

Design, Analysis and FPGA Implementation of N Bit Vedic Multiplier Based on Different Adder Architectures

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Abstract: The speed of the multipliers depends on the speed of the adders which are used for addition of partial products. The papers main focus is on the time delay of the multiplication operation on multipliers based on the ancient Vedic mathematical Sutra called Urdhva Tiryakbhyam i.e. vertically and cross wise Sutra. This Vedic multiplier is implemented using adder which has lesser time delay among carry look ahead adder, ripple carry adder, carry skip adder and carry select adder. The Vedic multiplier is coded in Verilog HDL and simulated using Xilinx ISE 14.3 software. This multiplier is implemented on Spartan 6 FPGA devices. The Vedic multiplier is compared in terms of time delay with conventional multiplier and it is used in Fast Fourier Transform algorithm.

Index Terms: Ripple Carry Adder (RCA), Carry Look Ahead Adder (CLA), Carry Select Adder (CSA), Urdhva Tiryakbhyam, Fast Fourier Transform.

I. INTRODUCTION

Multipliers play a very important in today's computers, image processing and various applications. Many scientists and researchers has tried and are trying to design a multiplier which will offer the following design targets – high speed, less area, low power consumption and thus makes it suitable for various high speed, low power VLSI implementations. The multiplication commonly used is based on “shift and add” method [1]. In this multiplier, the number of partial products to be added is the main parameter that determines the performance of the multiplier. The number of partial products to be added is reduced using Modified Booth algorithm which is one of the most popular algorithms [2-5]. To improve speed, Wallace Tree algorithm can be used to reduce the number of sequential adding stages. Combination of both Modified Booth algorithm and Wallace Tree technique can provide advantage of both algorithms in one multiplier. But with increasing parallelism, the number of shifts between the partial products and intermediate sums to be added will increase which may result in reduced speed and increase in silicon area and also increased power consumption due to increase in interconnect resulting from complex routing. On the other hand “serial-parallel” multipliers compromise speed to achieve better performance for area and power consumption [18-19]. The selection of parallel or serial multiplier is actually depends on the nature of application. In this paper we introduce the multiplier using Vedic algorithm and its architecture and compare them in terms of time delay [6]. In microprocessor, DSP etc., addition and multiplication of two binary digits is the basic and most commonly used arithmetic operations. Statics shows that more than 70% instructions in microprocessor and

most of DSP algorithms perform addition and multiplication [7]. So, addition and multiplication operations dominate the execution time. That's why; there is need of high speed multiplier [14-15]. The high speed processor demand has been increasing as a result of increasing computer and signal processing applications [16]. The consumption of power is also an important issue in multiplier design. In order to reduce power consumption, it is good to reduce the number of operation thereby reducing dynamic power which is a major part of total power consumption so the need of high speed and low power multiplier has increased [6]. Designer mainly concentrates on high speed and low power efficient circuit design. A good multiplier should be compactly packed and provide high speed and low power consumption unit [8].

II.URDHVA TIRYAKBHYAM SUTRA

The Vedic multiplier is based on the Vedic multiplication formulae called Sutra. This Urdhva Tiryakbhyam is for the multiplication of two digits [5]. In this paper, we will apply the same ideas to make the proposed multiplier compatible with the digital hardware.

Urdhva Tiryakbhyam Sutra is a general multiplication sutra applicable to all cases of multiplication. The meaning of Urdhva Tiryakbhyam is “Vertically and crosswise”. The end digits of two lines are multiplied and the output is summed with the previous carry [6]. Initially the carry-in is taken to be as zero. When there are more lines in single step, all the outputs are summed to the previous carry. LSB of the number will be one of the final output digits and the rest will act as the carry in for next step [20].

The multiplication of two 4-bit numbers is as shown in Fig. 1. Consider an example, which describes the multiplication of two decimal numbers 123x456. In First step, we take the product of LSBs of the multiplier and multiplicand, the LSB of the result i.e. 8 in this case, is stored and carry is generated for the next step i.e. 1. In step two, the two LSBs are multiplied crosswise, and their product is added with the previous carry.

