

# 2.1 COMBINATIONAL CIRCUITS

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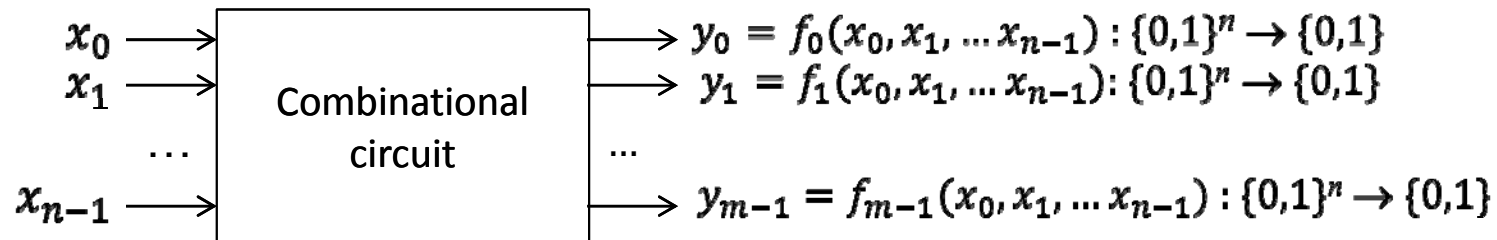
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# 1. Combinational circuits

Digital circuits that implement one or several **switching functions**, in such a way that, at any time, the output signal values only depend on the input signal values at the same time.

$$x_i \in \{0,1\}$$

$$y_i \in \{0,1\}$$



This is NOT the definition of a combinational circuit

*temp*

*onoff*

0

ON

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ON

...

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18

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20

DON'T CHANGE

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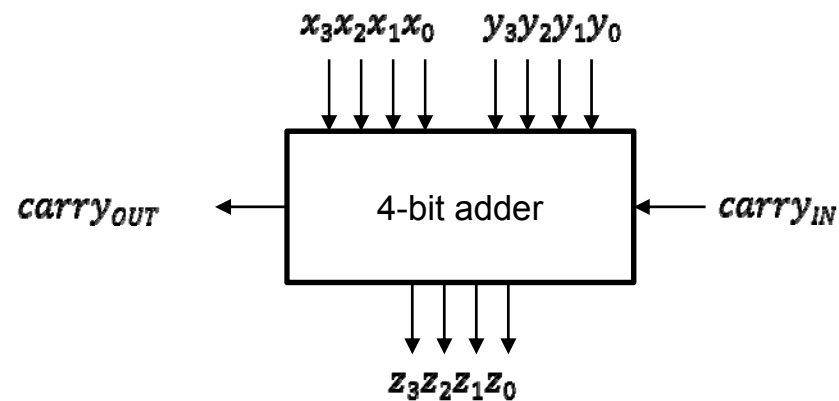
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# 1. Combinational circuits

Adder of two 4-bit numbers (4-bit adder)



$$X = x_3x_2x_1x_0,$$

$$Y = y_3y_2y_1y_0$$

$$Z = X + Y + \text{carry}_{IN} = z_4z_3z_2z_1z_0$$

$$z_4 \equiv \text{carry}_{OUT}$$

$s \leq X + Y + \text{carry}_{IN};$

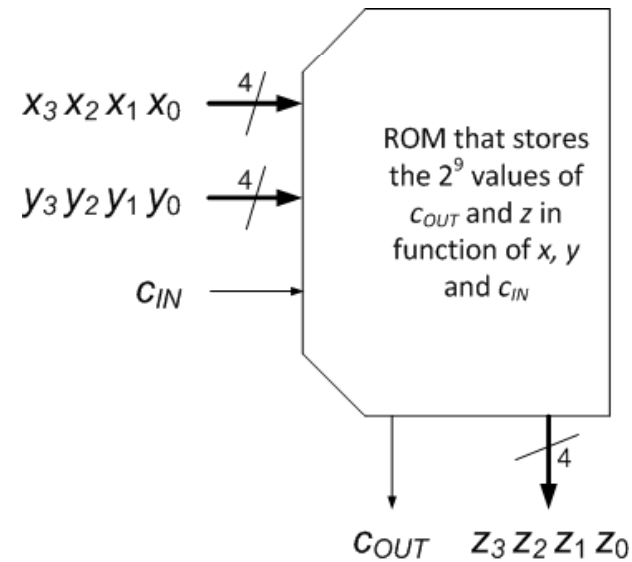
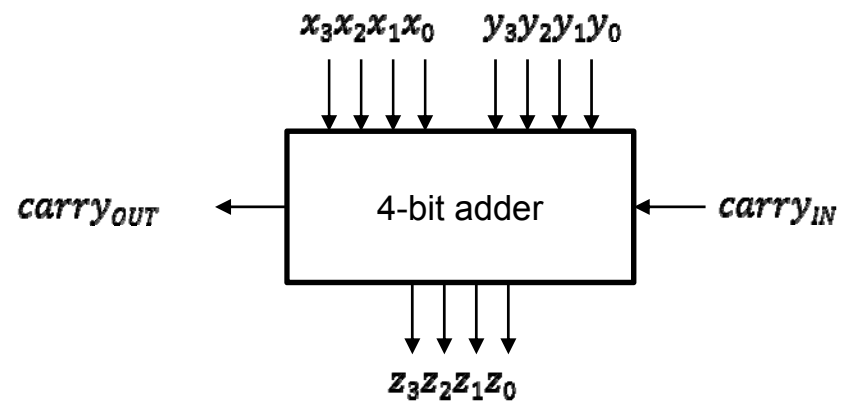
if  $s > 1111$  then  $Z(3 \text{ downto } 0) \leq s - 10000; \text{carry}_{OUT} \leq 1;$

else  $Z(3 \text{ downto } 0) \leq s; \text{carry}_{OUT} \leq 0;$

end if;

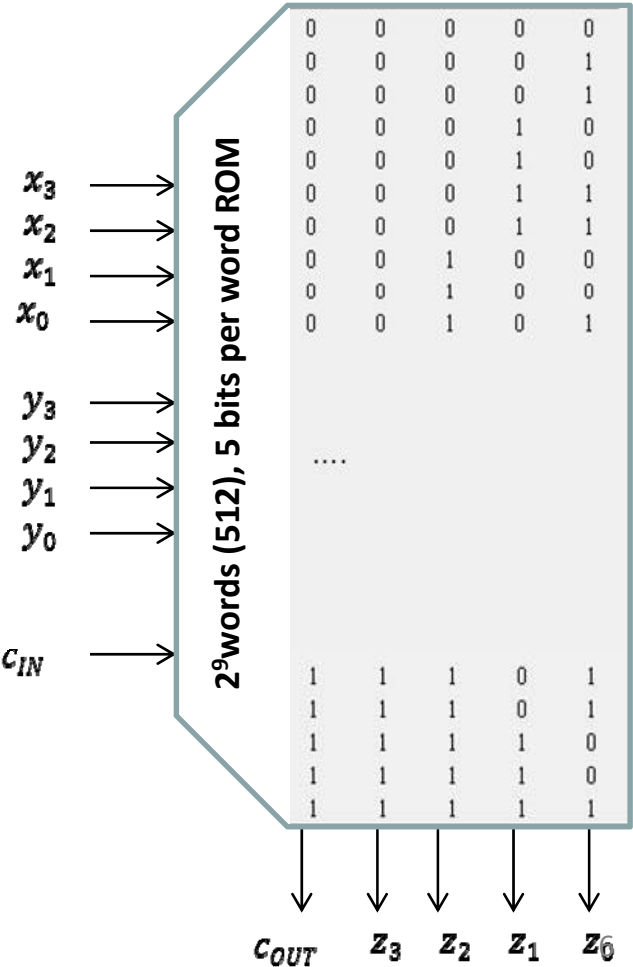
## 2.1 Synthesis from a table: ROM

Adder of two 4-bit numbers (4-bit adder)



