

Logic synthesis for software circuits

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I am looking for a function

```
int sbox3(int x)
```

such that

```
sbox3(0) = 8   sbox3(4) = 3  
sbox3(1) = 6   sbox3(5) = 12  
sbox3(2) = 7   sbox3(6) = 10  
sbox3(3) = 9   sbox3(7) = 15
```

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sbox3(8) = 13  sbox3(12) = 0  
sbox3(9) = 1   sbox3(13) = 11  
sbox3(10) = 14 sbox3(14) = 5  
sbox3(11) = 4   sbox3(15) = 2
```

with the added constraint that this function is forbidden to read from main memory. Typically, x would be a secret (e.g., a cryptographic key) and an access to memory depending on the value of x would reveal sensitive information that can be used by an attacker to retrieve the secret.

To side-step this issue, cryptographers usually resort to writing what is essentially a combinational circuit: the function `sbox3` is implemented by a branch-free, memory-less sequence of logical operations (and, or, xor, negation) that implements the truth table given above.

This project aims at developing a synthesis tool producing the most efficient implementation of such a truth table, for a given computer architecture & instruction set (eg., supporting various SIMD instruction sets) and at a predictable compute budget.