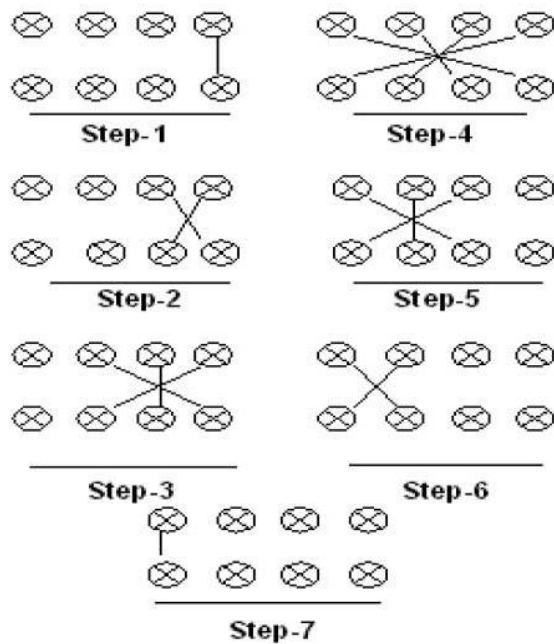


Fig. 1.Line diagram of Urdhva Tiryakbhyam

Likewise in the next step all the bits are multiplied crosswise and their products are summed up with the previous carry. Again In the next step, two MSBs are crosswise multiplied, and their results are added in the similar manner. And finally, the MSBs of the multiplier and multiplicand are multiplied, and the output is added with the previously generated carry to get the end result. We can apply this sutra to multiply binary numbers. As shown in Fig. 1 the bits of multiplier and multiplicand are crosswise multiplied and their result is added with previous carry to get the result of that step [10]. Then the final product is obtained by concatenating the results from each step and the carry in the last step. In Fig.1 bits are represented by circles [11].

A 2x2 Vedic Multiplier Architecture is obtained by using 2 half adders and four AND gates [9], as shown in Fig. 2. The product a0b0 is directly given to the output, a1b0 and a0Yb1 are added using first half adder and the half adder sum output is directly given to the output and the carry is added with product a1b1 using second half adder. $S_0 = a_0 \times b_0$, $S_1 = a_0 \times b_1 + a_1 \times b_0$, $S_2 = a_1 \times b_1 + C_1$, $Result = \{C_2 S_2 S_1 S_0\}$.

In this Vedic multiplier, different adders have been used and their performance has been analyzed based on time delay [6].

III. DIFFERENT ADDER ARCHITECTURES

The different adders used for analysis and comparison in our project are

- Ripple Carry adder
- Carry Look ahead adder
- Carry Skip adder
- Carry Select adder

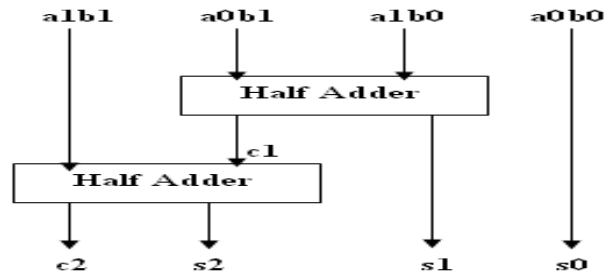


Fig.2 Architecture of a 2x2 multiplier

A. Ripple carry adder

Input: Binary stream A, Binary stream B, Carry in (C0)

Output: SUM (Sn), Carry OUT (Cout)

N-bit Ripple Carry Adder has N Full Adders cascaded serially where the carry ripples along the n-1 stages to generate the final Carry Out. Each full Adder (FA) generates the sum (Si) and carry (Ci) from the input bit stream and the sum output of each stage is calculated by $S_i = (A_i \oplus B_i) \oplus C_{i-1}$ and the carry by $C_i = (A_i \& B_i) + (A_i + B_i)C_{i-1}$.

