

3. Introduction to the Nexys 4 FPGA Board:

Please review Nexys 4 details from your first week of lab/lecture material [dir pdf pdf .avi](#).

4. FPGA Design Flow:

Please refer to your first week's lab on Nexys 4: Xilinx_project_synthesis_on_Vivado [.pdf](#) [.mp4](#)

5. Prelab: (Refer to the first paragraph of [nexys4_rm.pdf](#) for the first two questions)

Q 5. 1: Circle the family and device category of the FPGA used on Nexys4 board? (1pt)

7 Series		UltraScale		UltraScale+	
Spartan-7	Artix-7	Kintex UltraScale	Virtex UltraScale	Kintex UltraScale+	Virtex UltraScale+
Kintex-7	Virtex-7				

Q 5. 2: Google “CSG324 @Xilin.com” and find what is CSG324 in the part number of the device used on Nexys-4? (1pt)

☐ Speed grade ☐ Package ☐ Serial number ☐ Model number

Q 5. 3: The **state memory** is usually implemented using: (2pts)

☐ And-Or gates
☐ RAM
☐ flip-flops
☐ latches

Q 5. 4: We will implement the detour signal controller using One-Hot state assignment method. How many D-flip-flops are needed to implement the controller? (2pts)

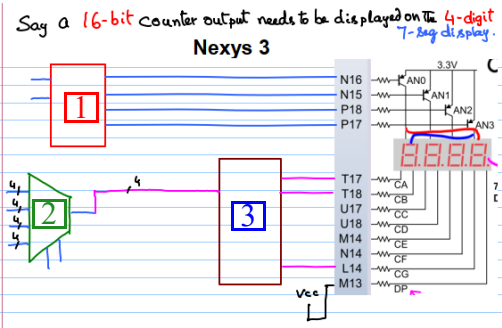
On power-on reset (i.e when power is first applied to the system), how many Flip-Flops are preset? _____ (1pt) and how many are cleared? _____ (1pt)

In the schematic ee254l_detour.sch (on page 11), next state logic for which state(s) is complete? (2pts)

Next State Logic (NSL) is purely a _____
 (combinational/sequential) circuit. (2pts)

Output Function Logic (OSL) is purely a _____
 (combinational/sequential) circuit. (2pts)

Q 5. 5: Refer to the figure on the right, reproduced from this pdf, suggesting a way to display the output of a 16-bit binary number as a 4-digit hexadecimal number going from 0000 to FFFF on the 4 SSDs of a Nexys-3 board. Name the three components and also state whether it is a combinational logic or a sequential logic.



- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

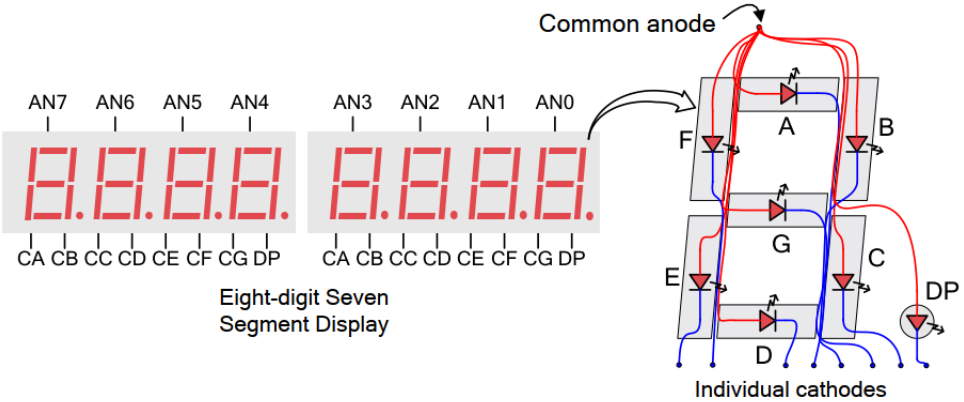
Now, if we want to display the output of a 32-bit binary counter as an 8-digit hexadecimal number going from 0000 0000 to FFFF FFFF on the 8 SSDs of a Nexys-4 board, what three components you intend to use?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

