# Perturb and Simplify: Multi-level Boolean Network Optimizer 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we discuss the problem of optimizing a multilevel logic combinational Boolean network. Our techniques apply a sequence of local perturbations and modifications of the network which are guided by the automatic test pattern generation ATPG based reasoning. In particular, we propose several new ways in which one or more redundant gates or wires can be added to a network. We show how to identify gates which are good candidates for local functionality change. Furthermore, we discuss the problem of adding and removing two wires, none of which alone is redundant, but when jointly added/removed they do not affect functionality of the network. We also address the problem of efficient redundancy computation which allows to eliminate many unnecessary redundancy tests. We have performed experiments on MCNC benchmarks and compared the results to those of misII[4] and RAMBO[6]. Experimental results are very encouraging.


## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we discuss the problem of multi-level logic optimization for a combinational network. Previous multilevel optimization approaches can be categorized into two classes. The first class locally collapses and optimizes a circuit using techniques like factorization, decomposition, kernel extraction, cube extraction, etc. (e.g.: misII[4]). The second class introduces a perturbation, usually in a form adding wires, to a network which results in potential removal of some redundant gates or wires (e.g.: [2],[12], and RAMBO [8]). Our proposed approach falls into the second class.

Among the second class, RAMBO [6], [8] proposed an efficient automatic test pattern generation(ATPG) based approach to optimize a network. The idea was that the perturbation-simplification process of network optimization can be viewed as redundancy addition and removal, which can be efficiently computed using ATPG techniques [10] [13]. In RAMBO, a heuristic of adding one redundant wire at a time and removing redundant wires caused by such a perturbation was proposed. In [5] we applied the ideas of ATPG guided wire additions and removals to alleviate FPGA routing.

In this paper we carry further the idea of perturbing-simplifying a circuit applying ATPG techniques. In particular, we propose several new ways in which one or more redundant gates or wires can be added to the circuit. We also show how to identify gates which are good candidates for local functionality change. In addition, we discuss the problem of adding and removing two wires, none of which alone is redundant,
but when jointly added/removed they do not affect the functionality of a network. We also address the problem of efficient redundancy computation which allows us to eliminate many unnecessary wire redundancy tests.

## 2 Redundancy identification procedure

In a combinational circuit, a wire is redundant if and only if the corresponding stuck-at fault is untestable. We review an approach [13] of identifying redundant wires using the concept mandatory assignments.

The absolute dominators (dominators) [10] of a wire $W$ is a set of gates $G$ such that all paths from the wire $W$ to any primary output have to pass through all the gates in $G$. An input to a gate has a controlling value if it determines the output of the gate regardless of the other inputs. The inverse of the controlling value is called a non-controlling value. A gate is in the transitive fanin (fanout) of a wire, if there is a path from the gate to the wire (from the wire to the gate).

Consider the absolute dominators of a wire $W$. The side inputs of the absolute dominators are their inputs not in the transitive fanout of the wire $W$. A test pattern for a stuck-at fault on wire $W$ must set all the side inputs of the absolute dominators of $W$ to their non-controlling values.
Mandatory assignments are the unique values which must be present at certain nodes for a test to exist. For a given stuck-at fault $f$, the set of mandatory assignments, denoted as SMA(f), can be computed using the 9 value implication approach [10] [13]. If the mandatory assignments implied by a stuck-at fault on a wire can not be consistently justified, the stuck-at fault is untestable and therefore the wire is redundant.

## 3 Redundancy addition and removal

In this section, we discuss how to make a wire redundant by adding to the network another redundant wire or gate.

### 3.1 Wire substitution procedure

Suppose the objective is to remove a wire $w_{r}$ form a network. We attempt to add a redundant wire (gate) $w_{a}$ such that the originally irredundant wire $w_{r}$ becomes redundant. Since $w_{r}$ is irredundant, the SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) is consistent. If the SMA ( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) is inconsistent under the change (adding $w_{a}$ ), the stuck-at fault becomes untestable and we can conclude $w_{r}$ is redundant. In the following, we show the wire substitution procedure: adding a redundant wire(gate) to make an irredundant wire redundant.

