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1. [12 marks total.] Questions about number representations, arithmetic, and ROM arrays.

(a) [2 marks.] Convert $A0A_{16}$ to octal representation.

$$A0A_{16} = 1010\ 0000\ 1010_2 = 101\ 000\ 001\ 010_2 = 5012_8$$

(b) [2 marks.] Convert $A0A_{16}$ to decimal representation.

$$A0A_{16} = 10 \times 16^2 + 0 \times 16^1 + 10 \times 16^0 = 2560 + 0 + 10 = 2570_{10}$$

(c) [3 marks.] In a 8-bit two’s-complement system, what decimal number does the bit pattern 10000111 represent?

The number is negative. Its magnitude can be found with two’s-complement negation ...

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{invert bits of number: } 0111\ 1000 \\ \text{add 1: } 0111\ 1001 \end{array}$$

$$\text{The magnitude is } 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^0 = 64 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 1 = 121_{10}.$$

The bit pattern represents the number -121_{10} .

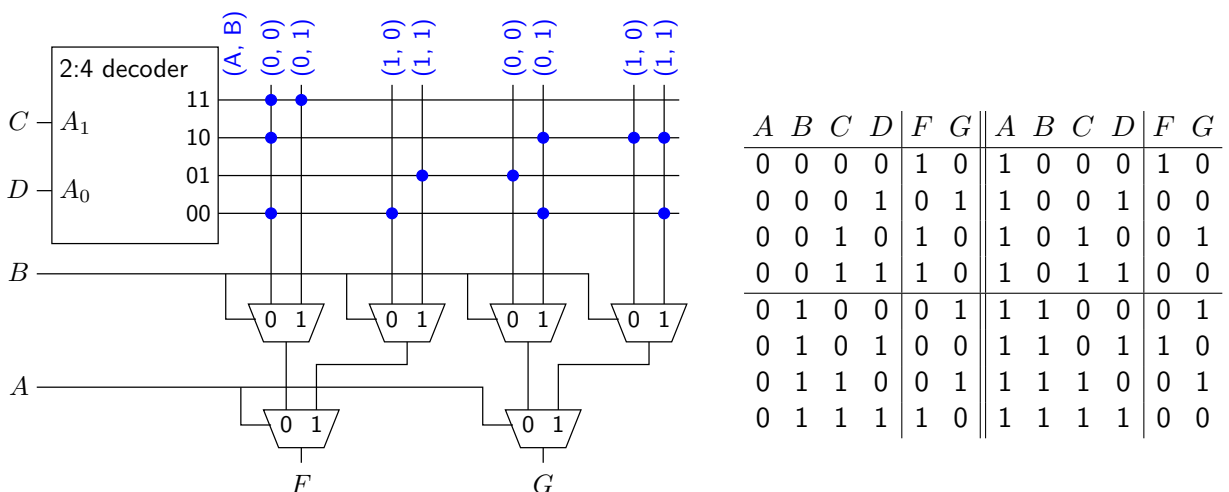
(d) [1 mark.] Here is a 4-bit binary addition:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{carries: } 1\ 1000 \\ a: \quad 1101 \\ b: \quad 1100 \\ \hline \text{sum: } 1001 \end{array}$$

Is there signed overflow in the addition? Give a clear reason for your answer.

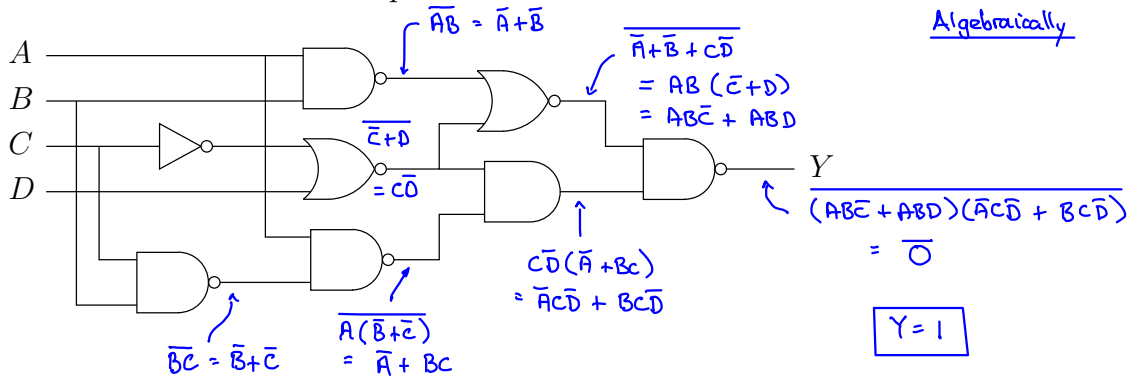
Answer: No. Reason: The signs of a, b and sum are all the same. Alternate reason: The carry out of the MSB column matches the carry in to the MSB column.

(e) [4 marks.] The following circuit is made from a 4×8 ROM array and six 2:1 multiplexers. Place dots on the ROM array to implement the given truth table.

