

**NEC 304**

**STLD**

Lecture 17  
*Encoders and Decoders*

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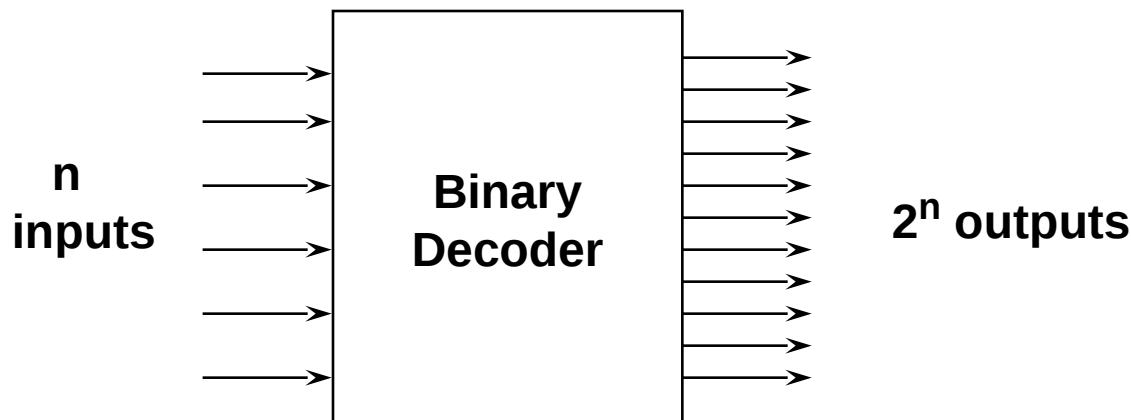
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# Overview

- **Binary decoders**
  - Converts an n-bit code to a single active output
  - Can be developed using AND/OR gates
  - Can be used to implement logic circuits.
- **Binary encoders**
  - Converts one of  $2^n$  inputs to an n-bit output
  - Useful for compressing data
  - Can be developed using AND/OR gates
- **Both encoders and decoders are extensively used in digital systems**

# Binary Decoder

- ° Black box with  $n$  input lines and  $2^n$  output lines
- ° Only one output is a 1 for any given input

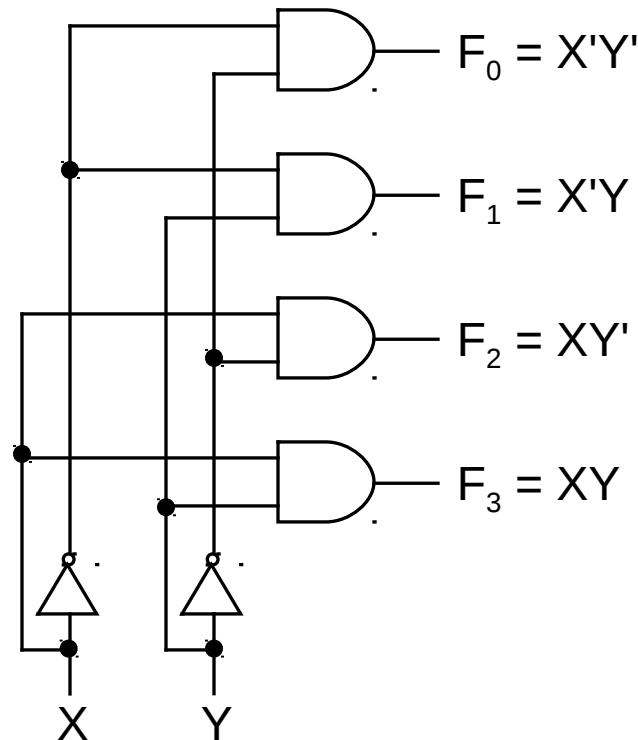
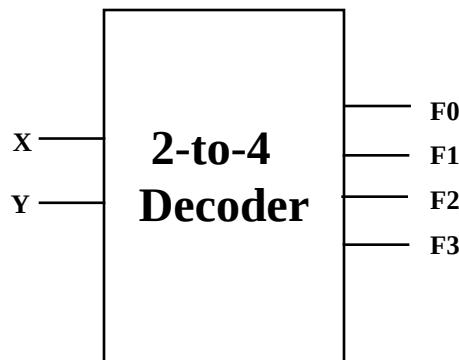


