

Combinational Circuit Design: Practice

1. Derivation of efficient HDL description

- Think “H”, not “L”, of HDL
- Right way:
 - Research to find an efficient design (“domain knowledge”)
 - Develop VHDL code that accurately describes the design
- Wrong way:
 - Write a C program and convert it to HDL

An example 0.55 um standard-cell CMOS implementation

width	VHDL operator									
	nand	xor	> _a	> _d	=	+1 _a	+1 _d	+ _a	+ _d	mux
area (gate count)										
8	8	22	25	68	26	27	33	51	118	21
16	16	44	52	102	51	55	73	101	265	42
32	32	85	105	211	102	113	153	203	437	85
64	64	171	212	398	204	227	313	405	755	171
delay (ns)										
8	0.1	0.4	4.0	1.9	1.0	2.4	1.5	4.2	3.2	0.3
16	0.1	0.4	8.6	3.7	1.7	5.5	3.3	8.2	5.5	0.3
32	0.1	0.4	17.6	6.7	1.8	11.6	7.5	16.2	11.1	0.3
64	0.1	0.4	35.7	14.3	2.2	24.0	15.7	32.2	22.9	0.3

Outline

1. Derivation of efficient HDL description
2. Operator sharing
3. Functionality sharing
4. Layout-related circuits
5. General circuits

Sharing

- Circuit complexity of VHDL operators varies
- Arith operators
 - Large implementation
 - Limited optimization by synthesis software
- “Optimization” can be achieved by “sharing” in RT level coding
 - Operator sharing
 - Functionality sharing

2. Operator sharing

- “value expressions” in priority network and multiplexing network are mutually exclusively:
- Only one result is routed to output

- Conditional sig assignment (if statement)

```
sig_name <= value_expr_1 when boolean_expr_1 else
value_expr_2 when boolean_expr_2 else
value_expr_3 when boolean_expr_3 else
...
value_expr_n;
```

Example 1

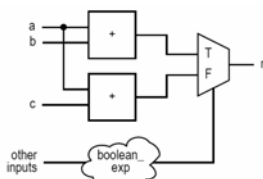
- Selected sig assignment (case statement)


```
with select_expression select
  sig_name <= value_expr_1 when choice_1,
            value_expr_2 when choice_2,
            value_expr_3 when choice_3,
            ...
            value_expr_n when choice_n;
```

- Original code:


```
r <= a+b when boolean_exp else
  a+c;
```
- Revised code:


```
src0 <= b when boolean_exp else
  c;
r <= a + src0;
```

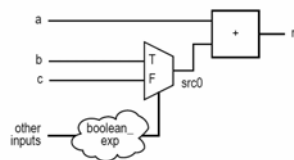


(a) Original diagram

Area: 2 adders, 1 mux

Delay:

$$\max(T_{adder}, T_{boolean}) + T_{mux}$$



(b) Diagram with sharing

Area: 1 adder, 1 mux

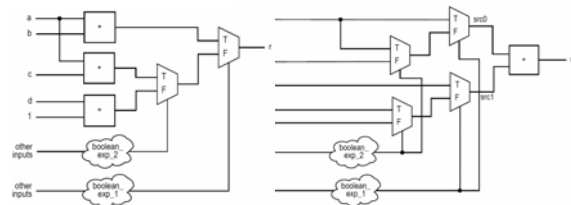
Delay:

$$T_{boolean} + T_{mux} + T_{adder}$$

Example 2

- Original code:


```
process(a,b,c,d,...)
begin
  if boolean_exp_1 then
    r <= a+b;
  elsif boolean_exp_2 then
    r <= a+c;
  else
    r <= d+1;
  end if
end process;
```



Area:
2 adders, 1 inc, 2 mux

Area:
1 adder, 4 mux

- Revised code:


```
process(a,b,c,d,...)
begin
  if boolean_exp_1 then
    src0 <= a;
    src1 <= b;
  elsif boolean_exp_2 then
    src0 <= a;
    src1 <= c;
  else
    src0 <= d;
    src1 <= "00000001";
  end if;
end process;
r <= src0 + src1;
```

