



# CHAPTER ONE

## FOUNDATIONS OF DIGITAL SYSTEMS AND DATA REPRESENTATION

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Data Representation

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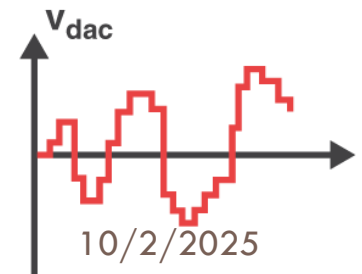
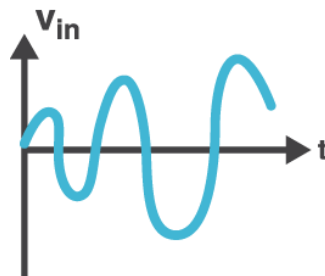
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# Overview of Computer Organization and Architecture

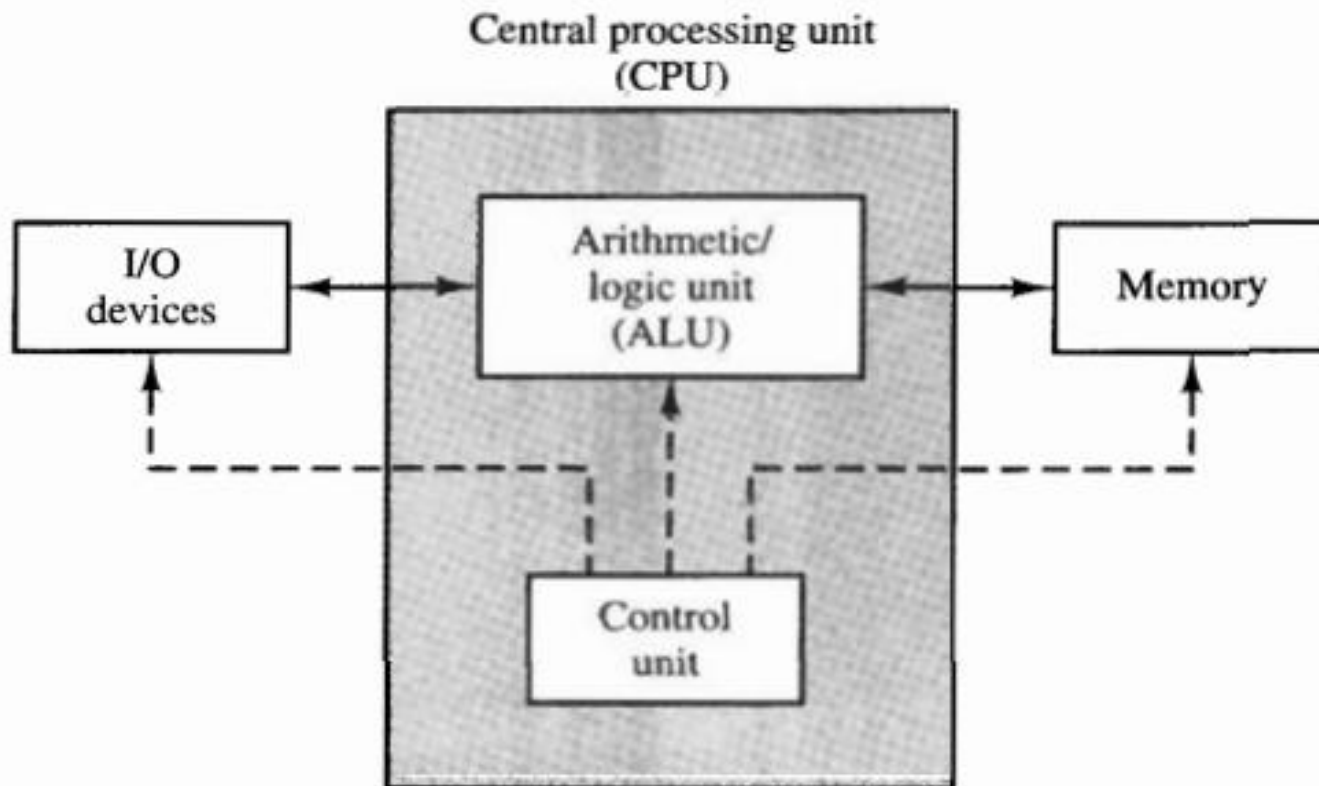
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## □ Key Terms

