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## Chapter 2: Combinational Logic Design

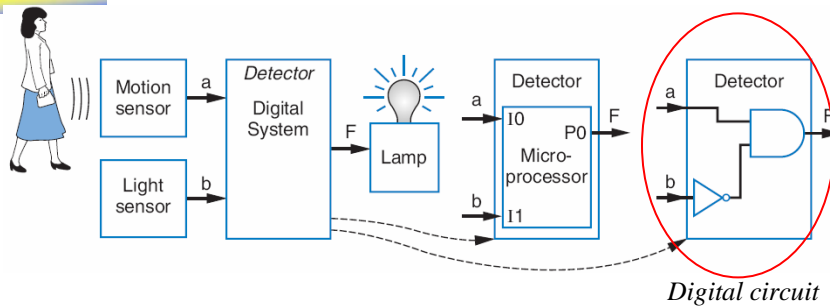
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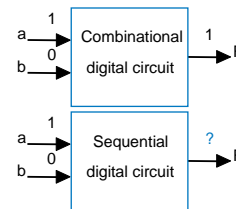
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## Introduction



- Let's learn to design digital circuits
- We'll start with a simple form of circuit:
  - **Combinational circuit**
    - A digital circuit whose outputs depend solely on the present combination of the circuit inputs' values



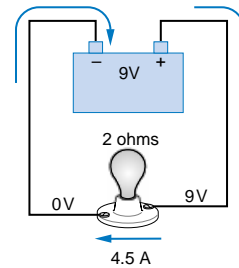
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## Switches

- Electronic switches are the basis of binary digital circuits
  - Electrical terminology
    - **Voltage:** Difference in electric potential between two points
      - Analogous to water pressure
    - **Current:** Flow of charged particles
      - Analogous to water flow
    - **Resistance:** Tendency of wire to resist current flow
      - Analogous to water pipe diameter
    - $V = I * R$  (Ohm's Law)

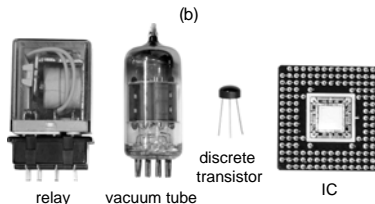
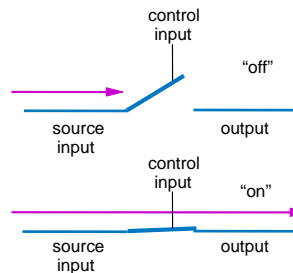


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## Switches

- A switch has three parts
  - Source input, and output
    - Current wants to flow from source input to output
  - Control input
    - Voltage that controls whether that current can flow
- The amazing shrinking switch
  - 1930s: Relays
  - 1940s: Vacuum tubes
  - 1950s: Discrete transistor
  - 1960s: Integrated circuits (ICs)
    - Initially just a few transistors on IC
    - Then tens, hundreds, thousands...

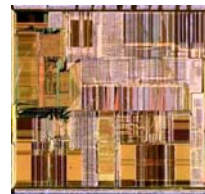


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# Moore's Law

- IC capacity doubling about every 18 months for several decades
  - Known as “Moore’s Law” after Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel
    - Predicted in 1965 predicted that components per IC would double roughly every year or so
  - Book cover depicts related phenomena
    - For a particular number of transistors, the IC shrinks by half every 18 months
      - Notice how much shrinking occurs in just about 10 years
      - Enables incredibly powerful computation in incredibly tiny devices
  - Today’s ICs hold *billions* of transistors
    - The first Pentium processor (early 1990s) needed only 3 million



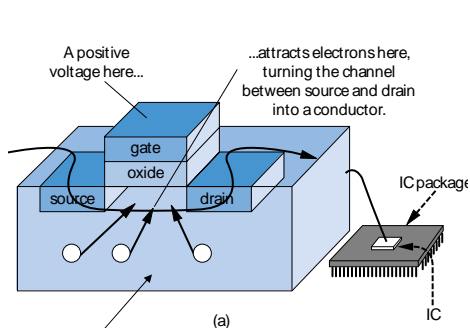
An Intel Pentium processor IC having millions of transistors



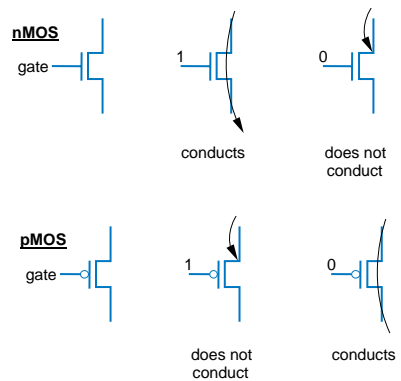
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# The CMOS Transistor

- CMOS transistor
  - Basic switch in modern ICs



Silicon -- not quite a conductor or insulator:  
**Semiconductor**



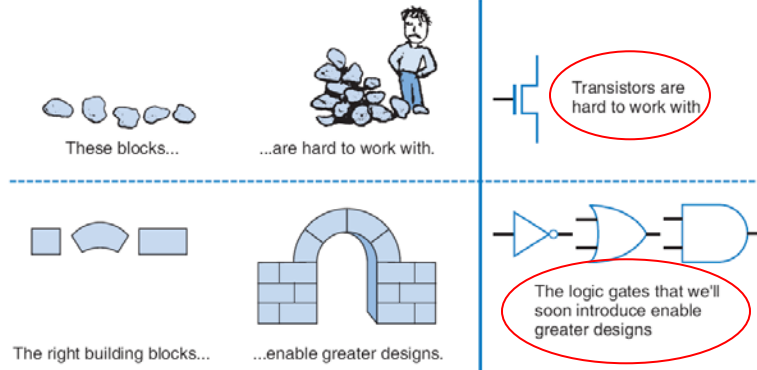
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# Boolean Logic Gates

## Building Blocks for Digital Circuits

(Because Switches are Hard to Work With)

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- “Logic gates” are better digital circuit building blocks than switches (transistors)
  - Why?...