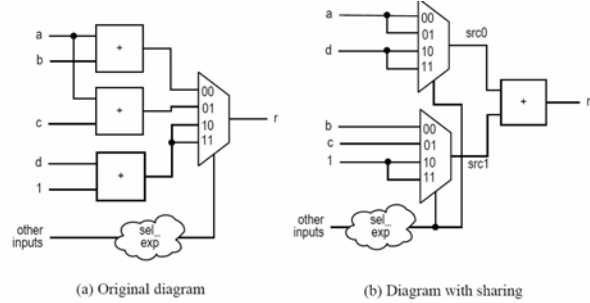
Example 3

- Original code:


```
with sel select
  r <= a+b when "00",
    a+c when "01",
    d+1 when others;
```
- Revised code:


```
with sel_exp select
  src0 <= a when "00"|"01",
    d when others;

with sel_exp select
  src1 <= b when "00",
    c when "01",
    "00000001" when others;
  r <= src0 + src1;
```

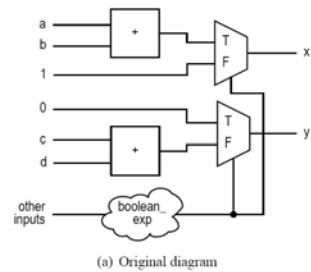


(a) Original diagram (b) Diagram with sharing
 Area: 2 adders, 1 inc, 1 mux Area: 1 adder, 2 mux

Example 4

- Original code:

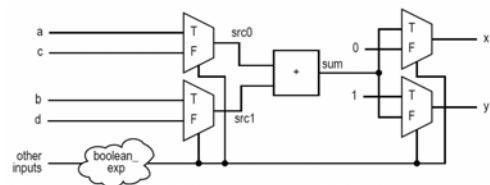

```
process(a,b,c,d,...)
begin
  if boolean_exp then
    x <= a + b;
    y <= (others=>'0');
  else
    x <= (others=>'1');
    y <= c + d;
  end if;
end process;
```



(a) Original diagram
 Area: 2 adders, 2 mux

- Revised code:


```
begin
  if boolean_exp then
    src0 <= a;
    src1 <= b;
    x <= sum;
    y <= (others=>'0');
  else
    src0 <= c;
    src1 <= d;
    x <= (others=>'1');
    y <= sum;
  end if;
end process;
sum <= src0 + src1;
```



- Area: 1 adder, 4 mux
- Is the sharing worthwhile?
 - 1 adder vs 2 mux
 - It depends . . .

Summary

- Sharing is done by additional routing circuit
- Merit of sharing depends on the complexity of the operator and the routing circuit
- Ideally, synthesis software should do this

3. Functionality sharing

- A large circuit involves lots of functions
- Several functions may be related and have common characteristics
- Several functions can share the same circuit.
- Done in an “ad hoc” basis, based on the understanding and insight of the designer (i.e., “domain knowledge”)
- Difficult for software it since it does not know the “meaning” of functions

e.g., add-sub circuit

```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.numeric_std.all;
entity addsub is
    port (
        a,b: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
        ctrl: in std_logic;
        r: out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0)
    );
end addsub;

architecture direct_arch of addsub is
    signal src0, src1, sum: signed(7 downto 0);
begin
    src0 <= signed(a);
    src1 <= signed(b);
    sum <= src0 + src1 when ctrl='0' else
           src0 - src1;
    r <= std_logic_vector(sum);
end direct_arch;
    
```

ctrl	operation
0	a + b
1	a - b

- Observation: $a - b$ can be done by $a + b' + 1$

```

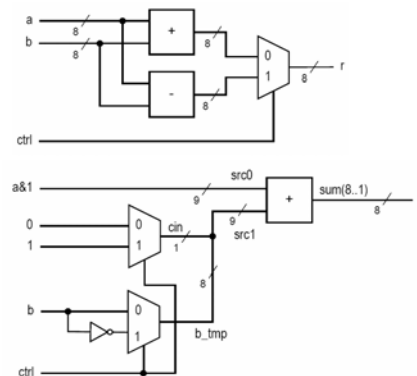
architecture shared_arch of addsub is
    signal src0, src1, sum: signed(7 downto 0);
    signal cin: signed(0 downto 0); -- carry-in bit
begin
    src0 <= signed(a);
    src1 <= signed(b) when ctrl='0' else
           signed(not b);
    cin <= "0" when ctrl='0' else
           "1";
    sum <= src0 + src1 + cin;
    r <= std_logic_vector(sum);
end shared_arch;
    
```

