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Energy-efficient heating-cooling system

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Design a circuit that controls a heating-cooling system of a room that has a remotely-controlled window. The system has four temperature sensors: two inside the room and two outside. The sensors inside the room indicate whether the temperature is too high ($hot_in=1$) or too cold ($cold_in=1$). The sensors outside the room indicate whether the temperature is sufficiently hot ($hot_out=1$) or cold ($cold_out=1$) to acclimatize the room.

The control system must save as much energy as possible, opening the window (*open_window*=1) when the outside temperature can be used to acclimatize the room. In case the outside temperature is not appropriate, the cooler of the heater must be activated.

Note that *hot_in* and *cold_in* can never be at 1 simultaneously. Similarly for *hot_out* and *cold_out*.

Specification

Input

- *hot_in* is the input that indicates when the inside temperature is too hot.
- *cold_in* is the input that indicates when the inside temperature is too cold.
- *hot_out* is the input that indicates when the outside temperature is hot.
- *cold_out* is the input that indicates when the outside temperature is cold.

Output

- *open_window* is the output that controls the opening of the window.
- *heater* is the output that activates the heater.
- *cooler* is the output that activates the cooler.

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