

Week 4 - T1 2020

Sequential Circuits

ELEC2141: Digital Circuit Design

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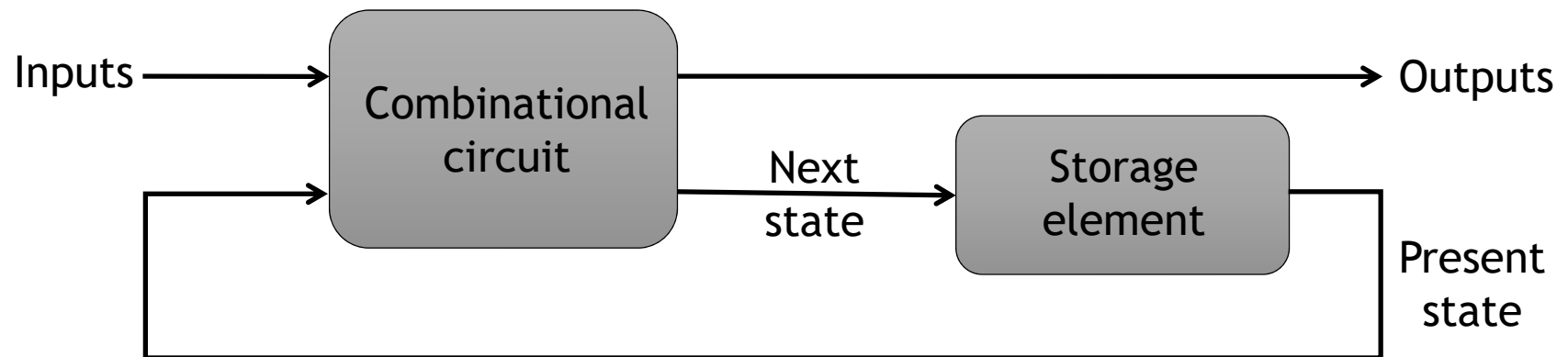
Flip- flops

Sequential circuit analysis

Reading: Mano - Chapter 4, 4.1-4.4

Sequential circuits

Digital circuits that include storage elements are described as *sequential circuits*

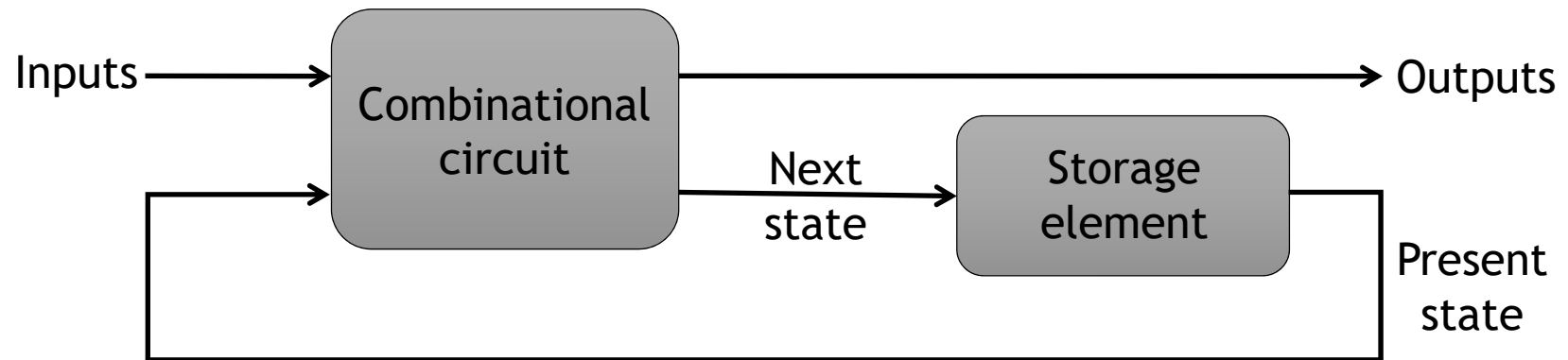


Sequential circuits consist of a combinational circuit connected to storage elements to form a feedback path

Storage elements are devices capable of storing binary data

Sequential circuits

Binary information stored in the storage element at any given time defines the *present state* of the sequential circuit

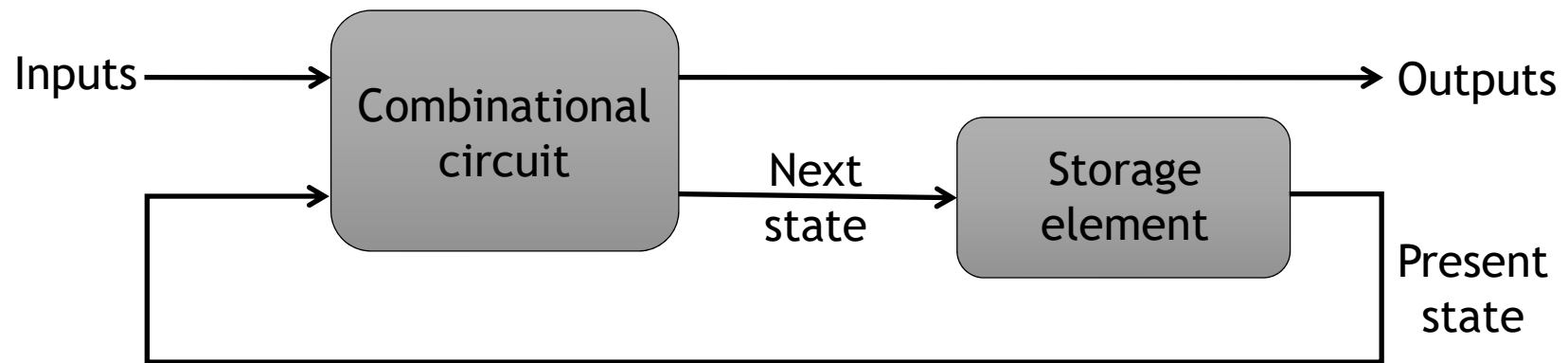


Binary information applied externally as an input together with the *present state* determines the *next state* of the sequential circuit

The output is also determined by the input and the present state of the sequential circuit

Sequential circuits

The behavior of the sequential circuit is specified by a time sequence of its inputs, internal states and outputs



Sequential circuits are divided into *synchronous* and *asynchronous* sequential circuits.

In synchronous sequential circuits, the outputs and states are modified (or changed) only at a discrete instants of time.

Asynchronous sequential circuits

In asynchronous sequential circuits, the outputs and states are modified (or changed) only at any instant of time depending upon the inputs

The storage elements commonly used in asynchronous sequential circuits are time delay devices

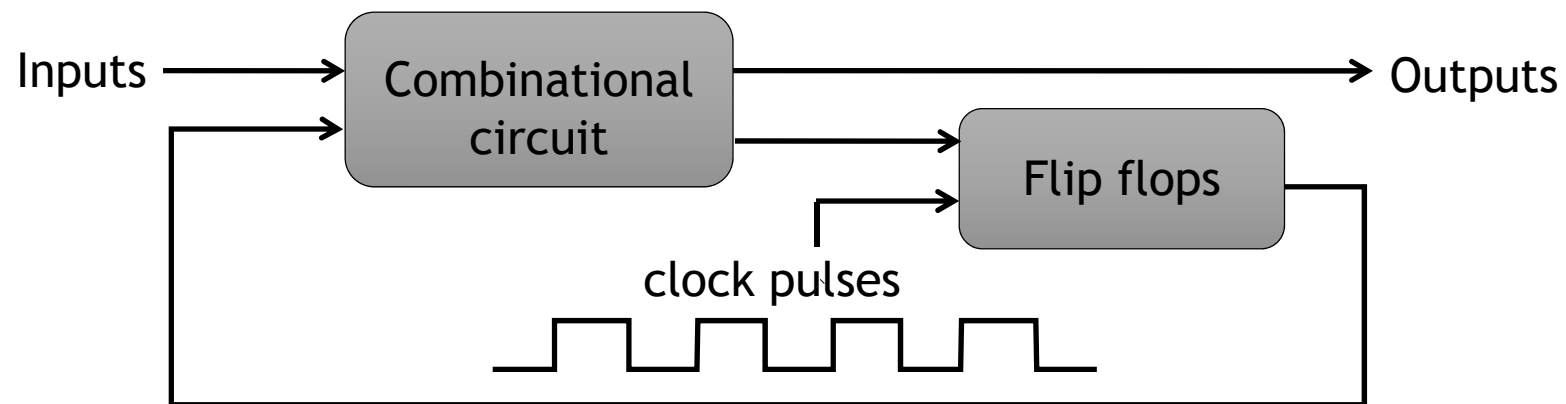
Propagation delay in a gate or through interconnected gates can constitute a time delay device

Therefore, asynchronous sequential circuits can be regarded as combinational circuits with feedback

The feedback may introduce instabilities at times. The instability problem imposes many difficulties on the designer

Synchronous sequential circuits

In synchronous sequential circuits, synchronization is achieved by a timing device called a clock generator.



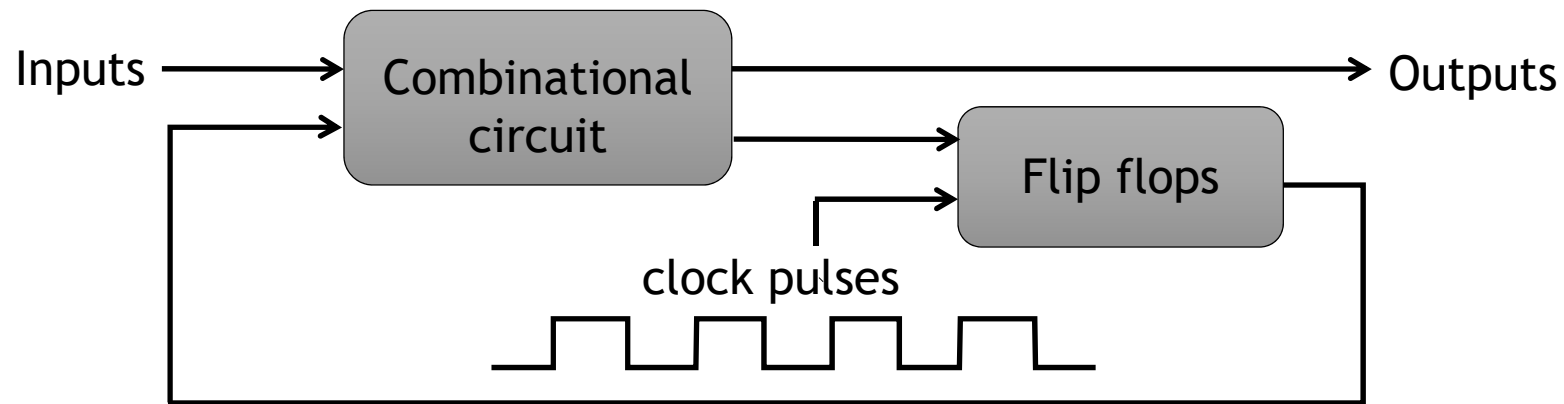
A clock generator provides a clock signal in the form of periodic train of pulses called clock or clk

Synchronous sequential circuits are also called clocked sequential circuits

They are commonly used as they do not manifest instability and easy to design

Synchronous sequential circuits

The storage elements used in clocked sequential circuits are called flip-flops



A flip-flop is a binary storage device that is capable of storing one bit of information

Flip-flops change states only in response to a clock pulse

A flip-flop has two outputs: normal and its complement

Storage elements

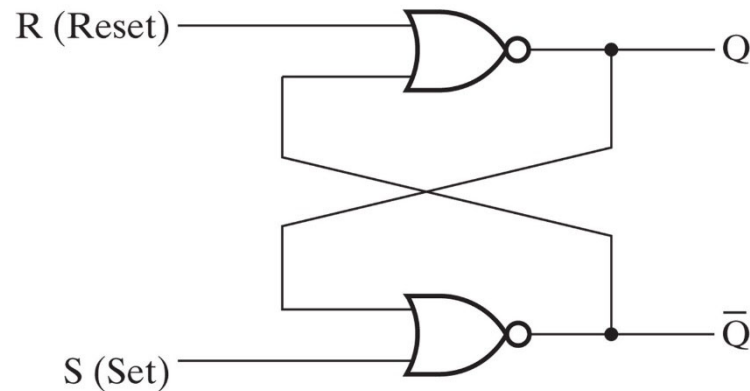
Storage elements are characterized by

- the number of inputs they possess
- the manner in which the inputs affect the binary state