- Signal
- Analog Signal vs Digital Signal
- Analog System vs Digital System



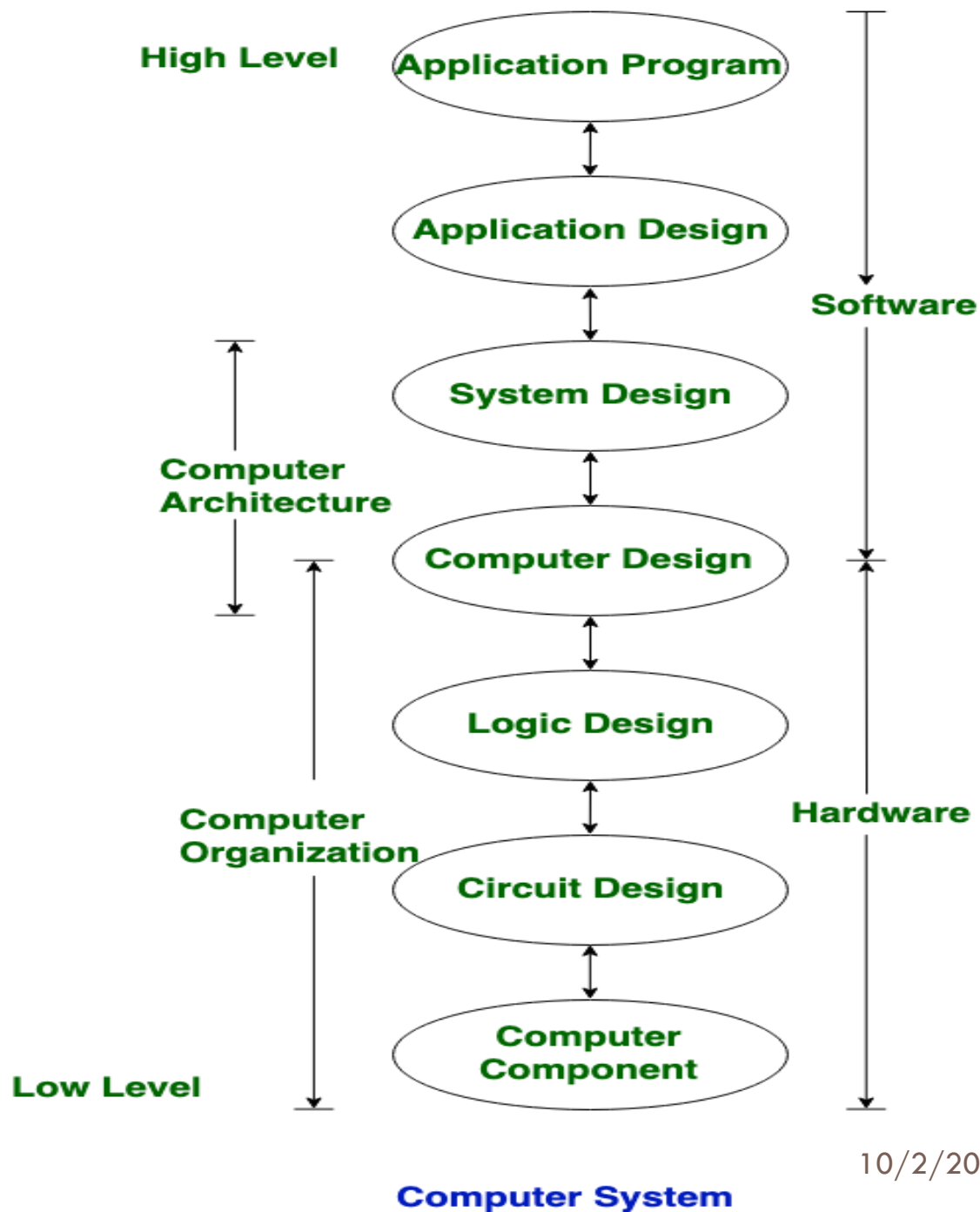
## □ Organization of A Digital Computer



# Computer Architecture      vs      Computer Organization

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- **Computer system:** is subdivided into two functional entities: Hardware and Software.
  - ▣ **Hardware:** consists of all the electronic components and electromechanical devices that comprise the physical entity of the device.
  - ▣ **Software:** consists of the instructions and data that the computer manipulates to perform various data-processing tasks.
    - A sequence of instructions for the computer is called a program. The data that are manipulated by the program constitute the database.



## □ Computer Architecture

- ▣ **Logical aspects** of a computer system
- ▣ Focuses on the **structure and behavior** of a computer system
  - It is operational attributes are linked together and to realize the architectural specifications
  - **What the computer does?**
- ▣ **Example:** instruction set and format, the number of bits used to represent different data types, I/O mechanisms, and techniques for addressing memory.

## □ Computer Organization

- ▣ **Physical aspect** of a computer system
- ▣ It concerned with the way the **hardware are connected** together to form the computer system
  - Study on how various circuits and components fit together to create a working computer
  - **How the computer does it?**
- ▣ **Example:** circuit design, control signal, interface between the computer and peripherals, and the memory technology used



## □ **Why study COA?**

### □ **Design** better programs

- Including system software such as compiler, operating system, and device drivers

### □ **Optimize** program behavior

### □ **Evaluate** (benchmark) computer system performance

### □ **Understand** time, space, and price tradeoffs

# Number system and Data representation

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- ❑ **Computers don't process human language directly → everything stored/processed as binary.**
- ❑ **Data types in registers:**
  1. **Numbers** (arithmetic)
  2. **Letters** (data processing)
  3. **Symbols** (special purposes)
- ❑ All types of data, except binary numbers, are represented in computer registers in **binary coded form**.

## □ The Alphanumeric Representation

- **Alphanumeric = characters, digits, punctuation.**
- Three (3) alphanumeric codes are in common use.
  - **ASCII** (American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
  - **Unicode** (Universal code)
  - **EBCDIC** (Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code).

Character	Binary	Hex
A	100 0001	41
B	100 0010	42
C	100 0011	43
D	100 0100	44
E	100 0101	45
F	100 0110	46
G	100 0111	47
H	100 1000	48
I	100 1001	49
J	100 1010	4A
K	100 1011	4B
Space	010 0000	20
Full stop	010 1110	2E
(	010 1000	28
+	010 1011	2B
\$	010 0100	24

## □ The Decimal Representation

- **BCD (Binary Coded Decimal)** is often used to represent decimal number in binary.

Decimal	BCD
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001

## □ Number Representation in Computers

### □ Two main types:

#### 1. Integer (Fixed-Point) Representation

- Used for integer numbers (positive & negative).
- **Stored in binary form with fixed number of bits.**
- Simple, fast, but limited range.

#### 2. Floating-Point Representation

- Used for very large or small numbers and fractions.
- Stored in form: **Sign | Exponent | Fraction.**
- Wide range, but **more complex and may lose precision.**

- **Integer (fixed point) number representation**
  - ▣ Fixed number: **8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit or 64-bit.**
  - ▣ Besides bit-lengths, there are two representation schemes for integers:
    1. **Unsigned** integers (0 and +VE integers)
    2. **Signed** integers (0 , -VE and +VE integers)
      - A. Sign-Magnitude representation
      - B. 1's complement representation
      - C. 2's complement representation

## 1. n-bit Unsigned Integers

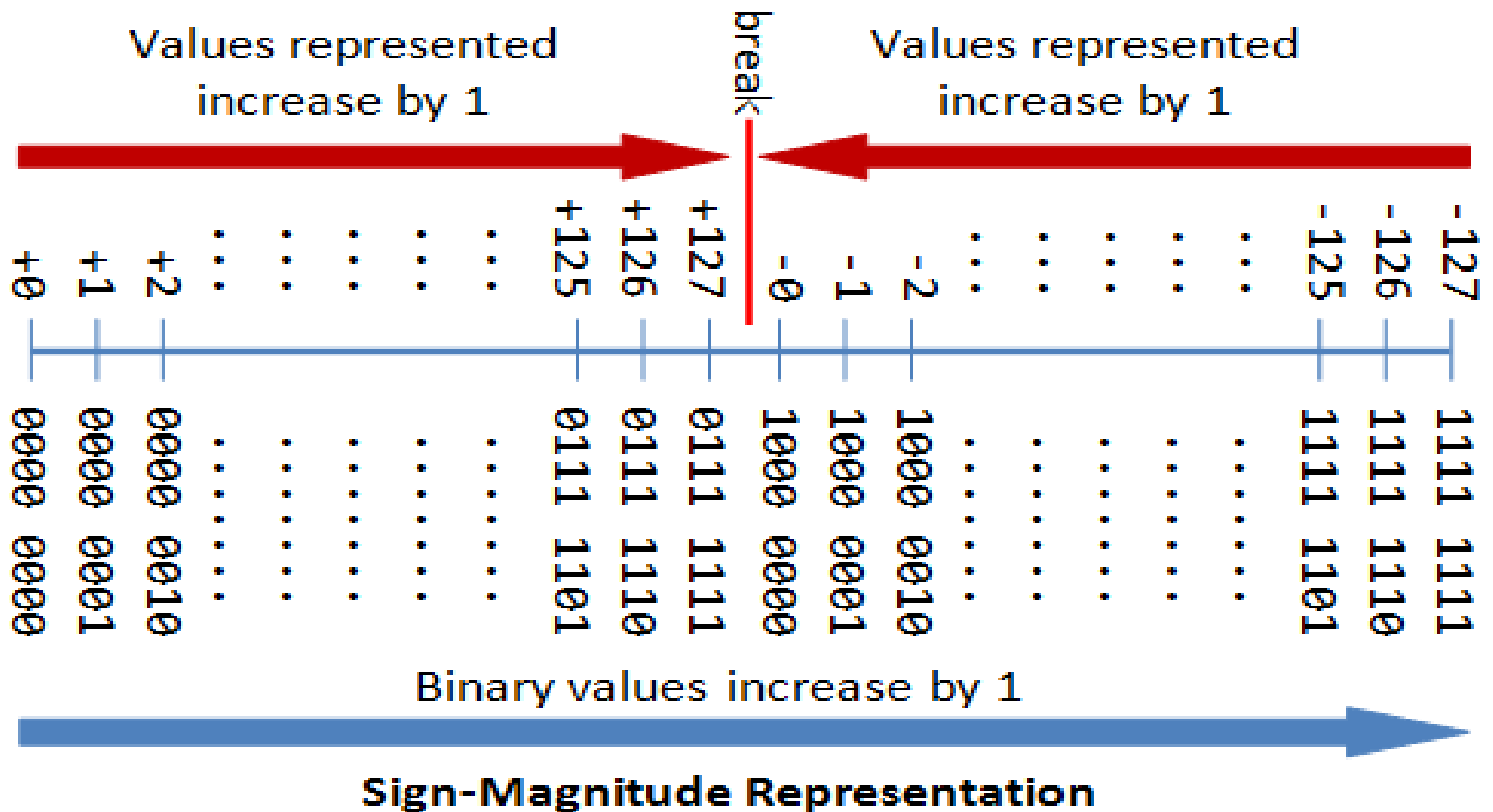
- Represent only 0 and positive values.
- Value = binary magnitude.
- Example (8-bit):  $0100\ 0001B = 65D$ .
- **Exercise (8 bits):**
  1.  $0000\ 1010B = ?D$
  2.  $1111\ 1111B = ?D$
  3.  $0001\ 0010B = ?D$

