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Introduction to Computer Organisation and Architecture

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Chapter 3

Basic Concept of Logic

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Chapter 3-5

Combinational Circuits Building Blocks

Outcome

1. Describe the commonly used computational circuits building blocks:
 - Decoder
 - Multiplexer
 - Adder
2. Define and detect overflow

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Combinational Circuit

□ Example of non-arithmetic building blocks:

- Decoder
- Encoder and priority encoder
- Demultiplexer
- Multiplexer

□ Example of arithmetic building blocks:

- Adder
- Subtractor
- ALU (Arithmetic and Logic)
- Multiplier
- Diviser
- Comparator
- Shifter

□ What is standard circuits?

- Pre-designed circuits with at least correct functionalities
 - They speed up design work (modelling based on schematic, verification and implementation)

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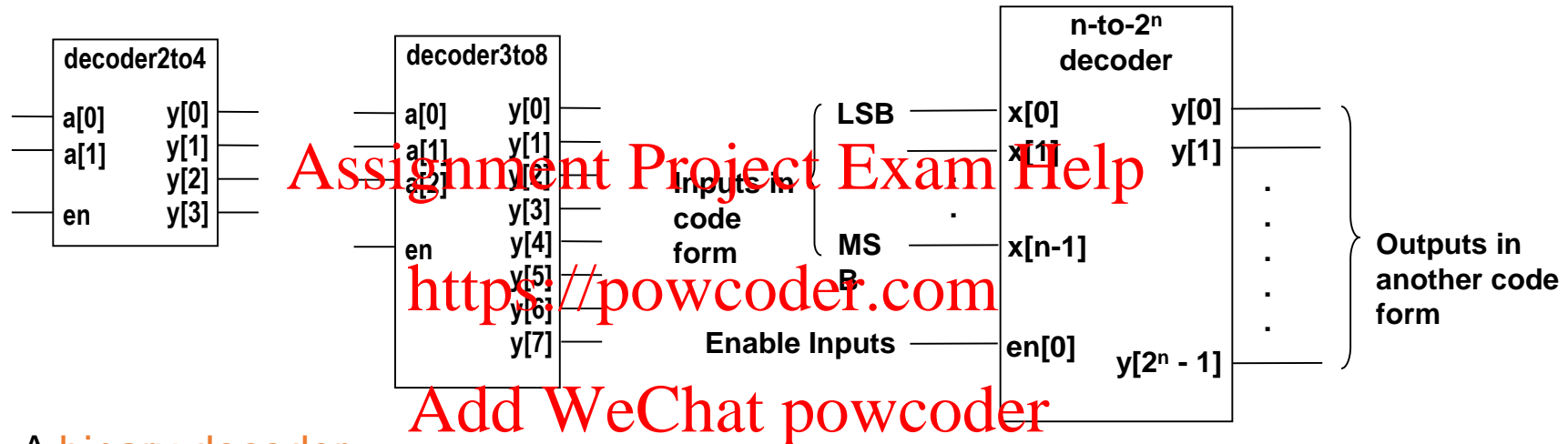
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Decoder

■ A decoder:

- Converts one type of code, $x[n-1:0]$, into another type, $y[2^n-1:0]$.
- The enable inputs, en - to enable/ disable the outputs.



■ A binary decoder

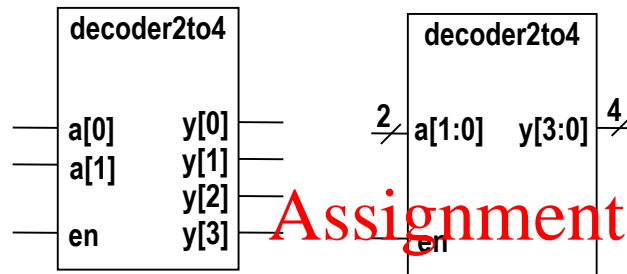
- Most basic type of decoder
- Also known as n-to- 2^n decoder – e.g. 3-to-8 decoder.
 - Has n inputs and 2^n outputs.
- Only one output ($1\text{-out-of-}2^n$) can be asserted
 - To indicate/ identify the code that has been placed at input.

■ Other types of decoder: display decoder

Example: 2-to-4 Binary Decoder

Block diagram

First, determine the interfaces : 2 inputs and 4 outputs, plus one enable input.



Logic function

From the truth table:

$$y[0] = \text{en} (a[1]'a[0]')$$

$$y[1] = \text{en} (a[1]'a[0])$$

$$y[2] = \text{en} (a[1] a[0]')$$

$$y[3] = \text{en} (a[1] a[0])$$

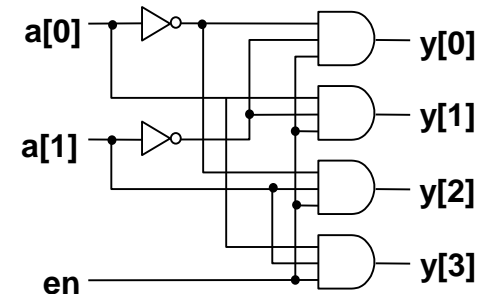
Functional behaviour

The functional behaviour (the in-out relationship) for binary decoder:

- only an output (1-out-of-2ⁿ) can be asserted when a code is applied to the inputs.

