

# DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF FAST ADDITION MECHANISM FOR INTEGERS USING QUATERNARY SIGNED DIGIT NUMBER SYSTEM

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## ABSTRACT

With the binary number system, the speed of arithmetic operations are limited by formation and propagation of the carry. Using quaternary signed digit (QSD) number system both carry free addition and borrow free subtraction can be achieved. The QSD number system requires a special set of prime modulo based logic for arithmetic operations. Using a high radix number system such as Quaternary Signed Digit(QSD), a carry free arithmetic operation can be achieved. Arithmetic Operations such as addition and subtraction for large numbers like 64 and 128 can be computed without the propagation of carry using QSD number system. Design is simulated and analyzed using Xilinx 13.2 ISE Simulator.

**Keywords**-Carry free addition, QSD

## 1.INTRODUCTION

The speed of the digital processors depends mostly on the speed of the adders used in the system. Most of the arithmetic operations suffers from problems like limited number of bits, circuits complexity and delay. Carry look ahead adder produces a less propagation delay, but it is limited to small number of bits due to the circuit complexity. In this paper, a high speed QSD adder is proposed which is capable of performing carry free addition and borrow free subtraction using QSD numbers. For any operand size the QSD addition/subtraction operation employs a fixed number of minterms. In QSD number System carry propagation chains are eliminated which reduces the computation time. QSD is also advantages in case of parallelism and gate complexity.

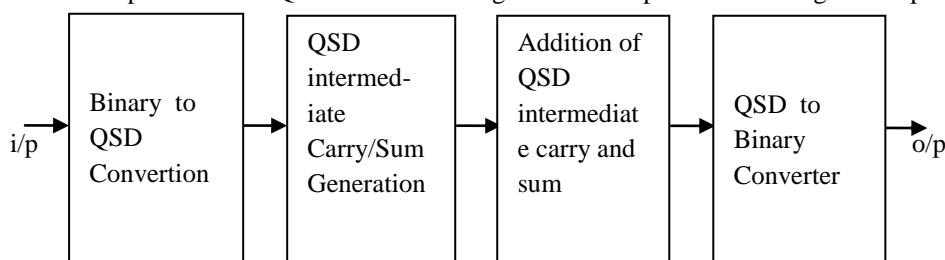


Fig:1 Block Diagram of QSD Addition

## 2. QUATERNARY SIGNED DIGIT(QSD) NUMBERS

QSD is a base-4 number system. Each signed-digit decimal number D can be represented in terms of an n digit quaternary signed digit number.

$$D = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i 4^i \text{ -----(1)}$$

Where  $x^i$  can be any value from the set  $\{3^1, 2^1, 1^1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . A QSD negative number is a QSD complement of the QSD positive number.

The advantage of QSD number system is that, it offers reduced circuit complexity both in terms of transistor count and interconnections. QSD number system consumes 25% less space when compared with the BSD number system and it can be verified with the help of the theorem given below:

To represent a numeric value  $N \log_4 N$  number of QSD digits and  $3 \log_4 N$  binary bits are required while for the same  $\log_2 N$  BSD digits and  $2 \log_2 N$  binary bits are required in BSD representation. Therefore QSD adder is better than RBSD adder as the QSD numbers saves  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  of the storage space than the BSD numbers. So, the proposed QSD adder is beneficial in terms of number of gates, input connections and delay though both perform addition within constant time.

## 3. TECHNIQUE FOR CONVERSION FROM DECIMAL TO QUATERNARY NUMBER

1 digit QSD number can be represented using a 3-bit binary equivalent as

$$3^1 = 101$$

$$2^1 = 110$$



$1^1 = 111$   
 $0 = 000$   
 $1 = 001$   
 $2 = 010$   
 $3 = 011$

So, to convert n-bit binary data into its equivalent q-digit QSD data, the n-bit binary data must be converted into 3q-bit binary data. To achieve this we must split the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> bit.....i.e, odd bit(from LSB to MSB) into two portions. But we can't split the MSB bit. If the odd bit is 0 then, it is split into 0 & 0 and if it is 1 then, it is split into 1 & 0.

