

# **ECE 550D**

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## Digital Arithmetic

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## **Last Time in ECE 550....**

- Who can remind us what we talked about last time?
  - Numbers
    - Binary
    - Hex
    - One hot
  - Binary Numbers and Math
    - Overflow

## Designing a 1-bit adder

- What boolean function describes the **low bit**?
  - XOR
- What boolean function describes the **high bit**?
  - AND

$$0 + 0 = 00$$

$$0 + 1 = 01$$

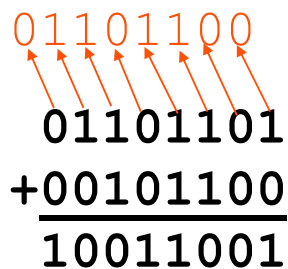
$$1 + 0 = 01$$

$$1 + 1 = 10$$

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## Designing a 1-bit adder

- Remember how we did binary addition:
  - Add the **two bits**
  - Do we have a **carry-in** for this bit?
  - Do we have to **carry-out** to the next bit?



A binary addition diagram showing the addition of 01101101 and 00101100. The result is 10011001. Red arrows indicate the carry propagation from right to left, starting from the least significant bit (rightmost) and moving towards the most significant bit (leftmost). The carry-in for the most significant bit is 0.

$$\begin{array}{r} 01101101 \\ +00101100 \\ \hline 10011001 \end{array}$$

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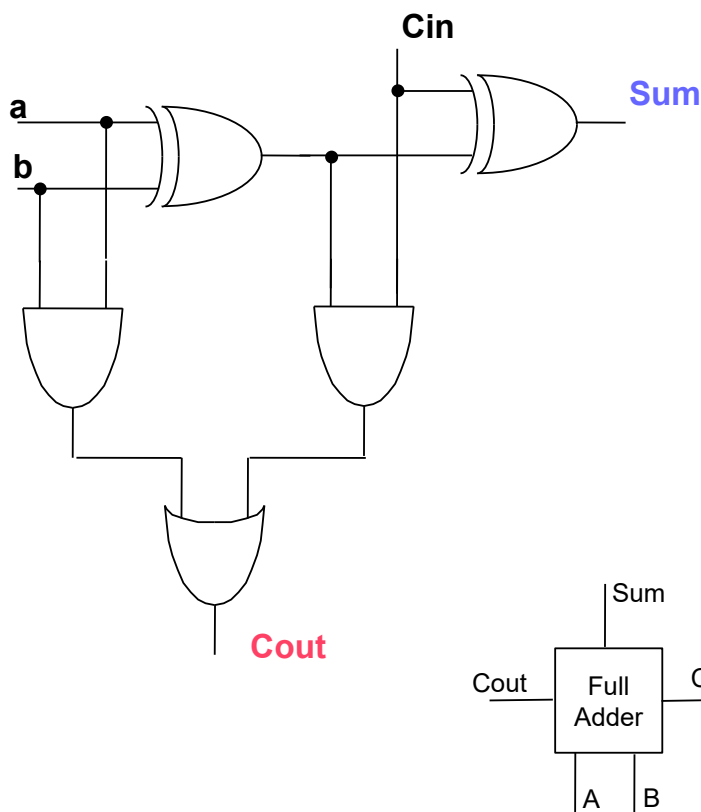
## Designing a 1-bit adder

- So we'll need to add three bits (including carry-in)
- Two-bit output is the **carry-out** and the **sum**

a	b	C <sub>in</sub>	
0	0	0	= 00
0	0	1	= 01
0	1	0	= 01
0	1	1	= 10
1	0	0	= 01
1	0	1	= 10
1	1	0	= 10
1	1	1	= 11

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## A 1-bit Full Adder

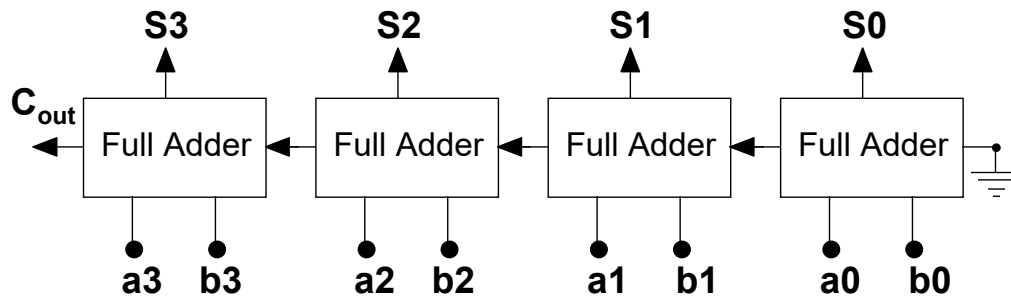


01101100  
 01101101  
 +00101100  
 10011001

a	b	C <sub>in</sub>	Sum	C <sub>out</sub>
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

