

COMBINATIONAL CIRCUIT(SEM-I)

Combinational circuit is a circuit in which we combine the different gates in the circuit, for example encoder, decoder, multiplexer and demultiplexer. Some of the characteristics of combinational circuits are following –

- The output of combinational circuit at any instant of time, depends only on the levels present at input terminals.
- The combinational circuit do not use any memory. The previous state of input does not have any effect on the present state of the circuit.
- A combinational circuit can have an n number of inputs and m number of outputs.

Block diagram

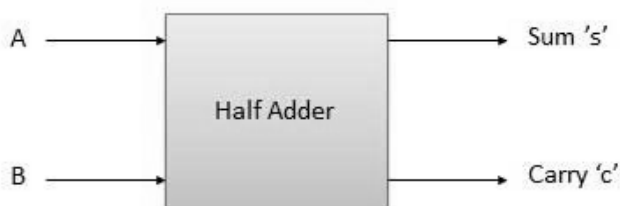


We're going to elaborate few important combinational circuits as follows.

Half Adder

Half adder is a combinational logic circuit with two inputs and two outputs. The half adder circuit is designed to add two single bit binary number A and B. It is the basic building block for addition of two **single** bit numbers. This circuit has two outputs **carry** and **sum**.

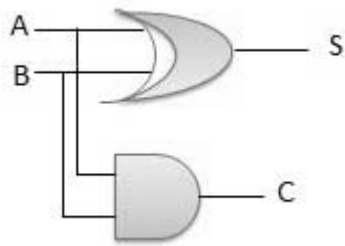
Block diagram



Truth Table

Inputs		Output	
A	B	S	C
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1

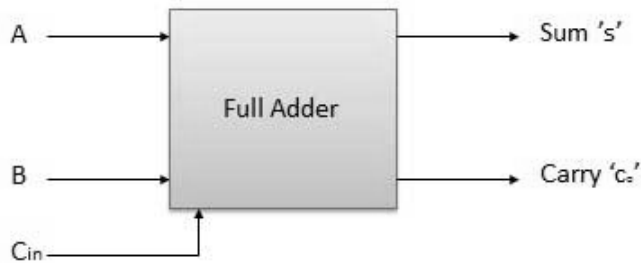
Circuit Diagram



Full Adder

Full adder is developed to overcome the drawback of Half Adder circuit. It can add two one-bit numbers A and B, and carry c. The full adder is a three input and two output combinational circuit.

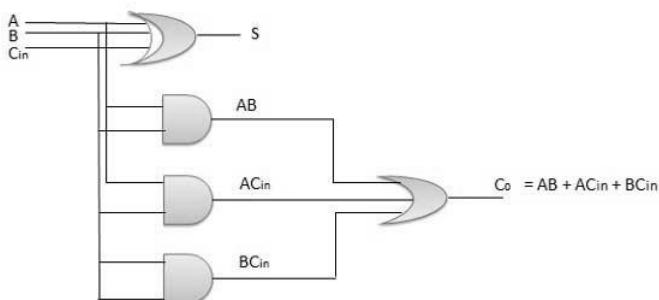
Block diagram



Truth Table

Inputs			Output	
A	B	C _{in}	S	Co
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

Circuit Diagram



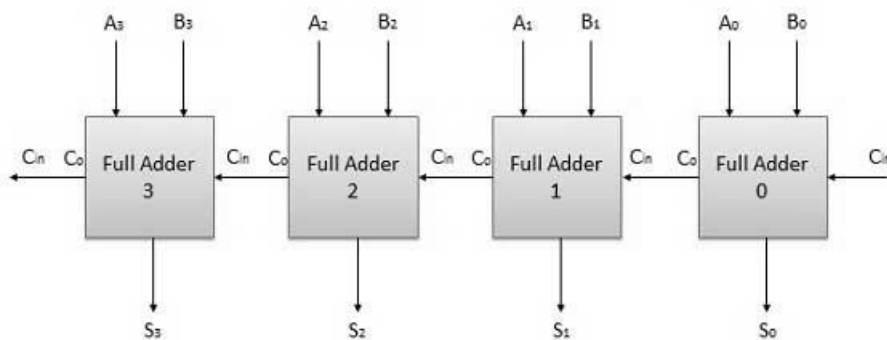
N-Bit Parallel Adder

The Full Adder is capable of adding only two single digit binary number along with a carry input. But in practical we need to add binary numbers which are much longer than just one bit. To add two n-bit binary numbers we need to use the n-bit parallel adder. It uses a number of full adders in cascade. The carry output of the previous full adder is connected to carry input of the next full adder.

