## Lab Manual 12

# **Counters and Registers**

## **Objectives:**

To familiarize with registers and counters

#### **Counters**

A counter is a register that goes through a predetermined sequence of states upon the application of clock pulses. In a ripple counter, the flip-flop output transition serves as a source for triggering other flip flops. In a synchronous counter, the clock inputs of all of the flip flops receive the common clock pulse, and the change of state is determined from the present state of the counter.

## Register

The ideas in combinational circuits and sequential methods, when brought together as one system gives sequential building blocks, usually in the form or registers and counters. A register is a set of flip-flops with combinational logic to implement state transitions that allow information to be stored and retrieved from them. In the simplest form, a flip-flop is a one-bit register.

## Note:

For LogicWorks Implementation use a Binary Switch as a Clock input. For BreadBoard Implementation use a Clock Generator as a Clock input.

#### **Problem 1:**

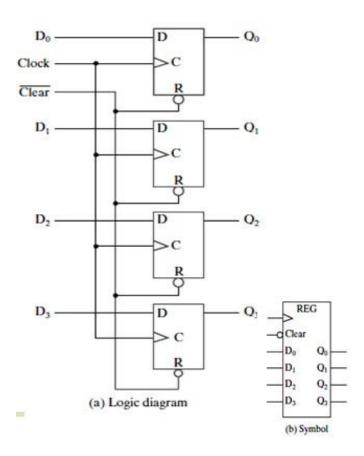
Design and implement the counter exhibiting the following behavior on Breadboard and Logic Works suing JK Flip-Flop. Use the Hex Display in Logic Works and Trainer to show the output of the circuit.

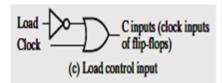
000, 011, 110, 000, 011,.....

#### **Problem 2:**

Logic diagram of a 4-bit register is shown below (D Filp-Flops are being controlled by Clock). Implement it on trainer.

- a. Implement the circuit on Logic Works and Bread Board.
- **b.** Implement register with clock gating and test it.





When the Load signal is 1, C inputs = Clock, so the register is clocked normally, and new information is transferred into the register on the positive transitions of the clock.

When the Load signal is 0, C inputs = 1. With this constant input applied, there are no positive transitions on C inputs, so the contents of the register remain unchanged.

## **Problem 3:**

Construct a 16-bit serial-parallel counter, using four 4-bit parallel counters. Suppose that all added logic is AND gates and that serial connections are employed between the four counters. What is the maximum number of AND gates in a chain that a signal must propagate through in the 16-bit counter