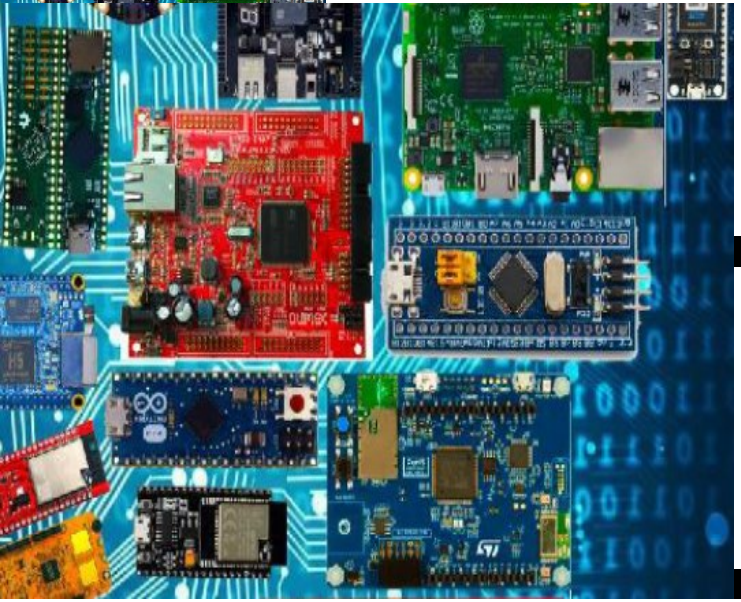

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COMBINATIONAL LOGIC DESIGN

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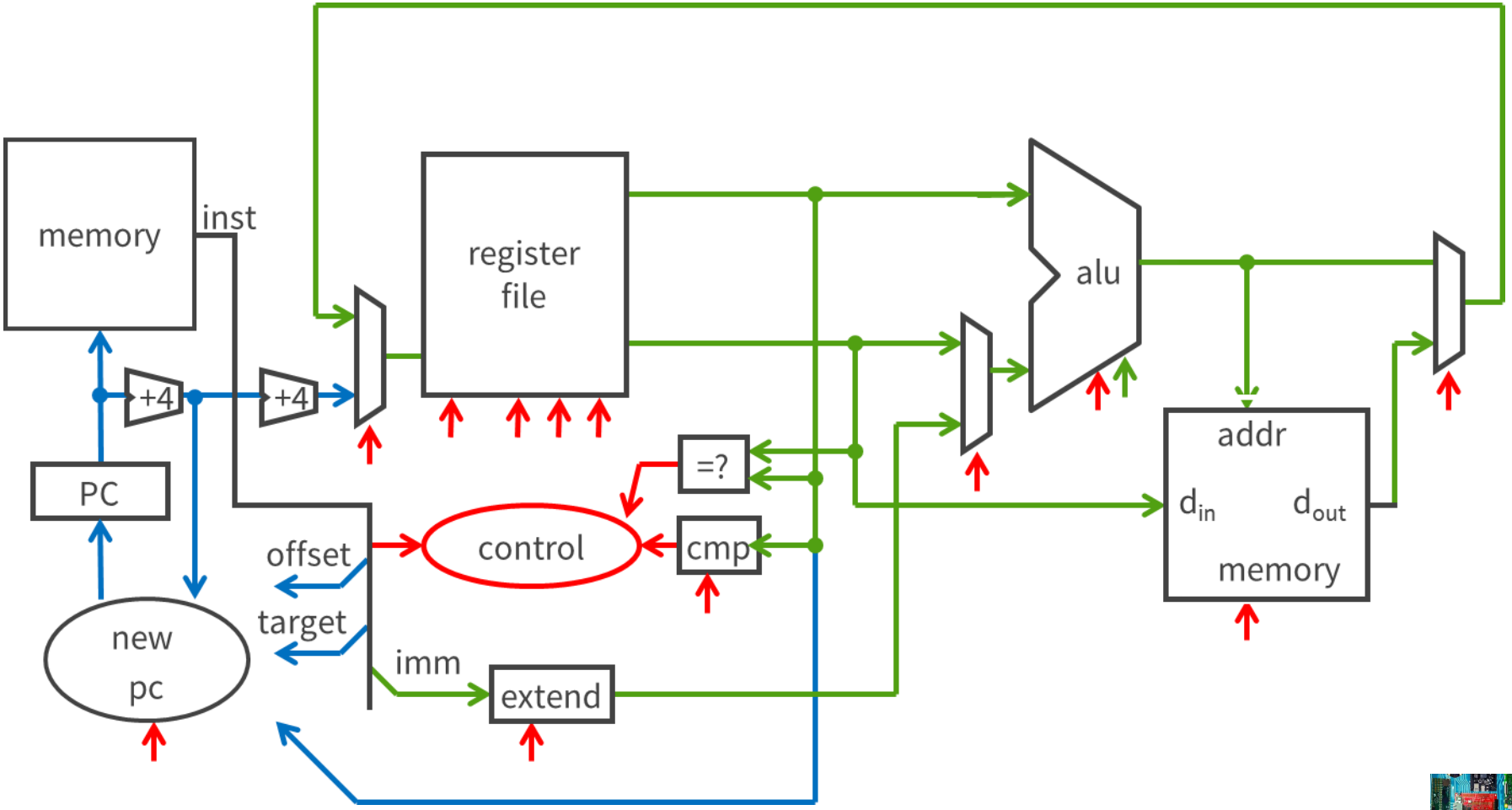
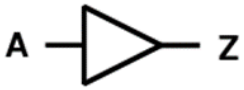


COMMON LOGIC GATES

- Basic Logic gates

Buffer



A	Z
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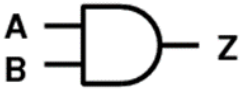
AND



A	B	Z
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OR

A	B	Z
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

XOR

A	B	Z
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Inverter

A	Z
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NAND

A	B	Z
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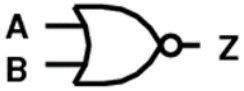
NOR



A	B	Z
0	0	1
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XNOR

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0	0	1
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1	0	0
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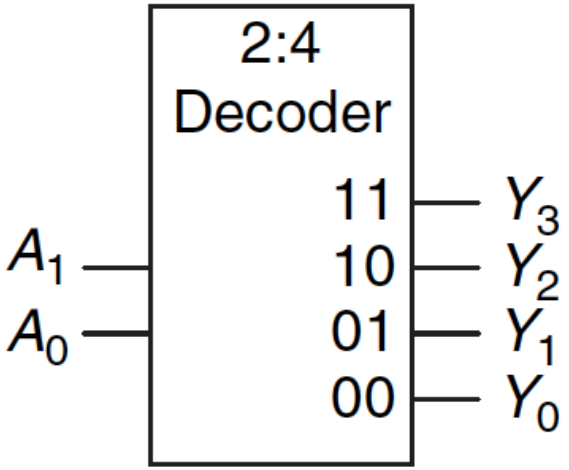
COMBINATIONAL BUILDING BLOCKS

- Combinational logic is often grouped into larger building blocks to build more complex systems
- Hides the unnecessary gate-level details to emphasize the function of the building block
- We now examine:
  - Decoder
  - Multiplexer
  - Full adder
  - PLA (Programmable Logic Array)

DECODER

- "Input pattern detector"
- n inputs and 2^n outputs
- Exactly one of the outputs is 1 and all the rest are 0s
- The output that is logically 1 is the output corresponding to the input pattern that the logic circuit is expected to detect
- Example: 2-to-4 decoder

