

**CSSE2010/CSSE7201**  
**Lecture 6**

# **Sequential Circuits 1**

## **Shift Registers** //

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# Outline

- Admin
- Sequential circuits
- Shift registers

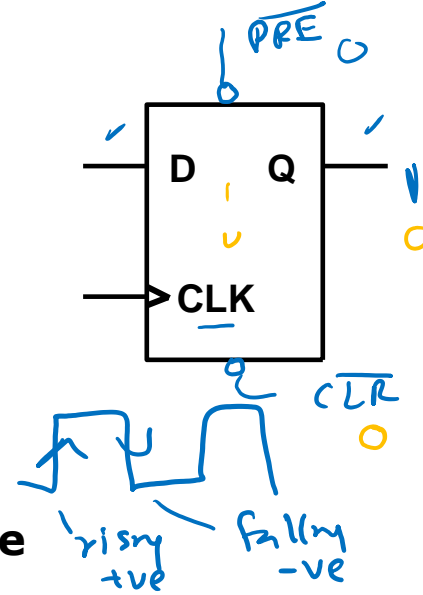
# Admin

- ✓ Quiz 2 is due this week Friday (12-Mar) 4pm
- ✓ Labs 6 and 7 for next week (week 4) has preparation tasks which should be attempted before coming to the labs.

# Reminder

## Memory element: D Flip Flop

- **D** is input
- **Q** is output
- **CLK** (clock) is control input
- How does it work?
  - Q copies the value of D (and remembers it) whenever CLK goes from 0 to 1 (rising edge)

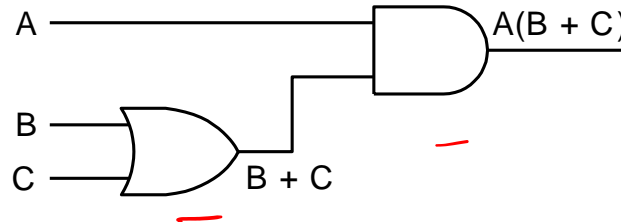


- ❑ **Only D Flip flops are discussed in this course**
- ❑ Optional **asynchronous SET and CLR inputs** to set and clear the output Q even outside clock edges. The SET and CLR inputs are typically **active-low**.
- ❑ Using D flip flops one can design sequential circuits – e.g. counters

# Combinational vs. Sequential Circuits

## • **Combinational** Circuits (last week and earlier)

- Logic gates only (no flip-flops)
- Output is uniquely determined by the inputs
  - i.e. you'll always get the same output for a given set of inputs
- Example:



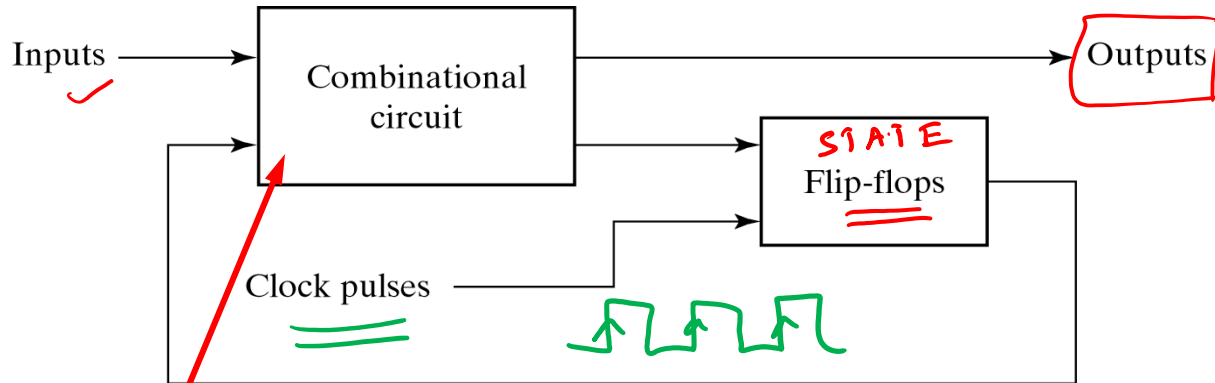
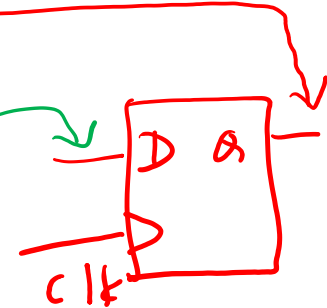
## • **Sequential** Circuits

