



Digital Design

Lecture 13: Decoders and Encoders

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Decoder

A Decoder is a combinational circuit that converts binary information from 'n' input lines to 2^n output lines

n to m decoders where $m \leq 2^n$

The name decoder is also used in conjunction with other code converters (e.g. BCD to seven segment decoder)

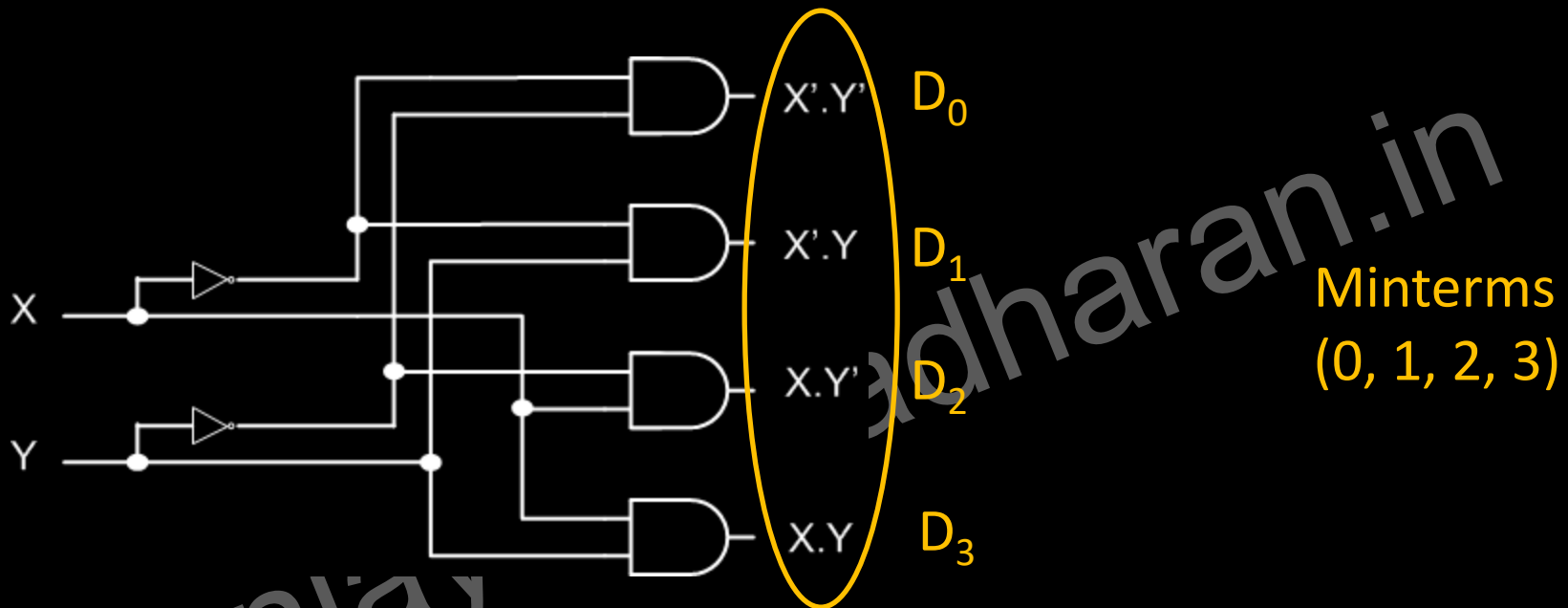
Decoder

An Example: 2 to 4 Line Decoder

X	Y	D ₀	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	1

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An Example: 2 to 4 Line Decoder



Minterm Generating circuit

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An Example: 2 to 4 Line Decoder with Enable

