



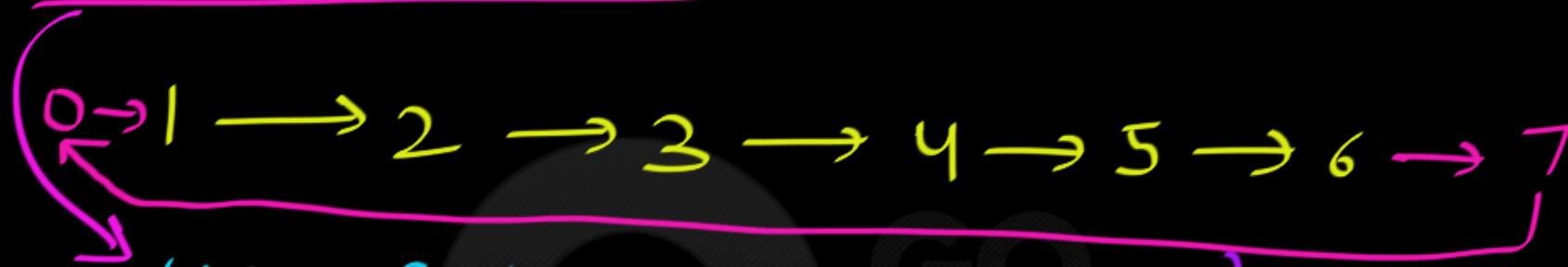
# Digital Logic

## Binary Codes

# Gray Code



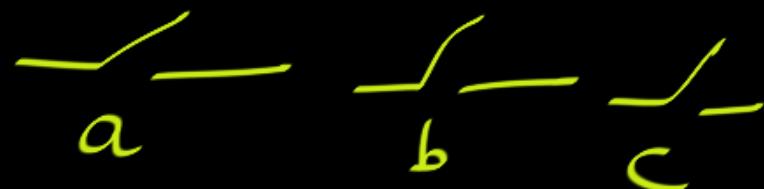
Many Applications  $\Rightarrow$  Counter



Use Switches to Count

Open = 0  
Closed = 1

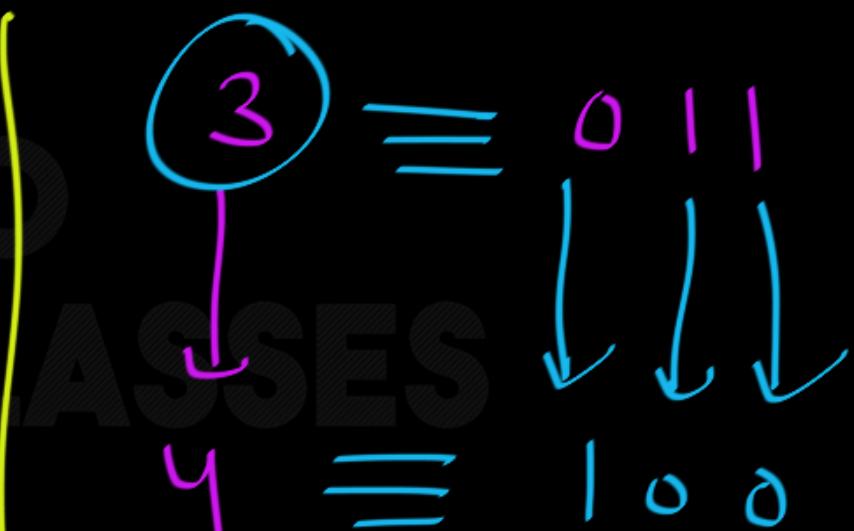
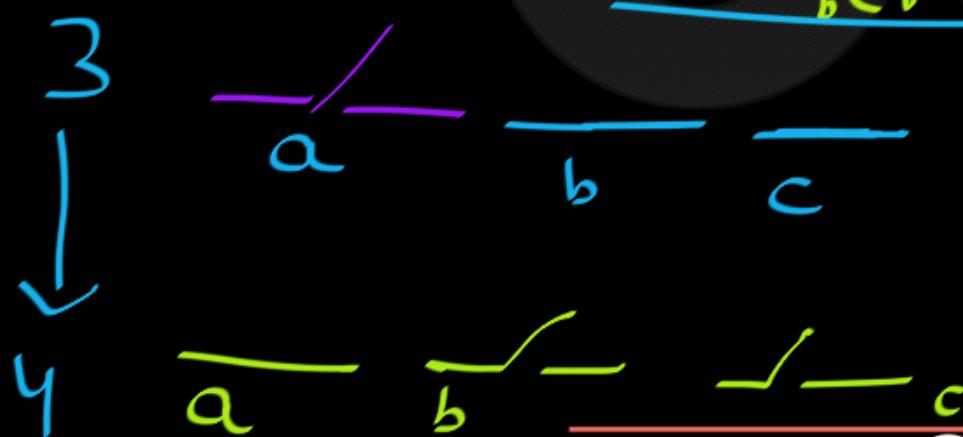
3 Switches





0 → 1 → 2 → [3 → 4] → 5 → 6 → 7

Using switches to  
Count (using binary  
numbers)





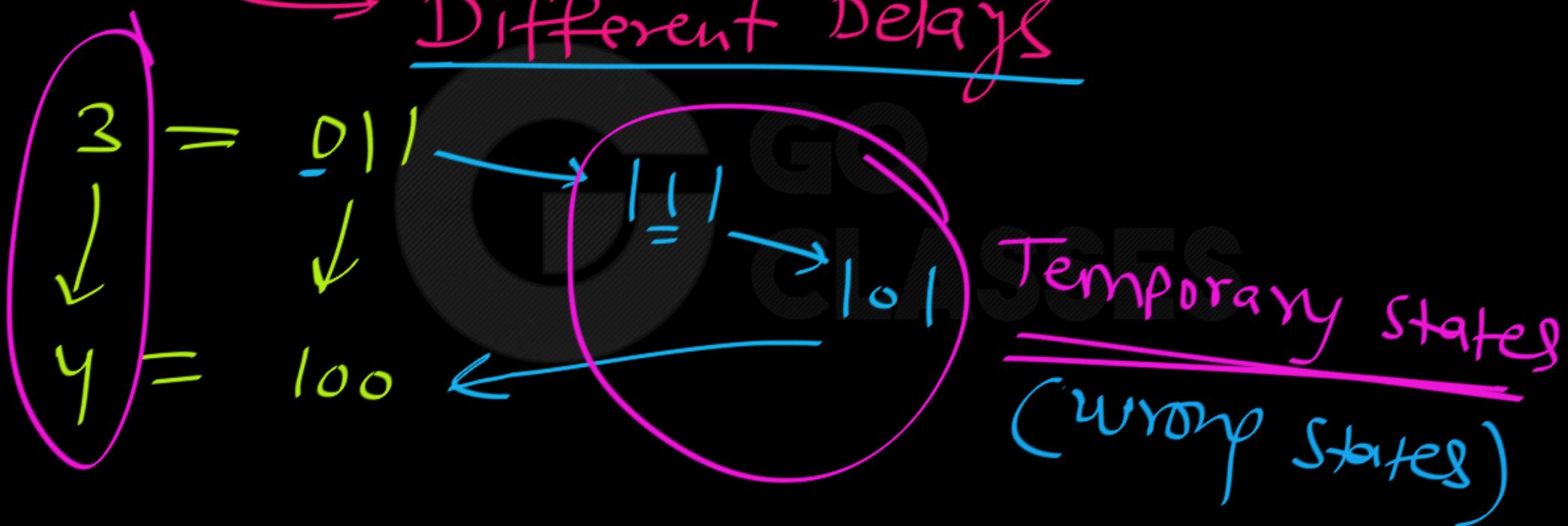
3 → 4

If we use Binary Numbers then all three Switches/bit needs to be changed.



