



# Combinational Logic

Karnaugh maps  
Building blocks: encoders, decoders,  
multiplexers



But first...

## Recall: *sum of products*

logical sum (OR)  
of products (AND)  
of inputs or their complements (NOT).

A	B	C	M
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
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Construct with:

- 1 code detector per 1-valued output row
- 1 large OR of all code detector outputs

Is it minimal?

## Gray Codes = reflected binary codes

Alternate binary encoding  
designed for electromechanical switches and counting.

00	01	11	10				
0	1	2	3				
000	001	011	010	110	111	101	100
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

How many bits change when incrementing?

## Karnaugh Maps: find (minimal) sums of products

Truth table:

A	B	C	D	F(A, B, C, D)
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	0

K-map:

		CD			
		00	01	11	10
AB	00	0	0	0	0
	01	0	0	0	1
	11	1	1	0	1
	10	1	1	1	1



To build a k-map (best for functions of 2-4 inputs)

1. Split the inputs, half as the header row and half as the header column.
2. Put the input *values* as products in **gray code order**.
3. Fill in each cell based on the truth table.

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0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
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To derive a minimal expression from a k-map

- Cover **exactly** the **1s** by drawing a (minimum) number of (maximally sized) rectangles whose dimensions are **powers of 2**.
  - They may overlap or wrap around!
- For each, make a **product** of the inputs (or complements) that are 1 for all cells in the rectangle. (*minterms*)
- Take the **sum** of these products.

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0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
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$$AC' + AB' + BCD'$$

To convert to algebra:

- Any literals that **change** are excluded from the product.
- A literal that is always 1 should be included as is.
- A literal that is always 0 should be negated and included.
- Take the **sum** of these products.

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## Karnaugh Maps and Wrapping

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Blocks of 1s in Karnaugh maps can wrap around sides and even 4 corners.

Give the minimal sum-of-products for the Karnaugh map to the left.

		CD			
		00	01	11	10
AB	00	1	0	0	1
	01	0	0	0	0
	11	1	0	0	1
	10	1	0	0	1

The grouping and ordering of variables in a Karnaugh map doesn't matter, but the **AB/CD** ordering is easier to read from a truth table.

Convince yourself that the **AC/DB** table is equivalent to the **AB/CD** table and has the same sum-of-products expression. In this particular AC/DB table, no wrapping is required for the rectangles!

		DB			
		00	01	11	10
AC	00	1			
	01	1			
	11	1	1		
	10	1	1		

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## Karnaugh Maps and Ambiguity

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The minimal sum-of-products expression for a Karnaugh map may not be unique.

Ambiguity is introduced when an arbitrary choice needs to be made.

An example of ambiguity is this Karnaugh map. Give four different minimal sum-of-product expressions for this map.

		CD			
		00	01	11	10
AB	00	1	1	1	1
	01	1	1	0	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	0	0	0	0

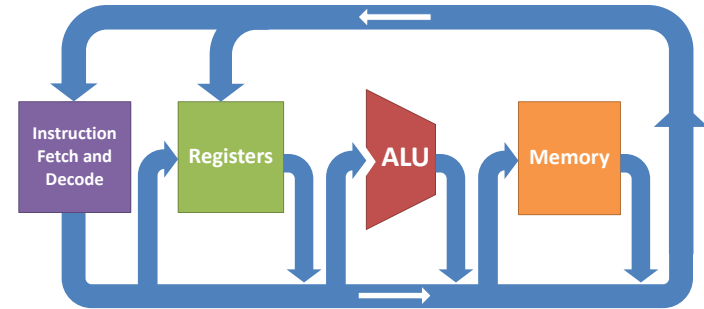
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## Voting again with Karnaugh Maps

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A	B	C	M
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
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## Goal for the next 3 weeks: Simple Processor



## Toolbox: Building Blocks

Microarchitecture

Digital Logic

Devices (transistors, etc.)

### Processor datapath

- Instruction Decoder
- Arithmetic Logic Unit
- Memory
- Registers
- Flip-Flops
- Latches
- Decoders
- Gates

Abstraction!

## Decoders

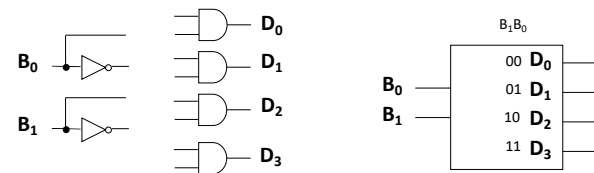
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Decodes input number, asserts corresponding output.

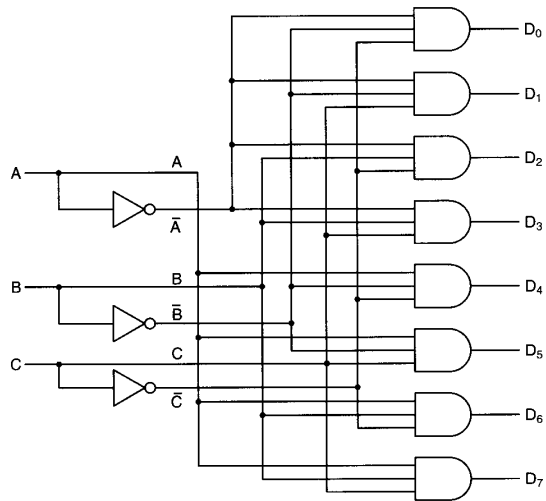
$n$ -bit input (an unsigned number)

$2^n$  outputs

Built with code detectors.