A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0



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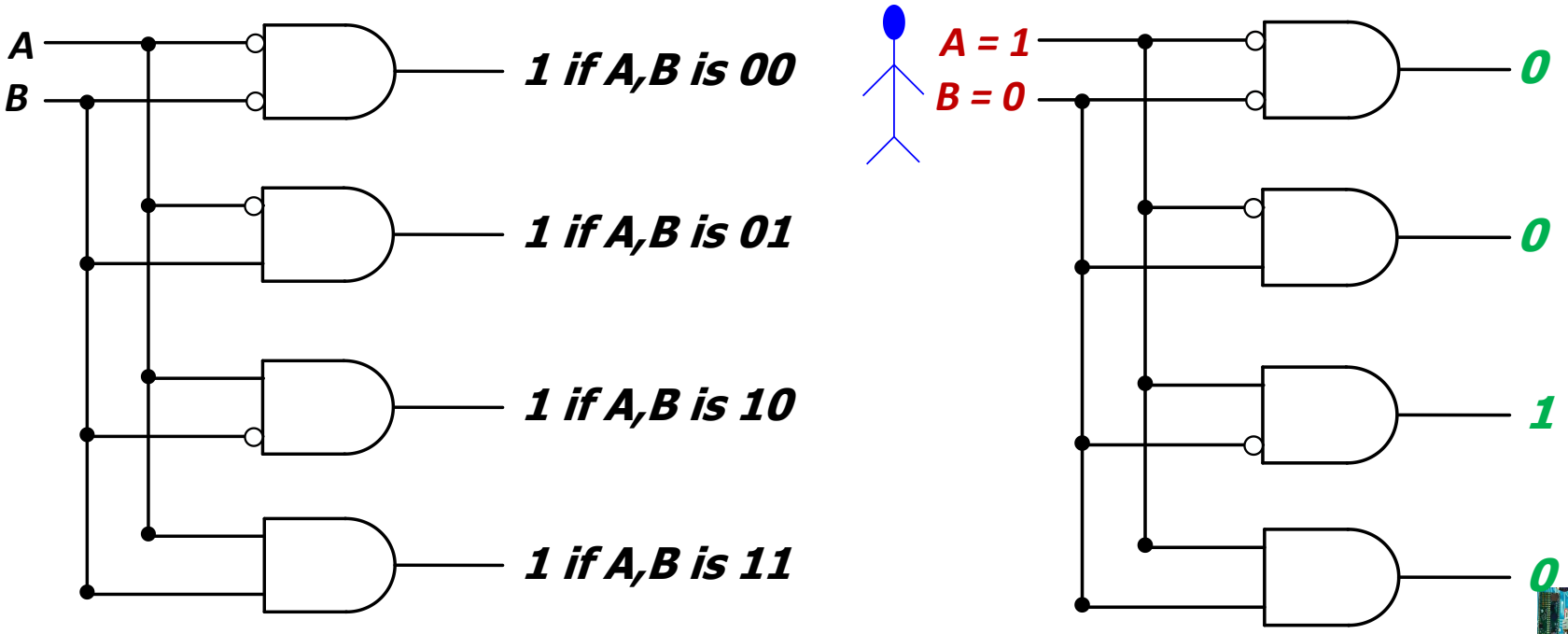
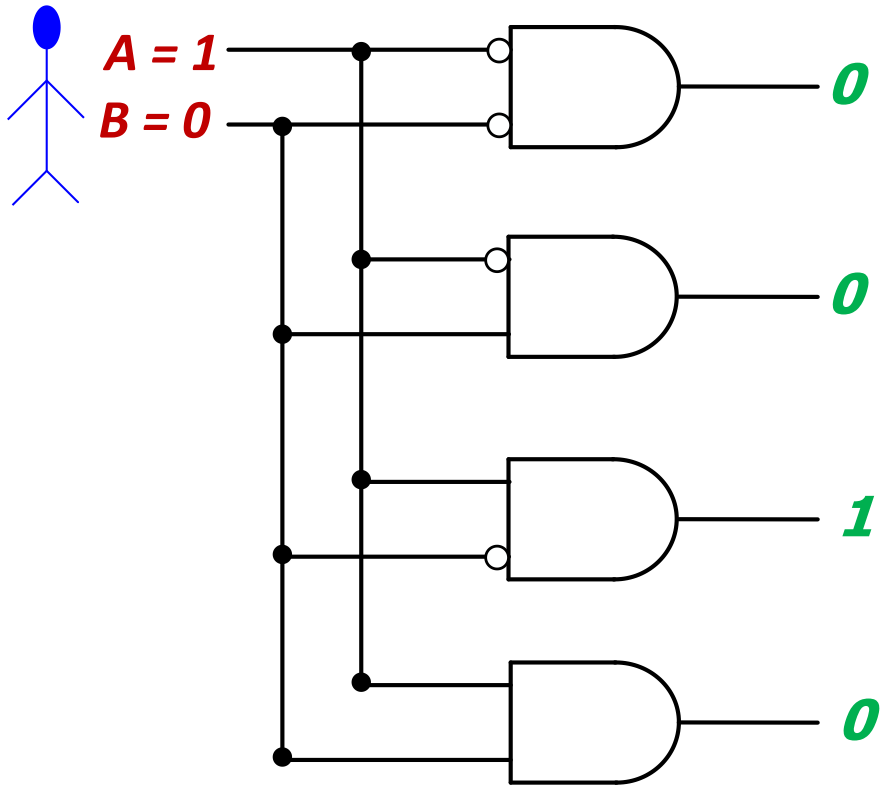


DECODER

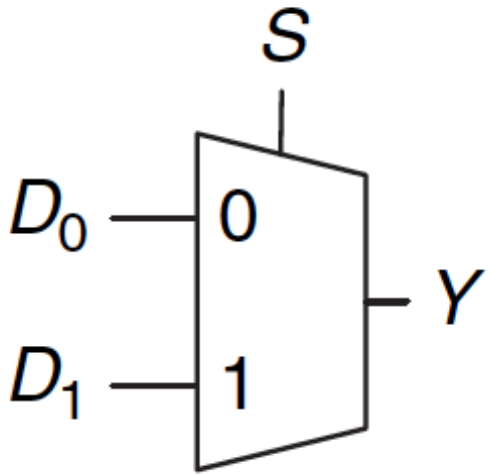
- The decoder is useful in determining how to interpret a bit pattern
  - **It could be the address of a location in memory, that the processor intends to read from**
  - **It could be an instruction in the program and the processor needs to decide what action to take (based on *instruction opcode*)**



MULTIPLEXER

- Selects one of the N inputs to connect it to the output
  - Based on the value of a $\log_2$N-bit control input called select
- Example: 2-to-1 MUX

