

Engaged Learning Practice #4

Priority Encoder

Encoders

- An **encoder** is a digital circuit that performs the **inverse operation of a decoder**.
- An encoder has 2^n (or fewer) input lines and n output lines. As an aggregate, the **output lines generate the binary code** corresponding to each input value.
- An example of an encoder is the **octal-to-binary encoder** whose truth table is given in Table 4.7.
- The encoder can be **implemented with three OR gates** whose inputs are determined directly from the truth table.

$$\begin{aligned} z &= D_1 + D_3 + D_5 + D_7 \\ y &= D_2 + D_3 + D_6 + D_7 \\ x &= D_4 + D_5 + D_6 + D_7 \end{aligned}$$

Table 4.7 Truth Table of an Octal-to-Binary Encoder.

| Inputs | | | | | | | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | D_4 | D_5 | D_6 | D_7 | x | y | z |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- ✓ For the complete truth table of $16 \times 16 = 256$, we have multiple inputs that have a value of 1.
- ✓ We have to handle the output when x, y and z are equal to all 0.

Priority Encoder

- The operation of the priority encoder is such that if two or more inputs are equal to 1 at the same time, the input having the highest priority will take precedence.
- The truth table of a four-input priority encoder is given in Table 4.8.
 - Inputs: x and y , a valid bit indicator: V (1 when one or more inputs are equal to 1)

Table 4.8 Truth Table of a Priority Encoder.

| Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| X | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| X | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| X | X | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- According to Table 4.8, the higher the subscript number, the higher the priority of the input is.
 - Input D_3 has the highest priority, so, regardless of the values of the other inputs, when this input is 1, the output for xy is 11.
 - D_2 has the next priority level. The output is 10 if $D_2 = 1$, provided that $D_3 = 0$, regardless of the values of the other two lower priority inputs.
 - The output for D_1 is generated only if higher priority inputs are 0, and so on down the priority levels.

Truth Table of Priority Encoder

- The minterms for the two functions are derived from Table 4.8. Although the table has only five rows, when **each X in a row is replaced first by 0 and then by 1**, we obtain all 16 possible input combinations
- For example, the **fourth row** in the table, with inputs **XX10**, represents the four minterms **0010, 0110, 1010, and 1110**.

Table 4.8 Truth Table of a Priority Encoder.

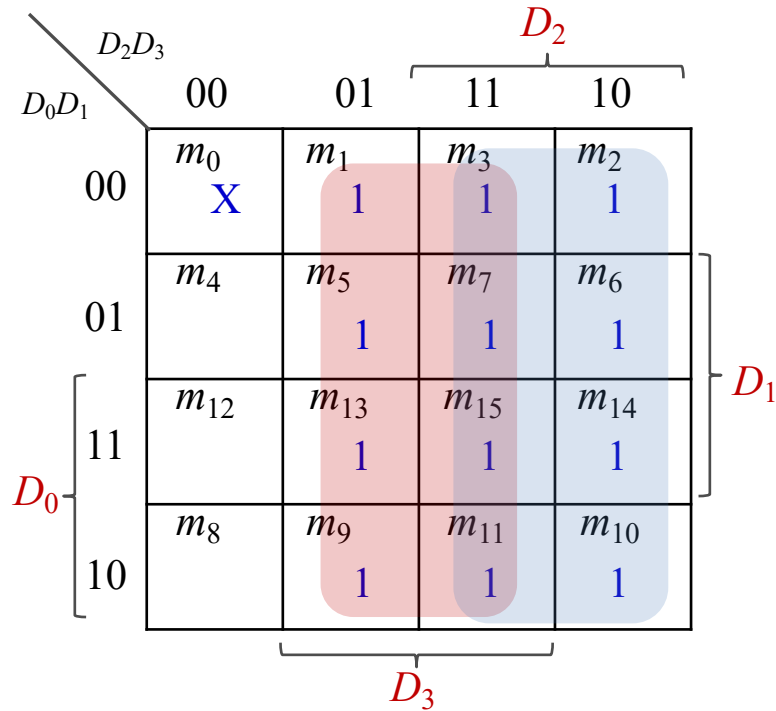
| Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| X | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| X | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| X | X | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



