CS 240
Foundations of Computer Systems

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Arithmetic Logic

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Arithmetic Logic Unit

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Motivation: how do we go from code to gates?

```
int count_odds(int array[10]) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        count += array[i] & 0x1;
    }
    return count;
}
```

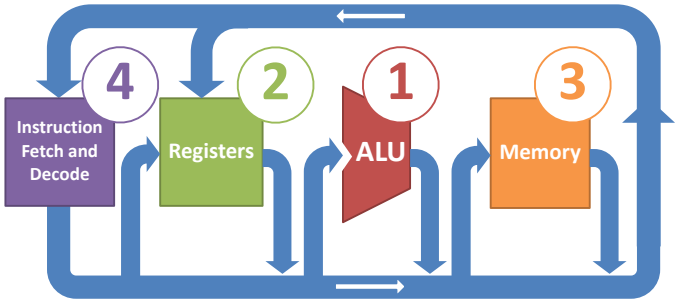
AND

ADD

???

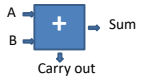
Processor Components

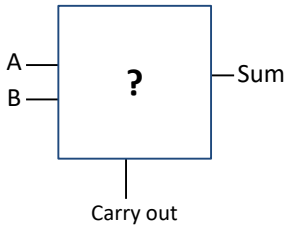
Abstraction!



Addition: 1-bit *half* adder

ex





A	B	Carry Out	Sum
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

Hint: the smallest solution uses 2 gates from: AND, OR, XOR, NOT, NAND, NOR

Which two gates match "Carry Out" and "Sum", respectively?

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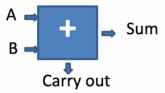

A	B	Carry Out	Sum
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

- AND; NAND 0%
- AND; XOR 0%
- OR; NOR 0%
- OR; NAND 0%
- None of the above 0%

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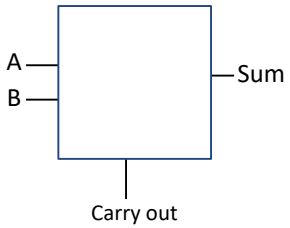
Addition: 1-bit ***half*** adder

ex



A	B	Carry Out	Sum
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

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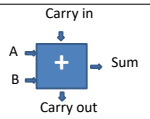
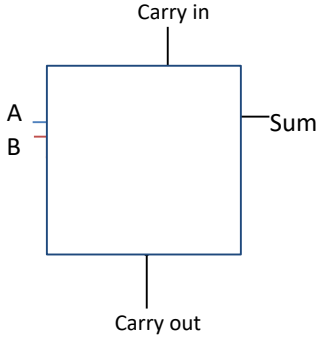
Addition: 1-bit ***full*** adder





Carry in	A	B	Carry Out	Sum
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

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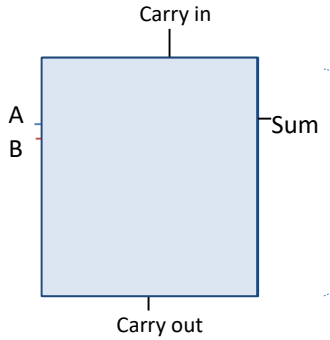
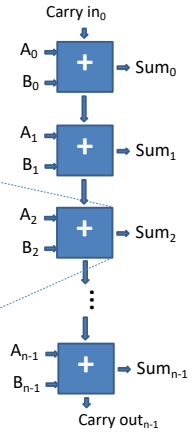
Addition: ***n***-bit ***ripple-carry*** adder





There are faster, more complicated ways too...

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Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)

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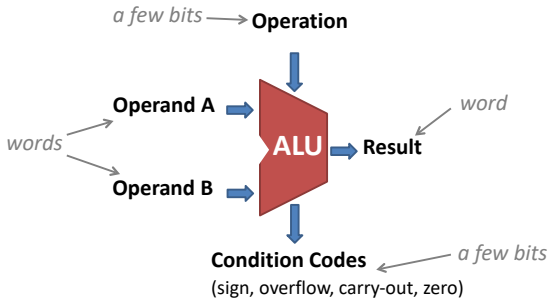
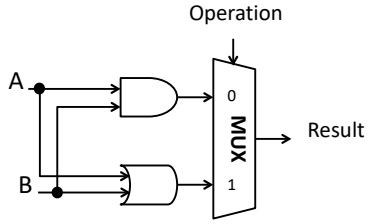


Hardware unit for arithmetic and bitwise operations.