## 2. Signed Integers

### A. Sign-and-Magnitude

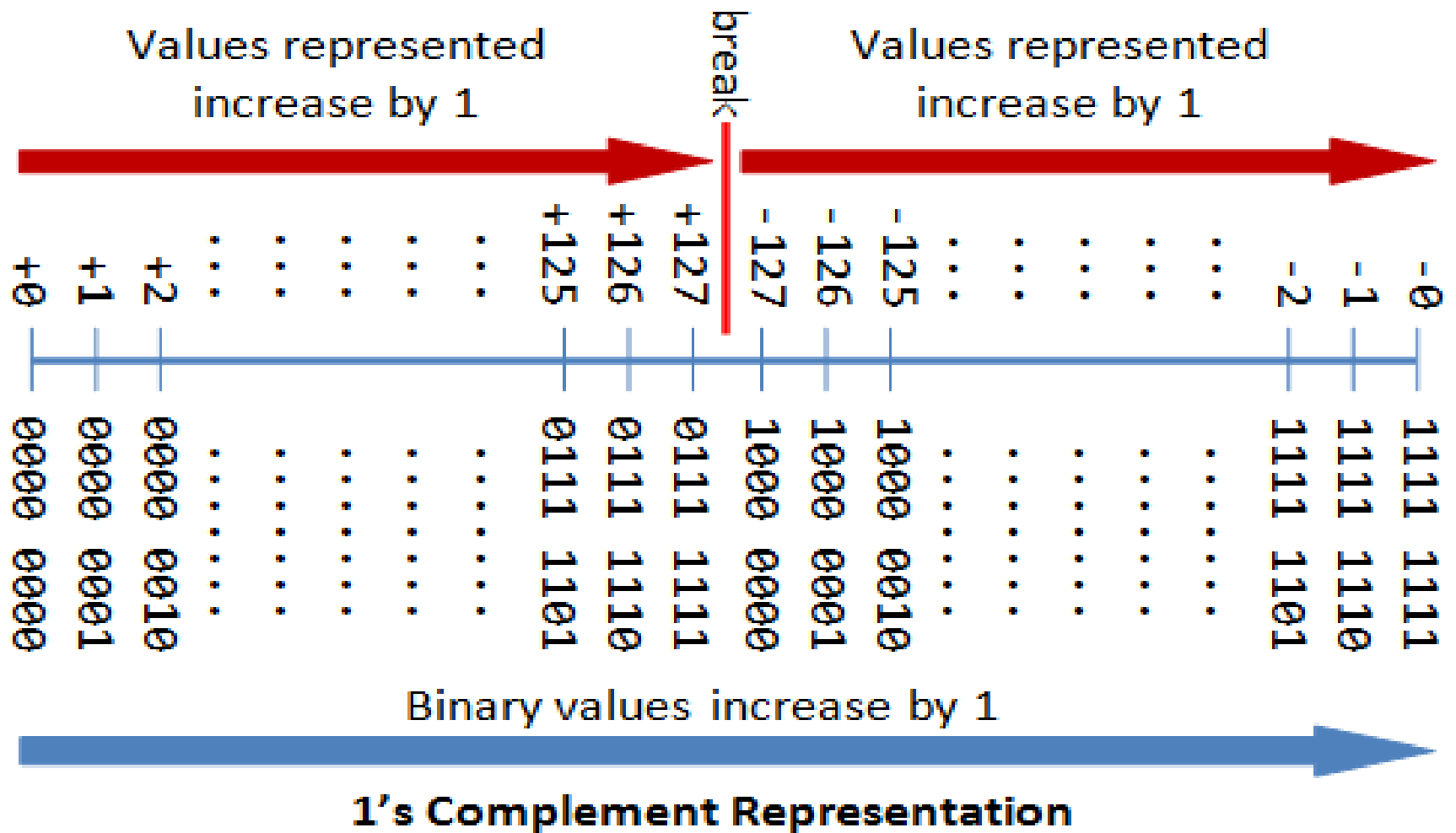
- MSB = sign, rest = magnitude.
  - **Sign bit (MSB): 0 = +, 1 = -**
- **Drawback:** two representations for 0.
- **Examples (8-bit):**
  - 0 1000001B = +65
  - 1 0000001B = -1
- **Exercise (8 bits)**
  1. 0000 0000B = ?D
  2. 1111 1111B = ?D
  3. 1000 0000B = ?D





