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HW 4 due this Friday, Feb 20 (10:00pm)
Midterm 1 next Tuesday

Quiz 5?

Scope: reg. exp., DFA, NFA

Class 10:

Universal Circuits

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Universal Circuits

Plan

Textbook [TCS] Section 3 and 4

https://introtcs.org/public/lec_03_computation.htm

Circuits and universal

Module 2: Circuits

A simple model of computation

Based on Boolean logical 'gates':

OR(a, b): outputs 1 iff $a=1$ or $b=1$

AND(a, b): outputs 1 iff $a=1$ and $b=1$

NOT(b): outputs 1 iff $b=0$

Output 0
otherwise

Write some “programs”

$\text{NAND}(a, b) = \text{NOT}(\text{AND}(a, b))$

a	b	NAND
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

$\text{XOR}(a, b) = \text{AND}(\text{OR}(a, b), \text{NAND}(a, b))$

a	b	XOR
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

A formal programming language

AON Straightline programs

Python-like language

Define functions that take Boolean inputs

Use AND/OR/NOT within

Assign results of AND/OR/NOT to variables

The result of variables can be used later as inputs

Return some of the obtained result(s) as output

More things to program

1-bit addition, $\text{ADD}(a, b)$:

$$\begin{aligned}c &= \text{OR}(a, b) \\d &= \text{AND}(a, b) \\e &= \text{NOT}(d) \\ \text{return} &= \text{AND}(c, e)\end{aligned}$$

1-bit addition with carry, $\text{ADD}(a, b)$ outputs (c, d)

$$\text{carry} = \text{AND}(a, b)$$
$$\text{return}(\text{carry}, \text{AND}(c, e))$$

Towards Algorithms

Example: “median”

Median is 1 if at least half of inputs are 1

Math definition of MED on 3 inputs: $MED(a_1, a_2, a_3)$

Computing MED using And/Or/Not

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$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= \text{AND}(a_1, a_2) \\ P_2 &= \text{AND}(a_2, a_3) \\ P_3 &= \text{AND}(a_3, a_1) \\ O_1 &= \text{OR}(P_1, P_2) \\ O_2 &= \text{OR}(O_1, P_3) \\ \text{return } O_2 \end{aligned}$$

NAND Straightline Programs

Like AON straightline programs

Difference: we can only use NAND

YES

AND using NAND

OR —

NOT . . — — —

AND(a, b) :

c = NAND(a, b)

ret NOT(c)

NOT(a) :

return NAND(a, a)

NAND Straightline = AON Straightline

AON to NAND

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

Becomes

$\text{temp} = \text{AND}(a,b)$

$x = \text{NOT}(\text{temp})$

NAND to AON

$x = \text{NOT}(a)$

Becomes

$x = \text{NAND}(a,a)$

$x = \text{AND}(a,b)$

Becomes

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

$x = \text{NAND}(\text{temp}, \text{temp})$

$x = \text{OR}(a,b)$

Becomes

$t1 = \text{NAND}(a,a)$

$t2 = \text{NAND}(b,b)$

$x = \text{NAND}(t1, t2)$

NAND Straightline = AON Straightline

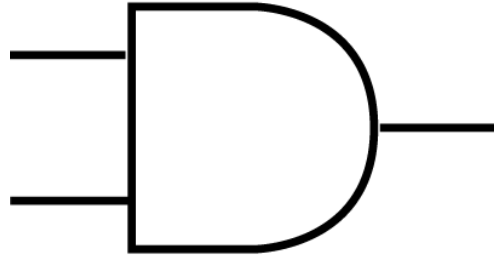
What could be benefits of each of them?

