Digital Logic
Appendix A

Boolean Algebra
Gates
Combinatorial Circuits
Sequential Circuits

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Boolean Algebra

- George Boole
  - ideas 1854
- Claude Shannon,
  - apply to circuit design, 1938 (piirisuunnittelu)
- Describe digital circuitry function
  - programming language?
- Optimise given circuitry
  - use algebra (Boolean algebra) to manipulate (Boolean) expressions into simpler expressions

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Boolean Algebra

- Variables: A, B, C
- Values: TRUE (1), FALSE (0)
- Basic logical operations:
  - binary: AND (•), OR (+) $A \bullet B = AB$ $B + C$
  - unary: NOT (¯) $\overline{A}$ (ja, tai, ei)
- Composite operations, equations
  - precedence: NOT, AND, OR
  - parenthesis $D = A + \overline{B} \bullet C = A + ((\overline{B})C)$

Boolean Algebra

- Other operations
  - NAND $A \text{ NAND } B = \text{NOT}(A \text{ AND } B) = \overline{AB}$
  - NOR $A \text{ NOR } B = \text{NOT}(A \text{ OR } B) = \overline{A + B}$
- Truth tables
  - What is the result of the operation?

AND	Q=0	Q=1
P=0	0	0
P=1	0	1

Table A.1

P	Q	P AND Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Postulates, Identities in Boolean Algebra

- How can I manipulate expressions?
  - Simple set of rules?
- Basic identities — Table A.2
  - commutative laws (vaihdantalait)
  - distributive laws (osittelulait)
  - identity elements (identiteetit)
  - inverse elements (vasta-alkiot)
  - associative laws (liitäntälait)
  - DeMorgan's theorem (DeMorganin laki)

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Gates (portit)

- Fundamental building blocks
  - easy to build — http://tech-www.informatik.uni-hamburg.de/applets/cmos/cmosdemo.html
  - implement basic Boolean algebra operations
- Combine to build more complex circuits
  - memory, adder, multiplier (yhteenlaskupiiri, kertolaskupiiri)
- 1-3 inputs, 1 output

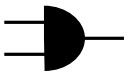

Fig. A.1 AND

- Gate delay (viive)
  - change inputs, new output available after gate delay — 1 ns? 10 ns?

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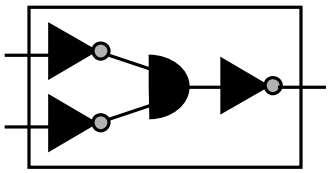
Functionally Complete Set

- Can build all basic gates ("and", "or", "not") from a smaller set of gates
  - With "and", "or", "not" (trivial!)
  - With "and", "not"
    - "or"? $A + B = \overline{\overline{A} \bullet \overline{B}}$
  - With "or", "not"
  - With "nand" alone Fig A.2
  - With "nor" Fig A.3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Combinational Circuits (3)

(yhdistelmä-piirit)

- Interconnected set of gates
  - change input, wait for gate delays, new output
- Output is Boolean function of input signals
  - m (binary, Boolean) inputs
  - n (binary, Boolean) outputs
- Described in three ways
  - describe function with Boolean equations (one for each output) $F = \overline{A}B\overline{C} + \overline{A}BC + AB\overline{C}$
  - describe function with truth table Table A.3
  - describe implementation with graphical symbols for gates and wires Fig A.4

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Simplify Presentation (and Implementation) (3)

- Boolean equations
  - Sum of products form (SOP)

$$F = \overline{A}B\overline{C} + \overline{A}BC + AB\overline{C}$$

Fig A.4

Boolean algebra

  - Product of sums form (POS)

$$F = (A + B + C) \bullet (A + B + \overline{C}) \bullet (\overline{A} + B + C) \bullet (\overline{A} + B + \overline{C}) \bullet (\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C})$$

Fig A.5

Which presentation is better?
Fewer gates? Smaller area on chip?
Smaller circuit delay? Faster?

