Logic Simulation

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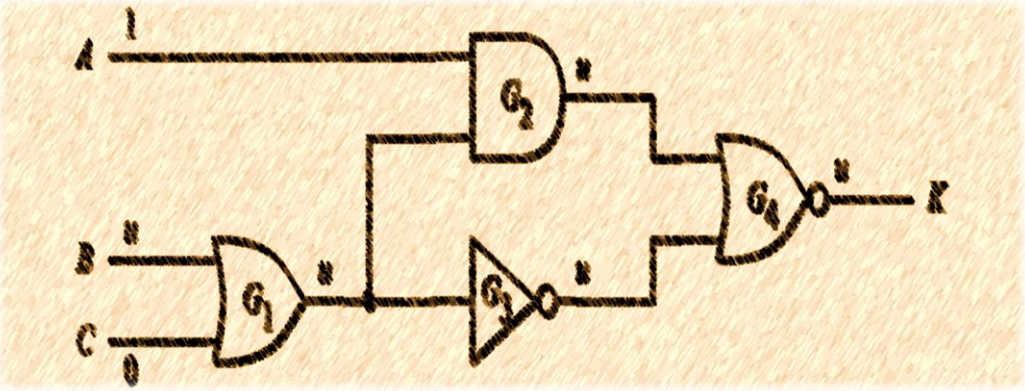

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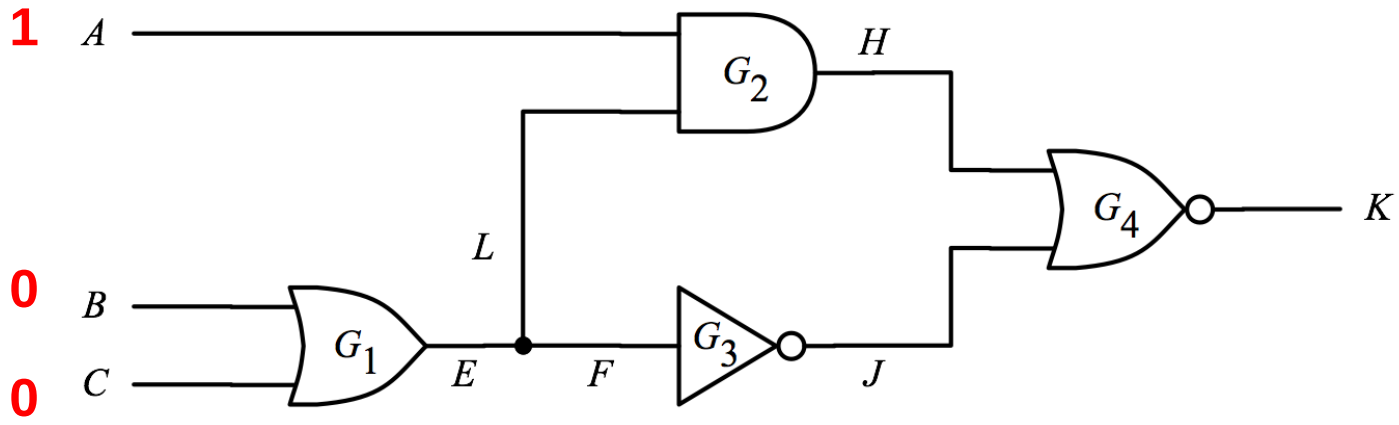
Compiled-Code Simulation

- Translate circuit into sequence of codes
  - Execute codes = run logic simulation

