

Please do not turn the page until 11:40.

Instructions

- This quiz contains 4 pages, including this cover page.
- Show scratch work for partial credit, but put your final answers in the boxes and blanks provided.
- The quiz is closed book and closed notes.
- Please silence and put away all cell phones and other mobile or noise-making devices.
- Remove all hats, headphones, and watches.
- You have 40 minutes to complete this quiz.

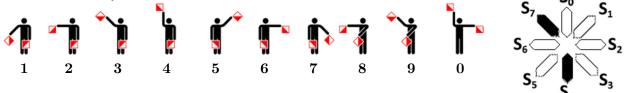
Advice

- Read questions carefully before starting. Read *all* questions first and start where you feel the most confident to maximize the use of your time.
- There may be partial credit for incomplete answers; please show your work.
- Relax. You are here to learn.

Question	Points	Score
(1) Flag Semaphore	10	
(2) Shift Registers	13	
(3) Parity Bit	9	
Total:	32	

Question 1: Flag Semaphore [10 pts]

We are building a **binary-to-flag semaphore decoder circuit**. A flag semaphore is a textual encoding using the positions of two flags. The semaphores for the digits are shown below on the left. We will use the radial arrangement of 8 LEDs, which are lit/black when the corresponding signal S_i is high/1, to display the flag positions (example below shows "3"). B represents a digit encoded in binary.



(A) Complete the partial truth table below. [4 pt]

B_3	B_2	B_1	\mathbf{B}_0	\mathbf{S}_5	\mathbf{S}_4	\mathbf{S}_2
0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	1	1		
0	0	1	0	0		
0	0	1	1	0		
0	1	0	0	0		
0	1	0	1	0		
0	1	1	0	0		
0	1	1	1	0		
1	0	0	0	1		
1	0	0	1	1		
1	0	1	0	\mathbf{X}		
1	0	1	1	Х		
1	1	0	0	Х		
1	1	0	1	Х		
1	1	1	0	Х		
1	1	1	1	Х		

(B) In the space below, solve for the minimal logical expression (using 2-input gates) for S_5 . [4 pt]

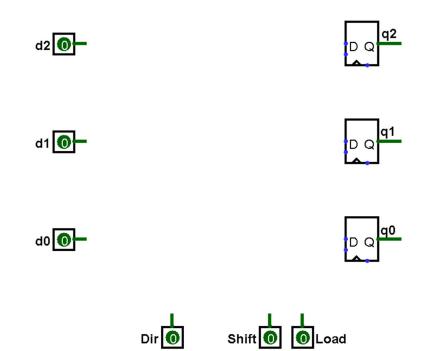
radial LEDs

(C) Briefly describe how you would theoretically (*i.e.* before actually running it in hardware) check if the inputs 10-15 produce valid semaphores or not. [2 pt]

Question 2: Shift Registers [13 pts]

We are creating a 3-bit bidirectional shifter (can shift in both directions) with parallel load that takes input bits **Shift**, **Dir**, **Load**, **d0**, **d1**, and **d2**. When shifting, we shift the current bits either to the right (*i.e.* into the less significant bit) when **Dir** = 0 or to the left when **Dir** = 1 and shift in **d0**. When loading, the state bits become d0, d1, and d2. Shifting takes priority.

- (A) Draw the circuit diagram below using *logic gates* and *routing elements* discussed in class.
 Assume the clock inputs are connected properly for you. You may use multiple copies of a signal name, which are assumed connected to the same net/wire. [8 pt]
 - Make sure you label the corresponding selector bits for ports of routing elements.



(B) In the Verilog testbench below, fill in the blanks to indicate how the state of our bidirectional shifter updates. Assume assign D = {d2, d1, d0}; [5 pt]

initial begin	// q pos: 210
Shift <= 0; Dir <= 0; Load <= 0; D <= 3'b101;	// state: 010
<pre>@(posedge clk); Shift <= 1;</pre>	// state:
<pre>@(posedge clk); Dir <= 1;</pre>	// state:
<pre>@(posedge clk); Load <= 1;</pre>	// state:
<pre>@(posedge clk); Shift <= 0;</pre>	// state:
<pre>@(posedge clk); \$stop();</pre>	// state:
end	

Question 3: Parity Bit [9 pts]

In computing, an *even parity bit* is a bit added to the end of a string of bits to ensure that the parity of the overall group (*i.e.* the string of bits plus the parity bit) is even. Parity bits can be used in various forms of *error checking*.

Examples: For 0b111, the even parity bit would be **1** so that 0b111**1** has four 1's. For 0b1010, the even parity bit would be **0** so that 0b1010**0** has two 1's.

(A) (Circle one) Which type of gate below will be the most helpful in computing parity? [1 pt]

	AND	NAND	NOR	OR	XNOR	XOR
--	-----	------	-----	----	------	-----

(B) Below, implement a 4-bit even parity bit generator (*i.e.* compute the parity bit for a 4-bit input string). You may only use a single type of 2-input logic gate. [3 pt]



(C) Assume $t_{\text{NOT}} = 10$ ns, $t_{\text{AND}} = t_{\text{OR}} = 25$ ns, and $t_{\text{XOR}} = 40$ ns. We want to implement a parity **checker** circuit that indicates whether or not there (likely) was a transmission error. This circuit should return **0** if the parity of the group (string + parity bit) is even and return **1** if the parity of the group is odd. How much slower, if at all, would this checker circuit be than the parity bit generator from Part B? [3 pt]

ns

(D) Describe a limitation of this type of error checking (*e.g.* what's an error situation that this parity checker wouldn't be able to detect?). [2 pt]