E	X	Y
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1
0	X	X

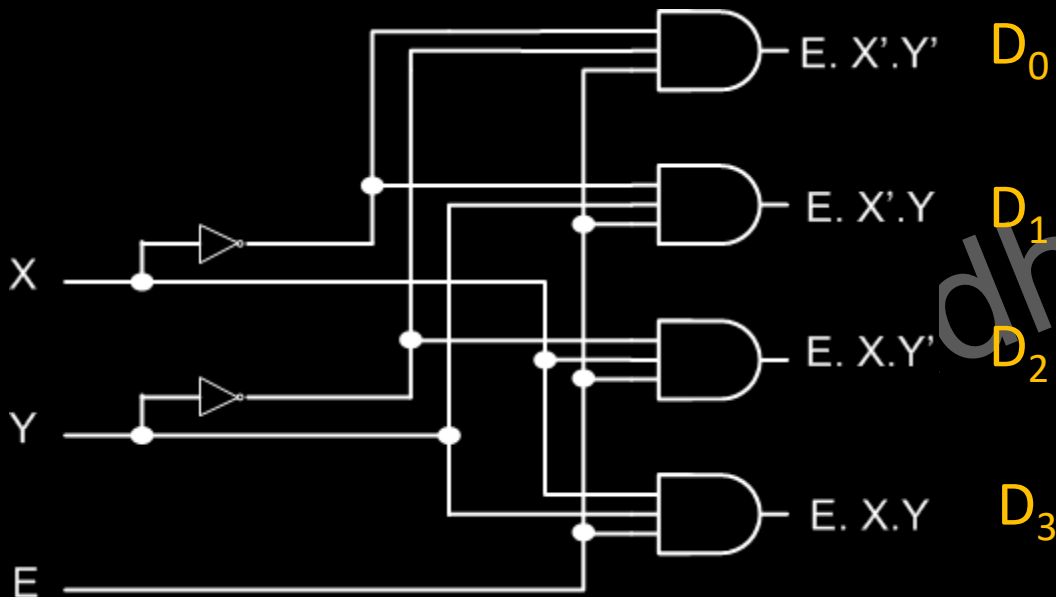
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0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0

Decoder with enable pin is also called as **Demultiplexer**

X and Y – Select Lines E- Input line

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An Example: 2 to 4 Line Decoder with Enable



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An Example: 3 to 8 Line Decoder

X	Y	Z	D ₀	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	D ₄	D ₅	D ₆	D ₇
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

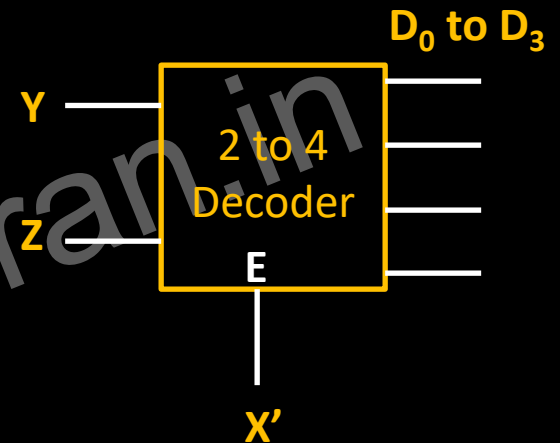
Direct Implementation – Home Assignment

Decoder

Can you implement a 3 to 8 decoder using two 2 to 4 decoders with enable pin

X	Y	Z
0	0	0
0	0	1
0	1	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	0	1
1	1	0
1	1	1

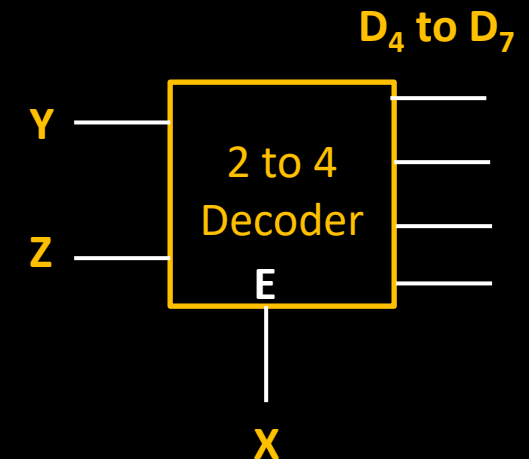
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0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