Inputs			Outputs			
en	a[1]	a[0]	y[3]	y[2]	y[1]	y[0]
0	d	d	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0

Implementation using basic logic gates



Decoder Application 1: Minterm Generation

- Notice the outputs of binary decoder represent all possible minterms.
 - Can be used as a minterm generator.

- Example

Implement the following functions.

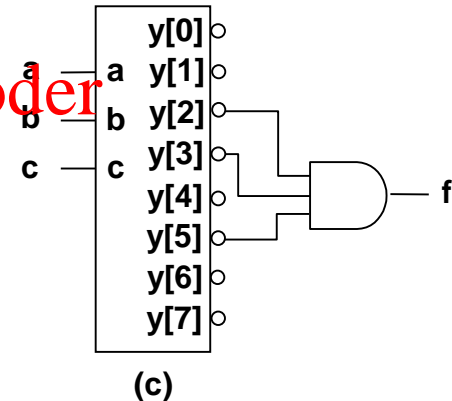
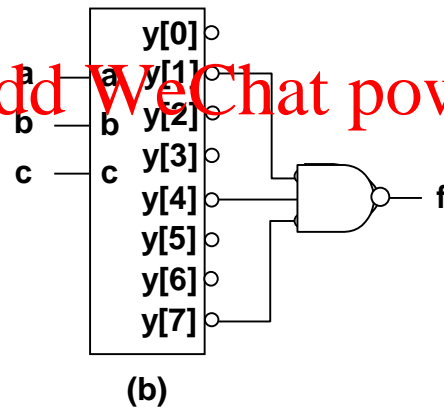
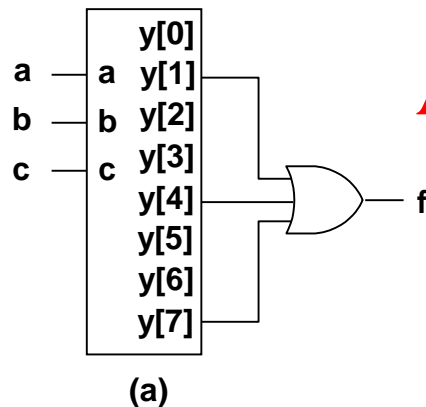
- $f(A,B,C) = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$: use a decoder (with active-high outputs) with an OR gate.
- $f(A,B,C) = (m_1' m_4' m_7')'$: use a decoder (with active-low outputs) with a NAND gate.
- $f(A,B,C) = m_2' m_3' m_5'$: use a decoder (with active-low outputs) with an AND gate.

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- Solution

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Decoder Application 2: Device Enable/Control