- Manual injection of carry-in:
- Append an additional bit in right (LSB):

$x_7x_6x_5x_4x_3x_2x_1x_01$ and $y_7y_6y_5y_4y_3y_2y_1y_0c_{in}$

```

architecture manual_carry_arch of addsub is
    signal src0, src1, sum: signed(8 downto 0);
    signal b_tmp: std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    signal cin: std_logic; -- carry-in bit
begin
    src0 <= signed(a & '1');
    b_tmp <= b when ctrl='0' else
           not b;
    cin <= '0' when ctrl='0' else
           '1';
    src1 <= signed(b_tmp & cin);
    sum <= src0 + src1;
    r <= std_logic_vector(sum(8 downto 1));
end manual_carry_arch;
    
```



e.g., sign-unsigned comparator

```

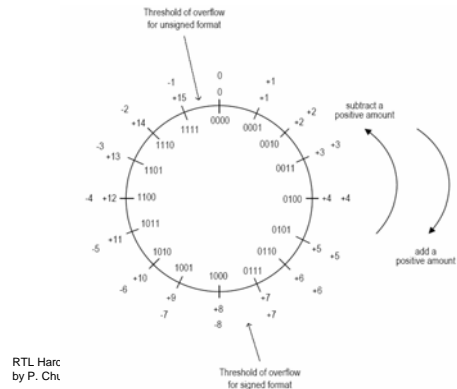
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.numeric_std.all;

entity comp2mode is
  port(
    a,b: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    mode: in std_logic;
    agtb: out std_logic
  );
end comp2mode;

architecture direct_arch of comp2mode is
  signal agtb_signed, agtb_unsigned: std_logic;
begin
  agtb_signed <= '1' when signed(a) > signed(b) else
    '0';
  agtb_unsigned <= '1' when unsigned(a) > unsigned(b) else
    '0';
  agtb <= agtb_unsigned when (mode='0') else
    agtb_signed;
end direct_arch ;

```

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• Observation:

- Unsigned: normal comparator
- Signed:
 - Different sign bit: positive number is larger
 - Same sign: compare remaining 3 LSBs
This works for negative number, too!
E.g., 1111 (-1), 1100 (-4), 1001(-7)
111 > 100 > 001
- The comparison of 3 LSBs can be shared

```

architecture shared_arch of comp2mode is
  signal a1_b0, agtb_mag: std_logic;
begin
  a1_b0 <= '1' when a(7)='1' and b(7)='0' else
    '0';
  agtb_mag <= '1' when a(6 downto 0) > b(6 downto 0) else
    '0';
  agtb <= agtb_mag when (a(7)=b(7)) else
    a1_b0 when mode='0' else
    not a1_b0;
end shared_arch;

```

e.g., Full comparator

```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
entity comp3 is
  port(
    a,b: in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
    agtb, altb, aeqb: out std_logic
  );
end comp3 ;

architecture direct_arch of comp3 is
begin
  agtb <= '1' when a > b else
    '0';
  altb <= '1' when a < b else
    '0';
  aeqb <= '1' when a = b else
    '0';
end direct_arch;

```

```

architecture share1_arch of comp3 is
  signal gt, lt: std_logic;
begin
  gt <= '1' when a > b else
    '0';
  lt <= '1' when a < b else
    '0';
  agtb <= gt;
  altb <= lt;
  aeqb <= not (gt or lt);
end share1_arch;

