

# Variable Block Adder (1A)

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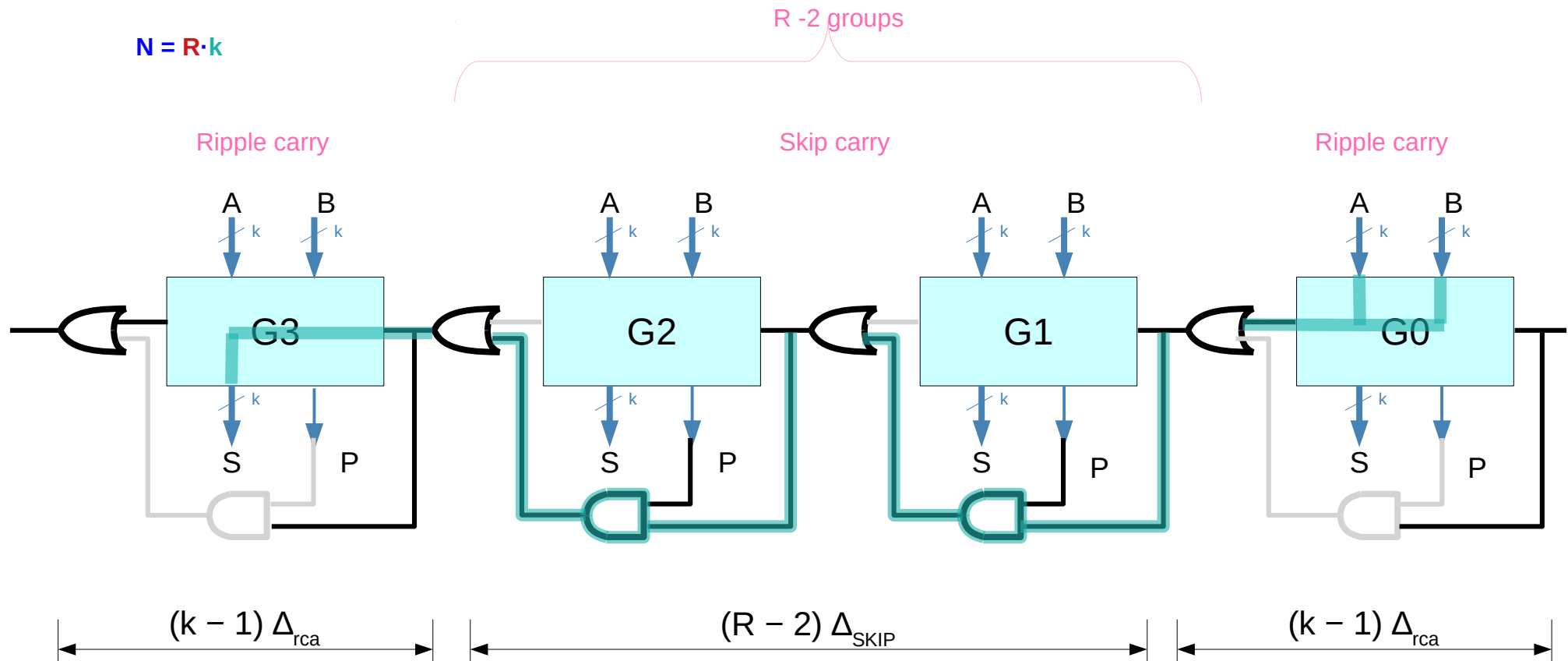
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# Carry Skip Adder



Any kill or generate condition results in divided (broken) critical paths

All FA's in R-2 groups must have the propagate condition

# Carry Skip Adder

The maximal delay  $\Delta$  of a Carry Skip Adder is encountered when **carry** is generated in the **least-significant bit** position,

- rippling through  $k-1$  bit positions,
- skipping over  $R-2 = N/k-2$  groups in the middle,
- rippling to the  $k-1$  bits of most significant group and
- being assimilated in the  $N$ -th bit position to produce the sum  $S_N$  :

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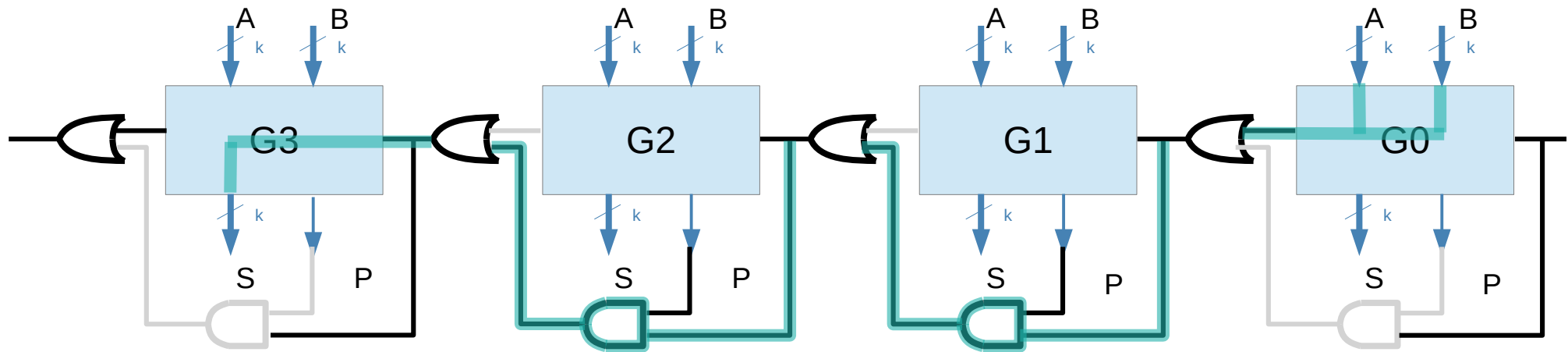
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Carry Skip Adder is faster than RCA at the expense of a few relatively simple modifications.

The delay is still linearly dependent on the size of the adder  $N$ , however this linear dependence is reduced by a factor of  $1/k$

$$N = R \cdot k$$



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# Variable Block

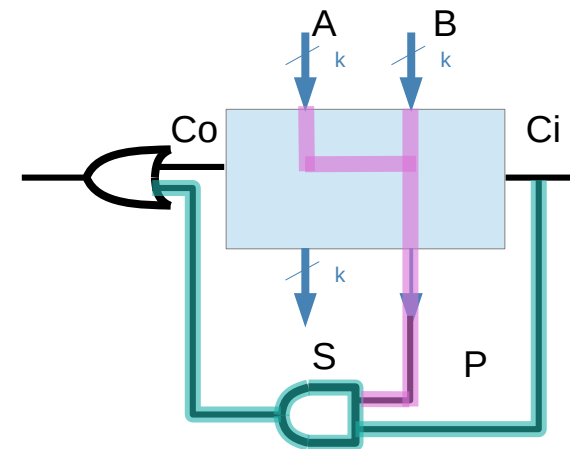
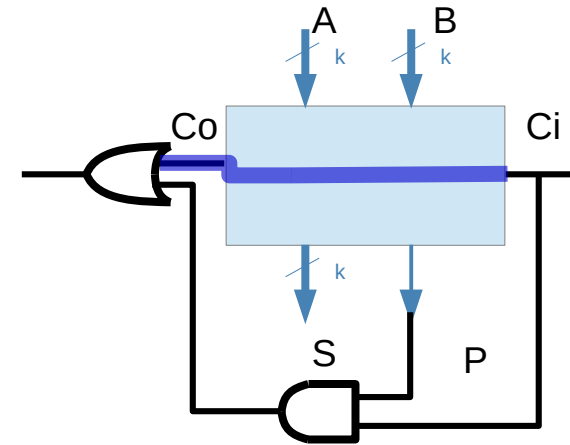
however, unlike the **carry select** structure, the **variable block** adder must also worry about the delay from the **Cin** input through the block's **ripple chain**

Thus, after the carry chain passes the midpoint of the logic, the blocks begin decreasing in length.

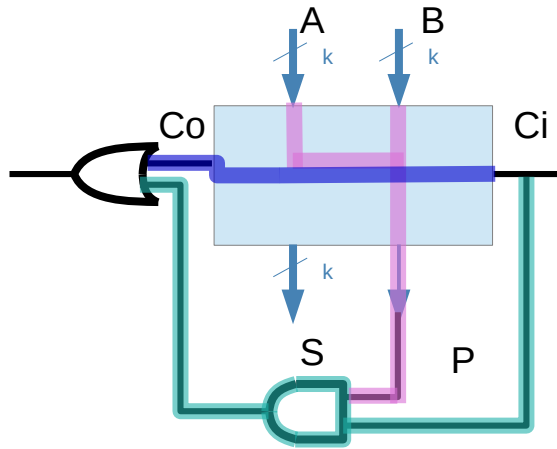
This balances the path delays in the system and improves performance

The division of the overall structure into blocks depends on the details of the logic structure and the length of the entire computation

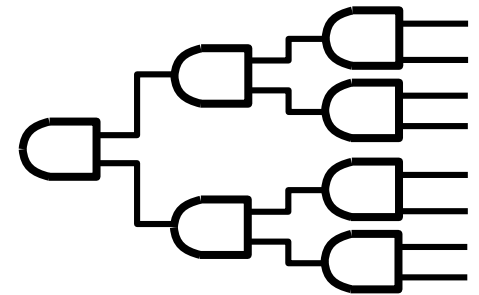
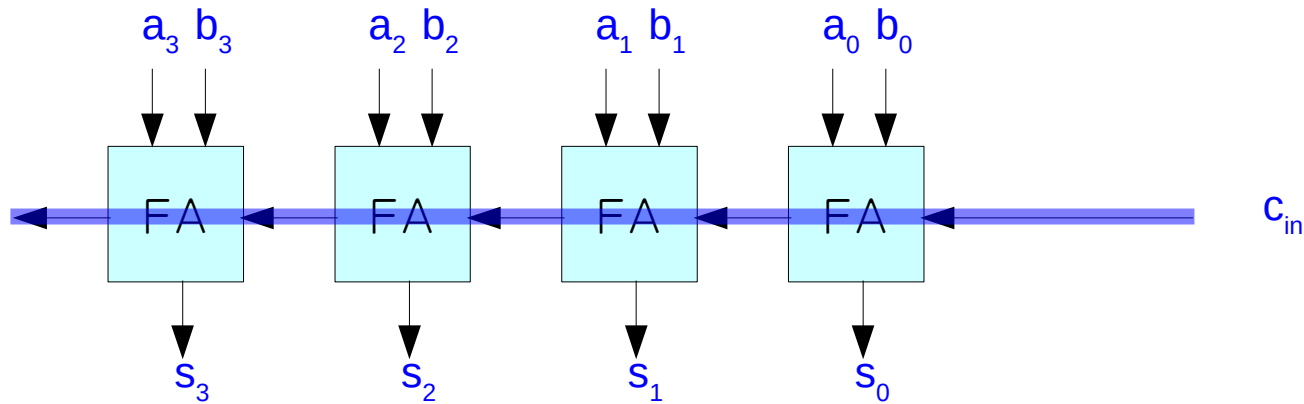
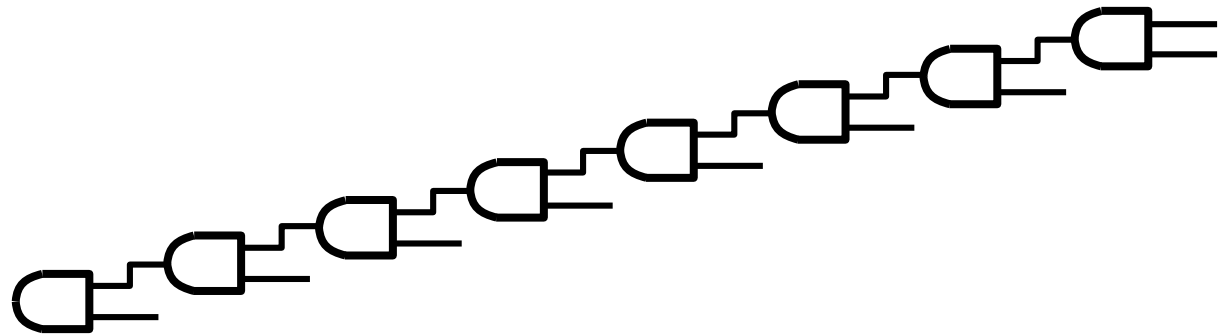
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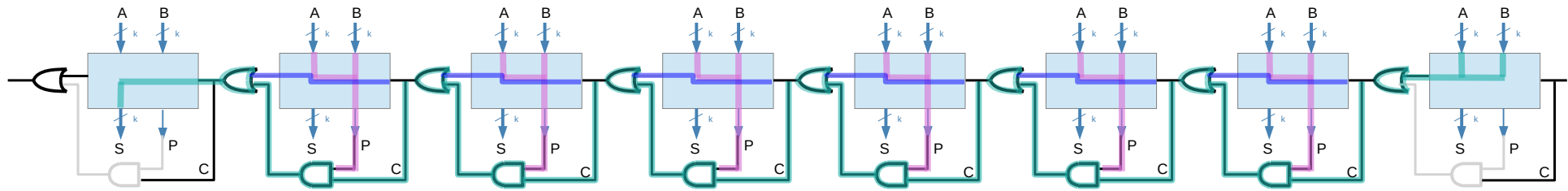


$$P = p_i \cdot p_{i+1} \cdot p_{i+2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_{i+k-1}$$



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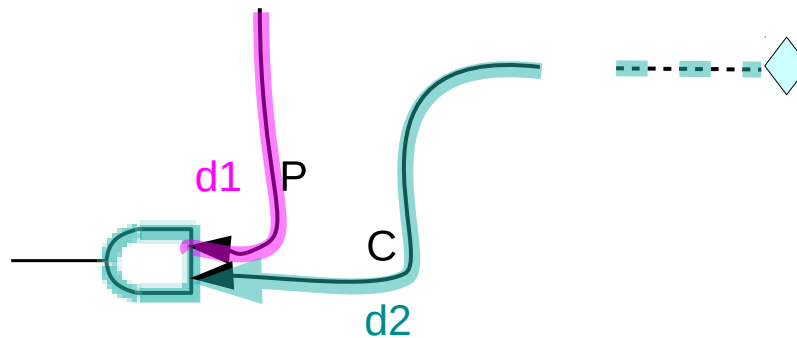
# Carry Skip Adder



Delay  $d_1$  from A, B to P – parallel, the same delay in each group █

Delay  $d_2$  from A, B to C – serial, the accumulated delay from  $1sb$  █

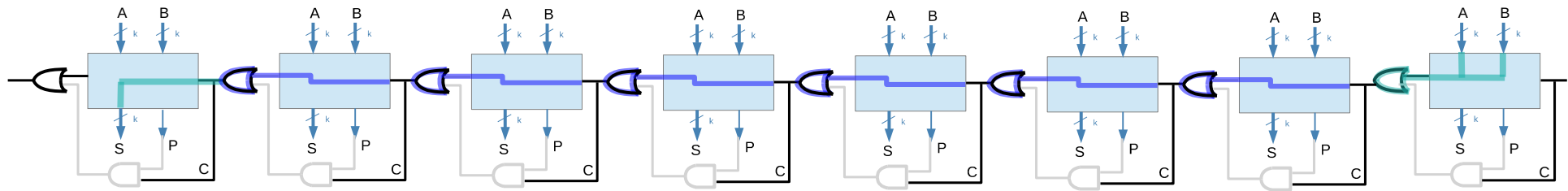
Delay  $d_3$  from A, B,  $C_i$  to  $C_o$  – ripple carry delay █



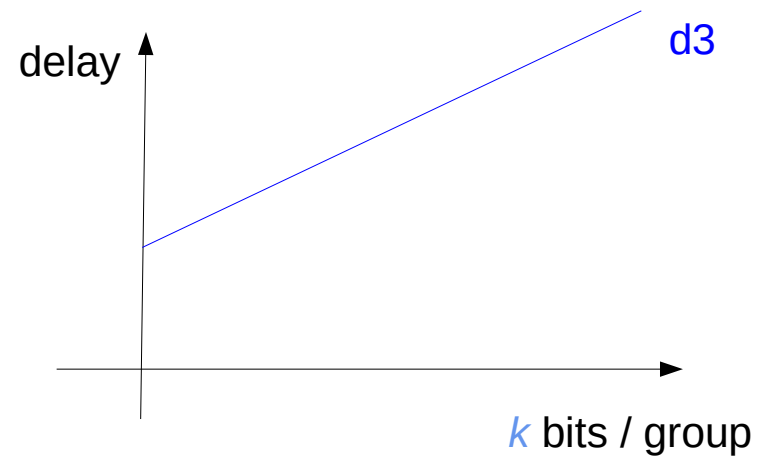
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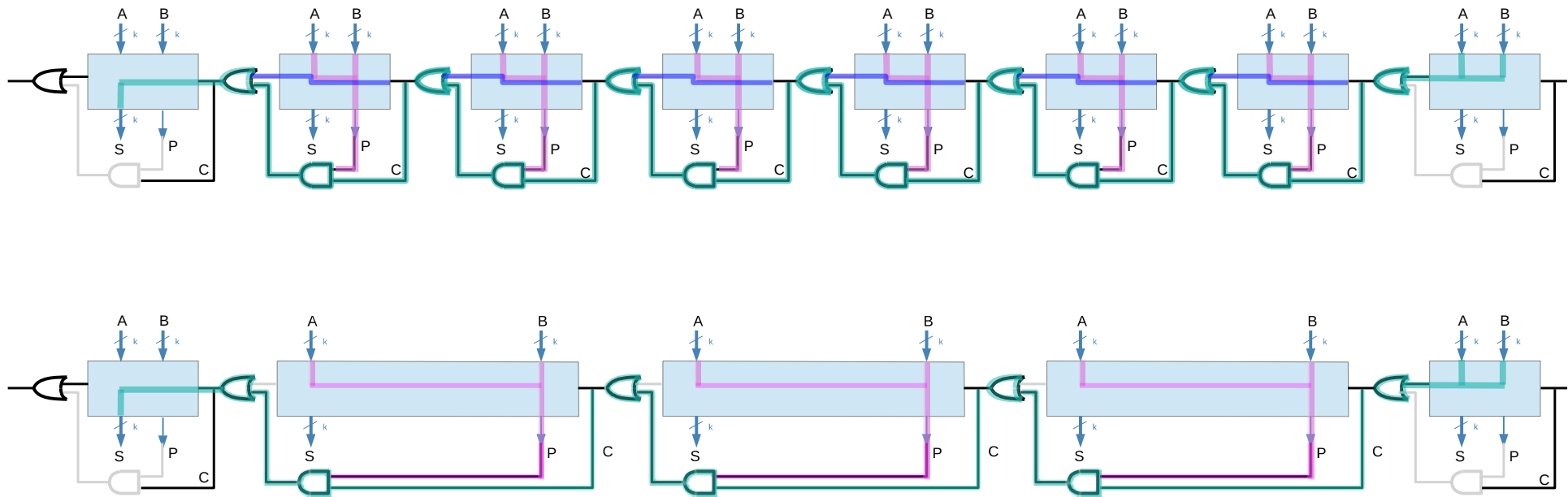