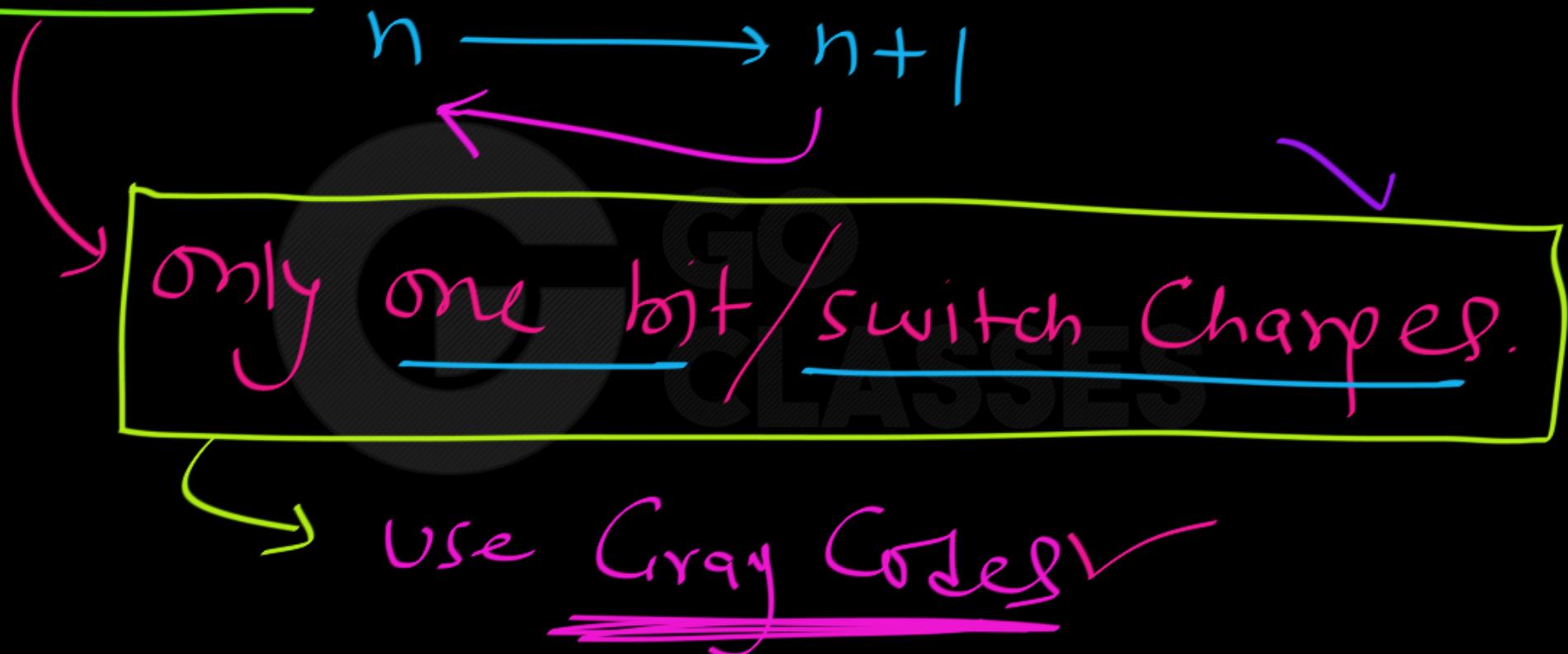
Switches → physical Devices

Different Delays





Solution:

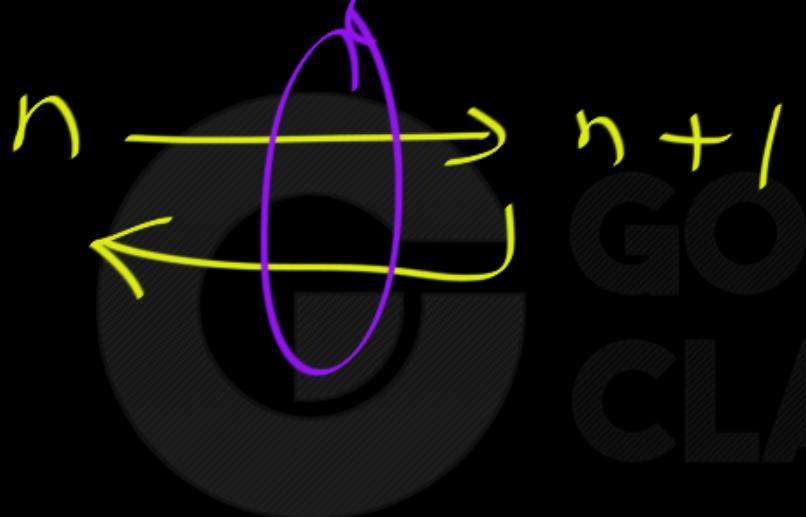




Decimal	Binary Numbers	Gray Codes
0	00	00
1	01	01
2	10	11
3	11	10



Gray Codes:



only one  
bit  
changed.



The **reflected binary code (RBC)**, also known as **reflected binary (RB)** or **Gray code** after Frank Gray, is an ordering of the binary numeral system such that two successive values differ in only one **bit** (binary digit).

For example, the representation of the decimal value "1" in binary would normally be "001" and "2" would be "010". In Gray code, these values are represented as "001" and "011". That way, incrementing a value from 1 to 2 requires only one bit to change, instead of two.



advantage of the Gray code over the straight binary number sequence is that only one bit in the code group changes in going from one number to the next. For example, in going from 7 to 8, the Gray code changes from 0100 to 1100. Only the first bit changes, from 0 to 1; the other three bits remain the same. By contrast, with binary numbers the change from 7 to 8 will be from 0111 to 1000, which causes all four bits to change values.





## Motivation and name [ edit ]

Many devices indicate position by closing and opening switches. If that device uses [natural binary codes](#), positions 3 and 4 are next to each other but all three bits of the binary representation differ:

Decimal	Binary
...	...
3	011
4	100
...	...

The problem with natural binary codes is that physical switches are not ideal: it is very unlikely that physical switches will change states exactly in synchrony. In the transition between the two states shown above, all three switches change state. In the brief period while all are changing, the switches will read some spurious position. Even without [keybounce](#), the transition might look like 011 — 001 — 101 — 100. When the switches appear to be in position 001, the observer cannot tell if that is the "real" position 1, or a transitional state between two other positions. If the output feeds into a [sequential](#) system, possibly via [combinational logic](#), then the sequential system may store a false value.

**Table 1.6**  
*Gray Code*

Gray Code	Decimal Equivalent
0000	0
0001	1
0011	2
0010	3
0110	4
0111	5
0101	6
0100	7
1100	8
1101	9
1111	10
1110	11
1010	12
1011	13
1001	14
1000	15



Q: Decimal  $n = 17$   
binary Encoding / Binary Number : 1000  
Gray Code ?



Objective:

Decimal  $n$   $\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}}$  Gray Code  
of  $n$





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## Gray Codes

# Recursive Construction Of Gray Codes



$G_n$  : Gray Code with n bits.

$G_1$  : 0, 1

$G_2$  : 00, 01, 11, 10



Decimal	Gray
0	0
1	1



Decimal	Gray
0	0 0
1	0 1
2	1 1
3	1 0



Decimal	Gray
0	0 0 0
1	0 0 1
2	0 1 1
3	0 1 0
4	1 1 0
5	1 1 1
6	1 0 1
7	1 0 0

$G_3$

Reflexive  
Codes

mirror/reflexion



$G_2$   $\longrightarrow G_3$

00, 01, 11, 10

0 00, 001, 011, 010 ,110, 111, 101,  
1 00



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Decimal	Gray	Reflexive
0	0000	Binary Codes
1	0001	
2	0011	
3	0010	
4	0110	
5	0111	
6	0101	
7	0100	
8	1100	
9	1101	
10	1111	
11	1110	
12	1010	
13	1011	
14	1001	



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$G_1$   $\longrightarrow$   $G_2$

0, 1

$G_n$

0 0, 0 1 , 1 1 , 1 0

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# Constructing an $n$ -bit Gray code

[\[ edit \]](#)

The binary-reflected Gray code list for  $n$  bits can be generated [recursively](#) from the list for  $n - 1$  bits by reflecting the list (i.e. listing the entries in reverse order), prefixing the entries in the original list with a binary 0, prefixing the entries in the reflected list with a binary 1, and then concatenating the original list with the reversed list.<sup>[12]</sup> For example, generating the  $n = 3$  list from the  $n = 2$  list:

2-bit list: 00, 01, 11, 10

Reflected: 10, 11, 01, 00

Prefix old entries with 0: 000, 001, 011, 010,

Prefix new entries with 1: 110, 111, 101, 100

Concatenated: 000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100

## Gray Codes Construction

Gray codes of any number of bits can be reconstructed recursively using the three rules:

- A 1-bit gray code has two codes 0 and 1
- The first  $2^{n-1}$  code words of an n-bit gray code equal the code words of (n-1)-bit gray code, written in order with a leading zero appended.
- The last  $2^{n-1}$  code words of an n-bit gray code equal the code words of (n-1)-bit gray code, but written in reverse order with a leading 1 appended.



Gray Codes ≡ Reflexive Binary Codes





Gray Code of  $m = 2^9$

efficient  
method

binary of  
 $2^9$

Recursive method is  
time consuming.

