

Carry Skip Adder (5A)

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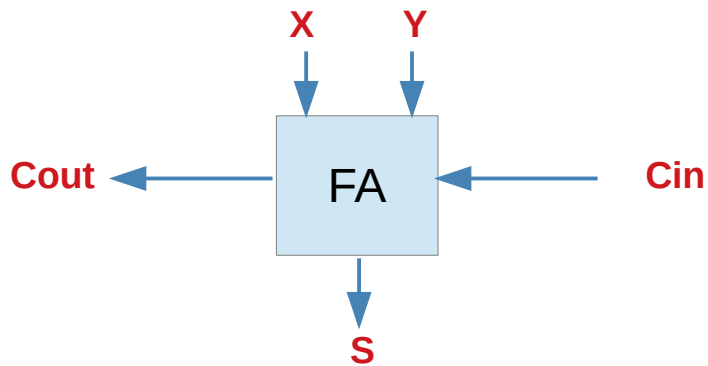
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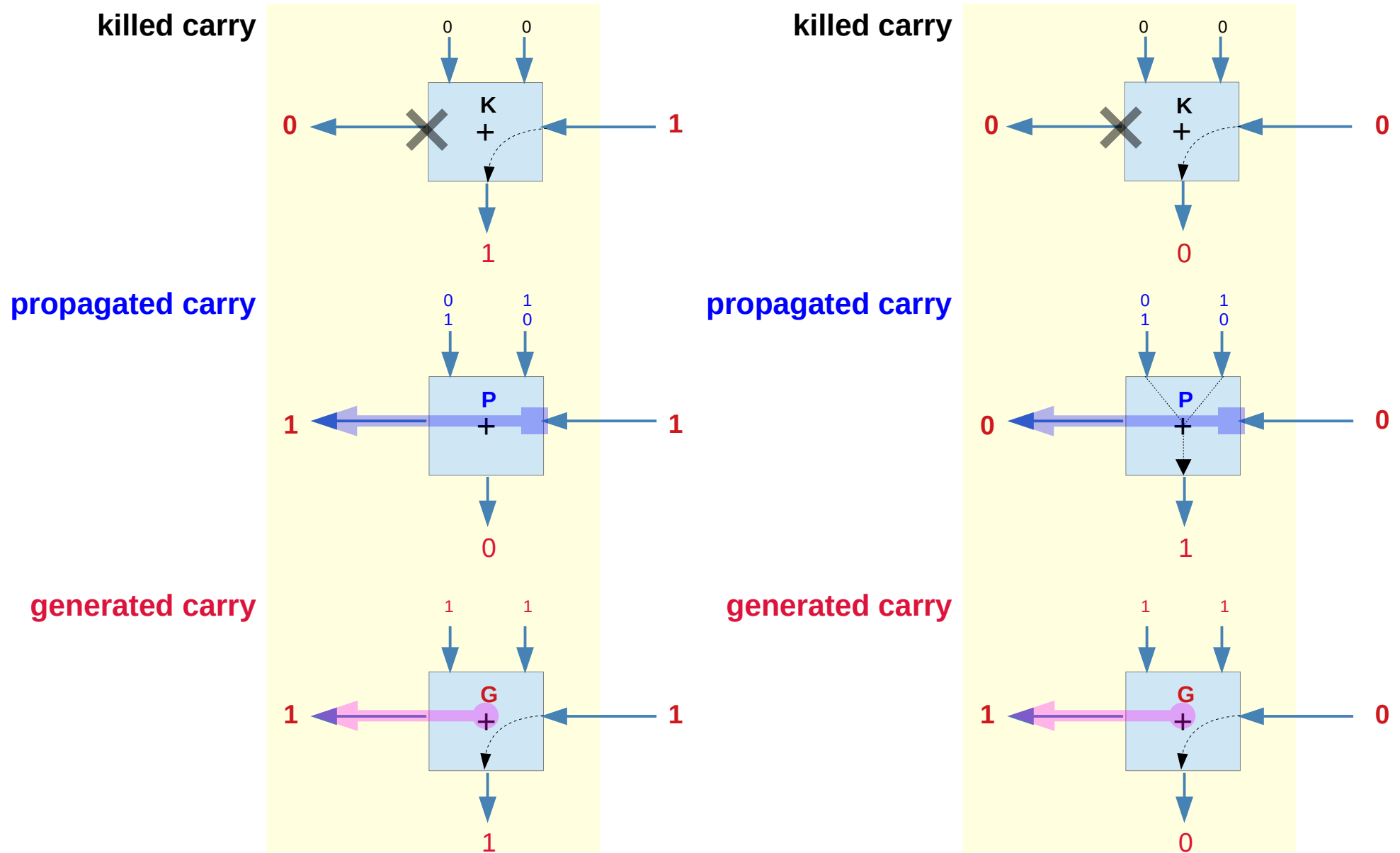
Carry Kill, Propagate, Generate conditions (1)

X	Y		
0	0	K	Kill ($=\bar{P}\bar{G}$)
0	1	P	Propagate
1	0	P	Propagate
1	1	G	Generate



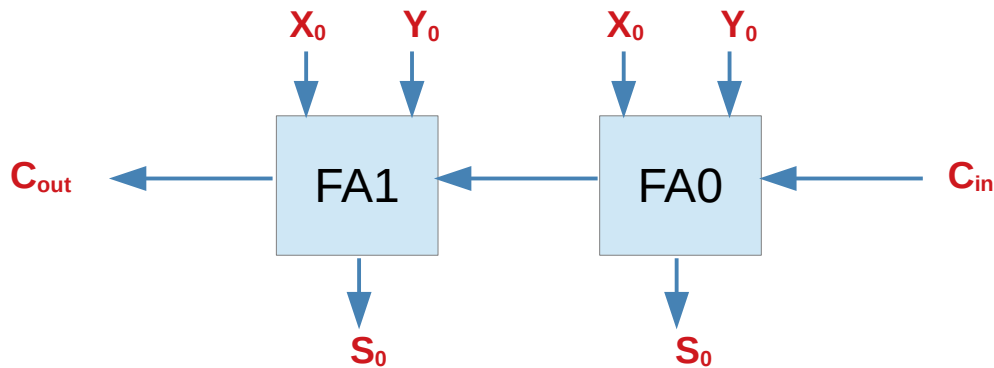
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Carry Kill, Propagate, Generate conditions (2)



K, P, and G conditions in a 2-bit adder (1)

X	Y		
0	0	K	Kill ($=\bar{P}G$)
0	1	P	Propagate
1	0	P	Propagate
1	1	G	Generate



Unless the two FA's are in **propagate** mode, the transition of C_{in} does not affect the transition of C_{out}

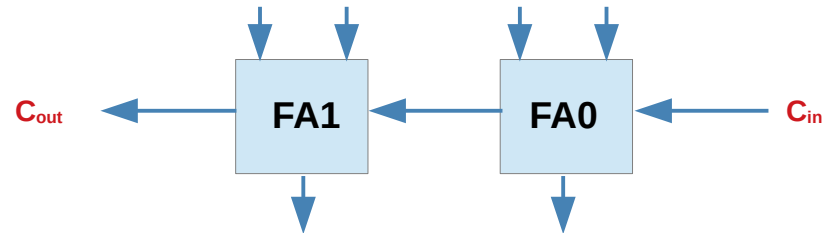
Critical path – all FA's in **propagate** mode

Broken paths for any FA in other mode
- kill mode, **generate** mode

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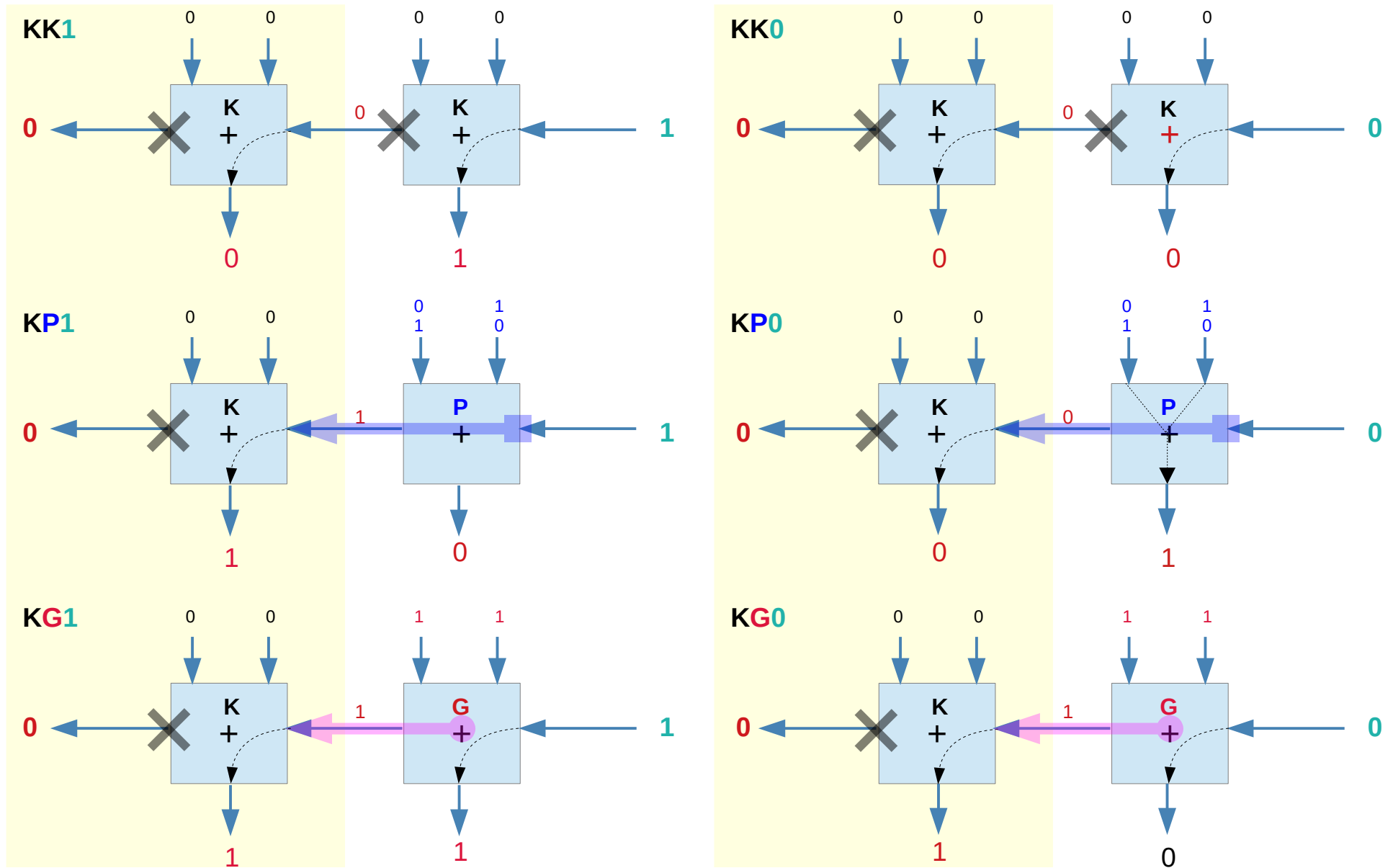
K, P, and G conditions in a 2-bit adder (2)

