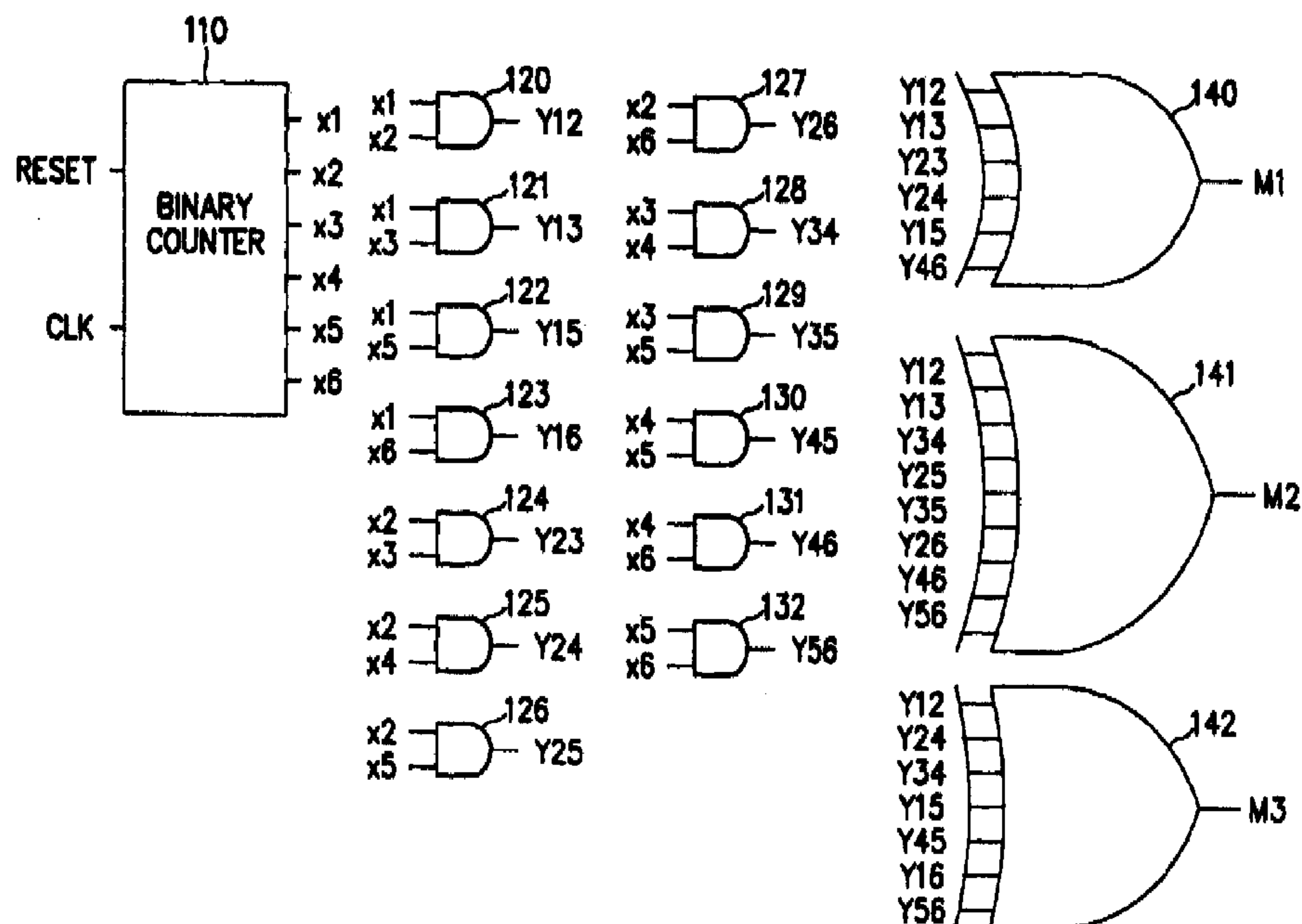




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(54) **DISPOSITIF GENERATEUR DE MASQUES DE CODE QUASI ORTHOGONAUX DANS UN SYSTEME DE COMMUNICATION MOBILE**
(54) **QUASI-ORTHOGONAL CODE MASK GENERATING DEVICE IN MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**



(57) L'invention concerne un dispositif pour générer des masques de code quasi orthogonaux dans un système de communication. Un compteur génère du premier au huitième signaux de compteur x1-x8 qui représentent les fonction de Bent. Un opérateur logique reçoit du premier au huitième signaux de compteur x1-x8 et effectue une opération, par exemple, $x1*x2+x1*x3+x1*x4+x1*x5+x1*x7+x1*x8+x2*x6+x2*x7+x3*x4+x3*x5+x3*x6+x4*x5+x4*x6+x4*x7+x4*x8+x5*x7+x7*x8+x1+x2+x5+x7$, et ce pour générer un signal de masque.