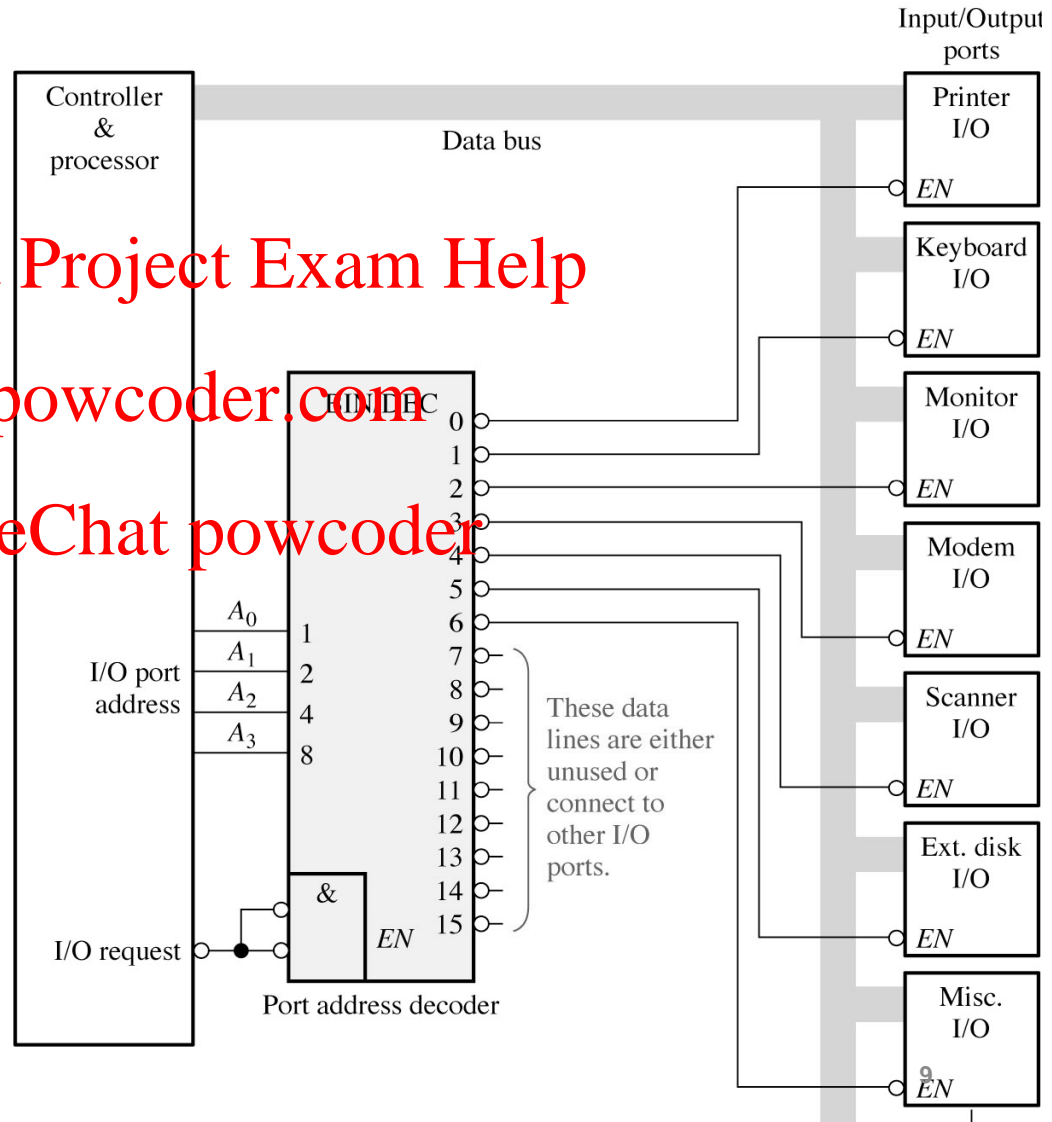
Example 1

- A 4-to-16 binary decoder to selectively enable one out of 7 I/O devices.
- 9 outputs are not used.
- Only one device is allowed to be active at any time.

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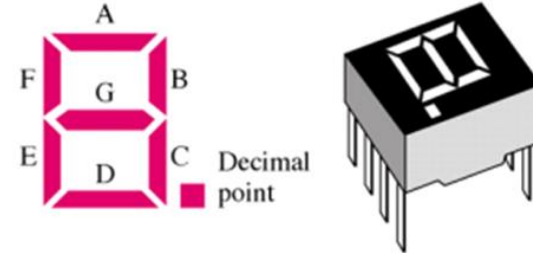
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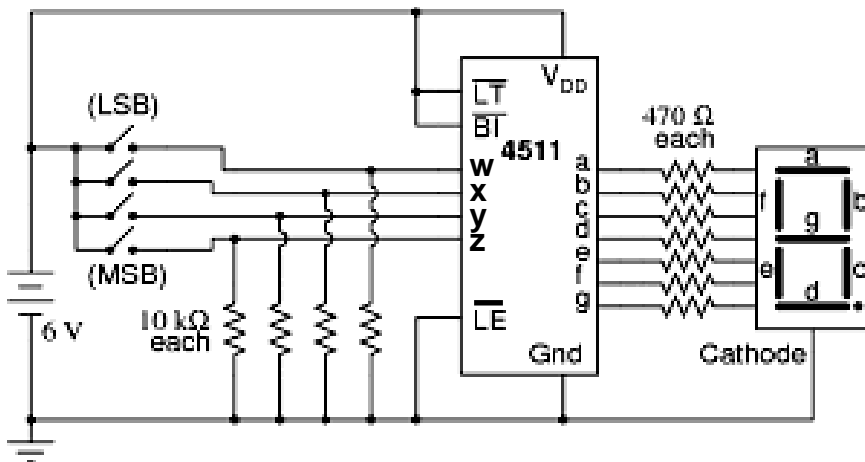


Display Decoder

- A display decoder converts a code into a suitable format to drive a numeric display (LCD, 7-segment display, dot matrix display, etc)



- Example
 - 7-segment display decoders (BCD-to-7 segment decoders)
 - Available in the market as standard components 7447 and 74X49.



Inputs				Outputs						
w	x	y	z	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
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1	0	1	0	d	d	d	d	d	d	d
1	0	1	1	d	d	d	d	d	d	d
1	1	0	0	d	d	d	d	d	d	d
1	1	0	1	d	d	d	d	d	d	d
1	1	1	0	d	d	d	d	d	d	d
1	1	1	1	d	d	d	d	d	d	d

Multiplexer (Data Selector)

□ A multiplexer (mux) is a circuit that has:

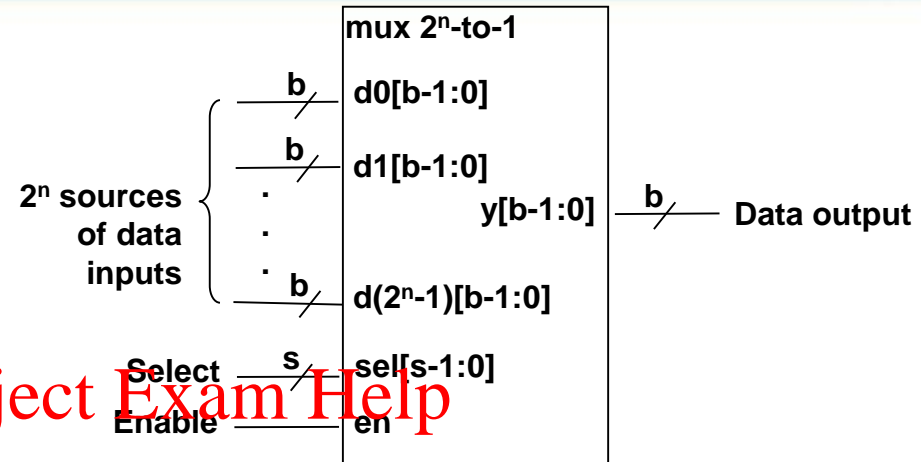
- 2^n data inputs
- s data selectors (control inputs)
- An output

