

Transmission Gate

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Abstract

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1 Reference Circuit Details

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Working of Transmission Gate When the voltage on the Control node is a logic 1, allowing both transistors to conduct and pass the signal at A to B. When the voltage on node Control is a logic 0, turning both transistors off and forcing a high-impedance condition.

Thus the transmission gate acts as a “closed” switch when $V(\text{Control}) = 1$, while the gate acts as an “open” switch when $V(\text{Control}) = 0$ operating as a voltage-controlled switch. Truth Table of Transmission Gate

Control	A	B
1	0	0
1	1	1
0	0	Hi-Z
0	1	Hi-Z

Boolean Expression $B = A \cdot \text{Control}$ We can see from the above truth table, that the output at B relies not only on the logic level of input A but also on the logic level present on the control input. Thus the logic level value of B is defined as both A AND Control.

2 Reference Circuit

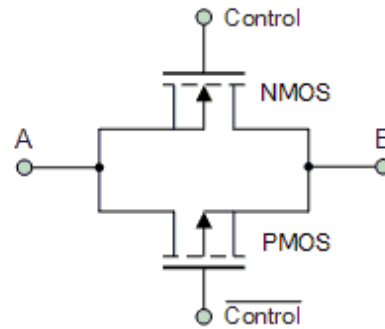


Figure 1: Reference circuit diagram.

3 Reference Circuit Waveforms

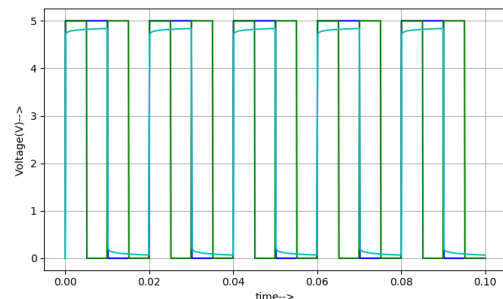


Figure 2: Reference waveform.

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