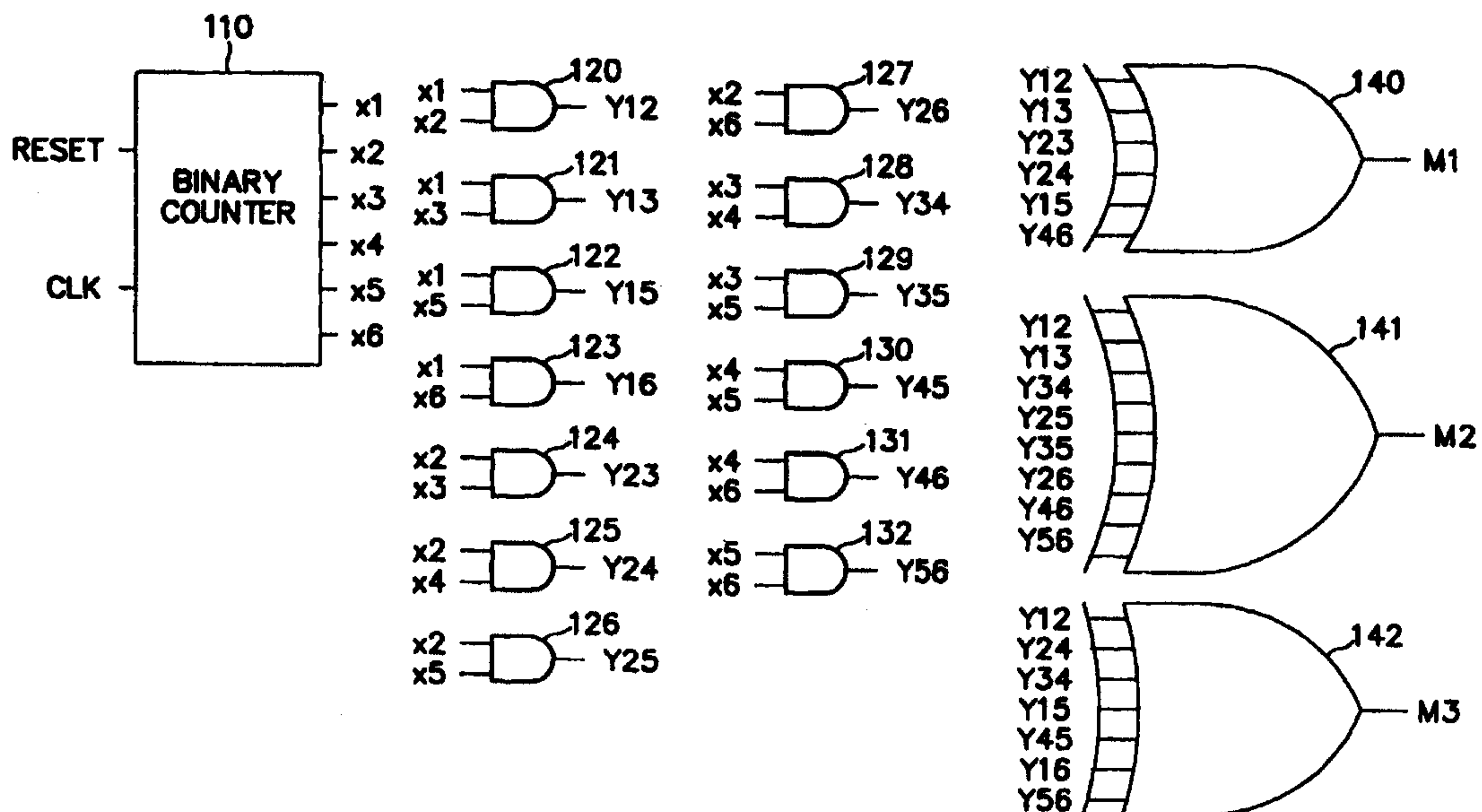
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(57) Abstract

A device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system. A counter generates first to eighth counter signals x_1 - x_8 representing Bent functions. A logic operator receives the first to eighth counter signals x_1 - x_8 and performs an operation, for example $x_1 \cdot x_2 + x_1 \cdot x_3 + x_1 \cdot x_4 + x_1 \cdot x_5 + x_1 \cdot x_7 + x_1 \cdot x_8 + x_2 \cdot x_6 + x_2 \cdot x_7 + x_3 \cdot x_4 + x_3 \cdot x_5 + x_3 \cdot x_6 + x_4 \cdot x_5 + x_4 \cdot x_6 + x_4 \cdot x_7 + x_4 \cdot x_8 + x_5 \cdot x_7 + x_7 \cdot x_8 + x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + x_7$, to generate a mask signal.

QUASI-ORTHOGONAL CODE MASK GENERATING DEVICE IN
MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 **1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to an encoding device in mobile communication systems, and more particularly, to a quasi-orthogonal code mask generating device.

2. Description of the Related Art

10 In CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) communication systems, orthogonal modulation using orthogonal codes provides channelization among code channels as a way of increasing channel capacity. IS-95/IS-95A applies the orthogonal channelization on a forward link, and a reverse link can apply through time alignment.

15 Channels on the forward link in IS-95/IS-95A are distinguished by different orthogonal codes as shown in FIG. 1. Referring to FIG. 1, "W" indicates an orthogonal code and each code channel is identified by a preassigned orthogonal code. The forward link uses a convolutional code with a code rate $R=1/2$, BPSK (Binary Phase Shift Keying) modulation, and a bandwidth of 1.2288MHz.
20 Therefore, orthogonal codes can provide channelization among 64 forward channels ($=1.2288\text{MHz}/9.6\text{x}2$).

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Once a modulation scheme and a minimum data rate have been determined, the number of available orthogonal codes can be obtained. In the future CDMA communication systems may increase channel capacity by increasing the number of channels, which includes a traffic channel, a pilot channel, and a control channel
5 resulting in improved performance.

However, the increase in the number of channels incur shortage of the number of available orthogonal codes, thereby limiting channel capacity. This disadvantage can be overcome by using quasi-orthogonal codes, which incur minimum interference with orthogonal codes, and a variable data rate.

10 The generation of quasi-orthogonal codes is disclosed in Korea Application Patent No. 97-47257. In order to generate a quasi-orthogonal code, quasi-orthogonal code sequence mask values are stored in a memory and retrieved for use as needed. If a mask value occupies 64 bits, a 64-bit memory is required. Therefore, the conventional quasi-orthogonal code mask generation scheme has a
15 disadvantage of requiring increased hardware complexity.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide a device for generating quasi-orthogonal code mask values with minimum interference with orthogonal codes in a mobile communication system which uses orthogonal codes.

20 Another object of the present invention is to provide a device for generating quasi-orthogonal code mask values using a Bent function in a mobile communication system which uses orthogonal codes.

