

# COMPARATOR.

- The basic function of a comparator is to compare the magnitude of two binary quantities to determine the relation between two them.
- It conveys if two numbers are equal.
- Thus conveys (a) Equality  
(b) In equality

To compare we need two inputs and there could be three possible outputs i.e.  $=, <, >$ .

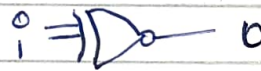
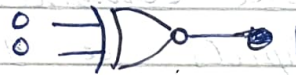
Previous Knowledge: Exclusive NOR gate

Symbol  $\Rightarrow$

A basic EX-NOR gate can be used as a comparator

Truth Table

A	B	Y
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

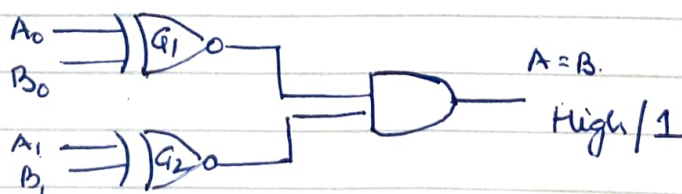


Binary number A =  $A_1, A_0$

Binary number B =  $B_1, B_0$

2-Bit Comparator

MSBs      LSBs



To get a single output indicating when two numbers are equal or not equal

we use a chx with

AND gate that

combines the output of two exclusive-NOR gates

The two least LSBs

The LSBs of the two number are compared by exclusive-NOR gate  $G_1$  and the MSBs of the two number are compared by exclusive-NOR gate  $G_2$ .

<sup>Equality</sup>  
If the two LSBs are equal then  $G_1$  output is 1  
If the two MSBs are equal then  $G_2$  output is 1

These are combined with AND gate, with both inputs to and being 1, its output will be 1.

Inequality

If the two LSBs are not equal then  $G_1$  output is 0  
" " " MSBs " " " " "  $G_2$  " " 0

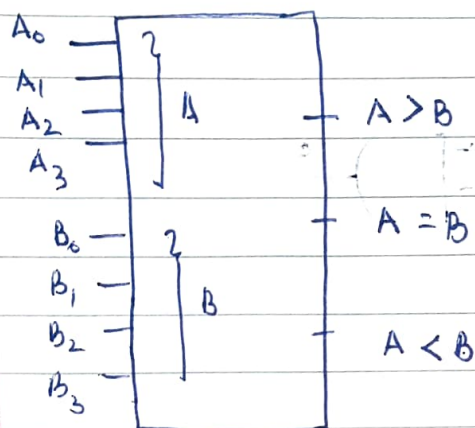
These are combined with AND gate, with both inputs to AND gate being 0, its output will be 0.

Inequality

If the two LSBs are not equal then  $G_1$  gives 0  
" " " " are equal then  $G_1$  output is 1  
When 01 are fed to output as input to AND gate, then output is 0.

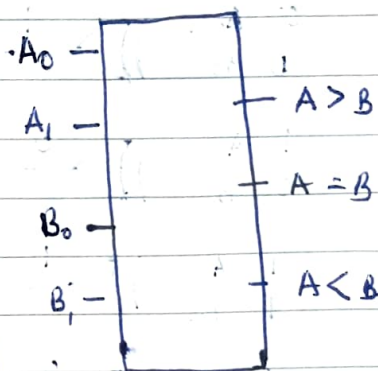
## A four Bit Comparator

Logic Symbol



## A 2-Bit Comparator

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A = 0  
(2 decimal  
Compare with 0)

A = 1  
(2 decimal  
Compare with 1)

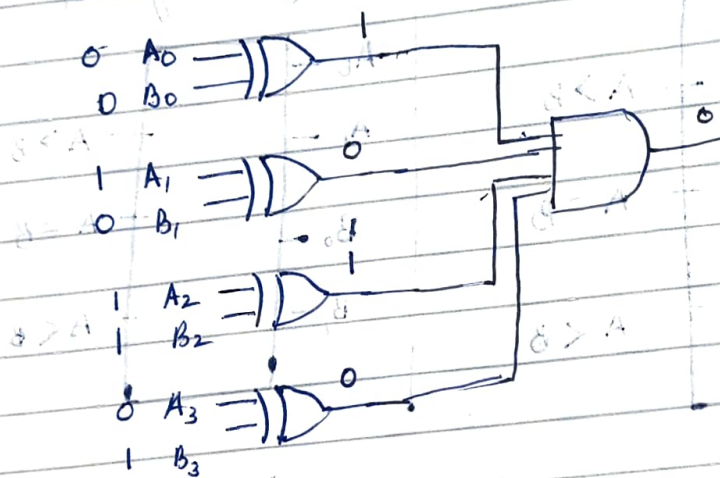
A = 10  
(2 decimal  
Compare with 10)

A = 11  
(2 decimal  
Compare with 11)

A decimal A <sub>1</sub> A <sub>0</sub> B <sub>1</sub> B <sub>0</sub>	A > B	A = B	A < B
0 0 0 0	0	1	0
0 0 0 1	0	0	1
0 0 1 0	0	0	1
0 0 1 1	0	0	1
1 0 0 0	1	0	0
1 0 0 1	0	1	0
1 0 1 0	0	1	0
1 0 1 1	0	0	1
1 1 0 0	1	0	0
1 1 0 1	0	0	0
1 1 1 0	0	1	0
1 1 1 1	0	0	1
2 1 0 0	1	0	0
2 1 0 1	0	0	0
2 1 1 0	0	0	1
2 1 1 1	1	0	0
2 2 0 0	1	0	0
2 2 0 1	1	0	0
2 2 1 0	1	0	0
2 2 1 1	0	1	0



Using a 4-bit Comparator determine if  $A = B$  or  $A > B$  or  $A < B$   
 $A = 0110$  and  $B = 1100$  (use logic gates)



Check if implementation of comparator is in syllabus or not

Two Bit Comparator Truth Table.

