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L7.1

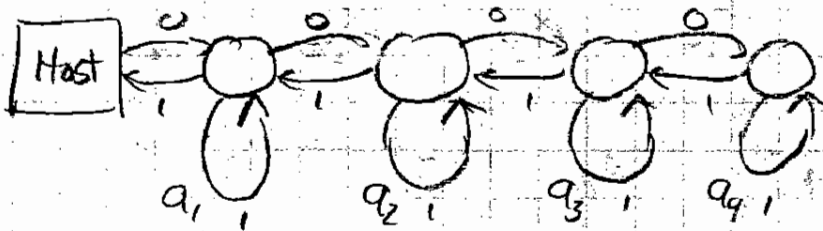
Retiming

Recall Systolic Conversion Theorem: G can be retimed to be systolic if no neg-wt cycles in $G-1$.

Ex. Priority queue

- Insert(x)
- Extract-Min - returns and deletes min elem.

Semisystolic design



Insert(x)

- Host broadcasts x
- Each processor i :
 - If $x > a_i$, do nothing
 - If $x \leq a_i$, send a_i right
 - if no value received from left then replace a_i with x
 - else replace a_i with left value.

Extract-Min

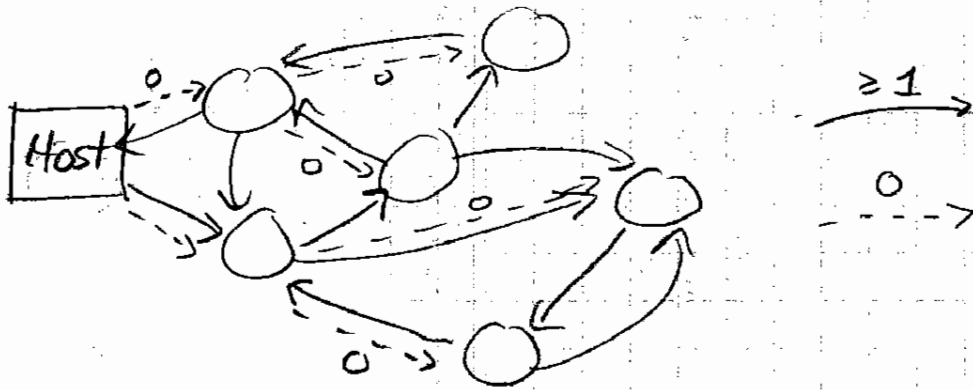
- Host broadcasts "shift left"
- Each processor shifts its value left, accepts and stores value from right.

1 clock tick per operation.

$2G-1$ has no neg-wt cycles.
 $\therefore 2G$ can be retimed to be systolic.

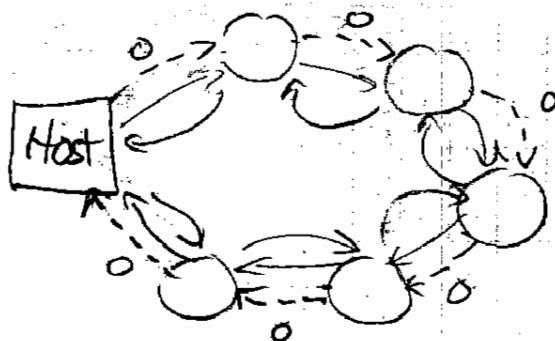
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L7.2Design methodology

1. Build systolic circuit G to solve part of problem.
2. Augment G with global comb. logic following breadth-first spanning tree of the undirected version of G , either toward or away from host, forming G' .



3. Theorem. $2G' - 1$ contains no neg-wt cycles
 \Rightarrow retune $2G'$ to be systolic. Note: $2G'$ has same topology as G .

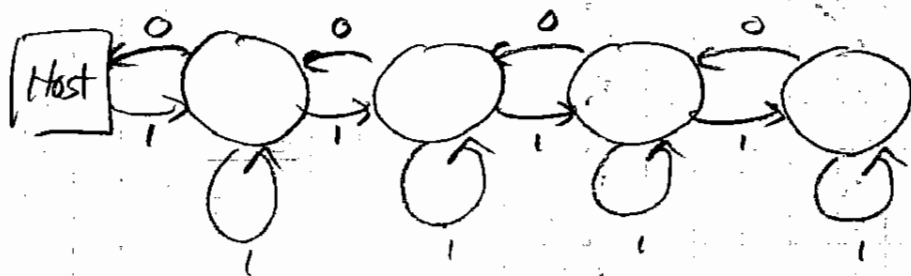
Proof. Consider cycle in $2G' - 1$. Each 0-wt edge in G' takes path \uparrow step further from host according to breadth-first distance. Each ≥ 1 -wt edge takes path ≤ 1 step closer. Thus, at most $\frac{1}{2}$ edges in cycle have -1 wt in $2G' - 1$, and rest have ≥ 1 wt. \square

