

Test Pattern Generation By Using Accumulator

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Abstract:- Weighted pseudorandom built-in self test (BIST) schemes have been utilized in order to drive down the number of vectors to achieve complete fault coverage in BIST applications. Weighted sets comprising three weights, namely 0, 1, and 0.5 have been successfully utilized so far for test pattern generation, since they result in both low testing time and low consumed power. In this paper an accumulator-based 3-weight test pattern generation scheme is presented; the proposed scheme generates set of patterns with weights 0, 0.5, and 1. Since accumulators are commonly found in current VLSI chips, this scheme can be efficiently utilized to drive down the hardware of BIST pattern generation, as well. Comparisons with previously presented schemes indicate that the proposed scheme compares favorably with respect to the required hardware.

Keywords:- Built-in-self-test(BIST),test per clock, VLSI testing, Weighted test pattern generation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Pseudorandom **BIST** generators have been widely utilized to test integrated circuits and systems. The arsenal of pseudorandom generators includes, among others, linear feedback shift registers (LFSRs), cellular automata, and accumulators driven by a constant value. For circuits with hard-to-detect faults, a large number of random patterns have to be generated before high fault coverage is achieved. Therefore, weighted pseudorandom techniques have been proposed where inputs are biased by changing the probability of a “0” or a “1” on a given input from 0.5 (for pure pseudorandom tests) to some other value. In order to minimize the hardware implementation cost, other schemes based on multiple weight assignments utilized weights 0, 1, and 0.5. This approach boils down to keeping some outputs of the generator steady (to either 0 or 1) and letting the remaining outputs change values (pseudo-) randomly (weight 0.5). This approach, apart from reducing the hardware overhead has beneficial effect on the consumed power, since some of the circuit under test (CUT) inputs (those having weight 0 or 1) remain steady during the specific test session [1].

BIST is a design-for-testability technique that places the testing functions physically with the circuit under test (CUT). The basic BIST architecture requires the addition of three hardware blocks to a digital circuit: a test pattern generator, a response analyzer, and a test controller. The test pattern generator generates the test patterns for the CUT. Examples of pattern generators are a ROM with stored patterns, a counter, and a LFSR. A typical response analyzer is a comparator with stored responses or an LFSR used as a signature analyzer. It compacts and analyzes the test responses to determine correctness of the CUT. A test control block is necessary to activate the test and analyze the responses. However, in general, several test-related functions can be executed through a test controller circuit.

Following the conversation of the previous Section, the W-accumulator operates as follows: for those inputs i for which $W[i]=0$, the values of $A[i]$ and $cout[i]$ are presented. The table 2.1 shows below.

Table I: Operation of W-accumulator

W[i]	New value of ACC[i]	Cout[i]
0	$Se[i] \oplus ACC[i] \oplus Cin[i]$	$ACC.Se[i] + ACC[i].Cin[i] + Se[i].Cin[i]$
1	Se[i]	Cin[i]

An accumulator is an energy storage device. It stores potential energy through the compression of a dry inert gas (typically nitrogen) in a container open to a relatively incompressible fluid (typically hydraulic oil). There are two types of accumulators commonly used today. The first is the bladder type (including diaphragm designs) and the second is the piston type. While other types of accumulator designs exist, compressed gas accumulators and away the most common. The bladder style uses a compressible gas contained in an elastic

bladder mounted inside a shell. The shell acts as a pressure container for both the gas (in the bladder) and the hydraulic fluid. The bladder provides the barrier between the inert gas and the fluid to prevent intermixing. The piston style uses a cylinder with a floating piston. The cylinder serves as the pressure container for both the gas and fluid while the piston provides the barrier between the gas and the oil to prevent intermixing. Note that oxygen is never used as it can be explosive when mixed with oil under high pressure. One of the most important considerations in applying accumulators is calculating the correct pre-charge pressure for the type of accumulator being used, the work to be done and system operating parameters. Pre-charge pressure is generally 80 - 90% of the minimum system working pressure to allow a small amount of fluid to remain in the accumulator. This prevents the bladder, diaphragm or piston from striking the opposite end of the pressure vessel, getting fouled up in discharge valving or blocking fluid passages. Too high or too low of a pre-charge pressure can cause accumulator damage or failure. Conversely, a properly designed and maintained accumulator should operate trouble-free for years.