Example:

$(0110001)_2$  can be split as

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0  1  1  0  0  0  1
      / \ / \
     /   /   \
    0 11 000 000 1
  
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So we have to split the given binary data q-times. For example, the splitting is 1 time for conversion of a 2-digit quaternary number; the splitting is 2 times for conversion of a 3-digit quaternary number and so on. In each splitting one extra bit is generated. For conversion from binary to QSD, the required number of binary bits are

$$n = 3q - \{1 * (q-1)\} \text{ -----(2)}$$

So, for converting binary number into its equivalent QSD the number of bits should be 3,5,7,9 etc. According to the above equation every 3-bit can be converted into its QSD.

Examples for conversion from decimal to quaternary number:

1) Let  $(-179)_{10} = (101001101)_2$  have to be converted into its equivalent QSD. It has 9 binary bits. Its 3<sup>rd</sup> bit is 1, 5<sup>th</sup> bit is 0, 7<sup>th</sup> bit is 1. So from equation(2), its equivalent QSD is of 4-digit.i.e,

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1  0  1  0  0  1  1  0  1
   / \ / \ / \
  /   /   \
 1 01 000 011 001
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31  0  3  1
  
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So, the QSD equivalent of  $(101001101)_2$  is  $(3^1 031)_4$

2) Let  $(54)_{10} = (110110)_2$  have to be converted into its equivalent QSD. It has 6 binary bits. Its 3<sup>rd</sup> bit is 1, 5<sup>th</sup> bit is 1. So from equation(2), its equivalent QSD is of 3-digit.i.e,

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1  1  0  1  1  0
   / \ / \
  /   /   \
 1 01 010
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3  1  2
  
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So, the QSD equivalent of  $(110110)_2$  is  $(312)_4$ .

#### 4. DESIGN PROCESS FOR QSD ADDER

In QSD number system the carry propagation chains are eliminated which in turn reduces the circuit complexity and interconnections, thus the speed of the machine increases. As the QSD number system ranges from -3 to +3, the results produced by the addition of two QSD numbers varies from -6 to +6. Table 1 represents the outputs for all possible combinations of two QSD numbers.

For the representation of decimal numbers in the range -3 to +3, one QSD digit is required. As the range of decimal number exceeds this range, more than one QSD digit is required. For the representation of addition result, which is in the range of -6 to +6, two QSD digits are required. Among the two digits in the QSD result,



the MSB digit represents the carry bit and the LSB digit represents the sum bit. In order to prevent this carry bit to propagate from lower digit position to higher digit position QSD number representation is used. In the number representation, QSD numbers allow redundancy. In QSD representation the same decimal number can be represented in more than one form. To prevent further rippling of carry one of the QSD number is chosen among the available QSD numbers.

The addition of two QSD numbers is done in two steps to perform carry free addition. They are:

Step 1: From the given input QSD digits i.e., addend and augend, the first step generates an intermediate sum and intermediate carry.

Step 2: The intermediate sum of current digit is combined with the intermediate carry of the lower significant digit in step two.

So, the two QSD numbers are added in two stages. Stage-1 generates intermediate sum and intermediate carry for the given inputs. Stage-2 adds the intermediate carry of the lower significant digit with the current digits intermediate sum. There are two rules to perform QSD addition. These two rules help to prevent the further rippling of carry. The Rules are:

Rule 1: The magnitude of the intermediate sum must be less than or equal to 2. Which means that it should be in the range of -2 to +2.

Rule 2: the magnitude of the intermediate carry must be less than or equal to 1. Which means that it should be in the range of -1 to +1.

