

CSCI 210: Computer Architecture

Lecture 20: Clocks, Latches and Flip-Flops

Stephen Checkoway

Oberlin College

Nov. 17, 2021

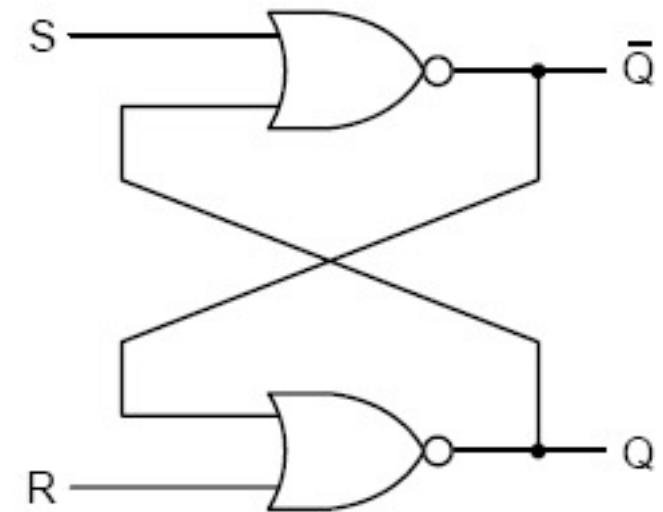
Slides from Cynthia Taylor

Announcements

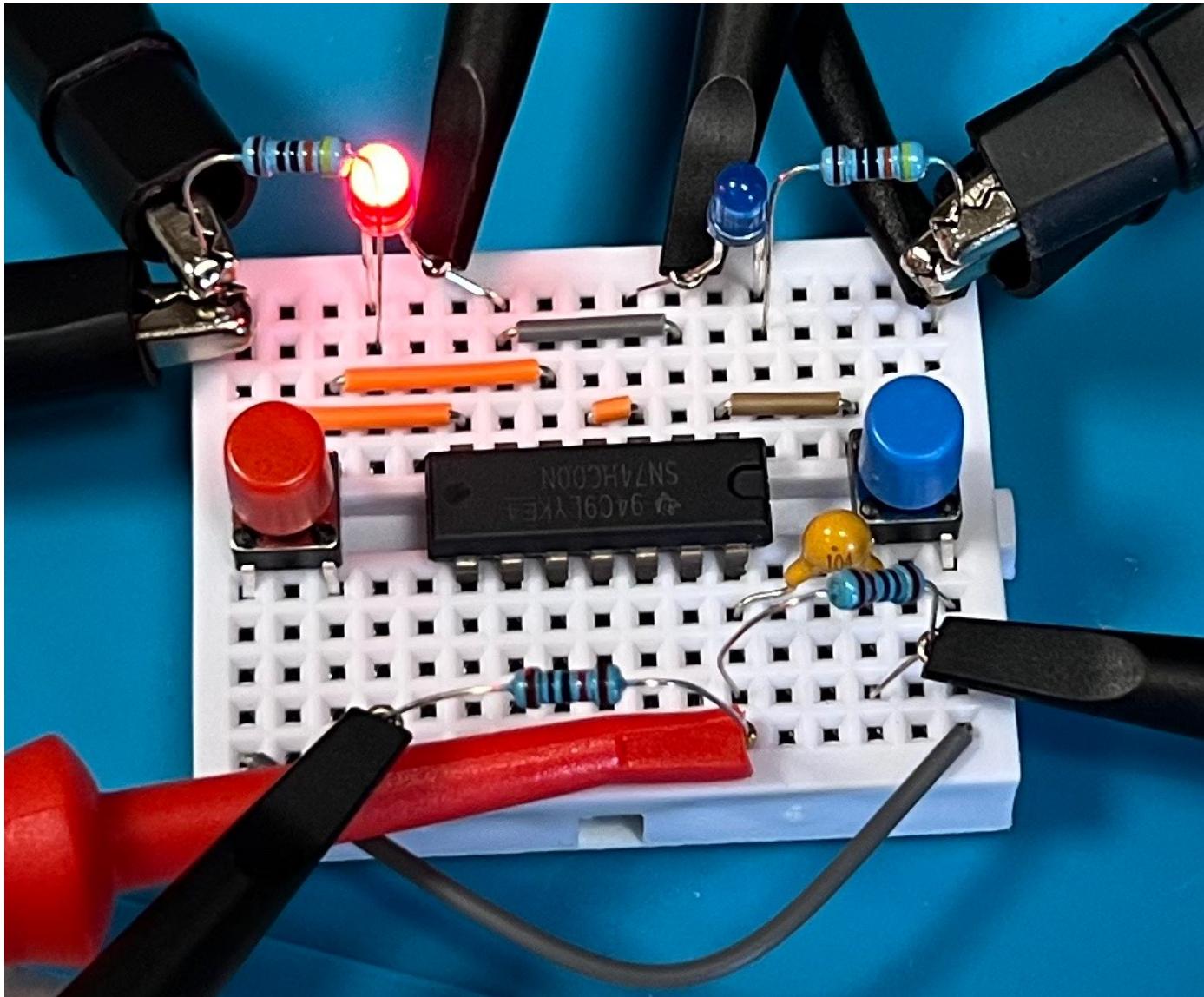
- Problem Set 6 due Friday
- Lab 5 due a week from Sunday
- Women & Non-binary in CS lunch
 - Wednesday, 12:15pm
- Office Hours Friday 13:30–14:30