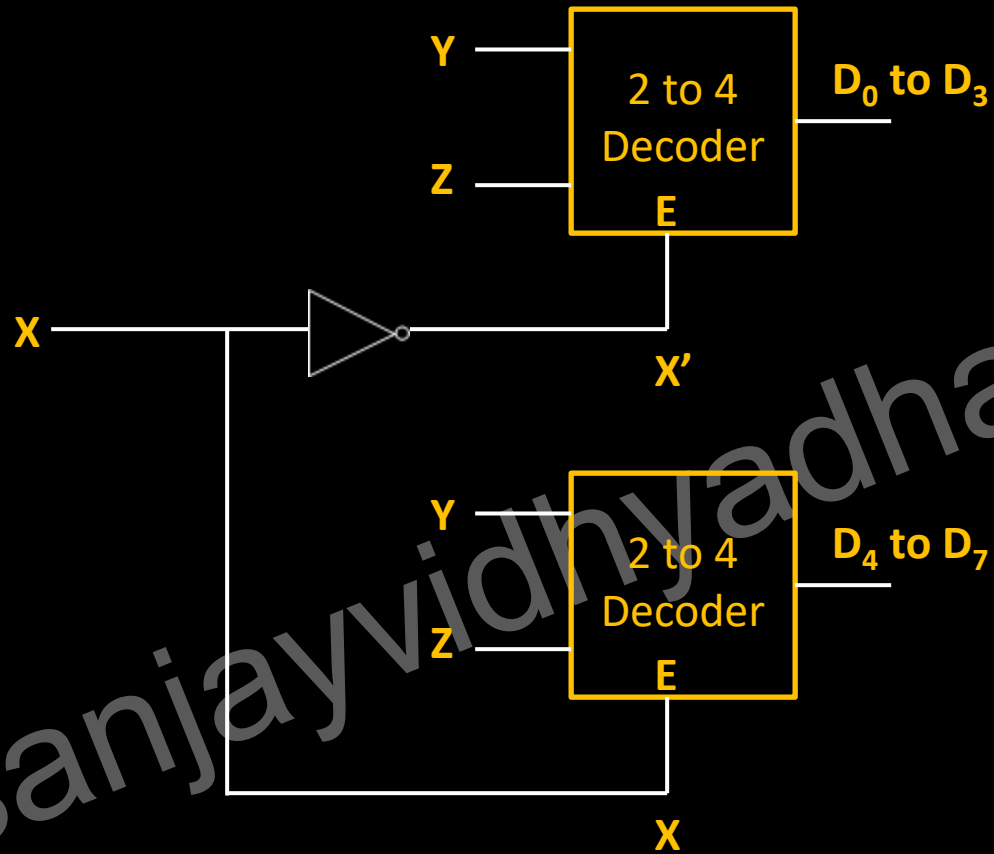
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0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



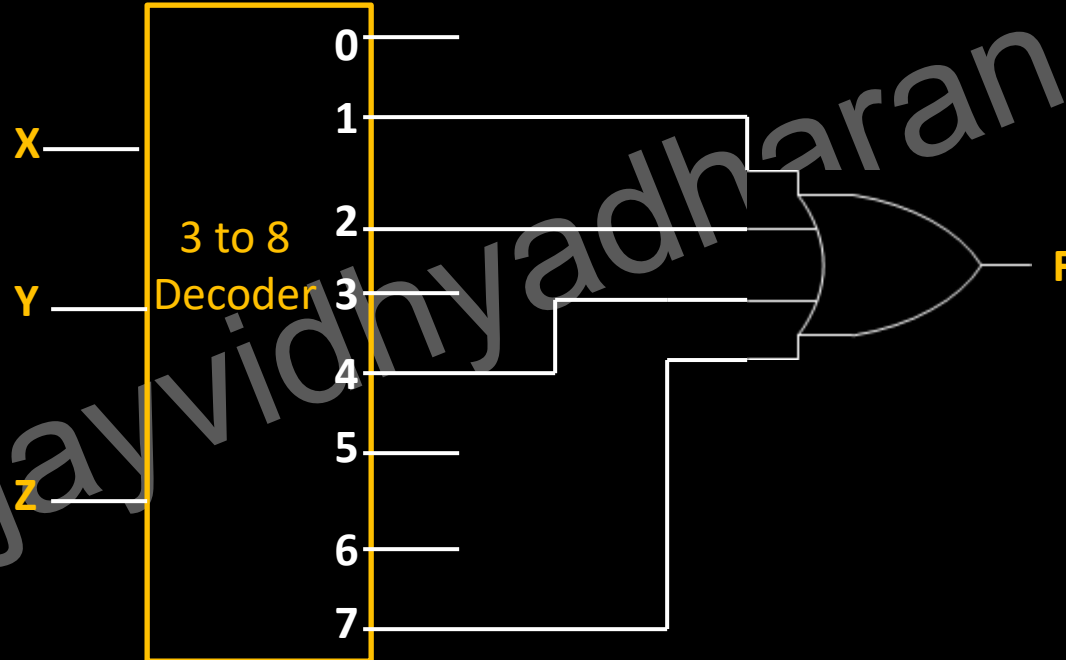
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Implementing function using Decoders

$$F = \sum (1, 2, 4, 7) = X'Y'Z + X'YZ' + XY'Z' + XYZ$$



Encoder

Encoder - combinational circuit that performs inverse operation of decoder

Has 2^n or fewer input lines and n output lines

An Example:

$$X = D_2 + D_3$$

$$Y = D_1 + D_3$$

D_0	D_1	D_2	D_3	X	Y
1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	1	1

Encoder

$$X = D_2 + D_3$$

$$Y = D_1 + D_3$$

D ₀	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	X	Y
1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	1	1

Limitations:

If two ones appear i.e. if D_1 and D_2 are '1' then both X and Y will be '1' resulting in output 11

If all the inputs are zeros then output is 00 – which indicates that D_0 is 1

Priority Encoder

If two ones appear i.e. if D_1 and D_2 are '1' then both X and Y will be '1' resulting in output 11

Encoder circuits must establish **input priority**

E.g. If high priority is given to inputs with higher subscripts

If both D_1 and D_2 are '1' then resulting o/p should be 10

Priority Encoder

If all the inputs are zeros then output is 00 – which indicates that D_0 is 1

This ambiguity can be resolved by providing one more output.

