

# Digital Systems Design and Laboratory

## [ 4. Applications of Boolean Algebra ]

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# Outline

- ☒ **Conversion of English Sentences to Boolean Equations**

- ☐ Combinational Logic Design Using a Truth Table

- ☐ Minterm and Maxterm Expansions

- ☐ General Minterm and Maxterm Expansions

- ☐ Incompletely Specified Functions

- ☐ Examples of Truth Table Construction

- ☐ Design of Binary Adders and Subtracters

# Objectives

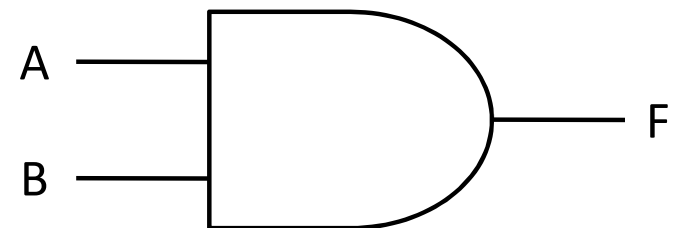
❑ Design a combinational logic circuit starting with a **word description (specification)** of the desired circuit behavior

## ❑ Steps

- Translate the word description into a switching function
  - Boolean expression or truth table
- Simplify the function
- Realize it using available logic gates

## ❑ Example

- Mary watches TV **if and only if** it is Monday night **and** she has finished her homework
  - F: Mary watches TV
  - A: It is Monday night
  - B: Mary has finished her homework
- $F = A \bullet B$

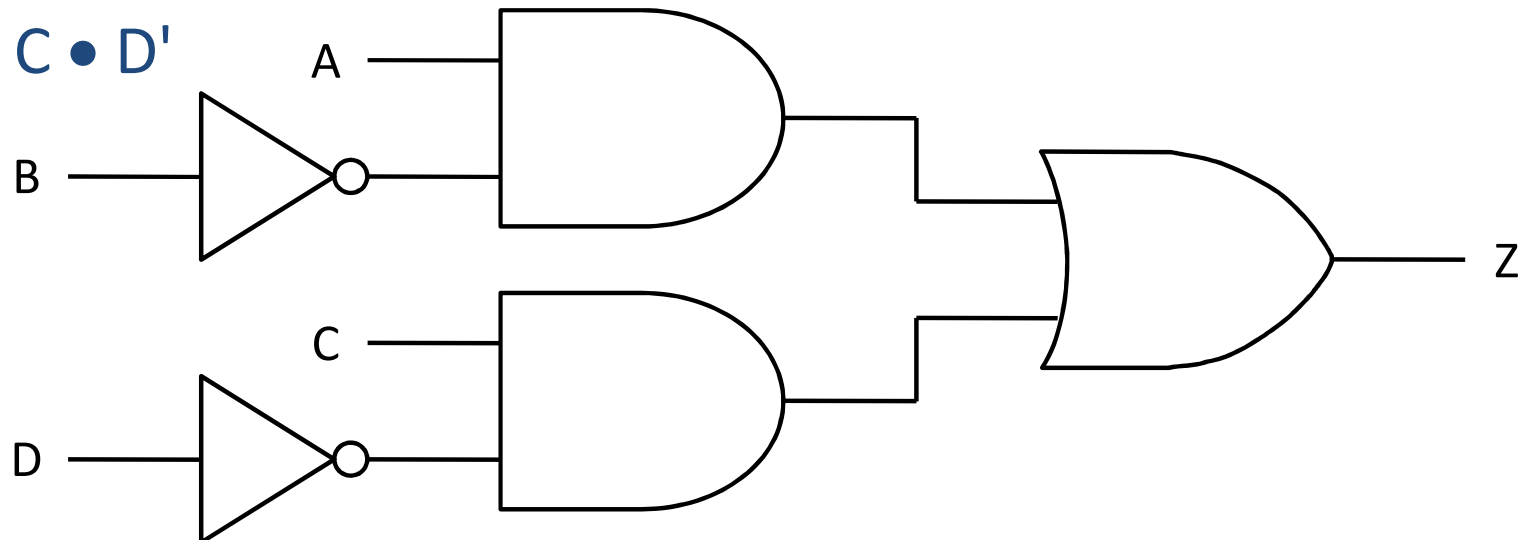


# Another Example

□ The alarm will ring if and only if the alarm switch is turned on and the door is not closed, or it is after 6pm and the window is not closed

- Z: The alarm will ring
- A: the alarm switch is on
- B: The door is closed
- C: It is after 6pm
- D: The window is closed

□  $Z = A \bullet B' + C \bullet D'$



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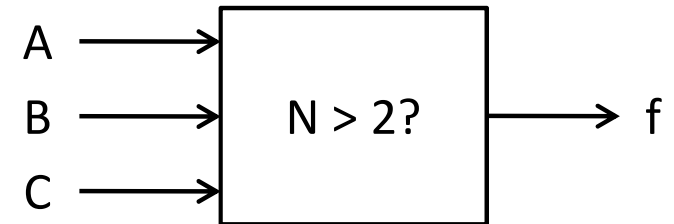
# Threshold Detector (1/2)