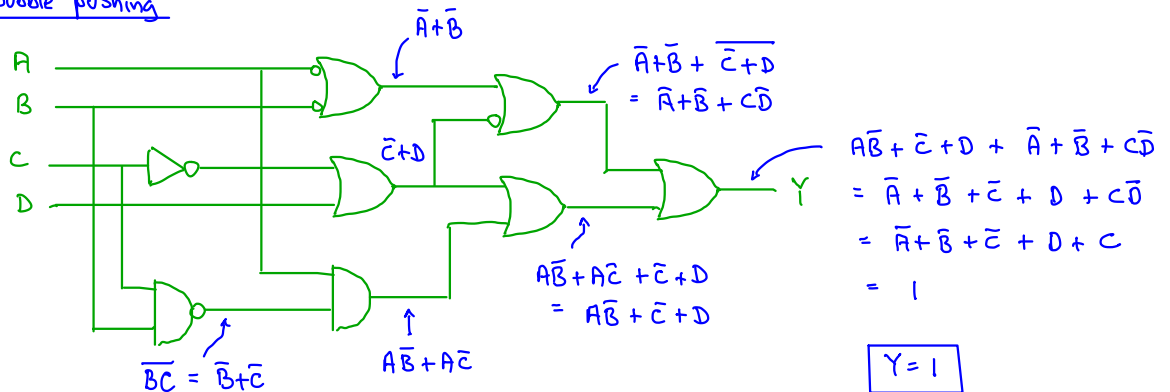


2. [11 marks total.] Questions on Boolean algebra.

(a) [5 marks.] Use algebra and/or bubble-pushing to determine Y . Express Y appropriately as either an SOP expression or as a constant (0 or 1). Do not use a truth table or K-map.



By bubble pushing



(b) [6 marks.] Use algebraic manipulation and the definition of $A \oplus B$ as $\overline{AB} + \overline{A\bar{B}}$ to answer the following questions. Do not use truth tables or K-maps.

i. Express $F = A \oplus B \oplus AB$ in minimal SOP form.

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= A \oplus B \oplus AB = (A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B) \oplus AB \\
 &= (A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B)\overline{AB} + \overline{(A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B)}AB \\
 &= (A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B)(\bar{A} + \bar{B}) + (\bar{A} + B)(A + \bar{B})AB \\
 &= A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B + (\bar{A}\bar{B} + AB)AB \\
 &= A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B + AB \\
 &= A(\bar{B} + B) + \bar{A}B = A + \bar{A}B = (A + \bar{A})(A + B) \\
 \text{so } F &= A + B
 \end{aligned}$$

ii. Prove that the XOR operator is *distributive*; that is,

$$A(B \oplus C) = AB \oplus AC.$$

Left-hand side

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(B \oplus C) &= A(B\bar{C} + \bar{B}C) \\
 &= AB\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C
 \end{aligned}$$

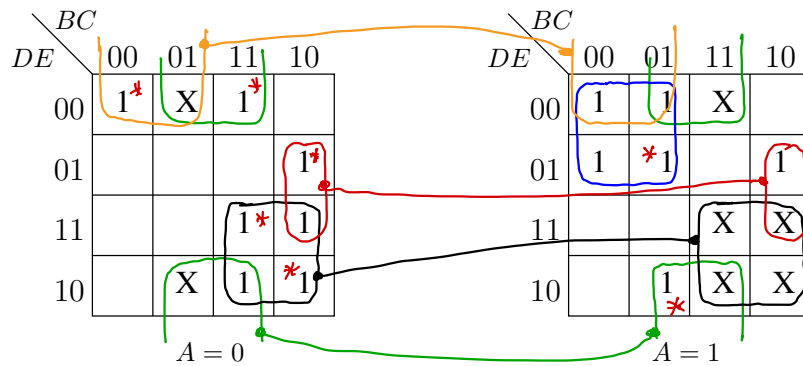
Right-hand side

$$\begin{aligned}
 AB \oplus AC &= AB\overline{(AC)} + \overline{(AB)}AC \\
 &= AB(\bar{A} + \bar{C}) + (\bar{A} + \bar{B})AC \\
 &= AB\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C
 \end{aligned}$$

↔
∴ XOR operator is distributive

3. [12 marks total.] K-map problems.

(a) [3 marks.] Mark all the distinguished 1-cells with * on the 5-variable K-map below, and make a list of essential prime implicants.



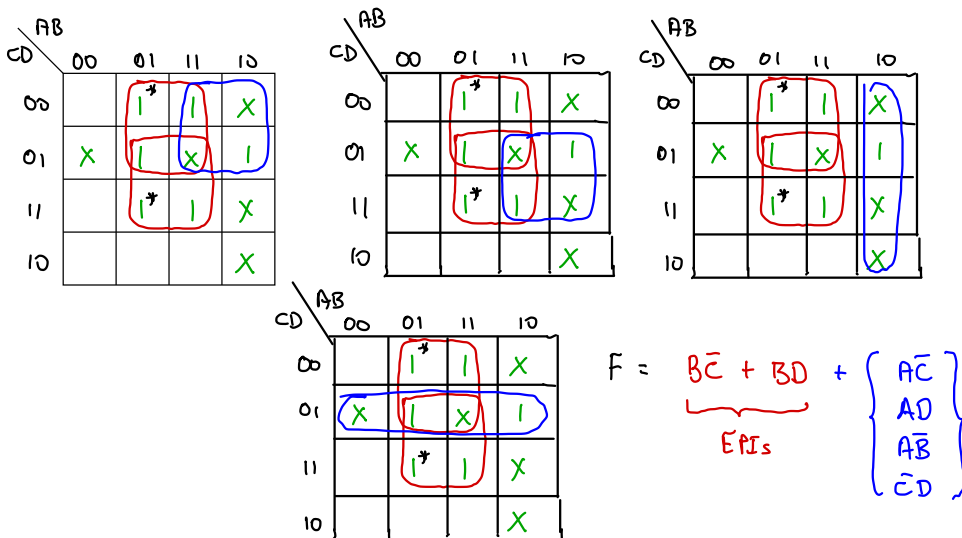
7 distinguished 1-cells.
All prime implicants are essential.