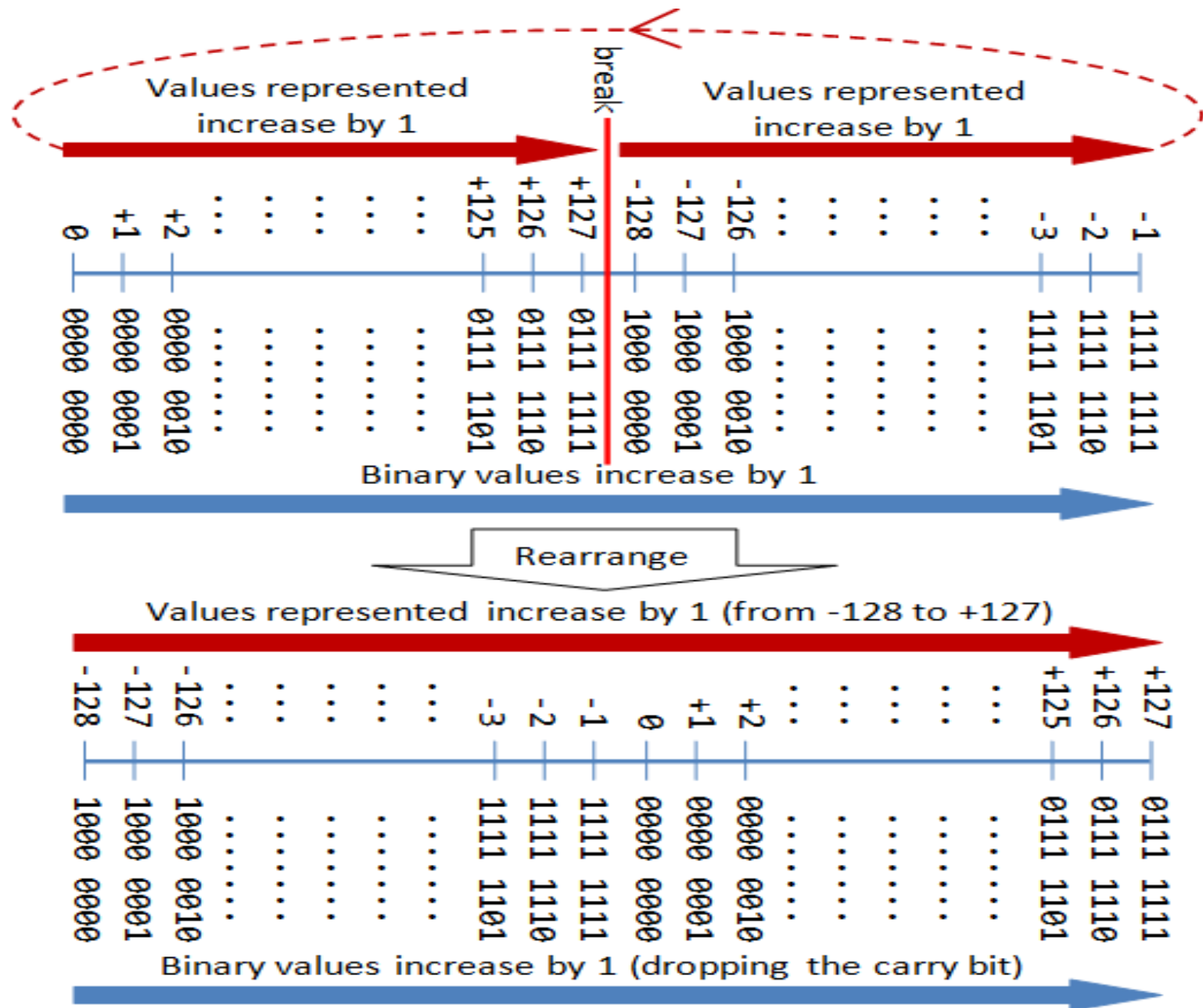
## B. 1's Complement Representation

- MSB = sign (0 = +, 1 = -), rest = magnitude.
  - **Positive numbers:** value = magnitude of remaining bits.
  - **Negative numbers:** value = complement (invert) of remaining bits.
- **Drawback:** two representations for 0.
- **Examples (8-bit):**
  - 0 1000001B = +65
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- **Exercise (8 bits)**
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  3. 1000 0000B = ?D



## C. 2's Complement Representation

- MSB = sign bit (0 = +, 1 = -), rest = magnitude.
  - Positive numbers: value = magnitude of remaining bits.
  - Negative numbers: value = 2's complement (invert bits + 1) of remaining bits.
- **Advantages:**
  - Only one zero
  - Addition/subtraction simpler (same logic).
- **Example:** 1 0000001B = -127.
- **Exercise (8 bits)**
  1. 0000 0000B = ?D
  2. 1111 1111B = ?D



**2's Complement Representation**

# Exercise-1

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- ❑ Show the actual binary operation
  1. **Addition of Two Positive Integers:** Suppose that  $n=8$ .
    - $15D + 25D = 40D$
  2. **Subtraction is treated as Addition of a Positive and a Negative Integers:** Suppose that  $n=8$ .
    - $15D + (-20D) = -5D$
  3. **Addition of Two Negative Integers:** Suppose that  $n=8$ .
    - $-15D - 20D = (-15D) + (-20D) = -40D$

## □ Floating point representation

- Represents very small( $-1.23 \times 10^{88}$ ) or a very large( $1.23 \times 10^{-88}$ ) numbers.
- **Trade-off:**
  - More range, but **loss of precision (not all real numbers can be represented)**.
  - **Slower than integer arithmetic** → often **uses floating-point coprocessor**.
- Form:  **$F \times r^E$  (fraction  $\times$  radix<sup>exponent</sup>)**.
  - Decimal numbers use radix of 10 ( $F \times 10^E$ ); while binary numbers use radix of 2 ( $F \times 2^E$ ).
- **Requires normalization.**

- For example, the number 55.66 can be represented as
  - $5.566 \times 10^1$
  - $0.5566 \times 10^2$
  - $0.05566 \times 10^3$ , and so on.
- We need **NORMALIZATION** ....
  - The fractional part can be *normalized*
  - In the normalized form, there is only *a single non-zero digit before the radix point*.



## □ IEEE 754 Standard

- Modern computers adopt **IEEE 754** standard for representing floating-point numbers

- **Formats:**

1. **32-bit Single Precision**
2. **64-bit Double Precision**
3. **128-bit Quad Precision**

- Stored as: **Sign | Exponent | Fraction.**

- Exponent uses **biasing** (offset binary).

- **Biasing** is done because exponents have to be signed values in order to be able to **represent both tiny and huge values**, but two's complement, the usual representation for signed values, would make **comparison** harder.

## □ Basic IEEE floating point number

	Single	Double	Quadruple
No. of <b>sign</b> bit	1	1	1
No. of <b>biased exponent</b> bit	8	11	15
No. of <b>fraction</b> bit	23	52	112
<b>Total bit used</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>128</b>
Bias ( $2^{e-1} - 1$ )	$(2^{8-1} - 1)$ 127	$(2^{11-1} - 1)$ 1023	$(2^{15-1} - 1)$ 16383

## □ The IEEE Floating Point Representation

Convert **153.75** to the **IEEE floating point format**.