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0	1	P	Propagate
1	0	P	Propagate
1	1	G	Generate

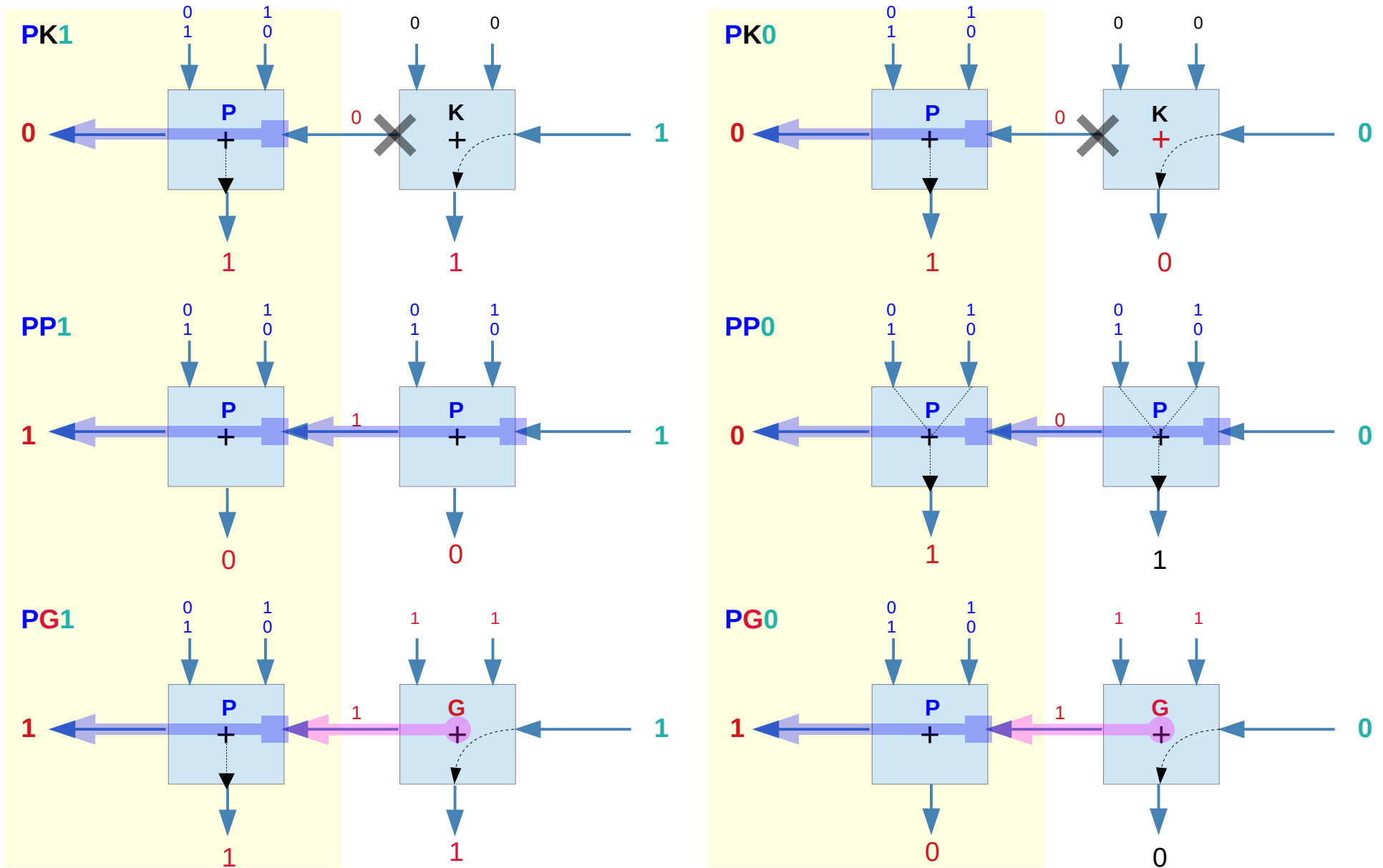


K	K	0
K	K	1
K	P	0
K	P	1
K	G	0
K	G	1
P	K	0
P	K	1
P	P	0
P	P	1
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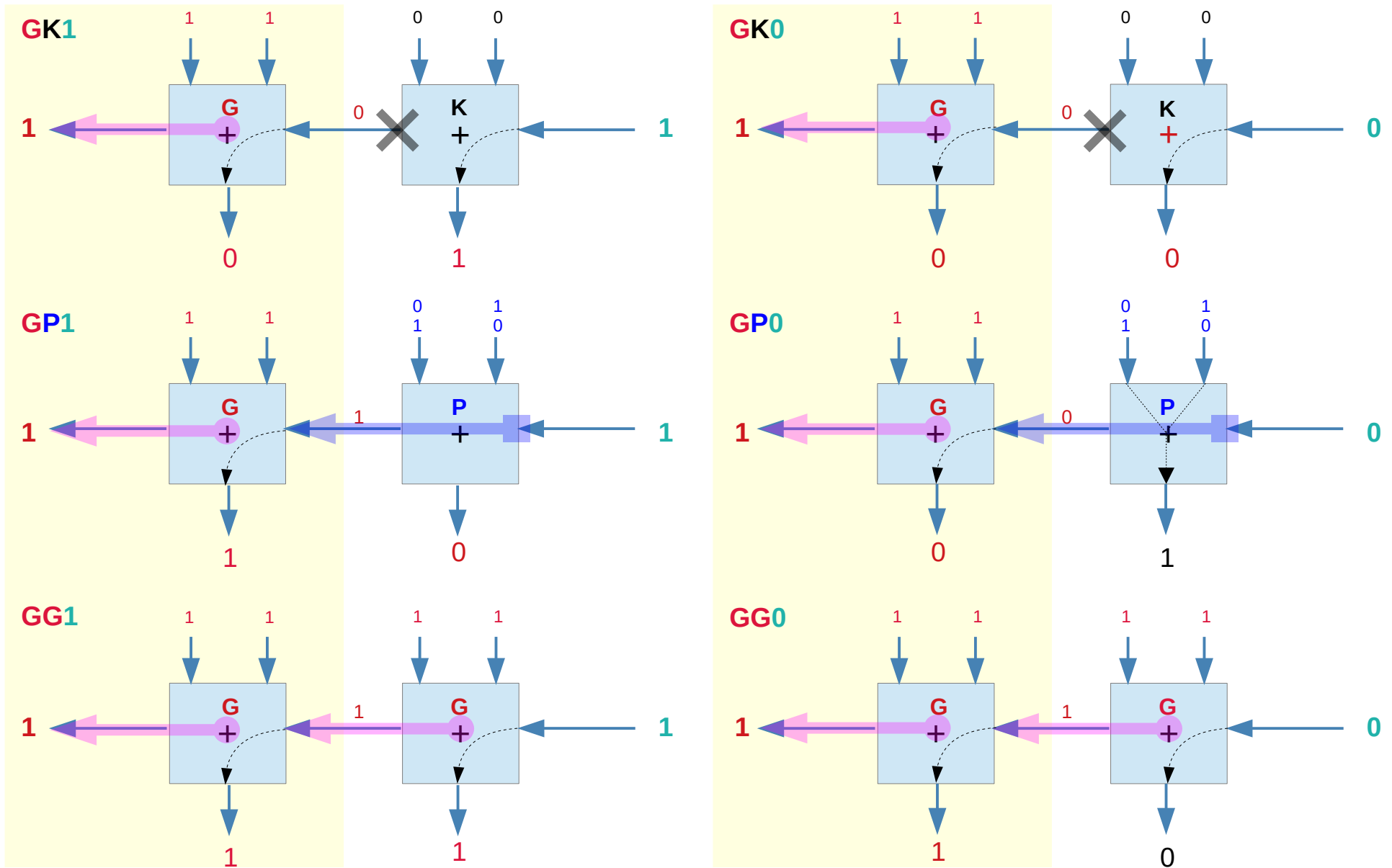
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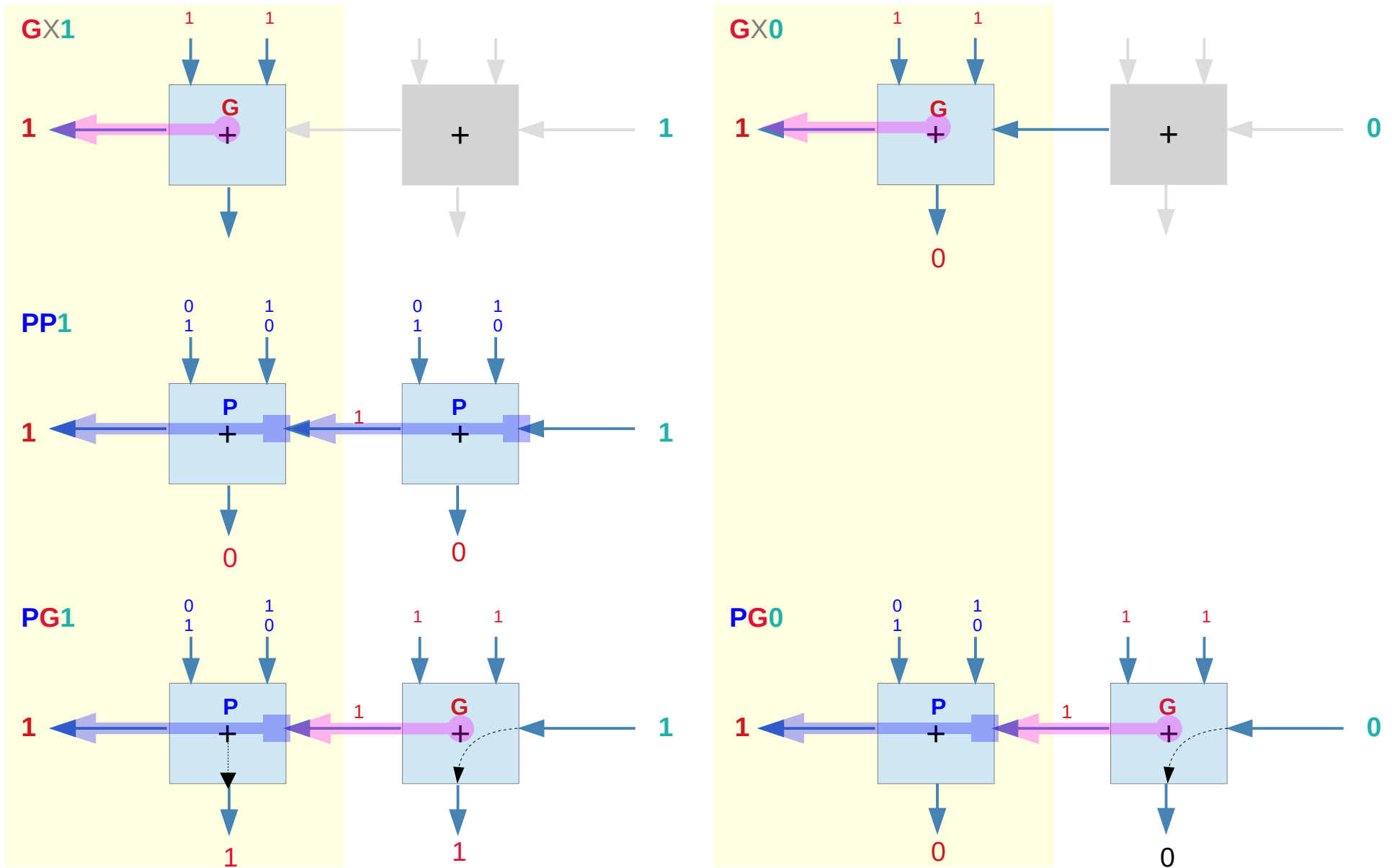
