COMBINATIONAL LOGIC DESIGN

Chapter 2

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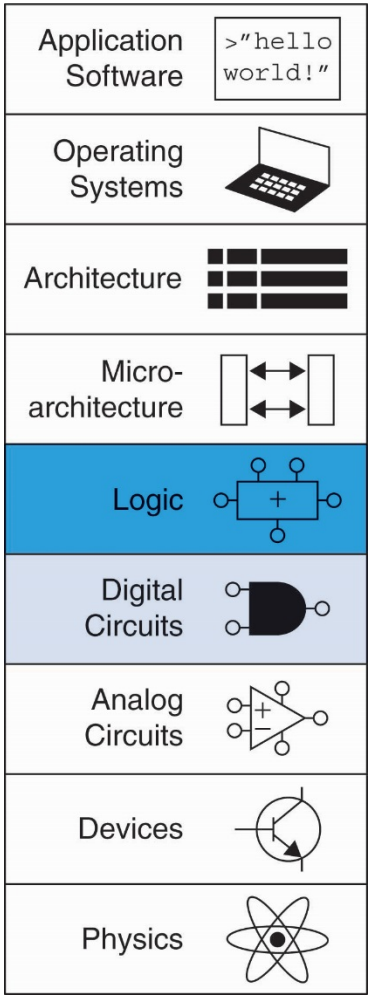
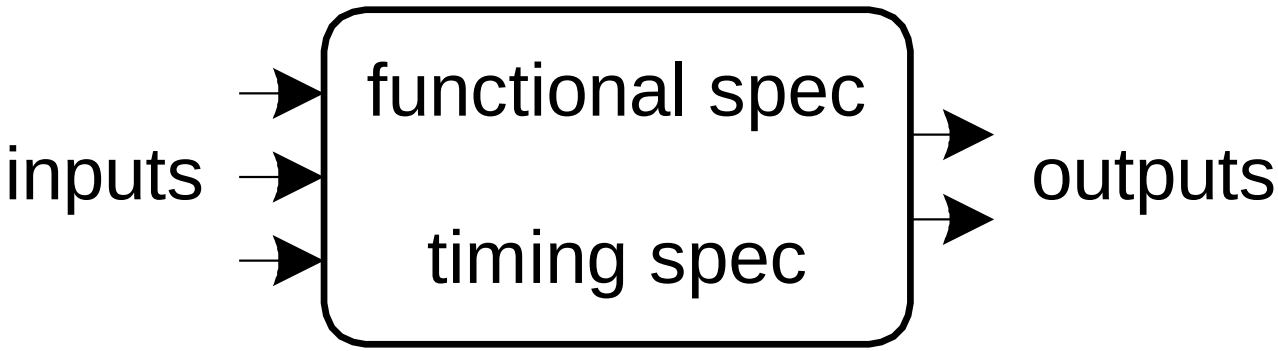


Introduction

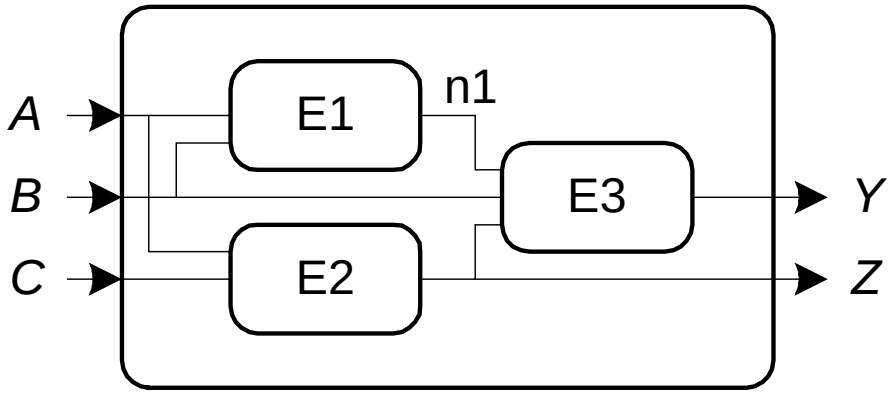
A logic circuit is composed of:

- Inputs
- Outputs
- Functional specification
- Timing specification



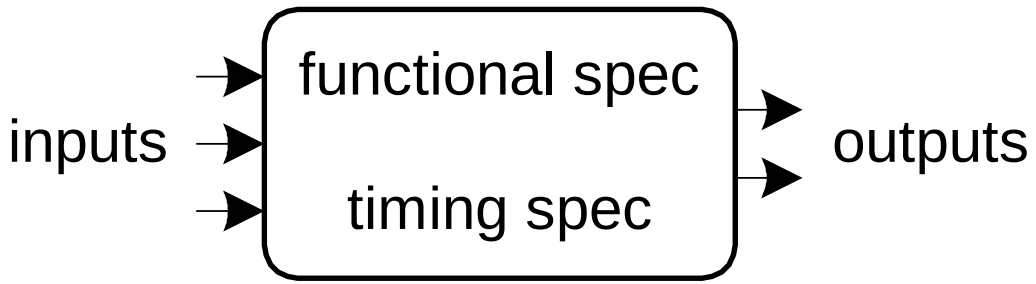
Circuits

- Nodes
  - Inputs: *A*, *B*, *C*
  - Outputs: *Y*, *Z*
  - Internal: n1
- Circuit elements
  - E1, E2, E3
  - Each a circuit



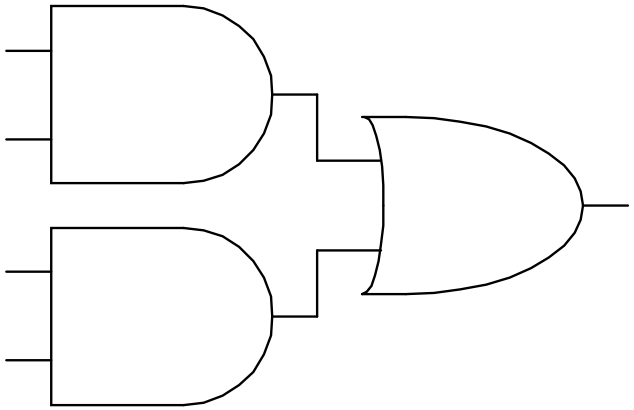
Types of Logic Circuits

- **Combinational Logic**
  - Memoryless
  - Outputs determined by current values of inputs
- **Sequential Logic**
  - Has memory
  - Outputs determined by previous and current values of inputs



Rules of Combinational Composition

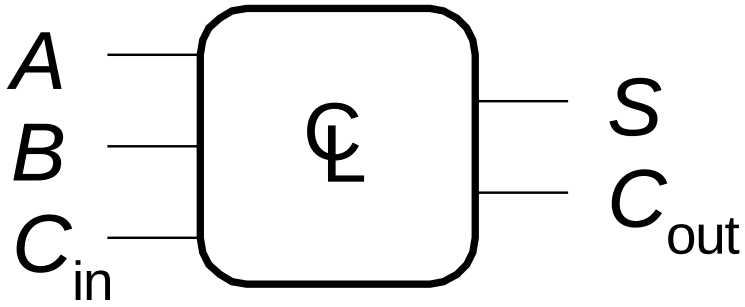
- Every element is combinational
- Every node is either an input or connects to *exactly one* output
- The circuit contains no cyclic paths
- **Example:**



Boolean Equations

- Functional specification of outputs in terms of inputs
- **Example:** $S = F(A, B, C_{in})$

$$C_{out} = F(A, B, C_{in})$$



$$S = A \oplus B \oplus C_{in}$$

$$C_{out} = AB + AC_{in} + BC_{in}$$

Some Definitions

- Complement: variable with a bar over it
  $\bar{A}, \bar{B}, \bar{C}$
- Literal: variable or its complement
  $A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B}, C, \bar{C}$
- Implicant: product of literals
  $AB\bar{C}, \bar{A}C, BC$
- Minterm: product that includes all input variables
  $AB\bar{C}, A\bar{B}\bar{C}, ABC$
- Maxterm: sum that includes all input variables
  $(A+\bar{B}+C), (\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}), (\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C)$

Sum-of-Products (SOP) Form

- All equations can be written in SOP form
- Each row has a **minterm**
- A minterm is a product (AND) of literals
- Each minterm is TRUE for that row (and only that row)
- Form function by ORing minterms where the output is TRUE
- Thus, a sum (OR) of products (AND terms)

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$$Y = F(A, B) = \overline{A}B + AB = \Sigma(1, 3)$$

Product-of-Sums (POS) Form

- All Boolean equations can be written in POS form
- Each row has a **maxterm**
- A maxterm is a sum (OR) of literals
- Each maxterm is FALSE for that row (and only that row)
- Form function by ANDing the maxterms for which the output is FALSE
- Thus, a product (AND) of sums (OR terms)

A	B	Y	maxterm	maxterm name
0	0	0	$A + B$	M_0
0	1	1	$A + \overline{B}$	M_1
1	0	0	$\overline{A} + B$	M_2
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$$Y = F(A, B) = (A + B)(A + \overline{B}) = \Pi(0, 2)$$

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  - If it's not open (O) or
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- POS – product-of-sums

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$$Y = (O + C)(O + \overline{C})(\overline{O} + \overline{C})$$
$$= \Pi(0, 1, 3)$$

