# **Overview: Testability Evaluation**

## Outline

- Quality Policy of Electronic Design
- Tradeoffs of Design for Testability
- Testability measures
  - Heuristic measures
  - Probabilistic measures
- Calculation of testability
  - Parker Mc Cluskey method
  - Cutting method
  - Conditional probabilities based method

# **Quality Policy**





**Defect level means:** 

How many faulty chips from 40% escape?



# Introduction: The Problem is Money?



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## The problem is - QUALITY:



 $Y = (1 - P)^n$  - probability of producing a good product

## The problem is - QUALITY:



#### The problem is - Money:





## **Economic tradeoff:**



# **Testability Criteria**

## **Qualitative criteria for Design for testability:**

Testing cost:

- Test generation time
- Test application time
- Fault coverage
- Test storage cost (test length)
- Availability of Automatic Test Equipment

The cost of re-design for testability:

- Performance degradation
- Area overhead
- I/O pin demand

## **General important relationships:**

- 1. T (Sequential logic) < T (Combinational logic) <u>Solutions:</u> Scan-Path design strategy
- 2. T (Control logic) < T (Data path) <u>Solutions:</u> Data-Flow design, Scan-Path design strategies
- 3. T (Random logic) < T (Structured logic)
  - Solutions: Bus-oriented design, Core-oriented design
- 4. T (Asynchronous design) < T (Synchronous design)

**1.** T (Sequential logic) < T (Combinational logic





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# Scan-Path Based Testing

#### How to test million transistors?

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Signal path through millions transistors

#### 3. T (Random logic) < T (Structured logic)

Solutions: Bus-oriented design, Core-oriented design



# **Testability Estimation Rules of Thumb**

## **Circuits less controllable**

- Decoders
- Circuits with feedback
- Counters
- Clock generators
- Oscillators
- Self-timing circuits
- Self-resetting circuits

## **Circuits less observable**

- Circuits with feedback
- Embedded
  - RAMs
  - ROMs
  - PLAs
- Error-checking circuits
- Circuits with redundant nodes

# **Bad Testability: Fault Redundancy**

### **Redundant gates (bad design):**



# Fault Redundancy

#### Hazard control circuit:

Error control circuitry:



Redundant AND-gate Fault = 0 is not testable



E = 1 if decoder is fault-free Fault = 1 is not testable



# Hard to Test Faults

## **Evaluation of testability:**

- Controllability
  - C<sub>0</sub> (*i*)
  - C<sub>1</sub> (j)
- Observability
  - O<sub>Y</sub> (*k*)
  - O<sub>z</sub> (*k*)
- Testability



# Consequeces of Bad Testability

- Expected impact of good testability
  - Reduces cost of deterministic test generation
  - Reduces cost of testing (time, memory space, length of test)

#### Redundant faults

- don't need to be tested, because the functionality of the circuit remains correct
- if you don't know that the not-covered fault is redundant, the lower fault coverage will mean **ambiguiety** – under-estimating the test result

#### Hard-to-test faults

- cause reduction of the test quality in random testing
- in deterministic testing the problem is solved at higher cost



# **Testability Analysis Methods**

- Fault simulation a very slow but exact method
- Toggling a faster method, but only approximate
  - Logic simulation can be repeated a number of times with different data sets
  - Toggling on a node of a digital circuit means "to switch from 0 to 1, or from 1 to 0"
  - Circuit activity can be measured by counting the toggles
- ✓ <u>Disadvantage</u>:
  - Toggling is only a means to characterize the controllability of signals, but not the real testability

### Calculation of testability measures

- Heuristic methods
- Probabilistic methods



# Testability Analysis with Fault Simulation





**Different faults** 

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# **DFT Using Control Points**

To ways for improving testability with inserting of control points:



## **Controllability calculation: AND gate**

Measure: minimum number of nodes that must be set to produce 0 or 1 For inputs:  $C_0(x) = C_1(x) = 1$ 

For other signals: recursive calculation starting from inputs



## **Controllability calculation: AND gate**

Measure: minimum number of nodes that must be set to produce 1

For inputs:  $C_0(x) = C_1(x) = 1$ 

For other signals: recursive calculation starting from inputs



## **Controllability calculation: OR gate**

Measure: minimum number of nodes that must be set to produce 0

For inputs:  $C_0(x) = C_1(x) = 1$ 

For other signals: recursive calculation starting from inputs



## **Controllability calculation: EXOR gate**

Measure: minimum number of nodes that must be set in order to produce 0

For inputs:  $C_0(x) = C_1(x) = 1$ 

For other signals: recursive calculation starting from inputs

 $C_{0}(x_{1}) = 1$   $C_{0}(x_{1}) = 1$   $C_{0}(x_{1}) = 1$   $C_{1}(x_{1}) = 18$   $C_{0}(x_{2}) = 1$   $C_{0}(x_{2}) = 1$   $C_{0}(x_{2}) = 1$   $C_{0}(x_{2}) = 12$   $C_{1}(x_{1}) = 20$   $C_{1}(x_{k}) = \min (30,43) + 1 = 31$ 