num of gates

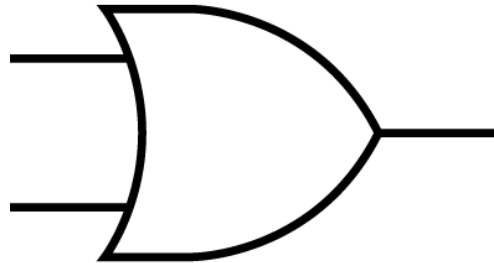
Circuits

Another approach: Boolean Circuits

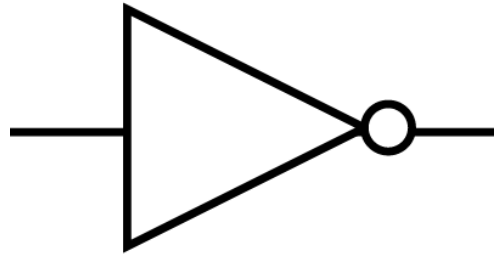
AND



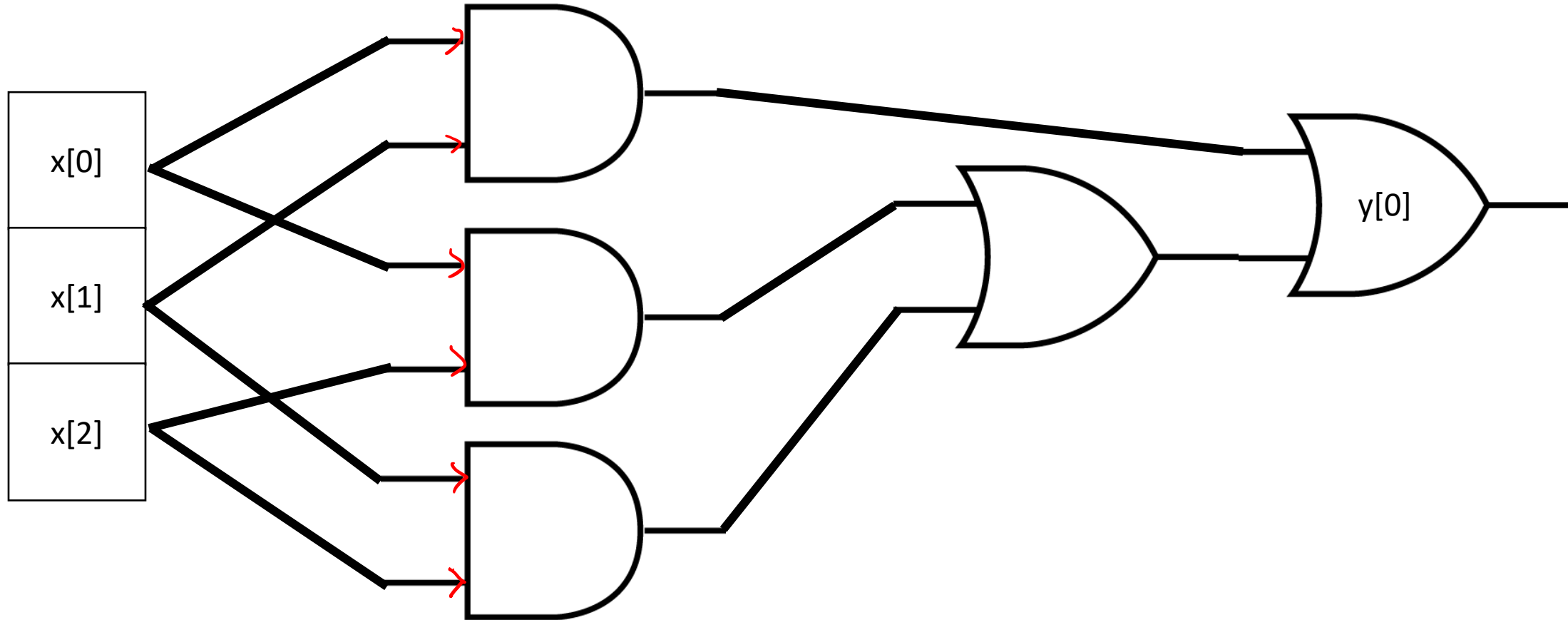
OR



NOT



Median with Boolean Circuits



Formal Definition of Boolean Circuits

A Boolean circuit with n inputs, m outputs, and s gates is a *directed acyclic graph*

Exactly n nodes have no in-neighbors (these are **inputs**, label them $x[0], \dots, x[n-1]$)

All remaining s nodes have a label **AND**, **OR**, **NOT**. AND and OR gates have two in-neighbors, NOT gates have one in-neighbor

Exactly m gates are denoted as outputs (label them $y[0], \dots, y[m-1]$)