- Include flip-flops
- Output determined by current inputs and current **state** (values in the flip-flops)
- Output can change when clock 'ticks'

1  
2  
✓ 3  
4  
5  
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# Sequential Circuits

- **State** = value stored in flip-flops
- There is a notion of present state and next state
- Output depends on input and state
  - Or sometimes just the state
- Next state depends on inputs and state

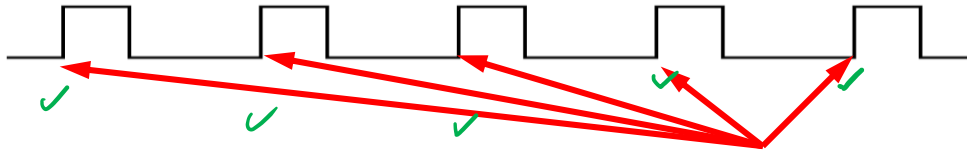


Logic Gates

[Figure from Mano, "Digital Design", 3<sup>rd</sup> edition]

# Synchronous Sequential Circuit

- Storage elements (flip-flops) can only change at discrete instants of time
- Assume
  - We have a clock signal:



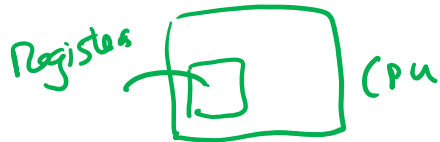
- Output of storage elements change only on the edges of control signal
  - (compare with logic gates whose output changes whenever the input changes)

**In a synchronous sequential circuit, all the sequential elements share a common clock signal. i.e., they are synchronised to a common clock.**

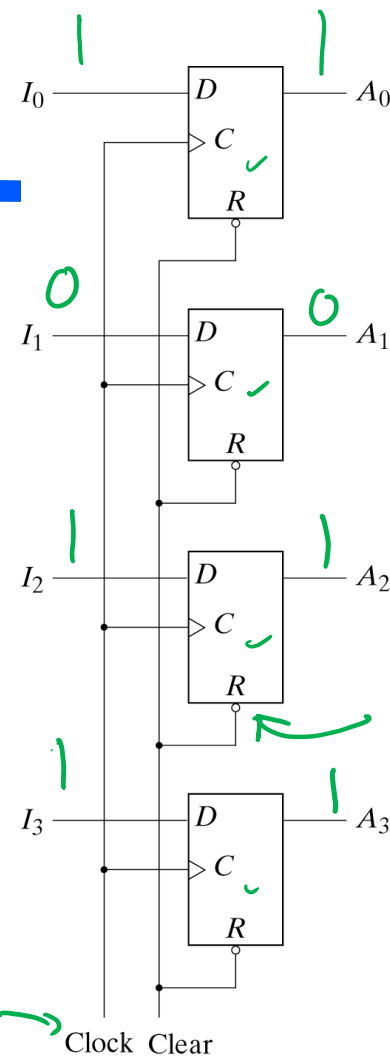
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# Registers

- A **register** is a group of flip-flops
  - $n$ -bit register consists of  $n$  flip-flops capable of storing  $n$  bits
- Example
  - 4-bit register →
- A register is a sequential circuit *without* any combinational logic
- Registers are used to store binary information (data/instructions) inside a processor



(common clock →)

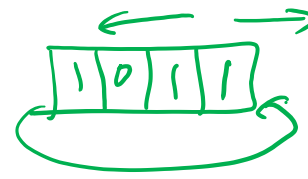


when  $R=0$   
all Ffs will be  
reset to '0'

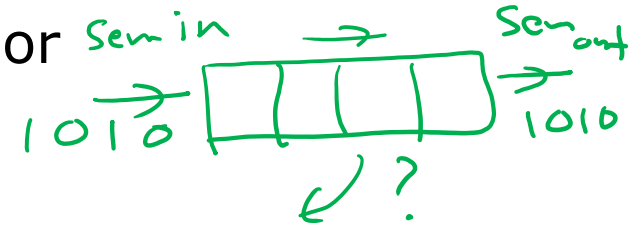
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# Shift Register



- A shift register is a register which is capable of shifting its binary information in one or both directions



- Example:

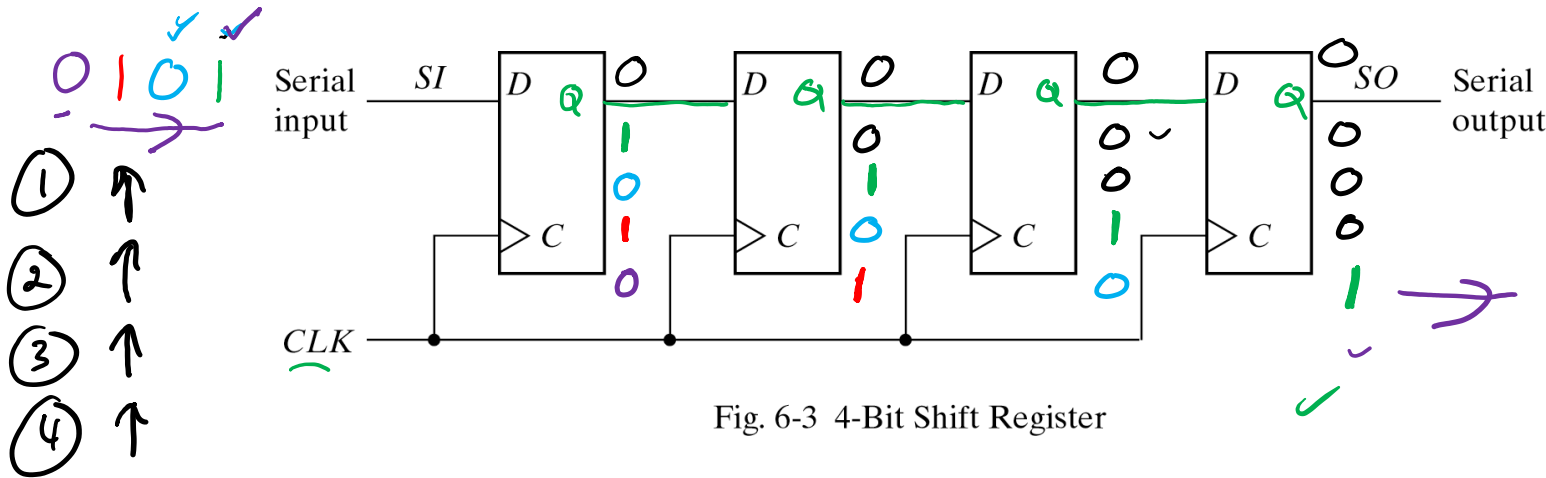
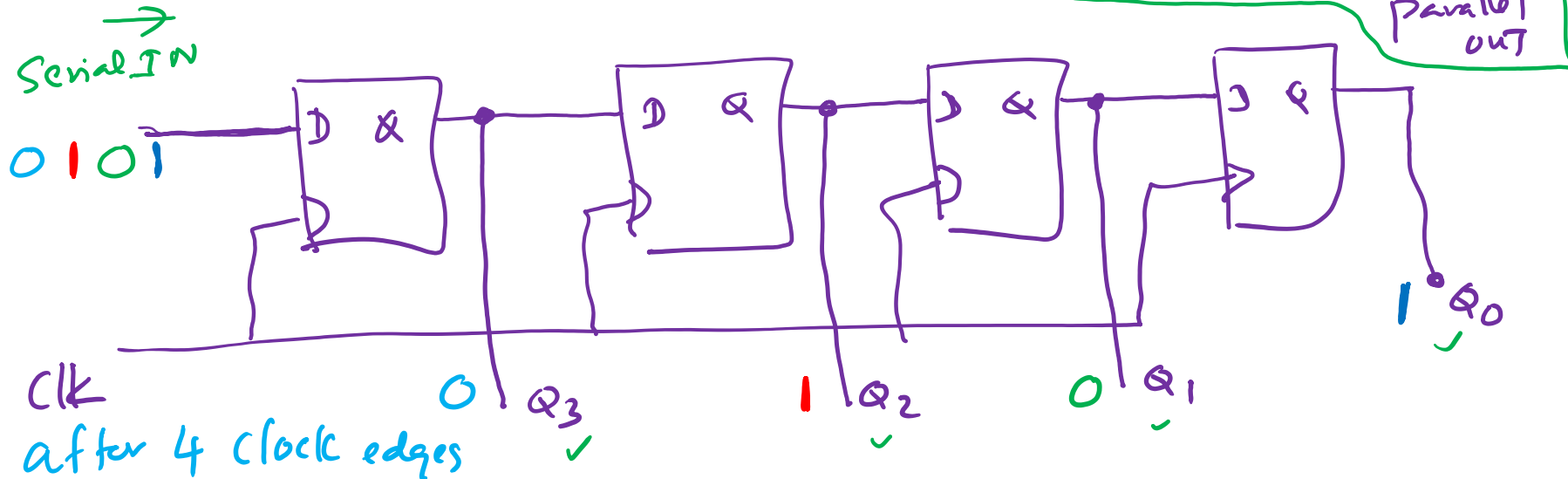


