

Day 12 Topic: Verilog codes for Binary to Gray Code Converter Using Cadence (Xcelium)

◆ What is Gray Code?

- Gray code (also called Reflected Binary Code) is a binary number system where two successive numbers differ in only one bit.
- Example (3-bit):
 - Binary: 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111
 - Gray: 000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100

This property helps reduce errors in digital systems like counters, rotary encoders, and communication systems.

◆ Why do we need Binary to Gray Conversion?

- In binary counting, multiple bits may change at the same time.
Example: Binary 0111 (7) → 1000 (8) (all 4 bits flip).
- If hardware is slightly slow or noisy, this may cause glitches and wrong readings.
- In Gray code, only 1 bit changes between consecutive numbers, minimizing error.

◆ Conversion Rule (Binary → Gray)

For an n-bit binary number $B[n-1:0]$, the equivalent Gray code $G[n-1:0]$ is:

- $G[n-1] = B[n-1]$ (MSB remains the same)
- $G[i] = B[i+1] \text{ XOR } B[i]$ for $i = n-2$ down to 0

Example (4-bit):

Binary B = b3 b2 b1 b0

Gray G = g3 g2 g1 g0

- $g3 = b3$
- $g2 = b3 \text{ XOR } b2$
- $g1 = b2 \text{ XOR } b1$
- $g0 = b1 \text{ XOR } b0$

- ◆ Example Conversion

Binary 1011 (11) → Gray Code:

- $g_3 = b_3 = 1$
- $g_2 = b_3 \text{ XOR } b_2 = 1 \text{ XOR } 0 = 1$
- $g_1 = b_2 \text{ XOR } b_1 = 0 \text{ XOR } 1 = 1$
- $g_0 = b_1 \text{ XOR } b_0 = 1 \text{ XOR } 1 = 0$

So, Gray = 1110.

- ◆ 1.1) Design Code

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bin_gray.v
//DESIGN CODE OF BINARY TO GRAY CODE CONVERSION USING VERILOG

module bin_gray(input [3:0]bin_in, output [3:0]gray_out);
    assign gray_out[3] = bin_in[3];
    assign gray_out[2] = bin_in[2] ^ bin_in[3];
    assign gray_out[1] = bin_in[1] ^ bin_in[2];
    assign gray_out[0] = bin_in[0] ^ bin_in[1];
endmodule
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- ◆ 1.2) Test Bench Code

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//TB CODE OF BINARY TO GRAY CONVERSION USING VERILOG
`timescale 1ns/1ps
module tb_bin_gray;
reg [3:0]bin_in;
wire [3:0]gray_out;

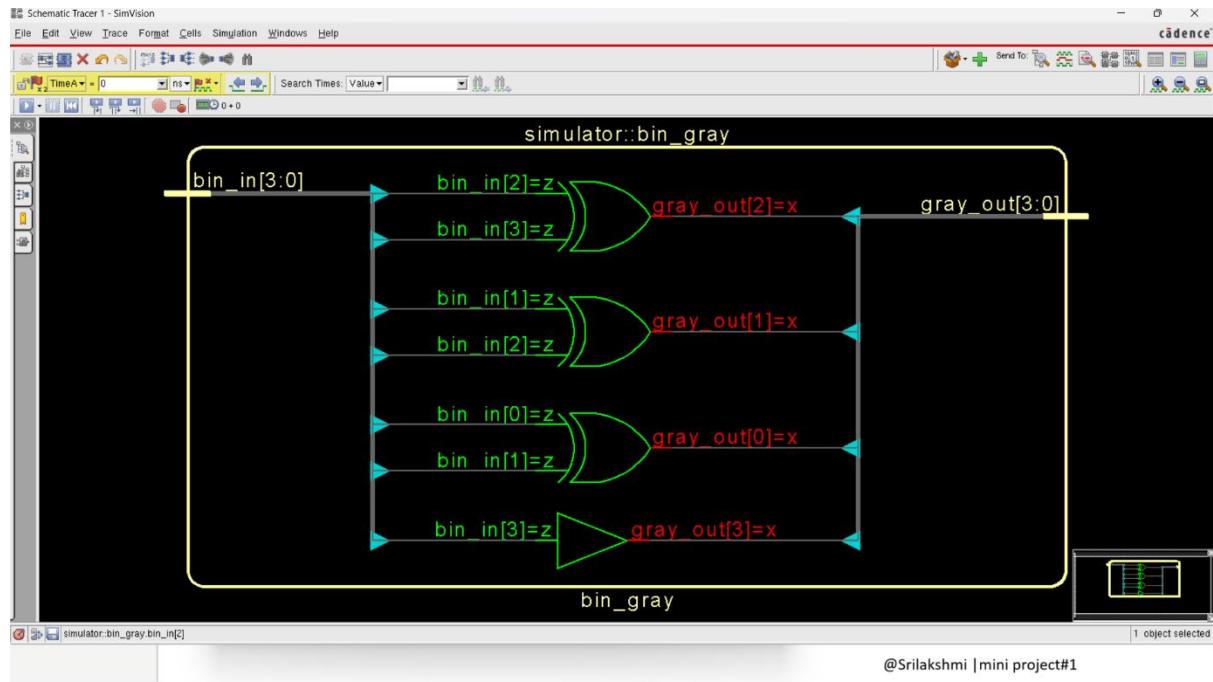
bin_gray ul(.bin_in(bin_in),.gray_out(gray_out));
initial begin
$display("Time\tBinary\tGray");
$monitor("%0dns\t%b\t%b", $time, bin_in, gray_out);