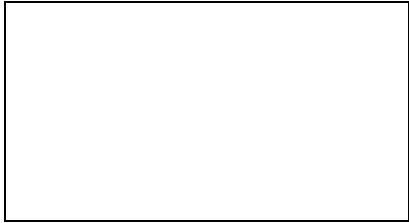
Do you believe that one of the above two displays is brighter. _____ Yes / No.
If you said “Yes”, then which is brighter? _____ (A/B).
A= 16-bit counter display on the 4 digits of Nexys-3, B= 32-bit counter display on the 8 digits of Nexys-4
Why? _____

Q 5. 6: In the above diagram, VCC (= 3.3 volts = a constant logic 1) was tied inside the FPGA to the DP (via pin M13) to make _____ (one dot point/all dot points) continuously _____ (to be on/to be off).

Q 5. 7: Though we do not perform fractional arithmetic needing to display a dot point (such as the dot point in 23.42 or 1.234) in this course, it is possible to do so as the so called SSDs (Seven Segment Displays) contain actually 8 segments per digit including the dot point.



In a revised detour lab, suppose that you are given a Nexys-3 board with all singular LEDs removed. You are asked to use the four dot points on the 4 SSDs to represent the 4 groups of lights, GL, G1, G2, and GR. Show (on the side) **the needed additions** to control pin M13 in the figure in the above Q 5.5 to achieve this.



7. Lab Report:

Name: _____	Date: _____
Lab Session: _____	TA's Signature: _____

For TAs: Pre-lab (10): _____ Schematic completion (70): _____ Report (out of 20): _____

Comments:

Q 7. 1: Refer to Xilinx [UG616](#). What are the two different D-flip-flops that are used in this lab? What is the difference between them? (2pts)

Q 7. 2: Name 2 more D-flip-flops that are available in the Xilinx library [UG616](#) (and have enable pins) and briefly explain how are they different from the ones that are used in this lab. (8pts)

Q 7. 3: Which pin of the FPGA is connected to the **BtnC** on the Nexys 4 board? Refer to the reference manual for the Nexys 4 or the .xdc file of Nexys 4 (see files in the [dir](#)) . (4pts)

Q 7. 4: Which three special buffers are needed for signals that connect to the input and output devices (including the on-board clock generator) ? Give their names and whether they are needed to connect inputs or outputs or both. (6pts)

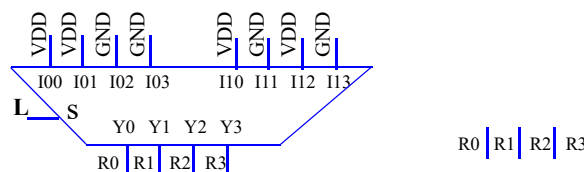
Q 7. 5: The frequency of the clock entering the FPGA is 100MHz. Notice that we are dividing the input clock by using counters. Calculate the frequency of the divided clock (DIVCLK[25]) that triggers the detour signal state machine. (5pts)

Q 7. 6: Here, L (for Left) and R (for Right)