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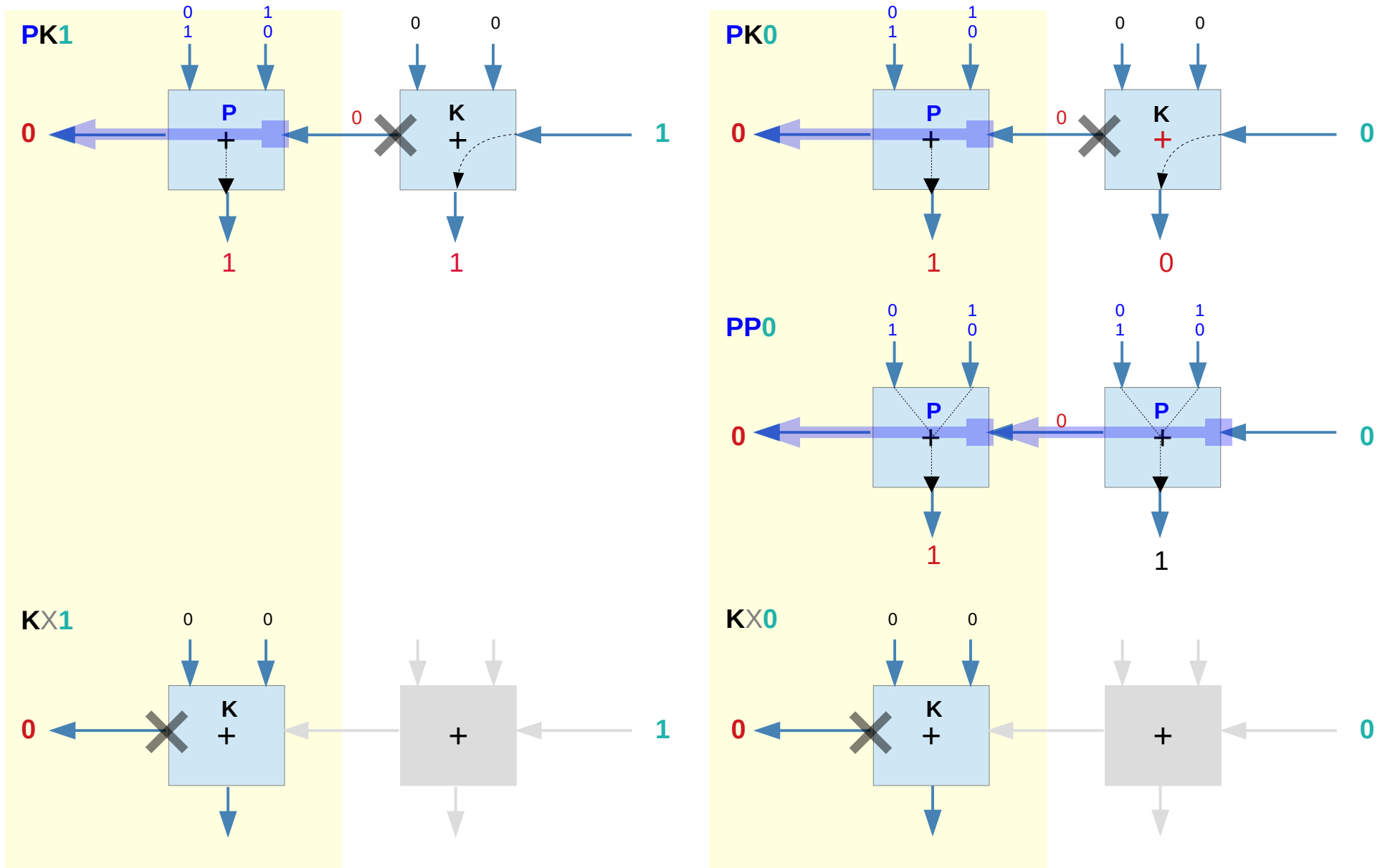
3. Cases when **FA1** is in the **G** mode



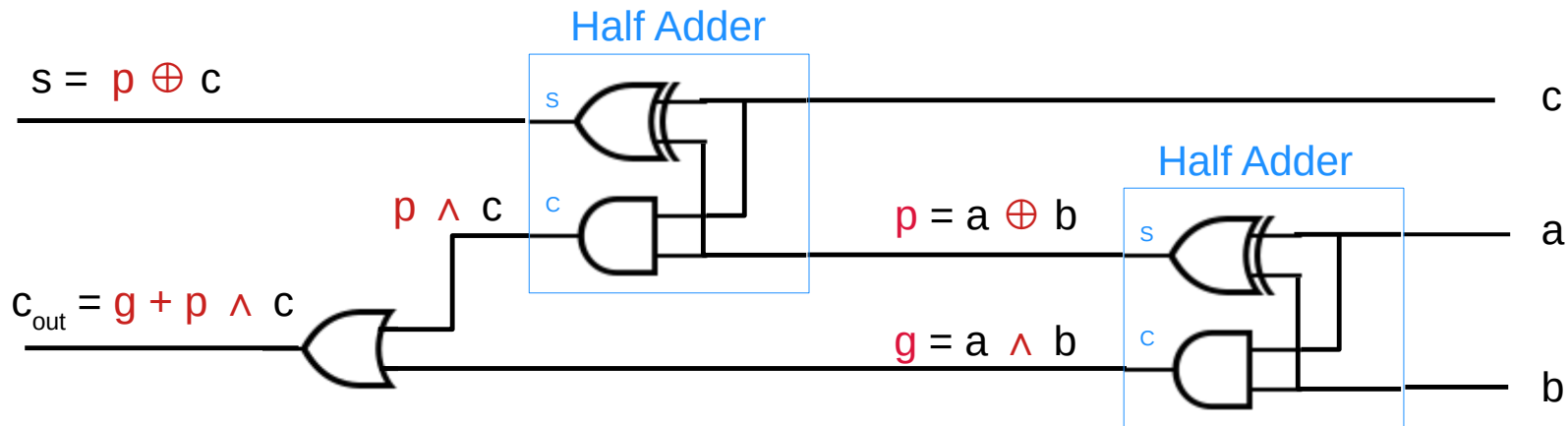
Cases for $C_{out} = 1$



Cases for $C_{out} = 0$

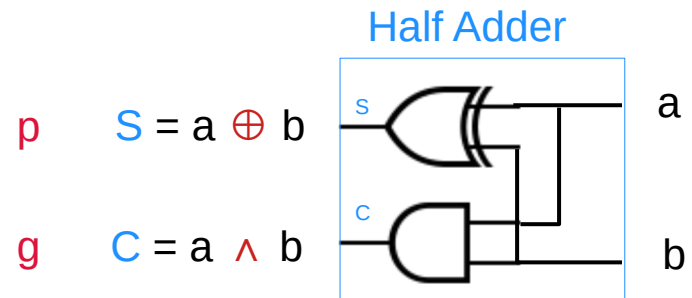


FA with P & G



Half Adder
 $S = a \oplus b$
 $C = a \wedge b$

a	b	C	S
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0



Full adder with additional generate and propagate signals.

