

**COE 561, Term 111**  
**Digital System Design and Synthesis**  
**HW# 3 Solution**

**Due date: Saturday, Dec. 3**

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

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

- (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:

$$x = a b d + a b' d' + a' c d + a' c' d' + e g h + e' f' g' + e' f' h' + e' f' i j + e' f' i' + e' f' j' + f g h$$

- (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:

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

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) Compute the ODC set for node X based on the resulting simplified function and simplify its function.
- (v) Apply the sis command *full\_simplify* and compare the solution obtained with your obtained solution based in (iii) & (iv).

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

$$f = a + b$$

$$g = f c$$

$$h = f d$$

$$i = g + h$$

$$j = i e$$

$$k = b' c' d'$$

$$x = j + k$$

Inputs are {a, b, c, d, e} 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.  $X = ace + \bar{a}\bar{d} + \bar{a}\bar{e} + bce + \bar{b}\bar{d} + \bar{b}\bar{e} + de$

(i) Recursive Kernel Computation

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

$i=1: \{a\}$

Cubes containing  $a: \{ace\} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

$i=2: \{\bar{a}\}$

Cubes containing  $\bar{a}: \{\bar{a}\bar{d}, \bar{a}\bar{e}\} \geq 2$

$C = \bar{a}$

Kernel found:  $\bar{d} + \bar{e}$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $i=3 \{b\}$  will not generate any additional kernel since the number of cubes containing each variable is  $< 2$ .

$i=3: \{b\}$

Cubes containing  $b: \{bce\} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

$i=4: \{\bar{b}\}$

Cubes containing  $\bar{b}: \{\bar{b}\bar{d}, \bar{b}\bar{e}\} \geq 2$

$C = \bar{b}$

Kernel found:  $\bar{d} + \bar{e}$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $i=5$  will not produce any kernel.

$i = 5 : \{c\}$

Cubes containing  $c : \{ace, bce\} \geq 2$

$C = ce$

Kernel found :  $a + b$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $i = 6$  will not produce any kernel.

$i = 6 : \{d\}$

Cubes containing  $d : \{de\} < 2 \Rightarrow$  no kernels found

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

Cubes containing  $\bar{d} : \{\bar{a}\bar{d}, \bar{b}\bar{d}\} \geq 2$

$C = \bar{d}$

Kernel found :  $\bar{a} + \bar{b}$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $i = 8$  will not produce any kernel.

$i = 8 : \{e\}$

Cubes containing  $e : \{ace, bce, de\}$

$C = e$

Kernel found :  $ac + bc + d$

Recursive call on the kernel with  $i = 9$  will not produce any kernel.

$i = 9 : \{\bar{e}\}$

Cubes containing  $\bar{e} : \{\bar{a}\bar{e}, \bar{b}\bar{e}\} \geq 2$

$C = \bar{e}$

Kernel found :  $\bar{a} + \bar{b}$

Recursive call on the kernel will not produce any kernel.

Thus, the set of Kernels and their Co-Kernels are

Kernel	Co-Kernel
$\bar{d} + \bar{e}$	$\bar{a}, \bar{b}$
$a + b$	$ce$
$\bar{a} + \bar{b}$	$\bar{d}, \bar{e}$
$ac + bc + d$	$e$

(ii) Kernel computation using matrix representations:

	Var.	a	$\bar{a}$	b	$\bar{b}$	c	d	$\bar{d}$	e	$\bar{e}$
Cube	R/C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ace	1	1				1				
$\bar{a}\bar{d}$	2		1					1		
$\bar{a}\bar{e}$	3		1						1	
bce	4			1		1				
$\bar{b}\bar{d}$	5				1					1
$\bar{b}\bar{e}$	6									1
de	7						1			

Prime Rectangle	Cube	Kernel
$(\{2, 3\}, \{2\})$	$\bar{a}$	$\bar{d} + \bar{e}$
$(\{5, 6\}, \{4\})$	$\bar{b}$	$\bar{d} + \bar{e}$
$(\{1, 4\}, \{5, 8\})$	$ce$	$a + b$
$(\{2, 5\}, \{7\})$	$\bar{d}$	$\bar{a} + \bar{b}$
$(\{3, 6\}, \{9\})$	$\bar{e}$	$\bar{a} + \bar{b}$
$(\{1, 4, 7\}, \{8\})$	$e$	$ac + bc + d$