Flip-flops are storage elements controlled by a clock transition and thus are edge sensitive devices

Latches are storage elements that operate based on signal levels and are thus signal level sensitive devices

SR latch



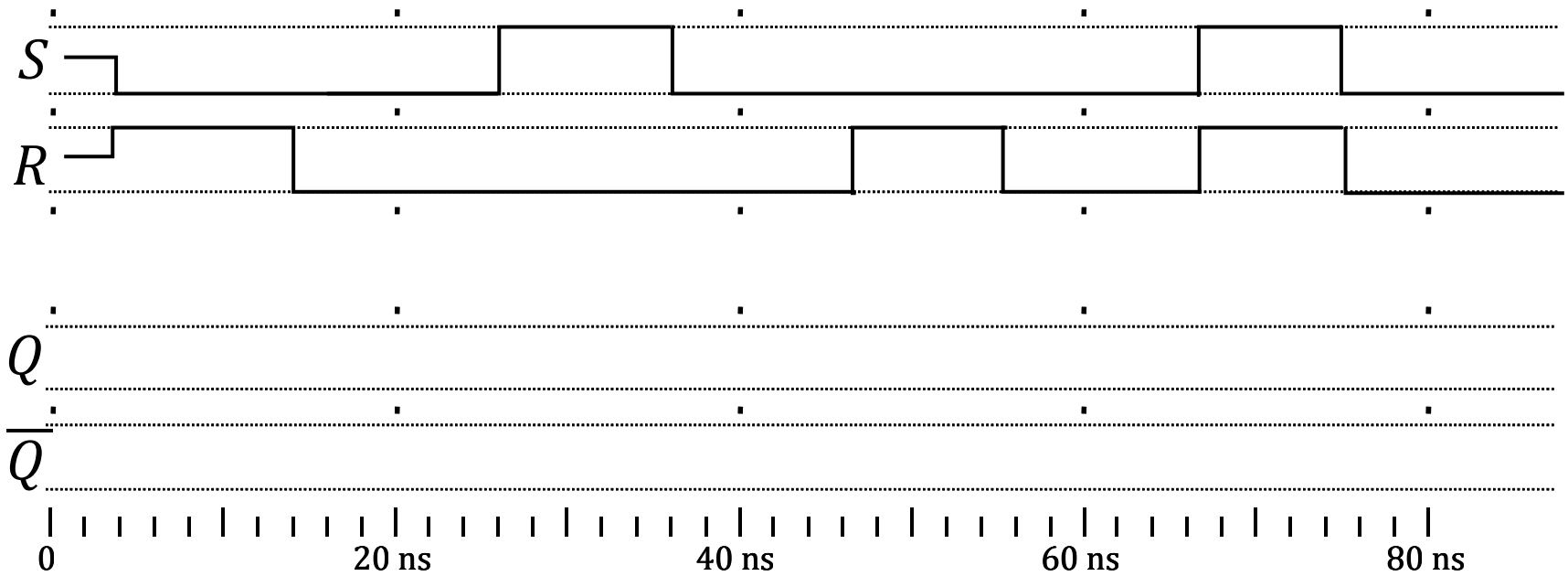
S	R	Q	\bar{Q}	

The *SR latch* is constructed with two cross-coupled NOR gates and two inputs labeled as S (set) and R (reset)

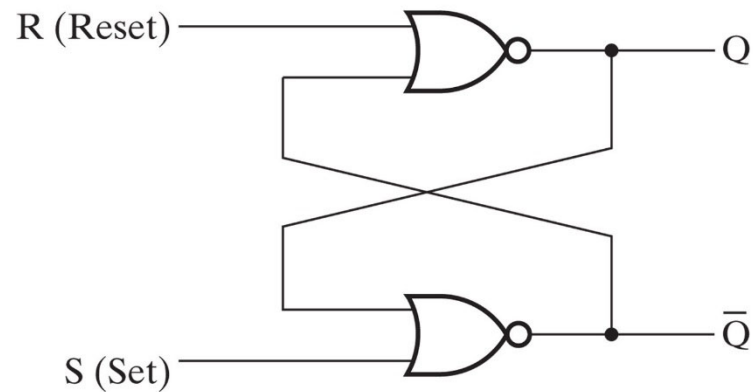
The latch has two states. When $Q = 1$ and $\bar{Q} = 0$, the latch is said to be in the set state

When $Q = 0$ and $\bar{Q} = 1$, the latch is said to be in the reset state

SR latch

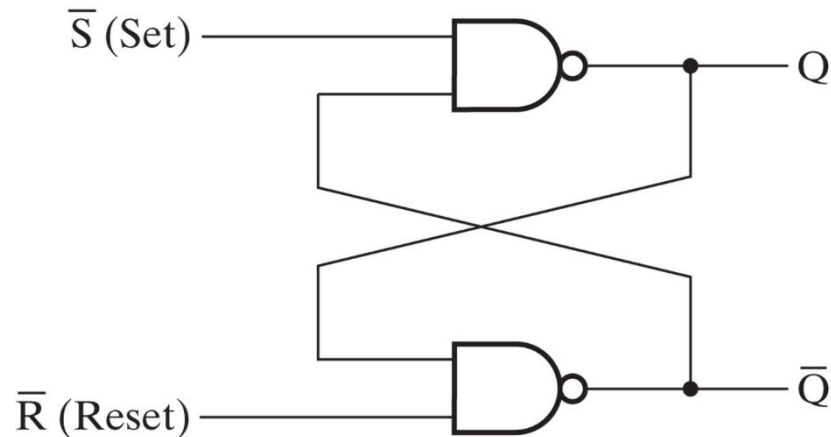


S	R	Q	\bar{Q}	
1	0	1	0	Set
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	1	Reset
0	0	0	1	
1	1	0	0	Undefined



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SR latch



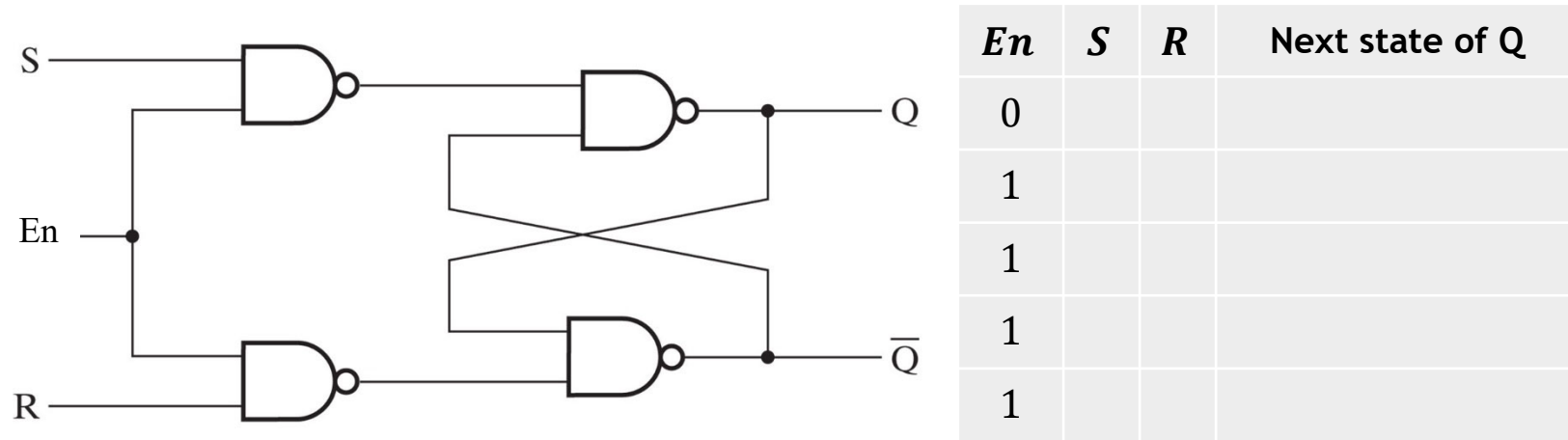
\overline{S}	\overline{R}	Q	\overline{Q}	

It can also be constructed with two cross-coupled NAND gates and two inputs labeled \overline{S} (set) and \overline{R} (reset).

The latch has two states. When $Q = 1$ and $\overline{Q} = 0$, the latch is said to be in the set state.

When $Q = 0$ and $\overline{Q} = 1$, the latch is said to be in the reset state.

SR latch with control

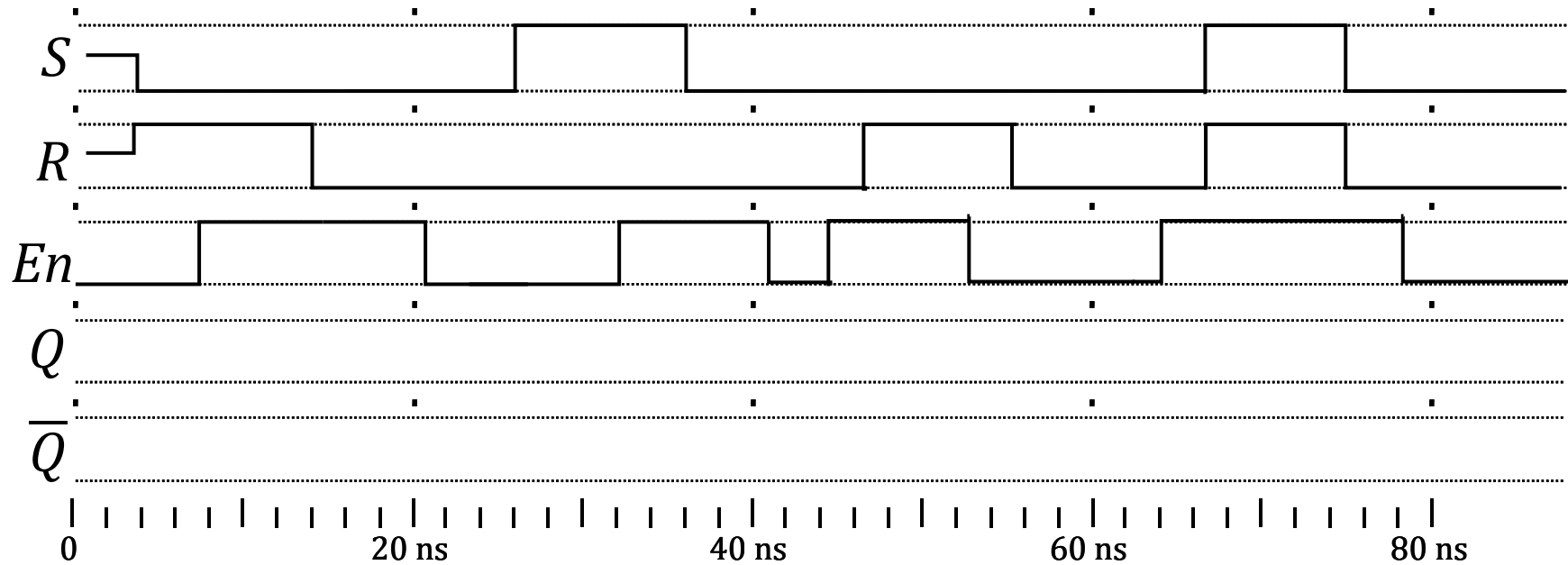


The basic operation of SR latch can be modified by adding an enable input signal that determines when the state of the latch can be changed

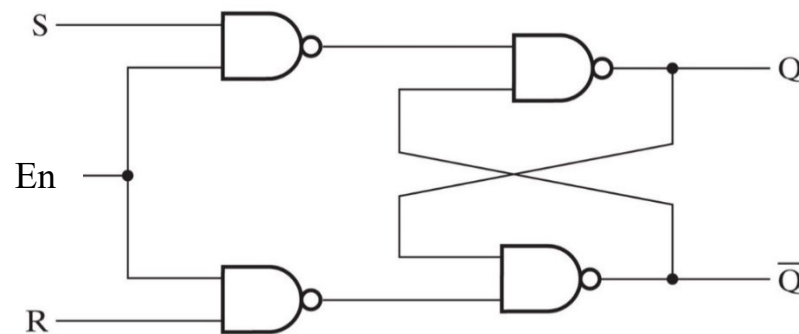
It consists of the basic SR latch and two additional NAND gates

