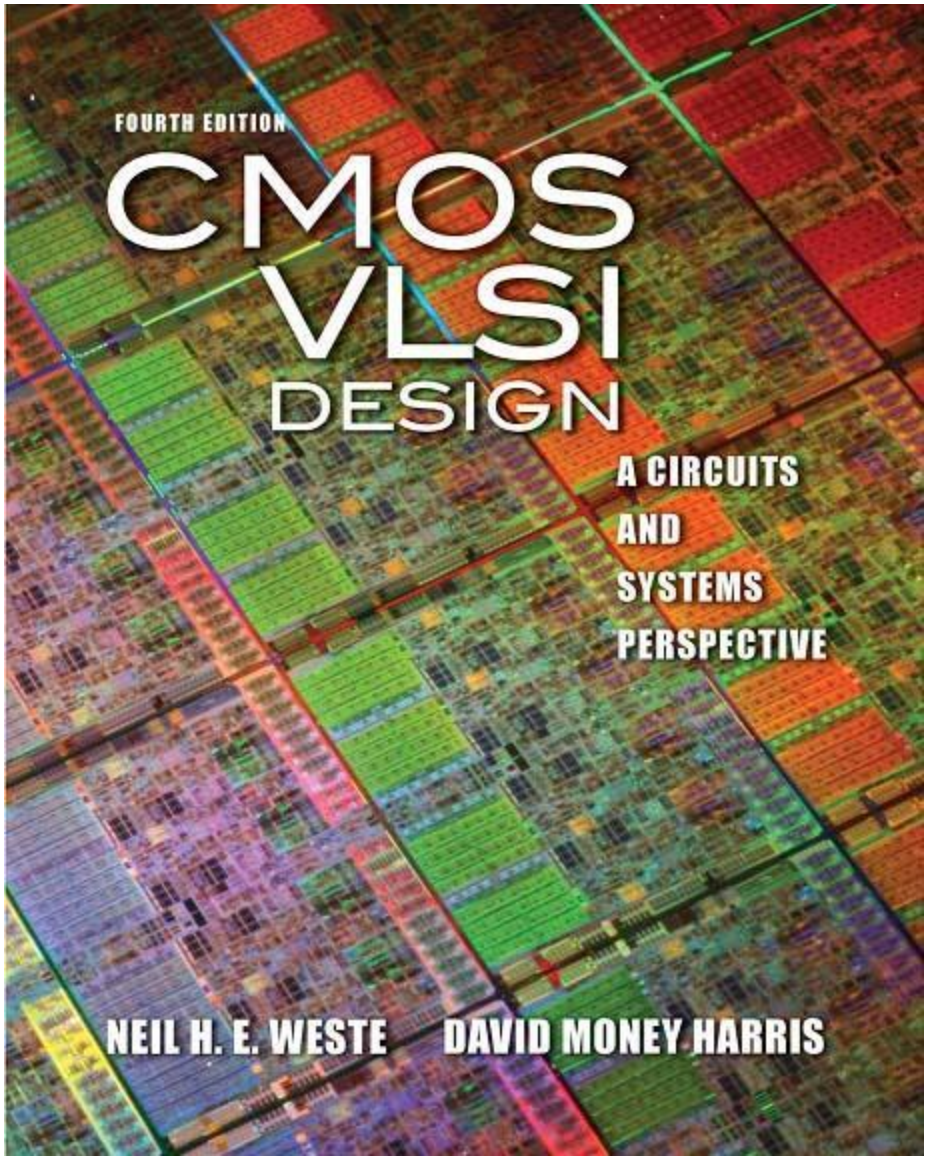


Lecture 4:

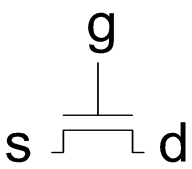
CMOS Implementation of logic blocks and sequential elements