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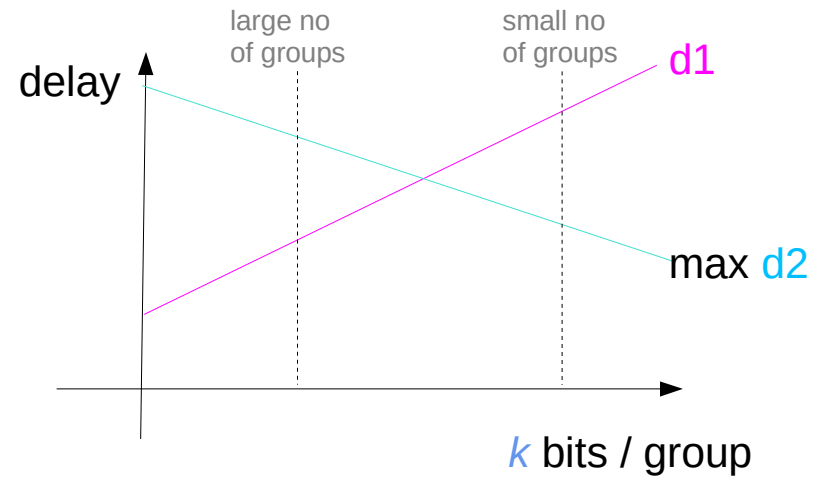
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$$N = R \cdot k$$

$$d1 \propto k$$

$$d2 \propto R \left( = \frac{N}{k} \right)$$



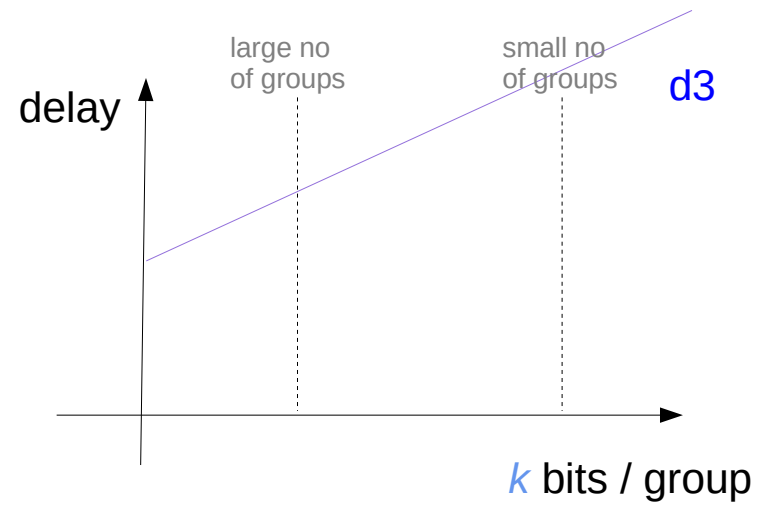
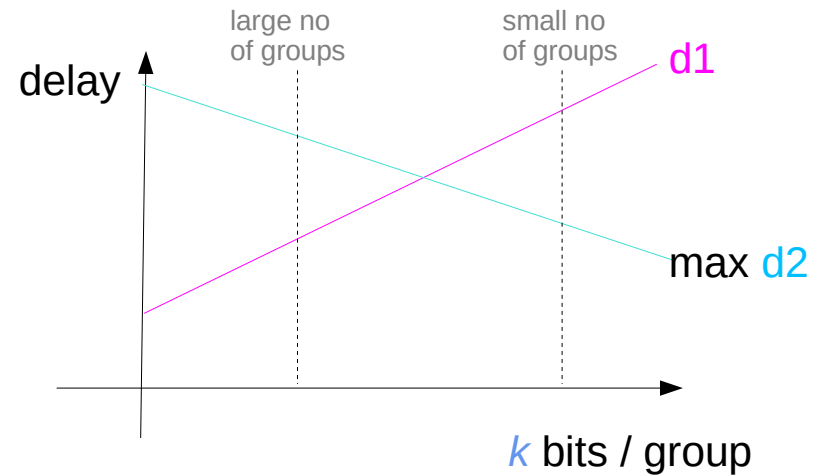
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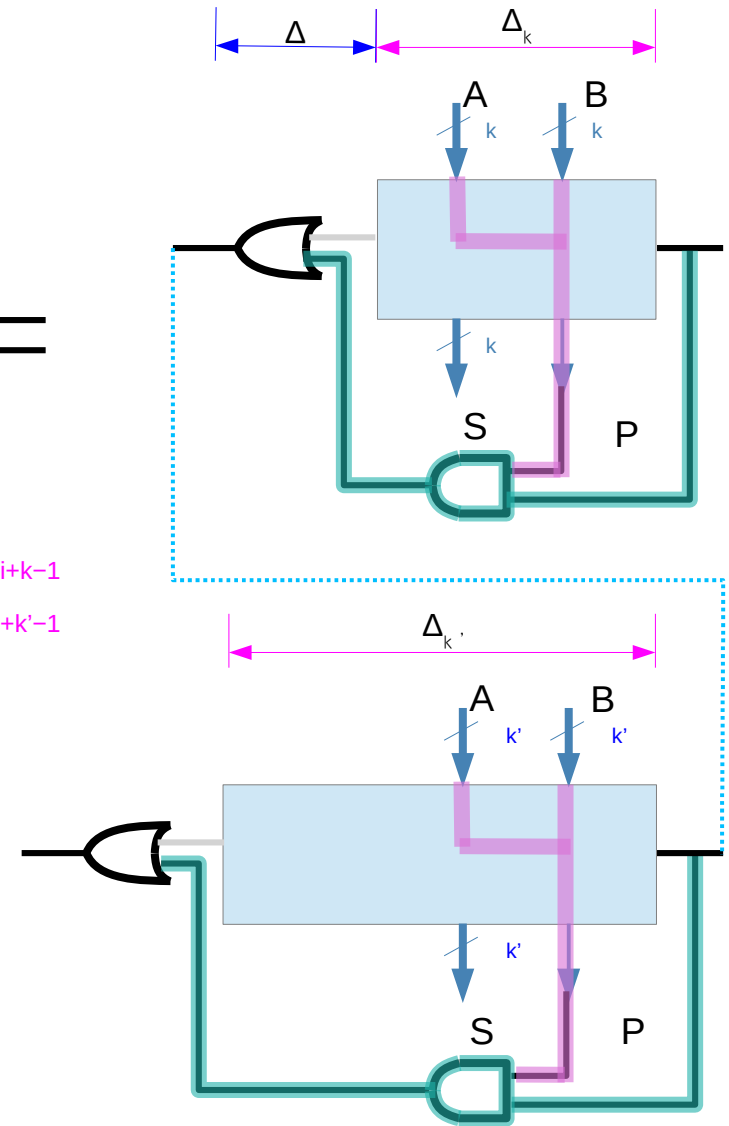
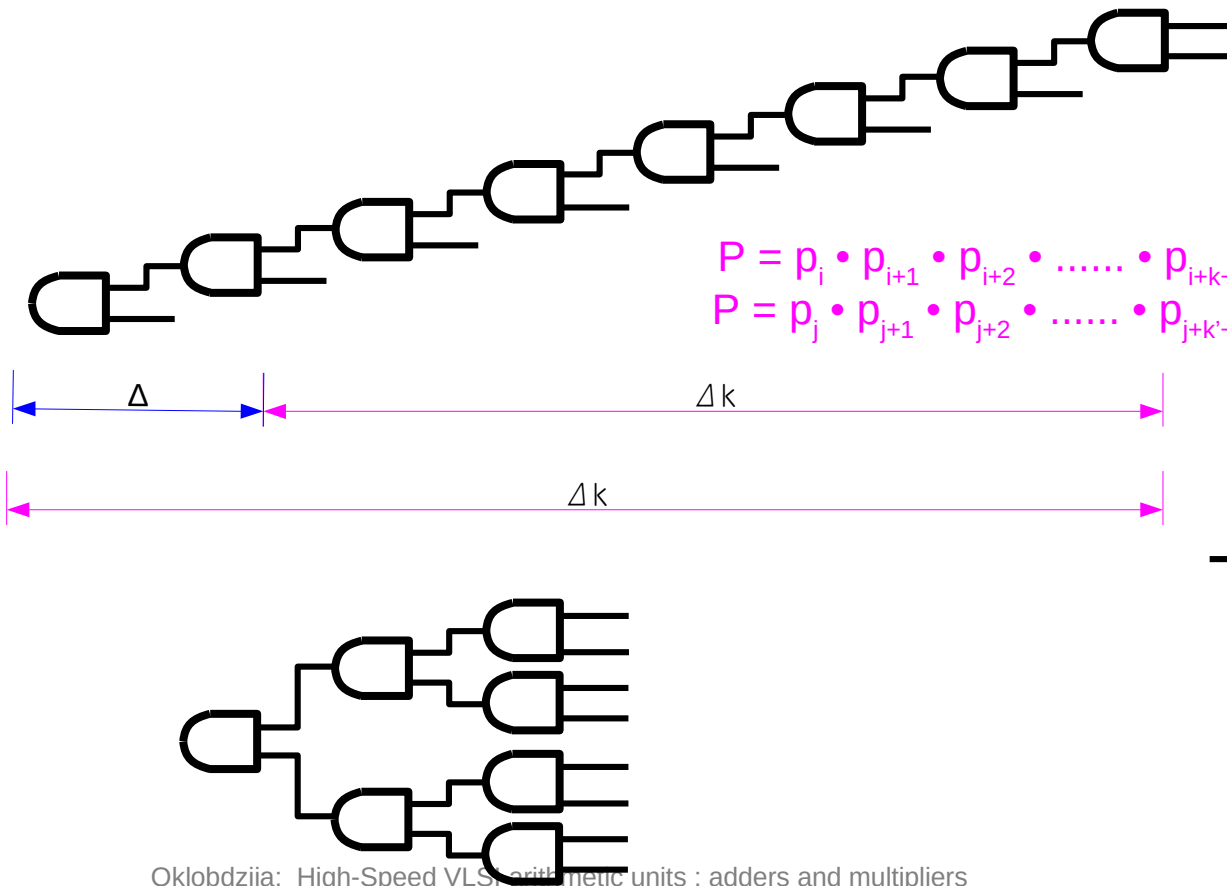
the organization of the blocks in the **variable block carry** structure bears some similarity to the **carry select** structure

the early stages of the structure grow in length,  
with short blocks for the low order bits,  
building in length further in the chain  
in order to equalize the arrival time  
of the carry from the block  
with that of the previous block

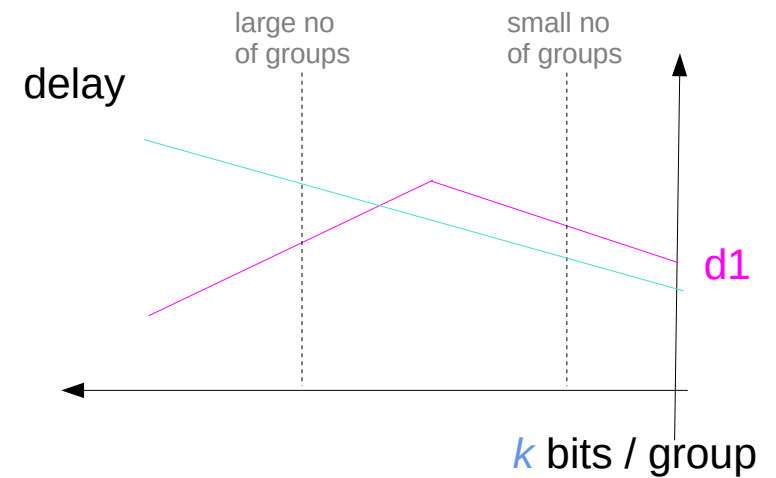
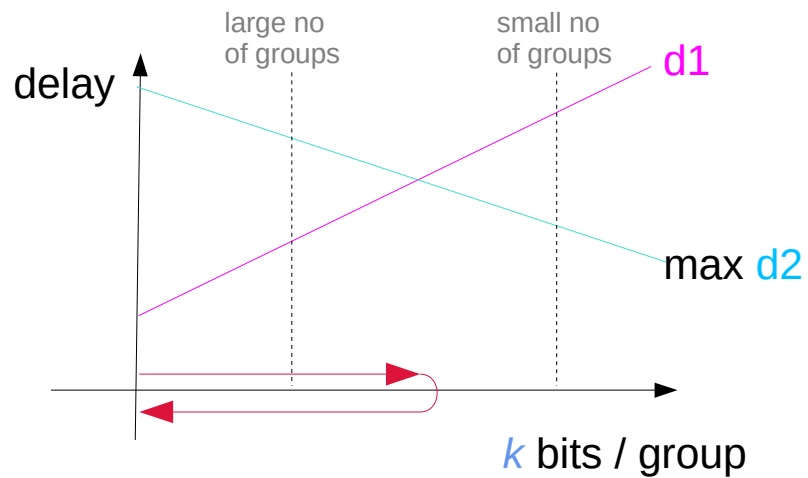
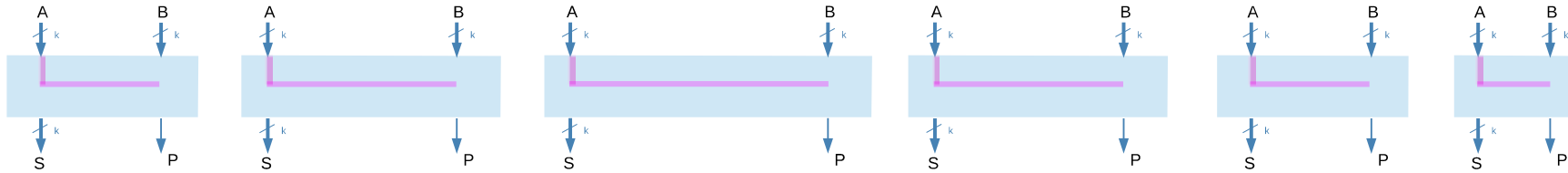
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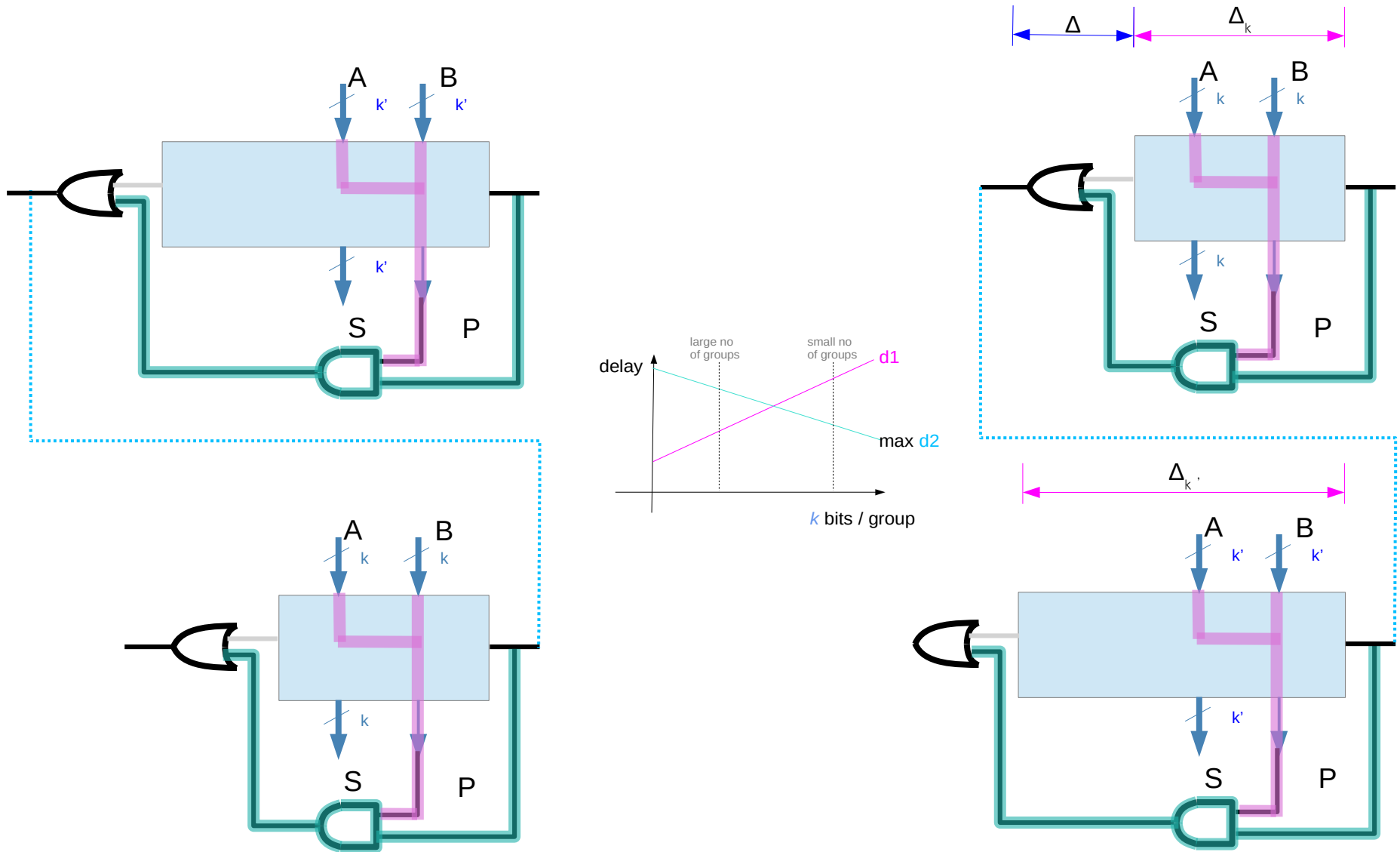