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To achieve the above objects, a device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system is provided. In the device, a counter generates first to eighth counter signals x_1 - x_8 representing Bent functions, and a logic operator receives the first to eighth counter signals x_1 - x_8 and performs an operation of $x_1 * x_2 + x_1 * x_3 + x_1 * x_4 + x_1 * x_5 + x_1 * x_7 + x_1 * x_8 + x_2 * x_6 + x_2 * x_7 + x_3 * x_4 + x_3 * x_5 + x_3 * x_6 + x_4 * x_5 + x_4 * x_6 + x_4 * x_7 + x_4 * x_8 + x_5 * x_7 + x_7 * x_8 + x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + x_7$ to generate a mask signal.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail a preferred embodiment thereof with reference to the attached drawings in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates orthogonal channelization among forward code channels in a CDMA communication system;

FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of a quasi-orthogonal code mask generating device; and

FIG. 3 illustrates the waveforms with respect to time of six clock signals output from a binary counter shown in FIG. 2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The present invention is directed to a device and method for simply generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask value using a Bent function (see, MacWilliams and Sloane, *The Theory of Error-Correcting Code*). In the prior art (Korea Application Patent No. 97-47257), a quasi-orthogonal code mask is a Kasami sequence resulting from X-ORing two PN sequences. The Kasami sequence can be expressed as a set of two-Bent function combinations.

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Accordingly, a quasi-orthogonal code mask value is expressed as a set of two-Bent function combinations and implemented using hardware as set forth in the present invention.

For masks of quasi-orthogonal sequences with a length of 64 bits, for example, the appropriate Bent functions are listed in Table 1.

[Table 1]

x1 = 01
x2 = 0011001100110011001100110011001100110011001100110011001100110011
x3 = 0000111100001111000011110000111100001111000011110000111100001111
x4 = 0000000011111111000000001111111100000000111111110000000011111111
x5 = 0000000000000000111111111111111100000000000000001111111111111111
x6 = 0000000000000000000000000000000011111111111111111111111111111111

The quasi-orthogonal sequence masks can be calculated using the six Bent functions of Table 1 as shown in Table 2 below:

[Table 2]

$M1 = X1 * X2 + X1 * X3 + X2 * X3 + X2 * X4 + X1 * X5 + X4 * X6$ $M2 = X1 * X2 + X1 * X3 + X3 * X4 + X2 * X5 + X3 * X5 + X2 * X6 + X4 * X6 + X5 * X6$ $M3 = X1 * X2 + X2 * X4 + X3 * X4 + X1 * X5 + X4 * X5 + X1 * X6 + X5 * X6$ + represents modulo 2 addition
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Accordingly, the resulting quasi-orthogonal masks are as shown in Table 3 below:

[Table 3]

M1 = 000101110010010001000010011100010001011110110110100001010001110
M2 = 00010100000110110010100000100111001001111010111110010000010100
M3 = 0001000100101101010001001000011101000100011110001110111000101101

- 5 The Bent functions shown in Table 1 are produced based on a rule. That is, for quasi-orthogonal sequences with length $64=2^6$, one 0 and one 1 ($2^0=1$) alternate in Bent function x1, two consecutive 0s and 1s ($2^1=2$) alternate in Bent function x2, four consecutive 0s and 1s ($2^2=4$) alternate in Bent function x3, eight consecutive 0s and 1s ($2^3=8$) alternate in Bent function x4, sixteen consecutive 0s and 1s ($2^4=16$) alternate in Bent function x5, and thirty two consecutive 0s and 1s ($2^5=32$) alternate in Bent function x6. Each of the above Bent functions x1 to x6 are repeated until a length of 64 is reached.

- In light of the foregoing, eight Bent functions are needed to produce quasi-orthogonal sequences with length $256=2^8$. These Bent functions can be generated by repeating each of the six Bent functions shown in Table 1 four times to reach the desired length of 256, and adding Bent functions x7 and x8. Bent function x7 is generated by alternating 64 consecutive 0s and 1s and Bent function x8 is generated by alternating 128 consecutive 0s and 1s, each sequence being repeated until a length of 256 is reached.

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$$M1 = X1*X2 + X1*X3 + X2*X4 + X1*X5 + X4*X5 + X2*X6 + X3*X6 + X4*X6 + X1*X7 + \\ X4*X7 + X5*X7 + X3*X8 + X4*X8$$

$$M2 = X1*X2 + X1*X3 + X1*X4 + X3*X4 + X3*X5 + X4*X5 + X1*X6 + X3*X6 + X4*X6 + \\ X5*X6 + X1*X7 + X3*X7 + X4*X7 + X6*X7 + X1*X8 + X2*X8 + X4*X8 + X6*X8$$

$$5 \quad M3 = X1*X2 + X2*X3 + X2*X4 + X3*X4 + X2*X5 + X4*X5 + X1*X6 + X5*X6 + X3*X7 + \\ X4*X7 + X5*X7 + X1*X8 + X3*X8 + X4*X8 + X5*X8 + X7*X8$$

$$M4 = X1*X2 + X2*X3 + X1*X4 + X1*X5 + X2*X5 + X3*X5 + X4*X5 + X2*X6 + X4*X7 + \\ X6*X7 + X2*X8 + X4*X8 + X5*X8 + X6*X8 + X7*X8$$

$$10 \quad M5 = X1*X2 + X2*X4 + X3*X4 + X2*X5 + X3*X5 + X4*X6 + X3*X7 + X4*X7 + X6*X7 + \\ X5*X8 + X7*X8$$

$$M6 = X1*X2 + X1*X3 + X2*X3 + X2*X4 + X1*X5 + X3*X5 + X1*X6 + X2*X6 + X3*X6 + \\ X5*X6 + X1*X7 + X4*X7 + X6*X7 + X1*X8$$

+ represents modulo 2 addition

For the quasi-orthogonal sequences with a length of 64, the masks M1, M2,
15 and M3 are calculated by applying the formulas of Table 2 to the Bent functions x1
to x6 of Table 1. The results of these calculations are shown in Table 3. For
example, the mask M1 is produced by entering the Bent functions x1 to x6, each
having 64 binary values, into the M1 generation formula of Table 2. Hence, the
masks can be expressed as sets of two-Bent function combinations.