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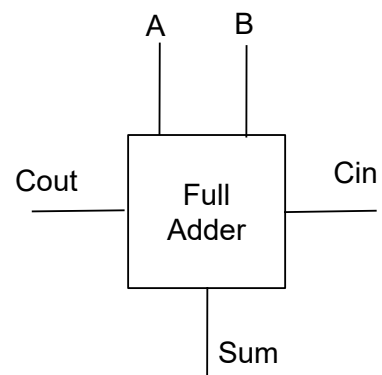
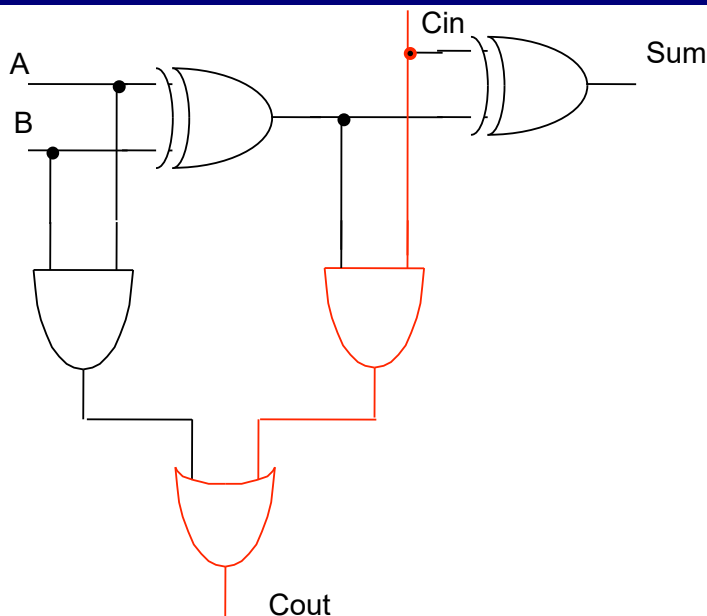
# Ripple Carry



- Full Adder = Add 1 Bit
  - Can chain together to add many bits
  - Upside: Simple
  - Downside?
    - Slow. Let's see why.

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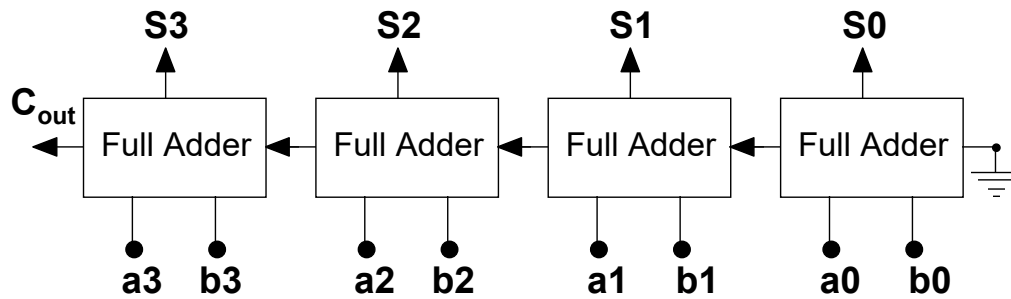
## Full adder delay



- Cout depends on Cin
  - 2 "gate delays" through full adder for carry

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# Ripple Carry



- Carries form a chain
  - CO of bit N is CI of bit N+1
- For few bits (e.g., 4) no big deal
  - For realistic numbers of bits (e.g., 32, 64), slow

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# Adding

- Adding is important
  - Want to fit add in single clock cycle
    - (More on clocking soon)
    - Why? Add is ubiquitous
- Ripple Carry is slow
  - Maybe can do better?
  - But seems like Cin always depends on prev Cout
  - ...and Cout always depends on Cin...