Computing with a Boolean Circuit

Assign gates into *layers* such that gate x appears before gate y whenever x has an outgoing edge that's an incoming edge of y

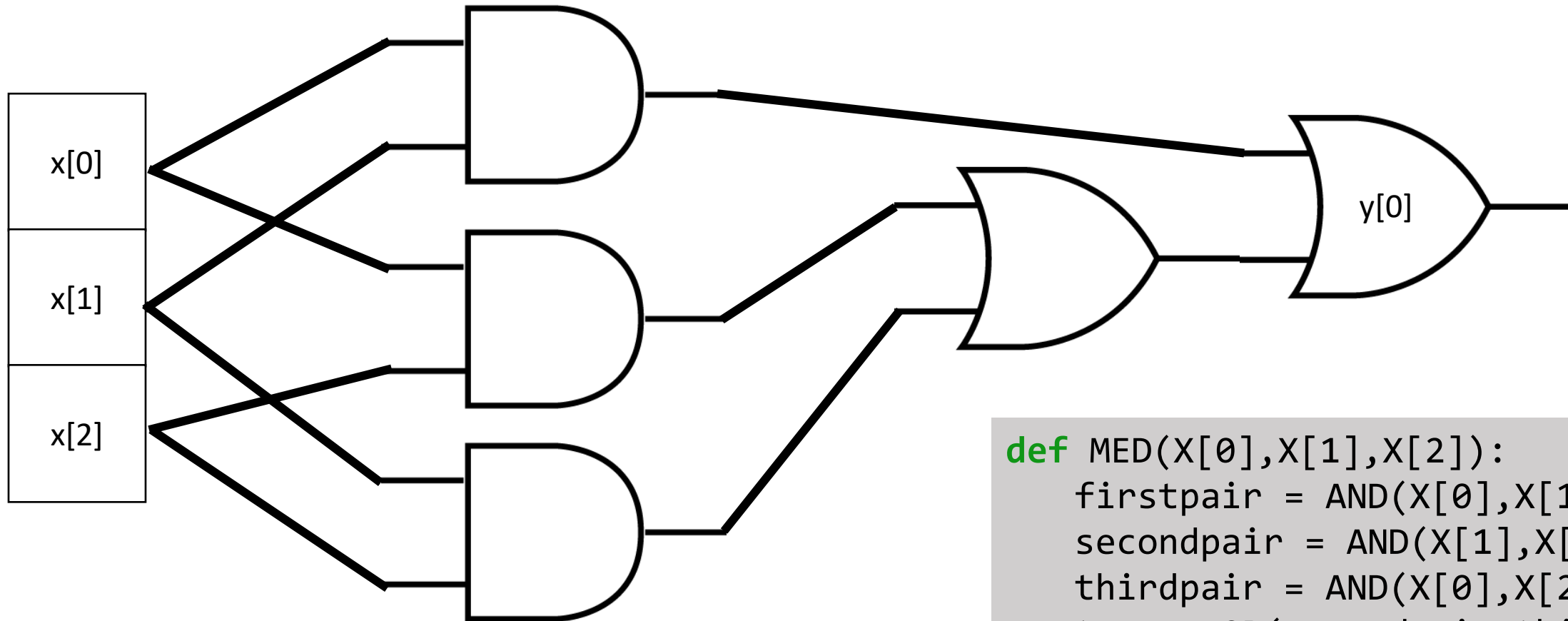
For each input node $x[i]$, assign its value to be bit i in the input

For each gate (considered in order of layers), assign as its value the result of its labelled operation applied to its in-neighbor(s)

