

Homework 6

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Problem 1. ISCAS Benchmark Simulator and Performance Tester

The input format processor and simulator is implemented in `src/main.cpp`. The base of the processor was taken from HW5. It should be compiled using the provided `Makefile` to ensure the correct compiler configuration is used. This program makes heavy use of C++11 features. The two provided input sets are located in `inputs/`.

The simulator is run using the command `main netlist.txt inputs.vec outfile [s/t]`. The two input filenames are the ISCAS benchmark file and a plain-text table of the value for each primary input declared in the ISCAS format. The simulation state after each input is processed is written to a file with the given name. The simulator uses either table-lookup or input-scanning depending on the flag given.

The output file for the `inputs/s27.txt` input circuit with the `inputs/s27.vec` input vectors is as follows. In table-lookup mode, the simulation takes 0.000819224s. In input-scanning mode, the simulation takes 0.000650427s.

```
Input   :0000
State   :XXX
Output  :X
```

```
Input   :0010
State   :0XX
Output  :X
```

```
Input   :0100
State   :0X0
Output  :X
```

```
Input   :1000
State   :0X1
Output  :1
```

```
Input   :1111
State   :101
Output  :1
```

The 500kB output file for the `inputs/s35932.txt` input circuit with the `inputs/s35932.vec` is not included in this document. In table-lookup mode, the simulation takes 366.31s. In input-scanning mode, the simulation takes 214.304s.

For this implementation of the two simulation techniques, it appears that the input-scanning technique is faster than the table-lookup technique.