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Lecture Section: \_\_\_\_\_  
L01 – N. Bartley 11:00-11:50  
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ENEL 353 - Digital Circuits  
**Midterm Examination**  
Wednesday, October 30, 2013

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**Instructions:**

- Time allowed is 90 minutes.
  - In order to minimize distraction to your fellow students, you may not leave during the last 10 minutes of the examination.
  - The examination is closed-book.
  - Non-programmable calculators are permitted.
  - The maximum number of marks is 50, as indicated; the midterm examination counts 20% toward the final grade.
  - Please use a pen or heavy pencil to ensure legibility.
  - Please answer questions in the spaces provided; if space is insufficient, please use the back of the pages.
  - Please show your work; where appropriate, marks will be awarded for proper and well-reasoned explanations.
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1. [12 marks total.]

- (a) [2 marks.] Use repeated division to convert  $329_{10}$  to hexadecimal representation.

$329/16$	quotient	remainder	
	20	9	
$20/16$	1	4	answer: $149_{16}$
$1/16$	0	1	

- (b) [2 marks.] Convert  $275_8$  to decimal representation. Show your work.

$$275_8 = 2 \times 8^2 + 7 \times 8 + 5 = 128 + 56 + 5 = 189_{10}$$

- (c) [2 marks.] Convert  $A7B_{16}$  to octal representation. Show your work.

A		7		B	
1010	0111	1011			
5	1	7	3		

answer:  $5173_8$

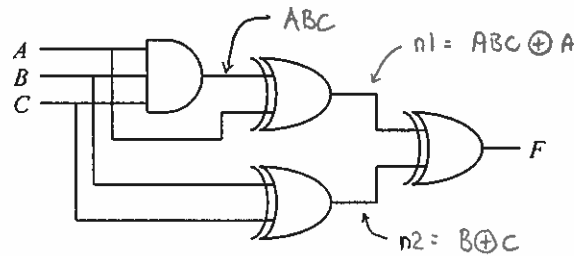
- (d) [3 marks.] The 5-bit unsigned binary representation of  $25_{10}$  is  $11001_2$ . Use this information to determine the following two bit patterns.

<p>6-bit two's complement representation of <math>-25_{10}</math>:</p> <p>6-bit <math>+25_{10}</math>: <math>011001</math></p> <p>invert bits <math>100110</math></p> <p>add 1 + <math>\underline{\quad 1}</math></p> <p>answer: <math>100111</math></p>	<p>8-bit sign/magnitude representation of <math>-25_{10}</math>:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">  <math>0011001</math></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Sign 7-bit magnitude</p>
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- (e) [3 marks.] For each of the three additions below, answer YES or NO regarding unsigned and signed overflow, and briefly give a reason for each YES answer and for each NO answer. Marks will only be given if reasons are correct.

carries: $1$ 11110000 a: 10011001 b: 01111000 <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> sum: 00010001	unsigned overflow? YES. $C_{out}$ from MSB = 1. Another reason: $sum < a$ . signed overflow? NO. Impossible when a, b have opposite signs. Another reason: Circled carries are equal.
carries: $1$ 00000000 a: 10100000 b: 11000000 <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> sum: 01100000	unsigned overflow? YES: $C_{out}$ from MSB = 1. Another reason: $sum < a$ . signed overflow? YES. a, b negative, sum positive. Another reason: Circled carries are not equal.
carries: $0$ 11110010 a: 01101101 b: 01011001 <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> sum: 11000110	unsigned overflow? NO. $C_{out}$ from MSB = 0. Another reason: $sum \geq a$ . signed overflow? YES. a, b positive, sum negative. Another reason: Circled carries are not equal.

2. [5 marks.] Consider the circuit below.



Let  $G = \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C}$ . By algebraic manipulation, prove or disprove that  $F = G$ . (Do not use a truth table or a K-map.)