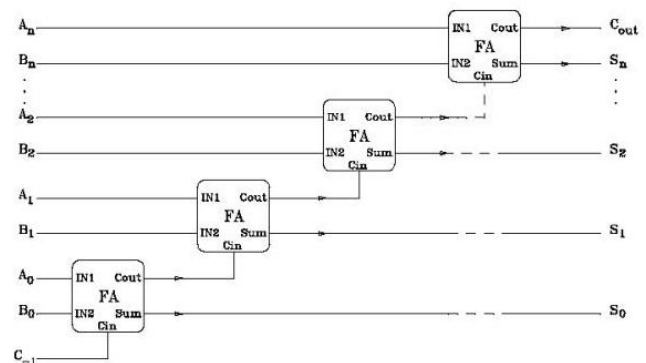


Fig.3 N-bit Ripple Carry Adder

Fig. 3 shows the block description of n-bit Ripple Carry Adder. Ripple-carry adders are the simplest and most compact adders but its performance is limited by the carry which must ripple from the LSB to MSB.

N full adder (FA) circuits are parallelly cascaded to add an N-bit number. N full adder circuits are required for N-bit addition. A ripple carry adder (RCA) is an adder circuit in which the full adders carry out is given as carry in of the succeeding full adder. It is so called ripple carry adder because each carry bit generated in a stage gets rippled into the next stage of full adder. In a ripple carry adder, the sum and carry out of a half adder circuit is not valid before the carry in of that half adder circuit occurs. The Propagation delays inside the RCA circuitry are the reason behind this which is the time delay between the

application of an input and occurrence of the corresponding output. In a NOT gate, when the input is “0”, the output will be “1” and vice-versa. Propagation delay is the reason for the delay in NOT gate to get the output as “1” after the application of logic “0” to the input. Thus the propagation delay of carry is the time delay between the application of the carry in (Cin) signal and the occurrence of the carry out (Cout) signal.

B. Carry Look Ahead Adder

The below figure describes the block diagram of the CLA in two modules

A. Describes the Partial Full Adder

B. Describes the Carry Look ahead Logic.

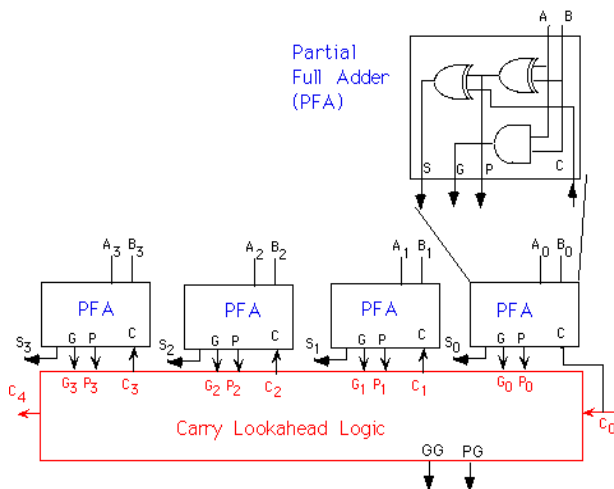


Fig. 4.4-bit Carry Look Ahead Adder

The Carry Look Ahead Adder (CLA) is the most widely used design for high-speed adders in modern Computers. The boon of using a carry look-ahead design over a ripple carry adder is that the Look-ahead is faster in computing the carry out. The carry-in values of each stage in a carry look-ahead design are calculated independent of each other through a series of logic circuits.

Process:

The equations of propagate and generate terms are

$$G_i = a_i + b_i \text{ and } P_i = a_i \wedge b_i$$

$$C_1 = G_0 + P_0 \cdot C_0 \quad (1)$$

$$C_2 = G_1 + P_1 \cdot C_1 = G_1 + P_1 \cdot G_0 + P_1 \cdot P_0 \cdot C_0 \quad (2)$$

$$C_3 = G_2 + P_2 \cdot G_1 + P_2 \cdot P_1 \cdot G_0 + P_2 \cdot P_1 \cdot P_0 \cdot C_0 \quad (3)$$

$$C_4 = G_3 + P_3 \cdot G_2 + P_3 \cdot P_2 \cdot G_1 + P_3 \cdot P_2 \cdot P_1 \cdot G_0 + P_3 \cdot P_2 \cdot P_1 \cdot P_0 \cdot C_0 \quad (4)$$

The time delay difference between a ripple and a carry look-ahead adder increases as the size of the input increases because look-ahead generates carry out based on the initial carry in.