First the SMA of the target wire $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault is calculated. Then, a set of candidate connections is identified. Each candidate connection when added to the circuit causes inconsistency of the SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) and thus makes the stuck-at fault untestable. However, adding such a candidate connection may change the circuit's behavior. Therefore, a redundancy check is needed to verify whether a candidate connection is redundant or not. If a candidate connection is redundant, it can be added to remove the target wire $w_{r}$.

Consider the circuit in Fig. 1 [8]. Let $g_{1^{-}>} g_{4}$ be the target wire to be removed. SMA $\left(g_{\left.1^{-}>g_{4} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1\right)}\right)=\left\{c=1, g_{1}=0, g_{5}=0\right.$, $\left.g_{2}=0, f=1\right\}$. Note that $g_{5}$ is outside transitive fanout of $g_{l^{->}} g_{4}$ and has a mandatory assignment 0 . Since $g_{9}$ is an absolute dominator of $g_{1^{-}>g_{4}}$, if we connect $g_{5}$ to $g_{9}$ (the dotted wire in Fig. 1), $g_{5}$ must have a mandatory assignment of 1 for $g_{I^{-}>g_{4}}$ $\mathrm{s}-\mathrm{a}-1$ fault. This is inconsistent with the original $g_{5}=0$, and therefore, the presence of $g_{5^{->}} g_{9}$ makes $g_{1^{->}}>g_{4}$ redundant. We then choose $g_{5^{-}}>g_{9}$ as a candidate connection. Finally, we check if $g_{5}>g_{9}$ is redundant by examining the $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{5^{-}>g_{9}}\right.$ s-a-1). The $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{5}>g_{9} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1\right)$ is inconsistent. Therefore, we can add the wire $g_{5^{-}>} g_{9}$ and remove the wire $g_{I^{-}>} g_{4}$.

The above example shows that a good candidate connection can be a wire between a gate with a mandatory assignment ( $g_{5}$ $=0$ ) and a dominator $\left(g_{9}\right)$. We generalize this observation as follows.

### 3.2 Only two among all transformations are necessary

We define a wire $w_{f}$ as a fault propagating wire if there is a path from the target wire $w_{r}$ under stuck-at fault test to the wire $w_{f}$. The patterns of all possible logic transformations that we consider in this section are: (1) the source gate $g_{s}$ is in SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) but not in the transitive fanout of $w_{r}$, (2) the destination gate $g_{d}$ is a dominator of the target wire $w_{r}$ (for simplicity, only consider when $g_{d}$ is a 2 -input AND/OR gate), and (3) the 2 -input gate $g_{d}$ is replaced by a certain 3input gate, whose inputs are $g_{1}, g_{2}$, and $g_{s}$ (the dotted box in Fig. 5). Since our goal is to remove the target wire $w_{r}$, we term a logic transformation adequate if, after the transformation, SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) becomes inconsistent. For example, consider the Type 1 transformation in Fig. 7. Let $g_{l}$ be the fault propagating wire and $g_{s}$ be a wire with mandatory assignment 0 outside the transitive fanout of $w_{r}$. Because $g_{d}$ is a dominator of $w_{r}$, the added gate $g_{n}$ is also a dominator of $w_{r}$. Since $g_{s}$ is a side input to the dominator $g_{n}, g_{s}$ must be assigned a non-controlling value 1 , which causes a conflict with the original mandatory assignment of 0 . Therefore, this Type 1 transformation is an adequate logic transformation.

We can view all possible logic transformations as replacing $g_{d}$ by a 3 -input gate fed by $g_{s}, g_{1}$ and $g_{2}$ (in Fig. 5). We enumerated all possible 2563 -input functions, only sixteen of them are adequate logic transformations, which have the desired property of making SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) become inconsistent. In Fig. 6,7. we list two of these sixteen 3-input functions, which we term Type 0 and Type 1 transformations.