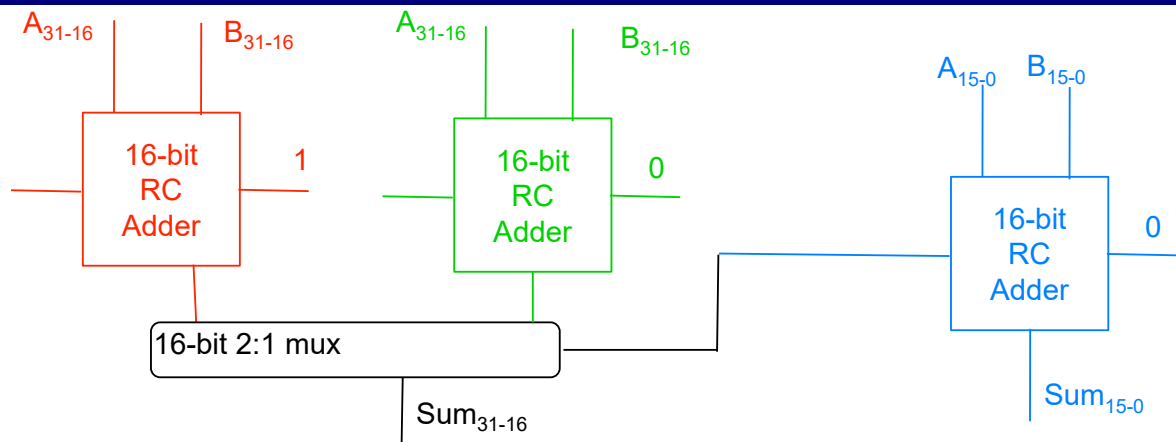
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# Hardware != Software

- If this were software, we'd be out of luck
  - But hardware is different
  - Parallelism: can do many things at once
  - Speculation: can guess

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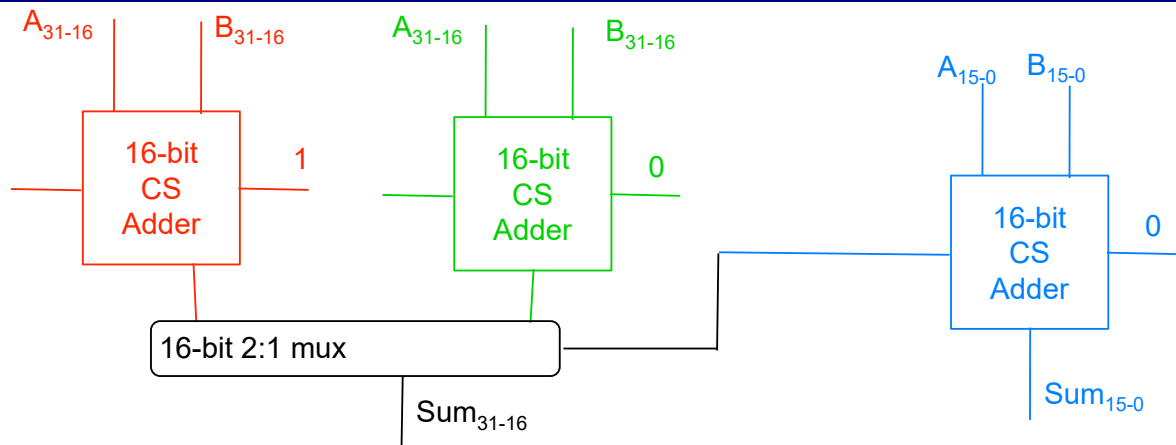
## Carry Select



- Do three things at once (32 gates)
  - Add low 16 bits
  - Add high 16 bits assuming  $CI = 0$
  - Add high 16 bits assuming  $CI = 1$
- Then pick correct assumption for high bits

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# Carry Select



- Could apply same idea again
  - Replace 16-bit RC adders with 16-bit CS adders
    - Reduce delay for 16 bit add from 32 to 18
    - Total 32 bit adder delay = 20
- So... just go nuts with this right?

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# Tradeoffs

- Tradeoffs in doing this
  - Power and Area ( $\sim$  number of gates)
    - Roughly double every "level" of carry select we use
  - Less return on increase each time
    - Adding more mux delays
  - Wire delays increase with area
    - Not easy to count in slides
    - But will eat into real performance
- Fancier adders exist:
  - Carry-lookahead, conditional sum adder, carry-skip adder, carry-complete adder, etc...

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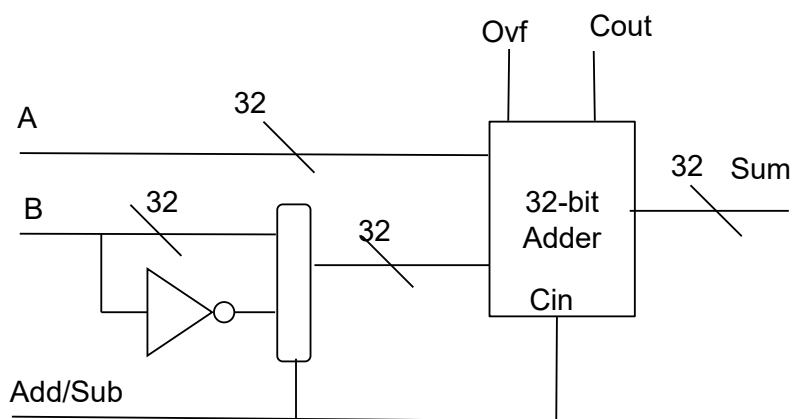
## Recall: Subtraction