Boolean Algebra

- Axioms and theorems to **simplify** Boolean equations
- Like regular algebra, but simpler: variables have only two values (1 or 0)
- **Duality** in axioms and theorems:
  - ANDs and ORs, 0's and 1's interchanged

Boolean Axioms

	Axiom		Dual	Name
A1	$B = 0$ if $B \neq 1$	A1′	$B = 1$ if $B \neq 0$	Binary field
A2	$\overline{0} = 1$	A2′	$\overline{1} = 0$	NOT
A3	$0 \bullet 0 = 0$	A3′	$1 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR
A4	$1 \bullet 1 = 1$	A4′	$0 + 0 = 0$	AND/OR
A5	$0 \bullet 1 = 1 \bullet 0 = 0$	A5′	$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR

	Theorem		Dual	Name
T1	$B \bullet 1 = B$	T1′	$B + 0 = B$	Identity
T2	$B \bullet 0 = 0$	T2′	$B + 1 = 1$	Null Element
T3	$B \bullet B = B$	T3′	$B + B = B$	Idempotency
T4		$\overline{\overline{B}} = B$		Involution
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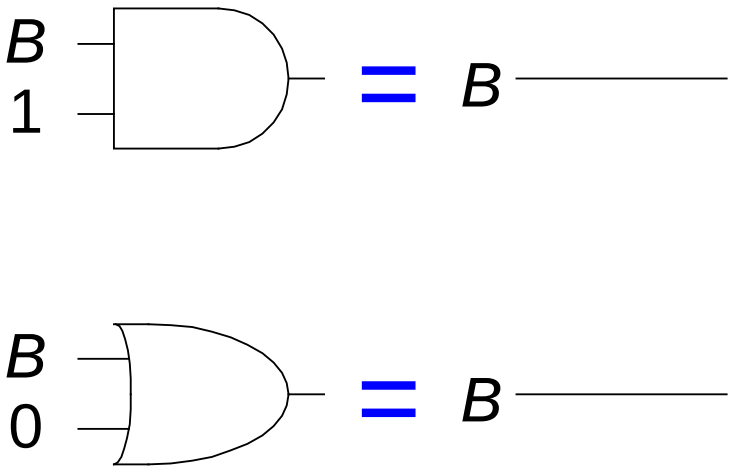

T2: Null Element Theorem

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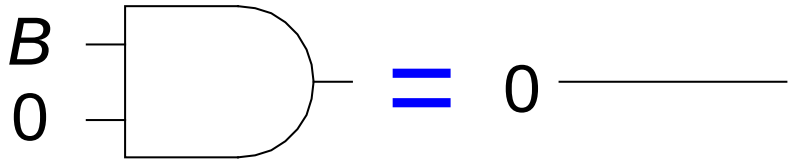

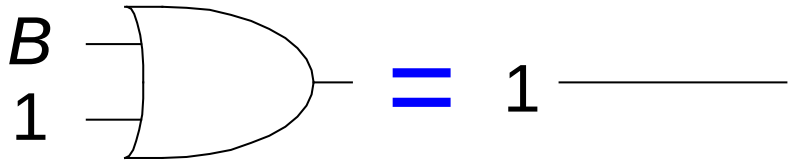

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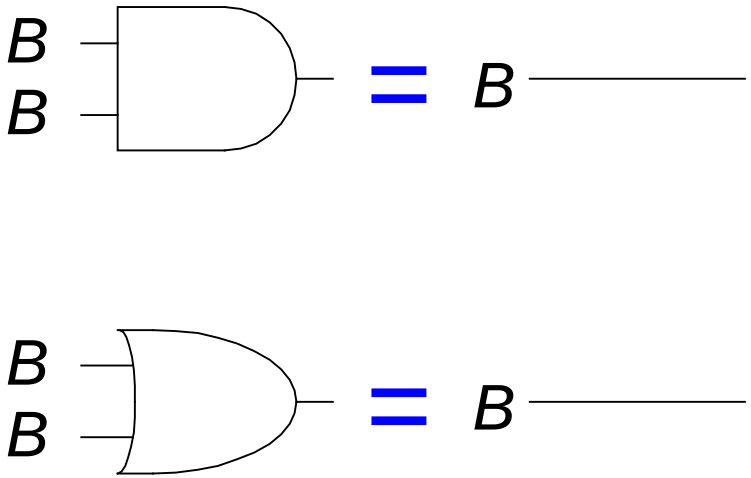

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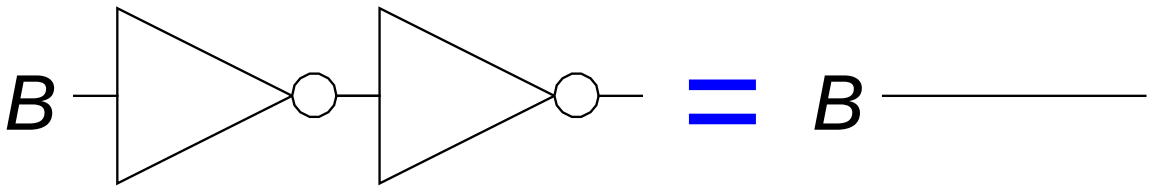

T5: Complement Theorem

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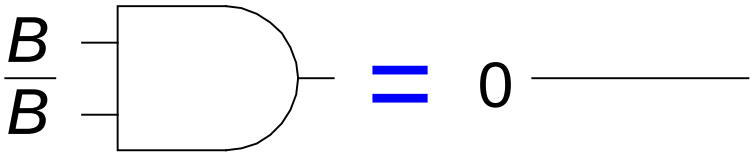

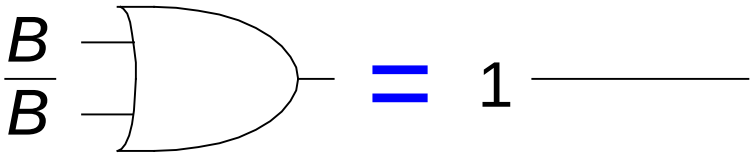

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Boolean Theorems of Several Vars

	Theorem		Dual	Name
T6	$B \bullet C = C \bullet B$	T6′	$B + C = C + B$	Commutativity
T7	$(B \bullet C) \bullet D = B \bullet (C \bullet D)$	T7′	$(B + C) + D = B + (C + D)$	Associativity
T8	$(B \bullet C) + B \bullet D = B \bullet (C + D)$	T8′	$(B + C) \bullet (B + D) = B + (C \bullet D)$	Distributivity
T9	$B \bullet (B + C) = B$	T9′	$B + (B \bullet C) = B$	Covering
T10	$(B \bullet C) + (B \bullet \overline{C}) = B$	T10′	$(B + C) \bullet (B + \overline{C}) = B$	Combining
T11	$(B \bullet C) + (\overline{B} \bullet D) + (C \bullet D)$ $= B \bullet C + \overline{B} \bullet D$	T11′	$(B + C) \bullet (\overline{B} + D) \bullet (C + D)$ $= (B + C) \bullet (\overline{B} + D)$	Consensus
T12	$\overline{B_0 \bullet B_1 \bullet B_2 \ldots}$ $= (\overline{B_0} + \overline{B_1} + \overline{B_2} \ldots)$	T12′	$\overline{B_0 + B_1 + B_2 \ldots}$ $= (\overline{B_0} \bullet \overline{B_1} \bullet \overline{B_2})$	De Morgan's Theorem

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- $Y = A(AB + ABC)$

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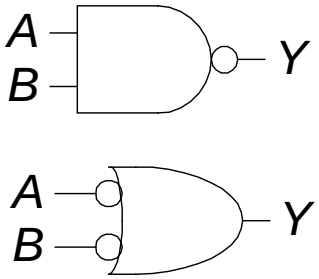
$= A(AB)$ T1

$= (AA)B$ T7

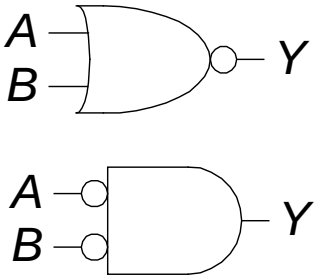
$= AB$ T3

DeMorgan's Theorem

- $Y = \overline{AB} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$



- $Y = \overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$



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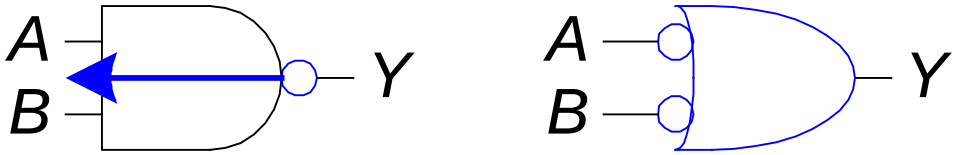

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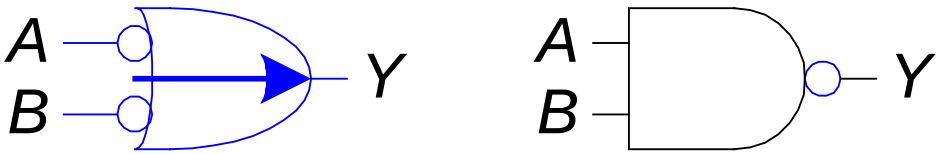