S-R Latch

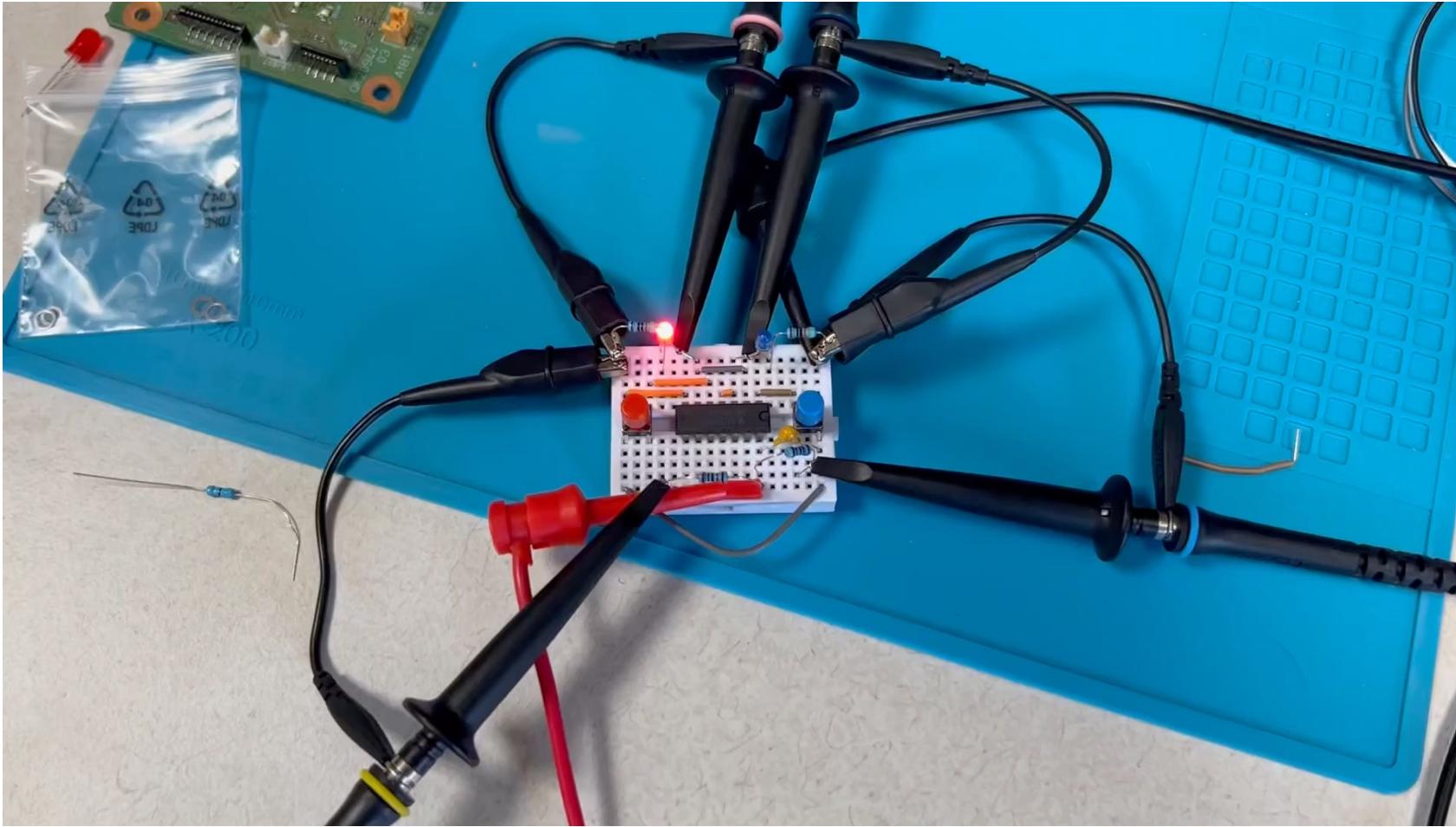
- Set: $Q_t = 1 \quad \bar{Q}_t = 0$
- Reset: $Q_t = 0 \quad \bar{Q}_t = 1$
- Otherwise: $Q_t = Q_{t-1} \quad \bar{Q}_t = \bar{Q}_{t-1}$



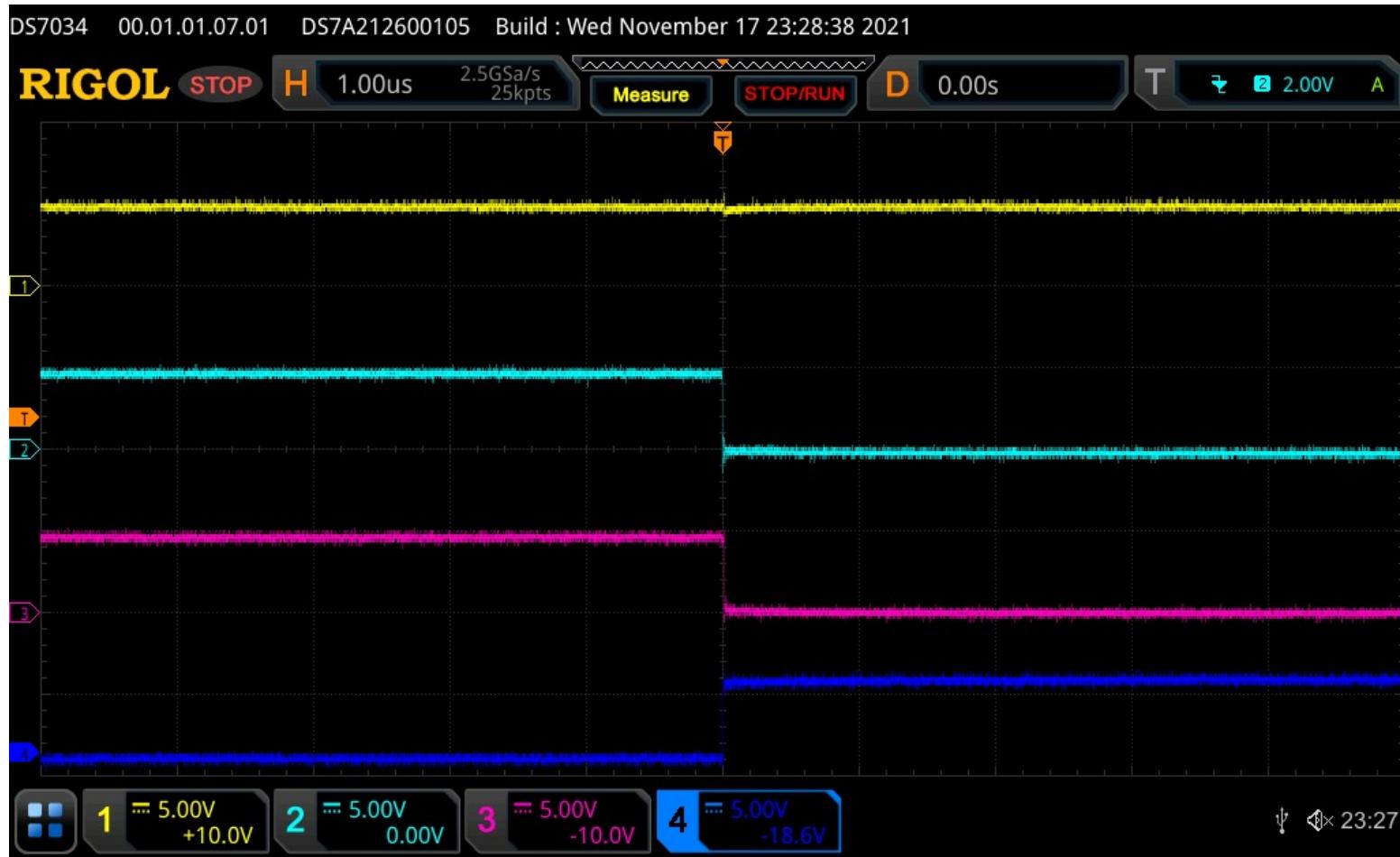
We can also build S-R latches out of NAND gates



