

# Computer Organization and Levels of Abstraction

# Announcements

- Today:
  - PS 7 (due now)
  - Lab 8: Sound Lab tonight – bring machines and headphones!
  - PA 7
  
- Tomorrow: Lab 9
  
- Friday: PS8

# Today

- (Short) Floating point review
- Boolean logic
- Combinational Circuits
- Levels of Abstraction

# Floating point

$$1.0011101 \times 2^{01001011}$$

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+/-	Exponent	Mantissa
1 bit	8 bits	23 bits

- ▣ Sign is a 0 or 1
- ▣ Exponent is an binary integer
- ▣ Mantissa is a binary fraction

# Floating point Sign

$$1.0011101 \times 2^{01001011}$$



- Sign is a 0 or 1

# Exponent

$$1.0011101 \times 2^{01001011}$$

- Exponent 01001011
- Is an **unsigned** integer
- But exponent can be negative – how to distinguish?
- IEEE-754 specifies a bias: 127
- This gives us a range of -126 to +127
- Makes comparison easier (for large and small values)

# Floating point Mantissa

$$1.0011101 \times 2^{01001011}$$

0      11001010      0011101\_\_\_\_\_

+/-      Exponent      Mantissa  
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■ Pad the mantissa

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# Boolean Logic

# Conceptualizing bits and circuits

- **ON or 1: true**
- **OFF or 0: false**
- circuit behavior: expressed in *Boolean logic* or *Boolean algebra*

# Boolean Logic (Algebra)

- Computer circuitry works based on Boolean Logic (Boolean Algebra) : operations on True (1) and False (0) values.

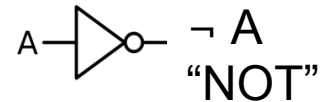
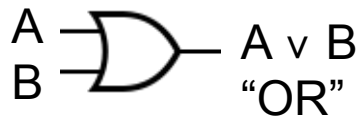
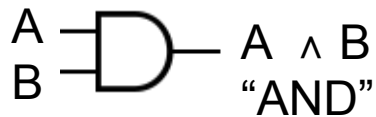
A	B	$A \wedge B$ (A AND B) (conjunction)	$A \vee B$ (A OR B) (disjunction)
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1

A	$\neg A$ (NOT A) (negation)
0	1
1	0

- A and B in the table are Boolean variables, AND and OR are operations (also called functions).

# Logic Gates

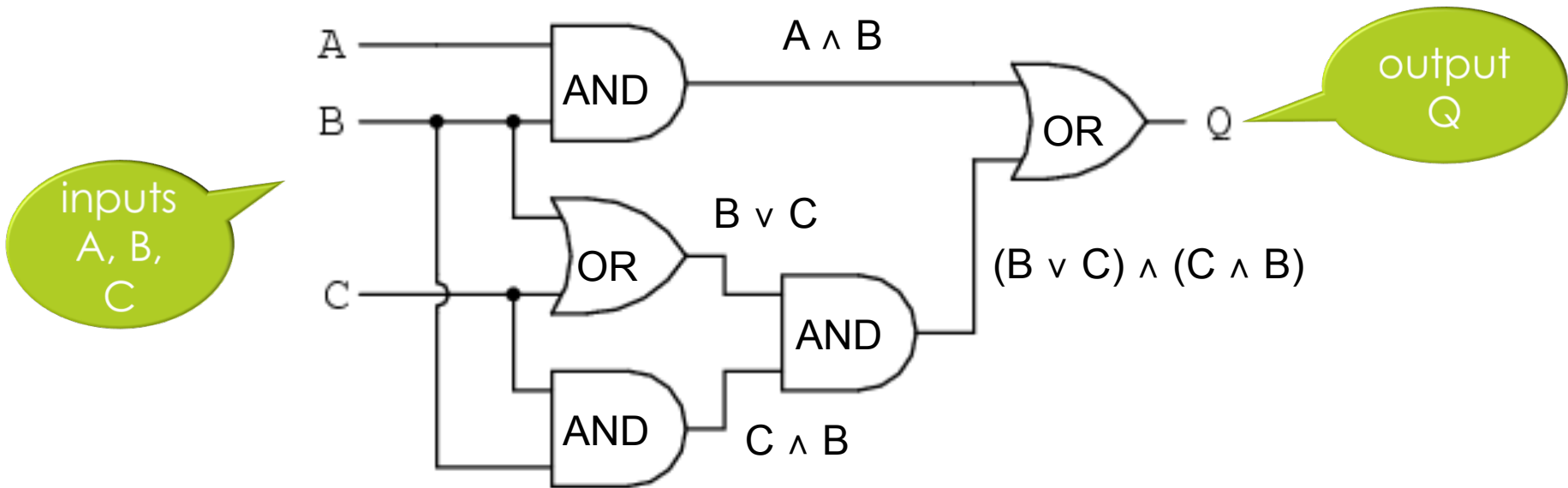
- A gate is a physical device that implements a Boolean operator by performing basic operations on electrical signals.



logical  
picture of  
gates

# Combinational Circuits

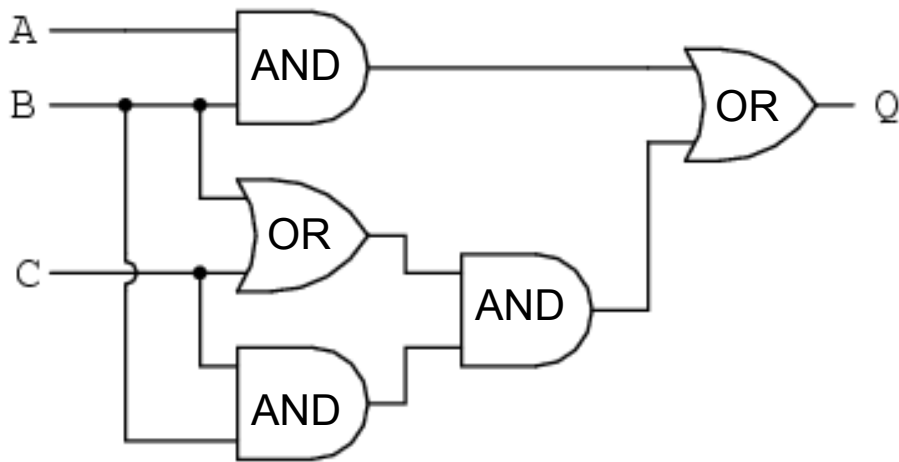
The logic states of inputs at any given time determine the state of the outputs.



What is Q?

$$(A \wedge B) \vee ((B \vee C) \wedge (C \wedge B))$$

# Truth Table of a Circuit



$$Q = (A \wedge B) \vee ((B \vee C) \wedge (C \wedge B))$$

A	B	C	Q
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Describes the relationship between inputs and outputs of a device

# Describing Behavior of Circuits

- Boolean expressions
- Circuit diagrams
- Truth tables



Equivalent notations



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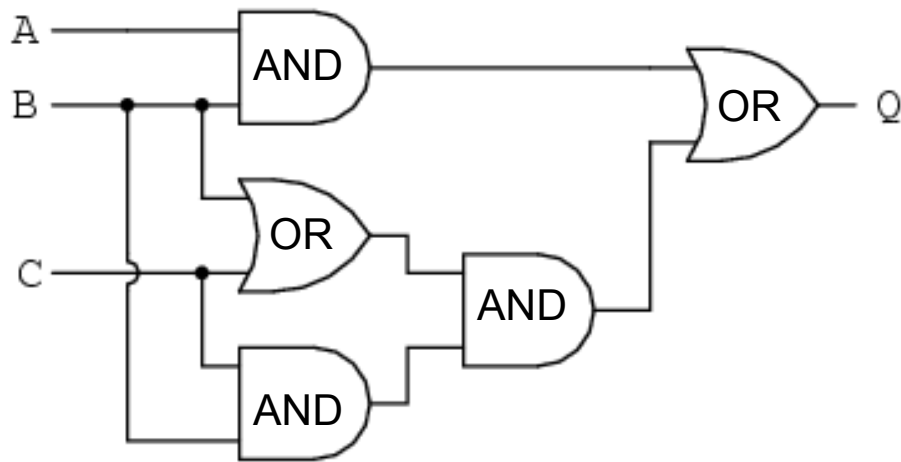
# Manipulating circuits