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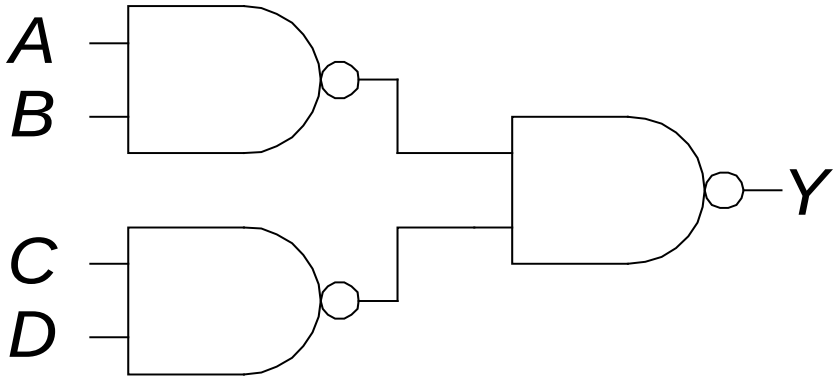

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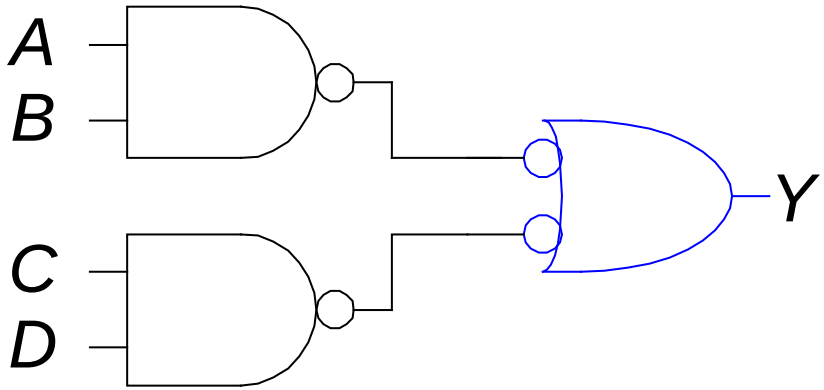
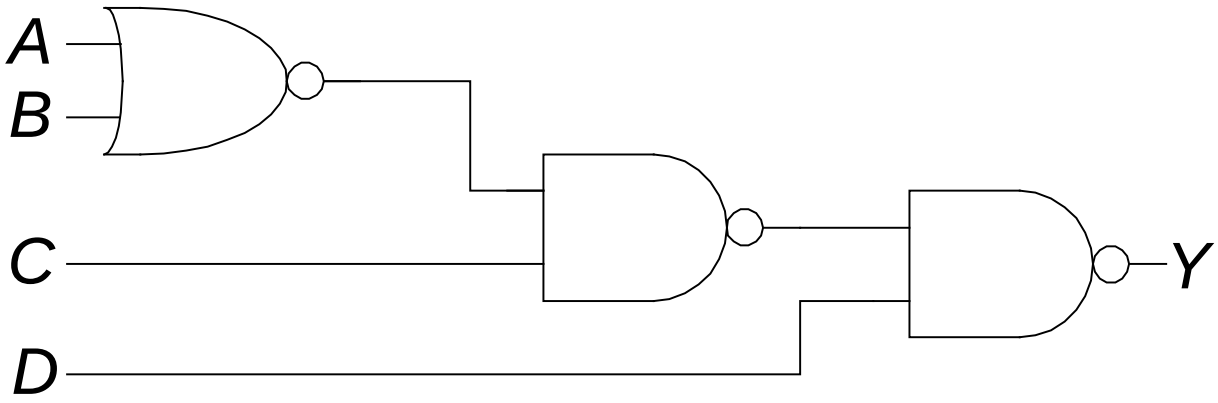


$$Y = AB + CD$$

Bubble Pushing Rules

- Begin at output, then work toward inputs
- Push bubbles on final output back
- Draw gates in a form so bubbles cancel



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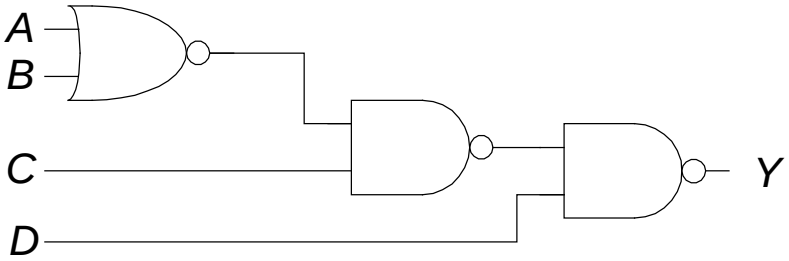

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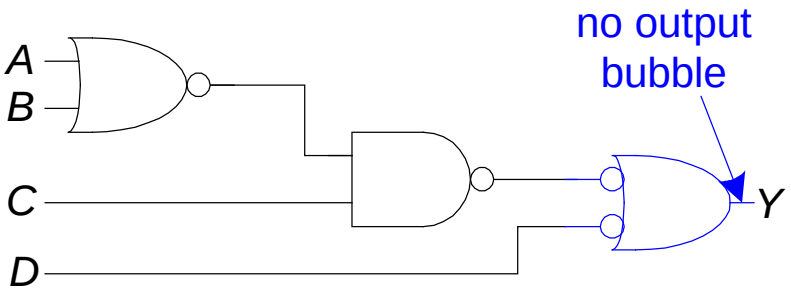

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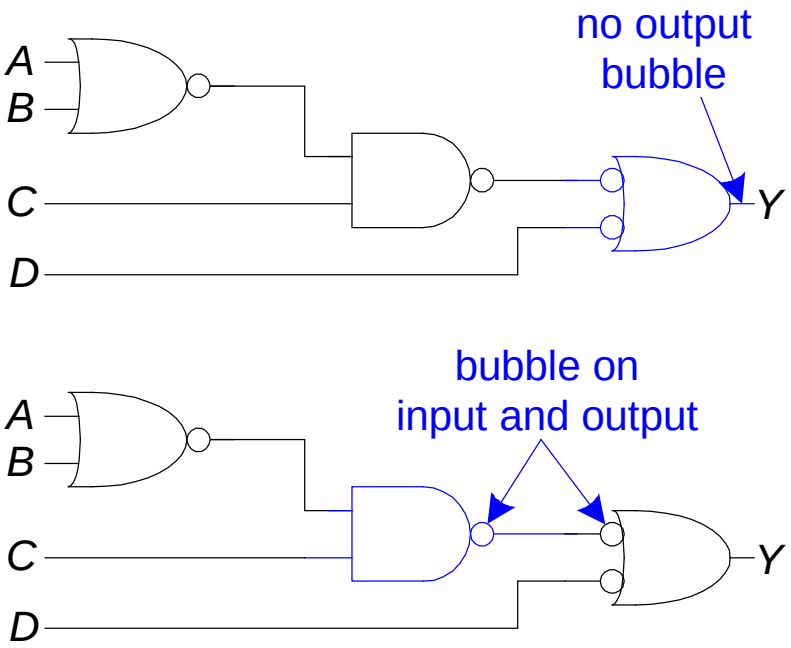

