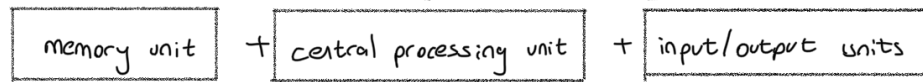


1 - introduction to digital systems

most famous digital system \rightarrow a general purpose computer



\rightarrow programmable = same device, many different purposes

digital system = inputs and outputs come from a set finite number of discrete values

analog system = inputs and outputs come from a continuous (infinite) set

main uses of digital systems

- information processing
- storage
- transmission (communication)
- many forms of information

importance

- \rightarrow well suited for both nonnumerical and numerical info.
- \rightarrow insensitive to noises (old TVs are not, but now they are not sensitive)



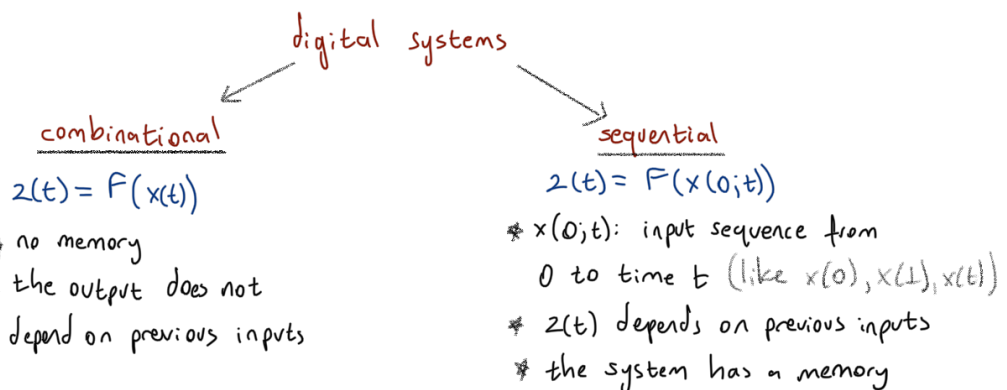
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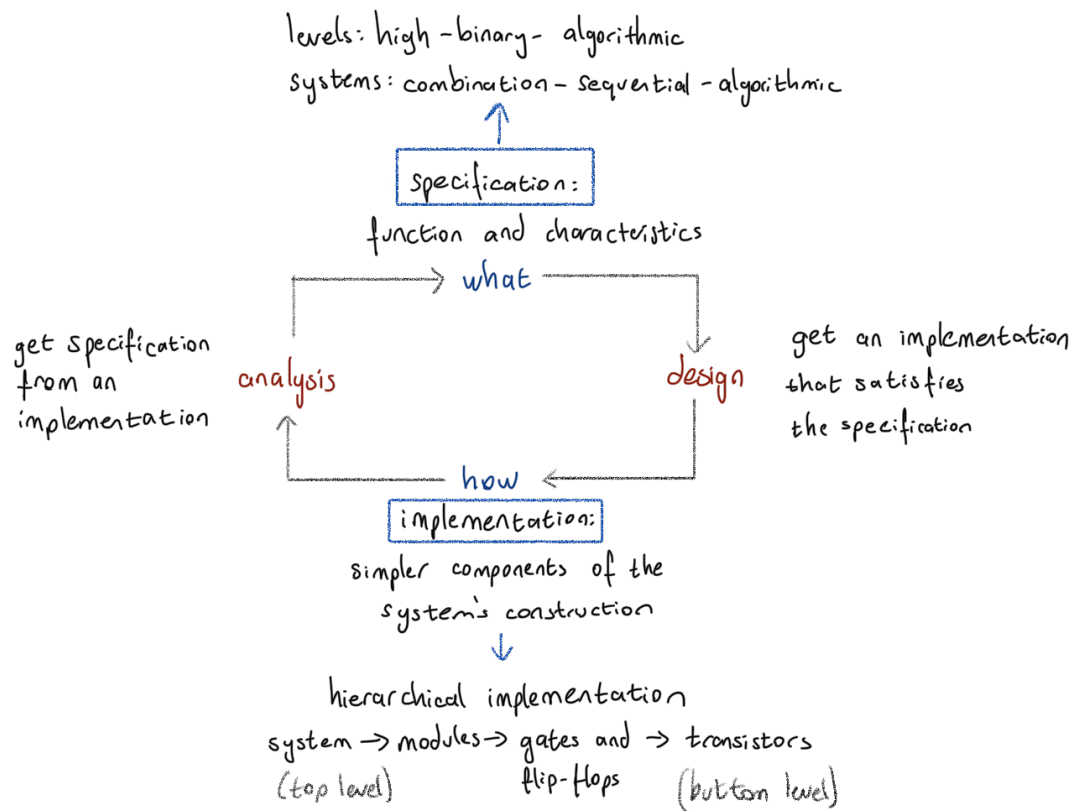
how to represent binary information:

CPU \rightarrow voltage difference

Hard Disk \rightarrow magnetism

CDs \rightarrow laser / light (with burning surface)





computer aided design tools (CAD)

tools to design digital systems

at high level → hardware-description language (HDL)

at the binary level → to describe the system structure (HDLs)

- they synthesize and optimize tools
- simulate the system for given output
 - ↳ logic simulation
 - ↳ timing simulation