20 The mask generation formulas shown in Table 4 are obtained using the
following procedure. Assuming that a Bent function $f(v_1, \dots, v_m)$, with k variables,
is given, there are only two Boolean functions $f_1(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$ and $f_2(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$ each
having $(k-1)$ variables which satisfy the equation below.

$$f(v_1, \dots, v_k) = f_1(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) + v_k(f_1(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) + f_2(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}))$$

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Then, a sequence function having a period 2^m can be expressed in terms of a period 2^{m-1} sequence function which, in turn, can be expressed in terms of a sequence function having a period 2^{m-2} . The period 2^m sequence function expression can be achieved by repeating this procedure m times.

- 5 To produce a set of two-Bent function combinations for a length-8 quasi-orthogonal code mask of 00010111, 00 and 01 of length 2 in the first half term (0001) can be expressed as 0 and x_1 , respectively, in the first-order Bent, and then the term 0001 of length 4 become $0+x_2x(0+x_1)=x_1x_2$ in the second-order Bent.

- 10 01 and 11 of length 2 in the last half term (0111) are expressed as x_1 and 1, respectively, in the first-order Bent, and then the term 0111 of length 4 becomes $x_1+x_2x(x_1+1)=x_1+x_2+x_1x_2$ in the second-order Bent.

Then, the entire mask function 00010111 is defined as $x_1x_2+x_3x(x_1x_2+x_1+x_2+x_1x_2)=x_1x_2+x_3x(x_1+x_2)=x_1x_2+x_1x_3+x_2x_3$.

- 15 The scheme of expressing a mask function as a set of two-Bent function combinations can be implemented using the following algorithm (for providing a Boolean function expression):