In the subsequent discussion, we show that the other fourteen adequate transformations are unnecessary when Type 0 and Type 1 transformations are performed. For simplicity, in Fig. 8, we list another possible adequate transformation, which we term Type 2 transformation, and prove that it is not necessary to consider it independently. We omit the similar discussion when $g_{d}$ is an OR gate, or when $g_{s}$ has a mandatory assignment 1 , and the cases of the remaining thirteen adequate logic transformations.

The transformations in Fig. 6-8 guarantee only that an addition of the new wire (dotted wire there) will cause inconsistency in the SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) and therefore make the target wire $w_{r}$ redundant. Still, it is essential to verify if the added wire itself is redundant. The following theorem guarantees that if the added wire/gate in the Type 1 transformation are irredundant, then the added wire/gate in the Type 2 transformation, when applied to the same $g_{s}$ and $g_{d}$, are also irredundant. Therefore, the Type 2 transformation is unnecessary when the Type 1 transformation is performed.

Theorem 1. Consider the transformation of Type 1 and Type 2 in Fig. 6,7 applied to the same $g_{s}$ and $g_{d}$. If a new wire added to the network as suggested by the Type 1 transformation is irredundant, then so is the wire added by the Type 2 transformation.

### 3.3 Further exclusion of unnecessary redundancy checks

To make a target wire $w_{r}$ redundant, the discussion in the last section tells us that we only need to consider the Type 0 and Type 1 transformations. In the following, we show that, depending on the mandatory assignment of the dominator gate $g_{d}$, the added wire/gate in either Type 0 or Type 1 transformations is always irredundant. Therefore we can prune the space of redundancy checks on these a priori known irredundant transformations.

Let $w_{r}$ be a wire under stuck-at $0(1)$ test. A faulty circuit is the circuit in which $w_{r}$ is replaced by a constant $0(1)$. As we noted earlier, a wire is irredundant if the corresponding stuckat fault is testable. Therefore, if we can find an input vector which can differentiate between the faulty and the good networks, the corresponding stuck-at fault is testable and the wire is irredundant. If no such a test vector exists, then the wire under stuck-at fault test is redundant. We define $b_{g}\left(g_{i}\right)$ to be a binary value at the output of gate $g_{i}$ in the good network, and $b_{f}\left(g_{i}\right)$ be the value at $g_{i}$ in the faulty network, both under the same excitation vector applied to the primary inputs. For example, considering $g_{1^{-}>g_{4}} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1$ in Fig. 1, when a vector $(a, b, c, d, e, f)=(0,0,1,0,0,1)$ is applied, we have $b_{g}\left(g_{4}\right)=0$, $b_{f}\left(g_{4}\right)=1, b_{g}\left(g_{8}\right)=0, b_{f}\left(g_{8}\right)=1, b_{g}\left(g_{9}\right)=0$, and $b_{f}\left(g_{9}\right)=1$.

Theorem 2. Let $w_{r}$ be an irredundant wire in the network. Consider the transformations of Type 0 and Type 1 applied to the network to make $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault untestable. Let $g_{d}$ be a dominator of $w_{r}$. For $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault, if there exists a test vector $v_{t}$ which causes that $b_{g}\left(g_{d}\right)=1$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{d}\right)=0$, then, the
candidate connection suggested by the Type 0 transformation is irredundant. When test vector $v_{t}$ causes $b_{g}\left(g_{d}\right)=0$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{d}\right)=1$, then the candidate connection suggested by the Type 1 transformation is irredundant.

Corollary 1: Suppose that all test vectors for $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault cause $b_{g}\left(g_{d}\right)=0$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{d}\right)=1$, then only the Type 0 transformation should be tried. If $b_{g}\left(g_{d}\right)=1$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{d}\right)=0$, then, only the Type 1 transformation should be tried. If some test vectors cause $b_{g}\left(g_{d}\right)=0$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{d}\right)=1$ and others cause $b_{g}\left(g_{d}\right)=1$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{d}\right)=0$, then both Type 0 and Type 1 should not be attempted.