4 Bit Parallel Adder

In the block diagram, A_0 and B_0 represent the LSB of the four bit words A and B. Hence Full Adder-0 is the lowest stage. Hence its C_{in} has been permanently made 0. The rest of the connections are exactly same as those of n-bit parallel adder is shown in fig. The four bit parallel adder is a very common logic circuit.

Block diagram



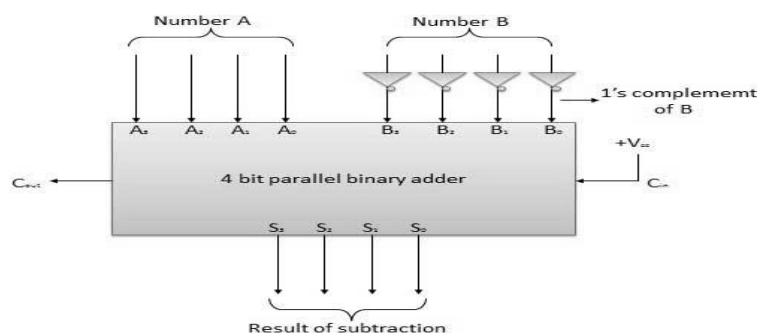
N-Bit Parallel Subtractor

The subtraction can be carried out by taking the 1's or 2's complement of the number to be subtracted. For example we can perform the subtraction $(A-B)$ by adding either 1's or 2's complement of B to A. That means we can use a binary adder to perform the binary subtraction.

4 Bit Parallel Subtractor

The number to be subtracted (B) is first passed through inverters to obtain its 1's complement. The 4-bit adder then adds A and 2's complement of B to produce the subtraction. $S_3 S_2 S_1 S_0$ represents the result of binary subtraction $(A-B)$ and carry output C_{out} represents the polarity of the result. If $A > B$ then $C_{out} = 0$ and the result of binary form $(A-B)$ then $C_{out} = 1$ and the result is in the 2's complement form.

Block diagram



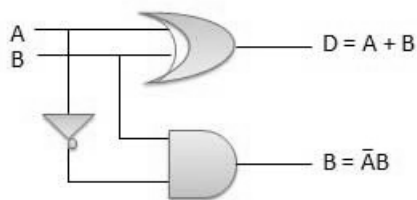
Half Subtractors

Half subtractor is a combination circuit with two inputs and two outputs (difference and borrow). It produces the difference between the two binary bits at the input and also produces an output (Borrow) to indicate if a 1 has been borrowed. In the subtraction (A-B), A is called as Minuend bit and B is called as Subtrahend bit.

Truth Table

Inputs		Output	
A	B	(A - B)	Borrow
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0

Circuit Diagram



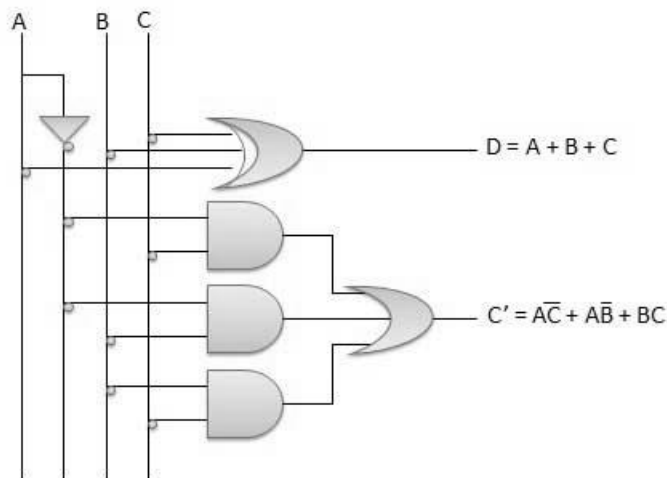
Full Subtractors

The disadvantage of a half subtractor is overcome by full subtractor. The full subtractor is a combinational circuit with three inputs A,B,C and two output D and C'. A is the 'minuend', B is 'subtrahend', C is the 'borrow' produced by the previous stage, D is the difference output and C' is the borrow output.