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# Boolean Algebra and its Relation to Digital Circuits

- To understand the benefits of “logic gates” vs. switches, we should first understand Boolean algebra
- “Traditional” algebra
  - Variable represent real numbers
  - Operators operate on variables, return real numbers
- **Boolean Algebra**
  - Variables represent 0 or 1 only
  - Operators return 0 or 1 only
  - Basic operators
    - AND:  $a \text{ AND } b$  returns 1 only when both  $a=1$  and  $b=1$
    - OR:  $a \text{ OR } b$  returns 1 if either (or both)  $a=1$  or  $b=1$
    - NOT:  $\text{NOT } a$  returns the opposite of  $a$  (1 if  $a=0$ , 0 if  $a=1$ )

a	b	AND
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

a	b	OR
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

a	NOT
0	1
1	0



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## Boolean Algebra and its Relation to Digital Circuits

- Developed mid-1800's by George Boole to formalize human thought
  - Ex: "I'll go to lunch if Mary goes OR John goes, AND Sally does not go."
    - Let F represent my going to lunch (1 means I go, 0 I don't go)
    - Likewise, m for Mary going, j for John, and s for Sally
    - Then **F = (m OR j) AND NOT(s)**
- Nice features
  - Formally evaluate
    - m=1, j=0, s=1 --> F = (1 OR 0) AND NOT(1) = 1 AND 0 = 0
  - Formally transform
    - F = (m and NOT(s)) OR (j and NOT(s))
      - Looks different, but same function
      - We'll show transformation techniques soon

a	b	AND
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

a	b	OR
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

a	NOT
0	1
1	0



## Evaluating Boolean Equations

- Evaluate the Boolean equation **F = (a AND b) OR (c AND d)** for the given values of variables a, b, c, and d:
  - Q1: a=1, b=1, c=1, d=0.
    - Answer: F = (1 AND 1) OR (1 AND 0) = 1 OR 0 = 1.
  - Q2: a=0, b=1, c=0, d=1.
    - Answer: F = (0 AND 1) OR (0 AND 1) = 0 OR 0 = 0.
  - Q3: a=1, b=1, c=1, d=1.
    - Answer: F = (1 AND 1) OR (1 AND 1) = 1 OR 1 = 1.

a	b	AND
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

a	b	OR
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

a	NOT
0	1
1	0



## Converting to Boolean Equations

- Convert the following English statements to a Boolean equation
  - Q1. a is 1 and b is 1.
    - Answer:  $F = a \text{ AND } b$
  - Q2. either of a or b is 1.
    - Answer:  $F = a \text{ OR } b$
  - Q3. both a and b are not 0.
    - Answer:
      - (a) Option 1:  $F = \text{NOT}(a) \text{ AND } \text{NOT}(b)$
      - (b) Option 2:  $F = a \text{ OR } b$
  - Q4. a is 1 and b is 0.
    - Answer:  $F = a \text{ AND } \text{NOT}(b)$



## Converting to Boolean Equations

- Q1. A fire sprinkler system should spray water if high heat is sensed and the system is set to enabled.
  - Answer: Let Boolean variable h represent “high heat is sensed,” e represent “enabled,” and F represent “spraying water.” Then an equation is:  $F = h \text{ AND } e$ .
- Q2. A car alarm should sound if the alarm is enabled, and either the car is shaken or the door is opened.
  - Answer: Let a represent “alarm is enabled,” s represent “car is shaken,” d represent “door is opened,” and F represent “alarm sounds.” Then an equation is:  $F = a \text{ AND } (s \text{ OR } d)$ .
  - (a) Alternatively, assuming that our door sensor d represents “door is closed” instead of open (meaning  $d=1$  when the door is closed, 0 when open), we obtain the following equation:  $F = a \text{ AND } (s \text{ OR } \text{NOT}(d))$ .



