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CDA 3201C Intro to Logic Design
Template for solving counters

Problem: Construct a counter for the following
sequence: 1, 2, 3, ...

Step 1: **State Diagram.** Draw State Diagram
How many states?
How many flip flops are needed?



Step 2: **Partial Circuit.** Go to the end, draw the partial Flip Flops, connect Clock,
label Inputs (if any), Outputs and Q's and # all, LSB FF = 0 to left

Step 3: **Table.** Draw Dr. Petrie's table, fill and number the bits for Qs, input (if any) and outputs, label the least significant Q₀
Write the possible values of Q_i and inputs (if any) and decide which state is assigned to each row. Then looking at the state diagram figure out the binary value for the output column.

Present State (Q)		Input (X)	Output (Z)	Next State (Q+)		Flip Flop Transition Table			
State Name	Q ₂ Q ₁		Z ₂ Z ₁	State Name	Q ₂ ⁺ Q ₁ ⁺	J ₂ K ₂	J ₁ K ₁		
A	0 0	N/A	0 0	B	0 1	0	1	0	X
B	0 1		1 0	C	0 1	X	X	1	X
C	1 0		1 1	A	1 0	0	0	X	X
X	1 1		X X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Q → Q' SR JK

0 → 0 0 0 1

0 → 1 1 1 1

1 → 0 1 1 1

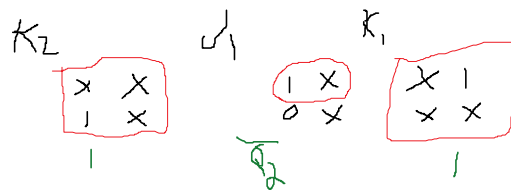
1 → 0 1 1 1

Q → Q⁺ SR JK
0 → 0 0 0 0
0 → 1 0 1 1
1 → 0 1 0 1
1 → 1 1 0 0

Step 4: **Outputs.** Find Simplified Sum of Products expression for Z. Draw a K-map that fits values of Z (2x2, 2x4, 4x4). Label with Qs (if Moore) or Qs and X (if Mealy). Look up where each value of Z fits on the K-map and reduce.

Z₃ =

Go to the partial circuit and draw the connections for the Z's

Z₂ = Q₂ + Q₁Z₁ = Q₁Z₀ = Q₁

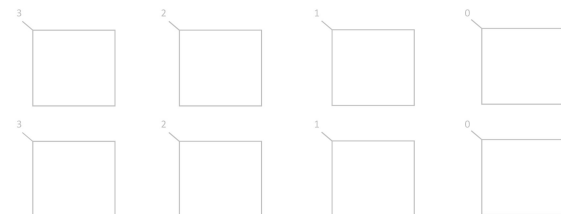
Step 6: **Next State.** Look at the state diagram and input (if any) and fill in the column for the next state with the name and its corresponding row number.

Step 7: **FF Transition.** Fill in the Flip Flop Transition header of the table, with the corresponding type of FF and # the FF.
Draw the excitation table for the flip flops you can/will use:

Q → Q ⁺ D	Q → Q ⁺ T	Q → Q ⁺ SR	Q → Q ⁺ JK
0 → 0	0 → 0	0 → 0	0 → 0
0 → 1	0 → 1	0 → 1	0 → 1
1 → 0	1 → 0	1 → 0	1 → 0
1 → 1	1 → 1	1 → 1	1 → 1

Highlight the Q and Q⁺ and FF columns labeled zero with one color. Looking at Q and Q⁺ determine the input required for the FF until done with that color. Highlight the next Q and Q⁺ and FF labeled one with a different color, and continue process until the table is complete.

Step 8: **FF Inputs.** Find Simplified Sum of Products expression for each FF Transition column using K-Maps. Draw a K-map that fits values of (2x2, 2x4, 4x4). Label with Qs and input (if any). Look up where each value fits on the K-map and reduce.



Go to the partial circuit and draw the connections for the inputs of each FF.

