GST108 : Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning

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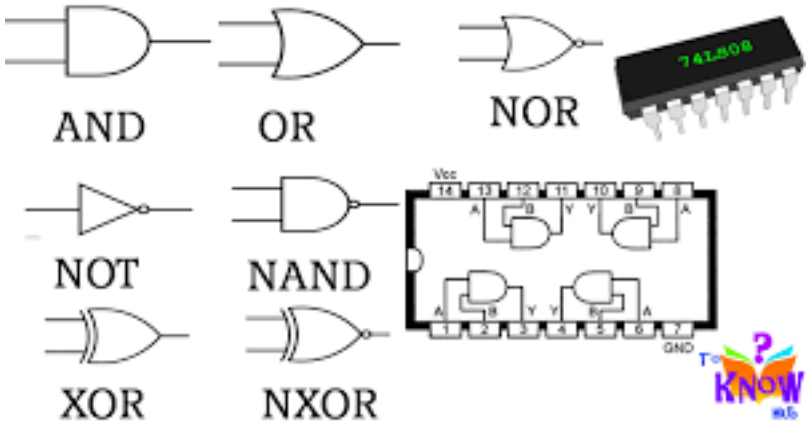
1 Introduction

A logic gate is a building block of a digital circuit which is at the heart of any computer operation.

1.1 LOGIC GATES

A logic gate is an idealized model of computation or physical electronic device implementing a Boolean function, a logical operation performed on one or more binary inputs that produces a single binary output.



Behind every digital system is a logic gate.

Logic gates perform logical operations that take binary input (0s and 1s) and produce a single binary output. They are used in most electronic device including.

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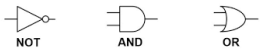
Now think of a logic gate like a light switch, it is either in an ON or OFF position. Similarly, the input output terminals are always in one of two binary positions false(0) and true(1). Each gate has its own logic or set of rules that determines how it acts based on multiple inputs outlined in a truth table.

Combining 10s, 1000s or millions of logic gates makes it possible for a computer to perform highly complex operations and tasks at ever increasing speeds.

A gate is a basic electronic circuit which operates on one or more signals to produce an output signal. Logic gates are digital circuits constructed from diodes, transistors, and resistors connected in such a way that the circuit output is the result of a basic logic operation **(OR, AND, NOT)** performed on the inputs.

2 TYPES OF LOGIC GATES

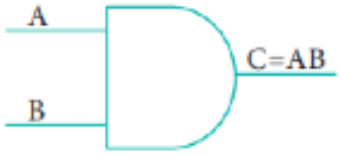
Fundamental gates are **AND, OR** and **NOT**



Derived Gates are **NAND, NOR, XOR** and **XNOR**
(derived from the fundamental gates)
Universal Gates are **NAND** and **NOR** gates (the fundamental logic gates can be realized through them).

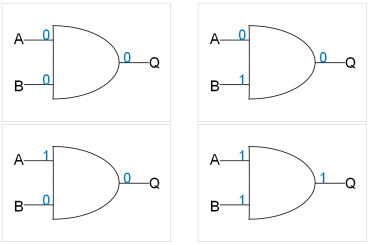
2.1 AND Gate

The expression C = A X B reads as "C equals A AND B."
The multiplication sign (X) stands for the AND operation, same for ordinary multiplication of 1s and 0s.



The AND operation produces a true output (result of 1) only for the single case when all of the input variables are 1 and a false output (result of 0) where one or more inputs are 0.

Input		Output
A	B	Y
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

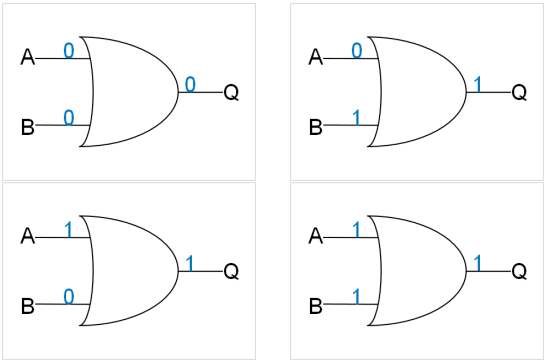

A
0
B
0
0
Q
A
0
B
1
0
Q
A
1
B
0
0
Q
A
1
B
1
1
Q

2.2 OR Gate

The expression C = A + B reads as "C equals A OR B". It is the inclusive "OR"
The Addition (+) sign stands for the OR operation

The OR operation produces a true output (result of 1) when any of the input variable is 1 and a false output (result of 0) only when all the input variables are 0.

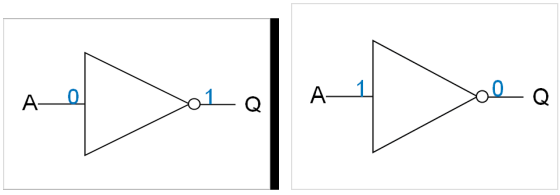
Or Truth Table		
A	**B**	**Q**
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1


A
0
B
0
0
Q
A
0
B
1
1
Q
A
1
B
0
1
Q
A
1
B
1
1
Q

2.3 NOT GATE

The NOT gate is called a logical inverter.
It has only one input. It reverses the original input (A)
to give an inverted output C.
C = NOT A or C = $\overline{A}$

