

**COE 561, Term 101**  
**Digital System Design and Synthesis**  
**HW# 3 Solution**

**Due date: Tuesday, Dec. 14**

**Q.1.** Consider the following function:

$$x = a d e + a f + a' b' c f + b c d e + b c f + c d' e' f$$

- (i) Compute all the kernels of  $X$  using the recursive kernel computation algorithm. Show all the steps.
- (ii) Compute all the kernels of  $X$  based on matrix representation. Compare your answer to the result obtained in (i).
- (iii) Use the sis command *print\_kernel* and compare the kernels obtained to your answers in (i) and (ii).
- (iv) Find a good factor of  $X$ . Assume that input variables are sorted in lexicographic order. Determine the number of literals obtained. Compare your solution with the result obtained by running the sis commands *factor -g x; print\_factor; print\_stats -f*.

**Q.2.** Consider the following function:

$$x = a b c d + a b c' d' + a b' e + a b' f + a' b e + a' b f + a' b' c d + a' b' c' d' + c e' f + d e' f$$

- (i) Compute all double-cube divisors of  $x$  along with their bases and their weights. Show only double-cube divisors that have non-empty bases.
- (ii) Apply the fast extraction algorithm based on extracting double-cube divisors along with complements or single-cube divisors with two-literals. Show all steps of the algorithm. Determine the number of literals saved. Compare your solution with the result obtained by running the sis commands *fx*.

**Q.3.** Consider the logic network defined by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= A + C; \\ Y &= A X + X' B; \\ Z &= Y + X; \end{aligned}$$

Inputs are {A, B, C} and output is {Z}.

- (i) Compute the CDC set for the cut at the inputs of circuit Y.

- (ii) Compute the ODC set for node Y.
- (iii) Simplify the function of Y using both its ODC and CDC.
- (iv) Apply the sis command *full\_simplify* and compare the solution obtained with your obtained solution based in (iii).

**Q.4.** Consider the logic network defined by the following expressions:

$$g = a b$$

$$h = a' b'$$

$$i = g + h$$

$$j = c d$$

$$k = i j e$$

$$l = i j f$$

$$x = k + l$$

Inputs are {a, b, c, d, e, f} and output is {x}. Assume that the delay of a gate is related to the number of its inputs. Also, assume that the input data-ready times are zero except for input a, which is equal to 2.

- (i) Draw the logic network graph and compute the data ready times and slacks for all vertices in the network.
- (ii) Determine the **maximum propagation delay** and the **topological critical path**.
- (iii) Suggest an implementation of the function *x* to reduce the delay of the circuit. What is the **maximum propagation delay** after the modified implementation?

HW #3

$$Q1. \quad x = ade + af + \bar{a}\bar{b}cf + bcde + bcf + c\bar{d}\bar{e}f$$

(i) Recursive Kernel Computation

We assume that the variables are ordered in lexicographic order:  $\{a, \bar{a}, b, \bar{b}, c, d, \bar{d}, e, \bar{e}, f\}$ .

$$c' = 1 : \{a\}$$

Cubes containing  $a$  :  $\{ade, af\} \geq 2$

$$C = a$$

Kernel found :  $de + f$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $c' = 2 : \{\bar{a}\}$

Since the number of cubes containing each variable is  $< 2$ , no kernels will be found.

$$c' = 2 : \{\bar{a}\}$$

Cubes containing  $\bar{a}$  :  $\{\bar{a}\bar{b}cf\} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

$$c' = 3 : \{b\}$$

Cubes containing  $b$  :  $\{bcde, bcf\} \geq 2$

$$C = bc$$

Kernel found :  $de + f$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $c' = 4$  will not produce any kernel.

$$c' = 4 : \{\bar{b}\}$$

Cubes containing  $\bar{b}$  :  $\{\bar{a}\bar{b}cf\} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

$c = 5 : \{c\}$

Cubes containing  $c : \{\bar{a}\bar{b}cf, bcde, bcf, c\bar{d}\bar{e}f\}$

$C = c$

Kernel found :  $\bar{a}\bar{b}f + bde + bf + \bar{d}\bar{e}f$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $c = 6 \{d\}$

- No kernels will be found for  $c = 6 \{d\}$   
to  $c = 9 \{\bar{e}\}$  since number of cubes  $< 2$

-  $c = 10 : \{f\}$

Cubes containing  $f : \{\bar{a}\bar{b}f, bf, \bar{d}\bar{e}f\}$

$C = f$

Kernel found =  $\bar{a}\bar{b} + b + \bar{d}\bar{e}$

Recursive call on the kernel will not produce any kernel.