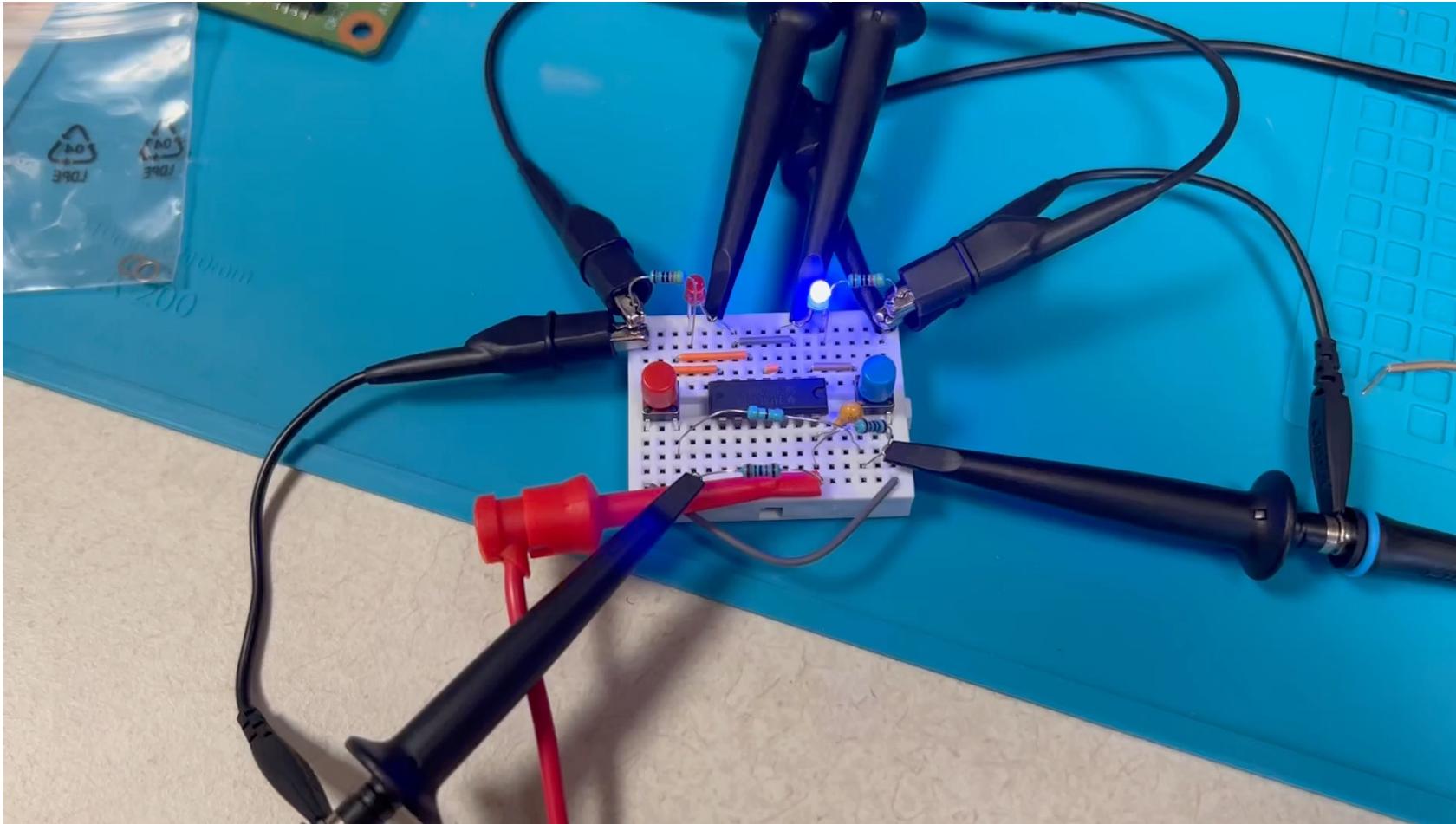
The logic is inverted: set and reset are 0-triggered



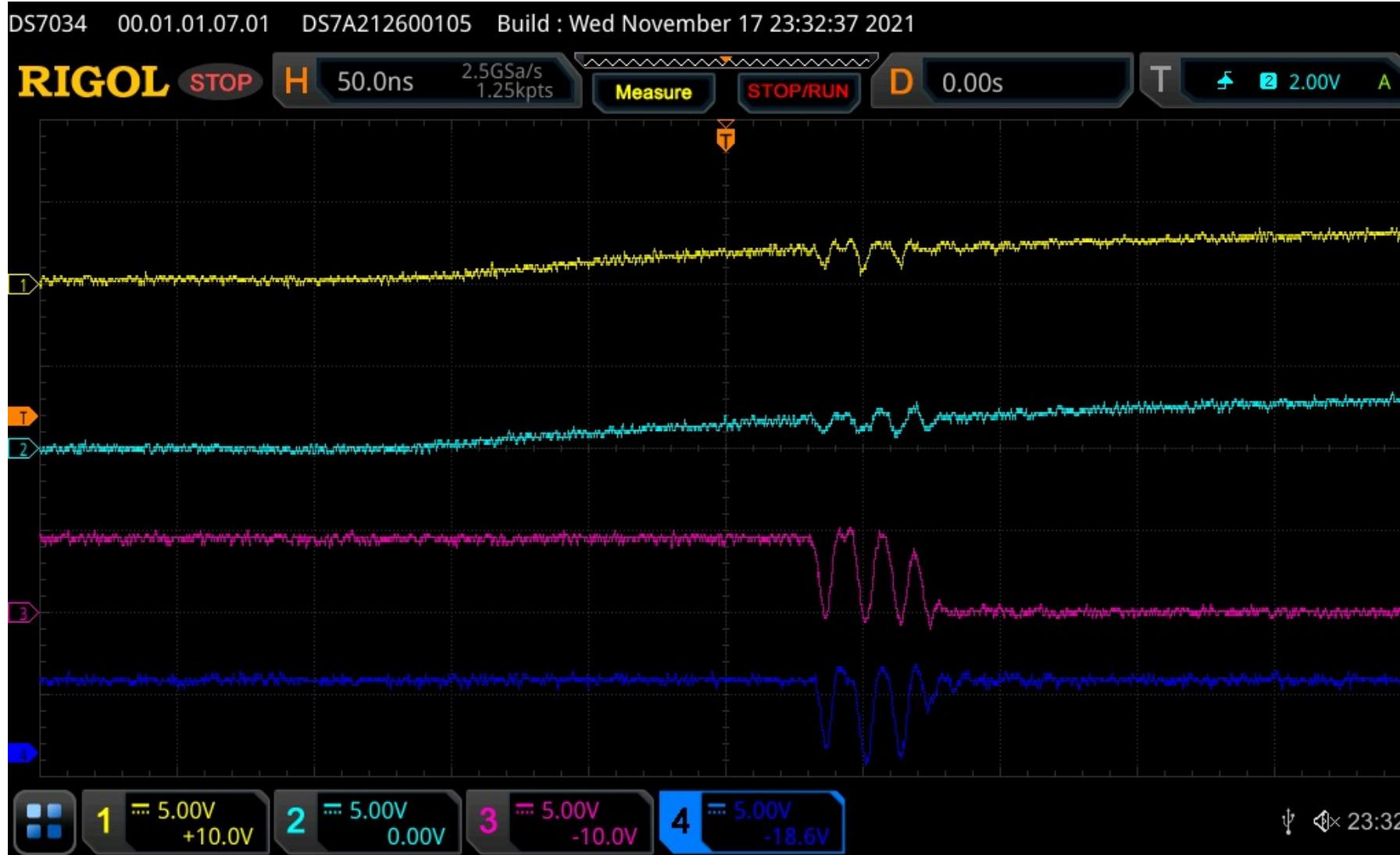
The logic is inverted: set and reset are 0-triggered



$S = 0, R = 0$ is the invalid combination



When S and R are released (brought to 1) simultaneously, it's astable



Clock



- Oscillates between 1 and 0 with a fixed period
 - 0 to 1 transition is a **rising edge**
 - 1 to 0 transition is a **falling edge**
 - Time between two rising (or falling) edges is one **cycle**
- Used to control when values change