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Algebraic Simplification

- Circuits become too large to handle?
- Use basic identities to simplify Boolean expressions

$$F = \overline{A}B\overline{C} + \overline{A}BC + AB\overline{C}$$
$$= \overline{A}B + B\overline{C} = B(\overline{A} + \overline{C})$$

Fig A.5 → Fig A.6

- May be difficult to do
- How to do it automatically?
- Build a program to do it "best"?

$$f = \overline{a}\overline{b}cd + \overline{a}bcd + ab\overline{c}\overline{d} + ab\overline{c}d + abcd + abc\overline{d} + a\overline{b}cd + a\overline{b}c\overline{d}$$

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Karnaugh Map Squares

- Each square represents complete input value combination
  - canonical form: each term has each variable once
  - adjacent squares differ only in one input value (wrap around)

order!!

CD: / AB	**00**	**01**	**11**	**10**
00	0000	0001	0011	0010
01	0100	0101	0111	0110
11	1100	1101	1111	1110
10	1000	1001	1011	1010

Square for input value combination

$\overline{A}\overline{B}CD = 1001$

Karnaugh Maps

- Represent Boolean function (I.e., circuit) truth table in another way
  - each square is **one product** in sums-of-products (SOP) presentation
  - value is one (1) iff corresponding input values give value 1, o/w value is "empty"
  - value is 1 if function value for those input values is one

Fig A.7

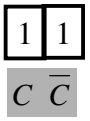
CD

AB	**00**	**01**	**11**	**10**
00			1	
01				
11	1			
10		1		

$F = \overline{A}\overline{B}CD + A\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D} + A\overline{B}\overline{C}D$

Karnaugh Map Simplification

- Starting point:
  - Adjacent squares differ only in one input variable value



Adjacent squares have value 1

↓

Input values differ only in one variable

↓

Value of that variable is irrelevant
(when all other input variables are fixed
to corresponding values for those squares)

↓

Can ignore that variable for those expressions

Using Karnaugh Maps to Minimize Boolean Functions (6)

Original function

$$f = \bar{a}\bar{b}cd + \bar{a}bcd + ab\bar{c}\bar{d} + ab\bar{c}d + abc\bar{d} + \bar{a}bc\bar{d} + a\bar{b}cd + a\bar{b}c\bar{d}$$

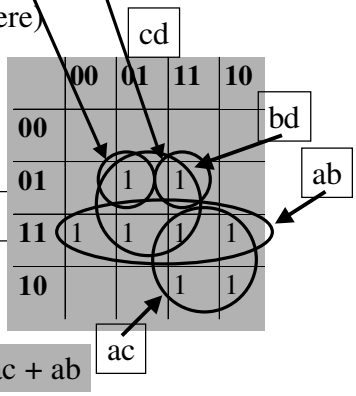
Canonical form (now already there)

Karnaugh Map

Find smallest number of circles, each with largest number of 1's

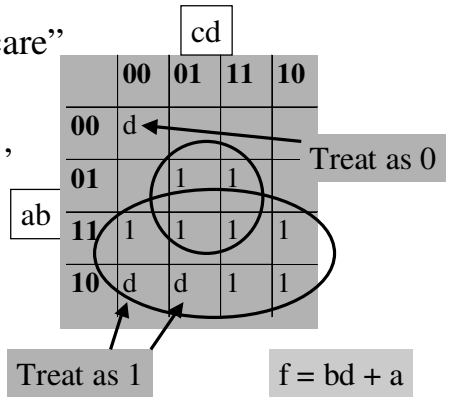
Select parameter combinations corresponding to the circles

Get reduced function f = bd + ac + ab



Impossible Input Variable Combinations

- What if some input combinations can never occur?
  - Mark them"don't care" or "d"
  - treat them as 0 or 1, whichever is best
  - more room to optimize



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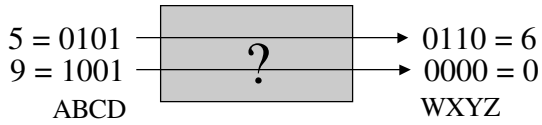
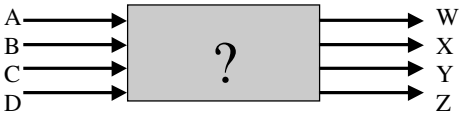
Example: Circuit to add 1 (mod 10) to 4-bit BCD decimal number (4)





