Discussion Section 7

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Problem 3: Bit-stream Reverse Engineering

You have been recruited as a penetration tester for a company manufacturing FPGA-based secure endpoints for a private network. They have asked you to pose as a potential attacker and try to find vulnerabilities in their system. After thinking about the most likely avenues of attack, you decide to pose as a malicious actor who has acquired detailed information on the FPGA that is being used in the endpoints. After analyzing a sample of the device, you were able to determine a few properties of the system.

- 1. The device contains a collection of N-LUTs (the value of N is part of the mystery). The LUTs are numbered 0, 1, 2, Each LUT in the FPGA has the same number of inputs (same N).
- 2. Each LUT has an output labeled y_i , where i is the LUT number, and inputs labeled x_{i_j} , where i is the LUT number and j is the input number.
- 3. For programming, the LUTs are connected in a shift register. They are programmed with a configuration bit-stream shifted in from one LUT to the next. Recall from lecture that the configuration bit-stream programs the values of the latches for the truth table.
- 4. The encryption is a stream cipher. This particular implementation uses several LFSRs, **one of which is relying on some LUTs to perform an XOR operation**. If the XOR LUTs are exposed, it would seriously compromise the security of the device, so the company is very interested in knowing which LUTs are exposed.
- 5. One of the LUTs is programmed as a simple 2-bit AND gate (*Hint: this will be useful in figuring out the endianness and size of the LUTs.*).
- 6. Via a side-channel power analysis attack, you were able to determine part of the bitstream, shown here: 0x1111111169969669575757FF699696697F77FFF. This bitstream is fed in from right to left (i.e. F is fed first and 1 is fed last).



- 2-input AND Truth Table
- Consider this as a bitstream
 - -0001 = 0x1
 - -1000 = 0x8

Α	В	X
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

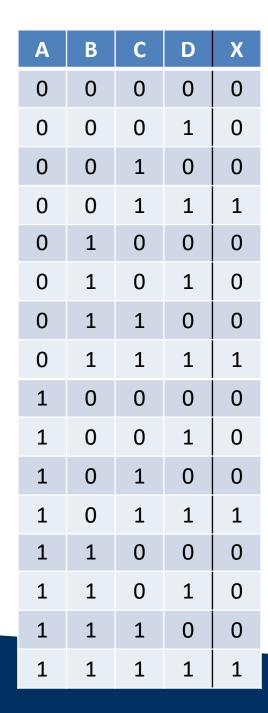


- What about implementing this in a 3-LUT?
 - Repeat the same truth table, only caring about the 2 LSBs
- Bitstream this
 - $-00010001 = 0 \times 11$

A	В	С	X
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1



- What about implementing this in a 4-LUT?
 - Repeat the same truth table, only caring about the 2 LSBs
- Bitstream this
 - $-0001000100010001 = 0 \times 1111$





- 2-input XOR Truth Table
- Consider this as a bitstream
 - -0110 = 0x6

Α	В	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

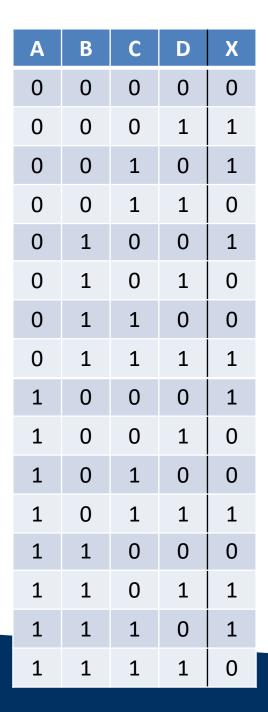


- What about implementing this in a 3-LUT?
 - Repeat the same truth table, only caring about the 2 LSBs
- Bitstream this
 - $-01101001 = 0 \times 69$

A	В	С	X
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1



- What about implementing this in a 4-LUT?
 - Repeat the same truth table, only caring about the 2 LSBs
- Bitstream this
 - $-0110100110010110 = 0 \times 6996$





- Original bitstream
 - 0x<mark>1111111</mark>69969669575757FF699696697F77FFF
- String of 1s must be the 2-AND



- Original bitstream
 - 0x<mark>1111111169969669</mark>575757FF<mark>69969669</mark>7F77FFFF
- String of 1s must be the 2-AND
 - 8 hexadecimal digits = 32 bits -> 5-LUT
- 0x69969669 is a 5-input XOR
- Write out truth tables for remaining two operations and simplify to find expressions



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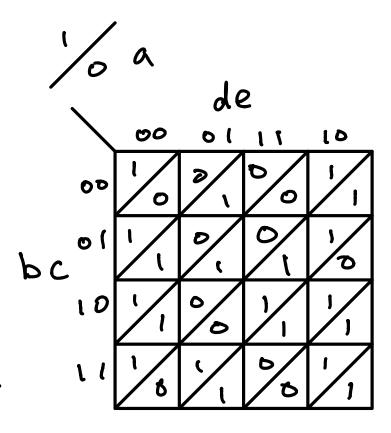