With $En = 1$, $S = 1$, and $R = 1$ the next state of indeterminate condition occurs

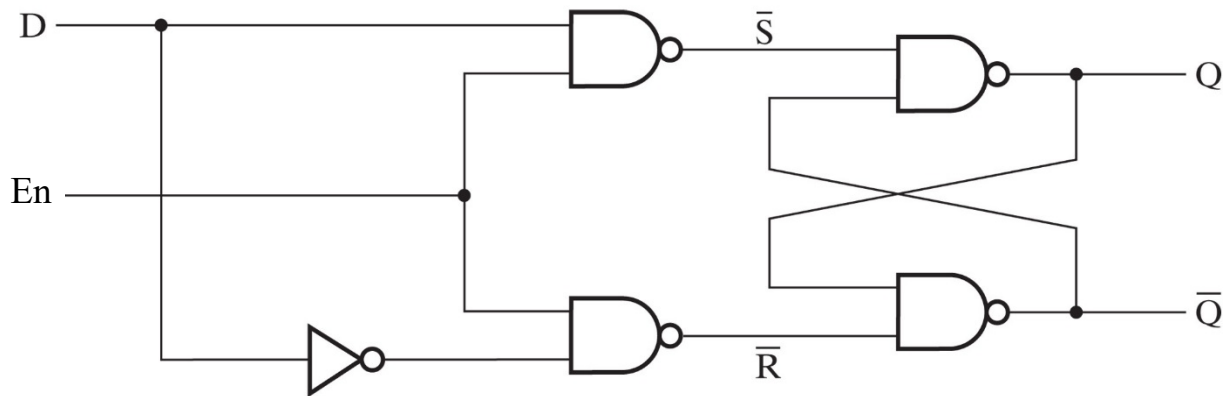
SR latch with control



En	S	R	Next state of Q
0	X	X	No change
1	0	0	No change
1	0	1	$Q=0$ Reset
1	1	0	$Q=1$ Set
1	1	1	Undefined



D latch

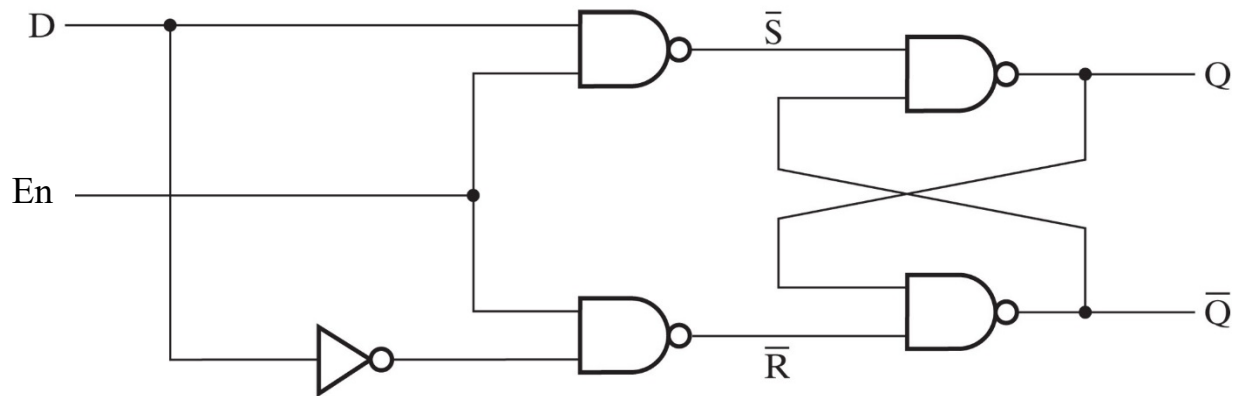


En	D	Q
0	X	
1	0	
1	1	

If $D = 1$, the Q output goes to 1, placing the circuit in the set state. If $D = 0$, the Q output goes to 0, placing the circuit in the reset state

The binary information present at the data input of the **D latch** is transferred to the Q output when the enable input is asserted

D latch



En	D	Q
0	X	No change
1	0	$Q=0$ Reset
1	1	$Q=1$ Set

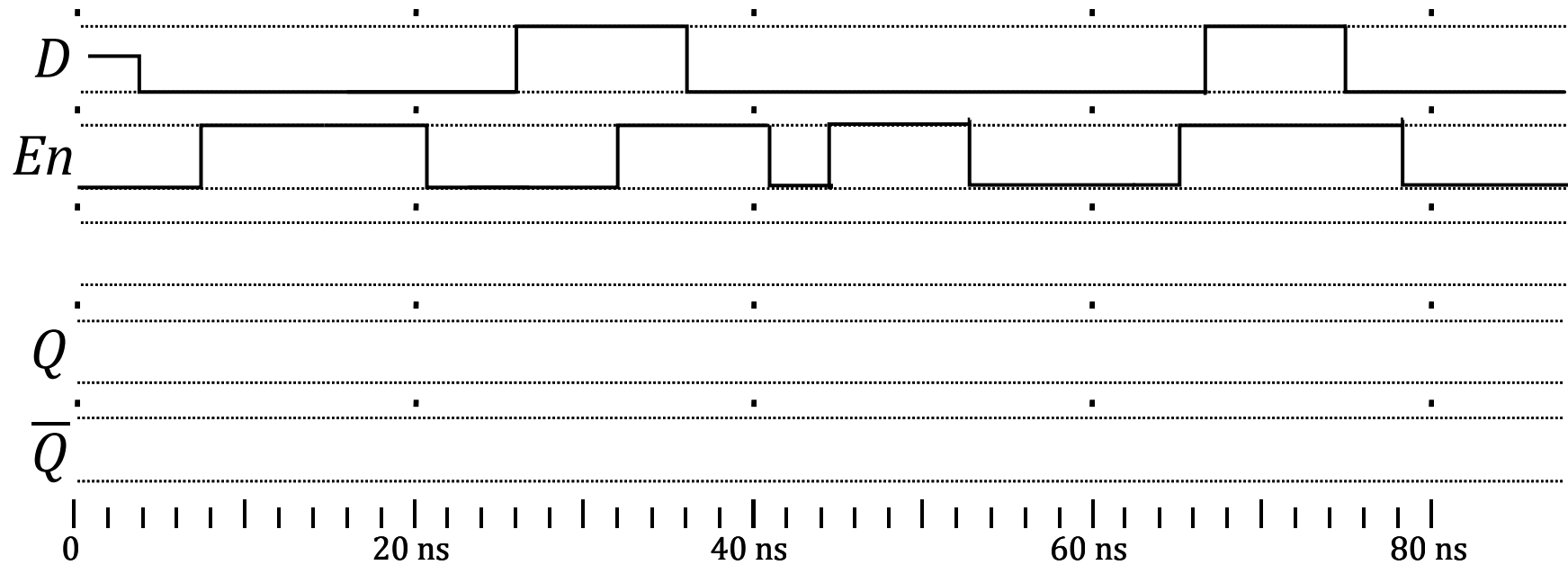
The indeterminate condition in the SR latch when $En = 1$, $S = 1$, and $R = 1$ can be eliminated by ensuring that inputs S and R are never equal to 1 at the same time

This is done with a D latch

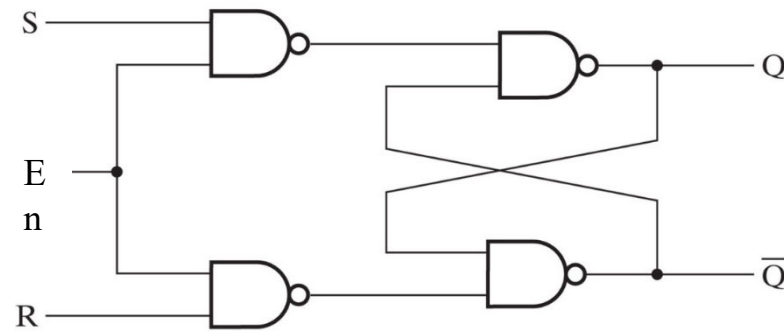
$En = 0$ produces $\bar{S} = 1$ and $\bar{R} = 1$, which drives the basic SR latch to remain in same state

The D-input is sampled when $En = 1$

D latch



En	D	Q
0	X	No change
1	0	$Q=0$ Reset
1	1	$Q=1$ Set

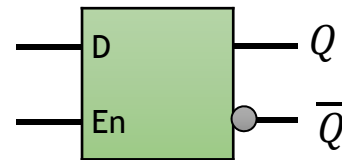
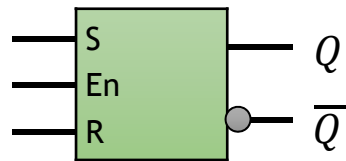


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Latch-designations

A latch is designated by a rectangular block with inputs on the left and outputs on the right

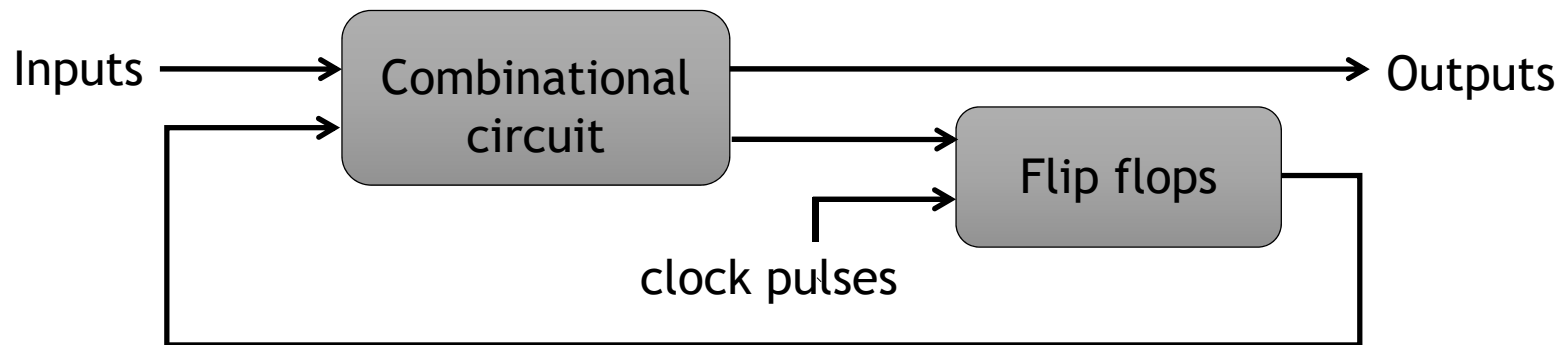
One output designates the normal output and the other designates the complement output



Flip-flops

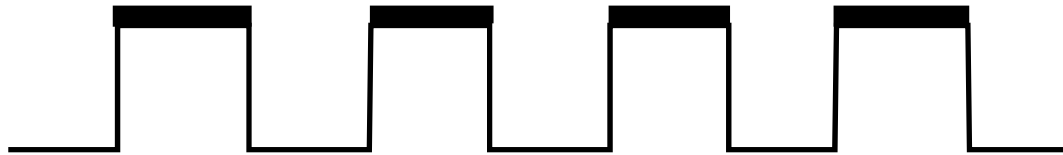
Using latches as storage elements in a synchronous logic circuit will lead to a serious malfunction as the state of the storage element will continue to change as long as the input changes while the clk is high

It is thus difficult to get a stable output when latches are used as storage elements

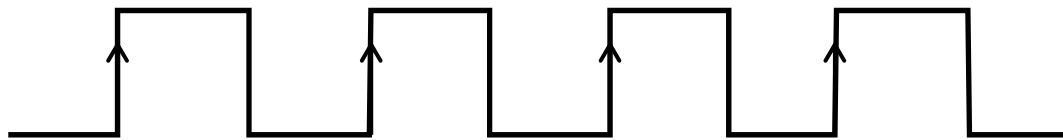


This can be resolved with *flip-flops* whose states can only change in response to signal transition rather than signal level, i.e. edge sensitive devices