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        E   OR(B,C);
        H   AND(A,E);
        J   NOT(E);
        K   NOR(H,J);
end
```

E=OR(0,0)=0
H=AND(1,0)=0
J=NOT(0)=1
K=NOR(0,1)=0

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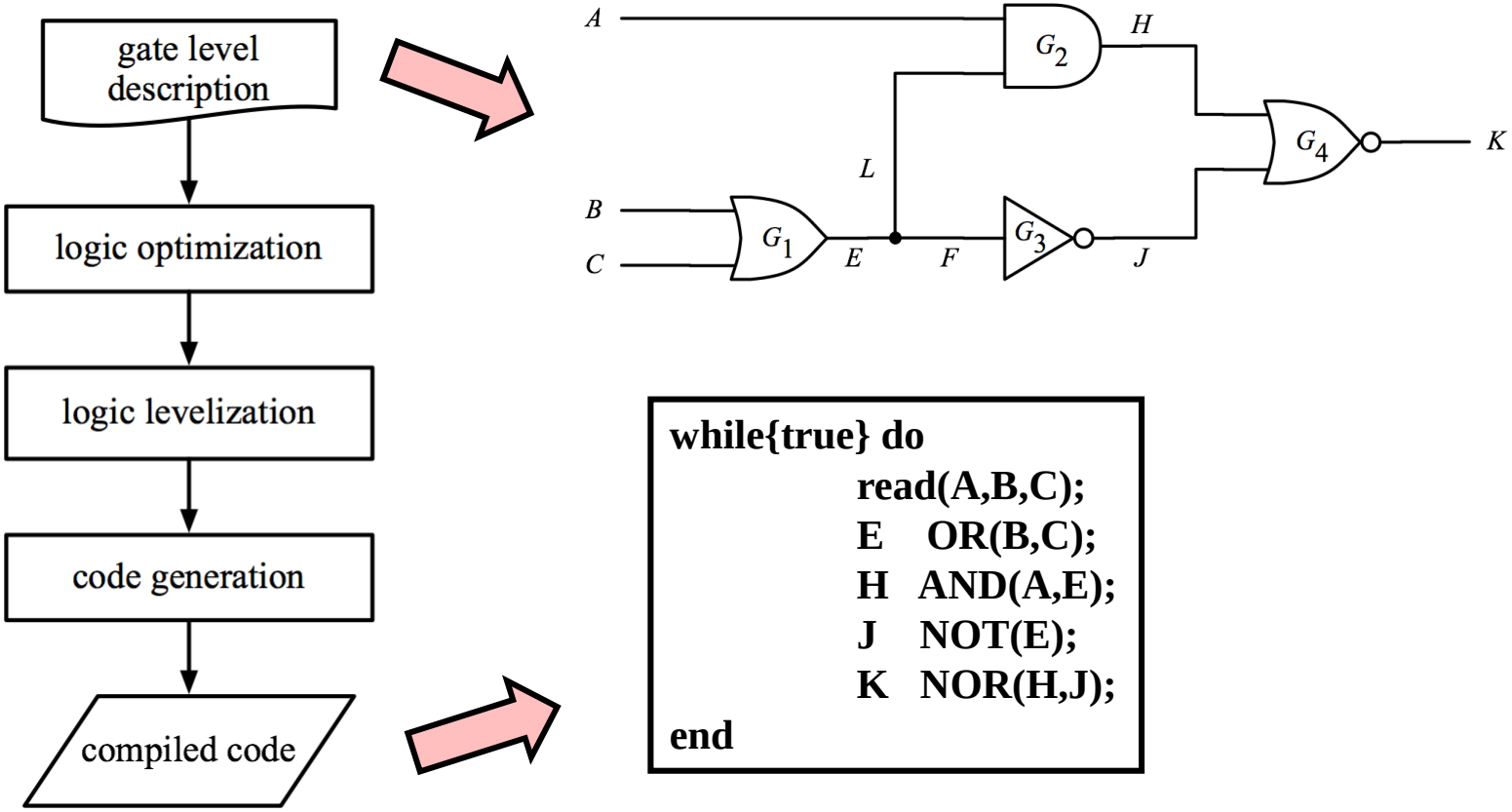
How to Compile Code?