- 2's complement makes subtraction easy:
  - Remember:  $A - B = A + (-B)$
  - And:  $-B = \sim B + 1$ 
    - ↑ that means flip bits ("not")
  - So we just flip the bits and start with CI = 1
  - Fortunate for us: **makes circuits easy**

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110101 \\ - 1010010 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{r} 0110101 \\ + 0101101 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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## 32-bit Adder/subtractor

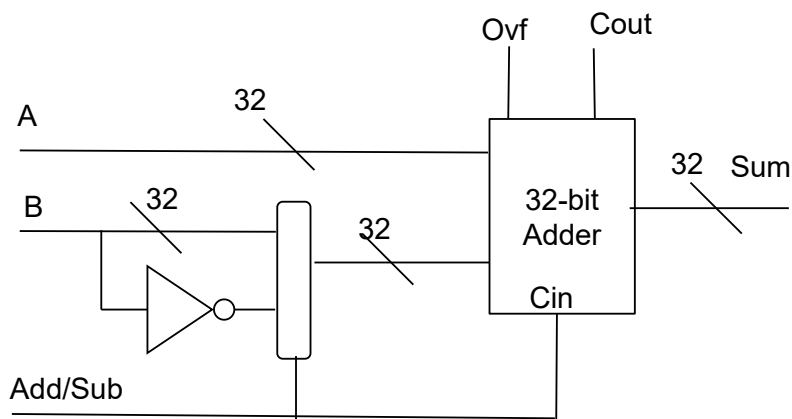


- Inputs: A, B, Add/Sub (0=Add,1 = Sub)
- Outputs: Sum, Cout, Ovf (Overflow)

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## 32-bit Adder/subtractor



- By the way:
  - That thing has about 3,000 transistors
  - Aren't you glad we have abstraction?

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## Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

- ALUs do a variety of math/logic
  - Add
  - Subtract
  - Bit-wise operations: And, Or, Xor, Not
  - Shift (left or right)
- Take two inputs (A,B) + operation (add,shift..)
  - Do a variety in parallel, then mux based on op

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## Bit-wise operations: SHIFT

- Left shift (<<)
  - Moves left, bringing in 0s at right, excess bits “fall off”
  - $10010001 \ll 2 = 01000100$
  - $x \ll k$  corresponds to  $x * 2^k$
- Logical (or unsigned) right shift (>>)
  - Moves bits right, bringing in 0s at left, excess bits “fall off”
  - $10010001 \gg 3 = 00010010$
  - $x \gg k$  corresponds to  $x / 2^k$  for unsigned  $x$
- Arithmetic (or signed) right shift (>>)
  - Moves bits right, bringing in (sign bit) at left
  - $10010001 \gg 3 = 11110010$
  - $x \gg k$  corresponds to  $x / 2^k$  for signed  $x$

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## Shift: Implementation...?

- Suppose an 8-bit number

$$b_7 b_6 b_5 b_4 b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0$$

Shifted left by a 3 bit number

$$s_2 s_1 s_0$$

- Option 1: Truth Table?