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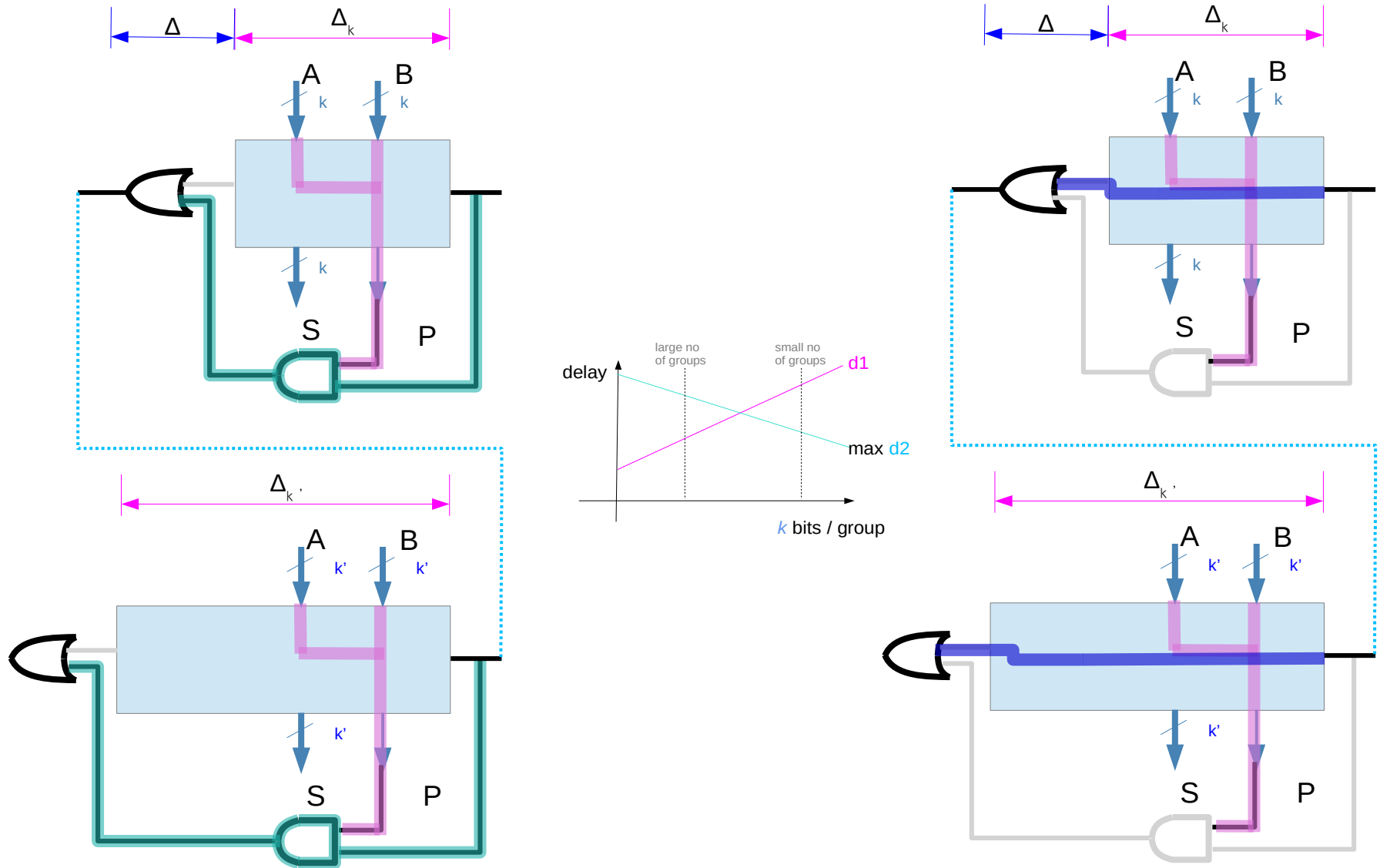
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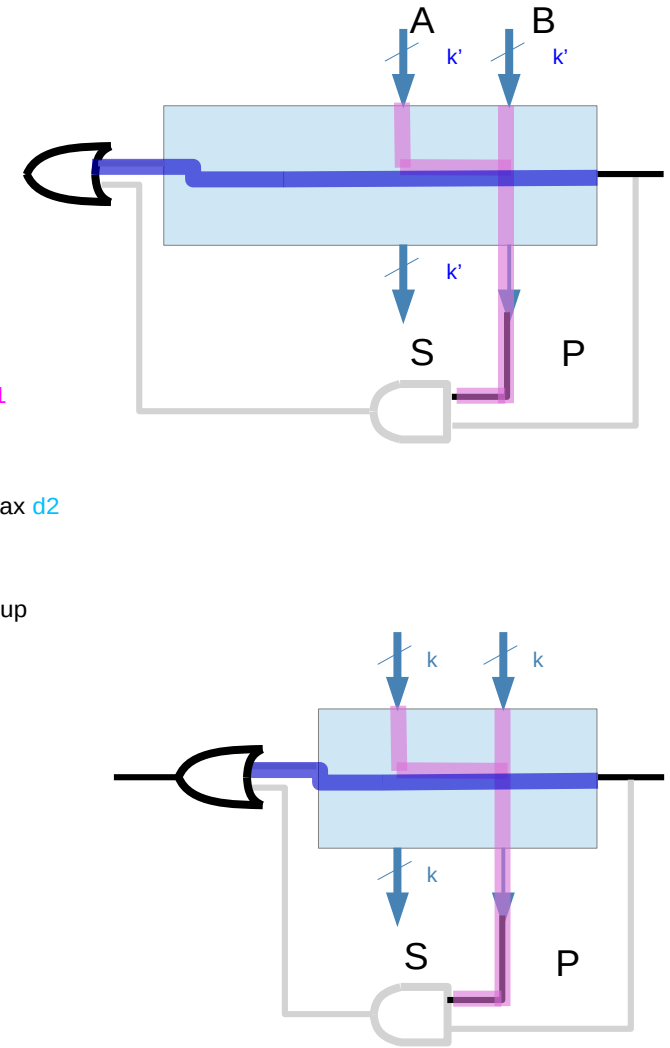
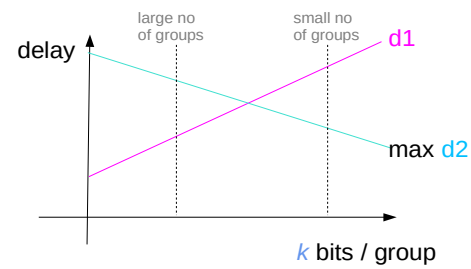
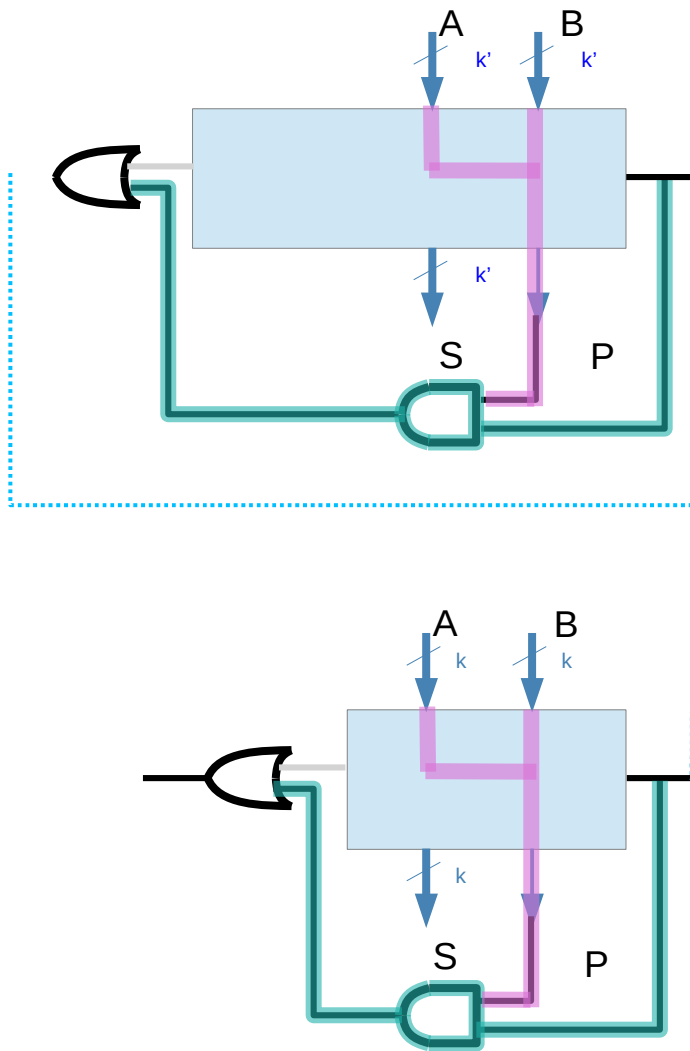
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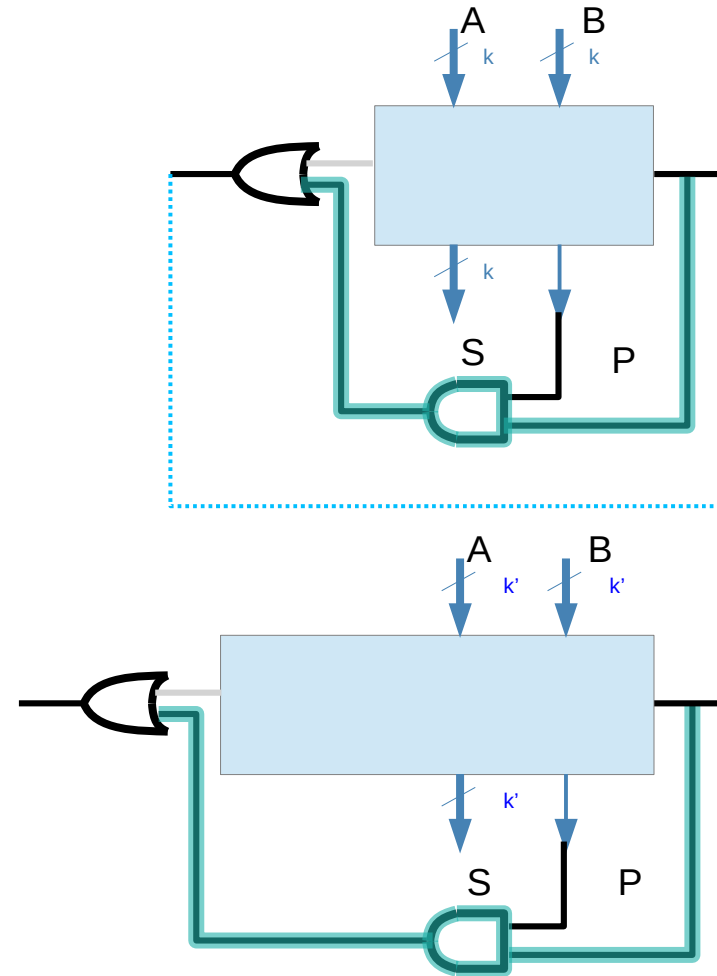
# Carry Skip Adder

All carries propagated more quickly by varying the block sizes  
Accordingly the initial blocks of the adder are made smaller, so as to quickly detect carry generates that must be propagated

The middle blocks are made larger because they are not the problem case,

And then the most significant blocks are made smaller so that the late arriving carry inputs can be processed quickly

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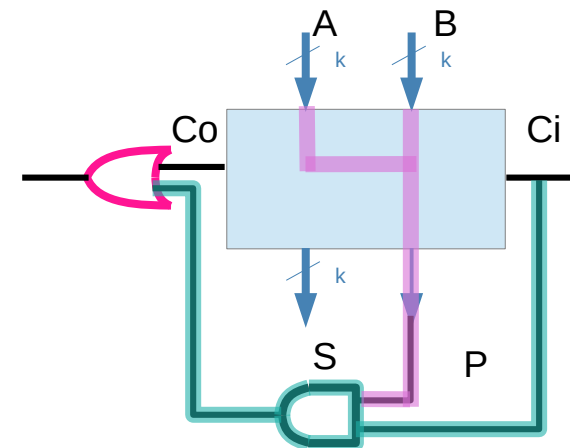
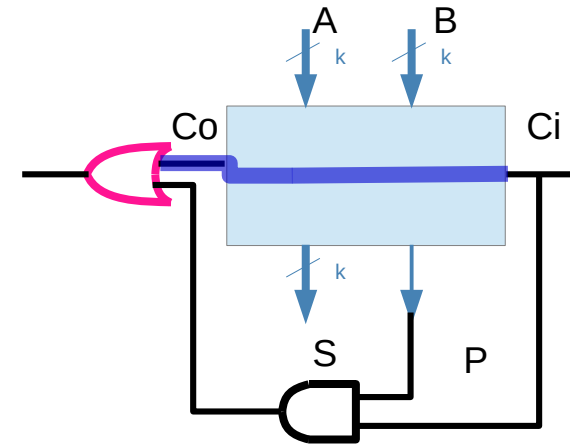
# Carry Skip Adder

The longest path length through the **carry skip block** is potentially much shorter than the path from carry-in to carry-out through a **ripple carry block**.

However, the carry skip block has a slightly longer path from the least significant  $\langle g, t \rangle$  input to carry output

Hence, this adder will only be faster when skipping groups makes up for the **extra gate overhead** accumulated by going from generate/transfer to carry-out

The maximum path length through a one block wide carry skip adder is the same as though a ripple carry adder, since the bottom block in a skip adder is a ripple carry



Binary Adders, T W Lynch, Master Thesis, University of Texas at Austin 1996

# Two separate ripple carry adders

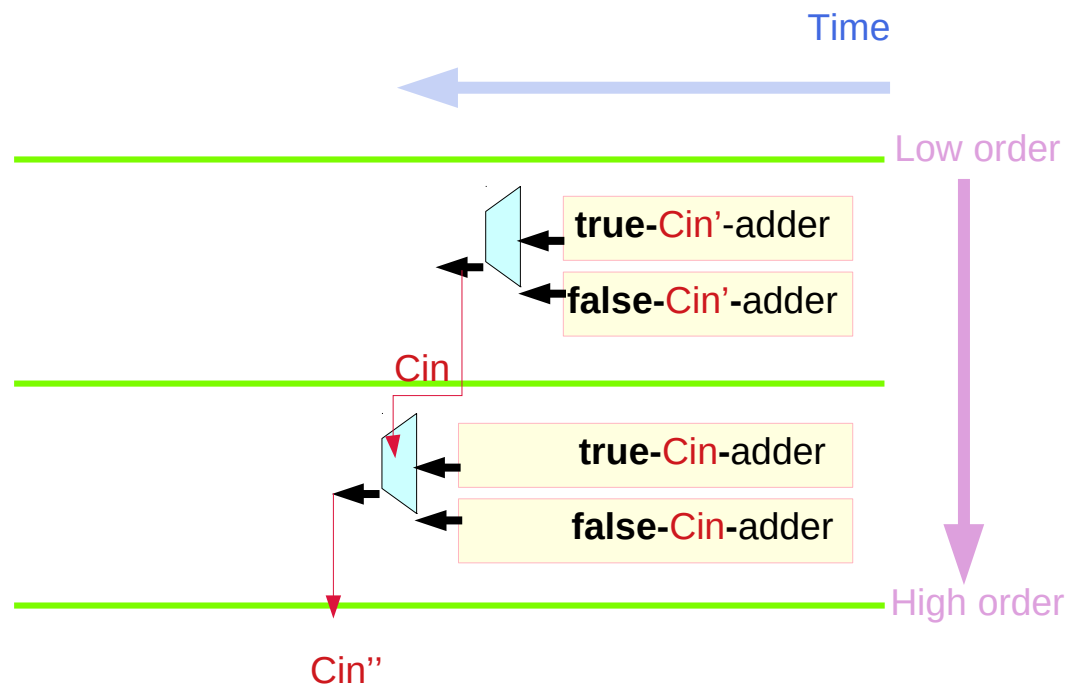
**Cin** signal is used to determine which adder's outputs should be used

if the **Cin** signal is **true**, the output (carries) are selected from the **true-Cin-adder**

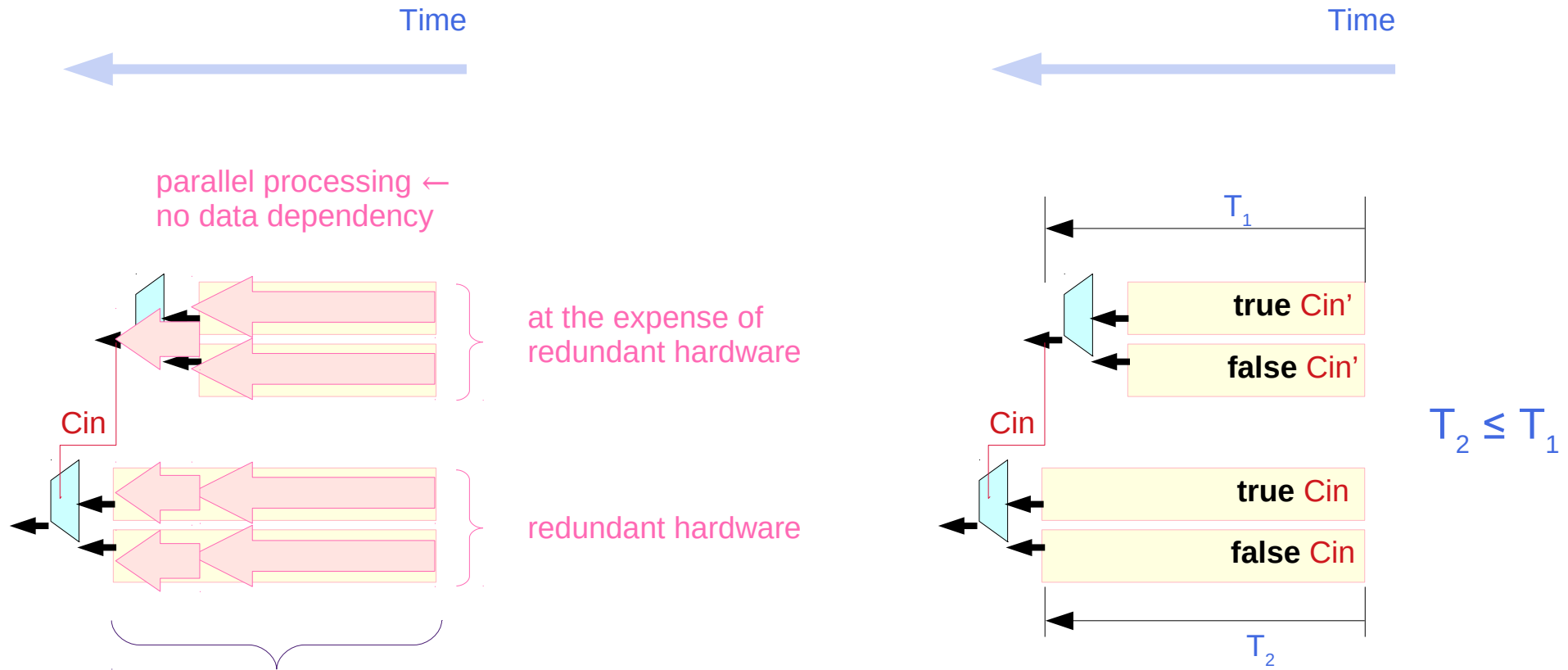
if the **Cin** signal is **false**, the output (carries) are selected from the **false-Cin-adder**

redundant hardware removes **Cin** data dependency

first start redundant computation  
later select the correct one



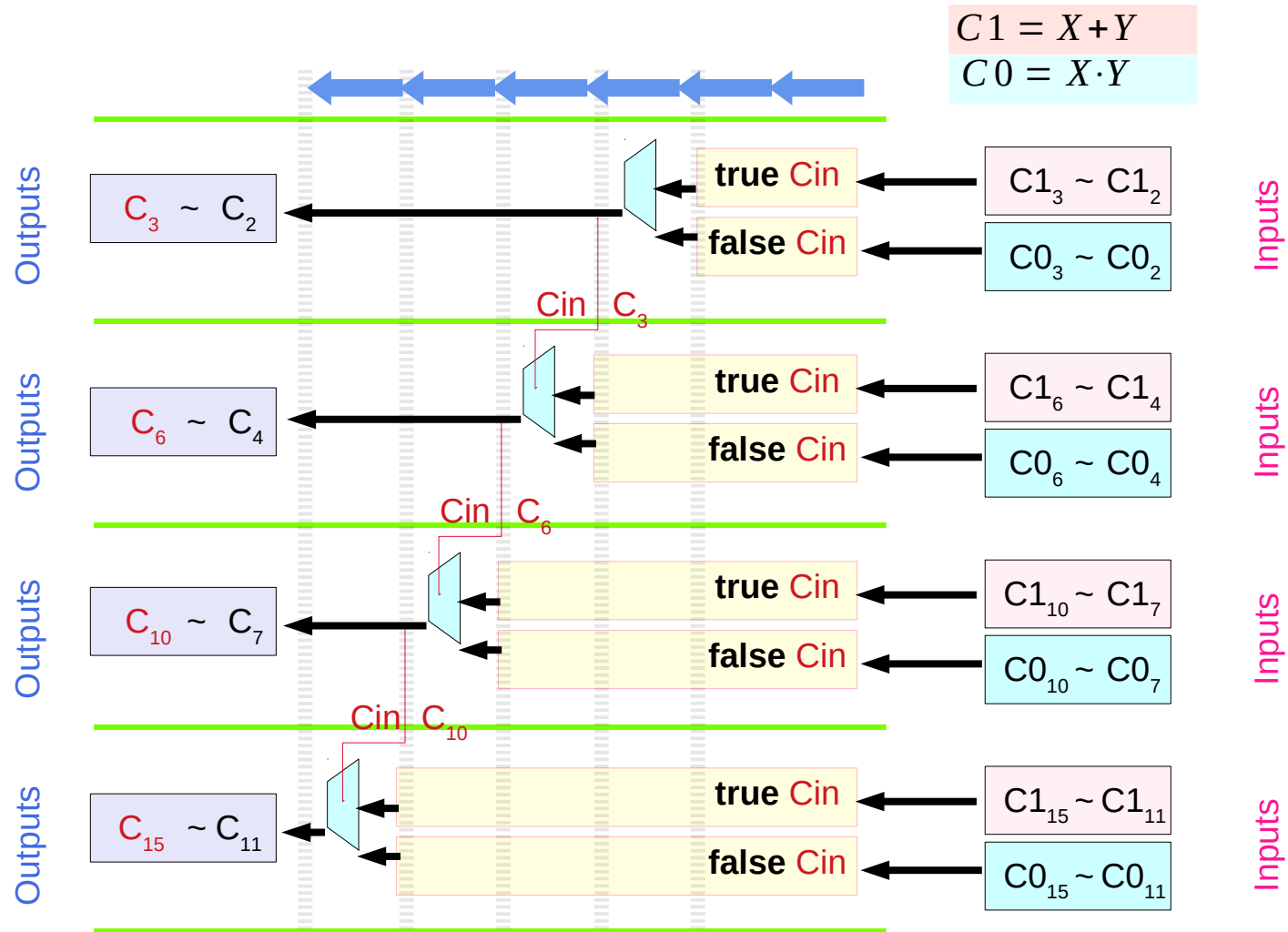
# Timing in broken carry chains



These computations can take place before the completion of the **previous columns**, since they do not depend on the actual value of the Cin signal


the length of the adders and the breakpoint are carefully chosen such that the **adders** finish computations just as their Cin become available