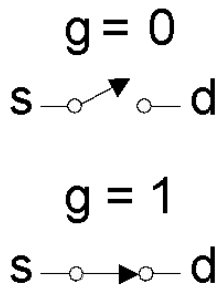
Signal Strength

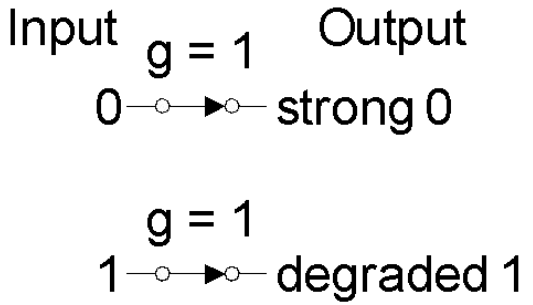
- *Strength* of signal
  - How close it approximates ideal voltage source
- V_{DD} and GND rails are strongest 1 and 0
- nMOS pass strong 0
  - But degraded or weak 1
- pMOS pass strong 1
  - But degraded or weak 0
- Thus **nMOS are best for pull-down network**
- And, **pMOS are best for pull-up network**

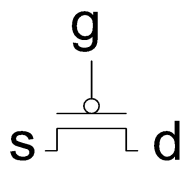
Pass Transistors

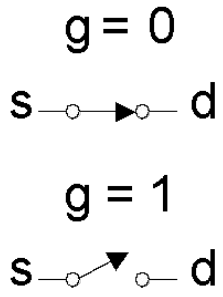
- Transistors can be used as switches

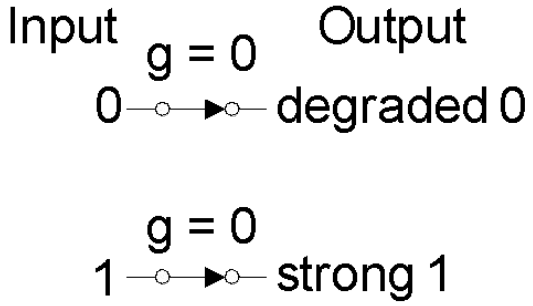






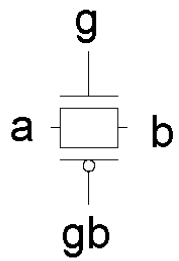






Transmission Gates

- Pass transistors produce degraded outputs
- *Transmission gates* pass both 0 and 1 well



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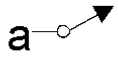

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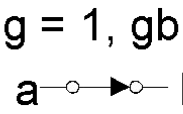

Input Output

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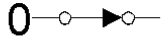

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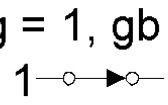
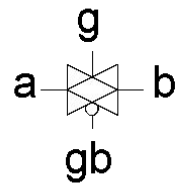
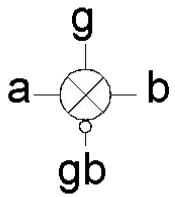
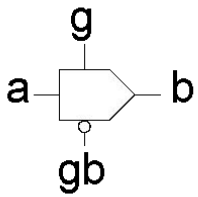




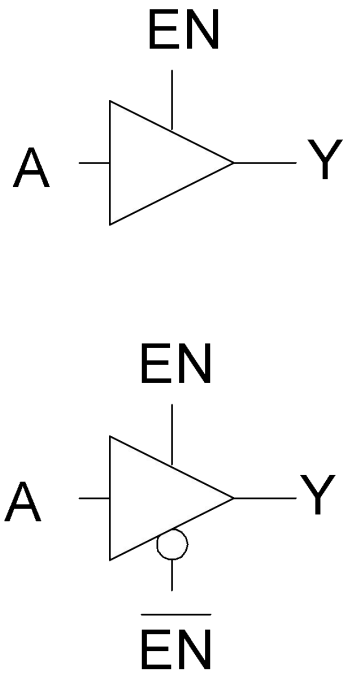




Tristates

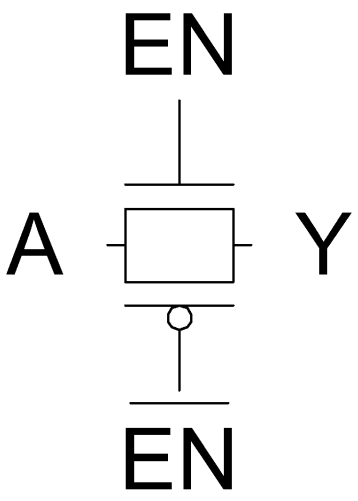
- *Tristate buffer* produces Z when not enabled