- Step 1 : convert into binary
- Step 2 : put into  $1.xxxx \times 2^y$  format
- Step 3 : get the biased exponent (identify the exponent first)
- Step 4 : get the sign (from the question)
- Step 5 : identify significand and mantissa
- Step 6 : put into the IEEE single precision format
- Step 7 : convert into hexadecimal

Convert to binary	153.75 = 1001 1001.11 <sub>2</sub>							
Put into 1.xxxx X 2 <sup>y</sup>	= 1.0011 0011 1 <sub>2</sub> x 2 <sup>7</sup>							
Biased exponent	Exponent = 7 Biased exponent = 127 + y = 127 + 7 = 134 = <b>1000 0110<sub>2</sub></b> (8 bits)							
Sign	Sign = +ve ( <b>0</b> )							
Significand Mantissa	Significand = 1.0011 0011 1 Mantissa = <b>001 1001 1100 0000 0000 0000</b> (23bits)							
IEEE format	IEEE format :							
	<b>Sign</b>	<b>Biased Exponent</b>			<b>Mantissa (23)</b>			
	0	1000 0110			001 1001 1100 0000 0000 0000			
Hexadecimal	0100	0011	0001	1001	1100	0000	0000	0000
	4	3	1	9	C	0	0	0
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# Exercise -2

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1. Convert **3.75** to **IEEE-754** single precision.

2. **Decode**




01000011000110011100000000000000

(single) , and **give decimal value.**

# Logic gates and Boolean Algebra

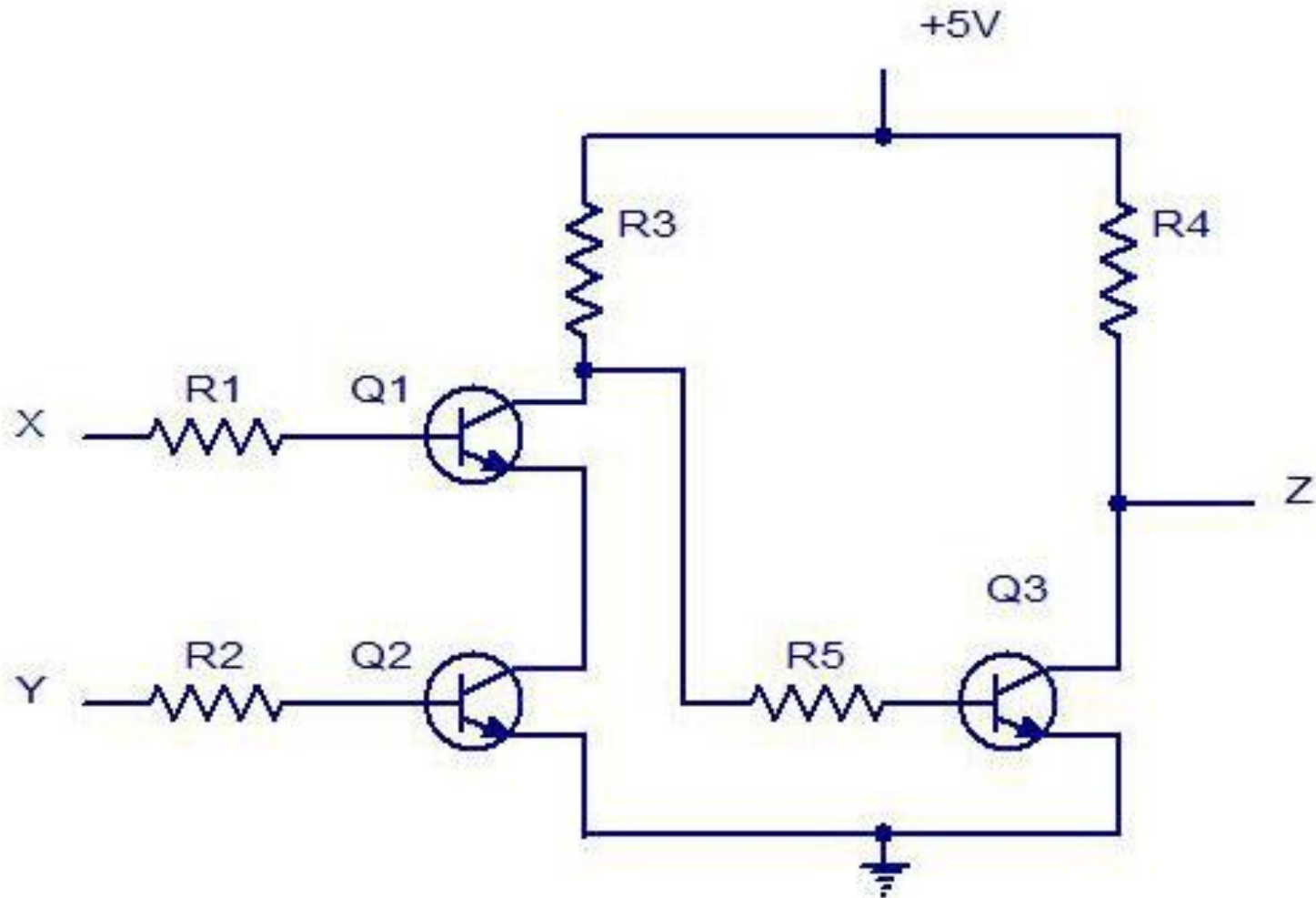
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- **Signal: a physical quantity carrying information.**
  - ▣ Analog: continuous values
  - ▣ Digital: discrete values (e.g.,  $3V \rightarrow 1$ ,  $0.5V \rightarrow 0$ )
- **Logic Gates: basic building blocks of digital systems.**
  - ▣ Circuit with one or more inputs, one output.
  - ▣ Output depends on input values (defined by a truth table).
- **Basic Gates:**
  - ▣ **AND**
  - ▣ **OR**
  - ▣ **NOT (inverter)**

Name	Graphic symbol	Algebraic function	Truth table															
AND		$x = A \cdot B$ or $x = AB$	<table><tr><th>A</th><th>B</th><th>x</th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	A	B	x	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
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## 2 Input Transistor AND Gate



□ **Combined Gates** (built from basics for efficiency):

□ **NAND, NOR, XOR, XNOR**

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Exclusive-OR (XOR)	 $x = A \oplus B$ or $x = A'B + AB'$	<table> <tr> <th>A</th><th>B</th><th>x</th></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	A	B	x	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
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# Boolean Algebra

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- An algebra that deals with binary variables (0,1) and logic operations.
  - ▣ Used to analyze and simplify digital circuits.
  - ▣ Also called **Binary Algebra** or **Logical Algebra**.
  - ▣ Invented by George Boole (1854).
- **Basic Rules**
  - ▣ **Variables:** only two values  $\rightarrow$  1 (HIGH) and 0 (LOW).
  - ▣ **Complement:** written as  $A'$   $\rightarrow$  if  $A=0$  then  $A'=1$ , if  $A=1$  then  $A'=0$ .
  - ▣ **OR:** plus sign  $\rightarrow A + B + C$ .
  - ▣ **AND:** dot or no sign  $\rightarrow A \cdot B \cdot C$  or  $ABC$ .