□ Design a detector that outputs 1 when input is greater than 2

➤ Inputs  $(A, B, C)_2$  represent a binary number  $N$

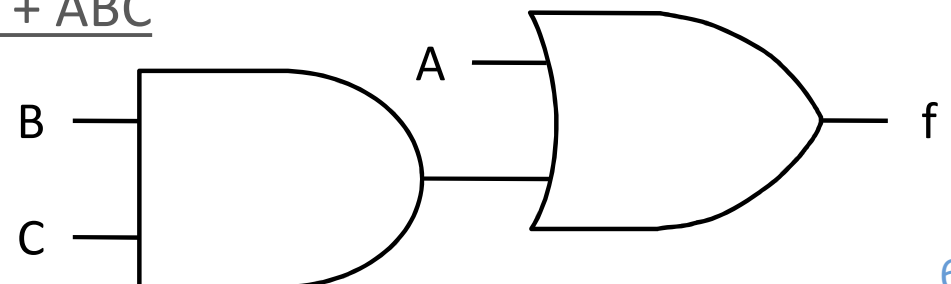
➤ If  $N = (A, B, C)_2 \geq 3$ , output  $f = 1$ ; otherwise  $f = 0$

A	B	C	f	f'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0



Show the condition to make output = 1

➤  $f = A'BC + AB'C' + AB'C + ABC' + ABC$  (SOP)  
 $= \underline{A'BC + ABC} + \underline{AB'C' + AB'C} + ABC'$   
 $= A + BC$

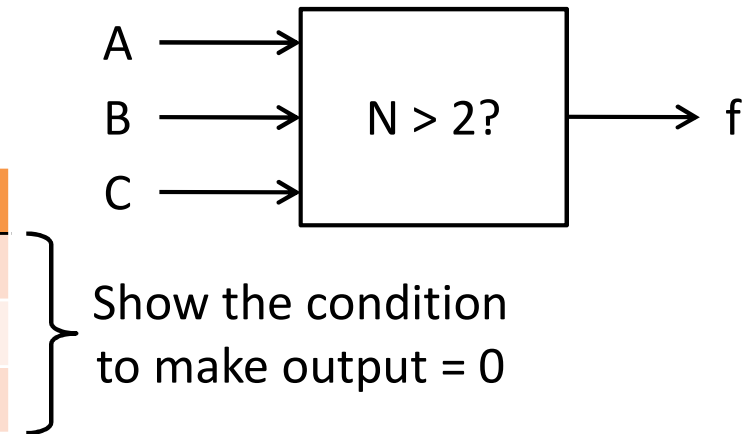


# Threshold Detector (2/2)

□ By counting 1's, we have SOP

□ What if counting 0's

A	B	C	f	f'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0



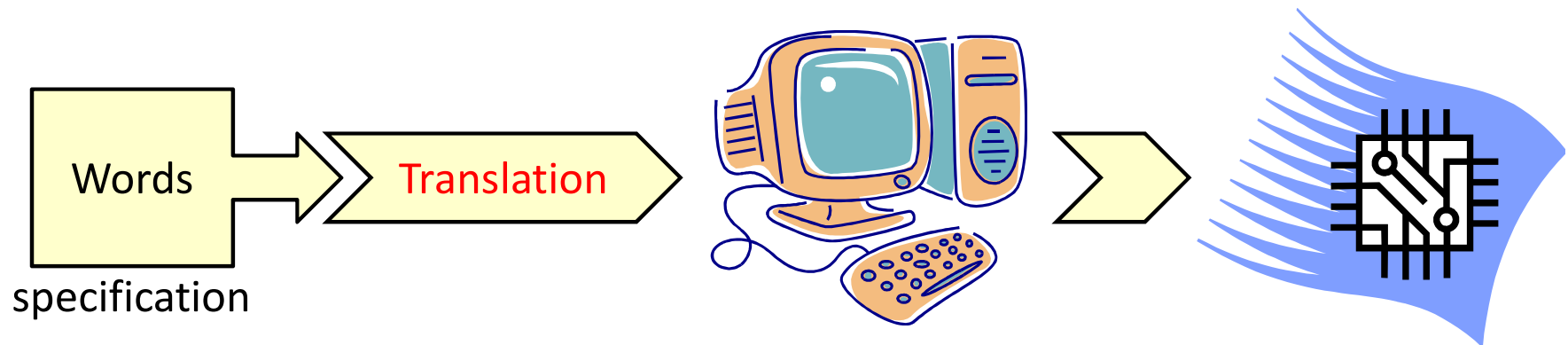
$$\begin{aligned} \text{➤ } f &= (ABC \neq 000) \bullet (ABC \neq 001) \bullet (ABC \neq 010) \\ &= (A'B'C')' \bullet (A'B'C)' \bullet (A'BC')' = (A + B + C) \bullet (A + B + C') \bullet (A + B' + C) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{➤ } f &= (A'B'C' + A'B'C + A'BC')' \\ &= (A'B'C')' \bullet (A'B'C)' \bullet (A'BC')' = (A + B + C) \bullet (A + B + C') \bullet (A + B' + C) \end{aligned}$$

# Logic Design Using a Truth Table

## □ Steps

- Make a truth table according to the word description
- Generate a Boolean expression
  - Sum-of-products (SOP): check 1's
  - Product-of-sums (POS): check 0's
    - Have f' in SOP and then derive f in POS
- Simplify the Boolean expression





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# Minterm and Maxterm

□ Definition: A minterm/maxterm of  $n$  variables is a product/sum of  $n$  literals in which each variable appears exactly once in either true or complement form (but not both)

➤ A literal is a variable or its complement ( $A$  or  $A'$ )