# Relating Boolean Algebra to Digital Design

Boolean algebra (mid-1800s)

Boole's intent: formalize human thought

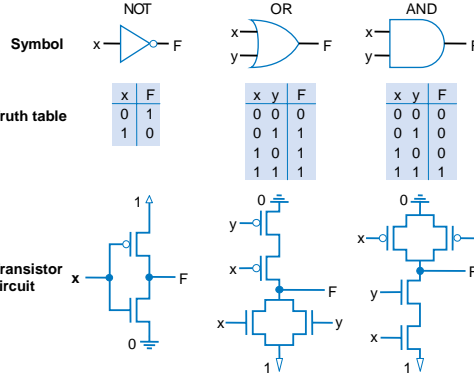
Switches (1930s)

For telephone switching and other electronic uses

Shannon (1938)

Showed application of Boolean algebra to design of switch-based circuits

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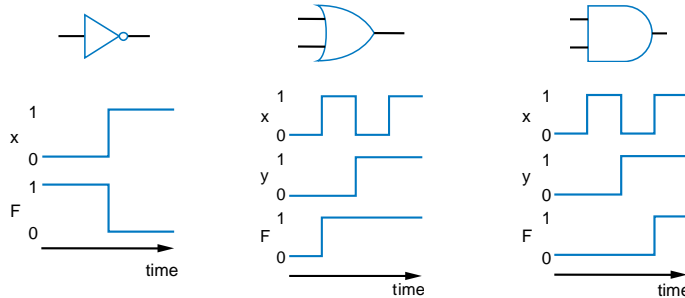
- Implement Boolean operators using transistors
  - Call those implementations **logic gates**.
  - Let's us build circuits by doing math** -- powerful concept

*Note: These OR/AND implementations are inefficient; we'll show why, and show better ones later.*



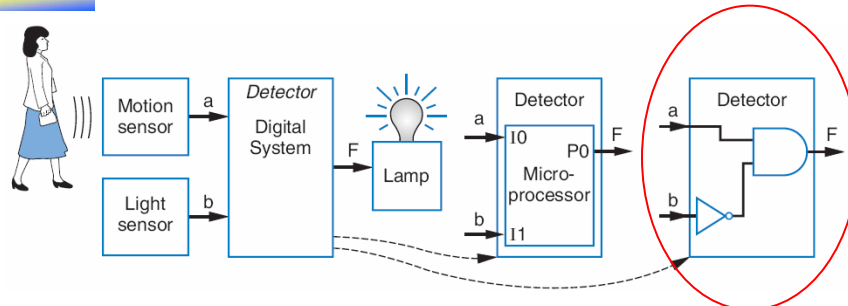
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# NOT/OR/AND Logic Gate Timing Diagrams



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## Building Circuits Using Gates



- Recall Chapter 1 motion-in-dark example
  - Turn on lamp ( $F=1$ ) when motion sensed ( $a=1$ ) and no light ( $b=0$ )
  - $F = a \text{ AND NOT}(b)$
  - Build using logic gates, AND and NOT, as shown
  - We just built our first digital circuit!

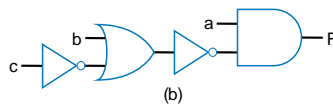
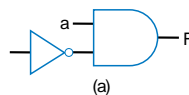


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## Example: Converting a Boolean Equation to a Circuit of Logic Gates

- Q: Convert the following equation to logic gates:  
 $F = a \text{ AND NOT}( b \text{ OR NOT}(c) )$



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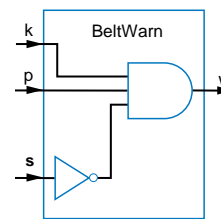
## Example: Seat Belt Warning Light System

- Design circuit for warning light
- Sensors
  - s=1: seat belt fastened
  - k=1: key inserted
  - p=1: person in seat
- Capture Boolean equation
  - person in seat, and seat belt not fastened, and key inserted
- Convert equation to circuit
- Notice



$$w = p \text{ AND NOT}(s) \text{ AND } k$$

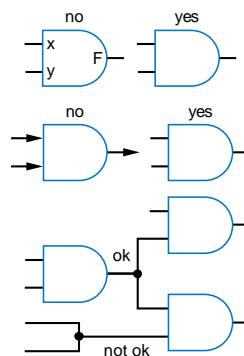
- Boolean algebra enables easy capture as equation and conversion to circuit
  - How design with switches?
  - Of course, logic gates are built from switches, but we think at level of logic gates, not switches



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## Some Circuit Drawing Conventions



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## Boolean Algebra

- By defining logic gates based on Boolean algebra, we can use algebraic methods to manipulate circuits
  - So let's learn some Boolean algebraic methods
- Start with notation: Writing a AND b, a OR b, and NOT(a) is cumbersome
  - Use symbols:  $a * b$ ,  $a + b$ , and  $a'$  (in fact,  $a * b$  can be just  $ab$ ).
    - Original:  $w = (p \text{ AND NOT}(s) \text{ AND } k) \text{ OR } t$
    - New:  $w = ps'k + t$ 
      - Spoken as “w equals p and s prime and k, or t”
      - Or even just “w equals p s prime k, or t”
      - s' known as “complement of s”
  - While symbols come from regular algebra, *don't* say “times” or “plus”
 

Boolean algebra precedence, highest precedence first.

Symbol	Name	Description
( )	Parentheses	Evaluate expressions nested in parentheses first
'	NOT	Evaluate from left to right
*	AND	Evaluate from left to right
+	OR	Evaluate from left to right



## Boolean Algebra Operator Precedence

- Evaluate the following Boolean equations, assuming  $a=1$ ,  $b=1$ ,  $c=0$ ,  $d=1$ .
  - Q1.  $F = a * b + c$ .
    - Answer: \* has precedence over +, so we evaluate the equation as  $F = (1 * 1) + 0 = (1) + 0 = 1 + 0 = 1$ .
  - Q2.  $F = ab + c$ .
    - Answer: the problem is identical to the previous problem, using the shorthand notation for \*.
  - Q3.  $F = ab'$ .
    - Answer: we first evaluate  $b'$  because NOT has precedence over AND, resulting in  $F = 1 * (1') = 1 * (0) = 1 * 0 = 0$ .
  - Q4.  $F = (ac)'$ .
    - Answer: we first evaluate what is inside the parentheses, then we NOT the result, yielding  $(1 * 0)' = (0)' = 0' = 1$ .
  - Q5.  $F = (a + b') * c + d'$ .
    - Answer: Inside left parentheses:  $(1 + (1')) = (1 + (0)) = (1 + 0) = 1$ . Next, \* has precedence over +, yielding  $(1 * 0) + 1' = (0) + 1'$ . The NOT has precedence over the OR, giving  $(0) + (1') = (0) + (0) = 0 + 0 = 0$ .



