# Chapter 2 Register Transfer andicrooperatio ns (5 Hrs)

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## 2.1 Register and Register Transfer Language

### **Register:**

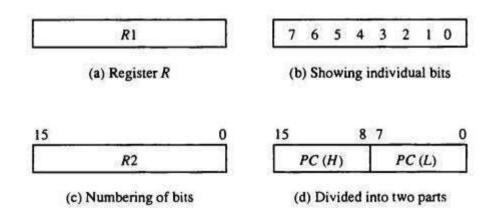
- Register: (RTL)
  Register is the storage device, inside CPU, of data on which microoperations are performed.
- The operations executed on data stored in registers are called microoperations. A microoperation is an elementary operation performed on the information stored in one or more registers. The result of the operation may replace the previous binary information of a register or may be transferred to another register. Examples of microoperations are shift, count, clear and load.
- The internal hardware organization of a digital computer is best defined by specifying:
  - The set of registers it contains and their function.
- The sequence of microoperations performed on the binary information stored in the registers.
  - The control that initiates the sequence of microoperations.

• The language, which is basically used to express the transfer of data among the registers, is called **Register Transfer Language (RTL).** It is the symbolic notation used to describe the microoperation transfers among registers. In such transfer, one of the source or destination should be register (not necessarily both).

### **Register Transfer**

- Computer registers are designated by capital letters.
- For example, the register that holds an address for the memory unit is usually called a memory address register and is designated by the name MAR. Other designations for registers are PC (for program counter), IR (for instruction register, and R1 (for processor register).
- The most common way to represent a register is by a rectangular box with the name of the register inside. Fig (a).
- The individual flip-flops in an n-bit register are numbered in sequence from 0 through n-1, starting from 0 in the rightmost position and increasing the numbers toward the left. For e.g. 8-bit register numbered: Fig (b).
- The numbering of bits in a 8-bit register can be marked on top of the box. Fig (c).

- A 16-bit register is partitioned into two parts in (d). Bits 0 through 7 are assigned the symbol L (for low byte) and bits 8 through 15 are assigned the symbol H (for high byte). The name of the 16 bit register is PC. The symbol PC(0—7) or PC(L) refers to the low order byte and PC(8—15) or PC(H) to the high order byte.
- Information transfer from one register to another is designated in symbolic form by means of a replacement operator. R2 ← R1

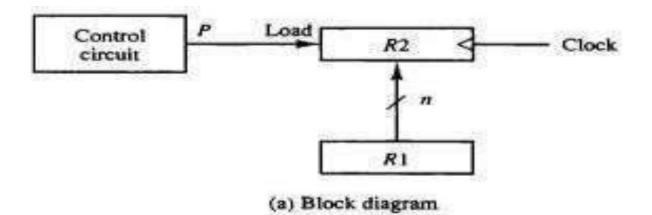


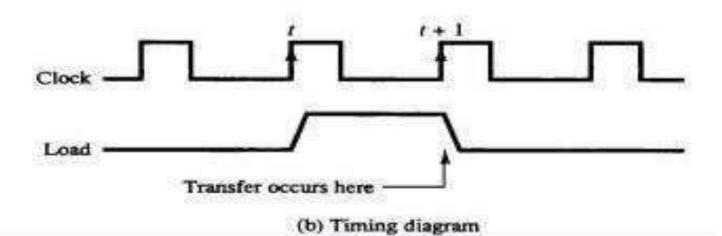
#### **Control function**

If there is predetermined control condition like If (P=1) then  $(R2 \leftarrow R1)$ , then we can write the statement as

P: R2← R1

where P is control signal usually a control function which is Boolean variable that is equal to 1 or 0.





- The n outputs of register R1 are connected to the n inputs of register R2. The letter n will be used to indicate any number of bits for the register.
- It is assumed that all transfers occur during a clock edge transition. Even though the control condition such as P becomes active just after time t, the actual transfer does not occur until the register is triggered by the next positive transition of the clock at time t + 1.
- A comma is used to separate two or more operations that are executed at the same time. The statement

T:  $R2 \leftarrow R1$ ,  $R1 \leftarrow R2$ 

denotes an operation that exchanges the contents of two registers during one common clock pulse provided that T = 1.

