LABORATORY_4

Datapath Components – Adders

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Overview

This lab centered on implementing a lookahead full adder. The calculator would add two 4-bit numbers and a carry-in bit to produce a 4-bit sum and carry-out bit.

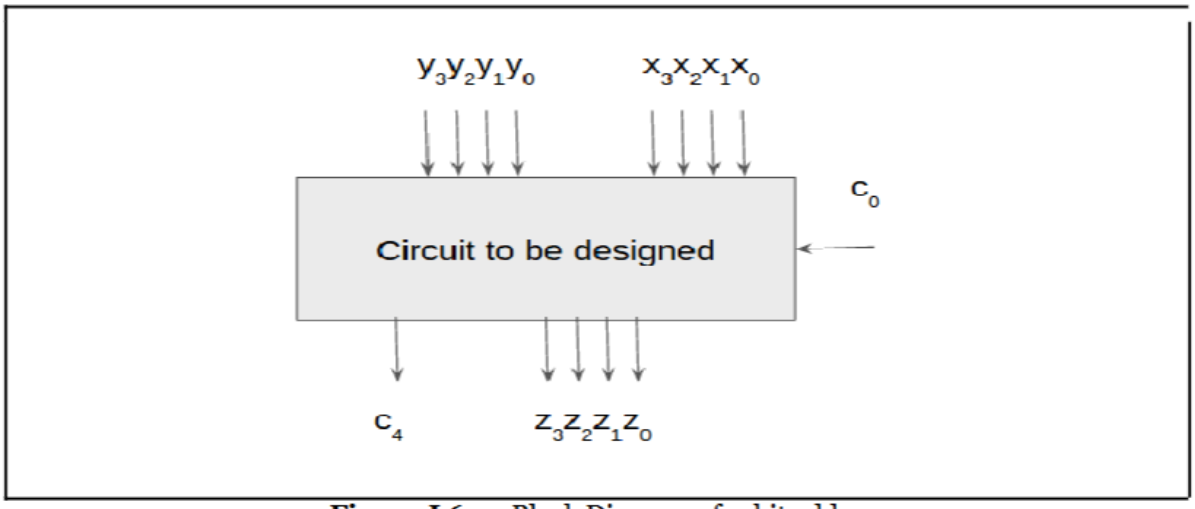

Figure L6-1. Block Diagram of 4-bit adder

For the sake of speed, we used a lookahead design that could calculate the carries for each of the bits at the same time, bypassing the issue of a large circuit delay from the carries needing to propagate throughout the adder.

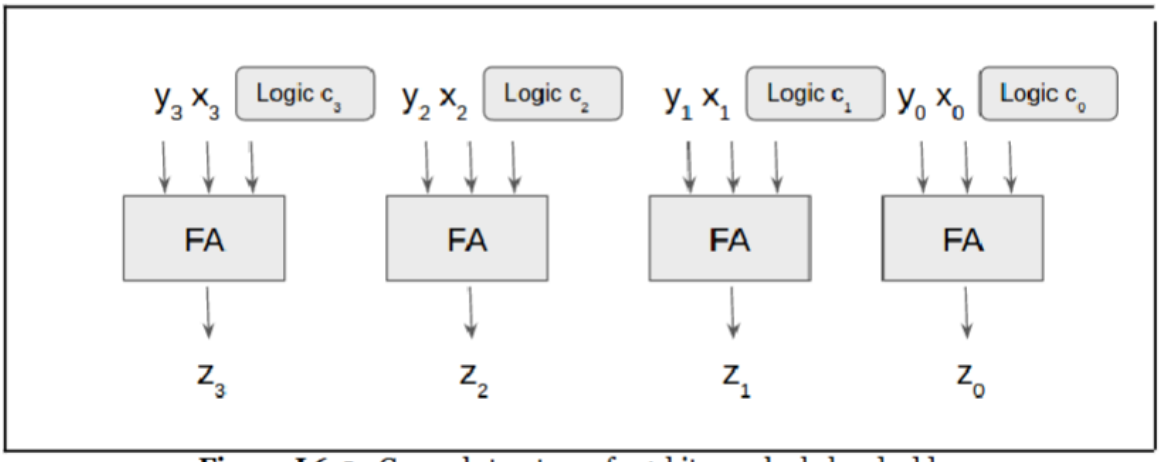

Figure L6-2. General structure of a 4-bit carrylookahead adder

It accomplishes this by breaking down the carries into their own equations that use the previous bits' inputs. In this way, we derived the equations for the 3rd and 4th carry bits.