$c = 6 : \{d\}$

Cubes containing  $d : \{ade, bcde\} \geq 2$

$C = de$

Kernel found =  $a + bc$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $c = 7 \{\bar{d}\}$   
will not produce any kernel.

$c = 7 : \{\bar{d}\}$

Cubes containing  $\bar{d} : \{c\bar{d}\bar{e}f\} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

$c = 8 : \{e\}$

Cubes containing  $e : \{ade, bcde\} \geq 2$

$C = de$

Since the cube contains literal  $d < 8$ , no kernels will be found.

$$\underline{d = 9 : \{ \bar{e} \}}$$

Cubes containing  $\bar{e} : \{ c\bar{d}\bar{e}f \} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

$$\underline{c = 10 : \{ f \}}$$

Cubes containing  $f : \{ af, \bar{a}\bar{b}cf, bcf, c\bar{d}\bar{e}f \}$

$$C = f$$

Kernel found :  $a + \bar{a}\bar{b}c + bc + c\bar{d}\bar{e}$

Recursive call on kernel will not produce any kernel.

Thus, the set of kernels and their co-kernels are:

Kernel	Co-Kernel
$de + f$	$a, bc$
$\bar{a}\bar{b}f + bde + bf + \bar{d}\bar{e}f$	$c$
$\bar{a}\bar{b} + b + \bar{d}\bar{e}$	$cf$
$a + bc$	$de$
$a + \bar{a}\bar{b}c + bc + c\bar{d}\bar{e}$	$f$
$x$	$1$

(ii) Kernel Computation using matrix representations:

	var.	a	$\bar{a}$	b	$\bar{b}$	c	d	$\bar{d}$	e	$\bar{e}$	f
cube	R/C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ade	1	1					1		1		
af	2	1									1
$\bar{a}\bar{b}cf$	3		1		1	1					1
bcd $\bar{e}$	4			1	1	1	1		1		
b $\bar{c}$ f	5			1	1	1					1
$c\bar{d}\bar{e}f$	6					1		1		1	1

Prime Rectangle	Cube	Kernel
$(\{1,2\}, \{1\})$	a	$de + f$
$(\{4,5\}, \{3,5\})$	bc	$de + f$
$(\{3,4,5,6\}, \{5\})$	c	$\bar{a}\bar{b}f + bde + bf + \bar{d}\bar{e}f$
$(\{1,4\}, \{6,8\})$	de	$a + bc$
$(\{2,3,5,6\}, \{10\})$	f	$a + \bar{a}\bar{b}c + bc + c\bar{d}\bar{e}$
$(\{3,5,6\}, \{5,10\})$	cf	$\bar{a}\bar{b} + b + \bar{d}\bar{e}$

The same set of kernels are obtained as found in (i).

**(iii) Computing kernels using SIS:**

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sis> read_eqn hw3q1.eqn
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sis> print
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$$\{X\} = a d e + a f + a' b' c f + b c d e + b c f + c d' e' f$$

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sis> print_kernel
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Kernels of {X}

(a) \* (d e + f)

(b c) \* (d e + f)

(c) \* (a' b' f + b d e + b f + d' e' f)

(c f) \* (a' b' + b + d' e')

(d e) \* (a + b c)

(f) \* (a + a' b' c + b c + c d' e')

(-1-) \* (a d e + a f + a' b' c f + b c d e + b c f + c d' e' f)