```

```

architecture share2_arch of comp3 is
    signal eq, lt: std_logic;
begin
    eq <= '1' when a = b else
        '0';
    lt <= '1' when a < b else
        '0';
    aeqb <= eq;
    altb <= lt;
    agtb <= not (eq or lt);
end share2_arch;

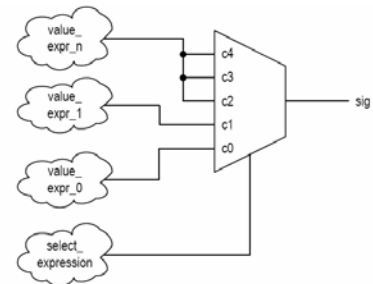
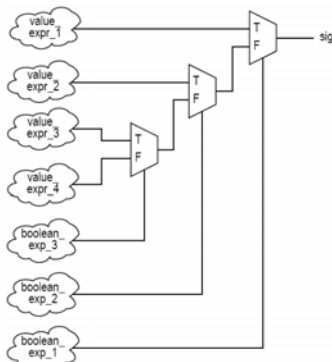
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- Read 7.3.3 and 7.3.5

4. Layout-related circuits

- After synthesis, placement and routing will derive the actual physical layout of a digital circuit on a silicon chip.
- VHDL cannot specify the exact layout
- VHDL can outline the general “shape”

- Silicon chip is a “square”
- “Two-dimensional” shape (tree or rectangular) is better than one-dimensional shape (cascading-chain)
- Conditional signal assignment/if statement form a single “horizontal” cascading chain
- Selected signal assignment/case statement form a large “vertical” mux
- Neither is ideal



e.g., Reduced-xor circuit

$$a_7 \oplus a_6 \oplus a_5 \oplus a_4 \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0$$

```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity reduced_xor is
  port (
    a: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    y: out std_logic
  );
end reduced_xor;

architecture cascade1_arch of reduced_xor is
begin
  y <= a(0) xor a(1) xor a(2) xor a(3) xor
    a(4) xor a(5) xor a(6) xor a(7);
end cascade1_arch;

```

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```

architecture cascade2_arch of reduced_xor is
  signal p: std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
begin
  p(0) <= a(0);
  p(1) <= p(0) xor a(1);
  p(2) <= p(1) xor a(2);
  p(3) <= p(2) xor a(3);
  p(4) <= p(3) xor a(4);
  p(5) <= p(4) xor a(5);
  p(6) <= p(5) xor a(6);
  p(7) <= p(6) xor a(7);
  y <= p(7);
end cascade2_arch;

```

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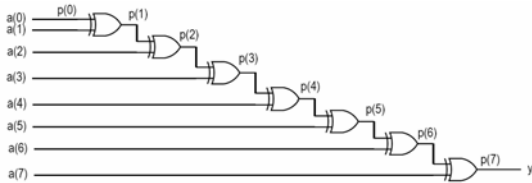
architecture cascade_compact_arch of reduced_xor is
  constant WIDTH: integer := 8;
  signal p: std_logic_vector(WIDTH-1 downto 0);
begin
  p <= (p(WIDTH-2 downto 0) & '0') xor a;
  y <= p(WIDTH-1);
end cascade_compact_arch;

```

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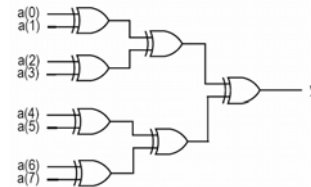
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```

architecture tree_arch of reduced_xor is
begin
  y <= ((a(7) xor a(6)) xor (a(5) xor a(4))) xor
    ((a(3) xor a(2)) xor (a(1) xor a(0)));
end tree_arch;

```



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- Comparison of n-input reduced xor
 - Cascading chain :
 - Area: (n-1) xor gates
 - Delay: (n-1)
 - Coding: easy to modify (scale)
 - Tree:
 - Area: (n-1) xor gates
 - Delay: $\log_2 n$
 - Coding: not so easy to modify
 - Software should be able to do the conversion automatically

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e.g., Reduced-xor-vector circuit

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_0 &= a_0 \\
 y_1 &= a_1 \oplus a_0 \\
 y_2 &= a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0 \\
 y_3 &= a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0 \\
 y_4 &= a_4 \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0 \\
 y_5 &= a_5 \oplus a_4 \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0 \\
 y_6 &= a_6 \oplus a_5 \oplus a_4 \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0 \\
 y_7 &= a_7 \oplus a_6 \oplus a_5 \oplus a_4 \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Direct implementation

```
entity reduced_xor_vector is
  port(
    a: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    y: out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0)
  );
end reduced_xor_vector;

architecture direct_arch of reduced_xor_vector is
  signal p: std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
begin
  y(0) <= a(0);
  y(1) <= a(1) xor a(0);
  y(2) <= a(2) xor a(1) xor a(0);
  y(3) <= a(3) xor a(2) xor a(1) xor a(0);
  y(4) <= a(4) xor a(3) xor a(2) xor a(1) xor a(0);
  y(5) <= a(5) xor a(4) xor a(3) xor a(2) xor a(1) xor a(0);
  y(6) <= a(6) xor a(5) xor a(4) xor a(3) xor a(2) xor a(1)
        xor a(0);
  y(7) <= a(7) xor a(6) xor a(5) xor a(4) xor a(3) xor a(2)
        xor a(1) xor a(0);
end direct_arch;
```