Symbol	Description	Examples
Letters (and numerals)	Denotes a register	MAR, R2
Parentheses ( )	Denotes a part of a register	R2(0-7), R2(L)
Arrow ←	Denotes transfer of information	$R2 \leftarrow R1$
Comma,	Separates two microoperations	$R2 \leftarrow R1, R1 \leftarrow R2$
	Fig: Basic Symbols for Register Transf	fers

→ For example, RTL of fetch cycle can be written as:

T1: MAR←PC

T2: MBR←[MAR]

T3: IR←MBR

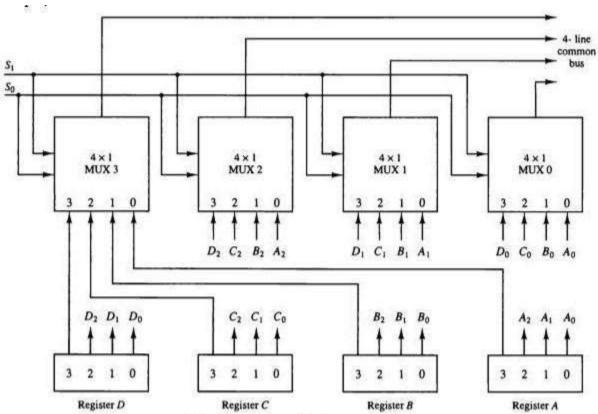
T4: unspecified; PC←PC+1

The notation (T1, T2, T3, T4) represents successive time units. All three units are of equal duration. A time unit is defined by regularly spaced clock pulses. The operations performed within this single unit of time are called microoperations. A single time unit can contain one or more microoperations. Since each microoperation can specifies the transfer of data into or out of a register, such type is called **RTL**.

# **Bus and Memory Transfer**

#### Bus

- A typical digital computer has many registers, and paths must be provided to transfer information from one register to another. The number of wires will be excessive if separate lines are used between each register and all other registers in the system.
- A more efficient scheme for transferring information between registers in a multiple register configuration is a common bus system.
- A bus structure consists of a set of common lines, one for each bit of a register, through which binary information is transferred one at a time. Control signals determine which register is selected by the bus during each particular register transfer.



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Register C	Register B	Register A	

Fig: Bus system for four registers.

$S_1$	So	Register selected
0	0	Α
0	1	В
1	0	C
1	1	D

Fig: Function table for Bus

- In general, a bus system will multiplex k registers of n bits each to produce an n line common bus. The number of multiplexers needed to construct the bus is equal to n, the number of bits in each register. The size of each multiplexer must be k X 1 since it multiplexes k data lines.
- For example, a common bus for eight registers of 16 bits each requires 16 multiplexers, one for each line in the bus. Each multiplexer must have eight data input lines and three selection lines to multiplex one significant bit in the eight registers.
- The transfer of information from a bus into one of many destination registers can be accomplished by connecting the bus lines to the inputs of all destination registers and activating the load control of the particular destination register selected.

### **Memory Transfer**

- The transfer of information from a memory word to the outside environment is called a read operation. The transfer of new information to be stored into the memory is called a write operation.
- A memory word will be symbolized by the letter M. The particular memory word among the many available is selected by the memory address during the transfer.
- Consider a memory unit that receives the address from a register, called the address register, symbolized by AR. The data are transferred to another register, called the data register, symbolized by DR. The read operation can be stated as follows:

Read:  $DR \leftarrow M[AR]$ 

This causes a transfer of information into DR from the memory word M selected by the address in AR.

• The write operation

• The write operation transfers the content of data register to a memory word M selected by memory address. Assume that the input data are in register R<sub>1</sub> and the address in AR, the write operation can be stated as:

Write:  $M[AR] \leftarrow R_1$ 

This causes a transfer of information from R<sub>1</sub> into the memory word M selected by the address in R.

### Microoperations and its

- The sperations on the data in registers are called microoperations.
- Alternatively we can say that an elementary operation performed during one clock pulse on the information stored in one or more registers is called micro-operation.
- The result of the operation may replace the previous binary information of the resister or may be transferred to another resister. Register Transfer Language (RTL) can be used to describe the (sequence of) micro-operations.
- The microoperations most often encountered in digital computers are classified into 4 categories:
- i) Register transfer microoperations
- ii) Arithmetic microoperations
- iii) Logic microoperations
- iv) Shift microoperations

### 2.2 Arithmetic

Microoperation
• The basic arithmetic microoperations are: addition, subtraction, increment and decrement. The additional arithmetic operations are with carry, subtract with borrow and transfer/load.