The result is the bit-string given by the values of the output gates

Median with Boolean Circuits

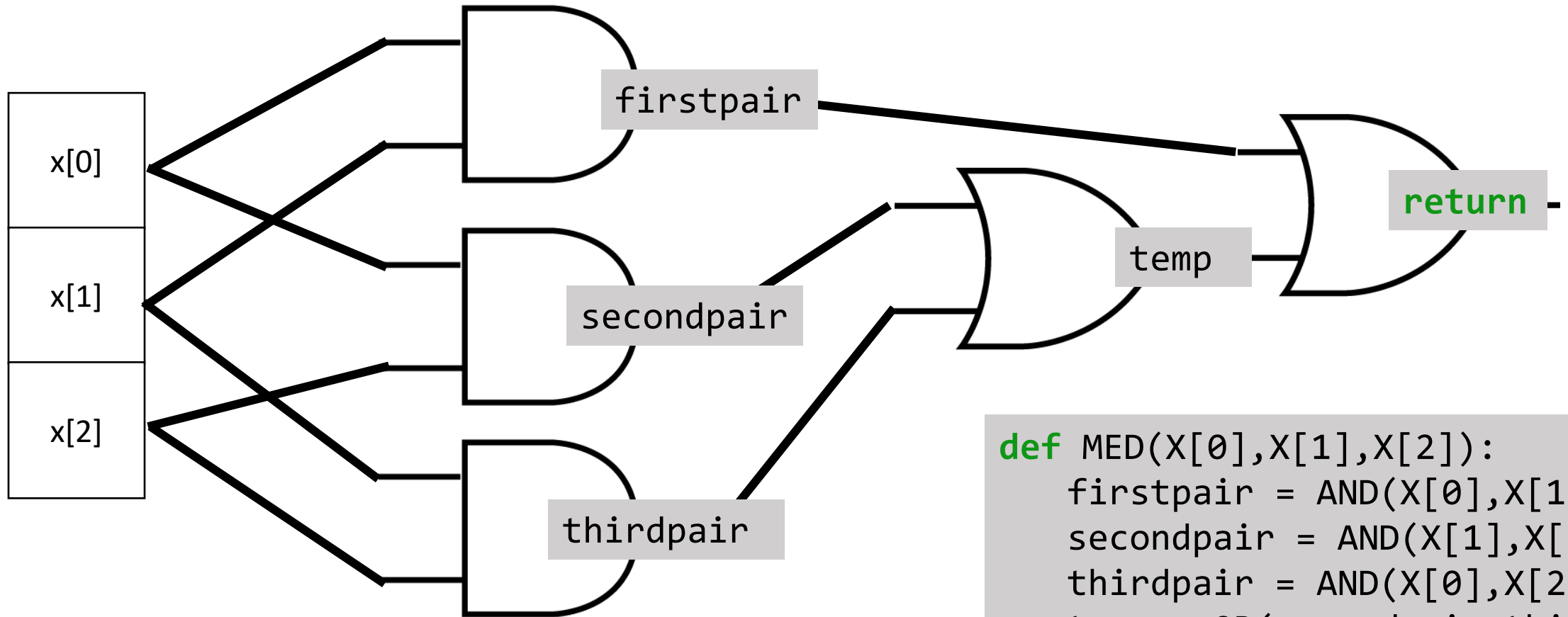
→ AON straightline program



```
def MED(X[0],X[1],X[2]):  
    firstpair = AND(X[0],X[1])  
    secondpair = AND(X[1],X[2])  
    thirdpair = AND(X[0],X[2])  
    temp = OR(secondpair,thirdpair)  
    return OR(firstpair,temp)
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Circuits equivalent to AON Straightline

How do we show this?

Show how to convert any circuit to an AON straightline that computes the same function

Show how to convert any AON straightline to a circuit that computes the same function

Circuit to Straightline (saw an example)

Circuit inputs are straightline inputs already

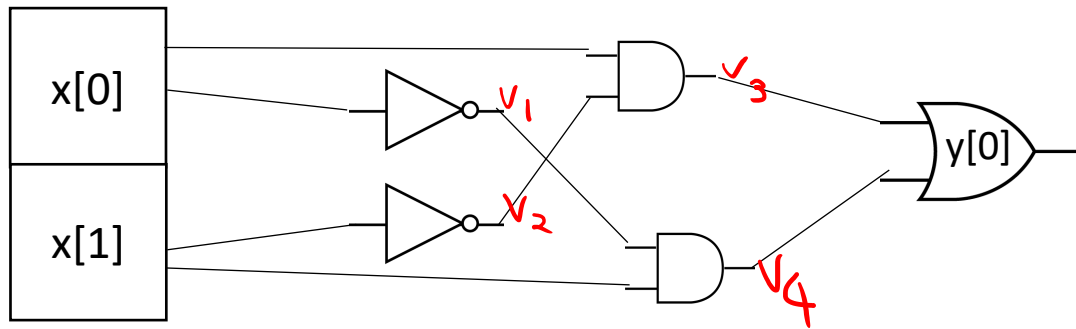
Each gate gets a variable

Value of that variable is result of applying the operation of that gate to the variables of the in-neighbors

Output is variable values of the output gates

Another example: XOR

Circuit



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

Program