Truth table? Table A.4

Karnaugh maps for W, X, Y and Z? Fig. A.10

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Quine-McKluskey Method

- Another method to minimise Boolean expressions
- Why?
  - Karnaugh maps become complex with 6 input variables
- Quine-McKluskey method
  - tabular method
  - automatically suitable for programming
  - details skipped

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Basic Combinational Circuits

- Building blocks for more complex circuits
  - Multiplexer
  - Encoders/decoder
  - Read-Only-Memory
  - Adder

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Multiplexers (2)

- Select one of many possible inputs to output
  - black box Fig A.12
  - simple truth table Tbl A.7
  - implementation Fig A.13
- Each input/output "line" can be many parallel lines
  - select one of three 16 bit values Fig A.14
    - $C_{0..15}$, $IR_{0..15}$, $ALU_{0..15}$
  - simple extension to one line selection
    - lots of wires, plenty of gates …

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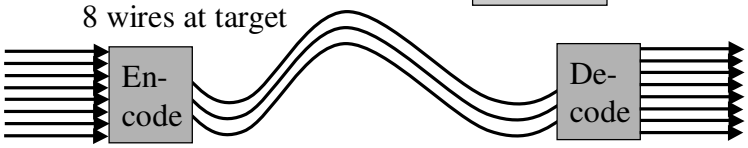
Encoders/Decoders

- Only one of many Encoder input or Decoder output lines can be 1
- Encode the line number as output
  - hopefully less pins (wires) needed this way
  - optimise for space, not time
  - Example:
    - encode 8 input wires with 3 output pins
    - route 3 wires around the board
    - decode 3 wires back to 8 wires at target Fig A.15



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Read-Only-Memory (ROM) (4)

- Given input values, get output value
  - Like multiplexer, but with fixed data
- Consider input as address, output as contents of memory location
- Truth tables for a ROM — Table A.8
  - 64 bit ROM
  - 16 words, each 4 bits wide

Mem (7) = 4 Mem (11) = 14

- Implementation with decoder & or gates

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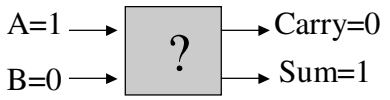
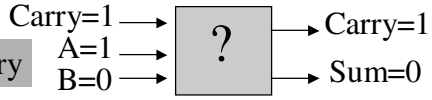
Adders (4)

1-bit adder



1-bit adder with carry



Implementation — Table A.9, Fig A.22

Build 4-bit adder from 4 1-bit adders — Fig A.21

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Sequential Circuit

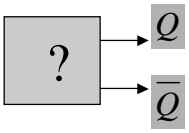
(sarjalliset piirit)

- Circuit has (modifiable) internal state
- Output of circuit depends (also) on internal state
  - not only from current inputs
  - output = f(input, state)
  - new state = f(input, state)
- Processor control, registers, memory

Flip-Flop

(kiikku)

- 2 states for Q (0 or 1, true or false)
- 2 outputs Q and $\overline{Q}$
  - complement values
  - both always available on different pins



- Need to be able to change the state (Q)

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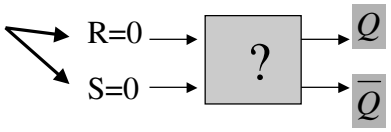
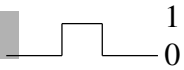
S-R Flip-Flop or S-R Latch (4)

(laituri)

Usually both 0

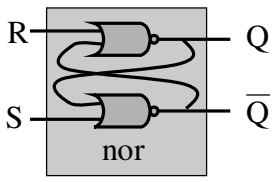


"Write 1" = "set S=1 for a short time" = "set"



"Write 0" = "set R=1 for a short time" = "reset"

nor (0, 0) = 1
nor (0, 1) = 0
nor (1, 0) = 0
nor (1, 1) = 0



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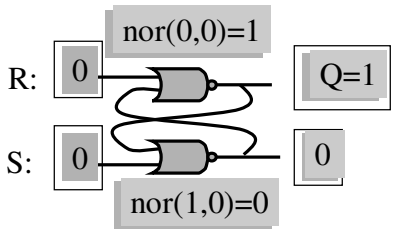
S-R Latch Stable States (3)