- $C\bar{E}$
- $A\bar{B}\bar{D}$
- BD
- $B\bar{C}E$
- $\bar{B}\bar{D}\bar{E}$

(b) [4 marks.] Consider the function F_1 given as a minterm list as follows:

$$F_1(A, B, C, D) = \sum(4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15) + X_1(A, B, C, D),$$

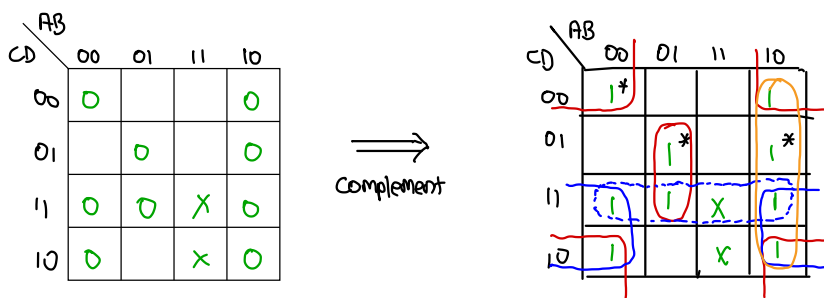
where $X_1(A, B, C, D) = \sum(1, 8, 10, 11, 13)$ are don't-cares. Use the blank K-map below to derive all possible minimal SOP expressions.



(c) [5 marks.] Consider the function F_2 given as a maxterm list as follows:

$$F_2(A, B, C, D) = \left[\prod(0, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) \right] \cdot X_2(A, B, C, D),$$

where $X_2(A, B, C, D) = \prod(14, 15)$ are don't-cares. Use the blank K-map below to derive all possible minimal POS expressions.

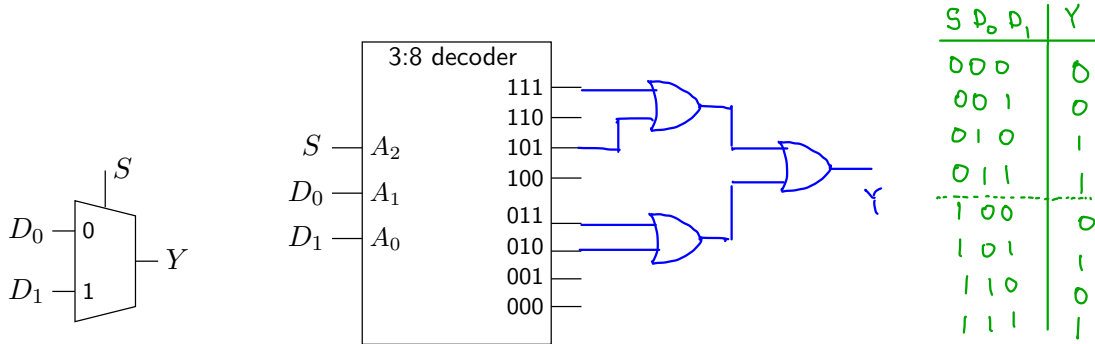


$$\bar{F} = \underbrace{\bar{B}\bar{D} + A\bar{B} + \bar{A}BD}_{\text{EPIs}} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} CD \\ \bar{B}C \end{matrix} \right\}$$

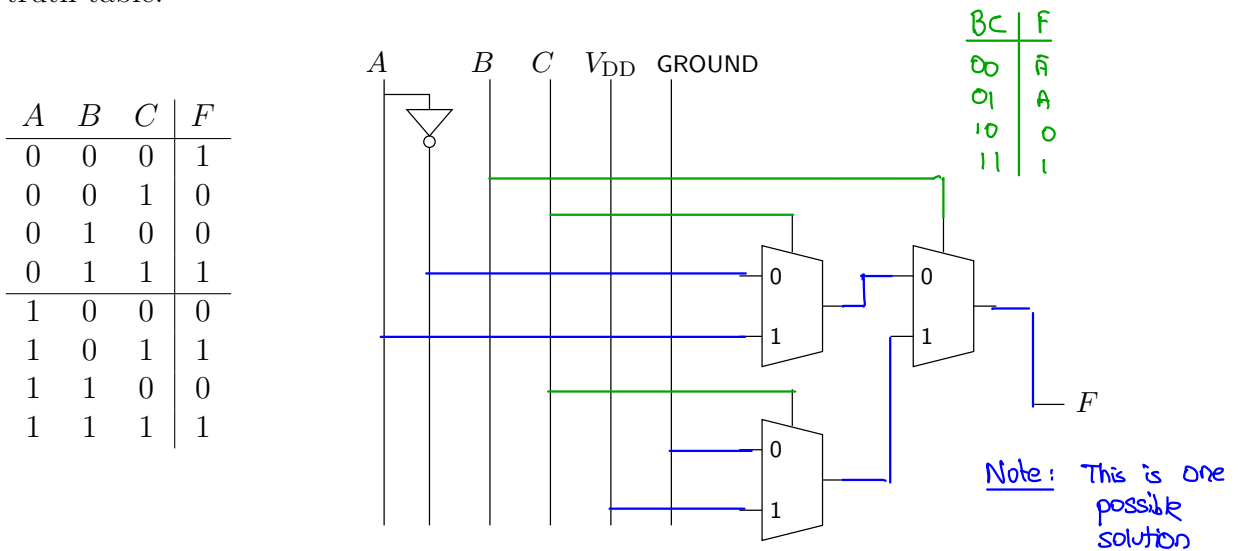
giving $F = (B+D)(\bar{A}+B)(A+\bar{B}+\bar{D}) \left\{ \begin{matrix} (\bar{C}+\bar{D}) \\ (B+\bar{C}) \end{matrix} \right\}$

4. [12 marks total.] Questions about multiplexers and decoders.