Sum	QSD represented number	QSD coded number
-6	$2^1 2, 1^1 2^1$	$1^1 2^1$
-5	$2^1 3, 1^1 1^1$	$1^1 1^1$
-4	$1^1 0$	$1^1 0$
-3	$1^1 1, 0 3^1$	$1^1 1$
-2	$1^1 2, 0 2^1$	$0 2^1$
-1	$1^1 3, 0 1^1$	$0 1^1$
0	00	00
1	$0 1, 1 3^1$	01
2	$0 2, 1 2^1$	02
3	$0 3, 1 1^1$	$1 1^1$
4	10	10
5	$1 1, 2 3^1$	11
6	$1 2, 2 2^1$	12

**Table 1:** Intermediate sum and carry between -6 to +6

By following the above mentioned rules the intermediate sum and carry from the step-1 have the range from -6 to +6. By utilizing the redundancy feature of QSD numbers we can choose the QSD represented numbers from the table-1 which satisfies the two rules mentioned above. The step-2 adds the intermediate sum of the current digit with the intermediate carry of the lower digit and produces the result which cannot be greater than 3 i.e., it will be in the range of -3 to +3. A single digit QSD number can be used to represent the result in this range i.e., -3 to +3. Hence no further carry is required. The step-1 produces the output in the range of -6 to +6 which can be represented in intermediate sum and carry format as shown in the table-1. In the table-1, some numbers are having multiple QSD representations in column-2, but only those that meet the above mentioned two rules are chosen and are listed in the column-2 of the table-1 and are named as QSD coded numbers.

Example for QSD Addition:

To perform QSD addition of two numbers A=999 and B=349

Steps:

1) Convert the decimal number into its equivalent QSD representation

$$A = (999)_{10} \\ = 1 * 4^5 + 0 * 4^4 + 0 * 4^3 + 2 * 4^2 + 2 * 4^1 + 1 * 4^0$$

Its QSD equivalent is  $(1002^1 2^1)_4$

$$B = (349)_{10} \\ = 1 * 4^4 + 1 * 4^3 + 2 * 4^2 + 0 * 4^1 + 3 * 4^0$$

Its QSD equivalent is  $(11203^1)_4$

2) Add the two QSD numbers



A=999	1	0	0	$2^1$	2	$1^1$	
B=349				1	1	2	$0\ 3^1$
Decimal sum	1	1	1	0	2	-4	
IC	0	0	0	0	0	$1^1$	
IS	1	1	1	0	2	0	
S	1	1	1	0	1	0	
C <sub>out</sub>	0						

The sum output is  $(111010)_4$  which is equivalent to  $(1348)_{10}$  and carry output is 0.

### 5.LOGIC DESIGN OF SINGLE DIGIT QSD ADDER

In carry free addition two steps are involved. Step-1 generates intermediate sum and carry from the given QSD inputs. Step-2 adds the intermediate carry of the lower digit with the intermediate sum of the current digit. Two rules are defined, to prevent further propagation of carry. Rule-1 defines that the intermediate sums magnitude must be less than or equal to 2. Rule-2 defines that the intermediate carry's magnitude must be less than or equal to 1. By this the magnitude of the step-2 output cannot be greater than 3 which can be represented using a single digit QSD number. All possible pairs of inputs to step-1 are considered and the range varies from -3 to +3. So the result of addition varies from -6 to +6 which needs two QSD digits. The propagation of carry can be eliminated by mapping the two digits into a pair of intermediate sum and carry such that the nth intermediate sum and (n-1)th intermediate carry never form any carry generating pair  $(3,3), (3,2), (3,1), (3^1,3^1), (3^1,2^1), (3^1,1^1)$ . The carry free addition can be achieved by restricting the representation such that all the intermediate sums are restricted to be less than or equal to 2 and all the intermediate carry's are restricted to be less than or equal to 1. The mapping between the inputs, outputs, intermediate sum and carry are shown in table-2.

The redundancy feature of QSD numbers is used to prevent further propagation of carry. The range of intermediate carry is in between -1 & +1, so it can be represented using 2-bit binary number. But for compatibility with the intermediate sum 3-bit binary representation is taken. A 3 variable input  $A_2, A_1, A_0$  is used to represent the addend  $A_i$  and a 3 variable input  $B_2, B_1, B_0$  is used to represent the augend  $B_i$  at the input side.  $IS_2, IS_1, IS_0$  are used to represent the intermediate sum and  $IC_2, IC_1, IC_0$  are used to represent the intermediate carry at the output side. The six variable expressions for intermediate sum and carry in terms of inputs can be derived from the table-2. So 6 output expressions are obtained for  $IS_2, IS_1, IS_0, IC_2, IC_1$  and  $IC_0$ . Here the third appended bit  $IC_2$  is equal to  $IC_1$  because the intermediate carry can be represented by only 2-bits. So the expression for both outputs will be same. For the generation of intermediate sum and carry the logic equations specifying the minimal hardware realization are derived by using a 6-variable K-map.