Clocked S-R Latch

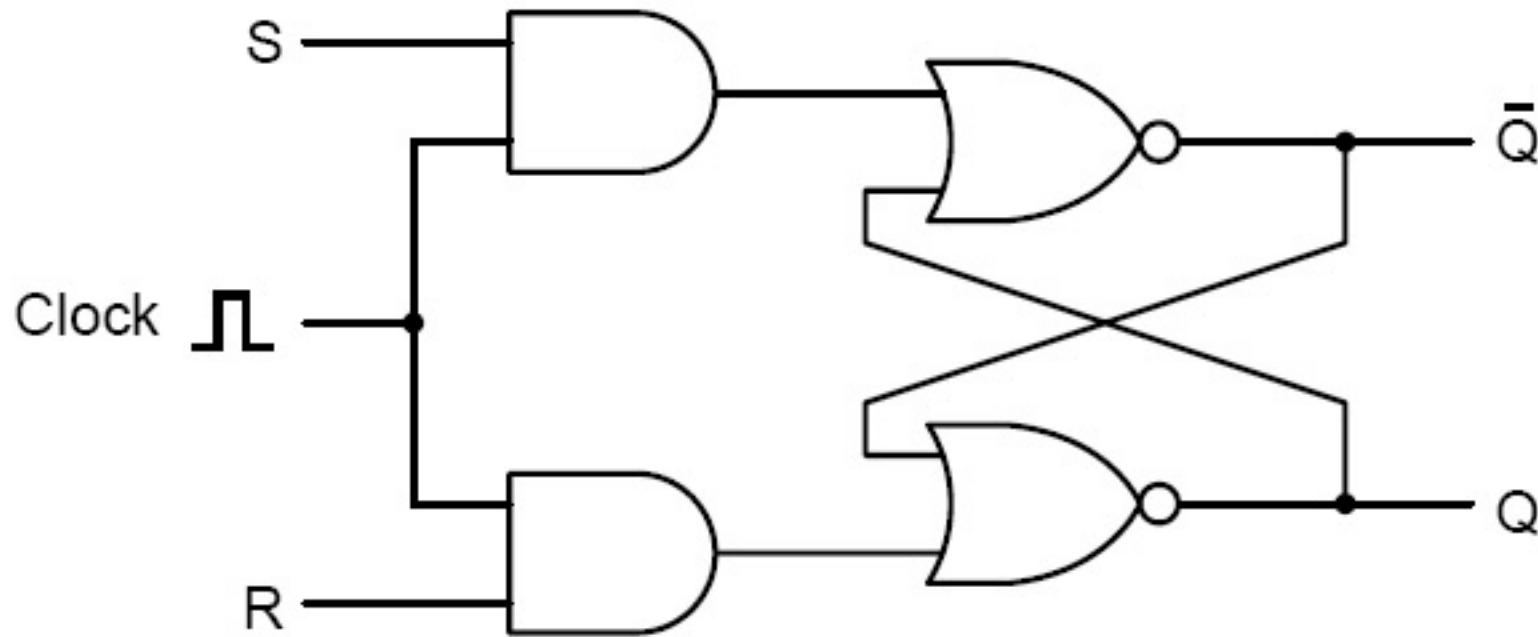


Figure 3-23. A clocked SR latch.

- Only changes state when the clock is asserted

Given S, R and Clock, Q will be:

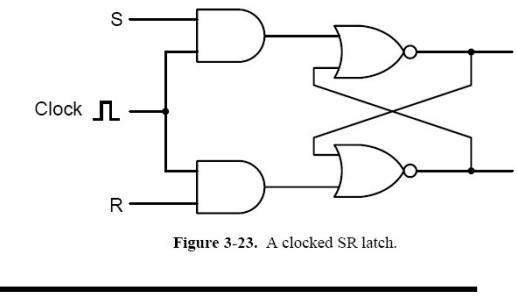
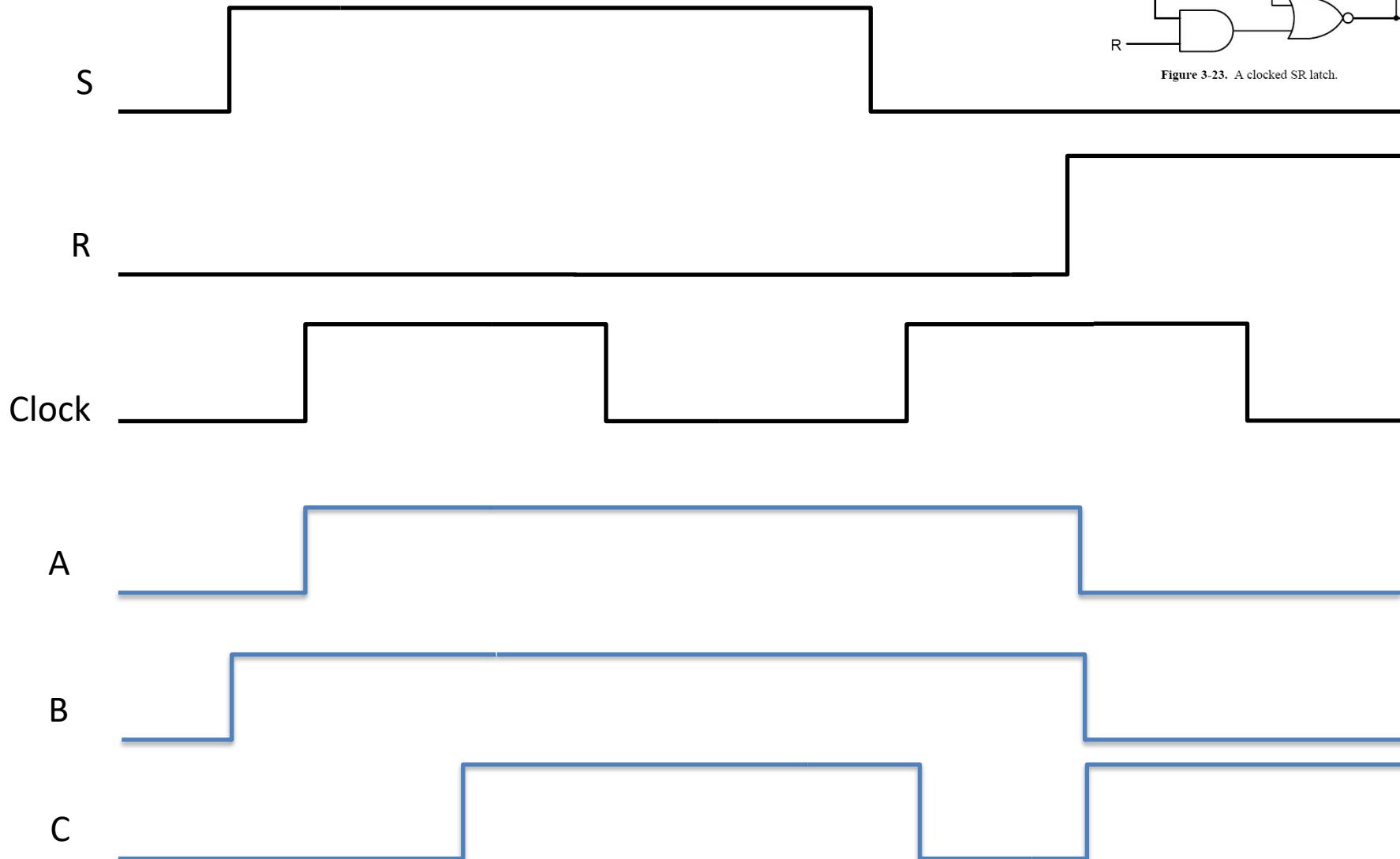
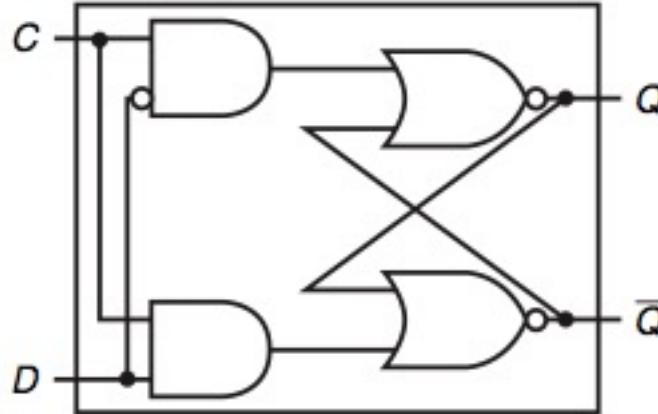