## Boolean Algebra Terminology

- Example equation:  $F(a,b,c) = a'bc + abc' + ab + c$
- **Variable**
  - Represents a value (0 or 1)
  - Three variables: a, b, and c
- **Literal**
  - Appearance of a variable, in true or complemented form
  - Nine literals: a', b, c, a, b, c', a, b, and c
- **Product term**
  - Product of literals
  - Four product terms: a'bc, abc', ab, c
- **Sum-of-products**
  - Equation written as OR of product terms only
  - Above equation is in sum-of-products form. "F = (a+b)c + d" is not.



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## Boolean Algebra Properties

- Commutative
  - $a + b = b + a$
  - $a * b = b * a$
- Distributive
  - $a * (b + c) = a * b + a * c$
  - $a + (b * c) = (a + b) * (a + c)$ 
    - (this one is tricky!)
- Associative
  - $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
  - $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
- Identity
  - $0 + a = a + 0 = a$
  - $1 * a = a * 1 = a$
- Complement
  - $a + a' = 1$
  - $a * a' = 0$
- To prove, just evaluate all possibilities

### Example uses of the properties

- Show  $abc'$  equivalent to  $c'ba$ .
  - Use commutative property:
    - $a*b*c' = a*c'*b = c'*a*b = c'*b*a = c'ba$ .
- Show  $abc + abc' = ab$ .
  - Use first distributive property
    - $abc + abc' = ab(c+c')$ .
  - Complement property
    - Replace  $c+c'$  by 1:  $ab(c+c') = ab(1)$ .
  - Identity property
    - $ab(1) = ab*1 = ab$ .
- Show  $x + x'z$  equivalent to  $x + z$ .
  - Second distributive property
    - Replace  $x+x'z$  by  $(x+x')*(x+z)$ .
  - Complement property
    - Replace  $(x+x')$  by 1,
  - Identity property
    - replace  $1*(x+z)$  by  $x+z$ .

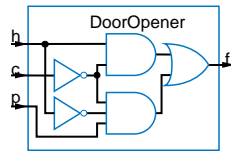


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## Example that Applies Boolean Algebra Properties

- Want automatic door opener circuit (e.g., for grocery store)
  - Output:  $f=1$  opens door
  - Inputs:
    - $p=1$ : person detected
    - $h=1$ : switch forcing hold open
    - $c=1$ : key forcing closed
  - Want open door when
    - $h=1$  and  $c=0$ , or
    - $h=0$  and  $p=1$  and  $c=0$
  - Equation:  $f = hc' + h'pc'$



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- Found inexpensive chip that computes:
  - $f = c'hp + c'hp' + c'h'p$
  - Can we use it?
    - Is it the same as  $f = c'(p+h)$ ?
- Use Boolean algebra:

$$f = c'hp + c'hp' + c'h'p$$

$$f = c'h(p + p') + c'h'p \quad (\text{by the distributive property})$$

$$f = c'h(1) + c'h'p \quad (\text{by the complement property})$$

$$f = c'h + c'h'p \quad (\text{by the identity property})$$

$$f = hc' + h'pc' \quad (\text{by the commutative property})$$

Same!

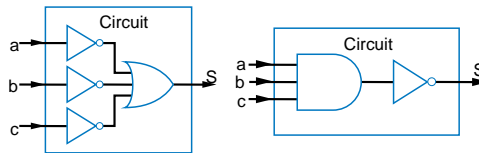
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## Boolean Algebra: Additional Properties

- Null elements
  - $a + 1 = 1$
  - $a * 0 = 0$
- Idempotent Law
  - $a + a = a$
  - $a * a = a$
- Involution Law
  - $(a')' = a$
- DeMorgan's Law
  - $(a + b)' = a'b'$
  - $(ab)' = a' + b'$
  - Very useful!
- To prove, just evaluate all possibilities