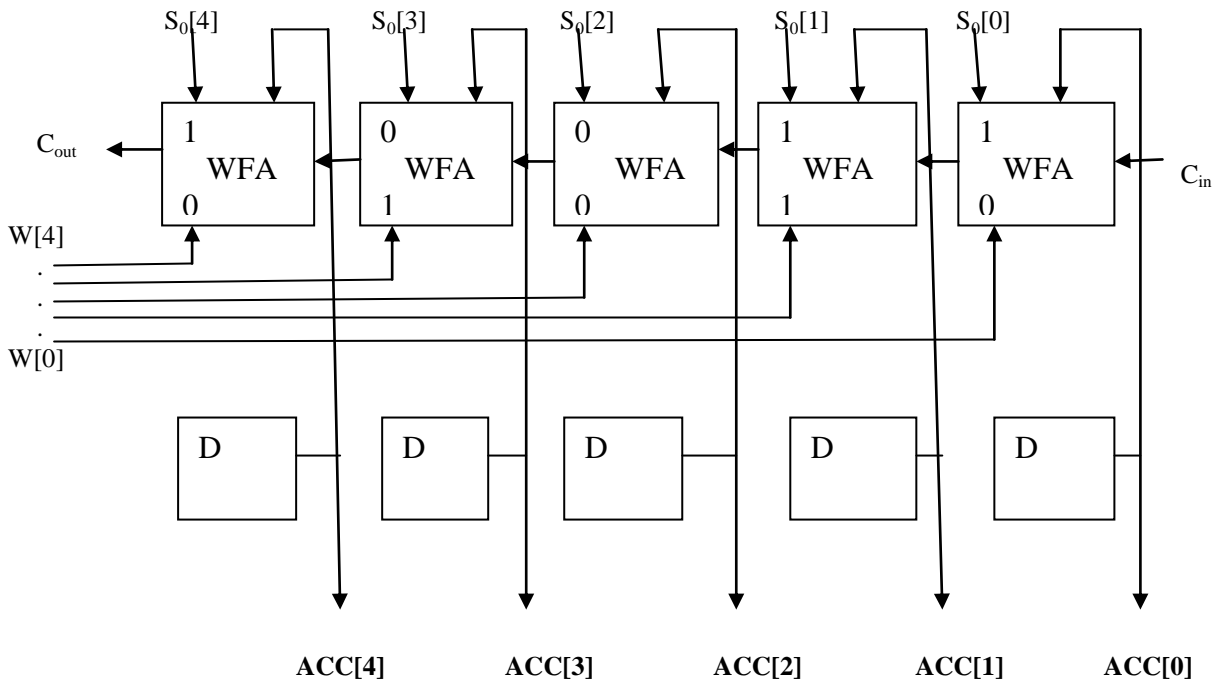


Fig.1: W-Accumulator.

Table II: W-Accumulator

W[4:0]	S ₀ [4:0]	Previous value	Acc[4:0]
0101	10011	00000	10011
0101	10011	10011	00110
0101	10011	00110	10110
0101	10011	10110	00011
0101	10011	00011	10110
0101	10011	10110	00111
0101	10011	00111	00010
0101	10011	00010	10011
0101	10011	10011	00110
0101	10011	00110	10111
0101	10011	10111	10010
0101	10011	10010	00011
0101	10011	00011	10110
0101	10011	10110	00111
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0101	10011	00110	10111
0101	10011	10111	10010
0101	10011	10010	00010
0101	10011	00010	10110
0101	10011	10110	00111
0101	10011	00111	00110
0101	10011	00110	00111
0101	10011	00111	00010

The W-Accumulator provides the repetition in the output and get 2-weight pattern generation Area Overhead: Additional active area due to test controller, pattern generator, response evaluator and testing of BIST hardware. Performance overhead: Extra path delays are added due to BIST. Yield loss increases due to increased chip area. Design effort and time increases due to design BIST. It can be utilized only in the case of adder of accumulator is a Ripple carry adder. It require redesigning accumulator; this modification apart from being costly. It increase delay, since its affects the normal operating speed of the adder.

II. PROPOSED ACCUMULATOR CELL

A new weighted random pattern design for testability is described where the shift register latches distributed throughout the chip are modified so that they can generate biased pseudo-random patterns upon demand. A two-bit code is transmitted to each weighted random pattern shift register latches to determine its specific weight. The weighted random pattern test is then divided into groups, where each group is activated with a different set of weights. The weights are dynamically adjusted during the course of the test to "go after" the remaining untested faults.