## ▣ Boolean Functions

- Expressed with: binary variables, logic symbols, parentheses, equal sign.
- Example:  $F = x + y'z$ .
- Each function can be represented by a **truth table** with  $2^n$  combinations for  $n$  variables.

## ▣ Logic Diagrams

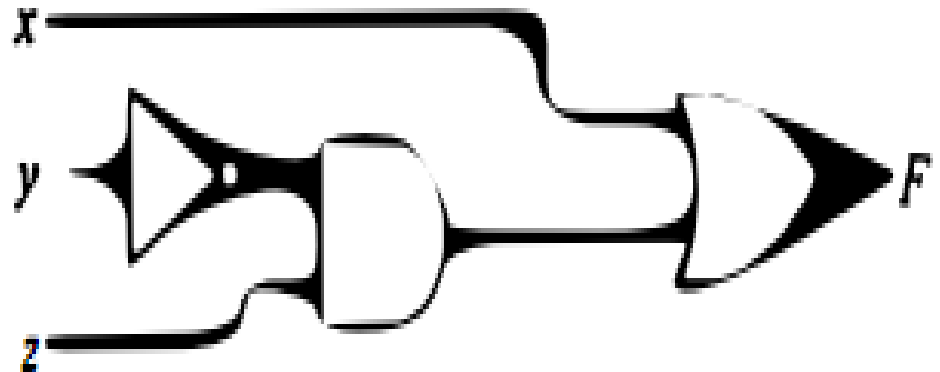
- Boolean expressions can be implemented with AND, OR, and NOT gates.
- **Purpose:**
  - Express truth table relations in algebraic form.
  - Describe logic diagrams algebraically.
  - Simplify circuits to use fewer gates.

## □ Example

▣  $F = x + y'z$

- Represent the above function using truth table
- Draw the logical diagram

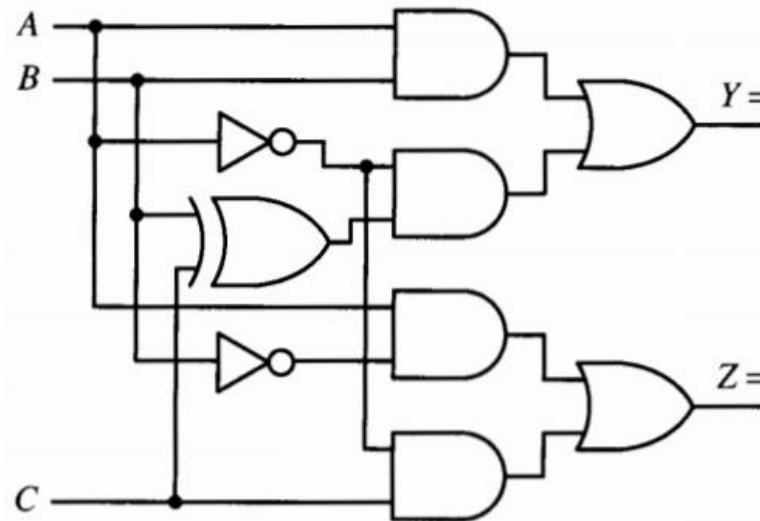
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1	1	1	1



# Exercise-3

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1.  $F = (B+C) + (AB)'(A' + C)'$ 
  - a) Represent the above function using truth table
  - b) Draw the logical diagram
2. Write the algebraic function?



# Boolean Laws

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## □ AND Laws

1.  $A.0 = 0$
2.  $A.A = A$
3.  $A.1 = A$
4.  $A.A' = 0$

## □ OR Laws

5.  $A + 0 = A$
6.  $A + A = A$
7.  $A + 1 = 1$
8.  $A + A' = 1$

## □ Commutative Laws

9.  $A.B = B.A$
10.  $A + B = B + A$

(Order of variables doesn't affect output)

## □ Associative Law

11.  $(A.B).C = A.(B.C)$
12.  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$   
(Order of grouping doesn't matter)

## □ Distributive Law

13.  $A.(B + C) = A.B + A.C$
14.  $A + (B . C) = (A+B) . (A+C)$

## □ Inversion Law

15.  $A'' = A$   
(double negation gives original)

## □ DeMorgan's Theorem

16.  $(A.B)' = A' + B'$
17.  $(A + B)' = A'.B'$

### Complement rule:

- Swap AND  $\leftrightarrow$  OR
- Complement each variable

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## □ DeMorgan's Theorem Example

□  $F = AB + C'D' + B'D$

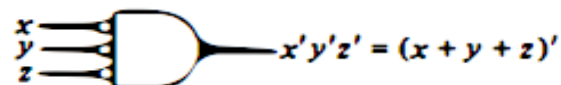
□  $F' = (A' + B')(C + D)(B + D')$

## □ NOR and NAND

Two graphic symbols for NOR gate.



(a) OR-invert

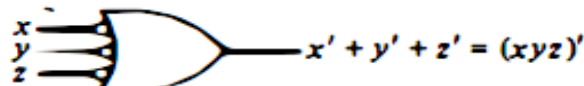


(b) invert-AND

Two graphic symbols for NAND gate.



(a) AND-invert



(b) invert-OR



## Exercise-4:

### Simplify using Boolean Algebra

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1.  $(X+Y) + (X+Y)Z$
2.  $AB'(AB' + B'C)$
3.  $AB'C + B'$
4.  $B + AB'C'D$
5.  $Y'(X+Y+Z)$
6.  $(X+Y)((X+Y)' + Z)$
7.  $AB + (AB)'CD'$
8.  $ABC + AB'C$
9.  $(AD+B+C)(AD+(B+C)')$

# Simplifying Boolean functions

## Reading Assignment

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1. Minimization by Boolean Algebra
  1. Grouping
  2. Multiplication by redundant variables
  3. Application of DeMorgan's Theorem
2. Minimization by Karnaugh Maps (K-Map)

# Combinational and Sequential Circuits

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- **Circuit Design:** The process of creating circuits that optimize speed, portability, memory use, and overall functionality.
  - ▣ **Circuit Design Goal:** Efficient, reliable, and space-optimized circuits.
- **Two Main Types:**
  1. **Combinational Circuits:** Output depends only on current inputs.
  2. **Sequential Circuits:** Output depends on current input and past output (requires memory).
    - ▣ **Practical circuits often combine both types.**

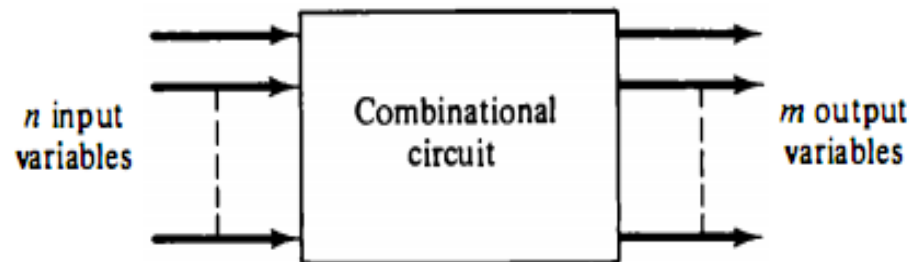
## □ Combinational Circuits

### □ Characteristics:

- Can have multiple inputs/outputs.
- Output depends only on current inputs.
- No memory

### □ Examples:

- Arithmetic & Logic units
- Data transmission circuits
- Code converters



Block diagram of a combinational circuit.