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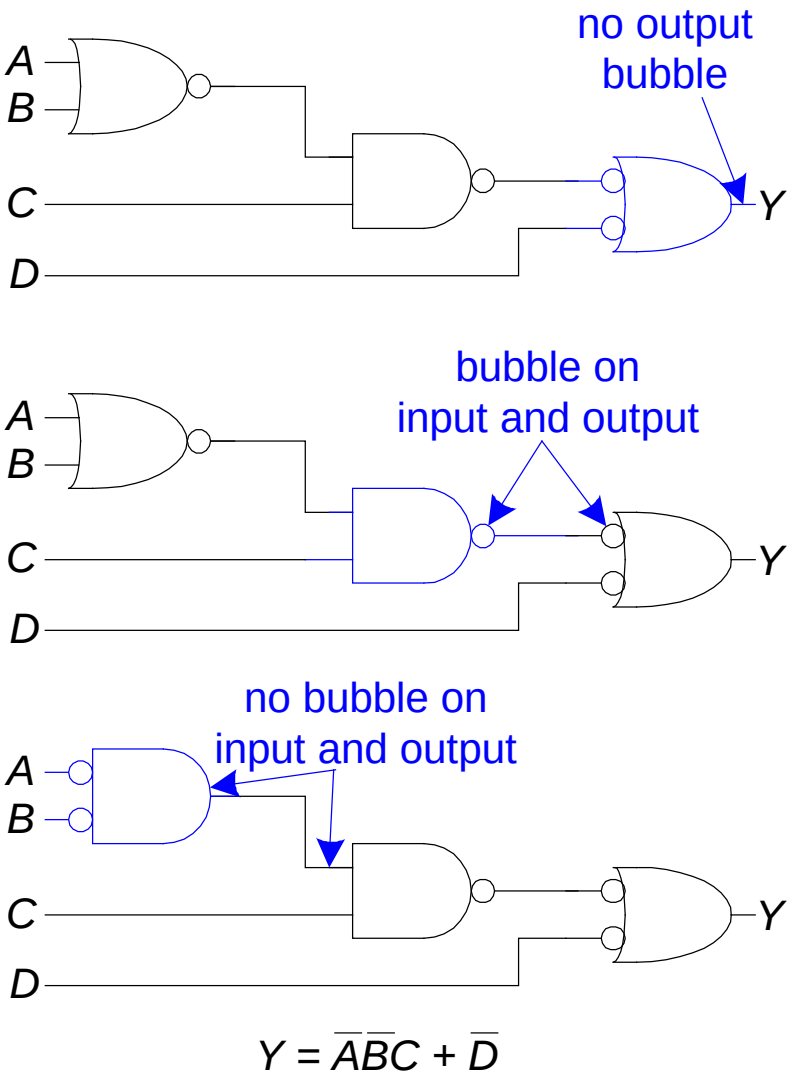
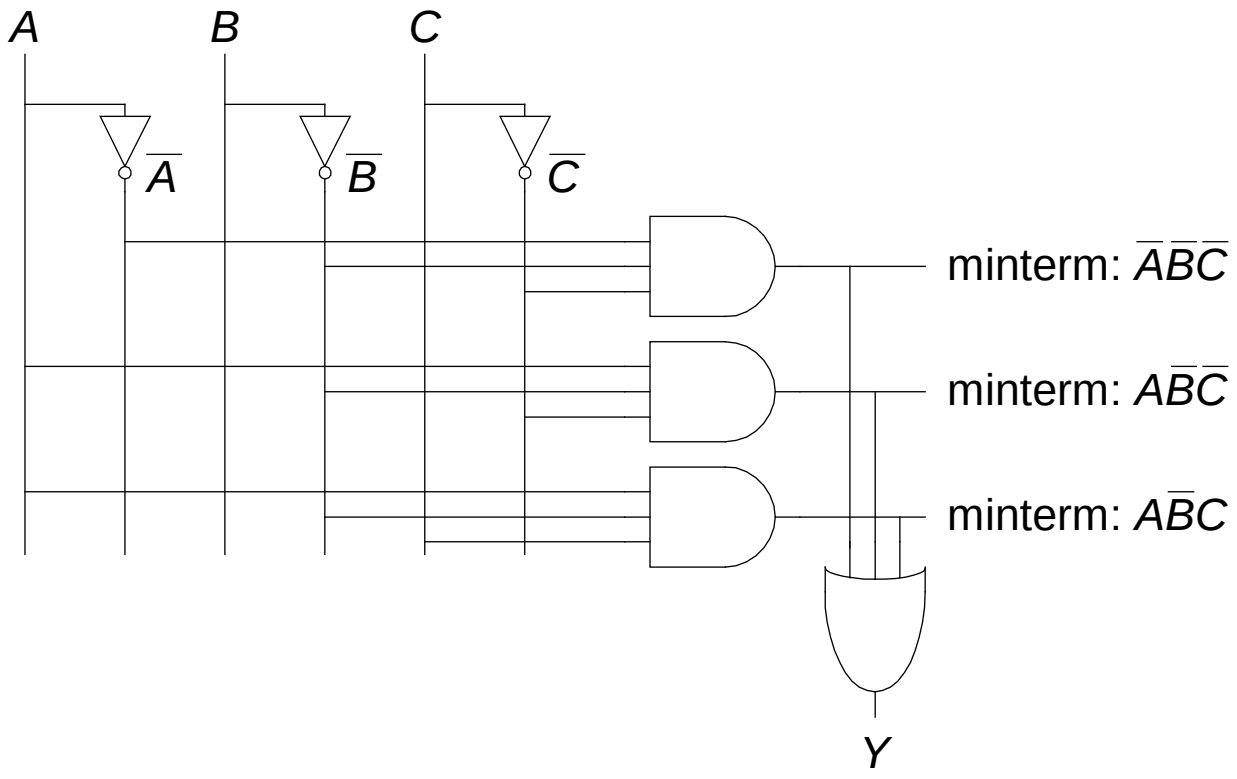


$$Y = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C + \overline{D}$$

From Logic to Gates

- Two-level logic: ANDs followed by ORs
- Example: $Y = \bar{A}B\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + AB\bar{C}$



Circuit Schematics Rules

- Inputs on the left (or top)
- Outputs on right (or bottom)
- Gates flow from left to right
- Straight wires are best

Circuit Schematic Rules (cont.)

- Wires always connect at a T junction
- A dot where wires cross indicates a connection between the wires
- Wires crossing *without* a dot make no connection

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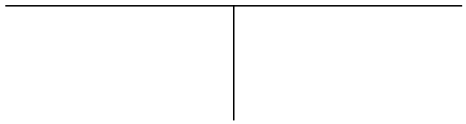

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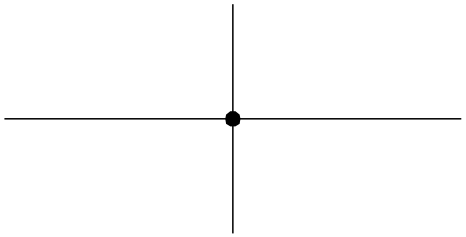

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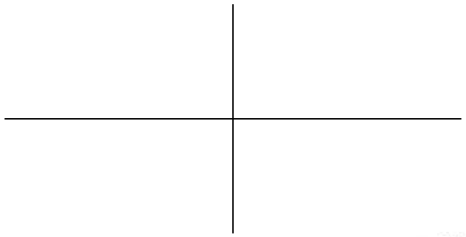

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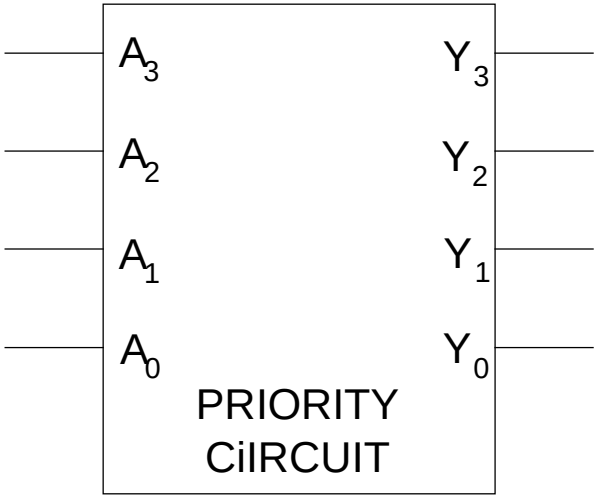

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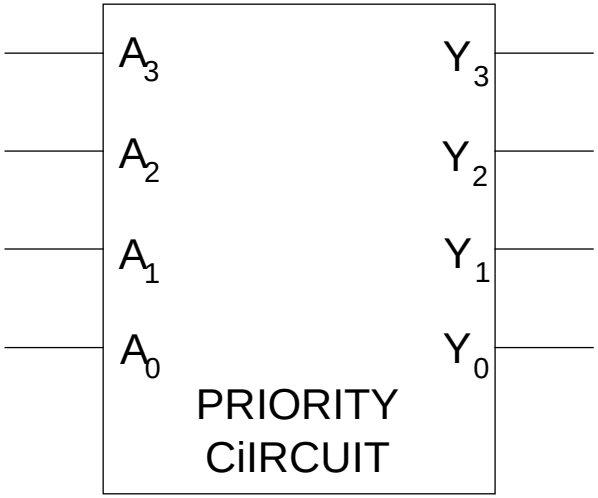

A_3	A_2	A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
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0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
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1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

Priority Circuit Hardware

A_3	A_2	A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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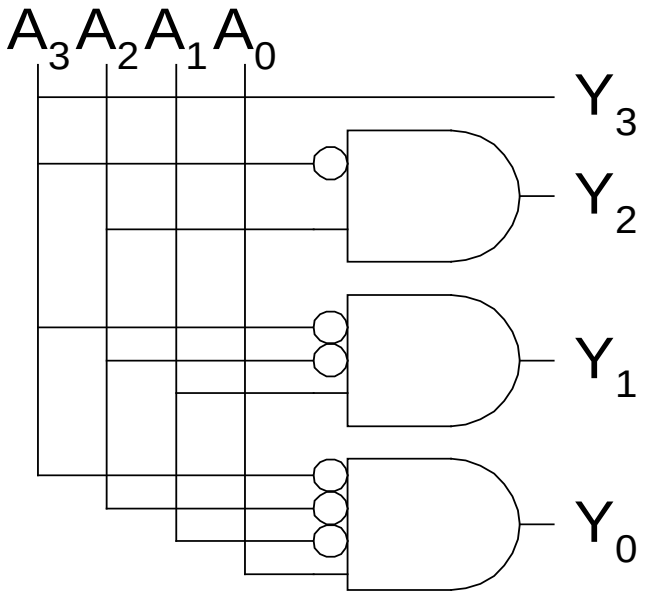