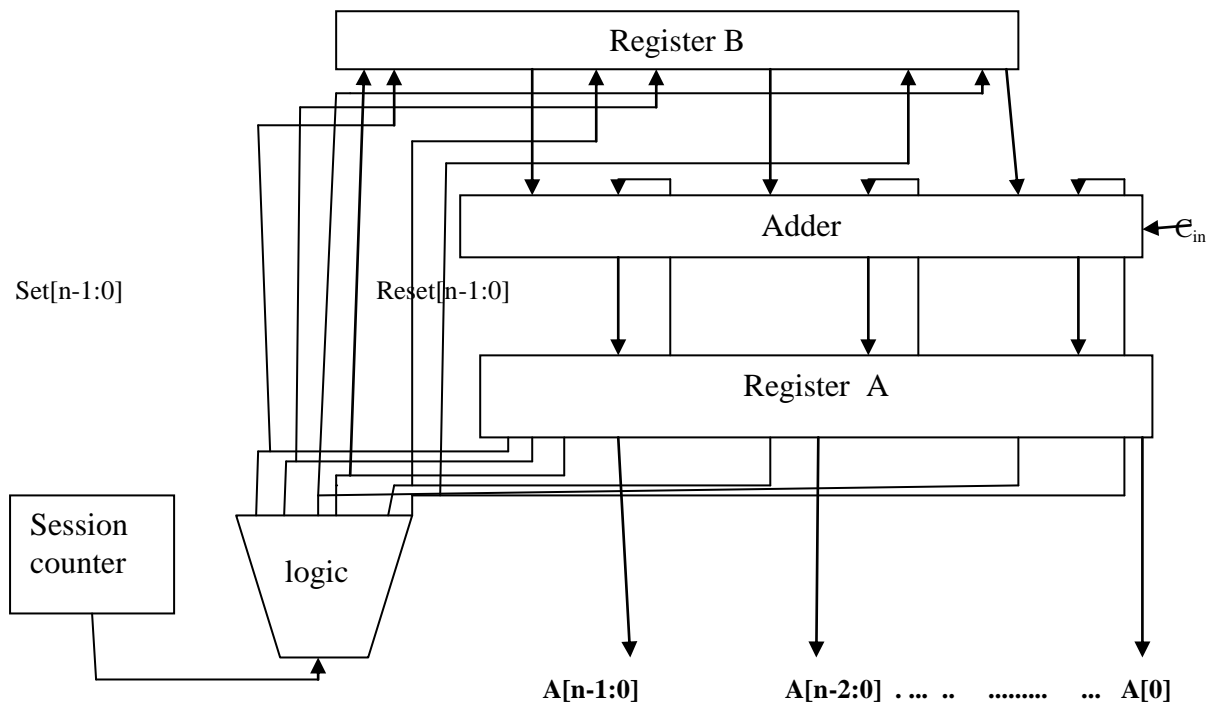


Fig.2: Block diagram of proposed ACCUMULATOR CELL

A. Internal structural of Accumulator cell :

Session Counter: The Session counter in order to alter among the different weight sessions. The session counter consists of n bits, where n is the number of test sessions of the weighted test set. All schemes require the application of the session counter, required to alter among the different weight sessions.

Logic Module: Provides the Set[n-1:0] and Reset[n-1:0] signals that drive the S and R inputs of the Register A and Register B inputs. Note that the signals that drive the S inputs of the flip-flops of Register A, also drive the R inputs of the flip-flops of Register B and vice versa. 3-weight pattern generation scheme proposed. The scan chain is driven by the output of a linear feedback shift register (LFSR). Logic is inserted between the scan chain and the CUT inputs to fix the outputs to the required weight (0, 0.5, or 1). In order to implement the scheme an s can structure is assumed. Furthermore, an LFSR required to feed the pseudorandom inputs to the scan inputs is implemented (where n is the number of scan cells), as well as a scan counter, common to all scan schemes.

Accumulator: Weighted pattern generation scheme is based on the accumulator cell presented. Which consists of a Full Adder (FA) cell and a D-type flip-flop with asynchronous set and reset inputs whose output is also driven to one of the full adder inputs. We assume, without loss of generality, that the set and reset are active high signals. BIST is a design-for-testability technique that places the testing functions physically with the circuit under test (CUT). The basic BIST architecture requires the addition of three hardware blocks to a digital circuit: a test pattern generator, a response analyzer, and a test controller. The test pattern generator generates the test patterns for the CUT. Examples of pattern generators are a ROM with stored patterns, a counter, and a linear feedback shift register (LFSR). A typical response analyzer is a comparator with stored responses or an LFSR used as a signature analyzer. It compacts and analyzes the test responses to determine correctness of the CUT. A test control block is necessary to activate the test and analyze the responses. However, in general, several test-related functions can be executed through a test controller circuit. The main object of the weighted pattern generation is an accumulator cell. To implement the accumulator in the proposed weighted pattern generation scheme is based on presented in Fig3