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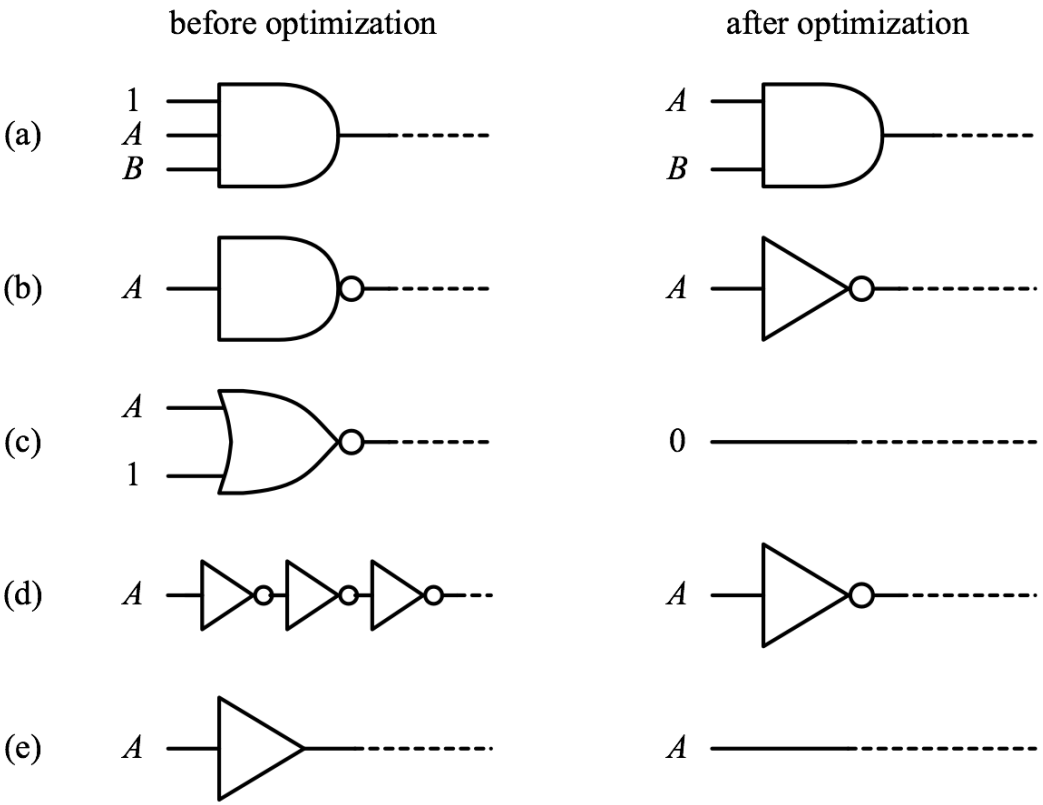
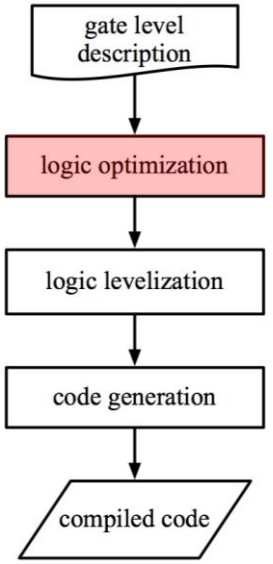
Logic Optimization

- **Simplify logic before generating codes**
- **Shorten code length and simulation time**
- **Example** (WWW Fig. 3.13)





(b) Code generation flow

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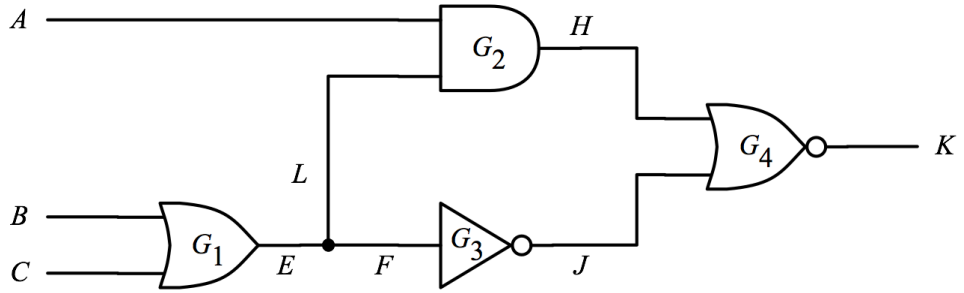
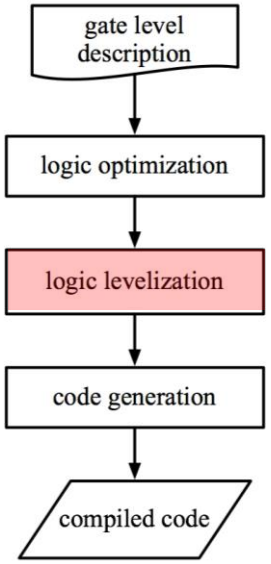
Logic Levelization

- ***Levelization***: order gate in sequence such that
  - a gate won't be evaluated until
  - all its driving gates have been evaluated