### Aircraft lavatory sign example

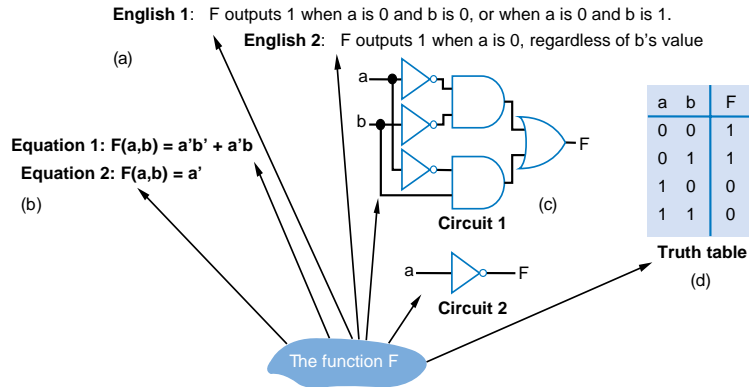
- Behavior
  - Three lavatories, each with sensor (a, b, c), equals 1 if door locked
  - Light "Available" sign (S) if any lavatory available
- Equation and circuit
  - $S = a' + b' + c'$
- Transform
  - $(abc)' = a'+b'+c'$  (by DeMorgan's Law)
  - $S = (abc)'$
- New equation and circuit
- Alternative: Instead of lighting "Available," light "Occupied"
  - Opposite of "Available" function  $S = a' + b' + c'$
  - So  $S' = (a' + b' + c')'$ 
    - $S' = (a') * (b') * (c')$  (by DeMorgan's Law)
    - $S' = a * b * c$  (by Involution Law)
  - Makes intuitive sense
    - Occupied if all doors are locked



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## Representations of Boolean Functions



- A function can be represented in different ways
  - Above shows seven representations of the same functions  $F(a,b)$ , using four different methods: English, Equation, Circuit, and Truth Table



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## Truth Table Representation of Boolean Functions

- Define value of F for each possible combination of input values
  - 2-input function: 4 rows
  - 3-input function: 8 rows
  - 4-input function: 16 rows
- Q: Use truth table to define function  $F(a,b,c)$  that is 1 when abc is 5 or greater in binary

a	b	F
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

(a)

a	b	c	F
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

(b)

a	b	c	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

a	b	c	d	F
0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	1	
0	0	1	0	
0	0	1	1	
0	1	0	0	
0	1	0	1	
0	1	1	0	
0	1	1	1	
1	0	0	0	
1	0	0	1	
1	0	1	0	
1	0	1	1	
1	1	0	0	
1	1	0	1	
1	1	1	0	
1	1	1	1	

(c)



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## Converting among Representations

- Can convert from any representation to any other
- Common conversions
  - Equation to circuit (we did this earlier)
  - Truth table to equation (which we can convert to circuit)
    - Easy -- just OR each input term that should output 1
  - Equation to truth table
    - Easy -- just evaluate equation for each input combination (row)
    - Creating intermediate columns helps

Inputs		Outputs	Term
a	b	F	F = sum of
0	0	1	a'b'
0	1	1	a'b
1	0	0	
1	1	0	

$$F = a'b' + a'b$$

Q: Convert to equation

a	b	c	F	
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	0	
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	
1	0	1	1	ab'c
1	1	0	1	abc'
1	1	1	1	abc

$$F = ab'c + abc' + abc$$

Q: Convert to truth table:  $F = a'b' + a'b$

Inputs				Output
a	b	a'b'	a'b	F
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0



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## Standard Representation: Truth Table

- How can we determine if two functions are the same?
  - Recall automatic door example
    - Same as  $f = hc' + h'pc'$ ?
    - Used algebraic methods
    - But if we failed, does that prove *not* equal? No.
- Solution: Convert to truth tables
  - Only ONE truth table representation of a given function
    - **Standard** representation -- for given function, only one version in standard form exists

$$f = c'hp + c'hp' + c'h'$$

$$f = c'h(p + p') + c'h'p$$

$$f = c'h(1) + c'h'p$$

$$f = c'h + c'h'p$$

(what if we stopped here?)

$$f = hc' + h'pc'$$

Q: Determine if  $F=ab+a'$  is same function as  $F=a'b'+a'b+ab$ , by converting each to truth table first

F = ab + a'			F = a'b' + a'b + ab		
a	b	F	a	b	F
0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1

Same



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## Canonical Form -- Sum of Minterms

- Truth tables too big for numerous inputs
- Use standard form of equation instead
  - Known as **canonical form**
  - Regular algebra: group terms of polynomial by power
    - $ax^2 + bx + c$  ( $3x^2 + 4x + 2x^2 + 3 + 1 \rightarrow 5x^2 + 4x + 4$ )
  - Boolean algebra: create sum of minterms
    - **Minterm**: product term with every function literal appearing exactly once, in true or complemented form
    - Just multiply-out equation until sum of product terms
    - Then expand each term until all terms are minterms

Q: Determine if  $F(a,b)=ab+a'$  is same function as  $F(a,b)=a'b'+a'b+ab$ , by converting first equation to canonical form (second already in canonical form)

$F = ab+a'$  (already sum of products)

$F = ab + a'(b+b')$  (expanding term)

$F = ab + a'b + a'b'$  (SAME -- same three terms as other equation)

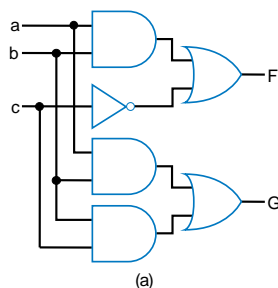


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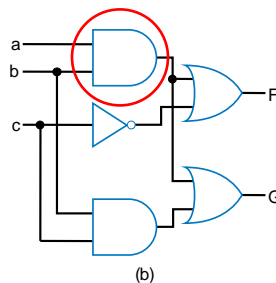
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## Multiple-Output Circuits

- Many circuits have more than one output
- Can give each a separate circuit, or can share gates
- Ex:  $F = \underline{ab} + c'$ ,  $G = \underline{ab} + bc$