➤ Examples of 3 variables

• Minterm:  $A'BC$ ,  $AB'C'$

• Maxterm:  $A+B+C$ ,  $A+B+C'$

$$(m_i)' = M_i$$

Row No.	ABC	Minterm $m_i$	↔	Maxterm $M_i$
0	000	$m_0 = A'B'C'$		$M_0 = A + B + C$
1	001	$m_1 = A'B'C$		$M_1 = A + B + C'$
2	010	$m_2 = A'BC'$		$M_2 = A + B' + C$
3	011	$m_3 = A'BC$		$M_3 = A + B' + C'$
4	100	$m_4 = AB'C'$		$M_4 = A' + B + C$
5	101	$m_5 = AB'C$		$M_5 = A' + B + C'$
6	110	$m_6 = ABC'$		$M_6 = A' + B' + C$
7	111	$m_7 = ABC$		$M_7 = A' + B' + C'$

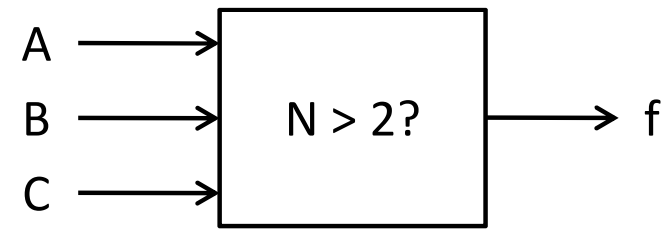
# Minterm Expansion

□ A minterm expansion or a standard sum of products is a function is written as a sum of minterms

➤ Counting 1's

## □ Example

➤  $f = A'BC + AB'C' + AB'C + ABC' + ABC$   
 $= m_3 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$  (m-notation)  
 $= \sum m(3, 4, 5, 6, 7)$



Row No.	ABC	Minterm $m_i$	Maxterm $M_i$
0	000	$m_0 = A'B'C'$	$M_0 = A + B + C$
1	001	$m_1 = A'B'C$	$M_1 = A + B + C'$
2	010	$m_2 = A'BC'$	$M_2 = A + B' + C$
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5	101	$m_5 = AB'C$	$M_5 = A' + B + C'$
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7	111	$m_7 = ABC$	$M_7 = A' + B' + C'$

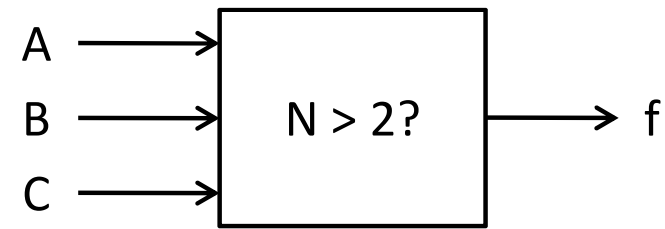
# Maxterm Expansion

□ A maxterm expansion or a standard product of sums is a function written as a product of maxterms

➤ Counting 0's

□ Example

➤  $F = (A + B + C) \bullet (A + B + C') \bullet (A + B' + C)$   
 $= M_0 M_1 M_2$  (M-notation)  
 $= \prod M(0, 1, 2)$



Row No.	ABC	Minterm $m_i$	Maxterm $M_i$
0	000	$m_0 = A'B'C'$	$M_0 = A + B + C$
1	001	$m_1 = A'B'C$	$M_1 = A + B + C'$
2	010	$m_2 = A'BC'$	$M_2 = A + B' + C$
3	011	$m_3 = A'BC$	$M_3 = A + B' + C'$
4	100	$m_4 = AB'C'$	$M_4 = A' + B + C$
5	101	$m_5 = AB'C$	$M_5 = A' + B + C'$
6	110	$m_6 = ABC'$	$M_6 = A' + B' + C$
7	111	$m_7 = ABC$	$M_7 = A' + B' + C'$

# Complement by Minterms/Maxterms

□  $(m_i)' = M_i$

□ Complement of f

➤ Counting 0's in f (find f' directly)

- $f' = m_0 + m_1 + m_2 = \sum m(0, 1, 2)$
- $f' = M_3 M_4 M_5 M_6 M_7 = \prod M(3, 4, 5, 6, 7)$

➤ Counting 1's in f (find f and then complement it)

- $f' = (m_3 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7)'$   
 $= m_3' m_4' m_5' m_6' m_7'$   
 $= M_3 M_4 M_5 M_6 M_7$   
 $= \prod M(3, 4, 5, 6, 7)$
- $f' = (M_0 M_1 M_2)'$   
 $= M_0' + M_1' + M_2'$   
 $= m_0 + m_1 + m_2$   
 $= \sum m(0, 1, 2)$

A	B	C	f	f'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

# Another Example

□ Example:  $f(a, b, c, d) = a'(b' + d) + acd'$

$$f(a, b, c, d)$$

$$= a'(b' + d) + acd'$$

$$= a'b' + a'd + acd'$$

$$= a'b'(c + c')(d + d') + a'd(b + b')(c + c') + acd'(b + b')$$

$$= a'b'c'd' + a'b'c'd + a'b'cd' + a'b'cd + a'bc'd + a'bcd + abcd' + ab'cd'$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 0000 & 0001 & 0010 & 0011 & 0101 & 0111 & 1110 & 1010 \end{array}$$

$$= \sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 14) \quad \dots \text{Minterm Expansion}$$

$$f(a, b, c, d)$$

$$= (a' + cd')(a + b' + d) = (a' + c)(a' + d')(a + b' + d)$$

$$= (a' + bb' + c + dd')(a' + bb' + cc' + d')(a + b' + cc' + d)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= \prod M(4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15) \quad \dots \text{Maxterm Expansion}$$