- Functionality Sharing

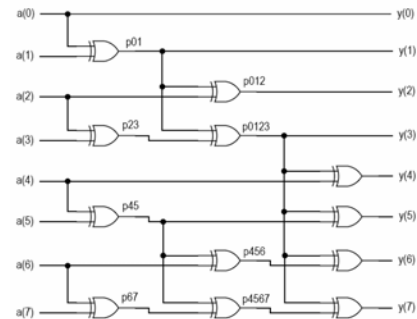
```
architecture shared1_arch of reduced_xor_vector is
  signal p: std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
begin
  p(0) <= a(0);
  p(1) <= p(0) xor a(1);
  p(2) <= p(1) xor a(2);
  p(3) <= p(2) xor a(3);
  p(4) <= p(3) xor a(4);
  p(5) <= p(4) xor a(5);
  p(6) <= p(5) xor a(6);
  p(7) <= p(6) xor a(7);
  y <= p;
end shared1_arch;

architecture shared_compact_arch of reduced_xor_vector is
  constant WIDTH: integer := 8;
  signal p: std_logic_vector(WIDTH-1 downto 0);
begin
  p <= (p(WIDTH-2 downto 0) & '0') xor a;
  y <= p;
end shared_compact_arch;
```

- Direct tree implementation

```
architecture direct_tree_arch of reduced_xor_vector is
  signal p: std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
begin
  y(0) <= a(0);
  y(1) <= a(1) xor a(0);
  y(2) <= a(2) xor a(1) xor a(0);
  y(3) <= (a(3) xor a(2)) xor (a(1) xor a(0));
  y(4) <= (a(4) xor a(3)) xor (a(2) xor a(1)) xor a(0);
  y(5) <= (a(5) xor a(4)) xor (a(3) xor a(2)) xor
        (a(1) xor a(0));
  y(6) <= ((a(6) xor a(5)) xor (a(4) xor a(3))) xor
        ((a(2) xor a(1)) xor a(0));
  y(7) <= ((a(7) xor a(6)) xor (a(5) xor a(4))) xor
        ((a(3) xor a(2)) xor (a(1) xor a(0)));
end direct_tree_arch;
```

- “Parallel-prefix” implementation



```
architecture optimal_tree_arch of reduced_xor_vector is
  signal p01, p23, p45, p67, p012,
        p0123, p456, p4567: std_logic;
begin
  p01 <= a(0) xor a(1);
  p23 <= a(2) xor a(3);
  p45 <= a(4) xor a(5);
  p67 <= a(6) xor a(7);
  p012 <= p01 xor a(2);
  p0123 <= p01 xor p23;
  p456 <= p45 xor a(6);
  p4567 <= p45 xor p67;
  y(0) <= a(0);
  y(1) <= p01;
  y(2) <= p012;
  y(3) <= p0123;
  y(4) <= p0123 xor a(4);
  y(5) <= p0123 xor p45;
  y(6) <= p0123 xor p456;
  y(7) <= p0123 xor p4567;
end optimal_tree_arch;
```

- Comparison of n-input reduced-xor-vector

- Cascading chain
 - Area: (n-1) xor gates
 - Delay: (n-1)
 - Coding: easy to modify (scale)
- Multiple trees
 - Area: $O(n^2)$ xor gates
 - Delay: $\log_2 n$
 - Coding: not so easy to modify
- Parallel-prefix
 - Area: $O(n \log_2 n)$ xor gates
 - Delay: $\log_2 n$
 - Coding: difficult to modify
- Software is not able to convert cascading chain to parallel-prefix

e.g., Shifter (rotating right)

