

Logic Synthesis and Verification

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Technology Mapping

Reading:

Logic Synthesis in a Nutshell

Section 4

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Technology Independent Optimization

Example

$$t_1 = a + bc$$

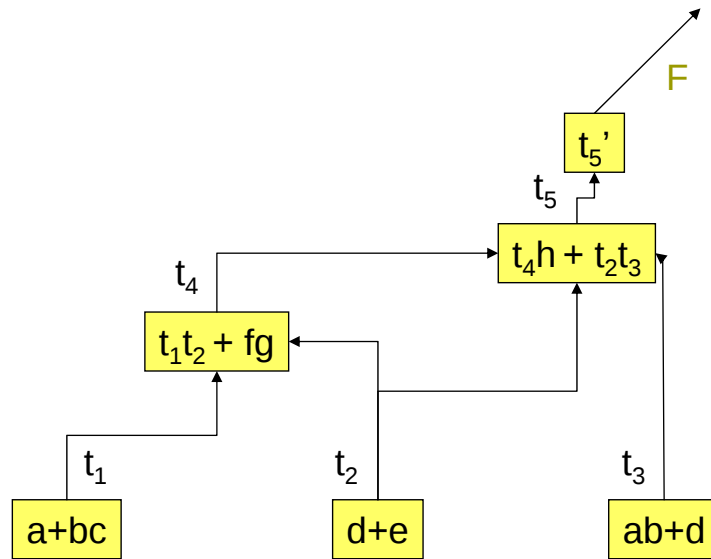
$$t_2 = d + e$$

$$t_3 = ab + d$$

$$t_4 = t_1t_2 + fg$$

$$t_5 = t_4h + t_2t_3$$

$$F = t_5'$$



An unoptimized set of logic equations consisting of 17 literals

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Technology Independent Optimization

Example (cont'd)

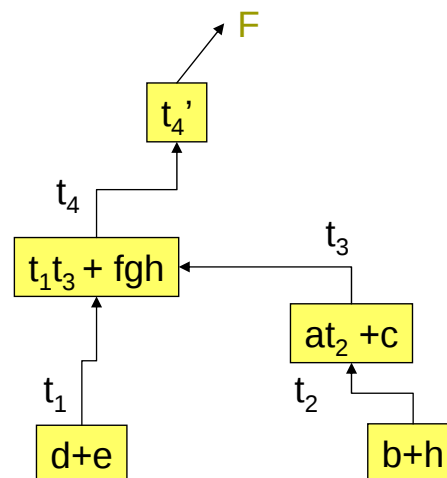
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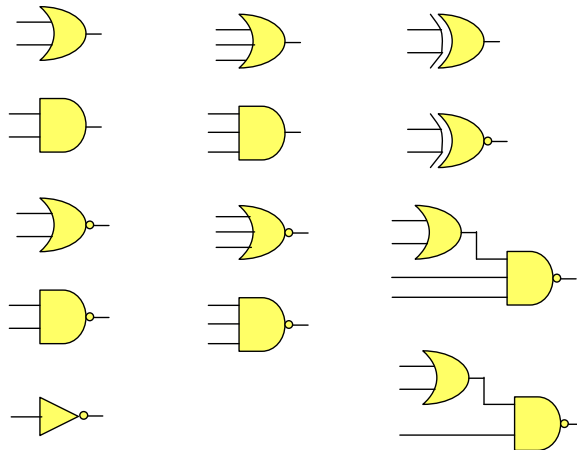
An optimized set of logic equations consisting of 13 literals

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Technology Mapping

- Implement an optimized Boolean network using a set of pre-designed and pre-characterized gates from a *library*
 - Each gate has a *cost* (e.g. area, delay, power, etc.)

library of primitive gates



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Technology Mapping

- Two approaches:
 1. Rule based: LSS
 2. Algorithmic: DAGON
 - Represent the netlist to be mapped in terms of a selected set of base functions, e.g., {NAND2, INV}
 - Base functions from a *functionally complete* set
 - Such a netlist is called the *subject graph*
 - Each gate in the library is likewise represented using the base functions
 - Represent each gate in *all possible* ways
 - This generates *pattern graphs*

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Algorithmic Technology Mapping

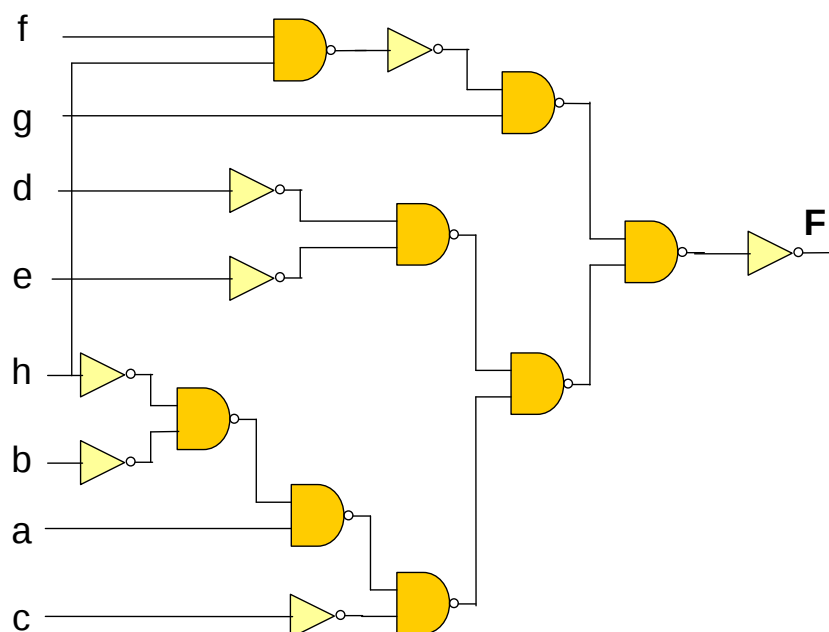
- A **cover** is a collection of pattern graphs such that
 - every node of the subject graph is **contained** in one (or more) pattern graphs
 - each **input** required by a pattern graph is actually an **output** of some other pattern graph (i.e. the inputs of one gate must exist as outputs of other gates)
- For area minimization, the cost of the cover is the **sum of the areas** of the gates in the cover
- Technology mapping problem:
*Find a **minimum cost covering** of the subject graph by choosing from the collection of pattern graphs for all the gates in the library*