Then, we coded this full adder design in Verilog, made up of multiple modules that come together for the final structural model.

Analysis

Derive the equations for c3 and c4:

c1 = g0 + p0c0
c2 = g1 + p1c1 = g1 + p1(g0 + p0c0) = g1 + p1g0 + p1p0c0
c3 = g2 + p2c2 = g2 + p2(g1 + p1g0 + p1p0c0) = g2 + p2g1 + p2p1g0 + p2p1p0c0
c4 = g3 + p3c3 = g3 + p3(g2 + p2g1 + p2p1g0 + p2p1p0c0) = g3 + p3g2 + p3p2g1 + p3p2p1g0 + p3p2p1p0c0

Records

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design.sv

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// Code your design here
`timescale 1ns / 1ps
module falogic(
  output r, // We label our output as r instead of z
  input x,
  input y,
  input cin
  );
wire t1;
xor cx1 ( t1, x,y );
xor cx2 ( r, t1, cin );

endmodule

module register_logic(
  input clk,
  input enable ,
  input [4:0] Data ,
  output reg [4:0] Q ) ;

// on real FPGA board which has clk signal, we use the following always statement:
// always @(posedge clk )
// begin
// if ( enable) begin
// Q = Data;
// end
// end
// endmodule

// for simulation, we force the statement to execute without clk signal:
always @(*) begin
        if ( enable) begin
                Q = Data;
        end
end
endmodule

//////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
module carrylogic(
output [3:0] cout ,
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input cin,
input [3:0] x,
input [3:0] y
          );

// Computing all gx

wire g0, g1, g2, g3 ;

assign g0 = x[0] & y[0] ;
assign g1 = x[1] & y[1] ;
  assign g2 = x[2] & y[2] ;
  assign g3 = x[3] & y[3] ;

// Computing all px
wire p0, p1, p2, p3 ;

assign p0 = x[0] + y[0] ;
assign p1 = x[1] + y[1] ;
  assign p2 = x[2] + y[2] ;
  assign p3 = x[3] + y[3] ;

// Computing all carries

assign cout[0] = g0 | ( p0 & cin) ;
assign cout[1] = g1 | ( p1 & ( g0 | (p0 & cin) ) ) ;
  assign cout[2] = g2 | ( p2 & ( g1 | ( p1 & ( g0 | (p0 & cin) ) ) ) ) ;

  // i guess we don't want the last carry out
  //assign cout[3] = g3 | ( p3 & g2 | ( p2 & ( g1 | ( p1 & ( g0 | (p0 & cin) ) ) ) ) ) ;

endmodule

  //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

module carrylookahead_st(
input clk ,
input cin,
input [3:0] x,
input [3:0] y,
output cout,
output [3:0] r
          );
wire [3:0] c;
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wire [3:0] ir1 ;
wire [4:0] ir2 ;

// Compute Carries
carrylogic cx1 ( c, cin, x, y ) ;
  // If required, please rename cx1 to avoid confusion with falogic cx1 as they are different
functions.

// Compute R
falogic cx6 ( ir1[0], x[0], y[0], cin ) ;
// Your code (3 more full adders)
  falogic cx7 ( ir1[1], x[1], y[1], c[0] ) ;
  falogic cx8 ( ir1[2], x[2], y[2], c[1] ) ;
  falogic cx9 ( ir1[3], x[3], y[3], c[2] ) ;


// Register
  register_logic cx10 (clk, 1'b1, {c[3], ir1}, ir2);

// Results
assign r = ir2[3:0] ;
assign cout = ir2[4] ;

endmodule
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testbench.sv

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// Code your testbench here
// or browse Examples
`timescale 1ns / 1ps
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
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module carrylookahead_tb;
// Inputs
reg cin;
reg [3:0] x;
reg [3:0] y;
reg clk;
// Outputs
wire cout;
wire [3:0] r;
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reg [3:0] rx;

integer index ;
// always @(*) // no sensitivity list, so it always executes
//         begin
//                 clk = 1; #100; clk = 0; #100; // 10ns period
//         end
// Instantiate the Unit Under Test (UUT)
carrylookahead_st uut (
    .clk(clk),
    .cin(cin),
    .x(x),
    .y(y),
    .cout(cout),
    .r(r)
);
  // For the CLK to function as expected, generate clock signal with a 10ns period.

