

Small Example on rewrite rules

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Install

- My github repo is on: <https://github.com/thiskappaisgrey/research-stuff>
- If you want to build it, you can use *nix* to install the dependencies.
- You do need the forked repo of lakeroad-yosys (I failed to do git submodules correctly, so for now, you'll have to clone it yourself) with the egglog branch for this to work..
- The nix derivation already includes teh yosys dependencies to build.

Half Adder example

- The simplest example is finding half adders in a full-adder implementation
- We can use egglog to do *subgraph isomorphism* - find the half-adder in the full adder!
- Basically - we build the component as a subgraph and use Egglog to find that subgraph in a bigger graph. This example only has the 1 “naive” rewrite rule.
- Run just `build-full-adder` to build the example.

Half adder

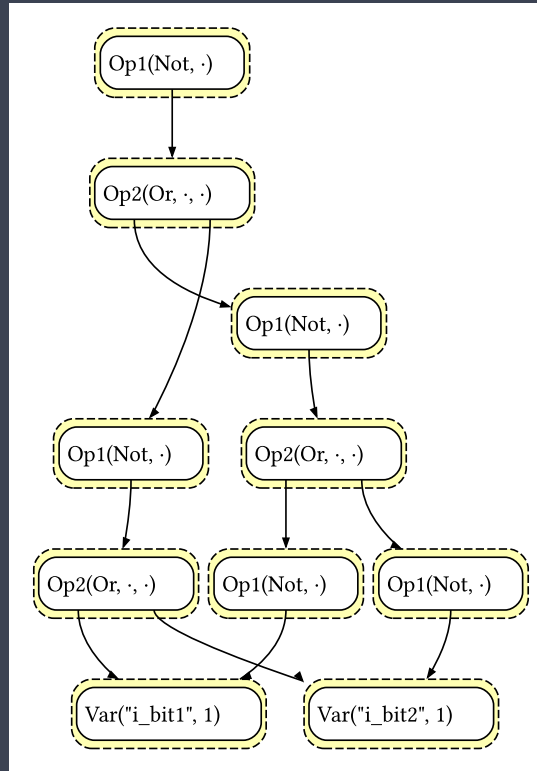


Figure 1: The half adder is used to build up the rewrite rule

Full Adder

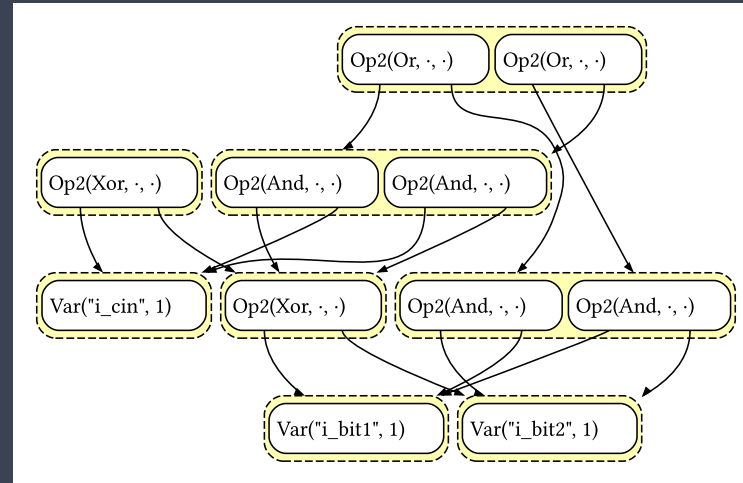


Figure 2: The rewrite rule built by the half adder is used to search for it in the full adder

XOR example

- Finding an XOR gate in a graph with the XORs compiled away(i.e. translated to and/not gates) is much harder.
 - Nodes can be “merged” together during the compilation process where the XORs can be harder to find
- We can’t just use “subgraph isomorphism” to find the XOR implementation anymore! We “continuously deform” the graph using more rewrite rules in order to find the XOR implementation!
- I’ll call this problem - “subgraph homotopy”¹