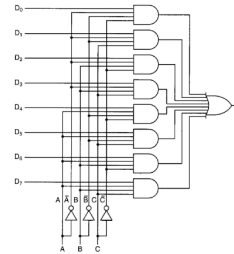


### 3-bit decoder



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Warmup question: is the following a decoder or a multiplexer?



Decoder

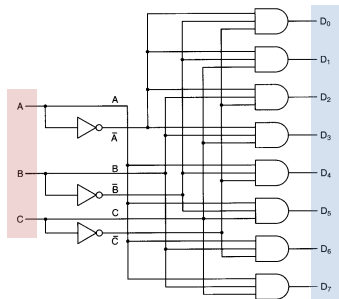
Multiplexer (mux)

None of the above

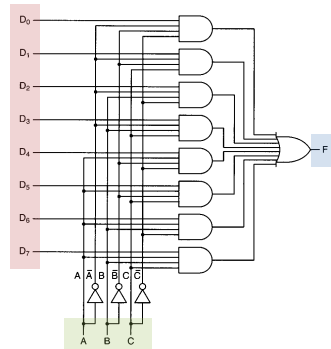
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### Recall: decoders and multiplexers

A decoder has an  $n$ -bit input and  $2^n$  outputs. Only 1 output active at once.

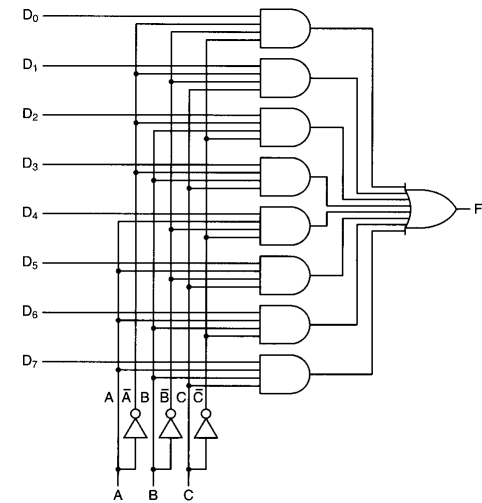


A multiplexer has  $2^n$  inputs,  $n$  selector wires, and 1 output.



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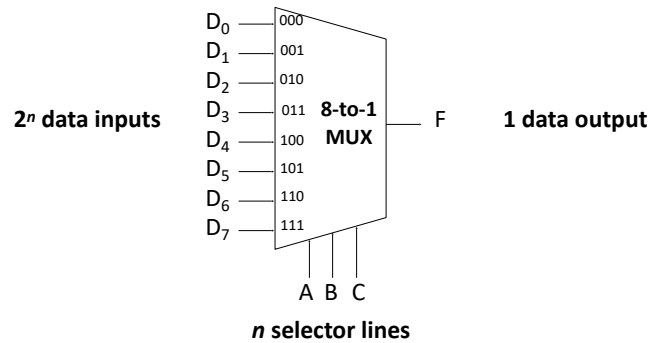
### 8-to-1 MUX



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## Multiplexers

Select one of several inputs as output.



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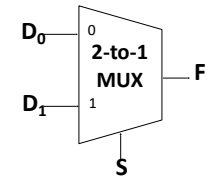
## Build a 2-to-1 MUX from gates

If  $S=0$ , then  $F=D_0$ .

If  $S=1$ , then  $F=D_1$ .

1. Construct the truth table.

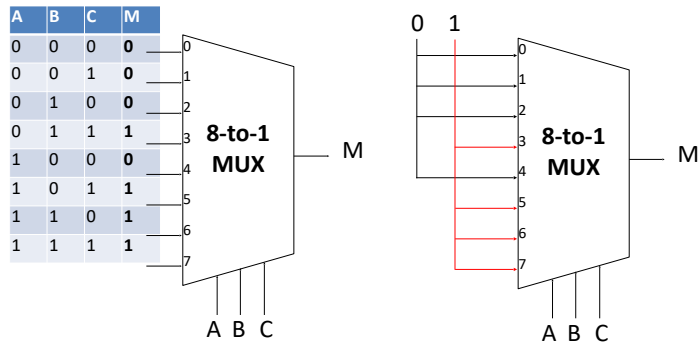
2. Build the circuit.



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## MUX + voltage source = truth table



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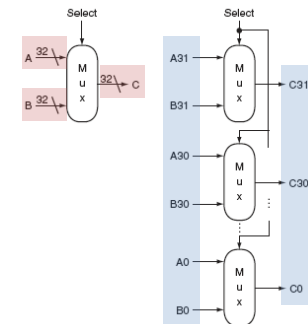
## Buses and Logic Arrays

A bus is a collection of data lines treated as a single logical signal.

= *fixed-width value*

An array of logic elements (logical array) applies same operation to each bit in a bus.

= *bitwise operator*



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