## □ **Design Steps: Combinational circuits**

- The design of combinational circuits starts from the verbal outline of the problem and ends in a logic circuit diagram. The procedure involves the following steps:

1. **Understand problem & assign input/output symbols**
2. **Construct truth table**
3. **Simplify Boolean functions**
4. **Draw logic diagram**

# Exercise-5

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1. Design and implement a **Half Adder** circuit that performs the addition of two single-bit binary numbers.
2. Design and implement a **Full Adder** circuit that adds three single-bit binary numbers, including a carry from a previous addition
3. Design a **2-bit digital comparator** that compares two 2-bit binary numbers (A and B) and outputs whether  $A > B$ ,  $A < B$ , or  $A = B$ .

## □ Sequential Circuits

### ▣ Characteristics:

- Output depends on current inputs + past states
- Requires memory elements

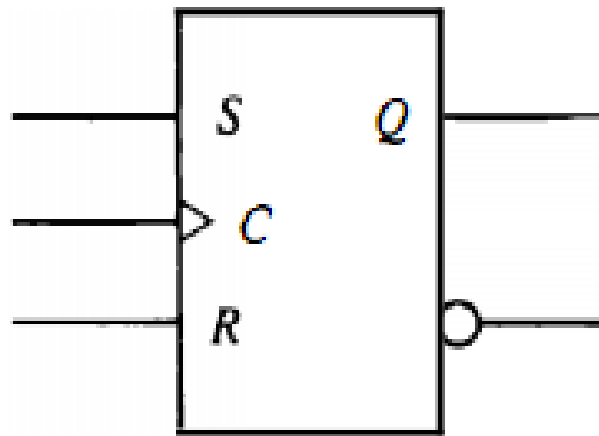
### ▣ Memory Elements:

- Store data (1 bit per element)
- **State** = snapshot of stored data
- **Bi-stable**: 2 stable internal states
- **Implemented using**:
  - **Latches**: No clock
  - **Flip-Flops**: Clocked storage, types: SR, D, JK, T

## □ Flip-Flops

- Storage elements in **clocked sequential circuits**
- Store **1 bit of data** with **normal & complement** outputs
- **Edge-triggered** → state changes only on **a clock pulse**
- **More reliable & widely used**
- **Types**
  - SR Flip-Flop
  - D Flip-Flop
  - JK Flip-Flop
  - T Flip-Flop

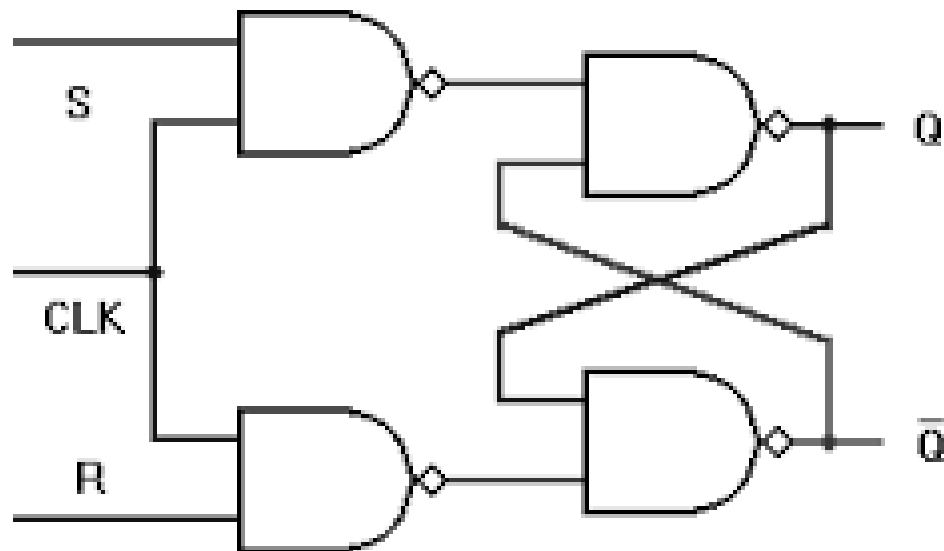


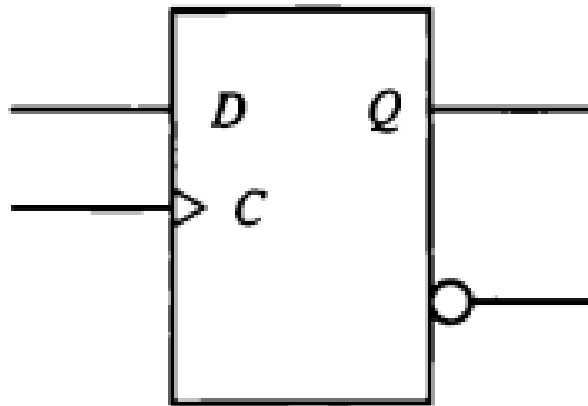


(a) Graphic symbol

$S$	$R$	$Q(t+1)$	
0	0	$Q(t)$	No change
0	1	0	Clear to 0
1	0	1	Set to 1
1	1	?	Indeterminate