Fig. 6-3 4-Bit Shift Register

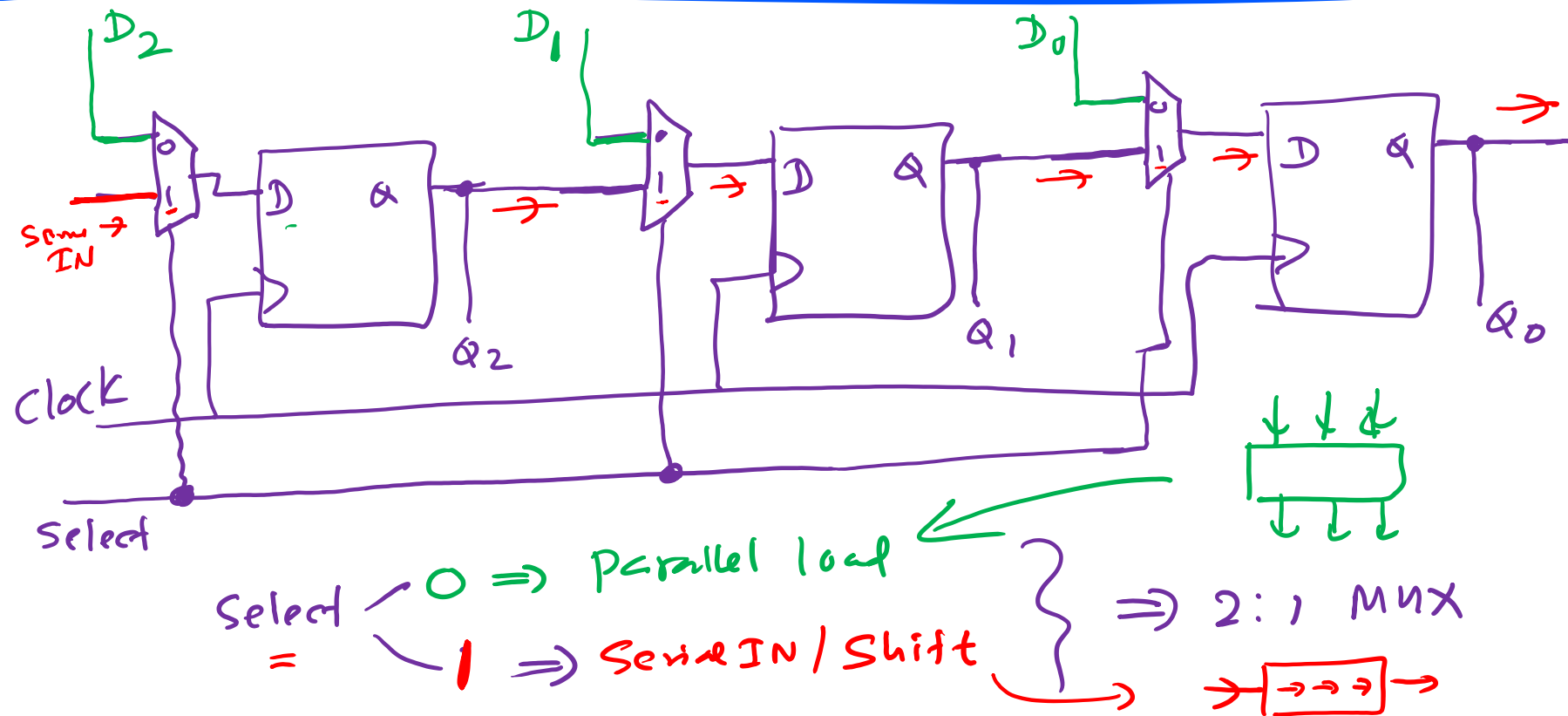
# Serial $\Leftrightarrow$ Parallel Conversion

- Shift registers can be used to do serial to parallel conversion (and vice-versa)
- *(Figure to be drawn in class)*