Option 1: Separate circuits



Option 2: Shared gates



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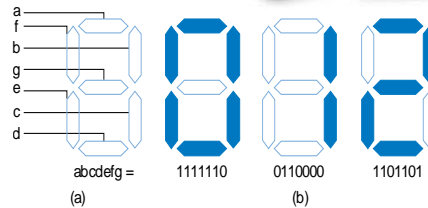
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## Multiple-Output Example: BCD to 7-Segment Converter



TABLE 2-4 4-bit binary number to seven-segment display truth table

w	x	y	z	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



$$a = w'x'y'z' + w'x'yz' + w'x'yz + w'xy'z + w'xyz' + w'xyz + wx'y'z' + wx'y'z$$

$$b = w'x'y'z' + w'x'y'z + w'x'yz' + w'x'yz + w'xy'z' + w'xyz + wx'y'z' + wx'y'z$$



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## Combinational Logic Design Process

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Step	Description
Step 1 <b>Capture</b> the function	Create a truth table or equations, <b>whichever is most natural for the given problem</b> , to describe the desired behavior of the combinational logic.
Step 2 <b>Convert</b> to equations	This step is only necessary if you captured the function using a truth table instead of equations. Create an equation for each output by ORing all the minterms for that output. Simplify the equations if desired.
Step 3 <b>Implement</b> as a gate-based circuit	For each output, create a circuit corresponding to the output's equation. (Sharing gates among multiple outputs is OK optionally.)



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## Example: Three 1s Detector

- Problem: Detect three consecutive 1s in 8-bit input: abcdefgh

- 00011101 → 1    10101011 → 0
- 11110000 → 1

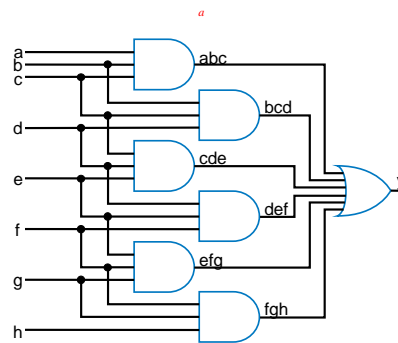
– **Step 1: Capture** the function

- Truth table or equation?
  - Truth table too big:  $2^8=256$  rows
  - Equation: create terms for each possible case of three consecutive 1s

- $y = abc + bcd + cde + def + efg + fgh$

– **Step 2: Convert** to equation -- already done

– **Step 3: Implement** as a gate-based circuit



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## Example: Number of 1s Count

- Problem: Output in binary on two outputs yz the number of 1s on three inputs

- 010 → 01    101 → 10    000 → 00

– **Step 1: Capture** the function

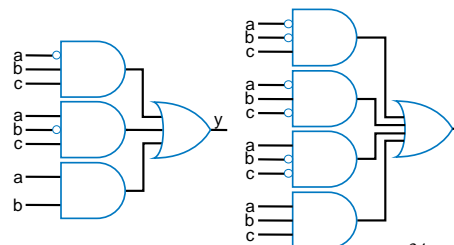
- Truth table or equation?
  - Truth table is straightforward

– **Step 2: Convert** to equation

- $y = a'bc + ab'c + abc' + abc$
- $z = a'b'c + a'bc' + ab'c' + abc$

– **Step 3: Implement** as a gate-based circuit

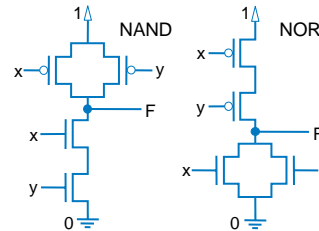
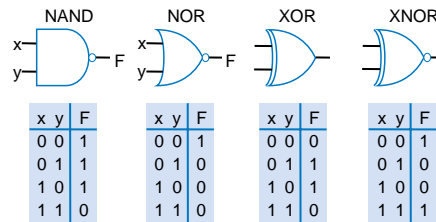
Inputs			(# of 1s)	Outputs	
a	b	c		y	z
0	0	0	(0)	0	0
0	0	1	(1)	0	1
0	1	0	(1)	0	1
0	1	1	(2)	1	0
1	0	0	(1)	0	1
1	0	1	(2)	1	0
1	1	0	(2)	1	0
1	1	1	(3)	1	1



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## More Gates



- NAND: Opposite of AND (“NOT AND”)
- NOR: Opposite of OR (“NOT OR”)
- XOR: Exactly 1 input is 1, for 2-input XOR. (For more inputs -- odd number of 1s)
- XNOR: Opposite of XOR (“NOT XOR”)
- NAND same as AND with power & ground switched
  - Why? nMOS conducts 0s well, but not 1s (reasons beyond our scope) -- so NAND more efficient
- Likewise, NOR same as OR with power/ground switched
- AND in CMOS: NAND with NOT
- OR in CMOS: NOR with NOT
- So NAND/NOR more common

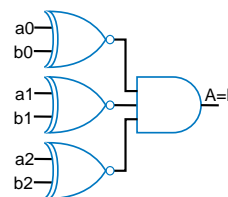
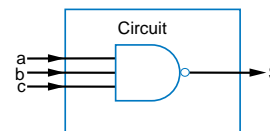


