

Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering  
CSE3201 – Digital Logic Design  
Lab 8

**The Longest Prefix Match LPM.**

The longest prefix match is used in every Internet router in order to route packets to the appropriate destination. In this case, you will design a circuit to do the LPM.

**Problem Statement.**

We have a set of prefixes, for example  $11^*$ .  $11^*$  is a prefix that matches any sequence of bits that starts with 11, for example it matches 1100, 1110 and 1100101.

The problem is gives a set of prefixes, and an input sequence, find the longest matching prefix (for example consider two prefixes  $11^*$  and  $1101^*$ . An input sequence of 11010110 matches both of them. However the longest one is 1101. For this lab, consider the following 4 prefixes

1.  $11^*$
2.  $1101^*$
3.  $1010^*$
4.  $100^*$ .

You can hardwire these in your design. Design a circuit for LPM. The input is taken from 8 switches SW0 to SW7. The matching prefix number, (1 to 4) is displayed on the 7-segment display.

***Pre-Lab Work***

Complete your design including a schematic diagram for the circuits and Verilog code; show the program and the circuit to the TA before starting

***Lab report***

See the guidelines for the lab report on the Lab section of the course web page.

***Extra Credit:***

Can you enter the prefixes from the switches before you start the matching? You have one extra week to do this.