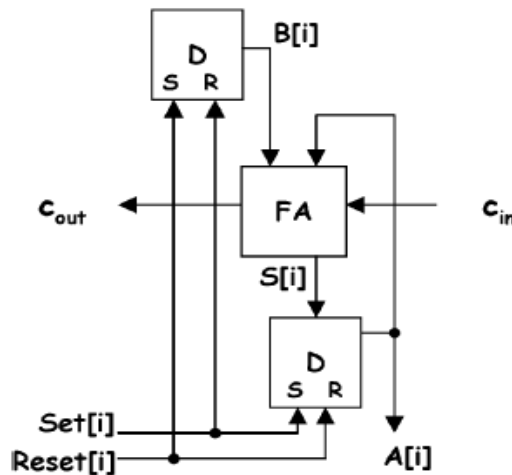


Fig. 3: Internal structure Accumulator Cell

Which consists of a Full Adder (FA) cell and a D-type flip-flop with asynchronous set and reset inputs whose output is also driven to one of the full adder inputs. In the above figure, we assume that the set and reset are active high signals and at the same time the set and reset are used to without loss of generality. And at the time, the respective cell of another register B[i] is also occurred. For this accumulator cell, one out of three configurations can be utilized, as shown in Fig3. The configuration that drives the CUT inputs. When A[i]=1 is required, So the set[i]=1 and reset[i]=0 and hence A[i]=1 and B[i]=0. Then the output is equal to 1, and Cin is equal to Cout. i.e., the Cin is transferred to the Cout. And similarly, When A[i]=0 is required, So the set[i]=0 and reset[i]=1 and hence A[i]=0 and B[i]=1. Then the output is equal to 0, and here Cin is equal to Cout. i.e., the Cin is transferred to the Cout. When A[i]=“.5” is required, so the set[i]=0 and reset[i]=0. The D input of the flip-flop of register B is driven by either 1 or 0, depending on the value that will be added to the accumulator inputs in order to generate satisfactorily random patterns to the inputs of the CUT.

The Accumulator cell provide the no repetition in the output and get 3-Weight pattern generation(0,1,0.5). It's output is given to the input of C880 Benchmark Circuit.

III. C880 BENCHMARK CIRCUIT

To check the performance of the bench mark circuit c880. The Bench mark circuit Fig 4. consists of 60 inputs, 26 outputs, and 383 gates. It's an 8-bit ALU with high level model. The core of this 8-bit ALU is an 8-bit 74283-style adder. To analyze the C880 we have to modify our proposed test pattern architecture. Because C880 consist of 60 inputs but our proposed testing hardware provides of demo test pattern only.

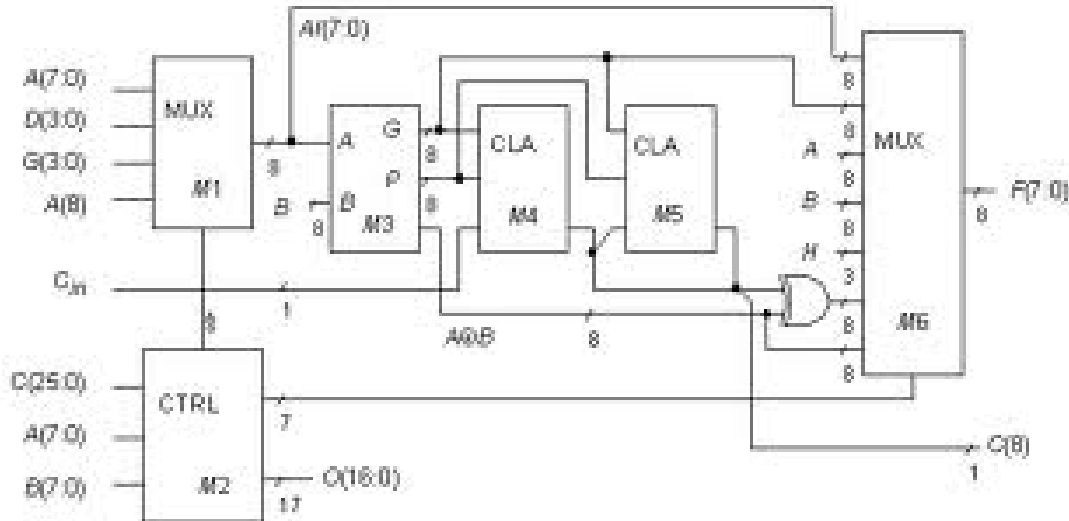


Fig 4:C880 Benchmark Circuit

PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS

Performance comparisons mainly discuss about Weight pattern generation and Repetition. Simulating the output in Model Sim 6.4c.