Boolean algebra and logical equivalence

# Why manipulate circuits?

- The design process
  - simplify a complex design for easier manufacturing, faster or cooler operation, ...
- Boolean algebra helps us find another design guaranteed to have same behavior

# Logical Equivalence

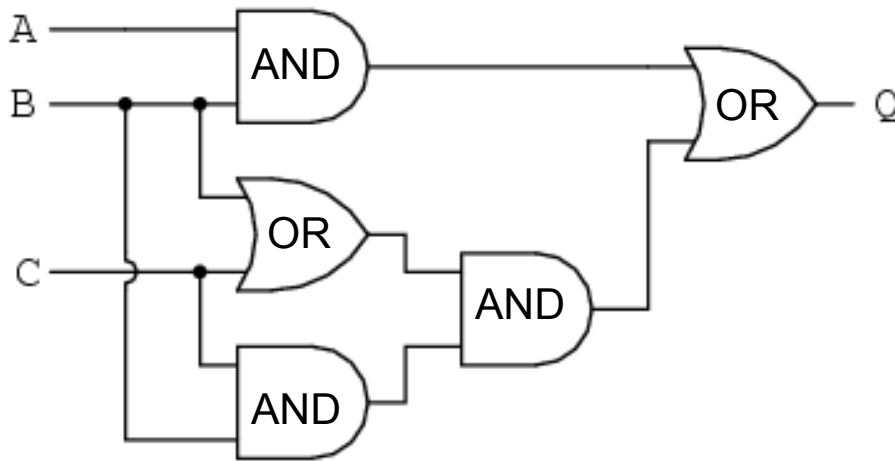


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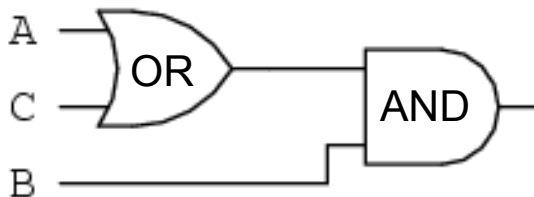
Can we come up with a simpler circuit implementing the same truth table?  
Simpler circuits are typically cheaper to produce, consume less energy etc.

# Logical Equivalence



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1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1



$$Q = B \wedge (A \vee C)$$

This smaller circuit is logically equivalent to the one above: they have the same truth table. By using **laws of Boolean Algebra** we convert a circuit to another equivalent circuit.

# Laws for the Logical Operators $\wedge$ and $\vee$ (Similar to $\times$ and $+$ )

- Commutative:  $A \wedge B = B \wedge A$                        $A \vee B = B \vee A$
- Associative:  $A \wedge B \wedge C = (A \wedge B) \wedge C = A \wedge (B \wedge C)$   
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- Distributive:  $A \wedge (B \vee C) = (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$   
 $A \vee (B \wedge C) = (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$
- Identity:  $A \wedge 1 = A$                                        $A \vee 0 = A$
- Dominance:  $A \wedge 0 = 0$                                        $A \vee 1 = 1$
- Idempotence:  $A \wedge A = A$                                        $A \vee A = A$
- Complementation:  $A \wedge \neg A = 0$                                        $A \vee \neg A = 1$
- Double Negation:  $\neg \neg A = A$

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← Not true for  
+ and  $\times$

□ Identity:  $A \wedge 1 = A$                        $A \vee 0 = A$

The A's and B's here are schematic variables! You can instantiate them with any expression that has a Boolean value:

$$(x \vee y) \wedge z = z \wedge (x \vee y) \text{ (by commutativity)}$$

$\underbrace{\quad} \wedge \underbrace{\quad} \underbrace{\quad} = \underbrace{\quad} \wedge \underbrace{\quad} \underbrace{\quad}$   
 $A \wedge B = B \wedge A$

# Applying Properties for $\wedge$ and $\vee$

Showing $\rightarrow$	$(x \wedge y) \vee ((y \vee z) \wedge (z \wedge y)) = y \wedge (x \vee z)$
Commutativity $A \wedge B = B \wedge A$	$(x \wedge y) \vee ((z \wedge y) \wedge (y \vee z))$
Distributivity $A \wedge (B \vee C) = (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$	$(x \wedge y) \vee (z \wedge y \wedge y) \vee (z \wedge y \wedge z)$
Associativity, Commutativity, Idempotence	$(x \wedge y) \vee ((z \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge z))$
Commutativity, idempotence $A \wedge A = A$	$(y \wedge x) \vee (y \wedge z)$
Distributivity (backwards) $(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C) = A \wedge (B \vee C)$	$y \wedge (x \vee z)$

**Conclusion:**

$$(x \wedge y) \vee ((y \vee z) \wedge (z \wedge y)) = y \wedge (x \vee z)$$



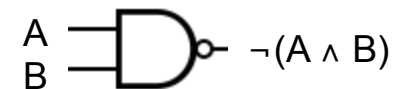
# Extending the system

more gates and DeMorgan's laws

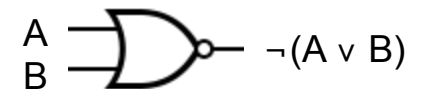
# More gates (NAND, NOR, XOR)

A	B	A nand B	A nor B	A xor B
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0

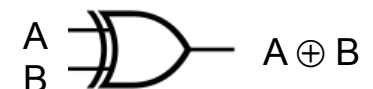
□ **nand (“not and”)**:  $A \text{ nand } B = \text{not } (A \text{ and } B)$



□ **nor (“not or”)**:  $A \text{ nor } B = \text{not } (A \text{ or } B)$



□ **xor (“exclusive or”)**:  
 $A \text{ xor } B = (A \text{ and not } B) \text{ or } (B \text{ and not } A)$



# DeMorgan's Law

Nand:  $\neg(A \wedge B) = \neg A \vee \neg B$

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`if not (x > 15 and x < 110): ...`

is logically equivalent to

`if (not x > 15) or (not x < 110): ...`

Nor:  $\neg(A \vee B) = \neg A \wedge \neg B$

`if not (x < 15 or x > 110): ...`

is logically equivalent to

`if (not x < 15) and (not x > 110): ...`

# A circuit for parity checking

Boolean expressions and circuits

# A Boolean expression that checks parity

- 3-bit odd parity checker F: an expression that should be true when the count of 1 bits is odd: when 1 or 3 of the bits are 1s.

**P =**

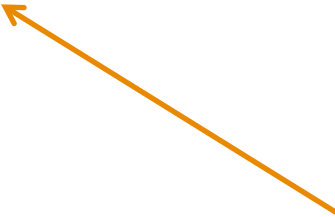
A	B	C	P
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
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A	B	C	P
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0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
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There are specific methods for obtaining canonical Boolean expressions from a truth table, such as writing it as a disjunction of conjunctions or as a conjunction of disjunctions.

Note we have four subexpressions above each of them corresponding to exactly one row of the truth table where P is 1.