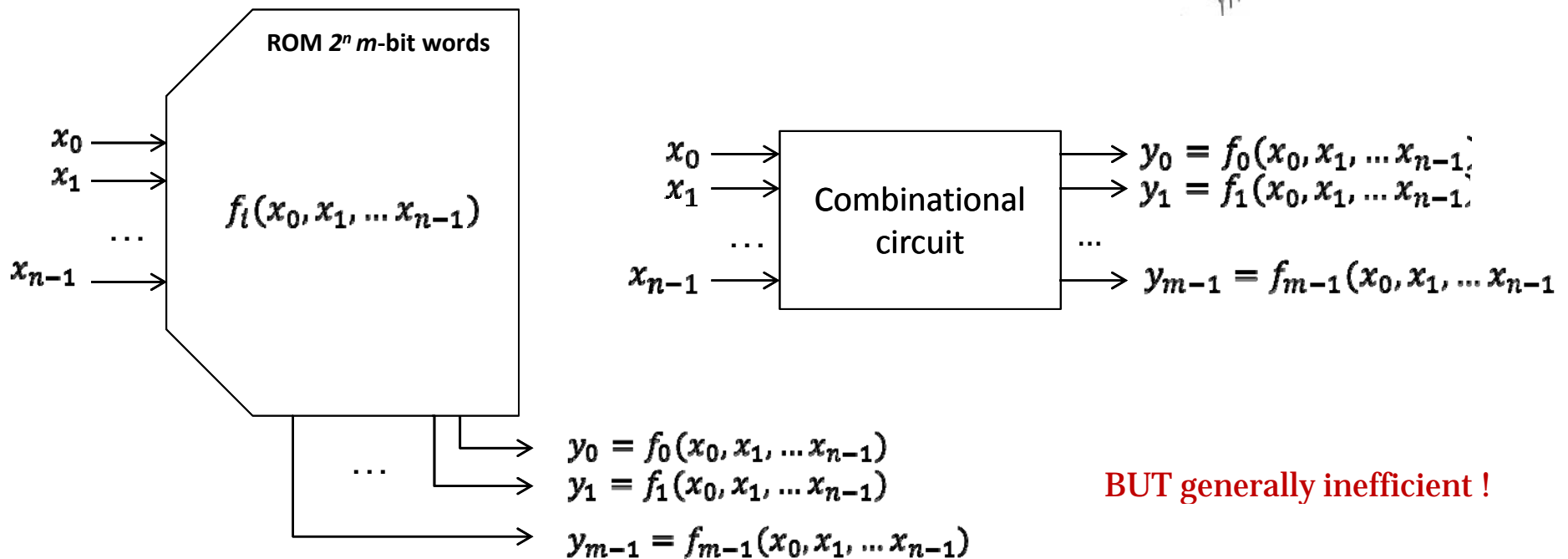
TRUTH TABLE

x3	x2	x1	x0	y3	y2	y1	y0	aIN	aOUT	z3	z2	z1	z0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
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1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



## 2.1 Synthesis from a table: ROM

CC with  $n$  inputs and  $m$  outputs  $\rightarrow$  ROM with  $2^n$  words,  $m$  bits per word



**BUT generally inefficient !**

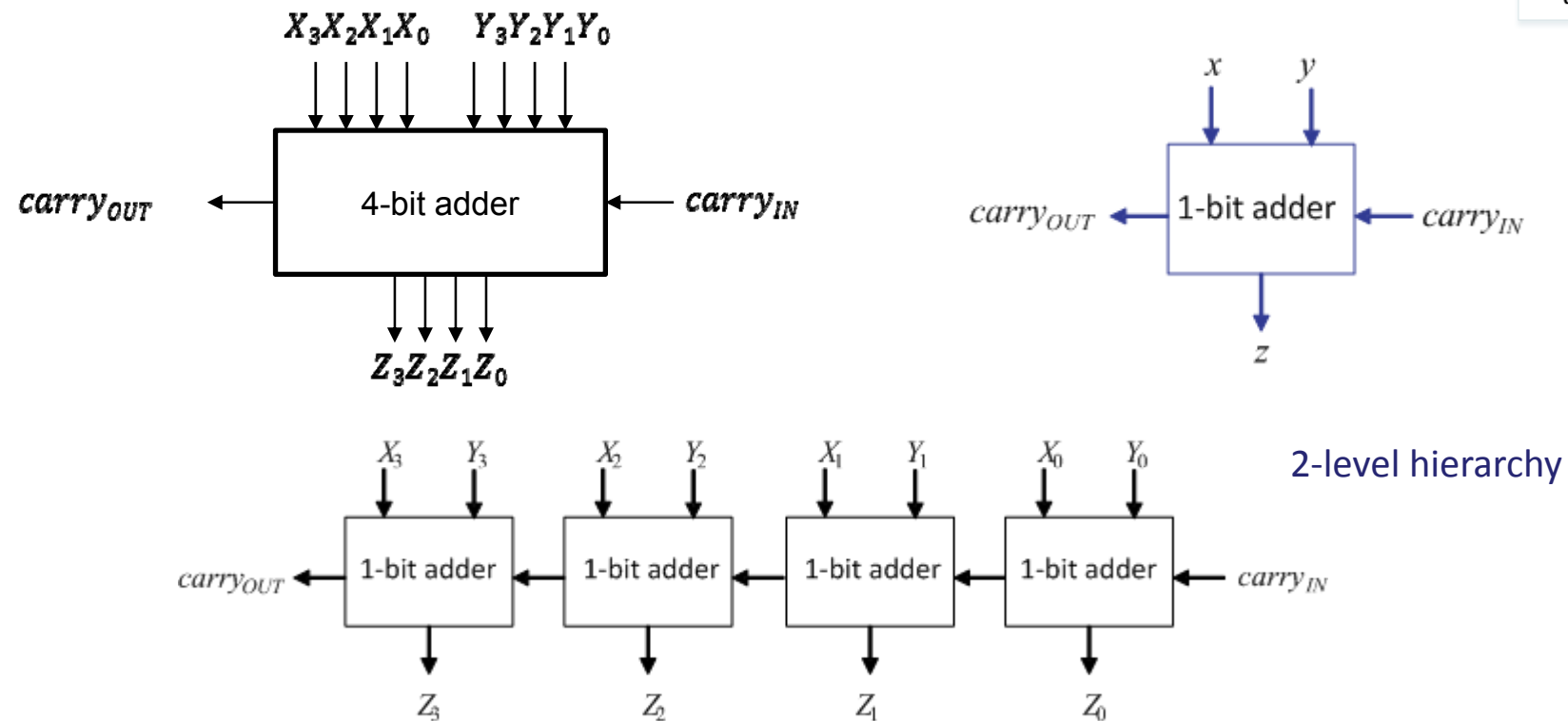
**(quizz)**

Minimum size (number of words, number of bits per word) of a ROM that implements an 8-input, 16-output combinational circuit?

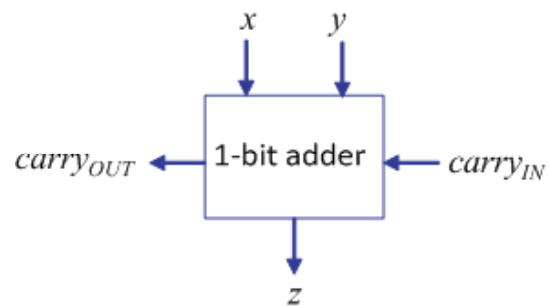
1. 8 16-bit words
2.  $2^3$  16-bit words
3.  $2^8$  16-bit words
4. 16 8-bit words
5.  $2^4$  8-bit words
6.  $2^{16}$  8-bit words



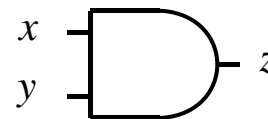
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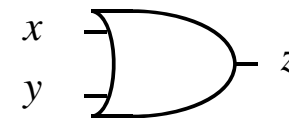


$x$	$y$	$c_i$	$c_o$	$z$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1



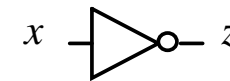
$x$	$y$	$z$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

AND



$x$	$y$	$z$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

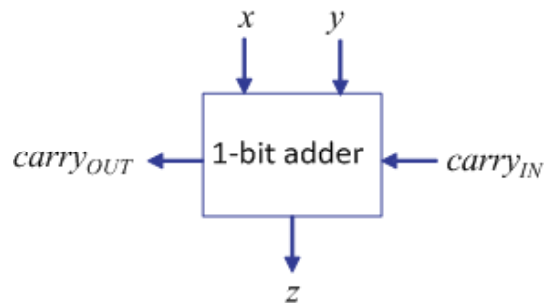
OR



$x$	$z$
0	
1	

INV

## 2.2 Synthesis from a table: logic Gates



$x$	$y$	$c_i$	$c_o$	$z$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
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$c_0 = 1$  iff

$(x \ y \ c_i = 011) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 101) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 110) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 111)$