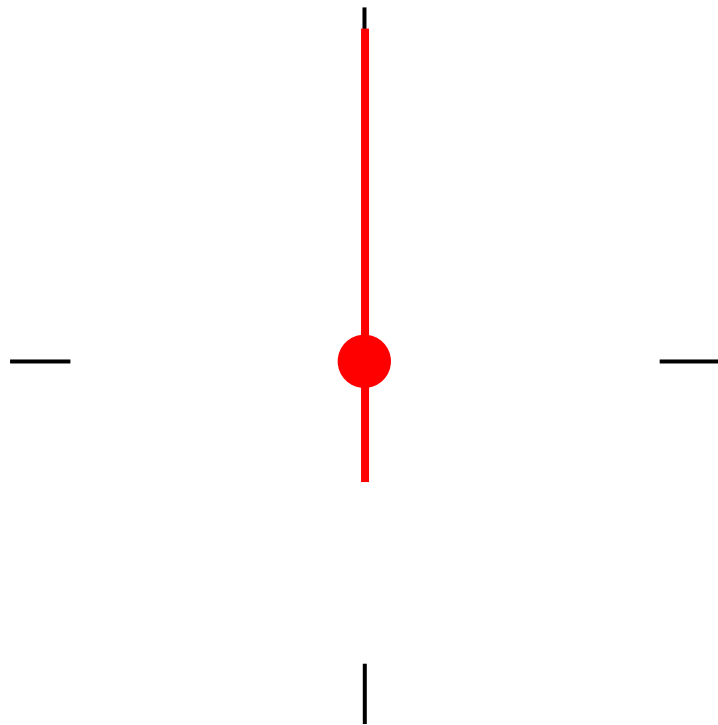
# Parallel to Serial and Serial to Parallel

(3 bit)



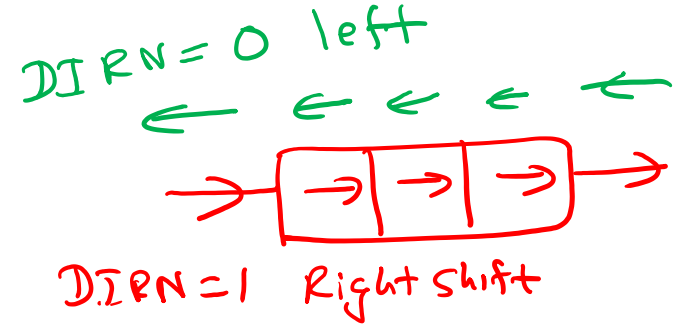
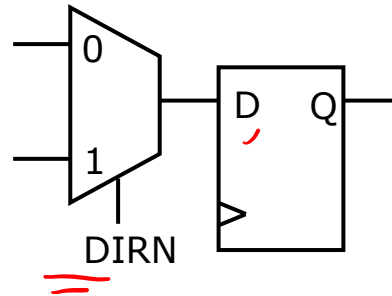
# Short Break