# Carry Select Fast Carry Logic



High Performance Carry Chains for FPGAs, S. Hauck, M. M. Hosler, T. W. Fry

# Variable Block

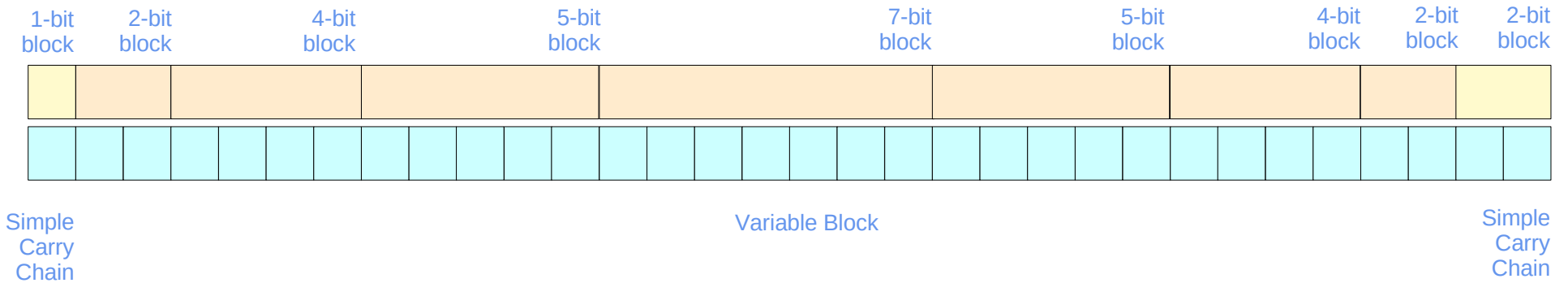
$d1 > d2$    $d1 < d2$

$d1 < d2$

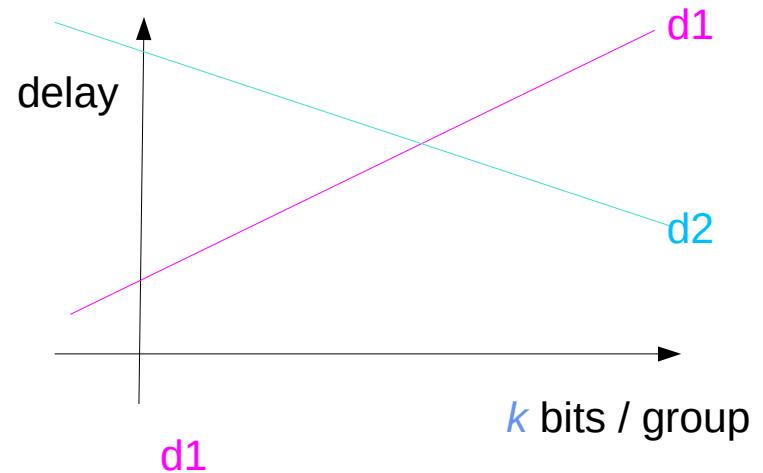
decreasing length

Increasing length

short blocks for the low order bits



the delay from the **Cin** input through the block's **ripple chain**



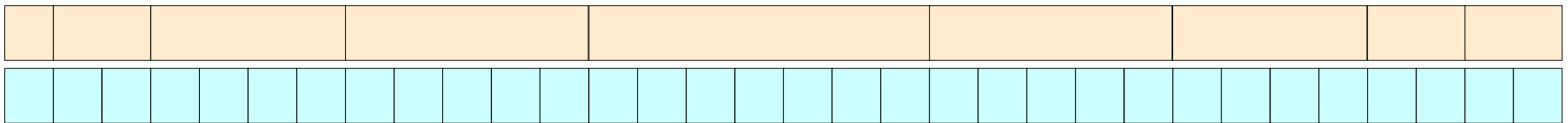
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# Variable Block

We use a block length from low order to high order cells of 2, 2, 4, 5, 7, 5, 4, 2, 1 for a normal 32 bit structure

8+17+7

The first and last block in each adder is a simple ripple carry chain, while all other blocks use the variable block structure.



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# Variable Block

Delay values of the variable block carry chain relative to other carry chains

The idea behind **Variable Block Adder** (VBA) is to minimize the longest critical path in the carry chain of a **Carry Skip Adder**, while allowing the groups to take different sizes.

Such an optimization in general does not result in an increased complexity as compared to the Carry Skip Adder

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# Variable Block

The first and last blocks are smaller,  
and the intermediate blocks are larger.

That compensates for the critical paths originating  
from the ends by shortening the length of the path  
used for the carry signal to ripple in the end groups,  
allowing carry to skip over larger groups in the middle.

There are two important consequences of this optimization:

- (a) the total delay is reduced as compared to a **Carry Skip Adder**
- (b) the delay dependency is not a linear function  
of the adder size  $N$  as in a **Carry Skip Adder**.

This dependency follows a square root function of  $N$  instead

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# Variable Block

For an optimized VBA, it is possible to obtain a closed form solution expressing this delay dependency

It is also possible to extend this approach to **multi-levels** of carry skip as done in a determination of the optimal sizes of the blocks on the first and higher levels of skip blocks is a **linear programming problem**, which does not yield a closed form solution.

Such types of problems are solved with the use of **dynamic programming** techniques.

The speed of such a **mult-level** VBA adder surpasses **single-level** VBA and that of fixed group Carry-Lookahead Adder (CLA).

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# Variable Block

For an optimized **VBA**, it is possible to obtain a closed form solution expressing this delay dependency which is given as:

where:  $c_1$  ,  $c_2$  ,  $c_3$  are constants.

$$\Delta_{VBA} = c_1 + \sqrt{c_2 N + c_3}$$

It is also possible to extend this approach to **multiple levels** of carry skip as done.

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- (1) the speed of the logic gates used for CMOS implementation depends on the output load: **fan-out**, as well as the number of inputs: **fan-in**.
- (2) CLA implementation is characterized with a large fan-in which limits the available size of the groups.

On the other hand **VBA** implementation is simple.

Thus, it seems that **CLA** has passed the point of diminishing returns as far as an efficient implementation is concerned.

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This example also points to the importance of **modeling** and incorporating appropriate **technology parameters** into the algorithm.

Most of the computer arithmetic algorithms developed in the past use a simple **constant gate delay model**.

(2.) a fixed-group CLA is not the best way to build an adder.

It is a **sub-optimal** structure which after being optimized for speed, consists of groups that are different in size yielding a largely **irregular** structure

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# Variable Block

There are other advantages of VBA adder that are direct result of its **simplicity** and **efficient** optimization of the critical path.

Those advantages are exhibited in the **lower area** and **power consumption** while retaining its speed.

Thus, VBA has the **lowest energy-delay product** as compared to the other adders in its class.

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# Delay model

Oklobdzija addition VLSI

On implementing addition in VLSI technology

Delay dependency : Fan-out, Fan-in,

Delay estimates :

$$D\_NAND = 1 + 0.3F_o + 0.5(F_i - 2)$$

$$D\_NOR = 1 + 0.5F_o + 0.5(F_i - 2)$$

$$D\_NAND = 0.7 + 0.3F_o$$

$t$  denote the time required for a carry signal to ripple across a bit

$T$  denote the time required for the signal to skip over a group of bits

$m$  denotes the optimal number of groups for an n-bit carry chain

$m$  is the smallest positive integer satisfying

$$n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T$$

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# Delay model

$n$  : the number of **bits** in a carry skip adder

$m$  : the number of **groups** into which the bits are divided

$x_1, \dots, x_m$  : the **sizes** of the groups beginning with the most significant bit

$T$  : the **time** required for a carry signal to **skip over** a **group of bits**

To be precise we should write  $T = T(x)$  to indicate that

$T$  depends on the size  $x$  of the group over which the carry is skipped

However,  $T$  changes very slowly with  $x$  over the range of group sizes

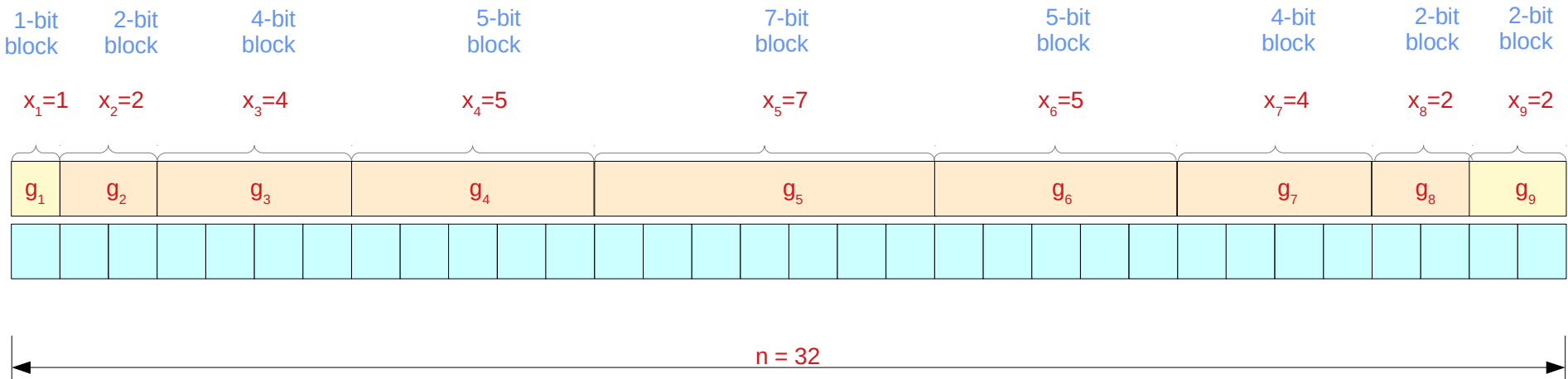
So we assume that  $T$  is **constant**

For a given  $n$ , the following three step procedure gives

An optimal way of dividing an  $n$  bit adder into groups of bits

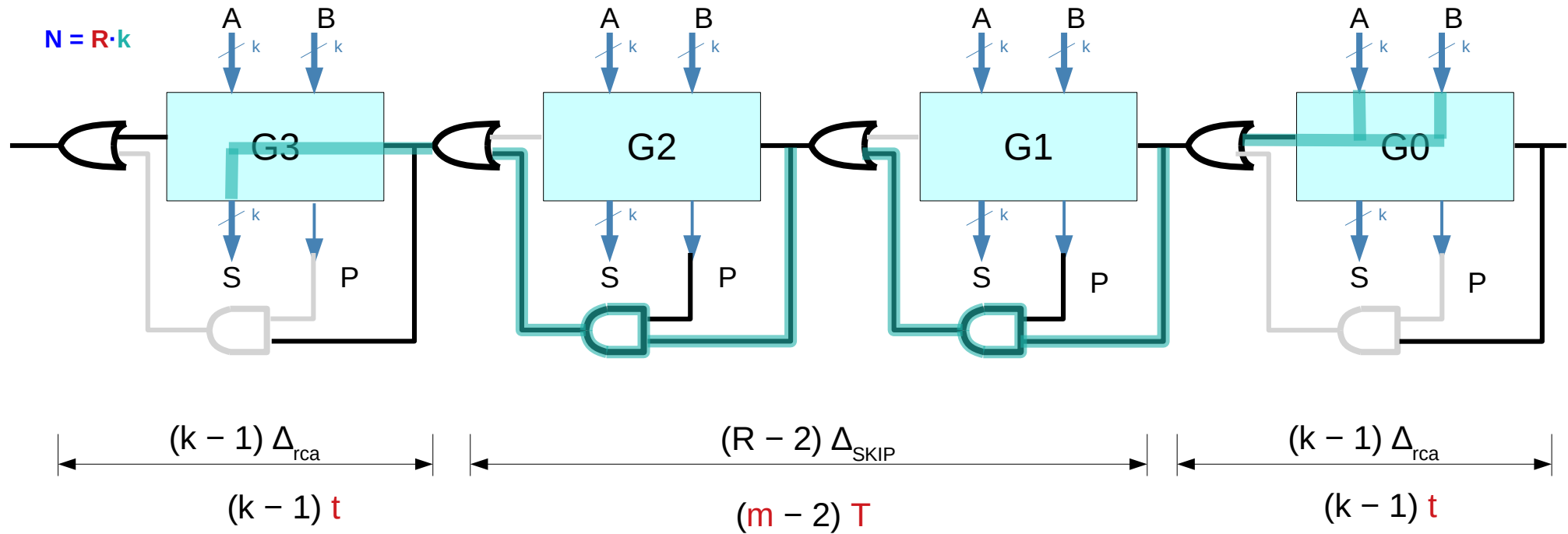
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# Variable Block



- total  $n = 32$  bits
- $m = 9$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i)$

# Carry Skip Adder



$t$  denote the time required for a carry signal to **ripple** across **a bit**  
 $T$  denote the time required for the signal to **skip** over **a group** of bits  
 $m$  denotes **the optimal number of groups** for an  $n$ -bit carry chain

# Procedure

(I) Let  $m$  be the smallest positive integer such that

$$n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T$$

(II) Let

$$y_i = \min\{1 + iT, 1 + (m + 1 - i)T\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

and construct a **histogram** whose  $i$ -th column has height  $y_i$   
for example, for  $T=3$ , and  $n=48$ , we have  $m=7$

(III) It is easily verified that the area of the histogram in (II) is

$$m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T \geq n$$

so these are at least  $n$  unit squares in the histogram  
starting with the first row, shade in  $n$  of the squares, row by row  
Let  $x_i$  denote the number of shaded squares in column  $i$  of the histogram,  
 $i = 1, \dots, m$

- total  $n=48$  bits
- $m=7$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i) = 3$

# Example 1 - (1)

For a 48 bit adder we have, from Figure

$$x_1 = x_7 = 4, x_2 = x_6 = 7, x_3 = 8, x_4 = x_5 = 9$$

The maximum delay is experienced by a signal generated in the second bit position and terminating in the 47<sup>th</sup> bit position

the delay is  $mT = 21$

- total  $n = 48$  bits
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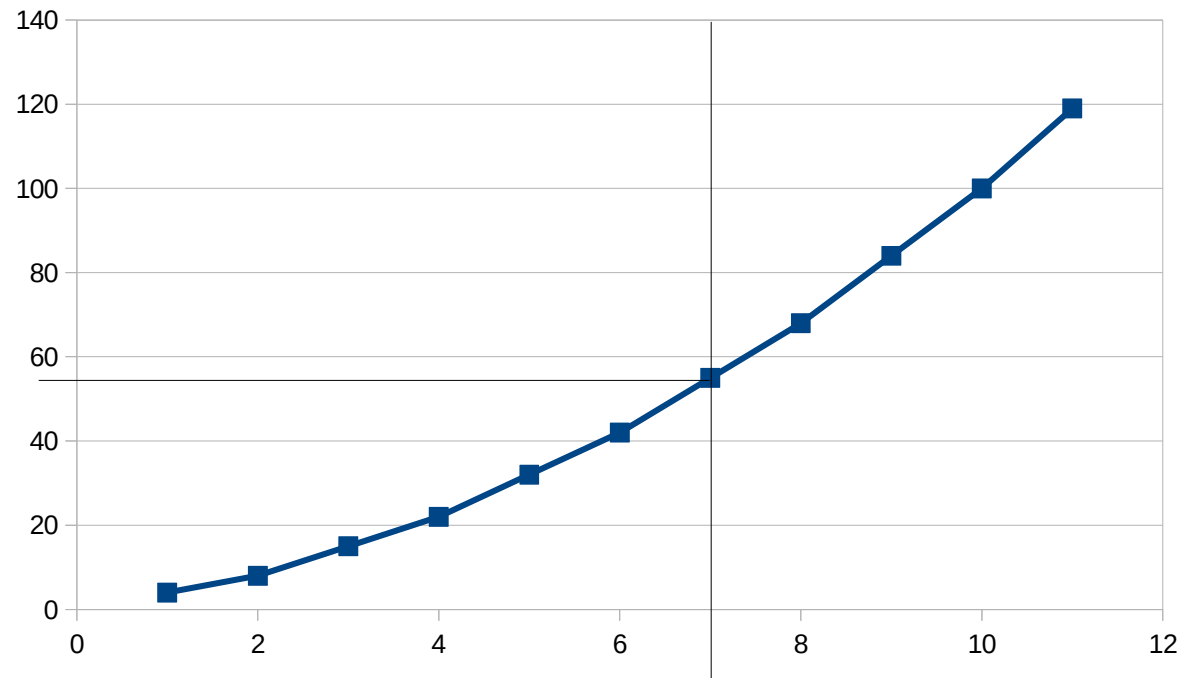
$$n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T$$

$$48 \leq m + \frac{3}{2}m + \frac{3}{4}m^2 + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{3}{8}$$

- total  $n = 48$  bits
- $m = 7$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i) = 3$