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Subject Graph

□ Example

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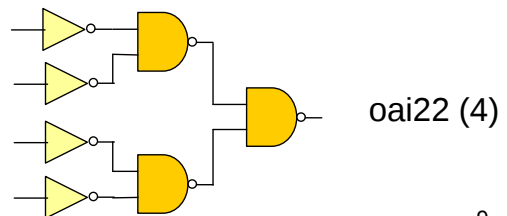
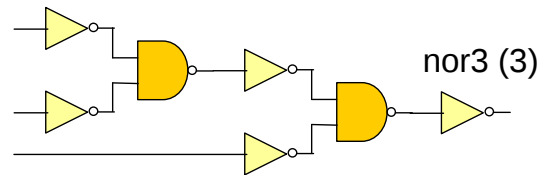
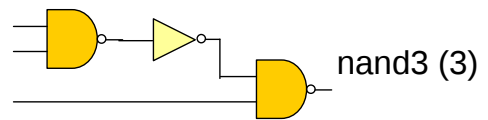
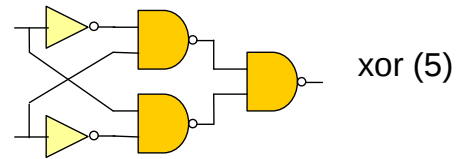
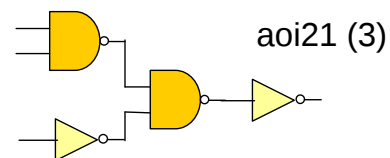
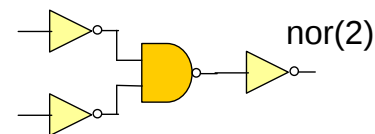
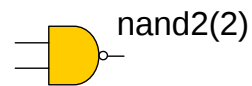
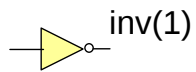


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Pattern Graphs

Example

(IWLS library)



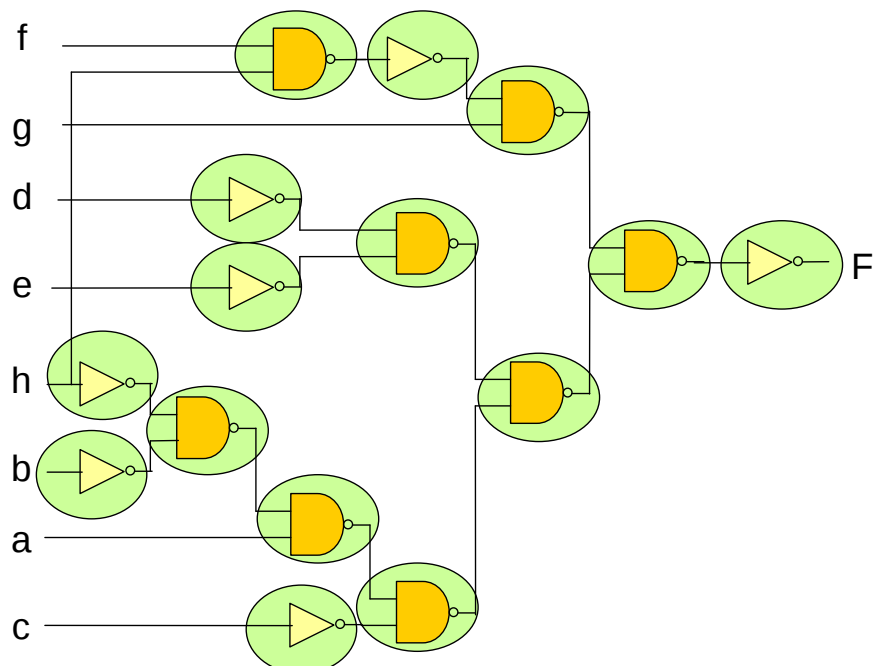
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Subject Graph Covering (1)

Example

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= d + e \\ t_2 &= b + h \\ t_3 &= at_2 + c \\ t_4 &= t_1 t_3 + fgh \\ F &= t_4' \end{aligned}$$

Total cost = 23



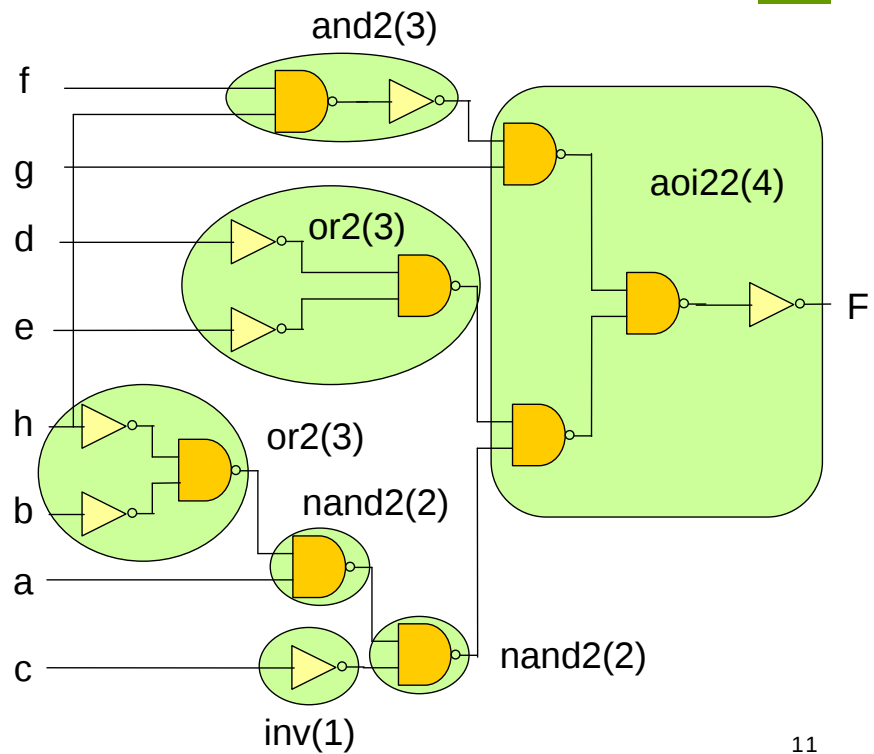
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Subject Graph Covering (2)

Example

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= d + e \\ t_2 &= b + h \\ t_3 &= at_2 + c \\ t_4 &= t_1 t_3 + fgh \\ F &= t_4' \end{aligned}$$