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Ripple Carry Adder

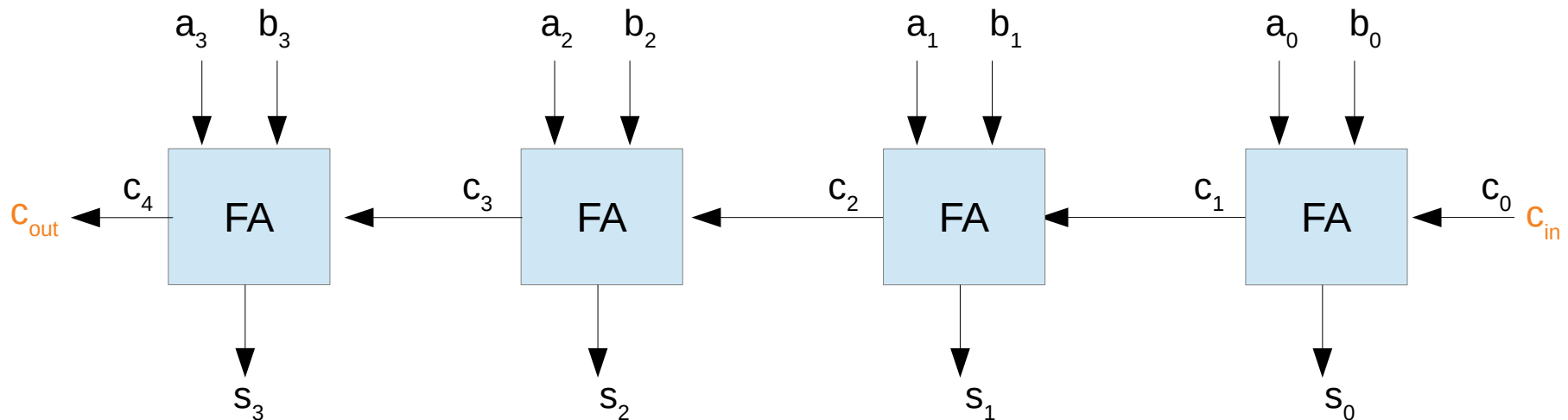
$$p_i = a_i \oplus b_i$$

$$g_i = a_i \wedge b_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= g_0 + p_0 \wedge c_0 \\ c_2 &= g_1 + p_1 \wedge c_1 \\ c_3 &= g_2 + p_2 \wedge c_2 \\ c_4 &= g_3 + p_3 \wedge c_3 \end{aligned}$$

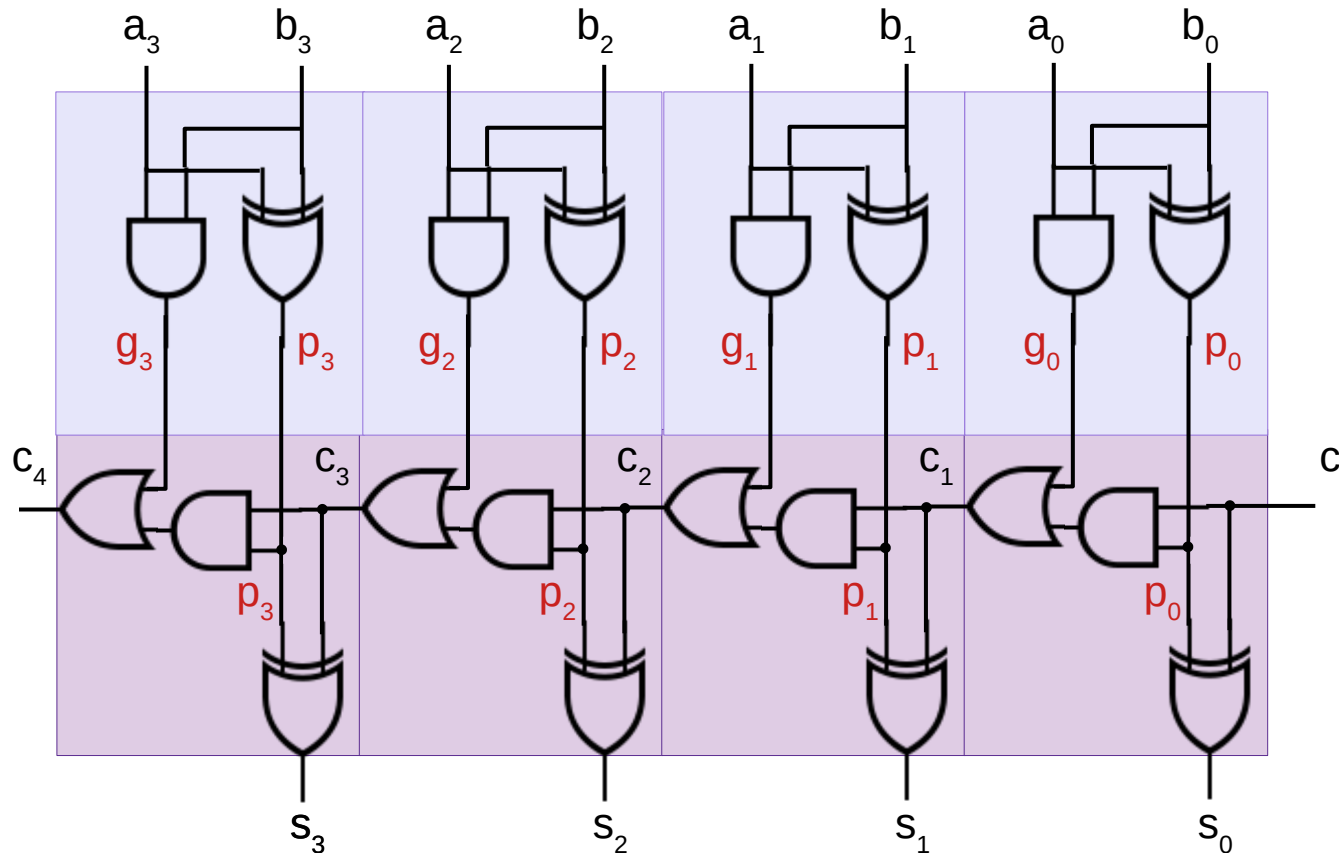
generated carry

propagated carry



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4-bit Full Adder with P and G



