FPGA Carry Chain Adder (1A)

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$$s_i = (a_i \oplus b_i) \oplus c_i = p_i \oplus c_i$$

$$c_{i+1} = (a_i \cdot b_i) + (a_i \oplus b_i) c_i = \overline{p_i} \cdot g_i + p_i \cdot c_i = \overline{p_i} \cdot a_i + p_i \cdot c_i = \overline{p_i} \cdot b_i + p_i \cdot c_i$$

when $\overline{p}_i = 1$, then $a_i = b_i$	p(i)	0	1	g(i)	0	1
	0	0	1	0	0	0
when $g_i = 1$, then $a_i = b_i = 1$	1	1	0	1	0	1

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FPGA Carry Chain

FPGAs generally contain dedicated computation resources for generating fast adders

The Virtex family programmable arrays include logic gates (**XOR**) and **multiplexers** that along with the general purpose **lookup tables** allow one to build effective carry-chain adders

The carry chain is made up of multiplexers belonging to adjacent configurable blocks

the lookup table is used for implementing the exclusive or function

p(i) = x(i) xor y(i)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carry-lookahead_adder



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		Cin	Cin	
Х	Y	Cout1	Cout0	
0	0	0	0	$\overline{X} \overline{Y}$
0	1	1	0	ΧY
1	0	1	0	XΫ
1	1	1	1	ХΥ

Cout : functions of X, Y, Cin

Cout(X, Y, 1) = Cout1 = X + YCout(X, Y, 0) = Cout0 = X Y

Cout1 = X + Y when Cin=1 Cout0 = XY when Cin=0

Cout1 = P' \underline{Cin} ... P' = relaxed P Cout0 = G \overline{Cin}

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If \underline{Cin} , then $Cout = (\overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + X Y)$ If \overline{Cin} , then Cout = X Y

 $Cin (X + Y) + \overline{Cin} X Y$ $Cin (\overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + X Y) + \overline{Cin} X Y$ $Cin (\overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y}) + (Cin + \overline{Cin}) X Y$ P Cin + G

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Cin (X + Y) + \overline{Cin} X Y
Cin P' + Cin G ... P' : relaxed P
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Х	Y	Cout1	Cout0	
0	0	0	0	$\overline{X} \overline{Y}$
0	1	1	0	ΧY
1	0	1	0	ΧŸ
1	1	1	1	ΧY

Х	Y	Cin	Cout	
0	0	0	0	Cout0
0	1	0	0	Cout0
1	0	0	0	Cout0
1	1	0	1	Cout0
0	0	1	0	Cout1
0	1	1	1	Cout1
1	0	1	1	Cout1
1	1	1	1	Cout1

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Cout1	Cout	Name
0	0	Kill
1		Propagate
0	Cin	Inverse Propagate
1	1	Generate
	Cout1 0 1 0 1	

Cout1	Cout0	Cout	Name
0	0	0	Kill
0	1	Cin	Inverse Propagate
1	0	Cin	Propagate
1	1	1	Generate



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Cout0	Cout1	Cout	Name
0	0	0	Kill
0	1	Cin	Propagate
1	0	Cin	Inverse Propagate
1	1	1	Generate

...

Х	Y	Cin	Cout		Cout1	Cout0
0	0	0	0	Cout0	0	0
0	1	0	0	Cout0	1	0
1	0	0	0	Cout0	1	0
1	1	0	1	Cout0	1	1
0	0	1	0	Cout1	0	0
0	1	1	1	Cout1	1	0
1	0	1	1	Cout1	1	0
1	1	1	1	Cout1	1	1

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Х	Y	Cout1	Cout0	
0	0	0	0	$\overline{X} \overline{Y}$
0	1	1	0	ΧY
1	0	1	0	ΧŸ
1	1	1	1	ХҮ

Cout1	Cout0	Cout	Name
0	0	0	Kill
0	1	Cin	Inverse Propagate
1	0	Cin	Propagate
1	1	1	Generate

Carry Out

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Х	Y	Cin		
0	0	Cin		
0	1	Cin	Cin	
1	0	Cin	Cin	
1	1	Cin	Cin	