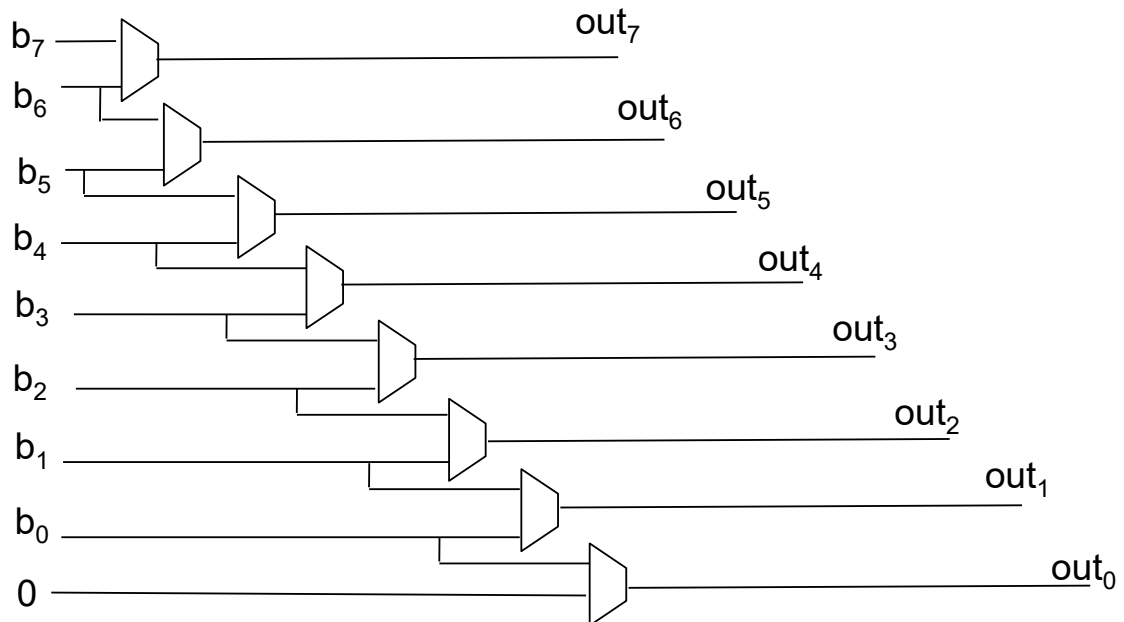
- 2048 rows? Not appealing

...but you can do it. Truth table gives this expression for output bit 0:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200

## Let's simplify

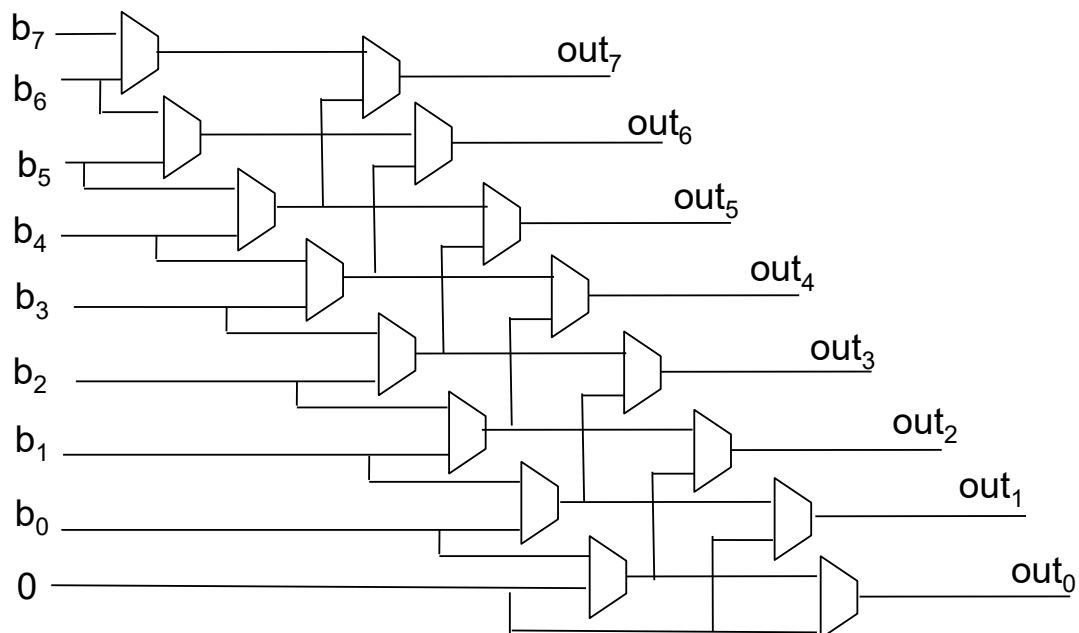
- Simpler problem: 8-bit number shifted by 1 bit number (shift amount selects each mux)



