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Report for Experiment #2 Partial Arithmetic and Logic Unit

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Prelab:

Below is a table of test vectors used to verify the code.

<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>sel</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>ovf</i>
0000 0000	0000 0000	00	0000 0000	0
0011 1111	0011 1111	00	0111 1110	0
0011 1111	0011 1111	01	1100 0000	0
0011 1111	0011 1111	10	0011 1111	0
0011 1111	0011 1111	11	0011 1111	0
0111 1100	0011 1111	00	1011 1011	1

The code itself, along with an image of the test bench output, can be found in the appendix.

Results and Analysis:

The eight-bit adder from the previous lab was built on, such that it is only one part of a partial Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU). The ‘case’ control structure was used as a multiplexer, choosing each option depending on the value of ‘sel’.

The program was then streamed to a PYNQ board. A discrepancy was found between the ALU module and the provided top-level in the naming of ‘sel’. This was fixed and the program worked as expected.

Different switches and options on the board were toggled to test several inputs and outputs. A source of confusion was the fact that, with no bits set to ‘1’ on the board, one light was still on. This ended up being due to the top-level code, in how it distributed values across the board. Only four bits were controlled through the board, and the first four were hard-code as ‘0001’.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

An ALU with an eight-bit adder was successfully implemented and tested. Same as last week, the most significant challenge in completing this lab was by far the Vivado software and unfamiliar verilog syntax. The learning curve for these tools continues to be challenging, but not without benefit.

Appendices:

0.1 Appendix A: Design Program Files

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module eightbit_palu(  
    input [7:0] a,  
    input [7:0] b,  
    input [1:0] sel,  
    output [7:0] f,  
    output ovf  
);  
  
    reg [7:0] f;  
    reg ovf;  
  
    always @(a or b or sel) begin  
        case (sel)  
  
            2'b00:  
                begin  
                    f = a + b;  
                    ovf = f[7]? ~(a[7] | b[7]): a[7] & b[7];  
                end  
            2'b01:  
                begin  
                    f = ~b;  
                    ovf = 0;  
                end  
            2'b10:  
                begin  
                    f = a & b;  
                    ovf = 0;  
                end  
            2'b11:  
                begin  
                    f = a | b;  
                    ovf = 0;  
                end  
  
        endcase  
    end  
  
endmodule  
  
module eightbit_palu_tb()  
  
    reg [7:0] a;  
    reg [7:0] b;  
    reg [1:0] sel;  
    wire [7:0] f;  
    wire ovf;
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eightbit_pal_uut(
    .a(a),
    .b(b),
    .sel(sel),
    .f(f),
    .ovf(ovf)
);

initial
begin
    a = 0;
    b = 0;
    sel = 0;

    #100;

    a = 63;
    b = 63;

    #100;

    sel = 1;

    #100;

    sel = 2;

    #100;

    sel = 3;

    #100;

    sel = 0;
    a = 124;

    #100;

    b = 124;

end

endmodule

```

0.2 Appendix B: Output Screen Capture

eightbit_palu_tb_behav.wcfg*