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correct

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wrong

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Levelization Ensures Correct Order

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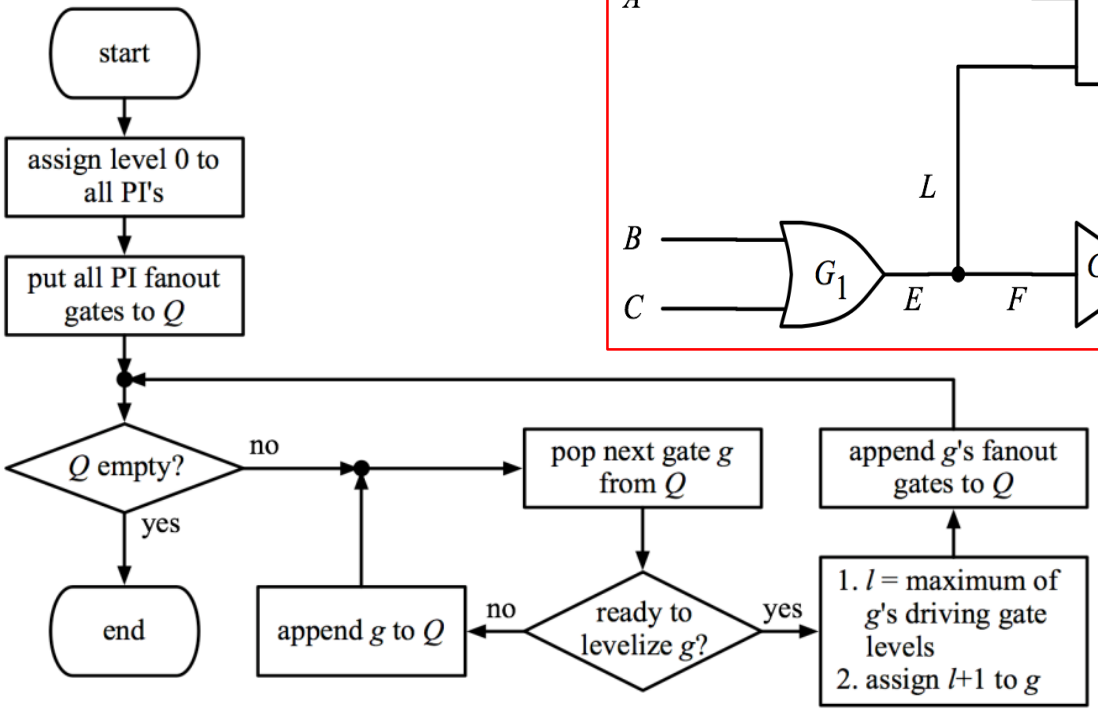

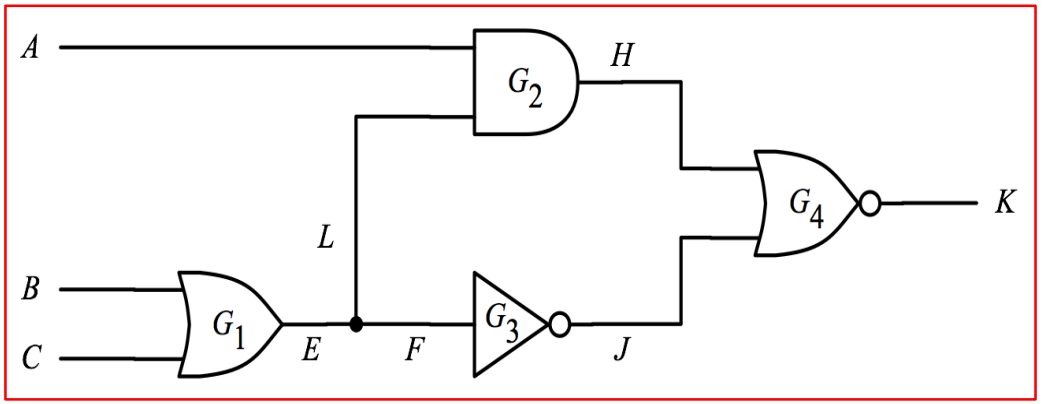

(WWW Fig 3.17)

g = gate
l = level
Q = queue (FIFO)

step	A	B	C	G_1	G_2	G_3	G_4	Q <front, back>
0	0	0	0					<G_2, G_1>
1	0	0	0					<G_1, G_2> put G_2 back
2	0	0	0	1				<G_2, G_2, G_3>
3	0	0	0	1	2			<G_2, G_3, G_4>
4	0	0	0	1	2			<G_3, G_4, G_4> why? FFT
5	0	0	0	1	2	2		<G_4, G_4, G_4>