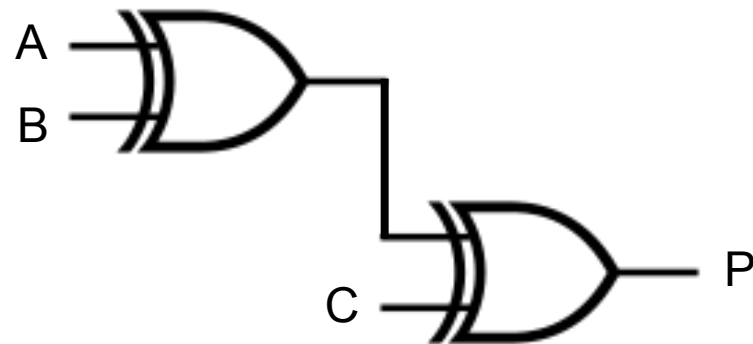
# The circuit

## 3-bit odd parity checker

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$$P = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$$



logically  
equivalent



# Summary

You should be able to:

- Identify basic gates
- Describe the behavior of a gate or circuit using Boolean expressions, truth tables, and logic diagrams
- Transform one Boolean expression into another given the laws of Boolean algebra

# Circuits for arithmetic

# Adding Binary Numbers: 1 bit

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	10

A:    0        0        1        1  
B:    0        1        0        1  
---    ---       ---       ---  
0       1        1       10

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What is a logical gate or boolean operation that does this?

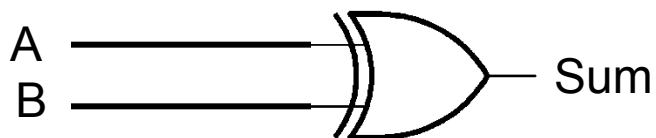
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$$\text{Sum} = A \oplus B$$

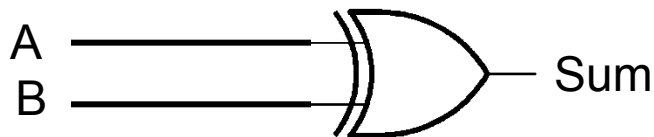
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Adding two 1-bit numbers without taking the carry into account



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How can we handle the carry (out)?



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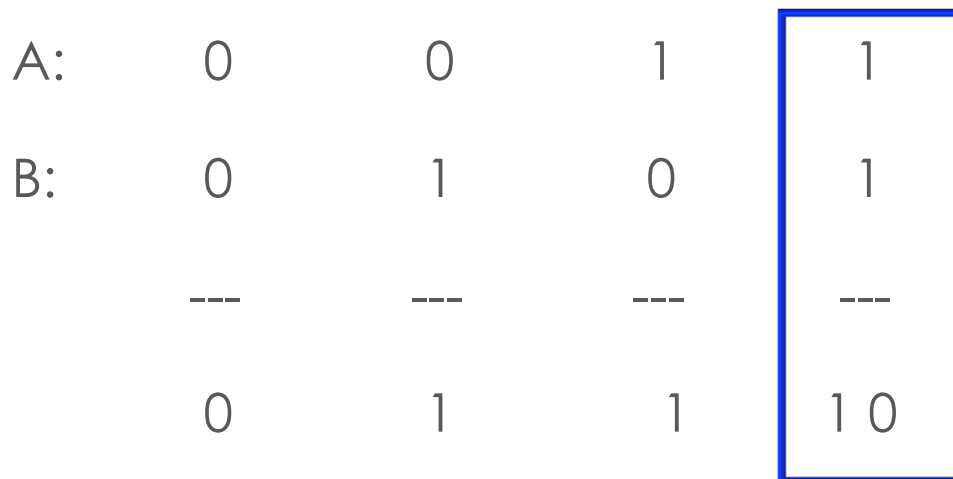
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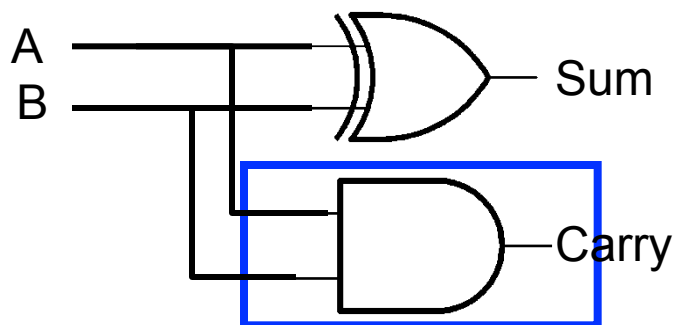
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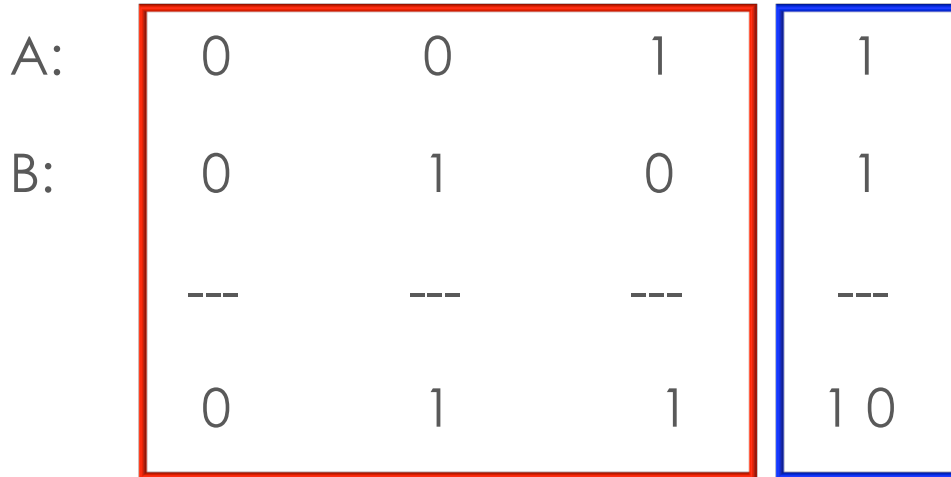


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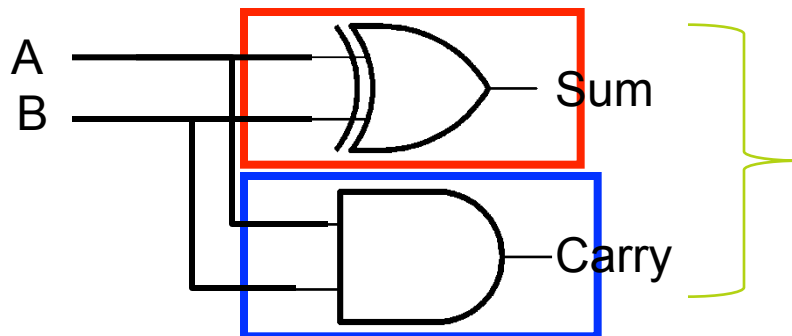


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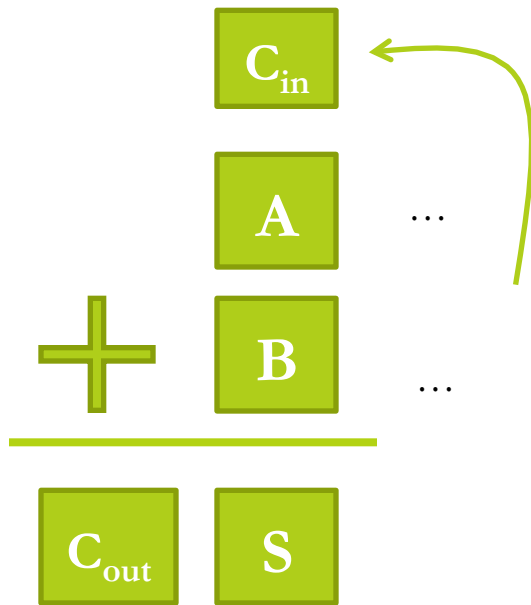
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## Half Adder:

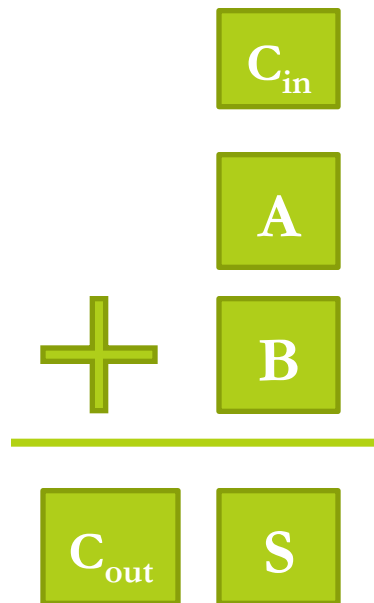
→ adds two single  
binary digits (1 bit each)

# A Full Adder



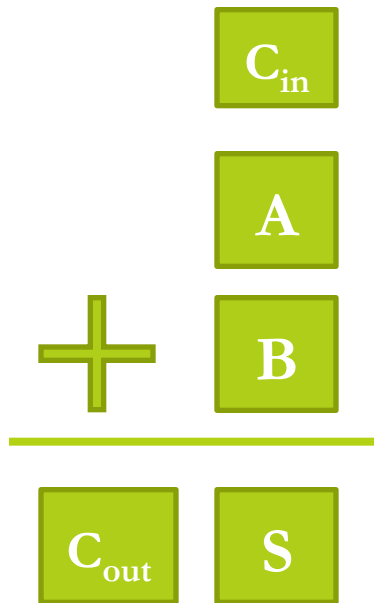
A	B	$C_{in}$	$C_{out}$	S
0	0	0		
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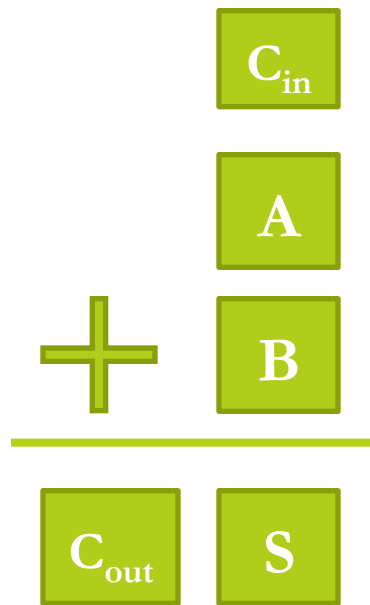


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1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

$$S = A \oplus B \oplus C_{in}$$

$$C_{out} = ((A \oplus B) \wedge C_{in}) \vee (A \wedge B)$$

# A Full Adder



$S$ : 1 when there is an odd number of bits that are 1

$C_{out}$ : 1 if both  $A$  and  $B$  are 1 or, one of the bits and the carry in are 1.

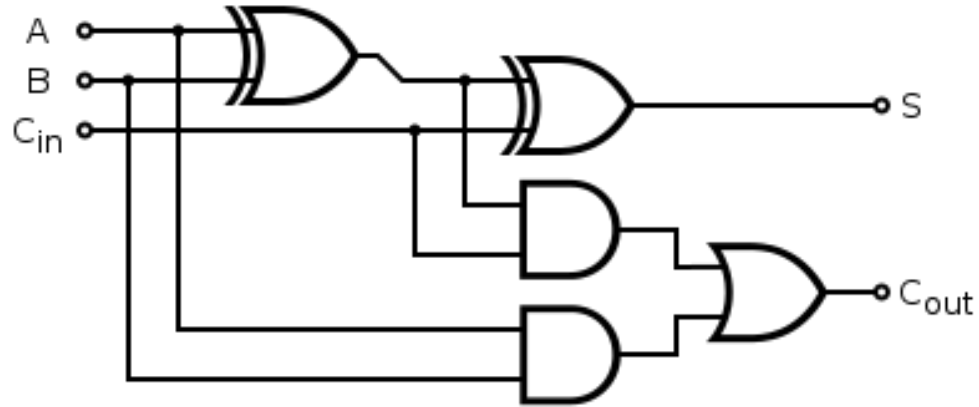
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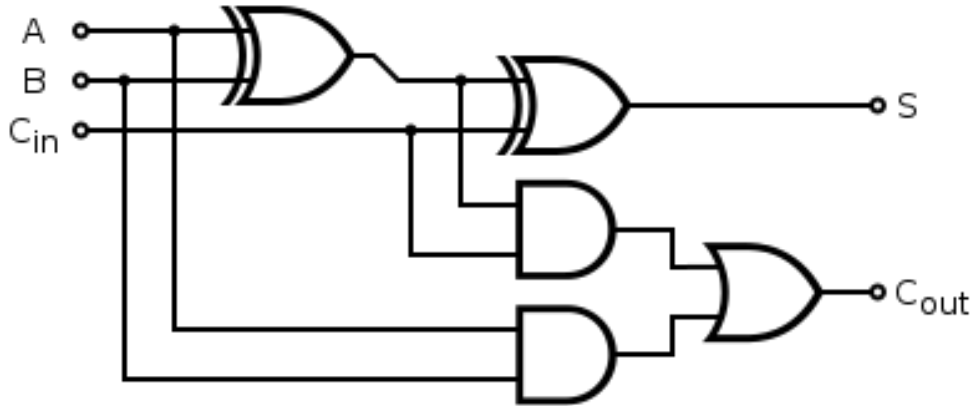
# Full Adder (FA)



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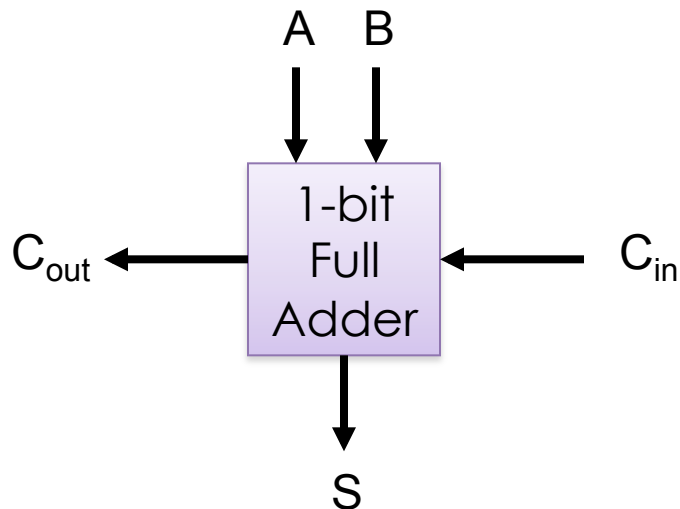
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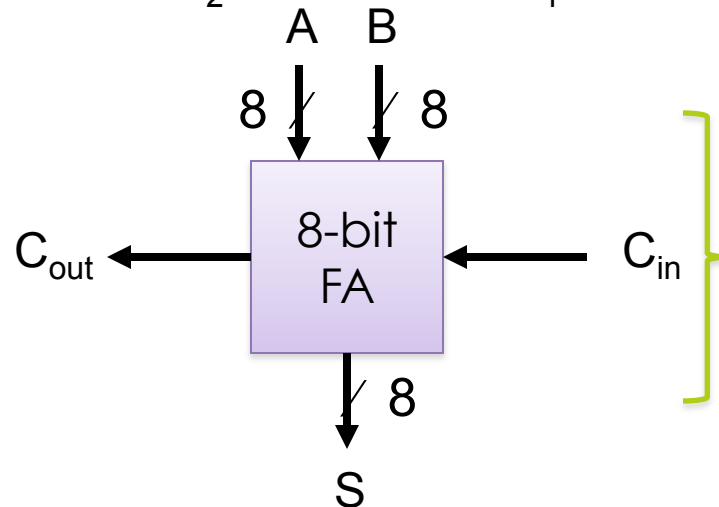
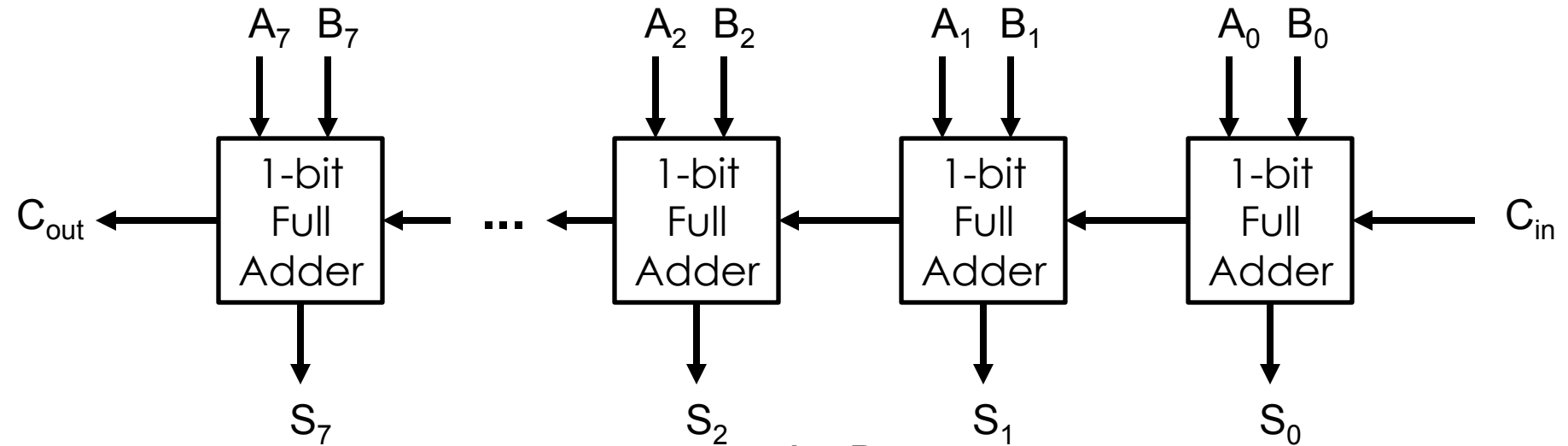
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More abstract representation of the above circuit. Hides details of the circuit above.