The same set of Kernels are obtained as in (i)

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

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sis> read_eqn hw3q1.eqn
sis> print
      {x} = a c e + a' d' + a' e' + b c e + b' d' + b' e' + d e
sis> print_kernel
Kernels of {x}
(a') * (d' + e')
(b') * (d' + e')
(c e) * (a + b)
(d') * (a' + b')
(e) * (a c + b c + d)
(e') * (a' + b')
(-1-) * (a c e + a' d' + a' e' + b c e + b' d' + b' e' + d e)
sis>
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(iv) Good factoring

We need to compute the value of each kernel and select the kernel with the highest value.

The value of a kernel in factored form is different than the one used for extracting a kernel  $= nl - l + (c-1) \sum_{k=1}^n |ckil|$

Kernel	Co-Kernel	value
$\bar{d} + \bar{e}$	$\bar{a}, \bar{b}$	$2 \times 2 - 2 + (2-1) \times 2 = 4$
$a + b$	$ce$	$1 \times 2 - 2 + (2-1) \times 2 = 2$
$\bar{a} + \bar{b}$	$\bar{d}, \bar{e}$	$2 \times 2 - 2 + (2-1) \times 2 = 4$
$ac + bc + d$	$e$	$1 \times 5 - 5 + (3-1) \times 1 = 2$

Thus, we can select either the divisor  $\bar{d} + \bar{e}$  or  $\bar{a} + \bar{b}$ , Let us select  $\bar{a} + \bar{b}$

$$\Rightarrow x = (\bar{a} + \bar{b})(\bar{d} + \bar{e}) + ace + bce + de \quad 12 \text{ lit.}$$

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

The divisor and quotient can't be factored further.

Then, we need to compute the kernels of the remainder  $= ace + bce + de$

Kernel	Co-Kernel	value
$a + b$	$ce$	$1 \times 2 - 2 + (2-1) \times 2 = 2$
$ac + bc + d$	$e$	$1 \times 5 - 5 + (3-1) \times 1 = 2$

Thus, any one can be selected, Let us select  $ac + bc + d$

$$\Rightarrow x = (\bar{a} + \bar{b})(\bar{d} + \bar{e}) + (ac + bc + d)e \quad 10 \text{ lit.}$$

The divisor  $ac + bc + d$  has the kernel

$$a + b \text{ which has value} = 1 \times 2 - 2 + (2-1) \times 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (\bar{a} + \bar{b})(\bar{d} + \bar{e}) + ((a+b)c + d)e \quad 9 \text{ lit.}$$

### Good Factoring using SIS:

sis> print

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

sis> factor -g x

sis> print\_factor

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

sis> print\_stats -f

hw3q1.eqn pi= 5 po= 1 node= 1 latch= 0 lits(sop)= 16 lits(ff)

sis>



$$Q2 \quad x = abd + a\bar{b}\bar{d} + \bar{a}cd + \bar{a}\bar{c}\bar{d} + egh + \bar{e}\bar{f}\bar{g} \\ + \bar{e}\bar{f}\bar{h} + \bar{e}\bar{f}ij + \bar{e}\bar{f}\bar{i} + \bar{e}\bar{f}\bar{j} + fgh$$

(i) Double-Cube Divisors

34 literals

Double-Cube	Base	Weight
$bd + \bar{b}\bar{d}$	$a$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$ab + \bar{a}c$	$d$	$2 \times 4 - 2 - 4 + 2 = 4$
$a\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c}$	$\bar{d}$	$2 \times 4 - 2 - 4 + 2 = 4$
$cd + \bar{c}\bar{d}$	$\bar{a}$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$e + f$	$gh$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 + 5 = 6$
$\bar{g} + \bar{h}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 + 2 = 3$
$\bar{g} + ij$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 2 = 1$
$\bar{g} + \bar{i}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 = 1$
$\bar{g} + \bar{j}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 = 1$
$\bar{h} + ij$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 2 = 1$
$\bar{h} + \bar{i}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 = 1$
$\bar{h} + \bar{j}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 = 1$
$ij + \bar{i}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 2 = 1$
$ij + \bar{j}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 2 = 1$
$\bar{i} + \bar{j}$	$\bar{e}\bar{f}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 2 + 1 = 2$