Total cost = 18



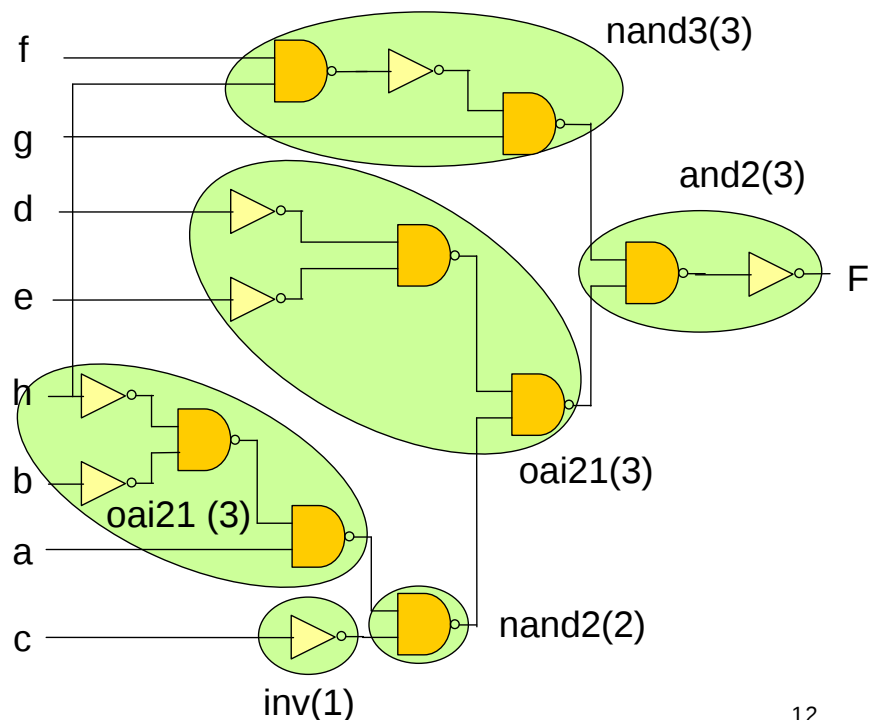
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Subject Graph Covering (3)

Example

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= d + e \\ t_2 &= b + h \\ t_3 &= at_2 + c \\ t_4 &= t_1 t_3 + fgh \\ F &= t_4' \end{aligned}$$

Total cost = 15



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DAG Covering

□ Input:

- Logic network after technology independent optimization
- A library of gates with their costs

□ Output:

- A netlist of gates (from library) which minimizes total cost

□ General Approach:

- Construct a subject DAG (directed acyclic graph) for the network
- Represent each gate in the target library by pattern DAG's
- Find an optimal-cost covering of subject DAG using the collection of pattern DAG's

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DAG Covering

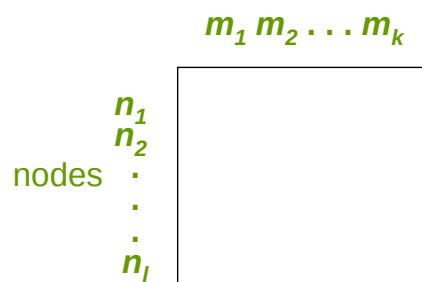
□ Complexity

- NP-hard
- Remains NP-hard even when the nodes have out-degree ≤ 2
- If subject DAG and pattern DAG's are trees, efficient algorithms exist

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

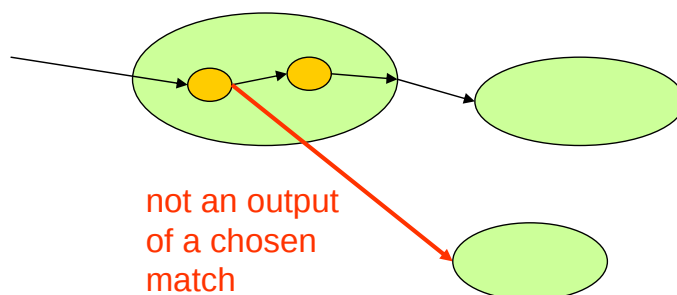
- Compute **all** possible matches $\{m_k\}$ of pattern graphs for each node in the subject graph
- Using a variable m_i for each match of a pattern graph in the subject graph, ($m_i = 1$ if match is chosen)
- Write a **clause** for each node of the subject graph indicating which matches cover this node (each node has to be covered)
 - e.g., if a subject node is covered by matches $\{m_2, m_5, m_{10}\}$, then the clause would be $(m_2 + m_5 + m_{10})$
- Repeat for each subject node and take the product over all subject nodes (**CNF**)



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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

- Any satisfying assignment guarantees that all subject nodes are covered, but does **not** guarantee that *other matches chosen create outputs needed as inputs for a given match*



- Resolve this problem by adding **additional** clauses

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

□ Let match m_i have subject nodes $v_{i1}, \dots, v_{in}$ as its n inputs. If m_i is chosen, one of the matches that realizes v_{ij} **must** also be chosen for each input j (if j not a primary input).

□ Let S_{ij} be the disjunctive expression in the variables m_k giving the possible matches which realize v_{ij} as an output node. Selecting match m_i implies satisfying each of the expressions S_{ij} for $j = 1 \dots n$. This can be written

$$(m_i \Rightarrow (S_{i1} \dots S_{in})) \Leftrightarrow (\bar{m}_i + (S_{i1} \dots S_{in})) \Leftrightarrow ((\bar{m}_i + S_{i1}) \dots (\bar{m}_i + S_{in}))$$

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

□ Also, one of the matches for each **primary output** of the circuit must be selected

□ An assignment to variables m_i that satisfies the above covering expression is a **legal** graph cover

□ For area optimization, each match m_i has a cost c_i that is the area of the gate the match represents

□ The goal is a satisfying assignment with the **least** total **cost**

■ Find a least-cost prime:

□ if a variable $m_i = 0$ its cost is 0, else its cost is c_i

□ $m_i = 0$ means that **match i is not chosen**

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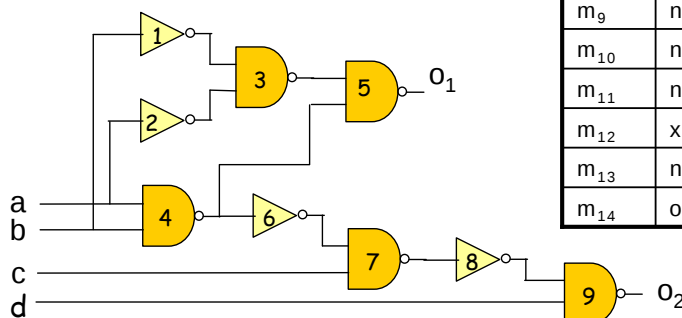
DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

- Binate covering is **more general** thanunate covering
 - Unlike unate covering, variables are present in both their **true** and **complemented** forms in the covering expression
 - The covering expression is a binate function, and the problem is referred to as the **binate-covering problem**