S	D_1	D_0	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1



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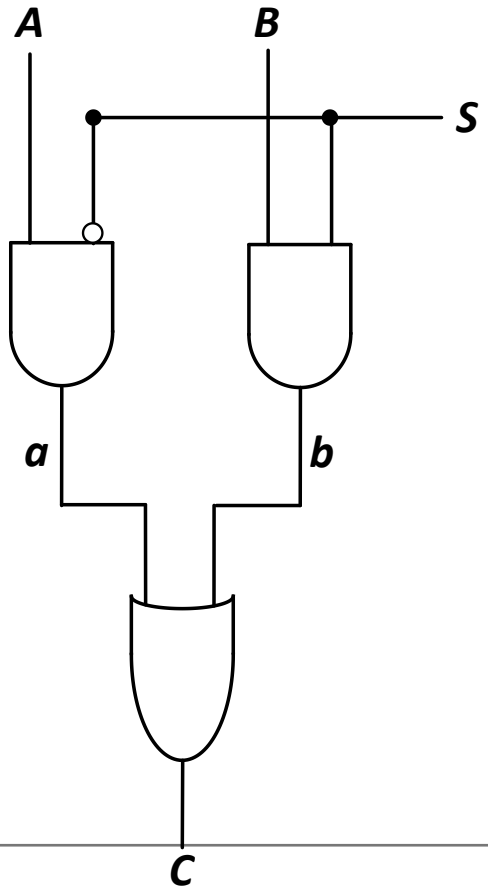
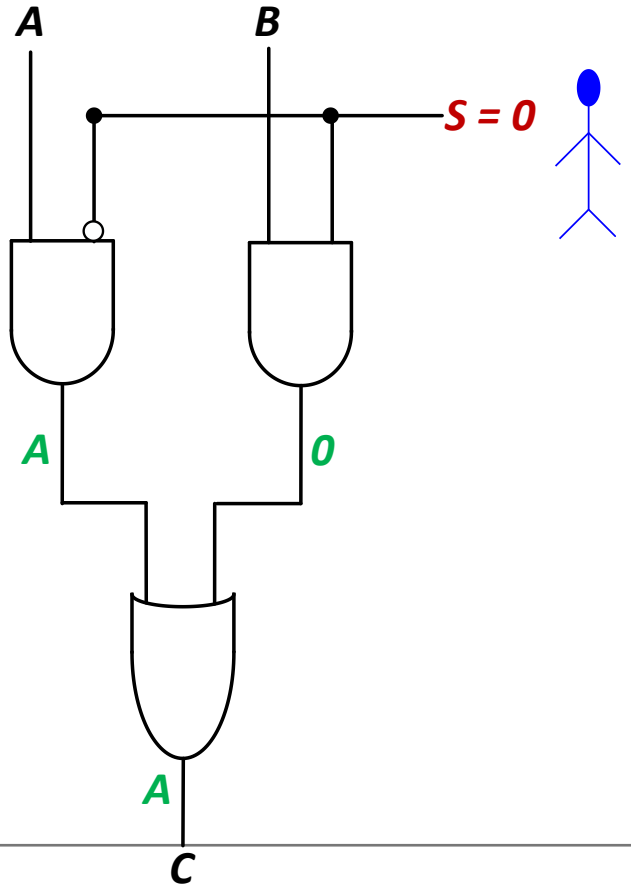