Cout1=1 when Cin=1 Cout0=0 when Cin=0 Cout = Cin propagate

Cout1=0 when Cin=1Cout0=1 when Cin=0Cout = \overline{Cin} inverse propagate

Parity Checker



		Cin	Cin	
Х	Y	Cout1	Cout0	
0	0	1	0	$\overline{X} \overline{Y}$
0	1	0	1	ΧY
1	0	0	1	XΫ
1	1	1	0	ΧY

Cout1	Cout0	Cout	Name
0	0	0	Kill
0	1	Cin	Inverse Propagate
1	0	Cin	Propagate
1	1	1	Generate

Cout1=1 when Cin=1 Cout0=0 when Cin=0 Cout = Cin propagate Cout1=0 when Cin=1 Cout0=1 when Cin=0 Cout = Cin inverse propagate

Computing Parity

X ⊕ Y ⊕ Cin	
0 ⊕ 0 ⊕ Cin	Cin
0 ⊕ 1 ⊕ Cin	Cin
1 ⊕ 0 ⊕ Cin	Cin
1 ⊕ 1 ⊕ Cin	Cin

Ripple Carry Chain



the first cell in the chain

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the logic cells - resources to compute a function the exact location of logic cells depends on the user. a user can start or end a carry computation at any place in an fpga. But in many carry computations, the first cell has only 2 inputs, and forcing the carry chain to wait for the arrival of an additional, unnecessary input Z will only needlessly <u>slow down</u> the circuit's computation.



when Cin is ignored, Z can also be ignored by having the <u>same</u> LUTs



the first cell in the chain

the same LUTs

the <u>same</u> output regardless of Z and Cin Cout1 = Cout0 = Cout regardless of the select

Ripple Carry Chain





fig1b shows an implementation of a mux that does not obey this requirement

since the carry chain is part of an fpga, the input to this mux could be connected to some unused logic in another row which is generating unknown values.

if that unused logic had multiple transitions which caused the signal to change quicker than the gate could react, then it is possible that **the select signal** to this mux could be stuck midway between true and false (2.5V for 5V CMOS)

in this case, it will <u>not</u> be able to <u>pass a true value</u> from the input to the output and thus will not function properly for this application.

Ripple Carry Chain



however a mux built with both n-transistor and p-transistor pass gates will operate properly for this case

assume this mux implementation will be used

tristate driver based muxes could be used, which restore signal drive and cut series RC chains

Unit Gate Delay Model

All simple gate of two or three inputs that are directly implementable in one logic level in CMOS are considered to have a delay of one.

All other gate must be implemented by such gates, and have the delay of the underlying circuit.

Delay of one

- inverters and
- 2 to 3 input NAND
- 2 to 3 input NOR gates

A 2:1 mux has a delay of one from the I0 or I1 inputs to the output, But has a delay of two from the select input to the output due to the Inverter delay

Delay of zero (constant delay)

- the delay of the 2-LUTs,
- any routing leading to them,





Significantly slower two muxes on the carry chain in each cell

Delay 1 for first cell Delay 3 for each additional cell in the carry chain delay 1 for mux2 delays 2 for mux1

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The critical path comes from the 2-LUTs and not from the input Z since the delay through the 2-LUTs will be larger than through mux 2 in the first cell

Overall 3n-2 for an n-cell carry chain



delay of 3n-2 for an n-bit ripple carry chain

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the linear delay growth of ripple carry adders

optimize a ripple carry chain structure for use in FPGAs

while this provides some performance gain over the basis ripple carry scheme found in many current FPGAs,

still much slower than what is done in custom logic

advanced adder techniques in custom logic can be integrated into reconfigurable logic



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Design A (1)

to reduce the delay of the ripple carry chain

- remove mux2 from the carry path.
- no need to choose between Cin and Z for the select line to the output mux1

- two separate muxes, mux1 and mux2, controlled by Cin and Z, respectively.
- the circuit chooses between these outputs with mux3.



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Design A (2)





- not logically equivalent
- the Z input in the <u>first</u> cell cannot be used
 - Z is only attached to mux2
 - mux2 does not lead to the carry cells
 - not connected to Cout

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Design A (3)

delay of 2



an additional cell for generating Cin

delay of 2



 need an <u>additional cell</u> to use Z as a carry input

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Design A (4)



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Design A (5)



delay of 2(n+1) for an n-bit ripple carry chain with a carry input

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although this design is 1 gate delay slower than that of fig 2a, it provides the ability to have a carry input to the first cell in a carry chain, something that is important in many computations.