$x \ y \ c_i = 011$  iff

$(x = 0) \text{ AND } (y = 1) \text{ AND } (c_i = 1)$

$x = 0$  iff  $\text{INV}(x) = 1$

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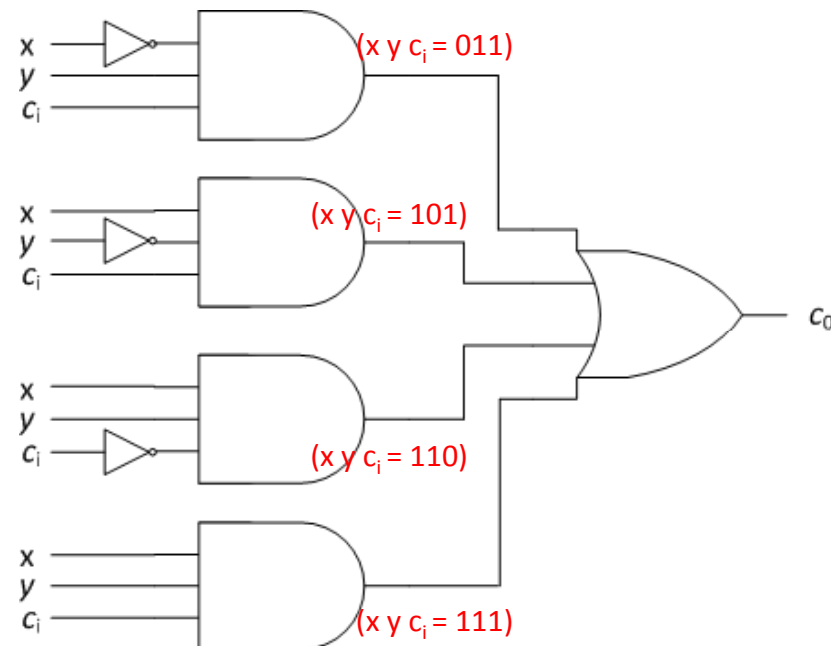
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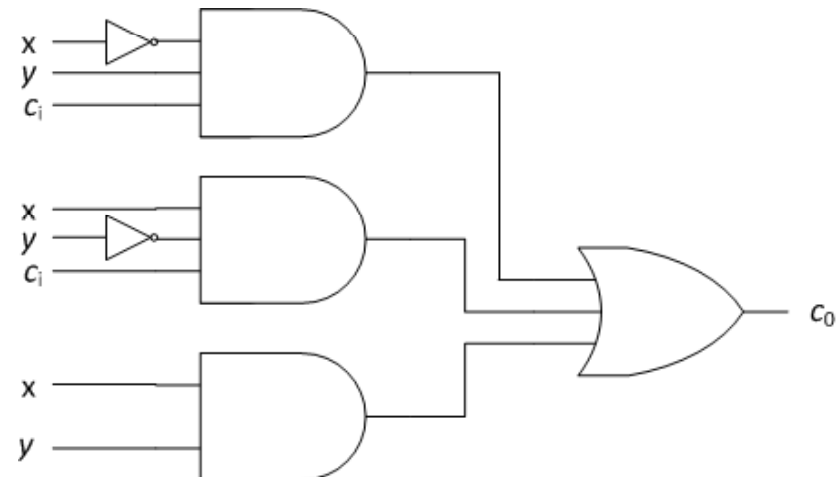
$(x \ y \ c_i = 011) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 101) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 110) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 111)$

equivalent to

$c_0 = 1$  iff

$(x \ y \ c_i = 011) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 101) \text{ OR } (x \ y = 11)$

$x$	$y$	$c_i$	$c_o$	$z$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
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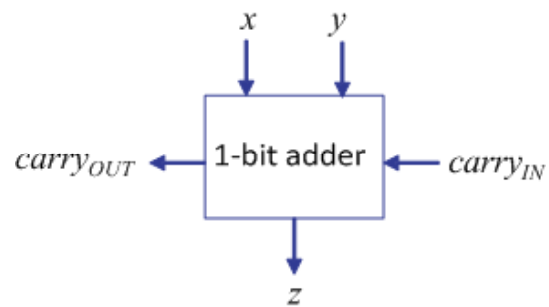


We need a tool that helps us to minimize the number of gates:

## **BOOLEAN ALGEBRA**

**(Exercise)**

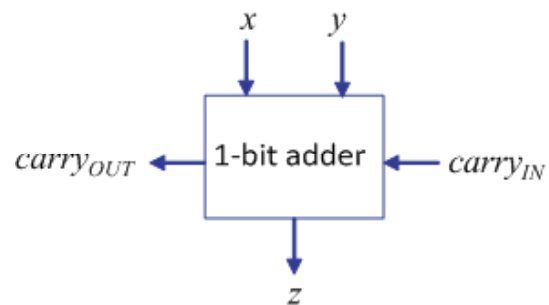
Synthesize the function  $z$  with logic gates.



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0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	0	0	1
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1	0	1	1	0
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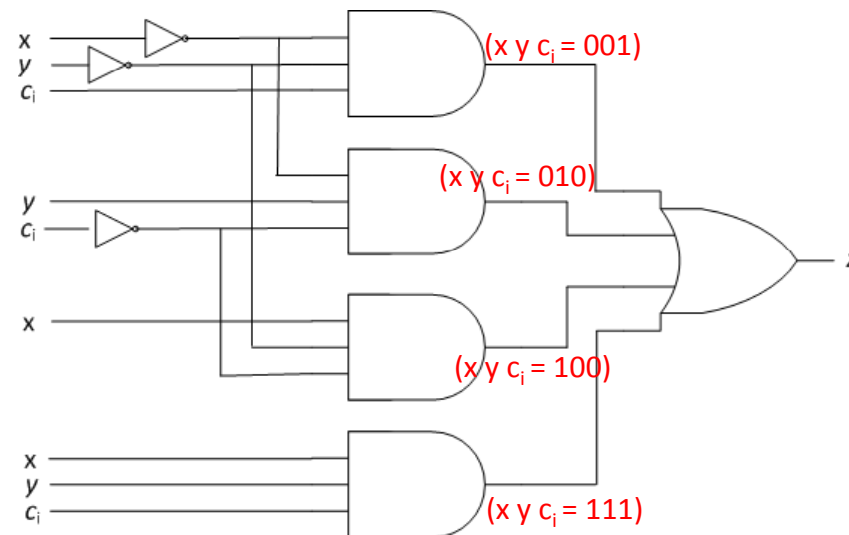
**(solution)**

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1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

$z = 1$  iff  
 $(x \ y \ c_i = 001) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 010) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 100) \text{ OR } (x \ y \ c_i = 111)$





## SUMMARY

- Combinational circuits.
- ROM (table) implementation.
- A first approach to logic gate implementation.

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# 2.2 **BOOLEAN ALGEBRA**

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## 1. Boolean algebra

A **Boolean algebra**  $B$  is a finite set over which two binary operations  $+$  (sum) and  $\cdot$  (product) and satisfy five postulates.

# 1. Boolean algebra

P 1 - Operations + and  $\cdot$  are internal:  $\forall a, b \in B, \quad a + b \in B \text{ y } a \cdot b \in B$

P 2 – To each operation corresponds a **neutral element**:  $\forall a \in B, \quad a + 0 = a, \quad a \cdot 1 = a$

P 3 – To each element corresponds an **inverse element**:  $\forall a \in B, \exists \bar{a} \in B \mid a + \bar{a} = 1, \quad a \cdot \bar{a} = 0$

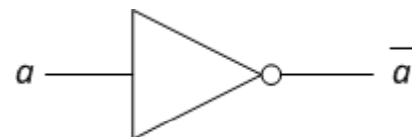
P 4 – Operations + and  $\cdot$  are **commutative**:  $a + b = b + a, \quad a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

P 5 – Operations + and  $\cdot$  are **distributive**:  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c, \quad a + b \cdot c = (a + b) \cdot (a + c)$

## 1. Boolean algebra

The set  $\{0, 1\}$  is a Boolean algebra if the operations are defined as follows:

$a \ b$	$a \cdot b$	$a + b$	$\overline{a}$
0 0	0	0	1
0 1	0	1	1
1 0	0	1	0
1 1	1	1	0



# 1. Boolean algebra

Example: check that  $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$

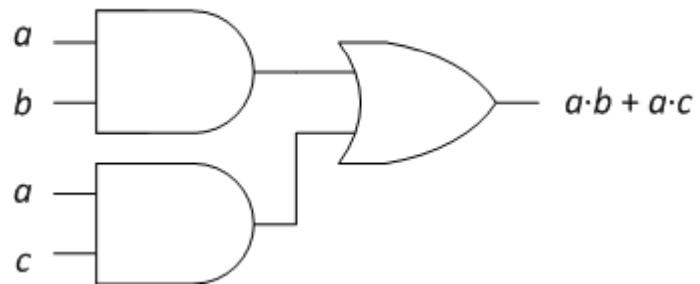
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0 0	0	0	1
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1 0	0	1	0
1 1	1	1	0

$a \ b \ c$	$b+c$	$a \cdot (b+c)$	$a \cdot b$	$a \cdot c$	$a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
0 0 1	1	0	0	0	0
0 1 0	1	0	0	0	0
0 1 1	1	0	0	0	0
1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0
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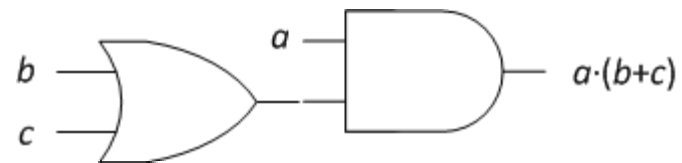
# 1. Boolean algebra

Comment:

$$a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \Rightarrow$$



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# 1. Boolean algebra

The set of  $n$ -variable switching functions

$$F: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

is also a Boolean algebra. Given two switching functions  $f$  and  $g$ , then  $f + g$ ,  $f \cdot g$  and  $\bar{f}$  are defined as follows:

$$(f + g)(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + g(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}),$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \cdot g(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}),$$

$$\overline{f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})} = \overline{f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})}$$

The neutral elements are the constant functions 0 and 1.