Half Adder

$$p_i = a_i \oplus b_i$$

$$g_i = a_i \wedge b_i$$

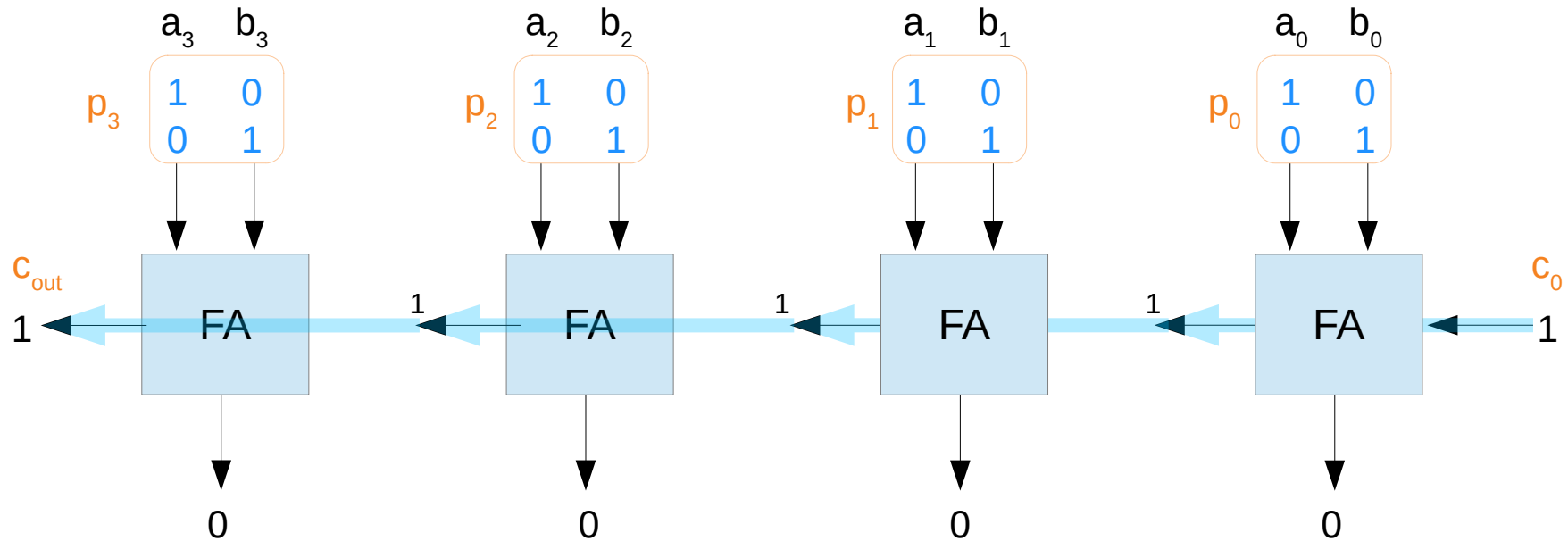
Half Adder

$$c_{i+1} = g_i + p_i \wedge c_i$$

$$s_i = p_i \oplus c_i$$

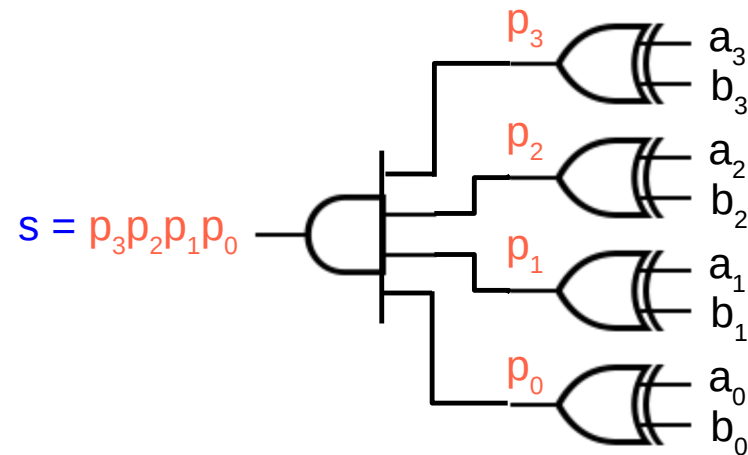
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C_0 propagation condition



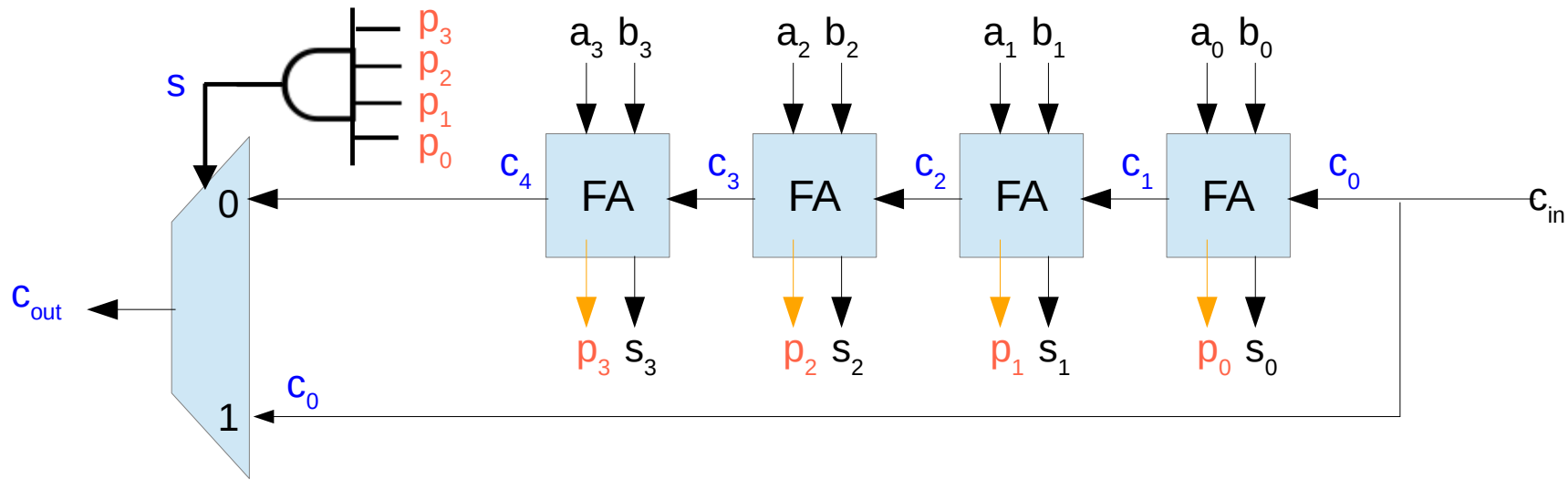
c_0 can be propagated to c_{out} only when $s = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= p_3 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_1 \wedge p_0 = p_{[3:0]} \\
 &= (a_3 \oplus b_3) \\
 &\quad \wedge (a_2 \oplus b_2) \\
 &\quad \wedge (a_1 \oplus b_1) \\
 &\quad \wedge (a_0 \oplus b_0)
 \end{aligned}$$



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Carry Skip Adder



The n-bit Carry Skip Adder consists of

a n-bit **carry-ripple-chain**,
a n-input **AND-gate** and
one **multiplexer**.

a multiplexer switches
either the last carry-bit c_n or the carry-in c_0
to the carry-out signal c_{out}

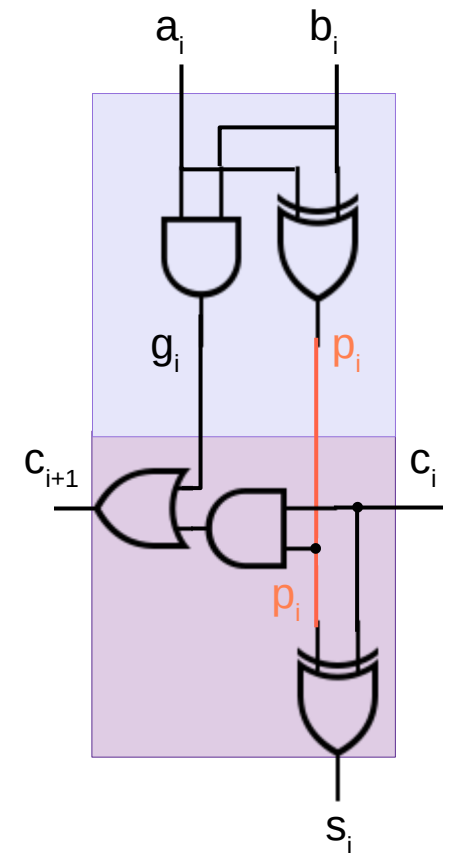
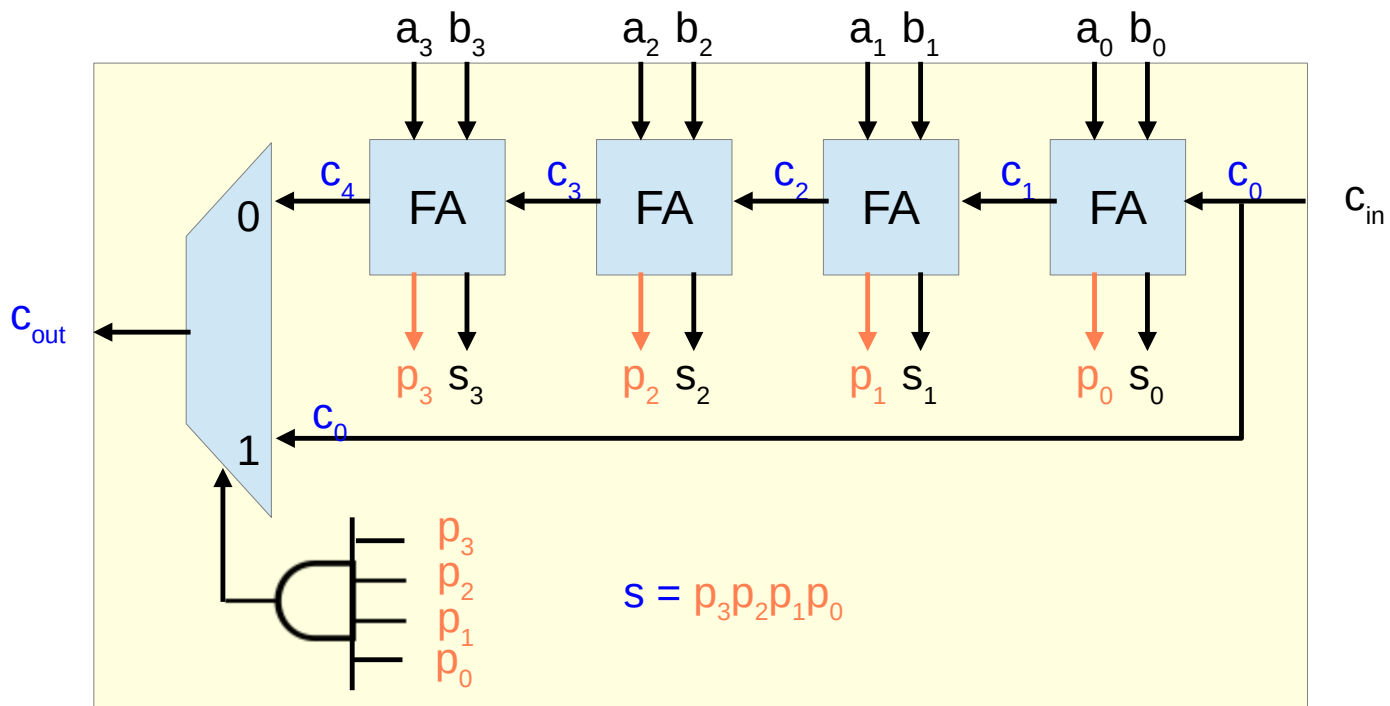
$$s = p_3 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_1 \wedge p_0 = p_{[3:0]}$$

when $s = 1$, $c_{out} \leftarrow c_0$

otherwise, internally generated carries
can be propagated to $c_{out} \leftarrow c_4$

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Carry Skip Adder

The **critical path** of a Carry Skip Adder begins at the first full adder, passes through all adders and ends at the sum bit s_{n-1}