EN	A	Y
0	0	Z
0	1	Z
1	0	0
1	1	1



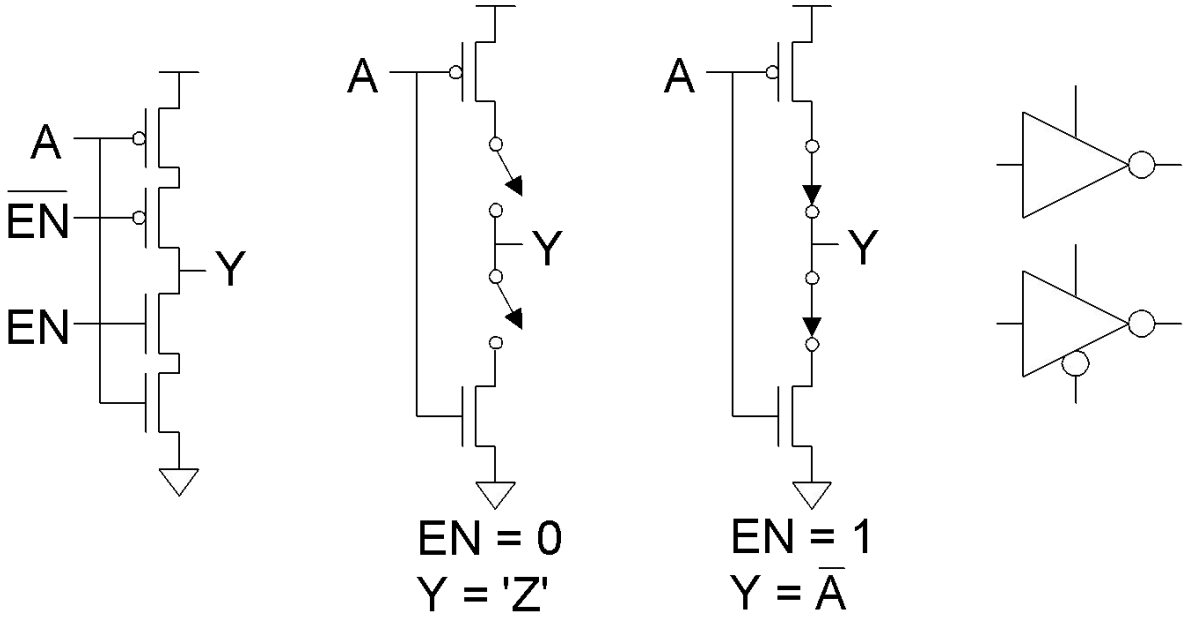
Nonrestoring Tristate

- Transmission gate acts as tristate buffer
  - Only two transistors
  - But *nonrestoring*
    - Noise on A is passed on to Y



Tristate Inverter

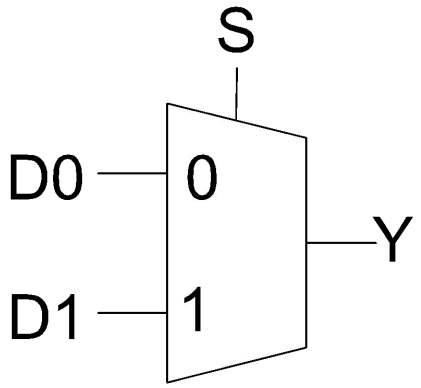
- Tristate inverter produces restored output
  - Violates conduction complement rule
  - Because we want a Z output