□ It is used as a digital switch

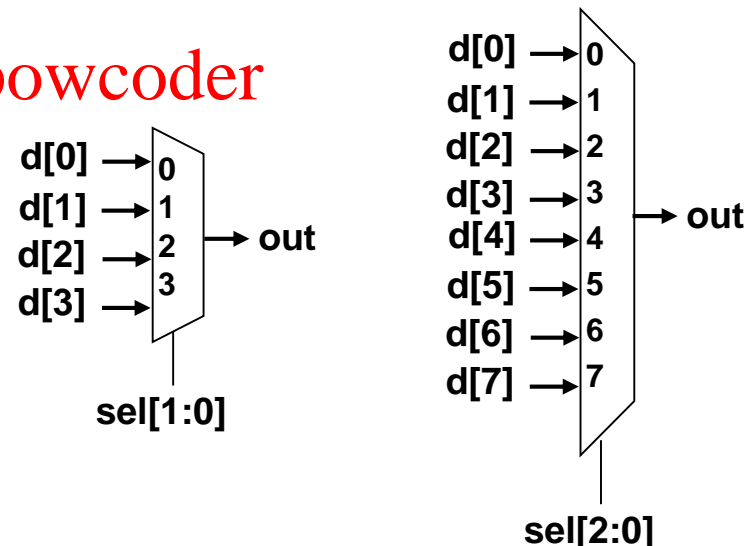
- Connects data from one of 2^n sources to the output, based on the select signals, $\text{sel}[s-1:0]$.
- The s -bit must meet the condition $s \geq n$

□ Like many other circuits, the mux can have additional enable input signal, en

- To enable or disable the operation of the mux
- Set the output to z



Block diagram of 2^n -to-1 mux



Graphical symbol of 4-to-1 mux and 8-to-1 mux

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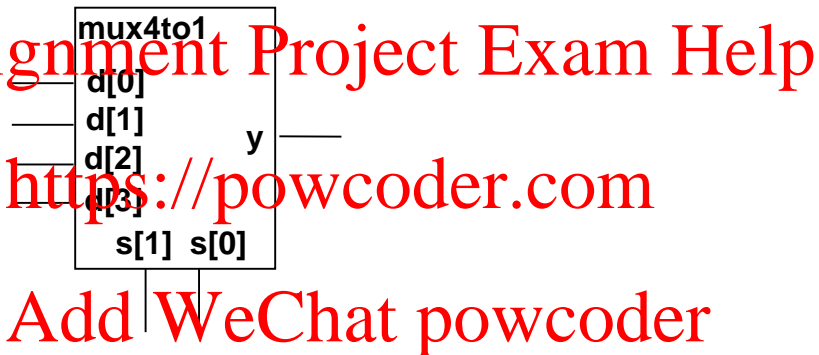
Example: 4-to-1 Multiplexer

❑ Block diagram

A basic 4-to-1 multiplexer has the following signals.

- ❑ The output signal y .
- ❑ The input signals, $d[3:0]$.

Since the multiplexer has 4 data inputs, it required 2 bits data-select ($4 = 2^2$).



❑ Functional behaviour

s[1]	s[0]	y
0	0	d[0]
0	1	d[1]
1	0	d[2]
1	1	d[3]

❑ Logic function

The logic function of the multiplexer:

$$y = s[1]'s[0]'d[0] + s[1]'s[0]d[1] + s[1]s[0]'d[2] + s[1]s[0]d[3]$$

Application: Minterm Generation

- Select inputs -> generates minterms, while data lines are used to enable the minterms

- Example 1

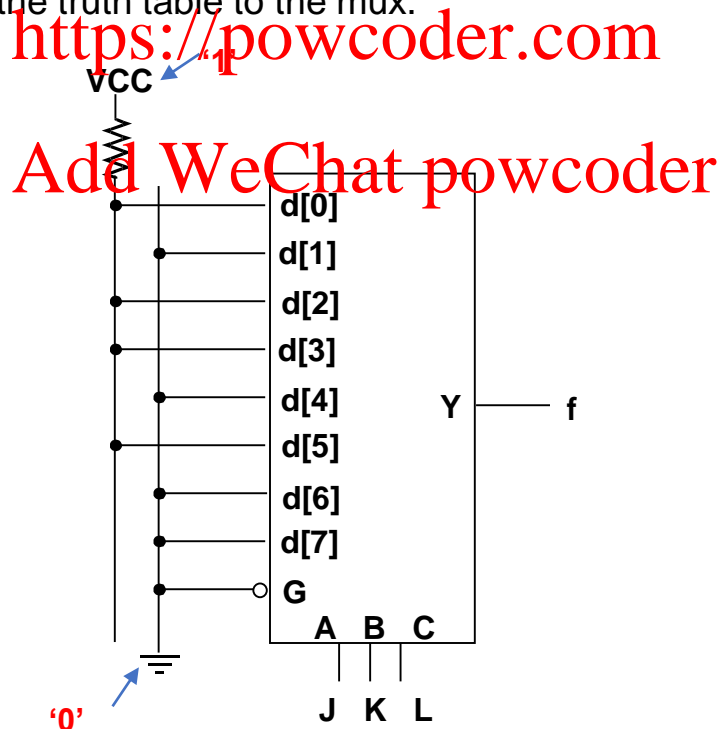
Use a 8-to-1 multiplexer to realize $f(J,K,L) = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 5)$.