Since a single n -bit Carry Skip Adder has no real speed benefit compared to a n -bit Ripple Carry Adder

$$T_{CSA}(n) = T_{RCA}(n)$$

Carry Skip Adders are chained to reduce the overall **critical path**, (Block Carry Skip Adders)

The skip logic consists of a k -input AND gate and one MUX

$$T_{SK1} = T_{AND}(k) + T_{MUX}$$

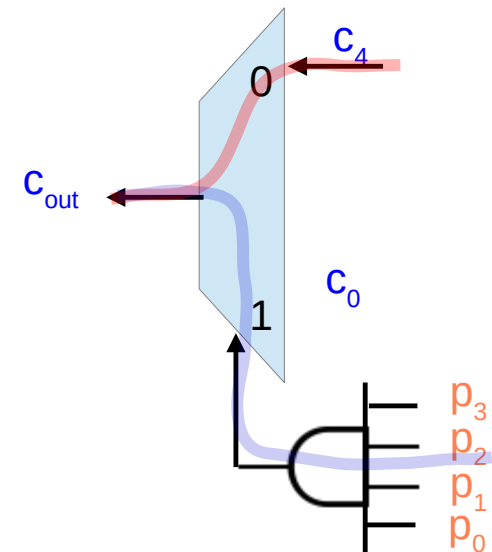
delay path through the AND gate

$$T_{SK2} = T_{MUX}$$

delay path from the ripple carry

... the critical path

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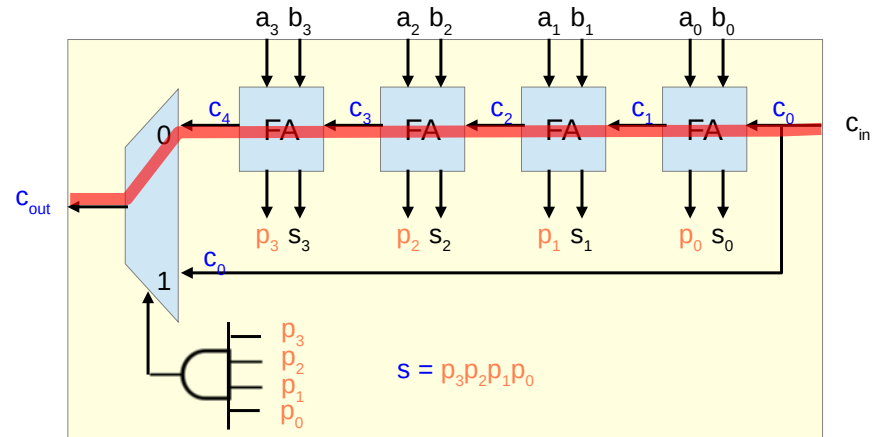
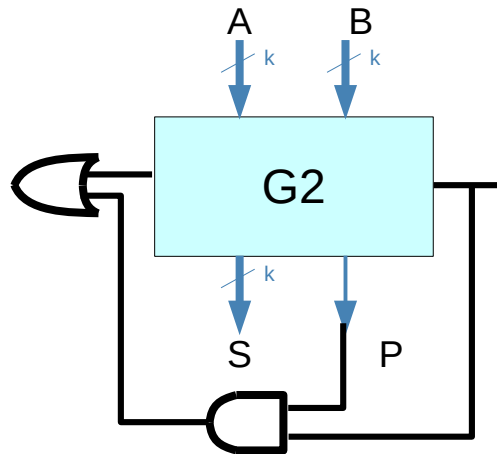
Carry Skip Adder

As the **propagate** signals are computed in parallel and are early available,

$$p_i = a_i \oplus b_i$$

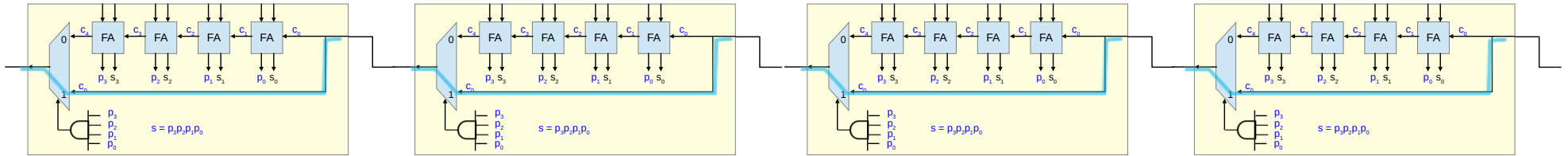
the **critical path** for the skip logic in a Carry Skip Adder consists of the delay imposed by the multiplexer (conditional skip)

$$T_{CSK} = T_{MUX} = 2D$$



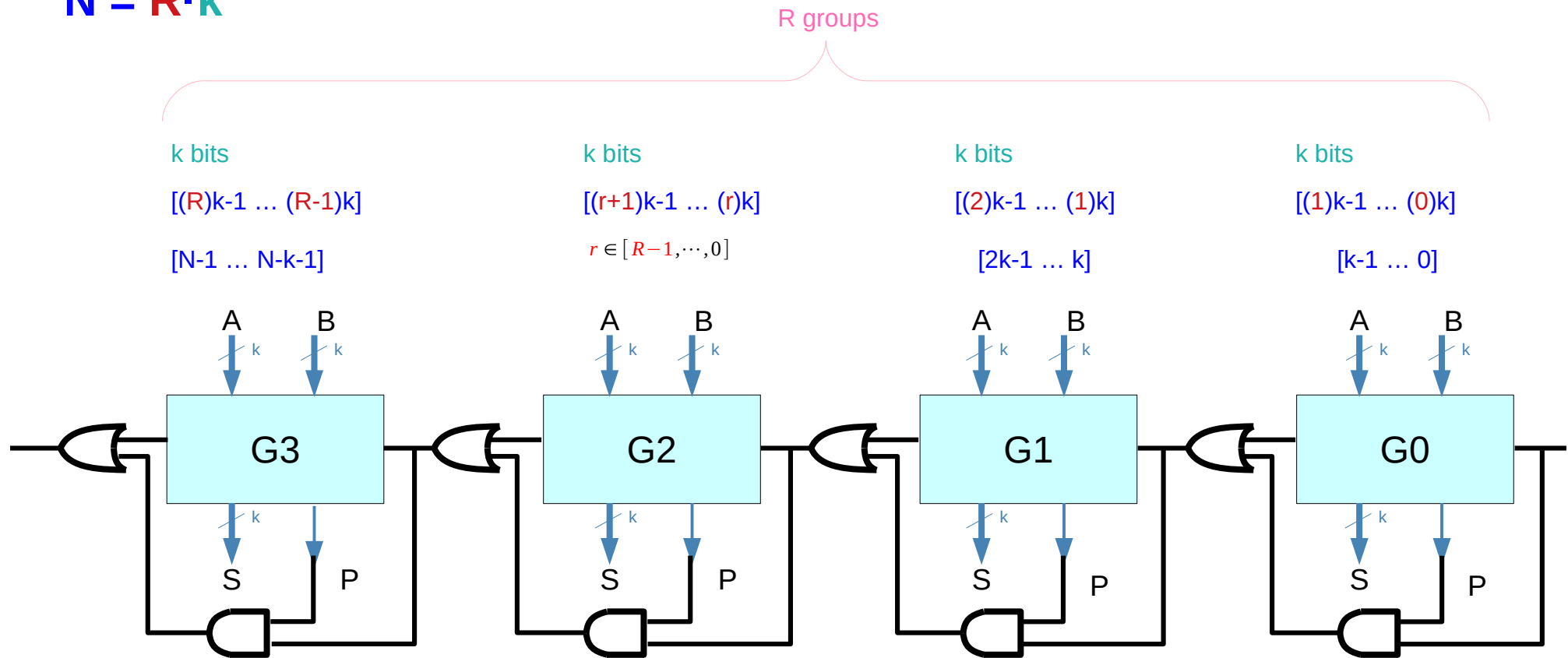
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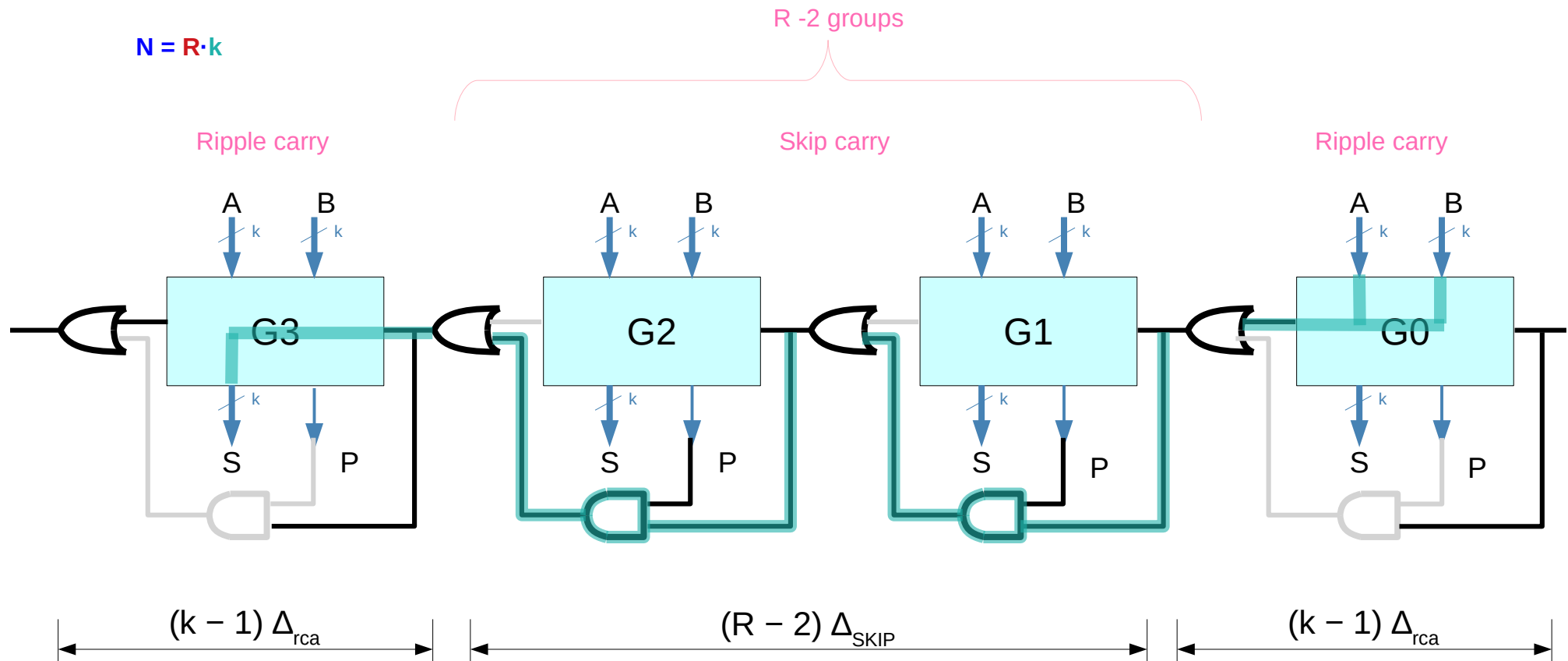