(iv) Good factoring

We need to compute all the kernels with their value and select the kernel that has the highest value.

$$\text{Value of a kernel} = nl - n - l + (c-1) \sum_{i=1}^n |c_k e_i|$$

Kernel	Co-Kernel	Value
$de + f$	$a, bc$	$2 \times 3 - 2 - 3 + (2-1)(4+2) = 4$
$\bar{a}\bar{b}f + bde + bf + \bar{d}\bar{e}f$	$c$	$1 \times 11 - 1 - 11 + (4-1) \times 1 = 2$
$\bar{a}\bar{b} + b + \bar{d}\bar{e}$	$cf$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + (3-1) \times 2 = 3$
$a + bc$	$de$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + (2-1) \times 2 = 1$
$a + \bar{a}\bar{b}c + bc + c\bar{d}\bar{f}$	$f$	$1 \times 9 - 1 - 9 + (4-1) \times 1 = 2$

Thus, we select the divisor  $de + f$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = (de + f)(a + bc) + \bar{a}\bar{b}cf + c\bar{d}\bar{e}f$$

Factoring is then applied recursively on the divisor, quotient and remainder.

The divisor and quotient cannot be factored further.

Then, we need to find all the kernels for  $\bar{a}\bar{b}cf + c\bar{d}\bar{e}f$  and select the one with the best value. Since the only kernel found is  $\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{d}\bar{e}$ , the remainder is factored as  $cf(\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{d}\bar{e})$ .

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = (de + f)(a + bc) + cf(\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{d}\bar{e})$$



### Good Factoring using SIS:

sis> print

$$\{X\} = a d e + a f + a' b' c f + b c d e + b c f + c d' e' f$$

sis> factor -g X

sis> print\_factor

$$\{X\} = c f (d' e' + a' b') + (b c + a) (f + d e)$$

sis> print\_stats -f

hw3q1.eqn pi= 6 po= 1 node= 1 latch= 0 lits(sop)= 20 lits(ff)= 12

Q2.  $x = abcd + ab\bar{c}\bar{d} + a\bar{b}e + a\bar{b}f + \bar{a}be$   
 $+ \bar{a}bf + \bar{a}\bar{b}cd + \bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d} + c\bar{e}\bar{f} + d\bar{e}\bar{f}$

34 literals

(i) Double - cube Divisors

Double-cube divisor	Base	weight
$cd + \bar{c}\bar{d}$	$ab, \bar{a}\bar{b}$	$2 \times 4 - 2 - 4 + 4 = 6$
$bcd + \bar{b}e$	$a$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$bcd + \bar{b}f$	$a$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$acd + \bar{a}e$	$b$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$acd + \bar{a}f$	$b$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$ab + \bar{a}\bar{b}$	$cd, \bar{c}\bar{d}$	$4 \times 4 - 4 - 4 + 6 = 14$
$abd + \bar{e}\bar{f}$	$c$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$abc + \bar{e}\bar{f}$	$d$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$b\bar{c}\bar{d} + \bar{b}e$	$a$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$b\bar{c}\bar{d} + \bar{b}f$	$a$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$a\bar{c}\bar{d} + \bar{a}e$	$b$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$a\bar{c}\bar{d} + \bar{a}f$	$b$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$e + f$	$a\bar{b}, \bar{a}b$	$2 \times 2 - 2 - 2 + 4 + 2 = 6$
$a\bar{b} + \bar{a}b$	$e, f$	$4 \times 4 - 4 - 4 + 6 = 14$
$ae + \bar{a}cd$	$\bar{b}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$ae + \bar{a}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$\bar{b}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$af + \bar{a}cd$	$\bar{b}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$af + \bar{a}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$\bar{b}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$be + \bar{b}cd$	$\bar{a}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$be + \bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$\bar{a}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$

Double-cube divisor	Base	Weight
$bf + \bar{b}cd$	$\bar{a}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$bf + \bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$\bar{a}$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{a}\bar{b}d + \bar{e}\bar{f}$	$c$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{a}\bar{b}c + \bar{e}\bar{f}$	$d$	$1 \times 5 - 1 - 5 + 1 = 0$
$c + d$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 + 2 = 3$

### (ii) Fast Extraction

From part (i), we can see that  $W_{dmax} = 14$  and double-cube divisors  $\{(ab + \bar{a}\bar{b}), (a\bar{b} + \bar{a}b)\}$  have the highest weight.