# 2-to-4 Binary Decoder

Truth Table:

X	Y	F <sub>0</sub>	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	1

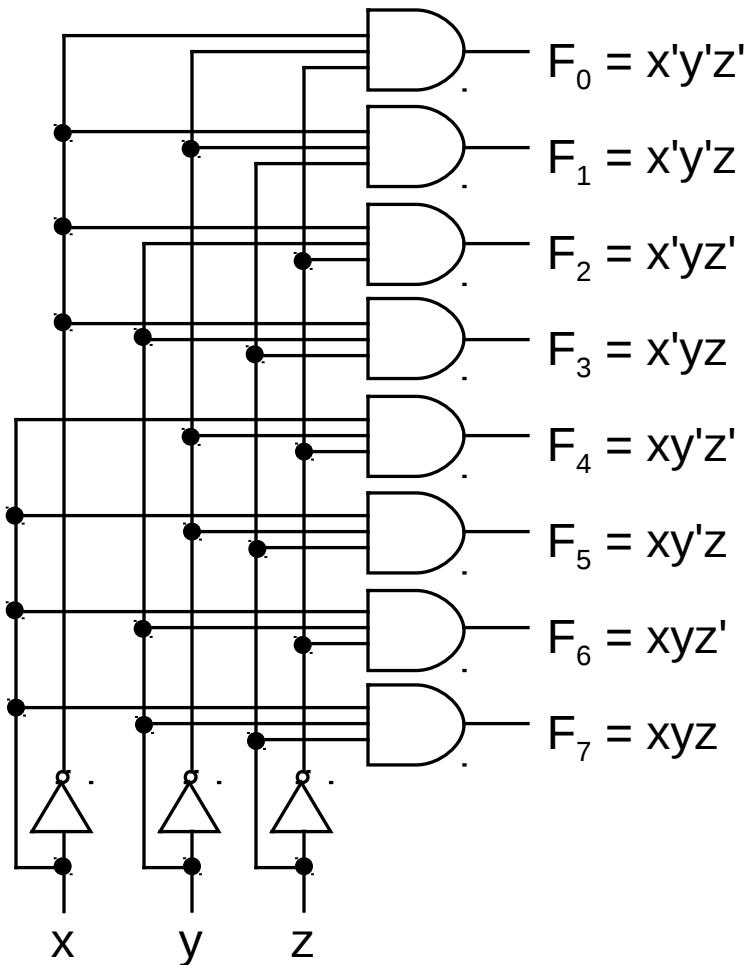
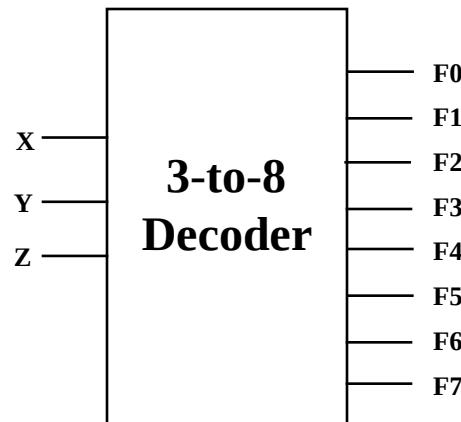
- From truth table, circuit for 2x4 decoder is:
- Note: Each output is a 2-variable minterm ( $X'Y'$ ,  $X'Y$ ,  $XY'$  or  $XY$ )



# 3-to-8 Binary Decoder

Truth Table:

x	y	z	F <sub>0</sub>	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	F <sub>5</sub>	F <sub>6</sub>	F <sub>7</sub>
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
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



## Implementing Functions Using Decoders

- Any n-variable logic function can be implemented using a single n-to- $2^n$  decoder to generate the minterms
  - OR gate forms the sum.
  - The output lines of the decoder corresponding to the minterms of the function are used as inputs to the or gate.
- Any combinational circuit with  $n$  inputs and  $m$  outputs can be implemented with an n-to- $2^n$  decoder with  $m$  OR gates.
- Suitable when a circuit has many outputs, and each output function is expressed with few minterms.