Multiplexers

- 2:1 multiplexer chooses between two inputs

S	D1	D0	Y
0	X	0	
0	X	1	
1	0	X	
1	1	X	

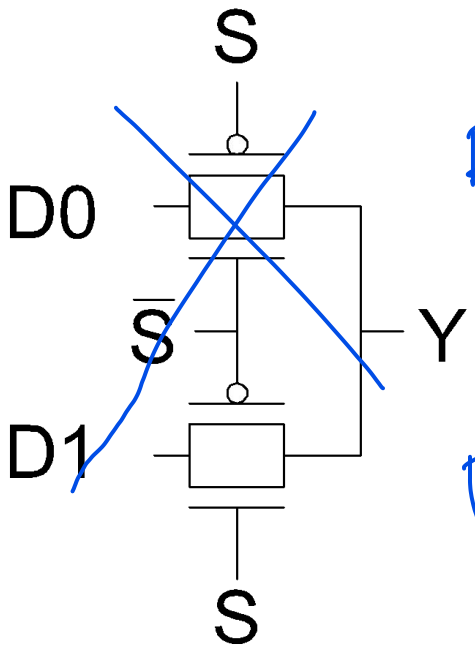


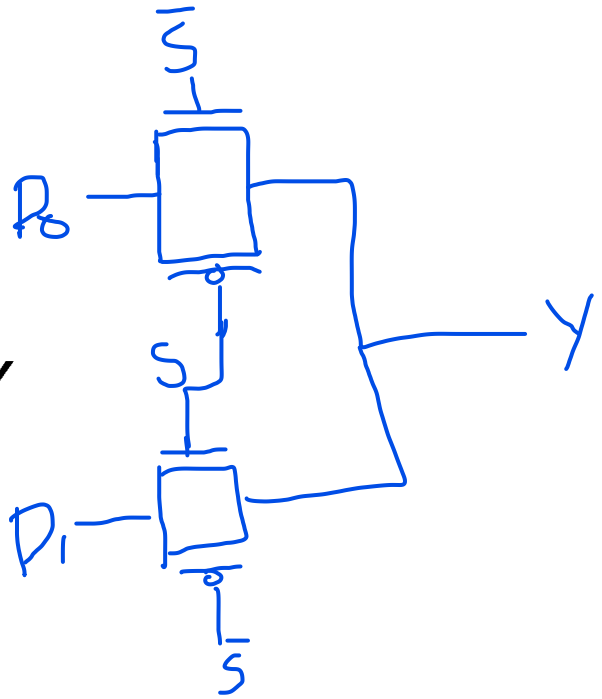
Gate-Level Mux Design

- $Y = SD_1 + \overline{S}D_0$ (too many transistors)
- How many transistors are needed? 10

Transmission Gate Mux

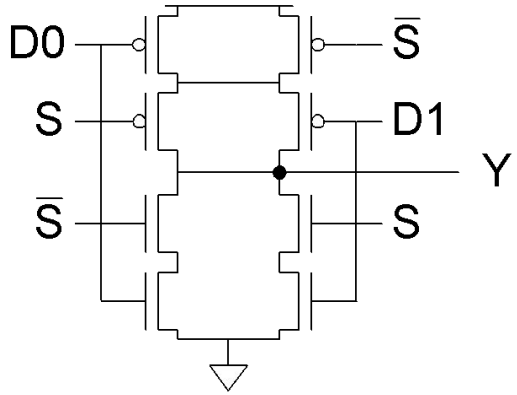
- Nonrestoring mux uses two transmission gates
  - Only 4 transistors

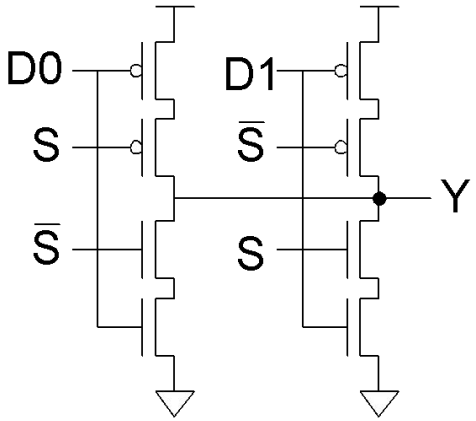


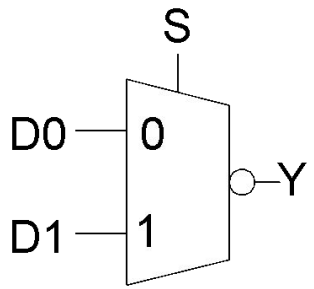


Inverting Mux

- Inverting multiplexer
  - Use compound AOI22
  - Or pair of tristate inverters
  - Essentially the same thing
- Noninverting multiplexer adds an inverter