5 pts

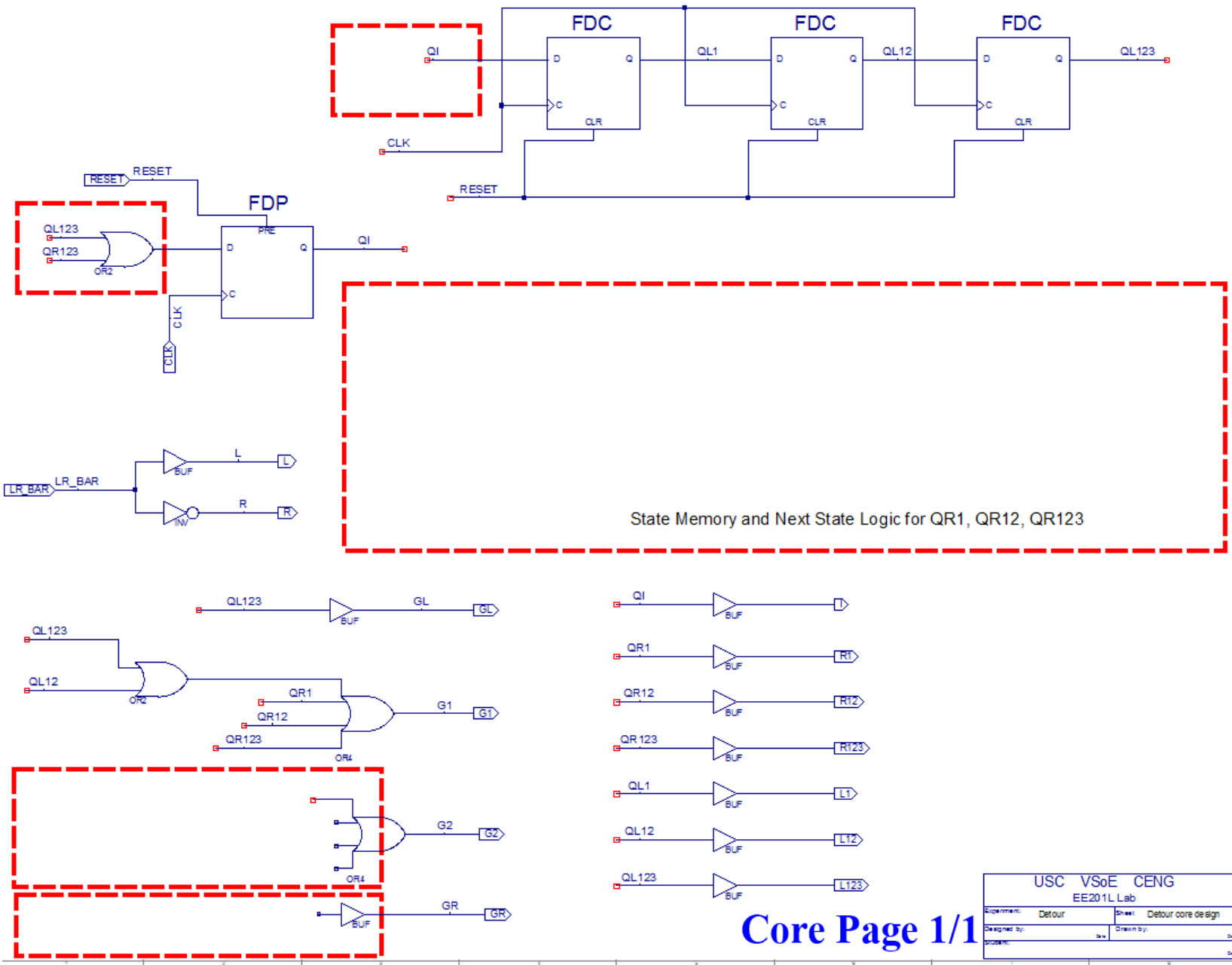
are always opposite to each other. Can you optimize (simplify) the 4-bit output $R_0 R_1 R_2 R_3$ generating combinational logic on the side? Try to avoid the expensive 4-bit wide 2-to-1 mux by tying either VDD or GND or L or R