It is observed that the Carry-in's are independent of each other instead of rippling together. They are instead predicted by another logic device from A and B's inputs. The operational logic for this process is somewhat complicated and more involved than the ripple carry adder.

C. Carry select adder

Carry select Adder (CSA) is a better adder especially in the case of delay of carry. In a ripple-carry adder, every full adder stage has to wait for the incoming carry before a carry out of that stage can be generated. This limitation can be overcome by calculating sum and carry out for possible values of the carry input (0,1) in advance. Once the correct value of the incoming carry is known, the correct carry out result is easily selected with a simple multiplexer stage. The idea leads to the implementation of an adder called the linear carry select adder and the block diagram of the first four bit linear carry select adder is shown below.

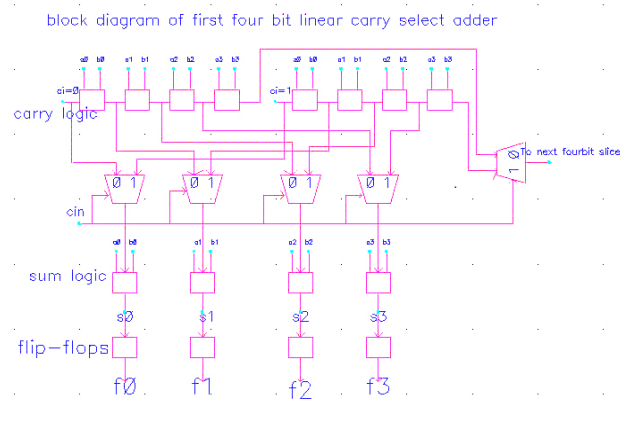


Fig. 5. Carry Select block diagram

In the above diagram, all the inputs are given at a time to both carry in $C_i = 0$ and the $C_i = 1$ carry logic. The carry circuits generate the appropriate carry-out and depending upon the original carry input the correct carry out and sum are selected from the multiplexer. This is the Basic 4 bit carry select adder. Thus for implementing the Higher order bit the carry out from the Multiplexer passes as the carry in for the next 4-bit, while the inputs are given at the same time. It is clear that the time delay is reduced to a large extent by performing the carry calculations in advance, but the disadvantage is that the hardware overhead of the carry select adder is depends on the additional carry path and a multiplexer.

D. Carry skip adder

The carry skip adder provides a compromise between a ripple carry adder (RSA) and a CLA. The carry skip adder divides the words to be added into blocks. In each block, ripple carry is used to produce the sum bit and the carry. The Carry Skip Adder reduces the time delay due to the computation of carry i.e. by skipping over groups of consecutive adder stages. If A_i is not equal to B_i in a group, then there is need to compute the new value of C_{i+1} for that block and the carry-in of the block can be propagated directly to the next block. If $A_i = B_i = 1$ for some i in the group, a new carry is generated which may be propagated up to the input of next group. If $A_i = B_i = 0$, a new carry will be generated and fed as input to next group. The basic idea behind the carry-skip adder is to detect if in each group all A_i is not equal to B_i , then enable

the block's carry-in to skip the block [12-13]. In general a block-skip delay can be different from the delay due to the propagation of a carry to the next bit position. In a carry skip adder, the growth of carry chain delay with the input digit size is reduced by making carry to skip the blocks of bits than rippling through them.