# Summary

- ❑ Convert a Boolean expression to a minterm/maxterm expansion
  - Use truth table
    - Sometimes there are too many terms
- ❑ Use Boolean algebra
  - SOP: multiply out and use  $(X + X') = 1 \rightarrow$  minterm expansion
  - POS: factor and use  $XX' = 0 \rightarrow$  maxterm expansion

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# General Truth Table

□ Given  $n$  Boolean variables, how many different Boolean functions can you produce?

➤ Each  $a_i$  can be assigned with either 0 or 1

➤  $2^{(2^n)}$

A	B	C	f
0	0	0	$a_0$
0	0	1	$a_1$
0	1	0	$a_2$
0	1	1	$a_3$
1	0	0	$a_4$
1	0	1	$a_5$
1	1	0	$a_6$
1	1	1	$a_7$

# AND of Minterm Expansions

- ❑ Given  $f_1 = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11)$  and  $f_2 = \sum m(0, 3, 9, 11, 13, 14)$ , find  $f_1 f_2 = ?$ 
  - AND: take the numbers that appear in both expansions:
  - $f_1 f_2 = \sum m(0, 3, 9, 11)$
- ❑ AND for two maxterm expansions?
- ❑ OR for two minterm expansions?
- ❑ OR for two maxterm expansions?

# Conversion of Forms (1/2)

- Convert between a minterm and a maxterm expansion

**TABLE 4-3**

Conversion of  
Forms

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		DESIRED FORM			
		Minterm Expansion of $F$	Maxterm Expansion of $F$	Minterm Expansion of $F'$	Maxterm Expansion of $F'$
GIVEN FORM	Minterm Expansion of $F$	_____	maxterm nos. are those nos. not on the minterm list for $F$	list minterms not present in $F$	maxterm nos. are the same as minterm nos. of $F$
	Maxterm Expansion of $F$	minterm nos. are those nos. not on the maxterm list for $F$	_____	minterm nos. are the same as maxterm nos. of $F$	list maxterms not present in $F$

# Conversion of Forms (2/2)

- Convert between a minterm and a maxterm expansion

TABLE 4-4

Application of  
Table 4.3

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GIVEN FORM	DESIRED FORM			
	Minterm Expansion of $f$	Maxterm Expansion of $f$	Minterm Expansion of $f'$	Maxterm Expansion of $f'$
$f = \Sigma m(3, 4, 5, 6, 7)$	_____	$\Pi M(0, 1, 2)$	$\Sigma m(0, 1, 2)$	$\Pi M(3, 4, 5, 6, 7)$
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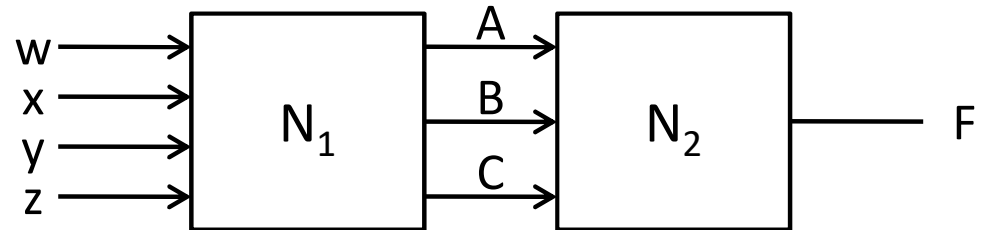
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# Incompletely Specified Functions (1/2)

- A large digital system is usually divided into subcircuits
- Assume  $N_1$  never generates  $ABC = 001/110$  for any  $w, x, y, z$

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	X
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1



- F: Incompletely specified function
- $A'B'C, ABC'$ : don't care terms
  - "don't care" (DC) terms can be assigned with either 0 or 1

# Incompletely Specified Functions (2/2)

## □ Impact of don't care terms on Boolean simplification

- Try exhaustive combinations of DCs to find the best
  - (may be stupid but works for now)
- Assign 0 to both "X"
  - $F = A'B'C' + A'BC + ABC = A'B'C' + BC$
- Assign 1 to 1st "X" and 0 to 2nd "X" (seems to be the simplest)
  - $F = A'B'C' + \underline{A'B'C} + A'BC + ABC = A'B' + BC$
- Assign 1 to both "X"
  - $F = A'B'C' + \underline{A'B'C} + A'BC + \underline{ABC'} + ABC = A'B' + BC + AB$
- ...
- 2. is the simplest solution

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	X
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1

## □ Notation

- $F = \sum m(0, 3, 7) + \sum d(1, 6)$
- $F = \prod M(2, 4, 5) \bullet \prod D(1, 6)$

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# Error Detector for 6-3-1-1 Codes (1/2)

## □ Design an error detector for 6-3-1-1 codes:

- The output  $F = 1$  iff inputs (A, B, C, D) represent an **invalid** code combination
- Step 1: construct the truth table

Decimal Digit	6-3-1-1 Code
0	0000
1	0001
2	0011
3	0100
4	0101
5	0111
6	1000
7	1001
8	1011
9	1100