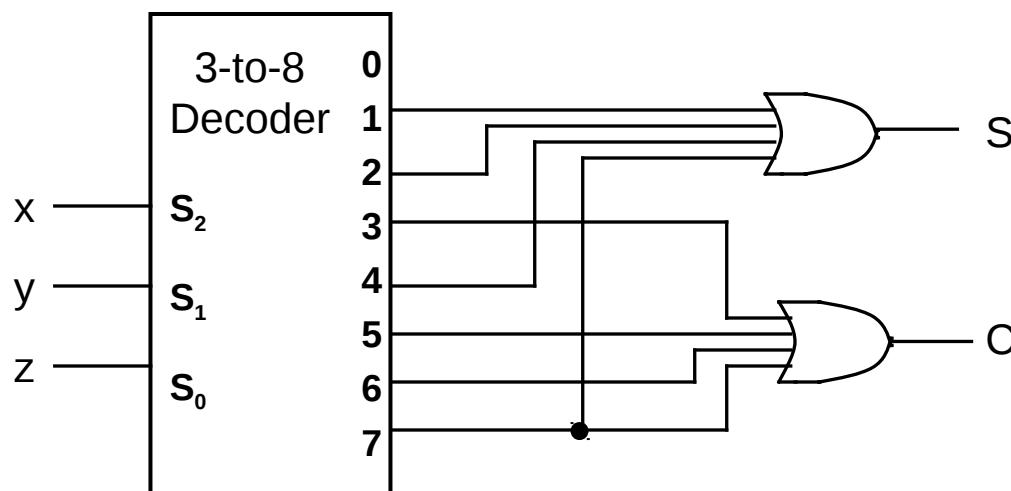
# Implementing Functions Using Decoders

- ° Example: Full adder

$$S(x, y, z) = \Sigma (1, 2, 4, 7)$$

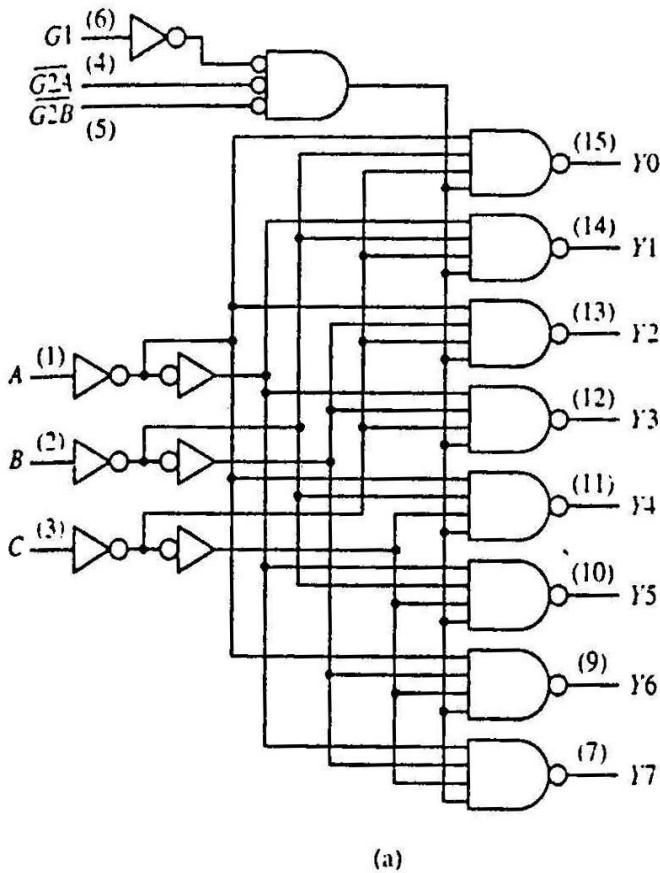
$$C(x, y, z) = \Sigma (3, 5, 6, 7)$$

x	y	z	C	S
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1



# Standard MSI Binary Decoders Example

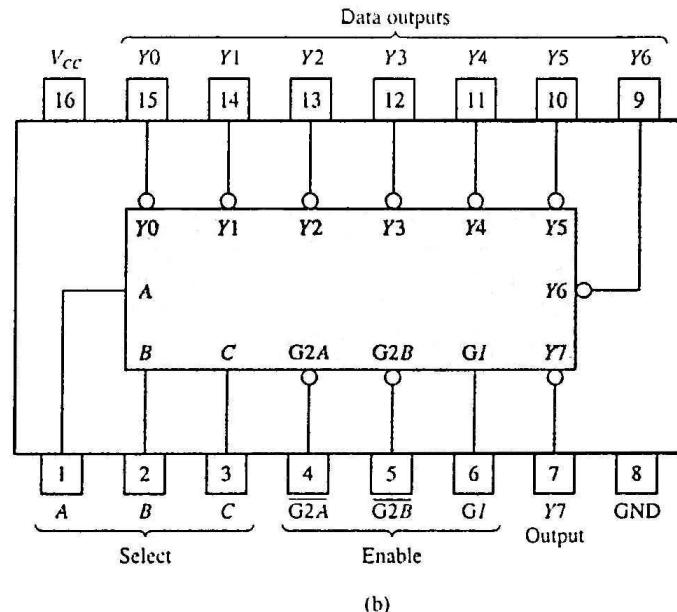
## 74138 (3-to-8 decoder)



(a) Logic circuit.

(b) Package pin configuration.

(c) Function table.



Inputs			Outputs							