Also, for carry computations that do not need this feature, without a carry input the first cell in a carry chain built from fig 2b can be configured to bypass mux1, reducing the overall delay to 2n, which is identical to that of fig2a.



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Design B (2)

the other cells



for cells in the <u>middle</u> of a carry chain mux2 passes Cout1 mux3 passes Cout0 mux4 receives Cout1 and Cout0 provides a standard ripple carry path.



For the <u>first</u> cell in a carry chain with a carry input (provided by input Z), mux2 and mux3 both pass the value from mux1

the two main inputs to mux4 are identical the output of mux4 (Cout) will be the same as the output of mux1 (ignoring Cin)

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Design B (3)



mux1's main inputs are driven by two 2-LUTs (OR, AND) controlled by X and Y mux1 forms a **3-LUT** with the other 2-LUTs

When mux2 and mux3 pass the value from mux1 (Cout1 and Cout2 respectively) the circuit is configured to continue the carry chain

Functionally equivalent

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Design B (4)



A delay of 2 in all other cells <u>except</u> the first cell in the carry chain

an total delay of **2n+1** for an n-bit carry chain when a carry input to the first cell is enabled

1 gate delay slower than that of fig 2a,

a delay of 3 in the first cell 1 in mux1, 1 in mux2, 1 in mux4

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Design B (5)



A delay of 2 in all other cells <u>except</u> the first cell in the carry chain

an total delay of **2n** for an n-bit carry chain when a carry input to the first cell is **disabled**

delay of 2 the first cell without a carry input



a delay of 2 in the first cell when a carry input is not used

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Design B (6)



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Design B (7)



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Design C (1)

the actual carry chain $(\underline{mux4})$ in Design B has been replaced by

- an abstract fast carry logic unit
- mux5 has been added

to the abstract fast carry logic units, various high performance carry chains can be applied

mux5 is present because

- <u>significant delay</u> for non-carry computations
- much <u>faster carry propagation</u> for long carry chains

when used as a simple normal **3 LUT**, using inputs X, Y, and Z mux5 allows us to bypass the carry chain by selecting the output of mux1



All the developed fast carry logic units in Design C that can compute the following value, can provide the functionality necessary to support the needs of FPGA carry chain computations

 $Cout_i = (Cout_{i-1} \cdot C \mathbf{1}_i) + (\overline{Cout_{i-1}} \cdot C \mathbf{0}_i)$

where *i* is the position of the cell within the carry chain,

thus, the fast carry logic unit can contain any logic structure implementing this equation (including Brent-Kung), Variable Bit, and Ripple Carry.

Note that because of the needs and requirements of carry chains for FPGAs, new circuits are developed, by utilizing the standard adder structures, but which are more appropriate for FPGAs



Design C (3)

the main difference is to support all states

- Generate
- Propagate
- Kill
- Inverse Propagate

These 4 states are encoded on signals C1 and C0

Also, while standard adders are concerened only with the maximum delay through an entire n-bit adder structure, the delay concerns for FPGAs are <u>more complicated</u>

Specifically, when an n-bit carry chain is built into the architecture of an FPGA it does <u>not</u> represent an <u>actual</u> computation, but only the <u>potential</u> for a computation.



Design C (4)

		Cin	Cin	
Х	Y	Cout1	Cout0	
0	0	0	0	$\overline{X} \overline{Y}$
0	1	1	0	ΧY
1	0	1	0	XΫ
1	1	1	1	ΧY

Cout1	Cout0	Cout	Name
0	0	0	Kill
0	1	Cin	Inverse Propagate
1	0	Cin	Propagate
1	1	1	Generate



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C1	C0	Name				
0	0	0	Kill			
0	1	Cin	Inverse Propagate			
1	0	Cin	Propagate			
1	1	1	Generate			



Х	Y	C1	C0	
0	0	0	0	$\overline{X} \overline{Y}$
0	1	1	0	\overline{X} Y
1	0	1	0	$X \overline{Y}$
1	1	1	1	ΧY

