## DON'T-CARE OPTIMIZATION William Bricken October 1995

Some paths within a circuit are never traversed. When these happen to be the topologically longest paths, the timing of the circuit is not optimal. Here is an example of the kind of algebraic transformations we are doing to optimize timing by eliminating don't-care paths.

## Example: two-bit carry by-pass adder

The carry-bypass adder is a ripple-carry adder with two extra gates that bypass the ripple-carry chain when the carry bits are 1, thus shortening the most critical path in the circuit.

The circuit algebraically:

inputs: a0 a1 b0 b1 c0 outputs: s0 s1 c1 gates are numbered in PUN format:

1 = ((a0 b0) ((a0)(b0)))	xor	
2 = ((a0)(b0))	and	
3 = ((a1 b1) ((a1)(b1)))	xor	
4 = ((a1)(b1))	and	
5 = ((c0 1) ((c0)(1)))	xor	s0
6 = ((c0)(1))	and	
7 = 2 6	or	
8 = ((3 7) ((3)(7)))	xor	s1
9 = ((3)(7))	and	
10= ((1)(3))	and	bypass
11= 4 9	or	
12= ( (10 11) (c0 (10)) )	mux	c1 bypass

What follows is the Losp reduction and restructuring of this circuit.

COALESCE

A = B = 2 = 4 = 6 =	(a0 b0) (a1 b1) ((a0)(b0)) ((a1)(b1)) ((c0)(1))	nor nor and and and		
1 = 3 = 5 = 7 =	(A2) (B4) ((c01)6) 26 ((27)((2)(7)))	xor xor xor or	s0	
8 = 9 = 10= 11= 12=	((3)(7)) ((1)(3)) 4 9 ( (10 11) (c0 (10)) )	and and or mux	bypas c1	ss bypass

EXPAND (substitute 1,3,7,9,11)

Α :	= (a0 b0)	nor		
Β :	= (a1 b1)	nor		
2	= ((a0)(b0))	and		
4	= ((a1)(b1))	and		
6	= ((c0) A 2)	and		
5	= ( (c0 (A 2)) 6 )	xor	s0	
8	= ( ((B 4) 2 6) (B 4 (2 6)) )	xor	s1	
10	= (A 2 B 4)	and	bypass	
12	= ((10 4 (B 4 (2 6))) (c0 (10)))	mux	c1 bypass	

EXPAND (substitute 6,10)

A = (a0 b0) B = (a1 b1) 2 = ((a0)(b0)) 4 = ((a1)(b1))	nor nor and and	
5 = ((c0 (A 2)) ((c0) A 2)) 8 = (((B 4) 2 ((c0) A 2)) (B 4) 12 = (((A 2 B 4) 4 (B 4 (2 ((c0)))))	(2 ((c0) A 2))) ) A 2)))) (c0 A 2 B 4))	s0 s1 c1

8 = ((B 4) 2 ((c0) A 2)) (B 4 (2 ((c0) A 2))))s1 8 = (((B 4) 2 ((c0) A)) (B 4 (2 ((c0) A))))s1 12= (((A 2 B 4) 4 (B 4 (2 ((c0) A 2)))) (c0 A 2 B 4)) c1 12 = (((A 2 B) 4 (B (2 ((c0) A)))) (c0 A 2 B 4))c1

## COALESCE

$A = (a0 \ b0)$	nor	
B = (a1 b1)	nor	
2 = ((a0)(b0))	and	
4 = ((a1)(b1))	and	
$C = (A \ 2)$	nor	
D = (A (c0))	nor	
5 = ((c0 C) ((c0) (C)))		s0
8 = ((B 4) 2 D) (B 4 (2 D)))		s1
12= ((((C) B) 4 (B (2 D))) (c0 (C)	B 4))	c1

COALESCE

FLEX 8

8 = (E F) ((E)(F))

Α	=	(a0 b0)	nor
В	=	(a1 b1)	nor
2	=	((a0)(b0))	and
4	=	((a1)(b1))	and
С	=	(A 2)	nor
D	=	(A (c0))	nor
Е	=	(B 4)	nor
F	=	(D 2)	nor

5 = ((c0 C) ((c0) (C)))	s0
8 = ((E(F))((E)F))	s1
12= ((((C) B) 4 (B F)) (c0 (C) (E)))	c1

F	= (D 2)	nor
5 8	= ( (c0 C) ((c0) (C)) ) = ( (E (F)) ((E) F) )	

0 = (A (C0))	nor
= (B 4)	nor
= (D 2)	nor
= ((c0 C) ((c0) (C)))	

SIMPLIFY (8,12)

FACTOR 12

$$12 = ((((C) B) 4 (B F)) (c0 (C) B 4))$$
  
= 4 ( (((C) B) (B F)) (c0 (C) B) )  
= 4 ( B (C (F)) (c0 (C) B) )  
= 4 ( B (C (F)) (c0 (C) ) )  
= 4 ( B (C 2 D) (c0 (C) ) )  
= 4 ( B (C 2 D) (c0 (C) ) )  
= 4 ( B ((A 2) 2 (A (c0))) (c0 A 2) )  
= 4 ( B ((A 2 2 (A (c0))) (c0 A 2) )  
= 4 ( B ((A 2 2 (A (c0))) (c0 A 2) )  
= 4 ( B ((A 2 2 (A (c0 A))) )  
= 4 ( B (2 (A (c0 A))) )  
= 4 ( B (2 D ) )  
= 4 ( B F)

READING THE RESULT

A	=	(a0 b0)	nor
В	=	(a1 b1)	nor
2	=	((a0)(b0))	and
4	=	((a1)(b1))	and
С	=	(A 2)	nor
D	=	(A (c0))	nor
Е	=	(B 4)	nor
F	=	(D 2)	nor

5 = ((c0 C) ((c0)(C)))	s0
8 = (E F) ((E)(F))	s1
12= 4 (B F)	c1

A& 2:	a0 =	b0
B & 4:	a1 =	b1
C:	a0 ≠	b0
E:	a1 ≠	b1
5:	c0 ≠	С
8:	E =	F