

ECE 0142 Computer Organization  
Homework 4  
Assigned: 2/2/2016, Due: 2/9/2016

1. In the implementation of carry lookahead adder, the propagation bit is obtained from  
$$p_i = a_i \oplus b_i.$$

However, in the logic implementation of the adder,  $p_i$  is produced through an XOR gate (see slide pp. 33 of the “Arithmetic Logic Unit” lecture). This is to reduce the gate count of the adder and it works. Please justify.