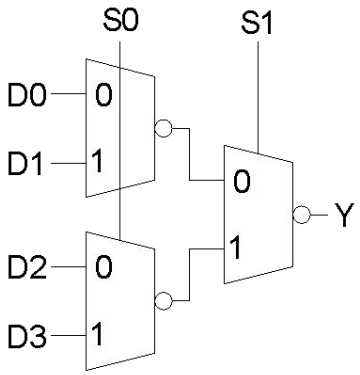


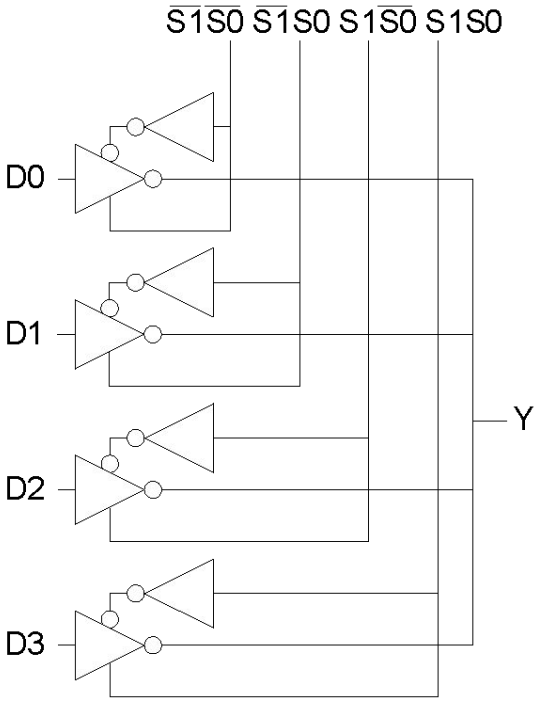




4:1 Multiplexer

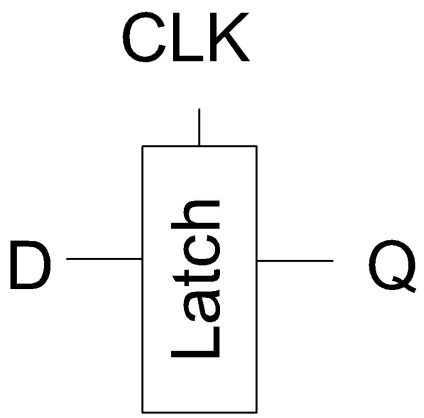
- 4:1 mux chooses one of 4 inputs using two selects
  - Two levels of 2:1 muxes
  - Or four tristates