The highest single cube divisors are  $\{ab, \bar{a}\bar{b}, cd, \bar{c}\bar{d}, a\bar{b}, \bar{a}b, \bar{e}\bar{f}\}$  all with a weight of 0.

We select the double-cube divisor  $\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}b$  and the resulting network is:

$$[1] = \bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}b$$

$$x = cd [1] + \bar{c}\bar{d} [1] + e [1] + f [1] \\ + c\bar{e}\bar{f} + d\bar{e}\bar{f}$$

20 literals

Next, double-cube divisors are updated in the same way:

Double-cube divisor	Base	Weight
$cd + \bar{c}\bar{d}$	$[1]$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$d [1] + \bar{e}\bar{f}$	$c$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$c [1] + \bar{e}\bar{f}$	$d$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$e + f$	$[1]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 + 2 = 2$
$c + d$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 + 1 = 2$

The double-cube divisors  $c+d$  and  $e+f$  have the highest weight of 2 and single cube divisor with the best weight is  $\bar{e}\bar{f}$  with weight = 1.

Let us choose  $c+d$  and the resulting network is:

$$[1] = a\bar{b} + \bar{a}b$$

$$[2] = c+d$$

$$X = cd\bar{[1]} + \bar{[2]}\bar{[1]} + e[1] + f[1] + \bar{e}\bar{f}[2]$$

Double-cube divisors are updated in the same way: 18 literals

Double-cube divisor	Base	Weight
$cd + \bar{[2]}$	$\bar{[1]}$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 1 = 0$
$e + f$	$[1]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 + 1 = 1$

Since  $e+f$  has the highest weight, it is extracted and the resulting network is:

$$[1] = a\bar{b} + \bar{a}b$$

$$[2] = c+d$$

$$[3] = e+f$$

$$X = cd\bar{[1]} + \bar{[1]}\bar{[2]} + [1][3] + [2]\bar{[3]}$$

17 literals

## Fast Extraction using SIS:

sis> read\_eqn hw3q2.eqn

sis> print

$\{x\} = a b c d + a b c' d' + a b' e + a b' f + a' b e + a' b f + a' b' c$   
 $a' b' c' d' + c e' f' + d e' f'$

sis> fx

sis> print

$\{x\} = [1] [3] + [1]' [2]' + [1]' c d + [2] [3]'$

$[1] = a b' + a' b$

$[2] = c + d$

$[3] = e + f$

sis> print\_stats

hw3q2.eqn pi= 6 po= 1 node= 4 latch= 0 lits(sop)= 17 lits(ff)= 16

Q3.

$$X = A + C$$

$$Y = AX + \bar{X}B$$

$$Z = Y + X$$

(i) The cut is  $\{A, X, B\}$

$$SDC_X = X \oplus (A + C) = X\bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{X}A + \bar{X}C$$

$$CDC = X\bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{X}A + \bar{X}C$$

We need to remove C:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow CDC_{cut} &= (X\bar{A} + \bar{X}A)(\bar{X}A + \bar{X}) \\ &= (X\bar{A} + \bar{X}A)(\bar{X}) \\ &= \bar{X}A \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $ODC_Y = X$

(iii) Simplification of  $Y$  using  $CDC_{cut}$  &  $ODC_Y$ :