- Stand up and stretch



## Exercise: Bidirectional shift register

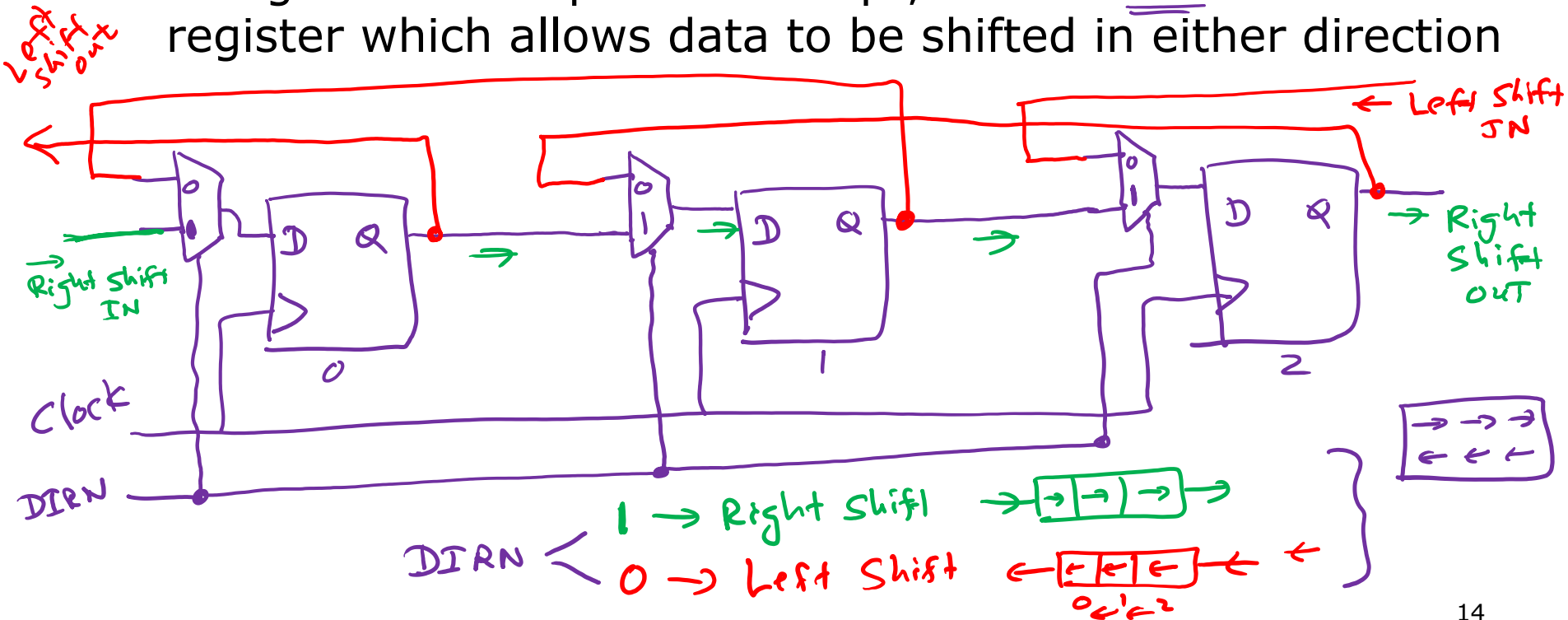
- Using same multiplexer concept, draw a 3-bit shift register which allows data to be shifted in either direction
- Hint: consider this element, where DIRN will be 0 for left shift, 1 for right shift