# 8-bit Full Adder



More abstract representation of the above circuit. Hides details of the circuit above.

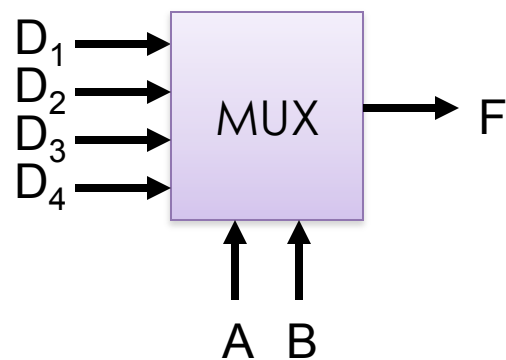
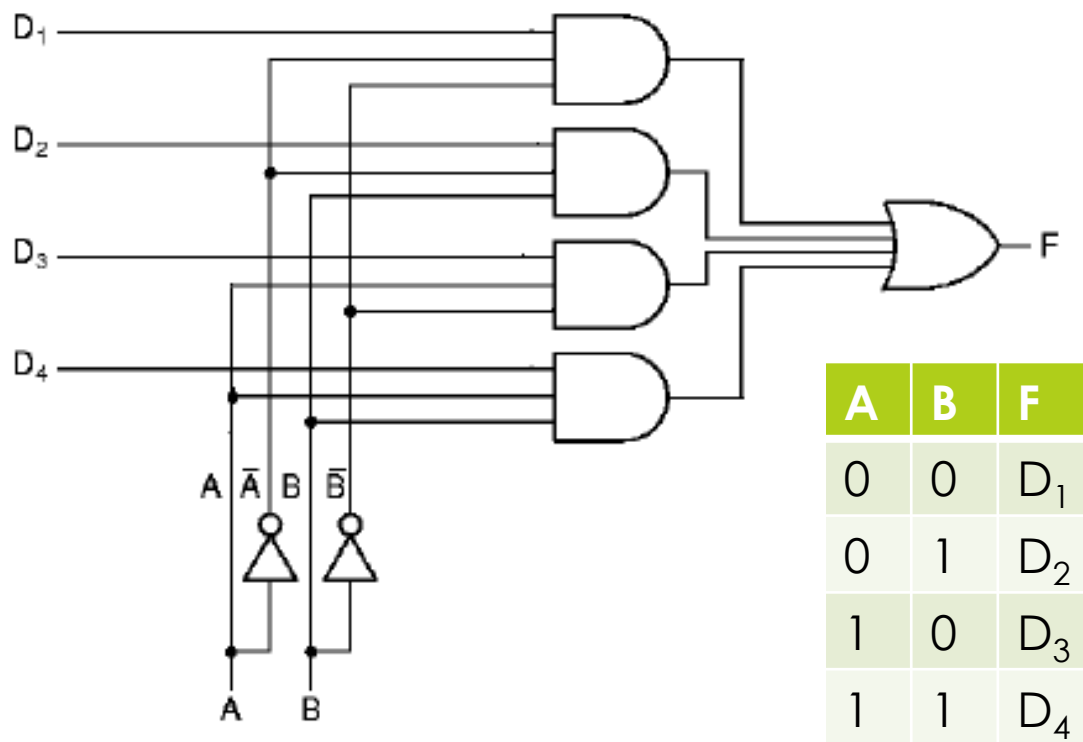
# Control Circuits

- In addition to circuits for basic logical and arithmetic operations, there are also circuits that determine **the order in which operations are carried out and to select the correct data values to be processed.**

# Multiplexer (MUX)

- A multiplexer chooses one of its inputs.