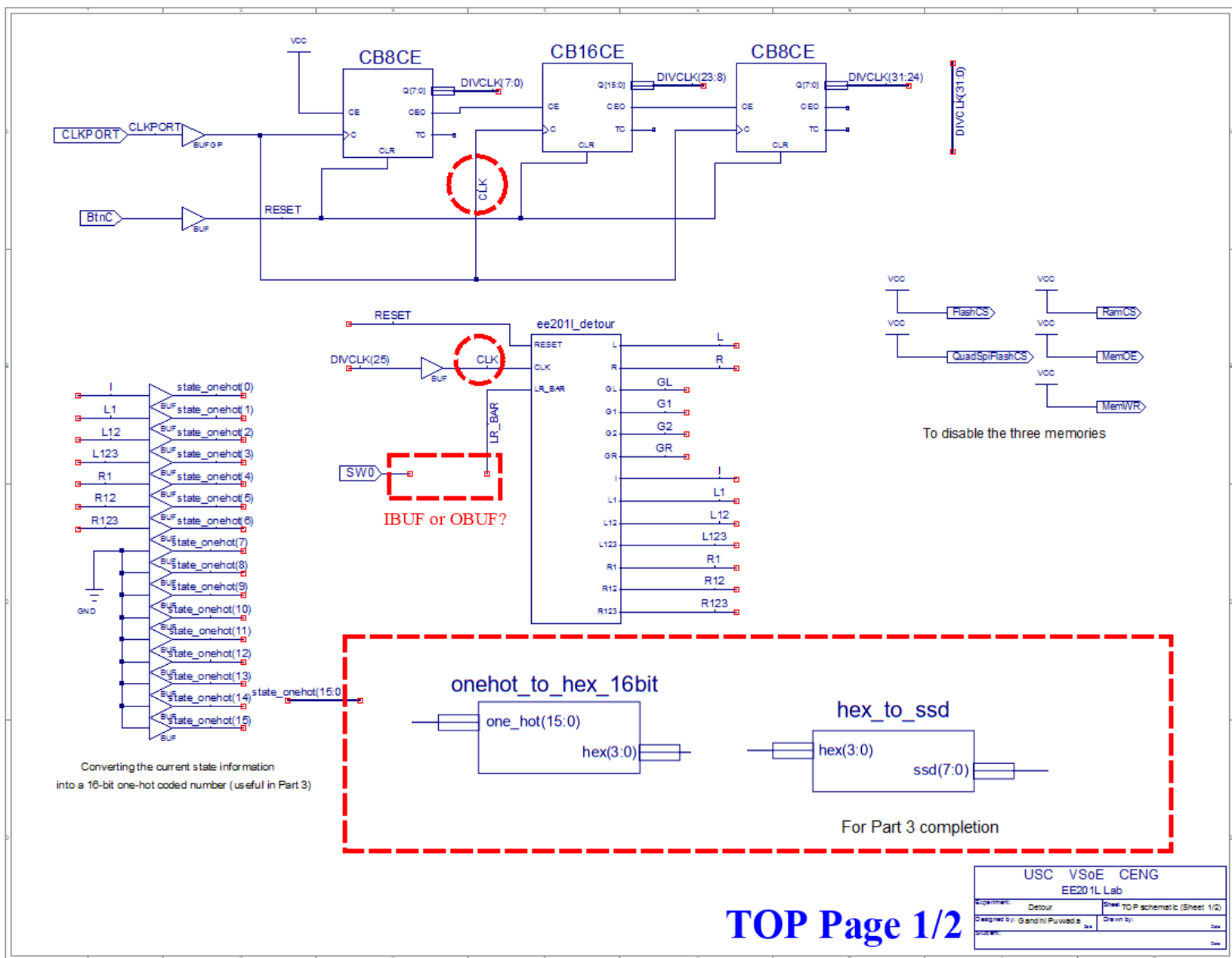
as appropriate to each of the four outputs. Note: Since $R = \sim L$, instead of generating L_Bar by inverting L, you can use R wherever you need L_Bar .