The minterms for the intermediate sum are:

$$IS_0 = a_0 b_0^1 + a_0^1 b_0$$

$$IS_1 = (a_1 b_1^1 + a_1^1 b_1)(a_0 b_0)^1 + (a_1 b_1^1 + a_1^1 b_1)^1 (a_0 b_0)$$

$$IS_2 = IS_0(a_1^1 b_1 + a_1 b_1^1) + b_2(a_1 b_0)^1 + a_1(b_1 a_0)^1 + a_0 b_0(a_1 b_1)^1$$

The minterms for intermediate carry are:

$$IC_2 = IC_1 = (a_2 b_2)(a_0 b_0 a_1 b_1)^1 + (a_1 + b_1)^1 (a_2 b_0^1 + a_0^1 b_2)$$

$$IC_0 = IC_2 + (a_2 b_2)^1 (a_1 b_1 + b_1 b_0 + a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1 + a_1 a_0)$$

The final sum which is carry free is generated from the above outputs. Therefore it has 6 inputs and 3 outputs bits.

$$S_0 = IC_0 IS_0^1 + IC_0^1 IS_0$$

$$S_1 = IC_1 \oplus IS_1 \oplus IC_0 IS_0$$

$$S_2 = IC_2 \oplus IS_2 \oplus (IC_1 IS_1 + (IC_1 + IS_1) IC_0 IS_0)$$

In QSD addition, parallel addition is done i.e, the addition of higher order digits does not wait until the addition of lower order digits is completed.