### Summary of typical arithmetic microoperations

Symbolic Designation	Description
$R3 \leftarrow R1 + R2$	Contents of R1 plus R2 transferred to R3
$R3 \leftarrow R1 + R2^{\circ} + 1$	Contents of R1 minus R2 transferred to R3
R1 ← R1 + 1	Increment the contents of R1 by one
R1 ← R1 - 1	Decrement the contents of R1 by one
$R3 \leftarrow R1 + R2 + 1$	Add with carry
R3 ← R1 + R2'	Subtract with borrow
R1 ← R1'+1	2's complement the contents of R1 (negate)

### **Binary Adder**

• To implement the add microoperation with hardware, we need the resisters that hold the data and the digital component that performs the arithmetic addition. The digital circuit that generates the arithmetic sum of two binary numbers of any lengths is called Binary adder. The binary adder is constructed with the full-adder circuit connected in cascade, with the output carry from one full-adder connected to the input carry of the next full-adder.

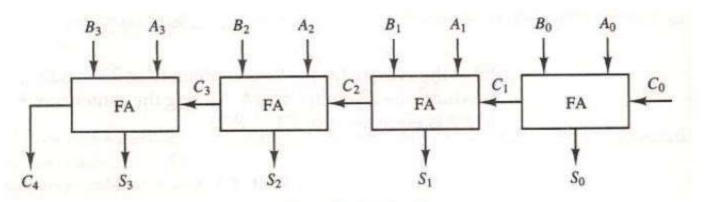


Fig.: 4-bit binary adder

An n-bit binary adder requires n full-adders. The output carry from each full-adder is connected to the input carry of the next-high-order-full-adder. Inputs A and B come from two registers R1 and R2.

# **Binary Subtractor**

• The subtraction A – B can be done by taking the 2's complement of B and adding to A. It means if we use the inverters to make 1's complement of B (connecting each Bi to an inverter) and then add 1 to the least significant bit (by setting carry C0 to 1) of binary adder, then we can make a binary subtractor.

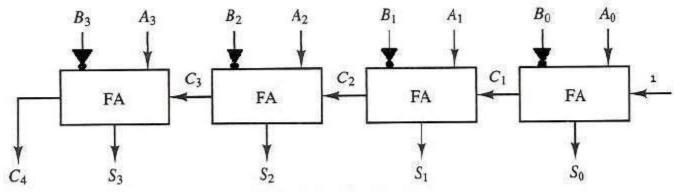


fig.: 4-bit binary subtractor

## Binary Adder-Subtractor

• The addition and subtraction operations can be combined into one common circuit by including an exclusive-OR gate with each full-adder.

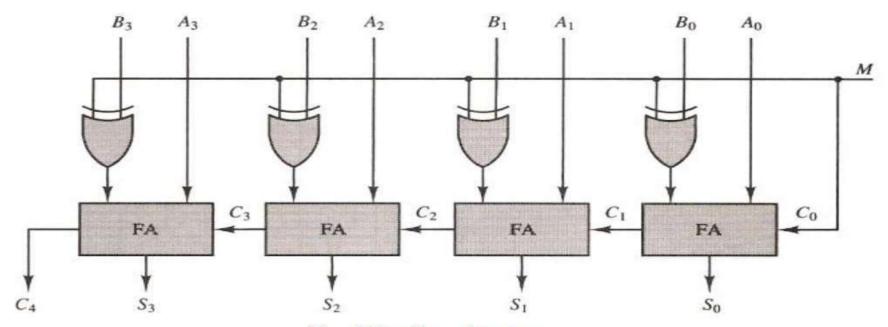


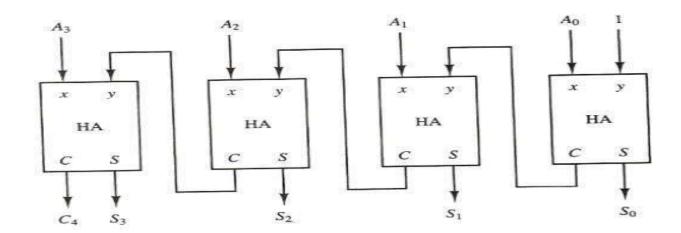
Fig.: 4-bit adder-subtractor

The mode input M controls the operation the operation. When M=0, the circuit is an adder and when M=1 the circuit becomes a subtractor. Each exclusive-OR gate receives input M and one of the inputs of B.