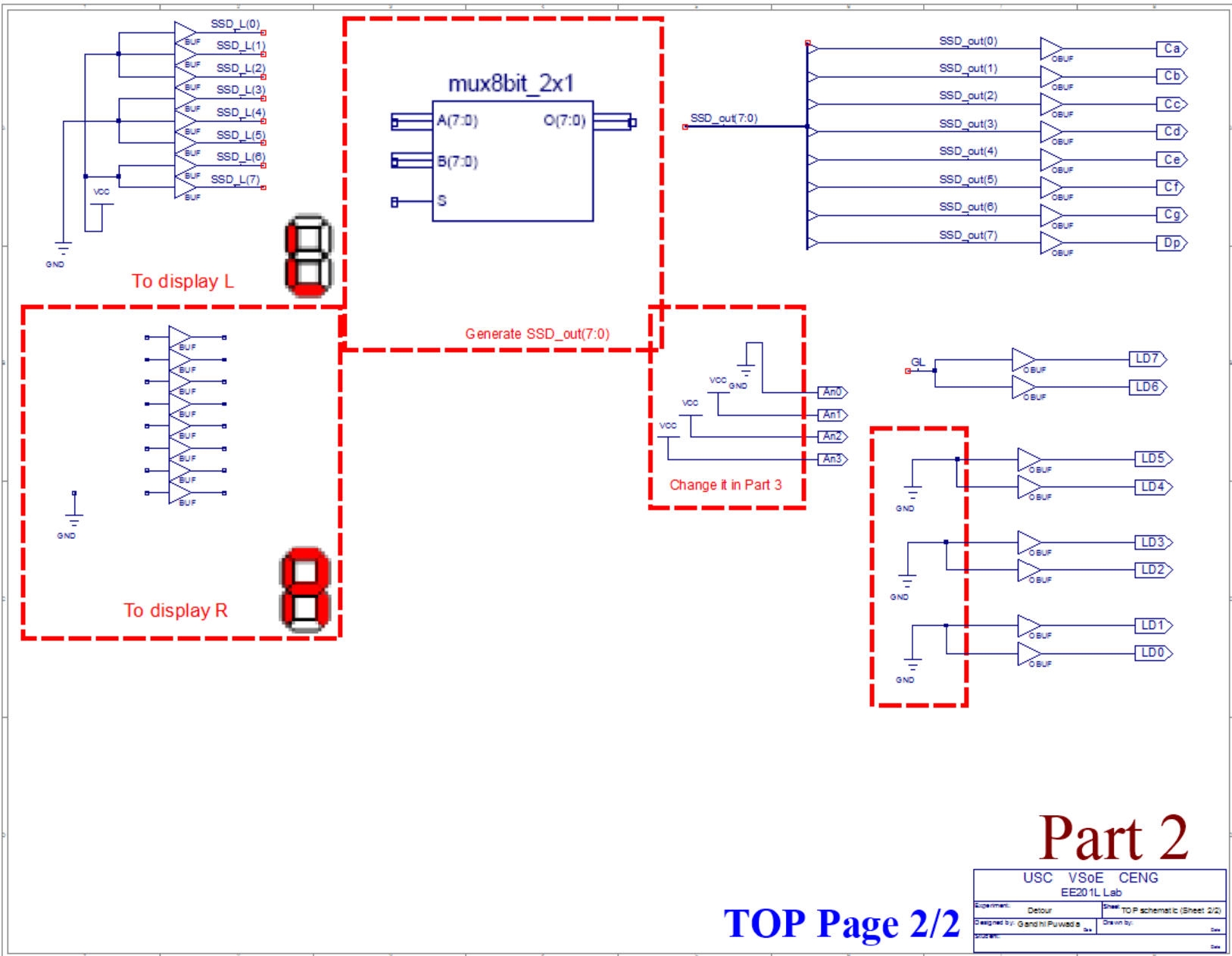
Based on the above, you suggest that you could have avoided _____

in the second page of the top schematic.