(ii) Fast Extraction

From part (i), we can see that  $W_{dmax} = 5$   
for the double-cube divisor  $d = e + f$

The single-cube divisor with highest weight  
is  $\bar{e}\bar{f}$  with  $W_s = 4$

Thus, we extract the double-cube divisor  
 $d = e + f$  and the resulting network is:

$$[1] = e + f$$

$$X = abd + a\bar{b}\bar{d} + \bar{a}cd + \bar{a}\bar{c}\bar{d} + [1]gh$$

$$+ [\bar{1}]\bar{g} + [\bar{1}]\bar{h} + [\bar{1}]ij + [\bar{1}]\bar{i}$$

$$+ [\bar{1}]\bar{j}$$

28 literals

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

Double-cube	Base	Weight
$bd + \bar{b}\bar{d}$	$a$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$ab + \bar{a}c$	$d$	$2 \times 4 - 2 - 4 + 2 = 4$
$a\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c}$	$\bar{d}$	$2 \times 4 - 2 - 4 + 2 = 4$
$cd + \bar{c}\bar{d}$	$\bar{a}$	$1 \times 4 - 1 - 4 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{g} + \bar{h}$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 + 1 = 1$
$\bar{g} + ij$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{g} + \bar{i}$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{g} + \bar{j}$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{h} + ij$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{h} + \bar{i}$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{h} + \bar{j}$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$
$ij + \bar{i}$	$[\bar{1}]$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 1 = 0$

Double cube	Base	Weight
$ij + \bar{j}$	$\bar{[1]}$	$1 \times 3 - 1 - 3 + 1 = 0$
$\bar{i} + \bar{j}$	$\bar{[1]}$	$1 \times 2 - 1 - 2 + 1 + 1 = 1$

Both double-cube divisors  $ab + \bar{a}c$  and  $a\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c}$  have the highest weight of 4 and any one can be extracted.

Let us extract  $ab + \bar{a}c$  and the resulting network is:

$$[1] = e + f$$

$$[2] = ab + \bar{a}c$$

$$x = [2]d + \bar{[2]}\bar{d} + [1]gh + \bar{[1]}\bar{g} \\ + \bar{[1]}\bar{h} + \bar{[1]}ij + \bar{[1]}\bar{i} + \bar{[1]}\bar{j}$$

24 literals

The process is repeated and either  $\bar{g} + \bar{h}$  or  $\bar{i} + \bar{j}$  can be extracted as they have the highest weight of 1. The resulting network is:

$$[1] = e + f$$

$$[2] = ab + \bar{a}c$$

$$[3] = \bar{g} + \bar{h}$$

$$x = [2]d + \bar{[2]}\bar{d} + [1][3] + [3]\bar{[1]} \\ + \bar{[1]}ij + \bar{[1]}\bar{i} + \bar{[1]}\bar{j}$$

23 literals

Finally, the double cube  $\bar{i} + \bar{j}$  is extracted as it has a weight of 1 resulting in:

$$[1] = e + f$$

$$[2] = ab + \bar{a}c$$

$$[3] = \bar{g} + \bar{h}$$

$$[4] = \bar{i} + \bar{j}$$

$$x = [2]d + \bar{[2]}\bar{d} + [1][3] + [3]\bar{[1]} \\ + \bar{[1]}\bar{[4]} + \bar{[1]}\bar{[4]}$$

22 literals

### Fast Extraction using SIS:

sis> read\_eqn hw3q2.eqn

sis> print

$\{x\} = a b d + a b' d' + a' c d + a' c' d' + e g h + e' f' g' + e' f' h' + e' f' i j + e' f' i' + e' f' j' + f g h$

sis> fx

sis> print

$\{x\} = [1] [3]' + [1]' [3] + [1]' [4] + [1]' [4]' + [2] d + [2]' d'$

$[1] = e + f$

$[2] = a b + a' c$

$[3] = g' + h'$

$[4] = i' + j'$

sis> print\_stats

hw3q2.eqn pi=10 po= 1 node= 5 latch= 0 lits(sop)= 22 lits(ff)= 20

sis>

Q3  $X = AB$

$Y = ABCX + A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{X}$

$Z = \bar{A} + Y$

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

$SDC_x = x \oplus AB = \bar{x}AB + x\bar{A} + x\bar{B}$   
 $\Rightarrow CDC_{out} = \bar{x}AB + x\bar{A} + x\bar{B}$