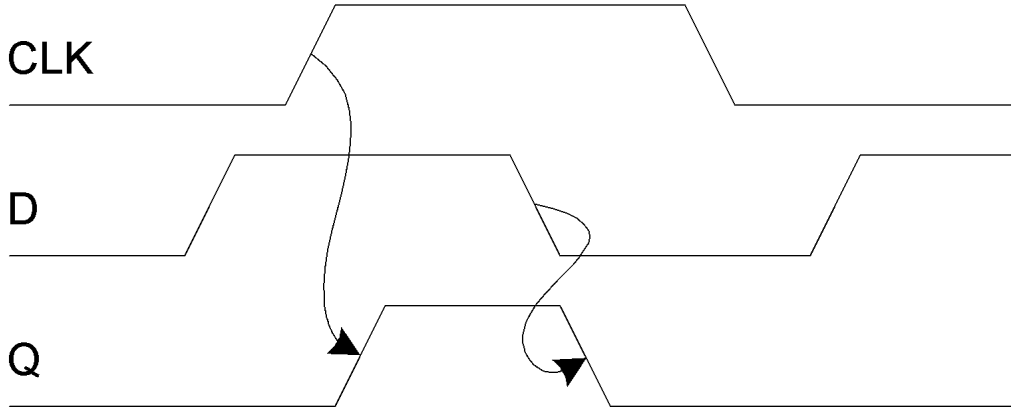




D Latch

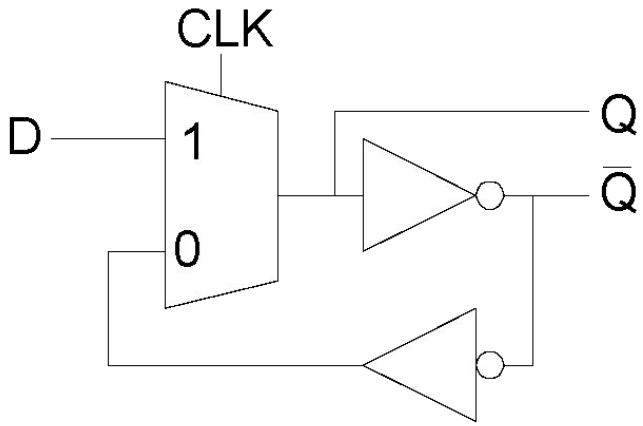
- When CLK = 1, latch is *transparent*
  - D flows through to Q like a buffer
- When CLK = 0, the latch is *opaque*
  - Q holds its old value independent of D
- a.k.a. *transparent latch* or *level-sensitive latch*