Ex. Priority queue with search

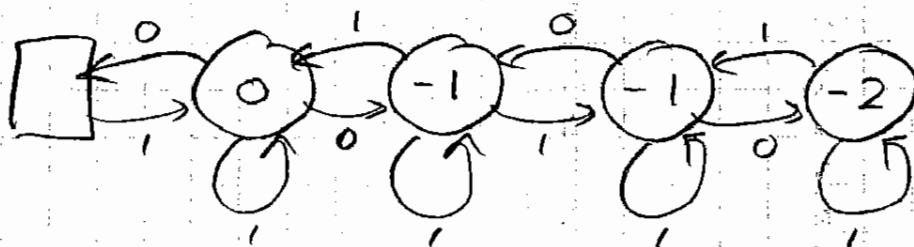
Broadcast + accumulate
 - no const slowdown
 can be refined to
 make systolic.
 - must either broadcast
 or accumulate, not
 both for const. slowdown

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Recall palindrome recognizer:



2G can be retimed to make systolic.

But, can achieve almost the same with no slowdown:

Clock period = longest path of comb. rippling.

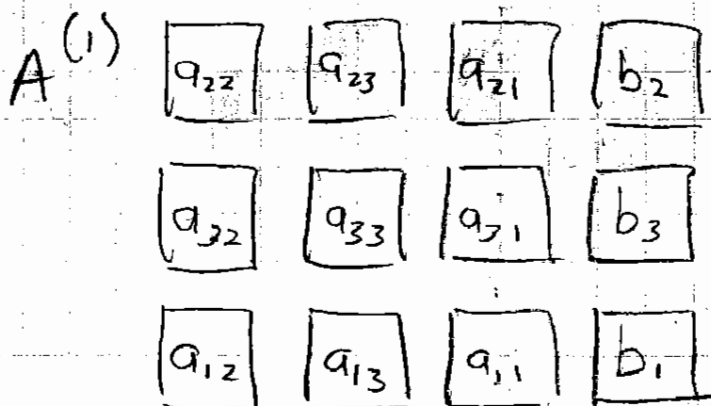
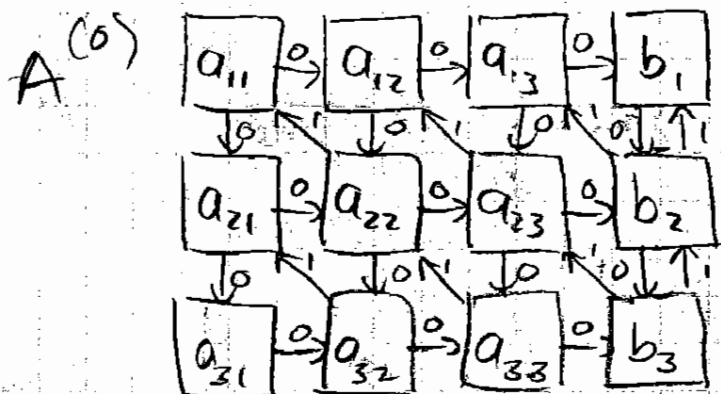
Theorem: Retime to achieve clock period of c
iff $G - 1/c$ has no neg-wt. cycles.

Proof. Homework ☒

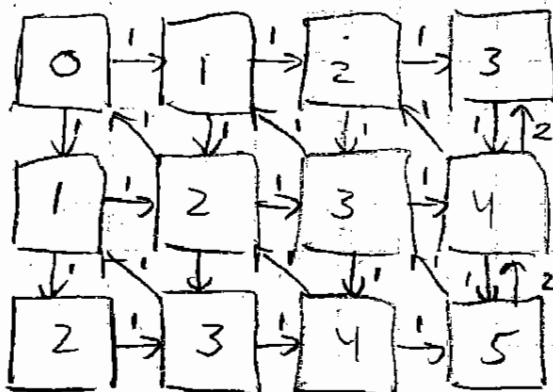
Gaussian Elimination (revisited)

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$$a_{ij}^{(k)} = a_{ij}^{(k-1)} - \frac{a_{ik}^{(k-1)} \cdot a_{kj}^{(k-1)}}{a_{kk}^{(k-1)}}$$



Runtime 36



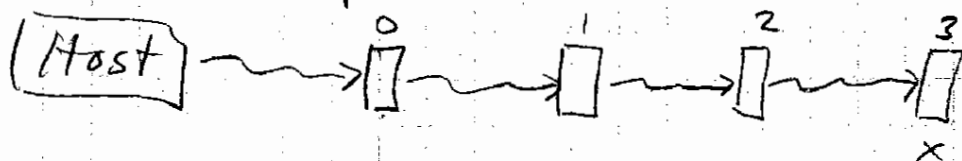
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L7.5Resetting

Set all state to predefined values in 1 clock tick.