Figure 3-23. A clocked SR latch.

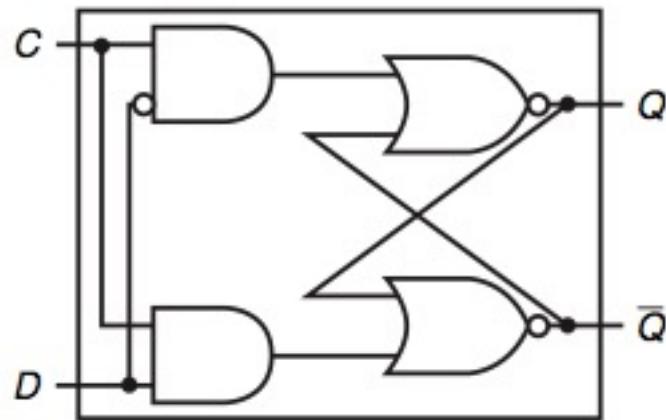
D. None of the above

Clocked D-Latch



- S-R latch, but now there is a single input, D, ANDed with the clock
- Now impossible to have both inputs set to 1

Which Column Completes the Truth Table?

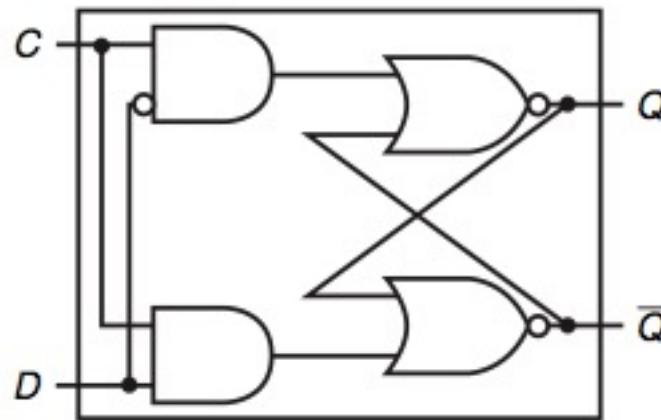


C	D	Q
1	1	
1	0	

A	B	C	D
1	1	0	1
1	0	1	Q_{prev}

E. None of the above

Which Column Completes the Truth Table?

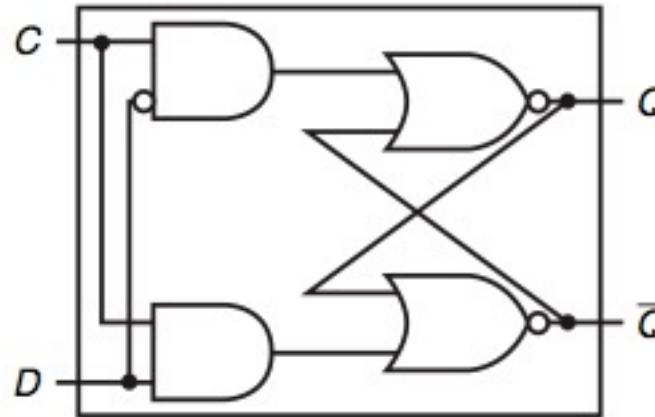


C	D	Q
0	1	
0	0	

A	B	C	D
0	1	1	Q_{prev}
0	0	Q_{prev}	Q_{prev}

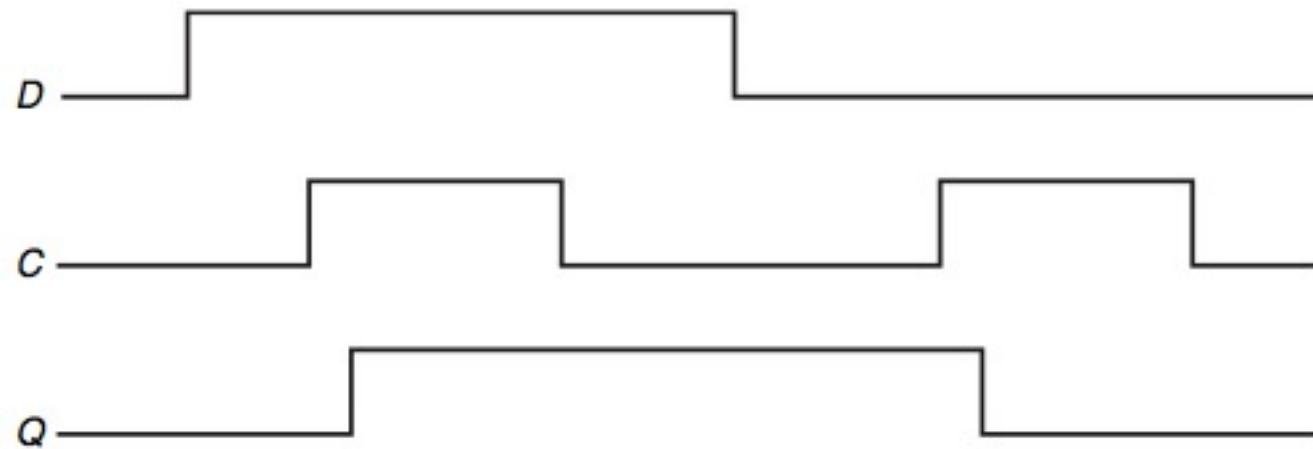
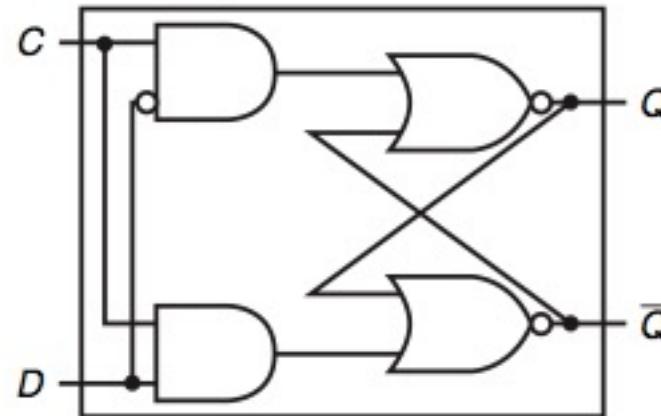
E. None of the above