For example, after performing a s-a-0 test on the wire $g_{2^{-}}$ $>g_{6}$ in Fig. 1, we have SMA $=\left\{g_{1}=0, c=0, \ldots,\right\}$. Since $g_{9}$ is a dominator and $b_{g}\left(g_{9}\right)=1$ and $b_{f}\left(g_{9}\right)=0$. Therefore, from the corollary 1 , we conclude that the Type 0 transformation of $g_{I^{-}}$ $>g_{9}, c->g_{9}$ are irredundant and need not be tested. Same situation can be derived for the Type 0 transformation of $g_{I^{->}}>g_{7}$, $c->g_{7}$.

The intuition behind theorem 2 is as follows. The test vectors $V_{t}$ for $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault are the input vectors that can distinguish between the good circuit and the faulty circuit. If a wire $w_{a}$ could indeed replace the wire $w_{r}$, then adding $w_{a}$ should at least be able to compensate the discrepancies produced by $V_{t}$ between the good and the faulty networks. The above theorem says that if a transformation can not correct discrepancies for one test vector, then it must be irredundant.

## 4 Multiple-wire addition and gate function substitution

In this section, we extend the idea of adding one wire(gate) to adding multiple wires (gates). In addition, for the purpose of removing a wire, we also allow gates to change their functionality.

### 4.1 Multiple-wire addition

In a Boolean network, there exist wires which when deleted may trigger a sequence of other reductions. For example, when $g_{6}>g_{7}$ dotted in Fig. 2 is removed, the 3 -input gate $g_{6}$ can be also removed. This in turn leaves the gate $g_{7}$ with a single input, therefore a direct connection $g_{3}->g_{8}$ is possible and $g_{7}$ can be deleted. If deleting a wire can result in the removal of more than 2 wires or gates from the network, we refer to such a wire as a large_redunction wire. When optimizing a circuit, we give higher priority to removing large_redunction wires. In case that adding one redundant wire(gate) can not remove a large_redunction wire, we may add more than one wires (gates) to delete the wire in question. For example, in Fig. 2, we add a 2 -input gate $g_{m}$ and a wire $g_{\mathrm{m}^{-}>g_{9}}$ to remove the large_redunction wire $g_{6}->g_{7}$. However, arbitrarily adding many wires as in [5] to remove a large_redunction wire is computationally expensive. We have developed an efficient approach that limits the search space and that still has much more power in comparison to the one-wire addition.

Our basic philosophy of adding multiple wires is to cause an originally irredundant candidate connection to become
redundant. Suppose we wish to remove a large_reduction wire, and all the one-wire candidate connections are irredundant. Then, we consider a possibility of adding multiple wires. The procedure is as follows. We compute and store the SMA( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault). Then, we pick a candidate connection ( $g_{s l}, g_{d}$, type) and compute the SMA(candidate wire stuck-at fault). After that, we look for another gate, call it $g_{s 2}$, such that it is in both the SMA ( $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault) and the $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{s l^{->}} g_{d}\right.$ candidate wire stuck-at fault) but has different mandatory assignments. In the example of Fig. 2, the gate $d$ appears with the assignment 0 in the $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{6}>g_{7} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1\right)$ and with assignment 1 in the $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{5^{-}>g_{9}} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1\right)$ so the gate $d$ is our $g_{s 2}$. Finally, after finding the gate $g_{s 2}$, we add a gate $g_{m}$, and a wire $g_{m}{ }^{->} g_{d}$ where $g_{d}$ is the dominator of the candidate connection, using the following rule. The gate $g_{m}$ is an OR(AND) gate, if the gate $g_{d}$ is an $\mathrm{AND}(\mathrm{OR})$ gate. The inputs to $g_{m}$ are $g_{s l}$ and $g_{s 2}$. If $g_{s l}=1(0)$ in $\operatorname{SMA}\left(w_{r}\right.$ stuck-at fault) and $g_{m}$ is an OR(AND) gate, we invert the input of $g_{s l}$ to $g_{m}$. The same rule is applied to $g_{s 2}$. In our example, $g_{m}$ is an OR gate and $g_{s l}$ $=g_{5}$ and $g_{s 2}=d$. Both $d=0$ and $g_{5}=0$ in the SMA $\left(g_{6}>g_{7} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1\right)$ so we do not invert the input phase for $d$ and $g_{5}$ to $g_{m}$.