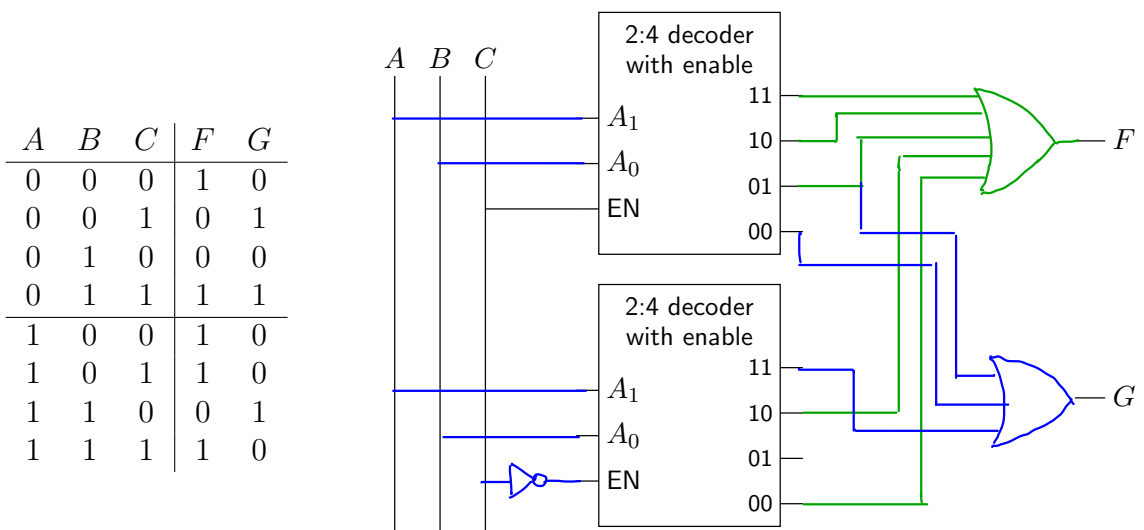
(a) [4 marks.] Below on the left is the symbol for a 2:1 multiplexer, and a 3:8 decoder is shown on the right. Using this decoder, add wires and *only 2-input OR gates* to implement the 2:1 multiplexer.



(b) [4 marks.] Shown below at right are three 2:1 multiplexers. Add wires—*but no additional logic elements*—to implement the function given in the truth table.

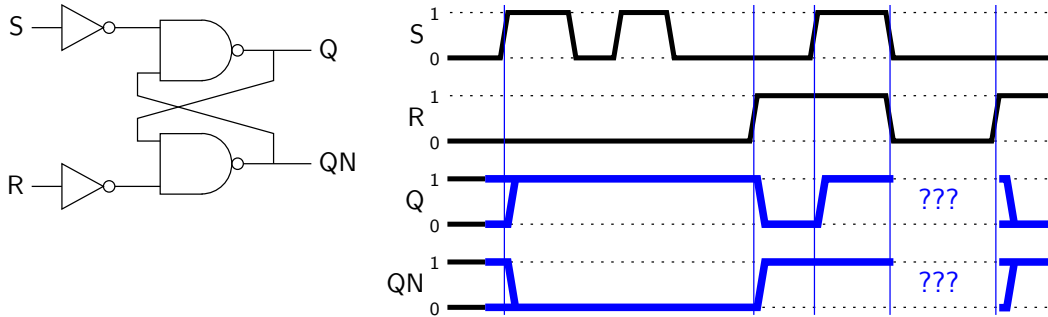


(c) [4 marks.] Shown below are two 2:4 decoders-with-enable. Add wires, one NOT gate, and two OR gates to implement the functions F and G given in the truth table.



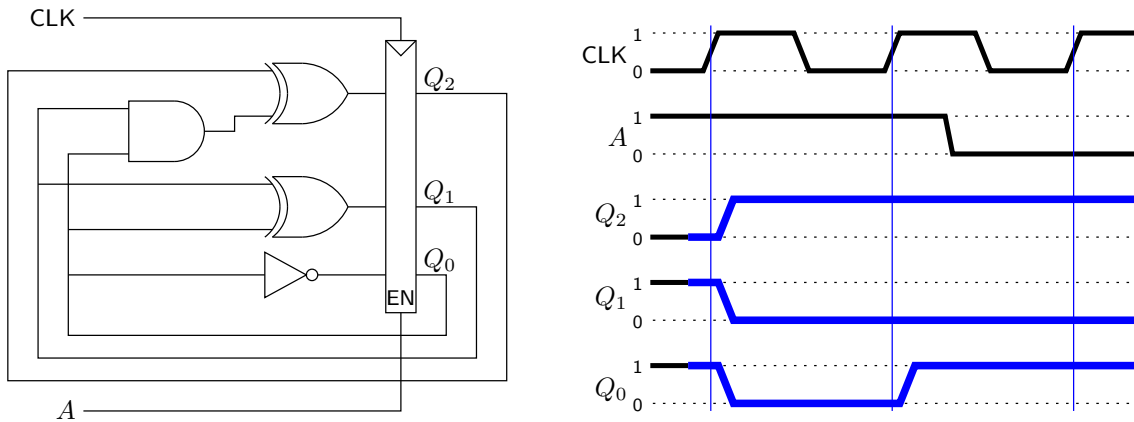
5. [11 marks total.] Questions about sequential logic elements.

