# CSCB58: Computer Organization



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# CSCB58 Week 3: Summary

## Week 3 review

- Building
  - Mux/demux
  - Decoders
  - Adders
  - Subtractors
  - Comparators

# Comparators



### Comparators

- A circuit that takes in two input vectors, and determines if the first is greater than, less than or equal to the second.
- How does one make that in a circuit?



# **Basic Comparators**

- Consider two binary numbers A and B, where A and B are one bit long.
- The circuits for this would be:





A	B
0	0
0	1
1	0
1	1

## **Basic Comparators**

- What if A and B are two bits long?
- The terms for this circuit for have to expand to reflect the second signal.
- For example:





### **Basic Comparators**

• What about checking if A is greater than B?





A > B if and only if A1 > B1 or (A1 = B1 and A0 > B0)

# **General Comparators**

- The general circuit for comparators requires you to define equations for each case.
- Case #1: Equality
  - If inputs A and B are equal, then all bits must be the same.
  - Define  $X_{\underline{i}}$  for any digit  $\underline{i}$ :
    - (equality for digit i)

$$X_{i} = A_{i} \cdot B_{i} + \overline{A}_{i} \cdot \overline{B}_{i}$$

• Equality between A and B is defined as:

$$A == B : X_0 \cdot X_1 \cdot ... \cdot X_n$$

#### Comparators

- <u>Case #2:</u> A > B
  - The first non-matching bits occur at bit i, where  $A_i=1$ and  $B_i=0$ . All higher bits match.
  - Using the definition for  $X_{\underline{i}}$  from before:

$$A > B = A_n \cdot \overline{B}_n + X_n \cdot A_{n-1} \cdot \overline{B}_{n-1} + \dots + A_0 \cdot \overline{B}_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n X_k$$

- <u>Case #3:</u> A < B
  - The first non-matching bits occur at bit i, where  $A_i=0$ and  $B_i=1$ . Again, all higher bits match.

$$A < B = \overline{A}_n \cdot B_n + X_n \cdot \overline{A}_{n-1} \cdot B_{n-1} + \dots + \overline{A}_0 \cdot B_0 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n X_k$$

#### **Comparator truth table**

 Given two input vectors of size n=2, output of circuit is shown at right.

Inputs			Outputs			
<b>A</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>A</b> <sub>0</sub>	$B_1$	B <sub>0</sub>	A < B	A = B	A > B
0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	0

#### **Comparator example (cont'd)**

A < B:



$$LT = B_1 \cdot \overline{A}_1 + B_0 \cdot B_1 \cdot \overline{A}_0 + B_0 \cdot \overline{A}_0 \cdot \overline{A}_1$$

#### **Comparator example (cont'd)**



$$EQ = \overline{B}_0 \cdot \overline{B}_1 \cdot \overline{A}_0 \cdot \overline{A}_1 + B_0 \cdot \overline{B}_1 \cdot A_0 \cdot \overline{A}_1 + B_0 \cdot \overline{B}_1 \cdot A_0 \cdot \overline{A}_1 + B_0 \cdot B_1 \cdot \overline{A}_0 \cdot A_1$$

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#### **Comparator example (cont'd)**

A>B:



$$GT = \overline{B}_1 \cdot A_1 + \overline{B}_0 \cdot \overline{B}_1 \cdot A_0 + \overline{B}_0 \cdot A_0 \cdot A_1$$

# **Comparing larger numbers**

- As numbers get larger, the comparator circuit gets more complex.
- At a certain level, it can be easier sometimes to just process the result of a subtraction operation instead.
  - Easier, less circuitry, just not faster.



#### Question #1

a) How do you write the number 78 as an 8-bit binary number?



b) What is the two's complement of 01101101?

c) What is the sum of 01101101 and 01101101?

11011010

10010011

Note what's happening here!

#### Question #2

 What groupings are in the K-map on the right?

	<u>c</u> . <u>p</u>	C ∙D	C ·D	<u>c</u> .d
Ā·B	1	1	Х	1
A ∙B	Х	0	Х	1
А∙в	1	Х	Х	1
Ā·в	1	Х	0	Х

What logic equations do these groupings represent?



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