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## Boolean Algebra

- Boolean algebra is a mathematical system for the manipulation of variables that can have one of two values.
- A Boolean function has:
  - At least one Boolean variable, At least one Boolean operator, and At least one input from the set  $\{0,1\}$ .
- It produces an output that is also a member of the set  $\{0,1\}$ .

- The truth table for the Boolean function:

$$F(x, y, z) = x\bar{z} + y$$

is shown at the right.

- To make evaluation of the Boolean function easier, the truth table contains extra (shaded) columns to hold evaluations of subparts of the function.

$$F(x, y, z) = x\bar{z} + y$$

x	y	z	$\bar{z}$	$x\bar{z}$	$x\bar{z} + y$
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	1

- The simpler that we can make a Boolean function, the smaller the circuit that will result.

- Most Boolean identities have an AND (product) form as well as an OR (sum) form. We give our identities using both forms. Our first group is rather intuitive:

Identity Name	AND Form	OR Form
Identity Law	$1x = x$	$0 + x = x$
Null Law	$0x = 0$	$1 + x = 1$
Idempotent Law	$xx = x$	$x + x = x$
Inverse Law	$x\bar{x} = 0$	$x + \bar{x} = 1$

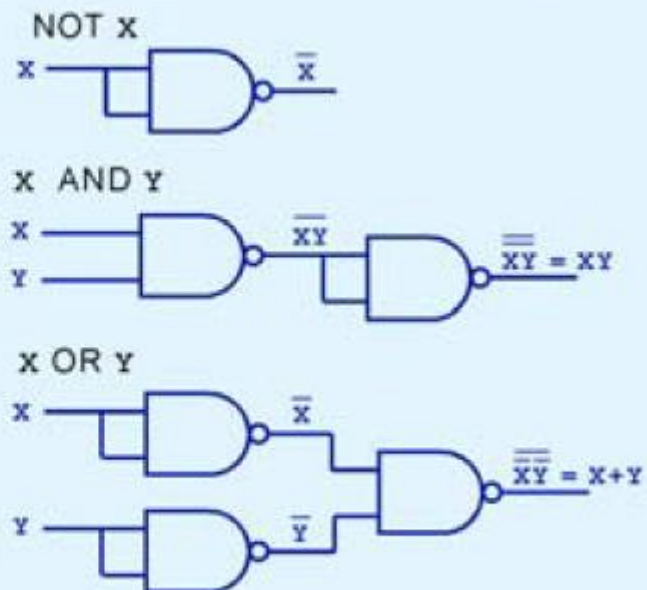
Identity Name	AND Form	OR Form
Commutative Law	$xy = yx$	$x+y = y+x$
Associative Law	$(xy)z = x(yz)$	$(x+y)+z = x + (y+z)$
Distributive Law	$x+yz = (x+y)(x+z)$	$x(y+z) = xy+xz$

Identity Name	AND Form	OR Form
Absorption Law	$x(x+y) = x$	$x + xy = x$
DeMorgan's Law	$\overline{(xy)} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$	$\overline{(x+y)} = \bar{x}\bar{y}$
Double Complement Law	$\overline{(\bar{x})} = x$	

- We can use Boolean identities to simplify the function:  $F(X, Y, Z) = (X + Y)(X + \bar{Y})(\bar{XZ})$  as follows:

$(X + Y)(X + \bar{Y})(\bar{XZ})$	Idempotent Law (Rewriting)
$(X + Y)(X + \bar{Y})(\bar{X} + Z)$	DeMorgan's Law
$(XX + X\bar{Y} + XY + Y\bar{Y})(\bar{X} + Z)$	Distributive Law
$((X + Y\bar{Y}) + X(Y + \bar{Y}))(\bar{X} + Z)$	Commutative & Distributive Laws
$((X + 0) + X(1))(\bar{X} + Z)$	Inverse Law
$X(\bar{X} + Z)$	Idempotent Law
$X\bar{X} + XZ$	Distributive Law
$0 + XZ$	Inverse Law
$XZ$	Idempotent Law

