### Homework

Adders

**Binary Numbers** 

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- Reading: Chapter 8
- Exercises: Chapter 8, all
  - Due Friday, 9/28



## **COS 140: Foundations of Computer Science**

Adders

Fall 2018



### What is an adder?

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- What is an adder?
- Why Study Adders?
- How Do We Do Addition?

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- An adder is a logic circuit that adds binary numbers
- Could add two 1-digit numbers or two *n*-bit numbers



## Why Study Adders?

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- Interesting example of a combinational circuit.
  - Circuit whose output relies solely on its inputs.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Perform an important function for the computer.
    - Addition is also basis for other arithmetic functions in the computer (subtraction, multiplication, etc.)
    - Would like the function done in hardware so it is done quickly.



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### **Numbers and Digital Logic**

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- Symbols will correspond to the 0 or 1 that is the input or output of the circuit. So, have 2 symbols to work with, not 10.
  - Create a binary system that is like our digital system.



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2	1	2	$2^{5}$	32	$2^{9}$	512
2	2	4	$2^{6}$	64	$2^{10}$	1024
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To find the value, add all the 1's and 0's times their place values.
10110 = 0 × 1 + 1 × 2 + 1 × 4 + 0 × 8 + 1 × 16 = 22



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Given: n, a decimal number

1. First find the largest power of two less than n; let i be the exponent

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- 5. Else, if  $2^i = n$ , then write 0s for all the rest of the digits, and you're done
- 6. Otherwise  $(2^i < n)$ , write a 1, since this power of 2 "fits" in n;  $n = n 2^i$ , and go to 3



### The algorithm

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1: **Algorithm** Convert(*d*) **Input:** *d*, a decimal number 2: **Output:** the binary version of d3: Let *n* be largest whole number such that  $2^n \leq d$ 4: while  $n \ge 0$  do 5: if  $d = 2^n$  then 6: Output 1 followed by n-1 0s 7: 8: return else if  $d < 2^n$  then 9: 10: Output 0 n = n - 111: 12: else 13: Output 1  $d = d - 2^n$ 14: n = n - 115: end if 16: end while 17: 18: End.



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There are only 10 kinds of people in this world. Those that understand binary and those that don't.

- graduate student's T-shirt



### **Use Arithmetic Facts to Add Numbers**

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- Insight
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- Full Adder

- Addition results from applying facts about arithmetic to numbers
- For the computer to use arithmetic facts, we need to construct a circuit.
- So: start with a truth table.
- Construct a truth table for all of the inputs, including the possible carry.



## **Truth Table for Addition**

Adders	Carry-in	Α	В	Carry-out	Sum
Binary Numbers	0	0	0	0	0
Adders     Adding in computer	0	0	1	0	1
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AB



AB + BC + AC



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C_in	А	В	C_out	Sum
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We need a *full adder* that adds  $A + B + C_{in}$ 



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  - Use another half-adder:  $S_h$ ,  $C_{in} \longrightarrow S_{h2} = S$



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- Add multi-digit binary numbers using a full-adder for each bit.
- Problem: How to compute the carry-in for adder *n*?



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  Another way to specify carry-out is: carry-out of any full-adder (C<sub>n</sub>) is true if:
  - $\circ$  carry-out of the first half-adder ( $A_nB_n$ ) is true, or
  - $\circ$  either one of the inputs and the carry-in is true:  $(A_n+B_n)C_{n-1}$
- So:  $C_n = A_n B_n + (A_n + B_n) C_{n-1}$  a recurrence relation



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 C<sub>2</sub> = A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> + (A<sub>2</sub> + B<sub>2</sub>)C<sub>1</sub>



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- Alternative could be done using  $\oplus$ :
  - For carry-out of the first full-adder  $(C_0)$ , it's the carry-out of the full-adder's first half-adder OR'd with the carry-out of the second:

$$C_0 = C_{0_h} \lor C_{0_f} \Rightarrow$$

$$C_h = A_h B_h \lor S_h C_h$$

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- $C_0 = A_0 B_0 \lor (A_0 \oplus B_0) C_{in}$
- $C_1$  is computable based on  $C_0$  in the same way:  $C_1 = A_1 B_1 \lor (A_1 \oplus B_1) C_0 \Rightarrow$ 
  - $C_1 = A_1 B_1 \lor (A_1 \oplus B_1) (A_0 B_0 \lor (A_0 \oplus B_0) C_{in})$
- $\circ$  Can generalize to n bits
- But better to keep with ANDs and ORs



# **Trade-offs for Types of Carry Propagation**

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- Ripple carry has larger delay.
  - Ripple carry has delay as more significant binary digits wait for results from less significant digits.
  - Carry lookahead uses a sum of products to get result for each carry, so only a two gate delay (have an AND layer and an OR layer).
- Complexity of circuit.
  - Ripple carry requires only connecting carry-out to next carry-in.
  - Number of AND gates and number of inputs to OR gate is on the order of the number of digits for carry lookahead (i.e., O(n), where n is the number of digits)



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