A	**NOT** A
0	1
1	0


A
0
1
Q
A
1
0
Q

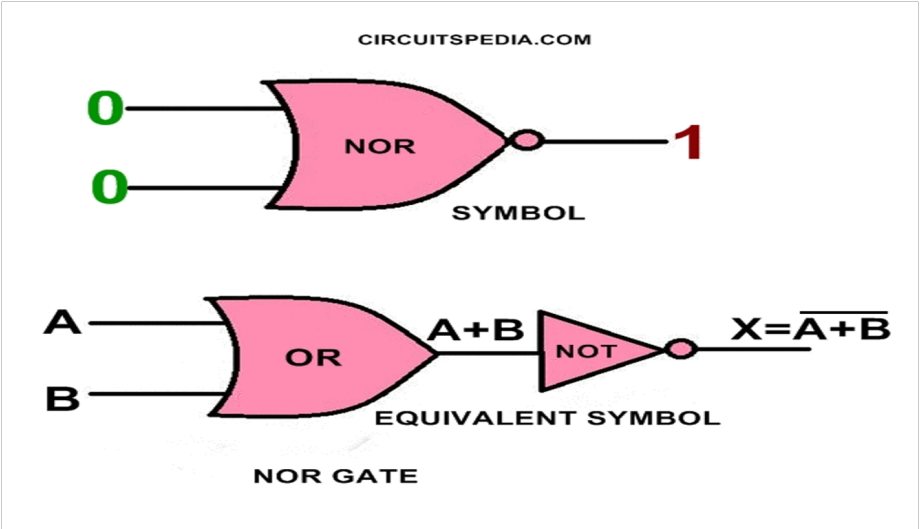
2.4 NOR GATE

The NOR (NOT OR) gate circuit is an inverter OR gate.

$C=\overline{(A+B)}$

Reads as C = NOT of A or B.

Input		Output
A	B	Y
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0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0
0
NOR
1
SYMBOL
A
B
OR
A+B
NOT
X=A+B
EQUIVALENT SYMBOL
NOR GATE

2.5 NAND GATE

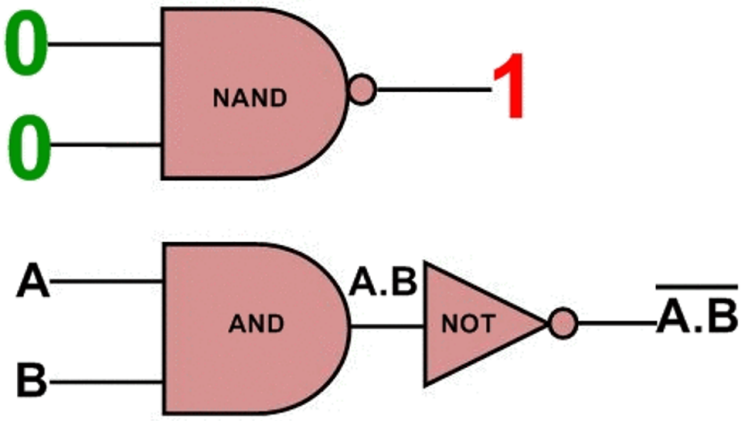
The NAND (NOT AND) Gate is an inverted AND Gate.

$C = \overline{((AxB)}$

Reads as C = NOT of A AND B.

The NAND Gate gives a false output (result of 0) only when both inputs are true (1).

Input		Output
A	B	Y= $\overline{A.B}$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



NAND gate

2.6 XOR GATE

An XOR (exclusive OR) gate acts in the same way as the exclusive OR logical connector.
It gives a true output (result of 1) if one, and only one, of the inputs to the gate is true (1), i.e either or but not both.

$$c = A \oplus B = A.\overline{B} + \overline{A}.B$$

Inputs		Output
A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

2.7 XNOR GATE

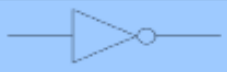
The XNOR (exclusive - NOR) gate is a combination XOR gate followed by an inverter. It is represented by the $\odot$

Its gives a true output (1), if the inputs are the same, and a false output (0) if the inputs are different.

C=$\overline{A \oplus B} = \overline{(\overline{A}.B + A.\overline{B})}$

Inputs		Output
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

3 Logic Gates and their Truth Tables

Logical Gates	Symbol	Truth Table
AND		A B AB 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1
OR		A B A + B 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1
NOT		A $\overline{A}$ 0 1 1 0
NAND		A B $\overline{A \cdot B}$ 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0
NOR		A B $\overline{A + B}$ 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0
XOR		A B A⊕B 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0
XNOR		A B $\overline{A \oplus B}$ 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1

4 Summary

Using different combination of logic gates, complex operations can be performed.[1]
With the Universal logic gates - NAND and NOR, any other gate can be built.
There is no limit to the number of gates that can be arranged together in a single device.
However, in practice, there is a limit to the number of gates that can be packed into a given physical space.
Arrays of logic gates are found in digital integrated circuits.

4.1 Summary contd.

The logic gates are abstract representations of real electronic circuits.[2]
In computers, Logic gates are built using transistors combined with other electrical components like resistors and diodes.
These electrical components are wired together in order to transform a particular input to give a desired output.
Making Logic Gates from Transistors**(click to watch)**

5 QUIZ

What is the output of an AND gate if the inputs are 1 and 0?

Explain the difference between the AND gate and the OR gate.

What is the output of a NOT gate if the inputs is 0?

Which logic gate is this?

Which gate is also known as a logical converter?

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