Enable	Select		Y0	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7
G1 $\bar{G2}^*$	C	B	A							
H	L	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	H	H
H	L	L	H	H	L	H	H	H	H	H
H	L	L	H	H	H	L	H	H	H	H
H	L	L	H	H	H	H	L	H	H	H
H	L	H	L	H	H	H	H	L	H	H
H	L	H	L	H	H	H	H	L	H	H
H	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	H
H	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L
X	H	X	X	X	H	H	H	H	H	H
L	X	X	X	X	H	H	H	H	H	H

$$\bar{G2}^* = \bar{G2A} + \bar{G2B}$$

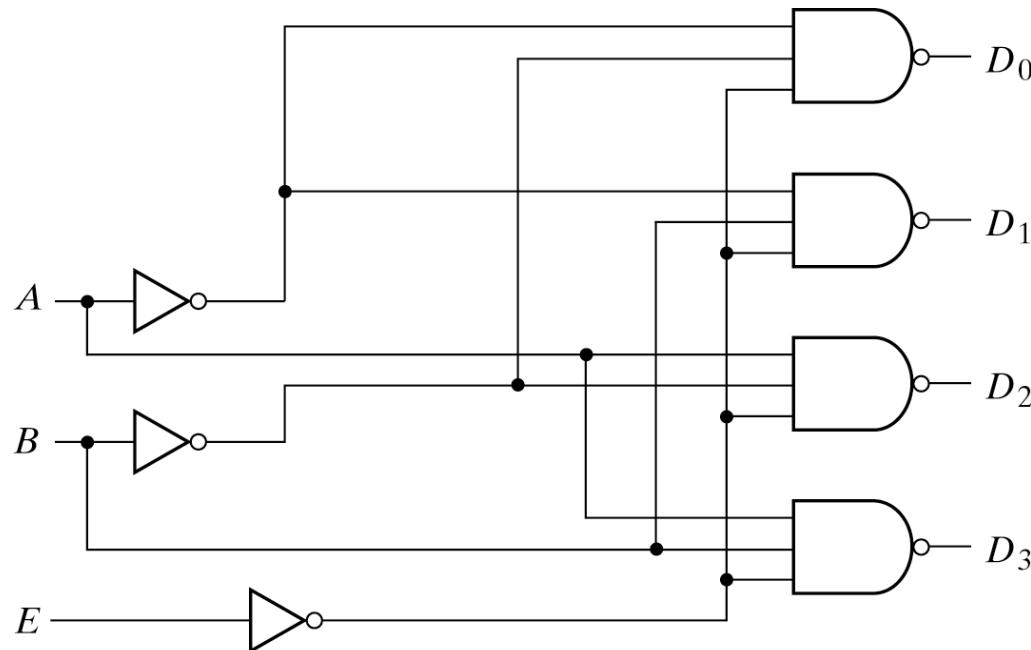
(c)