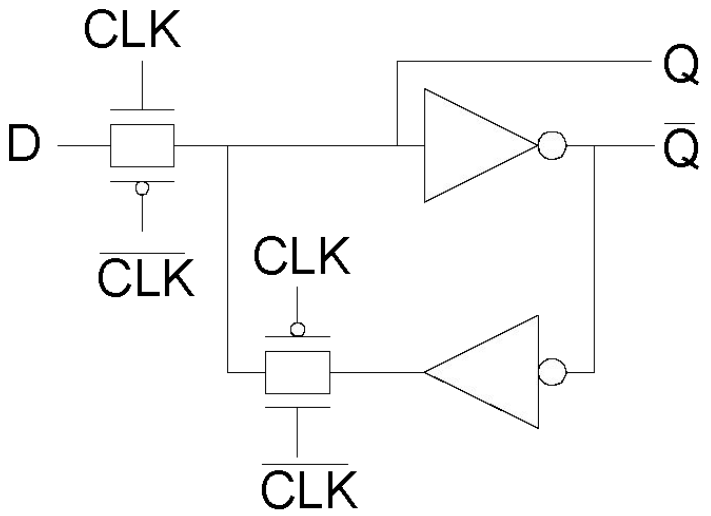




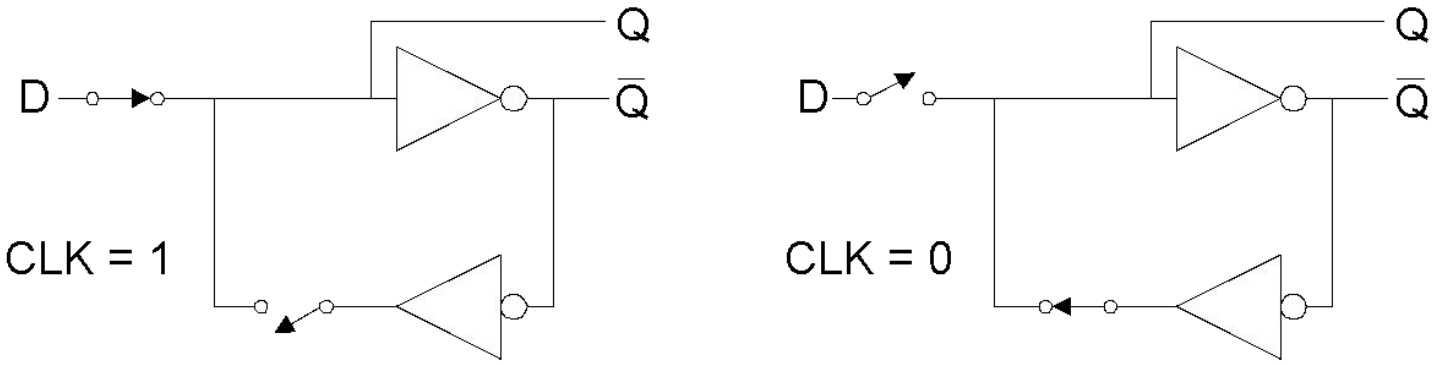
D Latch Design

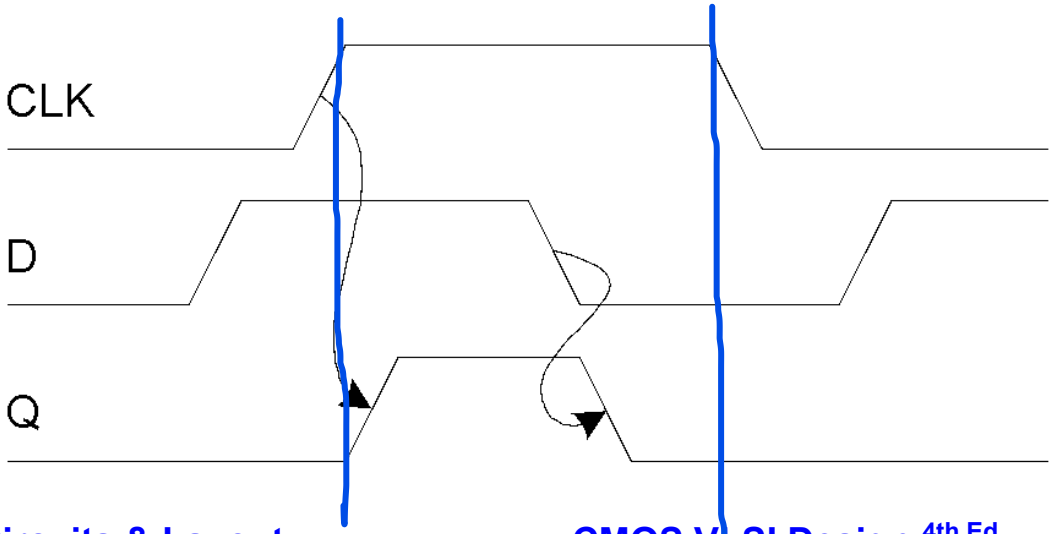
- Multiplexer chooses D or old Q





D Latch Operation

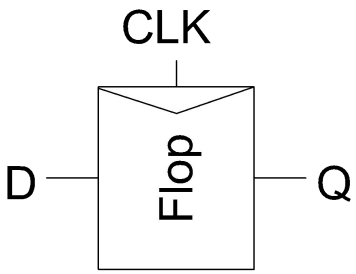


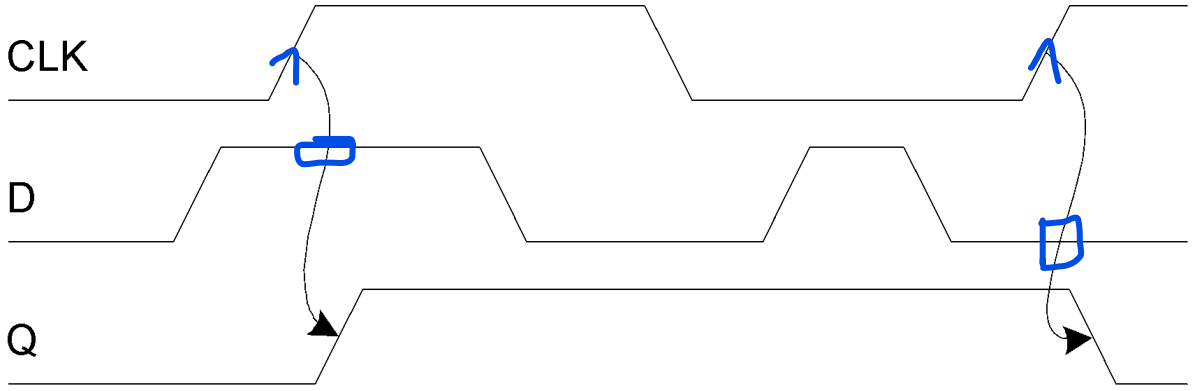


D Flip-flop

+ve edge triggered

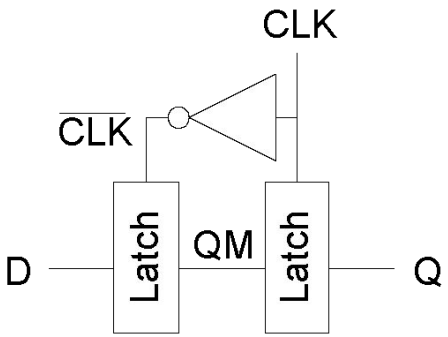
- When CLK rises, D is copied to Q
- At all other times, Q holds its value
- a.k.a. *positive edge-triggered flip-flop*, *master-slave flip-flop*