1	4
2	8
3	15
4	22
5	32
6	42
7	55
8	68
9	84
10	100

48 < 55

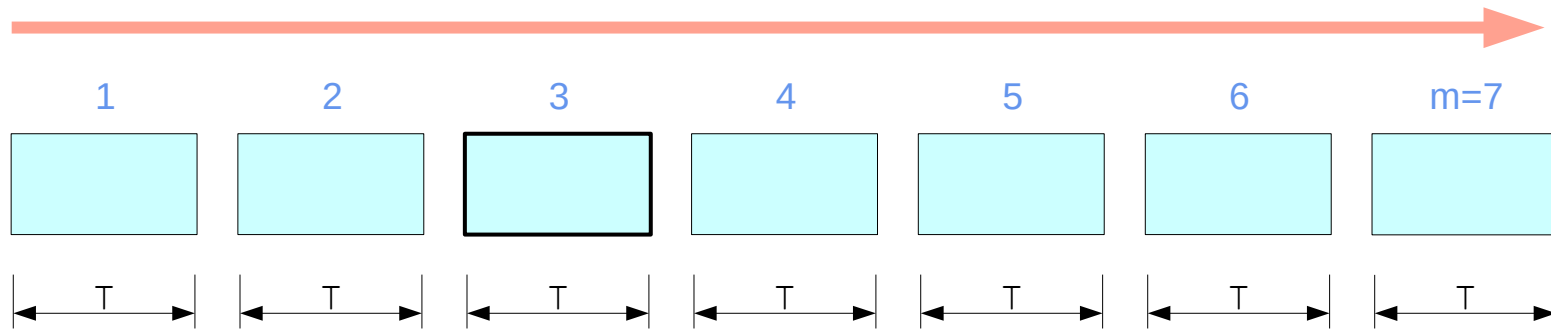


$m = 7$

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# Example 1 - (3)

$n = 48$   
 $m = 7$   
 $T = 3$



$$y_i = \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$y_1 = \min\{1+1 \cdot T, 1+7 \cdot T\} = 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$y_2 = \min\{1+2 \cdot T, 1+6 \cdot T\} = 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$y_3 = \min\{1+3 \cdot T, 1+5 \cdot T\} = 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$0 \leq x_3 \leq 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$y_4 = \min\{1+4 \cdot T, 1+4 \cdot T\} = 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$0 \leq x_4 \leq 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$y_5 = \min\{1+5 \cdot T, 1+3 \cdot T\} = 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$0 \leq x_5 \leq 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$y_6 = \min\{1+6 \cdot T, 1+2 \cdot T\} = 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$0 \leq x_6 \leq 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

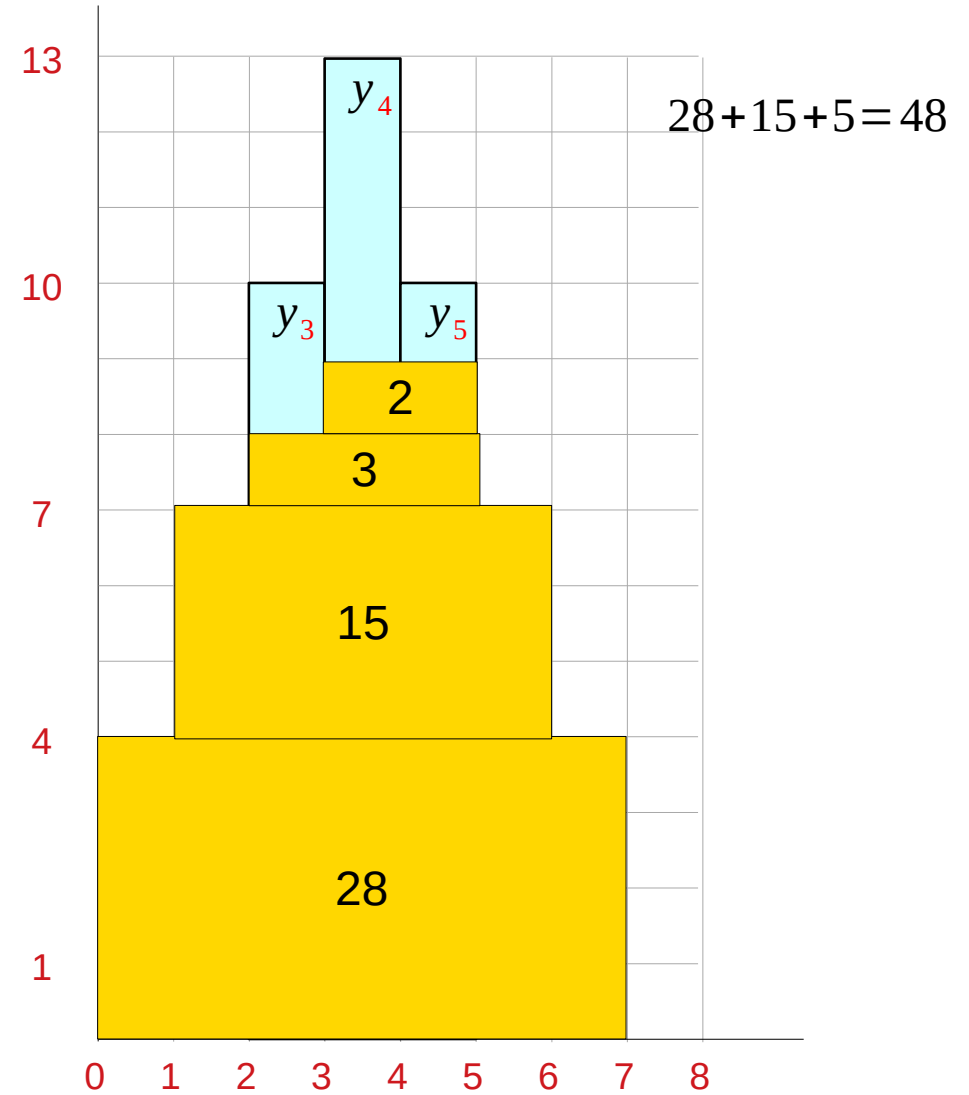
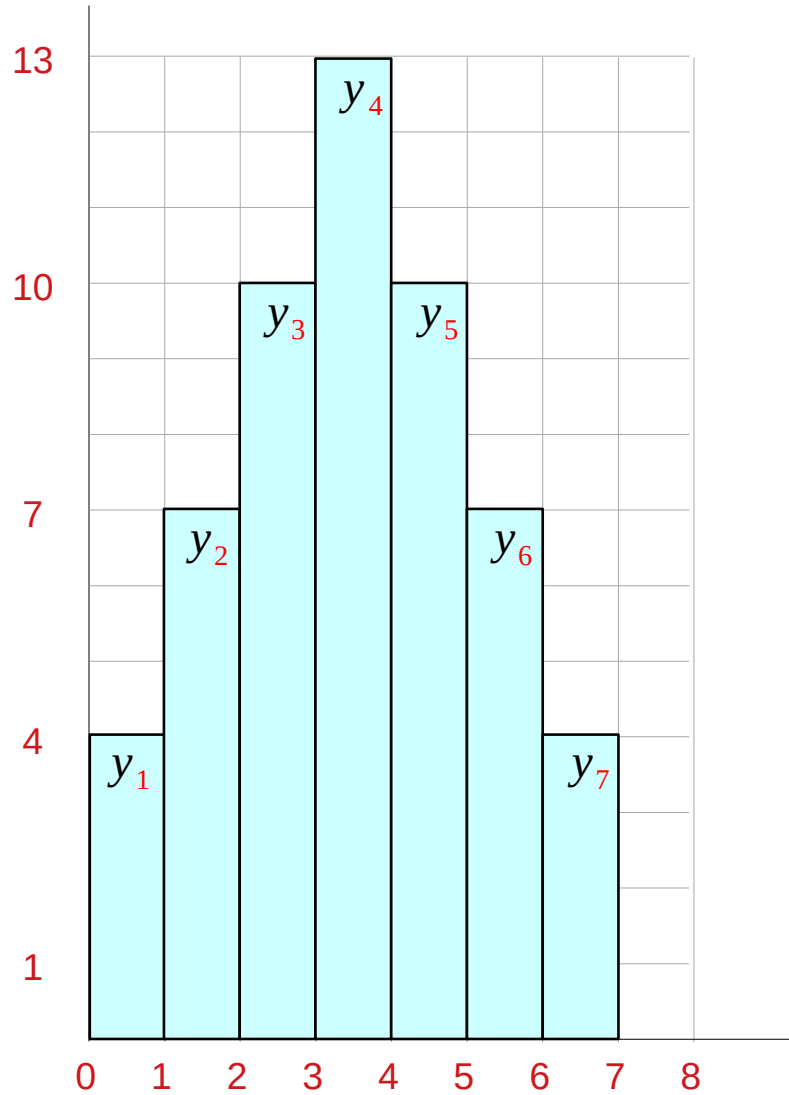
$$y_7 = \min\{1+7 \cdot T, 1+1 \cdot T\} = 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_7 \leq 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

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$$0 \leq x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

# Example 1 - (4)



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## Example 2 - (1)

consider a 54 bit adder

From 2(i), we see that again  $m=7$ .

If we shade 54 squares in Figure, we see that

$$x_1 = x_7 = 4, x_2 = x_6 = 7, x_3 = x_5 = 10, x_4 = 12$$

Yields an optimal division of the adder.

Again the maximum delay is  $mT = 21$

- total  $n = 54$  bits
- $m = 7$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i) = 3$

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# Example 2 - (2)

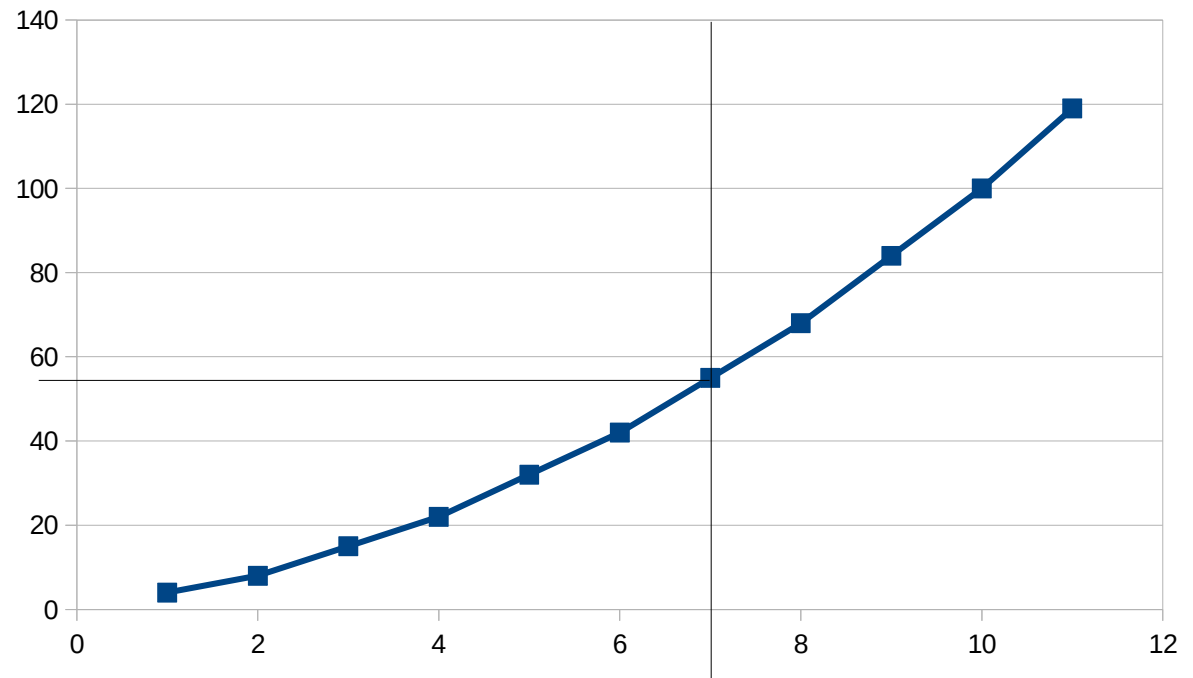
$$n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T$$

$$54 \leq m + \frac{3}{2}m + \frac{3}{4}m^2 + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{3}{8}$$

- total  $n = 54$  bits
- $m = 7$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i) = 3$

1	4
2	8
3	15
4	22
5	32
6	42
7	55
8	68
9	84
10	100

54 < 55

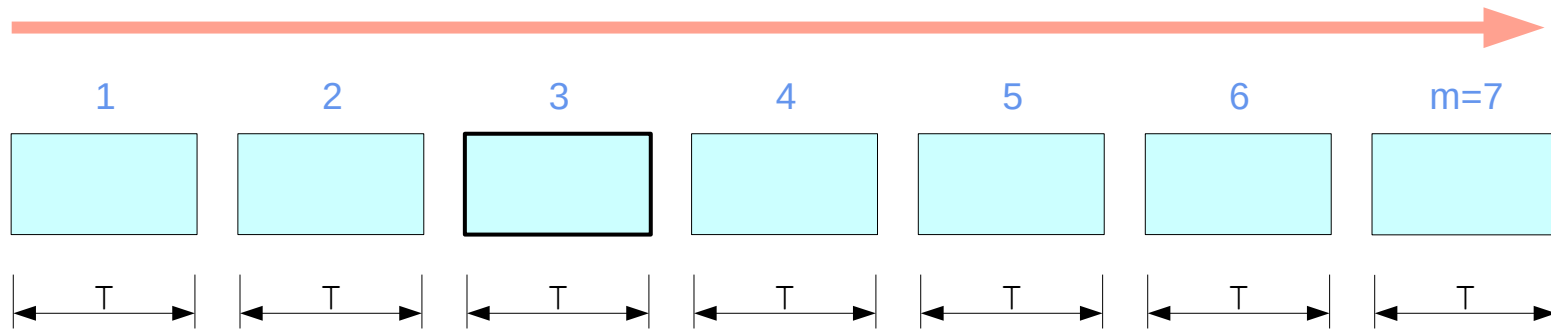


$m = 7$

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# Example 2 - (3)

$n = 54$   
 $m = 7$   
 $T = 3$



$$y_i = \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$y_1 = \min\{1+1 \cdot T, 1+7 \cdot T\} = 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$y_2 = \min\{1+2 \cdot T, 1+6 \cdot T\} = 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$y_3 = \min\{1+3 \cdot T, 1+5 \cdot T\} = 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$0 \leq x_3 \leq 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$y_4 = \min\{1+4 \cdot T, 1+4 \cdot T\} = 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$0 \leq x_4 \leq 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$y_5 = \min\{1+5 \cdot T, 1+3 \cdot T\} = 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$0 \leq x_5 \leq 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$y_6 = \min\{1+6 \cdot T, 1+2 \cdot T\} = 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$0 \leq x_6 \leq 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

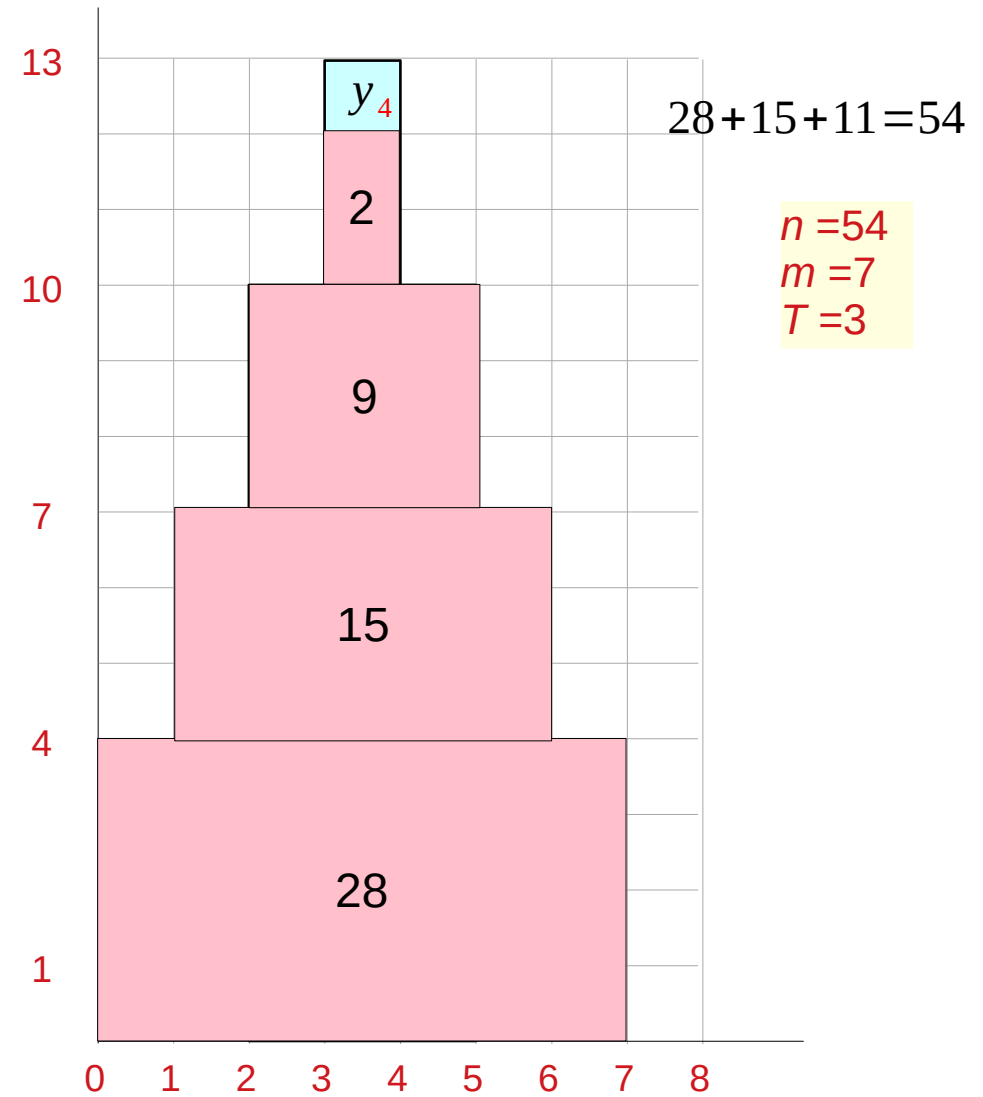
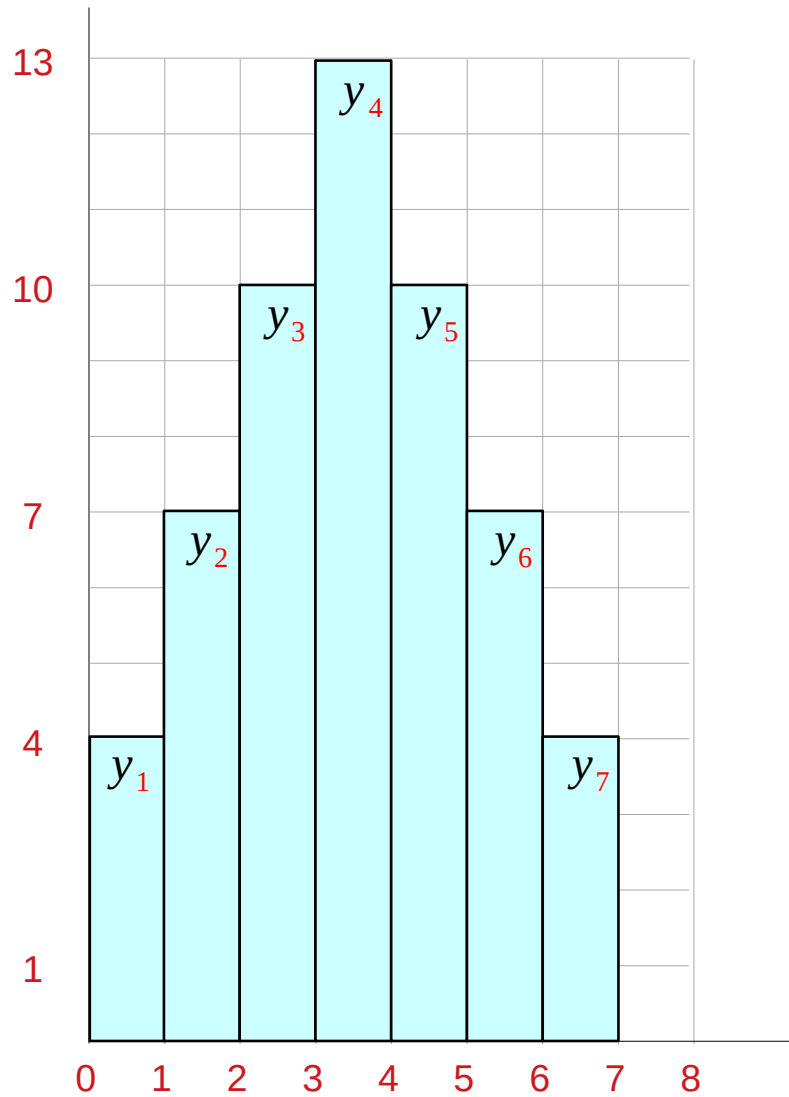
$$y_7 = \min\{1+7 \cdot T, 1+1 \cdot T\} = 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_7 \leq 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

