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DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF LOW POWER HYBRID ADDER

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ABSTRACT

For any digital system, digital signal processing or control system addition is a core operation. The performance of the resident adders greatly influences rapid and accurate operation of digital systems. Adders are one of the most prominent components in digital systems, as they are broadly used in other basic digital operations such as subtraction, multiplication and division. Improved the performance of the adder would therefore greatly advance the execution of operation greatly advance the execution of operations inside a circuit compromised of such blocks [1]. A comparative analysis on power consumption in three different adders, each offering different advantages and having tradeoffs has been performed based on circuit complexity and power consumption. The pioneer of CMOS traditional adder circuits, which consumes more power when compared to other two adders. The total number of transistors required for conventional CMOS adder is 28. Recently, it has been proved that the multiplexer-based multiplier outperforms the modified Booth multiplier both in speed and power dissipation by 13% to 26%, due to small internal capacitance [2]. The performance characteristics of conventional multiplier types which observed, it is found that the multiplexer-based and Transmission Gate based multiplication algorithm is more advantageous, especially when the size of the multiplied numbers is small. The number of transistors required for multiplexer based adders is 16. A heuristic approach, known as hybrid adder models is proposed to achieve optimal power savings at smaller geometry sizes. This hybrid adder model that consumes low power among three adders and the transistors required are 12. The design is simulated using MOSIS 90nm technology.

Keywords: Full Adder, Hybrid Adder, CMOS, Multiplexer, MOSIS

1. INTRODUCTION

The well-engineered deep submicron CMOS technologies are explored to address the challenging criteria of these emerging low-power and high-speed communication digital signal processing chips. The performance of many applications as digital signal processing depends upon the performance of the arithmetic circuits to execute complex algorithms such as convolution, correlation, and digital filtering [3]. In very-largescale integration (VLSI) systems, there are most frequently and widely used circuits namely fast arithmetic computation cells including adders and multipliers. The most efficient implementation of simple gates (e.g. NAND/NOR) which have only a few transistors and nodes and a small delay due to single inversion level, are allowed by conventional CMOS. The large PMOS transistors have some disadvantages that result in high input capacitances and area requirements, and the weak output driving capability caused by series transistors. The conventional CMOS adder is designed in tanner sedit and the circuit is simulated. When compared to multiplexer based adder and hybrid adder, the power consumed by the conventional CMOS adder is high because the transistors count is high which may lead to large dynamic power dissipation, due to this the circuit will draw more power. Parallel combination of p-mos and n-mos are used in multiplexer based adder. For designing a 4:1 multiplexer full adder 16 transistors are required. Similar to conventional CMOS adder the multiplexer based adder is designed in tanner s-edit and the circuit is simulated. The power consumed by multiplexer based adder is less than conventional CMOS adder but higher than hybrid adder. Eventually the hybrid adder is designed in tanner s-edit and simulated for power calculation. The power consumed by each adder circuit is tabulated.

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2. ADDER TOPOLOGIES

Adder is the core element of complex arithmetic circuits like addition, multiplication, division, exponentiation, and so forth. There are standard implementations with various logic styles that have been used in the past to design full adder cells [1][4][5] and the same are used for comparison in this paper. Although they all have similar function, the way of producing the intermediate nodes and the transistor count is varied. Different logic styles tend to favor one performance aspect at the expense of the others. As addition forms the basis of many binary operations, adder circuits are of great interest in digital design. With the purpose to fulfill the various speeds, power and area requirements of implementations, a wide variety of adder circuits have been proposed in literature. As the most frequently used block in the overall design is full-adder, we turn our attention to design an efficient full-adder, which operates with the possible power consumption. Power is one of the essential resources, so the designers try to save it while designing a system. Power dissipation depends upon the switching activity, node capacitances, wire capacitances and control circuit size [2]. At the device level, reducing the supply voltage VDD and reducing the threshold voltage accordingly would reduce the power consumption. Scaling the supply voltage appears to be the well-known means to reduce power consumption. However, lower-supply voltage increases circuit delay and degrades the drivability of the cells designed with a certain logic style. One of the most significant obstacles in decreasing the supply voltage is the large transistor count and Vth loss problem. By selecting proper (W/L) ratio we can minimize the power dissipation without decreasing the supply voltage [6].