# Building a Binary Decoder with NAND Gates

- ° Start with a 2-bit decoder
  - Add an enable signal (E)

Note: use of NANDs

only one 0 active!



(a) Logic diagram

if E = 0

E	A	B	D <sub>0</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>
1	X	X	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	0

(b) Truth table

Fig. 4-19 2-to-4-Line Decoder with Enable Input

## Use two 3 to 8 decoders to make 4 to 16 decoder

- ° Enable can also be active high
- ° In this example, only one decoder can be active at a time.
- ° **x, y, z effectively select output line for w**

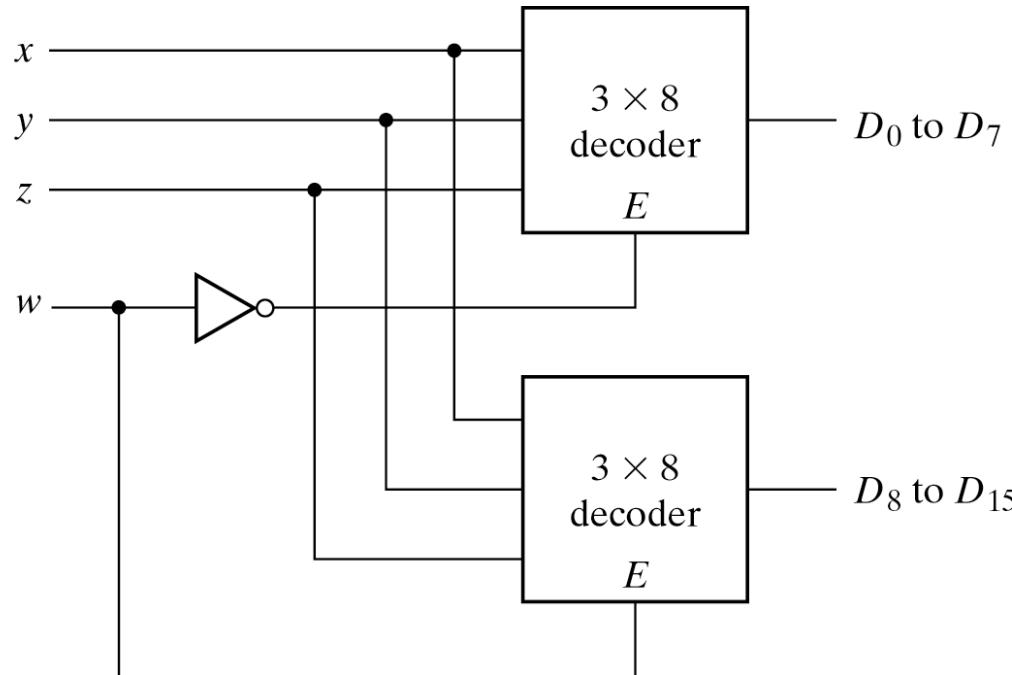
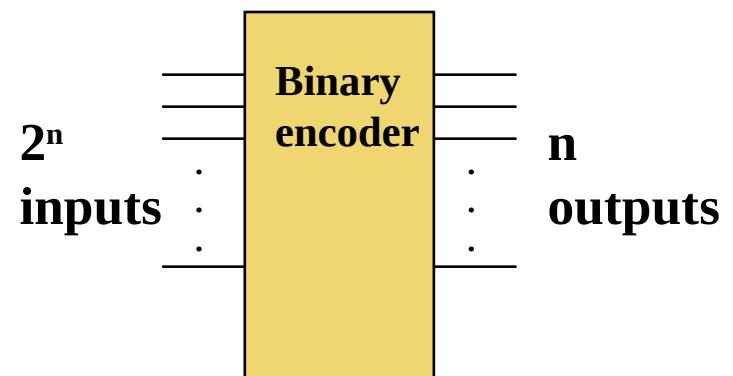