¹I’m not a mathematician but I’m using big words to sound smart

XOR compiled

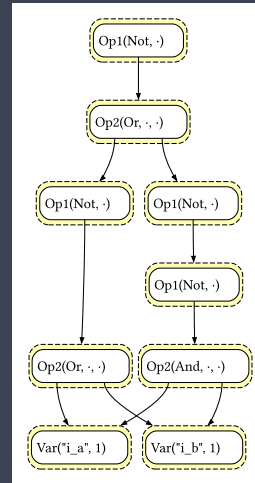


Figure 3: This is the XOR compiled

Rewrites that were added

```
;; absorbtion.
```

```
(rewrite  
  (Op2 (Or) x (Op2 (And) x y))  
  x  
  :ruleset deoptimize)
```

```
(rewrite  
  (Op2 (And) x (Op2 (Or) x y))  
  x  
  :ruleset deoptimize)
```

```
;; commutativity
```

```
(birewrite
```



```
(Op2 (And) x y)
(Op2 (And) y x)
:ruleset deoptimize)
(birewrite
(Op2 (Or) x y)
(Op2 (Or) y x)
:ruleset deoptimize)

;; idempotence
(rewrite
  (Op2 (And) x x)
  x
  :ruleset deoptimize
```

```
)  
(rewrite  
    (Op2 (Or) x x)  
    x  
    :ruleset deoptimize  
)  
;; De Morgansk
```

```
(birewrite  
    (Op1 (Not) (Op2 (And) x y))  
    (Op2 (Or) (Op1 (Not) x) (Op1 (Not) y))  
    :ruleset deoptimize  
)
```

```
(birewrite
  (Op1 (Not) (Op2 (Or) x y))
  (Op2 (And) (Op1 (Not) x) (Op1 (Not) y))
  :ruleset deoptimize
)
```

Looking for XORs in a “bigger” circuit

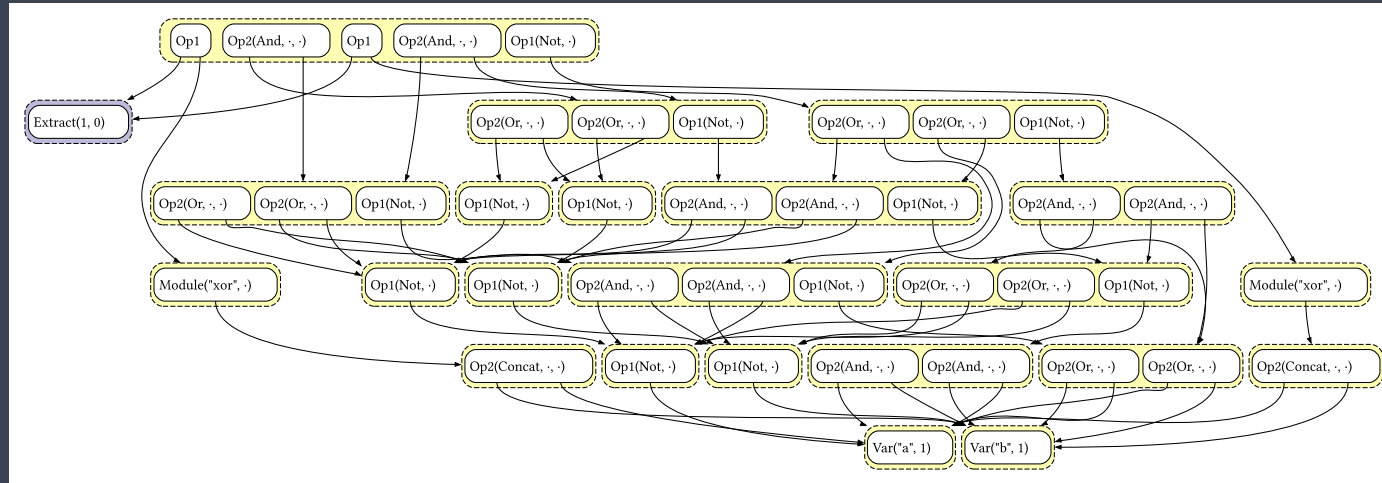


Figure 4: Here, we find the compiled XOR in a slightly bigger circuit by adding the above rewrites

The “circuit”

```
module test(  
    input a,  
    input b,  
    output d,  
    output c  
);  
    assign d = a & b;  
    assign c = a ^ b;  
endmodule
```

Conclusion

- We can use a number of passes to find our component in a bigger circuit.. i.e. continuously deform the graph into the form that we “want” to find.
- Some difficulties after we find the module is *extracting*. ENodes can be a part of multiple modules - we have to ensure that they are “consumed” by the modules at most once.