6, 7, 8	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	< >

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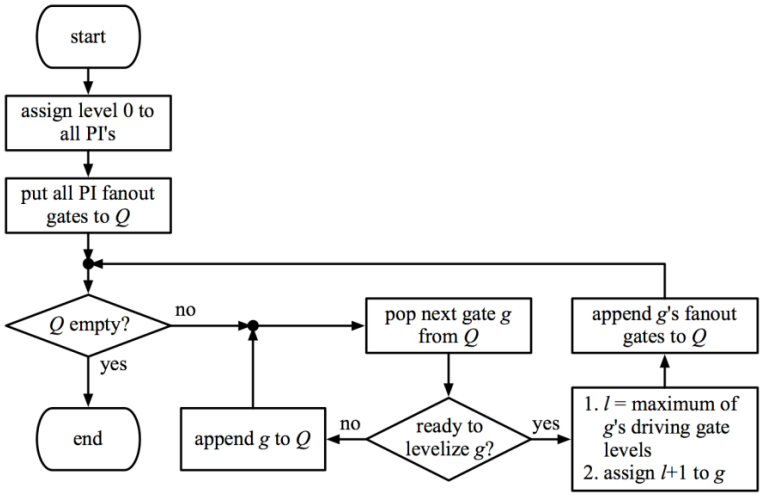
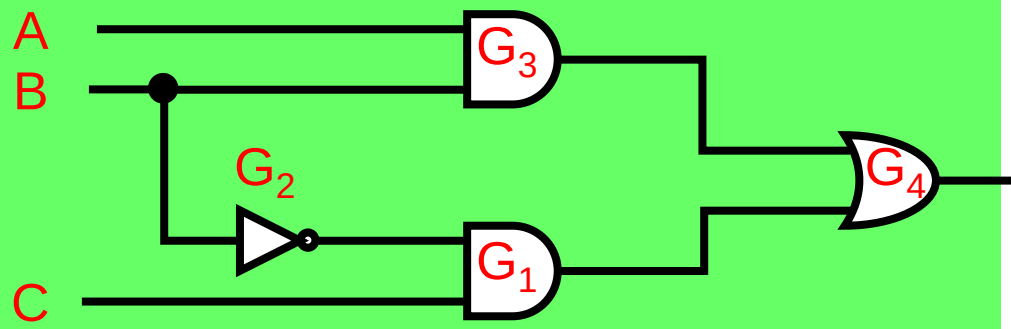
Quiz



Q: Please levelize this circuit

A:



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6								

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Code Generation

① **High-level code (like C)**

☺ **Portable, easy debug**

☹ **Need compilation every time circuit changed**

② **Machine code**

☺ **Fast to run**

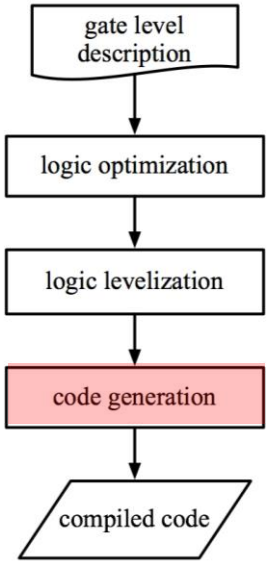
☹ **Not portable, hard to debug**

③ **Interpreted code**