Decimal	Binary A		Binary B		Decimal	$A > B$	$A = B$	$A < B$
	$A_1$	$A_0$	$B_1$	$B_0$				
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	1
2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
2	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
2	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1
3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
3	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0
3	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	0

In a 2 Bit Comparator what are the number of possibilities of (a)  $A > B$  (b)  $A = B$  (c)  $A < B$

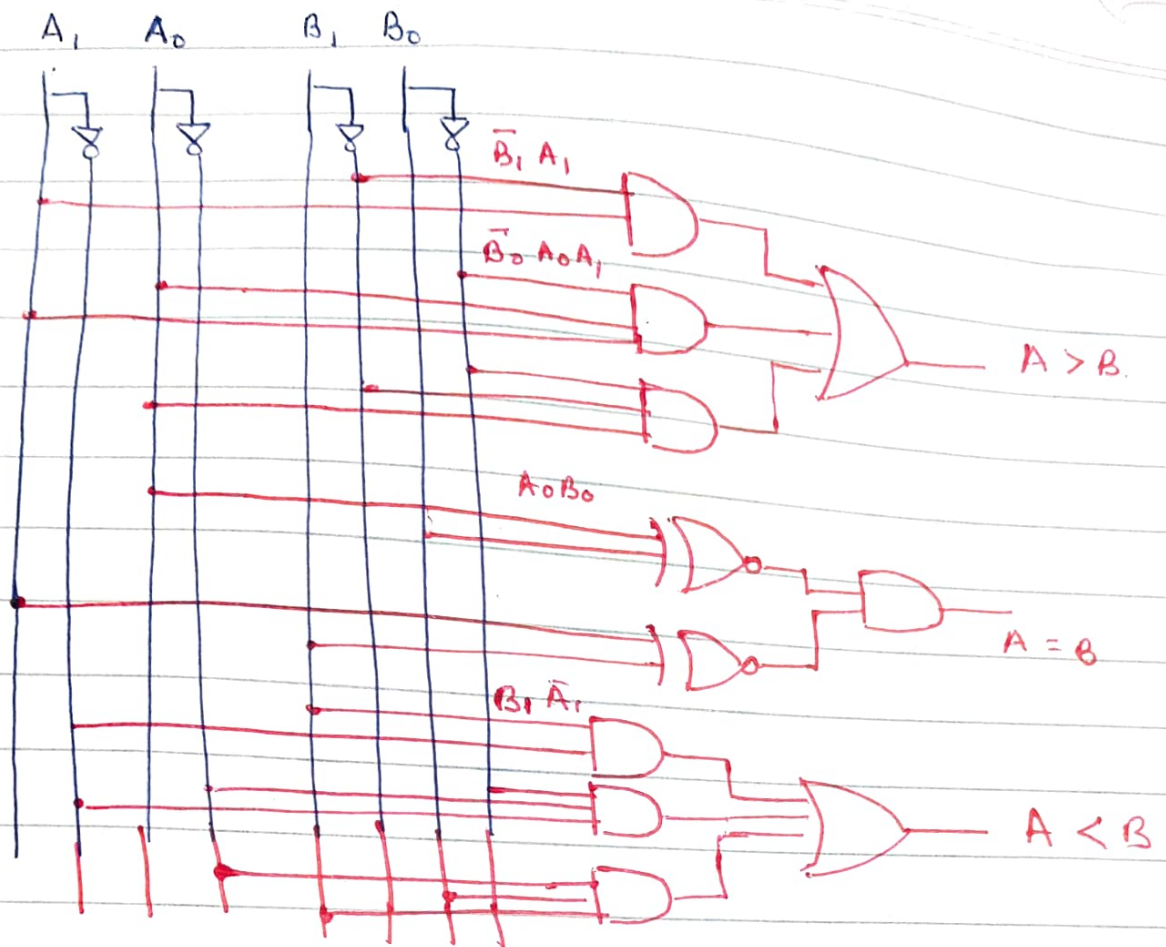
Ans (a) 6 cases of  $A > B$

(b) 4 cases of  $A = B$

(c) 6 " "  $A < B$

To develop the logic for such a comparator draw me K-map for each condition.

for $A > B$					for $A = B$					for $A < B$				
$B_1 B_0$	$A_1 A_0$	00	01	10	$B_1 B_0$	$A_1 A_0$	00	01	10	$B_1 B_0$	$A_1 A_0$	00	01	10
00	00	0	1	1	00	00	1	0	0	00	00	0	0	0
01	00	0	0	1	01	00	0	1	0	01	00	1	0	0
11	00	0	0	0	11	00	0	0	1	11	00	1	1	0
10	00	0	0	0	10	00	0	0	0	10	00	1	1	0



$$A > B \quad \bar{B}_1 A_1 + \bar{B}_0 A_0 A_1 + \bar{B}_1 \bar{B}_0 A_0$$

$$A = B \quad (A_0 \oplus B_0) (A_1 \oplus B_1)$$

$$A < B \quad B_1 \bar{A}_1 + B_0 \bar{A}_0 \bar{A}_1 + B_1 B_0 \bar{A}_0$$