 $Cout_i = (Cout_{i-1} \cdot C \mathbf{1}_i) + (\overline{Cout_{i-1}} \cdot C \mathbf{0}_i)$

 $(\overline{Cout_{i-1}} \cdot C \mathbf{0}_i) = \overline{Cout_{i-1}} \cdot X Y$

Υ

Х

 $(Cout_{i-1} \cdot C1_i) = Cout_{i-1} \cdot (\overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + X Y)$

Cout,

Cout_{i+1}

$C1_i = X_i + Y_i$
$C 0_i = X_i \cdot Y_i$

C1	C0	Name			
0	0	0	Kill		
0	1	Cin	Inverse Propagate		
1	0	Cin	Propagate		
1	1	1	Generate		



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Design C (6) – Complements of C0 and C1

C1=	$\overline{X}Y + Z$	$X\overline{Y} + XY$	C 0 = X Y	
Х	Y	C1	X Y CO	$C1 = \overline{X}Y + X\overline{Y} + XY$
0	0	0	0 0 0	C0 = XY
0	1	1	0 1 0	
1	0	1	1 0 0	
1	1	1	1 1 1	
$\overline{C1} = \overline{X}$	\overline{Y}		$\overline{C0} = \overline{Y} Y + Y \overline{V} + \overline{V} \overline{V}$	$\overline{C} 1 = \overline{(\overline{X}Y) + (X\overline{Y}) + (XY)} = \overline{X}$
$\overline{C1} = \overline{X}$		<u>C1</u>	$\frac{\overline{C0} = \overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + \overline{X} \overline{Y}}{X Y} = \overline{C0}$	
$\frac{\overline{C1}=\overline{X}}{X}$		<u>C1</u> 0	$\overline{C0} = \overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + \overline{X} \overline{Y}$ $X Y \overline{C0}$ $0 0 0$	
Х	Y		X Y <u>C</u> 0	
X 0	Y 0	0	X Y CO 0 0 0	

$$\begin{array}{l} Cout_{3} \hspace{0.2cm} = (Cout_{1} \cdot (C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{1}_{3} \cdot C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{1}_{2} + C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{1}_{2}})) \\ \hspace{0.2cm} + (\overline{Cout_{1}} \cdot (C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{1}_{3} \cdot C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{0}_{2} + C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{C \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{0}_{2}})) \end{array}$$

$$= (Cout_1 \cdot (C \, 1_3 \cdot (\bar{X}_2 Y_2 + X_2 \bar{Y}_2 + X_2 Y_2) + C \, 0_3 \cdot \bar{X}_2 \bar{Y}_2)) + (\overline{Cout_1} \cdot (C \, 1_3 \cdot X_2 Y_2 + C \, 0_3 \cdot (\bar{X}_2 Y_2 + X_2 \bar{Y}_2 + \bar{X}_2 \bar{Y}_2)))$$

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Design C (7) – Cout₃ in terms of Cout₁

$X_{3}Y_{3}$	$X_2 Y_2$	Cout ₂	Cout _₃	Cout3
0 0	0 0	0	0	0
0 0	0 1	Cout ₁	0	0
0 0	1 0	Cout	0	0
0 0	1 1	1	0	0
0 1	0 0	0	Cout ₃	0
0 1	0 1	Cout ₁	Cout ₃	Cout ₁
0 1	1 0	Cout ₁	Cout ₃	Cout ₁
0 1	1 1	1	Cout ₃	1
1 0	0 0	0	Cout ₃	0
1 0	0 1	Cout ₁	Cout ₃	Cout ₁
1 0	1 0	Cout ₁	Cout ₃	Cout ₁
1 0	1 1	1	Cout	1
1 1	0 0	0	1	1
1 1	0 1	Cout ₁	1	1
1 1	1 0	Cout ₁	1	1
1 1	1 1	1	1	1



 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Cout}_{3} \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} \textit{Cout}_{1} \cdot (\textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{3} \cdot \textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{2} + \textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{\textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{2}}) \end{pmatrix} \\ + \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\textit{Cout}}_{1} \cdot (\textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{3} \cdot \textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{2} + \textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{\textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{2}}) \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$