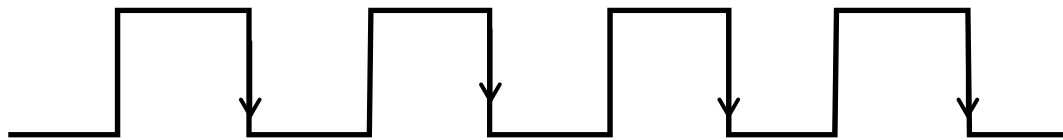
Flip-flops



Response to positive level



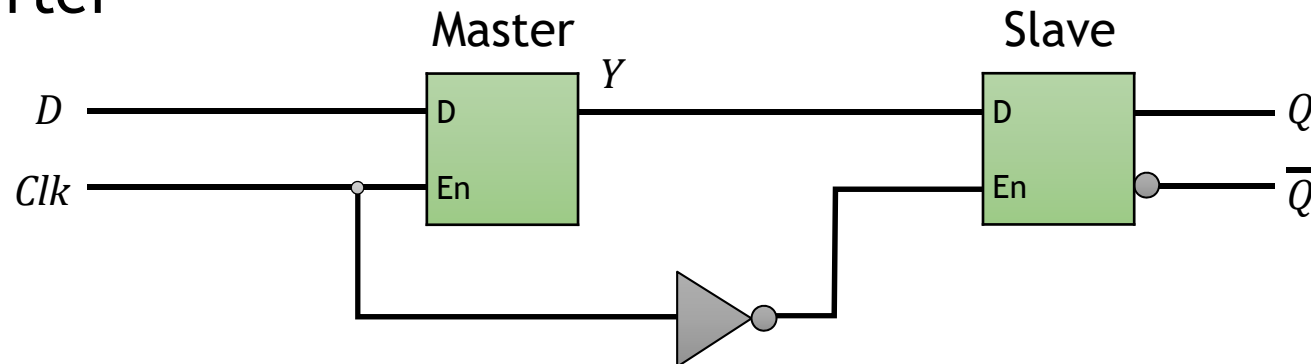
Positive-edge response



Negative-edge response

Edge-triggered D flip-flop

A D flip-flop is constructed from two D latches and an inverter

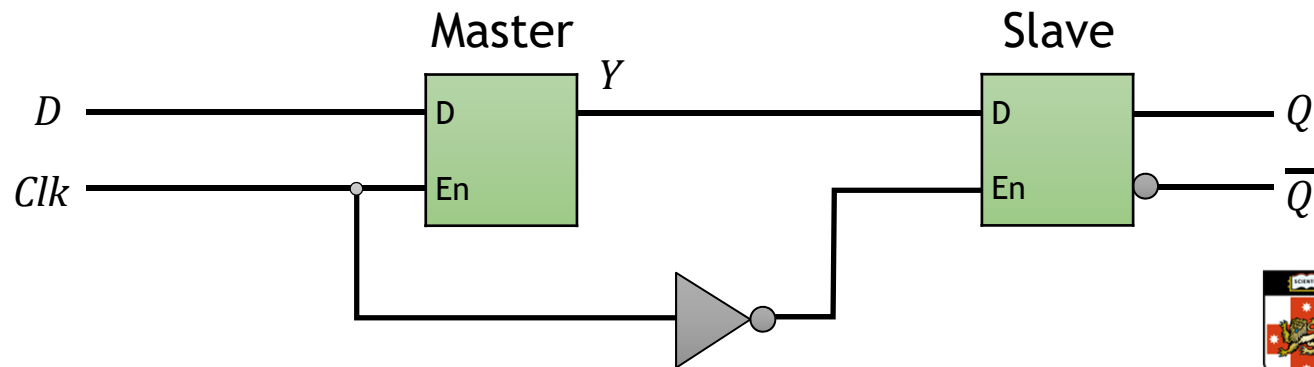
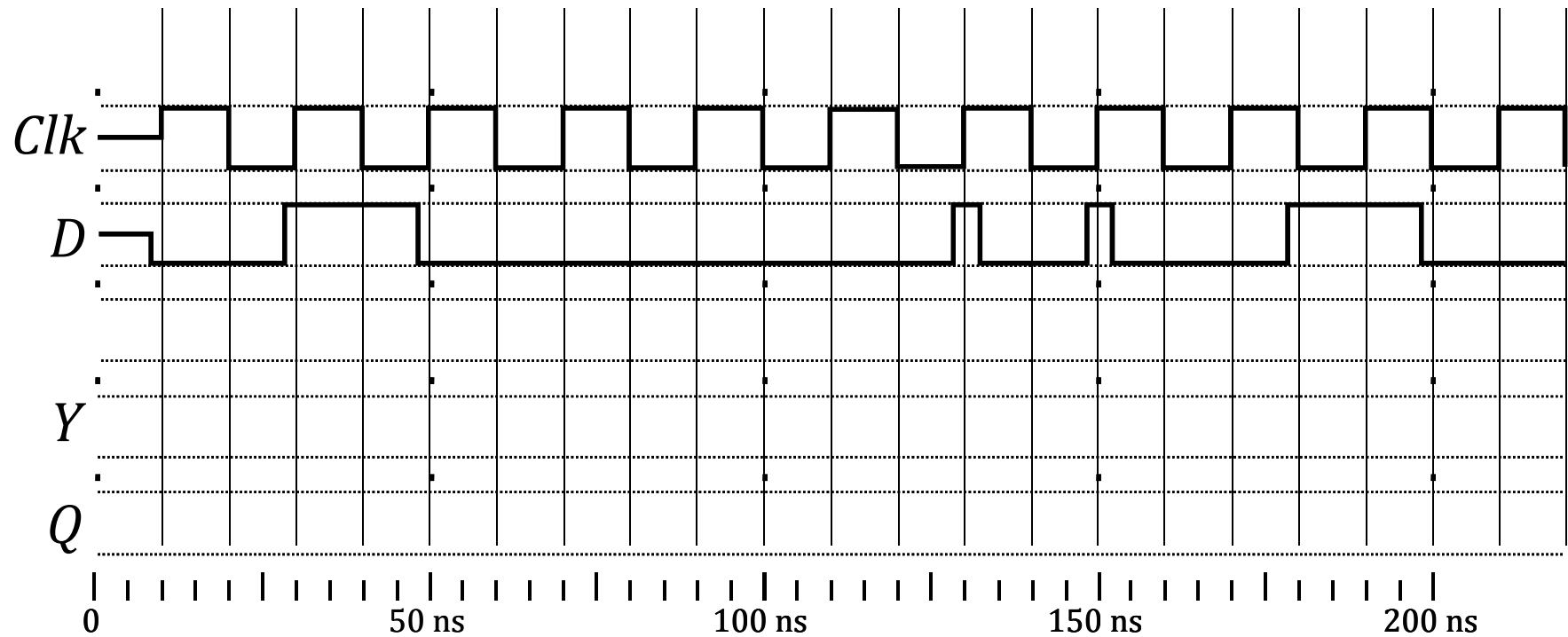


When $\text{clk} = 1$, master D latch will be enabled while slave D latch is disabled, $Y = D$

When $\text{clk} = 0$, master D latch is disabled while slave D latch is enabled, $Q = D$

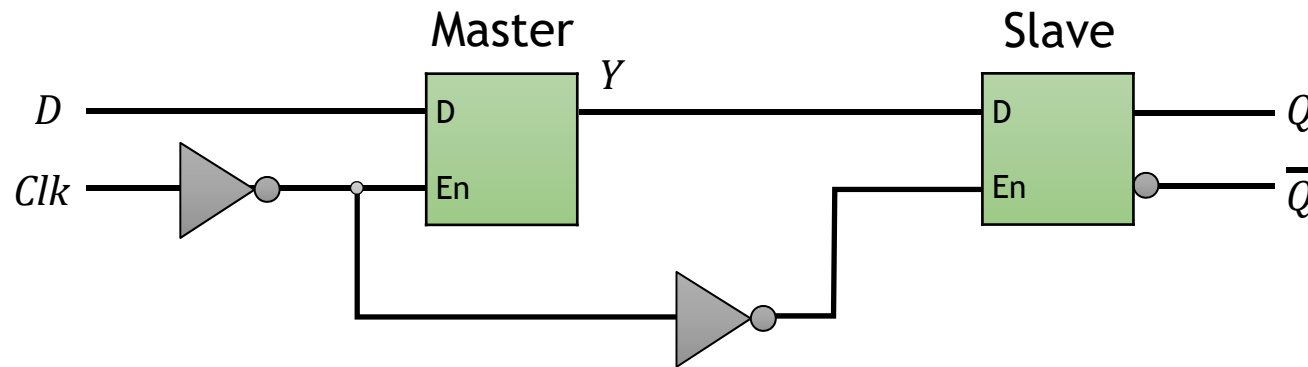
This output remains unchanged until the clock transitions from 1 to 0, i.e. it is negative edge triggered

Edge-triggered D flip-flop



Edge-triggered D flip-flop

In this D flip-flop

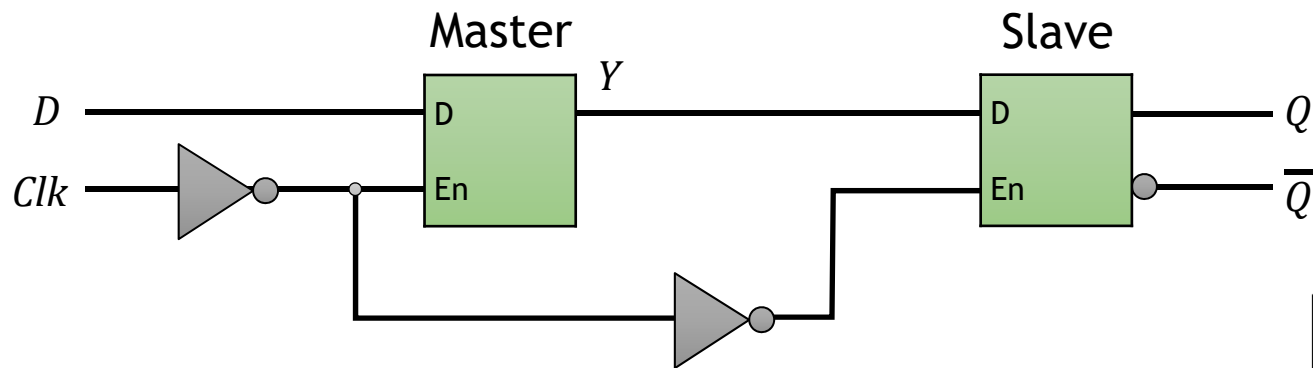
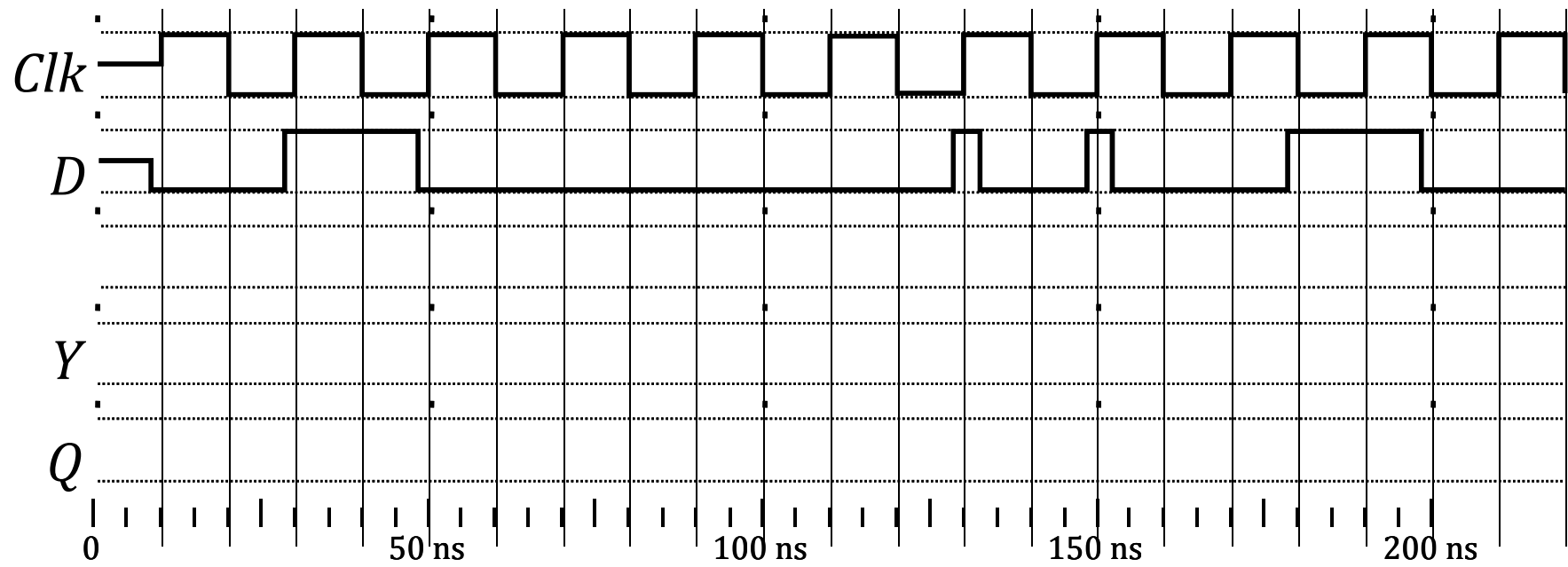