Fig. 4-20  $4 \times 16$  Decoder Constructed with Two  $3 \times 8$  Decoders

# Encoders

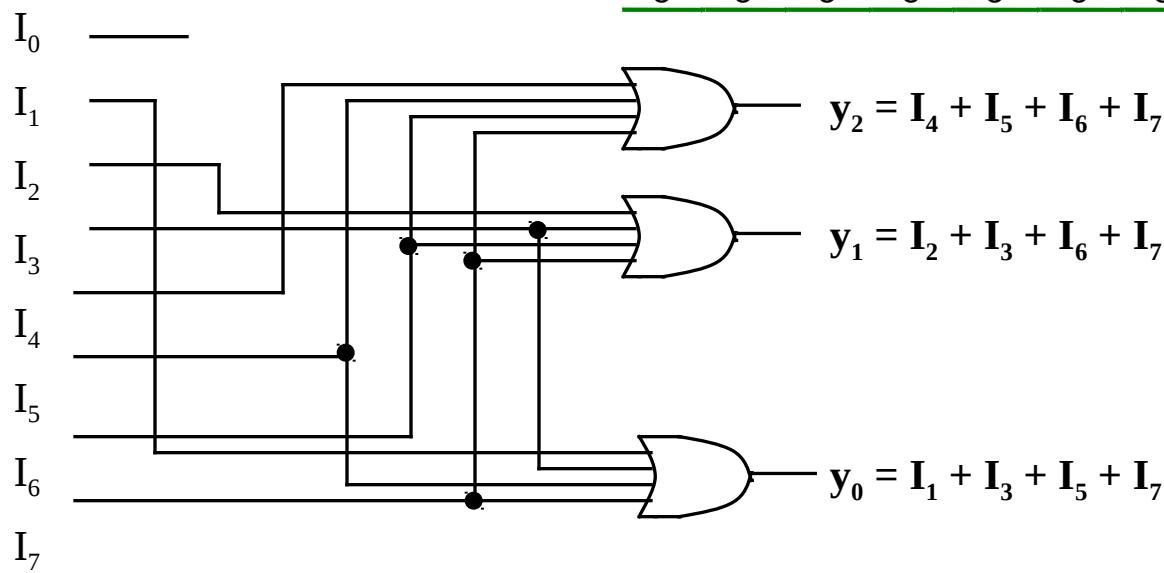
- If the a decoder's output code has fewer bits than the input code, the device is usually called an encoder.  
e.g.  $2^n$ -to- $n$
- The simplest encoder is a  $2^n$ -to- $n$  binary encoder
  - One of  $2^n$  inputs = 1
  - Output is an  $n$ -bit binary number



# 8-to-3 Binary Encoder

At any one time, only  
one input line has a value of 1.