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## More Gates: Example Uses

- Aircraft lavatory sign example
  - $S = (abc)'$
- Detecting all 0s
  - Use NOR
- Detecting equality
  - Use XNOR
- Detecting odd # of 1s
  - Use XOR
  - Useful for generating “parity” bit common for detecting errors

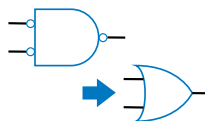


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## Completeness of NAND

- Any Boolean function can be implemented *using just NAND gates*. Why?
  - Need AND, OR, and NOT
  - NOT: 1-input NAND (or 2-input NAND with inputs tied together)
  - AND: NAND followed by NOT
  - OR: NAND preceded by NOTs
- Likewise for NOR



## Number of Possible Boolean Functions

- How many possible functions of 2 variables?
  - $2^2$  rows in truth table, 2 choices for each
  - $2^{(2^2)} = 2^4 = 16$  possible functions
- N variables
  - $2^N$  rows
  - $2^{(2^N)}$  possible functions

a	b	F
0	0	0 or 1 2 choices
0	1	0 or 1 2 choices
1	0	0 or 1 2 choices
1	1	0 or 1 2 choices

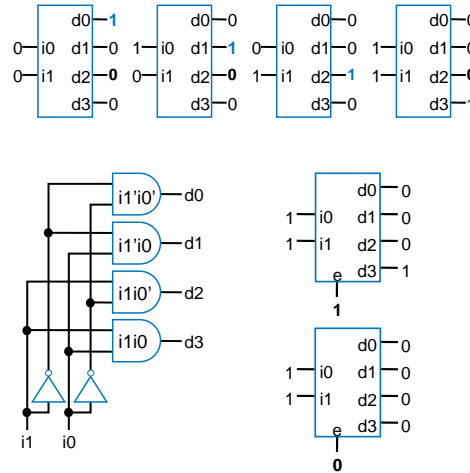
$2^4 = 16$   
possible functions

a	b	f0	f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	f7	f8	f9	f10	f11	f12	f13	f14	f15
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	0	a AND b			a		b	a XOR b		a OR b	a NOR b	a XNOR b		b'	a'	a NAND b	
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## Decoders and Muxes

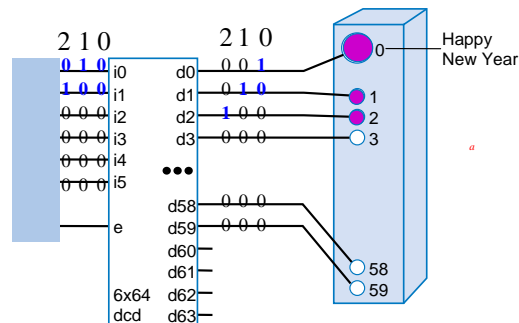
- **Decoder:** Popular combinational logic building block, in addition to logic gates
  - Converts input binary number to one high output
- 2-input decoder: four possible input binary numbers
  - So has four outputs, one for each possible input binary number
- Internal design
  - AND gate for each output to detect input combination
- Decoder with enable e
  - Outputs all 0 if e=0
  - Regular behavior if e=1
- n-input decoder:  $2^n$  outputs



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## Decoder Example

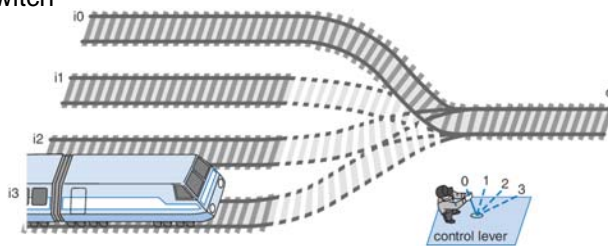
- **New Year's Eve Countdown Display**
  - Microprocessor counts from 59 down to 0 in binary on 6-bit output
  - Want illuminate one of 60 lights for each binary number
  - Use 6x64 decoder
    - 4 outputs unused



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## Multiplexor (Mux)

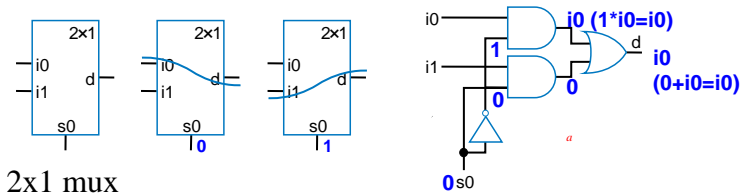
- Mux: Another popular combinational building block
  - Routes one of its N data inputs to its one output, based on binary value of select inputs
    - 4 input mux  $\rightarrow$  needs 2 select inputs to indicate which input to route through
    - 8 input mux  $\rightarrow$  3 select inputs
    - N inputs  $\rightarrow \log_2(N)$  selects
  - Like a railyard switch



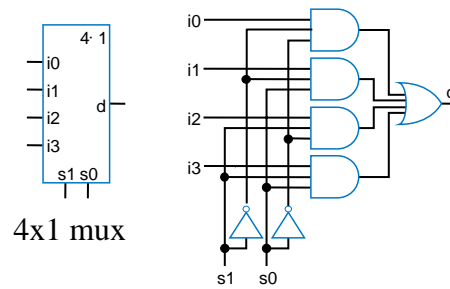
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## Mux Internal Design



