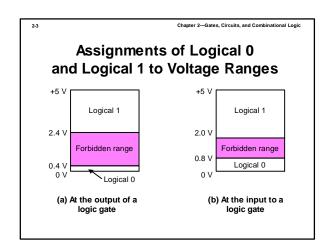
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Analog and Digital Systems

- An analog circuit can have any value between its maximum and minimum limits
- A digital circuit (at least in concept) has one of a fixed number of values and changes from one value to another instantaneously
 - Digital electronic circuits use a binary system, with two values (0 and 1)
 - Ideally, if a computer runs off 5V, a 0 (false, low, off) value would be represented by 0.0 V and 1 (true, high, on) by +5.0V
 - This is TTL (which is common but being replaced by faster and cooler devices)
 - We can't unfortunately, construct devices with such precision, so we assign ranges of values to represent 0 and 1



Truth Tables

Developed in 1854 by George Boole
Further developed by Claude Shannon (Bell Labs)

Outputs are computed for all possible input combinations (how many input combinations are there?

Consider a room with two light switches. How must they work?

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to the light "hot" when the light is turned off. Can you figure how?