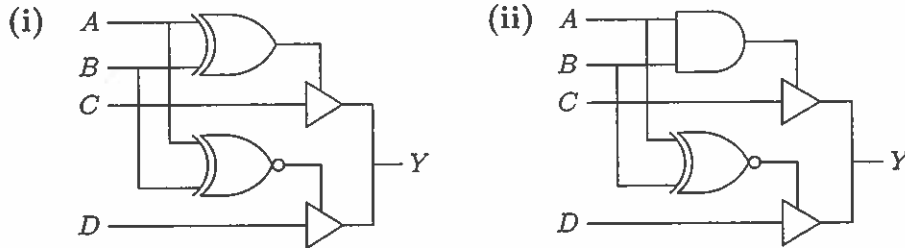
$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } n1: \quad n1 = ABC \oplus A &= \overline{ABC} \cdot A + \cancel{ABC} \cdot \bar{A} \\ &= (\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C})A = A\bar{B} + A\bar{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At } n2: \quad n2 = B \oplus C = B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then: } Y = n1 \oplus n2 &= (\overline{A\bar{B} + A\bar{C}})(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) + (A\bar{B} + A\bar{C})(\overline{B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C}) \\ &= (\overline{A\bar{B}})(\overline{A\bar{C}})(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) + (A\bar{B} + A\bar{C})(\overline{B\bar{C}})(\overline{\bar{B}C}) \\ &= (\bar{A} + B)(\bar{A} + C)(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) + (A\bar{B} + A\bar{C})(\bar{B} + C)(B + \bar{C}) \\ &= (\bar{A} + \bar{A}C + \bar{A}B + BC)(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) + (A\bar{B} + A\bar{C})(\bar{B}\bar{C} + BC) \\ &= [\bar{A}(1 + C + B) + BC](B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) + (A\bar{B} + A\bar{C})(\bar{B}\bar{C} + BC) \\ &= (\bar{A} + BC)(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C \\ &= \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} \end{aligned}$$

3. [8 marks total.]

(a) [3 marks.]



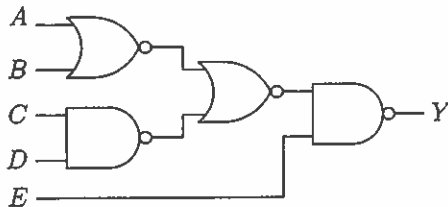
Check the box belonging to the correct statement:

- Contention is possible in circuit (i) but not in circuit (ii).
- Contention is possible in circuit (ii) but not in circuit (i).
- Contention is possible in both circuits.
- Contention is not possible in either circuit.

For full credit you must give a correct explanation for your answer in the space below.

In (i)  $XNOR(A, B) = \overline{XOR(A, B)}$ , so only one tristate is enabled at any given time. In (ii) both tristates are enabled when  $A=B=1$ , so there is contention when  $A=B=1, C \neq D$ .

(b) [3 marks.] Use bubble-pushing and/or algebra to find a sum-of-products expression for Y. If you use bubble-pushing, draw your equivalent circuit to the right of the given circuit.

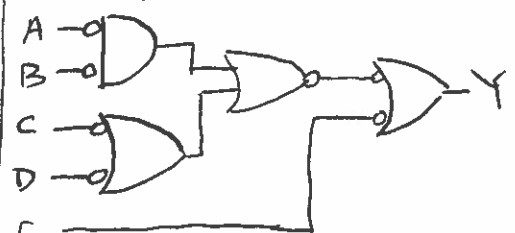


Algebra

$$Y = \overline{((A+B) + (CD))} E = ((\overline{A+B}) + \overline{CD}) + \overline{E}$$

$$= \overline{A} \overline{B} + \overline{C} + \overline{D} + \overline{E}$$

Bubble-pushing



$$Y = (\overline{A} \overline{B} + (\overline{C} + \overline{D})) + \overline{E}$$

$$= \overline{A} \overline{B} + \overline{C} + \overline{D} + \overline{E}$$

(c) [2 marks.] Suppose that  $\overline{A}C + BD + A\overline{B}\overline{D}$  is a minimal sum-of-products expression for some logic function F. Use that information and some algebra to find a minimal product-of-sums expression for  $\overline{F}$ .

$$\overline{F} = \overline{(\overline{A}C + BD + A\overline{B}\overline{D})}$$

$$= \overline{(\overline{A}C)} \overline{(BD)} \overline{(A\overline{B}\overline{D})}$$

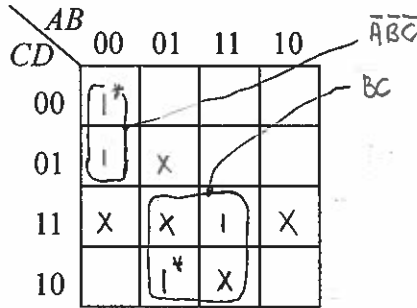
$$= (A + \overline{C}) (\overline{B} + \overline{D}) (\overline{A} + B + D)$$

(Remark, not required as part of answer: The above POS for  $\overline{F}$  must be minimal, because if it were not, the given SOP for F could not be minimal.)