## 2. Some useful properties

1 – Neutral element properties:  $\bar{0}=1$ ,  $\bar{1}=0$

2 – Idempotence:  $a+a=a$ ,  $a \cdot a=a$

$$a = a + 0 = a + (a \cdot \bar{a}) = (a + a) \cdot (a + \bar{a}) = (a + a) \cdot 1 = a + a$$

$$P1 - \forall a, b \in B, \quad a+b \in B \text{ y } a \cdot b \in B$$

$$P2 - \forall a \in B, \quad a+0=a, \quad a \cdot 1=a$$

$$P3 - \forall a \in B, \exists \bar{a} \in B \mid a+\bar{a}=1, \quad a \cdot \bar{a}=0$$

$$P4 - a+b=b+a, \quad a \cdot b=b \cdot a$$

$$P5 - a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c, \quad a+b \cdot c = (a+b) \cdot (a+c)$$

### *(Exercise)*

Demonstrate that  $a \cdot a = a$

*Hint: Use the second part of P2, P3 and P5.*

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## (Solution)

Demonstrate that  $a \cdot a = a$

*Hint: Use the second part of P2, P3 and P5.*

$$a = a \cdot 1 = a \cdot (a + \bar{a}) = (a \cdot a) + (a \cdot \bar{a}) = (a \cdot a) + 0 = a \cdot a$$

$$a = a + 0 = a + (a \cdot \bar{a}) = (a + a) \cdot (a + \bar{a}) = (a + a) \cdot 1 = a + a$$

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## 2. Some useful properties

1 – Neutral element properties:  $\bar{0} = 1, \bar{1} = 0$

2 – Idempotence:  $a + a = a, a \cdot a = a$

3 – Involution:  $\overline{\overline{a}} = a$

4 – Associativity:  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c, a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

5 – Absorption law:  $a + a \cdot b = a, a \cdot (a + b) = a$

6 - (nameless):  $a + \bar{a} \cdot b = a + b, a \cdot (\bar{a} + b) = a \cdot b$

7 - de Morgan law:  $\overline{(a + b)} = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}, \overline{a \cdot b} = \bar{a} + \bar{b}$

8 – generalized de Morgan law:  $\overline{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)} = \bar{a}_1 \cdot \bar{a}_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \bar{a}_n, \overline{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n} = \bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2 + \dots + \bar{a}_n$

**(quizz)**

What Boolean expression is equivalent to the following :  $a \cdot \overline{(\overline{b} + cd)} + \overline{a}.b$  ?

*Hint: Use postulates and properties*

1.  $\overline{a}.b + b.\overline{c} + \overline{d}$
2.  $\overline{a}.b$
3.  $a.\overline{b} + b.\overline{c} + \overline{d}$
4.  $\overline{a}.b + b.\overline{c} + b.\overline{d}$

### 3. Boolean functions and truth tables

a) Any Boolean function can be explicitly defined by a truth table

$$f(a,b,c) = b\bar{c} + \bar{a}b$$

$a \ b \ c$	$\bar{c}$	$b \cdot \bar{c}$	$\bar{a}$	$\bar{a} \cdot b$	$f$
0 0 0	1	0	1	0	0
0 0 1	0	0	1	0	0
0 1 0	1	1	1	1	1
0 1 1	0	0	1	1	1
1 0 0	1	0	0	0	0
1 0 1	0	0	0	0	0
1 1 0	1	1	0	0	1
1 1 1	0	0	0	0	0

### 3. Boolean functions and truth tables

b) Given a truth table can we find an equivalent Boolean function?...

Answer is YES

#### LITERAL

A variable or an inverted variable :  $a, \bar{a}, b, \bar{b}, c, \bar{c}, \dots$

#### $n$ -variable MINTERM

A product of  $n$  literals such that each variable appears only once. Example: if  $n=3$ , there are eight *minterms*.

$$a.b.c, a.b.\bar{c}, a.\bar{b}.c, a.\bar{b}.\bar{c}, \bar{a}.b.c, \bar{a}.b.\bar{c}, \bar{a}.\bar{b}.c, \bar{a}.\bar{b}.\bar{c}$$



### 3. Boolean functions and truth tables

Given a **MINTERM**  $m$ , there is one, and only one, set of variable values such that  $m = 1$ .

With  $n = 3$ :

		$a$	$b$	$c$	
$\bar{a}.\bar{b}.\bar{c} = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	0	0	0	$\rightarrow m_0 = \bar{a}.\bar{b}.\bar{c}$
$\bar{a}.\bar{b}.c = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	0	0	1	$\rightarrow m_1 = \bar{a}.\bar{b}.c$
$\bar{a}.b.\bar{c} = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	0	1	0	$\rightarrow m_2 = \bar{a}.b.\bar{c}$
$\bar{a}.b.c = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	0	1	1	$\rightarrow m_3 = \bar{a}.b.c$
$a.\bar{b}.\bar{c} = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	1	0	0	$\rightarrow m_4 = a.\bar{b}.\bar{c}$
$a.\bar{b}.c = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	1	0	1	$\rightarrow m_5 = a.\bar{b}.c$
$a.b.\bar{c} = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	1	1	0	$\rightarrow m_6 = a.b.\bar{c}$
$a.b.c = 1$	$\Leftrightarrow$	1	1	1	$\rightarrow m_7 = a.b.c$

**(quiz)**

What expression corresponds to *minterm-5* ( $m_5$ ) of  $n = 4$  variables?

1.  $a.\bar{b}.c.\bar{d}$
2.  $a.\bar{b}.c$
3.  $\bar{a}.b.\bar{c}.d$
4.  $a.b.\bar{c}.\bar{d}$

### 3. Boolean functions and truth tables

**MINTERMS** of an  $n$ -variable Boolean function  $f$ ?

= *minterms* that correspond to the 1s of  $f$ .

$a$	$b$	$c$	$f(a,b,c)$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

### 3. Boolean functions and truth tables

**Canonical** sum of products **representation** of an  $n$ -variable Boolean function.

Any Boolean function can be represented by the sum of its *minterm*.

$$f(a,b,c) = \Sigma(m_2, m_3, m_6)$$

$$f(a,b,c) = \bar{a}.b.\bar{c} + \bar{a}.b.c + a.b.\bar{c}$$

$a$	$b$	$c$	$f(a,b,c)$	
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	1	$\rightarrow m_2 = \bar{a}.b.\bar{c}$
0	1	1	1	$\rightarrow m_3 = \bar{a}.b.c$
1	0	0	0	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	1	$\rightarrow m_6 = a.b.\bar{c}$
1	1	1	0	

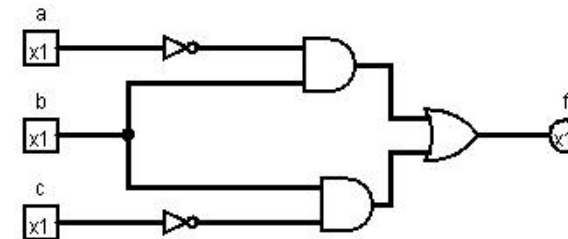
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if ((a=1 and b=1 and c=0) or (a=0 and b=1)) then f=1;
    else f=0;
end if;