Truth Table

Inputs			Output	
A	B	C	(A-B-C)	C'
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

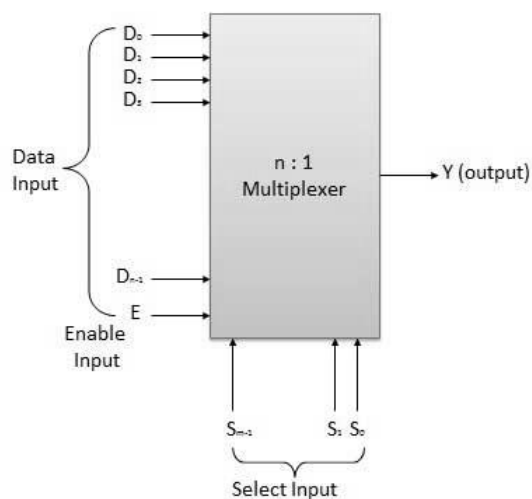
Circuit Diagram



Multiplexers

Multiplexer is a special type of combinational circuit. There are n -data inputs, one output and m select inputs with $2^m = n$. It is a digital circuit which selects one of the n data inputs and routes it to the output. The selection of one of the n inputs is done by the selected inputs. Depending on the digital code applied at the selected inputs, one out of n data sources is selected and transmitted to the single output Y . E is called the strobe or enable input which is useful for the cascading. It is generally an active low terminal that means it will perform the required operation when it is low.

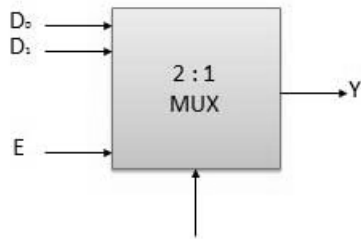
Block diagram



Multiplexers come in multiple variations

- 2 : 1 multiplexer
- 4 : 1 multiplexer
- 16 : 1 multiplexer
- 32 : 1 multiplexer

Block Diagram



Truth Table

Enable	Select	Output
E	S	Y
0	x	0
1	0	D ₀
1	1	D ₁

x = Don't care

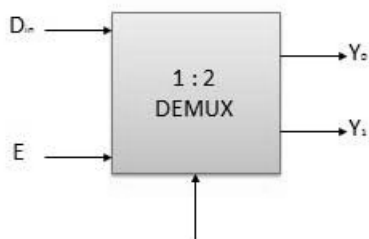
Demultiplexers

A demultiplexer performs the reverse operation of a multiplexer i.e. it receives one input and distributes it over several outputs. It has only one input, n outputs, m select input. At a time only one output line is selected by the select lines and the input is transmitted to the selected output line. A demultiplexer is equivalent to a single pole multiple way switch as shown in fig.

Demultiplexers comes in multiple variations.

- 1 : 2 demultiplexer
- 1 : 4 demultiplexer
- 1 : 16 demultiplexer
- 1 : 32 demultiplexer

Block diagram



Truth Table

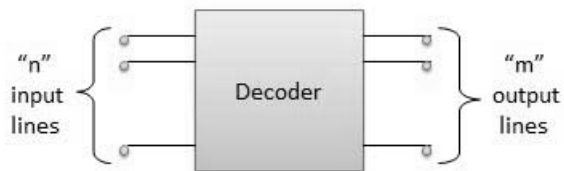
Enable	Select	Output
E	S	Y0 Y1
0	x	0 0
1	0	0 D _n
1	1	D _n 0

x = Don't care

Decoder

A decoder is a combinational circuit. It has n input and to a maximum $m = 2^n$ outputs. Decoder is identical to a demultiplexer without any data input. It performs operations which are exactly opposite to those of an encoder.

Block diagram



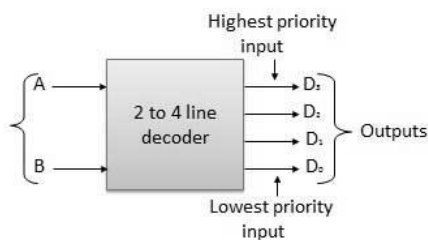
Examples of Decoders are following.