- Solution

List the truth table for the function.

Then map the content of the truth table to the mux.

J	K	L	f
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



Application: Minterm Generation

Example 2

- (a) Implement $f(a,b,c) = ab + b'c$ using 4-to-1 mux if a and b are used as the select signal of the mux.
- (b) Implement the above function using one 2-to-1 mux and some basic gates if a is used as the select signal of the mux.

Derive the reduced inputs (Mux inputs)

a	b	c	f	Mux inputs
0	0	0	0	$d[0] = c$
0	0	1	1	
0	1	0	0	$d[1] = 0$
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	$d[2] = c$
1	0	1	1	
1	1	0	1	$d[3] = 1$
1	1	1	1	

Solution

Part (a)

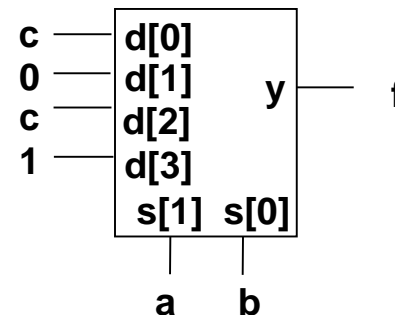
Express the logic function in canonical form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= ab + b'c \\
 &= ab(c' + c) + b'c(a' + a) \\
 &= abc' + abc + a'b'c + ab'c
 \end{aligned}$$

Construct its truth table.

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The final result:



If not specified, other variables can be used as the select input

Application: Minterm Generation

□ Solution

Part (b)

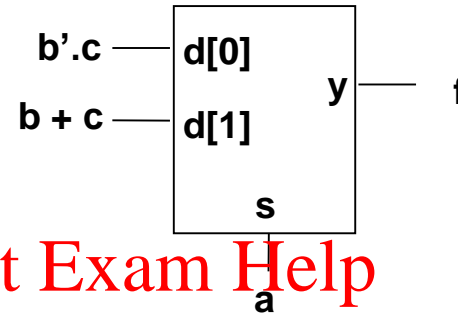
From(a), we know that

$$f = abc' + abc + a'b'c + ab'c$$

Construct its truth table and derive the mux inputs.

a	b	c	f	Mux inputs
0	0	0	0	$d[0] = b'.c$
0	0	1	1	
0	1	0	0	
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	$d[1] = b + c$
1	0	1	1	
1	1	0	1	
1	1	1	1	

The final result:



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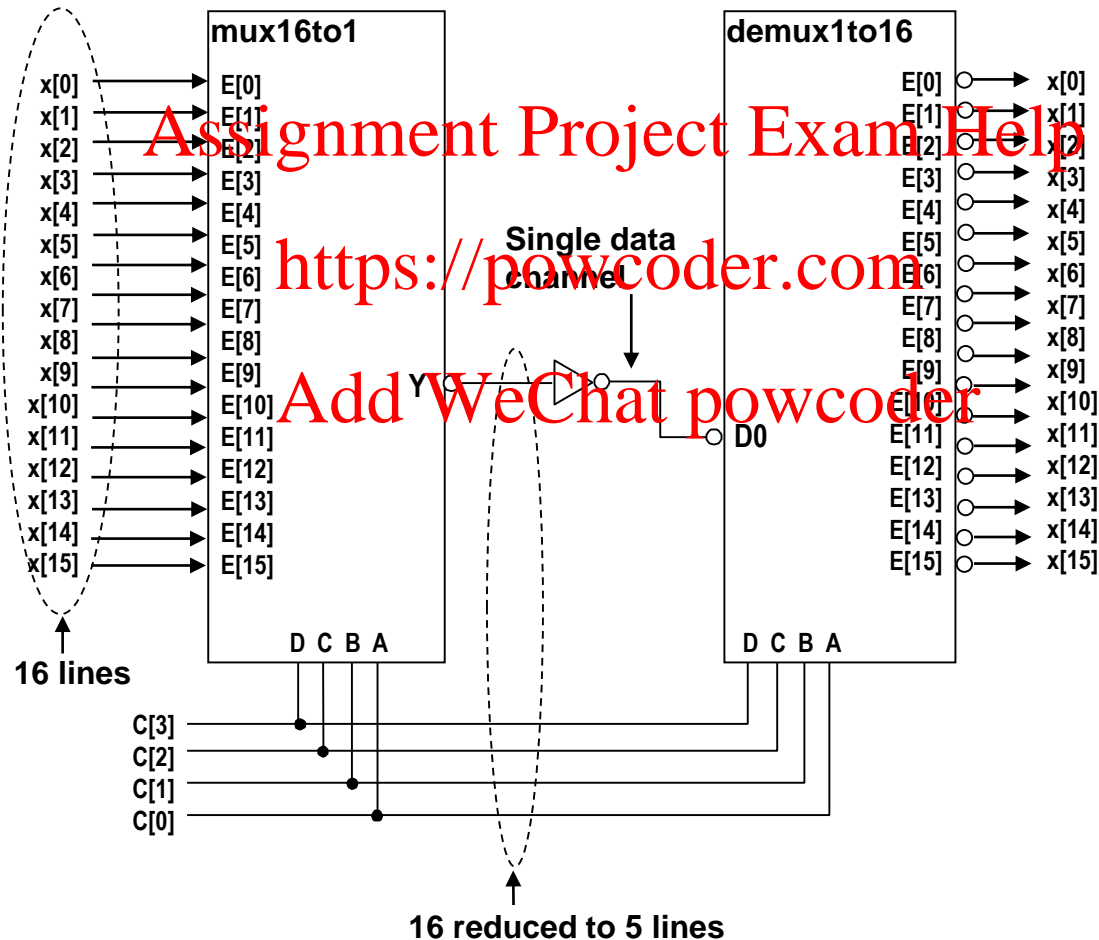
Application of Mux/Demux: Data Routing/Transmission*