(at run time, codes are interpreted and executed)

☺ **Portable, easy debug**

☹ **Slower than machine code**



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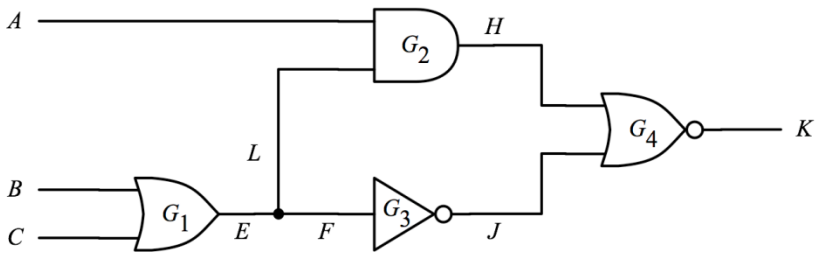


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Summary

- Compiled-code simulation: convert gates into codes for evaluation
  - Optimization: simplifies logic
  - Levelization: sort gates in order (*i.e.* topological sort of graph)
  - Code generated: 1.high-level, 2.machine, 3.interpreted

☺ Pros
  - Simple to implement
  - Can speed-up by parallelism
    - see parallel simulation

☹ Cons
  - Only *cycle-based accuracy*, no timing (zero gate delay)