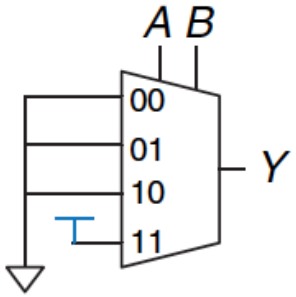


MULTIPLEXER

- Multiplexers can be used as lookup tables to perform logic functions

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$Y = AB$

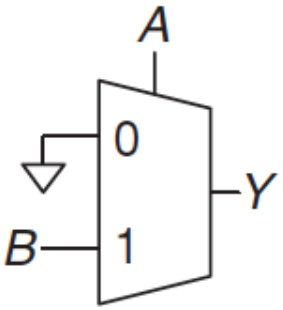


4:1 multiplexer implementation of two-input AND function

$Y = AB$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	Y
0	0
1	B



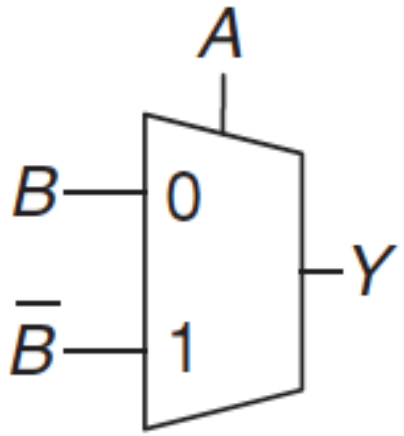
MULTIPLEXER

- Multiplexers can be used as lookup tables to perform logic functions

$Y = A \oplus B$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

A	Y
0	B
1	$\overline{B}$

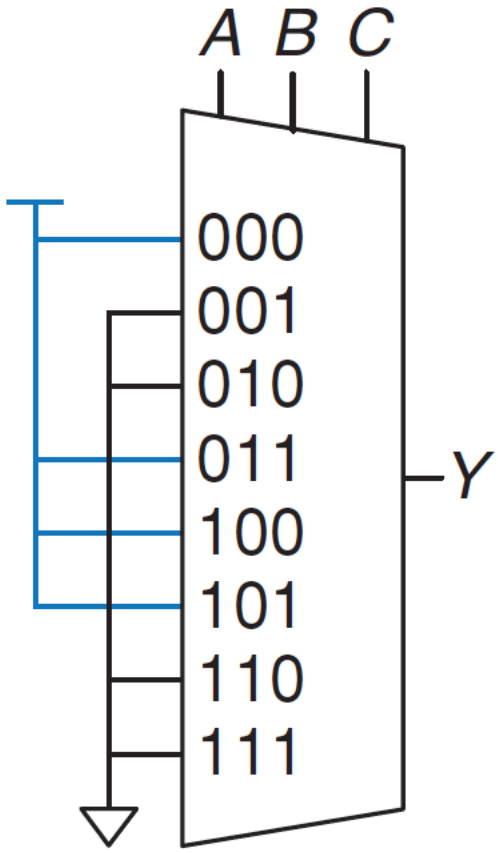


MULTIPLEXER

- Multiplexers can be used as lookup tables to perform logic functions

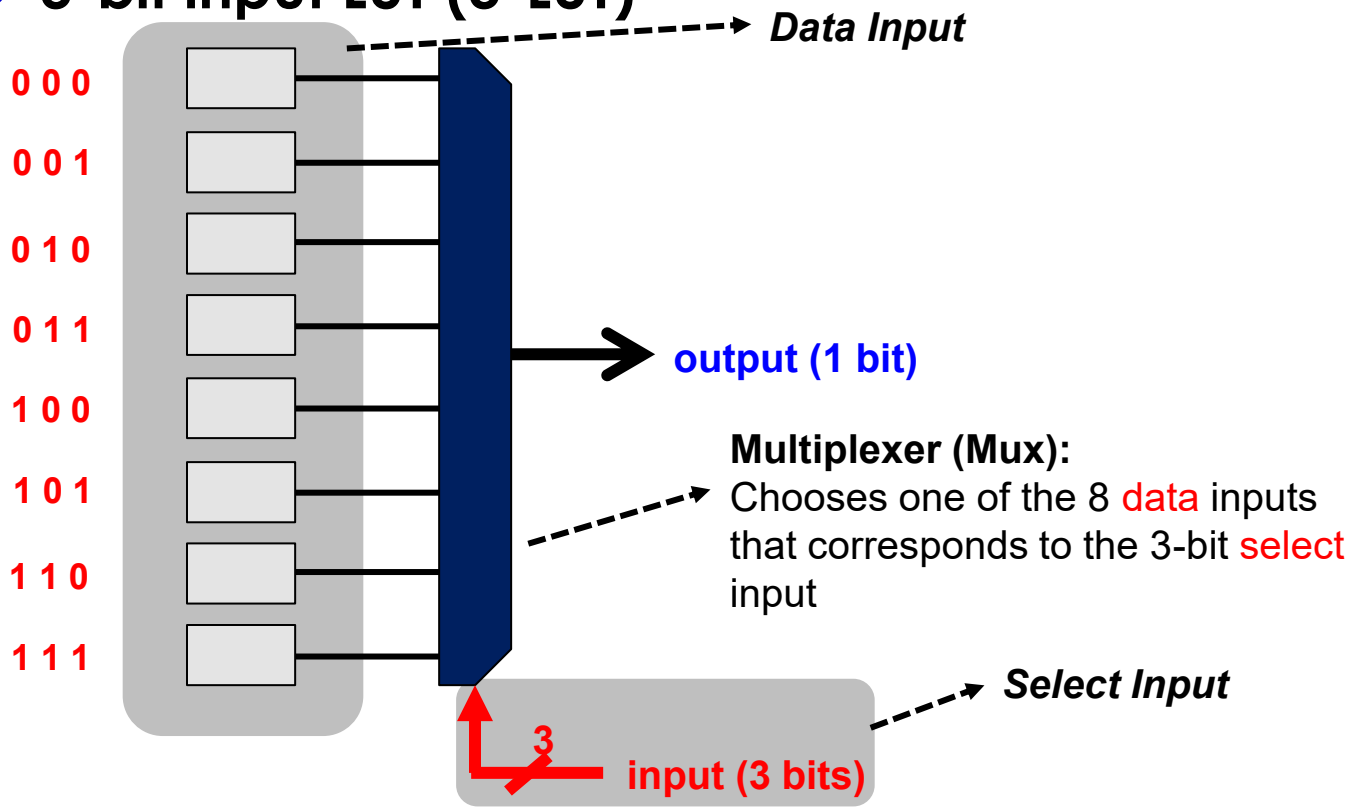
A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

$$Y = A\overline{B} + \overline{B}\overline{C} + \overline{A}BC$$



MULTIPLEXER

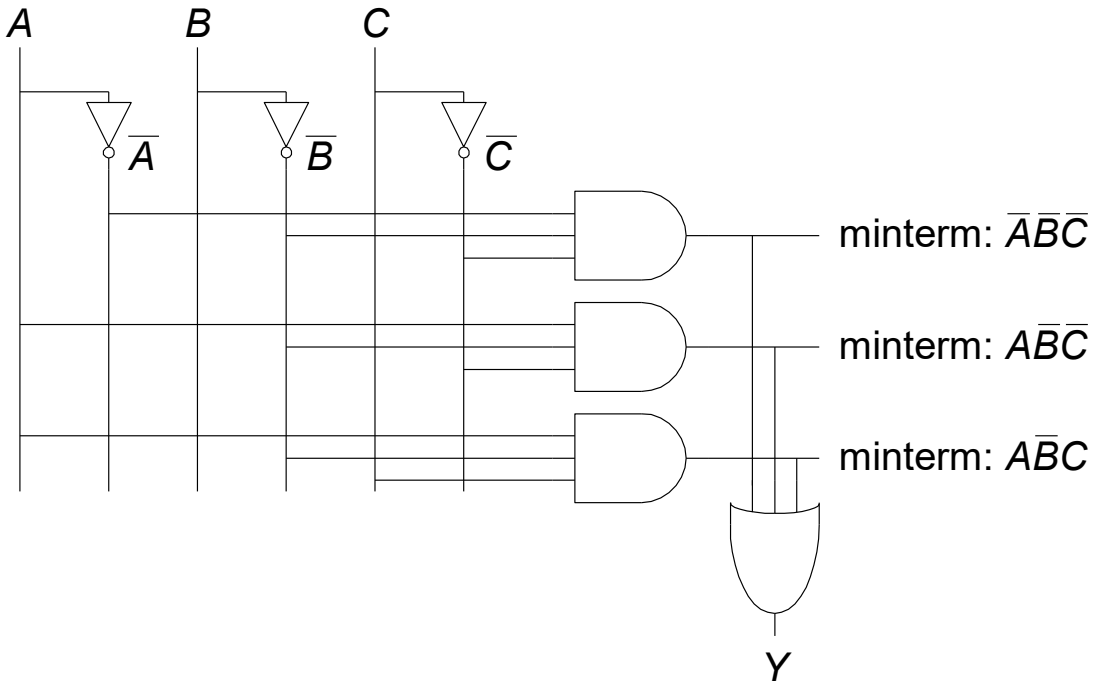
- Multiplexers can be used as lookup tables to perform logic functions: 8-input Lookup Table (LUT)
  - **3-bit input LUT (3-LUT)**



3-LUT can implement
any 3-bit input function

PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC ARRAY (PLA)

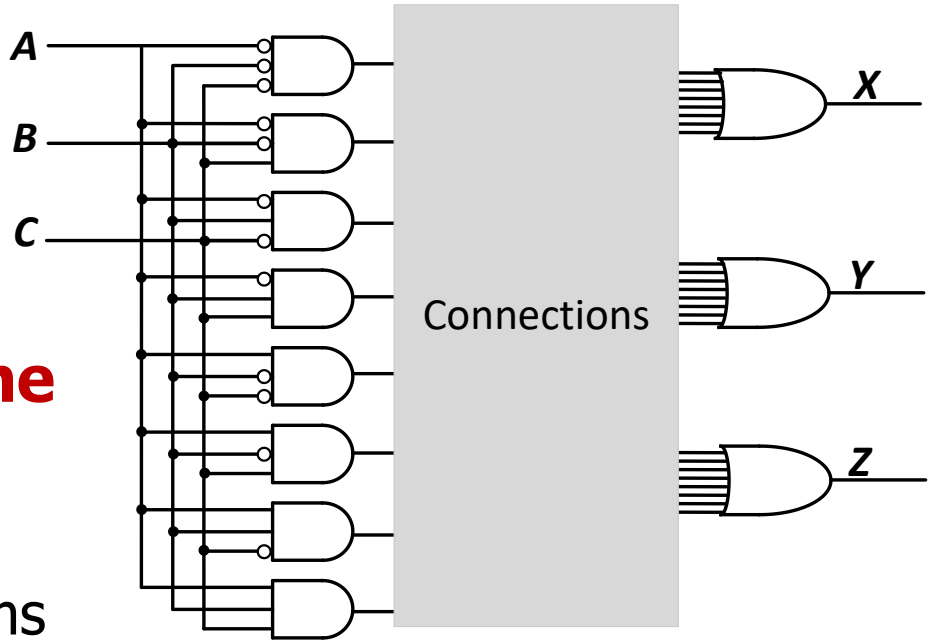
- SOP (sum-of-products) leads to two-level logic
- Example: $Y = (\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C}) + (A \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C}) + (A \cdot \overline{B} \cdot C)$



- A PLA enables the two-level SOP implementation of any N-input M-output function

PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC ARRAY (PLA)

- The below logic structure is a very common building block for implementing any collection of logic functions one wishes to