1-bit ALU for bitwise operations

We will use *n* 1-bit ALUs to build an n-bit ALU.
Each bit *i* in the result is computed from the corresponding bit *i* in the two inputs.

An example (simplified) 1-bit ALU

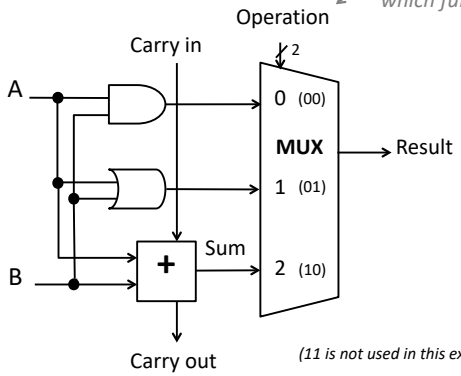


Op	A	B	Result
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

ex

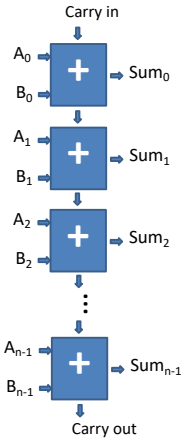
1-bit ALU: 3 operations

Used as selector, chooses which function to perform

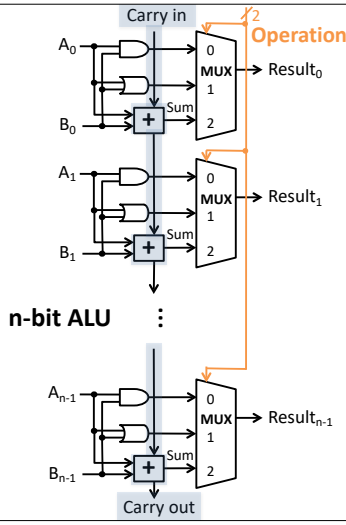


(11 is not used in this example ALU!)

n-bit ripple carry adder



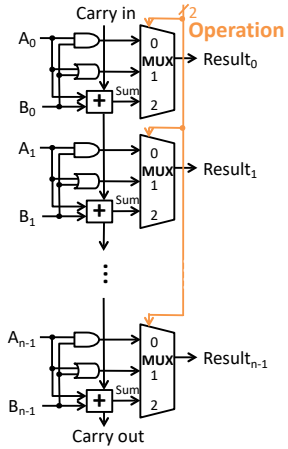
n-bit ALU



Use the same selector for every 1-bit ALU

Controlling the ALU

ALU control lines	Function
00	AND
01	OR
10	add



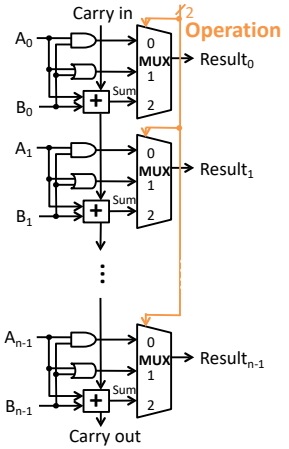
Include subtraction

How can we control ALU inputs
or add minimal new logic
to **also compute `A–B`**?

Recall:

```
A – B = A + (–B)
      = A + (~B + 1)
```

Plan:
Feed bitwise-not B into the adder
Add an extra 1: how?

