And Inverter Graphs

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Can represent any Boolean function:

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\begin{align*}
&f(v_1 \ldots v_i) \\
&f(v_{j+1} \ldots v_i) \\
&f(v_{j+2} \ldots v_i) \\
&f(v_{j+3} \ldots v_i)
\end{align*}
\]
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Can be small vs. CNF representation:

\[ (v_1 \lor v_2 \lor v_3 \ldots) \land (\bar{v}_1 \lor \bar{v}_2 \lor v_3 \ldots) \land (\bar{v}_1 \lor v_2 \lor \bar{v}_3 \ldots) \ldots (\bar{v}_1 \lor \bar{v}_2 \lor \bar{v}_3 \lor \bar{v}_4 \lor v_5 \ldots) \ldots \]

linear in AIG but exponential in CNF or in DNF
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Can be small vs. BDD representation:

Consider an integer multiplier for word size $n$
  with outputs numbered 0 to $2^n - 1$.

For the Boolean function representing either the output

\[ i - 1 \text{ or } 2^n - i - 1: \]

1. there is a circuit of size linear in $n$ that implements it;
2. every BDD representing one of them has exponential size.
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Can be smaller than the circuit they represent:
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AIGs can represent specifications, for example 1-bit adder:

\[
\text{equal } x_2 (\text{or} \ (\text{and} \ a_2 \ (\text{not} \ b_2) \ (\text{not} \ c_1)) \\
\text{ (and} \ (\text{not} \ a_2) \ b_2 \ (\text{not} \ c_1)) \\
\text{ (and} \ (\text{not} \ a_2) \ (\text{not} \ b_2) \ c_1) \\
\text{ (and} \ a_2 \ b_2 \ c_1)))) \\
\text{equal } c_2 (\text{or} \ (\text{and} \ a_2 \ b_2) \ (\text{and} \ a_2 \ c_1) \ (\text{and} \ b_2 \ c_1))))
\]
Equivalence Checking

Formally prove that representations of circuit designs or specifications exhibit exactly the same behavior (over time)

Three principle kinds of circuit tests:

**Synchronous:** show that two design specifications are functionally equivalent if they result in exactly the same sequence of output signals for any valid sequence of input signals.

**Microprocessor:** show that the functions specified for the instruction set architecture will result in exactly the same update of the content of memory that a given RTL implementation does.

**System Design Flow:** show that a Transaction Level Model matches its corresponding RTL
Equivalence Checking

Reminder:

**Transaction Level Model:**
High-level approach to modeling digital systems where details of communication among modules are separated from the details of the implementation of functional units or of the communication architecture. Busses or FIFOs are modeled as channels, and are presented to modules using the SystemC language. Transaction requests take place by calling interface functions of these channel models, which encapsulate low-level details of the information exchange. At the transaction level, the emphasis is on the functionality of the data transfers - what data are transferred to what locations. Transfer protocol is less important. Allows experimentation with different bus architectures, etc. without having to recode models that interact with any of the buses.
Equivalence Checking

Reminder:

**SystemC:**

```c
#include "systemc.h"

SC_MODULE(adder) // module (class) declaration
{
    sc_in<int> a, b; // ports
    sc_out<int> sum;

    void do_add() // process
    {
        sum = a + b;
    }

    SC_CTOR(adder) // constructor
    {
        SC_METHOD(do_add); // register do_add to kernel
        sensitive << a << b; // sensitivity list of do_add
    }
};
```
Equivalence Checking

Reminder:

**Register Transfer Level:**

Describes the behavior of a synchronous digital circuit in terms of the flow of signals, or transfer of data, between hardware registers, and the logical operations performed on those signals.

RTL is used in hardware description languages like VHDL.

Example in VHDL for this circuit:

```vhdl
process(clk)
begina
    if rising_edge(clk) then
        Q <= not Q;
    end if;
end process;
```
Equivalence Checking

Reminder:

**Synchronous circuits:**

Step 1: Design at RTL using Verilog or VHDL
Step 2: Verify and/or validate the design
Step 3: Convert the design to a netlist using logic synthesis tool
Step 4: Optimize the design
Step 5: Add circuitry for testing
Step 6: The Problem - all that mucking may have changed functionality
Step 6: A Solution - test - but who says the tests are complete?
Step 6: Better Solution - equivalence check!!
ENTITY full_adder IS
    PORT (a : IN BIT; b : IN BIT; ci : IN BIT; s : OUT BIT; co : OUT BIT);
END full_adder;

ARCHITECTURE gate_level OF full_adder IS
    COMPONENT an02d1 PORT (a1, a2: IN BIT; z: OUT BIT); END COMPONENT;
    COMPONENT xo02d1 PORT (a1, a2: IN BIT; z: OUT BIT); END COMPONENT;
    COMPONENT or03d1 PORT (a1, a2, a3: IN BIT; z: OUT BIT); END COMPONENT;
    -- Intermediate nets
    SIGNAL net1, net2, net3, net4 : BIT;
BEGIN
    -- Sum Output Bit
    U1 : xo02d1 PORT MAP (a, b, net1);
    U2 : xo02d1 PORT MAP (ci, net1, s);
    -- Carry Output Bit
    U3 : an02d1 PORT MAP (a, b, net2);
    U4 : an02d1 PORT MAP (a, ci, net3);
    U5 : an02d1 PORT MAP (b, ci, net4);
    U6 : or03d1 PORT MAP (net2, net3, net4, co);
END gate_level;
(defun f74181-netlist (c~ a0 a1 a2 a3 b0 b1 b2 b3 m s0 s1 s2 s3)
  (let* ((w0 (q-not m))
          (w1 (q-not b0))
          (w2 (q-not b1))
          (w3 (q-not b2))
          (w4 (q-not b3))
          (w5 a0)
          (w6 (q-and b0 s0))
          (w7 (q-and s1 w1))
          (w8 (q-and w1 (q-and s2 a0)))
          (w9 (q-and a0 (q-and s3 b0)))
          (w10 a1)
          (w11 (q-and b1 s0))
          (w12 (q-and s1 w2))
          (w13 (q-and w2 (q-and s2 a1)))
          (w14 (q-and a1 (q-and s3 b1)))
          (w15 a2)
          ...
          (w47 (q-not (q-and w26 (q-and w28 (q-and w30 w32))))))
  (list f0 f1 f2 f3 cout~ p~ g~ a=b)))
(defm *full-adder-module*
   '(:i (c a b) :o (sum co)
    :occs
    (((:u o0 :o (sum1 c1) :op ,*half-adder-module* :i (a b))
      (:u o1 :o (sum c2) :op ,*half-adder-module* :i (sum1 c))
      (:u o2 :o (co) :op ,*or2* :i (c1 c2)))))

(defm *half-adder-module*
   '(:i (a b) :o (sum carry)
    :occs
    (((:u o0 :o (sum) :op ,*xor2* :i (a b))
      (:u o1 :o (carry) :op ,*and2* :i (a b)))))

...
The beginning of the equivalency check - one circuit has been transformed to an AIG.
Equivalence Checking

Vertex $a$ of the circuit has been merged with vertex $b$ of the AIG.
The completed AIG.
Check nodes 5 and 6.

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Reduce the graph.
Check nodes 3 and 4.
Equivalence Checking

Reduce the graph.
Equivalence Checking

Check nodes 1 and 2.

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| 2 | 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 |
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