ABCD	F
0000	0
0001	0
0010	1
0011	0
0100	0
0101	0
0110	1
0111	0
1000	0
1001	0
1010	1
1011	0
1100	0
1101	1
1110	1
1111	1

# Error Detector for 6-3-1-1 Codes (2/2)

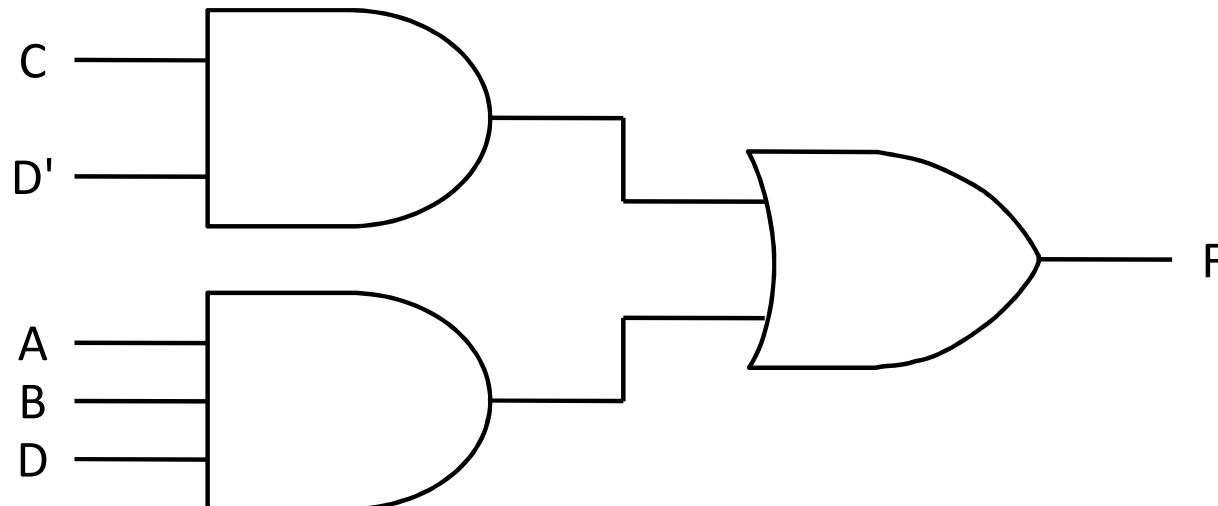
## □ Design an error detector for 6-3-1-1 codes:

➤ The output  $F = 1$  iff inputs (A, B, C, D) represent an **invalid** code combination

➤ Step 2: simplify the function

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C, D) &= \sum m(2, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15) \\ &= \underline{A'B'CD'} + \underline{A'BCD'} + \underline{AB'CD'} + \underline{ABCD'} + \underline{ABC'D} + \underline{ABCD} \\ &= \underline{A'CD'} + \underline{ACD'} + ABD \\ &= CD' + ABD \end{aligned}$$

➤ Step 3: realize it



ABCD	F
0000	0
0001	0
0010	1
0011	0
0100	0
0101	0
0110	1
0111	0
1000	0
1001	0
1010	1
1011	0
1100	0
1101	1
1110	1
1111	1

# Another Example

□ The output  $Z = 1$  iff the 8-4-2-1 BCD number (A, B, C, D) is divisible by 3

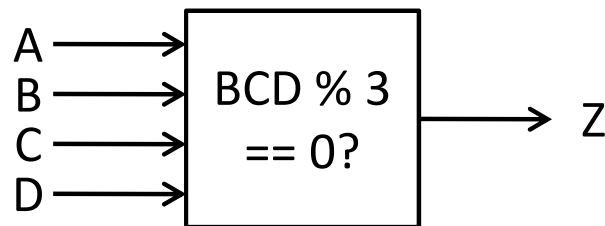
➤ Step 1: construct the truth table

➤ Step 2: simplify the function

$$Z(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(0, 3, 6, 9) + \sum d(10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)$$

➤ Step 3: realize it

- ?
- Unit 5!



Decimal Digit	8-4-2-1 Code	ABCD	Z
0	0000	0000	1
1	0001	0001	0
2	0010	0010	0
3	0011	0011	1
4	0100	0100	0
5	0101	0101	0
6	0110	0110	1
7	0111	0111	0
8	1000	1000	0
9	1001	1001	1
		1010	X
		1011	X
		1100	X
		1101	X
		1110	X
		1111	X

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# 1-Bit Half Adder (HA)

## □ Step 1: construct the truth table

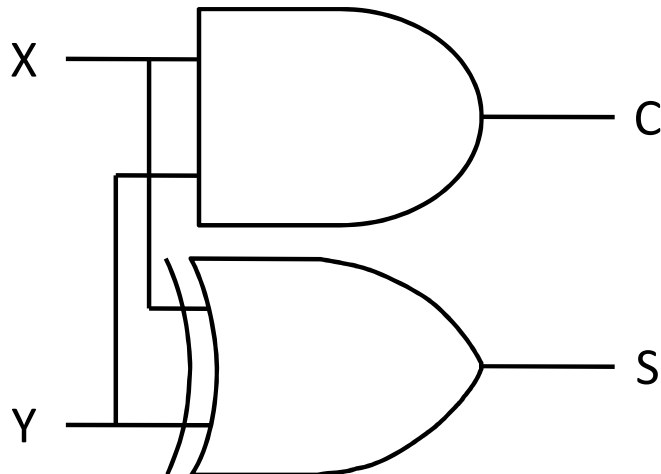
X	Y	Carry	Sum
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