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## Let's simplify

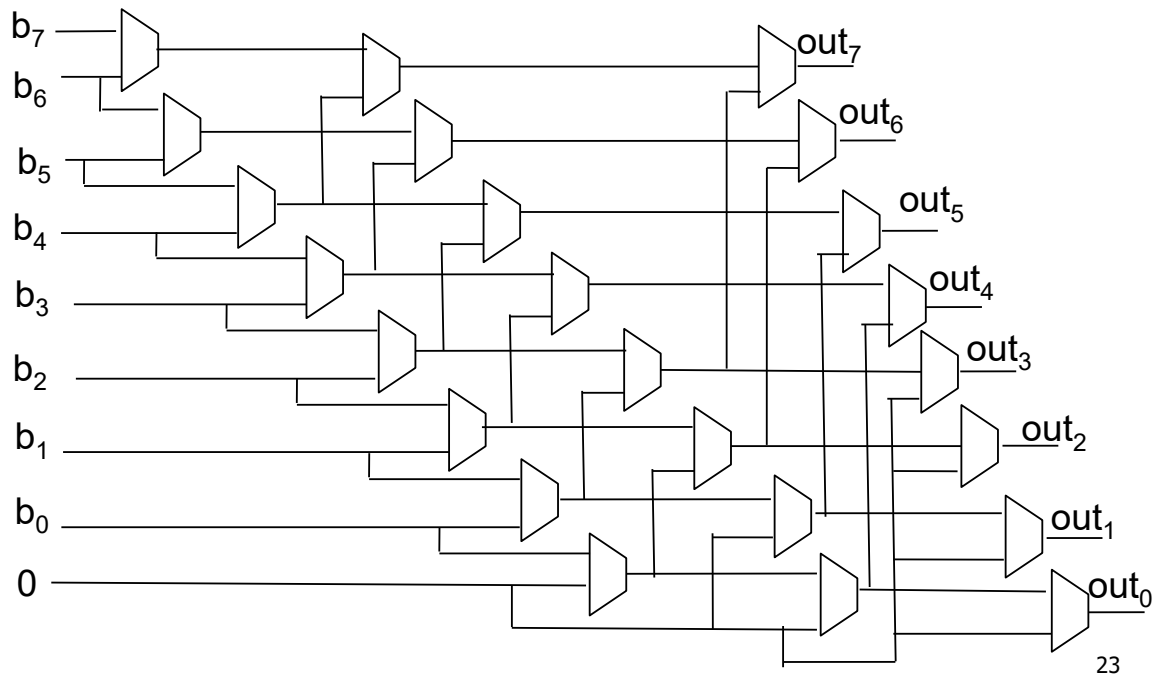
- Simpler problem: 8-bit number shifted by 2 bit number



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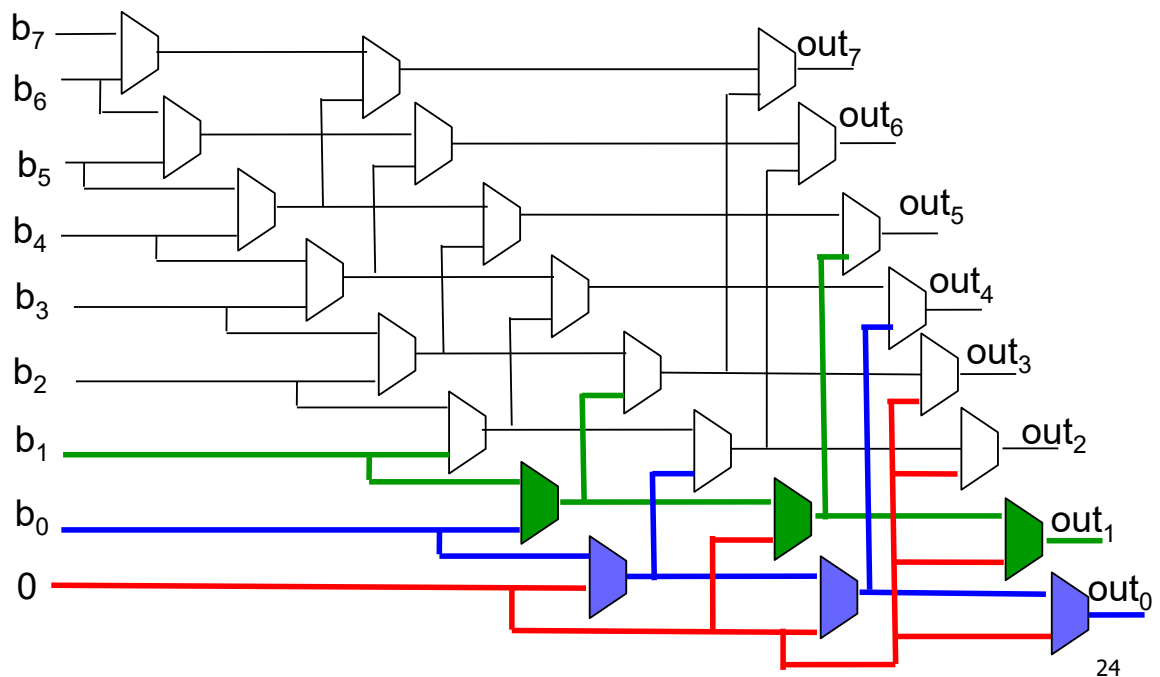
## Now shifted by 3-bit number