Extra Output indicates whether at least one input is equal to 1

Priority Encoder

D_0	D_1	D_2	D_3
1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1

X	Y
0	0
0	1
1	0
1	1

Encoder

$$X = D_2 + D_3$$

$$Y = D_1 + D_3$$

D_0	D_1	D_2	D_3
1	0	0	0
X	1	0	0
X	X	1	0
X	X	X	1
0	0	0	0

X	Y	V
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1
X	X	0

Priority Encoder

$$X = D_2 + D_3$$

$$Y = D_1 D_2' + D_3$$

$$V = D_0 + D_1 + D_2 + D_3$$

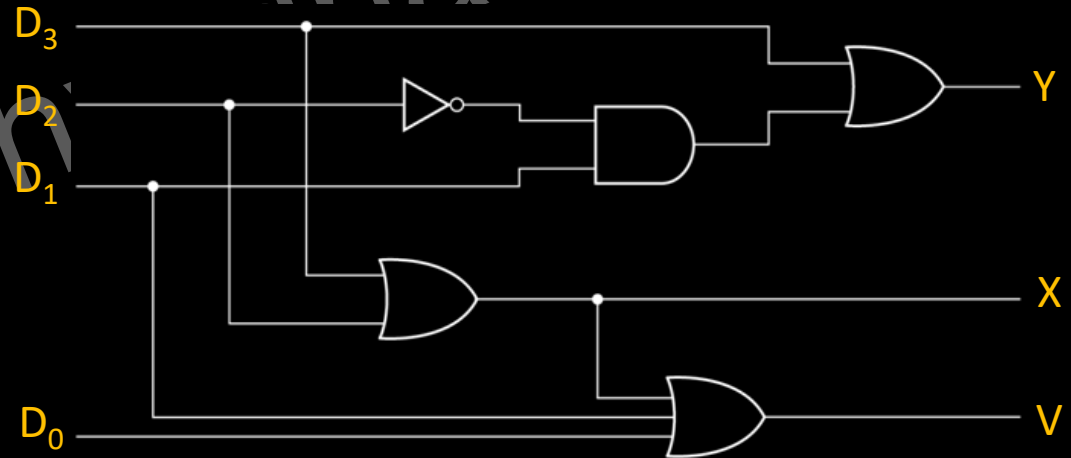
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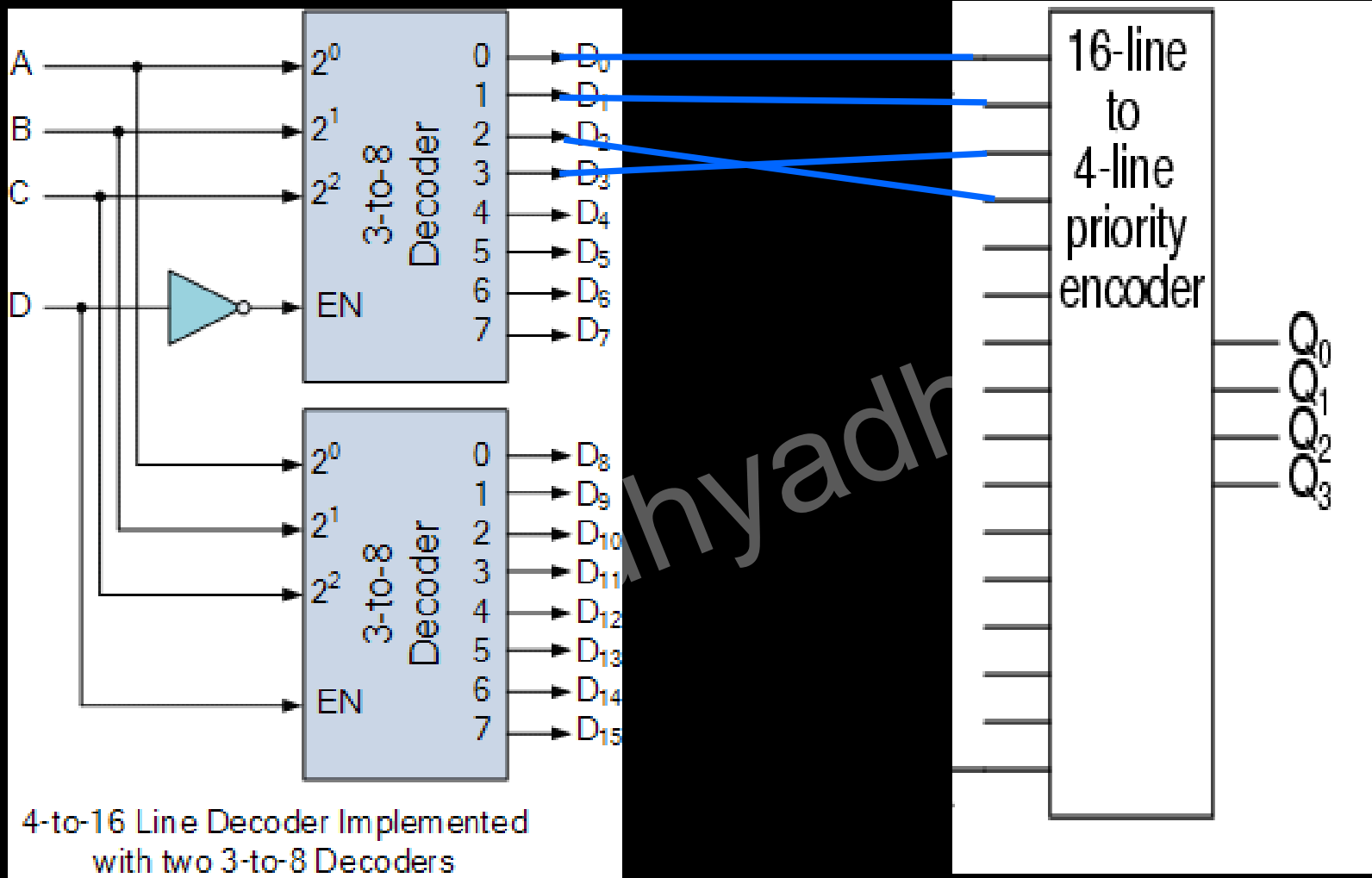
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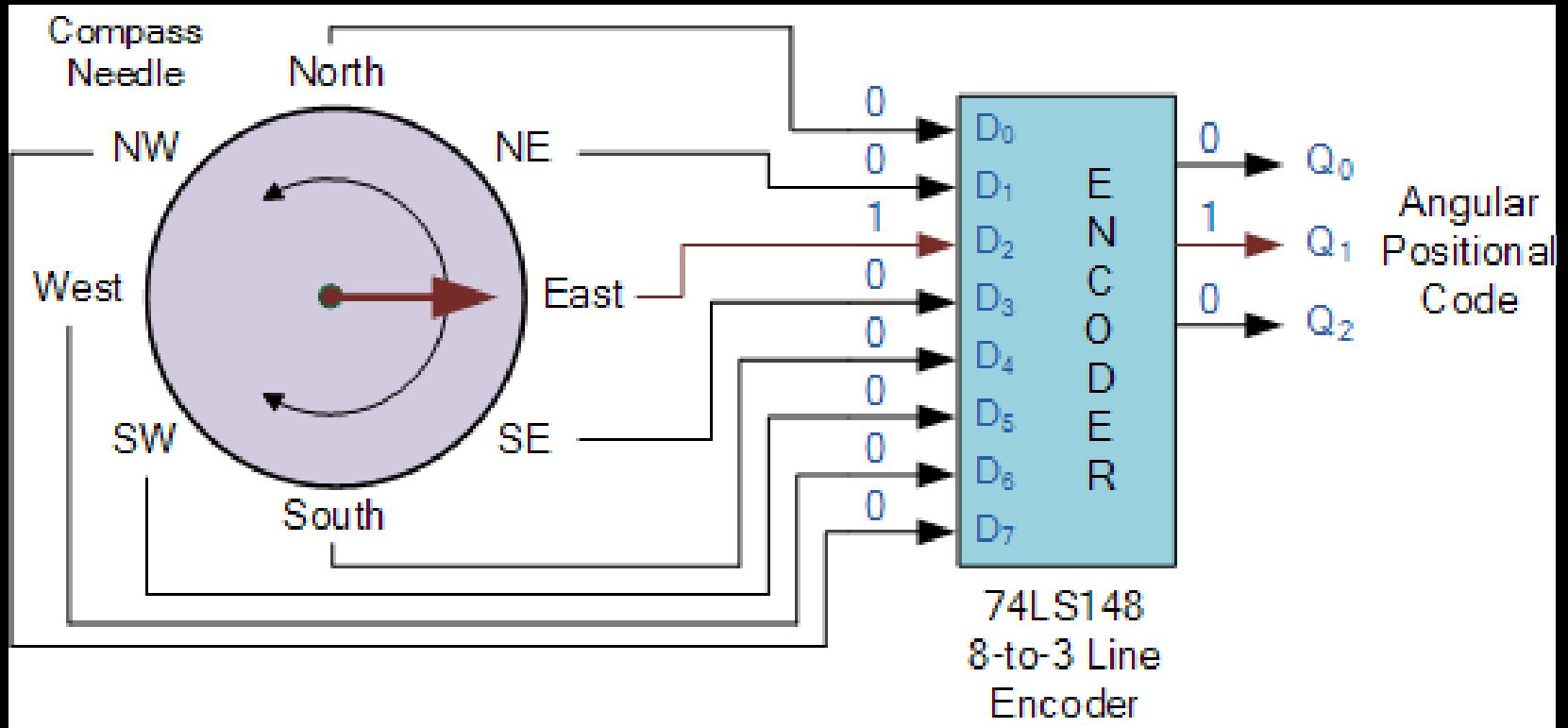
$$V = D_0 + D_1 + D_2 + D_3$$