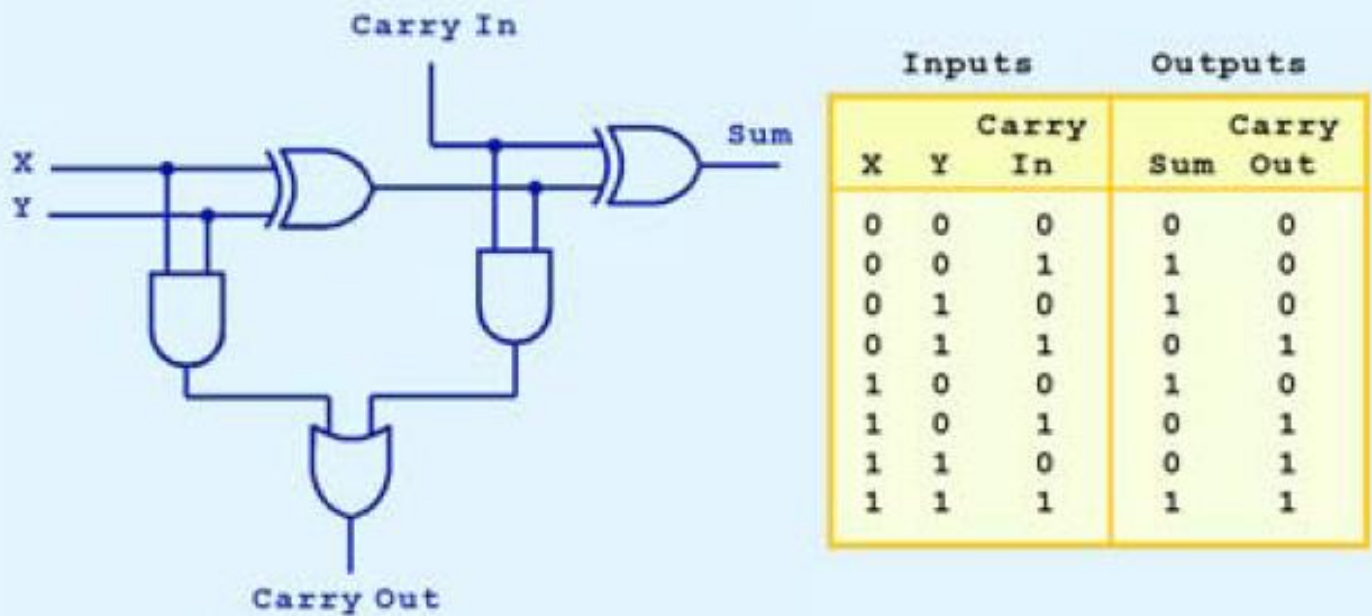
- NAND and NOR are known as *universal gates* because they are inexpensive to manufacture and any Boolean function can be constructed using only NAND or only NOR gates.