Clocked D-Latch

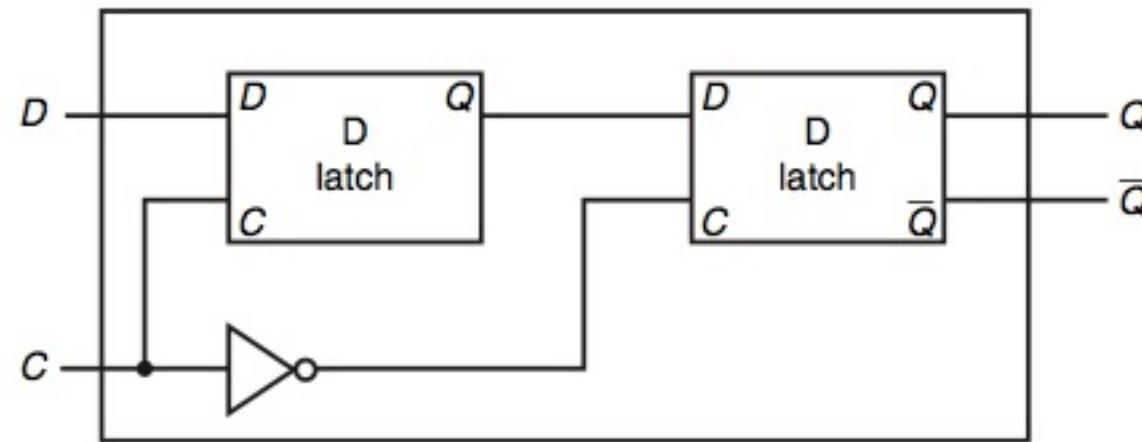


- Latch is “open” when clock is asserted
- Set to value of D when open, previous value when closed

Clocked D-Latch

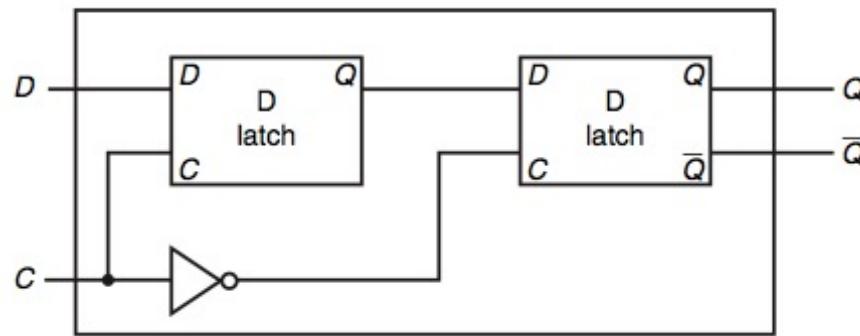


D Flip-Flop



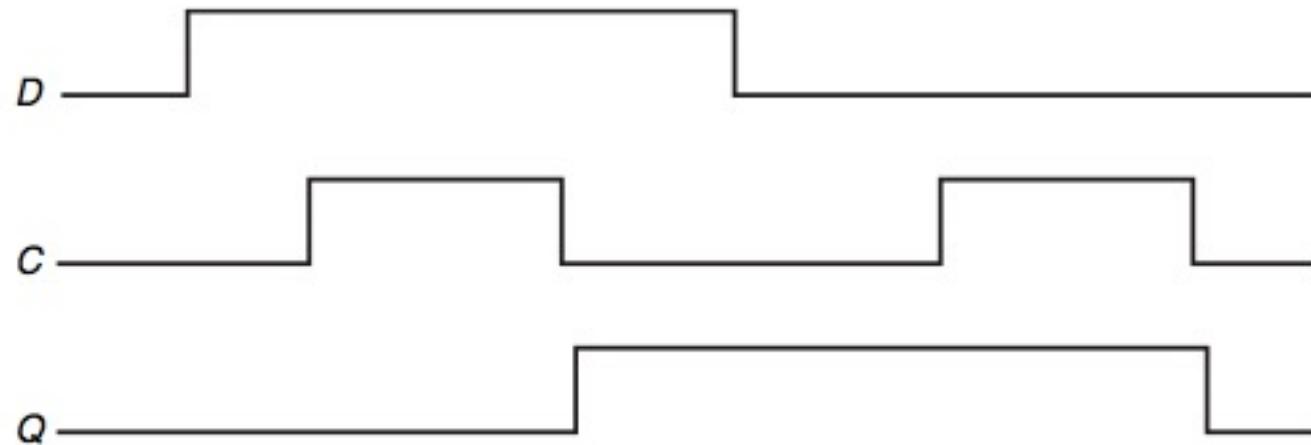
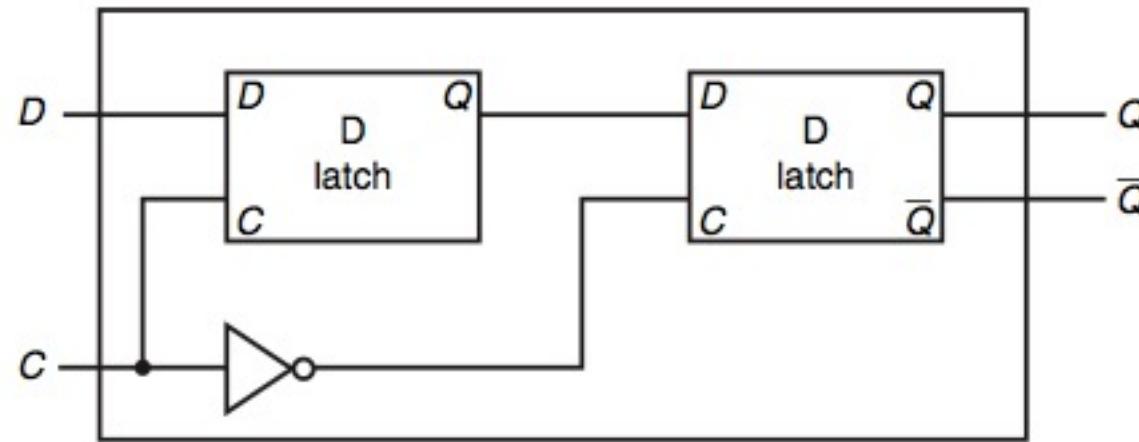
- Two D-Latches, with the clock negated to the second latch