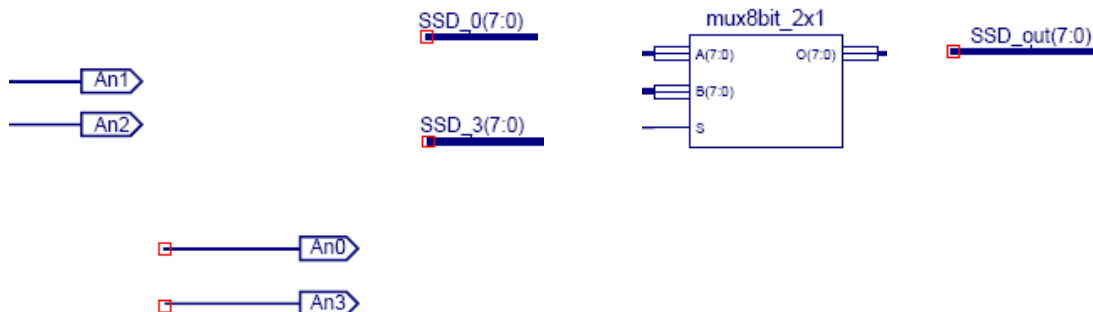


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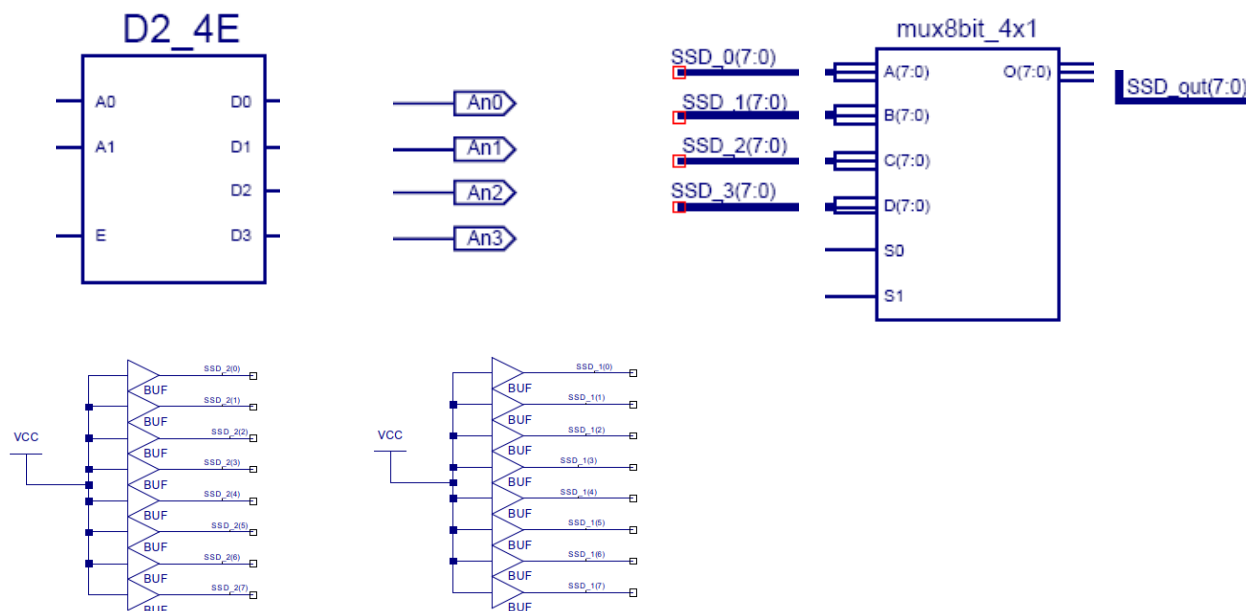


Part 3 On this page generate only Anode and Cathode controls.

Method #1: Permanently disable **AN1** and **AN2**. Then activate **AN0** and **AN3** alternately at a reasonable speed (*neither too fast nor too slow*, your TA will help) while sending the correct 7-segment (actually 8-segment) signals (**Ca-Cg**) to the SSDs. You need a 8-bit wide 2-to-1 mux for this. You might use **DIV-CLK (15)** to alternately enable one of **SSD0** or **SSD3** to accomplish this.



Method #2: Instead of permanently disabling **AN1** and **AN2** (as in Method#1), let us send **Ca-Cg, Dp=11111111** to the 8 cathodes (remember these are active low so this will blank the displays). Now we need to activate the 4 anodes, one at a time in sequence, while sending the corresponding 8-segment information to the cathodes with a 8-bit wide 4-to-1 mux. You can use perhaps **DIVCLK (15 : 14)** for this purpose.



You can use a 2x4 decoder such as the above **D2_4E**. Look up the Xilinx library [UG616](#) for the **D2_4E** decoder to check if the enable input is active high or low and the outputs are active high or active low. We also provided you with the 8-bit wide 4x1 mux shown above. The diagrams on pages 18/29 to 20/29 (section 9.1 on Seven Segment Display) of the Nexys 4 reference manual will help you in understanding the scanning operation. **Celebrate the completion of your lab!**