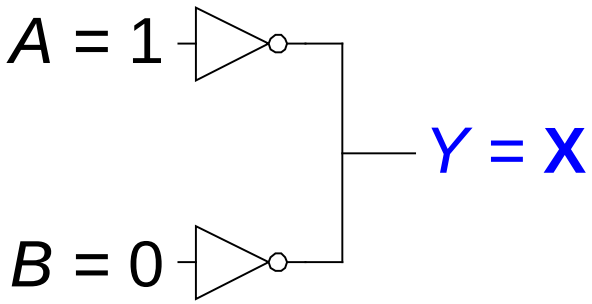
Don't Cares

A_3	A_2	A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

A_3	A_2	A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	X	0	0	1	0
0	1	X	X	0	1	0	0
1	X	X	X	1	0	0	0

Contention: X

- Contention: circuit tries to drive output to 1 **and** 0
  - Actual value somewhere in between
  - Could be 0, 1, or in forbidden zone
  - Might change with voltage, temperature, time, noise
  - Often causes excessive power dissipation

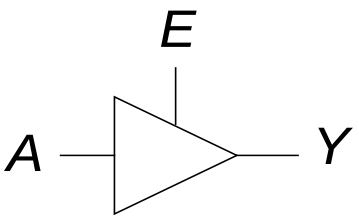


- **Warnings:**
  - Contention usually indicates a **bug**.
  - **X is used for "don't care" and contention** - look at the context to tell them apart

Floating: Z

- Floating, high impedance, open, high Z
- Floating output might be 0, 1, or somewhere in between
  - A voltmeter won't indicate whether a node is floating

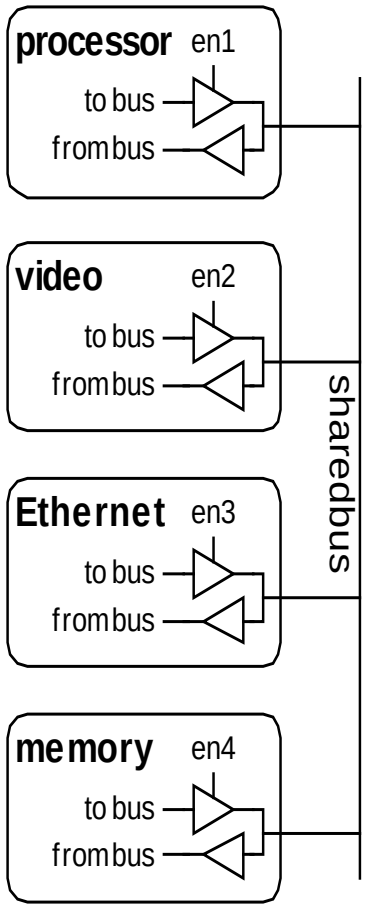
Tristate Buffer



E	A	Y
0	0	Z
0	1	Z
1	0	0
1	1	1

Tristate Busses

- Floating nodes are used in tristate busses
  - Many different drivers
  - Exactly one is active at once



Karnaugh Maps (K-Maps)

- Boolean expressions can be minimized by combining terms
- K-maps minimize equations graphically
- $PA + P\overline{A} = P$

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	**1**
0	0	1	**1**
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

Y: C \ AB	00	01	11	10
0	**1**	0	0	0
1	**1**	0	0	0

Y: C \ AB	00	01	11	10
0	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}$	$AB\bar{C}$	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}$
1	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C$	$\bar{A}BC$	ABC	$A\bar{B}C$

K-Map

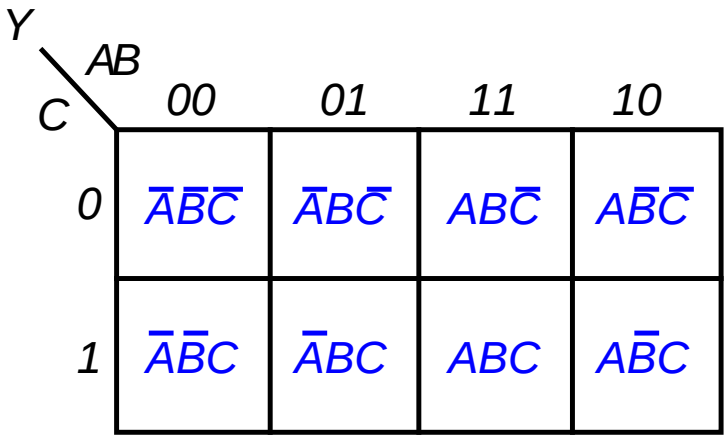
- Circle 1's in adjacent squares
- In Boolean expression, include only literals whose true and complement form are ***not*** in the circle

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	**1**
0	0	1	**1**
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

Y: C \ AB	00	01	11	10
0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0

$$Y = \bar{A}\bar{B}$$

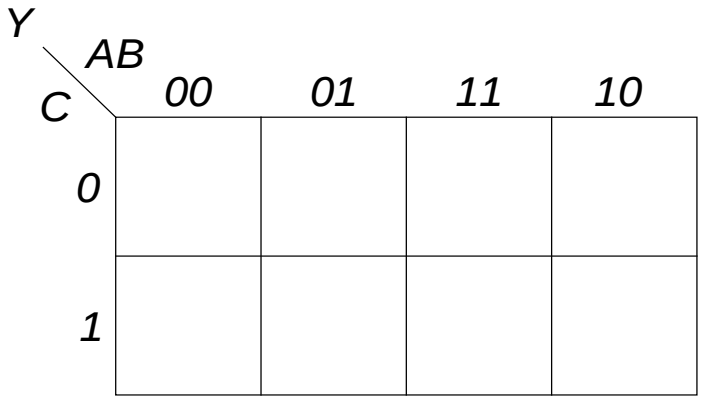
3-Input K-Map



Truth Table

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	**1**
0	1	1	**1**
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	**1**

K-Map



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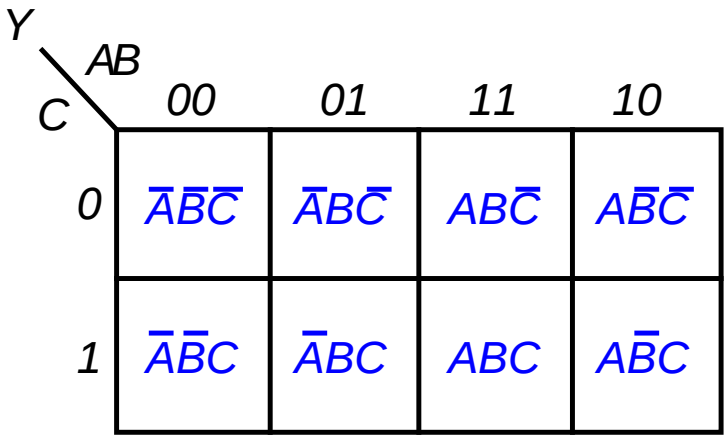
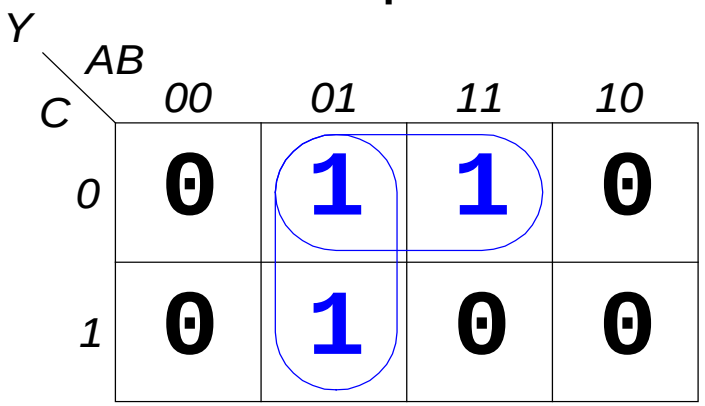


Truth Table

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	**1**
0	1	1	**1**
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	**1**

K-Map



$$Y = \bar{A}B + B\bar{C}$$

K-Map Definitions

- **Complement:** variable with a bar over it

  $\bar{A}, \bar{B}, \bar{C}$

- **Literal:** variable or its complement

  $\bar{A}, A, \bar{B}, B, C, \bar{C}$

- **Implicant:** product of literals

  $A\bar{B}C, \bar{A}C, BC$

- **Prime implicant:** implicant corresponding to the largest circle in a K-map

K-Map Rules

- Every 1 must be circled at least once
- Each circle must span a power of 2 (i.e. 1, 2, 4) squares in each direction
- Each circle must be as large as possible
- A circle may wrap around the edges
- A “don't care” (X) is circled only if it helps minimize the equation

4-Input K-Map

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
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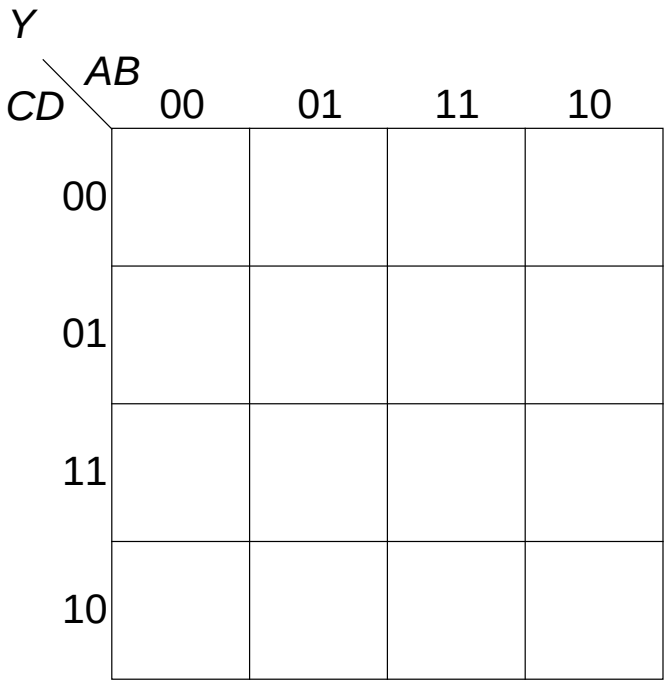