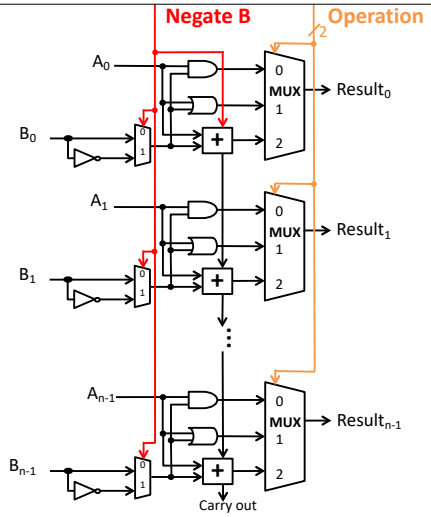


Include subtraction

Plan to compute `A–B`:
1. Feed bitwise-not B into the adder
2. Add an extra 1

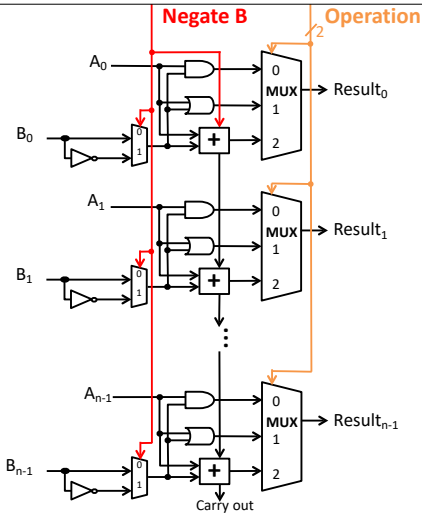
Key insight:
The *same* selector bit (0 or 1)
can be used for both!

1. Feed the selector into a new 2:1 mux to choose B or ~B
2. Feed the selector in as the carry in to the least significant bit



Include subtraction

ALU control lines	Function
000	AND
001	OR
010	add
110	subtract
…	…



Controlling the ALU

Abstraction!

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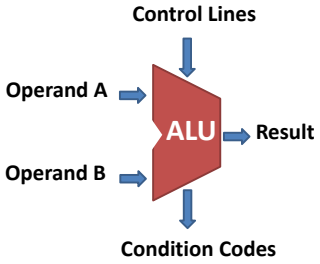
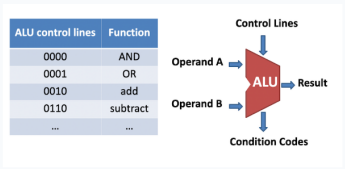
0110	subtract
…	…



How many different functions (operations) could this ALU theoretically perform?



- 4
- 8
- 16
- 32
- None of the above

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ALU conditions (additional outputs)

Extra ALU outputs
describing properties of result.

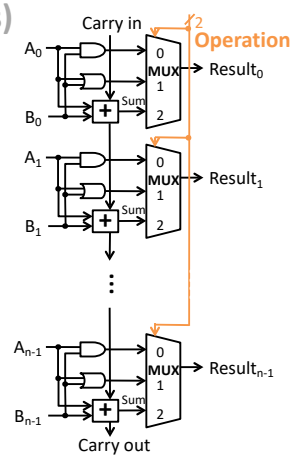
Zero Flag:
1 if result is 00…0 else 0

Sign Flag:
1 if result is negative else 0

Carry Flag:
1 if carry out else 0

(Signed) **Overflow Flag:**
1 if signed overflow else 0

You will implement these in the Arch Assignment!



A NAND B

A NOR B

A<B

A==B

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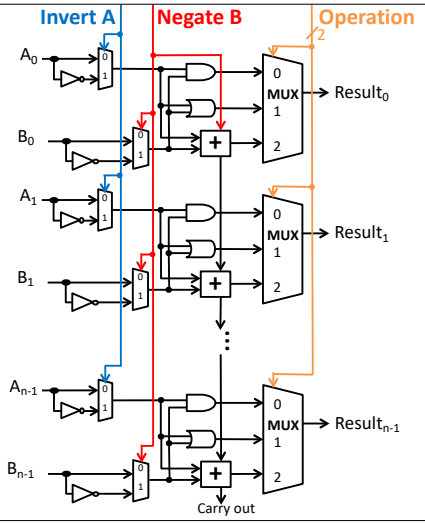
You will implement some of these in the Arch Assignment!



ALU control lines	Function
0000	AND
0001	OR
0010	add
0110	subtract
????	NAND
????	NOR
????	less than
????	equals