(b) Characteristic table

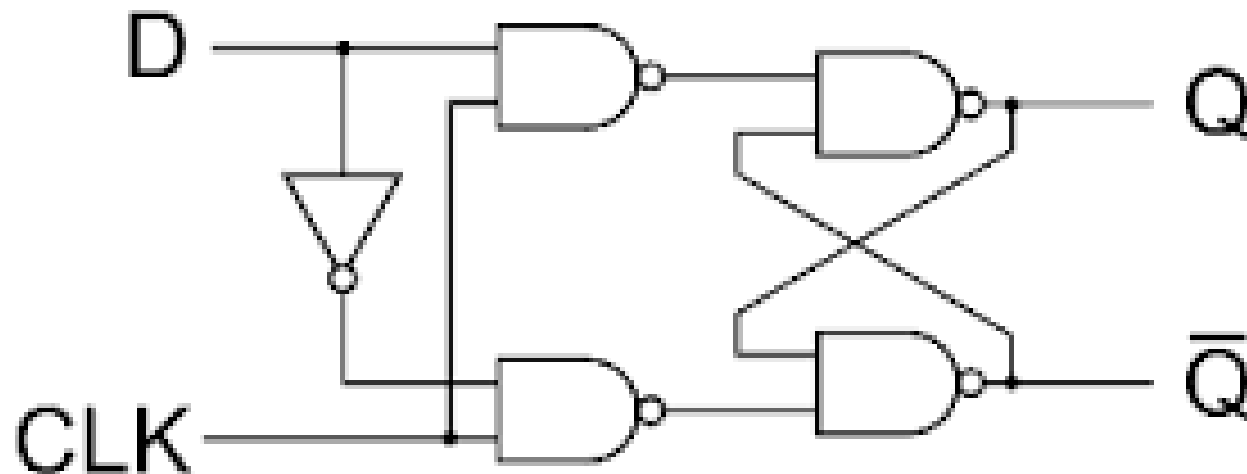


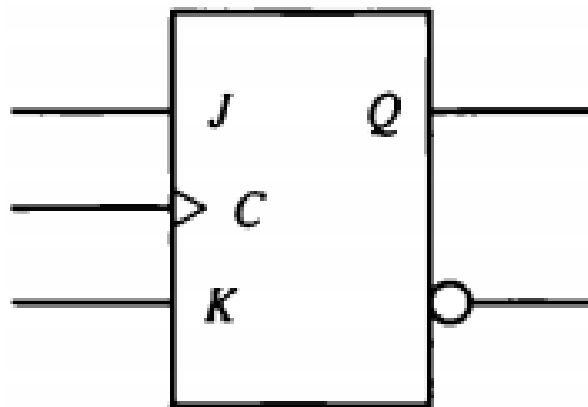


(a) Graphic symbol

$D$	$Q(t+1)$	
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1	1	Set to 1

(b) Characteristic table

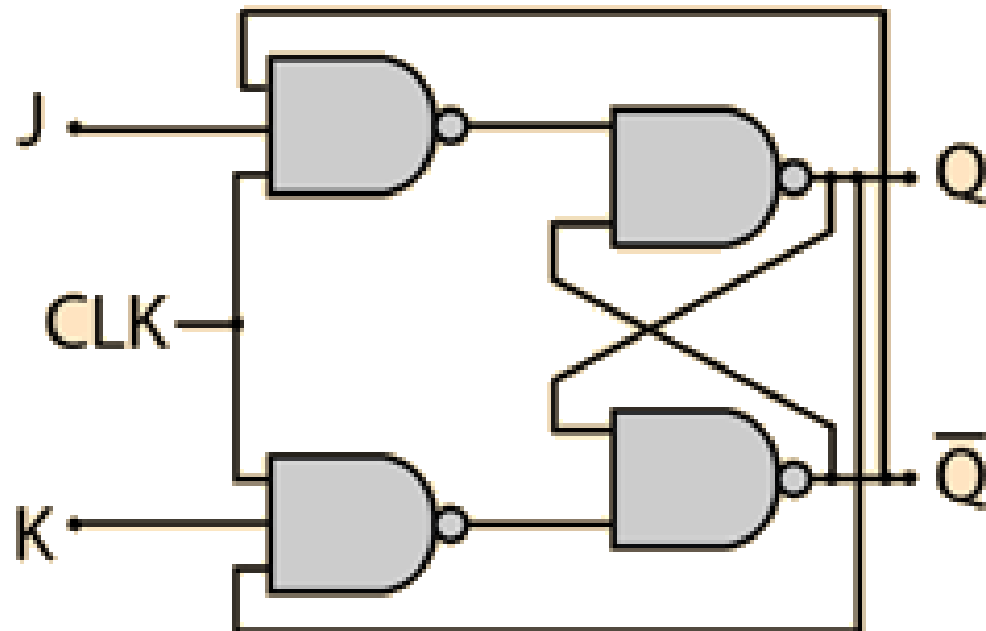


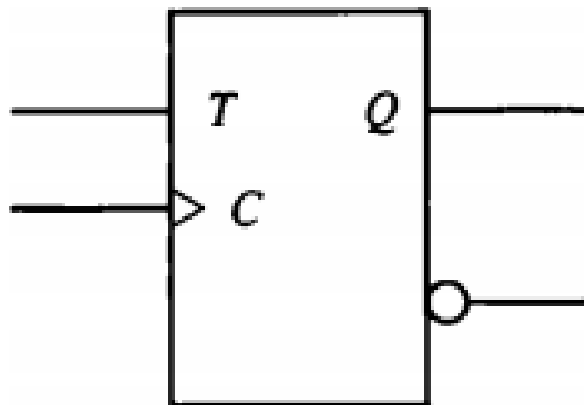


(a) Graphic symbol

$J$	$K$	$Q(t+1)$	
0	0	$Q(t)$	No change
0	1	0	Clear to 0
1	0	1	Set to 1
1	1	$Q'(t)$	Complement

(b) Characteristic table

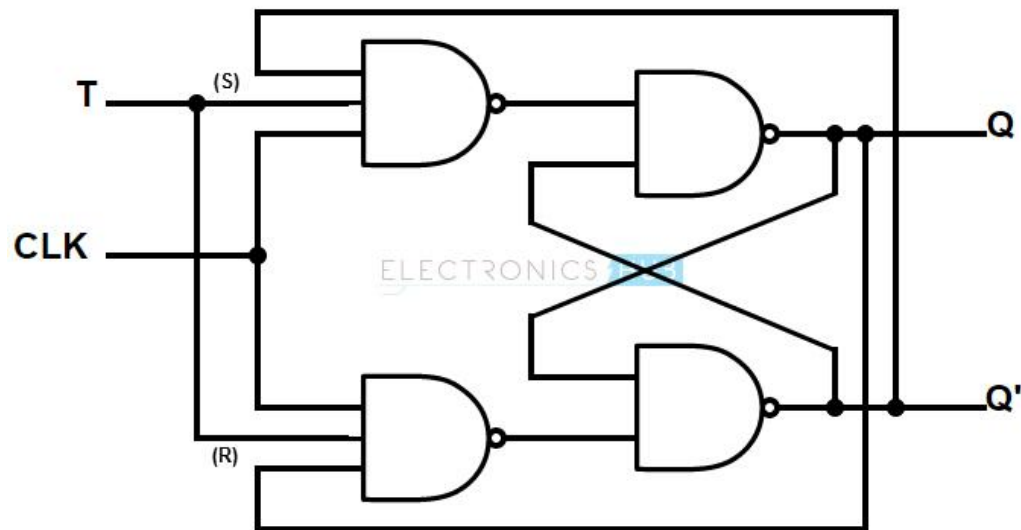




(a) Graphic symbol

$T$	$Q(t+1)$	
0	$Q(t)$	No change
1	$Q'(t)$	Complement

(b) Characteristic table



## □ Design Steps: Sequential circuits

1. Understand the circuit and write circuit specification
2. Translating the circuit specifications into a **state diagram**.
3. Convert the state diagram into a **state table**.
4. Extend the state table into an **excitation table**
5. Find the set of flip-flop input equation for the combinational circuit
6. Draw the logic diagram

■ Read more: <https://bob.cs.sonoma.edu/IntroCompOrg-RPi/sec-seqdes.html>

# Questions?

# Thank You