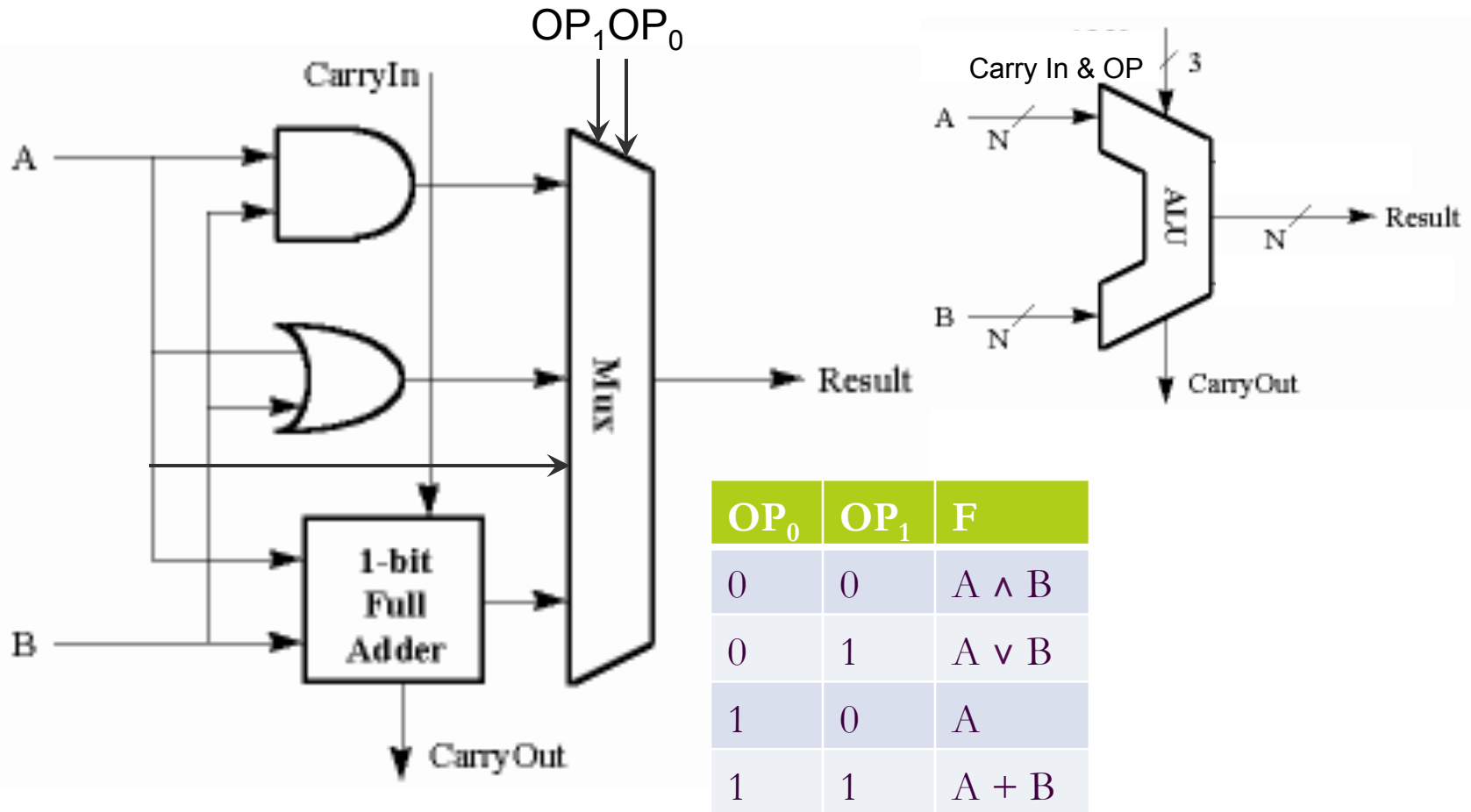
$2^n$  input lines,  $n$  selector lines, and 1 output line



hides details of the circuit on the left

<http://www.cise.ufl.edu/~mssz/CompOrg/CDAintro.html>

# Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)



Depending on the OP code Mux chooses the result of one of the functions (and, or, identity, addition)

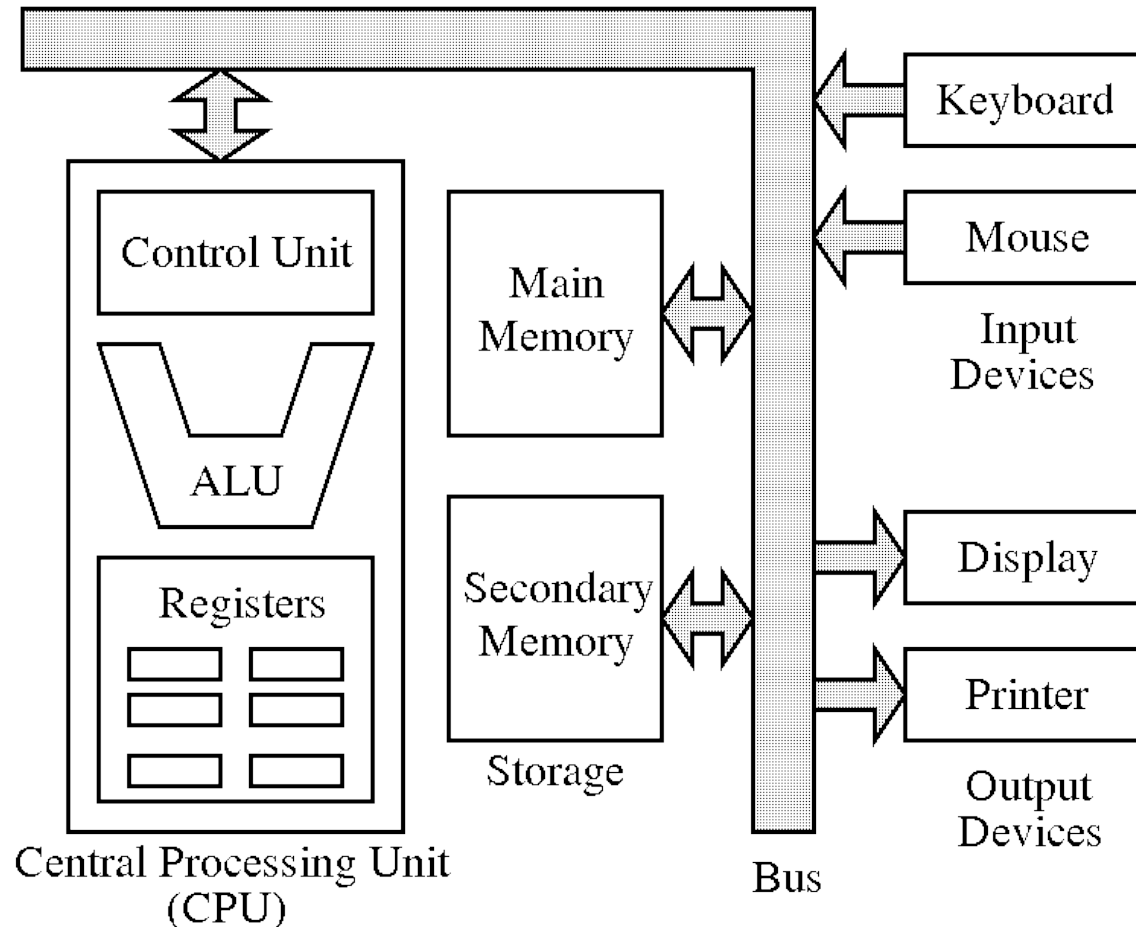
# Building A Complete Computer from Parts

# Computing Machines

- ❑ An **instruction** is a single arithmetic or logical operation.
- ❑ A **program** is a sequence of instructions that causes the desired function to be calculated.
- ❑ A **computing system** is a combination of programs and machine (computer).
- ❑ How can we build a computing system that calculates the desired function specified by a program?