Inputs								Outputs		
I <sub>0</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>5</sub>	I <sub>6</sub>	I <sub>7</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>0</sub>
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1



## 8-to-3 Priority Encoder

- What if more than one input line has a value of 1?
- Ignore “lower priority” inputs.
- Idle indicates that no input is a 1.
- Note that polarity of Idle is opposite from Table 4-8 in Mano

Inputs								Outputs			
I <sub>0</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>5</sub>	I <sub>6</sub>	I <sub>7</sub>	y <sub>2</sub>	y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>0</sub>	Idle
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
X	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
X	X	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
X	X	X	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
X	X	X	X	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
X	X	X	X	X	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
X	X	X	X	X	X	1	0	1	1	0	0
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	0

# Priority Encoder (8 to 3 encoder)

- ° Assign priorities to the inputs
- ° When more than one input are asserted, the output generates the code of the input with the highest priority

- ° Priority Encoder :

$H7=I7$  (Highest Priority)

$H6=I6 \cdot I7'$

$H5=I5 \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

$H4=I4 \cdot I5' \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

$H3=I3 \cdot I4' \cdot I5' \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

$H2=I2 \cdot I3' \cdot I4' \cdot I5' \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

$H1=I1 \cdot I2' \cdot I3' \cdot I4' \cdot I5' \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

$H0=I0 \cdot I1' \cdot I2' \cdot I3' \cdot I4' \cdot I5' \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

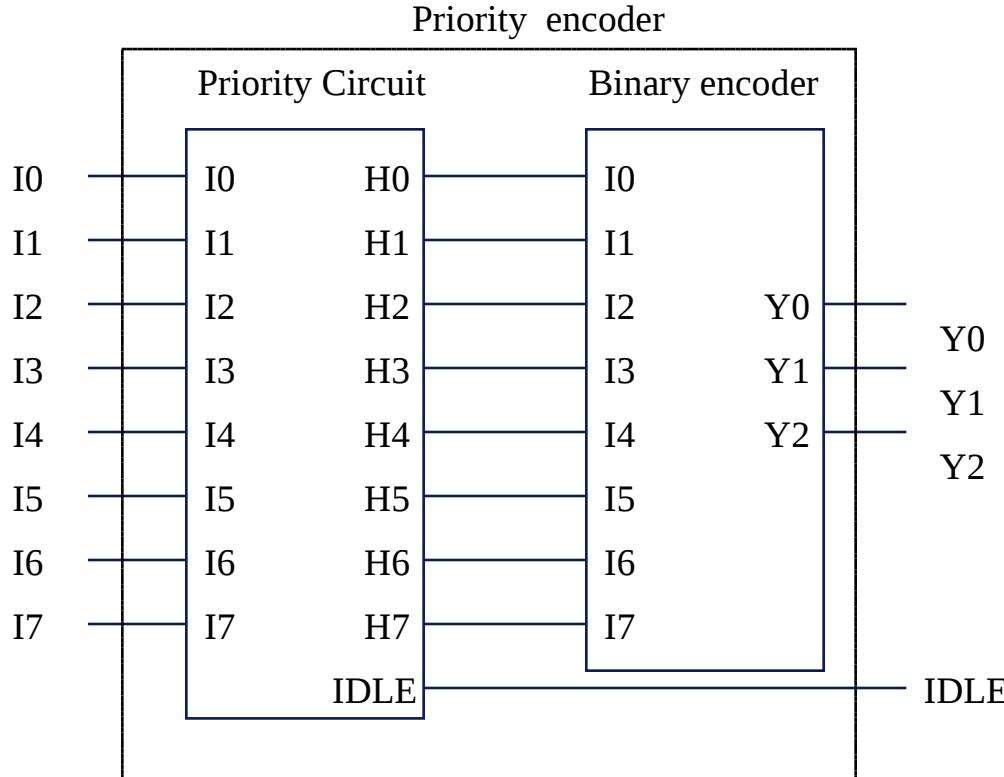
$IDLE=I0' \cdot I1' \cdot I2' \cdot I3' \cdot I4' \cdot I5' \cdot I6' \cdot I7'$