- Full problem: 8-bit number shifted by 3 bit number



## Now shifted by 3-bit number

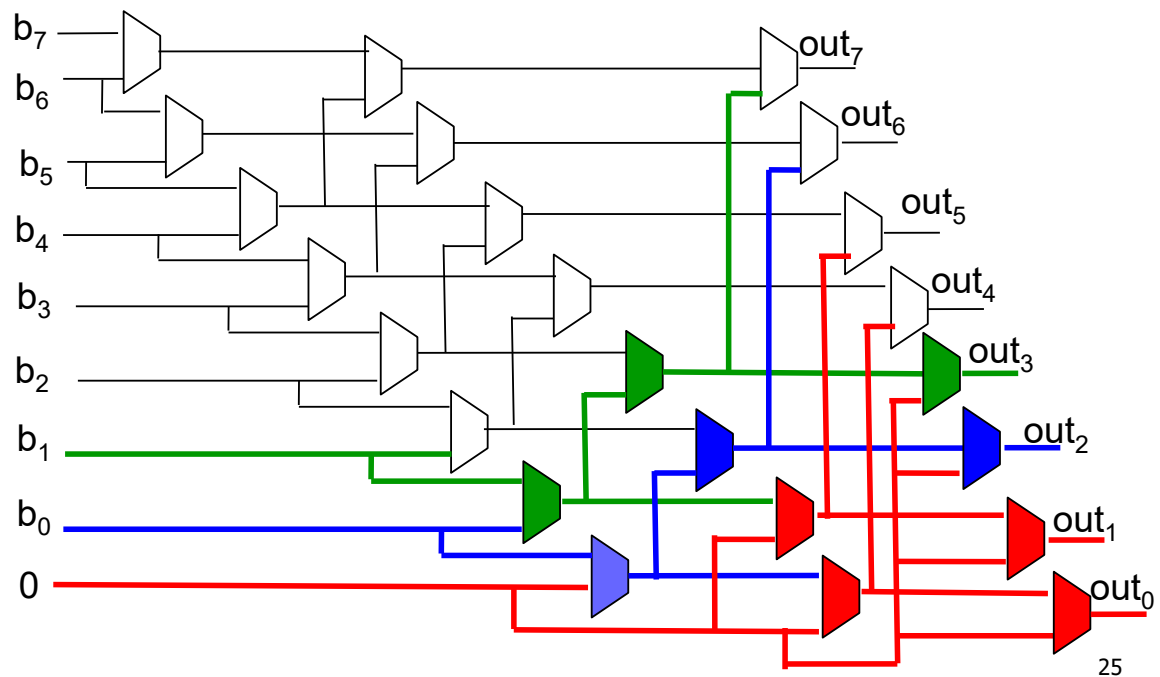
- Shifter in action: shift by 000 (all muxes have  $S=0$ )