- 1 bit memory (value = value of Q)
- bi-stable, when R=S=0
  - Q=0?
  - Q=1?

nor (0, 0) = 1
nor (0, 1) = 0
nor (1, 0) = 0
nor (1, 1) = 0



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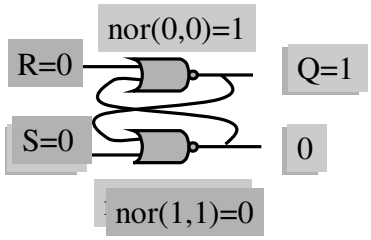
S-R Latch Set (1) and Reset (0) (n)

Write 1: S=0 → 1 → 0



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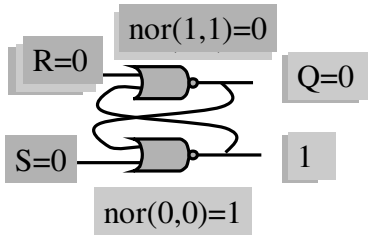

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Clocked Flip-Flops

- State change can happen only when clock is 1
  - more control on state changes
- Clocked S-R Flip-Flop Fig. A.26
- D Flip-Flop Fig. A.27
  - only one input D
    - D = 1 and CLOCK → write 1
    - D = 0 and CLOCK → write 0
- J-K Flip-Flop Fig. A.28
  - Toggle Q when J=K=1 Fig. A.29

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Registers (2)

- Parallel registers Fig. A.30
  - read/write
  - CPU user registers
  - additional internal registers
- Shift Registers
  - shifts data 1 bit to the right Fig. A.31
  - serial to parallel?
  - ALU operation?
  - rotate?

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Counters (4)

- Add 1 to stored counter value
- Counter
  - parallel register plus increment circuits
- Ripple counter
  - asynchronous
  - increment least significant bit, and handle "carry" bit as far as needed
- Synchronous counter
  - modify all counter flip-flops simultaneously
  - faster, more complex, more expensive

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Summary

- Boolean Algebra → Gates → Circuits
  - can implement all with NANDs or NORs
  - simplify circuits: Karnaugh, Quine-McKluskey
- Components for CPU design
  - ROM, adder
  - multiplexer, encoder/decoder
  - flip-flop, register, shift register, counter

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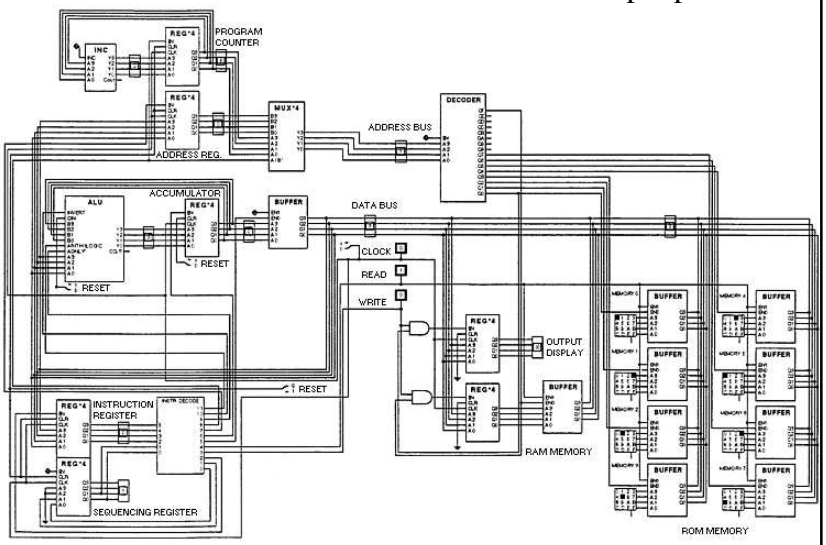
Simple processor



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