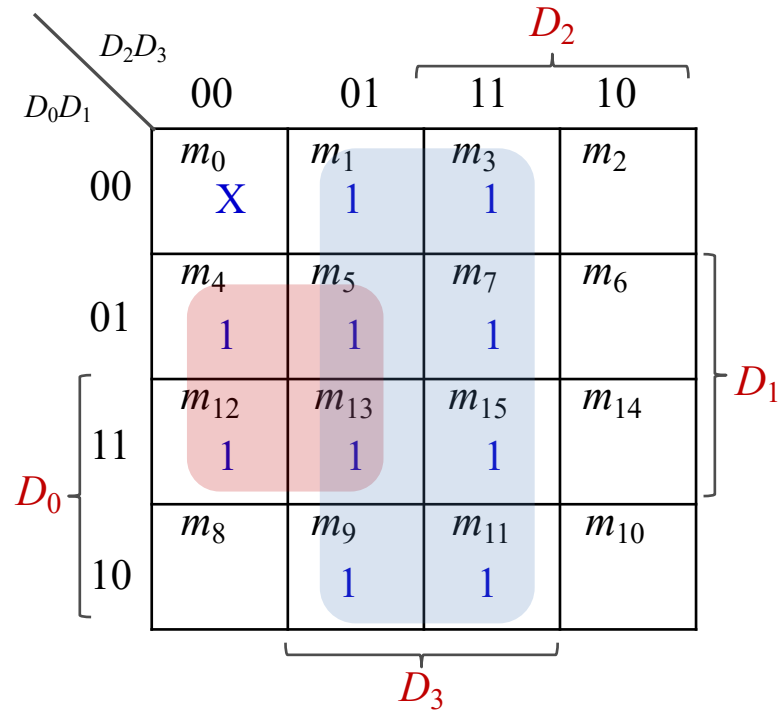
Truth Table of a Priority Encoder.

| | Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| | D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| m_0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| m_1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| m_5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| m_9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{10} | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_{11} | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{12} | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{13} | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{14} | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_{15} | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

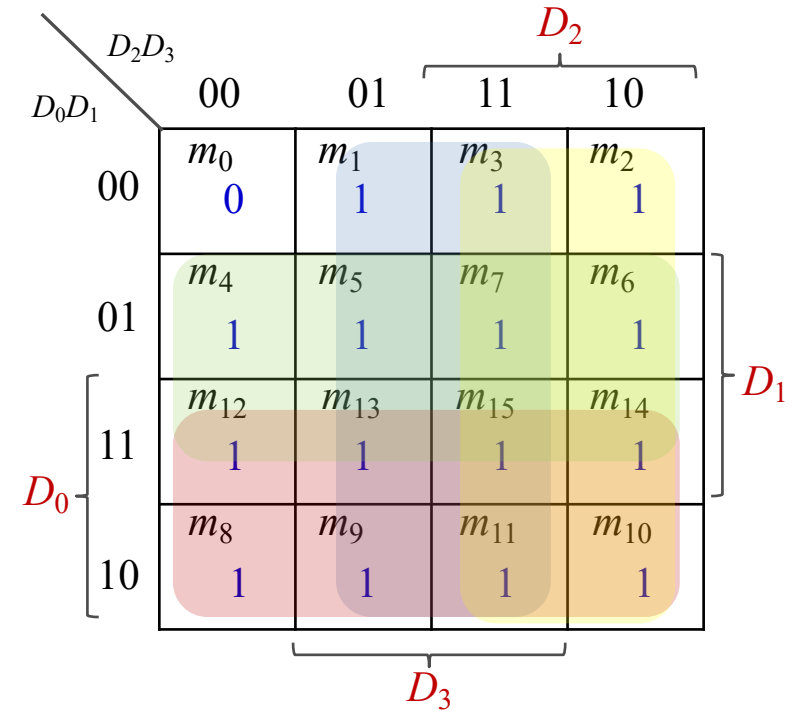
K-Maps for Priority Encoder



$$x = D_2 + D_3$$



$$y = D_3 + D_1D'_2$$



$$V = D_0 + D_1 + D_2 + D_3$$

Four-Input Priority Encoder

- The Boolean functions of the priority encoder:

$$x = D_2 + D_3$$

$$y = D_3 + D_1 D'_2$$

$$V = D_0 + D_1 + D_2 + D_3$$

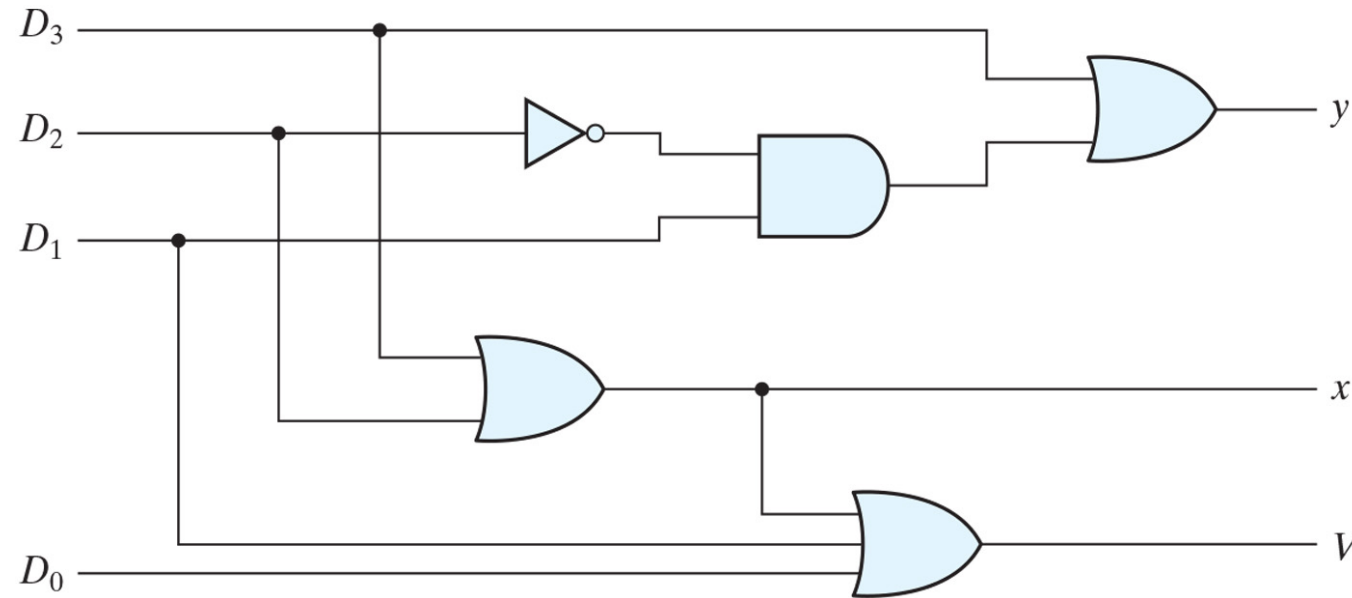


Figure 4.23 Four-input priority encoder.

Practice #1: Design a four-input priority encoder

Design a four-input priority encoder with inputs as in Table 4.8, but with input D_0 having the highest priority and input D_3 the lowest priority.

Table 4.8 Truth Table of a Priority Encoder.

| Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| X | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| X | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| X | X | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



| Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| 1 | X | X | X | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | X | X | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Solution to Practice #1 (1/3)

- Finding truth table of priority encoder:

| Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| 1 | X | X | X | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | X | X | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