4. [11 marks total.]

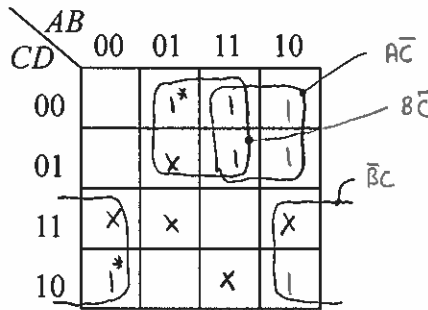
- (a) [8 marks.] Consider the function  $F$  given in the truth table below. Use the blank K-maps to derive *all* minimum SOP and POS expressions for  $F$ . Indicate all essential prime implicants for  $F$  or  $\bar{F}$  in your maps. You may add more maps if you need them.

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	X
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	X
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	1



$$F = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + BC$$

(both are EPIs)

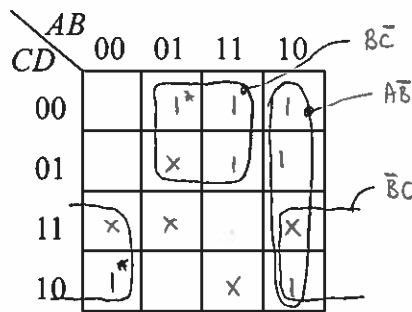


$$\bar{F} = \bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{B}C$$

EPIs

$$F = \overline{(\bar{A}\bar{C})(\bar{B}\bar{C})(\bar{B}C)}$$

$$= (\bar{A}+C)(\bar{B}+C)(B+\bar{C})$$



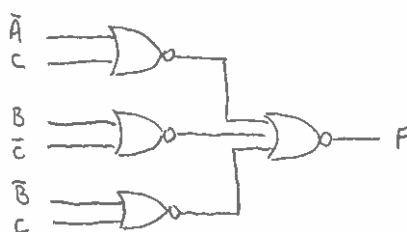
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EPIs

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$$= (\bar{A}+B)(\bar{B}+C)(B+\bar{C})$$

- (b) [3 marks.] Sketch a two-level NOR-NOR circuit for a minimal POS expression from part (a). If you found more than one minimal POS expression in part (a), state which one you have chosen to implement. Assume that inputs  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are available in true and complementary forms. There is no restriction on the number of inputs on each NOR gate.



First Pos expression:

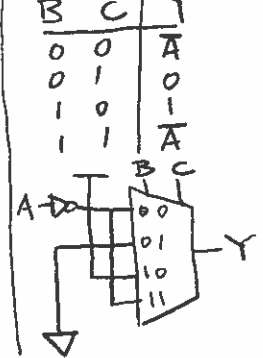
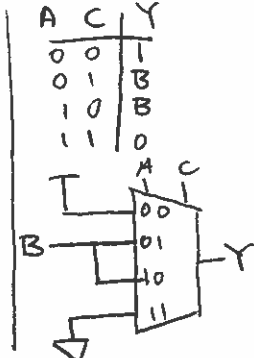
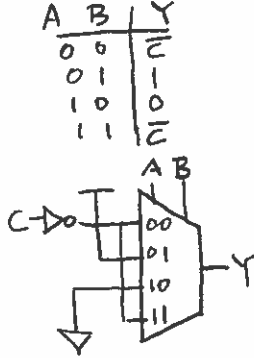
$$F = (\bar{A}+C)(\bar{B}+C)(B+\bar{C})$$

$$= \overline{\overline{(\bar{A}+C) + (\bar{B}+C) + (B+\bar{C})}} \quad (\text{all NORs})$$

5. [9 marks total.]

- (a) [3 marks.] Draw a schematic to show how the function given in the truth table can be implemented with a 4:1 multiplexer, one inverter, and no other components. Show any intermediate work you had to do to design the circuit.