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<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	$f(a,b,c)$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
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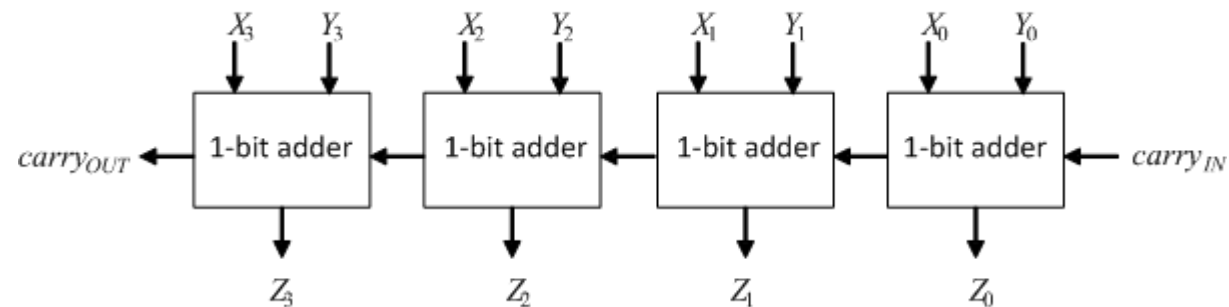
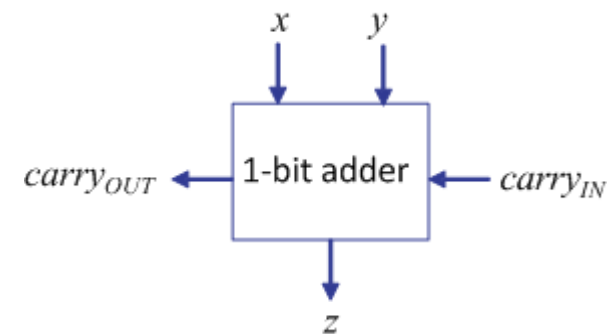
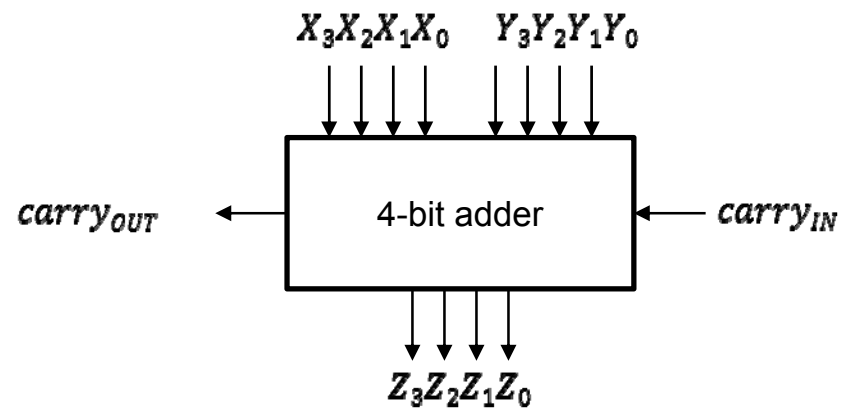


$$\begin{aligned}
 f(a,b,c) &= \bar{a}.b.\bar{c} + \bar{a}.b.c + a.b.\bar{c} = \\
 &= \bar{a}.b(\bar{c} + c) + b.\bar{c}(\bar{a} + a) = \bar{a}.b + b.\bar{c}
 \end{aligned}$$

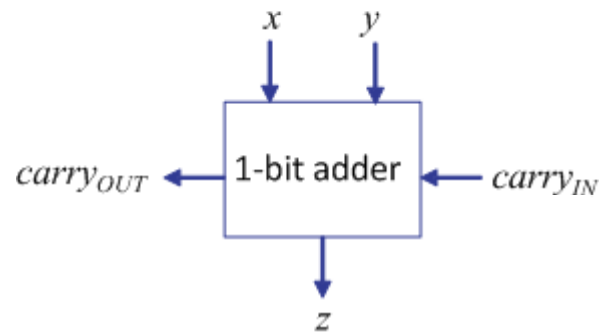
$$f(a,b,c) = \Sigma(m_2, m_3, m_6)$$

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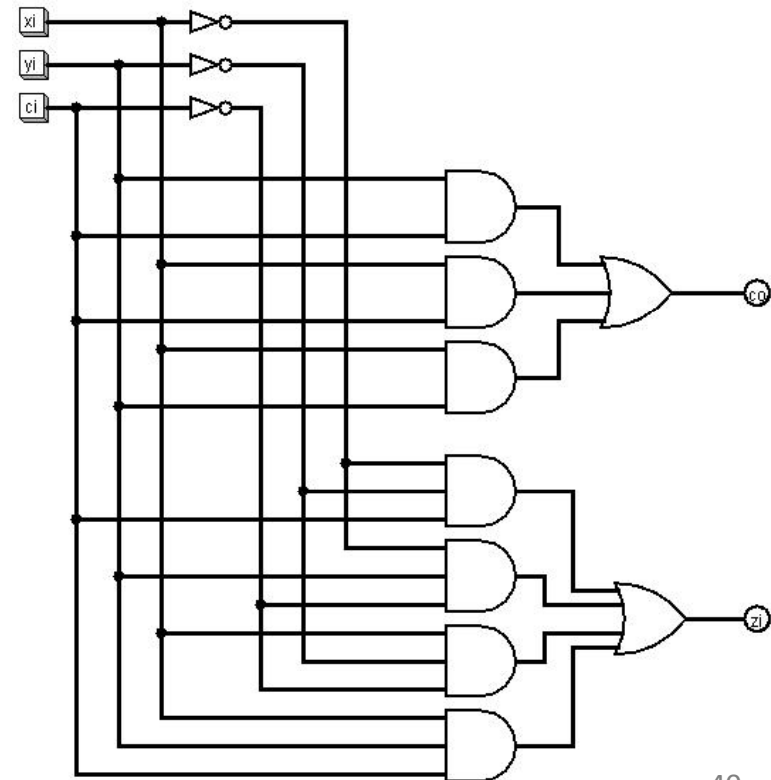
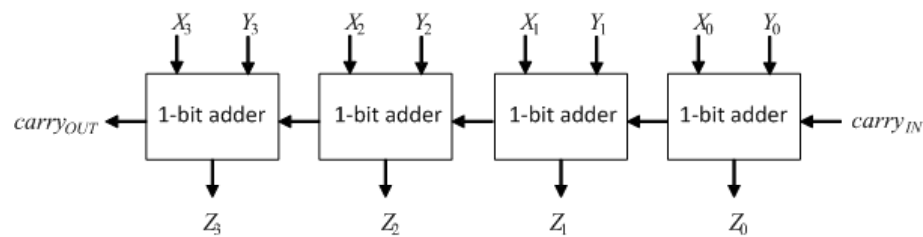


$x$	$y$	$c_i$	$c_o$	$z$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

## 4. Example: 4 bit-adder

$$c_o = y \cdot c_i + x \cdot c_i + x \cdot y$$

$$z = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \cdot c_i + \bar{x} \cdot y \cdot \bar{c}_i + x \cdot \bar{y} \cdot \bar{c}_i + x \cdot y \cdot c_i$$





## SUMMARY

- Boolean algebra. Postulates and properties.
- Tabular representation of Boolean functions.
- *Minterms* and canonical sum of products expression.
- Circuit generation from a functional description:  
(functional description  $\rightarrow$  truth table  $\rightarrow$  Boolean function(s)  $\rightarrow$  circuit)

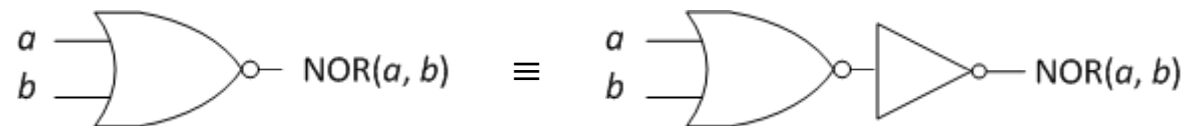
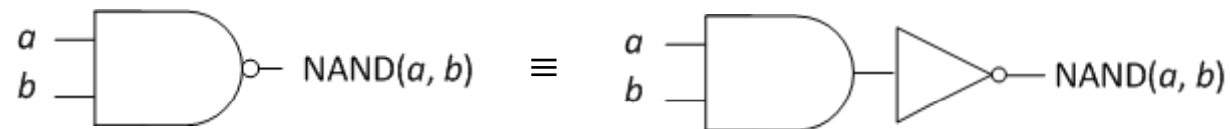


# **2.3** **NAND, NOR, XOR, XNOR, TRI-STATE**

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# 1. NAND, NOR



$a \ b$	$\text{NAND}(a, b)$	$\text{NOR}(a, b)$
0 0	1	1
0 1	1	0
1 0	1	0
1 1	0	0

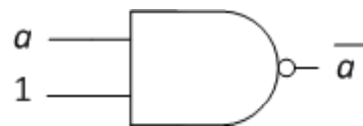
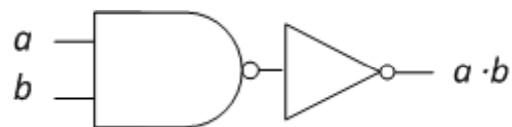
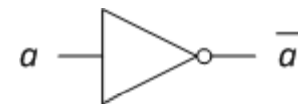
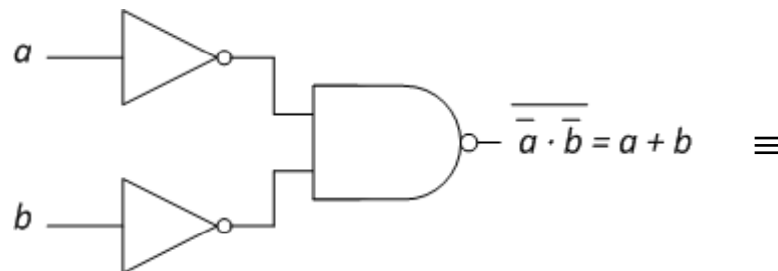
**Algebraic symbols:**

$$\text{NAND}(a, b) = a \uparrow b,$$

$$\text{NOR}(a, b) = a \downarrow b.$$

# 1. NAND, NOR

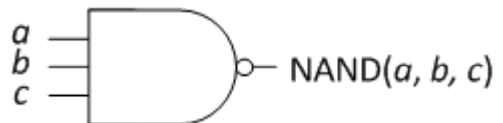
NAND and NOR gates are **universal modules**. For example, with NAND gates:


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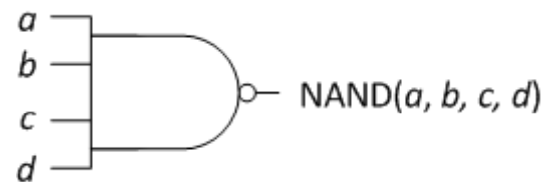

**Exercise:** the same for NOR gates

# 1. NAND, NOR

3-input, 4-input, ... NAND and NOR gates can be defined:

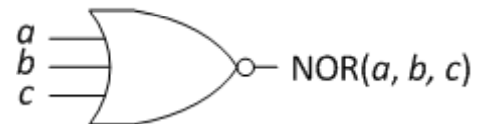


$$\text{NAND}(a, b, c) = 0 \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1$$

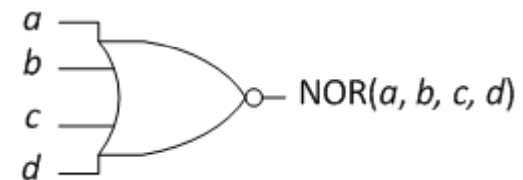


$$\text{NAND}(a, b, c, d) = 0 \text{ iff } a = b = c = d = 1$$

.....



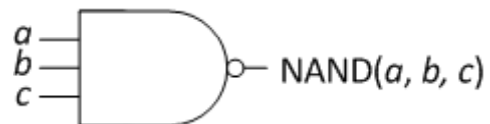
$$\text{NOR}(a, b, c) = 0 \text{ iff } (a = 1) \text{ OR } (b = 1) \text{ OR } (c = 1)$$



$$\text{NOR}(a, b, c, d) = 0 \text{ iff } (a = 1) \text{ OR } (b = 1) \text{ OR } (c = 1) \text{ OR } (d = 1)$$

# 1. NAND, NOR

**BUT** NAND and NOR **are not associative operations**. In particular:

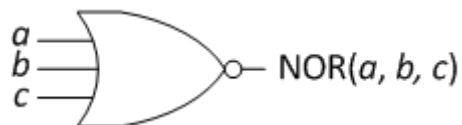


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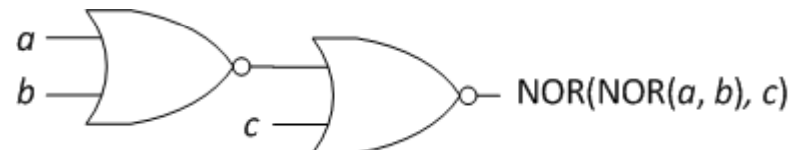


$$\text{NAND}(1, 1, 1) = 0$$

$$\text{NAND}(\text{NAND}(1, 1), 1) = \text{NAND}(0, 1) = 1$$



$\neq$

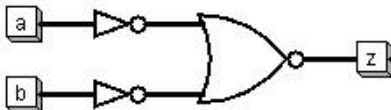
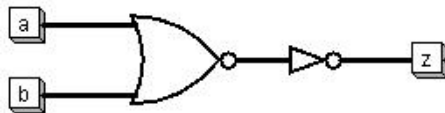
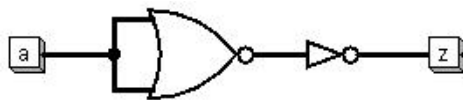


$$\text{NOR}(0, 0, 0) = 1$$

$$\text{NOR}(\text{NOR}(0, 0), 0) = \text{NOR}(1, 0) = 0$$

**(quiz)**

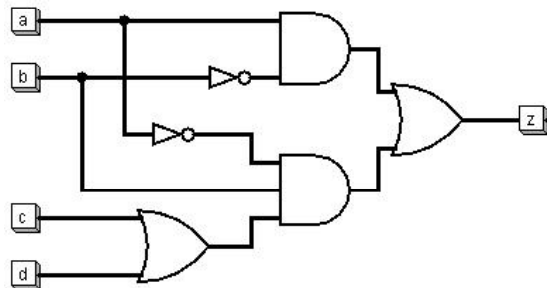
Which of the following circuits implements the AND function  $z = a \cdot b$  ?





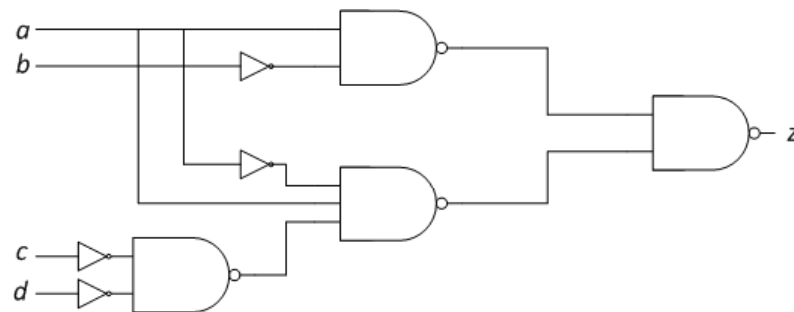
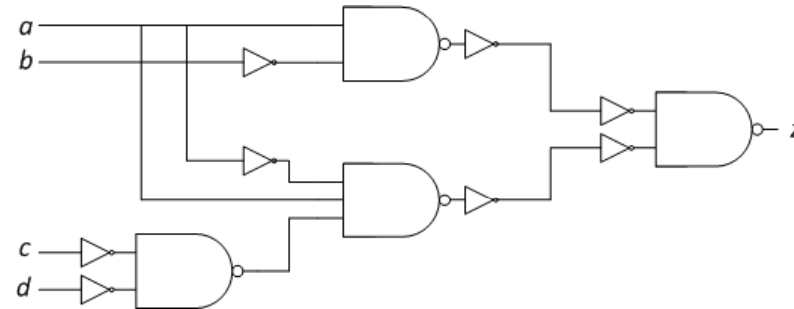
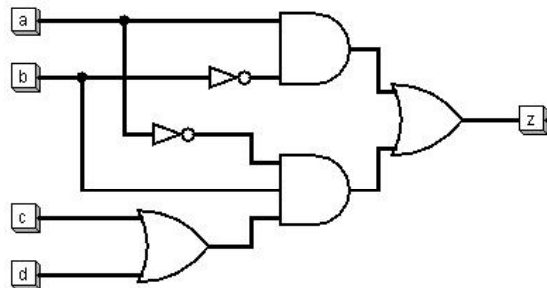
### *(Exercise)*

Implement the same function with NAND gates.



*(solution)*

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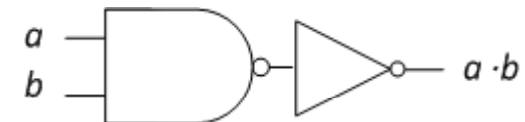


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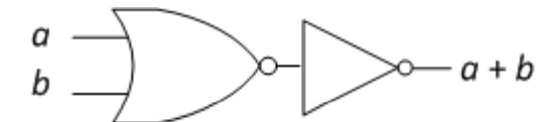
**Why** do we use NAND gates ( or NOR gates) instead of AND and OR gates?

- If we use “of the shelf” components (laboratory) we only need one type of gate.
- In CMOS technology

- an AND gate is implemented with a NAND and an INV,

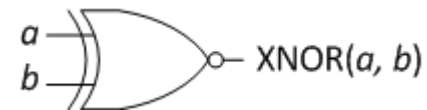
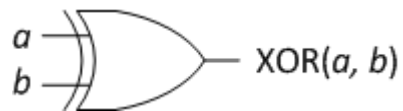


- an OR gate is implemented with a NOR and an INV.



=> Within an IC (Integrated Circuit) NAND and NOR are “cheaper” than AND and OR.