2.1 Conventional CMOS Adder

The 28 Transistor full adder is the pioneer CMOS traditional adder circuit. The schematic of this adder is shown in Figure 1. This adder cell is built using equal number of N-fet and P-fet transistors[11]. The logic for the Complimentary MOS logic was realized using the Equations.(1) and (2),

$$Carry = AB + BC + AC$$
(1)
$$Sum = A \oplus B \oplus C$$
(2)



Figure 1: Schematic Of Conventional Cmos 28-T One-Bit Full-Adder

The first 12 transistors of the circuit produce the Carry and the remaining transistors produce the Sum outputs. Therefore the delay for computing C_{out} is added to the total propagation delay of the Sum output. The structure of this adder circuit is huge and thereby consumes large on-chip area [7].

2.2 Multiplexer Based Adder



Figure 2: Multiplexer Based Adder

A multiplexer is a combinational circuit that selects binary information from one of many input lines and directs the information to a single output line. Selection of a particular input line is controlled by a set of input variables, called selection or control bits. Generally, there are 2ⁿ input lines and n control inputs, whose bit combinations determine which input is selected. Designing an n-to-1 MUX is possible by building a tree of 2-to-1 multiplexers. Considering that the delay of 2-to-1 MUX is smaller than that of an AND gate. Since we will use 4-to-1 MUX's in this 31st December 2013. Vol. 58 No.3

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design, creating a 2-to-1 MUX tree does not bring any drawback by means of speed or power dissipation [8]. The schematics of the cascaded block are given in Figure 2.

2.3 Hybrid Adder

The transistor connection for а complementary switch or transmission gate consists of an n-mos and p-mos transistor connected in parallel with separate gate connection. The control signal is applied to the gate of n-mos, and its complement is applied to the gate of the p-mos device[9]. The operation of transmission gate can be best explained by considering the characteristics of both the n-device and p-device as pass transistor individually. We will address this by treating the charging and discharging via transmission gate. nmos pass transistor is good for transmission of '1' and poor for transmission of '0'.p-mos pass transistor is good for transmission of '0' and poor for transmission Of '1'. The circuit of the 12 pass transistor adder is shown in figure 3. If the signal degradation at the SUM and CARRY is significant for deep sub-micron circuits, drivers can be used to reduce the degradation. The driver will help in generating outputs with equal rise and fall times. This results in better performance regarding speed and low power consumption. The output voltage swing will be equal to the V_{DD} , if a driver is used at the output.



Figure 3: Hybrid 12 Transistor Adder

3. COMPARISON

Here the performance measurement of conventional CMOS 28-T one-bit full-adder, Multiplexer-based full adder and Hybrid 12 transistor adder are compared. These results were obtained from tanner s-edit simulator, the design constraints were the same for all the three adders. The results were obtained for the three circuits and the circuits were compared with respect to power consumed. For all the operand sizes, the multiplexer-based adder consumed considerably less energy when compared to the conventional CMOS 28-T full-adder. When compared to both Conventional CMOS and Multiplexer based adders, Hybrid adder consumes less power. The comparisons between the three adders are shown in Table 1.

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ADDERS	No. of Transistors	Total Average Power (mW)
Conventional CMOS Adder	28	0.564
Multiplexer Based Adder	16	0.337
Hybrid Adder	12	0.168



Figure 4: Waveform Of Conventional Full Adder

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4. SIMULATION RESULTS



Figure 5: Waveform of Multiplexer Based Full adder



Figure 6: Waveform of Hybrid Full adder

5. CONCLUSION

The power performance characteristics of three different adders have been presented and the transistor count has been reduced. Compared to multiplexer based adder and conventional CMOS 28T adder, the hybrid adder exhibits better power performance. It is proved the logic restructuring methods are effective in reducing power consumption of the circuit, when the design of all architectures simulated using MOSIS 90nm Technology. The proposed approach resulted in low power consumption and high speed compared to the existing full adder architectures.

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