# Stored Program Computer



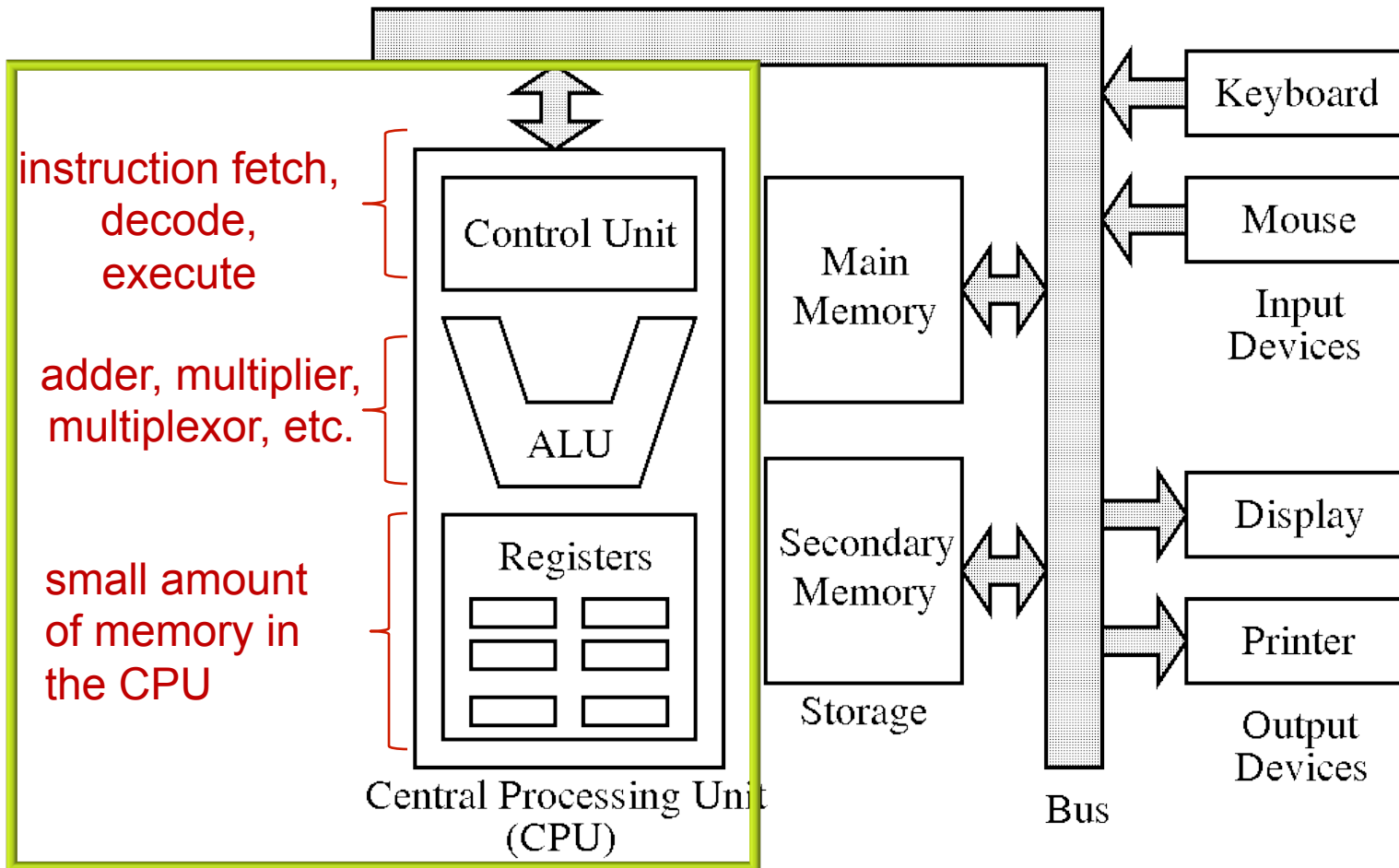
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A stored program computer is electronic hardware that implements an instruction set.

# Von Neumann Architecture

- Big idea: **Data** and **instructions** to manipulate the data are both bit sequences
- Modern computers built according to the Von Neumann Architecture include separate units
  - To process information (CPU): reads and executes instructions of a program in the order prescribed by the program
  - To store information (memory)

# Stored Program Computer

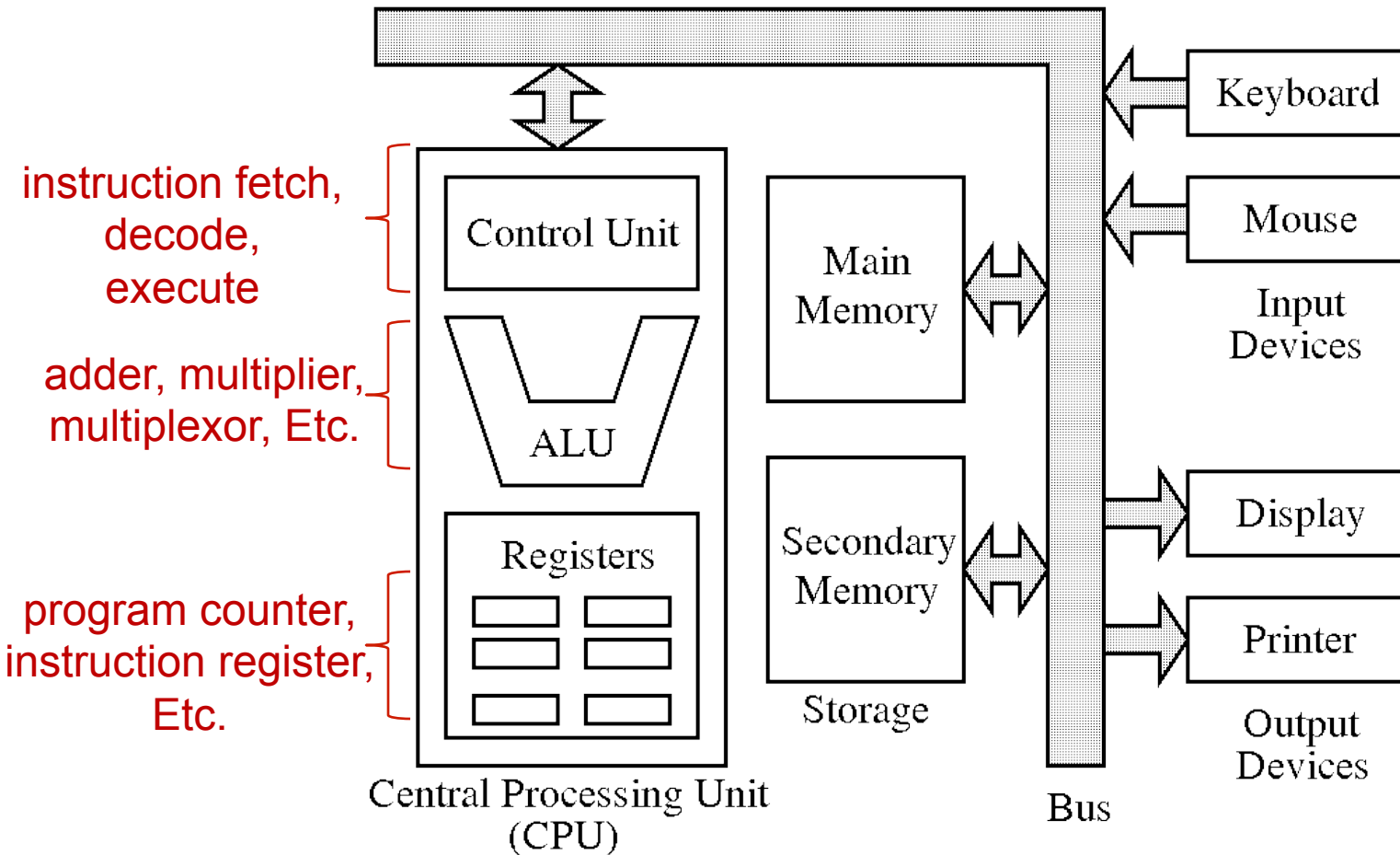


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# Central Processing Unit (CPU)