(Equation 1)

- ```

1 N := 2^m ; flag := 0 ; period := 1 ;
2 WHILE period < N DO
20 3 count := 0
4 4 FOR i = 1 TO N
5 5 IF flag=1 THEN DO
6 6 $f[i] = f[i] + f[i-period]$
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7 count := count + 1
8 IF count = period THEN DO
9 flag = flag + 1
10 period := period x 2

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- 5       Complex quasi-orthogonal code can be expressed sign and phase parts. Similarly, sign components of a complex quasi-orthogonal code mask can be expressed as a set of two-function combinations. Table 6 and Table 8 show sets of two-Bent function combinations for sign components of a complex quasi-orthogonal code mask with length 256 as shown in Table 5 and sign components of
- 10 a complex quasi-orthogonal code mask with length 512 as shown in Table 7, respectively.

[Table 5]

|       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M1    | Sign | 0111001000101000110101110111001001001110111010111110101110110001<br>1110101101001110101100011110101111010111100011011000110100101000<br>0010011110000010100000101101100000011011010000011011111000011011<br>0100000100011011000110111011111001111101110110000010011101111101 |
| M2    | Sign | 0001000101001011000111100100010001000100111000010100101111101110<br>1110111001001011111000010100010010111011111000011011010011101110<br>1101110110000111001011010111011110001000001011010111100011011101<br>0010001010000111110100100111011101110111001011011000011111011101 |
| 15 M3 | Sign | 0001011100100100101111010111000110110010100000010001100011010100<br>1000111010111101110110110001011100101011000110000111111010110010<br>1110011111010100101100100111111010111101100011101110100000100100<br>1000000110110010001010111110011111011011111010000111000110111101 |

[Table 6]

$$\begin{aligned}
 M1 &= X1X2 + X1X3 + X1X4 + X1X5 + X1X7 + X1X8 + X2X6 + X2X7 + X3X4 + X3X5 + X3X6 \\
 &\quad + X4X5 + X4X6 + X4X7 + X4X8 + X5X7 + X7X8 + X1 + X2 + X5 + X7 \\
 M2 &= X1X2 + X1X4 + X1X6 + X2X8 + X3X4 + X3X5 + X4X6 + X4X7 + X5X8 + X7 + X8 \\
 5 \quad M3 &= X1X2 + X1X3 + X1X5 + X1X6 + X1X7 + X2X3 + X2X4 + X2X7 + X3X6 + X3X8 + X4X5 \\
 &\quad + X5X7 + X5X8 + X6X8 + X7X8 + X5 + X6 + X7 + X8 \\
 &\quad + \text{represents modulo 2 addition}
 \end{aligned}$$

[Table 7]

|    |    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 | e1 | Sign | 0100110111011011110110111011001000100100010011010100110111011011<br>0010010001001101010011011101101110110010001001000010010001001101<br>0010010001001101010011011101101110110010001001000010010001001101<br>1011001000100100001001000100110111011011101100101011001000100100<br>0100110111011011110110111011001000100100010011010100110111011011<br>0010010001001101010011011101101110110010001001000010010001001101<br>0010010001001101010011011101101110110010001001000010010001001101<br>1011001000100100001001000100110111011011101100101011001000100100 |
|    | e2 | Sign | 0001000101001011011110000010001000011110010001000111011100101101<br>0100010011100001001011011000100010110100000100011101110101111000<br>0111100000100010111011101011010010001000110100100001111001000100<br>1101001001110111010001001110000111011101011110000100101111101110<br>0001111001000100100010001101001011101110101101000111100000100010<br>1011010000010001001000101000011110111011000111100010110110001000<br>0111011100101101000111100100010001111000001000100001000101001011<br>0010001010000111010010111110111011010010011101111011101100011110 |

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|    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| e3 | Sign | 0111010000010010110111100100011100101110010010001000010000011101<br>1110001010000100101101110010111001000111001000010001001010001011<br>1101111001000111011101000001001001111011111000101101000110110111<br>0100100011010001000111010111101100010010100010110100011100100001<br>0100011111011110111011011000101111100010011110110100100000101110<br>1101000101001000100001001110001010001011000100101101111010111000<br>0001001001110100101110000010000101001000001011101110001001111011<br>1000010011100010110100010100100000100001010001110111010011101101 |
|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

[Table 8]

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5  | $ \begin{aligned} M1 = & X1X2 + X1X3 + X1X4 + X1X5 + X1X6 + X1X7 + X1X8 + X2X3 + X2X4 + \\ & X2X5 + X2X6 + X2X7 + X2X8 + X3X4 + X3X5 + X3X6 + X3X7 + X3X8 + X4X5 \\ & + X4X6 + X4X7 + X4X8 + X5X6 + X5X7 + X5X8 + X6X7 + X6X8 + X7X8 + X1 \\ & + X3 + X4 + X5 \end{aligned} $ |