## **Controllability calculation:**

Measure: minimum number of nodes that must be set in order to produce 0 or 1

For inputs:  $C_0(x) = C_1(x) = 1$ 

For other signals: recursive calculation rules:

#### **Observability calculation:**

Measure: minimum number of nodes which must be set for fault propagating

For outputs: O(y) = 1 For other signals: recursive calculation starting from outputs



### **Observability calculation:**

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For other signals: recursive calculation rules:



#### **Testability calculation:**

**Measure:** sum of controllability and observability

 $T(x \equiv 0) = C_1(x) + O(x)$  $T(x \equiv 1) = C_0(x) + O(x)$ 



#### **Controllability and observability:**



	Control	Obs.			
X	C <sub>0</sub> (x)	C <sub>1</sub> (x)	O(x)		
1	1	1	10		
2	1	1	12		
3	1	1	11		
4	1	1	11		
5	1	1	10		
6	1	1	10		
7	3	2	9		
<b>7</b> 1	3	2	11		
<b>7</b> <sub>2</sub>	3	2	9		
<b>7</b> 3	3	2	9		
а	4	2	9		
b	4	2	7		
С	4	2	7		
d	4	2	7		
е	5	5	4		
У	8	5	1		

## **Testability calculation:**

$$T(x \equiv 0) = C_1(x) + O(x)$$
  
 $T(x \equiv 1) = C_0(x) + O(x)$ 



	Controllabilies		Obs.	Testab.
Х	<b>C</b> <sub>0</sub> (x)	C <sub>1</sub> (x)	O(x)	T(x≡0)
1	1	1	10	11
2	1	1	12	13
3	1	1	11	12
4	1	1	11	12
5	1	1	10	11
6	1	1	10	11
7	3	2	9	11
<b>7</b> 1	3	2	11	13
<b>7</b> <sub>2</sub>	3	2	9	11
<b>7</b> 3	3	2	9	11
а	4	2	9	11
b	4	2	7	9
С	4	2	7	9
d	4	2	7	9
е	5	5	4	9
У	8	5	1	6

Why the testability of y is the lowest?

## **Probabilistic Testability Measures**

#### **Controllability calculation:**

Measure: probability to produce 0 or 1 at the given nodes  $p_{xi} = p(x_i=1) = 1$ 

For inputs:  $C_0(i) = 1 - p_{xi}$   $C_1(i) = p_{xi}$ 

For other signals: recursive calculation rules:



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## **Paradoxes of Probabilistic Measures**

**Probabilities of reconverging fanouts:** 





$$p_y = (1 - p_{x1}) p_{x2} + (1 - p_{x2}) p_{x1}$$
  
= 0,25 + 0,25 = 0,5

$$p_y = 1 - (1 - p_a) (1 - p_b)$$
  
= 1 - 0,75\*0,75 = 0,44

Signal correlations:  $x \xrightarrow{x_1}_{x_2} x \xrightarrow{y}_{x_1} p_y = p_{x1} p_{x1} = p_x^2 = p_x$ 



**SSBDD** based algorithm:



$$\begin{array}{c} \rho_{y} \rightarrow \overbrace{x_{1}} \rightarrow \overbrace{\overline{x}_{2}} \rightarrow x_{1}(1-x_{2}) \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \hline x_{2} \rightarrow (1-x_{1}) x_{2} \end{array}$$

$$p_y = x_1(1-x_2) + (1-x_1) x_2 = 0.5$$

Parker - McCluskey algorithm:

$$p_{y} = 1 - (1 - p_{a}) (1 - p_{b}) =$$

$$= 1 - (1 - p_{x1}(1 - p_{x2}))(1 - p_{x2}(1 - p_{x1})) =$$

$$= 1 - (1 - p_{x1} + p_{x1}p_{x2}) (1 - p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2}) =$$

$$= 1 - (1 - p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{2x1}^{2}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} p_{x1}p_{x2} -$$

### Two methods: (1) from INP to OUT, (2) from OUT to INP



For all inputs:  $p_k = 1/2$ 

Fast calculation gate by gate:  $p_a = 1 - p_1 p_2 = 0,75,$  $p_b = 0,75, p_c = 0,43, p_y = 0,22$ 