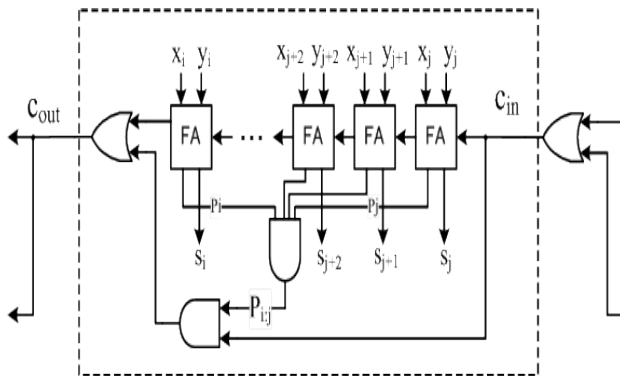


Fig.6 Carry skip adder

A carry-skip adder consists of ripple carry-adders (RCA) with a special speed up mechanism called a skip mechanism. Carry skip adder is a faster when compared to ripple carry adder. In an addition of large number of bits (n), carry skip adder has $O(\sqrt{n})$ delay which gives a better performance in terms of delay and layout of the circuit. Carry skip adder is based on carry skip mechanism which requires ripple carry blocks. A Carry skip adder is designed to increase the speed of addition by doing the skipping of a carry bit over a portion of the adder. Moreover the ripple carry adder (RCA) is faster for lesser number of bits. The industries of these days' uses desktop computers which use word lengths of 32 bits which in turn makes the carry skip structure more important. The crossover point between the carry skip adder and ripple-carry adder (RCA) is dependent on technology considerations. The carry-skip mechanism requires logic gate AND which accepts the propagate input of each full adder and if the output of the AND gate is 1 then the carry input is skipped and given as input to next block. The block diagram of carry skip adder is shown in figure 6.

IV. FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM

A Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is an effective algorithm to calculate the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT). The FFT is based on method of decomposition of transform into smaller transforms and combining the smaller transforms to get the full transform. Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) efficiently performs Discrete Fourier transform and the performance is increased by a factor of 100 over direct computation of the DFT [17].

The algorithm of Fast Fourier Transform provides the two basic properties such as twiddle factor - the symmetry property and periodicity property. This properties reduces the number of complex multiplications involved to compute DFT. Calculating a N point DFT in the direct way requires $O(N^2)$ operations, while an Fast Fourier

Transform requires only $O(N \log N)$ operations to compute the same result [7].

Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithms are based on the principle of decomposing a sequence of length N discrete Fourier Transform into successively smaller discrete Fourier transforms.

There are basically two classes of FFT algorithms.
Decimation In Time (DIT) algorithm
Decimation In Frequency (DIF) algorithm.

A. Decimation In Time (DIT) Algorithm

The Radix-2 Decimation In Time (DIT) algorithm divides the Discrete Fourier Transform of the function $x(n)$ of length N into two terms: a sum over the indices of even-numbered $n = 2m$ and a sum over indices of odd-numbered $n = 2m + 1$.

$$X_k = \sum_{m=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} x_{2m} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}(2m)k} + \sum_{m=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} x_{2m+1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}(2m+1)k} \quad (5)$$

Since these smaller DFTs have a length of $N/2$, only $N/2$ outputs are need to be computed, DFT outputs for $N/2 < k < N$ of length $N/2$ are identical to the DFT outputs for $0 < k < N/2$. So, $E_{k+N/2} = E_k$ and $O_{k+N/2} = O_k$. The phase factor $\exp[-2\pi i k / N]$ is known as twiddle factor which obeys the relation: $\exp[-2\pi i(k+N/2)/N] = e^{-\pi i} \exp[-2\pi i k / N] = -\exp[-2\pi i k / N]$, turning over the sign of the $O_{k+N/2}$ terms.

$$X_k = \begin{cases} E_k + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}0k} & \text{if } k < N/2 \\ E_{k-N/2} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}(k-N/2)0_{k-N/2}} & \text{if } k \geq N/2 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

If $N/2$ is even, we can further split the computation of each DFT of size $N/2$ into two computations of half size DFT. When $N=2^f$ this can be done until DFT of size 2 (i.e. butterfly diagram of two elements).