- (a) [4 marks.] The circuit below is a NAND-based SR latch. Complete the timing diagram, indicating clearly any intervals in time where it's not possible to know what the values of Q and QN are. Assume, as shown, that (Q, QN) could be either (0, 1) or (1, 0) at the start of the time interval being considered.



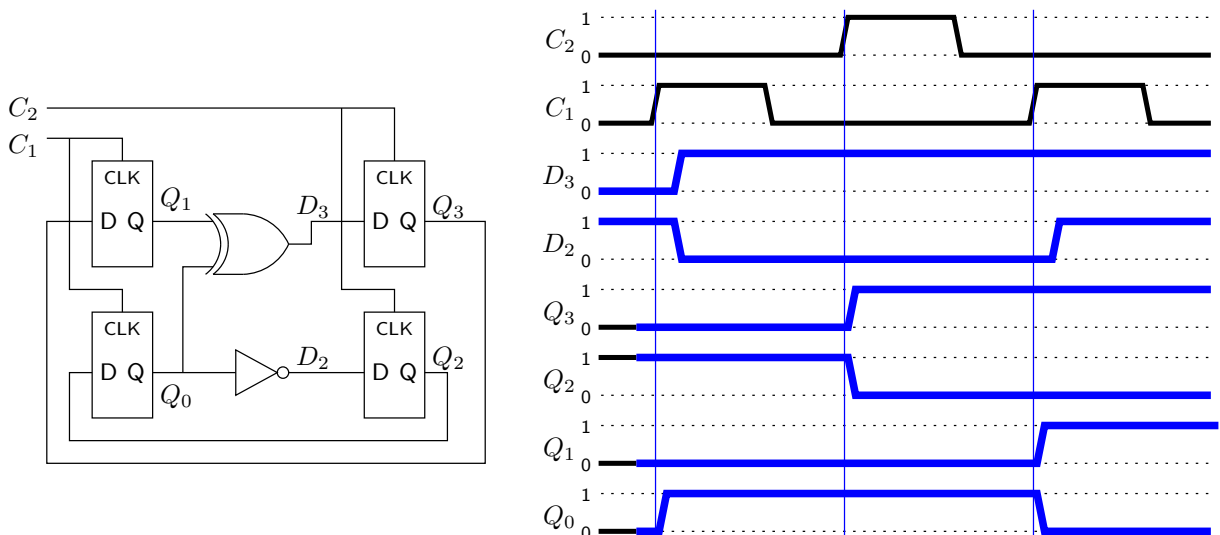
(Comment: It's possible that the circuit could go into a metastable state for some or all of the time interval marked with ???, but it's not certain.)

- (b) [4 marks.] The EN (enable) input to the register in the circuit below affects all three flip-flops in the register the same way. Complete the timing diagram, assuming, as shown, that $(Q_2, Q_1, Q_0) = (0, 1, 1)$ at the start of the time interval being considered.



When $EN = 1$, $Q'_2 = Q_2 \oplus (Q_1 Q_0)$, $Q'_1 = Q_1 \oplus Q_0$, and $Q'_0 = \overline{Q_0}$.
 When $EN = 0$, $Q'_2 = Q_2$, $Q'_1 = Q_1$, and $Q'_0 = Q_0$.

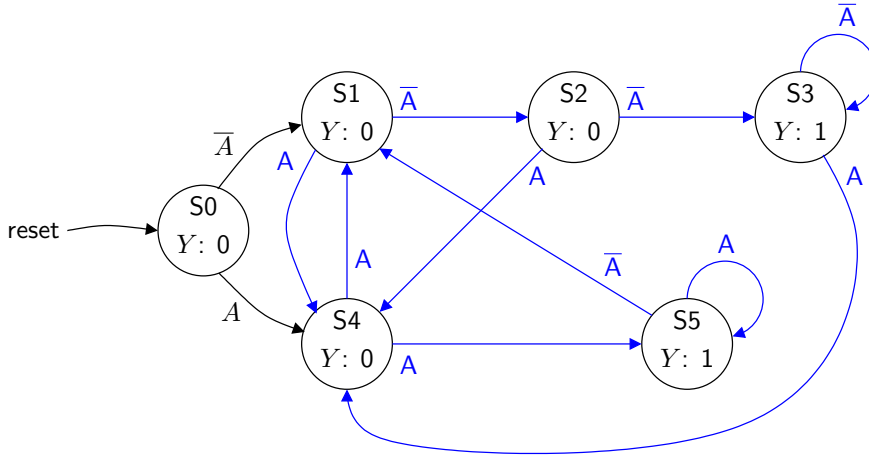
- (c) [3 marks.] There are four D latches in the circuit shown below. Assume, as shown, that $(Q_3, Q_2, Q_1, Q_0) = (0, 1, 0, 0)$ at the start of the time interval being considered. Complete the timing diagram.



Values of D_3 and D_2 at the start of the time interval can be found using simple combinational expressions: $D_3 = Q_1 \oplus Q_0$ and $D_2 = \overline{Q_0}$.

6. [13 marks total.] Design of a finite state machine (FSM).

- (a) [5 marks.] A Moore-type FSM is to have a 1-bit input A and a 1-bit output Y . Y should be 1 if and only if the values of A have been either 0-0-0 on the three most recent rising edges of CLK or 1-1 on the two most recent rising edges of CLK. Complete the following state transition diagram for the FSM.



