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Circuit Operation

- 1. Receives 14x14 gray scale image as a vector
- 2. Feeds forward values through neural network to determine the digit
- 3. Deciphers the output
- 4. Displays guessed digit on seven segment display







ANN Top File Block Diagram



What is a Neural Network?



- Is a machine learning program that makes decisions similar to a human brain
- Each neuron communicates with each other
- If the output of a neuron threshold is surpassed the neuron sends its information to the next layer
- Neural Networks require data training to help it detect patterns

Top File Simulation





Multiply-and-accumulate architecture Weights & biases: [8 7] Activations:

- [9 0]
- [22 4]
- [32 8]







Layer 1:

- XI = 196
- X0 = 16
- W = 16x196
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- B = 16
- Layer 2:

- XI = 16
- X0 = 10
- $W = 10 \times 16$





k ← k+1

Layer 2 Simulation

start



- K iterates through all input neurons (16 total)
- Enable accumulator register
- Choose add bias first clock cycle

done

Comparator





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Comparator Testbench

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| ∨ ♥ a_l_j[9:0,31:0] | 00000200 | 00000200,ffffffff,00000080,00000040,ffffffe0,00000010,00000008,00000002,00000001 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😻 [9,31:0] | 00000200 | 00000200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😻 [8,31:0] | fffffff | fffffff | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 🐱 [7,31:0] | 00000080 | 00000080 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😼 [6,31:0] | 00000040 | 00000040 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😻 [5,31:0] | ffffffe0 | fffffe0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😼 [4,31:0] | 00000010 | 00000010 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😻 [3,31:0] | 0000008 | 00000008 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😾 [2,31:0] | 00000004 | 00000004 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😻 [1,31:0] | 0000002 | 00000002 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 😻 [0,31:0] | 00000001 | 00000001 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| > 😼 A[31:0] | 00000001 | 0000001 | | 000000 | 00000004 | 0000008 | 00000010 | ffffffe0 | 0000040 | 00000080 | ffffffff | 00000200 | 0000001 | | |
| > 😽 greatestval[31:0] | ffffffff | 00000001 | | 000000 | 00000004 | 0000008 | 00000010 | X | fffffe0 | | | fffffff | | | |
| 14 FGV | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 eind | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 y | s3 | s1 | | | s2 | | | | | | | | s3 | | |
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Index Capture & Seven Seg Display





- Register captures the ANN's guess once the 'done' signal goes high
- Seven Segment Decoder convert BCD to Seven Segment decoding; this displays on a single Seven Segment Display

Synthesizing Text Files







- Utilized an Impure Function to synthesize text files in VHDL
- The function itself is NOT part of the hardware
- Essentially reads a text file and stores them as constant values (weights, biases, activation input)

Bitstream / Hardware



- The Nexys A7 100T board ..., was required for this project as the program was too big for the 50T board
- Outputs are put on the 7 Segment Display

Project Demo for the Number 8



