

3.7 Digital circuit simulator

This material uses a simple browser-based digital circuit simulator.

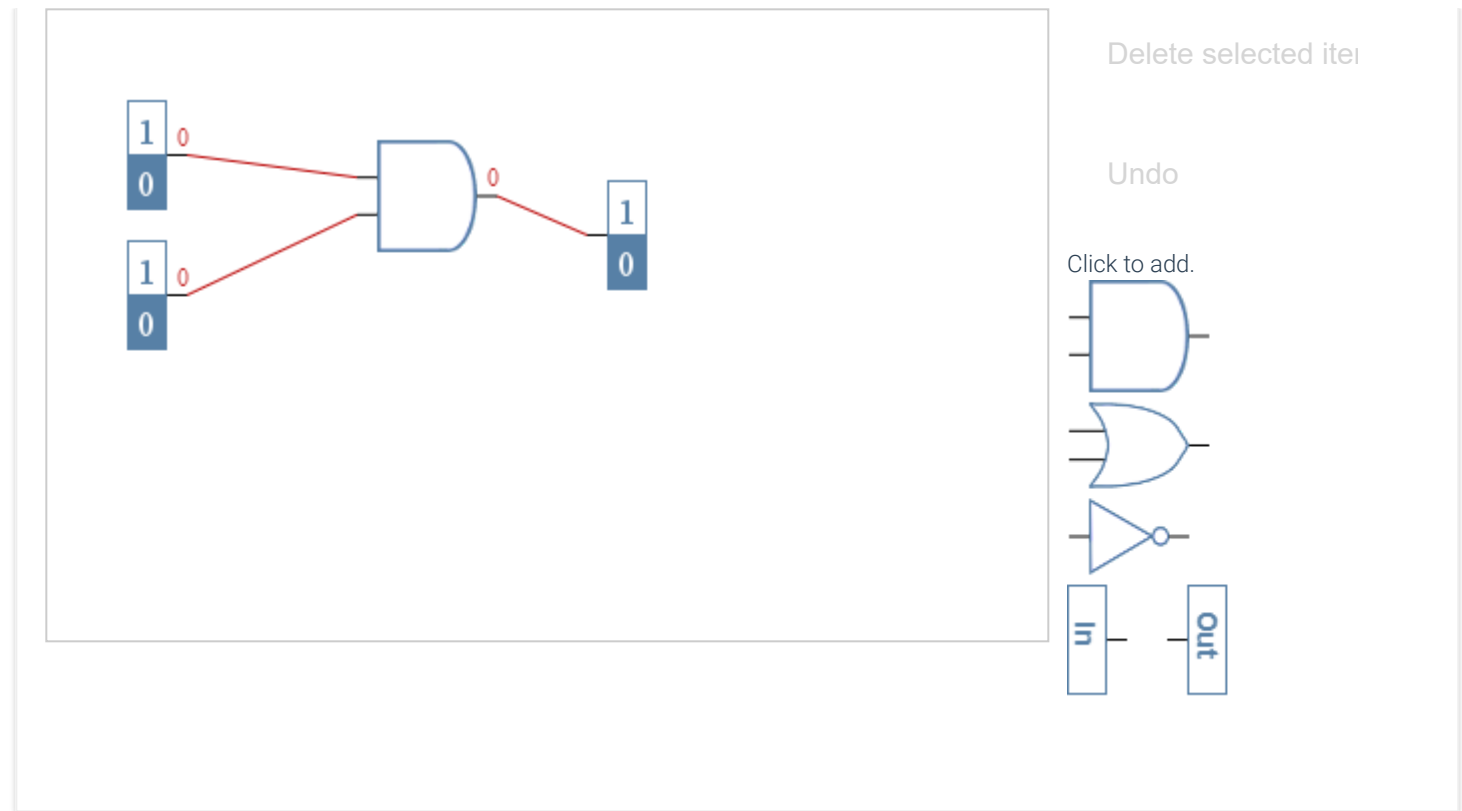
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3.7.1: Digital circuit simulator.

Experiment with the simulator:

- Click the inputs until the output becomes 1.
- Next, replace the AND gate by an OR gate (delete the AND, add the OR, connect wires).
- Finally, try adding another input, an inverter, and another output.

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Adding an item, like a gate, to a circuit is called **instantiating** an item. An instantiated circuit item, like a specific AND gate, is **instance**.

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3.7.2: Digital circuit simulator.

1) Setting an input value to 0 or 1 is done by clicking on the input box.

- ☐ True
☐ False

2) Instantiating a new gate is done by clicking on a right-side gate symbol.

- ☐ True

☐ False

3) Deleting a gate is done by dragging the gate to a garbage can.

☐ True

☐ False

4) Wires cannot be deleted.

☐ True

☐ False

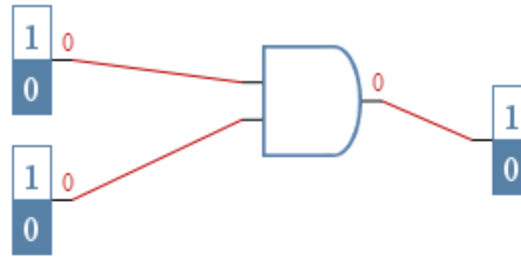
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3.7.3: Digital circuit simulator with export.

The simulator will sometimes appear with an "Export" button. To save your circuit, click Export, then copy-paste the exported circuit text into any text file (or email message). To load a previously-saved circuit, paste the circuit text into box, and click Import.

- Modify the shown circuit, then click Export, and copy-paste the circuit text into a text file.
- Reload this page, then return to here. Paste the previous circuit text into the box, and press Import to restore the circuit.

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Export ↓

Import ↑

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3.7.4: Digital circuit simulator with export.

- 1) The digital circuit simulator always appears with an Export button.
☐ True
☐ False
- 2) Clicking Export saves the circuit text into a file.
☐ True
☐ False

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