| 10 | $ \begin{aligned} M2 = & X1X2 + X1X4 + X1X5 + X1X7 + X1X8 + X2X5 + X2X8 + X3X4 + X3X5 + \\ & X3X6 + X3X8 + X3X9 + X4X7 + X5X8 + X5X9 + X6X7 + X6X8 + X6X9 + X7X8 \\ & + X7X9 \end{aligned} $                                                                                  |
|    | $ \begin{aligned} M3 = & X1X2 + X1X4 + X1X5 + X1X6 + X1X7 + X1X8 + X2X3 + X2X4 + X2X7 + \\ & X2X9 + X3X6 + X3X7 + X4X5 + X4X8 + X4X9 + X5X7 + X6X7 + X6X8 + X6X9 \\ & + X8X9 + X1 + X2 + X5 + X7 + X8 \end{aligned} $                                                         |
|    | + represents modulo 2 addition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a device for generating quasi-orthogonal code  
15 masks using Bent functions according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Here, quasi-orthogonal code masks have a length of 64, by way of example.

Referring to FIG. 2, a binary counter 110 outputs six counter signals x1 to x6 corresponding to the Bent functions. The waveforms of the counter signals are illustrated in FIG. 3. A clock signal is input into the binary counter's 110 clock input CLK as a reference, and the following outputs are generated by the binary counter 110: a first counter signal x1, with a pulse width twice that of the reference clock signal; a second counter signal x2 with a pulse width twice that of the first counter signal x1, a third counter signal x3 with a pulse width twice that of the second counter signal x2, a fourth counter signal x4 with a pulse width twice that of the third counter signal x3, a fifth counter signal x5 with a pulse width twice that of the fourth counter signal x4, and a sixth counter signal x6 with a pulse width twice that of the fifth counter signal x5. An AND gate 120 outputs signal Y12 resulting from the input of the first and second counter signals x1 and x2. An AND gate 121 outputs signal Y13 resulting from the input of the first and third counter signals x1 and x3. An AND gate 122 outputs signal Y15 resulting from the input of the first and fifth counter signals x1 and x5. An AND gate 123 outputs signal Y16 resulting from the input of the first and sixth counter signals x1 and x6. An AND gate 124 outputs signal Y23 resulting from the input of the second and third counter signals x2 and x3. An AND gate 125 outputs signal Y24 resulting from the input of the second and fourth counter signals x2 and x4. An AND gate 126 outputs signal Y25 resulting from the input of the second and fifth counter signals x2 and x5. An AND gate 127 outputs signal Y26 resulting from the input of the second and sixth counter signals x2 and x6. An AND gate 128 outputs signal Y34 resulting from the input of the third and fourth counter signals x3 and x4. An AND gate 129 outputs signal Y35 resulting from the input of the third and fifth counter signals x3 and x5. An AND gate 130 outputs signal Y45 resulting from the input of the fourth and fifth counter signals x4 and x5. An AND gate 131 outputs signal Y46 resulting

from the input of the fourth and sixth counter signals  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ . An AND gate 132 outputs signal  $Y_{56}$  resulting from the input of the fifth and sixth counter signals  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ .

An XOR gate 140 outputs the mask sequence  $M_1$  by X-ORing signals  $Y_{12}$ ,  
 5  $Y_{13}$ ,  $Y_{23}$ ,  $Y_{34}$ ,  $Y_{15}$ , and  $Y_{46}$ . An XOR gate 141 outputs the mask sequence  $M_2$  by X-ORing signals  $Y_{12}$ ,  $Y_{13}$ ,  $Y_{34}$ ,  $Y_{25}$ ,  $Y_{35}$ ,  $Y_{26}$ ,  $Y_{46}$ , and  $Y_{56}$ . An XOR gate 142 outputs the mask sequence  $M_3$  by X-ORing signals  $Y_{12}$ ,  $Y_{24}$ ,  $Y_{34}$ ,  $Y_{15}$ ,  $Y_{45}$ ,  $Y_{16}$ , and  $Y_{56}$ .

In operation, the binary counter 110 generates the six signals representing the  
 10 Bent functions shown in Table 1. Model 74HC161 may be employed as a suitable binary counter 110, however, other suitable binary counters may be employed. As stated above, using the input of the first and second counter signals  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , the AND gate 120 produces signal  $Y_{12}$  which represents a sequence  $x_1x_2$  which is used in the masks  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $M_3$ . Similarly, using the input of the first and third  