```
(let (x0, x1)
  v1 = NOT(x0)
  v2 = NOT(x1)
  v3 = AND(x0, v2)
  v4 = AND(x1, v1)
  ret OR(v3, v4))
```

AON-Straightline to Circuit

Straightline inputs become circuit inputs

Each variable becomes a gate

The type of gate is given by the RHS of the assignment in the AON program

The in-neighbors of the gate are the gates represented by the operand variables

The output gates are the ones represented by return variables

Observations (2nd one as important)

Everything function computable by a circuit is also computable by a straightline program (and vice-versa)

Every function computable by a straightline program with s variables is computable by a circuit with s gates (and the converse)

Universality

What does it mean for a Gate Set to be *Universal*?

Theorem 3.12 (NAND is a universal operation)

For every Boolean circuit C of s gates, there exists a NAND circuit C' of at most $3s$ gates that computes the same function as C .

Definition 3.20 (General straight-line programs)

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{f_0, \dots, f_{t-1}\}$ be a finite collection of Boolean functions, such that $f_i : \{0, 1\}^{k_i} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ for some $k_i \in \mathbb{N}$. An \mathcal{F} program is a sequence of lines, each of which assigns to some variable the result of applying some $f_i \in \mathcal{F}$ to k_i other variables. As above, we use $x[i]$ and $y[j]$ to denote the input and output variables.

We say that \mathcal{F} is a universal set of operations (also known as a universal gate set) if there exists a \mathcal{F} program to compute the function *NAND*.

(Informal) Definition. We say a ^{Set of gates.} computation model is *universal* if for **any** finite function $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$, there is an “instance” of the model that computes f .

Theorem:

AON circuits is universal.

Corollary:

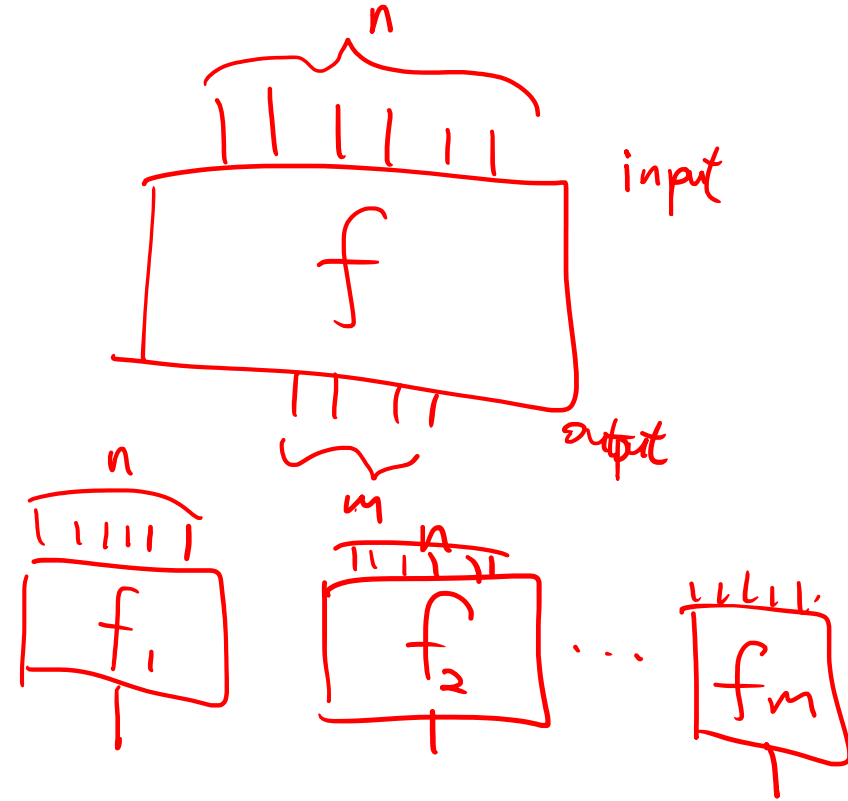
NAND is universal.

Goal: Compute $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$

Let f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m be functions such that

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

$f_i(x)$ is the i th bit of $f(x)$



Goal: Compute $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

(Also called “Boolean” functions)

Represent f as a string s_f :

$$s_f = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^n-1}, \quad b_i = f(i)$$

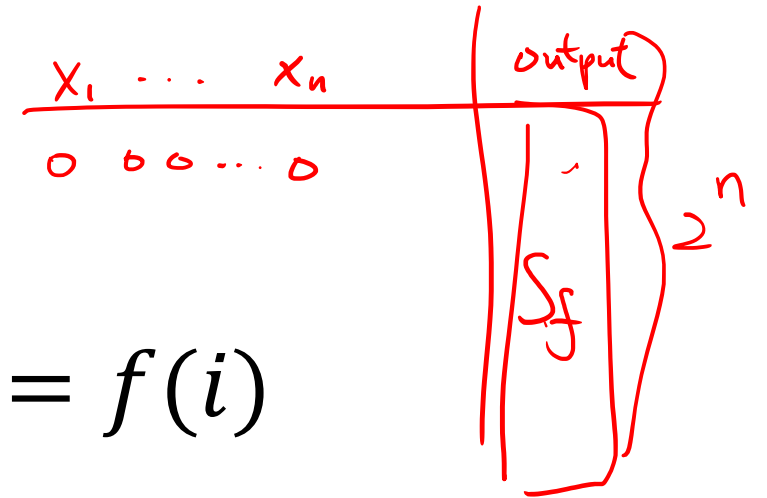
We have $f(\underline{i}) = s_f[\underline{i}]$

$\xrightarrow{\text{n-bit}}$

number in ~~set~~ $[2^n] = \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$

Can we implement “array” using AON gates?

Want: LOOKUP(s, i) outputs $s[i]$



Array: LOOKUP_k(^{2^k}s, ^ki)

k determines len(s) and len(i)
No need comma as input

k: 1,2,3,...

s: 2^{*k*}-bit string, $s = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^k-1}$

i: *k*-bit string, representing 0, 1, ..., 2^{*k*} - 1

LOOKUP_{*k*}(*s*, *i*) outputs $s[i] = b_i$

Tool: IF(cond, a, b)

Output a if cond = 1

Output b if cond = 0

AON circuit
implements IF

cond	a	b	IF(cond, a, b)
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Circuit: LOOKUP₁(s, i)

$k: 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$s = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^k - 1}$

i represent $0, 1, \dots, 2^k - 1$

outputs $s[i] = b_i$

$$\text{LOOKUP}_{\underbrace{1}_{2^1}}(\underbrace{s}_{1}, i) = \text{LOOKUP}_1(\underline{b_0 b_1}, i)$$

return IF(i , b_1, b_0)

input
var of f

$\rightarrow f$ itself

$$1(a)$$

$$= \text{OR}(a, \text{NOT}(a))$$

Circuit: LOOKUP₂(s, i)

$k: 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$s = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^k-1}$

i represent $0, 1, \dots, 2^k - 1$

outputs $s[i] = b_i$

