

1. Given the flip-flop circuit with a delay (dly) between input and output and the clock (clk). What will be the expression for the minimum time period(T_{min}) and maximum clock frequency(f_{max})? Derive it by considering clock to Q delay (T_{clock_Q}), setup time (T_{setup_time}) and hold time(T_{hold_time}) of the flip flop.

$$T_{min} \geq T_{setup_time} + T_{clock_Q} + dly$$

$$T_{hold_time} \leq T_{clock_Q} - dly$$

2. Setup time of the flop is 6ns, the hold time of the flop is 2ns, and the clock to output (Q) delay is 10ns.

- a. Calculate the minimum clock period required to handle the circuit by drawing a digital logic circuit for the function clock frequency divided by 2.

$$T_{min} = 10 + 6 = 16ns$$

$$F_{max} = 1/16ns = 62.5MHz$$

- b. Determine the status of the hold time violation.

$$T_{clock} - delay = 16 - 10 = 6ns > hold\ time. \text{ Therefore there is no timing violation.}$$