## 2. XOR, XNOR



$a \ b$	$\text{XOR}(a, b)$	$\text{XNOR}(a, b)$
0 0	0	1
0 1	1	0
1 0	1	0
1 1	0	1

**XOR** (= eXclusive OR):  $\text{XOR}(a, b) = 1$  if  $a \neq b$ ;

**XNOR** (= eXclusive NOR):  $\text{XNOR}(a, b) = 1$  if  $a = b$ .

**Algebraic symbols:**

$$\text{XOR}(a, b) = a \oplus b,$$

$$(\text{XNOR}(a, b) = a \equiv b)$$

## 2. XOR, XNOR

Equivalent definition:

$$\text{XOR}(a, b) = (a + b) \bmod 2 = a \oplus b,$$

$$\text{XNOR}(a, b) = \text{INV}(a \oplus b).$$

=> 3-input, 4-input, ... XOR and XNOR gates can be defined:

$$\text{XOR}(a, b, c) = (a + b + c) \bmod 2 = a \oplus b \oplus c, \quad \text{XNOR}(a, b, c) = \text{INV}(a \oplus b \oplus c),$$

$$\text{XOR}(a, b, c, d) = (a + b + c + d) \bmod 2 = a \oplus b \oplus c \oplus d, \quad \text{XNOR}(a, b, c, d) = \text{INV}(a \oplus b \oplus c \oplus d),$$

...

XOR is an associative operation =>



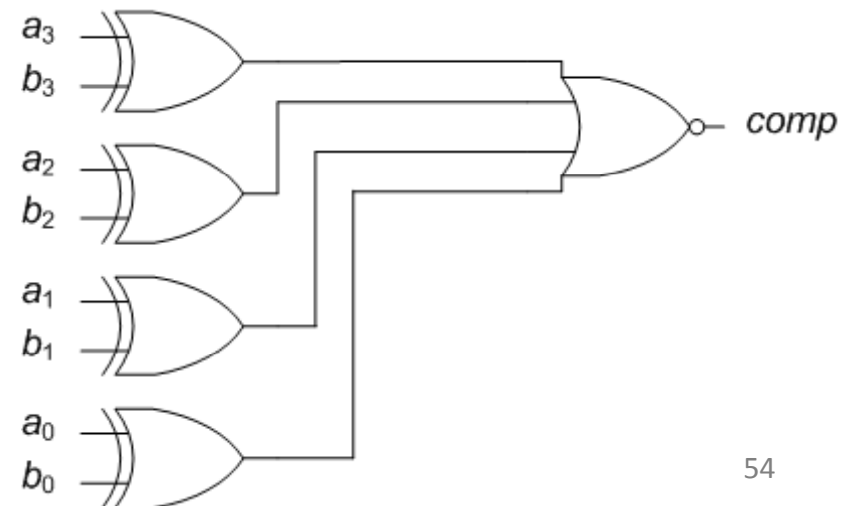
## 2. XOR, XNOR

- XOR y NXOR are **not universal modules**,
- **useful functions.**

First example: magnitud comparator. Given two 4-input vectors  $a = a_3 a_2 a_1 a_0$  and  $b = b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0$ , generate  $comp = 1$  iff  $a = b$ .