$$\text{LOOKUP}_2(s, \underbrace{i}_{2^2 \text{ 2-bit}}) = \text{LOOKUP}_2(\underbrace{b_0 b_1 b_2 b_3}_s, \underbrace{i}_{= \bar{i}_1 \bar{i}_2})$$

$$\text{IF}(\bar{i}_1, \text{LOOKUP}_1(\bar{i}_2, b_2 b_3), \text{LOOKUP}_1(b_0 b_1, \bar{i}_2))$$

Circuit: LOOKUP_k(s, i)

$k: 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$s = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^k-1}$

i represent $0, 1, \dots, 2^k - 1$

outputs $s[i] = b_i$

$$\text{LOOKUP}_k(s, i) = \text{LOOKUP}_k(b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^k-1}, i)$$

Recurse!

Circuit: LOOKUP_k(s, i)

$k: 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$s = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{2^k-1}$

i represent $0, 1, \dots, 2^k - 1$

outputs $s[i] = b_i$

LOOKUP_k(s, i):

first_half = LOOKUP_{k-1}(s[0:2^{k-1}], i[1:k])

second_half = LOOKUP_{k-1}(s[2^{k-1}:2^k], i[1:k])

return IF(i[0], second_half, first_half)

in 10 gates of A/O/N

Size(LOOKUP_k) = O(2^k)

$S(k) = 2S(k-1) + O(1)$

~~$S(1) = O(1)$~~

Theorem:

AON circuit is universal.

$S(1) = 10$

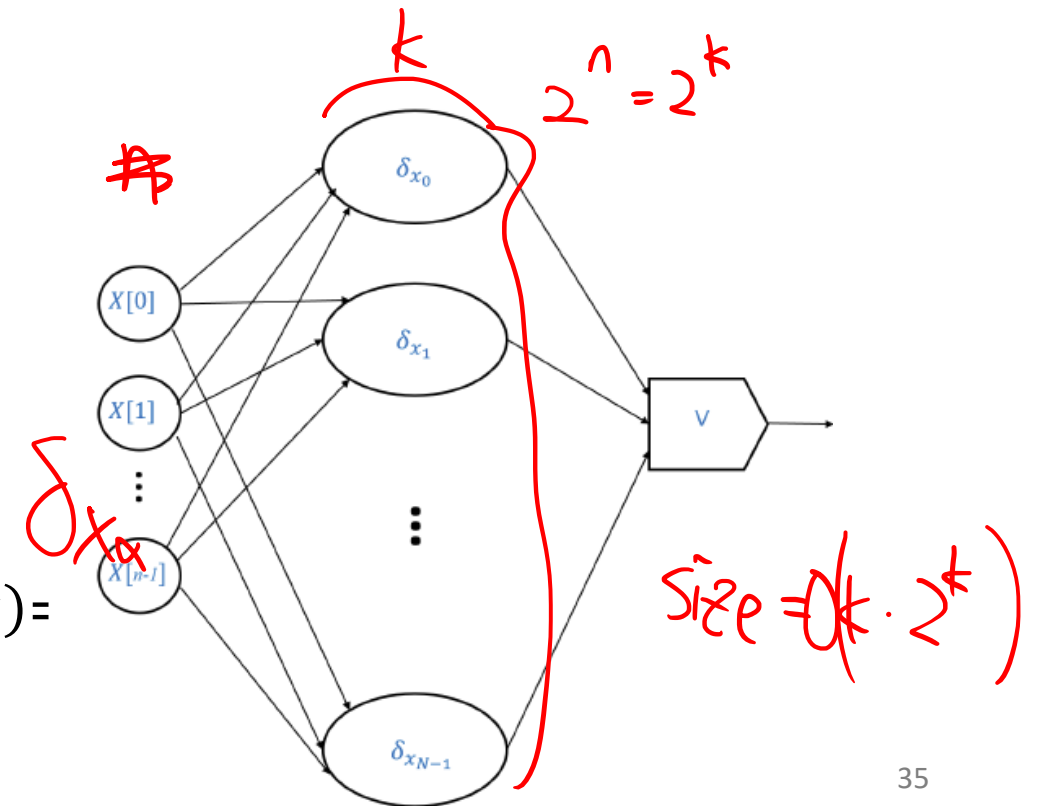
A simpler proof of universality of {AND,OR,NOT}

For $\alpha \in \{0,1\}^n$, the delta function $\delta_\alpha(X) = 1$ iff $x = \alpha$

Function $\delta_\alpha(X)$ can be computed by a circuit of size $O(n)$

To implement function f ,
we use the following approach:

$$f(X) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in \{0,1\}^n, f(\alpha)=1} \delta_\alpha(X)$$



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Why do we want Universal Models?

Definition: We say that a gate set \mathcal{G} is a *universal set of operations* (also known as a universal gate set) if there exists a \mathcal{G} program to compute the function NAND.

(Textbook, Definition 3.20)

Plan

Midterm 1 review

Non-universal gates

Circuit size hierarchy

[TCS] Textbook, Section 3 to 4

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