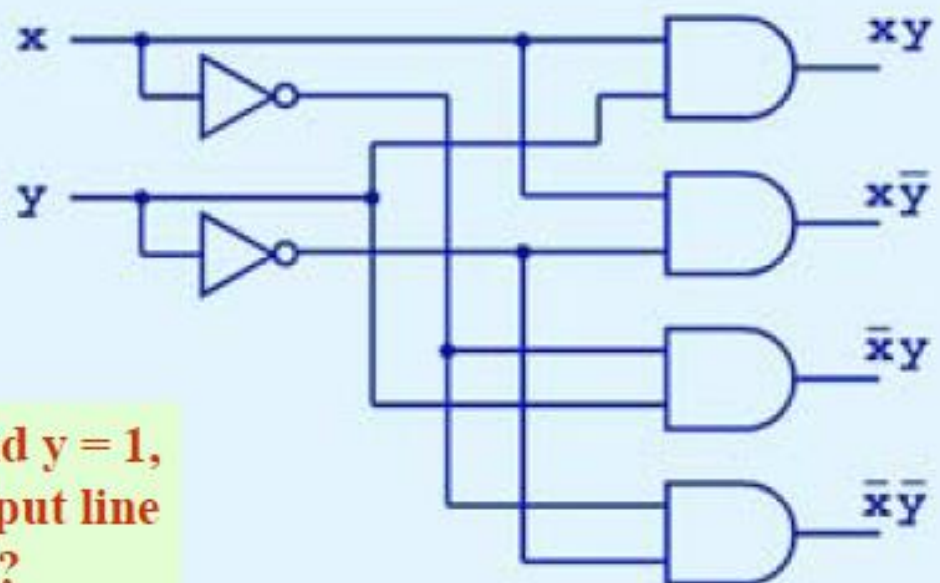


## • Combinational Circuits

- Here's our completed full adder.

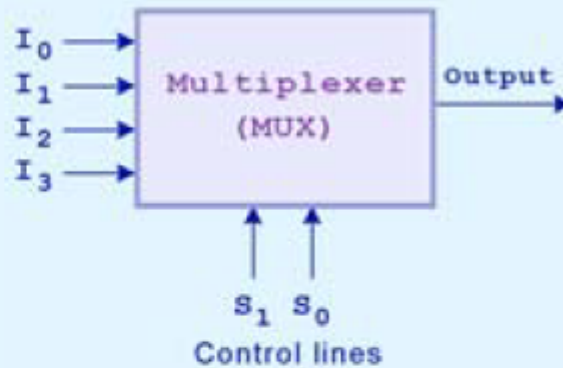


- This is what a 2-to-4 decoder looks like on the inside.



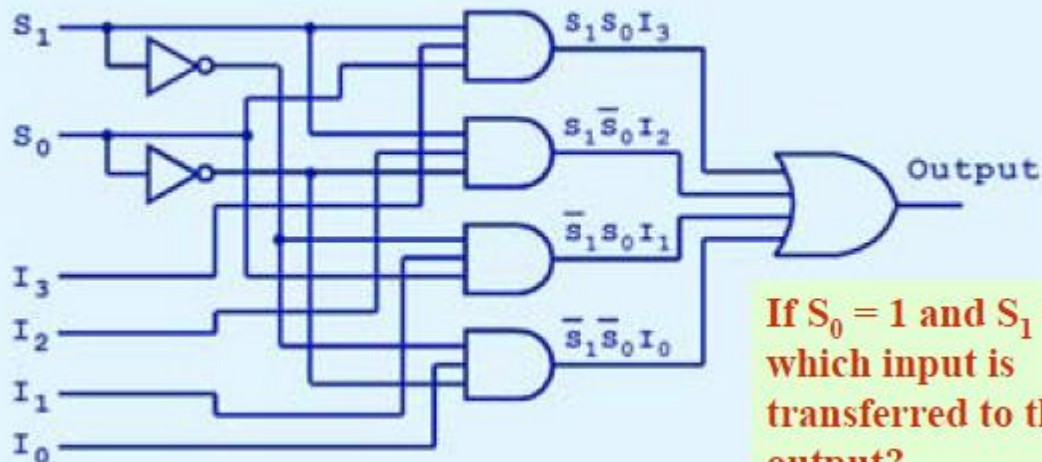
**If  $x = 0$  and  $y = 1$ ,  
which output line  
is enabled?**

- A multiplexer does just the opposite of a decoder.
- It selects a single output from several inputs.
- The particular input chosen for output is determined by the value of the multiplexer's control lines.
- To be able to select among  $n$  inputs,  $\log_2 n$  control lines are needed.



**This is a block diagram for a multiplexer.**

- This is what a 4-to-1 multiplexer looks like on the inside.

