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SEQUENTIAL CIRCUITS



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In combinational logic circuits shown in figure 1, the outputs at any instant of time depend only on the input signals present at that time. For a change in input, the output occurs immediately.

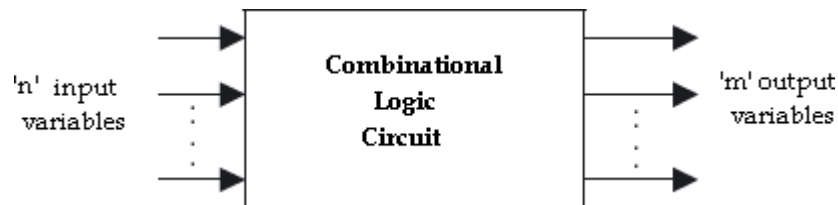


Figure 1. Combinational Logic Circuits

In sequential logic circuits shown in figure 2, it consists of combinational circuits to which storage elements are connected to form a feedback path. The storage elements are devices capable of storing binary information either 1 or 0.

The information stored in the memory elements at any given time defines the present state of the sequential circuit. The present state and the external circuit determine the output and the next state of sequential circuits.

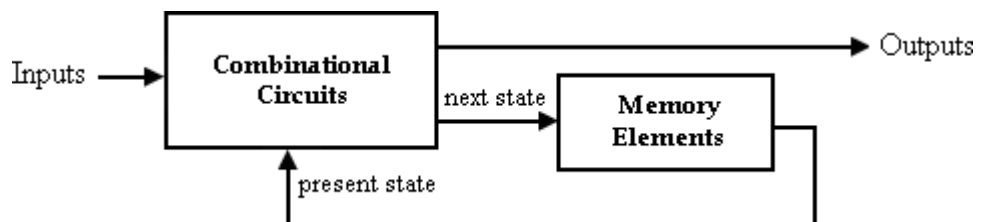


Figure 2. Sequential Circuits

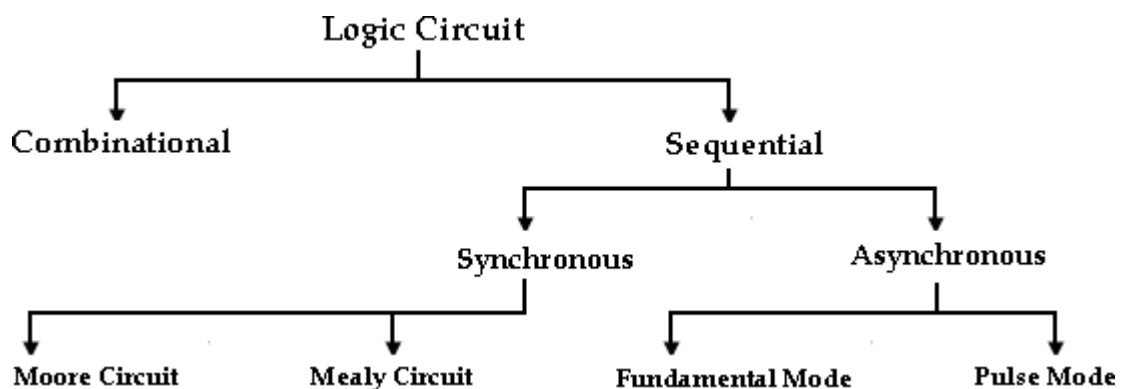
Thus in sequential circuits, the output variables depend not only on the present input variables but also on the past history of input variables.

The rotary channel selected knob on an old-fashioned TV is like a combinational. Its output selects a channel based only on its current input – the position of the knob. The channel-up and channel-down push buttons on a TV is like a sequential circuit. The channel selection depends on the past sequence of up/down pushes.

The comparison between combinational and sequential circuits is given in table below.

S.No	Combinational logic	Sequential logic
1	The output variable, at all times depends on the combination of input variables.	The output variable depends not only on the present input but also depend upon the past history of inputs.
2	Memory unit is not required	Memory unit is required to store the past history of input variables.
3	Faster in speed	Slower than combinational circuits.
4	Easy to design	Comparatively harder to design.
5	Eg. Parallel adder	Eg. Serial adder

Classification of Logic Circuits



The sequential circuits can be classified depending on the timing of their signals:

- Synchronous sequential circuits
- Asynchronous sequential circuits.

In synchronous sequential circuits, signals can affect the memory elements only at discrete instants of time. In asynchronous sequential circuits change in input signals can affect memory element at any instant of time. The memory elements used in both circuits are Flip-Flops, which are capable of storing 1-bit information.

S.No	Synchronous sequential circuits	Asynchronous sequential circuits
1	Memory elements are clocked Flip-Flops	Memory elements are either unclocked Flip-Flops or time delay elements.
2	The change in input signals can affect memory element upon activation of clock signal.	The change in input signals can affect memory element at any instant of time.
3	The maximum operating speed of clock depends on time delays involved.	Because of the absence of clock, it can operate faster than synchronous circuits.
4	Easier to design	More difficult to design