Carry Skip Adder

$$N = R \cdot k$$



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

Fixed size block carry skip adders split the n bits of the input bits into blocks of k bits each, resulting in $R = n / k$ blocks.

The critical path consists of

the ripple path and the skip element of the first block, $T_{\text{CRA}[0:\text{cout}]}(k) + T_{\text{CSK}}$

The skip paths that are enclosed between the first and the last block, $(R-2)T_{\text{CSK}}$

And finally the ripple path of the last block $T_{\text{CRA}}(k)$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{FCSA}}(n) &= T_{\text{CRA}[0:\text{cout}]}(k) + T_{\text{CSK}} + (R-2)T_{\text{CSK}} + T_{\text{CRA}}(k) \\ &= 3D + k \cdot 2D + (R-1)2D + (k+2)2D \\ &= (2R+k)2D + 5d \end{aligned}$$

R groups

k bits

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The optimal block size for a given adder width n is derived by equating to 0

$$dT_{\text{FCSA}}(n) / dk = 0$$

$$2D(2-n(1/k^2)) = 0$$

$$k_{1,2} = \pm\sqrt{n/2} \quad k = \sqrt{k/2}$$

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Carry Skip Adder

Block carry skip adders are composed of a number of carry skip adders

There are two types of block carry skip adders

The two operands $A = (a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0)$ and $B = (b_{n-1}, b_{n-2}, \dots, b_1, b_0)$

Are split in k blocks of $(m_k, m_{k-1}, \dots, m_2, m_1)$ bits

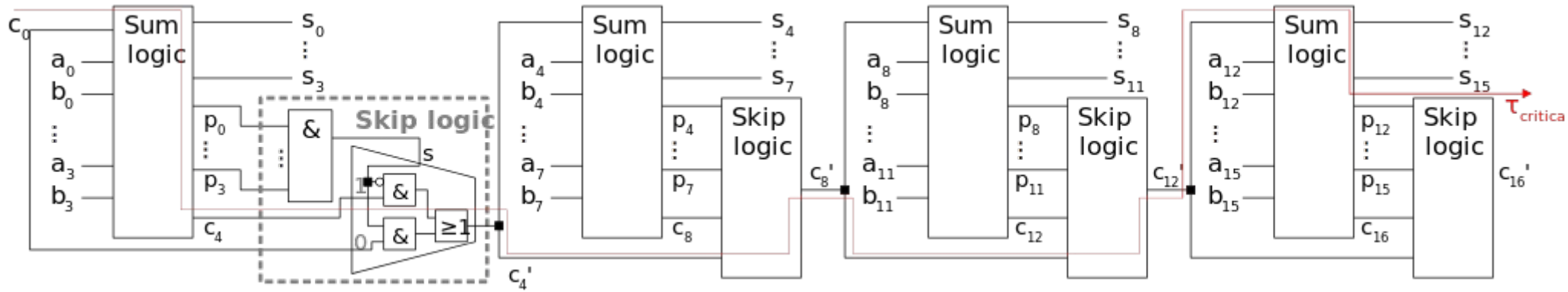
Why are block carry skip adders used

Should the block size be constant or variable?

Fixed block width vs. variable block width

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Block Carry Skip Adder



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Carry Skip Adder

Since the **Cin-to-Cout** represents the longest path in the ripple-carry-adder, an obvious attempt is to accelerate carry propagation through the adder.

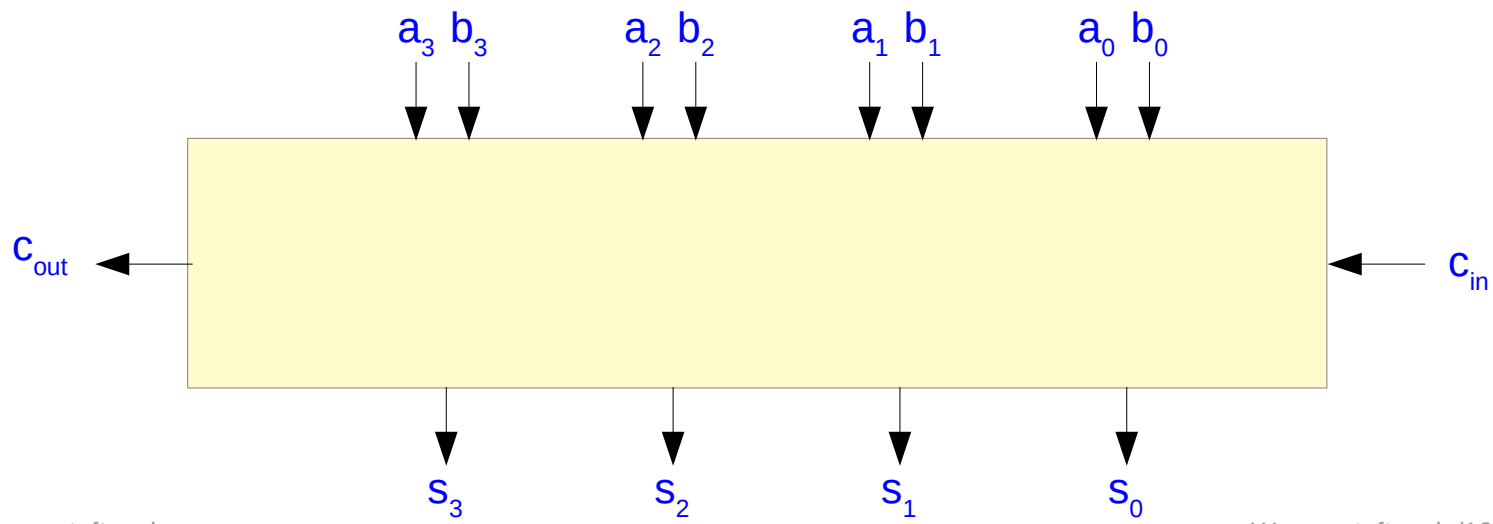
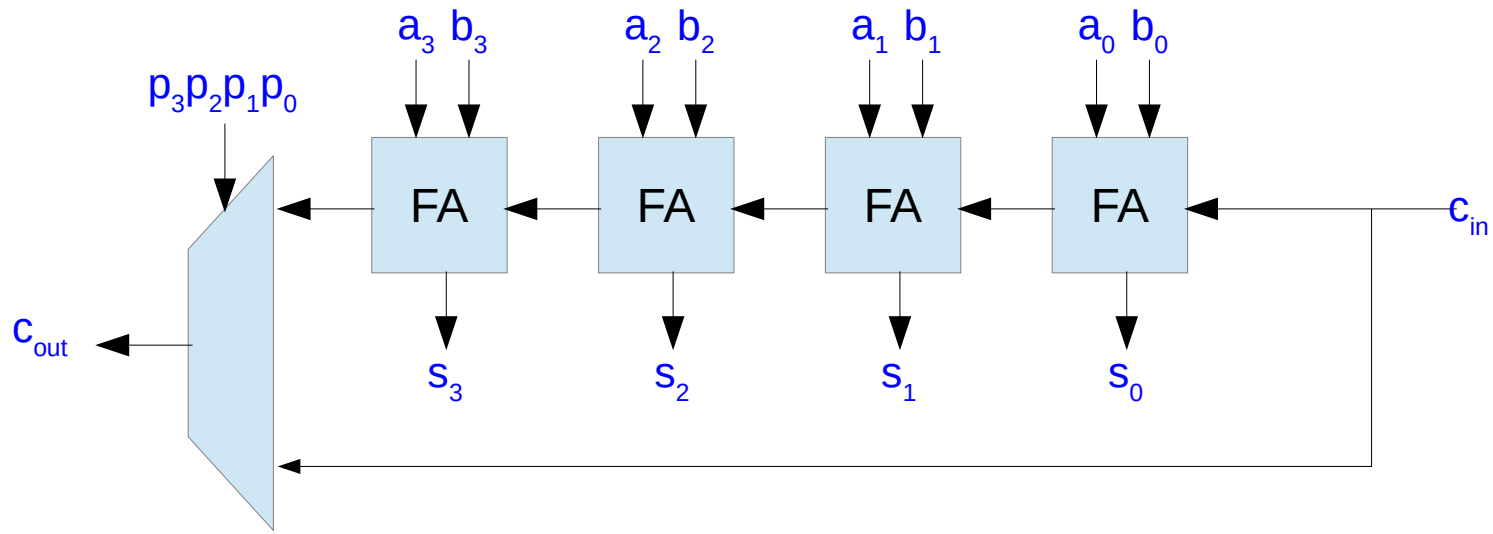
This is accomplished by using **Carry-Propagate** p_i signals within a group of bits.