Theorem 3. If in the above procedure, a gate $g_{s 2}$ can be found then the network modification is valid, i.e. $w_{r}$ can be deleted and the functionality of the network does not change.

### 4.2 Changing the gate's functionality

In this section, we discuss how to change a gate's function to remove a particular wire. For example, we can change the gate $g_{5}$ (highlighted in Fig. 3) from an AND to an XNOR without changing the circuit functionality. After changing $g_{5}$ to an XNOR gate, the wire $g_{6}>g_{7}$ becomes redundant. Two issues need to be addressed, namely, how to check if a given gate can change its functionality, and which gate should be changed to make a target wire redundant.

Consider an AND gate $g_{x}\left(g_{i 1}, g_{i 2}\right)$ with two inputs $g_{i 1}$ and $g_{i 2}$. If the output of $g_{x}$ is a don't care when $\left(g_{i 1}, g_{i 2}\right)=(0,0)$, the function of $g_{x}\left(g_{i 1}, g_{i 2}\right)$ can change from AND to XNOR. We first show a procedure to verify whether $\left(v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right)$ is a don't care minterm for a gate $g_{x}\left(g_{i l}, g_{i 2}, \ldots, g_{i n}\right)$. The procedure is based on checking consistency of a certain SMA.
The procedure to verify whether a minterm $\left(v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right)$ is a don't care to $g_{x}\left(g_{i l}, g_{i 2}, \ldots, g_{i n}\right)$ first sets $g_{i 1}=v_{1}, g_{i 2}=v_{2}, \ldots$, $g_{i n}=v_{n}$ and includes this assignment in a SMA. Then, we treat the output of $g_{x}$ as stuck-at the value produced by that minterm and compute the appropriate SMA. In the following theorem, we show that if the $\operatorname{SMA}(f)$ is inconsistent, the minterm is a don't care.

Theorem 4. Consider the SMA induced by setting the gate' s inputs to a minterm in question and treating the gate' s output as stuck-at the value produced by the minterm. If this SMA cannot be consistently justified, then the minterm ( $g_{i 1}$, $\left.g_{i 2}, \ldots, g_{\text {in }}\right)$ is a don' t care of the $g_{x}\left(g_{i 1}, g_{i 2}, \ldots, g_{\text {in }}\right)$ embedded in the network.

Theorem 4 suggests how to verify quickly if a gate can switch its functionality without affecting the network' s behavior.

The SMA computed to justify particular conditions in the network depend on gates' functionality. We may change some gates' functionality to achieve SMA's inconsistency, and therefore achieve redundancy. In Fig. 3, the $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{6}->g_{7} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-\right.$ $1)=\left\{g_{1}=0, g_{2}=0, g_{5}=0, \ldots\right\}$. Changing $g_{5}$ from an AND to an XNOR causes that $g_{5}=1$. But on the other hand $g_{5}=0$ as a side input of a dominator. Therefore, we conclude that if $g_{5}$ is changed to an XNOR gate, then $\operatorname{SMA}\left(g_{6}->g_{7} \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{a}-1\right)$ is inconsistent and $g_{6}>g_{7}$ is redundant.

## 5 Simultaneous addition and removal of two wires (gates)

We say that two wires $\left(w_{a}, w_{b}\right)$ are simultaneously redundant if each wire is irredundant but simultaneously adding/ removing $w_{a}$ and adding/removing $w_{b}$ does not change the circuit's functionality.