4-Input K-Map

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0

Y: CD \ AB	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	0	1
01	0	1	0	1
11	1	1	0	0
10	1	1	0	1

4-Input K-Map

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
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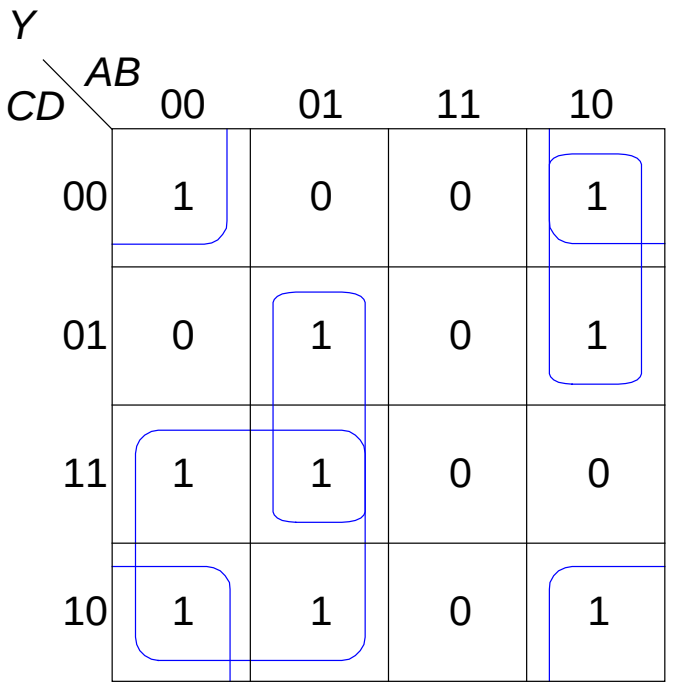
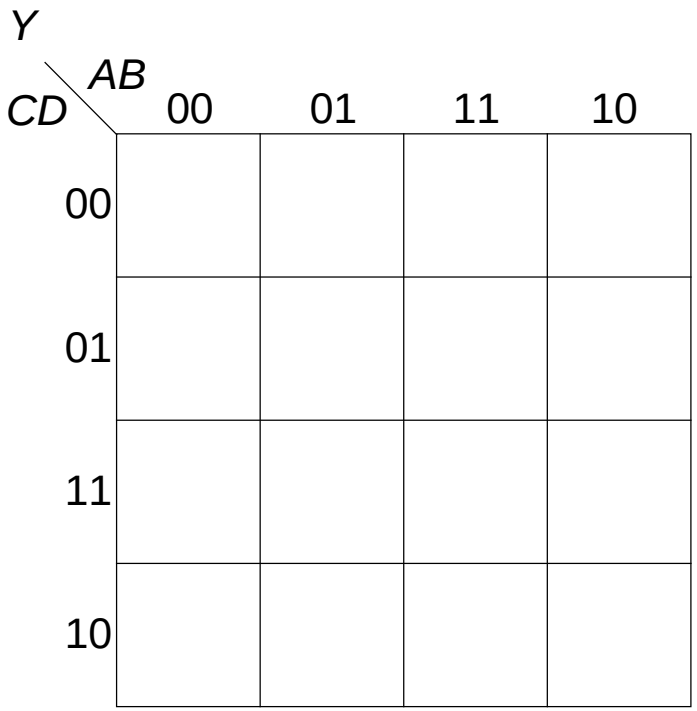


$$Y = \bar{A}C + \bar{A}BD + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{B}\bar{D}$$

K-Maps with Don't Cares

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X



K-Maps with Don't Cares

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X

Y: CD \ AB	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	X	1
01	0	X	X	1
11	1	1	X	X
10	1	1	X	X

K-Maps with Don't Cares

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
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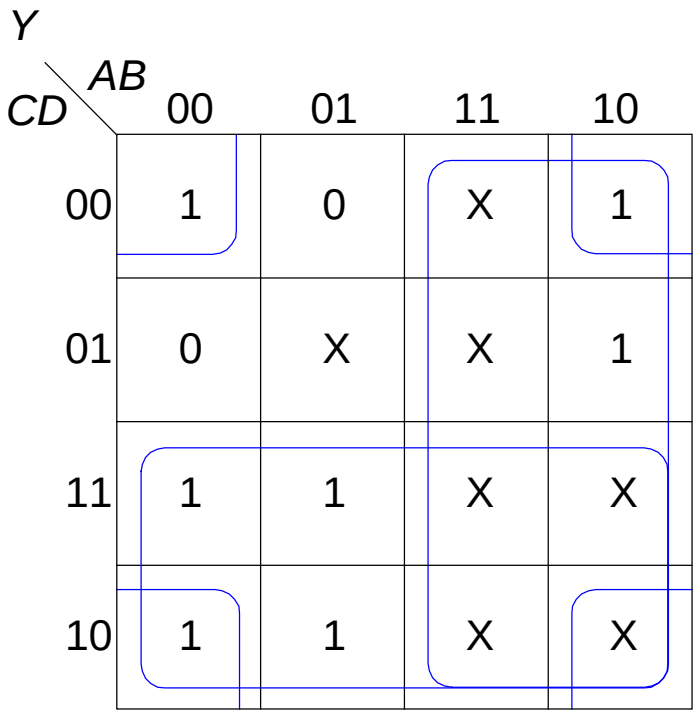
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X



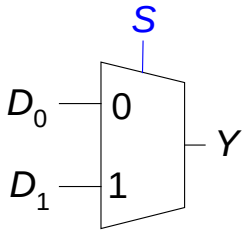
$$Y = A + \overline{B}\,\overline{D} + C$$

Combinational Building Blocks

- Multiplexers
- Decoders

Multiplexer (Mux)

- Selects between one of *N* inputs to connect to output
- $\log_2 N$-bit select input – control input
- **Example:** **2:1 Mux**

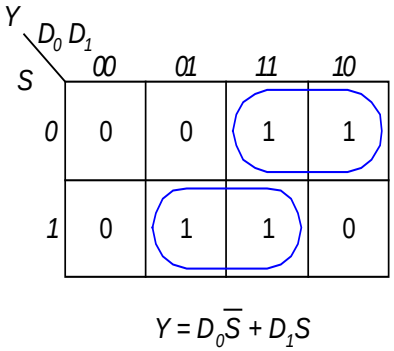


S	D_1	D_0	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

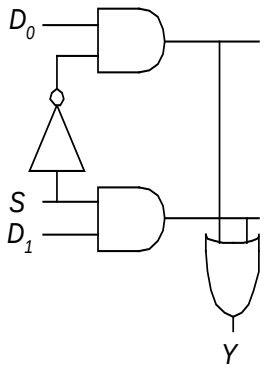
S	Y
0	D_0
1	D_1

Multiplexer Implementations

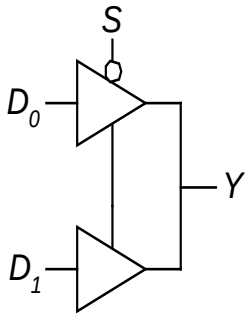
- **Logic gates**
  - Sum-of-products form



$Y = D_0\overline{S} + D_1S$



- **Tristates**
  - For an N-input mux, use N tristates
  - Turn on exactly one to select the appropriate input

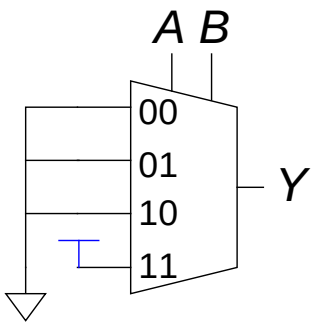


Logic using Multiplexers

- Using the mux as a lookup table

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$Y = AB$



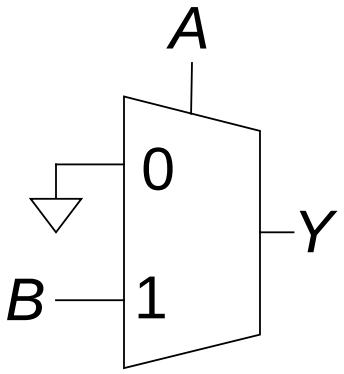
Logic using Multiplexers

- Reducing the size of the mux

$Y = AB$

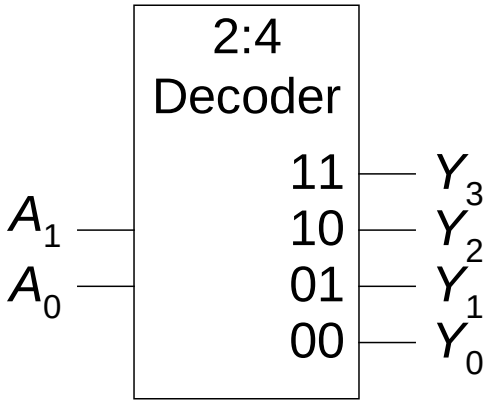
A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	Y
0	0
1	B



