Computer Systems and Organization 1

Warm up!
Can I make an n-input AND
from 2-input AND gates?

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What about XOR gates?

More bits, circuits, adders

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Announcements

- Homework 1 due Monday

Operations

So far, we have discussed:

- Addition: `x + y`
  - Can get multiplication
- Subtraction: `x - y`
  - Can get division, but more difficult
- Unary minus (negative): `-x`
  - Flip the bits and add 1

Operations (on Integers)

Bit vector: fixed-length sequence of bits (ex: bits in an integer)

- Manipulated by bitwise operations

Bitwise operations: operate over the bits in a bit vector

- Bitwise not: `~x` - flips all bits (unary)
- Bitwise and: `x & y` - set bit to 1 if x, y have 1 in same bit
- Bitwise or: `x | y` - set bit to 1 if either x or y have 1
- Bitwise xor: `x ^ y` - set bit to 1 if x, y bit differs

Operations (on Integers)

- Logical not: `!x`
  - $!0 = 1$ and $!x = 0, \forall x \neq 0$
  - Useful in C, no booleans
  - Some languages name this one differently
- Left shift: `x << y` - move bits to the left
  - Effectively multiply by powers of 2
- Right shift: `x >> y` - move bits to the right
  - Effectively divide by powers of 2
  - Signed (extend sign bit) vs unsigned (extend 0)

Floating Point in Binary

We must store 3 components

- **sign** (1-bit): 1 if negative, 0 if positive
- **fraction** or **mantissa**: (?-bits): bits after binary point
- **exponent** (?-bits): how far to move binary point

We do not need to store the value before the binary point. Why?

Floating Point Example

$$101.011_2$$

Floating Point Example

What does the following encode?

1	001110	1010101

What about o?

Floating Point Numbers

Four cases:

- **Normalized**: What we have seen today

$$s\ eeee\ ffff = \pm 1.ffff \times 2^{eeee - \text{bias}}$$

- **Denormalized**: Exponent bits all 0

$$s\ eeee\ ffff = \pm 0.ffff \times 2^{1 - \text{bias}}$$

- **Infinity**: Exponent bits all 1, fraction bits all 0 (i.e., $\pm\infty$)
- **Not a Number (NaN)**: Exponent bits all 1, fraction bits not all 0

Our story so far

- Transistors
- Information modeled by voltage through wires (1 vs 0)
- Gates: `&` `|` `~` `^`
  - Operate on 1-bit input producing 1-bit output
- Multi-bit values: representing integers
  - Signed and unsigned
  - **Bitwise operations** on them as bit vectors
- Floating point

Multi-bit Calculations

How to do the *work* of multi-bit?

Things like...

- Add integers to get integer answers

Adder

Add 2 1-bit numbers: a, b

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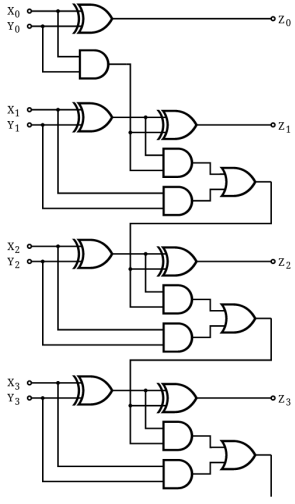
Can we use this in parallel to add multi-bit numbers? What is missing? Consider:

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ +01 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

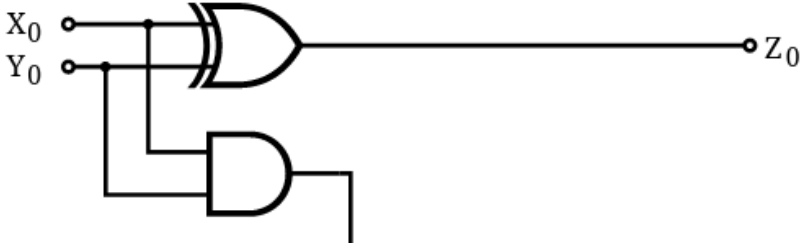
3-input Adder

Add 3 1-bit numbers: a, b, c

Ripple-Carry Adder



Ripple-Carry Adder: Lowest-order Bit



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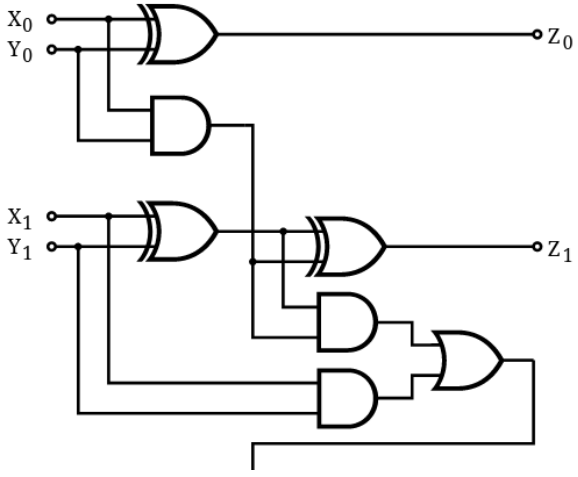

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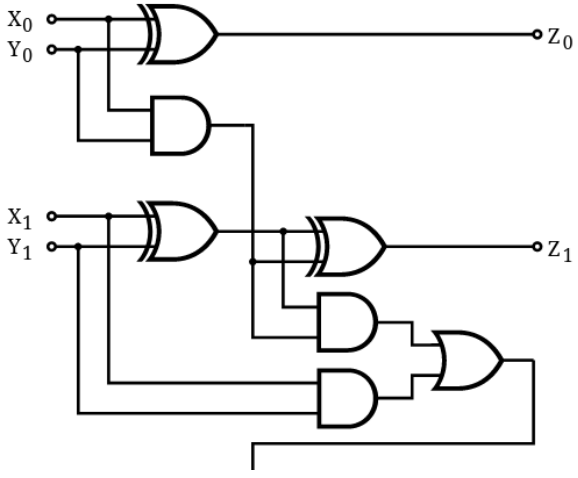

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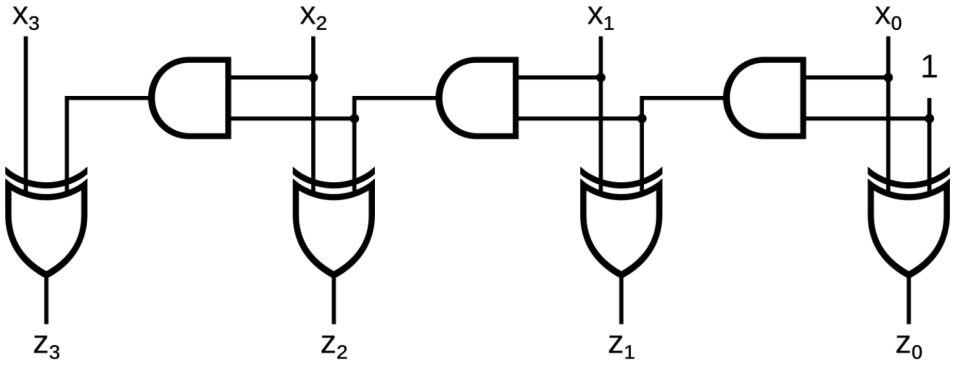

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