Intuitively, the existence of two simultaneously redundant wires is not obvious. It can be explained as follows. Let $V_{t}\left(w_{r}\right.$ stuck-at fault) denote all the input vectors that can test the $w_{r}$ stuck-at fault. That is any vector in $V_{t}\left(w_{r}\right.$ stuck-at fault) can distinguish the original (good) circuit from the faulty one. Consider another wire $w_{a}$. If both sets, $V_{t}\left(w_{r}\right.$ stuck-at fault) and $V_{t}\left(w_{a}\right.$ stuck-at fault) are the same, and the faults propagate through the same $\operatorname{XOR}(\mathrm{XNOR})$ gate, they cancel out at the output of XOR(XNOR) gate.

The scenario in which the two simultaneously redundant wires transform is used, is best explained using example in Fig. 4. Applying the transformation of two simultaneously redundant wires, we can replace the wire $g_{6}->g_{7}$ by another wire $g_{5}->g_{7}$. As a result the 2 -input gate $g_{6}$ can be removed. The following shows a stuck-at fault test that can verify if two wires are simultaneously redundant.

Theorem 5. Let $g_{r}$ be a fanin of XOR(XNOR) gate $g_{x}$ and let $g_{a}$ be another gate. If $\left(g_{a}, g_{r}\right)=(0,1)$ and $\left(g_{a}, g_{r}\right)=(1,0)$ are don' $t$ cares in the network, we can replace $g_{r}->g_{x}$ by $g_{a^{->}} g_{x}$.
Note that when a dominator $g_{d}$ is an XOR(XNOR) gate, the network transformations in Fig. 6-8 are no longer valid and can not be used to remove a particular wire. It is because some test vectors cause $g_{d}$ to have $b_{g} / b_{f}=1 / 0$, and others cause $g_{d}$ to have $b_{g} / b_{f}=0 / 1$. According to the Corollary 1, none of the transformations should be applied. Therefore, the redundancy addition and removal technique can not be applied when a dominator is an XOR (XNOR) gate.

## 6 The algorithm

We have implemented the transformations described in the previous sections. The overall algorithm is shown in Fig 9. The subroutine Add_one_gate_to_remove_other_wires(), which besides adding a wire also adds gates, is an extended algorithm of RAMBO [6]. For each gate $g_{d}$ in the circuit, we
try to apply the transformations in Fig. 6,7 to remove wires that are dominated by $g_{d}$. The second subroutine, Remove_large_reduction_wires(), identifies the large_reduction wires and attempts to remove them using more expensive techniques like adding multiple gates and changing gate's functionality. Finally, the last subroutine, Perturb_circuit_more(), perturbs the circuit to jump out of a locally minimal solution before the next iteration. In Perturb_circuit_more(), for each wire $w_{i}$ in the circuit, we attempt to replace it with another wire or gate.

## 7 Experimental results

In this section, we present experimental results for combinational benchmark circuits. We implemented the algorithm in Fig. 9 and we choose k_iteration to be 2. In our experiments, the optimization objective is to reduce the number of two-input gates. We compare our results with misII [4] and RAMBO[6]. Note that when our operation involves adding a wire to an AND (OR) gate, we actually added an extra $A N D(O R)$ gate to the circuit.

TABLE 1 shows the results for some of the MCNC combinational benchmark circuits. misII results were obtained as follows. We use script.boolean provided by misII (for consistency, we don't use script.rugged because some examples can not be run due to space/time limitation). Then, we map (using the map command in misII) the circuit into a circuit with general 2 -input gates shown in second column of TABLE 1.. The initial circuits of ours and RAMBO are obtained by running script.algebra and then mapping into 2 -input gates. We run both RAMBO and our algorithm to optimize the circuit. Since the output of RAMBO may contain gates with more than 2 inputs, we also decompose the result of RAMBO into 2-input gates. In the fourth, fifth, and sixth columns, we show the results of running misII, RAMBO, and our algorithm, respectively. All these three columns are described in terms of the number of 2 -input gates and the number of literals. As shown in the table, the results we obtained are, on the average for the listing examples, $19 \%$ better than misII and $16 \%$ better than RAMBO in terms of number of 2-input gates. Except the superior results of our algorithm, our memory requirement is very inexpensive. For example, C7552 needs only 6 Mbytes. All our results have been verified using the circuit verification command in misII. The experiment was performed on DEC 5000. Note that the RAMBO's results are $4 \%$ better than results shown if RAMBO's input circuits are script.boolean optimized first.