- ° Encoder

$Y_0 = I_1 + I_3 + I_5 + I_7$

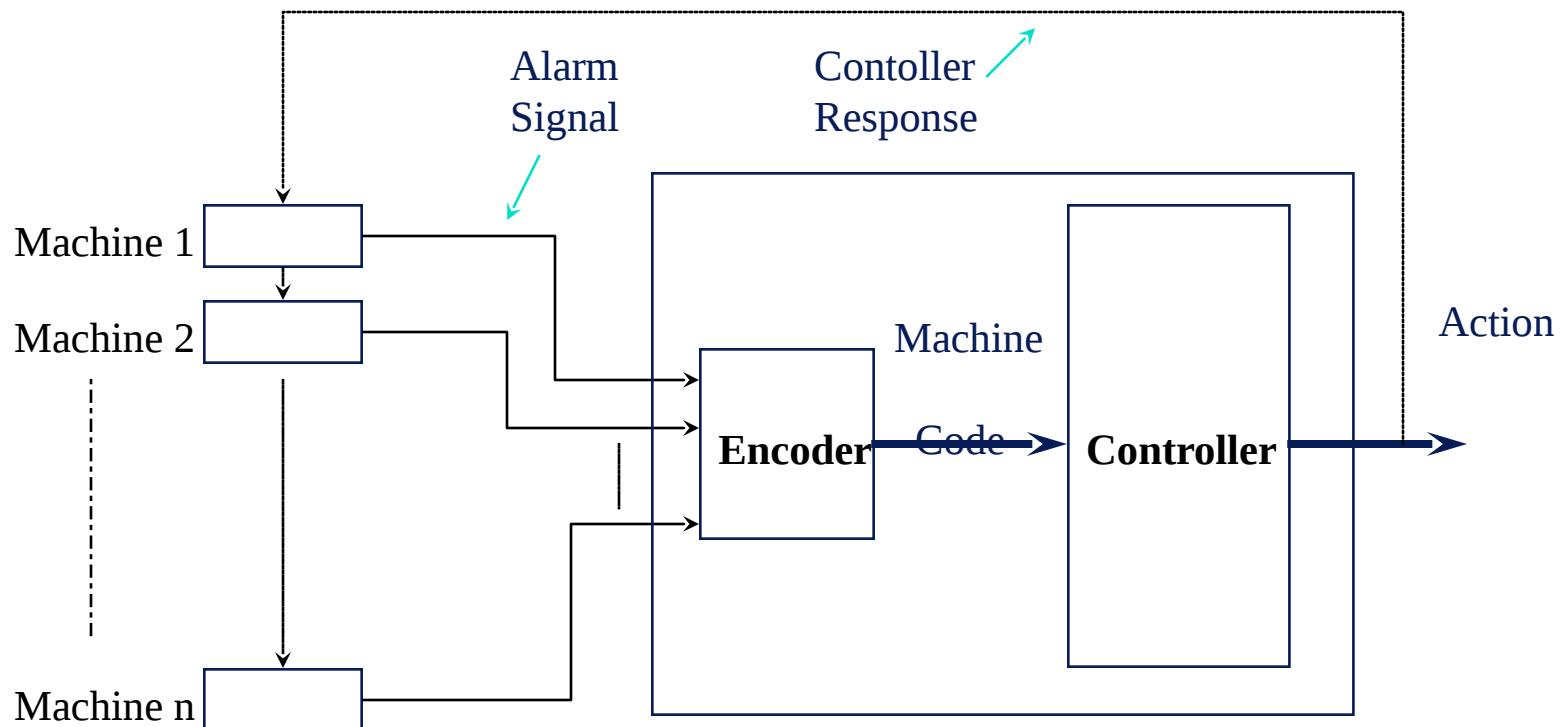
$Y_1 = I_2 + I_3 + I_6 + I_7$

$Y_2 = I_4 + I_5 + I_6 + I_7$



# Encoder Application (Monitoring Unit)

- ° Encoder identifies the requester and encodes the value
- ° Controller accepts digital inputs.



# Summary

- ° Decoder allows for generation of a single binary output from an input binary code
  - For an  $n$ -input binary decoder there are  $2^n$  outputs
- ° Decoders are widely used in storage devices (e.g. memories)
  - We will discuss these in a few weeks
- ° Encoders all for data compression
- ° Priority encoders rank inputs and encode the highest priority input
- ° Next time: storage elements!