The Vedic multiplier is used in the FFT algorithm wherever multiplication is involved. According to the algorithm, in each stage the twiddle factor is multiplied with corresponding input and then added or subtracted to corresponding term to get output of that stage.

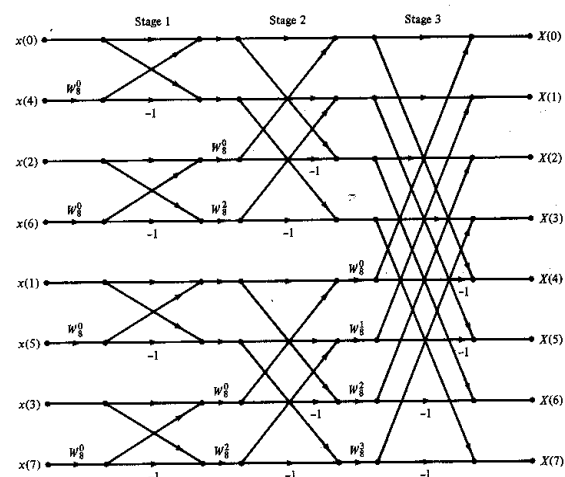


Fig. 7 8 point Radix 2 FFT general diagram

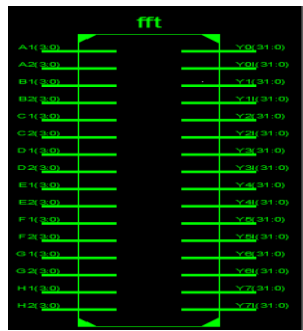


Fig.14 Technology schematic of FFT

Simulation Results

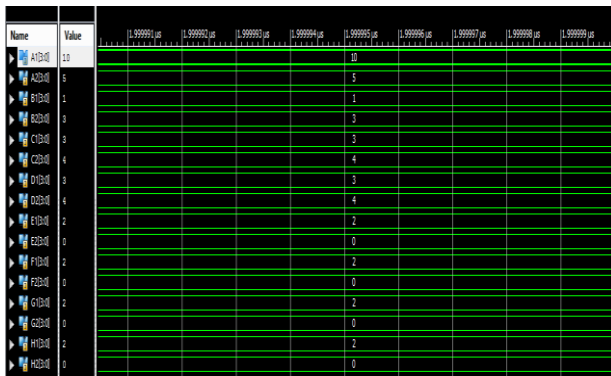


Fig.15 Input of 8 point FFT

1st stage output

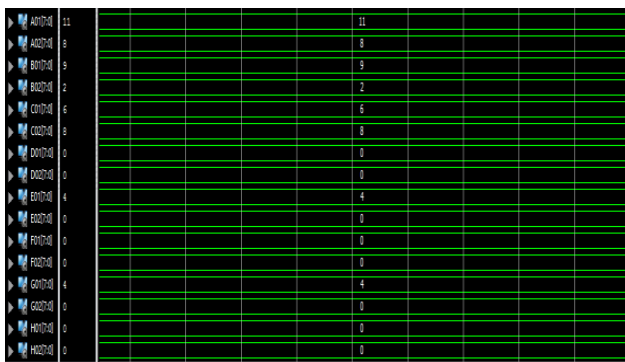


Fig.16 1st stage output of 8 point FFT

2nd stage output

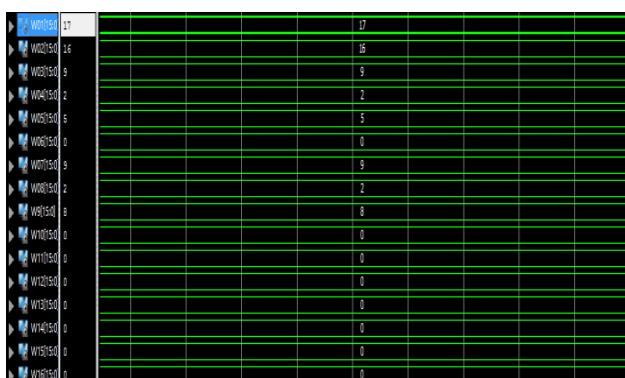


Fig.17 2nd stage output of 8 point FFT

Final stage output

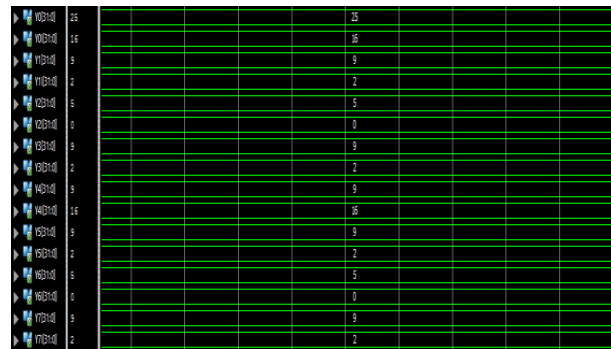


Fig.18 Final stage output of 8 point FFT

Table III Comparison of FFT Using Vedic and Conventional Multiplier

FFT using	Time delay(ns)
Vedic multiplier	23.47
conventional multiplier	41.055

FFT using Vedic multiplier has better time delay than that of FFT using conventional multiplier.

D. Implementation of Proposed Vedic Multiplier in Spartan 6 FPGA Board

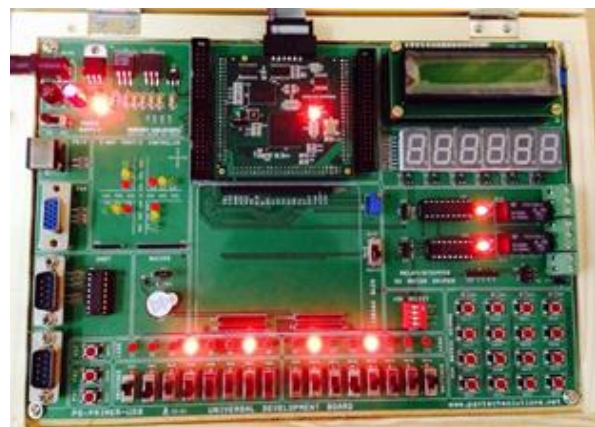


Fig.19. SPARTAN 6 FPGA BOARD

VI. CONCLUSION

A Conclusion

Carry Select Adder (CSA) had lesser time delay when compared to Ripple carry Adder, Carry look ahead adder and Carry skip ahead adder architectures from our analysis. The Vedic multiplier was designed using carry select adder. The proposed Vedic multiplier was used in the Fast Fourier Transform algorithm and its time delay was better compared to that of the Fast Fourier transform using conventional multiplier. The proposed Vedic multiplier was implemented in the Spartan 6 FPGA board.

B. Future work

Digital technology which are now in almost every engineering field. In Digital Signal Processing Faster

computation of additions and multiplications are required for faster computation of convolution, DFT etc. The basic computing process in any digital device is always a multiplication process. Therefore, Digital Signal Processing engineers are constantly looking for new efficient algorithms and hardware to implement them. The increasing demand on Digital Signal Processing application makes the researchers and engineers to pay attention on low cost, high speed, single chip implementation of DSP algorithm. Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is the one of the basic algorithm that is primarily performed in any Digital Signal Processing system. The Fast Fourier Transform is widely used in digital signal processing (DSP) applications such as image processing, wireless communication, instrumentation and inspection of machines. The Vedic mathematics methods are complementary, direct and easy. Employing Vedic Mathematic sutra in the computation algorithms of the processor will decrease the execution time, area, power dissipated etc. Urdhva Tiryakbhyam, being a general multiplication sutra, is generally applicable to all types of multiplication. Another Vedic mathematics sutra called Nikhilam algorithm has the compatibility to different data types. This Nikhilam sutra can be used to build a high speed power efficient reconfigurable FFT.

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