EE 466/586 VLSI Design

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Lecture 22 Arithmetic circuits (Cont'd)

Manchester Carry Chain



□ The propagate path passes C_i to C_o output if the propagate signal is true

□ If the propagate condition is not satisfied, the output is either pulled low by the D_i signal or pulled up by $\overline{G_i}$

Manchester Carry Chain



Carry-Bypass Adder



Idea: If (P0 and P1 and P2 and P3 = 1) then $C_{03} = C_0$, else "kill" or "generate".

Carry-Bypass Adder (cont.)



M bits

Carry-Bypass Adder (cont.)

Total adder is divided into (N/M) length bypass stages, each of which contains M bits.

 $t_{adder} = t_{setup} + Mt_{carry} + (N/M-1)t_{bypass} + t_{sum}$

- t_{setup} = Fixed overhead time to create the generate and propagate signals
- t_{carry} = Propagation delay through a single bit. The worst case carry propagation delay through a single stage of M bits is approximately M times larger.
- t_{bypass}=the propagation delay through the bypass multiplexer of a single stage.
- \Box t_{sum} = the time to generate the sum of the final stage.

Carry Ripple versus Carry Bypass



Linear Carry-Select Adder

- Anticipate both possible values of the carry input and evaluate the result for both possibilities in advance.
- Once the real value of the incoming carry is known, the correct result is selected with a multiplexer stage.

Carry-Select Adder



Carry Select Adder: Critical Path



Linear Carry Select



Square Root Carry Select



$$t_{add} = t_{setup} + P \cdot t_{carry} + (\sqrt{2N}) t_{mux} + t_{sum}$$

Adder Delays - Comparison



LookAhead - Basic Idea



 $C_{o, k} = f(A_k, B_k, C_{o, k-1}) = G_k + P_k C_{o, k-1}$

Look-Ahead: Topology

Expanding Lookahead equations:

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Logarithmic Look-Ahead Adder





Carry Lookahead Trees

$$C_{o,0} = G_0 + P_0 C_{i,0}$$

$$C_{o,1} = G_1 + P_1 G_0 + P_1 P_0 C_{i,0}$$

$$C_{o,2} = G_2 + P_2 G_1 + P_2 P_1 G_0 + P_2 P_1 P_0 C_{i,0}$$

$$= (G_2 + P_2 G_1) + (P_2 P_1)(G_0 + P_0 C_{i,0}) = G_{2:1} + P_{2:1} C_{o,0}$$

Can continue building the tree hierarchically.

Carry Lookahead Trees

The carry-propagation process is decomposed into subgroups of two bits

- G_{i:j} and P_{i:j} denote the generate and propagate functions, respectively, for a group of bits for positions I to j
- Block generate and propagate signals.
- G_{i:j} equals 1 if the group generates a carry, independent of the incoming carry
- The block propagate P_{i:j} is true if an incoming carry propagates through the complete group.

Example: Domino Adder





Propagate

Generate

Example: Domino Adder





Propagate

Generate

Example: Domino Sum