## □ Step 2: simplify the function

➤  $C = XY$

➤  $S = X'Y + XY' = X \oplus Y$

## □ Step 3: realize it



# 1-Bit Full Adder (FA)

□ Step 1: construct the truth table

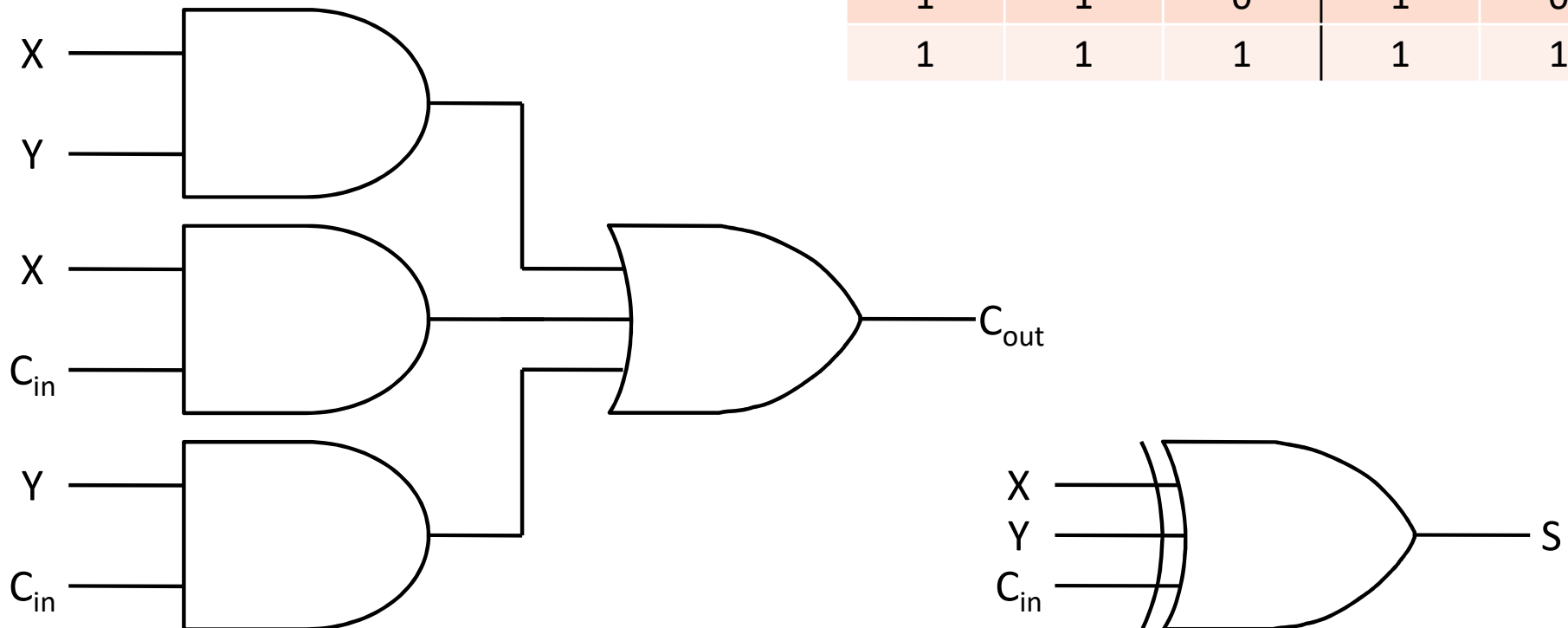
□ Step 2: simplify the function

$$\begin{aligned} C_{out} &= X'YC_{in} + XY'C_{in} + XYC_{in}' + XYC_{in} \\ &= XY + XC_{in} + YC_{in} \end{aligned}$$

$$S = X'Y'C_{in} + X'YC_{in}' + XY'C_{in}' + XYC_{in}$$

□ Step 3: realize it

X	Y	C <sub>in</sub>	C <sub>out</sub>	S
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