2x1 mux



4x1 mux

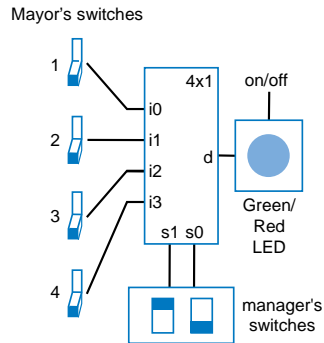


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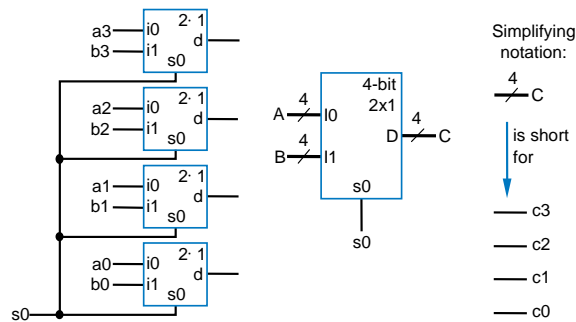
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## Mux Example

- City mayor can set four switches up or down, representing his/her vote on each of four proposals, numbered 0, 1, 2, 3
- City manager can display any such vote on large green/red LED (light) by setting two switches to represent binary 0, 1, 2, or 3
- Use 4x1 mux

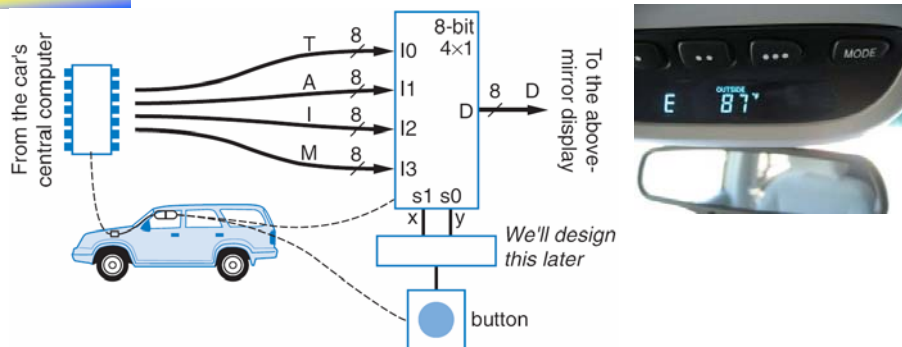


## Muxes Commonly Together -- N-bit Mux



- Ex: Two 4-bit inputs, A (a3 a2 a1 a0), and B (b3 b2 b1 b0)
  - 4-bit 2x1 mux (just four 2x1 muxes sharing a select line) can select between A or B

## N-bit Mux Example



- Four possible display items
  - Temperature (T), Average miles-per-gallon (A), Instantaneous mpg (I), and Miles remaining (M) -- each is 8-bits wide
  - Choose which to display using two inputs x and y
  - Use 8-bit 4x1 mux

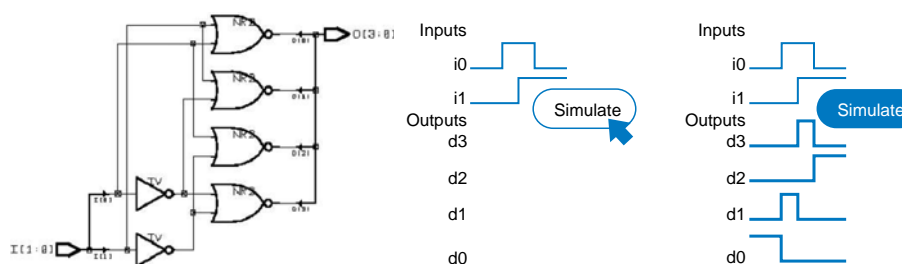


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## Additional Considerations Schematic Capture and Simulation

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- **Schematic capture**
  - Computer tool for user to capture logic circuit graphically
- **Simulator**
  - Computer tool to show what circuit outputs would be for given inputs
    - Outputs commonly displayed as **waveform**

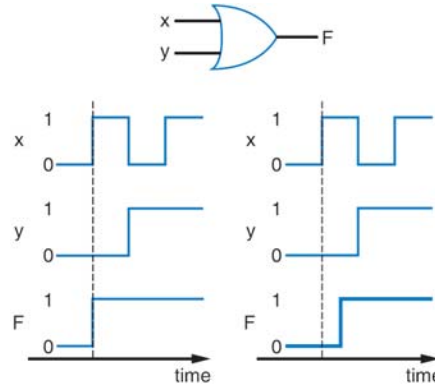


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## Additional Considerations

### Non-Ideal Gate Behavior -- Delay



- Real gates have some delay
  - Outputs don't change immediately after inputs change



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## Chapter Summary

- Combinational circuits
  - Circuit whose outputs are function of present inputs
    - No "state"
- Switches: Basic component in digital circuits
- Boolean logic gates: AND, OR, NOT -- Better building block than switches
  - Enables use of Boolean algebra to design circuits
- Boolean algebra: uses true/false variables/operators
- Representations of Boolean functions: Can translate among
- Combinational design process: Translate from equation (or table) to circuit through well-defined steps
- More gates: NAND, NOR, XOR, XNOR also useful
- Muxes and decoders: Additional useful combinational building blocks



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