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X	0	0	1	X	X
	1	X	X	X	X

$$\Rightarrow Y = B$$

**Simplification of Y using SIS:**

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sis> read_eqn hw3q3.eqn
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sis> print
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$$\{Z\} = X + Y$$

$$X = A + C$$

$$Y = A X + B X'$$

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sis> full_simplify
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sis> print
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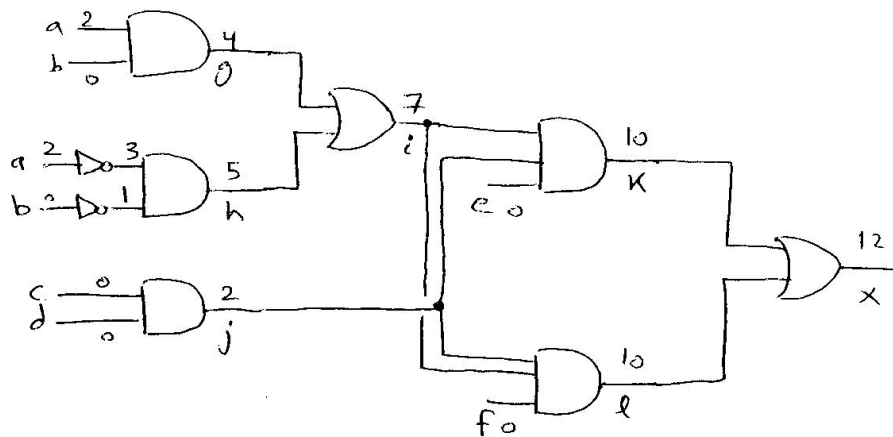
$$\{Z\} = X + Y$$

$$X = A + C$$

$$Y = B$$

Q4

(i)



The data ready times are shown on the figure.  
 The maximum propagation delay is 12.  
 To compute the slack for each node, the required time for  $x$  is set to 12.

$$\bar{t}_x = 12, \quad S_x = 12 - 12 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_k = 12 - 2 = 10, \quad S_k = 10 - 10 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_l = 12 - 2 = 10, \quad S_l = 10 - 10 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_i = \min\{10 - 3, 10 - 3\} = 7, \quad S_i = 7 - 7 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_j = \min\{10 - 3, 10 - 3\} = 7, \quad S_j = 7 - 2 = 5$$

$$\bar{t}_g = 7 - 2 = 5, \quad S_g = 5 - 4 = 1$$

$$\bar{t}_h = 7 - 2 = 5, \quad S_h = 5 - 5 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_a = \min\{5 - 2, 5 - 2 - 1\} = 2, \quad S_a = 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_b = \min\{5 - 2, 5 - 2 - 1\} = 2, \quad S_b = 2 - 0 = 2$$

$$\bar{t}_c = 7 - 2 = 5, \quad S_c = 5 - 0 = 5$$

$$\bar{t}_d = 7 - 2 = 5, \quad S_d = 5 - 0 = 5$$



$$\bar{t}_e = 10 - 3 = 7, \quad S_e = 7 - 0 = 7$$

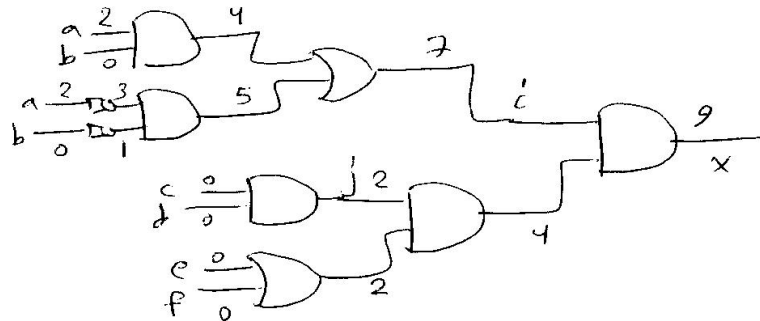
$$\bar{t}_f = 10 - 3 = 7, \quad S_f = 7 - 0 = 7$$

(ii) Maximum propagation delay = 12

Topological critical paths:

$\{a, h, i, k, x\}$ ,  $\{a, h, i, l, x\}$

(iii) Since  $i$  is the one affecting the critical path, we need to bring it closer to the output. Thus, the improved implementation is as follows:



Thus, delay of  $x$  is reduced from 12 to 9. At the same time, the area of the circuit has improved.