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0



Any 1 of the 3 solutions is acceptable. As well, there are a few other unusual but correct solutions.

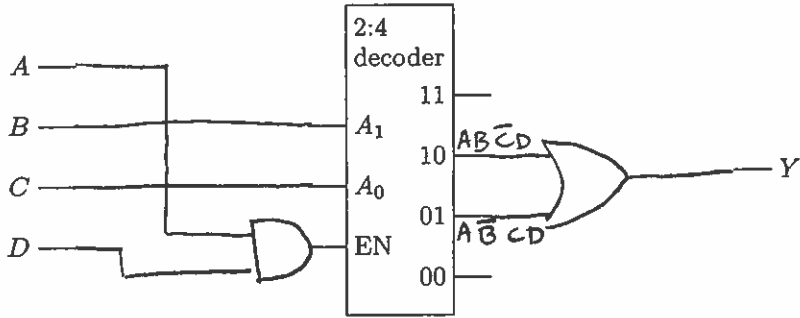
- (b) [3 marks.] Show how the function  $Y = A(B \oplus C)D$  can be implemented using a 2:4 decoder with an enable input, one AND gate, one OR gate, and no other components. Express your answer by adding gates and wires to the schematic below.

Handwritten algebraic derivation:

$$A(B \oplus C)D$$

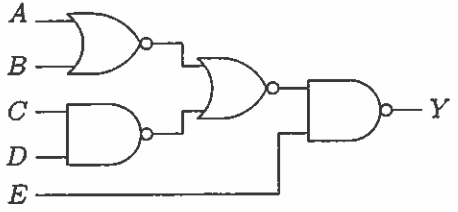
$$= AD(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C)$$

$$= A\bar{B}CD + AB\bar{C}D$$



There are a few other correct solutions.

- (c) [3 marks.] Consider the following circuit and information about  $t_{pd}$  (propagation delay) and  $t_{cd}$  (contamination delay) for NAND and NOR gates.



gate	$t_{pd}$	$t_{cd}$
NAND	33 ps	27 ps
NOR	40 ps	34 ps

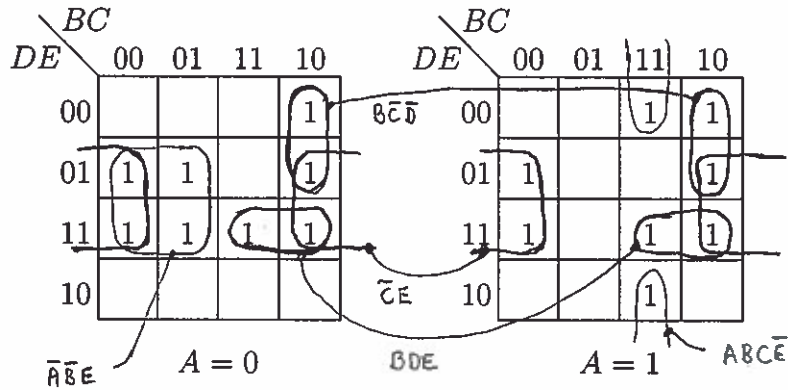
Determine the overall  $t_{pd}$  and  $t_{cd}$  for the circuit. Briefly explain how you got your answers.

$t_{pd}$  Critical path is from A or B to Y, because the NORs in this circuit are slower than the NANDs.

Answer:  $\underbrace{40\text{ps}}_{\text{NOR}} + \underbrace{40\text{ps}}_{\text{NOR}} + \underbrace{33\text{ps}}_{\text{NAND}} = \underline{\underline{113\text{ps}}}$

$t_{cd}$  The short path is obviously E to Y.  $t_{cd} = \underline{\underline{27\text{ps}}}$  one NAND

6. [5 marks.] Consider the following 5-variable K-map for  $F(A, B, C, D, E)$ . Use the K-map to find a minimal SOP expression for  $F$ .



$$F = \bar{A}\bar{B}E + BDE + \bar{C}E + B\bar{C}\bar{D} + ABC\bar{E}$$

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Problem	Mark
1	/ 12
2	/ 5
3	/ 8
4	/ 11
5	/ 9
6	/ 5
TOTAL	/ 50