- Data must be switched from multiple sources to a destination.

- Example

Design a 16-line to 16-line mux/demux system.

- The purpose of the system is to reduce the number of wires used for transmission



Adder

- Addition is one of the most common operation in digital systems.
- Adder is an arithmetic circuit that adds two n-bit binary numbers.
- Can be implemented in combinational or sequential logic.
- Terminology for addition operation:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1111_2 \\
 + 0110_2 \\
 \hline
 01010_2
 \end{array}$$

Augend Addend Sum

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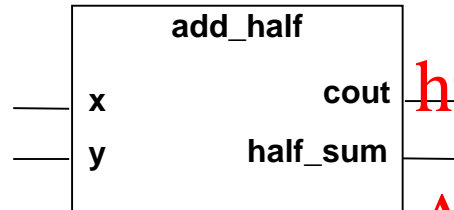
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 The carry bit 1 is called the carry output, C_{out} of the third column and the carry in, C_{in} to the fourth column of addition.

	1	1	1	1	0	Augend
	1	1	1	0	0	Carries
	1	1	0	0	0	Addend
+	0	1	1	0	0	Sum
	0	1	0	1	0	

Half-Adder

- ❑ A half-adder is a logic circuit that performs a single bit addition. It adds two bits, x and y, and produces two outputs, a sum bit and a carry out bit.
- ❑ There is no carry-in input
 - ❑ carry-in is treated as 0.

- ❑ Block diagram:



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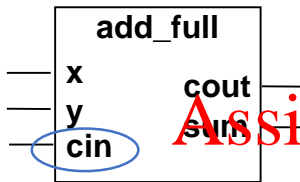
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- ❑ Truth table:

x	y	cout	half_sum
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

Full-Adder

- ❑ The main difference between a full adder and half-adder is that a full adder accepts the carry in c_{in} .
- ❑ Block diagram:



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- ❑ Truth table:

cin	x	y	cout	sum
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

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n-bit Adder: Carry-Ripple Adder (cra)

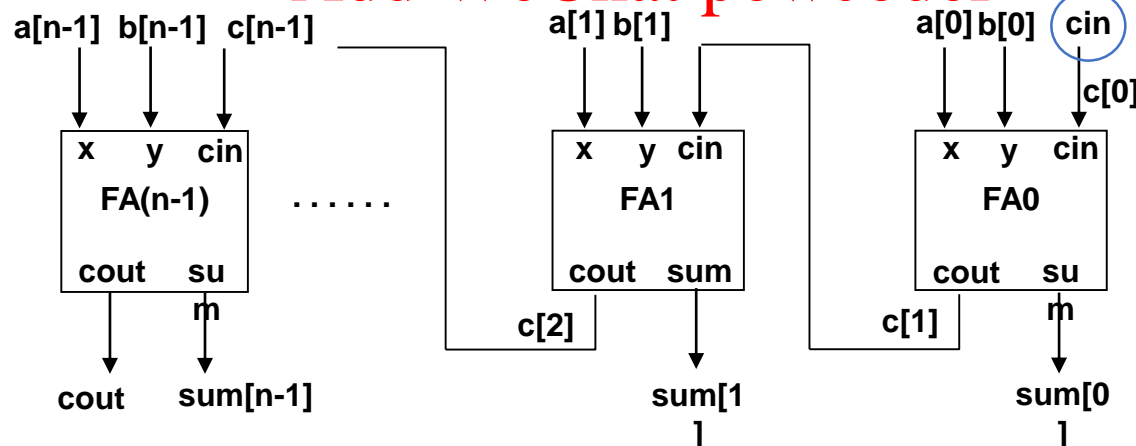
- n-bit carry-ripple adder adds 2 n-bit binary numbers (signed and unsigned)
 - Result is (n+1)-bit: n-bit sum and a carry-out.
 - Each bit position requires a full-adder
- Principle in constructing an n-bit carry-ripple adder
 - Cascading n full-adders (FA) through a chain of carry signals.
 - $FA(i).cout \Rightarrow FA(i+1).cin$ where $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