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Design C (8) – Cout₃ in terms of Cout₁

						Cout ₁	Cout ₁	$\overline{\text{Cout}}_{\overline{1}}$	$\overline{\text{Cout}}_{\overline{1}}$	
$X_{3}Y_{3}$	$X_2 Y_2$	C1 ₃	C0 ₃	C1 ₂	C0 ₂	C1 ₃ C1 ₂	$C0_{3}\overline{C1}_{2}$	C1 ₃ C0 ₂	$C0_3\overline{C0}_2$	Cout ³
0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0 0	0 1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0 0	1 0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0 0	1 1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0 1	0 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0 1	0 1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Cout ₁
0 1	1 0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Cout ₁
0 1	1 1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
1 0	0 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 0	0 1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Cout ₁
1 0	1 0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Cout,
1 0	1 1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
1 1	0 0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
1 1	0 1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1 1	1 0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1 1	1 1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Cout}_{3} \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} \textit{Cout}_{1} \cdot (\textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{3} \cdot \textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{2} + \textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{\textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{2}}) \end{pmatrix} \\ + \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\textit{Cout}}_{1} \cdot (\textit{C} \ \textbf{1}_{3} \cdot \textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{2} + \textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{\textit{C} \ \textbf{0}_{2}}) \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$

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Design C (9) – When Cout1 = 1



$C1_{3}$	$\cdot C 1_2 \cdot$	$Cout_1$
prop	prop	
	$\frac{\overline{X}_{2}\overline{Y}_{2}}{\overline{X}_{2}\overline{Y}_{2}}$ $\frac{\overline{X}_{2}\overline{Y}_{2}}{\overline{X}_{2}\overline{Y}_{2}}$	
5 5		

$$\begin{array}{c} C \ \mathbf{0}_3 \cdot C \ \mathbf{1}_2 \cdot Cout_1 \\ \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{gen} & \overline{\text{prop}} \\ \overline{X_3Y_3} & \overline{X_2\overline{Y_2}} \end{array}$$

 $Cout_{3} = (Cout_{1} \cdot (C \operatorname{1}_{3} \cdot C \operatorname{1}_{2} + C \operatorname{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{C \operatorname{1}_{2}}))$ $+ (\overline{Cout_{1}} \cdot (C \operatorname{1}_{3} \cdot C \operatorname{0}_{2} + C \operatorname{0}_{3} \cdot \overline{C \operatorname{0}_{2}}))$

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Design C (10) – When Cout1 = 0



$C1_{3}$	$\cdot C 0_2 \cdot \overline{Cou}$	t ₁
prop	gen	
$\frac{X_3Y_3}{X_3Y_3}$ $\frac{X_3Y_3}{X_3Y_3}$	X_2Y_2	

 $\begin{array}{c} C \ 0_3 \cdot \overline{C \ 0_2} \cdot \overline{Cout}_1 \\ \\ gen & gen \\ x_3 Y_3 & \overline{X_2 Y_2} \\ & \overline{X_2 Y_2} \\ & \overline{X_2 Y_2} \\ & \overline{X_2 Y_2} \\ \hline \end{array}$

$$(C1_3C1_2 + C0_3\overline{C1}_2)Cout_1 + (C1_3C0_2 + C0_3\overline{C0}_2)\overline{Cout}_1$$

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Design C (11) – When Cout1 = 1



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Design C (12) – When Cout1 = 0



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 $(C1_{3}C1_{2}+C0_{3}\overline{C1}_{2})Cout_{1}+(C1_{3}C0_{2}+C0_{3}\overline{C0}_{2})\overline{Cout}_{1}$

$$C1 = \overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + X Y \qquad C0 = X Y$$
$$\overline{C1} = \overline{X} \overline{Y} \qquad \overline{C0} = \overline{X} Y + X \overline{Y} + \overline{X} \overline{Y}$$

C1 and C0 are <u>not</u> mutually exclusive C1 includes C0

$C1 \cdot C0 = C0$	C1 + C0	=	C1

 $\overline{C1} \cdot \overline{C0} = \overline{C1} \qquad \overline{C1} + \overline{C0} = \overline{C0}$

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