- Direct implementation

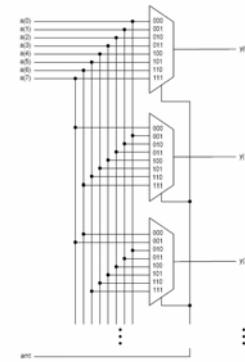
```
entity rotate_right is
  port(
    a: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    amt: in std_logic_vector(2 downto 0);
    y: out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0)
  );
end rotate_right;

architecture direct_arch of rotate_right is
begin
  with amt select
    y <= a
      when "000",
      a(0) & a(7 downto 1) when "001",
      a(1 downto 0) & a(7 downto 2) when "010",
      a(2 downto 0) & a(7 downto 3) when "011",
      a(3 downto 0) & a(7 downto 4) when "100",
      a(4 downto 0) & a(7 downto 5) when "101",
      a(5 downto 0) & a(7 downto 6) when "110",
      a(6 downto 0) & a(7) when others; -- 111
end direct_arch;
```

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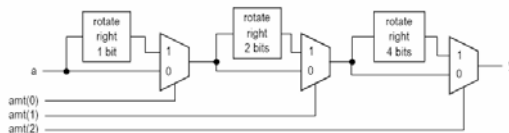


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- Better implementation



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```
architecture multi_level_arch of rotate_right is
  signal le0_out, le1_out, le2_out:
    std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
begin
  -- level 0, shift 0 or 1 bit
  le0_out <= a(0) & a(7 downto 1) when amt(0)='1' else
    a;
  -- level 1, shift 0 or 2 bits
  le1_out <=
    le0_out(1 downto 0) & le0_out(7 downto 2)
    when amt(1)='1' else
    le0_out;
  -- level 2, shift 0 or 4 bits
  le2_out <=
    le1_out(3 downto 0) & le1_out(7 downto 4)
    when amt(2)='1' else
    le1_out;
  y <= le2_out;
end multi_level_arch;
```

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- Comparison for n-bit shifter

- Direct implementation
 - n n-to-1 mux
 - vertical strip with $O(n^2)$ input wiring
 - Code not so easy to modify
- Staged implementation
 - $n \cdot \log_2 n$ 2-to-1 mux
 - Rectangular shaped
 - Code easier to modify

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5. General examples

- Gray code counter
- Signed addition with status
- Simple combinational multiplier

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e.g., Gray code counter

binary code $b_3b_2b_1b_0$	gray code $g_3g_2g_1g_0$	gray code	incremented gray code
0000	0000	0000	0001
0001	0001	0001	0011
0010	0011	0011	0010
0011	0010	0010	0110
0100	0110	0110	0111
0101	0111	0111	0101
0110	0101	0101	0100
0111	0100	0100	1100
1000	1100	1100	1101
1001	1101	1101	1111
1010	1111	1111	1110
1011	1110	1110	1010
1100	1010	1010	1011
1101	1011	1011	1001
1110	1001	1001	1000
1111	1000	1000	0000

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• Direct implementation

```
entity g_inc is
  port(
    g: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
    g1: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0)
  );
end g_inc ;

architecture table_arch of g_inc is
begin
  with g select
    g1 <= "0001" when "0000",
         "0011" when "0001",
         "0010" when "0011",
         "0010" when "0010",
         "0110" when "0010",
         "0111" when "0110",
         "0101" when "0111",
         "0100" when "0101",
         "1100" when "0100",
         "1101" when "1100",
         "1111" when "1101",
         "1110" when "1111",
         "1010" when "1100",
         "1011" when "1010",
         "1001" when "1011",
         "1000" when "1001",
         "0000" when others; -- "1000"
end table_arch;
```

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• Observation

- Require 2^n rows
- No simple algorithm for gray code increment
- One possible method
 - Gray to binary
 - Increment the binary number
 - Binary to gray

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binary code $b_3b_2b_1b_0$	gray code $g_3g_2g_1g_0$
0000	0000
0001	0001
0010	0011
0011	0010
0100	0110
0101	0111
0110	0101
0111	0100
1000	1100
1001	1101
1010	1111
1011	1110
1100	1010
1101	1011
1110	1001
1111	1000

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• binary to gray

$$g_i = b_i \oplus b_{i+1}$$

$$g_3 = b_3 \oplus 0 = b_3$$

$$g_2 = b_2 \oplus b_3$$

$$g_1 = b_1 \oplus b_2$$

$$g_0 = b_0 \oplus b_1$$

• gray to binary

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$$b_1 = g_1 \oplus b_2 = g_1 \oplus g_2 \oplus g_3$$

$$b_0 = g_0 \oplus b_1 = g_0 \oplus g_1 \oplus g_2 \oplus g_3$$

e.g., signed addition with status

• Adder with

- Carry-in: need an extra bit (LSB)
- Carry-out: need an extra bit (MSB)
- Overflow:
 - two operands has the same sign but the sum has a different sign

$$overflow = (s_a \cdot s_b \cdot s'_s) + (s'_a \cdot s'_b \cdot s_s)$$

- Zero
- Sign (of the addition result)