- Code converters
- BCD to seven segment decoders

2 to 4 Line Decoder

The block diagram of 2 to 4 line decoder is shown in the fig. A and B are the two inputs where D_0 through D_3 are the four outputs. Truth table explains the operations of a decoder. It shows that each output is 1 for only a specific combination of inputs.

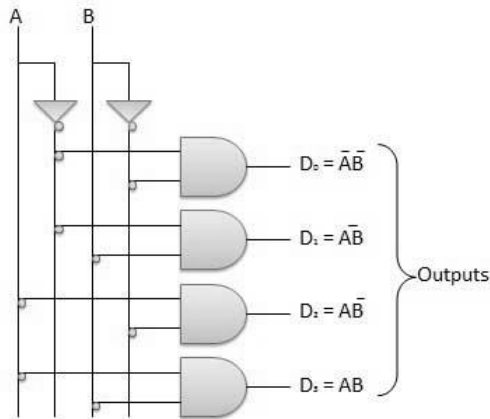
Block diagram



Truth Table

Inputs		Output			
A	B	D_0	D_1	D_2	D_3
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	1

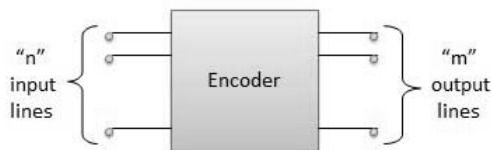
Logic Circuit



Encoder

Encoder is a combinational circuit which is designed to perform the inverse operation of the decoder. An encoder has n number of input lines and m number of output lines. An encoder produces an m bit binary code corresponding to the digital input number. The encoder accepts an n input digital word and converts it into an m bit another digital word.

Block diagram

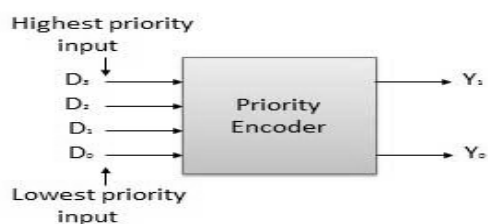


Examples of Encoders are following.

- Priority encoders
- Decimal to BCD encoder
- Octal to binary encoder
- Hexadecimal to binary encoder

Priority Encoder

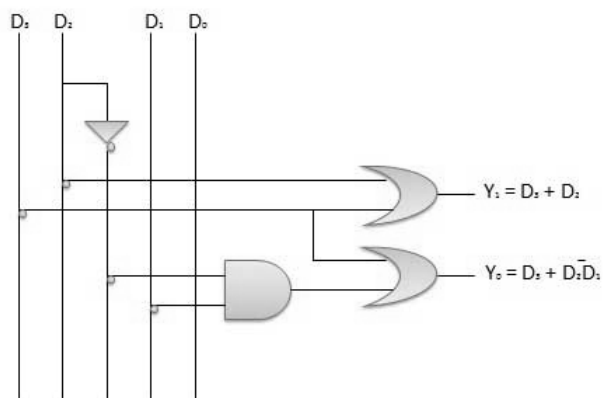
This is a special type of encoder. Priority is given to the input lines. If two or more input line are 1 at the same time, then the input line with highest priority will be considered. There are four input D_0, D_1, D_2, D_3 and two output Y_0, Y_1 . Out of the four input D_3 has the highest priority and D_0 has the lowest priority. That means if $D_3 = 1$ then $Y_1 Y_0 = 11$ irrespective of the other inputs. Similarly if $D_3 = 0$ and $D_2 = 1$ then $Y_1 Y_0 = 10$ irrespective of the other inputs.



Truth Table

Highest	Inputs		Lowest	Outputs	
D_2	D_1	D_0	D_2	Y_2	Y_1
0	0	0	0	x	x
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	x	0	1
0	1	x	x	1	0
1	x	x	x	1	1

Logic Circuit



The combinational circuit does not use any memory. Hence the previous state of input does not have any effect on the present state of the circuit. But sequential circuit has memory so output can vary based on input. This type of circuits uses previous input, output, clock and a memory element.