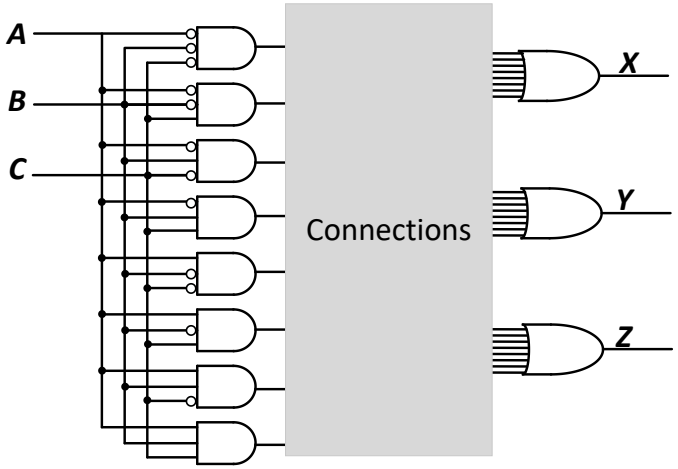


- An array of AND gates followed by an array of OR gates
- **How do we determine the number of AND gates?**
  - **Remember SOP:** the number of possible minterms
  - For an n-input logic function, we need a PLA with 2^n n-input AND gates
- **How do we determine the number of OR gates?** The number of output columns in the truth table

PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC ARRAY (PLA)

- How do we implement a logic function?
- Connect the output of an AND gate to the input of an OR gate if the corresponding minterm is included in the SOP
- This is a simple programmable logic construct

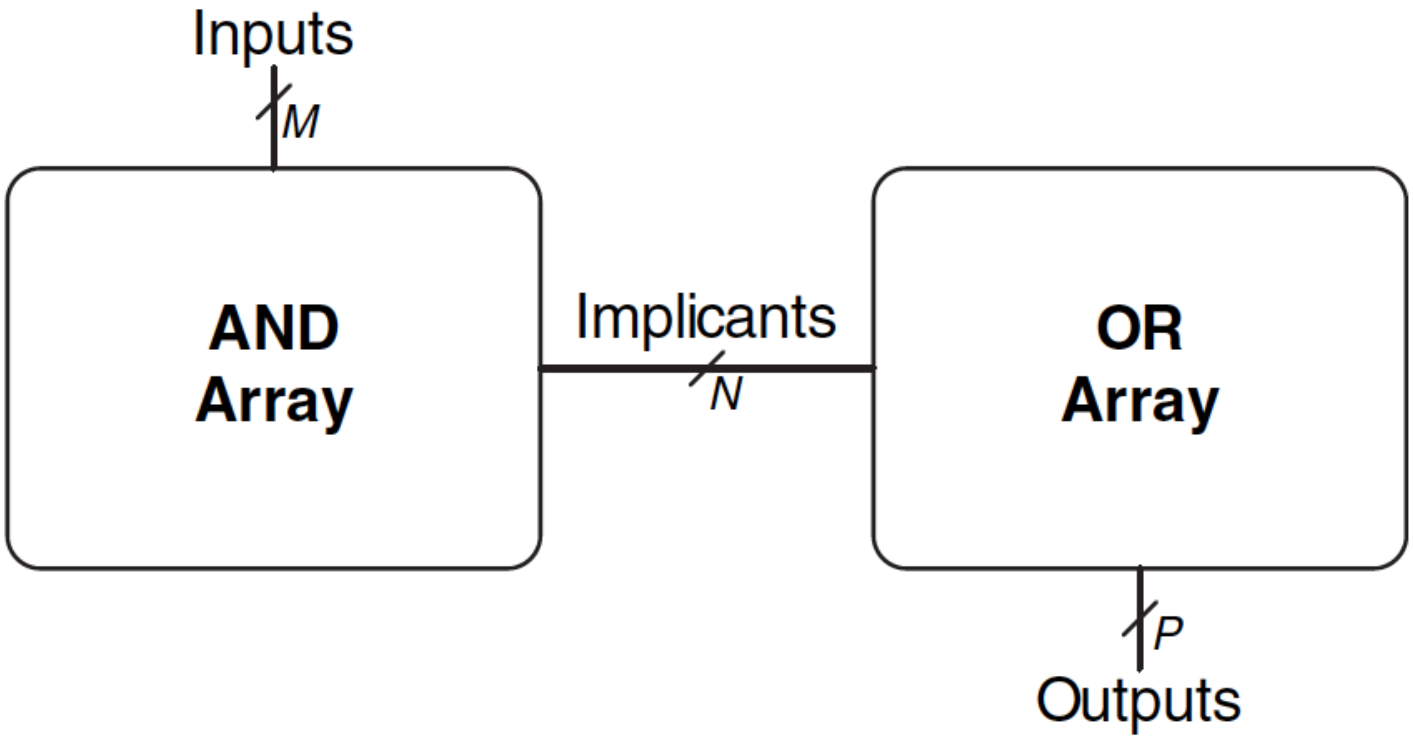
- **Programming a PLA**: we program the connections from AND gate outputs to OR gate inputs to implement a desired logic function



- Have you seen any other type of programmable logic?
  - Yes! An FPGA…
  - An FPGA uses more advanced structures, as we see in the labs

PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC ARRAY (PLA)

- PLA example



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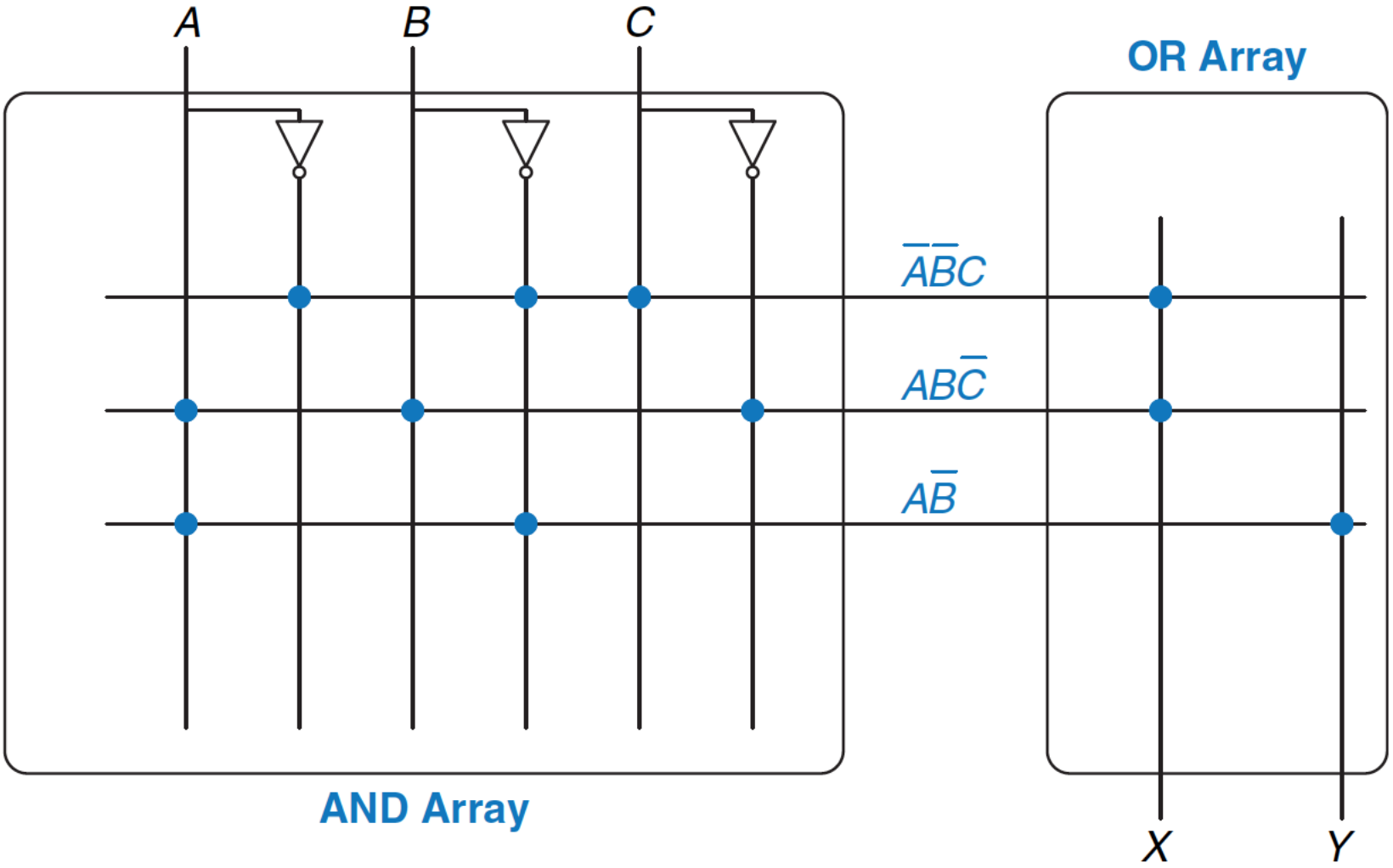