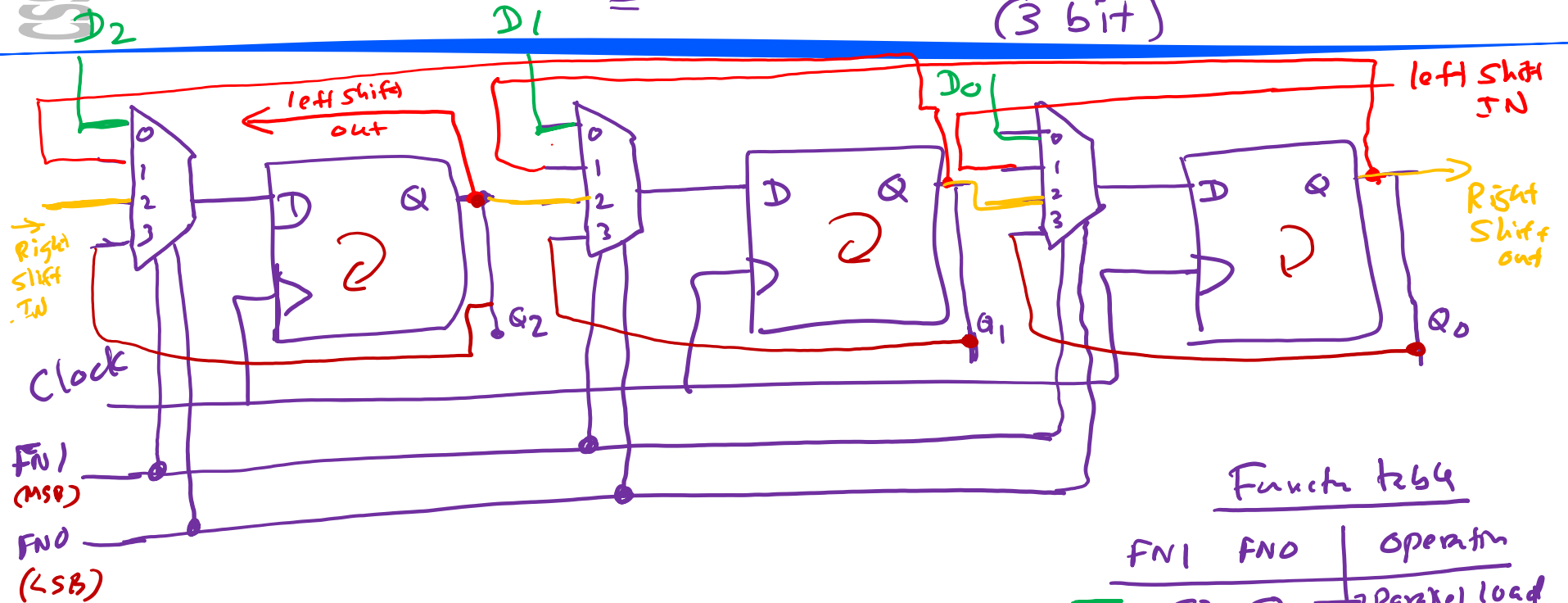
You have 2 minutes

# Exercise: Bidirectional shift register

- Using same multiplexer concept, draw a 3-bit shift register which allows data to be shifted in either direction



# ✓ Universal Shift Register (3 bit)



Function table

FN1	FN0	Operation
0	0	Parallel load
0	1	left shift
1	0	Right shift
1	1	Stay same

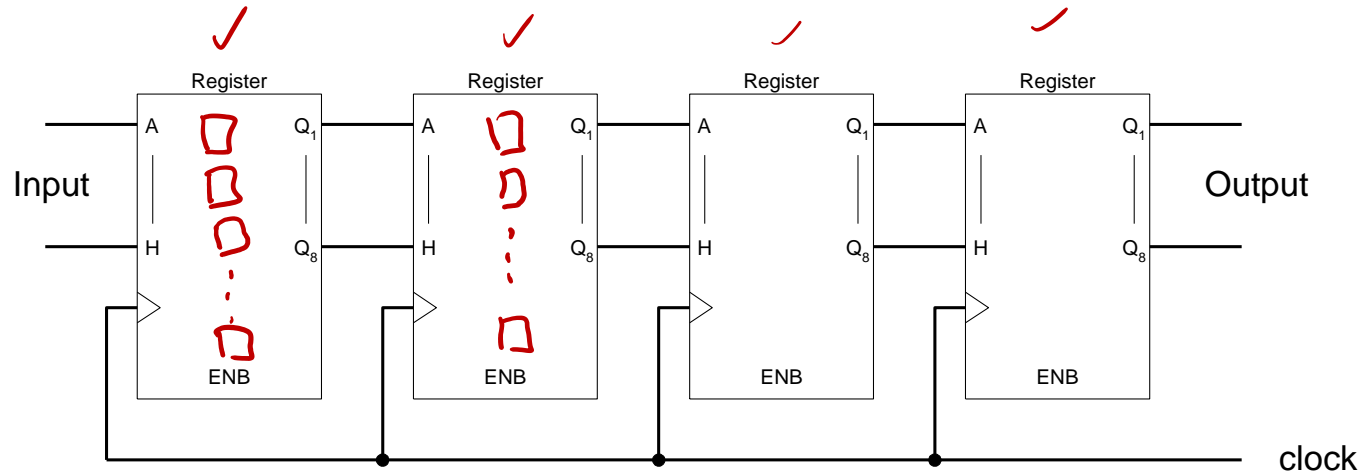
# Universal Shift Register

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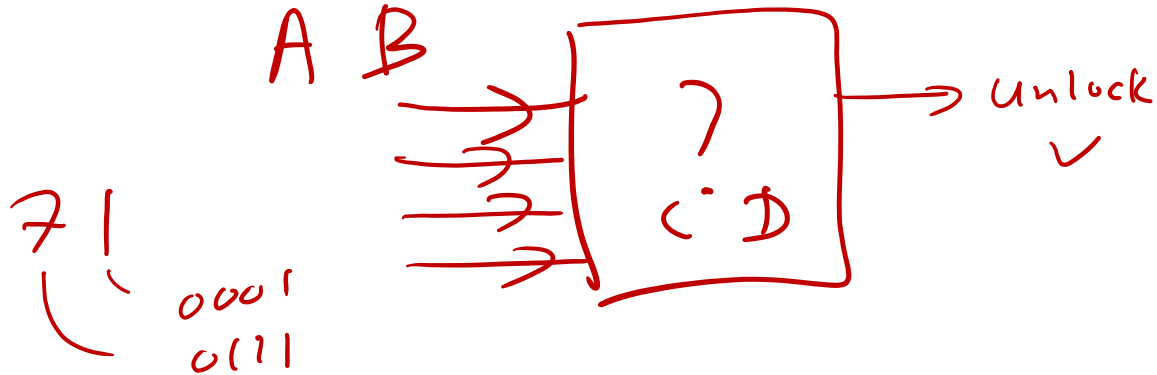
# 8-bit Wide Shift Register

- Multiple bits shifted at a time
- Example 4-stage 8-bit queue:

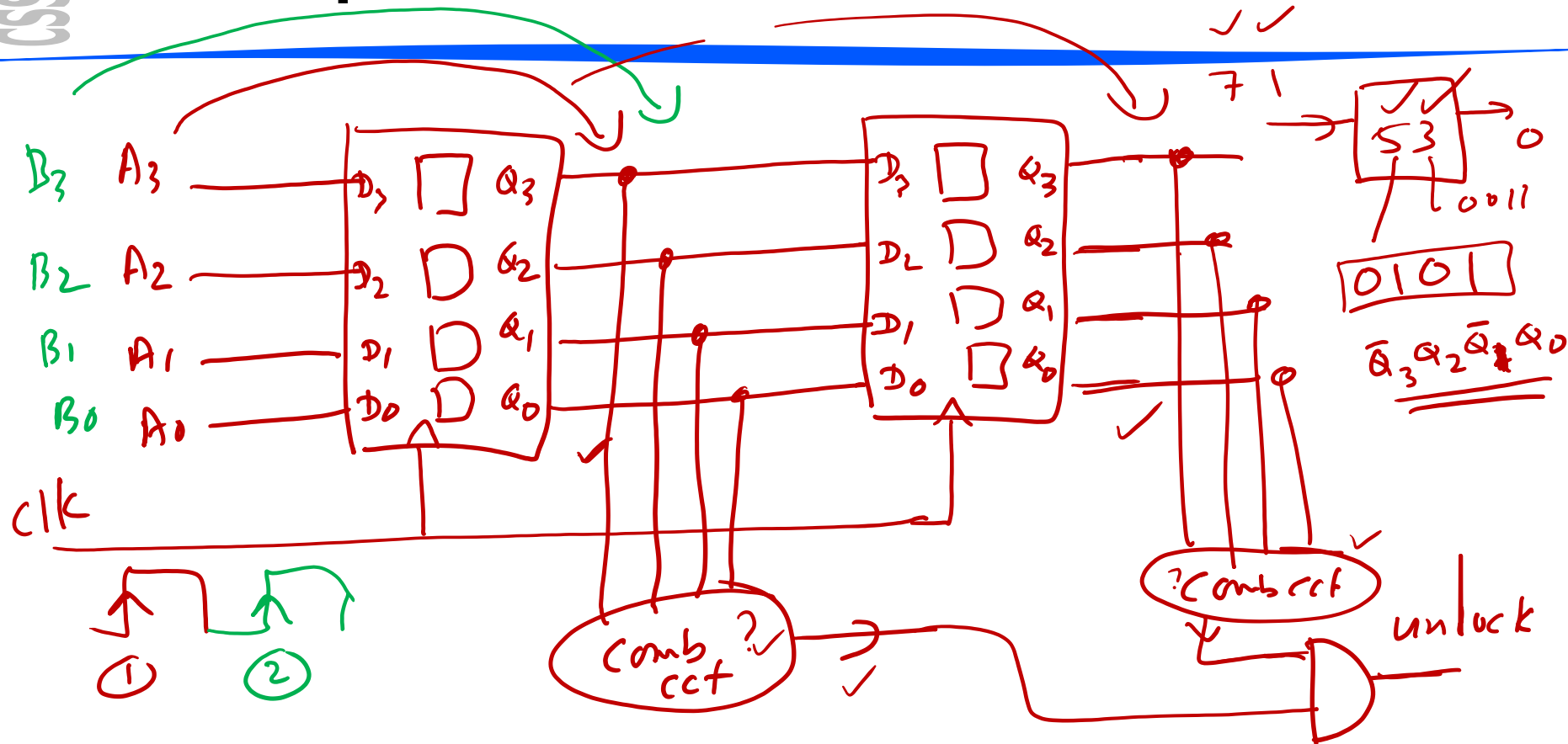


# Lab 06 Preparation Task – to be discussed in class

**2-digit lock/unlock circuit: User inputs two decimal digital (4 bits each) AB in serial and the circuit should match the two input digits with a code (say CD) and unlock if the input matches with the code (i.e.  $AB=CD$ ).** ✓



# Lab 06 Preparation Task – to be discussed in class



# Reminders

- ✓ Quiz 2 due Friday 4pm
- Lab 6/7 preparation tasks for next week