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$$0 \leq x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

# Example 2 - (4)



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# Example 3 - (1)

Consider a 64 bit adder  
From 2(i) we compute  $m=8$ .

the corresponding histogram is shown in Figure

The optimal group sizes are:

$$x_1 = x_8 = 4, x_2 = x_7 = 7, x_3 = x_6 = 10, x_4 = x_5 = 11$$

The delay of the longest signal is  $mT = 24$

- total  $n = 64$  bits
- $m = 8$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i) = 3$

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# Example 3 - (2)

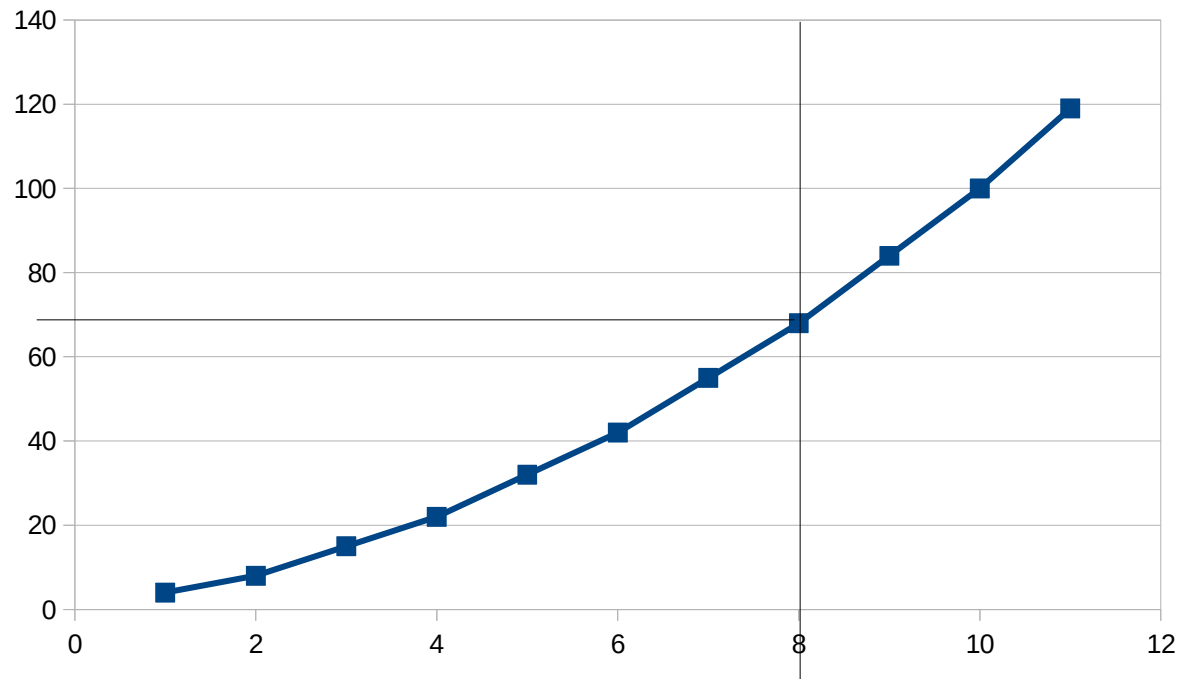
$$n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m) \frac{1}{8}T$$

$$64 \leq m + \frac{3}{2}m + \frac{3}{4}m^2 + (1 - (-1)^m) \frac{3}{8}$$

- total  $n = 64$  bits
- $m = 7$  groups
- $i$ -th group has  $x_i$  bits (size)
- constant skip delay  $T = T(x_i) = 3$

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2	8
3	15
4	22
5	32
6	42
7	55
8	68
9	84
10	100

64 < 68

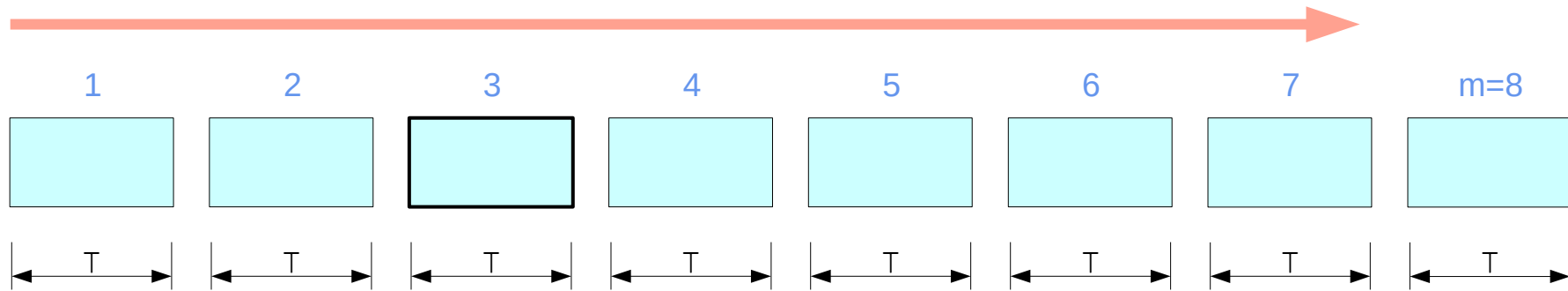


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$m = 8$

# Example 3 - (3)

$n = 64$   
 $m = 8$   
 $T = 3$



$$y_i = \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$y_1 = \min\{1+1 \cdot T, 1+8 \cdot T\} = 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$y_2 = \min\{1+2 \cdot T, 1+7 \cdot T\} = 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$y_3 = \min\{1+3 \cdot T, 1+6 \cdot T\} = 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$0 \leq x_3 \leq 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$y_4 = \min\{1+4 \cdot T, 1+5 \cdot T\} = 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$0 \leq x_4 \leq 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$y_5 = \min\{1+5 \cdot T, 1+4 \cdot T\} = 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$0 \leq x_5 \leq 1+4 \cdot T = 13$$

$$y_6 = \min\{1+6 \cdot T, 1+3 \cdot T\} = 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$0 \leq x_6 \leq 1+3 \cdot T = 10$$

$$y_7 = \min\{1+7 \cdot T, 1+2 \cdot T\} = 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

$$0 \leq x_7 \leq 1+2 \cdot T = 7$$

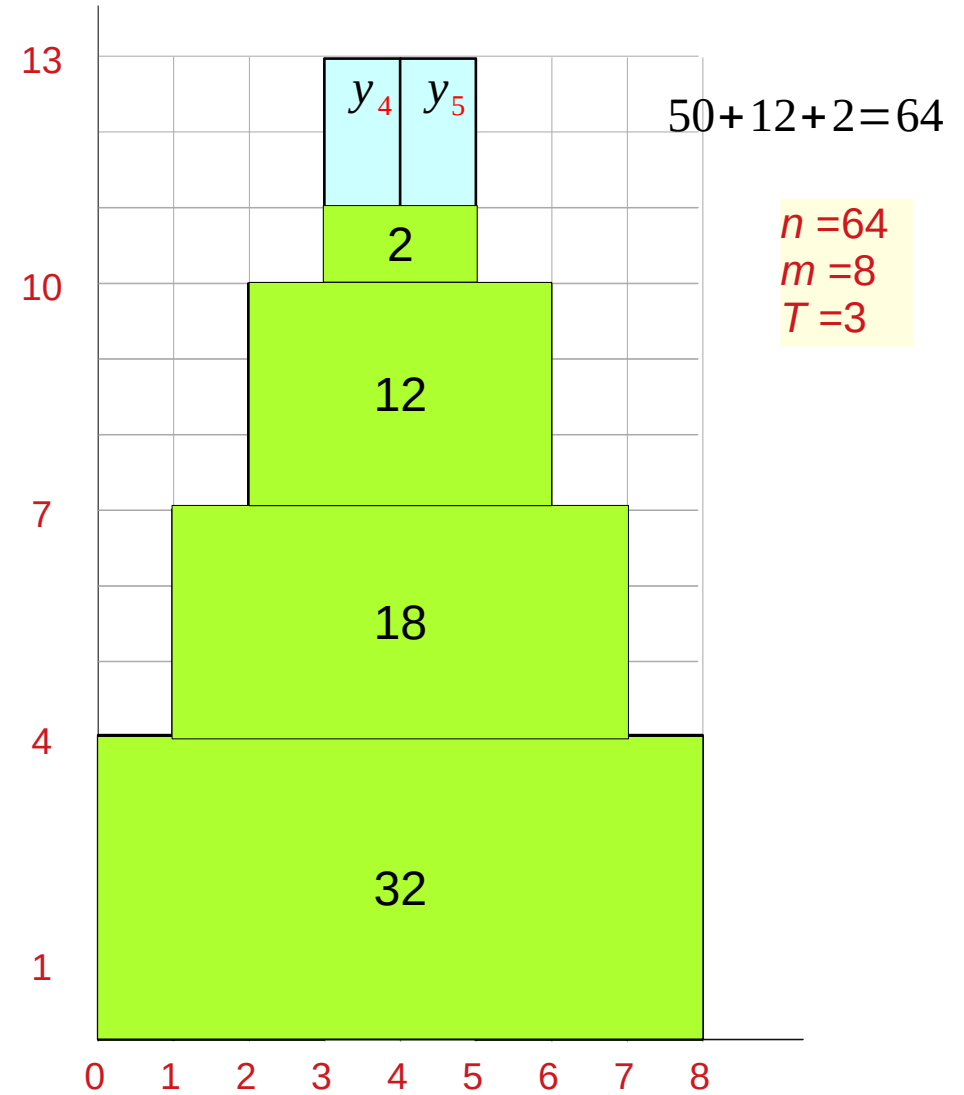
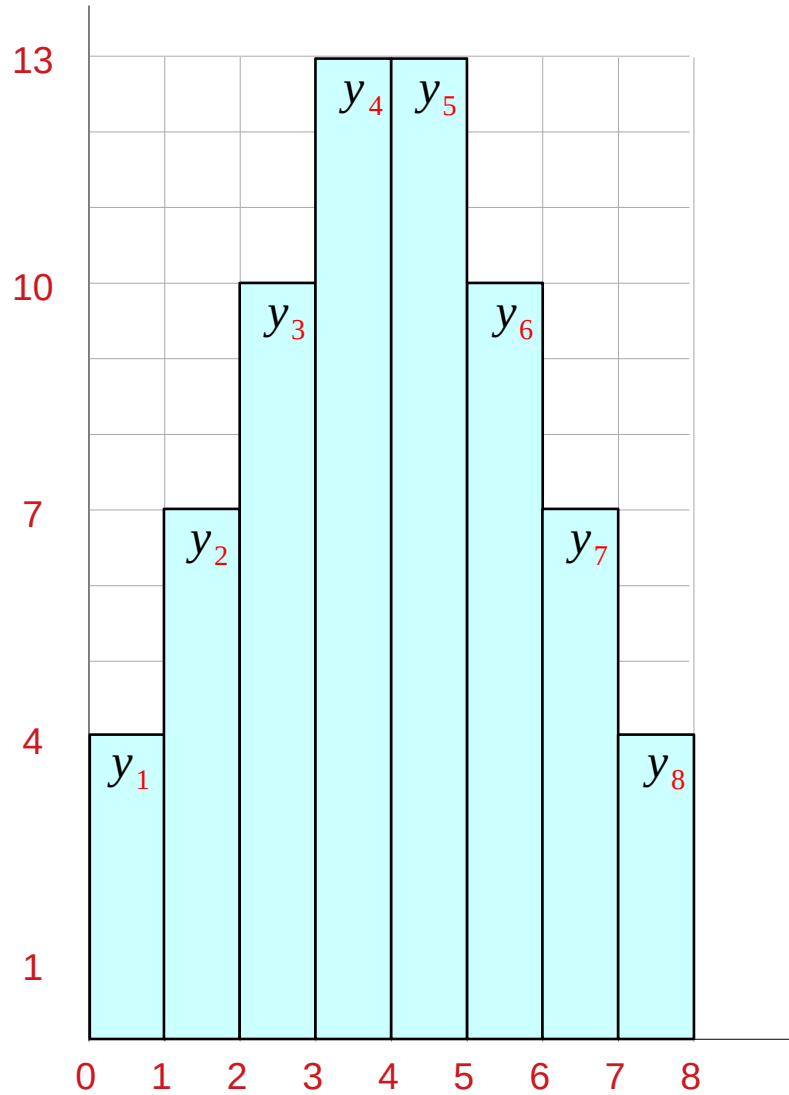
$$y_8 = \min\{1+8 \cdot T, 1+1 \cdot T\} = 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_8 \leq 1+1 \cdot T = 4$$

$$0 \leq x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

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# Example 3 - (4)



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# Ripple delay and skip delay

For a 32-bit adder, and the VBA scheme, we divided the Carry chain into blocks of sizes 1, 3, 5, 7, 7, 5, 3, 1.

Why this division is optimal?

Let  $t$  denote the time required for a carry signal to ripple across a one bit in the carry chain, and let  $T$  denote the time required for the signal to skip over a group of bits.

$$\Delta_{\text{rca}} = 1 \quad \text{ripple delay over a bit}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{SKIP}} = T \quad \text{skip delay over a group}$$

By simulation of the blocks, we have found that  $t = 0.8$  ns and  $T = 165$  ns.

To simplify our analysis, we normalize them so that  $t = 1$  and  $T = 2$ .

Then we apply the theory developed for finding the optimal division of a carry chain

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# Maximum propagation time P

**Lemma 1** When the bits of a carry skip adder are grouped according to the scheme (i)-(iii), the **maximum propagation time** of a carry signal is  $mT$

- $n$  bits
- $m$  groups

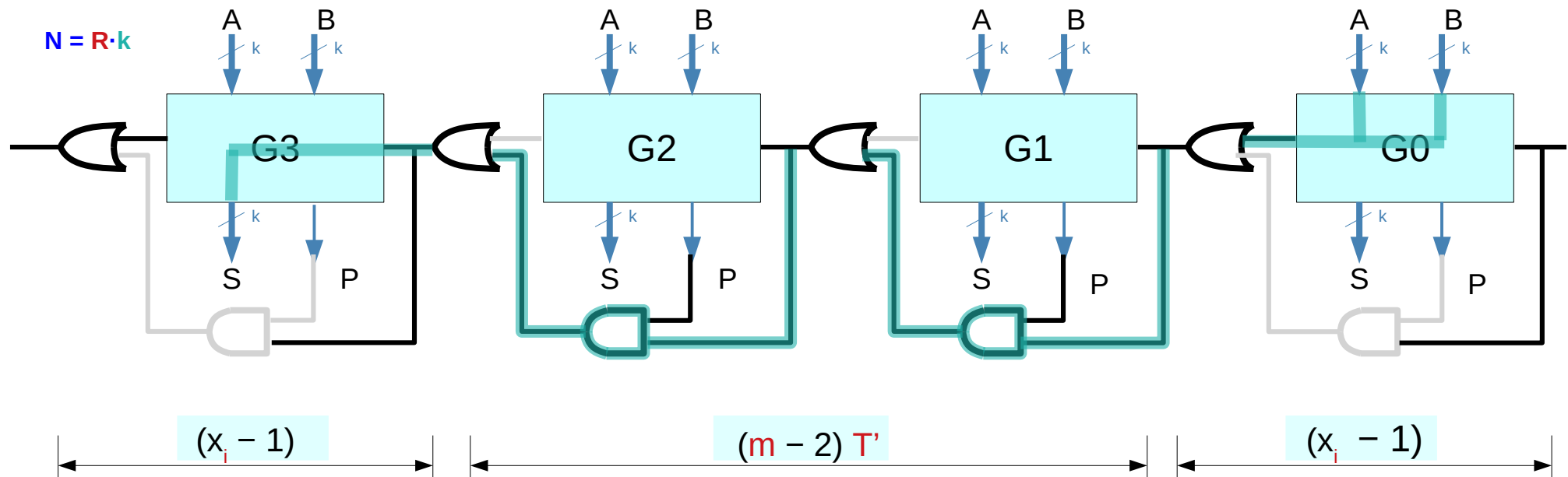
The carry generated at the  $2^{\text{nd}}$  bit position and terminating at the  $(n-1)$  clearly has propagation time  $mT$ . We must show that any other signal has propagation time smaller than or equal to  $mT$ .

Consider a signal originating in the  $i$ -th group and terminating in the  $j$ -th,  $i < j$ .