When $clk = 0$, the master D latch will be enabled while the slave D latch is disabled, $Y = D$

When $clk = 1$, the master D latch is disabled while the slave D latch is enabled, $Q = D$

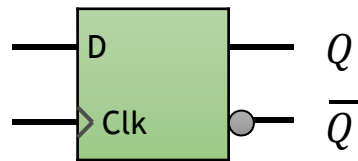
This output remains unchanged until the clock transitions from 0 to 1, i.e. it is positive-edge triggered

Edge-triggered D flip-flop

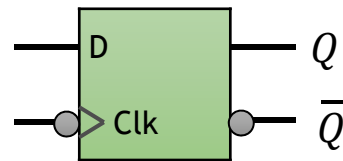


Flip-flop symbols

Positive and negative edge-triggered D flip-flops are represented by



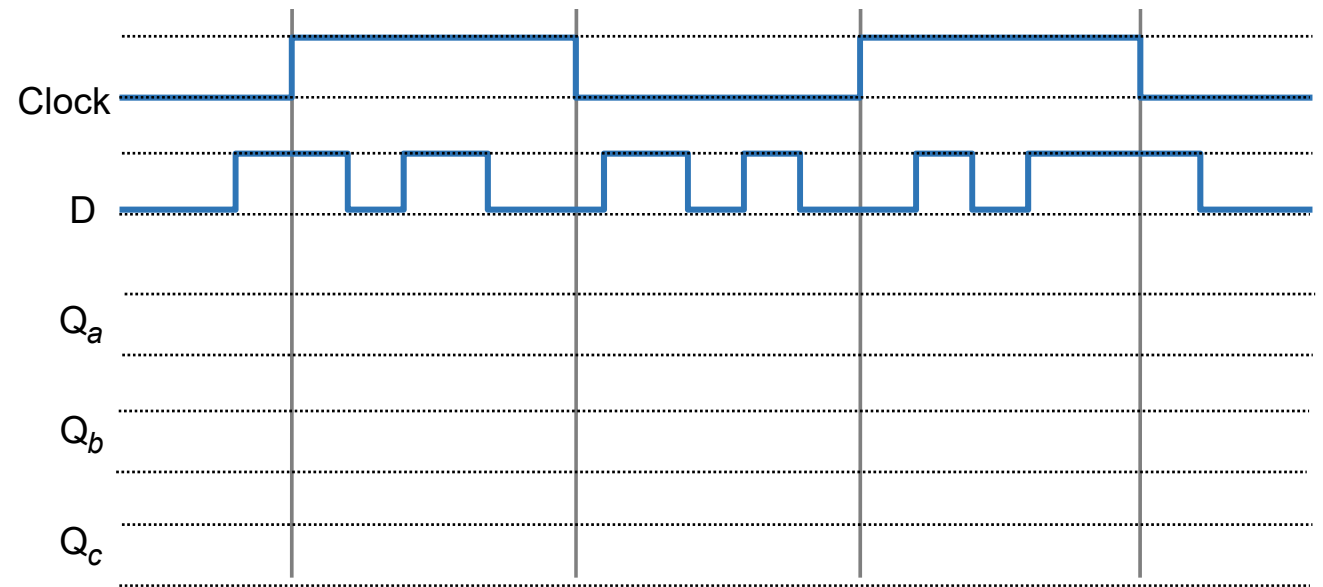
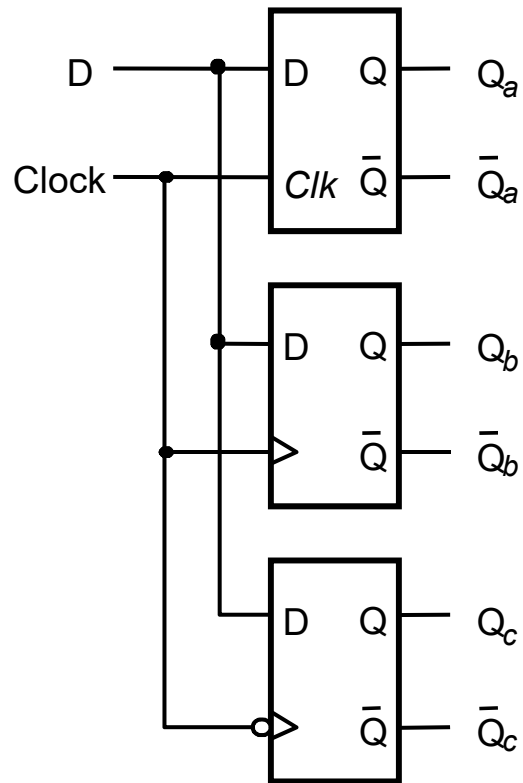
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The symbols \lrcorner and \llcorner are used to denote positive and negative edge triggering, respectively

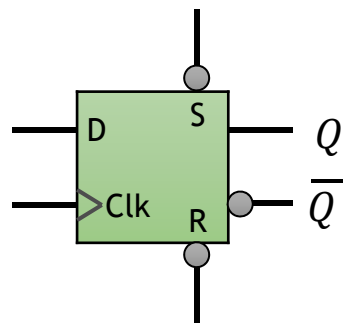
Level vs Edge Triggered Devices



Direct inputs

Asynchronous *Set* and *Reset* input signals are used to force a value to the output of the flip-flop, independent of the clock

Usually used to initialize the circuit to known values at system start-up



Active-low
set and reset

S	R	Clk	D	Q	\bar{Q}
0	1	X	X	1	0
1	0	X	X	0	1
0	0	X	X	Undefined	
1	1	↑	0	0	1
1	1	↑	1	1	0

Other flip-flops

The edge triggered D flip-flop requires the smallest number of gates and hence is the most economical and efficient flip-flop

Other types of flip-flops can be constructed by using D flip-flop and external logic

The other two flip-flops less widely used in the design of digital systems are JK and T flip-flops

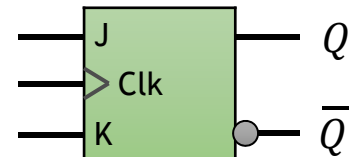
JK flip-flops

The JK flip-flop has a similar behavior to the SR latch with the exception that 1-1 input is allowed.

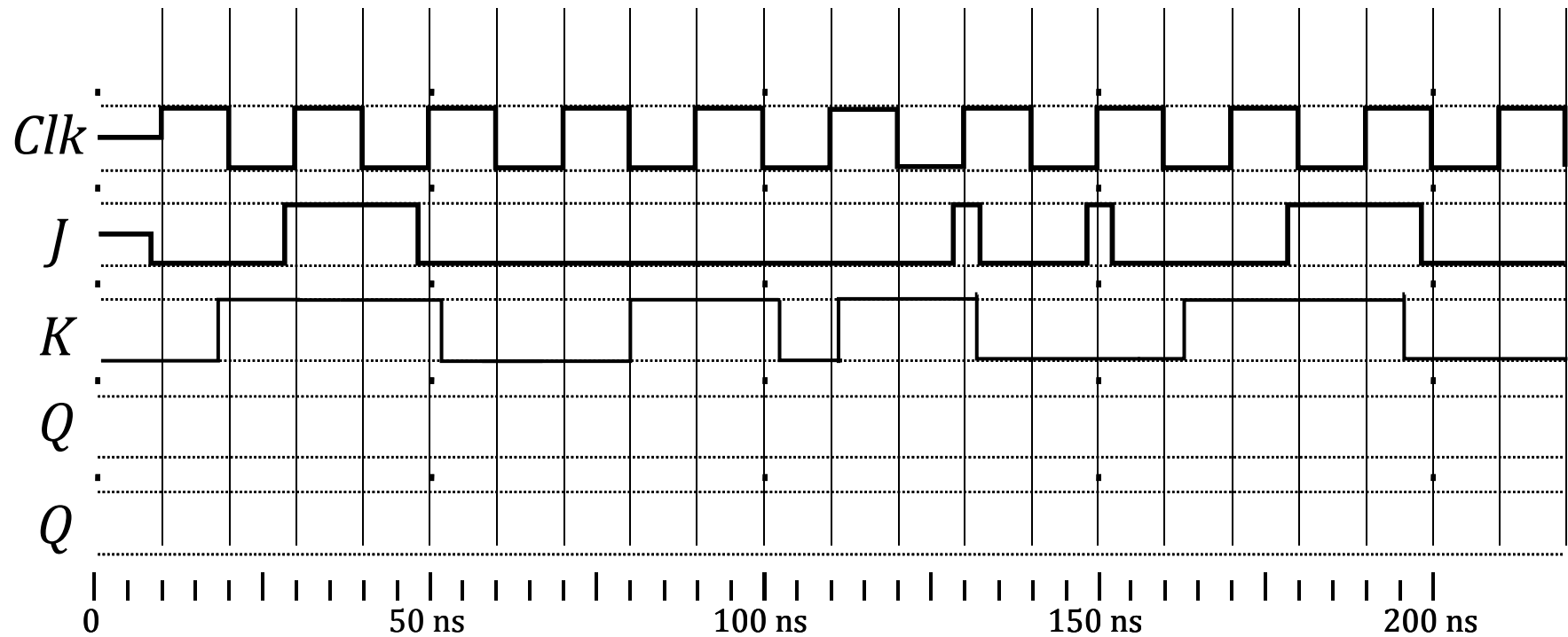
It is built from a D flip-flop, where

$$D = J\bar{Q} + \bar{K}Q$$

J	K	$Q(t+1)$
0	0	$Q(t)$
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	$\bar{Q}(t)$



JK flip-flop



<i>J</i>	<i>K</i>	$Q(t+1)$
0	0	$Q(t)$
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	$\overline{Q}(t)$

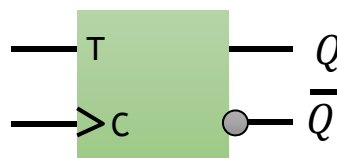
T flip-flops

The T (Toggle) flip-flop maintains its stored value when $T = 0$, and complements it when $T = 1$.