initial begin
$dumpfile("dump.vcd"); $dumpvars;
    // Initialize Inputs
    cin = 'd0;
    y = 'd0;
    // r = x + 0 ; cout = 0;
  $display("TC11 ");
  for (index=0; index < 15; index = index + 1) begin
      x = index ;
      #100;
      if ( r != x ) $display ("Result is wrong");
      if ( cout != 1'b0 ) $display ("Result is wrong - Carryout ");
          end

// r = x + 1 ;
    cin = 1'b1;
    y = 4'b0;
$display("TC12 ");

  for (index=0; index < 15; index = index + 1) begin
        x = index ;
        #100;
          if ( r != (x + 'd1) ) $display ("Result is wrong %b %b" , r, (x+1) );
          if ( cout != 1'b0 ) $display ("Result is wrong - Carryout ");
          end
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        // r = x + y + 1 ;
cin = 1'b1;
$display("TC13 ");
        for (index=0; index < 8; index = index + 1) begin
      x = index ;
      y = index ;
      #100;
      if ( r != (x + y +1 ) ) $display ("Result is wrong %b %b" , r, (x+y) );
      if ( cout != 1'b0 ) $display ("Result is wrong - Carryout ");
   end



        // r = x + y + 1 ;                          //Here, if the rx does not show the accurate values, Adding a small delay after x,y,cin would help for the rx computation to complete before assigning.
        cin = 1'b1;
$display("TC14 ");
        for (index=8; index < 16; index = index + 1) begin
      x = index ;
      y = index ;
      rx = x + y + cin ;
      #100;
      if ( r != rx ) $display ("Result is wrong %b %b" , r, rx );
      if ( cout != 1'b1 ) $display ("Result is wrong - Carryout ");
        end

end
endmodule
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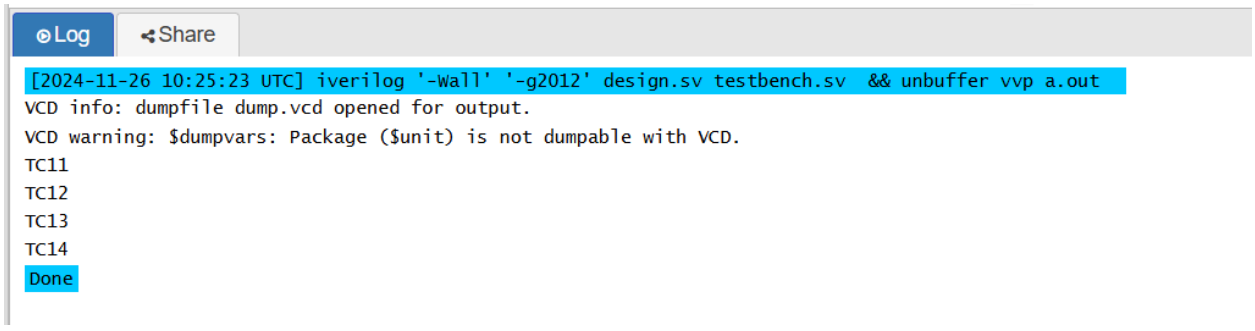
Screenshot of the output log:



Discussion

We had to get rid of the last carryout, cout[3], in the carry logic module because the tests deemed that having a carryout in the full adder was an error. Thus, when computing all carries, only cout 0 through 2 are computed, and cout[3] is left unassigned. Also, when filling in the code left blank in the carrylookahead_st module, I had an error at first because I believed the remaining full adders would repeat the given example with only the indexes changed, however I had to figure out that the last parameter should only be cin for the first full adder (the given example) and the remaining full adders would need to use the wire c. Also, the line of code for the register_logic cx10 had a syntax error with the wrong apostrophe being used, it seemed. That was frustrating to figure out. Additionally, the given code for the design never included the `timescale 1ns / 1ps line, which caused another error. If these mistakes could've been handled from the lab manual, that would have been much more convenient.

Conclusion

This lab helped us understand the intricacies of how the lookahead full adder design works, and why it is able to be faster than the combinational logic implementation of a full adder. The lab helped us use clock signals in code, and showed how it can be beneficial to making more efficient designs by keeping track of time.

We coded the lookahead full adder, computing the generate, propagate, and carry values for each of the bits, then using logic to put them all together to determine the output and also simulating how the bits would go through the registers with the clock cycle.

Questions

Question: Is it possible for two 4-bit numbers and a carry-in to result in a number too big to represent using 4 sum bits and a carry-out bit?

No. If you think about it in terms of each one digit adder, each adder would only need up to one carry out, even with two digits and a carry-in. Scaled up, with only one carry-in the adder would only need up to one carry-out at the end.