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

□ Example



Match	Gate	Cost	Inputs	Root	Covers
m ₁	inv	1	b	g ₁	g ₁
m ₂	inv	1	a	g ₂	g ₂
m ₃	nand2	2	g ₁ , g ₂	g ₃	g ₃
m ₄	nand2	2	a, b	g ₄	g ₄
m ₅	nand2	2	g ₃ , g ₄	g ₅	g ₅
m ₆	inv	1	g ₄	g ₆	g ₆
m ₇	nand2	2	g ₆ , c	g ₇	g ₇
m ₈	inv	1	g ₇	g ₈	g ₈
m ₉	nand2	2	g ₈ , d	g ₉	g ₉
m ₁₀	nand3	3	g ₆ , c, d	g ₉	g ₇ , g ₈ , g ₉
m ₁₁	nand3	3	a, b, c	g ₇	g ₄ , g ₆ , g ₇
m ₁₂	xnor2	5	a, b	g ₅	g ₁ , g ₂ , g ₃ , g ₄ , g ₅
m ₁₃	nand4	4	a, b, c, d	g ₉	g ₄ , g ₆ , g ₇ , g ₈ , g ₉
m ₁₄	oai21	3	a, b, g ₄	g ₅	g ₁ , g ₂ , g ₃ , g ₅

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

□ Example (cont'd)

- Generate constraints that each node g_i be covered by some match

$$\begin{aligned} & (m_1 + m_{12} + m_{14}) (m_2 + m_{12} + m_{14}) (m_3 + m_{12} + m_{14}) \\ & (m_4 + m_{11} + m_{12} + m_{13}) (m_5 + m_{12} + m_{14}) \\ & (m_6 + m_{11} + m_{13}) (m_7 + m_{10} + m_{11} + m_{13}) \\ & (m_8 + m_{10} + m_{13}) (m_9 + m_{10} + m_{13}) \end{aligned}$$

- To ensure that a cover leads to a valid circuit, extra clauses are generated
 - For example, selecting m_3 requires that
 - a match be chosen which produces g_2 as an output, and
 - a match be chosen which produces g_1 as an output
- The only match which produces g_1 is m_1 , and the only match which produces g_2 is m_2

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

□ Example (cont'd)

- The primary output nodes g_5 and g_9 must be realized as an output of some match
 - The matches which realize g_5 as an output are m_5, m_{12}, m_{14}
 - The matches which realize g_9 as an output are m_9, m_{10}, m_{13}
- Note:
 - A match which requires a primary input as an input is satisfied trivially
 - Matches $m_1, m_2, m_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}$ are driven only by primary inputs and do not require additional clauses

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DAG Covering Binate Covering Approach

Example (cont'd)

Finally, we get

$$(\bar{m}_3 + m_1)(\bar{m}_3 + m_2)(m_3 + \bar{m}_5)(\bar{m}_5 + m_4)(\bar{m}_6 + m_4) \\ (\bar{m}_7 + m_6)(\bar{m}_8 + m_7)(m_8 + m_9)(m_{10} + m_6) \\ (\bar{m}_{14} + m_4)(m_5 + m_{12} + m_{14})(m_9 + m_{10} + m_{13})$$

The covering expression has 58 implicants

The least cost prime implicant is

$$\bar{m}_3 \bar{m}_5 \bar{m}_6 \bar{m}_7 \bar{m}_8 \bar{m}_9 \bar{m}_{10} m_{12} m_{13} \bar{m}_{14}$$

This uses two gates for a cost of 9 gate units. This corresponds to a cover which selects matches m_{12} (xor2) and m_{13} (nand4).

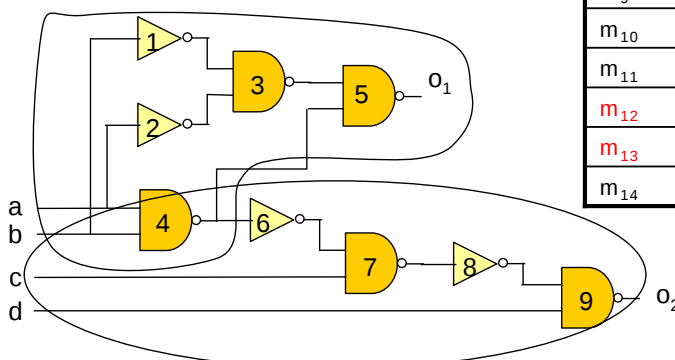
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m_4	nand2	2	a, b	g_4	g_4
m_5	nand2	2	g_3, g_4	g_5	g_5
m_6	inv	1	g_4	g_6	g_6
m_7	nand2	2	g_6, c	g_7	g_7
m_8	inv	1	g_7	g_8	g_8
m_9	nand2	2	g_8, d	g_9	g_9
m_{10}	nand3	3	g_6, c, d	g_9	g_7, g_8, g_9
m_{11}	nand3	3	a, b, c	g_7	g_4, g_6, g_7
m_{12}	xnor2	5	a, b	g_5	g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, g_5
m_{13}	nand4	4	a, b, c, d	g_9	g_4, g_6, g_7, g_8, g_9
m_{14}	oai21	3	a, b, g_4	g_5	g_1, g_2, g_3, g_5

$$m_3 \bar{m}_5 \bar{m}_6 \bar{m}_7 \bar{m}_8 \bar{m}_9 \bar{m}_{10} m_{12} m_{13} \bar{m}_{14}$$



Note: g_4 is covered by both matches

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DAG Covering

Binate Covering Approach

□ Complexity

- DAG-covering: **covering + implication** constraints
- More general than unate covering
 - Finding least cost prime of a *binate* function
 - Even finding a feasible solution is NP-complete (SAT)
 - For unate covering, finding a feasible solution is easy
- Given a **subject graph**, the binate covering provides the **exact** solution to the technology-mapping problem
 - **However**, better results may be obtained with a different initial decomposition into 2-input NANDs and inverters
- Methods to solve the binate covering formulation:
 - Branch and bound, BDD-based
 - Expensive even for moderate-size networks

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Tree Covering

- When the subject graph and pattern graphs are **trees**, an efficient algorithm to find the best cover exists
- Solvable with **dynamic programming**

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Tree Covering

1. **Partition** subject graph into **forest** of trees
2. **Cover** each tree optimally using dynamic programming
 - Given:
 - Subject trees (networks to be mapped)
 - Forest of patterns (gate library)
 - For each node N of a subject tree
 - **Recursive Assumption:** for all children of N , a **best** cost match (**which implements the node**) is known
 - Compute cost of each pattern tree which matches at N ,
Cost = SUM of best costs of implementing each **input** of pattern **plus** the cost of the pattern
 - Cost of a **leaf** of the tree is 0
 - Choose least cost matching pattern for implementing N