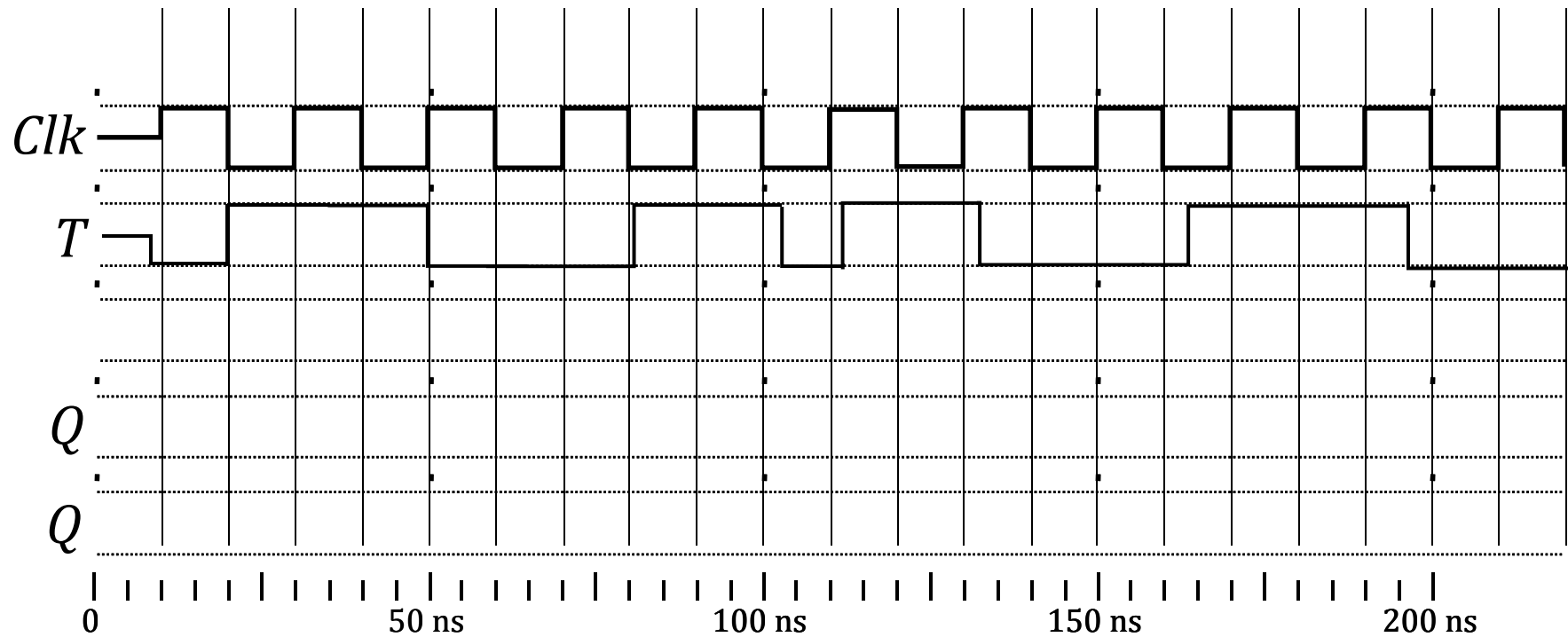
It is built from a D flip-flop, where

$$D = T\bar{Q} + \bar{T}Q$$

T	$Q(t+1)$
0	$Q(t)$
1	$\bar{Q}(t)$



T flip-flop



T	$Q(t+1)$
0	$Q(t)$
1	$\overline{Q}(t)$

Characteristic tables

A characteristic table defines the logical properties of a flip-flop by describing its operation in tabular form.

It defines the next state as a function of the inputs and the presents state.

The next state is the state of the flip-flop after the clock transition and denoted by $Q(t+1)$.

The present state is the state of the flip-flop immediately before the clock edge and denoted by $Q(t)$.

Characteristic tables

J	K	$Q(t+1)$	
0	0		
0	1		
1	0		
1	1		

D	$Q(t+1)$	
0		
1		

T	$Q(t+1)$	
0		
1		

Characteristic equations

Q	J	K	$Q(t+1)$
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

$Q(t+1)$:

$Q \backslash JK$					
		00	01	11	10
0					
1					

Characteristic equations

Q	D	$Q(t+1)$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

$Q(t+1):$

	D	0	1
Q	0		
	1		

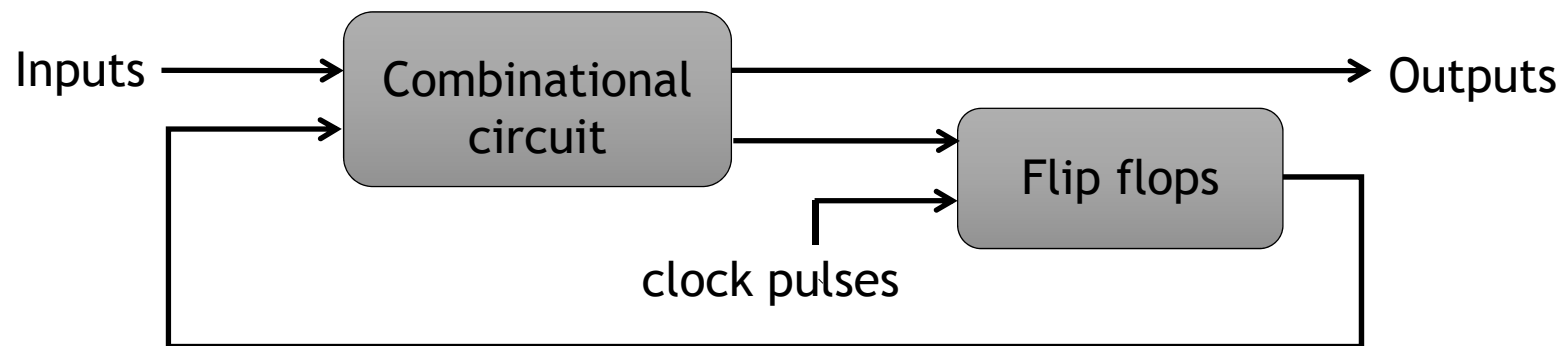
Q	T	$Q(t+1)$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

$Q(t+1):$

	T	0	1
Q	0		
	1		

Analysis of clocked sequential circuits

The behavior of a clocked sequential circuit is determined from the inputs, internal states and outputs.



The outputs and the next state are both a function of the inputs and the present state

Sequential circuit are analysed by obtaining a table or a diagram for the inputs, internal states and outputs

Boolean expressions can then be used to describe the behaviour of the sequential circuit

Analysis of clocked sequential circuits

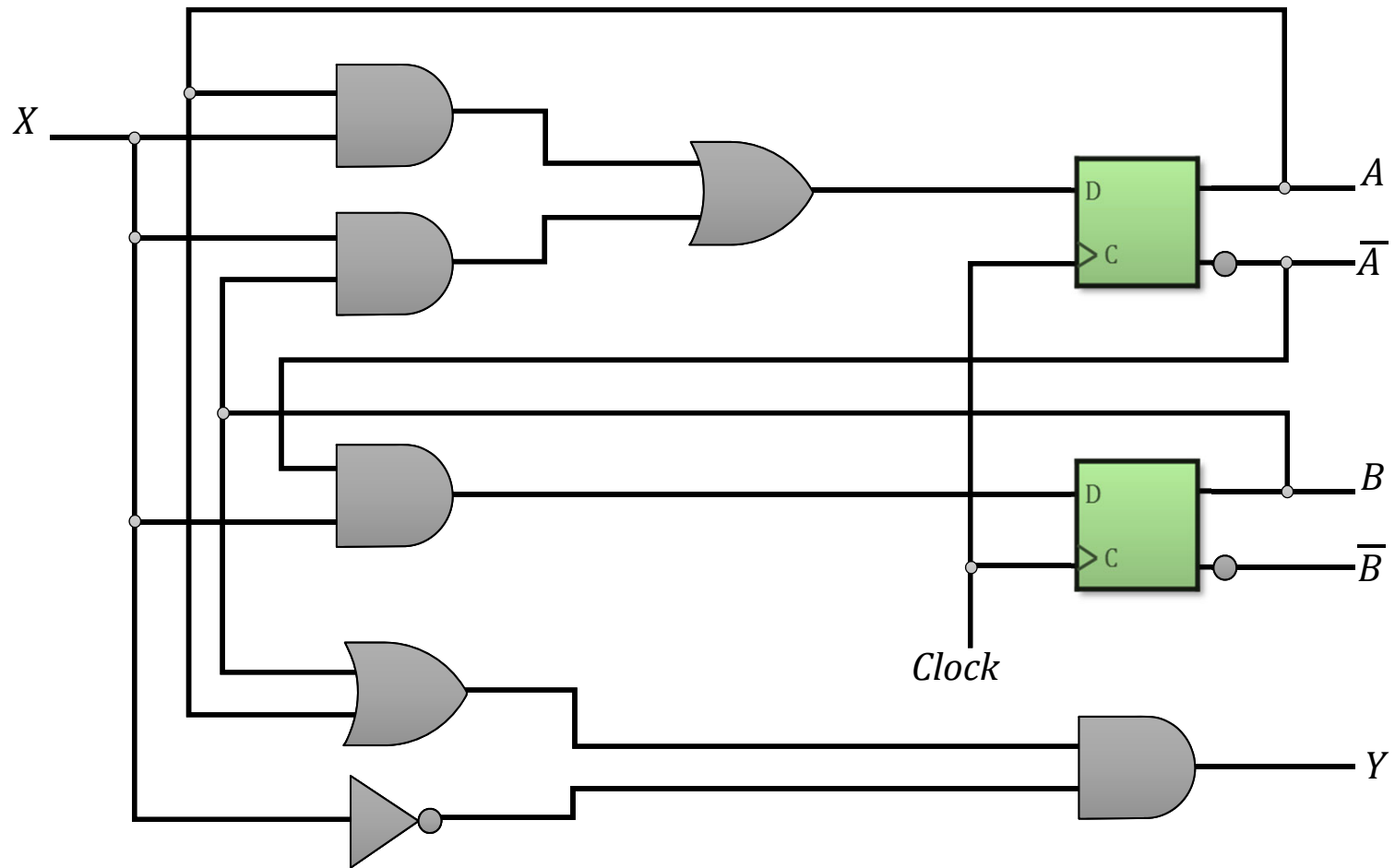
State equations, a state table and a state diagram are used to describe the behavior of any clocked sequential circuit

A *state equation* (*transition equation*) specifies the next state as a Boolean function of the present state and inputs

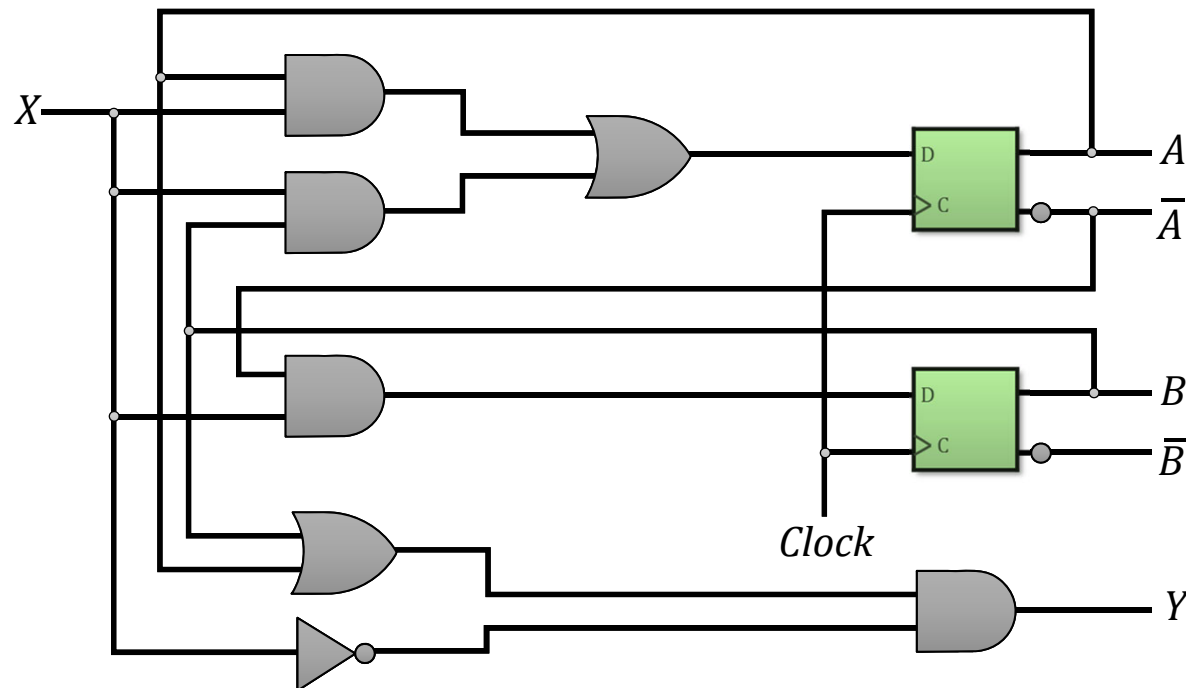
$$Q(t + 1) = Q(t)x(t) + \bar{Q}(t)(y(t) + x(t))$$

$$W(t) = x(t) + Q(t)y(t)$$

State equations



State equations



The D input of a flip-flop determines the value of the next state (i.e. the state after the clock transition)

$$A(t + 1) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)x(t)$$

$$B(t + 1) = \bar{A}(t)x(t)$$

The present-state of the output is given by

$$Y(t) = [A(t) + B(t)]\bar{x}(t)$$

State Equations

Since all variables in the Boolean expressions are a function of the present state, the designation of (t) after each variable can be omitted

