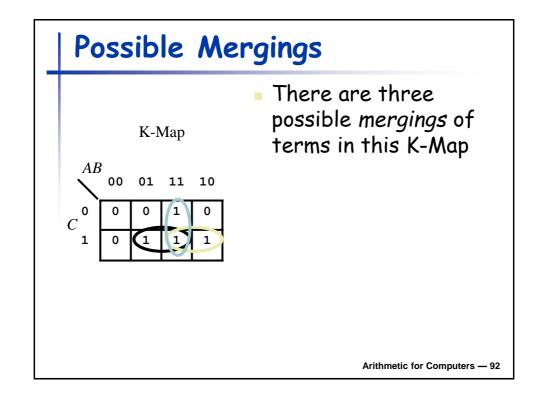
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# K-Map Construction



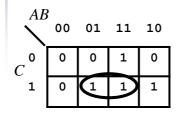
- Notice that any two adjacent cells differ by exactly one bit in the input
  - either A is different, or B is different or C is different
  - Never more then one variable is different











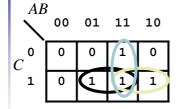
The merge shown means "if C is 1 and B is 1, it doesn't matter what the value of A is"

$$\overline{A} \bullet B \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet C = B \bullet C$$

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#### All 3 reductions

#### K-Map

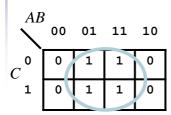


Original:  $f = A \bullet B \bullet C + \overline{A} \bullet B \bullet C + A \bullet \overline{B} \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet \overline{C}$ 

Reduced:  $f = B \bullet C + A \bullet C + A \bullet B$ 

#### Another Example

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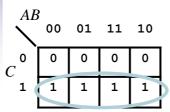


- Here we could make two 2x1 or two 1x2 groups
- Since we have four 1s that can fit in a rectangle, we could simplify further!
- This function is really just f = B

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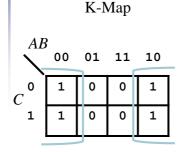
# Yet Another Example

K-Map



- Here we could make several different 1x2 groups
- Since we have four 1s that can fit in a rectangle, we could simplify further!
- This function is really just f = C

# And Yet Another Example

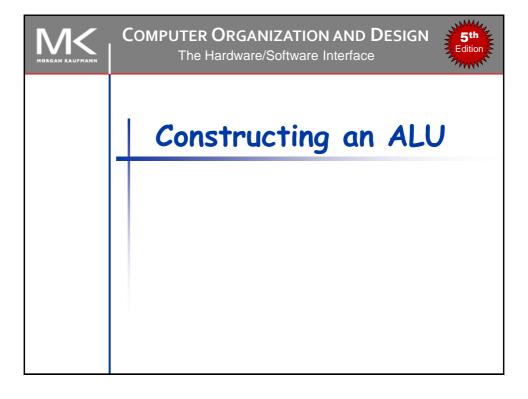


- Looks like we can only make two 2x1 groups
- We can wrap around edges thanks to adjacency coding
- This function is really just  $f = \bar{B}$

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### K-Map Concept

- A professional Logic Designer would need to use minimization techniques every day
- There are systematic procedures for minimizing SOP and POS form Boolean equations



#### Arithmetic Logic Unit

- The device that performs the arithmetic operations and logic operations
  - arithmetic ops: addition, subtraction
  - logic operations: AND, OR
- For MIPS we need a 32-bit ALU
  - so we can add 32-bit numbers, etc.