  - Need to evaluate whole circuit even only small portion changed
    - see event-driven simulation

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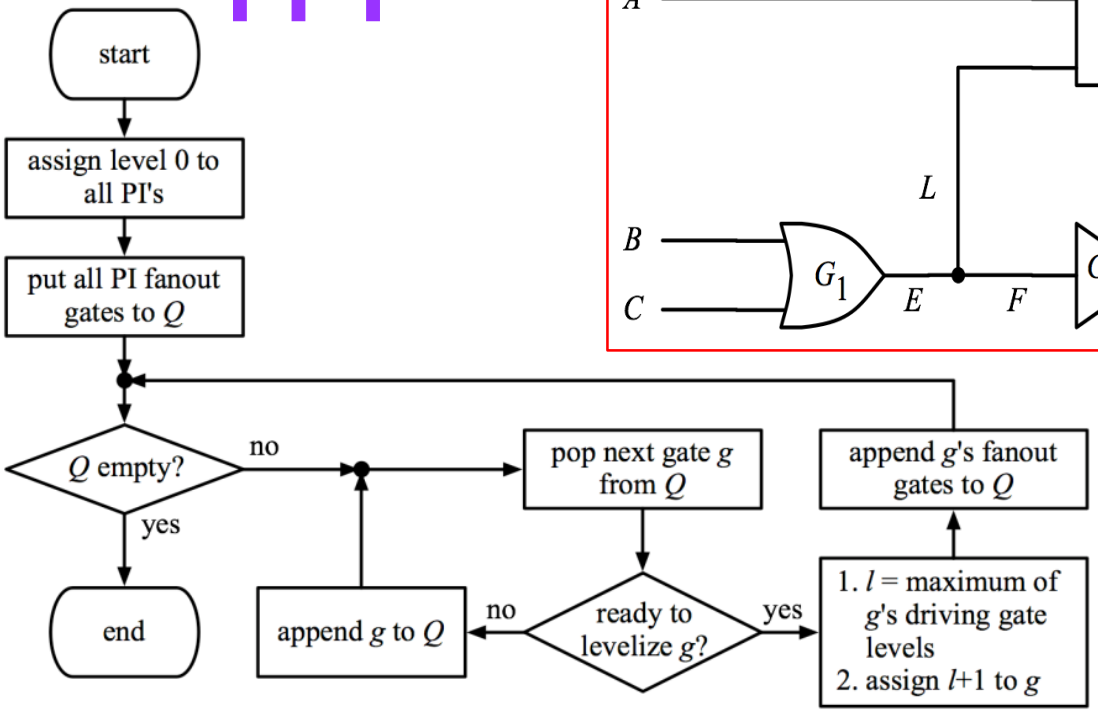

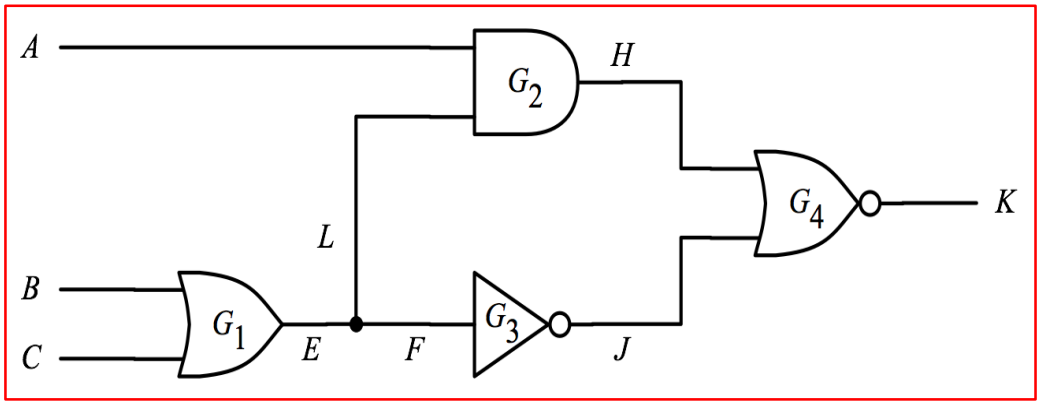

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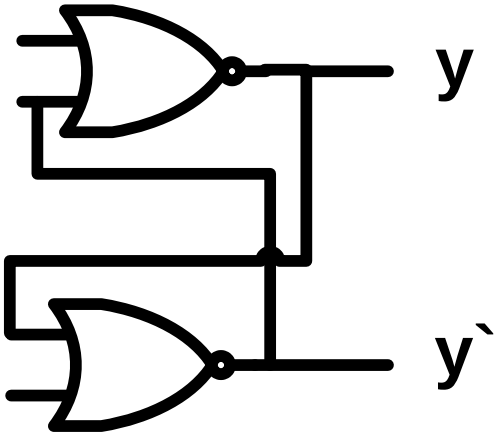
FFT

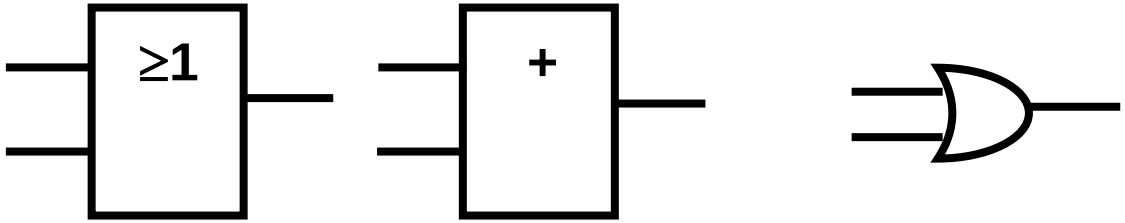
- **Q:How to levelize SR latch?**
  - **with feedback**



Appendix: Logic Symbols

- IEEE logic symbols: rectangular shape v.s. distinctive shape
- AND

- Or



- inverter

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