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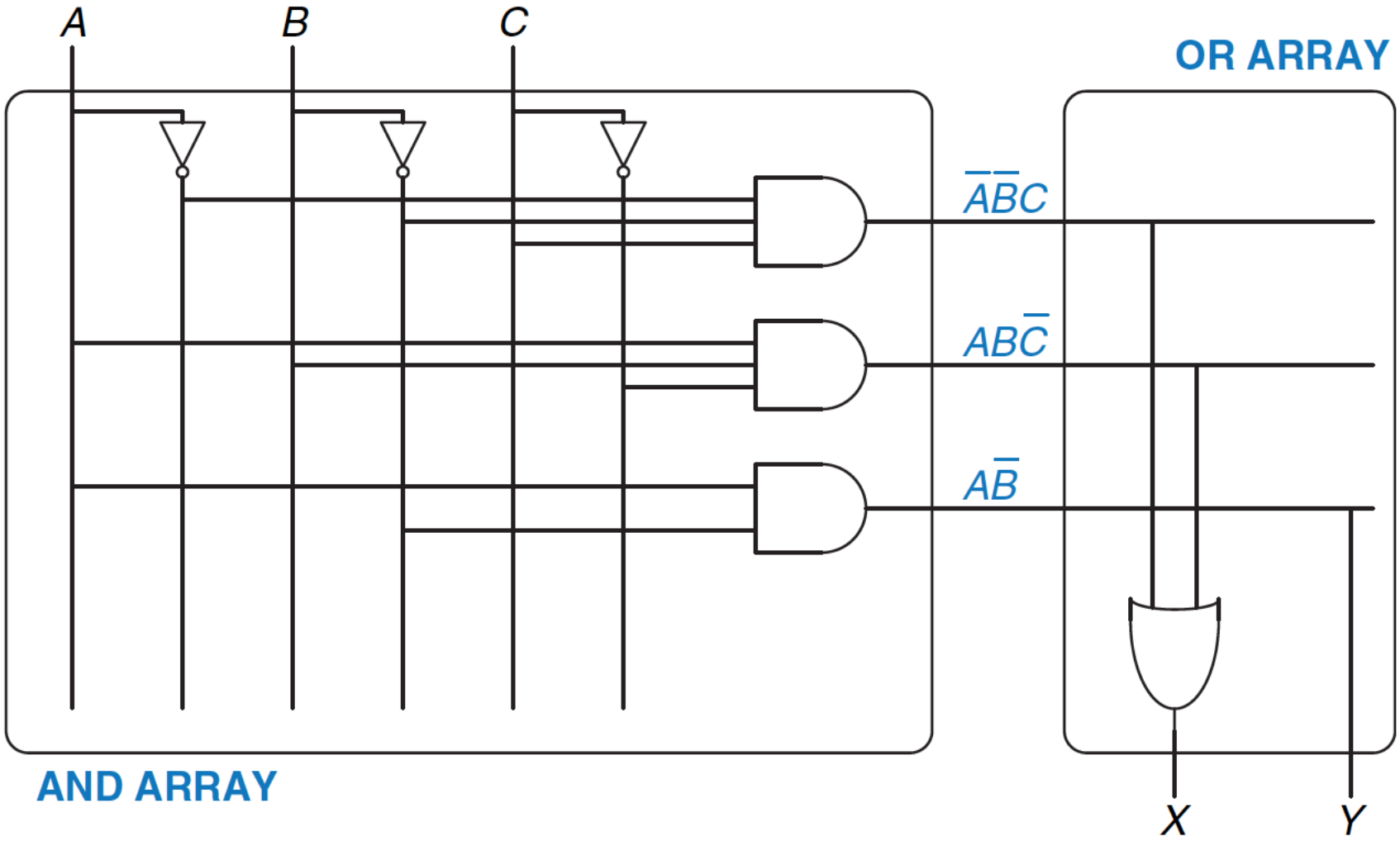
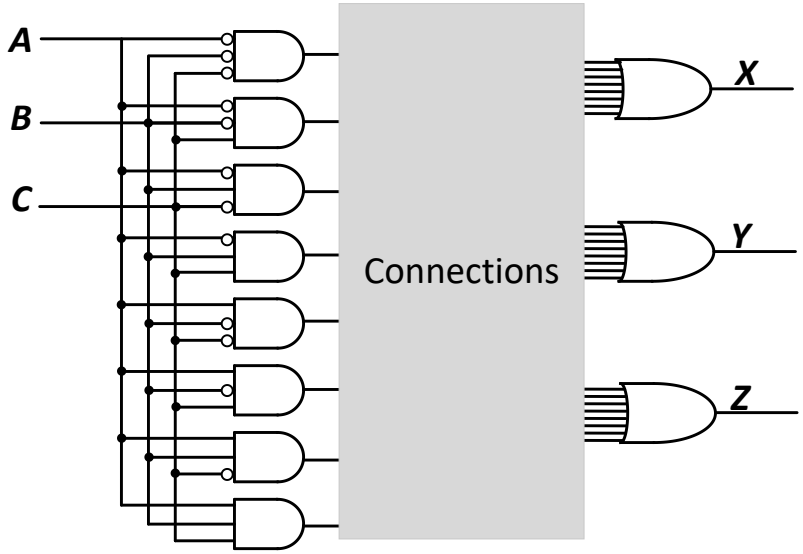
- PLA example



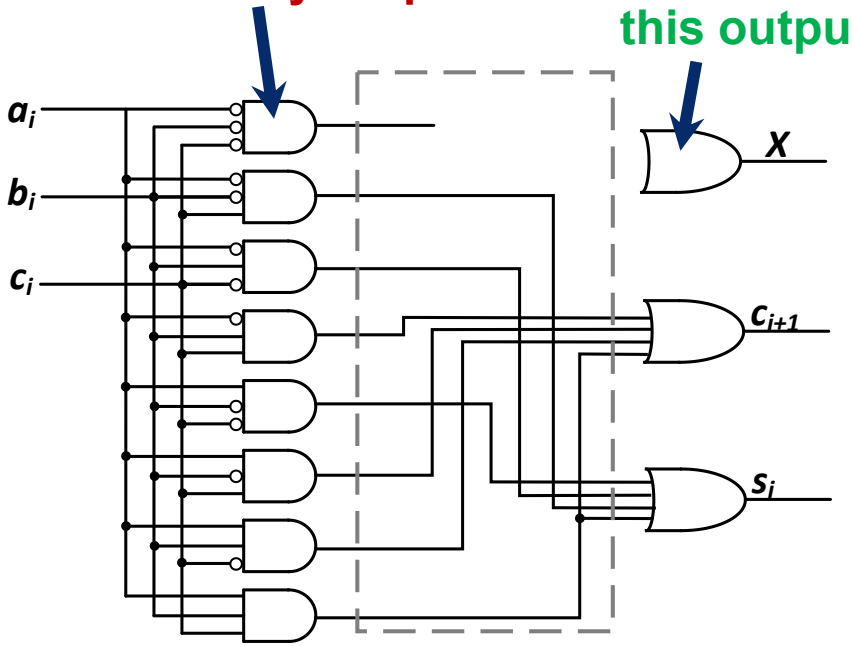
PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC ARRAY (PLA)