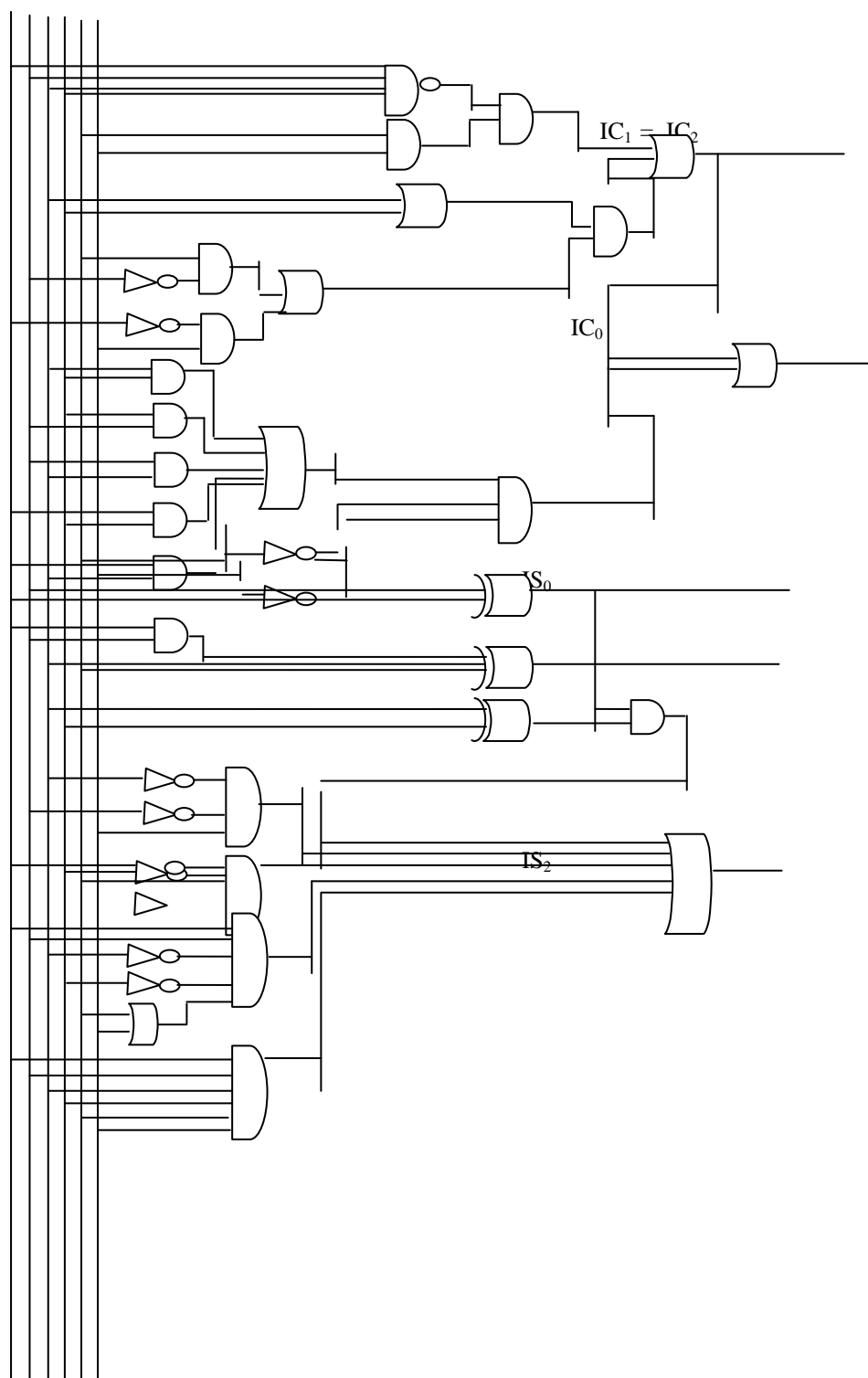
Input			Output			
QSD	Binary		Decimal	QSD		Binary
Ai	Bi	Ai	Sum	Ci	Si	Ci
Bi			Si			
3	-3	011	6	1	2	001
011			010			
3	2	011	5	1	1	001
010			001			
2	3	010	1	1	1	001
011			001			
3	1	011	4	1	0	001
001			000			
1	3	001	4	1	0	001
011			000			
2	2	010	4	1	0	001
010			000			
1	2	001	3	1	0	001
010			111			
2	1	010	3	1	0	001
001			111			
3	0	011	3	1	0	001
000			111			
0	3	000	3	1	0	001
011			111			
1	1	001	2	0	2	000
001			010			
0	2	000	2	0	2	000
2	0	010	010			
000			2	0	2	000
3	-1	011	010			
111			2	0	2	000
-1	3	111	010			
011			2	0	2	000
			010			
0	1	000	1	0	1	000
001			001			
1	0	001	1	0	1	000
000			001			
2	-1	010	1	0	1	000
111			001			
-1	2	111	1	0	1	000
010			001			
3	-2	011	1	0	1	000
110			001			
-2	3	110	1	0	1	000
011			001			
0	0	000	0	0	0	000
000			000			
1	-1	001	0	0	0	000
111			000			
-1	1	111	0	0	0	000
001			000			
2	-2	010	0	0	0	000
110			000			
-2	2	110	0	0	0	000
010			000			
-3	3	101	0	0	0	000
011			000			



3 101	-3	011	0 000	0	0	000
0 111 -1 000 -2 001 1 110 -3 010 2 101	-1 0 1 -2 2 -3	000 111 111 110 001 101 010	-1 111 -1 111 -1 111 -1 111 -1 111 -1 111	0	0	-1 000 -1 000 -1 000 -1 000 -1 000 -1 000
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-3 111 -1 101 -2 110	-1 -3 -2	101 111 110	-4 000 -4 000 -4 000	-1	-1	0 111 0 111 0 111
-3 110 -2 101	-3 -3	101 110	-5 111 -5 111	-1	-1	-1 111 -1 111
-3 101	-3	101	-6 110	-1	-1	-1 111