```
architecture compact_arch of g_inc is
  constant WIDTH: integer := 4;
  signal b, b1: std_logic_vector(WIDTH-1 downto 0);
begin
  -- gray to binary
  b <= g xor ('0' & b(WIDTH-1 downto 1));
  -- binary increment
  b1 <= std_logic_vector(unsigned(b) + 1);
  -- binary to gray
  g1 <= b1 xor ('0' & b1(WIDTH-1 downto 1));
end compact_arch;
```

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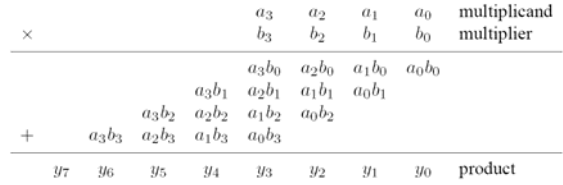
```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.numeric_std.all;
entity adder_status is
  port (
    a,b: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    cin: in std_logic;
    sum: out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    cout, zero, overflow, sign: out std_logic
  );
end adder_status;

architecture arch of adder_status is
  signal a_ext, b_ext, sum_ext: signed(9 downto 0);
  signal ovf: std_logic;
  alias sign_a: std_logic is a_ext(8);
  alias sign_b: std_logic is b_ext(8);
  alias sign_s: std_logic is sum_ext(8);
begin
  a_ext <= signed('0' & a & '1');
  b_ext <= signed('0' & b & cin);
  sum_ext <= a_ext + b_ext;
  ovf <= (sign_a and sign_b and (not sign_s)) or
    ((not sign_a) and (not sign_b) and sign_s);
  cout <= sum_ext(9);
  zero <= '1' when (sum_ext(8 downto 1)=0 and ovf='0') else
    '0';
  overflow <= ovf;
  sum <= std_logic_vector(sum_ext(8 downto 1));
end arch;

```

e.g., simple combinational multiplier



```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.numeric_std.all;
entity mult8 is
  port (
    a, b: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    y: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
  );
end mult8;
architecture comb1_arch of mult8 is
  constant WIDTH: integer:=8;
  signal au, bv0, bv1, bv2, bv3, bv4, bv5, bv6, bv7:
    unsigned(WIDTH-1 downto 0);
  signal p0,p1,p2,p3,p4,p5,p6,p7,prod:
    unsigned(2*WIDTH-1 downto 0);

```

```

begin
  au <= unsigned(a);
  bv0 <= (others=>b(0));
  bv1 <= (others=>b(1));
  bv2 <= (others=>b(2));
  bv3 <= (others=>b(3));
  bv4 <= (others=>b(4));
  bv5 <= (others=>b(5));
  bv6 <= (others=>b(6));
  bv7 <= (others=>b(7));
  p0 <="00000000" & (bv0 and au);
  p1 <="00000000" & (bv1 and au) & "0";
  p2 <="0000000" & (bv2 and au) & "00";
  p3 <="000000" & (bv3 and au) & "000";
  p4 <="00000" & (bv4 and au) & "0000";
  p5 <="0000" & (bv5 and au) & "00000";
  p6 <="000" & (bv6 and au) & "000000";
  p7 <="00" & (bv7 and au) & "0000000";
  prod <= ((p0+p1)+(p2+p3))+((p4+p5)+(p6+p7));
  y <= std_logic_vector(prod);
end comb1_arch;

```