Idea 1: Broadcast, slowdown, retime

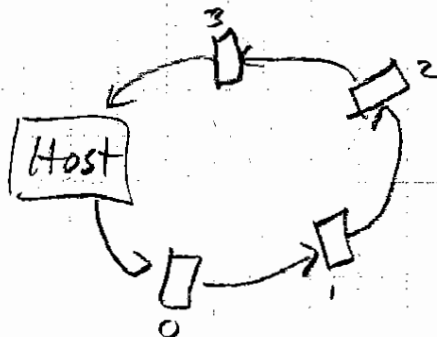
Problem: Can't use on circuits such as
palindrome recognizer.

Idea 2: Sup. $\geq d$ latches ^{on every path} from host to latch x .
Then, after reset, x 's values are fixed
for d steps.



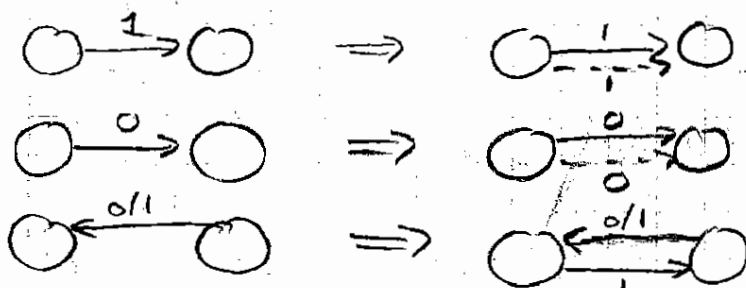
Thus, reset of x at time t_0 can be delayed
up to d time steps. Then, reset to
value x should have at time $t_0 + d$.

Bug!

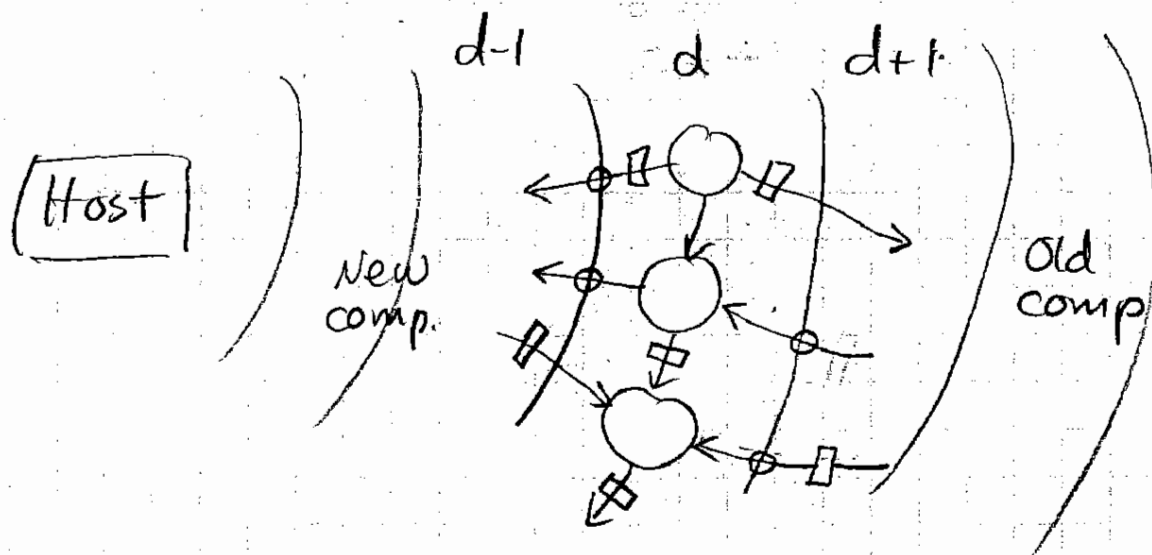


Latch 3 doesn't
get reset till time
 $t_0 + 3$, but old
values still output

Idea 3: Propagate wavefront of resets along
graph edges (WLOG, each edge weight 0 or 1):



Create shortest-path tree from host in
this graph.
Reset latches at level d to precomputed value at time
 $t_0 + d$.

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L7.6Reset wavefront.

Bug! Back contamination.

Fix: At $t_0 + d + 1$, edges from level $d + 1$ to level d are altered to act as if reset at time $t_0 + d$.

Note: Reset edges do not affect systolic conversion.

Application Palindrome recognizer with reset.