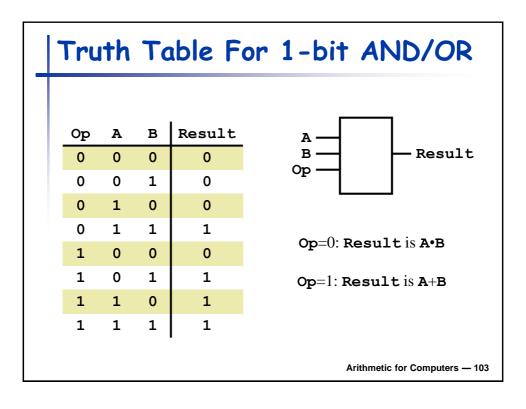
#### Starting Small

- We can start by designing a 1-bit ALU
- Put a bunch of them together to make larger ALUs
  - building a larger unit from a 1-bit unit is simple for some operations, can be tricky for others
- Bottom-Up approach:
  - build small units of functionality and put them together to build larger units

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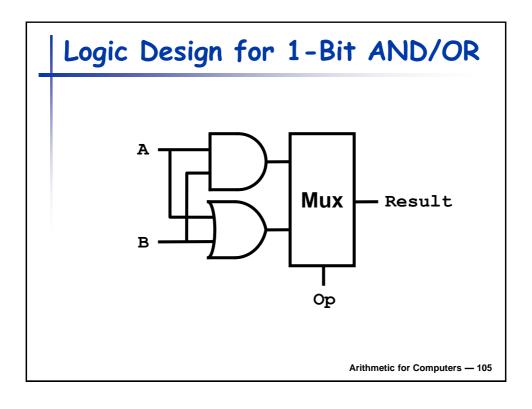
#### 1-bit AND/OR machine

- We want to design a single box that can compute either AND or OR
- We will use a control input to determine which operation is performed
  - Name the control "op"
    - if Op==0 do an AND
    - if Op==1 do an OR



# Logic for 1-Bit AND/OR

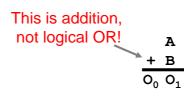
- We could derive SOP or POS and build the corresponding logic
- We could also just do this:
  - Feed both A and B to an OR gate
  - Feed A and B to an AND gate
  - Use a 2-input MUX to pick which one will be used
    - Op is the selection input to the MUX

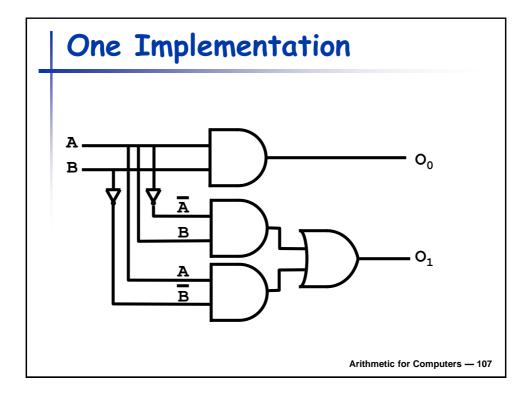




- We need to build a 1 bit adder
  - compute binary addition of 2 bits
- We already know that the result is two bits

A	В	O <sub>0</sub>	01
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0





#### Binary addition and our adder

What we really want is something that can be used to implement the binary addition algorithm

- $\bullet$   $o_0$  is the carry
- $\bullet$   $O_1$  is the sum

#### What about the second column?

- We are adding three bits
  - new bit is the carry from the first column
  - The output is still two bits, i.e., a sum and a carry

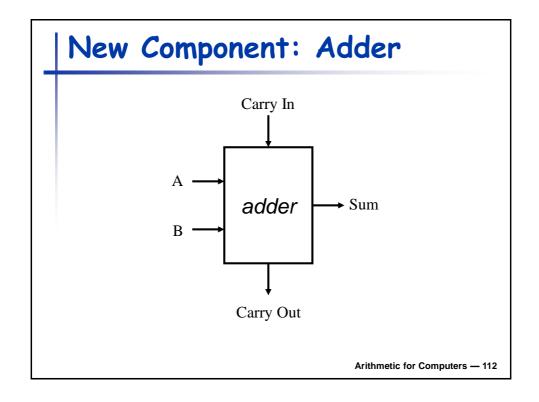
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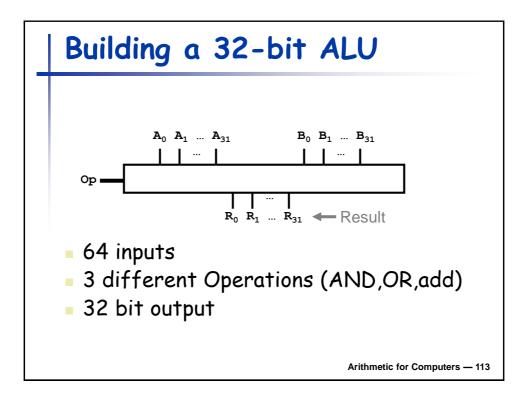
#### Revised Truth Table for Addition