A. W-Accumulator

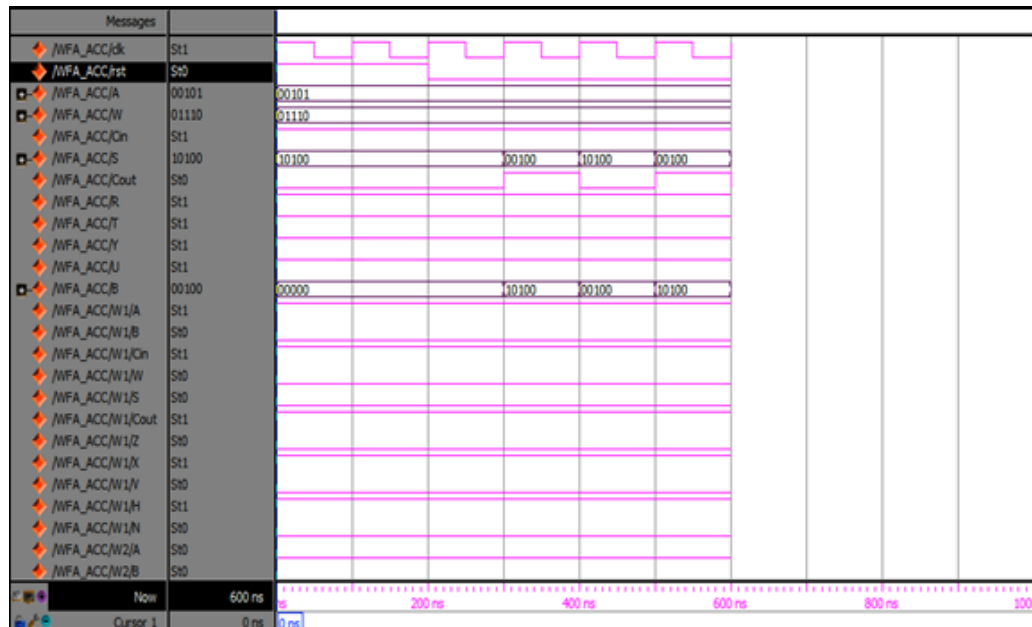


Fig .5: Simulation Result of W-Accumulator

The Fig4 contains clock, set, reset. set 0, reset 1. Put $c_{in}=1$.input A-00101,input W-01110 and $c_{in}=1$ output address: The output provide repetition occurred.

