

Example:

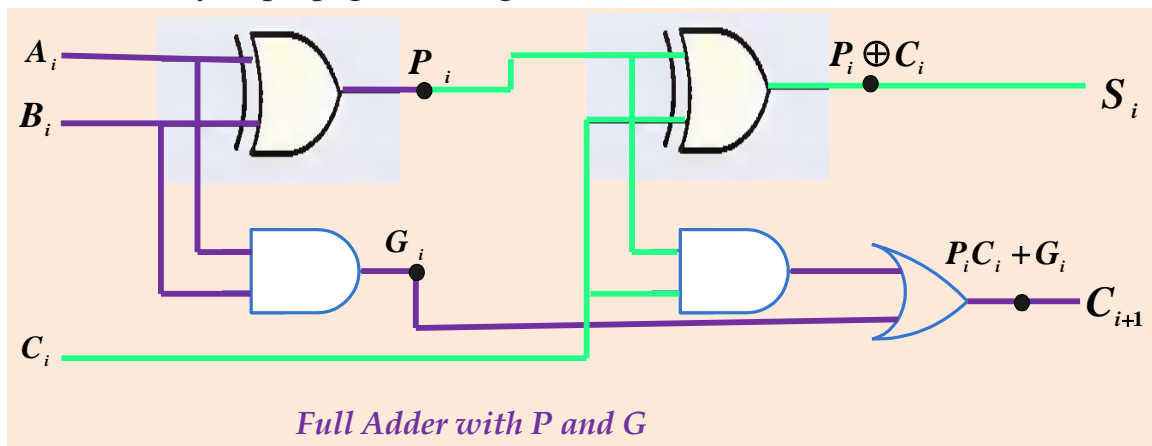
$A + B$ (A = 1011) and (B = 0011)

Subscript i	3	2	1	0	
Input Carry	0	1	1	0	C_i
A	1	0	1	1	A_i
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B	0	0	1	1	B_i
Sum	1	1	1	0	S_i
Output Carry	0	0	1	1	C_{i+1}

$C_0 = 0$

Carry Propagation

- The addition of $A + B$ binary numbers in *parallel* implies that all the bits of A and B are available for computation at the same time.
- As in any combinational circuit, the signal must **propagate** through the gates before the correct output sum is available.
- The output will not be correct unless the signals are given enough time to propagate through the gates connected from the input to the output.
- The longest **propagation delay time** in an adder is the time it takes the carry to propagate through the full adders.



- The signal from the carry input C_i to the output carry C_{i+1} propagates through an **AND** gate and an **OR** gate, which equals **2 gate levels**.
 - If there are **4** full adders in the binary adder, the output carry C_4 would have **$2 \times 4 = 8$ gate levels**, from C_0 to C_4
 - For an n -bit adder, **$2n$ gate levels** for the carry to propagate from input to output are required.