→ Gray of  $2^9$



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## Gray Codes

# Binary to Gray Code



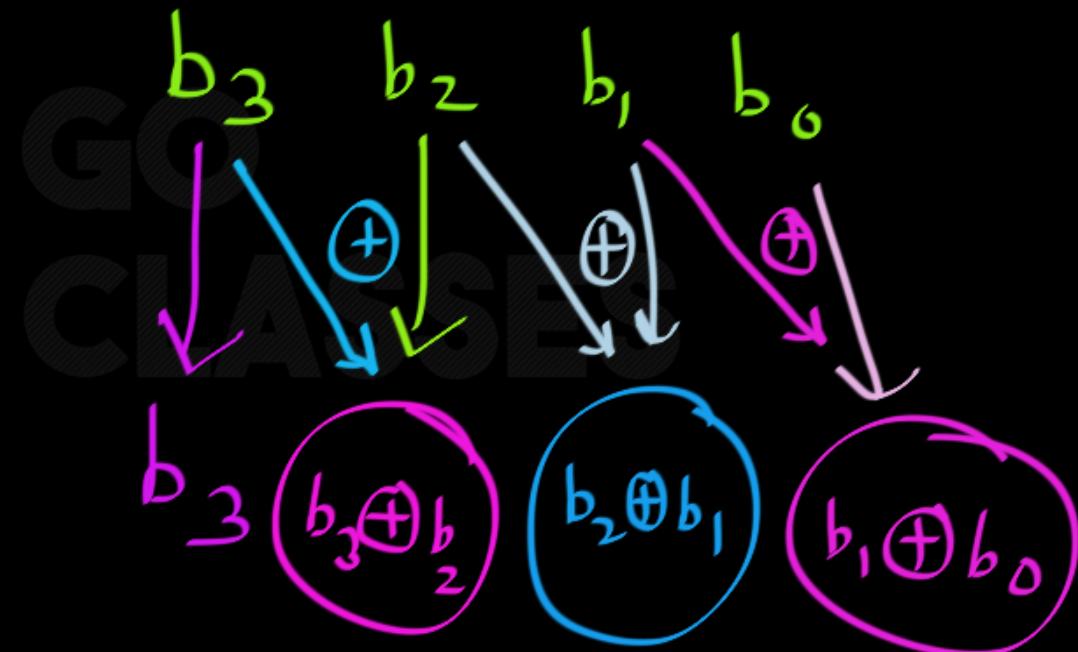


Decimal :  $m$  Gray Code of  $m$ ?

Binary of  $m$  :

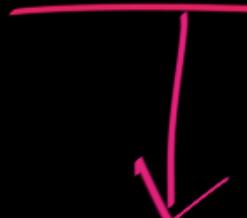
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Gray of  $m$  :





$m = 2^9$   $\longrightarrow$  Gray of 2<sup>9</sup> ?



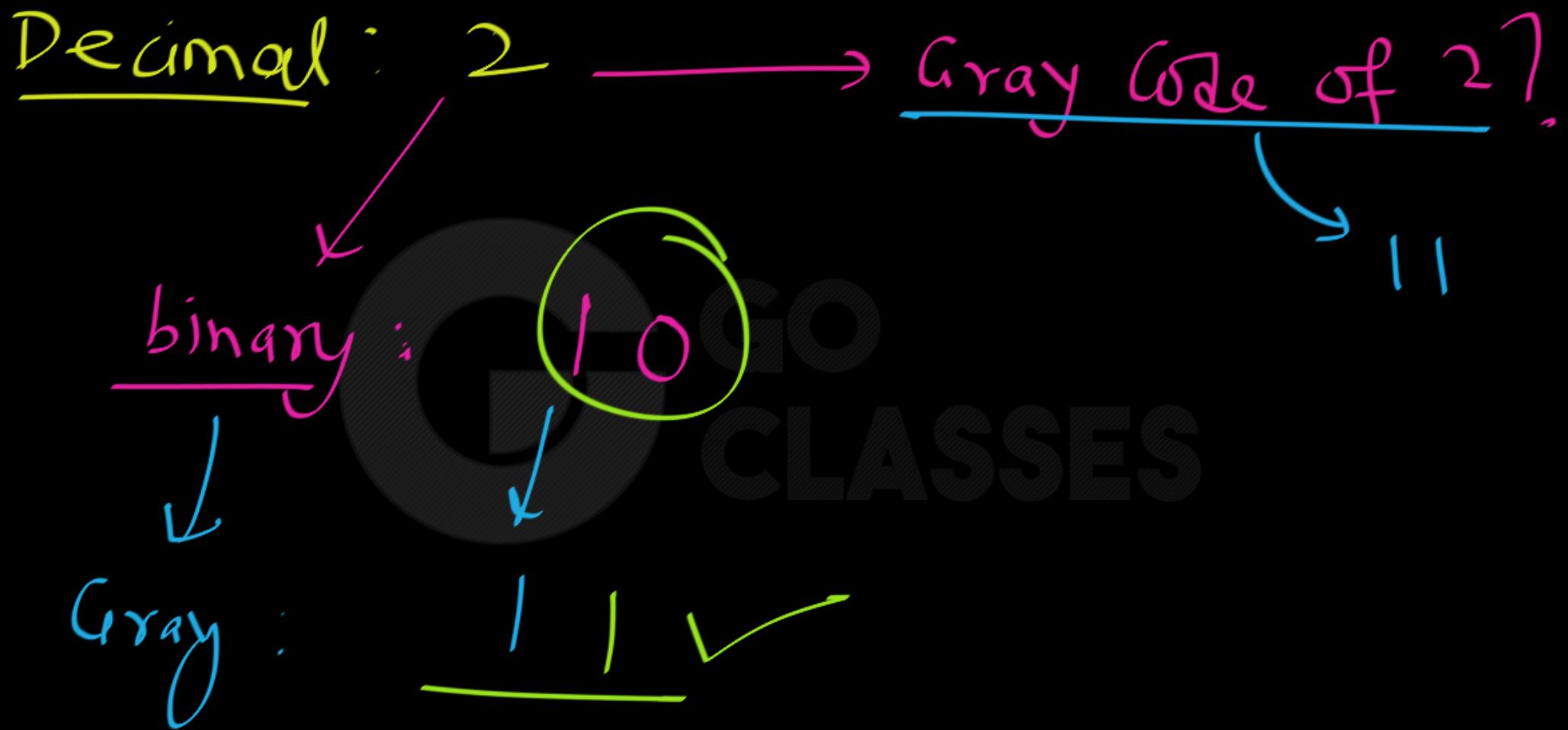
binary :



Gray code



1 0 0 1 1 ✓





binary :  $b_3 \ b_2 \ b_1 \ b_0$



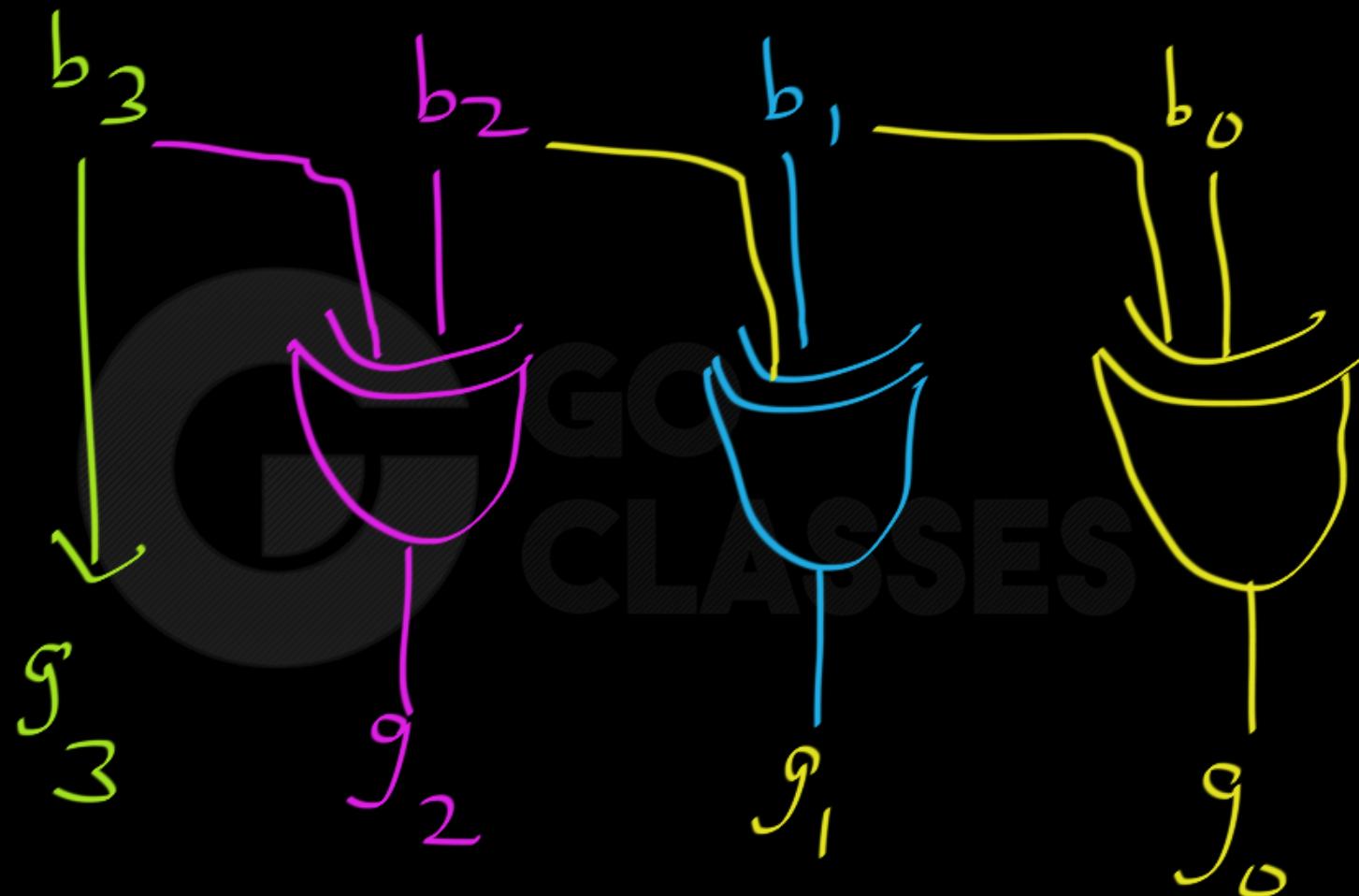
Gray :