Binary to Gray Using Encoder-Decoder



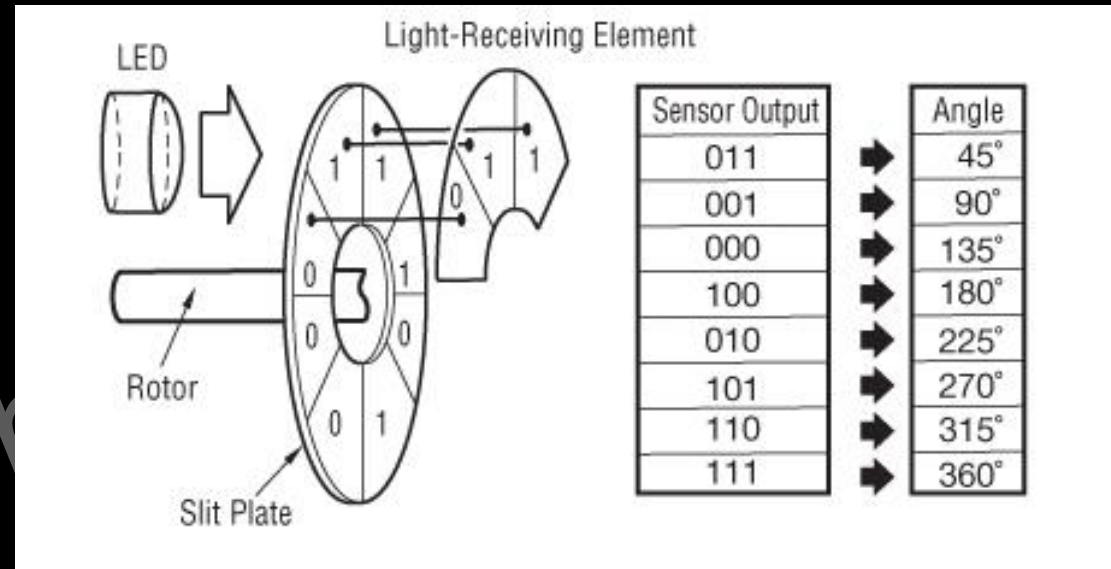
Encoder Applications



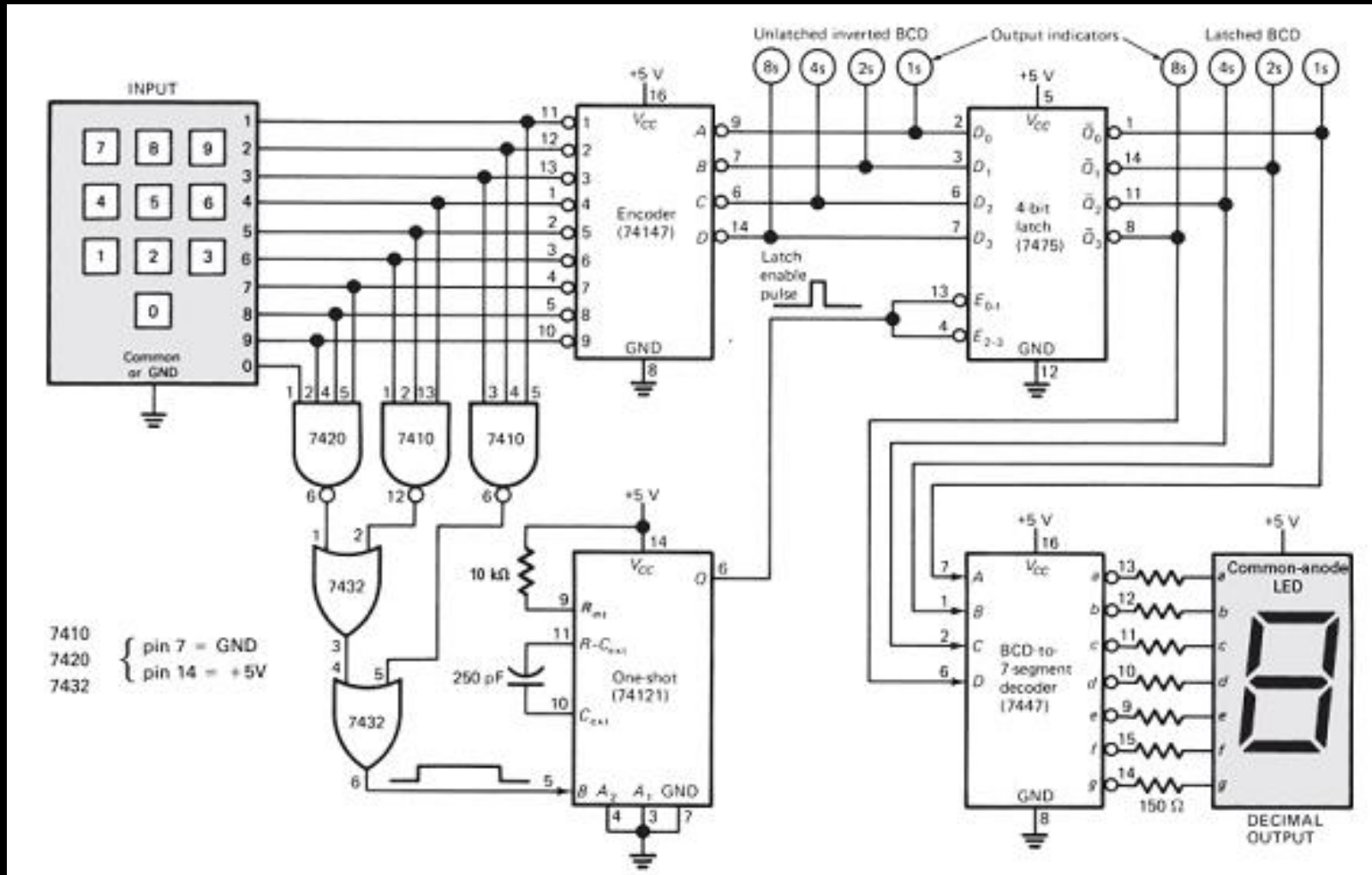