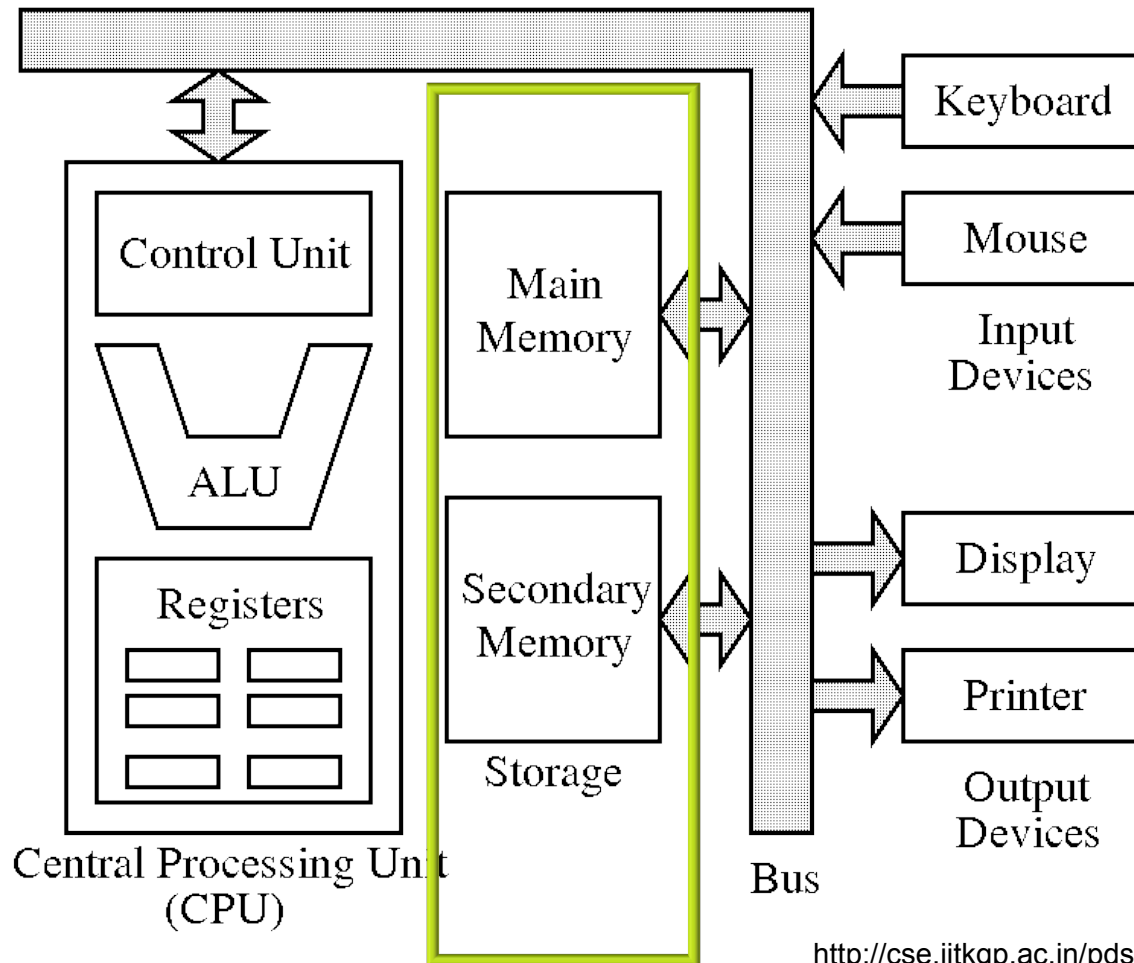
- A CPU contains:
  - Arithmetic Logic Unit to perform computation
    - The brain of the computer; performs all computations
  - Registers to hold information
    - Instruction register (current instruction being executed)
    - Program counter (PC) (to hold location of next instruction in memory)
    - Accumulator (to hold computation result from ALU)
    - Data register(s) (to hold other important data for future use)
  - Control unit to regulate flow of information and operations that are performed at each instruction step

# Stored Program Computer



Two specialized registers: the instruction register holds the current instruction to be executed and the program counter contains the address of the next instruction to be executed.

# Stored Program Computer



# Memory

- The simplest unit of storage is a bit (1 or 0). Bits are grouped into bytes (8 bits).
- Memory is a collection of cells each with a unique physical address.
  - We use the generic term **cell** rather than byte or word because the number of bits in each *addressable location* varies from machine to machine.
  - A machine that can generate, for example, 32-bit addresses, can utilize a memory that contains up to  $2^{32}$  memory cells.

# Memory Layout

Address	Content
100:	50
104:	42
108:	85
112:	71
116:	99

We saw this picture in Unit 6. It hid the bit representation for readability. Assumes that memory is byte addressable and each integer occupies 4 bytes.

Address	Content
01100100:	... 01100100
01101000:	... 01010100
01101100:	... 01010101
01110000:	... 01000111
01110100:	... 01100011

In this picture and in reality, addresses and memory contents are sequences of bits.



# Memory

- Main (or primary) memory:
  - high-speed memory close to the CPU
  - programs are first loaded in the main memory and then executed
  - volatile, i.e., its contents are lost after power-down
  
- Secondary memory:
  - relatively inexpensive, bigger and low-speed memory
  - for off-line storage, i.e., storage of programs and data for future processing
  - permanent, i.e., its contents last even after shut-down
  - examples of secondary storage include floppy disks, hard disks and CDROM disks

# Processing Instructions

- Both data and instructions are stored in memory as bit patterns
  - Instructions stored in contiguous memory locations
  - Data stored in a different part of memory
  
- **The address of the first instruction is loaded into the program counter and the processing cycle starts.**

# Fetch-Decode-Execute Cycle

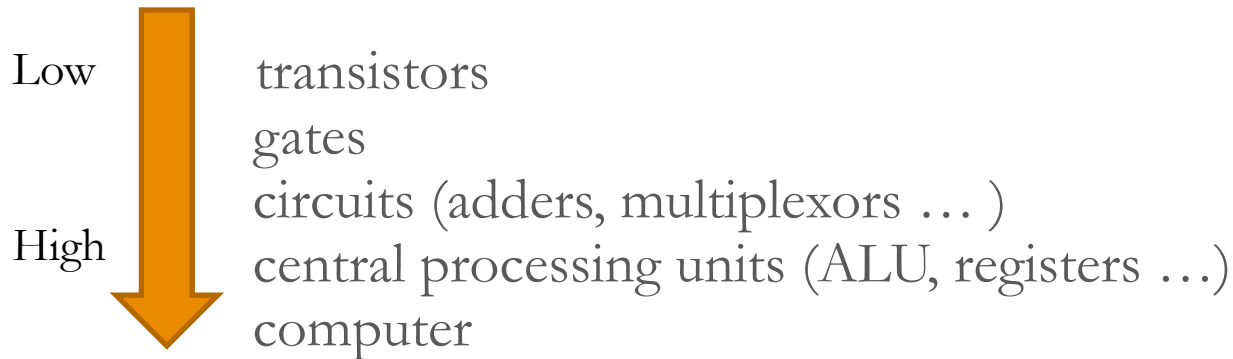
- Modern computers include **control logic** that implements the **fetch-decode-execute** cycle introduced by John von Neumann:
  - **Fetch** next instruction from memory into the instruction register.
  - **Decode** instruction to a control signal and get any data it needs (possibly from memory).
  - **Execute** instruction with data in ALU and store results (possibly into memory).
  - Repeat.

*Note that all of these steps are implemented with circuits of the kind we have seen in this unit.*

# Power of abstraction

# Using Abstraction in Computer Design

- We can use layers of abstraction to hide details of the computer design.
- We can work in any layer, not needing to know how the lower layers work or how the current layer fits into the larger system.



- A component at a higher abstraction layer uses components from a lower abstraction layer without having to know the details of how it is built.
  - It only needs to know what it does.

# Abstraction in Programming

- The set of all operations that can be executed by a processor is called its instruction set.
- Instructions are built into hardware: electronics of the CPU recognize binary representations of the specific instructions. That means each CPU has its own machine language that it understands.
- But we can write programs without thinking about on what machine our program will run. This is because we can write programs in high-level languages that are abstractions of machine level instructions.

# A High-Level Program

```
# This programs displays "Hello,  
World!"
```

```
print("Hello world!")
```

# A Low-Level Program

```
title    Hello World Program
; This program displays "Hello, World!"

dosseg
.model  small
.stack  100h

.data
hello_message db 'Hello, World!',0dh,0ah,'$'

.code
main  proc
      mov     ax,@data
      mov     ds,ax

      mov     ah,9
      mov     dx,offset hello_message
      int     21h

      mov     ax,4C00h
      int     21h
main  endp
end    main
```



# Obtaining Machine Language Instructions

- Programs are typically written in higher-level languages and then translated into machine language (executable code).
- A **compiler** is a program that translates code written in one language into another language.
- An **interpreter** translates the instructions one line at a time into something that can be executed by the computer's hardware.

# Summary

- A **computing system** is a combination of program and machine (computer).
- In this lecture, we focused on how a machine can be designed using levels of abstraction:  
gates → circuits for elementary operations →  
basic processing units → computer