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Connect to top-level carry-in pin

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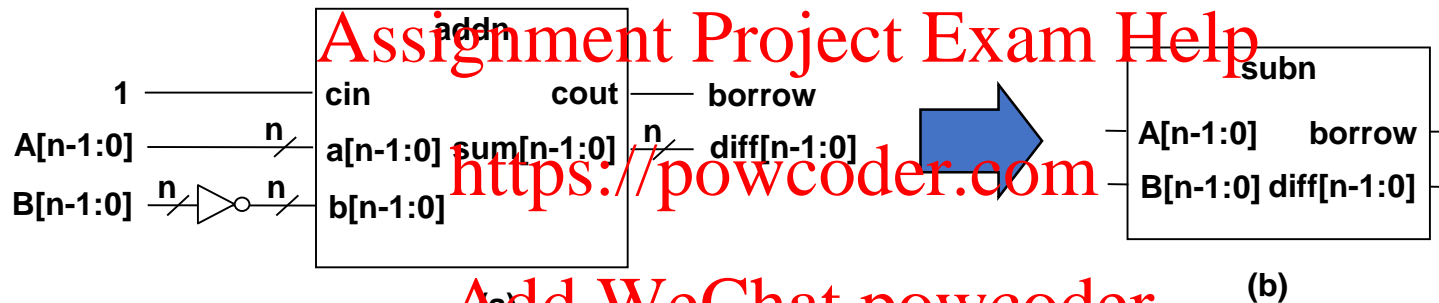


Subtractor Constructed from Adder

- Subtraction can be carried out using the adder circuit

- Based on the 2's complement arithmetic

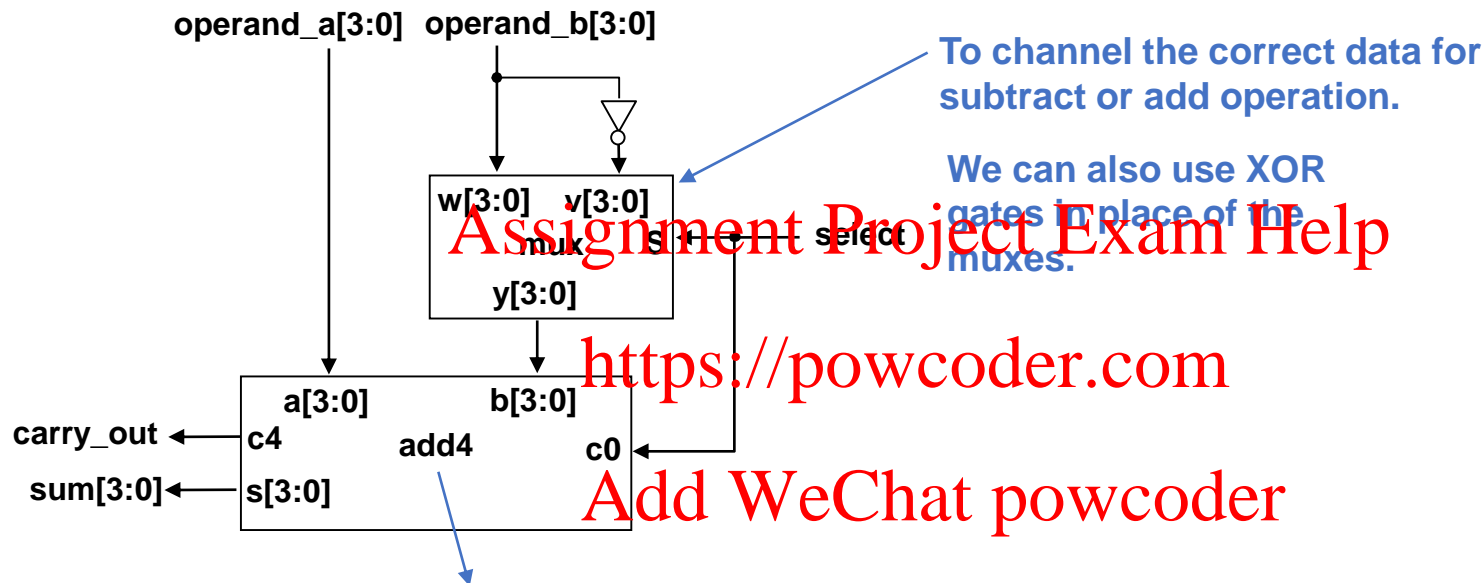
$$\begin{aligned}D_2 &= A_2 - B_2 \\&= A_2 + [B]_2 \\&= A_2 + (B_2)' + 1\end{aligned}$$



- However, the circuit can only perform one function i.e. subtraction.
 - Cannot perform addition.
- To perform both add and subtract functions, combine the adder and subtractor circuits into one.