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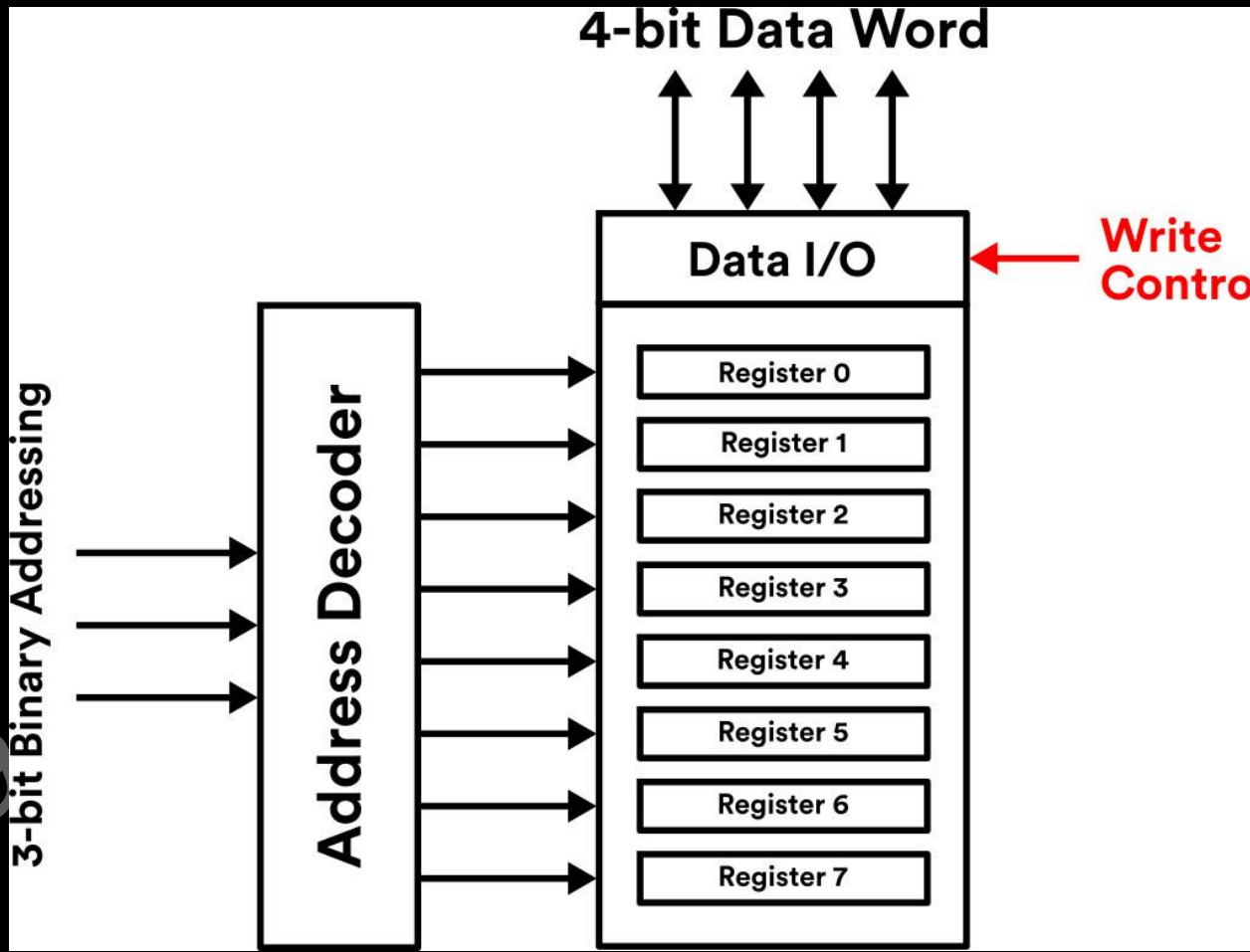
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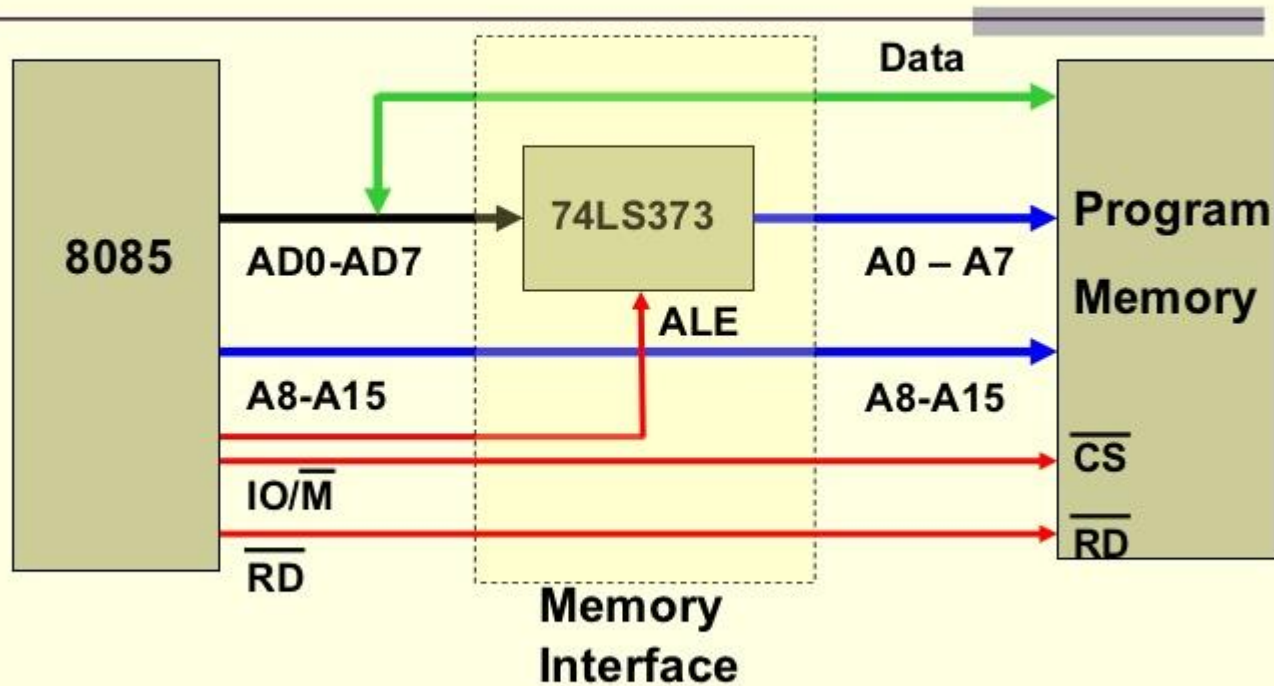


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8085 Interfacing with Memory chips



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