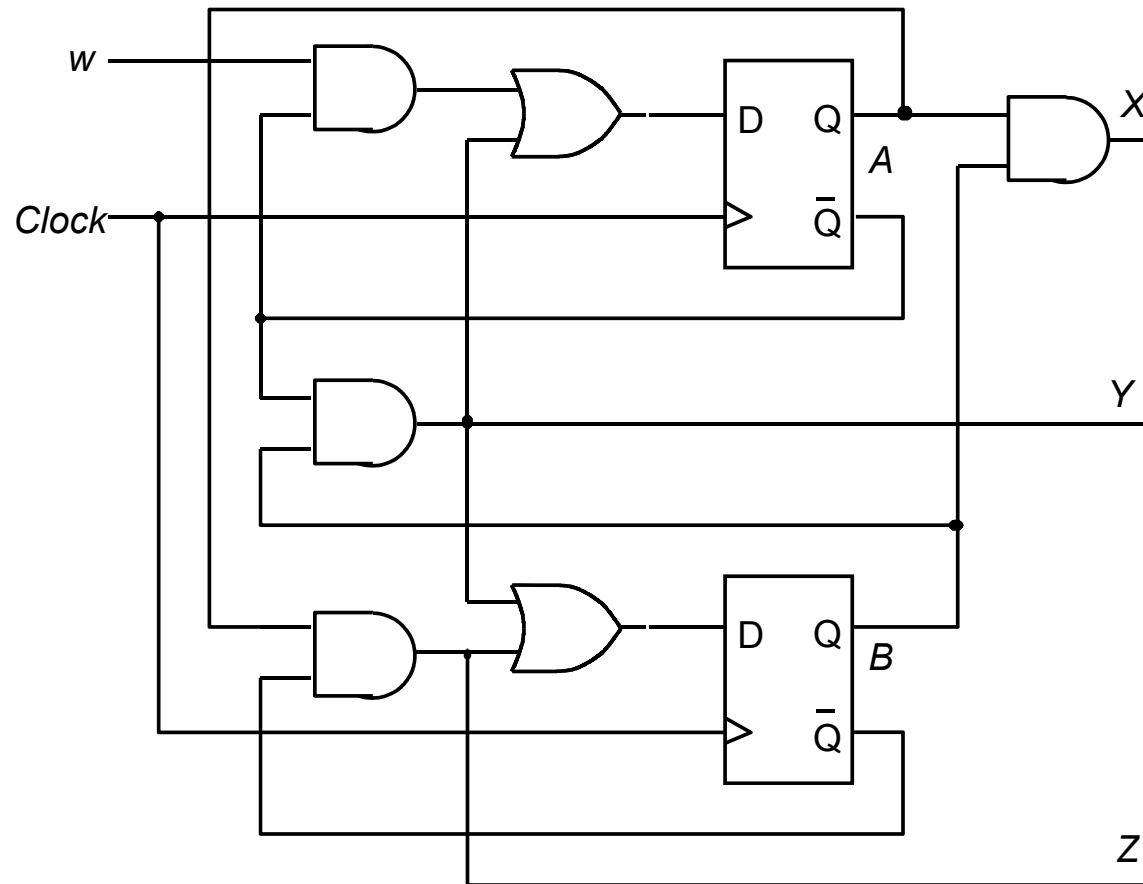
$$A(t + 1) = Ax + Bx$$

$$B(t + 1) = \bar{A}x$$

The present-state value of the output can be expressed algebraically as

$$Y(t) = [A + B]\bar{x}$$

Problem



State table

It is possible to enumerate the time sequences of inputs, outputs and states of the sequential circuit using a *state table* (*transition table*)

The table consists of four sections labelled present state, input, next state and output

The derivation of a state table requires listing all possible binary combinations of present states and inputs

The next-states and the output values are then determined from the logic diagram or state equations for each possible binary combination

State table

Present state		Input	Next state		Output
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Y</i>
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
1	0	1			
1	1	0			
1	1	1			

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(t+1) &= Ax + Bx \\
 B(t+1) &= \bar{A}x \\
 Y(t) &= [A + B]\bar{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

State table

The state transition can be conveniently expressed in a slightly different form having only three sections: present state, next state and output

Present state		Next state				Output	
		$X=0$		$X=1$		$X=0$	$X=1$
A	B	A	B	A	B		
0	0	0	0	0	1		
0	1						
1	0						
1	1						

$$A(t + 1) = Ax + Bx$$

$$B(t + 1) = \bar{A}x$$

$$Y(t) = [A + B]\bar{x}$$

Problem

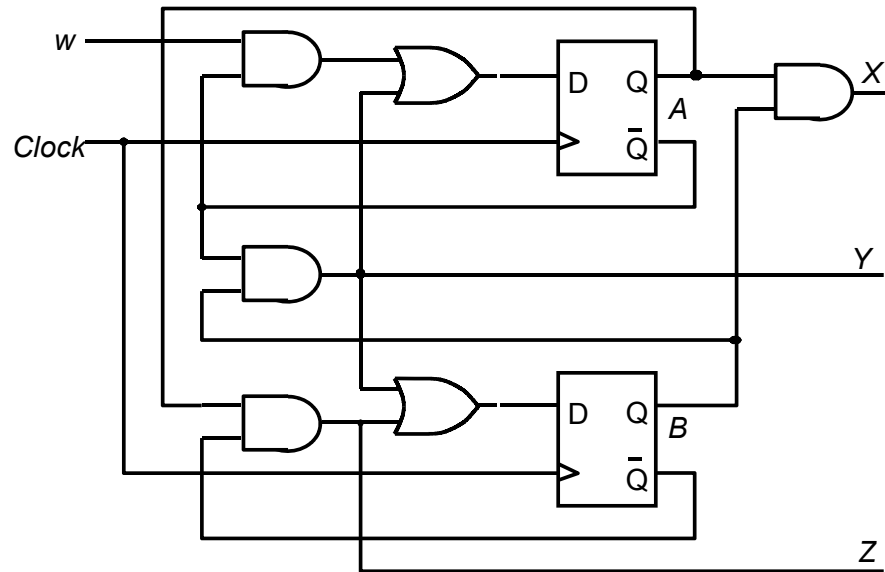
$$A(t + 1) = \bar{A}w + \bar{A}B$$

$$B(t + 1) = A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B$$

$$X(t) = AB$$

$$Y(t) = \bar{A}B$$

$$Z(t) = A\bar{B}$$



Present state	Next state				Output					
	w=0		w=1		X		Y		Z	
A B	A	B	A	B						
0 0										
0 1										
1 0										
1 1										



State diagram

The information available in state tables can be represented graphically in the form of a state diagram

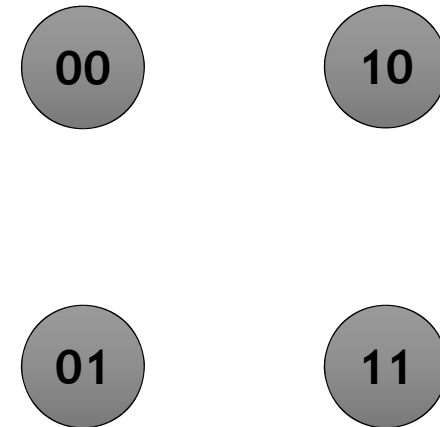
In a state diagram, a state is indicated by a circle and the transitions between the states are represented by directed lines connecting the circles

The directed lines are labeled with two binary numbers separated by a slash

The first binary number is for the input value and the second number shows the output value for the given input value during the present state which is represented by a circle from which the directed line emanates

State diagram

Present state		Next state				Output	
		X=0		X=1		X=0	X=1
A	B	A	B	A	B		
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

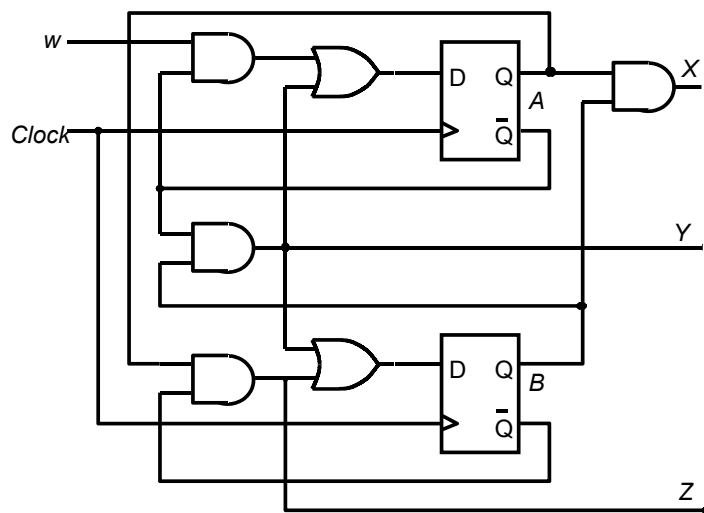


The same information is conveyed by both state diagram and state table.

State diagrams provides pictorial representation that is easier for human representation.

Problem

Present state		Next state				Output		
						<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Z</i>
		<i>w</i> =0		<i>w</i> =1				
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>			
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0



State and output time sequence

The state table can be used to find state and output time sequences

Here for an input sequence of 010100110 assuming the sequential is initially in state 00, the state and outputs are

Present state		Next state				Output	
		$X=0$		$X=1$		$X=0$	$X=1$
A	B	A	B	A	B		
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

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X	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
A	0	0	0							
B	0	0	1							
Y	0	0								



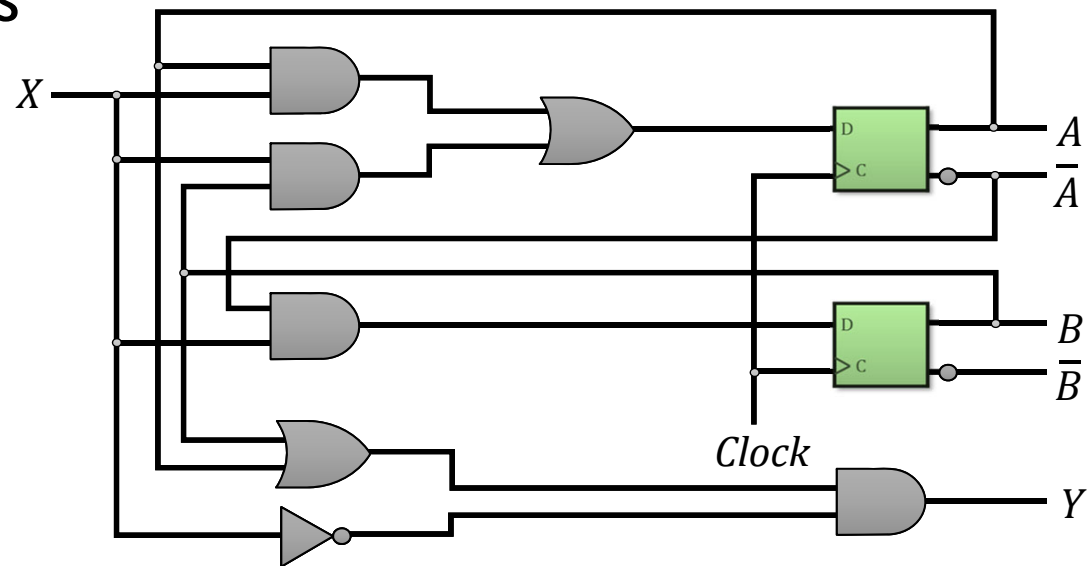
Flip-flop input equations

Flip-flop equations are the Boolean functions that describes the part of the sequential circuit that generate the flip flop inputs

$$D_A = Ax + Bx$$

$$D_B = \bar{A}x$$

$$Y = [A + B]\bar{x}$$



The three equations provide the necessary information for drawing the logic diagram of the sequential circuit