Subtraction/Addition Implementation Based on 2's Complement Arithmetic

- Construction of binary adder used to perform both addition and subtraction.



Signals	Addition Operation	Subtraction Operation
select	select = 0 Mux output, $y[3:0] = w[3:0] = \text{operand_b}[3:0]$	select = 1 Mux output, $y[3:0] = v[3:0] = \text{operand_b}[3:0]'$
c0	$c0 = \text{select} = 0$	$c0 = \text{select} = 1$
sum[3:0]	$\text{sum}[3:0] = a[3:0] + b[3:0] + c0$ $= \text{operand_a}[3:0] + y[3:0] + 0$ $= \text{operand_a}[3:0] + w[3:0]$ $= \text{operand_a}[3:0] + \text{operand_b}[3:0]$	$\text{sum}[3:0] = a[3:0] + b[3:0] + c0$ $= \text{operand_a}[3:0] + y[3:0] + 1$ $= \text{operand_a}[3:0] + v[3:0] + 1$ $= \text{operand_a}[3:0] + \text{operand_b}[3:0]' + 1$

Overflow

- ❑ Two's complement numbers ($2cns$) uses complement arithmetic.
 - ❑ E.g. $(A - B)$ can be performed by computing $A + (-B) = A + B_{2c}$
 - Only need a binary adder and complementing circuits to handle both add and subtract.
 - ❑ Easy hardware implementation.
- ❑ One problem of digital systems is that it have limited bits for data representation (limited range of signed values).
 - ❑ The decimal range for an n -bit digital system using $2cns$ is $(-2^{n-1}) \leq N \leq (2^{n-1} - 1)$.
E.g. an 8-bit digital system can only operate on values between -128 to 127.
- ❑ If the result is out of the range, an overflow occurs.
 - The out-of-range result cannot be used.
 - Should design digital system that generates a warning signal
 - So that invalid numbers are not mistaken for correct results.

Overflow: Signed and Unsigned Numbers

- ❑ The computation for signed and unsigned overflows are not the same.
- ❑ Example

Compute $(-9 - 5)$.

$$-9 - 5 = (-9) + (-5)$$

$$= [01001] + [00101]$$

$$= 10111_{2c} + 11011_{2c}$$

Signed addition:
input and output
numbers treated
as signed

Unsigned
addition: input and
output numbers
treated as
unsigned

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1_{2c} \\
 +\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1_{2c} \\
 \hline
 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0_{2c}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 (-9) \\
 +\ (-5) \\
 \hline
 -14
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 2\ 3 \\
 +\ 2\ 7 \\
 \hline
 5\ 0
 \end{array}$$

Carry out →

- ❑ For unsigned arithmetic, carry out indicates an overflow.
- ❑ For signed numbers, the carry out from the sign-bit is not sufficient to determine the overflow.
 - ❑ It is meant for extending the adder circuit to higher order bits.
 - ❑ However, overflow can be detected by observing the carry into the sign-bit position and the carry out of the sign-bit position. If these two carries are not equal, an overflow has occurred.

Overflow: 2's Complement Arithmetic for Signed Numbers

- The following 3 case studies are useful for detecting and analysing overflow.
- Assume B and C are positive in a 5-bit system (range represented: -16 to 15).

□ Case study 1: $A = B + C$

Compute $12 + 7$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 01100_{2c} \\ + 00111_{2c} \\ \hline 10011_{2c} \end{array}$$

Result shows an incorrect sign bit (indicates overflow)

- Addition of two positive numbers produce a negative result
- $[10011]_{2c} = -01101_2 = -13$
- -13 is incorrectly interpreted due to overflow
- Sum requires > 5 bits to represent it

□ Case study 2: $A = -B - C$

Compute $(-12 - 5)$.

$$\begin{aligned} -12 - 5 &= (-12) + (-5) \\ &= [01100] + [00101] \\ &= 10100_{2c} + 11011_{2c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10100_{2c} \quad (-12) \\ + 11011_{2c} \quad + (-5) \\ \hline 10111_{2c} \quad -17 \end{array}$$

- Result shows an incorrect sign bit (indicates overflow)
- Addition of two negative numbers produce a positive result
 - Incorrectly interpreted as 15 due to overflow

Overflow rule for addition:

If two 2's complement numbers with the same sign are added, then overflow occurs if:

- adding two positive numbers give a NEGATIVE result.
- adding two negative numbers give a POSITIVE result.

Overflow: 2's Complement Arithmetic for Signed Numbers

□ Case study 3: $A = B - C$

- The magnitude of $(B - C)$ will always be less than either of the two numbers.
- Overflow can never occur

Compute $12 - 5$.

$$12 - 5 = 12 + (-5)$$

$$= 01100 + [00101]$$

$$= 01100_{2c} + 11011_{2c}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0_{2c} \\ +\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1_{2c} \\ \hline 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1_{2c} \end{array}$$

Carry discarded

The carry generated can be discarded

- It's not a valid carry
 - $B > C$ shouldn't generate a carry

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