The value of Q can change

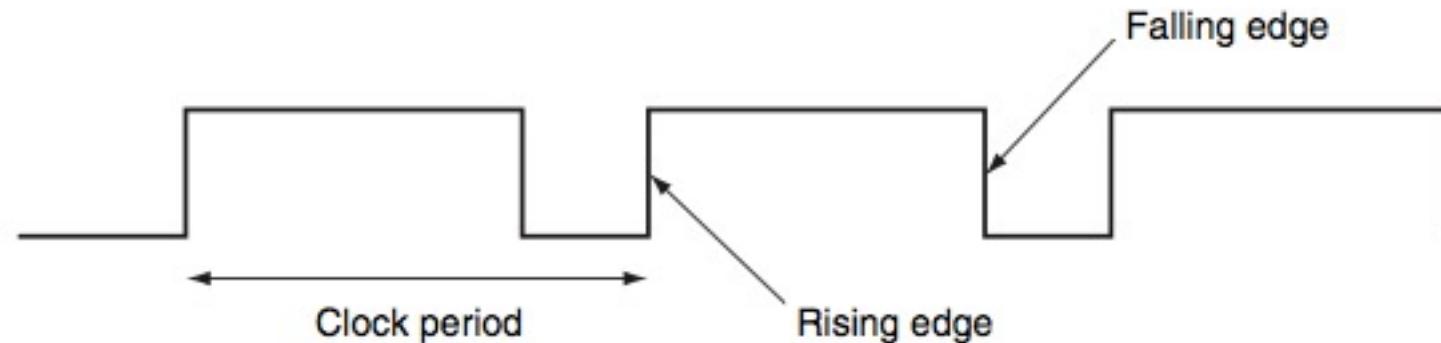


- A. Any time the clock is 1.
- B. Any time the clock is 0.
- C. When the clock changes from 1 to 0.
- D. When the clock changes from 0 to 1.
- E. None of the above

D-flip-flop: Falling Edge Trigger

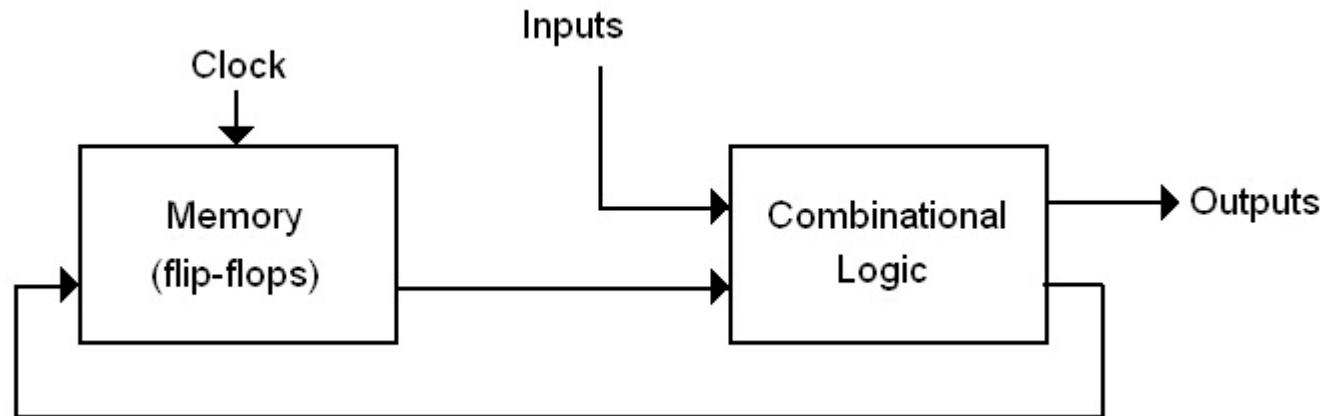


Edge-triggering



- All changes to state happen at one point in the clock cycle (either rising edge, or falling edge).
- (This is an unusual clock with a 75% duty cycle—it's on 75% of the time—most clocks have a 50% duty cycle)

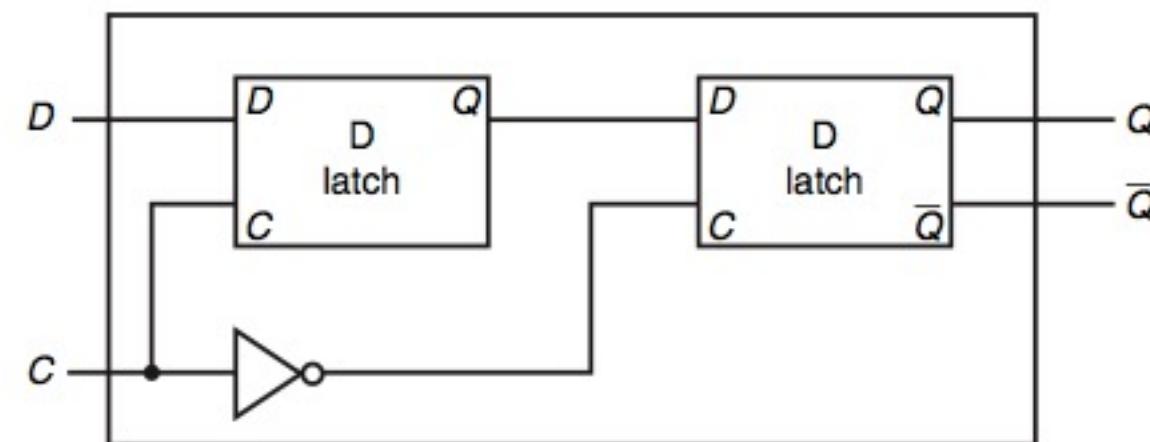
Memory



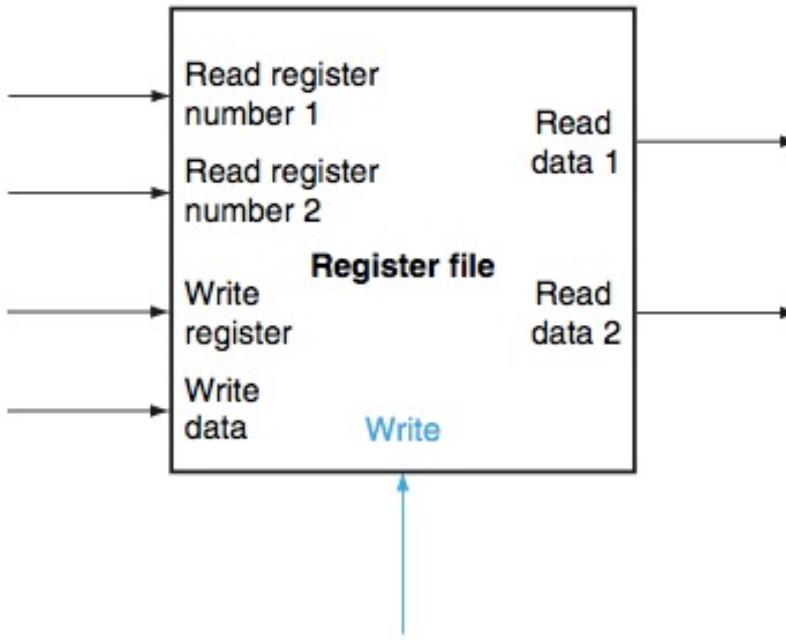
- Can save the results of combinational logic (think the ALU)
- Registers are (multi-bit) flip-flops!