$g_3 \ g_2 \ g_1 \ g_0$

$$\begin{aligned}g_3 &= b_3 ; \quad g_2 = b_3 \oplus b_2 ; \quad g_1 = b_2 \oplus b_1 \\&\qquad\qquad\qquad g_0 = b_1 \oplus b_0\end{aligned}$$



# Digital Logic



find Gray codes of 0 to 15 ?

Decimal	Binary	Gray Code
0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1	0 0 0 1	0 0 0 1
2	<u>0</u> 0 1 0	<u>0</u> 0 1 1
3	<u>0</u> 0 1 1	<u>0</u> 0 1 0

find Gray codes of 0 to 15 ?

Decimal	Binary	Gray Code
4	<u>0</u> 100	<u>0</u> 110
5	<u>0</u> 101	<u>0</u> 111
6	<u>0</u> 110	<u>0</u> 101
7	<u>0</u> 111	<u>0</u> 100

find Gray Codes of 0 to 15 ?

Decimal	Binary	Gray Code
8		
9		
10		
11		



find Gray codes of 0 to 15 ?

Decimal	Binary	Gray Code
12		
13		
14		
15		

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## Gray Codes

# Gray to Binary Code





Q: Decimal number  $m$ , Whose Binary Number is 1101.  
What is  $m$ ? = 13 ✓



Q: Decimal number  $m$ , Who Gray

Code is 1101.

What is  $m$ ?

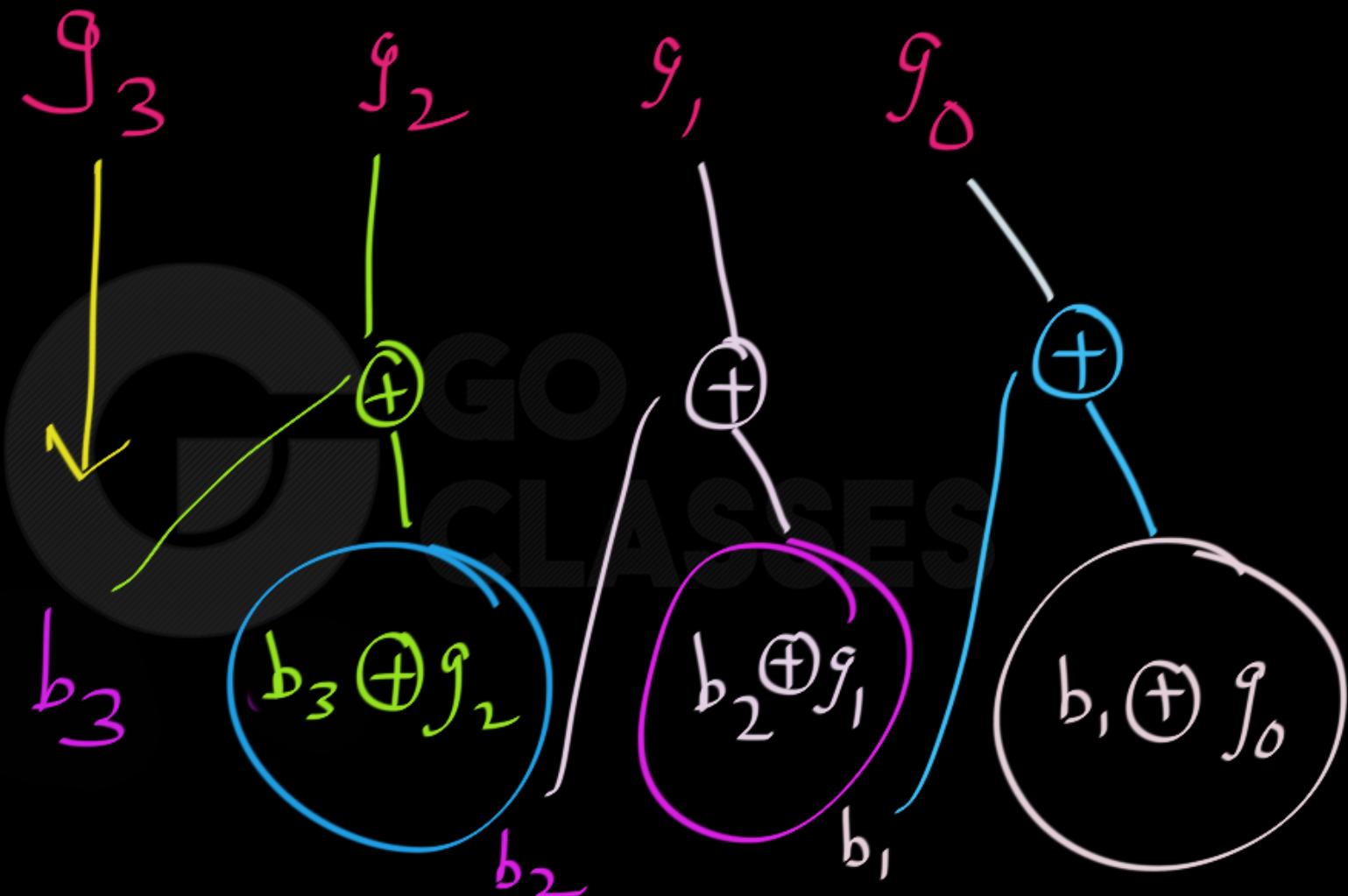
Gray Code  
↓  
binary Code

Decimal value



Gray  
Code

binary



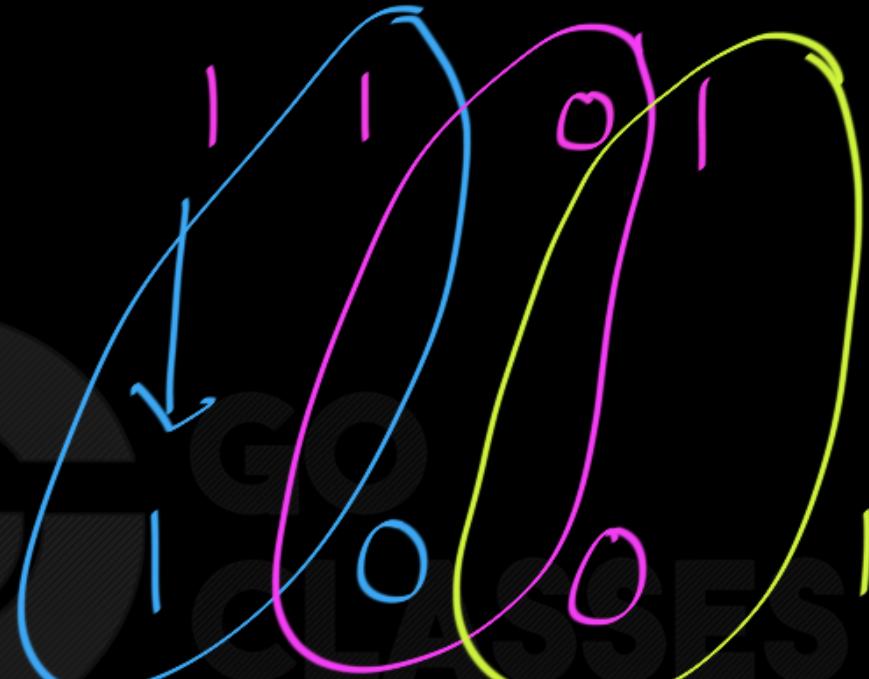


Gray code:

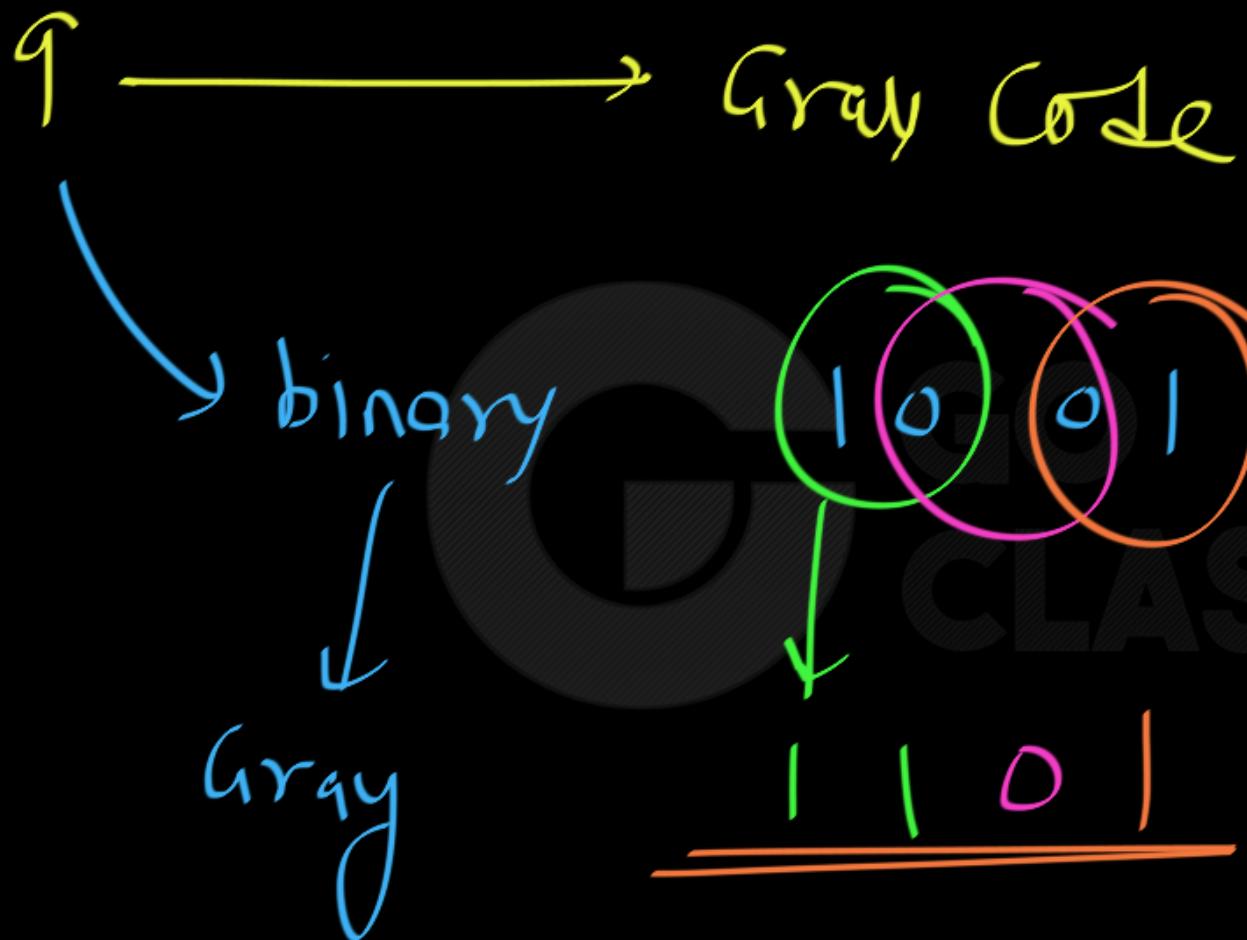


binary

1001



Decimal = 9

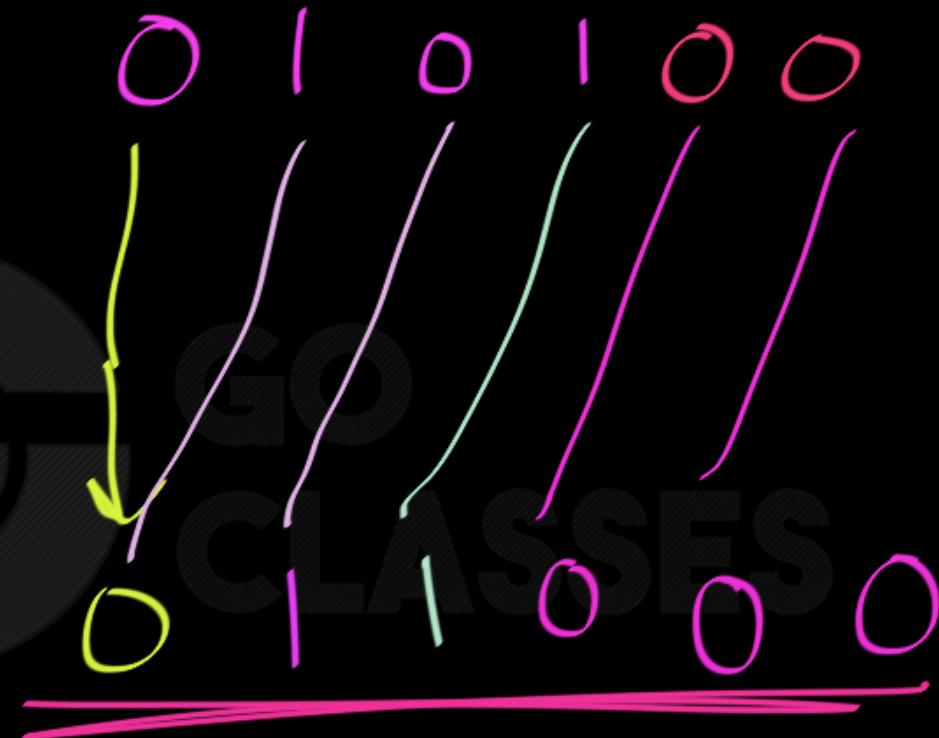




Gray



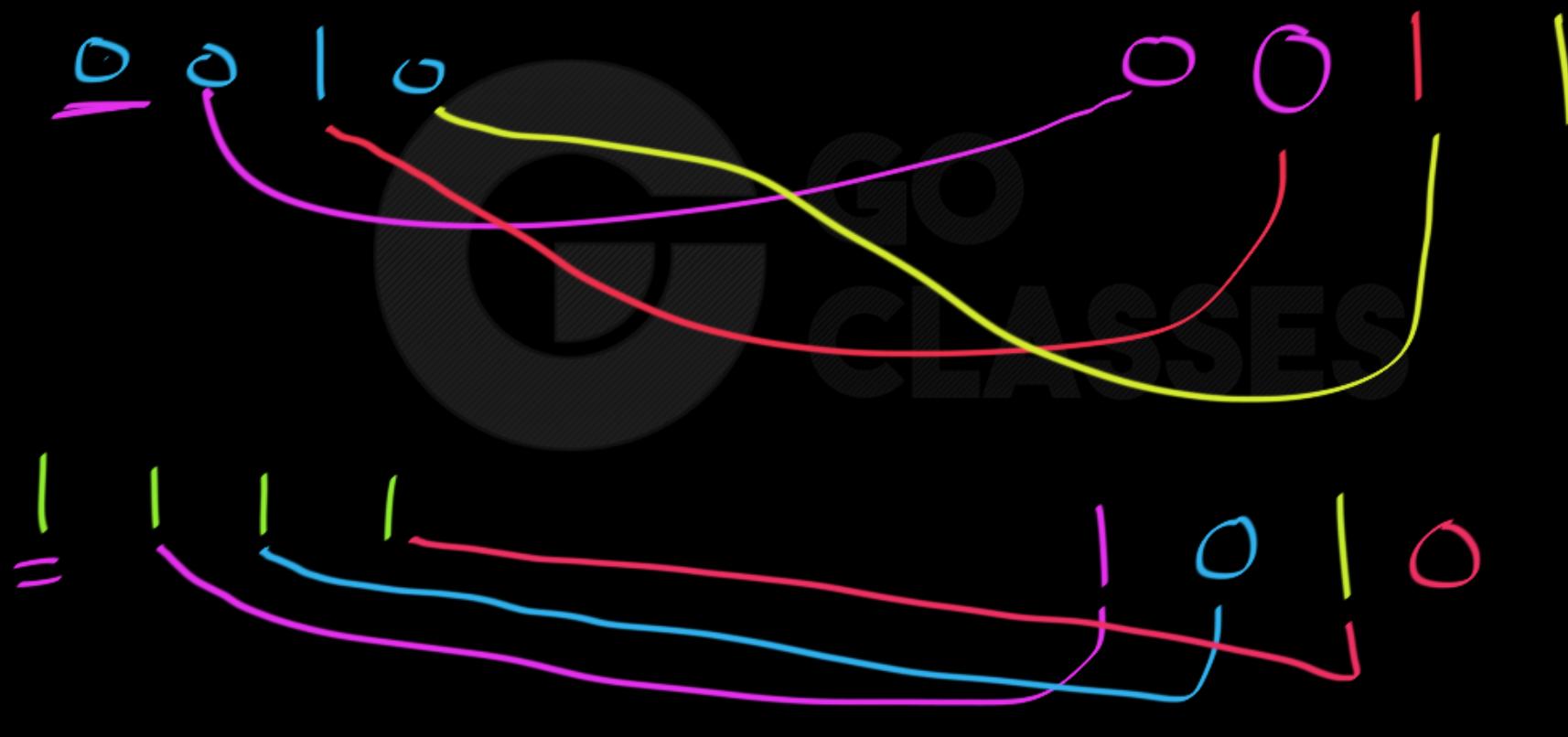
Binary