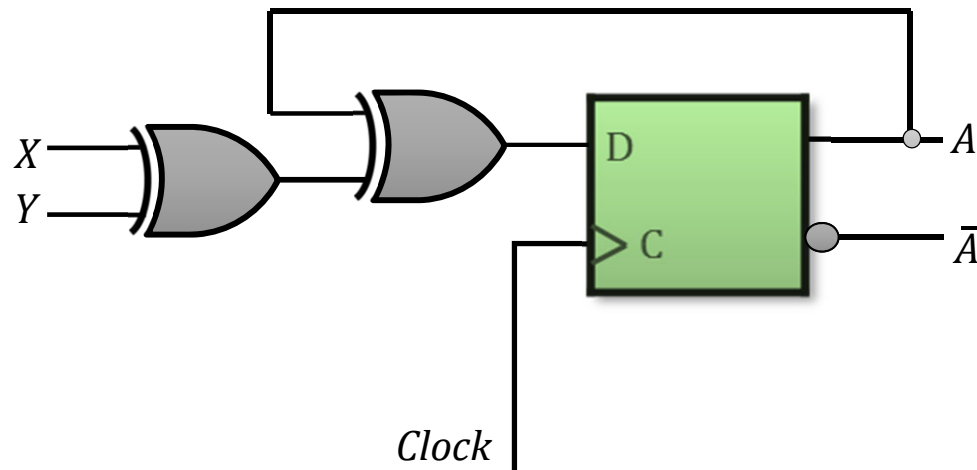
D_A specifies a D flip-flop labeled A and D_B the D flip-flop labeled B

Analysis with D flip-flops

Steps in analyzing sequential circuits with D flip-flops:

1. Find the flip-flop input equations
2. The state equations are the same as the flip-flop input equations for D flip-flops
3. Derive the state table from the state equations
4. Draw the state diagram from the state table

Example:

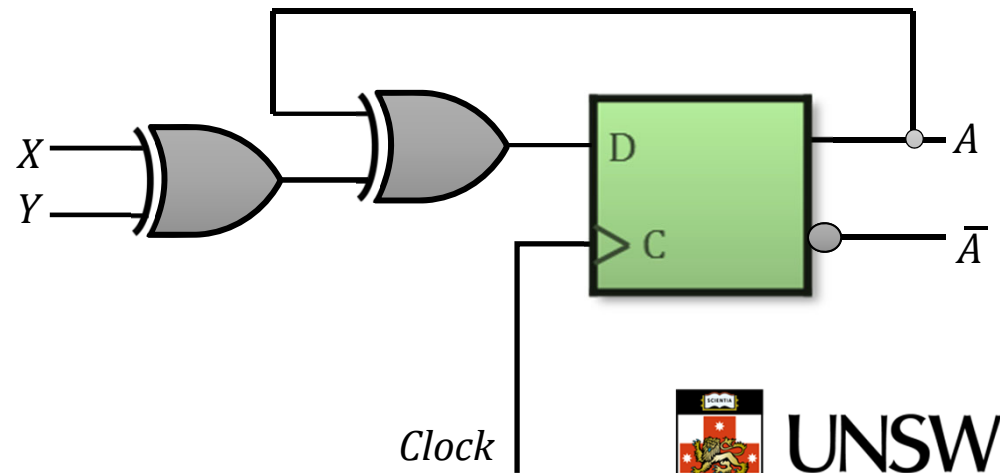


Analysis with D flip-flops

State table:

Present state	Input		Next state
A	X	Y	A
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	
1	1	1	

State Diagram:



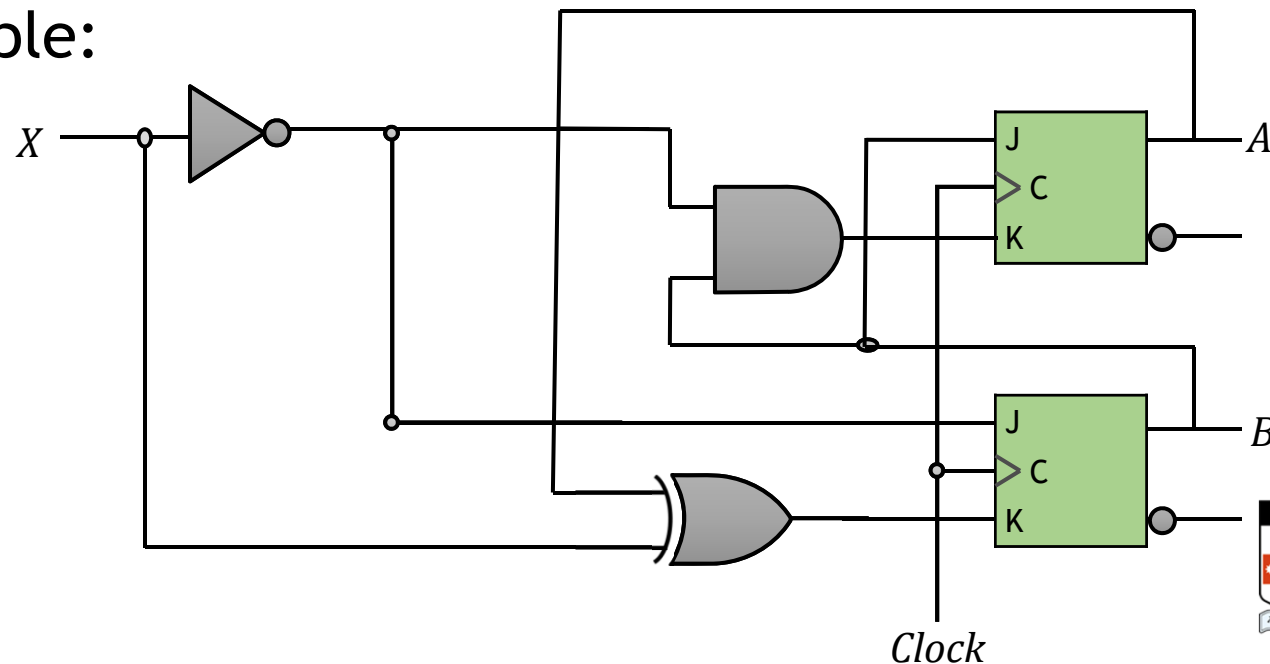
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Analysis with JK flip-flops

Steps in analyzing sequential circuits with JK flip-flops:

1. Find the flip-flop input equations in terms of present state and input
2. List the binary values of each input equation
3. Use the JK flip-flop characteristic table to determine the next states in the state table
4. Use K-map to obtain minimized state equations

Example:



Analysis with JK flip-flops

Flip-flop input equations:

$$J_A = B$$

$$J_B = \bar{X}$$

$$K_A = B\bar{X}$$

$$K_B = A \oplus X$$

Present state		Input	Next state		Flip-Flop inputs			
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>J_A</i>	<i>K_A</i>	<i>J_B</i>	<i>K_B</i>
0	0	0						
0	0	1						
0	1	0						
0	1	1						
1	0	0						
1	0	1						
1	1	0						
1	1	1						

Analysis with JK flip-flops

The steps can also be stated as:

1. Find the flip-flop input equations in terms of present state and inputs
2. Substitute the input equations into the flip-flop characteristic equation to obtain the state equations
3. Use the corresponding state equations to determine the next-values in the state table and state diagrams

In the previous example:

$$\begin{aligned} J_A &= B & K_A &= B\bar{X} \\ J_B &= \bar{X} & K_B &= A \oplus x \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic equations for the JK flip-flop:

$$A(t + 1) = J_A\bar{A} + \bar{K}_A A$$

$$B(t + 1) = J_B\bar{B} + \bar{K}_B B$$

Analysis with JK flip-flops

State Diagram:

Present state			Next state			
			$X=0$		$X=1$	
A	B		A	B	A	B
0	0					
0	1					
1	0					
1	1					

$$A(t+1) = J_A \bar{A} + \bar{K}_A A$$

$$B(t+1) = J_B \bar{B} + \bar{K}_B B$$

Analysis with T flip-flops

The same procedure as with JK flip-flops is followed:

1. Find the flip-flop input equations in terms of present state and inputs
2. List the binary values of each input equation
3. Use the T flip-flop characteristic table to determine the next states in the state table
4. Use K-map to obtain minimized state equations

OR

1. Find the flip-flop input equations in terms of present state and inputs
2. Substitute the input equations into the flip-flop characteristic equation to obtain the state equations
3. Use the corresponding state equations to determine the next-values in the state table and state diagrams

Analysis with T flip-flops

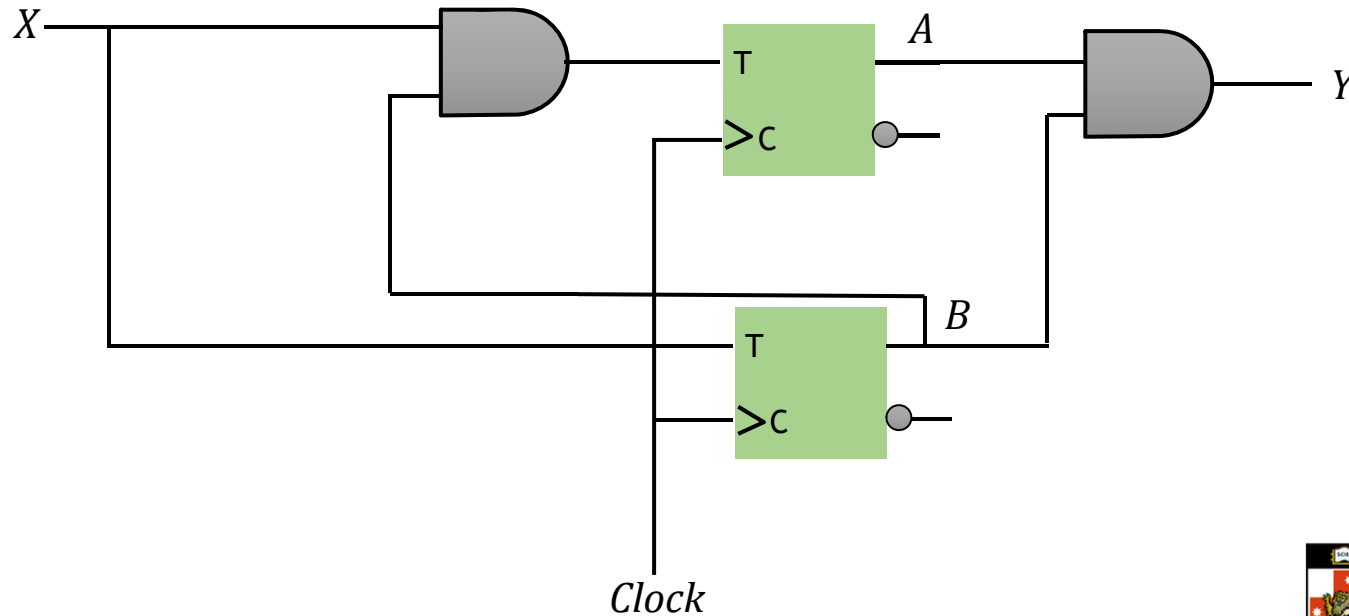
Flip-flop input equations:

$$T_A =$$

$$T_B =$$

Output equation:

$$Y =$$



Analysis with T flip-flops

Present state		Input	Next state		Flip-Flop inputs	
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>T_A</i>	<i>T_B</i>
0	0	0				
0	0	1				
0	1	0				
0	1	1				
1	0	0				
1	0	1				
1	1	0				
1	1	1				

$$T_A = BX \quad T_B = X$$

$$Y = AB$$

Analysis with T flip-flops

Here

$$T_A =$$

$$T_B =$$

Characteristic equation for T flip-flop:

$$A(t + 1) = T_A \oplus A$$

$$B(t + 1) = T_B \oplus B$$

Analysis with T flip-flops

State Diagram:

Present state		Next state				Output	
		$X=0$		$X=1$		$X=0$	$X=1$
A	B	A	B	A	B	Y	Y
0	0						
0	1						
1	0						
1	1						

$$A(t+1) = T_A \oplus A$$

$$B(t+1) = T_B \oplus B$$

$$Y = AB$$