bin_in = 4'b0000:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0001:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0010:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0011:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0100:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0101:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0110:#10;
bin_in = 4'b0111:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1000:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1001:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1010:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1011:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1100:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1101:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1110:#10;
bin_in = 4'b1111:#10;

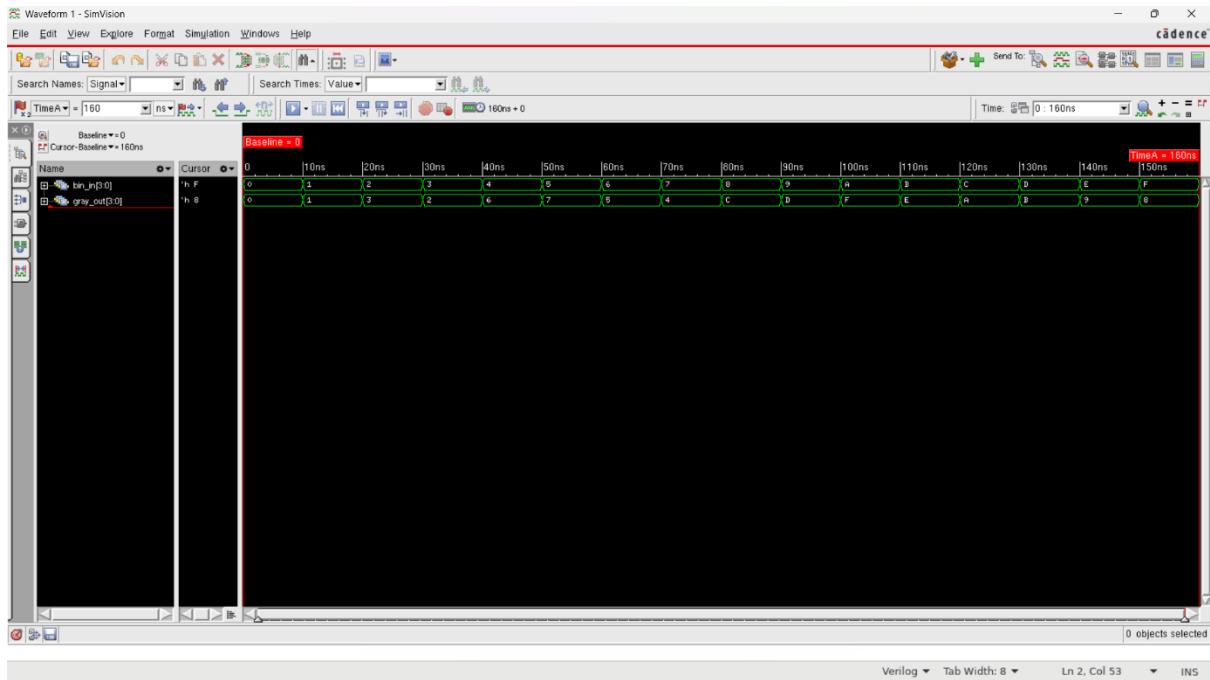
$finish;
end
endmodule

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◆ 1.3) Schematic



◆ 1.4) Wave Forms



◆ Applications

- Digital counters: Prevents glitches during state transitions.
- Rotary encoders: Position sensors use Gray code to avoid ambiguity.
- Communication systems: Prevents multiple-bit errors.
- Error detection/correction: Useful in data transmission.