- (b) [8 marks.] Using the given state encoding, find minimal SOP next-state and output equations for the FSM. Use don't-cares to help with minimization. In cases where there is more than one minimal SOP expression for a next state or an output, you only need to give one such expression.

state	S_2	S_1	S_0
S0	0	0	0
S1	0	0	1
S2	0	1	0
S3	1	0	0
S4	0	1	1
S5	1	0	1

current state and input	next state						
	S_2	S_1	S_0	A	S'_2	S'_1	S'_0
S0	0	0	0	0	S1	0	0
	0	0	0	1	S4	0	1
S1	0	0	1	0	S2	0	1
	0	0	1	1	S4	0	1
S2	0	1	0	0	S3	1	0
	0	1	0	1	S4	0	1
S4	0	1	1	0	S1	0	0
	0	1	1	1	S5	1	0
S3	1	0	0	0	S3	1	0
	1	0	0	1	S4	0	1
S5	1	0	1	0	S1	0	0
	1	0	1	1	S5	1	0
unused states	1	1	0	0	X	X	X
	1	1	0	1	X	X	X
	1	1	1	0	X	X	X
	1	1	1	1	X	X	X

S_0A	S_2S_1			
	00	01	11	10
00		1	X	1
01			X	
11		1	X	1
10			X	

$$S'_2 = S_1 \bar{S}_0 \bar{A} + S_1 S_0 A + S_2 \bar{S}_0 \bar{A} + S_2 S_0 A$$

S_0A	S_2S_1			
	00	01	11	10
00			X	
01	1	1	X	1
11	1		X	
10	1		X	

$$S'_1 = \bar{S}_0 A + \bar{S}_2 \bar{S}_1 S_0$$

	S_2	S_1	S_0	Y
S0	0	0	0	0
S1	0	0	1	0
S2	0	1	0	0
S4	0	1	1	0
S3	1	0	0	1
S5	1	0	1	1
	1	1	0	X
	1	1	1	X

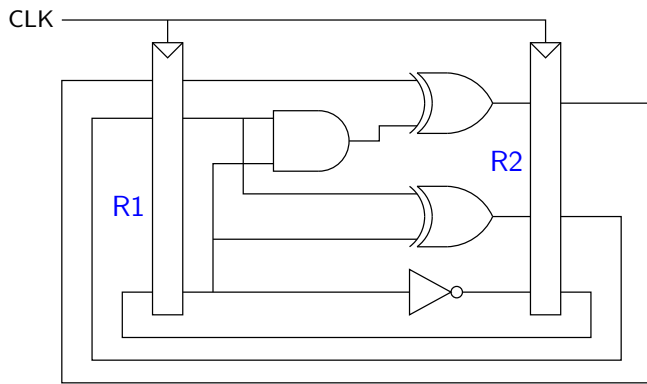
By inspection, $Y = S_2$

S_0A	S_2S_1			
	00	01	11	10
00	1		X	
01	1	1	X	1
11	1	1	X	1
10		1	X	1

$$S'_0 = \bar{S}_2 \bar{S}_1 \bar{S}_0 + A + S_1 S_0 + S_2 S_0$$

7. [10 marks total.] *Questions about timing.*

Parts (a), (b) and (c) all concern the following synchronous circuit, which is supposed to run with a clock period of 300 ps. Timing parameters listed beside the schematic are in ps.



gate	t_{pd}	t_{cd}
NOT	21	14
AND2	63	42
XOR2	unknown	unknown

For both registers:

parameter	value
t_{setup}	57
t_{hold}	15
t_{pcq}	71
t_{ccq}	34

- (a) [3 marks.] For reliable operation of the circuit, with zero clock skew, what is the maximum allowable t_{pd} for an XOR2 gate?

The critical path is from R1 to R2 through one AND2 and one XOR2.

$$t_{pd\ AND2} + t_{pd\ XOR2} \leq T_C - t_{pcq} - t_{setup}$$

$$t_{pd\ XOR2} \leq 300 - 71 - 57 - 63 = 109\ ps.$$

- (b) [2 marks.] Repeat part (a), assuming now that t_{skew} is 20 ps.

The inequality for the critical path is now

$$t_{pd\ AND2} + t_{pd\ XOR2} \leq T_C - t_{pcq} - t_{setup} - t_{skew}$$

$$\text{Reusing the work in part (a), } t_{pd\ XOR2} \leq 109\ ps - 20\ ps = 89\ ps.$$

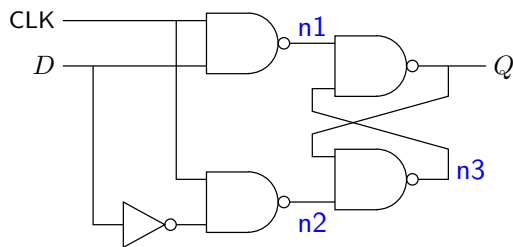
- (c) [2 marks.] For avoidance of hold-time violations, what is the maximum allowable t_{skew} ?

The short path is from R2 to R1 along a wire, for which t_{cd} is 0.

$$t_{ccq} + t_{cd} \geq t_{hold} + t_{skew}$$

$$t_{skew} \leq 34 + 0 - 15 = 19\ ps.$$

- (d) [3 marks.] Consider the following design for a D latch and some related timing parameters.



gate	t_{pd}	t_{cd}
NOT	21 ps	14 ps
NAND2	37 ps	23 ps

Assume that Q and D have opposite values just before a rising edge of the clock, and D does not change in a way that causes a setup- or hold-time violation. Then t_{pcq} for the latch is defined to be the longest possible delay between the clock edge to a transition on Q , and t_{ccq} is defined to be the shortest possible such delay.