Registers

- Each 32-bit register will consist of 32 1-bit D-flip-flops

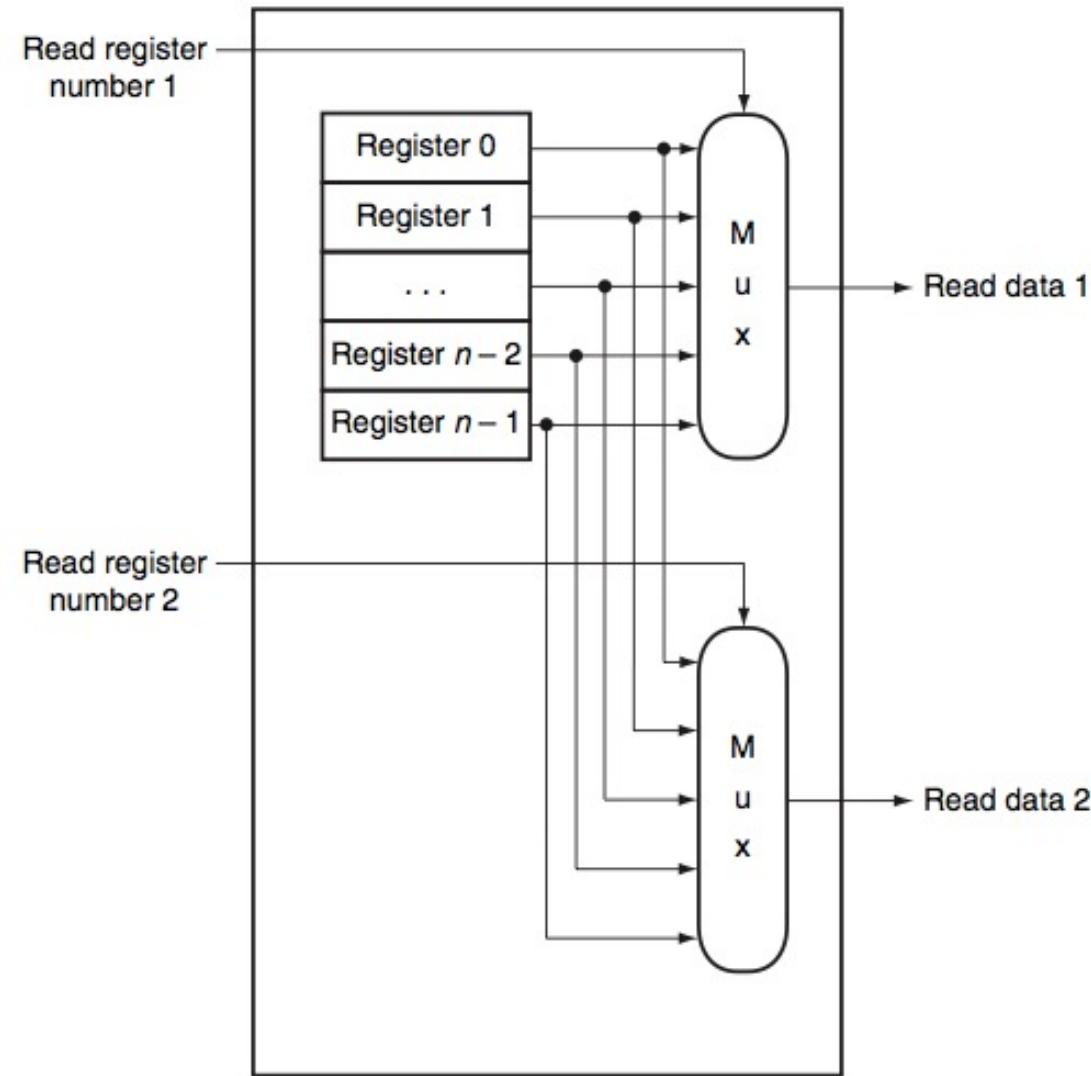


Register File

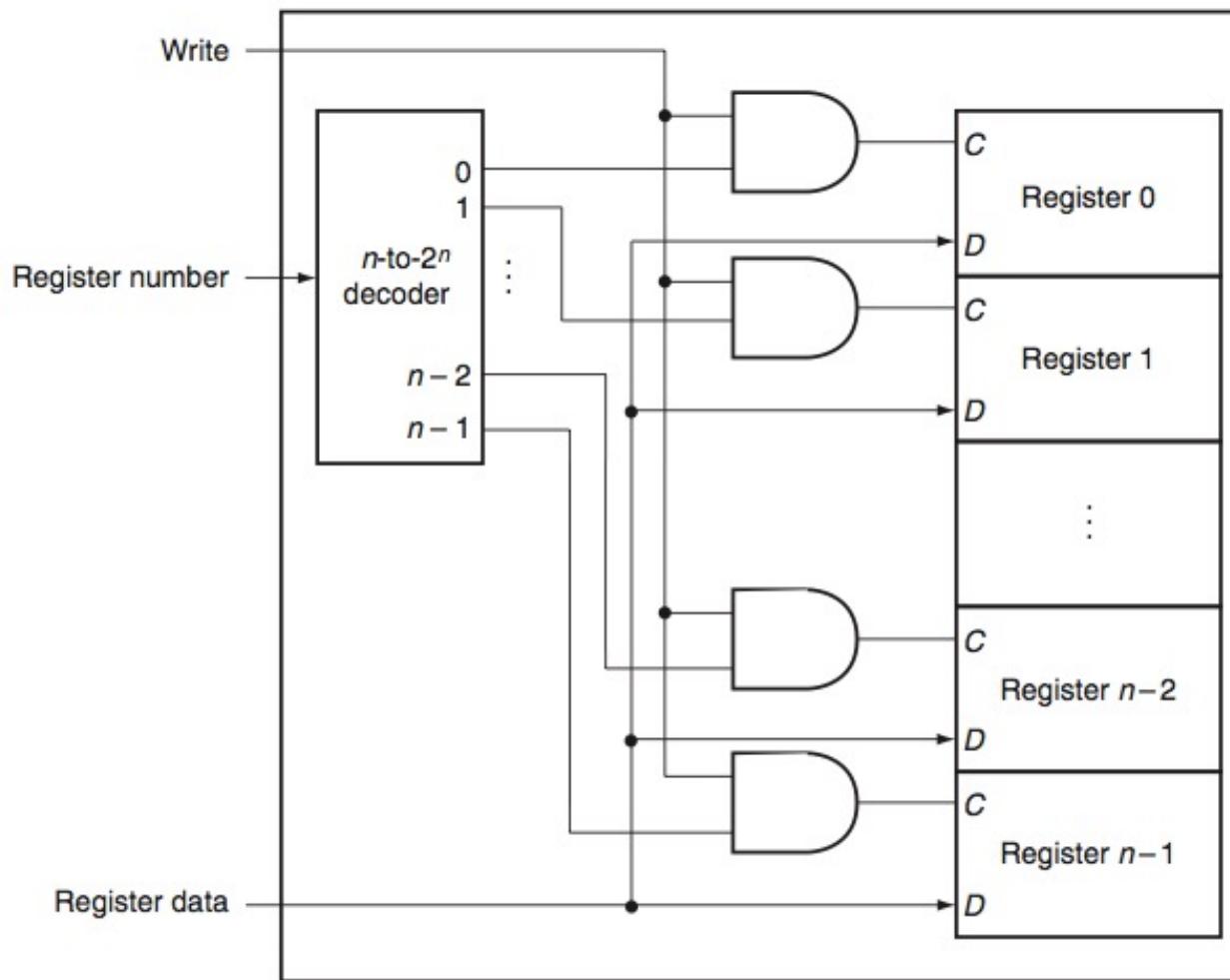


- Set of registers that can be written/read by supplying a register number

Read Function



Write Function



What will happen if we read and write to a register
in the same clock cycle?

- A. The read will get the previous value
- B. The read will get the just written value
- C. It is ambiguous
- D. None of the above

Reading

- Next lecture: Floating Point
 - 4.4
- Problem Set 6 due Friday