B. Top Module With Weight-Accumulator cell

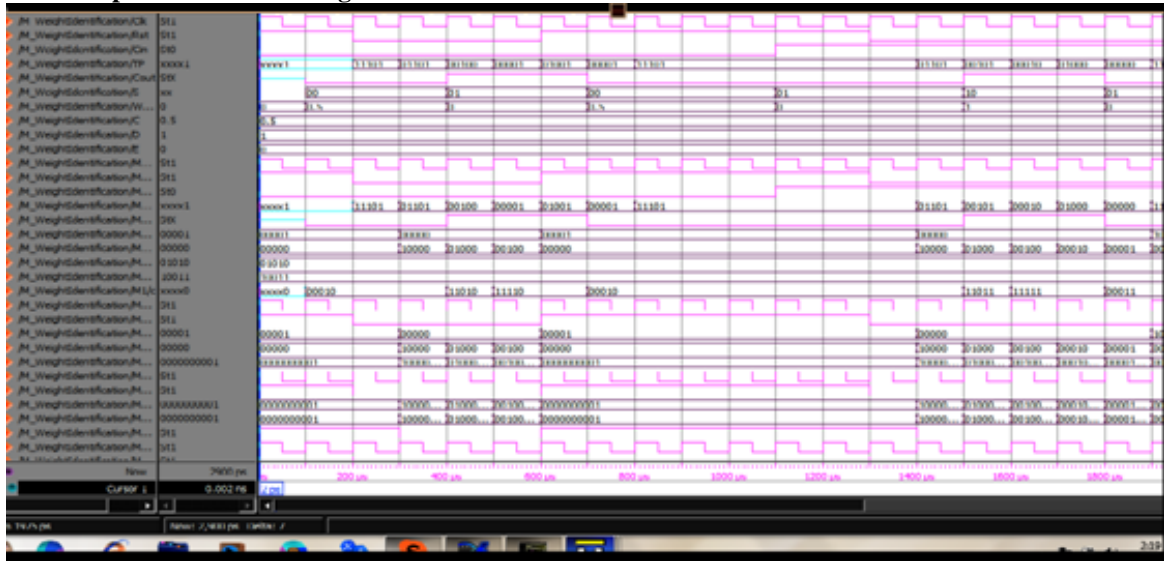


Fig.6: Simulation Result of Top Module with Weight

The Fig. 6 describes about 3-Weight pattern generation .The input is 00 and get the output is 0.5,The input is 11 and get the output is 0.5,The input is 10 and get he output is 1,The input is 01 and get the output is 0.Finillay,provide the output no repetition occurred.

C. Bench Mark with Top Module Weight

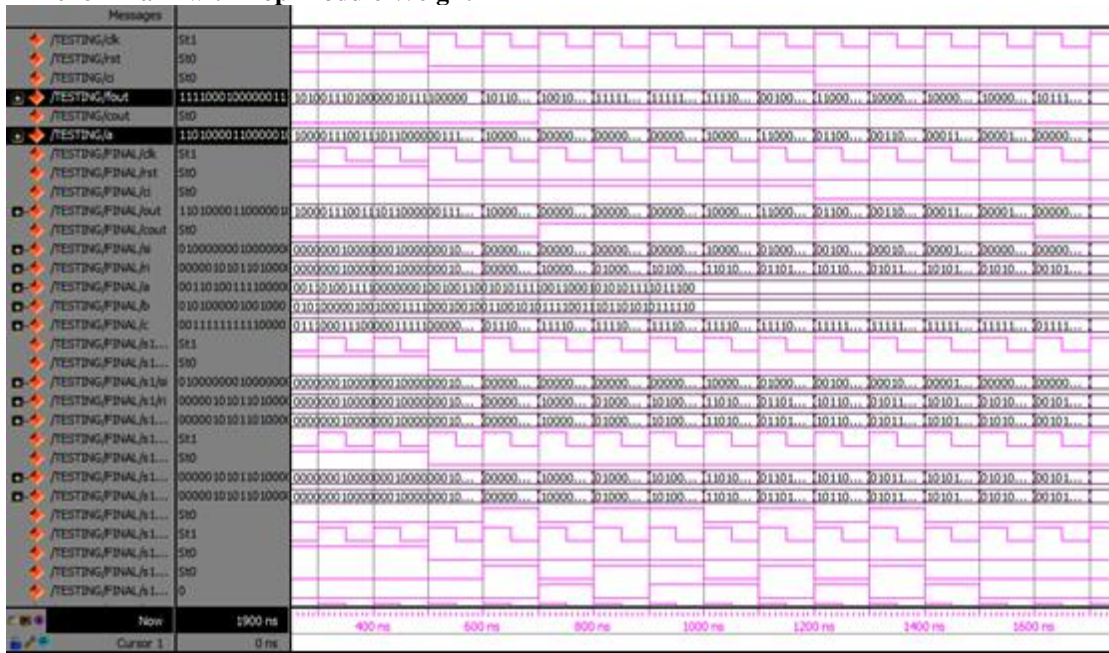


Fig.7: Bench mark Circuit with Weight.

The Fig 7. Explain about the output of Top Module with Weight is given to the input of c880 Benchmark Circuit and get he output is no repetition occurred

D. Comparison Table:

The table 1 shows the existing system and proposed system of Accumulator

Table III: Comparison Table

METHOD	Number of 4 input LUTs used
EXISTING SYSTEM	22
PROPOSED SYSTEM	18

V. CONCLUSIONS

Test pattern generation by using Accumulator weight (0, 0.5, and 1) test-per-clock generation scheme, which can be utilized to efficiently generate weighted patterns without altering the structure of the adder. Comparisons with a previously proposed accumulator-based 3-weight pattern generation technique and it indicates that the hardware overhead of the proposed scheme is lower, while at the same time no redesign of the accumulator is imposed, thus resulting in reduction in test application time. Comparisons with scan based schemes show that the proposed schemes results in lower hardware overhead. Finally, comparisons with the accumulator- based scheme proposed and reveal that the proposed scheme results in significant decrease in hardware overhead.

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