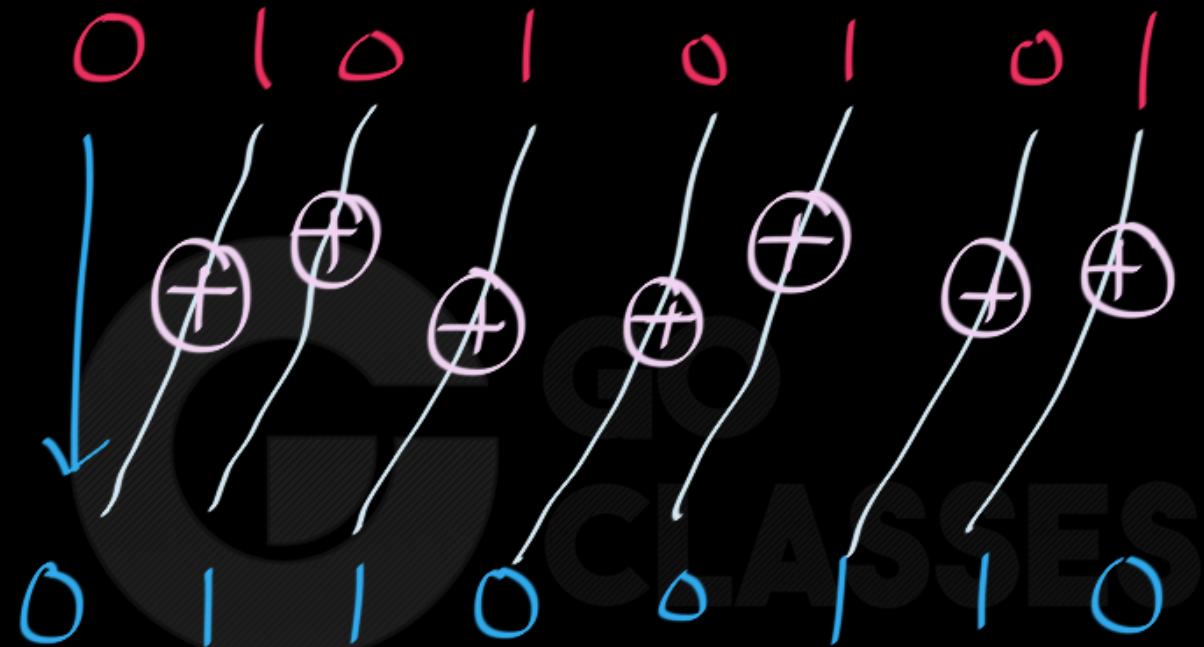
Gray Code

Binary





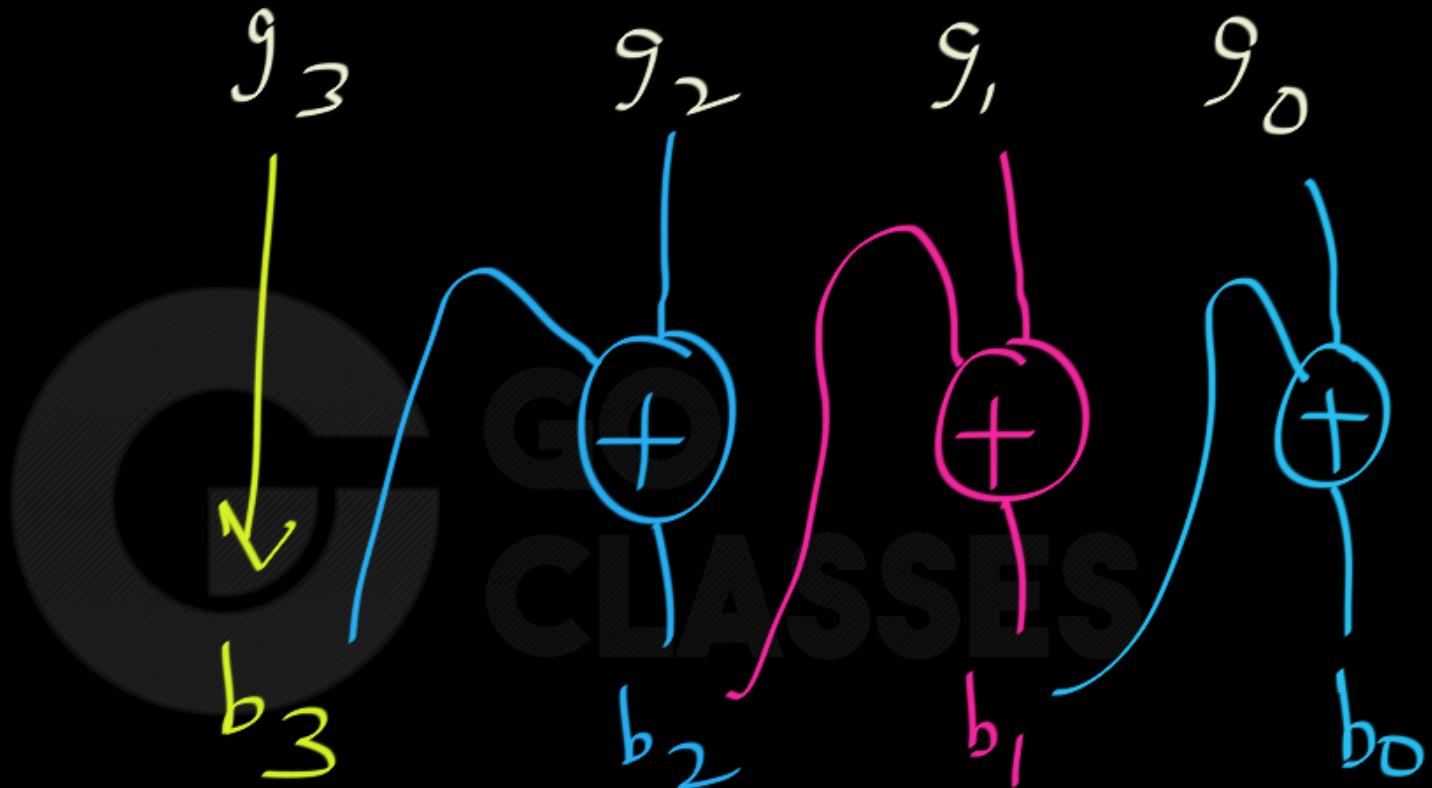
Gray  
↓  
binary



Gray



binary





binary



Gray





Note:

Decimal

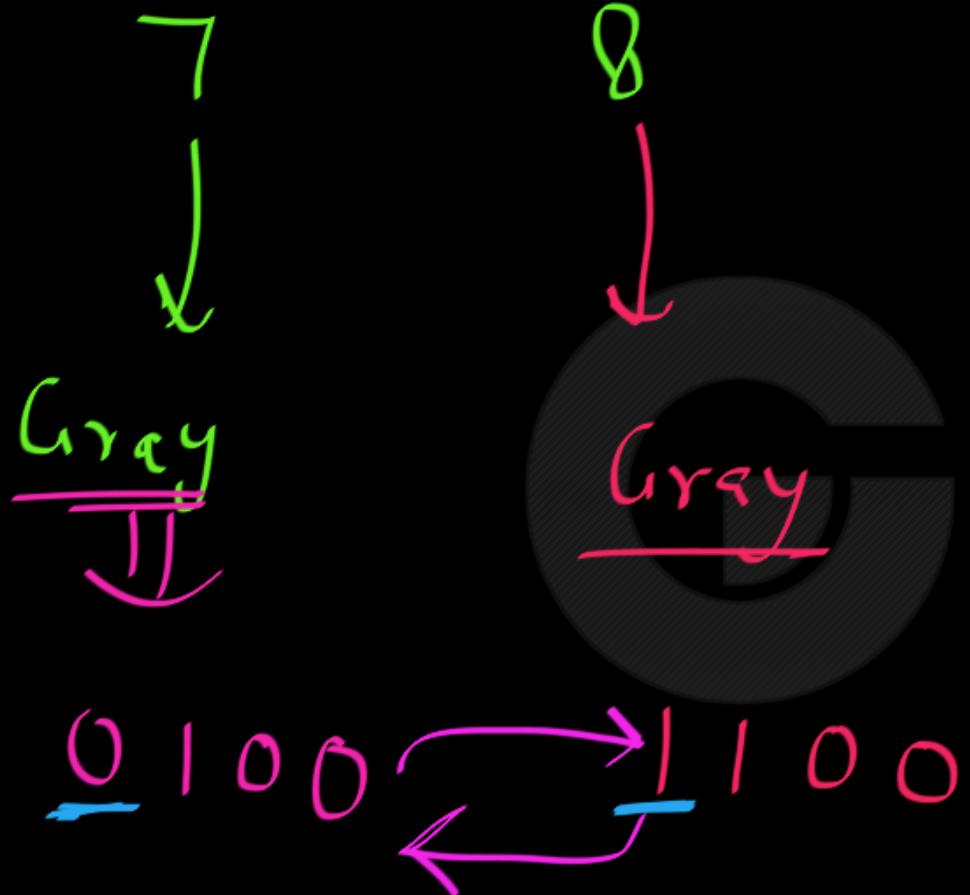
Gray  
 $m$

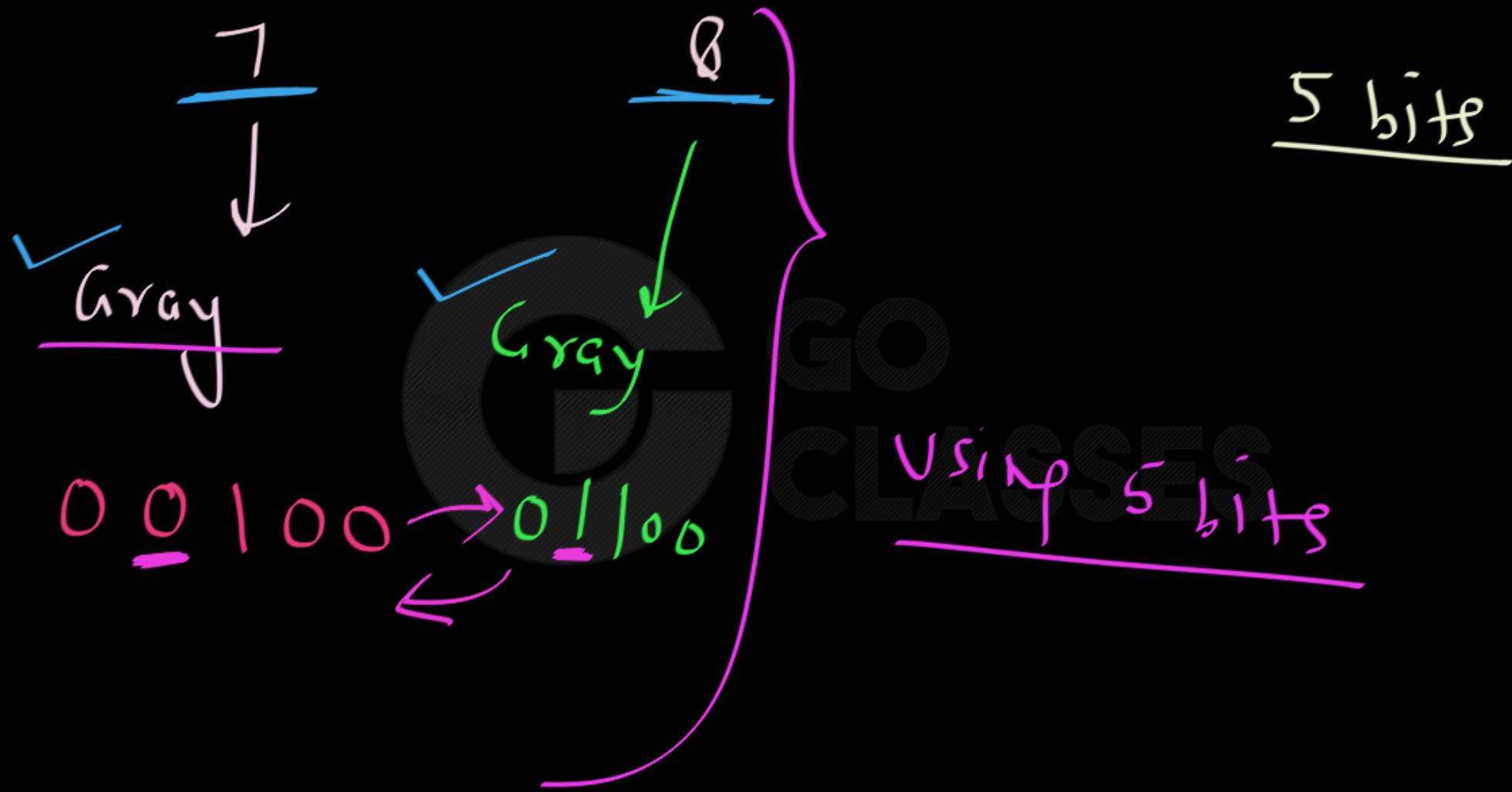


Gray  
 $m+1$

one  
bit

Change<sup>es</sup>







Property : (Any number of bits)

Gray of m  $\leftrightarrow$  Gray of  $m+1$



One bit  
Differ



# Gray Codes

Properties of  $G_n$   
(Gray Codes of length n)

$G_1 :$

$\frac{0}{0}, \frac{1}{1}$

Gray of 2

$G_2 :$

$\frac{00}{00}, \frac{01}{\text{---}}$

$\frac{11}{\text{---}}$

$\frac{10}{\text{---}}$

$G_3 :$

$\frac{000}{\text{---}}, \frac{001}{\text{---}}, \frac{011}{\text{---}}, \frac{010}{\text{---}}, \frac{110}{\text{---}}, \frac{111}{\text{---}}, \frac{101}{\text{---}}, \frac{100}{\text{---}}$

$G_4 :$

$\frac{0000}{\text{---}}, \frac{0001}{\text{---}}, \frac{0011}{\text{---}}, \frac{0010}{\text{---}}, \frac{0110}{\text{---}}, \frac{0111}{\text{---}}, \frac{0101}{\text{---}}, \frac{0100}{\text{---}}$

① Gray Codes are Reflexive Codes

② In  $G_n$  Gray Codes are  
Cyclic Codes.

$G_n :$

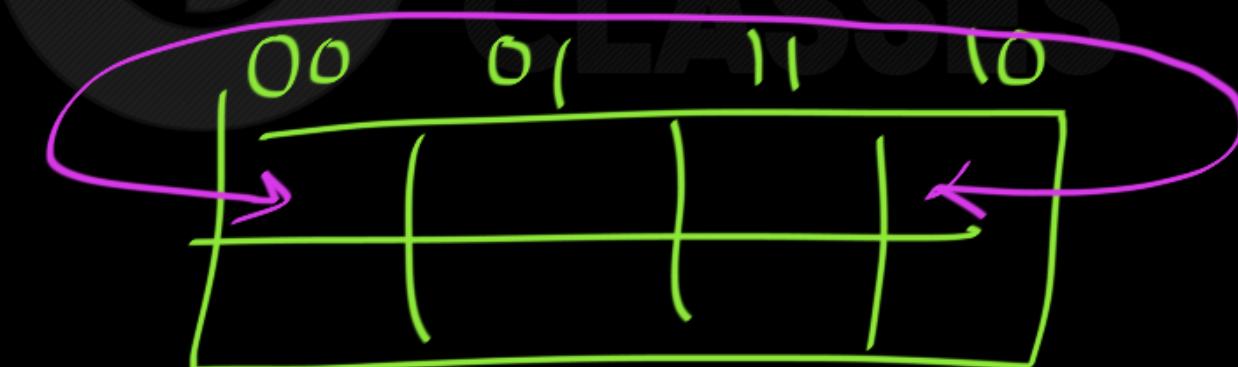




$G_2:$

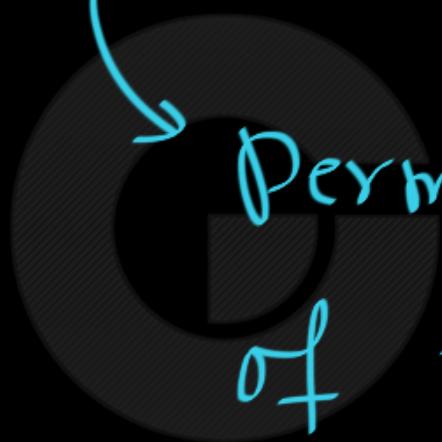
00, 01, 11, 10

K-map:





$G_2$  :  $\{00, 01, 11, 10\}$



Permutation of bit-strings  
of 2-bits      ↓  
all

G<sub>3</sub>:

000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100

Permutation of All

3-bit bit strings .



$G_2$ :

00, 01, 11, 10



Permutation of 0 to 3



$G_1$  is embedded as first half  
of  $G_2$ .