## 8 Conclusions

In this paper, we have proposed several new ways to add one or more redundant gates or wires to remove other gates or wires from the network. We show how to identify gates which are good candidates for local functionality change to achieve network's reduction. Our experimental results have demonstrated usefulness of our approach.

## TABLE 1. Experimental results.

| Circuit | misII <br> gates/literals | RAMBO <br> gate/literals | Pert/Sim <br> gates/literals | CPU of Pert/ <br> Sim (sec) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5xp1 | $117(231)$ | $111(221)$ | $66(131)$ | 34.5 |
| 9sym-hdl | $96(192)$ | $100(200)$ | $39(78)$ | 19.7 |
| C3540 | $1073(2145)$ | $988(1976)$ | $938(1876)$ | 5692.8 |
| C5315 | $1452(2871)$ | $1458(2883)$ | $1321(2631)$ | 2236.7 |
| C6288 | $2619(5237)$ | $2334(4666)$ | $1883(3766)$ | 2124.8 |
| C7552 | $1757(3513)$ | $1761(3521)$ | $1426(2851)$ | 3668.6 |
| alu2 | $383(765)$ | $366(731)$ | $281(562)$ | 1127.4 |
| alu4 | $687(1373)$ | $700(1399)$ | $555(1110)$ | 4171.5 |
| apex6 | $632(1260)$ | $647(1291)$ | $543(1086)$ | 568.9 |
| b9_n2 | $102(200)$ | $96(188)$ | $79(156)$ | 17.4 |
| cm85a | $40(80)$ | $40(80)$ | $27(54)$ | 5.1 |
| comp | $137(273)$ | $119(273)$ | $84(168)$ | 51.9 |
| des | $3048(6095)$ | $3073(6145)$ | $2859(5718)$ | 31507.6 |
| duke2 | $366(727)$ | $314(626)$ | $246(491)$ | 648.5 |
| f51m | $120(239)$ | $116(231)$ | $78(155)$ | 4.7 |
| misex3 | $434(868)$ | $468(936)$ | $317(634)$ | 978.8 |
| my_adder | $160(320)$ | $160(320)$ | $116(232)$ | 29.1 |
| pcler8 | $80(151)$ | $80(151)$ | $64(128)$ | 29.7 |
| rd53-hdl | $36(72)$ | $35(70)$ | $20(40)$ | 2.0 |
| rot | $575(1135)$ | $569(1131)$ | $452(902)$ | 256 |
| sao2-hdl | $195(390)$ | $199(398)$ | $104(208)$ | 119.6 |
| term1 | $203(403)$ | $203(404)$ | $113(225)$ | 56.2 |
| ttt2 | $184(365)$ | $174(247)$ | $118(236)$ | 57.8 |
| x3 | $629(1253)$ | $617(1231)$ | $552(1104)$ | 472.0 |
| z4ml | $37(74)$ | $30(60)$ | $21(42)$ | 1.7 |
| total | 15162 | 14758 | 12302 | 53883.0 |
| $(30232)$ | $(29379)$ | $24584)$ |  |  |
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Let $g_{s}$ has mandatory assignment $0, g_{d}$ is a dominator (AND gate) and $g_{1}$ is a fault propagating wire.
original circuit

(5)

Type 1


Type 0

(6)

Type 2

(8)
perturb_simplify(k_iteration, network)
int k_iteration;
network_t *network;
\{ For (i =0; i< k_iteration; i++) \{
Add_one_gate_to_remove_other_wires();
Remove_large_reduction_wires();
Perturb_circuit_more();
\}
Add_one_gate_to_remove_other_wires();
(9)