If all the p_i signals within the group are $p_i = 1$, the condition exist for the carry to bypass the entire group:

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

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Carry Skip Adder

The **Carry Skip Adder** (CSKA) divides the words to be added into groups of equal size of **k-bits**.

The basic structure of an **N-bit Carry Skip Adder**

Within the group, carry propagates in a ripple-carry fashion.

In addition, an AND gate is used to form the **group propagate** signal **P**.

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

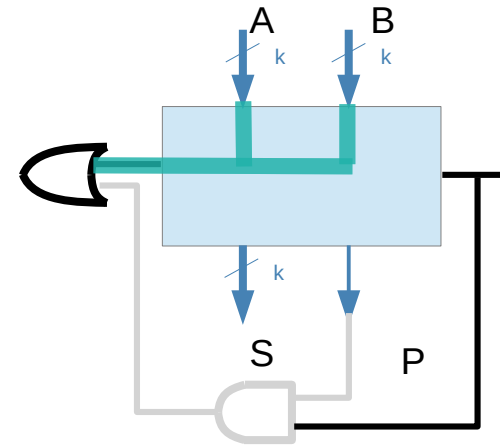
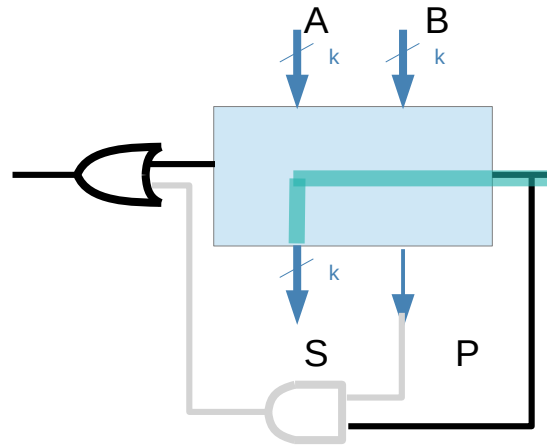
If $P = 1$ the condition exists for carry to bypass (skip) over the group

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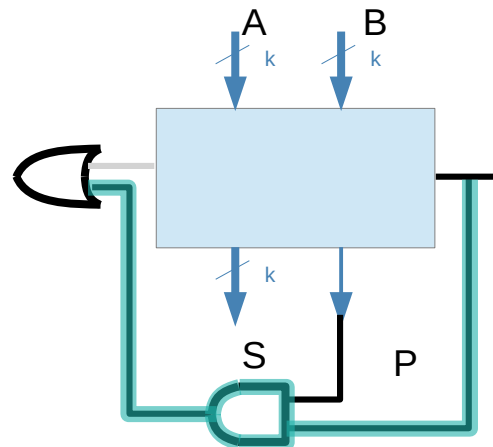
Ripple through $k-1$ bits

$$(k-1) \Delta_{rca}$$



Skip carry

$$\Delta_{\text{SKIP}}$$



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The maximal delay Δ 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 :

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\text{CSA}} &= (k - 1) \Delta_{\text{rca}} + (R - 2) \Delta_{\text{SKIP}} + (k - 1) \Delta_{\text{rca}} \\ &= 2 (k - 1) \Delta_{\text{rca}} + (R - 2) \Delta_{\text{SKIP}} \\ &= 2 (k - 1) \Delta_{\text{rca}} + (N/k - 2) \Delta_{\text{SKIP}}\end{aligned}$$

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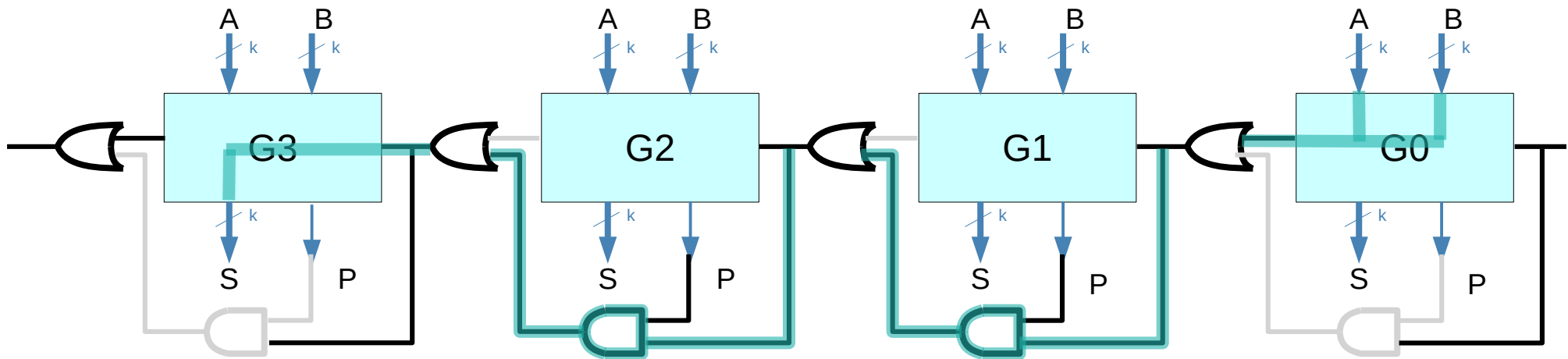
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Carry Skip Adder is faster than RCA at the expense of a few relatively simple modifications.

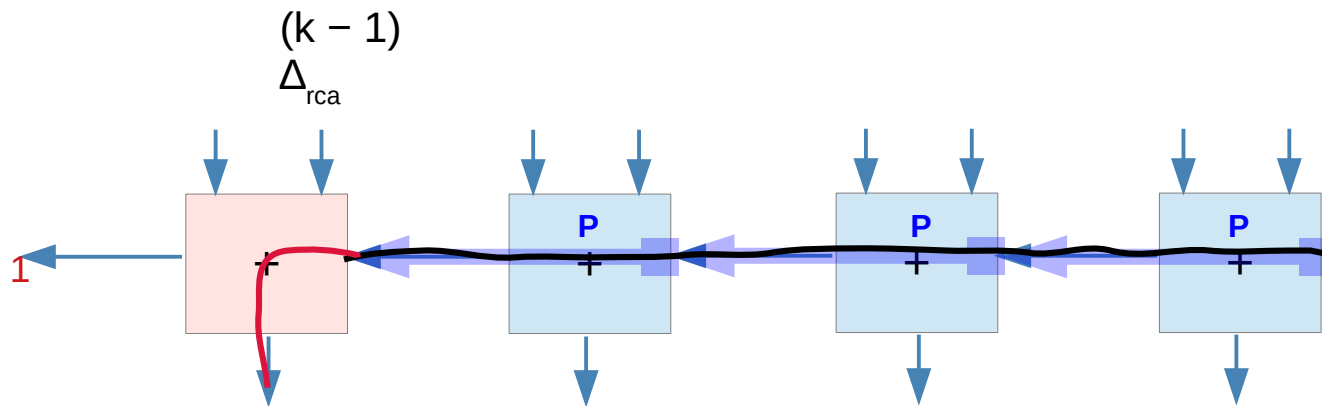
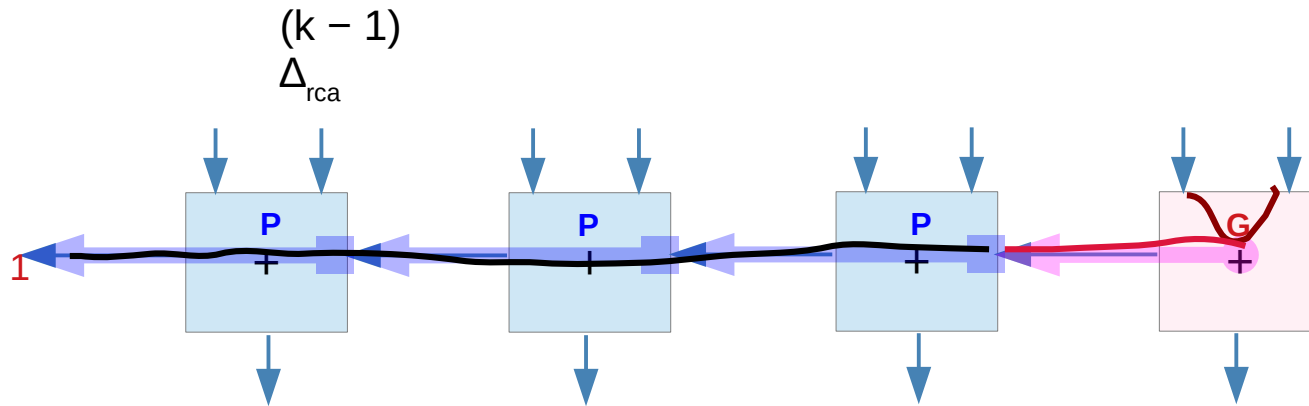
The delay is still linearly dependent on the size of the adder N , however this linear dependence is reduced by a factor of $1/k$

$$N = R \cdot k$$



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Design C (9) – When Cout1 = 1



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

Carry Skip Adder

If an arbitrary block generated a carry by itself,
The carry will always propagate to the next block
However, if the second block generates a carry itself,
Or kill the carry, then that is the end of the critical path

If the second block propagates the carry, then we see
The advantage of the CSA architecture

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