 15 counter signals  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ , the AND gate 121 produces signal  $Y_{13}$  which represents a sequence  $x_1x_3$  which is used in the masks  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . In this manner, the AND gates 120 to 132 operate to produce their respective signals, which are combined in appropriate combinations to generate mask sequences  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_3$  using XOR gates 140, 141, and 142, respectively. Accordingly, the input of  $Y_{12}$  ( $=x_1x_2$ ),  $Y_{13}$   
 20 ( $=x_1x_3$ ),  $Y_{23}$  ( $=x_2x_3$ ),  $Y_{24}$  ( $=x_2x_4$ ),  $Y_{15}$  ( $=x_1x_5$ ), and  $Y_{46}$  ( $=x_4x_6$ ), the XOR gate 140 generates the mask sequence  $M_1$  according to the formula for the mask  $M_1$  in Table 2. In the same manner, for the input of  $Y_{12}$  ( $=x_1x_2$ ),  $Y_{13}$  ( $=x_1x_3$ ),  $Y_{34}$  ( $=x_3x_4$ ),  $Y_{25}$  ( $=x_2x_5$ ),  $Y_{35}$  ( $=x_3x_5$ ),  $Y_{26}$  ( $=x_2x_6$ ),  $Y_{46}$  ( $=x_4x_6$ ), and  $Y_{56}$  ( $=x_5x_6$ ), the XOR gate 141 generates the mask sequence  $M_2$ , and for the input of  $Y_{12}$   
 25 ( $=x_1x_2$ ),  $Y_{24}$  ( $=x_2x_4$ ),  $Y_{34}$  ( $=x_3x_4$ ),  $Y_{15}$  ( $=x_1x_5$ ),  $Y_{45}$  ( $=x_4x_5$ ),  $Y_{16}$  ( $=x_1x_6$ ), and  $Y_{56}$  ( $=x_5x_6$ ), the XOR gate 142 generates the mask sequence  $M_3$ .

Quasi-orthogonal codes with a length of 128 are generated in the same manner as the quasi-orthogonal codes with a length of 64. Similarly, a length-256 quasi-orthogonal mask generating device can be achieved by controlling the binary counter to produce clock signals of the intended length and configuring AND gates  
5 corresponding to the terms shown in Table 4.

Table 6 and Table 8 shows that the sequences (Table 5 and Table 7) corresponding to the sign component of the complex quasi-orthogonal code mask can be expressed as a set of two-function combinations such as the binary quasi-orthogonal sequences (Table 3). Accordingly, in case of the quasi-orthogonal  
10 sequences with length 256, the operators are constituted by the formula of the Table 6, thereby to embody the quasi-orthogonal mask generating device. Also, in case of the quasi-orthogonal sequences with length 512, the operators are constituted by the formula of the Table 8, thereby to embody the quasi-orthogonal mask generating device.

15 As described above, the present invention is advantageous in that quasi-orthogonal mask sequences are easily produced by implementing them using simple hardware.

While the present invention has been described in detail with reference to the specific embodiment, it is a mere exemplary application. Thus, it is to be clearly  
20 understood that many variations can be made by anyone of ordinary skill in the art while staying within the scope and spirit of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system, comprising:

a counter for generating first to eighth signals  $x_1$ - $x_8$  representing Bent  
5 functions; and

a logic operator for receiving the first to eighth signals  $x_1$ - $x_8$  and performing an operation to generate a quasi-orthogonal mask signal.

2. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in 1, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2$   
10  $+ x_1*x_3 + x_1*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_1*x_7 + x_1*x_8 + x_2*x_6 + x_2*x_7 + x_3*x_4 + x_3*x_5 +$   
 $x_3*x_6 + x_4*x_5 + x_4*x_6 + x_4*x_7 + x_4*x_8 + x_5*x_7 + x_7*x_8 + x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + x_7.$

3. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  
15  $x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_4 + x_1*x_6 + x_2*x_8 + x_3*x_4 + x_3*x_5 + x_4*x_6 + x_4*x_7 + x_5*x_8 + x_7$   
 $+ x_8.$

4. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  
20  $x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_3 + x_1*x_5 + x_1*x_6 + x_1*x_7 + x_2*x_3 + x_2*x_4 + x_2*x_7 + x_3*x_6 +$   
 $x_3*x_8 + x_4*x_5 + x_5*x_7 + x_5*x_8 + x_6*x_8 + x_7*x_8 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 + x_8.$

5. A device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system, comprising:

a counter for generating first to ninth signals  $x_1$ - $x_9$  representing Bent functions; and