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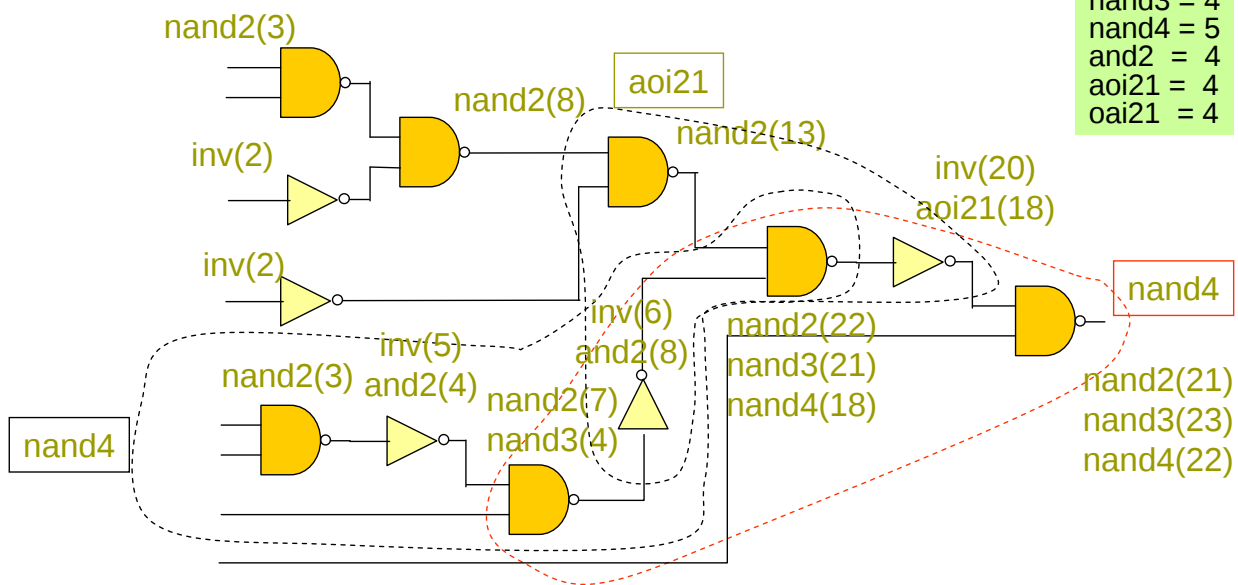
Tree Covering

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□ Algorithm OPTIMAL_AREA_COVER(node) {  
  foreach input of node {  
    OPTIMAL_AREA_COVER(input); //satisfies recur. assumption  
  }  
  // Using these, find the best cover at node  
  node→area = INFINITY;  
  node→match = 0;  
  foreach match at node {  
    area = match→area;  
    foreach pin of match {  
      area = area + pin→area;  
    }  
    if (area < node→area) {  
      node→area = area;  
      node→match = match;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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Tree Covering

Example



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Tree Covering

Complexity

- Complexity is controlled by finding **all** sub-trees of the subject graph which are isomorphic to a pattern tree
- **Linear** complexity in both size of subject tree and size of collection of pattern trees

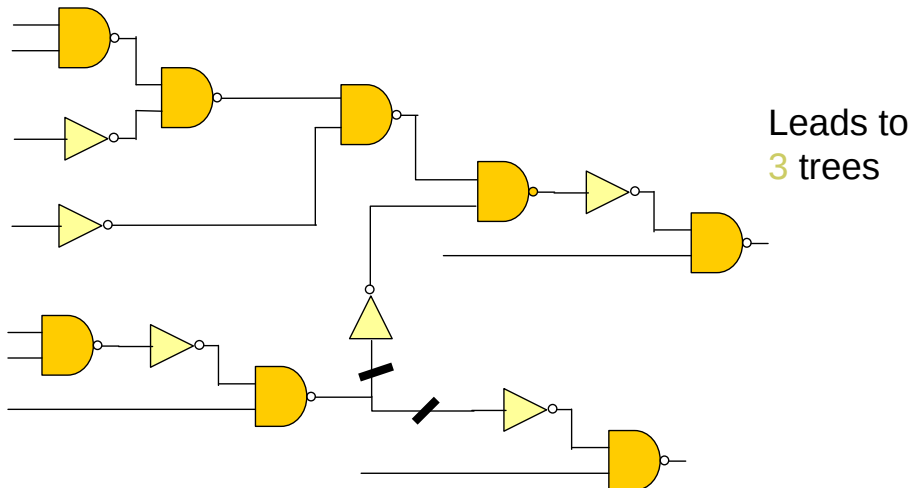
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Tree Covering

□ Partition subject DAG into trees

■ Trivial partition: break the graph at all multiple-fanout points

- no duplication or overlap in the resulting trees
- drawback - sometimes results in many small trees



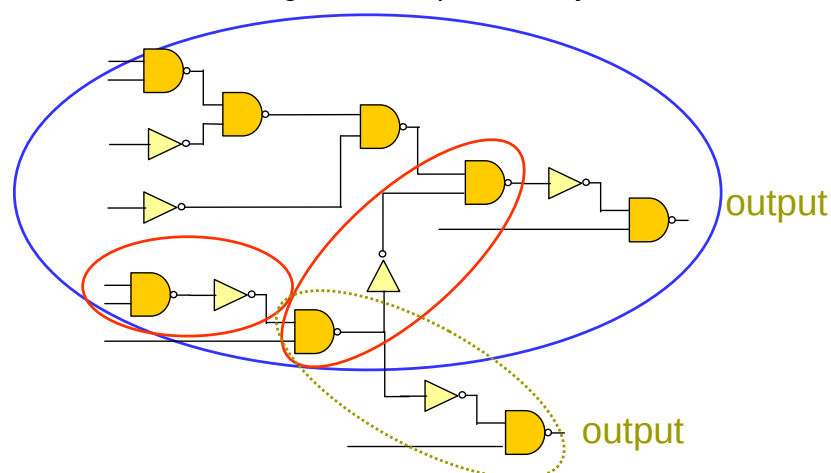
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Tree Covering

□ Partition subject DAG into trees

■ Single-cone partition: from a single output, form a large tree back to the primary inputs

- map successive outputs until they hit match output formed from mapping previous primary outputs
 - Duplicates some logic (where trees overlap)
 - Produces much larger trees, potentially better area results



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Min-Delay Technology Mapping

- For trees:
 - identical to min-area covering
 - use optimal delay values within the dynamic programming paradigm
- For DAGs:
 - if delay does not depend on number of fanouts:
use dynamic programming as presented for trees
 - leads to optimal solution in polynomial time
 - Assume logic replication is okay
- Combined objective
 - e.g. apply delay as first criteria, then area as second
 - combine with static timing analysis to focus on critical paths

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Decomposition and Technology Mapping

Common Approach:

- Phase 1: Technology independent optimization
 - commit to a particular Boolean network
 - algebraic decomposition used
- Phase 2: AND2/INV decomposition
 - commit to a particular decomposition of a general Boolean network using **2-input ANDs and inverters**
- Phase 3: Technology mapping (**tree-mapping**)

Drawbacks:

Procedures in each phase are **disconnected**:

- Phase 1 and Phase 2 make **critical decisions** without knowing much about constraints and library
- Phase 3 knows about constraints and library, but solution space is **restricted** by decisions made earlier

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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

- ❑ Incorporate technology independent procedures (Phase 1 and Phase 2) into technology mapping
- ❑ Lehman-Watanabe Algorithm:
- ❑ Key Idea:
 - Efficiently encode a set of AND2/INV decompositions into a single structure called a *mapping graph*
 - Apply a modified tree-based technology mapper while *dynamically performing algebraic logic decomposition* on the mapping graph

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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

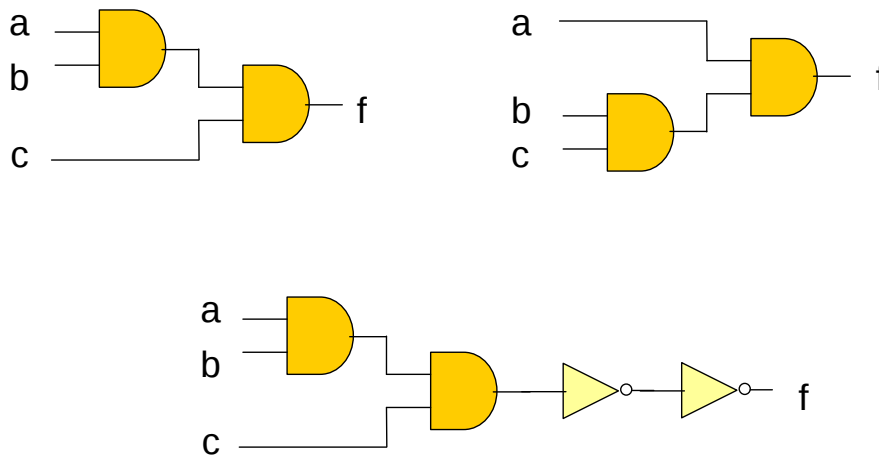
- ❑ Outline
 - Mapping Graph
 - ❑ Encodes a set of AND2/INV decompositions
 - Tree-mapping on a mapping graph: *graph-mapping*
 - Λ -mapping:
 - ❑ without dynamic logic decomposition
 - ❑ solution space: Phase 3 + Phase 2
 - Δ -mapping:
 - ❑ with dynamic logic decomposition
 - ❑ solution space: Phase 3 + Phase 2 + Algebraic decomposition (Phase 1)

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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

□ AND2/INV decomposition

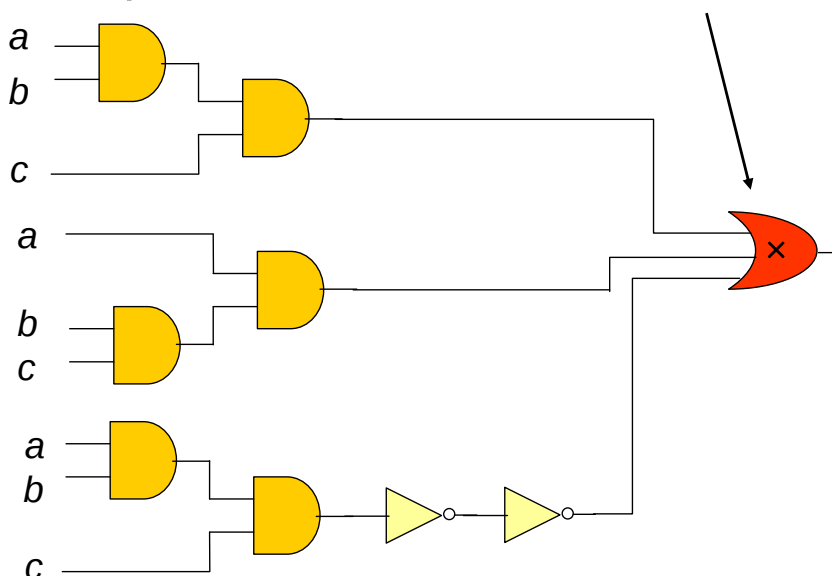
- E.g., $f = abc$ can be represented in various ways



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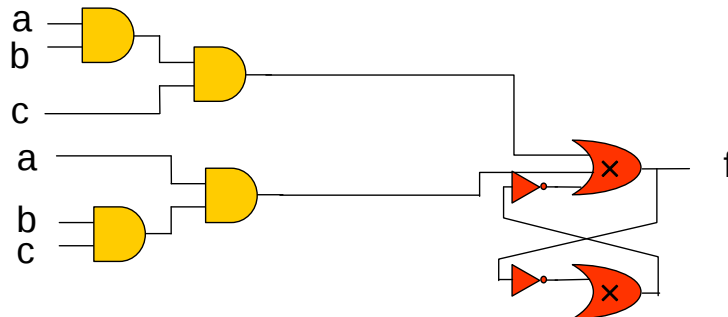
□ Combine different AND2/INV decompositions with a choice node



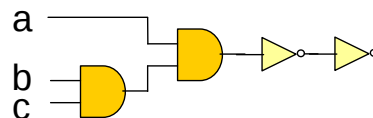
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- The previous AND2/INV decompositions can be represented more compactly as:



- This representation encodes even more decompositions, e.g.,

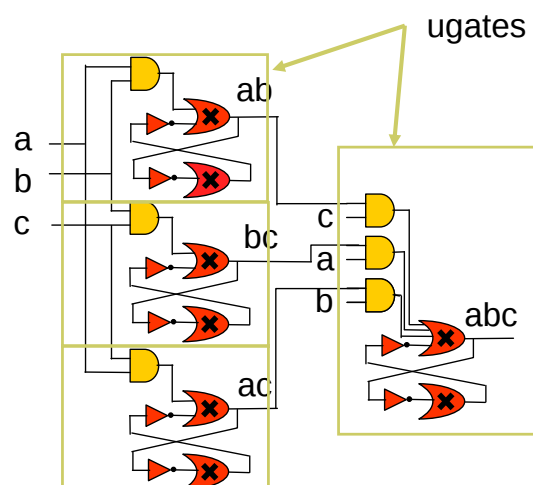


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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

- **Mapping graph** is a Boolean network containing the following four modifications:
 - **Choice node**: choices on different decompositions
 - **Cyclic**: functions written in terms of each other, e.g. inverter chain with an arbitrary length
 - **Reduced**: No two choice nodes with same function. No two AND2s with same fanin. (like BDD node sharing)
 - **Ugates**: just for efficient implementation - do not explicitly represent choice nodes and inverters

- For CHT benchmark (MCNC'91), there are 2.2×10^{93} AND2/INV decompositions. All are encoded with only 400 ugates containing 599 AND2s in total.