### Algorithm

```
if  $(a_3 \neq b_3)$  or  $(a_2 \neq b_2)$  or  $(a_1 \neq b_1)$  or  $(a_0 \neq b_0)$   
then  $comp \leq 0$ ;  
else  $comp \leq 1$ ;  
end if;
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## 2. XOR, XNOR

Second example: parity bit generation.  
 Given an  $n$ -input vector

$$a = a_{n-1} a_{n-2} \cdots a_1 a_0$$

its **parity bit** is an additional bit  $a_n$  such that the extended vector

$$a_{ext} = a_n a_{n-1} a_{n-2} \cdots a_1 a_0$$

has an even number of 1's. It is used for **error detection** purpose:

### Observation:

- a vector  $a_{k-1} a_{k-2} \cdots a_0$  has an even number of 1's iff

$$(a_{k-1} + a_{k-2} + \cdots + a_0) \bmod 2 = 0,$$

and

$$a_{k-1} \oplus a_{k-2} \oplus \cdots \oplus a_0 = 0.$$

### Algorithm – Parity bit generation

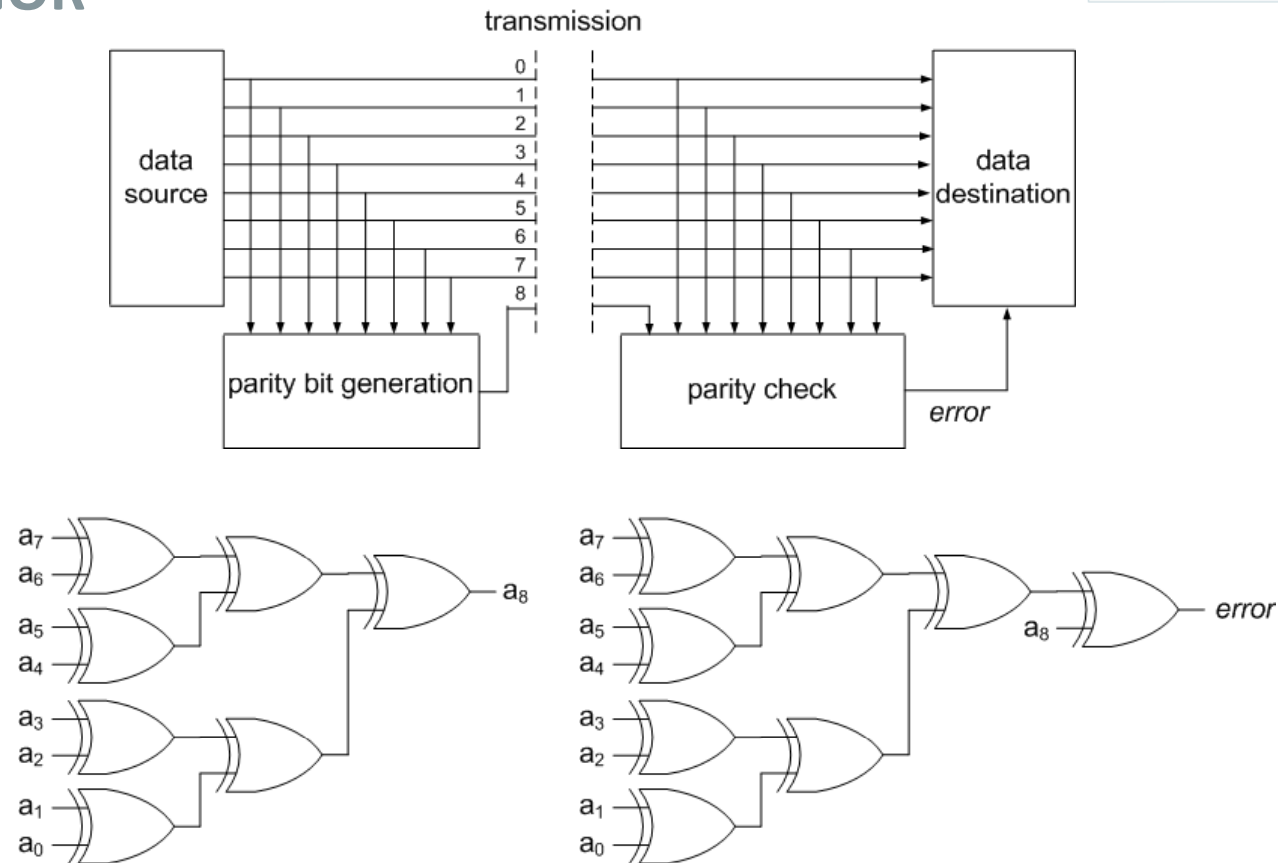
$a(n) \leftarrow a(n-1) \text{ xor } a(n-2) \text{ xor } \cdots \text{ xor } a(0);$

### Algorithm – Parity check

error  $\leftarrow$

$a(n) \text{ xor } a(n-1) \text{ xor } a(n-2) \text{ xor } \cdots \text{ xor } a(0);$

## 2. XOR, XNOR





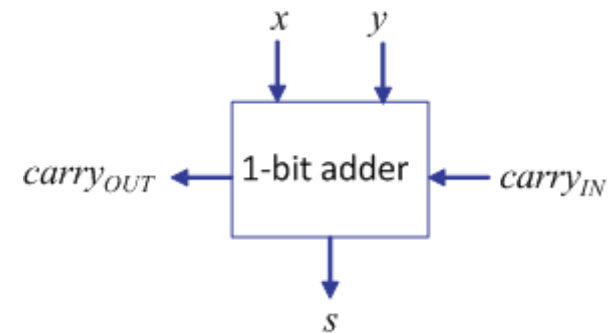
## 2. XOR, XNOR

The main application of XOR gates is **Arithmetic**:

1-bit adder is the basic component of practically all arithmetic circuits;

It computes two functions:

- $carry_{OUT} = 1$  iff  $x + y + carry_{IN} \geq 2$ ;
- $s = (x + y + carry_{IN}) \bmod 2 = x \oplus y \oplus carry_{IN}$ .



## 2. XOR, XNOR

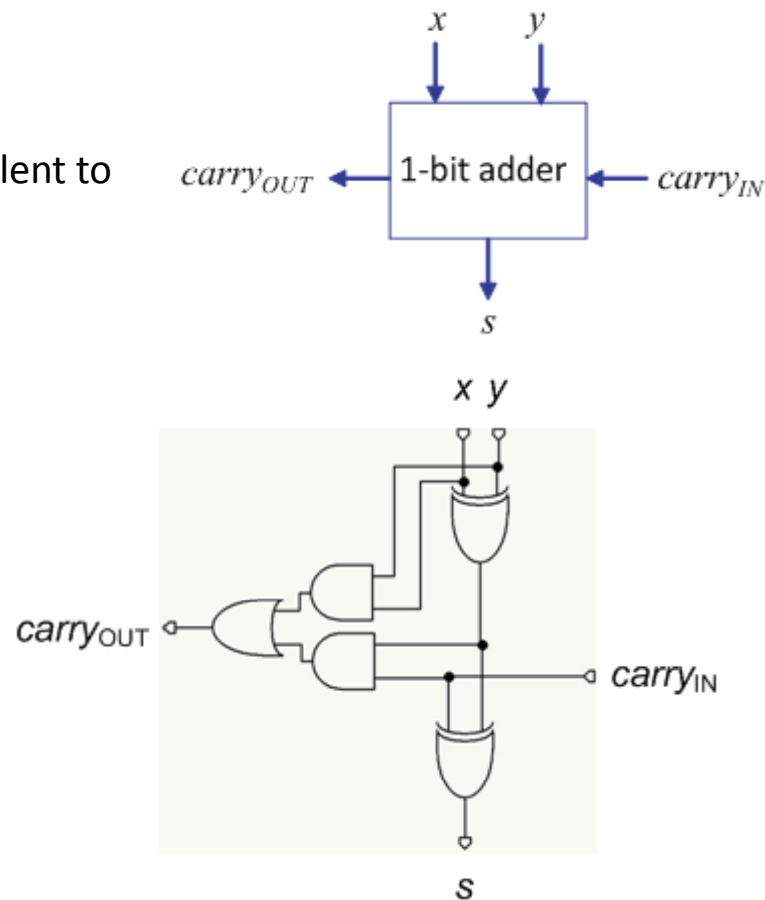
Condition  $x + y + \text{carry}_{\text{IN}} \geq 2$  is equivalent to

$((x = 1) \text{ and } (y = 1))$   
 or  $((\text{carry}_{\text{IN}} = 1) \text{ and } (x \neq y));$

Thus

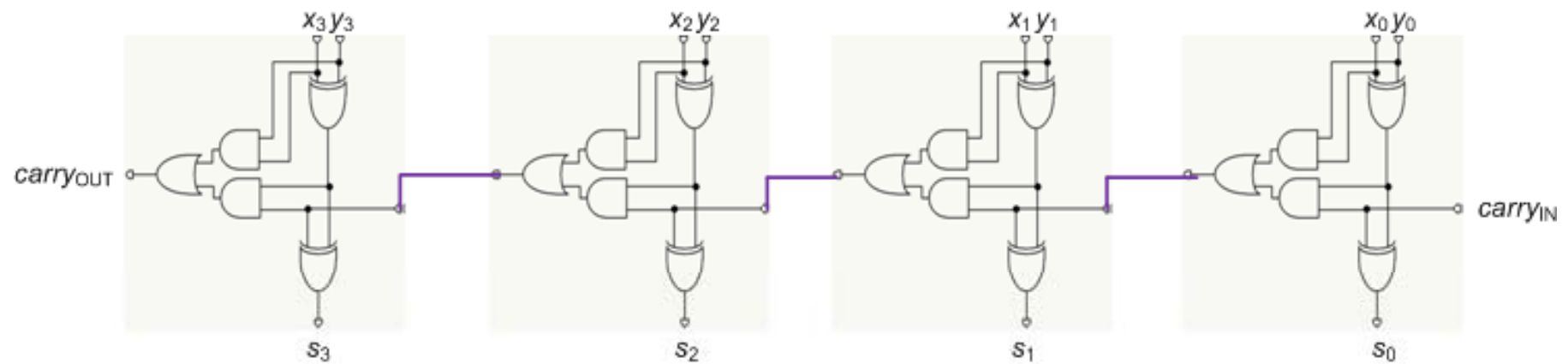
$$\text{carry}_{\text{OUT}} = x \cdot y + \text{carry}_{\text{IN}} \cdot (x \oplus y),$$

$$s = x \oplus y \oplus \text{carry}_{\text{IN}}.$$

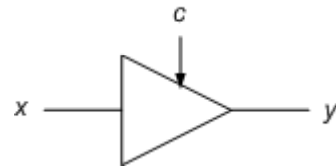


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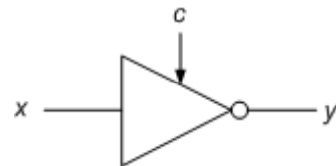
4-bit adder (new version):



### 3. BUFFER TRI-STATE, INVERSOR TRI-STATE

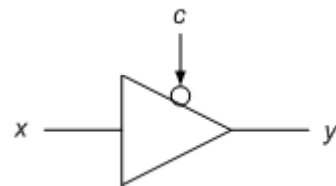


$c \ x$	$y$
0 0	High impedance (Z)
0 1	High impedance (Z)
1 0	0
1 1	1

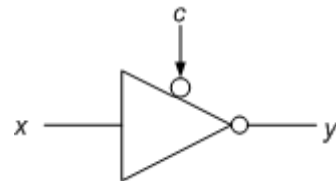


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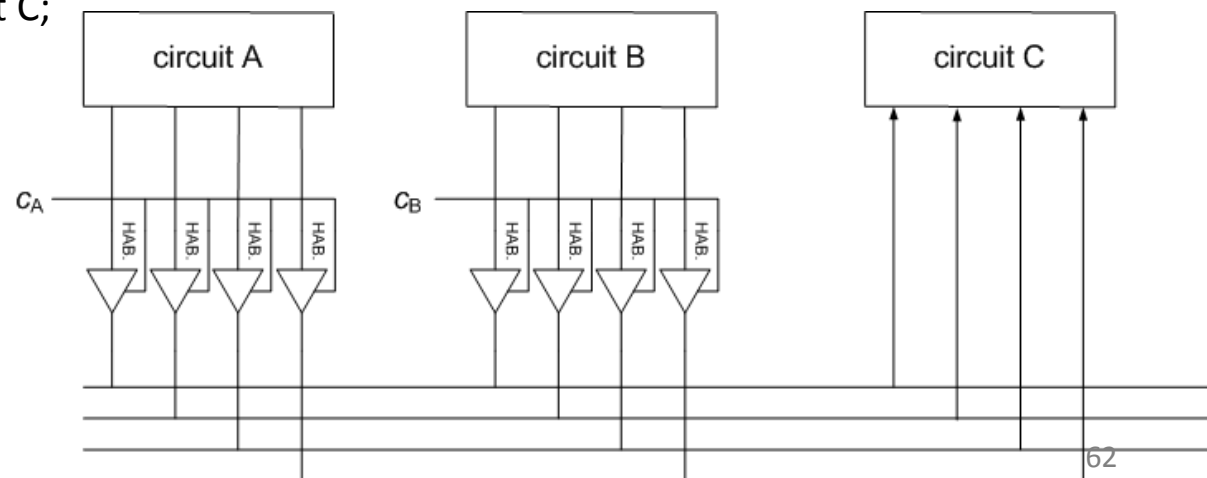
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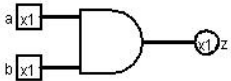
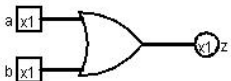
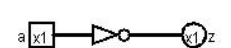
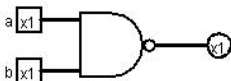
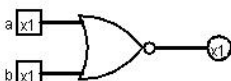


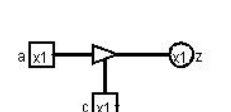
Main application: **BUS**

Example: 4-bit bus

$c_A = 1$  and  $c_B = 0$ : circuit A  $\rightarrow$  circuit C;

$c_A = 0$  and  $c_B = 1$ : circuit B  $\rightarrow$  circuit C;



nombre	símbolo	función
AND		$z = a \cdot b$
OR		$z = a + b$
INV		$z = \bar{a}$
NAND		$z = a \uparrow b = \overline{a \cdot b}$
NOR		$z = a \downarrow b = \overline{a + b}$
XOR		$z = a \oplus b = \bar{a} \cdot b + a \cdot \bar{b}$
XNOR		$z = \overline{a \oplus b} = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} + a \cdot b$
Tri-state		$z = a \text{ si } c = 1, z = HI \text{ si } c = 0$

## SUMMARY

- NAND, NOR. Universal module concept.
- XOR, XNOR
- Tri-state buffers. Bus.