Find t_{pcq} and t_{ccq} for the latch. (Hint: Consider the case where $(D, Q) = (1, 0)$ before the clock edge separately from the case where $(D, Q) = (0, 1)$ before the clock edge.)

before CLK edge	transitions	delay
$(D, Q) = (1, 0)$	n1 $1 \rightarrow 0$, then Q $0 \rightarrow 1$	$2 \times \text{NAND2}$
$(D, Q) = (0, 1)$	n2 $1 \rightarrow 0$, then n3 $0 \rightarrow 1$, then Q $1 \rightarrow 0$	$3 \times \text{NAND2}$

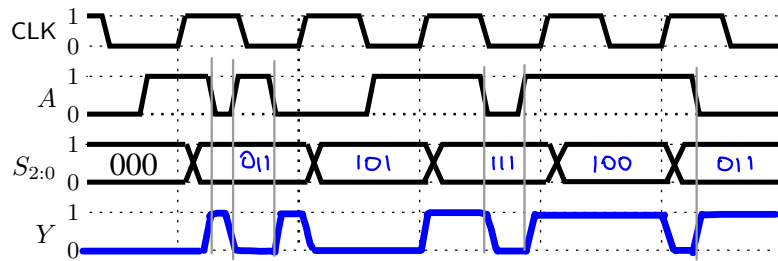
$$t_{pcq} = 3 \times 37\ ps = 111\ ps\ \text{and}\ t_{ccq} = 2 \times 23\ ps = 46\ ps.$$

(Comment: The NOT gate is not on any path from CLK to Q!)

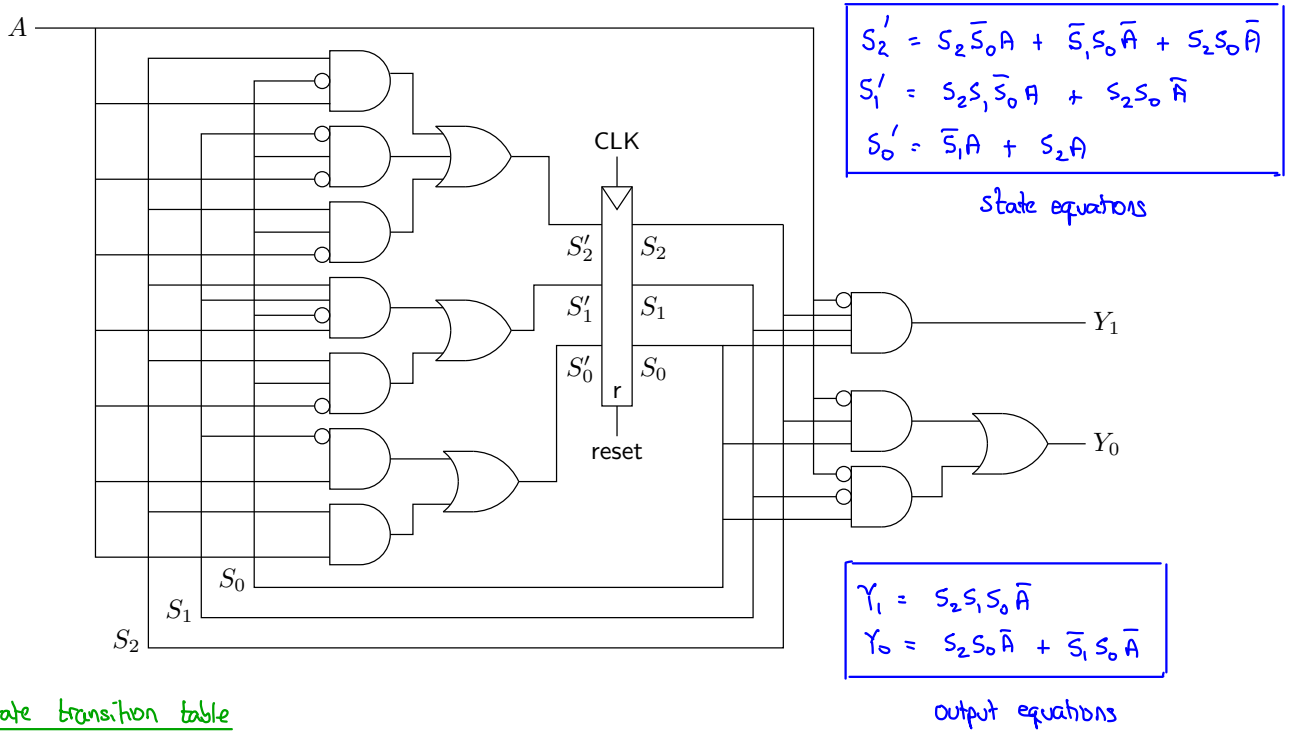
8. [12 marks total.] Questions about FSM analysis.

(a) [4 marks.] Below is the combined state and output table for a FSM that has a 1-bit input A , and a 1-bit output Y . The state variables are $S_{2:0}$. Complete the timing diagram at right using the information in this table.

$S_{2:0}$	A	$S'_{2:0}$	Y
000	0	000	0
000	1	011	0
011	0	101	1
011	1	011	0
100	0	101	0
100	1	011	1
101	0	011	0
101	1	111	0
111	0	101	0
111	1	100	1



(b) [8 marks.] Below is an FSM with a 1-bit input A , and a 2-bit output $Y_{1:0}$. Determine the combined state and output table, identify the unreachable states, and sketch the state-transition diagram. In your table, use 0's and 1's for the states and next states, not symbols like S_0 , S_1 , etc.