Parker - McCluskey algorithm:  

$$p_y = p_c p_2 = (1 - p_a p_b) p_2 =$$
  
 $= (1 - (1 - p_1 p_2) (1 - p_2 p_3)) p_2 =$   
 $= p_1 p_2^2 + p_2^2 p_3 - p_1 p_2^3 p_3 =$   
 $= p_1 p_2 + p_2 p_3 - p_1 p_2 p_3 = 0,38$ 

## **Probabilistic Testability Measures**

**Parker-McCluskey:** 



For all inputs:  $p_k = 1/2$ 

**Observability:** 

$$p(\partial y/\partial a = 1) = p_b p_2 =$$
  
= (1 - p\_2 p\_3) p\_2 = p\_2 - p\_2^2 p\_3

$$= p_2 - p_2 p_3 = 0,25$$

**Testability:** 

$$p(a \equiv 1) = p(\partial y / \partial a = 1) (1 - p_a) =$$
  
= (p\_2 - p\_2 p\_3)(p\_1 p\_2) =  
= p\_1 p\_2^2 - p\_1 p\_2^2 p\_3 =  
= p\_1 p\_2 - p\_1 p\_2 p\_3 = 0,125

Parker - McCluskey algorithm:



**Conclusions:** 

The P-McC method has a high complexity

In tree-like circuits, the gate-by-gate method works accurately

 $p_v = 1 - (1 - p_a) (1 - p_b) =$  $= 1 - (1 - p_{x1}(1 - p_{x2}))(1 - p_{x2}(1 - p_{x1})) =$  $= 1 - (1 - p_{x1} + p_{x1} p_{x2}) (1 - p_{x2} + p_{x1} p_{x2}) =$  $= 1 - (1 - p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}^{2}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} + p$  $+ p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2}^2 + p_{x1}^2p_{x2}^2) =$  $= 1 - (1 - p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1$  $+ p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2}) =$  $= p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1} - p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2} -p_{x1}p_{x2} + p_{x1}p_{x2} - p_{x1}p_{x2}) =$  $= p_{x1} + p_{x2} - 2p_{x1}p_{x2} = 0,5$ 

## **Cutting method**

#### Idea:

 The complexity of exact calculation is reduced by using lower and higher bounds of probabilities

#### Technique:

- Reconvergent fan-outs are cut
   except of one
- Probability range of [0,1] is assigned to all the cut lines
- The bounds are propagated by straightforward calculation

New independent probabilities (no correlation)



**Probability to be used in calculations (no correlation)** 

Lower and higher bounds for the probabilities of the cut lines:

 $p_{71} := (0;1), \ p_{72} := (0;1), \ p_{73} := 0,75$ 

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Lower and higher bounds for the probabilities of the cut lines:

 $p_{71} := (0;1), \ p_{72} := (0;1), \ p_{73} := 0,75$ 

- For all inputs:
   p<sub>k</sub> = 0,5
- Reconvergent fan-outs are cut except of one – 7<sub>1</sub> and 7<sub>2</sub>
- Probability range of [0,1] is assigned to all the cut lines -7<sub>1</sub> and 7<sub>2</sub>
- The bounds are propagated by straightforward calculation



#### Calculation steps:

<b>p</b> k	[р <sub>LВ</sub> , р <sub>нВ</sub> )	Exact p <sub>k</sub>	<b>p</b> <sub>k</sub>	[р <sub>ьв</sub> , р <sub>нв</sub> )	Exact p <sub>k</sub>
<b>p</b> 7	3/4	3/4	<b>p</b> <sub>b</sub>	[1/2, 1]	5/8
<b>p</b> <sub>71</sub>	[0, 1]	3/4	<b>p</b> c	5/8	5/8
<b>p</b> 72	[0, 1]	3/4	p <sub>d</sub>	[1/2, 3/4]	11/16
р <sub>73</sub>	3/4	3/4	p <sub>e</sub>	[1/4, 3/4]	19/32
pa	[1/2, 1]	5/8	<b>p</b> <sub>v</sub>	[34/64, 54/64 ]	41/64

# Method of conditional probabilities



P(y) = p(y|x=0) p(x=0) + p(y|x=1) p(x=1)

Probability for - y Conditions -  $x \in \text{set of conditions}$  $p(y) = \sum_{i \in (0,1)} p(y/(x=i) p(x=i)$ 

**Conditional probabilitiy** 

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#### **Conditional probabilitiy**

#### Idea of the method:

Two conditional probabilities are calculated along the paths (NB! not bounds as in the case of the cutting method)

Since no reconvergent fanouts are on the paths, no danger for signal correlations