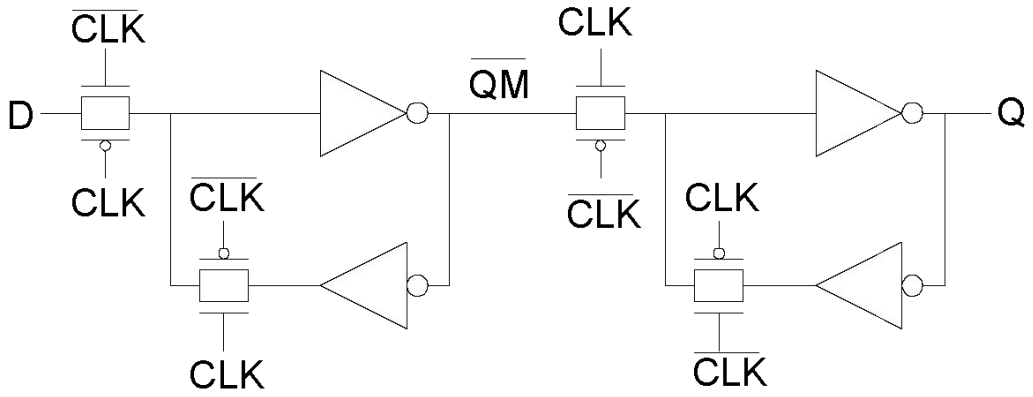
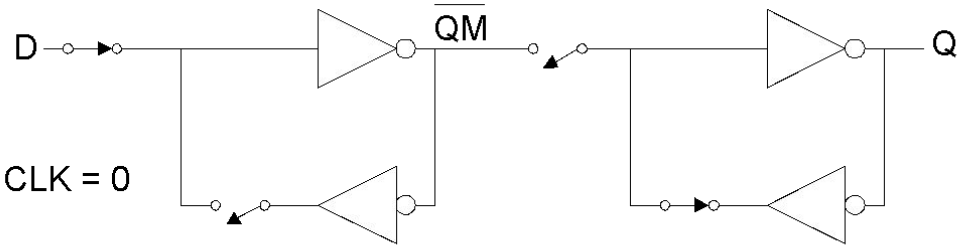
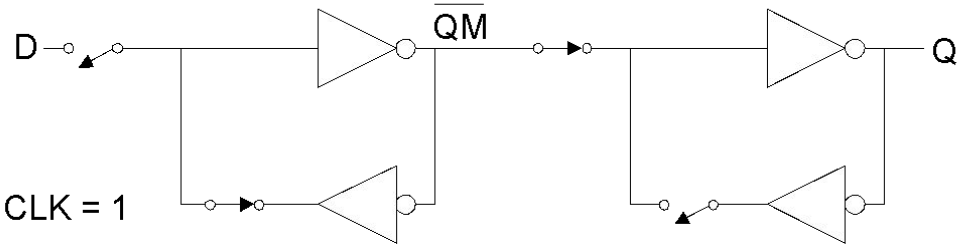
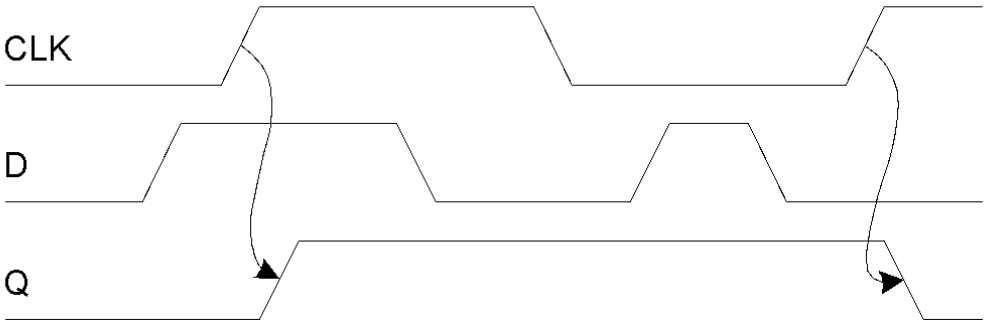




D Flip-flop Design

- Built from master and slave D latches

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