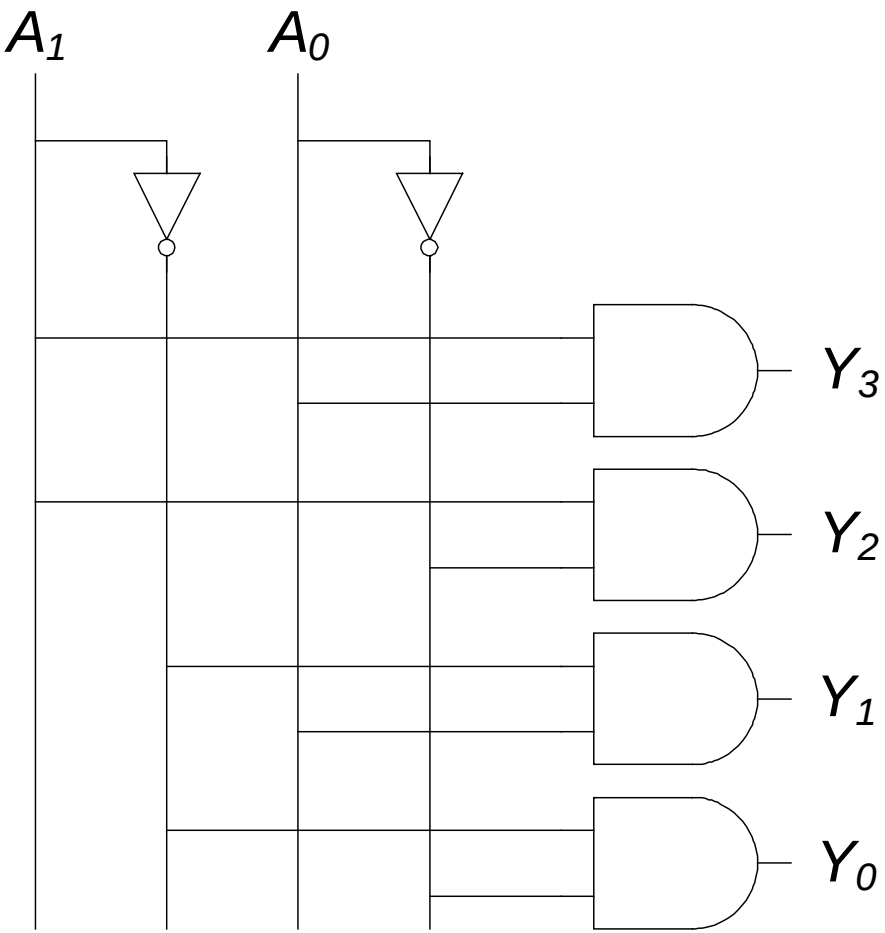
Decoders

- N inputs, 2^N outputs
- One-hot outputs: only one output HIGH at once



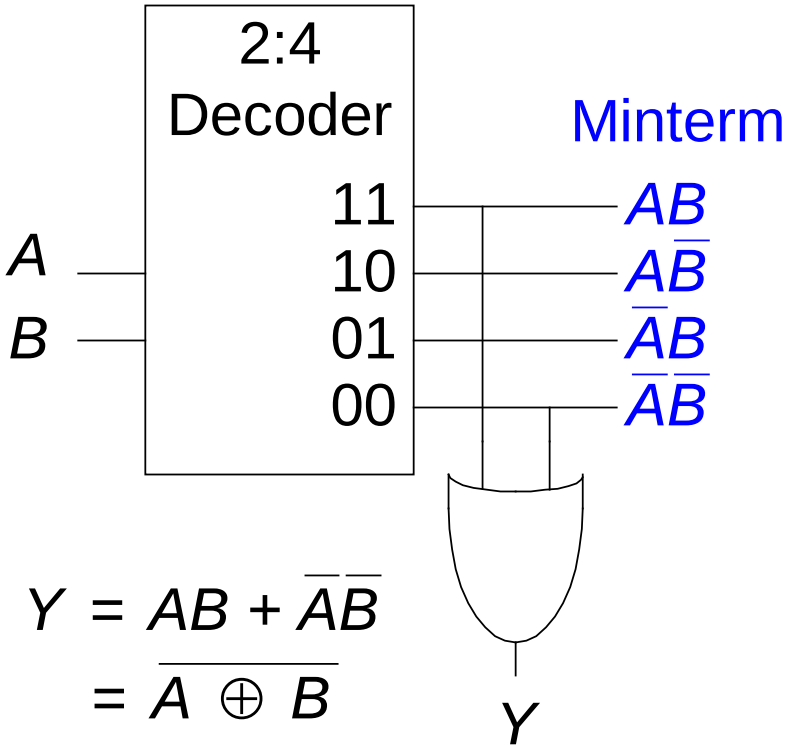
A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0

Decoder Implementation



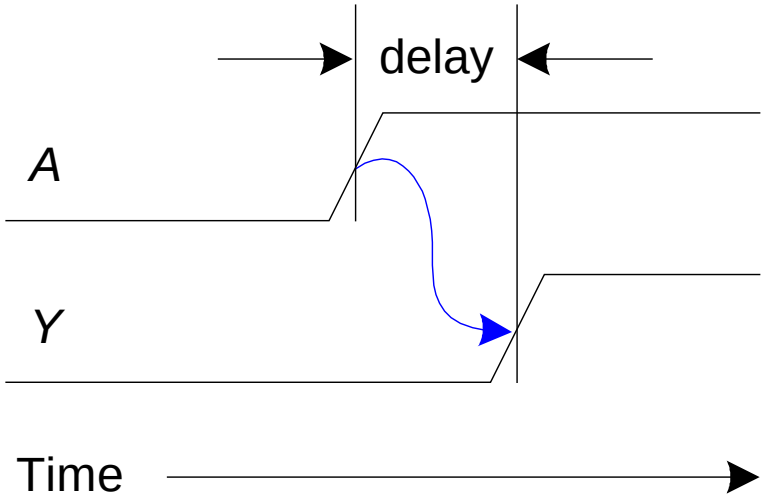
Logic Using Decoders

- OR minterms



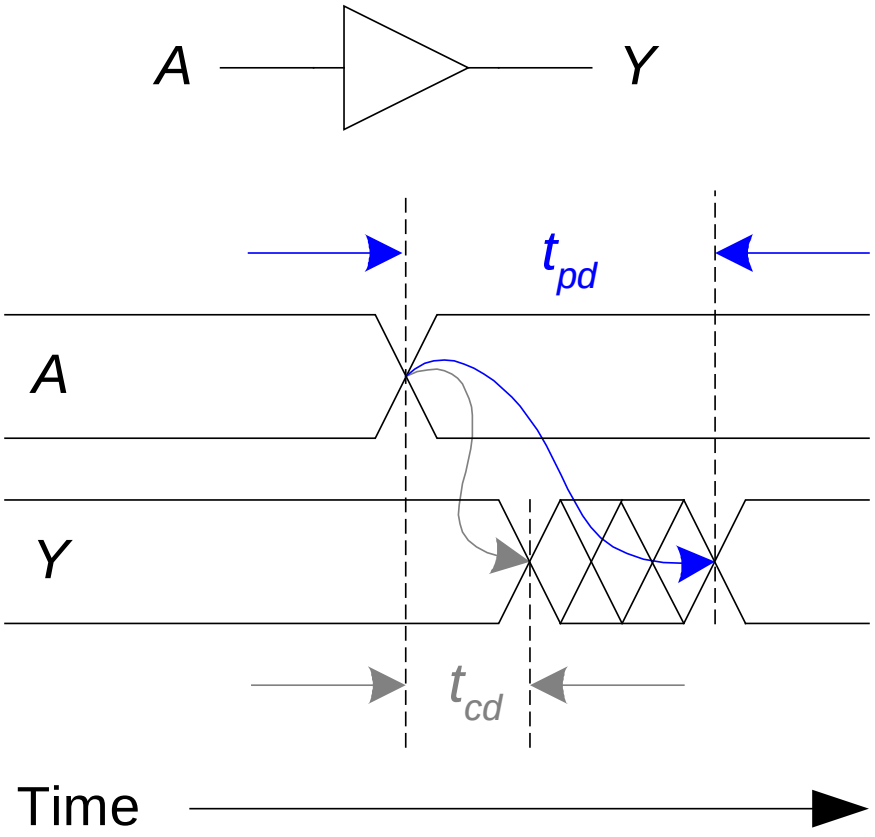
Timing

- Delay between input change and output changing
- How to build fast circuits?