Method of conditional probabilities

$$p(y) = \sum_{i \in (0,1)} p(y/(x=i) p(x=i))$$



**NB!** Conditional probabilities  $P_k \sim [P_k^0 = p(x_k/x_7=0), P_k^1 = p(x_k/x_7=1)]$ are propagated, not bounds as in the cutting method. For all inputs:  $p_k = 1/2$ 

 $p_y = p(y/x_7=0)(1 - p_7) + p(y/x_7=1)p_7 = (1/2 \times 1/4) + (11/16 \times 3/4) = 41/64$ 



## Terminology

- Detection probabilities:
  - n-th step detection probability of a fault
  - n-th step detection probability of a fault set
- Worst fault that fault having the lowest detection probablity of any fault in the Network (independently of probabilities for other faults)
- Escape Probability of a Fault Set: the probability that at least one member of the fault set will not be detected by the random pattern test
  - For an *n*-step test, the escape probability of a fault set is denoted  $e_n$
- The escape probability and the detection probability sum to one
- Escape probability is the quality measure of the random pattern test

*Higher* escape probabilities will require *longer* random pattern tests

The faults are said to have **conjoint** test sets if their corresponding test sets share at least one vector

A Venn diagram showing the detection probabilities of two faults.

 $p_1$  – is the probability that a randomly selected vector will detect fault  $f_1$  but not  $f_2$  $p_2$  – is the probability that a randomly selected vector will detect fault  $f_2$  but not  $f_1$  $p_3$  – is the probability that the vector will detect both faults

The detection probability of fault  $f_1$  is  $p_1 + p_3$ , and that of fault  $f_2$  is  $p_2 + p_3$ If  $p_3 = 0$ , then the corresponding test sets are **disjoint** 



A Venn diagram showing the detection probabilities of two faults.

The **escape probability** of the fault-set for the **disjoint case** is given by

$$\boldsymbol{e_n} = (1 - p_1)^n + (1 - p_2)^n - [1 - (p_1 + p_2)]^n.$$

In order to compute the minimum random test length nthat detects the fault set with escape probability no larger than threshold  $e_t$ , it is necessary to compute n that satisfies

#### $e_n < e_t$

The random test length due to **k** faults with disjoint test sets, each with detection probability **p** is bounded by

$$N_{kD}^{U} = \left[\frac{\ln(e_t/k)}{\ln(1-p)}\right]$$
$$N_{kD}^{L} = \left[\frac{\ln(e_t/k) - \ln(1-e_t/2)}{\ln(1-p)}\right]$$

For practical values of p and  $e_t$ (values much less than one) the formula can be approximated by

For the case where  $e_t = 10^{-3}$  (the confidence 99,9%

$$N_{kD}^{U} \cong \left\lceil \frac{\ln k - \ln e_{t}}{p} \right\rceil$$

$$N_{kD}^{U} \cong \left[\frac{6.9 + \ln k}{p}\right]$$

**Example:** Random pattern test 11/p can detect as many as k = 50 hard faults, each having a detection probability with a **conficence of 99,9 %** 

Literature: Jacob Savir, Paul H. Bardell "On random pattern test length". IEEE Trans. on Comp., 1984

#### **Examples**

for the case of confidence of **e**<sub>t</sub> = **99,9%** 

**Test length** as the function of the size of the set of hard faults *k* and for practical values of *p* < 1

$ \pm $				
	k	ln k	ln k - In e	(Lnk-Lne)/p
	1	0	7	690776
	10	2	9	921034
	20	3	10	990349
	30	3	10	1030895
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$$N_{kD}^{U} \cong \left[\frac{\ln k - \ln e_{t}}{p}\right]$$

**Test length** as the function of the fault detection probability p for the size of the set of hard faults k = 1

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	k	ln k	р	lne/ln(1-p)
	1	0	0,01	687
	1	0	0,001	6904
	1	0	0,0001	69074
	1	0	0,00001	690772

# BDDs and Testing of Logic Circuits

 $y = x_1 \lor x_2 (x_3 \lor x_4 x_5) \lor x_6 x_7$ 





## Two types of BDDs





## **Calculation of Signal Probabilities with BDDs**



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**SSBDD** based algorithm:



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## **Example: RT Level Probabilistic Testing**



# Generalization of BDDs



**Novelty:** Boolean methods can be generalized in a straightforward way to higher functional levels



# **Register Transfer Level DDs**

#### **Hierarchical calculation of probabilities:**



All p(y = k) – can be calculated for the low level control part model

# **Register Transfer Level DDs**

#### **LFSR-based BIST**



## **Calculating Probabilities on BDDs**



# **Calculating Probabilities for RT-Level Circuits**



# **Calculating Observabilities RT-Level Data Paths**