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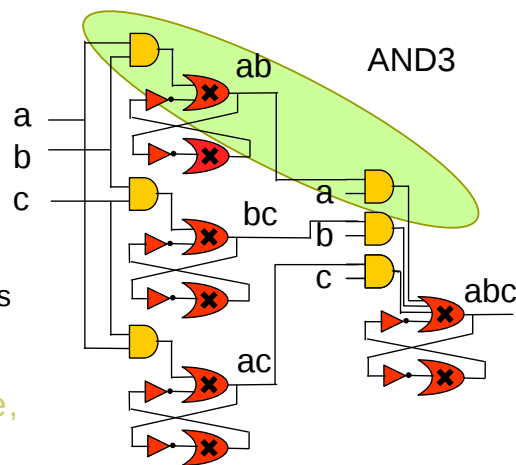
Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

Graph-Mapping on Trees*:

Apply dynamic programming from primary inputs:

- find matches at each AND2 and INV, and
- retain the cost of a best cover at each node
 - a match may contain choice nodes
 - the cost at a choice node is the minimum of fanin costs
- fixed-point iteration on each cycle, until costs of all the nodes in the cycle become stable

- Run-time is typically linear in the size of the mapping graph



* mapping graph may not be a tree, but any multiple fanout node just represents several copies of same function.

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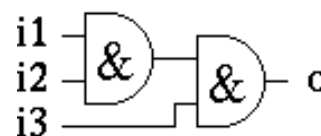
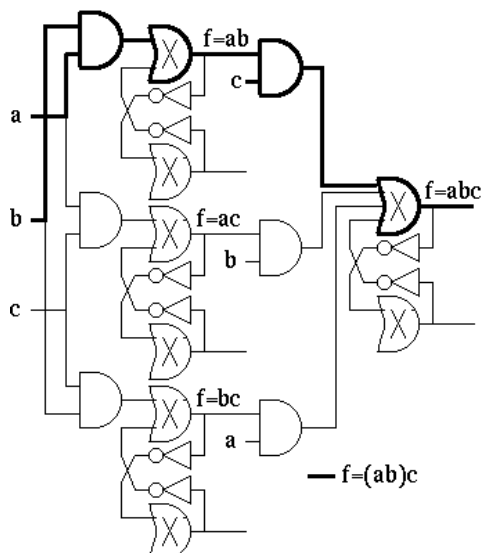
Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

Example

- Graph mapping on trees for min delay
 - best choice if c is later than a and b.

subject graph

library pattern graph



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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

□ Graph mapping

Graph-mapping(μ) = $\min_{\theta \in \mu} \{ \text{tree-mapping}(\theta) \}$

μ : mapping graph

θ : AND2/INV decomposition encoded in μ

- Graph-mapping finds an optimal **tree** implementation for each primary output **over** all AND2/INV decompositions encoded in μ
- Graph-mapping is **as powerful** as applying tree-mapping **exhaustively**, but is typically exponentially faster

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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

□ Λ -mapping

Given a Boolean network η ,

- Generate a mapping graph μ :
- For each node of η ,
 - encode all AND2 decompositions for each **product** term
 - E.g., $abc \Rightarrow 3$ AND2 decompositions: $a(bc)$, $c(ab)$, $b(ca)$
 - encode all AND2/INV decompositions for the **sum** term
 - E.g., $p+q+r \Rightarrow 3$ AND2/INV decompositions:
 $p+(q+r)$, $r+(p+q)$, $q+(r+p)$
 - In practice, η is preprocessed so each node has at most 10 product terms and each term has at most 10 literals
- Apply graph-mapping on μ

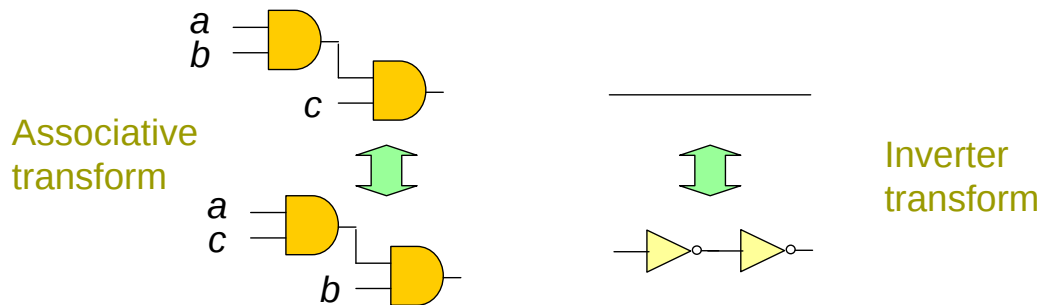
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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

□ Λ -mapping

For the mapping graph μ generated for a Boolean network η , let

- L_η be the set of AND2/INV decompositions encoded in μ
- Λ_η be the closure of the set of AND2/INV decompositions of η under the associative and inverter transformations:



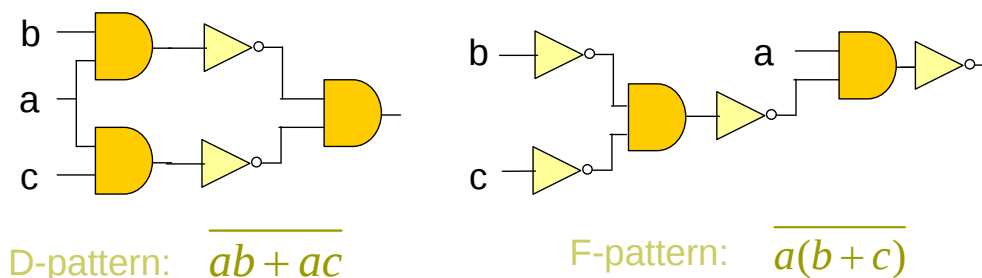
□ **Theorem:** $\Lambda_\eta = L_\eta$

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Combined Decomposition and Technology Mapping

□ Dynamic logic decomposition

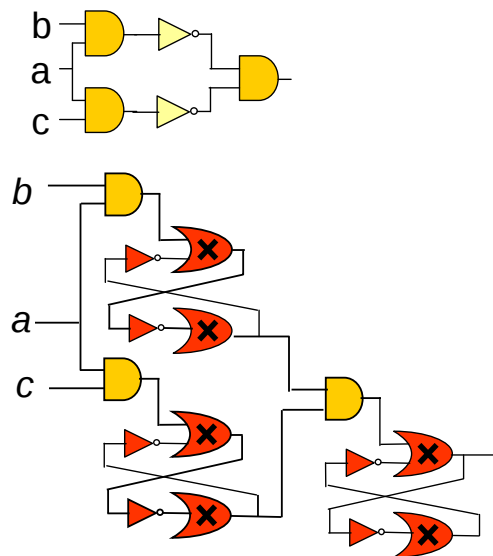
- During graph-mapping, **dynamically** modify the mapping graph: find **D-patterns** and add **F-patterns**



