

Study Guide for Midterm 2

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1 Chapter 5 - Combinatorial Logic Analysis

1. Imagine we have a keypad that has digits 0-9 and letters A-F. Assume each key sends an active-LOW signal to an encoder that converts the single key value to binary. For example, if one presses *A*, the 4-bit output is 1010. Write the conversion table for the digits and letters to binary below, and develop the encoder logic that produces the binary outputs.
2. The output waveform in Fig. 1 is incorrect for the inputs that are applied to the circuit. Assuming that one gate in the circuit has failed, with its output either an apparent constant HIGH or a constant LOW, determine the faulty gate and the type of failure (output open or shorted).

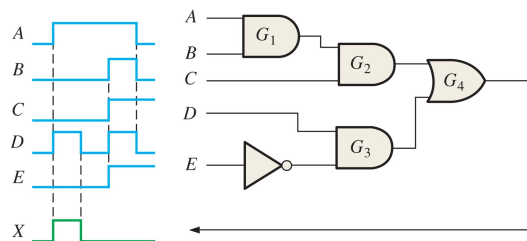


Figure 1: A domain-5 logic function needs debugging.

2 Chapter 6 - Functions of Combinational Logic

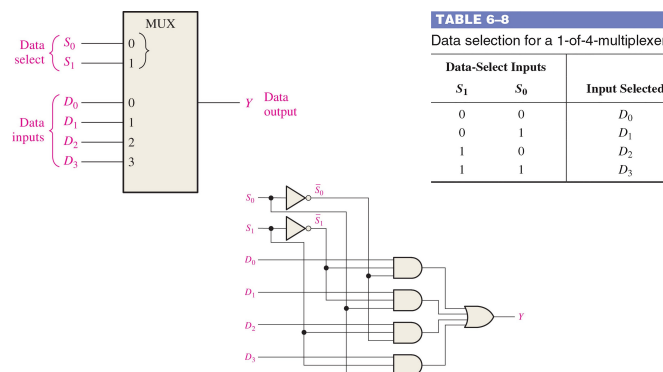


Figure 2: A 1-of-4 multiplexer (mux) logic function: function block, truth table, and gate diagram.

1. Consider Fig. 2, in which the 1-of-4 mux is reviewed. Imagine a camera system (like Zoom only with firmware) in which you are switching between four data feeds from four cameras by holding down one of four different keys. Design a circuit using an encoder and a 1-of-4 mux to switch between four bitstreams on active-LOW keypresses from four keys. Show the encoder logic at the gate level.
2. Using XNOR gates, we could create a comparator that is true if two 2-bit binary numbers are equal. Starting with the 2-bit comparator, add logic that is true if $A > B$. Add one final output that is the opposite of $A > B$ (so $A < B$)¹.

3 Chapter 7 - Latches, Flip-flops, and Timers

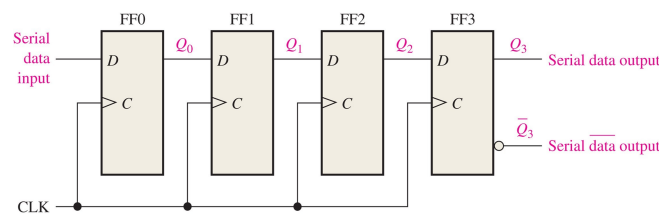


Figure 3: This is an example of a serial-in serial-out shift register.

1. Consider Fig. 3, in which four D flip-flops are connected in series to form a *shift register*. (a) Produce the timing diagram that occurs on the serial data output when all four D flip-flops are initially in the RESET state, and a single data bit arrives at the input with a constantly-running clock signal. (b) Add an input that disables the clock to halt the shift register so that the data is stored. Draw a timing diagram showing the shifting of 4 bits into the register and halting on the right clock cycle to store them.
2. Create a function block to represent the 4-bit shift register from the previous problem. Now design a system that adds two binary numbers and stores the result in the shift register via a 1-of-4 multiplexer. The mux is there to convert the *parallel* data out of the adder to *serial* data into the register. (Continue response on back).

¹Since this is a 2-bit system, you can enumerate all possible states, if that helps.