# 4-Bit Parallel Adder (1/3)

□  $A = (A_3A_2A_1A_0)$ ,  $B = (B_3B_2B_1B_0)$

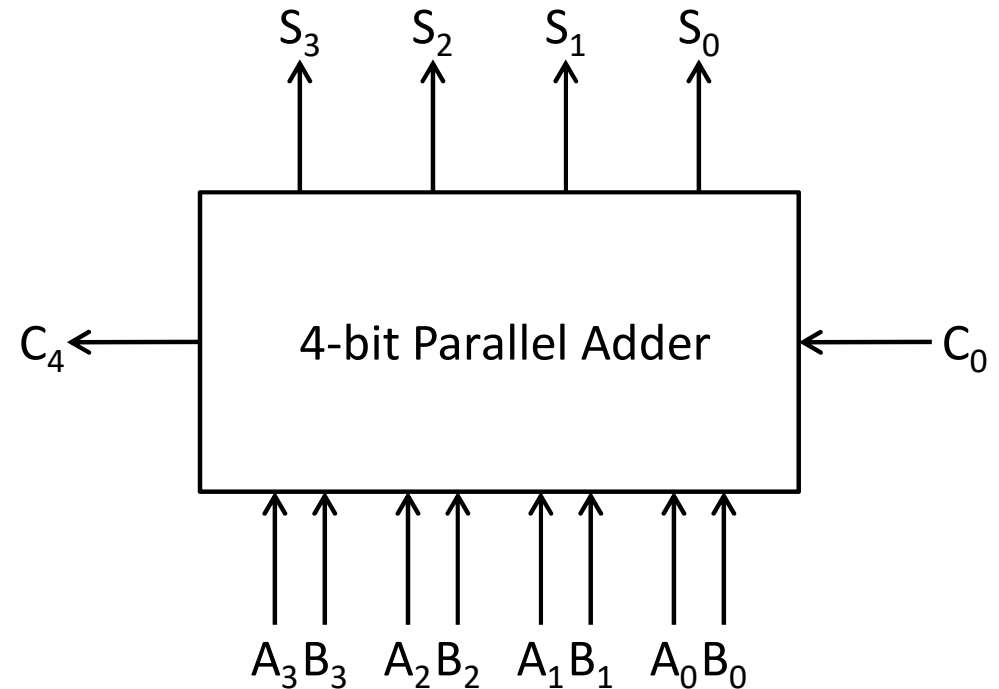
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \hline
 C_4 \leftarrow S_3 \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \leftarrow C_0 \\
 \text{carry-out} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \text{carry-in}
 \end{array}$$

□ Example

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \phantom{+} \phantom{C_4} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{S_3} \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \phantom{\leftarrow} \phantom{C_0} \\
 \hline
 1 \leftarrow 1 \phantom{S_2} \phantom{S_1} \phantom{S_0} \leftarrow 0 \\
 \text{carries}
 \end{array}$$

□ How?

- Step 1: construct the truth table
- ...



# 4-Bit Parallel Adder (2/3)

## □ Decompose the 4 bit adder into four modules

- Each module adds two bits and a carry → use full adder

## □ Extend to negative numbers

- Consider 1's complement
  - Add just as if all numbers are positive
  - Add the carry out back to the rightmost bit
- How to detect overflow?
  - Check the sign
    - (+) + (+) becomes (-)
    - (-) + (-) becomes (+)

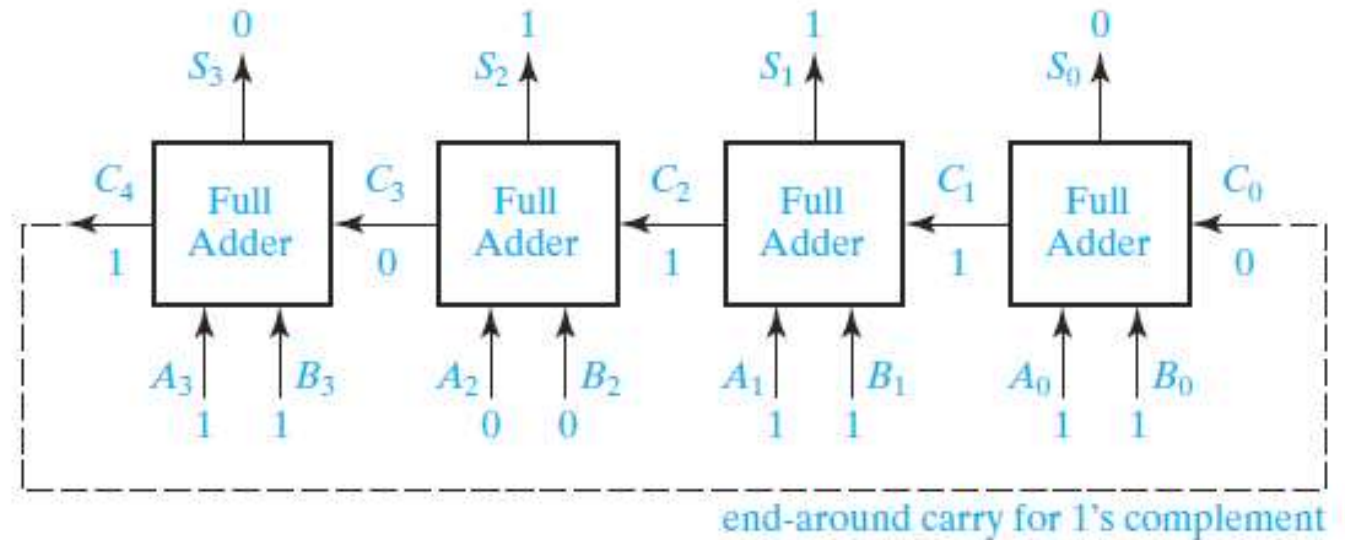
Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6
+3   0011	+5 <span style="color: red;">0</span> 101	+5   0101	-5   1010	-3   1100	-5 <span style="color: red;">1</span> 010
+4   0100	+6 <span style="color: red;">0</span> 110	-6   1001	+6   0110	-4   1011	-6 <span style="color: red;">1</span> 001
<u>+7   0111</u>	<u>          <span style="color: red;">1</span>011</u>	<u>-1   1110</u>	+1   (1) 0000	<u>-7   (1) 0111</u>	<u>          (1) <span style="color: red;">0</span>011</u>
			1	1	1
			<u>          0001</u>	<u>          1000</u>	<u>          0100</u>



# 4-Bit Parallel Adder (3/3)

**FIGURE 4-3**  
Parallel Adder  
Composed of Four  
Full Adders

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## ❑ Overflow detection?