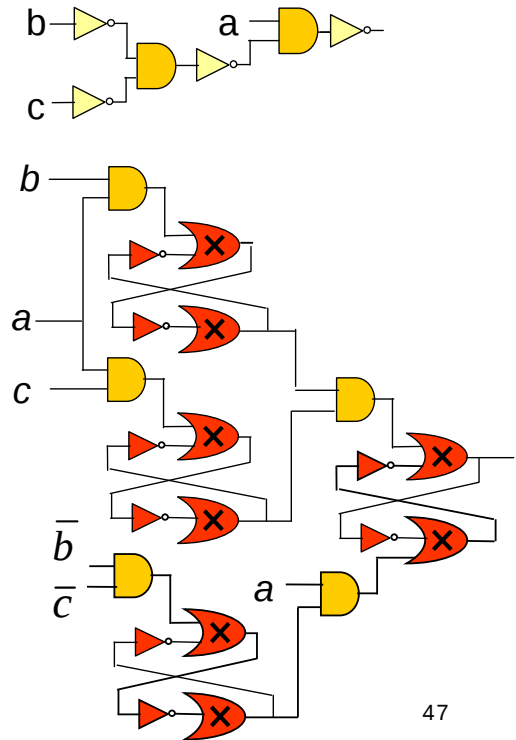
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Dynamic logic decomposition



Note: Adding F-patterns may introduce new D-patterns which may imply new F-patterns



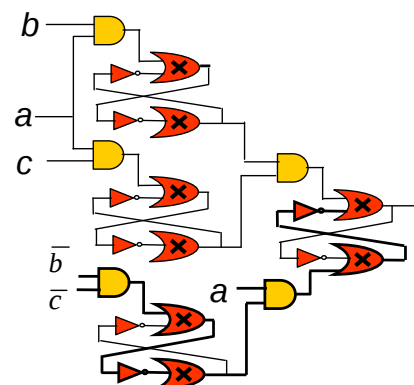
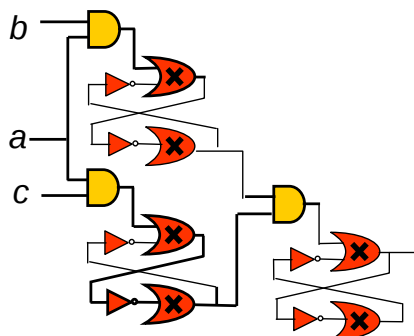
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Δ -mapping

Given a Boolean network η ,

- Generate a mapping graph μ
- Iteratively apply graph mapping on μ , while performing **dynamic** logic decomposition until nothing changes in μ
 - Before finding matches at an AND2 in μ , check if D-pattern matches at the AND2. If so, add the corresponding F-pattern
 - In practice, terminate the procedure when a feasible solution is found



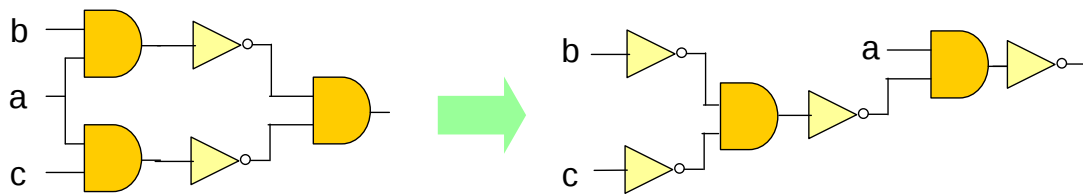
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□ Δ -mapping

For the mapping graph μ generated for a Boolean network η , let

- D_η be the set of AND2/INV decompositions encoded in the **resulting** mapping graph.
- Δ_η be the closure of Λ_η under the distributive transformation:



□ **Theorem:** $\Delta_\eta = D_\eta$

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□ Theorem: If

1. η^* is an arbitrary Boolean network obtained from η by **algebraic** decomposition, and
2. θ is an arbitrary **AND2/INV** decomposition of η^*

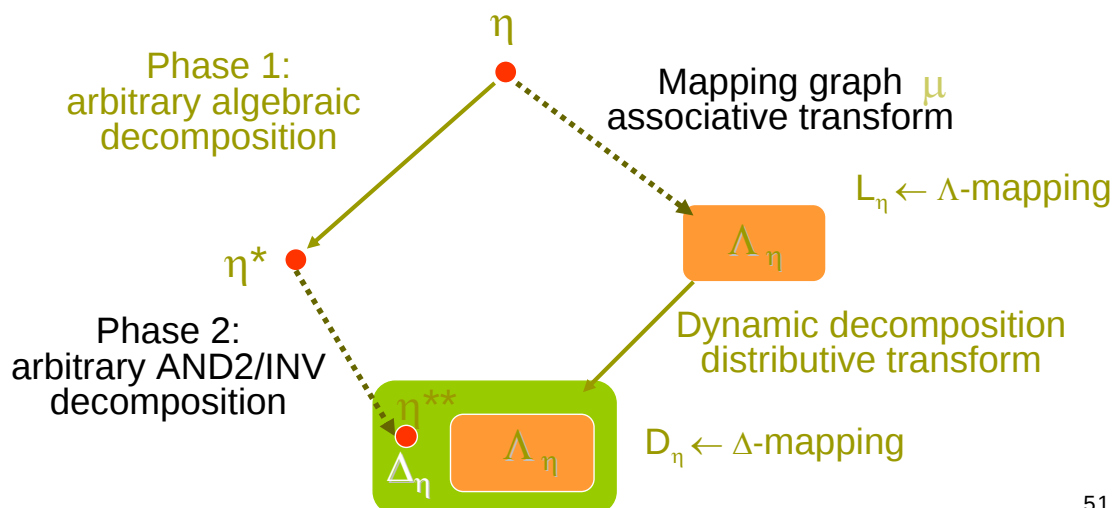
then $\theta \in D_\eta$

□ The resulting mapping graph encodes **all** the AND2/INV decompositions of **all** algebraic decompositions of η

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- Λ -mapping captures all AND2/INV decompositions of η :
Phase 2 (subject graph generation) is subsumed
- Δ -mapping captures all algebraic decompositions:
Phase 2 and Phase 1 are subsumed



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- Summary
 - Logic decomposition during technology mapping
 - Efficiently encode a set on AND2/INV decompositions
 - Dynamically perform logic decomposition
 - Two mapping procedures
 - Λ -mapping: optimal over all AND2/INV decompositions (associative rule)
 - Δ -mapping: optimal over all algebraic decompositions (distributive rule)
 - Was implemented and used for commercial design projects (in DEC/Compac alpha)
 - Extended for sequential circuits:
 - considers all retiming possibilities (implicitly) and algebraic factors across latches

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