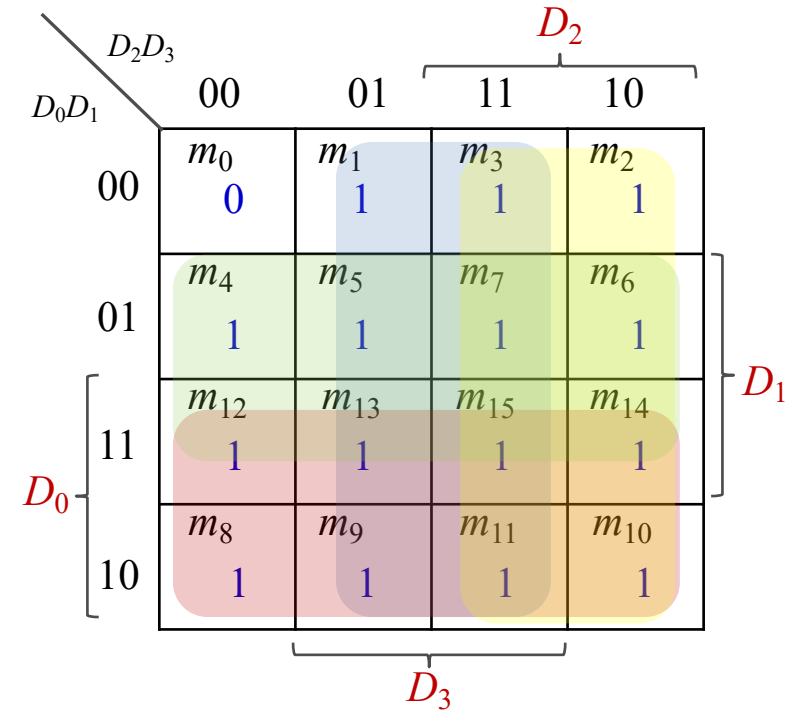
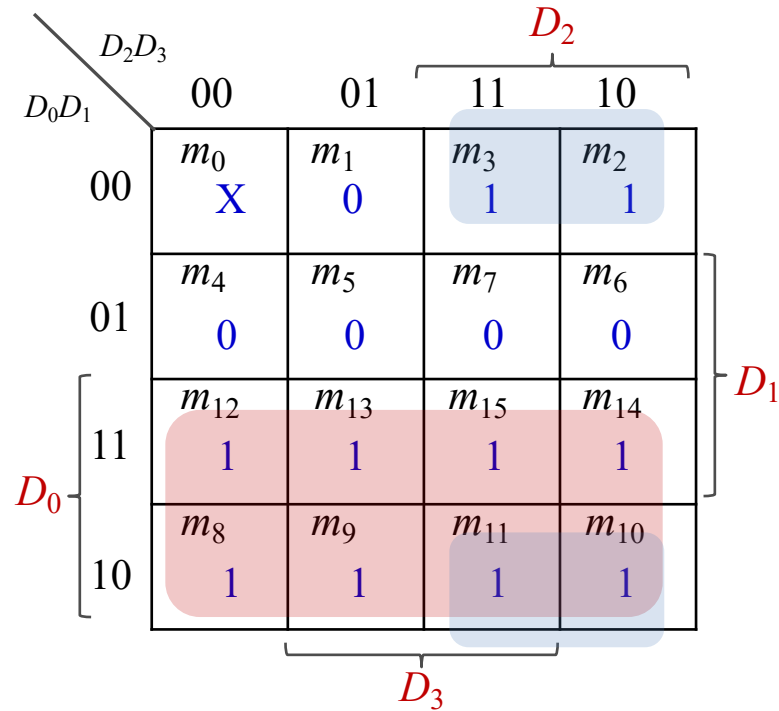
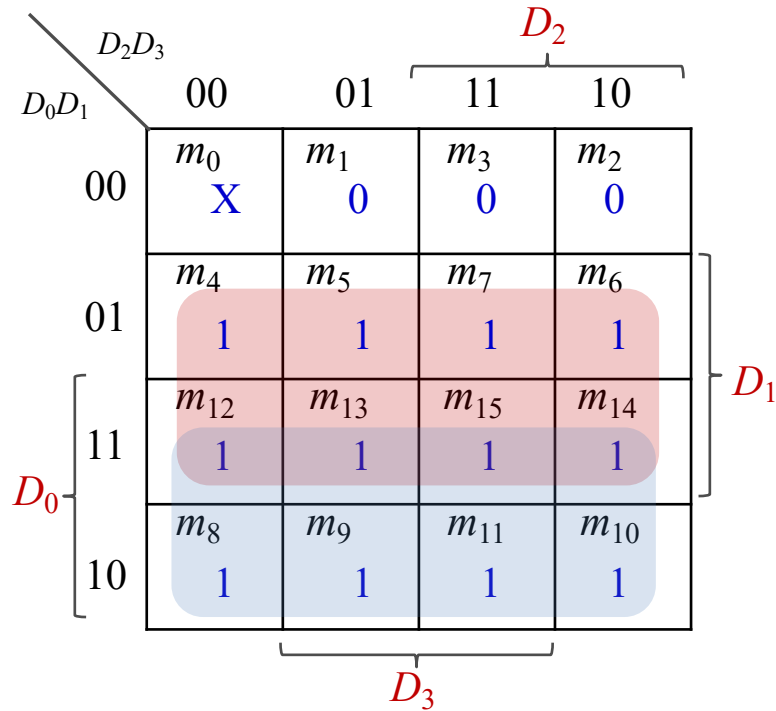