- Implementing a Full Adder Using a PLA



This input should not be connected to any outputs

We do not need this output

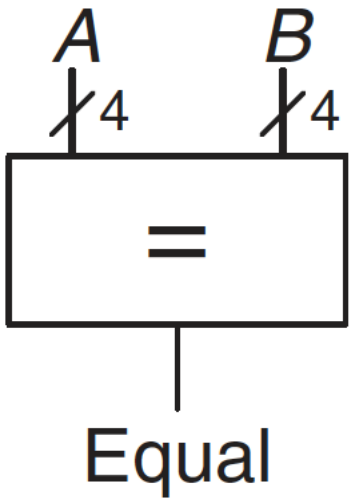


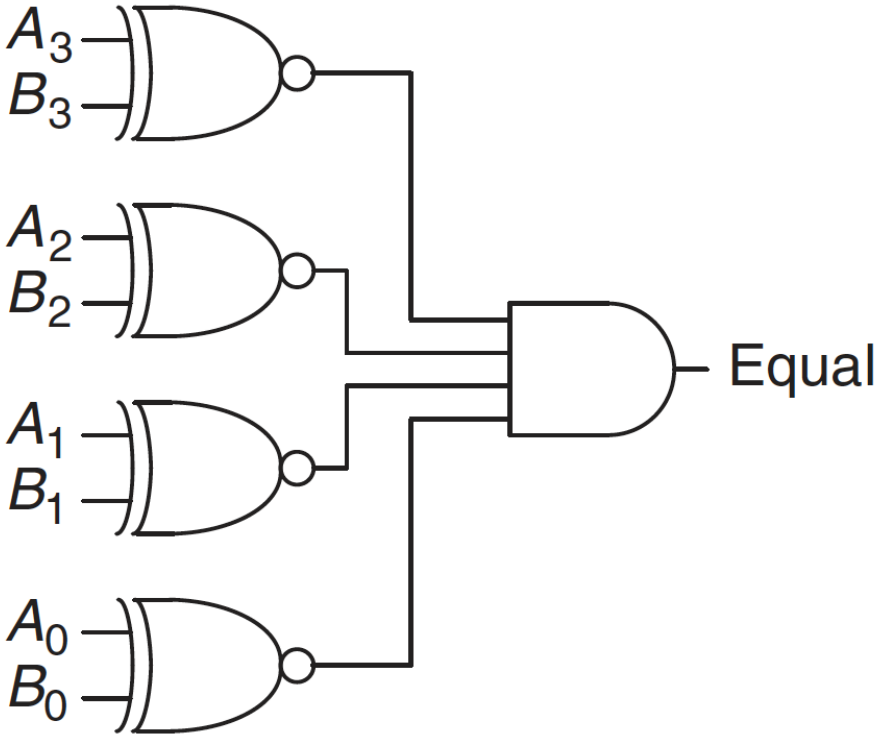
Truth table of a full adder

a_i	b_i	$carry_i$	$carry_{i+1}$	S_i
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

COMPARATOR

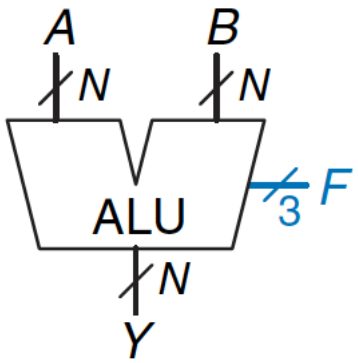
- Equality checker (compare if equal)
- Checks if two N-input values are exactly the same
- Example: 4-bit Comparator





ARITHMETIC LOGIC UNIT (ALU)

- Combines a variety of arithmetic and logical operations into a single unit (that performs only one function at a time)
- Usually denoted with this symbol:



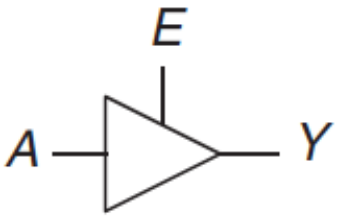
ALU Symbol

ALU Operations

$F_{2:0}$	Function
000	A AND B
001	A OR B
010	A + B
011	not used
100	A AND $\overline{B}$
101	A OR $\overline{B}$
110	A – B
111	SLT

TRI-STATE BUFFER

- A tri-state buffer enables gating of different signals onto a wire
- A tri-state buffer acts like a switch



E	A	Y
0	0	Z
0	1	Z
1	0	0
1	1	1

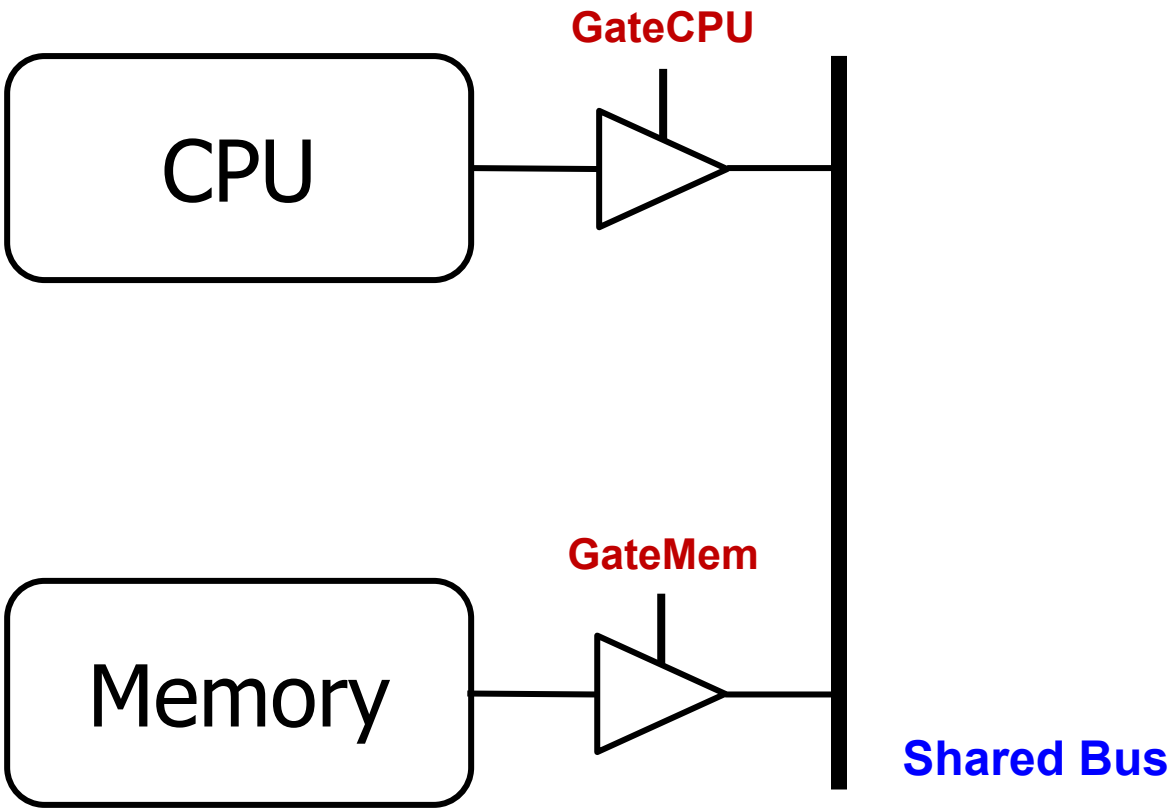
- Floating signal (Z): Signal that is not driven by any circuit
  - Open circuit, floating wire