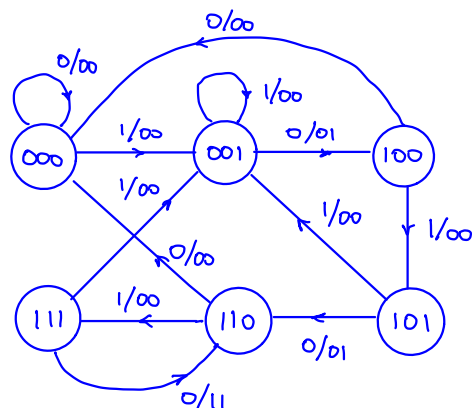


state transition table

$S_2 S_1 S_0$	A	$S'_2 S'_1 S'_0$	Y_1, Y_0
000	0	000	0 0
000	1	001	0 0
001	0	100	0 1
001	1	001	0 0
010	0	000	0 0
010	1	000	0 0
011	0	000	0 0
011	1	000	0 0
100	0	000	0 0
100	1	101	0 0
101	0	110	0 1
101	1	001	0 0
110	0	000	0 0
110	1	111	0 0
111	0	110	1 1
111	1	000	0 0

unreachable states

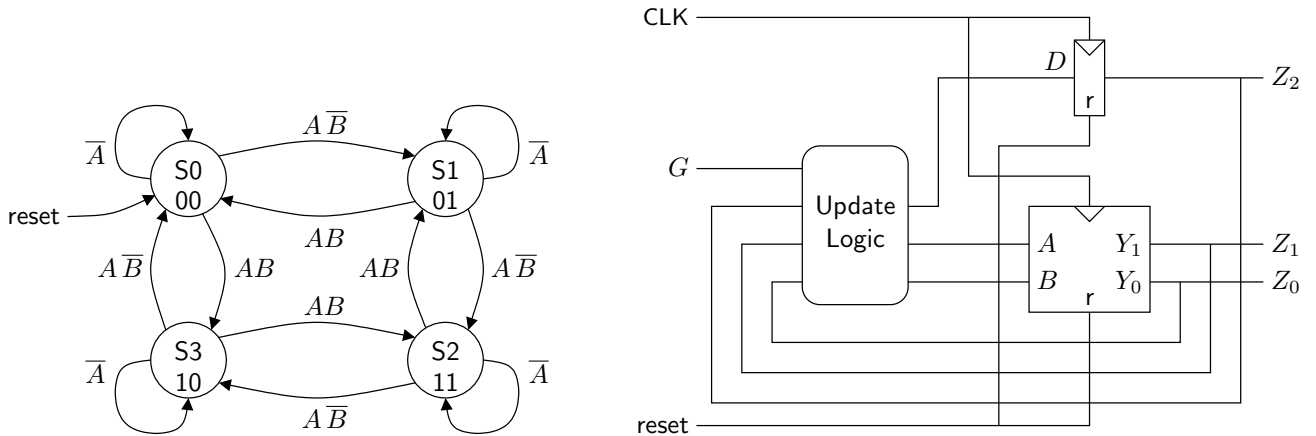
Mealy-style state transition diagram



9. [10 marks.] *A problem about factored FSM design.*

This problem is about the design of a synchronous sequential circuit with a 1-bit input G (for “go”) and a 3-bit output $Z_{2:0}$. When $G = 1$, $Z_{2:0}$ advances through the 3-bit Gray code cycle: 000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100, 000, 001, . . . , with updates on each rising edge of the clock. When $G = 0$, $Z_{2:0}$ is frozen—it does not change on a rising edge of the clock.

The circuit must be built using a resettable DFF, an FSM with a 2-bit state, and some combinational logic. Here are a state transition diagram for the 2-bit FSM and a schematic for the complete circuit:



Fill in the truth table for the Update Logic and then find minimal SOP expressions for A , B and D . Note that don't-care output values may help in simplifying one or more of the SOP expressions.

G	Z_2	Z_1	Z_0	A	B	D
0	0	0	0	0	X	0
0	0	0	1	0	X	0
0	0	1	0	0	X	0
0	0	1	1	0	X	0
0	1	0	0	0	X	1
0	1	0	1	0	X	1
0	1	1	0	0	X	1
0	1	1	1	0	X	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	X	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	X	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

A

		GZ_2			
		Z_1Z_0	00	01	11
00					1
01			1	1	
11			1	1	
10			1		

$A = G\bar{Z}_2\bar{Z}_1 + GZ_0 + GZ_1Z_2$

B

		GZ_2			
		Z_1Z_0	00	01	11
00	x	x	x		
01	x	x	1		
11	x	x	1	x	
10	x	x	1		

$B = Z_2$

D

		GZ_2			
		Z_1Z_0	00	01	11
00		1			
01		1	1		
11		1	1		
10		1	1	1	

$D = \bar{G}Z_2 + Z_2Z_0 + GZ_1\bar{Z}_0$

When $G = 0$, $A = 0$ to freeze the FSM state and $D = Z_2$ to freeze the DFF.
 When $G = 1$, this table shows how to choose A , B and D :

$Z_{2:0}$	action
000, 001, or 011	go clockwise in FSM, freeze DFF
010	freeze FSM, change DFF state from 0 to 1
100	freeze FSM, change DFF state from 1 to 0
101, 110, or 111	go counterclockwise in FSM, freeze DFF