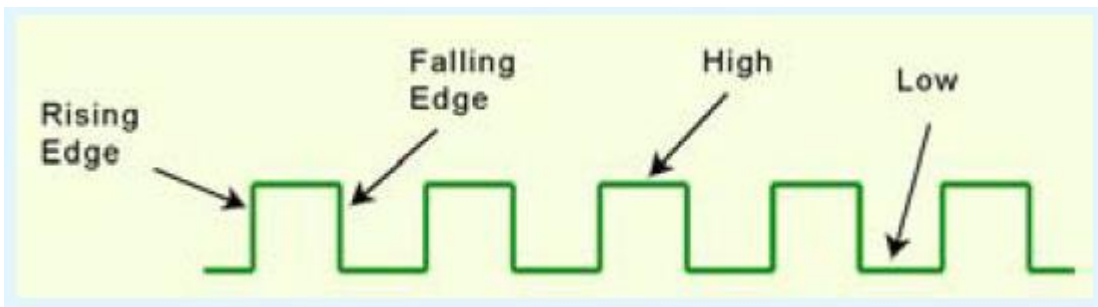


**If  $S_0 = 1$  and  $S_1 = 0$ , which input is transferred to the output?**

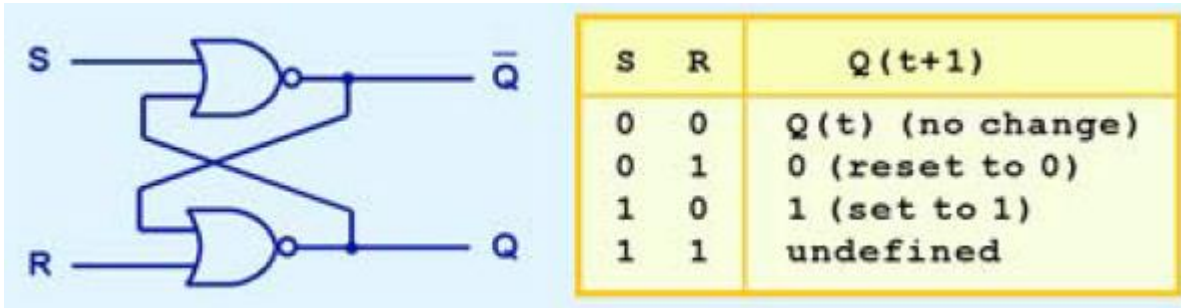
## • Sequential Circuits

- There are other times, however, when we need a circuit to change its value with consideration to its current state as well as its inputs.

- These circuits have to “remember” their current state.
  - Sequential logic circuits provide this functionality for us.
- As the name implies, sequential logic circuits require a means by which events can be sequenced.
  - State changes are controlled by clocks.
    - A “clock” is a special circuit that sends electrical pulses through a circuit.
    - Clocks produce electrical waveforms such as the one shown below.
- State changes occur in sequential circuits only when the clock ticks.
- Circuits can change state on the rising edge, falling edge, or when the clock pulse reaches its highest voltage.



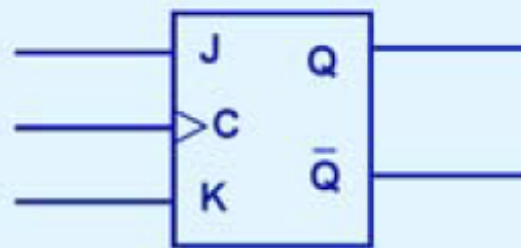
- Circuits that change state on the rising edge, or falling edge of the clock pulse are called edgetriggered.
- Level-triggered circuits change state when the clock voltage reaches its highest or lowest level.
- You can see how feedback works by examining the most basic sequential logic components, the SR flip-flop.
  - The “SR” stands for set/reset.
    - The internals of an SR flip-flop are shown below, along with its block diagram.
- The behavior of an SR flip-flop is described by a characteristic table.
  - $Q(t)$  means the value of the output at time  $t$ .
  - $Q(t+1)$  is the value of  $Q$  after the next clock pulse.



- The SR flip-flop actually has three inputs: S, R, and its current output, Q.
- Thus, we can construct a truth table for this circuit, as shown at the right.
- Notice the two undefined values. When both S and R are 1, the SR flip-flop is unstable.