- $V = A_3'B_3'S_3 + A_3B_3S_3'$
- Why?

# Binary Subtractor (1/2)

❑ Consider  $A - B = A + (-B)$  in 2's complement

➤  $A - B = A + (-B) = A + B^* = A + \overline{B} + 1$

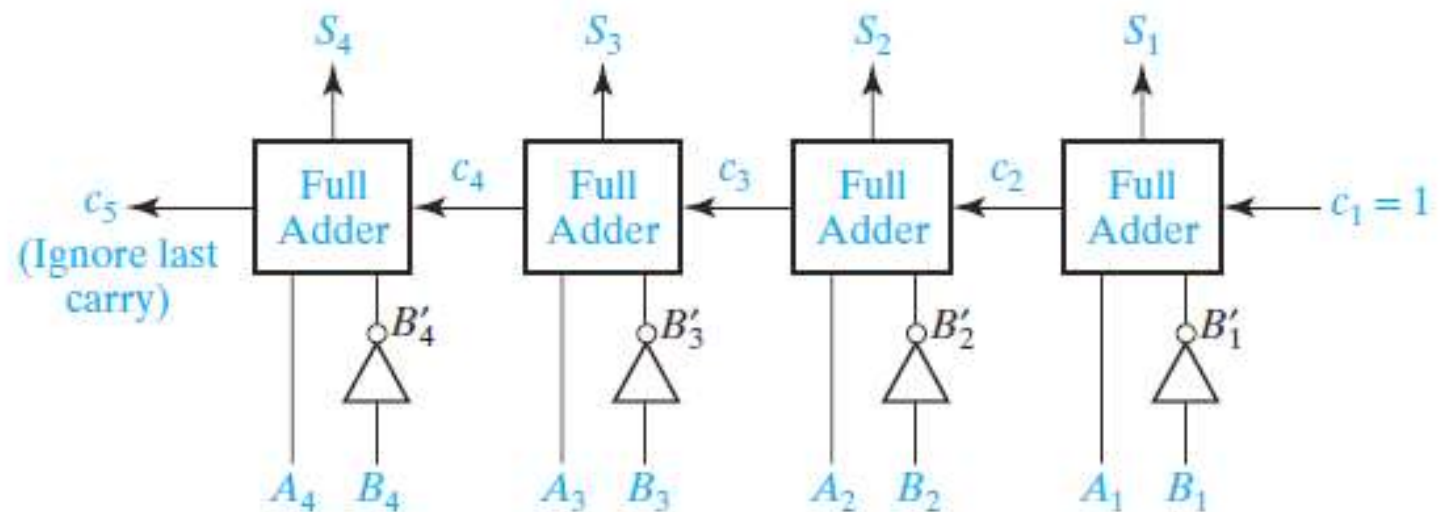
➤ Convert B to 2's complement: inverse and then add 1

❑ Discard the carry from the sign bit

FIGURE 4-6

Binary Subtractor  
Using Full Adders

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# Binary Subtractor (2/2)

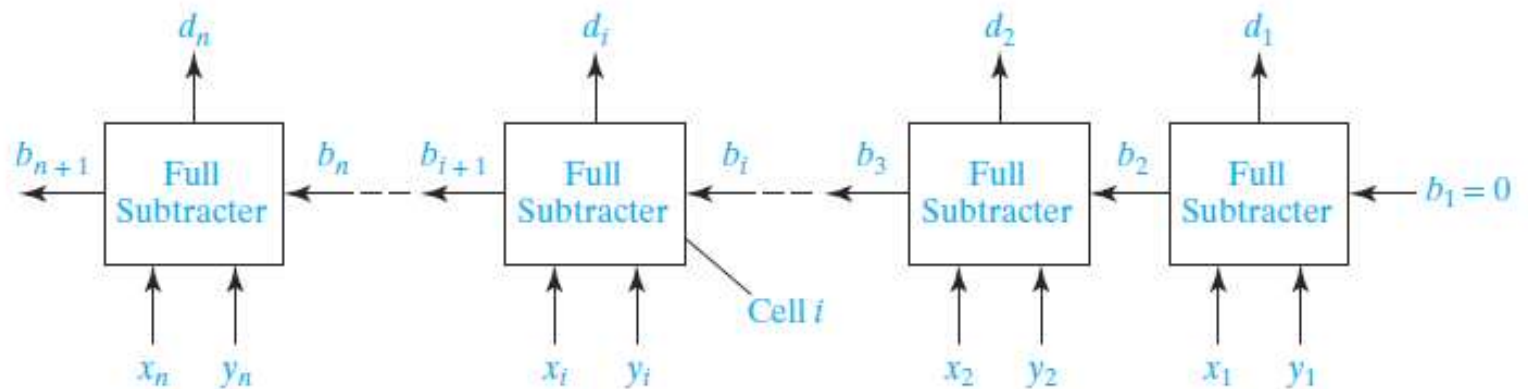
## □ Or design a full subtractor

- $D = X - Y$ : difference
- B: borrow

FIGURE 4-7

### Parallel Subtractor

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# Q&A

# Announcement (0311)

## □ Homework 1

- Due in 10 minutes

## □ Lecture on April 1

- We will record the lecture
- Include the material on April 1 in the midterm (April 8)?
  - Warning: the grading distribution will be a little unbalanced
    - Midterm 34%
    - Final 40% (including all material)

## □ Office hour

- Please feel free to contact me if you need it!