Truth Table of a Priority Encoder.

| | Inputs | | | | Outputs | | |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| | D_0 | D_1 | D_2 | D_3 | x | y | V |
| m_0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| m_1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| m_2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| m_3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| m_4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| m_8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{10} | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{11} | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{12} | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{13} | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{14} | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| m_{15} | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Solution to Practice #1 (2/3)

- The K-maps for simplifying outputs x and y are as follows



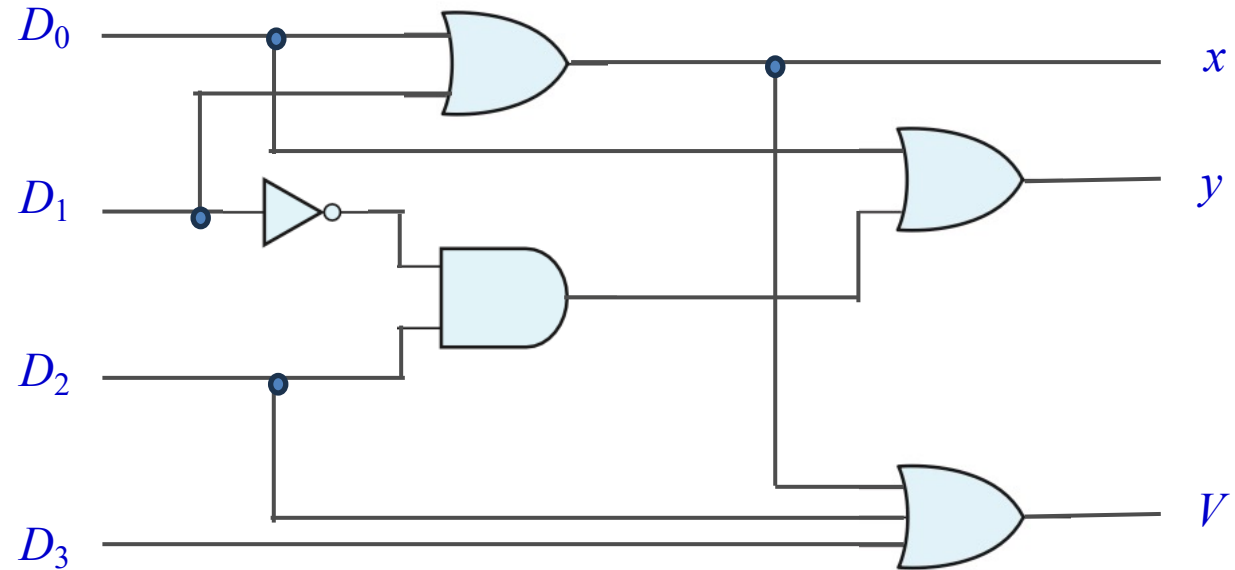
Solution to Practice #1 (3/3)

- The Boolean functions and implementation of the priority encoder.

$$x = D_0 + D_1$$

$$y = D_0 + D'_1 D_2$$

$$V = D_0 + D_1 + D_2 + D_3$$



Four-input priority encoder.



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