a logic operator for receiving the first to ninth signals  $x_1$ - $x_9$  and performing an operation to generate a quasi-orthogonal mask signal.

6. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 5, wherein the operation performed is

$$x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_3 + x_1*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_1*x_6 + x_1*x_7 + x_1*x_8 + x_2*x_3 + x_2*x_4 + x_2*x_5 + x_2*x_6 + x_2*x_7 + x_2*x_8 + x_3*x_4 + x_3*x_5 + x_3*x_6 + x_3*x_7 + x_3*x_8 + x_4*x_5 + x_4*x_6 + x_4*x_7 + x_4*x_8 + x_5*x_6 + x_5*x_7 + x_5*x_8 + x_6*x_7 + x_6*x_8 + x_7*x_8 + x_1 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5.$$

7. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 5, wherein the operation performed is

$$x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_1*x_7 + x_1*x_8 + x_2*x_5 + x_2*x_8 + x_3*x_4 + x_3*x_5 + x_3*x_6 + x_3*x_8 + x_3*x_9 + x_4*x_7 + x_5*x_8 + x_5*x_9 + x_6*x_7 + x_6*x_8 + x_6*x_9 + x_7*x_8 + x_7*x_9.$$

8. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 5, wherein the operation performed is

$$x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_1*x_6 + x_1*x_7 + x_1*x_8 + x_2+x_3 + x_2*x_4 + x_2*x_7 + x_2*x_9 + x_3*x_6 + x_3*x_7 + x_4*x_5 + x_4*x_8 + x_4*x_9 + x_5* x_7 + x_6*x_7 + x_6*x_8 + x_6*x_9 + x_8*x_9 + x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + x_7 + x_8.$$

9. A device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system, comprising:

a counter for generating first to sixth signals  $x_1$ - $x_6$  representing Bent functions; and

a logic operator for receiving the first to sixth signals  $x_1$ - $x_6$  and performing

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an operation to generate a quasi-orthogonal mask signal.

10. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 9, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_3 + x_2*x_3 + x_2*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_4*x_6$ .

5 11. The device as recited in claim 10, wherein the mask signal output from the logic operator is repeated twice to generate a mask of length 128.

12. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 9, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_3 + x_3*x_4 + x_2*x_5 + x_3*x_5 + x_2*x_6 + x_4*x_6 + x_5*x_6$ .

10 13. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein the mask signal output from the logic operator is repeated twice to generate a mask of length 128.

14. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 9, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_2*x_4 + x_3*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_4*x_5 + x_1*x_6 + x_5*x_6$ .

15 15. The device as recited in claim 14, wherein the mask signal output from the logic operator is repeated twice to generate a mask of length 128.

16. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_3 + x_2*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_4*x_5 + x_2*x_6 + x_3*x_6 + x_4*x_6 + x_1*x_7 +$   
 20  $x_4*x_7 + x_5*x_7 + x_3*x_8 + x_4*x_8$ .

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17. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_1*x_3 + x_1*x_4 + x_3*x_4 + x_3*x_5 + x_4*x_5 + x_1*x_6 + x_3*x_6 + x_4*x_6 + x_5*x_6 + x_1*x_7 + x_3*x_7 + x_4*x_7 + x_6*x_7 + x_1*x_8 + x_2*x_8 + x_4*x_8 + x_6*x_8$ .

5 18. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_2*x_3 + x_2*x_4 + x_3*x_4 + x_2*x_5 + x_4*x_5 + x_1*x_6 + x_5*x_6 + x_3*x_7 + x_4*x_7 + x_5*x_7 + x_1*x_8 + x_3*x_8 + x_4*x_8 + x_5*x_8 + x_7*x_8$ .

10 19. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_2*x_3 + x_1*x_4 + x_1*x_5 + x_2*x_5 + x_3*x_5 + x_4*x_5 + x_2*x_6 + x_4*x_7 + x_6*x_7 + x_2*x_8 + x_4*x_8 + x_5*x_8 + x_6*x_8 + x_7*x_8$ .

20. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a  
15 communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  $x_1*x_2 + x_2*x_4 + x_3*x_4 + x_2*x_5 + x_3*x_5 + x_4*x_6 + x_3*x_7 + x_4*x_7 + x_6*x_7 + x_5*x_8 + x_7*x_8$ .

21. The device for generating a quasi-orthogonal code mask in a  
communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation performed is  
20  $X_1*X_2 + X_1*X_3 + X_2*X_3 + X_2*X_4 + X_1*X_5 + X_3*X_5 + X_1*X_6 + X_2*X_6 + X_3*X_6 + X_5*X_6 + X_1*X_7 + X_4*X_7 + X_6*X_7 + X_1*X_8$ .

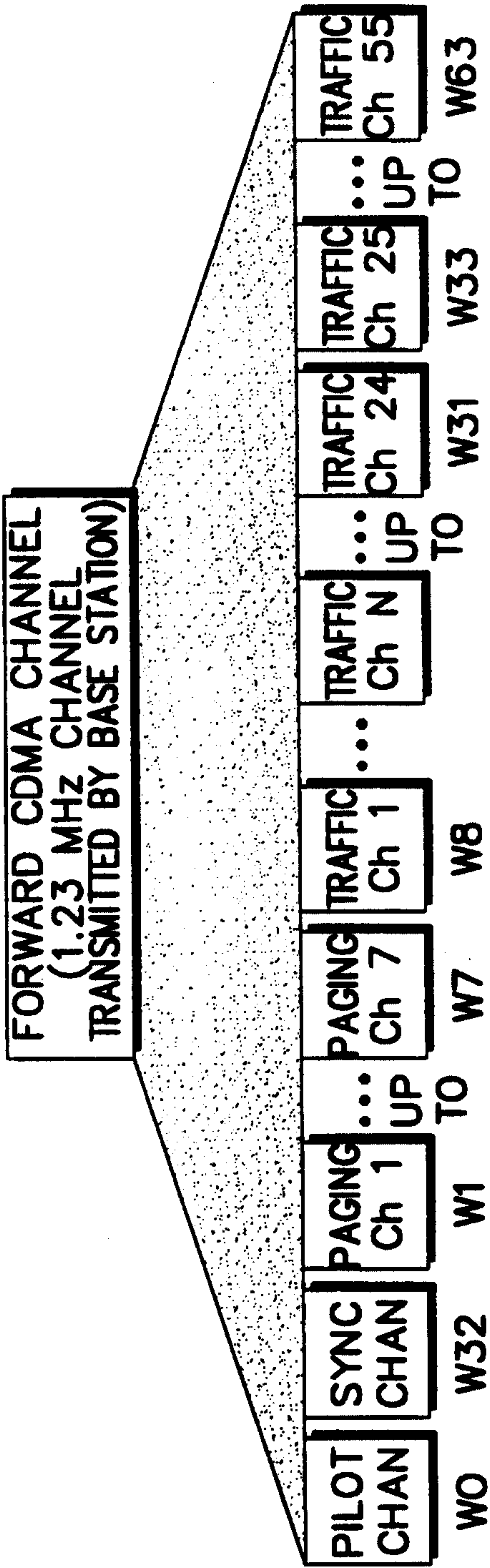


FIG. 1

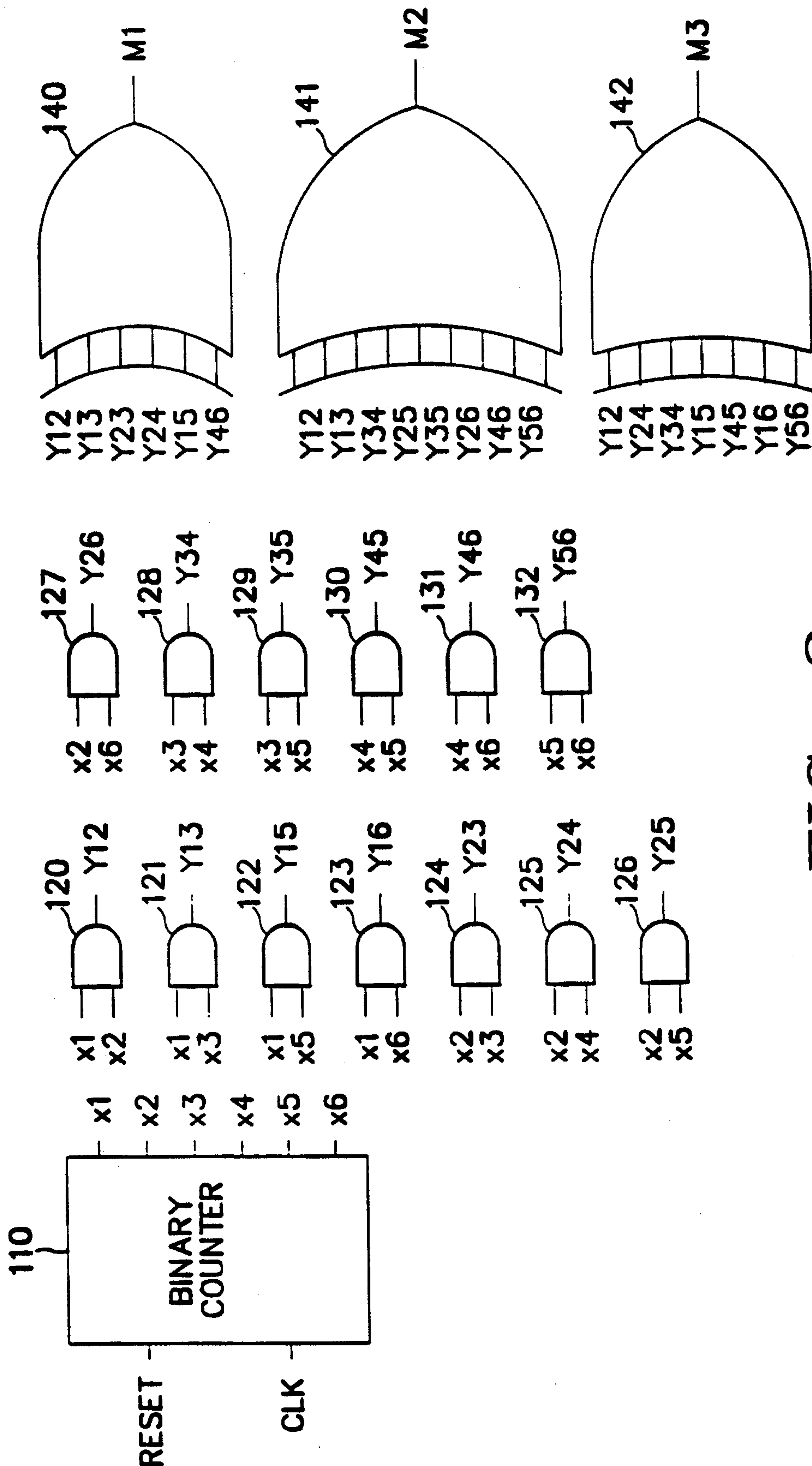


FIG. 2

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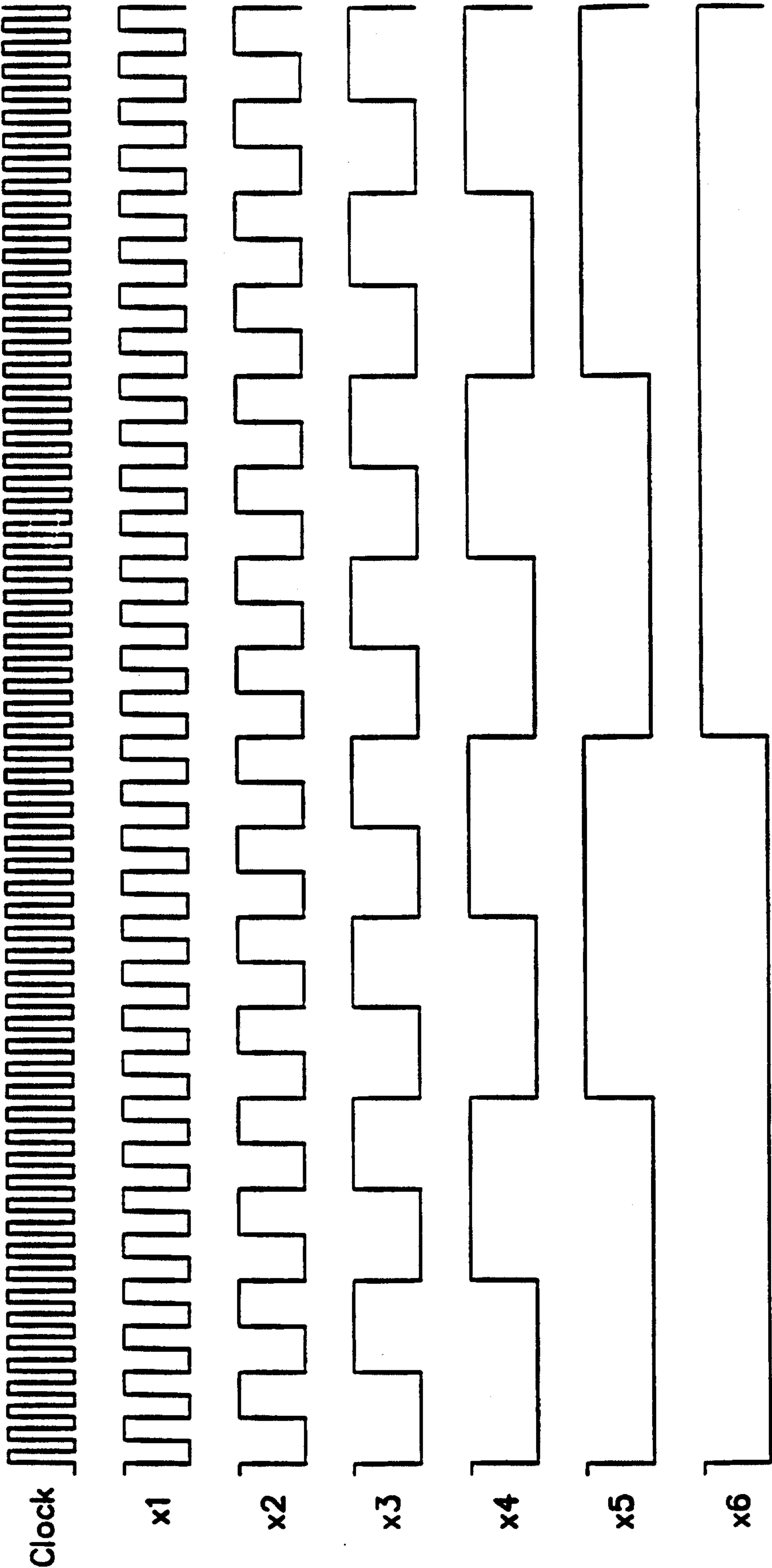


FIG. 3