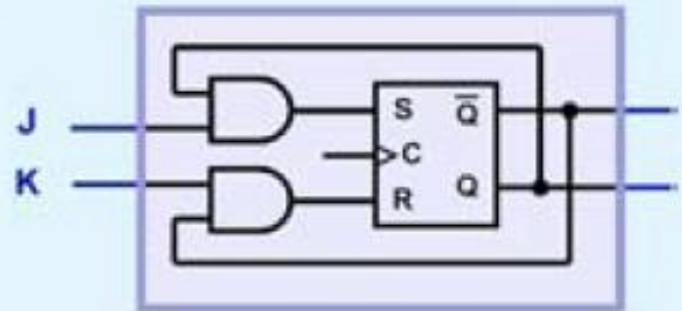
Present State			Next State
S	R	Q(t)	Q(t+1)
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	undefined
1	1	1	undefined

- If we can be sure that the inputs to an SR flip-flop will never both be 1, we will never have an unstable circuit. This may not always be the case.
- The SR flip-flop can be modified to provide a stable state when both inputs are 1.
- This modified flip-flop is called a JK flip-flop, shown at the right.
  - The “JK” is in honor of Jack Kilby.



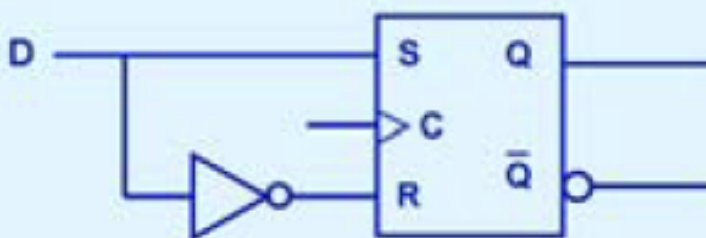


- At the right, we see how an SR flip-flop can be modified to create a JK flip-flop.
- The characteristic table indicates that the flip-flop is stable for all inputs.



J	K	$Q(t+1)$
0	0	$Q(t)$ (no change)
0	1	0 (reset to 0)
1	0	1 (set to 1)
1	1	$\bar{Q}(t)$

- Another modification of the SR flip-flop is the D flip-flop, shown below with its characteristic table.
- You will notice that the output of the flip-flop remains the same during subsequent clock pulses. The output changes only when the value of D changes.

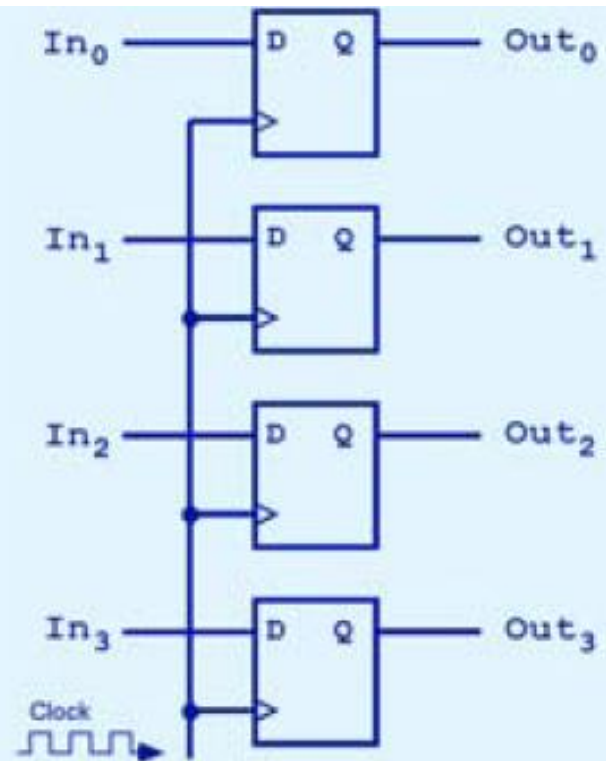


D	$Q(t+1)$
0	0
1	1

- This illustration shows a 4-bit register consisting of D flip-flops. You will usually see its block diagram (below) instead.



**A larger memory configuration is in your text.**



- A binary counter is another example of a sequential circuit.
- The low-order bit is complemented at each clock pulse.
- Whenever it changes from 0 to 1, the next bit is complemented, and so on through the other flip-flops.