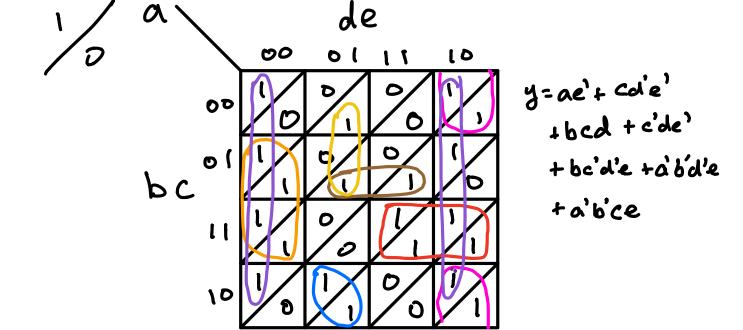
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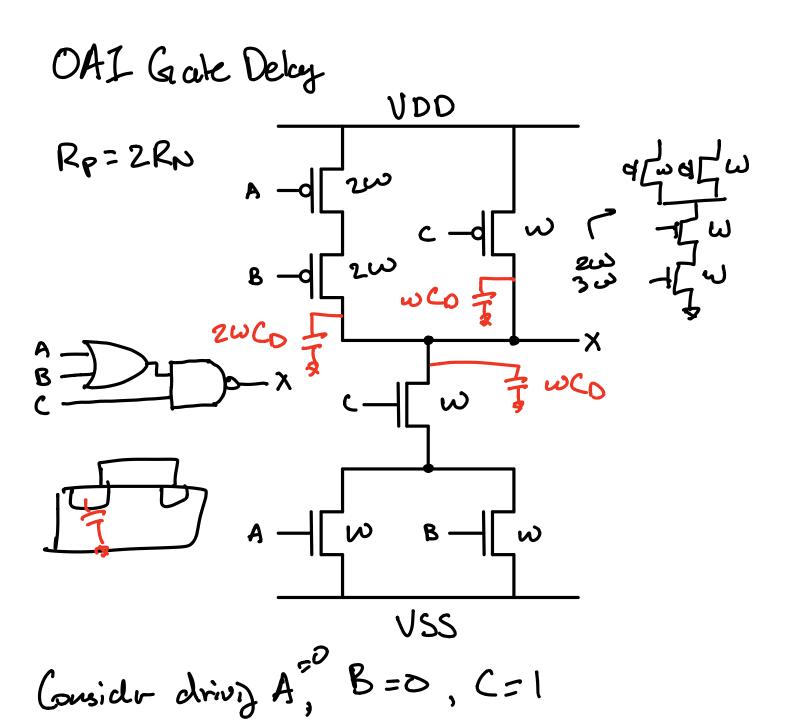


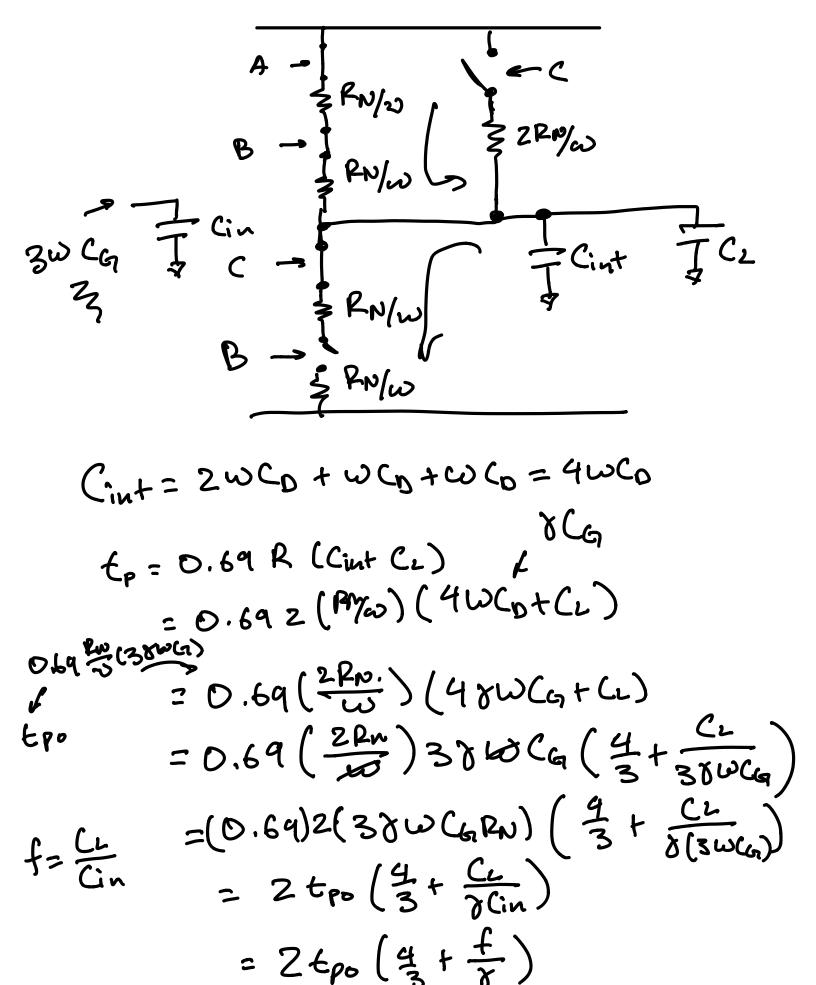
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