Denote its **propagation time** by  $P$ . Clearly

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

# Propagation delay P

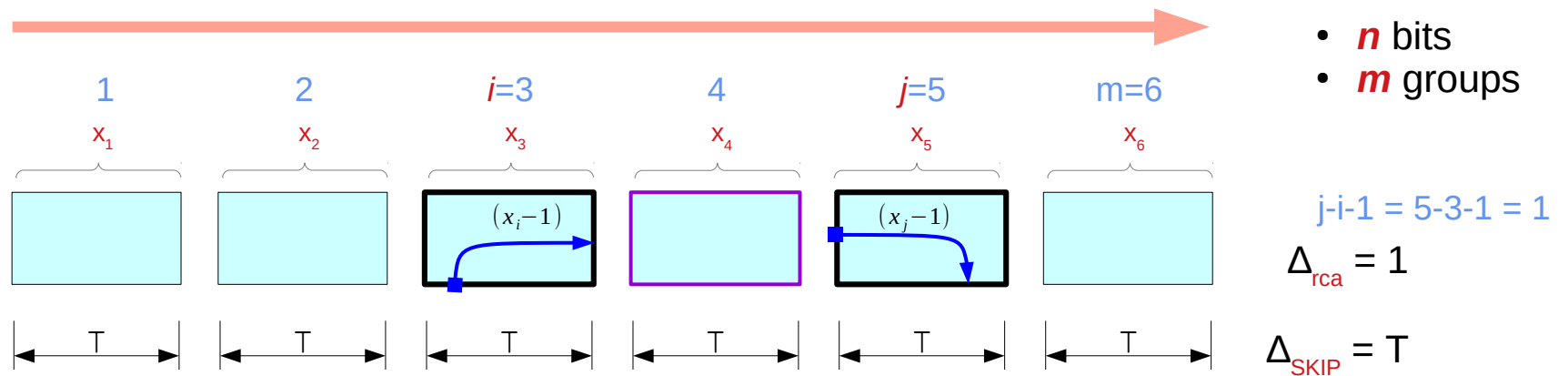


$\Delta_{rca} = 1$  ripple delay over a bit

$\Delta_{SKIP} = T$  skip delay over a group

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

# Propagation delay P



$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

$$x_i \leq \min\{1 + iT, 1 + (m + 1 - i)T\}$$

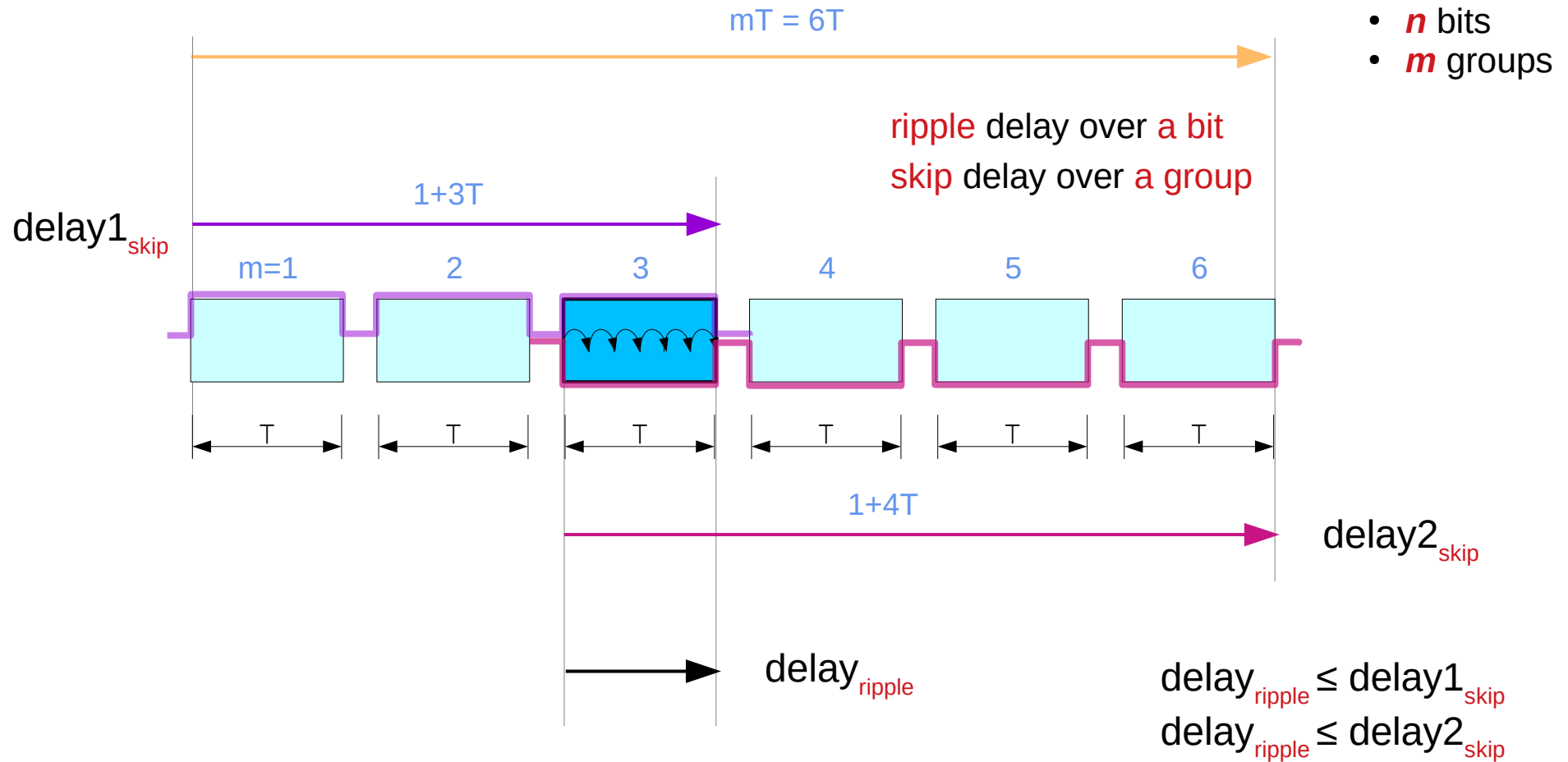
$$x_j \leq \min\{1 + jT, 1 + (m + 1 - j)T\}$$

Assume a carry signal is generated in the  $i$ -th group and terminated in the  $j$ -th,  $i < j$ .

$P$  denotes propagation time

$$P \leq \min\{1 + iT, 1 + (m + 1 - i)T\} + \min\{1 + jT, 1 + (m + 1 - j)T\} + (j - i - 1)T - 2$$

# Delay model



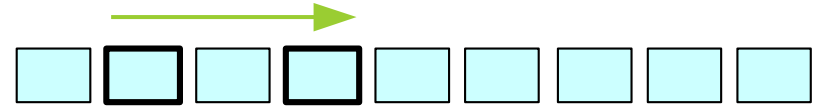
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# Three cases

Case 1

$$\min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+iT$$

$$\min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+jT$$



Case 2

$$\min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+iT$$

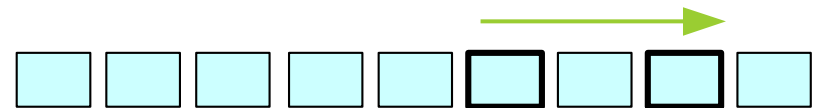
$$\min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+(m+1-j)T$$



Case 3

$$\min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+(m+1-i)T$$

$$\min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+(m+1-j)T$$



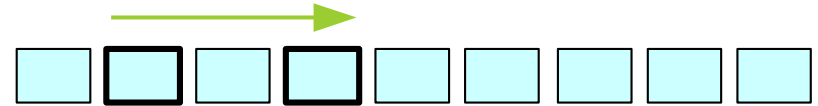
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# Case 1

1. First, assume

$$\min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+iT$$

$$\min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+jT$$



$$1+jT \leq 1+(m+1-j)T \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2jT \leq (m+1)T \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2jT - T \leq mT$$

$$P < 1+iT + 1+(m+1-i)T + (j-i-1)T - 2 = 2jT - T \leq mT$$

$$x_i \leq \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+iT$$

$$x_j \leq \min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+jT$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &\leq \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} + \min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} + (j-i-1)T - 2 \\ &= 1+iT + 1+jT + (j-i-1)T - 2 \\ &= 2jT - T \leq mT \end{aligned}$$

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# Case 2

2. Now, assume

$$\min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+iT$$

$$\min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+(m+1-j)T$$



$$P \leq 1+iT + 1 + (m+1-i)T + (j-i-1)T - 2 = mT$$

$$P \leq \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} + \min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} + (j-i-1)T - 2$$

$$P \leq 1+iT + 1+(m+1-j)T + (j-i-1)T - 2 = mT$$

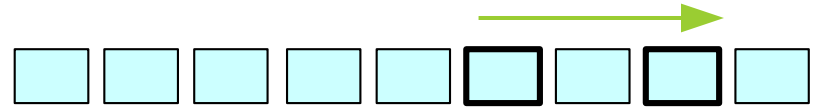
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# Case 3

3. Finally, assume

$$\min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} = 1+(m+1-i)T$$



$$\min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} = 1+(m+1-j)T$$

$$P \leq 1+(m+1-i)T + 1+(m+1-j)T + (j-i-1)T - 2 = 2mT - (2iT - T) \leq 2mT - mT = mT$$

$$P \leq \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\} + \min\{1+jT, 1+(m+1-j)T\} + (j-i-1)T - 2$$

$$P \leq 1+(m+1-i)T + 1+(m+1-j)T + (j-i-1)T - 2 = 2(m+1-i)T - T$$

$$\leq 2(m+1-i)T - T = 2mT - (2iT - T) = mT$$

$$1+iT \geq 1+(m+1-i)T \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2iT \geq (m+1)T \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2iT - T \geq mT$$

$$-(2iT - T) \leq -mT$$

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# Maximum delay of a carry signal

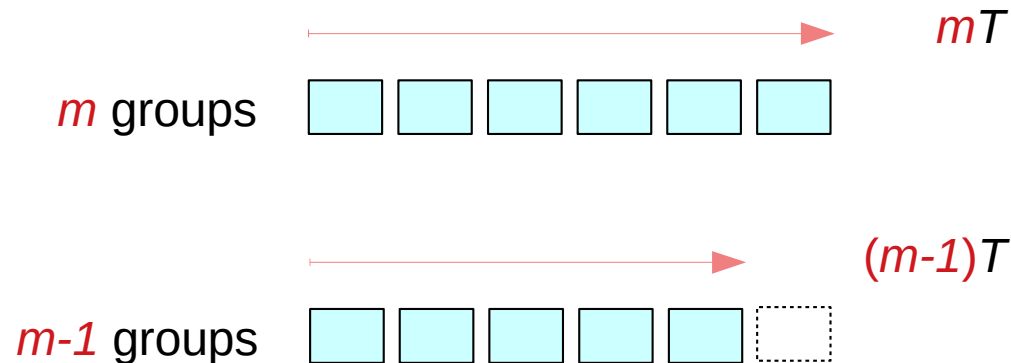
**Lemma 2** Let  $D$  denote the **maximum delay** of a carry signal in a  $n$  bit carry skip adder with **group sizes** chosen **optimally**. Then

$$(m-1)T \leq D \leq mT$$

Since we have exhibited a division of the carry chain into **groups** in such a way that the **maximum delay** of a carry signal is  $mT$

We clearly have  $D \leq mT$

- $n$  bits
- $m$  groups



# Even number $r = 2k$ of groups (1)

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  denote the **optimal group sizes** corresponding to  $D$ .

For the moment assume that  $r = 2k$  is **even**.

By considering carries originating in **group  $i$**  and terminating in **group  $r - i + 1$** ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  we deduce the following system inequalities

the **maximum delay** of a carry signal is  $mT$

$$D \leq mT$$

- $n$  bits
- $m$  groups

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups – optimal

$$1, 2k = r - (1 - 1), \quad i = 1$$

$$2, 2k - 1 = r - (2 - 1), \quad i = 2$$

$$k, k + 1 = r - (k - 1), \quad i = k$$

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# Even number $r = 2k$ of groups (2)

$$r = 2k$$

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups

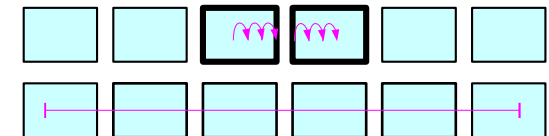
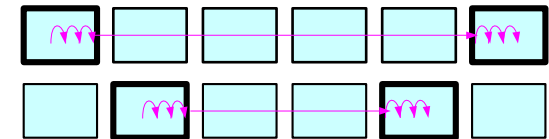
$$(x_1 - 1) + (r - 2)T + (x_r - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_2 - 1) + (r - 4)T + (x_{r-1} - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_3 - 1) + (r - 6)T + (x_{r-2} - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_k - 1) + (r - 2k)T + (x_{k+1} - 1) \leq D$$

$$mT \leq D$$



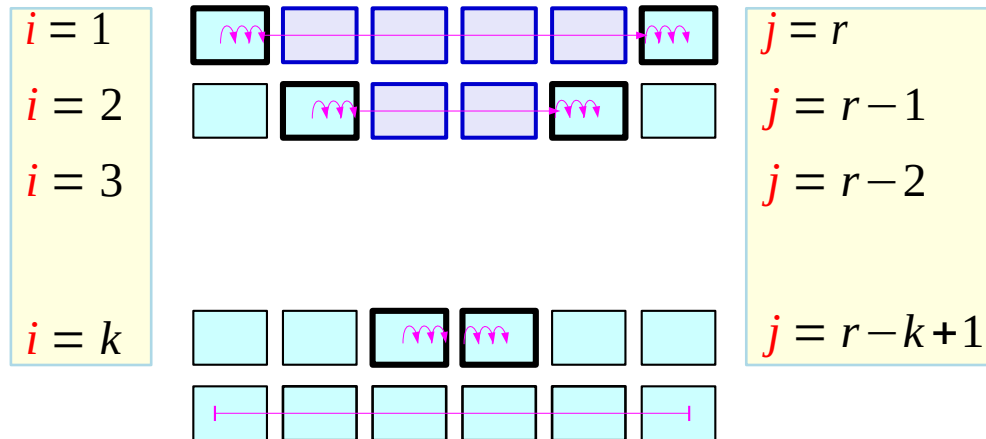
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# Even number $r = 2k$ of groups (3)

$$r = 2k$$

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups



$$(j - i - 1) = r - 2 = 2(k - 1)$$

$$(j - i - 1) = r - 4 = 2(k - 2)$$

$$(j - i - 1) = r - 6 = 2(k - 3)$$

$$(j - i - 1) = r - 2k = 2(k - k)$$

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# Even number $r = 2k$ of groups (4)

$$r = 2k$$

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 - 1) + 2(k-1)T + (x_{2k} - 1) &\leq D & i = 1 \\ (x_2 - 1) + 2(k-2)T + (x_{2k-1} - 1) &\leq D & i = 2 \\ (x_3 - 1) + 2(k-3)T + (x_{2k-2} - 1) &\leq D & i = 3 \\ \vdots & & \\ (x_k - 1) + 2(k-k)T + (x_{k+1} - 1) &\leq D & i = k \\ & & \leq D \end{aligned}$$

$$n - 2k + (k+1)rT - k(k+1)T \leq (k+1)D$$

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups

$$\sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$2k = r$$

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# Even number $r = 2k$ of groups (5)

$$r=2k$$

$$n - 2k + (k + 1)rT - k(k + 1)T \leq (k + 1)D$$

$$\frac{n-2k}{k+1} + rT - kT \leq D$$

$$\frac{n-2k}{k+1} + 2kT - kT \leq D$$

$$\frac{n-2(k+1)+2}{k+1} + kT \leq D$$

$$\frac{n+2}{k+1} + (k+1)T - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$2\sqrt{(n+2)T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+8T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

*arith mean  $\geq$  geo mean*

$$\frac{n+2}{k+1} + (k+1)T \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n+2}{k+1} \cdot (k+1)T}$$

$$\frac{n+2}{k+1} + (k+1)T \geq 2\sqrt{(n+2)T}$$

*min when*  $\frac{n+2}{k+1} = (k+1)T$

$$\frac{n+2}{T} = (k+1)^2$$

$$(k+1) = \sqrt{\frac{n+2}{T}}$$

# Odd number $r = 2k+1$ of groups (1)

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  denote the **optimal group sizes** corresponding to  $D$ .  
For the moment assume that  $r = 2k+1$  is **odd**.

By considering carries originating in **group  $i$**   
and terminating in **group  $r-i+1$** ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$   
we deduce the following system inequalities

the **maximum delay** of a carry signal is  $mT$

$$D \leq mT$$

- $n$  bits
- $m$  groups

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups – optimal

$$1, 2k+1 = r - (1-1), \quad i = 1$$

$$2, 2k = r - (2-1), \quad i = 2$$

$$k, k+2 = r - (k-1), \quad i = k$$

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# Odd number $r = 2k+1$ of groups (2)

$$r = 2k + 1$$

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups

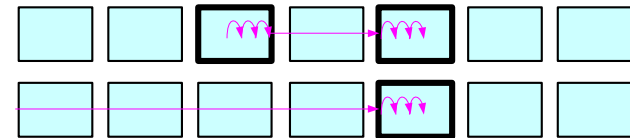
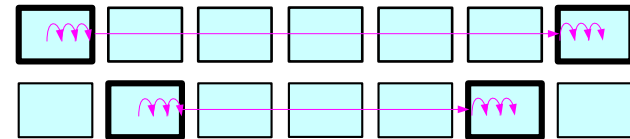
$$(x_1 - 1) + (r - 2)T + (x_r - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_2 - 1) + (r - 4)T + (x_{r-1} - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_3 - 1) + (r - 6)T + (x_{r-2} - 1) \leq D$$

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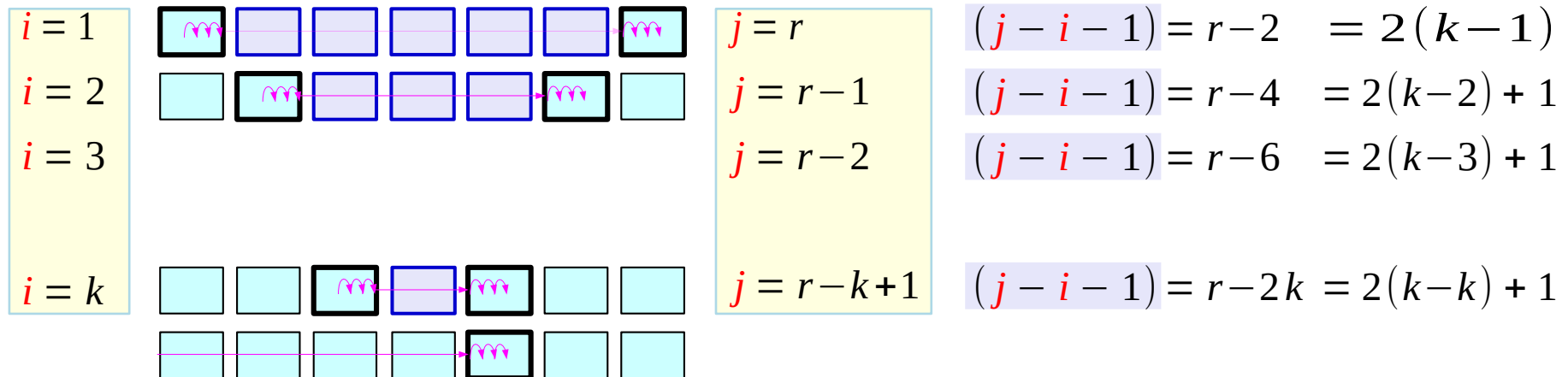
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# Odd number $r = 2k+1$ of groups (3)

$$r = 2k + 1$$

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups



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# Odd number $r = 2k+1$ of groups (4)

$$r = 2k + 1$$

$$P \leq (x_i - 1) + (j - i - 1)T + (x_j - 1) \leq mT$$

$$(x_1 - 1) + 2(k - 1)T + T + (x_{2k+1} - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_2 - 1) + 2(k - 2)T + T + (x_{2k} - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_3 - 1) + 2(k - 3)T + T + (x_{2k-1} - 1) \leq D$$

$$(x_k - 1) + 2(k - k)T + T + (x_{k+2} - 1) \leq D$$

$$kT + (x_{k+1} - 1) \leq D$$

$$n - 2k - 1 + (r + 1)kT - k(k + 1)T \leq (k + 1)D$$

- $n$  bits
- $r$  groups

$$\sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$2k + 1 = r$$

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# Odd number $r = 2k+1$ of groups (5)

$$r = 2k+1$$

$$n - 2k - 1 + (r+1)kT - k(k+1)T \leq (k+1)D$$

$$\frac{n-2k-1}{(k+1)} + \frac{(r+1)kT}{(k+1)} - kT \leq D$$

$$\frac{n-2k-1}{(k+1)} + \frac{(2(k+1))kT}{(k+1)} - kT \leq D$$

$$\frac{n-2k-1}{(k+1)} + kT \leq D$$

$$\frac{n-2(k+1)+1}{(k+1)} + (k+1)T - T \leq D$$

$$\frac{(n+1)}{(k+1)} + (k+1)T - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$2 \cdot \sqrt{(n+1)T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+4T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

*arith mean  $\geq$  geo mean*

$$\frac{(n+1)}{(k+1)} + (k+1)T \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt{(n+1)T}$$

*min when*  $\frac{(n+1)}{(k+1)} = (k+1)T$

$$\frac{n+1}{T} = (k+1)^2$$

$$(k+1) = \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{T}}$$

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# Delay model

$$r=2k$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+8T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$r=2k+1$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+4T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+4T} - (T+2) \leq \sqrt{4nT+8T} - (T+2)$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+4T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

We will not produce an upper bound on  $mT$ .