Propagation & Contamination Delay

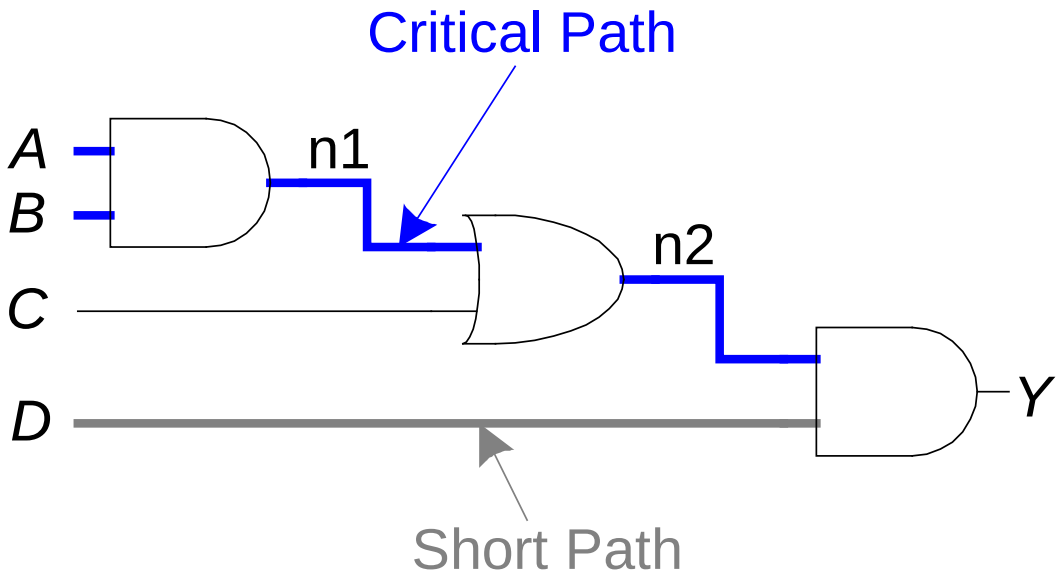
- **Propagation delay:** t_{pd} = max delay from input to output
- **Contamination delay:** t_{cd} = min delay from input to output



Propagation & Contamination Delay

- Delay is caused by
  - Capacitance and resistance in a circuit
  - Speed of light limitation
- Reasons why t_{pd} and t_{cd} may be different:
  - Different rising and falling delays
  - Multiple inputs and outputs, some of which are faster than others
  - Circuits slow down when hot and speed up when cold

Critical (Long) & Short Paths



Critical (Long) Path: $t_{pd} = 2t_{pd\_AND} + t_{pd\_OR}$

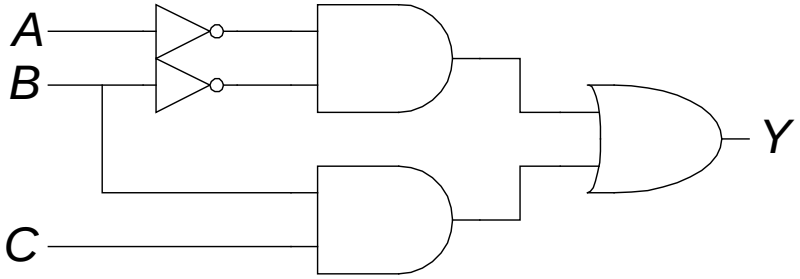
Short Path: $t_{cd} = t_{cd\_AND}$

Glitches

- When a single input change causes multiple output changes

Glitch Example

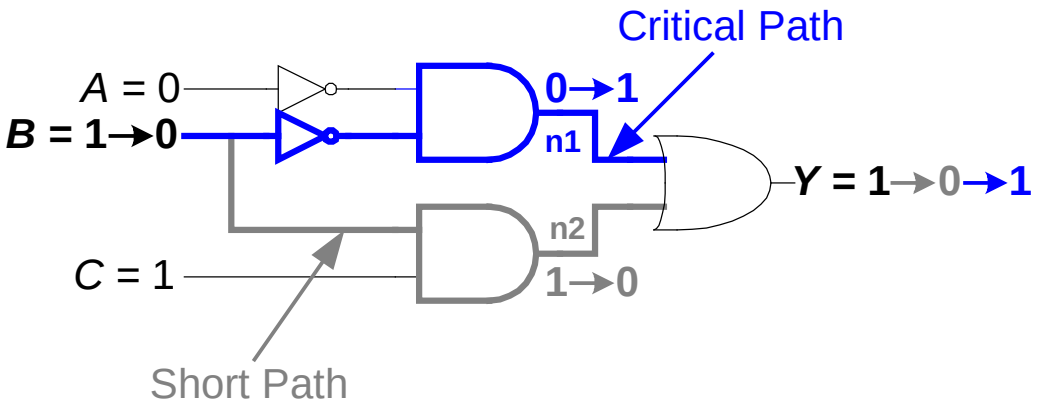
- What happens when A = 0, C = 1, B falls?

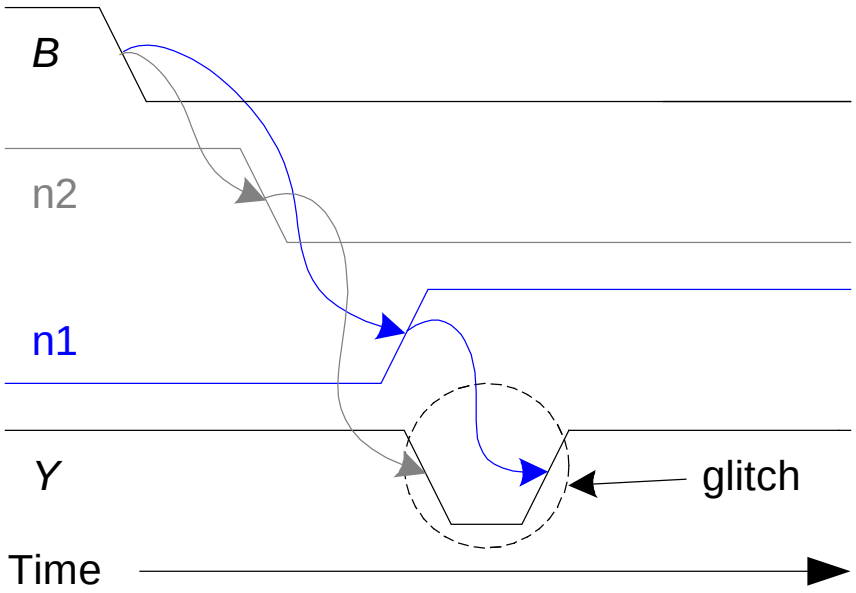


Y	AB = 00	01	11	10
C = 0	1	0	0	0
C = 1	1	1	1	0

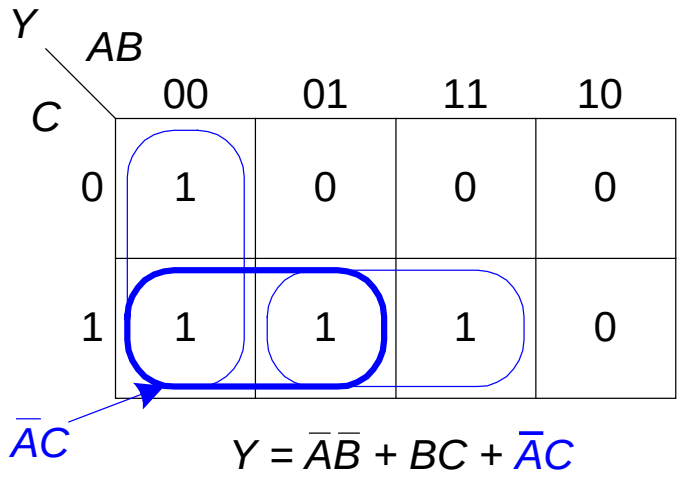
$$Y = \bar{A}\bar{B} + BC$$

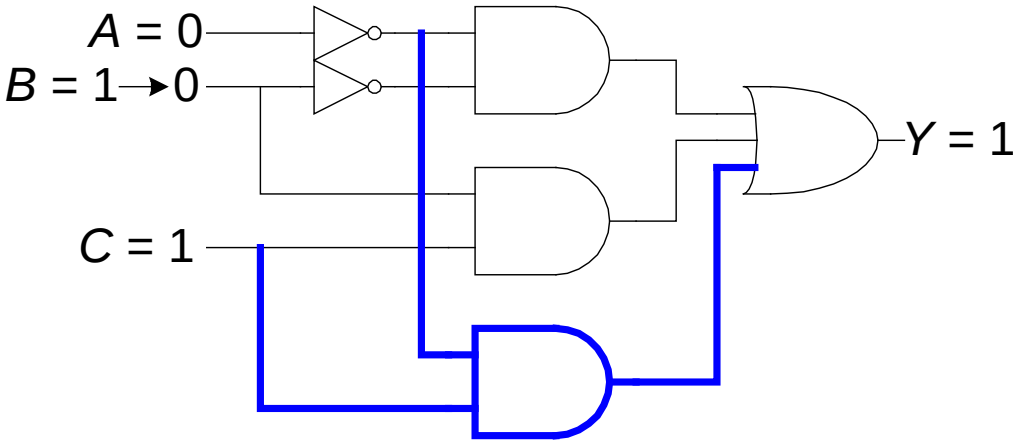
Glitch Example (cont.)





Fixing the Glitch





Why Understand Glitches?

- Glitches don't cause problems because of **synchronous design** conventions (see Chapter 3)
- It's important to **recognize** a glitch: in simulations or on oscilloscope
- Can't get rid of all glitches – simultaneous transitions on multiple inputs can also cause glitches