

DeBAM: Decoder Based Approximate Multiplier for Low Power Applications

Design Code:

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module debam(input [7:0] a,b, output reg [15:0] q);
reg [7:0]temp[4:0];
reg [15:0] add[4:0];

    always@(*) begin
        temp[0] <= a[1] ? (a[0] ? ((b << 1'b1)|b) : (b << 1'b1)) : (a[0] ? b : 8'd0);
        temp[1] <= a[3] ? (a[2] ? ((b << 1'b1)|b) : (b << 1'b1)) : (a[2] ? b : 8'd0);
        temp[2] <= a[5] ? (a[4] ? ((b << 1'b1)|b) : (b << 1'b1)) : (a[4] ? b : 8'd0);
        temp[3] <= a[6] ? b : 0;
        temp[4] <= a[7] ? b : 0;

        add[0] <= temp[0];
        add[1] <= {temp[1],2'd0};
        add[2] <= {temp[2],4'd0};
        add[3] <= {temp[3],6'd0};
        add[4] <= {temp[4],7'd0};

        q <= add[0] + add[1] + add[2] + add[3] + add[4];
    end
endmodule
```

Test Bench Code:

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module tb();
reg [7:0] a,b; wire [15:0] q;
integer av_per,count,percent,eff;
reg [15:0]s,p;

debam uut(a,b,q);

initial begin
    count = 0; percent = 0; av_per = 0; eff = 0;
    repeat(100) begin
        {a,b} = $random;
        #1;
        s = a*b;
        p = q;
        if(p == s) av_per = 100;
        else if (s == 0) av_per = 0;
        else av_per = p*100/s;

        count = count + 1;
        percent = percent + av_per;
        #9;

    end

    eff = percent/count;
    $display("effective percentage is %d",eff);

end
endmodule
```

Output:

The output is attained with error factor of just 15 percent.

Console

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ISim P.20131013 (signature 0x7708f090)  
This is a Full version of ISim.  
Time resolution is 1 ps  
Simulator is doing circuit initialization process.  
Finished circuit initialization process.  
effective percentage is      85  
ISim>
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