Since  $m$  is the smallest positive integer satisfying

$$(m-1) + \frac{1}{2}(m-1)T + \frac{1}{4}(m-1)^2T + (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8} < n$$

$$n \leq m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T$$

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# Delay model

$$(m-1) + \frac{1}{2}(m-1)T + \frac{1}{4}(m-1)^2T + (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8} < n$$

$$(m-1) + \frac{1}{2}(m-1)T + \frac{1}{4}(m-1)^2T + (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8} + 1 \leq n$$

$$(m) + \frac{1}{2}(mT - T) + \frac{1}{4}(m^2T - 2mT + T) + (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8} \leq n$$

$$m - \frac{1}{4}T + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8} \leq n$$

$$m^2T^2 + 4mT \leq 4nT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}m^2T \leq n - m + \frac{1}{4}T - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8}$$

$$m^2T^2 + 4mT + 4 \leq 4 + 4nT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}m^2T\right) \cdot 4T \leq \left(n - m + \frac{1}{4}T - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T}{8}\right) \cdot 4T$$

$$(mT + 2)^2 \leq 4 + 4nT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$m^2T^2 \leq 4nT - 4mT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$(mT + 2) \leq \sqrt{4 + 4nT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T^2}{2}}$$

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4 + 4nT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1})\frac{T^2}{2}}$$

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# Delay model

$$r=2k \quad \sqrt{4nT+8T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$r=2k+1 \quad \sqrt{4nT+4T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4 + 4nT + T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}{\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+4+T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}} \quad \text{even } r$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 4T + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}{\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+4+T^2 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}} \quad \text{odd } r$$

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# Delay model

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}$$

$$r = 2k$$

$$\sqrt{4nT + 8T} - (T + 2) \leq D$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}{\sqrt{4nT + 8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}}$$

$$r = 2k + 1$$

$$\sqrt{4nT + 4T} - (T + 2) \leq D$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 4T + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}{\sqrt{4nT + 4T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}}$$

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# $r=2k$ even $r$

$$r=2k$$

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}$$

$$-D \leq -\sqrt{4nT+8T} + (T+2)$$

$$mT - D \leq T - \sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}$$



$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}{\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}}$$

# $r=2k$ even $r$


$$r=2k$$

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + X}$$

$$-D \leq -\sqrt{4nT+8T} + (T+2)$$

$$mT - D \leq T - \sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}$$

$$(-\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) \cdot \frac{(+\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})}{(+\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})} = \frac{(-a + b)}{(+\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})}$$


$$\left( -\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X} \right) \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X})}{(\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X})}$$

$$\{-\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}\} \cdot \{+\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}\}$$

$$= -(4nT+8T) + (4nT+T^2+X) = T^2 - 8T + X$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + X}{\sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}}$$

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# $r=2k+1$ odd $r$

$$r=2k+1$$

$$\sqrt{4nT+4T} - (T+2) \leq D$$

$$-\sqrt{4nT+4T} + (T+2) \geq -D$$

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}$$

$$-D \leq -\sqrt{4nT+4T} + (T+2)$$

$$mT - D \leq T - \sqrt{4nT+8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}$$



$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 4T + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}{\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}}}$$

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# $r=2k+1$ odd $r$


$$r=2k+1$$

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$mT \leq -2 + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + X}$$

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$$\left( -\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X} \right) \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X})}{(\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X})}$$

$$\{-\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}\} \cdot \{+\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}\}$$

$$= -(4nT+4T) + (4nT+T^2+X) = T^2 - 4T + X$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 4T + X}{\sqrt{4nT+4T} + \sqrt{4nT+T^2+X}}$$

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# r=2k even r

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}$$

- odd  $m$   $X = 4$

- even  $m$   $X = 4 - T^2$

$$\sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}} = \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + X}$$

- odd  $m$

$$(-1)^{m-1} = 1$$

$$(1 - (-1)^{m-1}) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{4nT + 4 + T^2}$$

- even  $m$

$$(-1)^{m-1} = -1$$

$$(1 - (-1)^{m-1}) = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4 - T^2} \\ = \sqrt{4nT + 4} \end{aligned}$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + X}{\sqrt{4nT + 8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + X}}$$

$$\leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + 4}{\sqrt{4nT + 8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + 4}}$$

$$\leq T + \frac{-8T + 4}{\sqrt{4nT + 8T} + \sqrt{4nT + 4}}$$

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# $r=2k$ even $r$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 8T + X}{\sqrt{4nT + 8T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + X}}$$

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 4 - (1 - (-1)^{m-1}) \frac{T^2}{2}$$

$$mT - D \leq T + \frac{T^2 - 4T + X}{\sqrt{4nT + 4T} + \sqrt{4nT + T^2 + X}}$$

For  $n$  sufficiently large, we have  $mT - \Delta < T + 1$

And since  $mT - \Delta$  is an integer,  $mT - \Delta \leq T$

This completes the proof of the lemma

# Delay model

The scheme 2(i)- 2(iii) given above  
for dividing the bits of a carry skip adder  
Into groups is optimal for  $2 \leq T \leq 7$

Assume the scheme is not optimal and  
let  $D$  be the maximum delay

Corresponding to an optimal division of the bits into groups

Assume there are  $r$  groups in the optimal division.

Since a carry in signal to the least significant bit group can skip over

Each group we have  $rT \leq D \leq mT$ , so  $r \leq m$

If  $r = m$  then  $D = mT$  and the theorem holds by Lemma 1

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# Delay model

If  $r = m-1$   $m$  and  $r$  have different parities

and it follows from (5) that

$mT - D < T$  for  $2 \leq T \leq 7$   
so that  $D > (m-1)T = rT$

This means that a signal  
which skips over each of the  $r$  groups  
has delay less than the maximum %DELTA

Similarly, if  $r < m-1$ ,  $D > (m-1)T > rT$   
So that a signal which skips over each group  
has delay  $< D$

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# Delay model

It follows that a signal with delay  $D$  must start in a group  $i$ ,

ripple to the end of this group, then skip over  $s < r$  groups and either terminate, or ripple through the first few bits of a group  $j > i$

Let  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  denote the lengths of the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th groups respectively.

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# Delay model

Assume that  $i$  is chosen as small as possible  
and  $j$  as large as possible.

A signal originating in group  $i$ ,  
rippling to the end of this group  
and then skipping over the next  $s$  group has delay

$$D \leq (x_i - 1) + sT \leq (x_i - 1) + (r - 1)T \leq (x_i - 1) + (m - 2)T.$$

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# Delay model

Since  $D > (m-1)T$  this implies that  $x_i \geq T+1$

Divide group  $i$  into two groups

such that the group containing the most significant bits has size  $T$ .

Since the  $i$ -th group is the first group

in which a signal having maximum delay can originate,

this subdivision does not increase

the delay of any carry signal of maximum delay

However, it increases the number of groups by 1

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# Delay model

Suppose now that a carry signal originates in a group  $i$ , ripples to its end, skips over  $s \leq r - 2$  groups and finally ripples through the first few bits of a group  $j$  and terminates.

We then have

$$D \leq (x_i - 1) + sT + (x_j - 1) \leq x_i + x_j - 2 + (m - 3)T$$

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# Delay model

So that either  $x_i \geq T+1$  or  $x_j \geq T+1$

This means that we can subdivide one of the groups  $i, j$  without increasing  $D$

Continuing in this way, we can always increase the number  $r$  of group in an optimal division of a carry chain by 1 without increasing  $D$

If  $r < m$

This means that we can arrive at an optimal division of the carry chain into  $m$  groups.

We must then have which, together with Lemma 2,

Implies  $D \geq mT$

This completes the proof of the theorem

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# Dividing groups into blocks

It is clear that the maximum delay of a carry signal in a carry skip adder  
Can be further reduced if signals are allowed to skip over blocks of groups  
We define a block to be an additional path allowing carry signal to skip  
Directly over groups.

We will describe an efficient scheme for dividing the carry chain into blocks of  
groups

We assume that the time required for a carry signal to skip over a block of groups  
is  $T_b$ .

Actually longer than the time  $T_g$  required to skip over a group

But for the sake of simplifying the analysis we will assume these two times to be  
Equal i.e.  $T_b = T_g$ .

However, our technique extends to the case where  $T_g \neq T_b$

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# Dividing groups into blocks

Let  $M$  denote the number of blocks into which the groups of bits are divided

Let  $D$  denote the maximum delay a carry signal can have in an adder divided into  $M$  blocks

Clearly,  $D \geq MT$ .

We will show how to choose the blocks such that  $D = MT$

We will also show how to choose  $M$  for an adder of length  $n$

Our blocks are chosen in such a way that the maximum delay of a signal originating and terminating in block  $i$  and  $M + -i$  is  $iT$

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# Dividing groups into blocks

Consider a signal originating in the first of these blocks and terminating in the second.

Such a signal will skip over  $M-2i$  blocks and will accordingly have

Delay  $\leq (iT) + (M-2i)T + iT = MT$  as desired

It follows from our work in section 2 that in order for a signal originating and terminating in block  $i$  to have delay less or equal  $iT$

We must choose the length of the  $i$ th and  $(M + 1 - i)$ th blocks

To be less or equal the number of unit squares in a histogram

With base of width  $l$

Thus the maximum length of the  $i$ th and  $(M + 1 - i)$ th blocks must be

$l + \frac{1}{2}iT + \frac{1}{4}i^2T + \frac{(1 - (-1)^i)T}{8}$ ,  $l \leq \text{ceiling}(M/2)$

To denote the smallest integer  $\geq l$

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# Dividing groups into blocks

Thus for a given adder length  $n$ , we choose  $M$  to be the smallest positive integer such that the expression (3.1) exceeds or equals  $n$

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil (M-1)/2 \rceil} \left\{ i + \frac{1}{2} \right\} iT + \frac{1}{4} i^2 T + \frac{1 - (-1)^i}{8} T$$
$$+ \left\{ \frac{1 - (-1)^{\lceil M/2 \rceil}}{2} \right\} \left\{ \lceil M/2 \rceil + \frac{1}{2} \right\} \lceil M/2 \rceil + \frac{1}{4} \lceil M/2 \rceil^2 T + \frac{1 - (-1)^{\lceil M/2 \rceil}}{8} T$$

$M$  is then the number of blocks into which our adder must be divided. The formal statement of our algorithm is as follows

3(i) Choose  $M$  to be the smallest positive integer such that

3(ii) Form  $M$  blocks labeled 1, 2, ...,  $M$  with block  $i$  and  $M+1-i$  each containing

3(iii) treat each of the final blocks in 3(ii) as a complete carry chain and divide it into groups optimally using the algorithm 2(i) – 2(iii)

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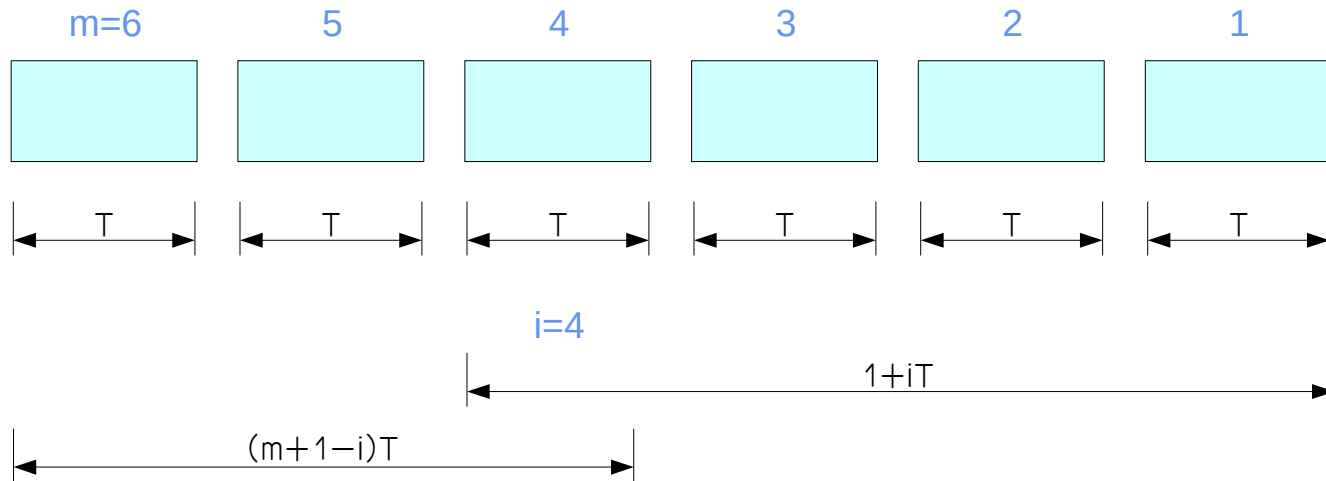
# Dividing groups into blocks

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3(i) Choose  $M$  to be the smallest positive integer such that

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# Delay model



$$y_i = \min \{ 1 + iT, 1 + (m + 1 - i)T \}$$

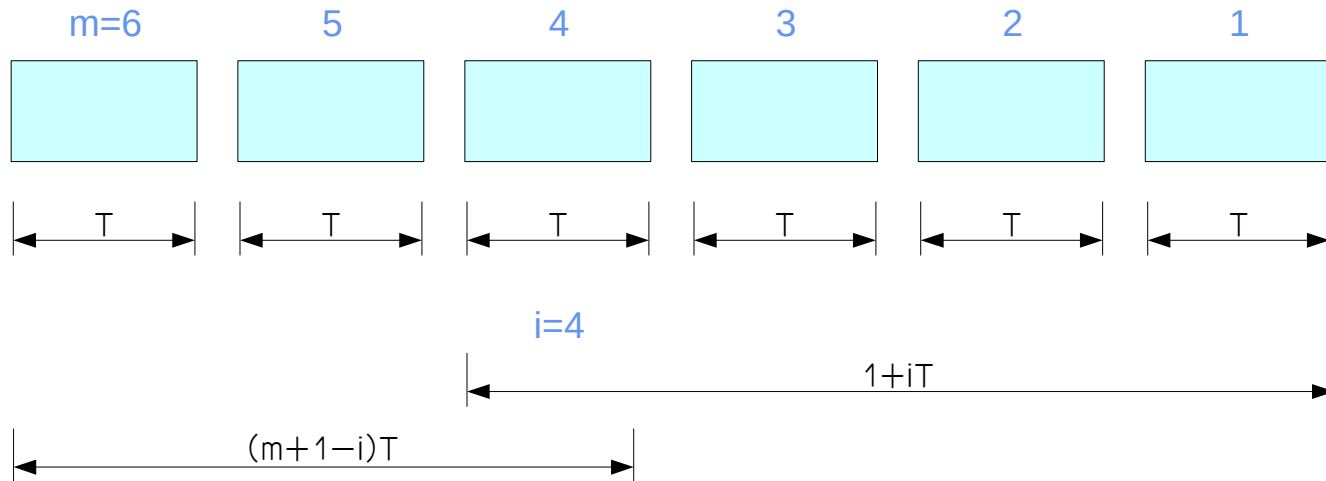
$$y_1, \dots, y_m$$

$$0 \leq x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_i = n$$

# Delay model



$$y_i = \min\{1+iT, 1+(m+1-i)T\}$$

$$y_1, \dots, y_m$$

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# Delay model

Given  $m$ , an optimal division of the carry chain into groups

Can be obtained as follows

Let

$$y_i = \min \{ 1 + iT, 1 + (m + 1 - i)T \}$$

Given  $y_1, \dots, y_m$  solve the minimization problem

$$\min_x \max \{ x_1, \dots, x_n \}$$

Subject to

$$0 \leq x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

And

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_i = n$$

Any solution  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  gives optimal group sizes for a division of the carry chain

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# Delay model

The  $x$ 's can be computed iteratively as follows:

Initially take  $x_1 = x_m = 0$

At each iteration, increase as many of the  $x$ 's as possible by one unit, without violating the constraints

$$0 \leq x_i \leq y_i, i = 1, \dots, m \quad \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \leq n$$

An easy calculation shows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m y_i = m + \frac{1}{2}mT + \frac{1}{4}m^2T + (1 - (-1)^m)\frac{1}{8}T \geq n$$

Thus, at some iteration, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m x_i = n$  and  
The algorithm terminates

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# Delay model

For  $n=32$ , we have  $m=7$ ,  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5, y_6, y_7) = (3, 5, 7, 9, 7, 5, 3)$   
The above algorithm gives  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) = (3, 5, 5, 6, 5, 5, 3)$

A carry chain divided in this way has maximum delay  $D = mT = 14$   
Since one unit of delay is  $0.8\text{ns}$ , the maximum delay for 32-bit carry chain  
is  $D = 14 * 0.8\text{ns} = 11.2\text{ns}$   
This time involves only the delay in the carry chain

It is easy to check that this is also the delay for a chain divided into groups of  
sizes  $1, 3, 5, 7, 7, 5, 3, 1$ .  
Thus this is also an optimal subdivision

The worst case delay includes the time needed to generate  $p_i$  and  $g_i$  signals  
Delay of the carry chain, and the time for producing last sum bit  $s_n$

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# Delay model

Implement it with a string of multiplexers

The multiplexer cell is designed as very fast

Multiplexers are designed as very fast structures using buffered pass gates and in this sense are similar to the Manchester carry chain which has been shown to be the most effective implementation of a carry chain

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# Delay model

The implementation of a single carry block is done by mixing a **4 to 1 multiplexer** (actually used as a 3 to 1)

In the last stage with a string of 2 to 1 multiplexers

a carry bypass is connected to inputs 3 and 4 of the 4:1 multiplexer (group carry multiplexer) and the selection of the carry bypass is activated by the NAND gate signaling when the condition for group propagate is reached and activating the group multiplexer in turn.

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# Delay model

The 32-bit implementation of the VBA adder is obtained  
By connecting the groups of the sizes calculated  
For the full length of  $n=32$  bits

To increase the speed further we used a faster inverting version  
Of the multiplexer, alternating between  $C_i$  and  $C_{b\_i}$  signals

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