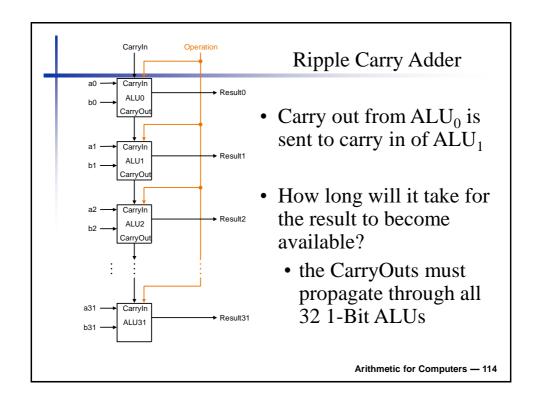
A	В	Carry	Carry	Sum
		In	Out	
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

# Logic Design for new adder

- We can derive SOP expressions from the truth table
- We can build a combinational circuit that implements the SOP expressions
- We can put it in a box and give it a name







#### Pop Quiz

- Claim: To support subtraction, we will need to make a separate "subtractor" block instead of reusing the adder
- A: True
- B: False
- C: Only true if A>0, B>0
- D: Only true if A<0, B<0</p>
- E: Only true if A>B

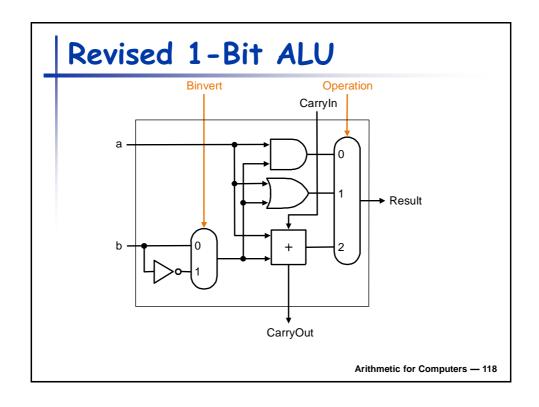
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# New Operation: Subtraction

- Subtraction can be done with an adder:
   A B can be computed as A + -B
- To negate B we need to:
  - invert the bits
  - add 1
  - (remember, 2's complement)

# Negating B in the ALU

- We can negate B by in the ALU by:
  - providing B to the adder
    - need a selection bit to do this
  - To add 1, just set the initial carry in to 1!



#### Uses for our ALU

- addition, subtraction, OR and AND instructions can be implemented with our ALU
  - we still need to get the right values to the ALU and set control lines
- We can also support the slt instruction
  - need to add a little more to the 1-bit ALU

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# Supporting slt

slt needs to compare two numbers

comparison requires a subtraction

if A-B is negative, then A<B is true; otherwise A<B is false

True: output should be 0000000...001 False: output should be 0000000...000

#### slt **Strategy**

- To compute slt A B:
  - subtract B from A (set binvert and the LS Carry In to 1
  - Result for all 1-bit ALUs except the LS should always be 0
  - Result for the LS 1-bit ALU should be the result bit from the MS 1-bit ALU

LS: Least significant (rightmost)

MS: Most significant (leftmost)