- When M=0: B ⊕ M = B ⊕ 0 = B, i.e. full-adders receive the values of B, input carry is B and circuit performs A+B.
- When M=1: B ⊕ M = B ⊕ 1 = B' and C<sub>0</sub>= 1, i.e. B inputs are all complemented and 1 is added through the input carry. The circuit performs A + (2's complement of B).

### Binary Incrementer

• The increment microoperation adds one to a number in a register. For example, if a 4-bit register has a binary value 0110, it will go to 0111 after it is incremented. Increment microoperation can be done with a combinational circuit (half-adders connected in cascade) independent of a particular register.



## **Arithmetic**

- The arithmetic microoperations can be implemented in one composite arithmetic circuit. By controlling the data inputs to the adder (basic component of an arithmetic circuit), it is possible to obtain different types of arithmetic operations. In the circuit below contains:
  - 4 full-adders
  - 4 multiplexers (controlled by selection inputs S0 and S1)
  - two 4-bit inputs A and B and a 4-bit output D
- Input carry cin goes to the carry input of the full-adder.

Output of the binary adder is calculated from the arithmetic sum:

$$D = A + Y + cin$$
.

By controlling the value of Y with the two selection inputs S1 & S0 and making cin= 0 or 1, it is possible to generate the 8 arithmetic microoperations listed in the table below:

Select		Input	Output		
$S_1$	$S_0$	$C_{\rm in}$	Y	$D = A + Y + C_{\rm in}$	Microoperation
0	0	0	В	D = A + B	Add
0	0	1	B	D = A + B + 1	Add with carry
0	1	0	$\overline{B}$	$D = A + \overline{B}$	Subtract with borrow
0	1	1	$\overline{B}$	$D = A + \overline{B} + 1$	Subtract
1	0	0	0	D = A	Transfer A
1	0	1	0	D = A + 1	Increment A
1	1	0	1	D = A - 1	Decrement A
1	1	1	1	D = A	Transfer A

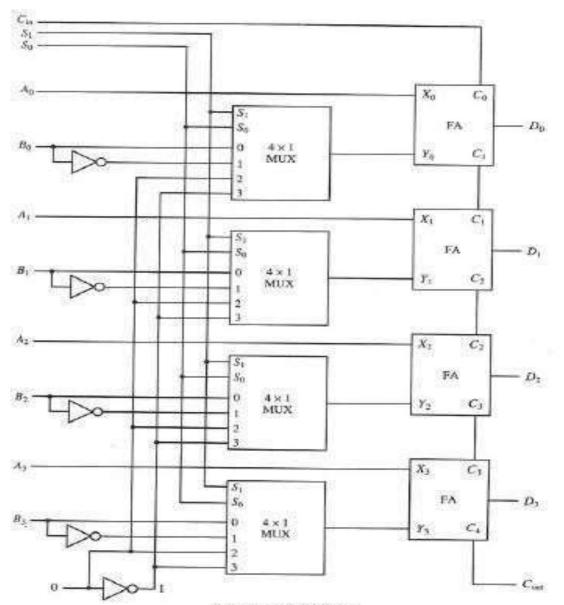


Fig: 4-bit arithmetic circuit

## 2.3 Logic

- Microoperations

  Logic microoperations are bit-wise operations, i.e., they work on the individual bits of data. Useful for bit manipulations on binary data and for making logical decisions based on the bit value. There are, in principle, 16 different logic functions that can be defined over two binary input variables. However, most systems only implement four of these
  - -AND ( $^{\wedge}$ ), OR ( $^{\vee}$ ), XOR ( $\bigoplus$ ), Complement/NOT
- The others can be created from combination of these four functions.

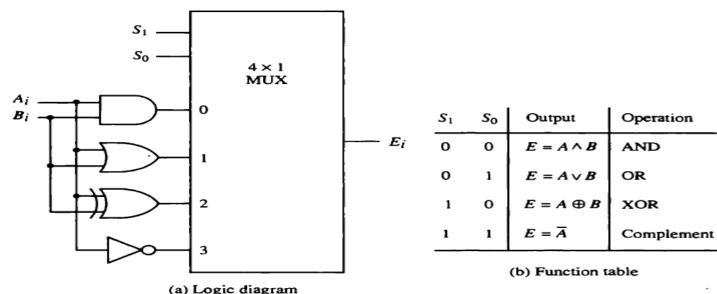
TABLE 4-6 Sixteen Logic Microoperations

Boolean function	Microoperation	Name
$F_0 = 0$	<i>F</i> ←0	Clear
$F_1 = xy$	$F \leftarrow A \wedge B$	AND
$F_2 = xy'$	$F \leftarrow A \wedge \overline{B}$	
$F_3 = x$	$F \leftarrow A$	Transfer A
$F_4 = x'y$	$F \leftarrow \overline{A} \wedge B$	
$F_5 = y$	$F \leftarrow B$	Transfer B
$F_6 = x \oplus y$	$F \leftarrow A \oplus B$	Exclusive-OR
$F_7 = x + y$	$F \leftarrow A \lor B$	OR
$F_8 = (x + y)'$	$F \leftarrow \overline{A \vee B}$	NOR
$F_9=(x\oplus y)'$	$F \leftarrow \overline{A \oplus B}$	Exclusive-NOR
$F_{10} = y'$	$F \leftarrow \overline{B}$	Complement B
$F_{11}=x+y'$	$F \leftarrow A \vee \overline{B}$	
$F_{12}=x'$	$F \leftarrow \overline{A}$	Complement A
$F_{13}=x'+y$	$F \leftarrow \overline{A} \lor B$	_
$F_{14}=(xy)'$	$F \leftarrow \overline{A \wedge B}$	NAND
$F_{15}=1$	$F \leftarrow \text{all 1's}$	Set to all 1's

### Hardware implementation

• Hardware implementation of logic microoperations requires that logic gates be inserted be each bit or pair of bits in the registers to perform the required logic operation.

Figure 4-10 One stage of logic circuit.



# Applications of Logic Microoperations

- Logic Microoperations can be used to manipulate individual bits or a portion of a word in a register.
- Individual bits of a registers are operated with other corresponding register bits.
- They can be used to change values, delete a group of bits or insert new bit values into a register.

Consider a data in register A. In other register, B is bit data that will be used to modify the contents of A.

#### **Selective-set**

In a selective set operation, the bit pattern in B is used to set certain bits in A. If a bit in B is set to 1, that same position in A gets set to 1, otherwise that bit in A keeps its previous value.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 & A_t \\ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 & B \\ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 & A_{t+1} & (A \leftarrow A + B) \end{array}$$

### **Selective-complement**

In a selective complement operation, the bit pattern in B is used to complement certain bits in A. If a bit in B is set to 1, that same position in A gets complemented from its original value, otherwise it is unchanged.

#### **Selective-clear**

In a selective clear operation, the bit pattern in B is used to clear certain bits in A. If a bit in B is set to 1, that same position in A gets set to 0, otherwise it is unchanged.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 & A_t \\ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 & B \\ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 & A_{t+1} & (A \leftarrow A \cdot B') \end{array}$$

### **Mask Operation**

In a mask operation, the bit pattern in B is used to clear certain bits in A. If a bit in B is set to 0, that same position in A gets set to 0, otherwise it is unchanged.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 & A_t \\ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 & B \\ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 & A_{t+1} & (A \longleftarrow A \cdot B) \end{array}$$

### **Clear Operation**

In a clear operation, if the bits in the same position in A and B are the same, they are cleared in A, otherwise they are set in A.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 & A_t \\ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 & B \\ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 & A_{t+1} & (A \leftarrow A \oplus B) \end{array}$$

### **Insert Operation**

An insert operation is used to introduce a specific bit pattern into A register, leaving the other bit positions unchanged. This is done as mask operation to clear the desired bit positions, followed by An OR operation to introduce the new bits into the desired positions

### Example

» Suppose you wanted to introduce 1010 into the low order four bits of A:

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1101 1000 1011 0001 (Original)
1101 1000 1011 1010 (Desired)
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1101 1000 1011 0001 A (Original)
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1111 1111 1111 0000 Mask

1101 1000 1011 0000 A

0000 0000 0000 1010 Added bits

1101 1000 1011 1010 A (Desired)

### 2.4 Shift

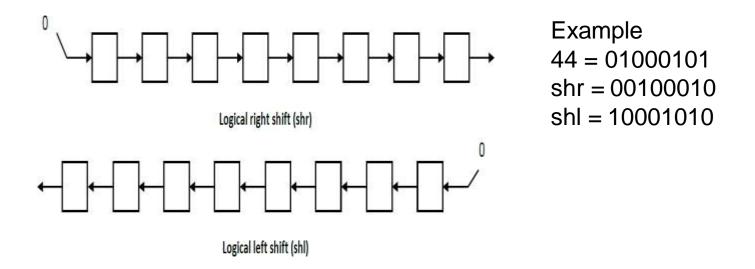
- Microoperation

  The operation that changes the adjacent bit position of the binary values stored in the register is known as shift microoperation. They are used for serial transfer of data. The shift microoperations are classified into 3 types:
  - 1. Logical Shift
  - 2. Circular Shift
  - 3. Arithmetic Shift

### 1. Logical Shift:

A logical shift is the one that transfers 0 through the serial input. In RTL, following notation is used

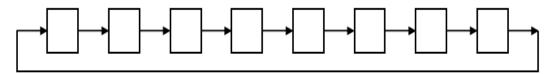
- shr for logical shift right (R3 $\leftarrow$ shr R3)
- shl for logical shift left ( $R4 \leftarrow shl R4$ )



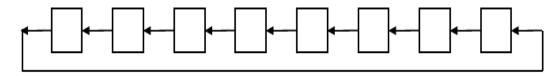
#### 2. Circular Shift:

Circular shift circulates the bits of the register around the two ends without the loss of information. It is also known as rotate operation.

#### Right circular shift operation



#### Left circular shift operation:



In a RTL, the following notation is used

- cil for a circular shift left
- cir for a circular shift right
- Examples:
  - »  $R2 \leftarrow cir R2$
  - » R3 ← cil R3

Example 0010110

0

cir =

00010110

cil =

01011000

#### 3. Arithmetic Shift Operation

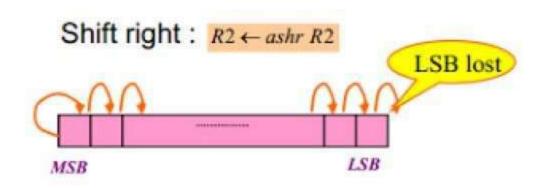
An arithmetic shift is meant for signed binary numbers (integer). An arithmetic left shift multiplies a signed number by two and an arithmetic right shift divides a signed number by two. The main distinction of an arithmetic shift is that it must keep the sign of the number the same as it performs the multiplication or division.

In a RTL, the following notation is used

- ashl for an arithmetic shift left
- ashr for an arithmetic shift right
- Examples:
  - » R2 ← ashr R2
  - » R3 ← ashl R3

### a. Arithmetic Shift Right:

It leaves the signed bit unchanged and shifts the number including the signed bit to the right.

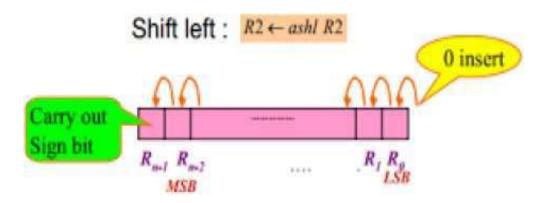


Eg: 10110010

ashr: 11011001

#### **b.** Arithmetic Shift Left:

It inserts a 0 into last bit and shifts all other bits to the left. The initial bit is lost.



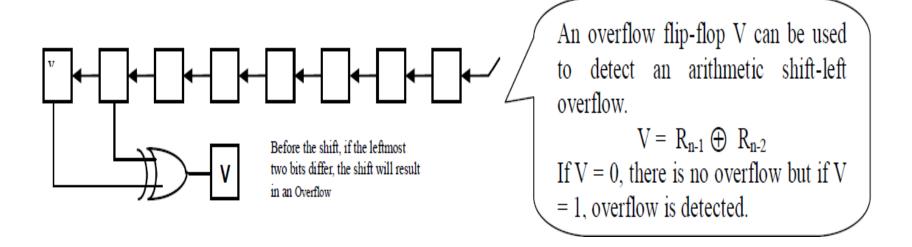
Eg: 10110100

ashl: 01101000

## Overflow Case during arithmetic shift left

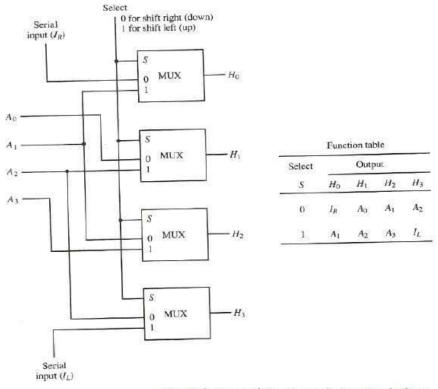
If a bit in  $R_{n-1}$  changes in value after the shift, sign reversal occurs in the result. This happens if the multiplication by 2 causes an overflow.

Thus, left arithmetic shift operation must be checked for the overflow: an overflow occurs after an arithmetic shift-left if before shift  $R_{n-1} \neq R_{n-2}$ .



# Hardware Implementation of shift microoperations

A combinational circuit shifter can be constructed with multiplexers as shown below:



- It has 4 data inputs A<sub>0</sub> through A<sub>3</sub> and 4 data outputs H<sub>0</sub> through H<sub>3</sub>.
- There are two serial inputs, one for shift-left (I<sub>L</sub>) and other for shift-right (I<sub>R</sub>).
- When S = 0: input data are shifted right (down in fig).
- When S = 1: input data are shifted left (up in fig).

Fig: 4-bit combinational circuit shifter

# Arithmetic Logic Shift Unit

- Arithmetic logic shift unit is a digital circuit that performs arithmetic calculations, logical manipulation and shift operation. It is often abbreviated as ALU. The above figure shows the one stage of arithmetic logic shift unit.
- The block diagram of ALU includes one stage of arithmetic circuit, one stage of logic circuit and one 4\*1 multiplexer. The subscript i designates a typical stage.

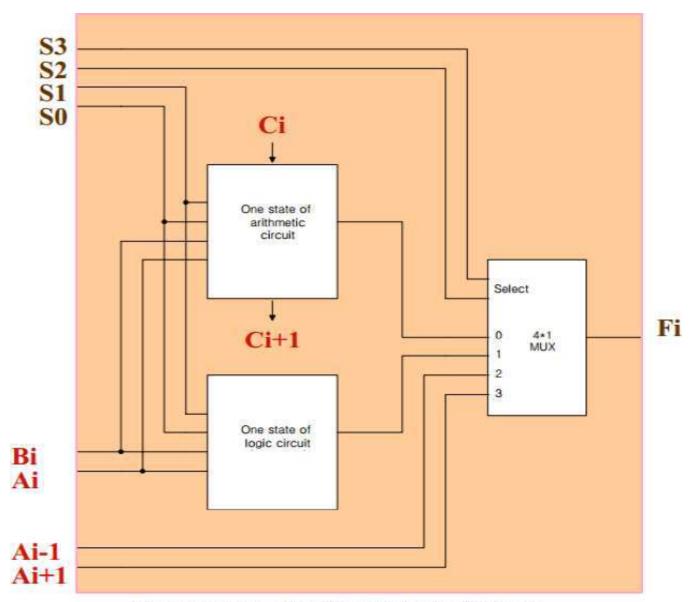


Fig: one stage of arithmetic logic shift unit

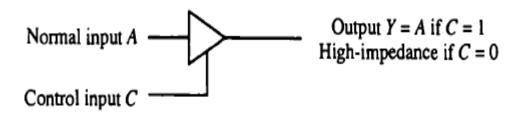
- Inputs Ai and Bi are applied to both the arithmetic and logic units. A particular microoperation is selected with inputs S1 and So. A 4\*1 MUX selects the final output. The two inputs of the MUX are received from the output of the arithmetic circuit and logic circuit. The other two is Ai-1 for the shift-right operation and Ai+1 for the shift left operation. The circuit is repeated n times for n-bit ALU. The output carry Ci+1 is connected to the input carry Cin. In every stage the circuit specifies 8 arithmetic operations, 4 logical operations and 2 shift operations, where each operation is selected by the five variables S3, S2, S1, S0 and Cin.
- The operations of ALU can be summarized in table below:

Operation select					Operation	Function
$S_3$	$S_2$	$S_1$	S <sub>0</sub>	Cin		
0	0	0	0	0	F=A	Transfer A
0	0	0	0	1	F=A+1	Increment A
0	0	0	1	0	F=A+B	Addition
0	0	0	1	1	F=A+B+1	Add with carry
0	0	1	0	0	F=A+B'	Subtract with borrow
0	0	1	0	1	F= A+B'+1	Subtraction
0	0	1	1	0	F=A-1	Decrement A
0	0	1	1	1	F=A	Transfer A
0	1	0	0	X	F=A∧B	AND
0	1	0	1	X	F=A∨B	OR
0	1	1	0	X	F=A⊕B	XOR
0	1	1	1	X	F=A'	Complement A
1	0	X	Χ	X	F=shr A	Shift right A into F
1	1	X	X	X	F= shl A	Shift left A into F

### Three State

A three state gate by the first circuit that exhibits three state. Two of the states are signed equivalent to logic 1 and 0 as in a conventional gate. The third state is a high impedance state. The high impedance state behaves likes an open circuit which means that the output is disconnected and does not have a logic significance.

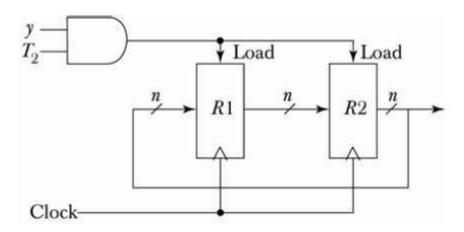
Three state gate may perform any conventional logic such as AND or NAND. However, the most commonly used in the design of bus system is the buffer gate,



### **Numerical**

4-1. Show the block diagram of the hardware (similar to Fig. 4-2a) that implements the following register transfer statement:

$$yT_2$$
:  $R2 \leftarrow R1$ ,  $R1 \leftarrow R2$ 



4-3. Represent the following conditional control statement by two register transfer statements with control functions.

If 
$$(P = 1)$$
 then  $(R1 \leftarrow R2)$  else if  $(Q = 1)$  then  $(R1 \leftarrow R3)$ 

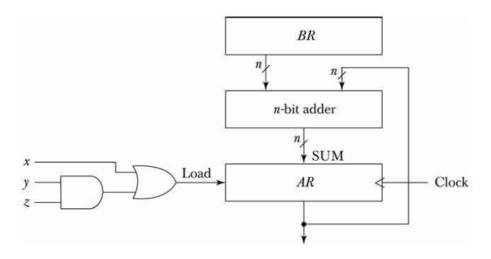
SOLUTION: P:  $R1 \leftarrow R2$ 

P'Q: R1 ← R3

4-8. Draw the block diagram for the hardware that implements the following statements:

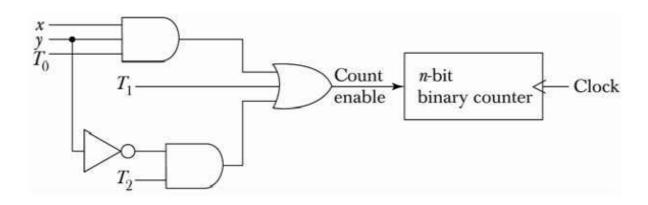
$$x + yz$$
:  $AR \leftarrow AR + BR$ 

where AR and BR are two n-bit registers and x, y, and z are control variables. Include the logic gates for the control function. (Remember that the symbol + designates an OR operation in a control or Boolean function but that it represents an arithmetic plus in a microoperation.)



4-9. Show the hardware that implements the following statement. Include the logic gates for the control function and a block diagram for the binary counter with a count enable input.

$$xyT_0 + T_1 + y'T_2$$
:  $AR \leftarrow AR + 1$ 



4-19. The 8-bit registers AR, BR, CR, and DR initially have the following values:

AR = 11110010 BR = 11111111 CR = 10111001DR = 11101010

Determine the 8-bit values in each register after the execution of the following sequence of microoperations.

$$AR \leftarrow AR + BR$$
 Add  $BR$  to  $AR$    
 $CR \leftarrow CR \land DR$ ,  $BR \leftarrow BR + 1$  AND  $DR$  to  $CR$ , increment  $BR$    
 $AR \leftarrow AR - CR$  Subtract  $CR$  from  $AR$ 

- (a) AR = 11110010 BR = 1111111(+)AR = 11110001 BR = 11111111 CR = 10111001 DR = 1110
- (b) CR = 10111001 BR = 1111 1111 CR = 10101000 BR = 0000 0000 DR = 11101010
- (c) AR = 11110001 (-1) CR = 10101000 AR = 01001001; BR = 00000000; CR = 10101000; DR = 11101010

**4-21.** Starting from an initial value of R = 11011101, determine the sequence of binary values in R after a logical shift-left, followed by a circular shift-right, followed by a logical shift-right and a circular shift-left.

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R = 11011101

Logical shift left: 10111010

Circular shift right: 01011101

Logical shift right: 01011100

Circular shift left: 01011100
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4-17. Design a digital circuit that performs the four logic operations of exclusive-OR, exclusive-NOR, NOR, and NAND. Use two selection variables. Show the logic diagram of one typical stage.