$G_1$

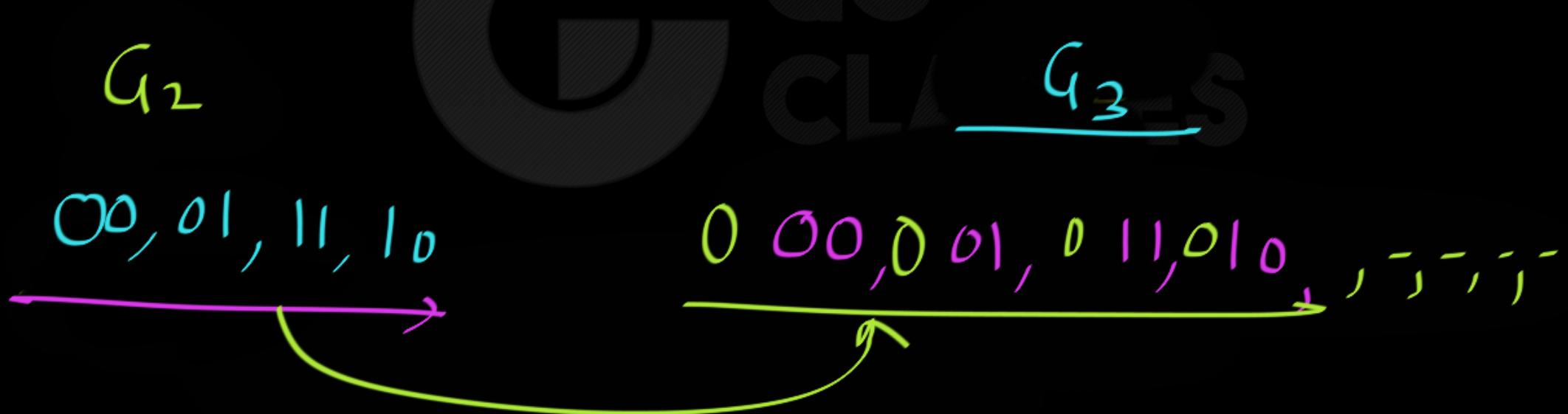


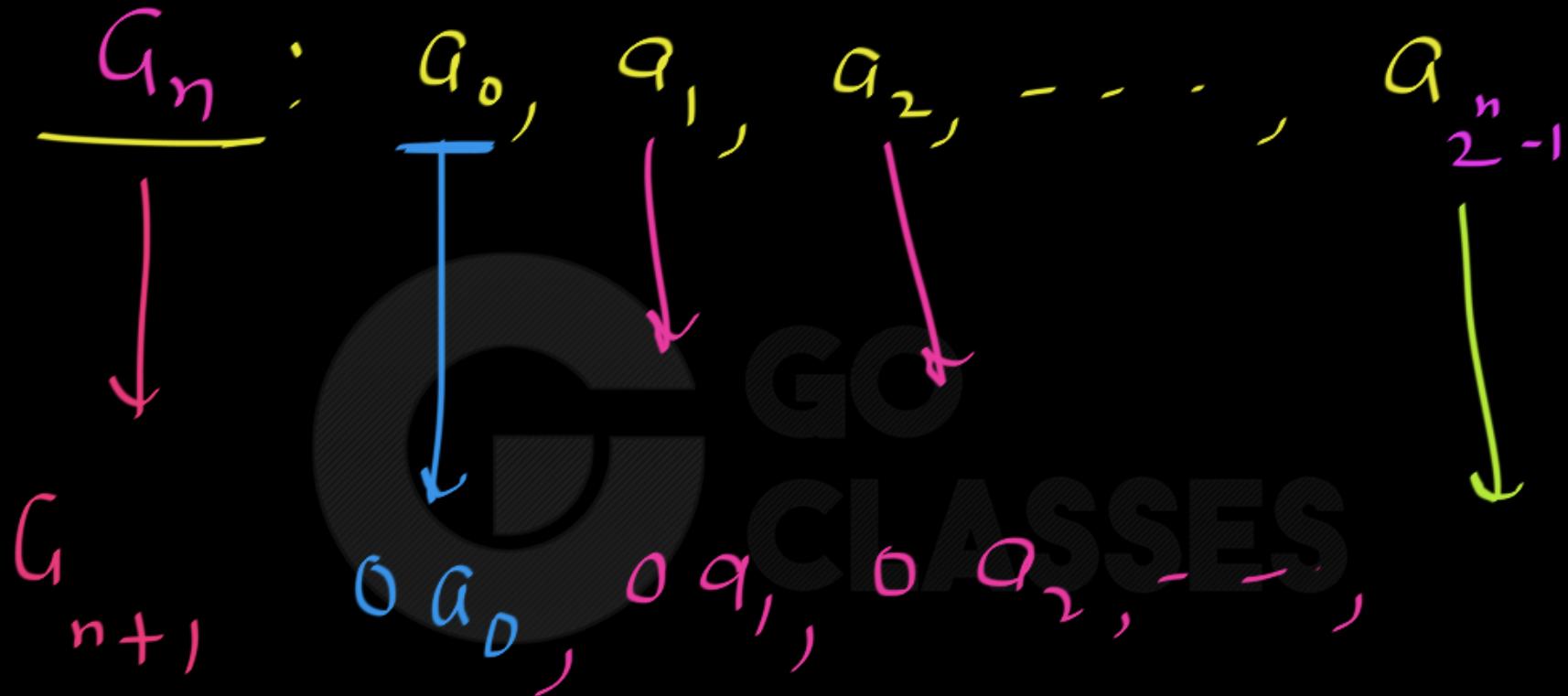
0, 1

0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0



$G_2$  is embedded as first half  
of  $G_3$ .







- $G_n$  is a permutation of the numbers  $0, \dots, 2^n - 1$ . (Each number appears exactly once in the list.)
- $G_n$  is embedded as the first half of  $G_{n+1}$ .
- Therefore, the coding is *stable*, in the sense that once a binary number appears in  $G_n$  it appears in the same position in all longer lists; so it makes sense to talk about *the* reflective Gray code value of a number:  $G(m) =$  the  $m$ th reflecting Gray code, counting from 0.
- Each entry in  $G_n$  differs by only one bit from the previous entry. (The Hamming distance is 1.)
- The last entry in  $G_n$  differs by only one bit from the first entry. (The code is cyclic.)



# Digital Logic

## Gray Codes

# Gray Code Finding

## Another Way



the  $n$ th Gray code is obtained by computing  $n \oplus \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

Decimal number =  $m$

Gray Code :=  $m \oplus \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor$

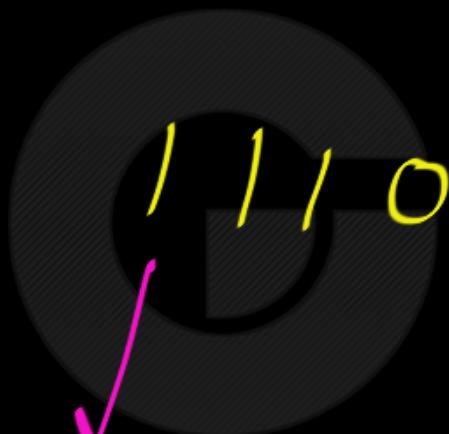
bitwise XOR



Decimal = 29  $\longrightarrow$  Gray Code of 29?



binary:



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Gray

1 0 0 1 1



Decimal = 29  $\rightarrow$  Gray Code of 29?

$$m = 29 = 11101$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor = 14 = \begin{array}{r} \oplus 01110 \\ 10011 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Gray Code of 29



## c-Program:

```
main {  
    int m;  
    int a = m/2;  
    r = a ^ m;  
}
```

binary  $\left[ \frac{m}{2} \right]$

What is the Content of  $r$ ?



## c-Program:

```
main {  
    int m;  
    int a = m/2;  
    x = a ^ m;  
}
```

binary  
 $\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$

What is the Content of x ?  $\Rightarrow$  One of  
m.



$$m \oplus (m/2)$$

bitwise XOR

= Gray Code of m.



$$m = 14 =$$

1110

Gray code of 14

$$\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) - 7 = \begin{array}{r} \oplus \\ 0111 \\ \hline 1001 \end{array}$$

Gray code of 14

# Example

Grey code for 23:

$$(23)_{10} = (0001\ 0111)_2$$

Function: Result = Num  $\oplus$  (Num / 2)

$$//(div\ 2)_{10} == (>> 1)_2$$

	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
$\oplus$	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$= (28)_{10}$



## Gray Code:

- ① motivation
- ② Recursive Construction / Reflexive property
- ③ binary  $\longleftrightarrow$  Gray
- ④ Properties of  $G_n$

⑤ Decimal m

gray code =  $m \oplus \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor$

⑥ Application:

Error Correction / Detection

(N)

→ hamming code



# ⑦ Application:

