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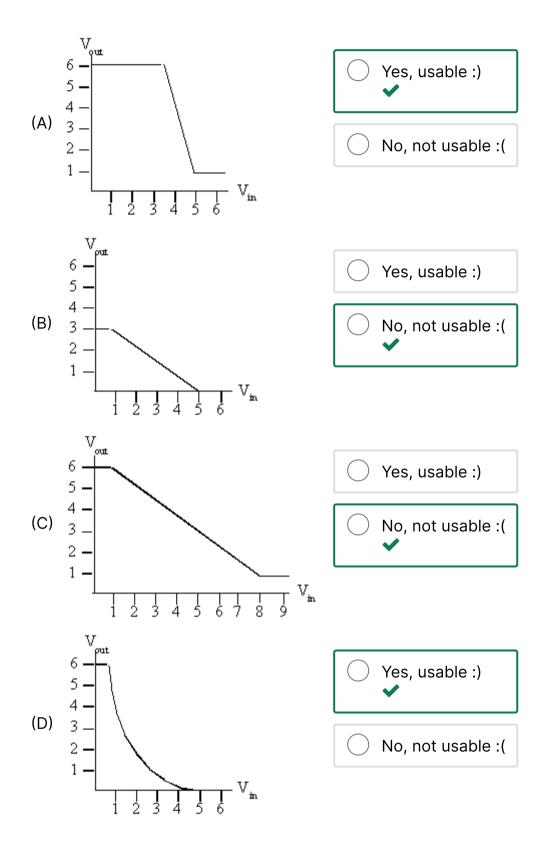
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### LE2.4.1: Inverter madness

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As VP of Engineering at Inverters-R-Us, you've received the following four voltage transfer characteristics from your integrated circuit development lab. The goal is to decide which of the devices could be used as a combinational inverter with positive noise margins. In other words, the device obeys the static discipline and there are choices for  $V_{OL}$ ,  $V_{IL}$ ,  $V_{IH}$ , and  $V_{OH}$  for which  $V_{IL} - V_{OL} > 0$  and  $V_{OH} - V_{IH} > 0$ .

For each device, indicate whether it can be used as combinational inverter.



Explanation

Device A:  $V_{OL}=1V, V_{IL}=3.5V, V_{IH}=5V, V_{OH}=6V$ 

Device B: no values that would obey the static discipline exist, the gain is never greater than one

Device C: no values that would obey the static discipline exist, the gain is never greater than one

Device D:  $V_{OL}=.5V, V_{IL}=1V, V_{IH}=3.5V, V_{OH}=6V$ 

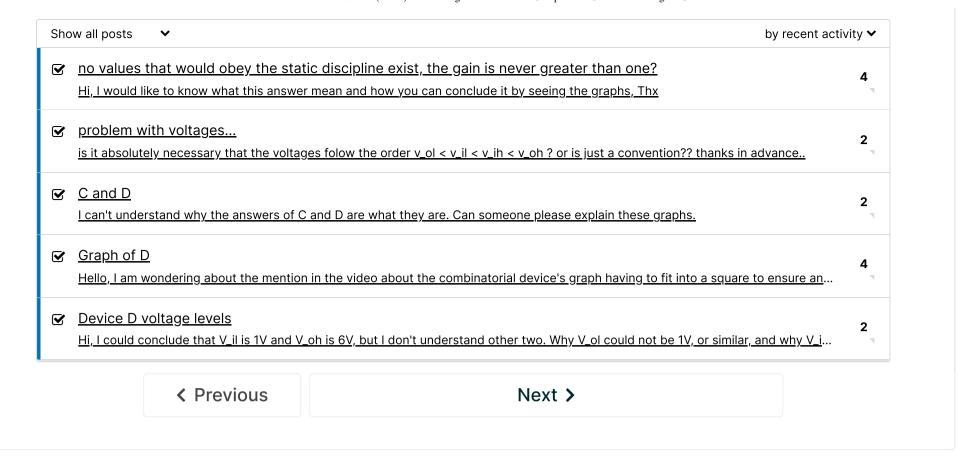
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