**Table 2:**The intermediate sum and carry for all combinations of inputs



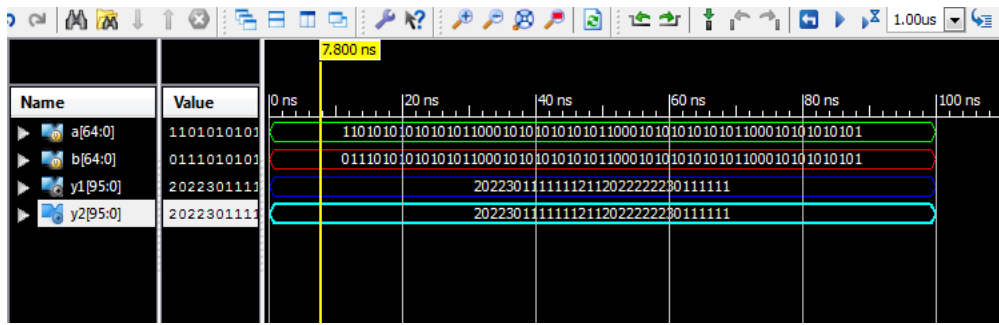


**Fig 2:**Date Flow of Single Digit QSD Adder Cell

## 6.SIMULATION RESULTS

The code for QSD adder is written in verilog and the design is simulated and analyzed using Xilinx 13.2 ISE Simulator.

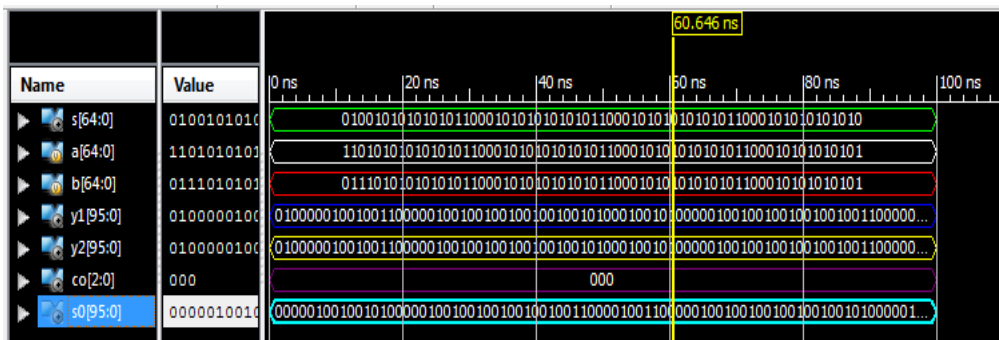




**Fig:3** Simulation Result of conversion from binary to QSD



**Fig:4** Simulation Result of QSD Addition



**Fig:5** Simulation Result of QSD Addition and decimal output

**7.ANALYSIS REPORT**

Components	Analysis Report
IO's	261
4-Input LUT's	256
CLB's	147
Delay	80.137ns
XOR Gates	194

**Table:3** Analysis Report for 65-bit CLA Adder

Components	Analysis Report
IO's	196
4-Input LUT's	129
CLB's	74
Delay	72.616ns
XOR Gates	65

**Table:4** Analysis Report for 64-bit QSD Adder





## 7.CONCLUSION

In this paper, the technique for conversion from binary number system to quaternary number system is explained with examples. For the addition of the Quaternary number a different technique is used i.e, for the addition of two QSD numbers first the intermediate sum and carry are generated and then these intermediate sum and carry are added with each other with the help of full adders. The result of this addition is always carry free. Here since, for the conversion from binary to QSD, the splitting of bits is done for LSB to MSB for every odd bit. The splitting should stop at the odd bit and the MSB bit cannot be split out because it is a sign bit. So, this paper implements the QSD addition for a 65-bit number. This process of developing a quaternary number system and addition of QSD numbers using quaternary addition consumes a delay of 72.616ns, 74 CLB's, 129 4-input LUT's, 196 IO's and 65 XOR gates.. The adder does not produce any carry which in turn reduces the complexity and interconnections. The addition using QSD number system is compared with addition using binary number system and the results are analyzed.

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