TRI-STATE BUFFER

- Use of tri-state buffers
- Imagine a wire connecting the CPU and memory
  - At any time only the CPU or the memory can place a value on the wire, both not both
  - You can have two tri-state buffers: one driven by CPU, the other memory; and ensure at most one is enabled at any time

TRI-STATE BUFFER

- Use of tri-state buffers



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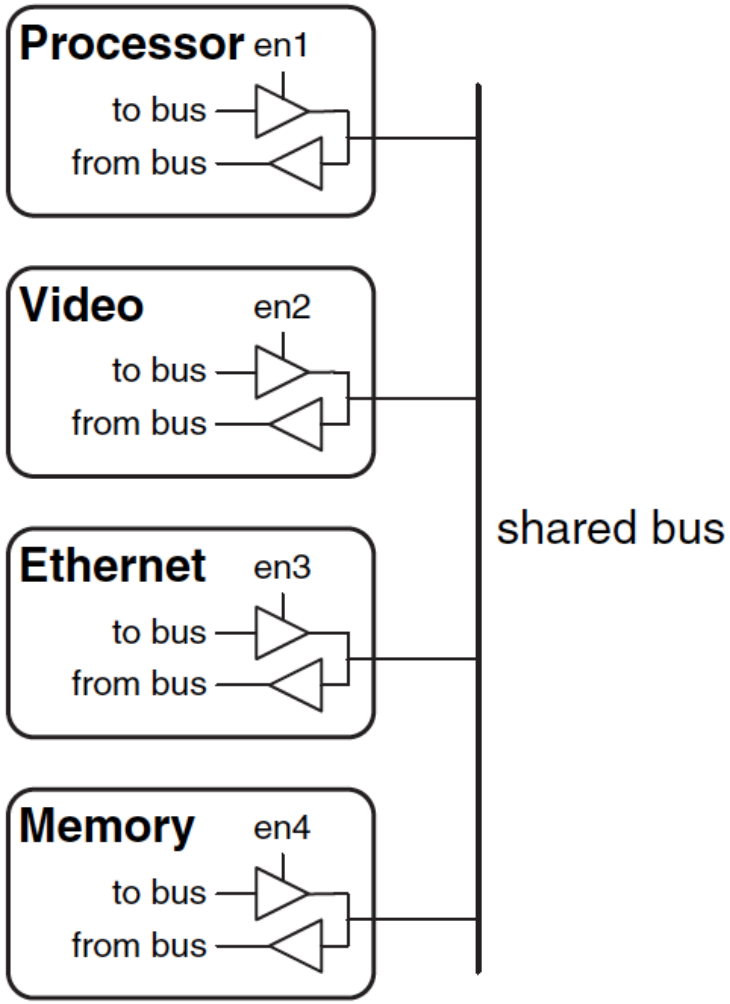
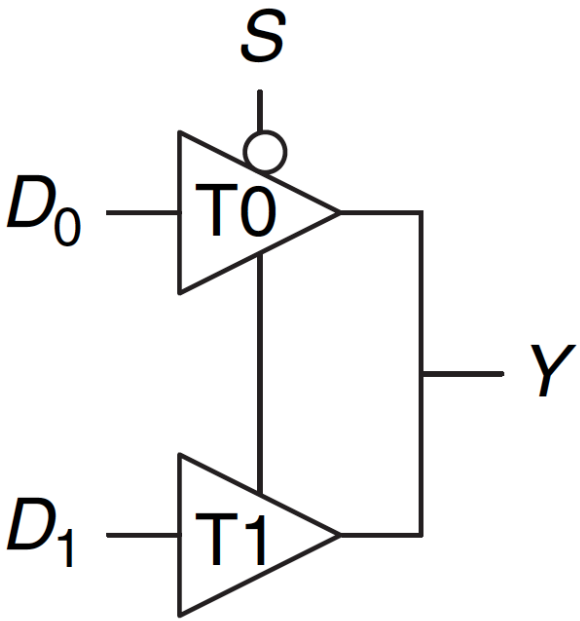
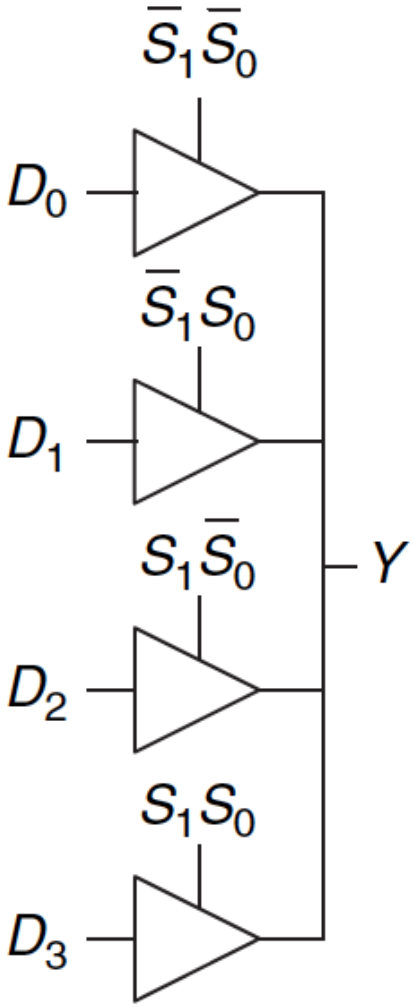


TRI-STATE BUFFER

- Use of tri-state buffers (MUX using tri-state buffers)

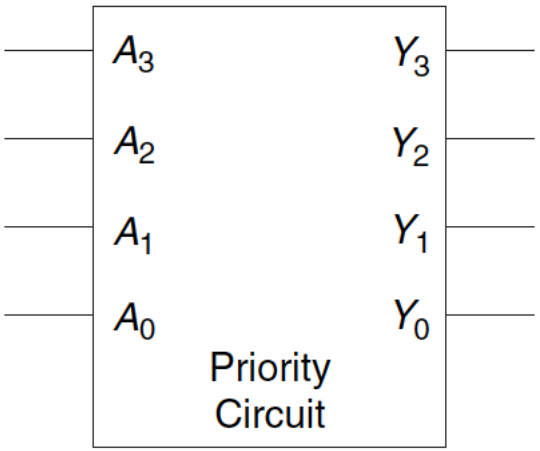


$$Y = D_0\bar{S} + D_1 S$$



PRIORITY CIRCUIT

- Inputs: "Requestors" with priority levels
- Outputs: "Grant" signal for each requestor
- Example 4-bit priority circuit
- Real life example: Imagine a bus requested by 4 processors



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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
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