(ii)  $ODC_y = \bar{A}$

(iii) Simplification of  $Y$  using CDC & ODC:

AB \ CX	00	01	11	10
00	x	x	x	x
01	x	x	x	x
11	x	0	1	x
10	1	x	x	0

$\Rightarrow Y = \bar{C}\bar{X} + CX$

(iv)  $ODC_x = \bar{A}$

A \ B	0	1
0	x	x
1	0	1

$\Rightarrow X = B$

Thus, the resulting simplified network

is :

$$X = B$$

$$Y = \bar{C}\bar{X} + CX$$

$$Z = \bar{A} + Y$$

### **Simplification using SIS:**

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sis> read_eqn hw3q3.eqn
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sis> print
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$$\{Z\} = a' + y$$

$$x = a b$$

$$y = a b c x + a b' c' x'$$

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sis> full_simplify
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sis> print
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$$\{Z\} = a' + y$$

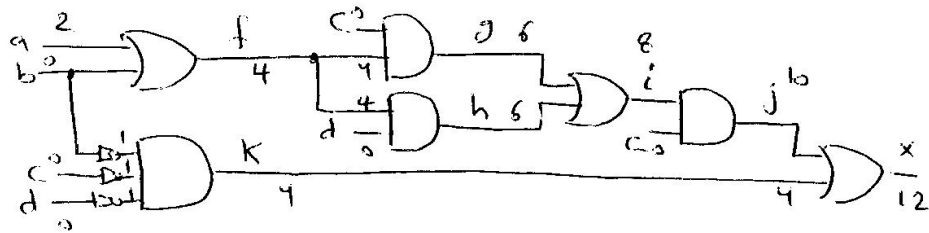
$$x = b$$

$$y = c x + c' x'$$

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sis>
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Q4

(i)



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

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

$$\bar{t}_j = 12 - 2 = 10, \quad S_j = 10 - 10 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_k = 12 - 2 = 10, \quad S_k = 10 - 4 = 6$$

$$\bar{t}_e = 10 - 2 = 8, \quad S_i = 8 - 8 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_e = 10 - 2 = 8, \quad S_e = 8 - 0 = 8$$

$$\bar{t}_g = 8 - 2 = 6, \quad S_g = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_h = 8 - 2 = 6, \quad S_h = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_f = \min(6 - 2, 6 - 2) = 4, \quad S_f = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_a = 4 - 2 = 2, \quad S_a = 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\bar{t}_b = \min(4 - 2, 10 - 3 - 1) = 2, \quad S_b = 2 - 0 = 2$$

$$\bar{t}_c = \min(6 - 2, 10 - 3 - 1) = 4, \quad S_c = 4 - 0 = 4$$

$$\bar{t}_d = \min(6 - 2, 10 - 3 - 1) = 4, \quad S_d = 4 - 0 = 4$$

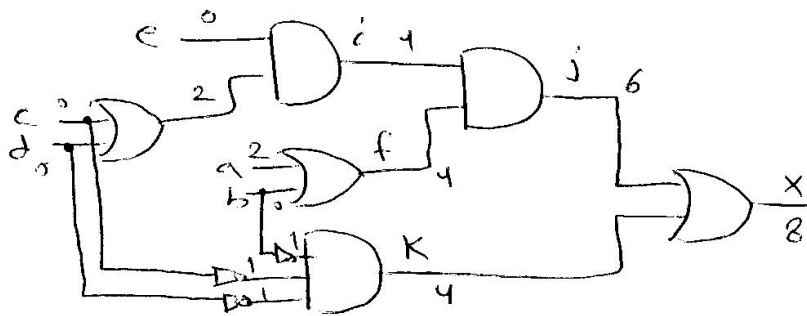
(ii) Maximum propagation delay = 12

Topological critical paths:

$\{a, f, g, i, j, x\}$ ,  $\{a, f, h, i, j, x\}$

(iii) Since  $a$  is the one affecting the critical path, we need to bring it closer to the output.

Note that  $f = a + b$  can be factored from  $i$ . Then,  $f$  and  $e$  can be exchanged to bring  $a$  closer to the output. The resulting network is:



The delay of  $x$  is reduced from 12 to 8.

At the same time, the area of the circuit has improved.