## Now shifted by 3-bit number

- Shifter in action: shift by 010

- From L to R:  $S = 0, 1, 0$

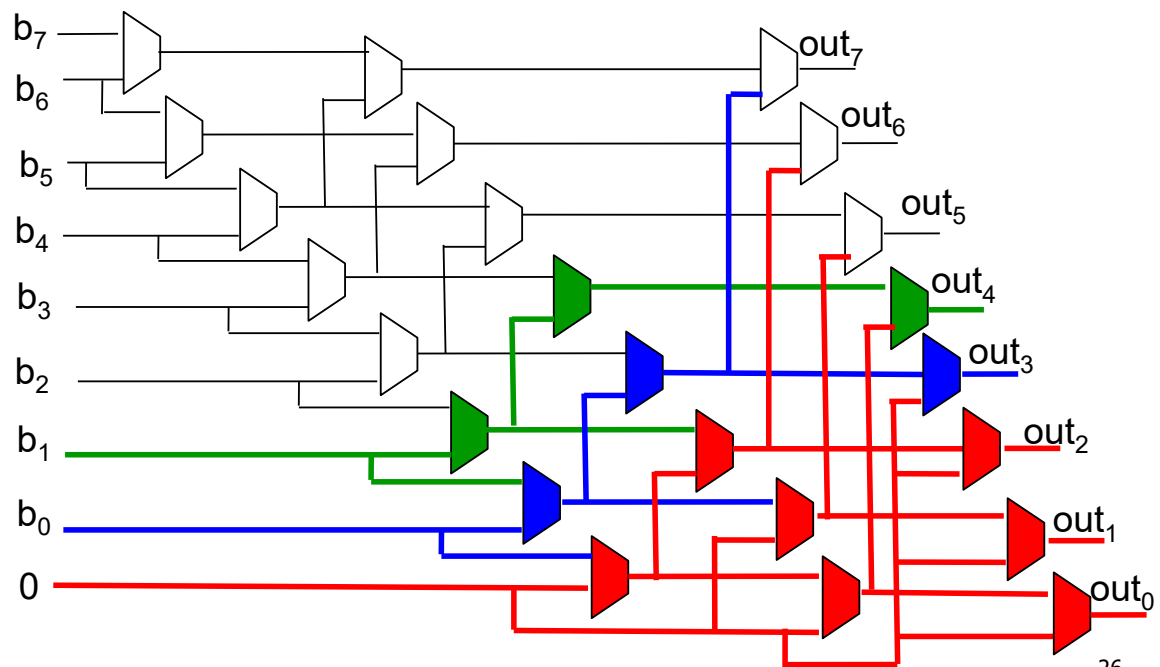


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## Now shifted by 3-bit number

- Shifter in action: shift by 011

- From L to R:  $S = 1, 1, 0$  (reverse of shift amount)



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## What About Non-integer Numbers?

- There are infinitely many real numbers between two integers
- Many important numbers are real
  - $\pi = 3.14159265358965\dots$
  - $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$
- How could we represent these sorts of numbers?
  - Floating Point

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## Floating Point

- Think about scientific notation for a second:
- For example:  
 $6.02 * 10^{23}$
- Real number, but comprised of ints:
  - 6            generally only 1 digit here
  - 2            any number here
  - 10          always 10 (base we work in)
  - 23          can be positive or negative
- Can we do something like this in binary?

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## Floating Point

- How about:
- $\pm X.YYYYYYY * 2^{\pm N}$
- Big numbers: large positive N
- Small numbers ( $<1$ ): negative N
- This is “floating point” : most common way

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## IEEE single precision floating point

- Specific format called IEEE single precision:
- $\pm 1.YYYYYY * 2^{(N-127)}$
- “float” in Java, C, C++,...
- S: 1 sign bit (+ = 0, 1 = -)
- E: 8 bit biased exponent (do N-127)
- M: 23-bit mantissa (YYYYYY)

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## Binary fractions

- 1.YYYY has a binary point
  - Like a decimal point but in binary
  - After a decimal point, you have
    - tenths
    - hundredths
    - thousandths
    - ...
- So after a binary point you have...
  - Halves
  - Quarters
  - Eighths
  - ...

## Floating point example

- [illegible]



# Floating Point Representation

Example:

What floating-point number is:

0xC1580000?

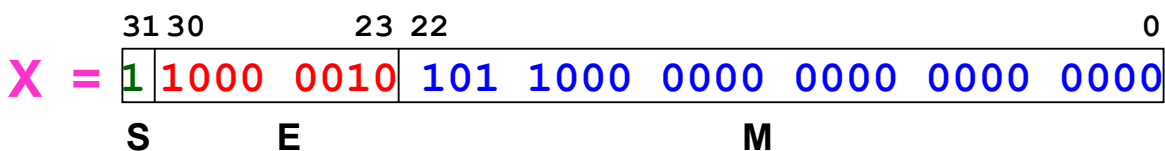
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## Answer

What floating-point number is

0xC1580000?

1 100 000 1 0 101 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000



Sign = 1 which is negative

Exponent =  $(128+2)-127 = 3$

Mantissa = 1.1011

$-1.1011 \times 2^3 = -1101.1 = -13.5$

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## Trick question

- How do you represent 0.0?
  - Why is this a trick question?
  - $0.0 = 000000000$
  - But need 1.XXXXX representation?
- $S = 0/1$
- $E = 0...0$
- $M = 0...0$
- Results in +/- 0 in FP (but they are "equal")

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## Other weird FP numbers

- Exponent = 1111 1111 also not standard
  - $S = 0$  and  $M = 0$ :  $+\infty$
  - $S = 1$  and  $M = 0$ :  $-\infty$
  - $S = 0/1$  and  $M \neq 0$ : Not a Number (NaN)  
 $\text{sqrt}(-42) = \text{NaN}$

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# Floating Point Representation

- Double Precision Floating point:

64-bit representation:

- 1-bit **sign**
  - 11-bit (biased) **exponent**
  - 52-bit **fraction** (with implicit 1).
- “double” in Java, C, C++, ...

S	Exp	Mantissa
1	11-bit	52 - bit

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## Danger: floats cannot hold all ints!

- Many programmers think:
  - Floats can represent all ints
  - NOT true
- Doubles can represent all 32-bit ints  
(but not all 64-bit ints)

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# Wrap Up

- Implementation of Math
  - Addition/Subtraction
  - Shifting
- Floating Point Numbers
  - IEEE representation
  - Denormalized Numbers
- Next Time:
  - Storage
  - Clocking