

# EECS 373 Fall 2015 Homework #1

Due Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM sharp (i.e. at the beginning of lecture). 50 points.

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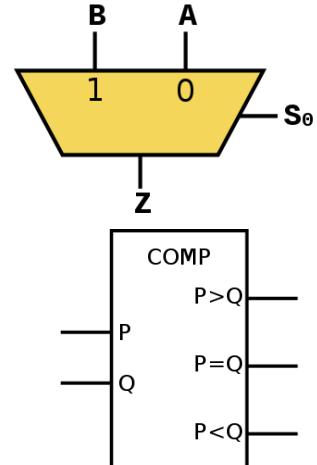
You are to turn in this sheet as a cover page for your assignment. The rest of the assignment should be stapled to this page. This is an individual assignment; all of the work should be your own. Assignments that are unstapled, lack a cover sheet, or are difficult to read will lose at least 50% of the possible points and we may not grade them at all.

The purpose of this assignment is to remind you about basic logic and Verilog—it's a review of EECS 270.

## Review of combinational logic

Combinational logic is a type of logic where the output is purely determined by the current input. This is in contrast to sequential logic where the output also depends on previous inputs. In this document we will generally use the asterisk \* as AND, the plus + as OR, a single tick ' as negation and a circled-plus  $\oplus$  as XOR.

- Q1.** Consider the logic statement  $(AB)' + (A' + C)'$
- Write the truth table for that logic statement
  - Draw the gates that implement that logic statement (without simplification).
- Q2.** Consider a 2-1 MUX as drawn on the right.
- Write a truth table for this circuit.
  - Using standard 2-input gates (AND, OR, XOR) and the NOT gate, draw a circuit which implements the same function (has the same truth table).
- Q3.** Consider a comparator as drawn on the right.
- Write a truth table for this circuit.
  - Using standard 2-input gates (AND, OR, XOR) and the NOT gate, draw a circuit which implements the same function (has the same truth table).



Answer the following questions about implementing combinational logic in Verilog. You will need to look at the combinational logic tutorial found with this homework assignment on the website.

- Q4.** Provide a single-line assign statement which implements the following
- $X = (A' * B) + (A' * C)' + (B * C')$
  - A 2-to-1 MUX. Use A, B, S as inputs and Z as output.
- Q5.** Using the adder in the tutorial as a template, implement
- A **module** implementing a 2-to-1 MUX called MUX21 which takes three inputs (A,B,S) and generates one output (Z).
  - A module implementing a 4-to-1 MUX called MUX41 which takes 6 bits of input (A[3:0], S[1:0]) and generates one bit of output (Z). It should do all its work by instantiating the 1-to-2 MUX of part a. as needed.

In addition to assign statements, combinational logic can be implemented in an “`always @*`” block.

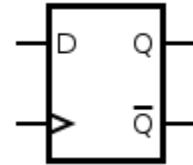
**Q6.** Redo problem (Q4.a) using an `always @*` block rather than an assign statement.

## Review of Sequential logic

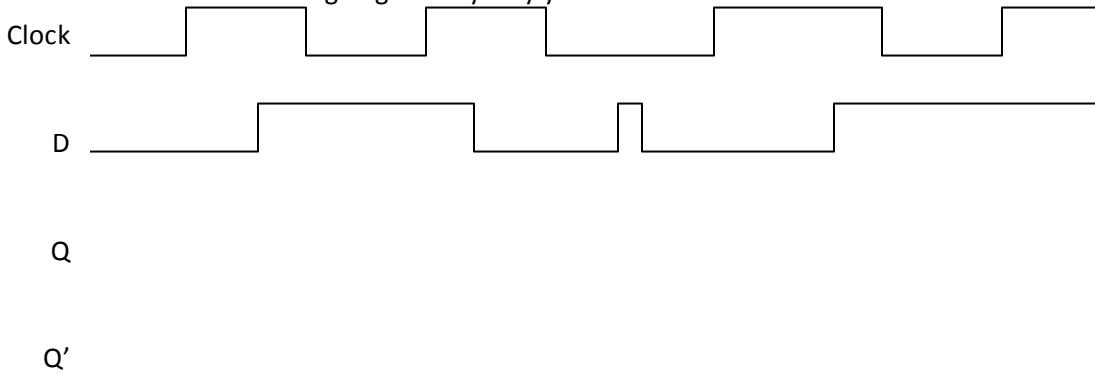
Sequential logic revolves around storage elements. There are a number of different types of storage elements, but for the most part digital designers use only one: the D flip-flop. It's a device that has two inputs “D” and “clock” and one output “Q”. The value of D is copied to Q when clock rises (transitions from a 0 to a 1).

Further the value of D cannot change too soon before or after that rising edge of clock.

Finally it is common to have the value “Q” **and** its inverse ( $\bar{Q}$ ) as outputs. It is typically drawn as shown on the right (the triangle being the clock input). Nearly every storage unit you will encounter is built out of D flip-flops.



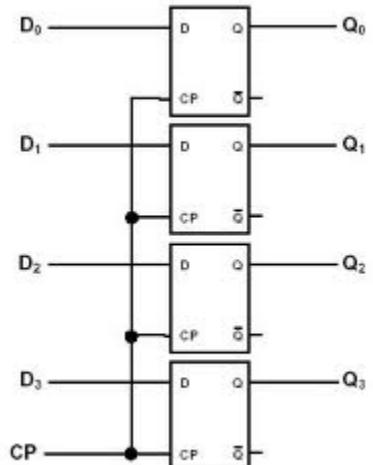
**Q7.** Neatly complete the following timing diagram for a D flip-flop. Indicate that the value is unknown before the first rising edge in any way you see fit.



It is commonly the case that we wish to store larger values than just a single bit. As such we generally use flip-flops in parallel and call them registers. The following diagram shows a typical 4-bit register (though it uses a slightly different symbol for a D flip-flop).

A counter is a device that counts how many times a certain event has occurred. See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counter>.

**Q8.** Using full adders and D flip-flops as building blocks, draw a 2-bit modulo counter. That is, on each rising edge the counter’s output value is incremented by 1, but where 3 wraps around to 0 (so it is a modulo-4 counter). You do not need to worry about reset.



4-bit register, from  
<http://cpuville.com/register.htm>

Now look at the Verilog sequential logic overview on the website.

**Q9.** Answer the following questions about the supplied overview

- a. How many bits are used to store the state? How many are the least that could have been used?
- b. Section 3.2 has two implementations of the next state logic. What are the pros and cons of each?

**Q10.** Draw the state transition diagram which is implemented by the code on the next page. Your diagram should resemble figure 2a from the tutorial. You need not include reset.

**Q11.** Define the term “setup time” and the term “hold time” with respect to a D flip-flop. Your answer should include a (simple) timing diagram which illustrates your point.

*For the following question, you may need to use Wikipedia or some other source. It's likely you didn't learn this material in EECS 270.*

**Q12.** Say you have a group of devices, each of which may wish to communicate with each other.

One way to do this is to have a shared wire (or group of wires called a bus) that each device could drive when needed. Say we have 5 devices (called “A”, “B”, etc.) connected to this wire.

- a. One option we would have is to use tri-state drivers.
  - i. What is a tri-state device? What are the “three states” that can be driven by a device and what exactly is the “HiZ” state?
  - ii. Say device “A” wanted to send a “1” on the wire. What would device A need to drive? What would the other devices need to drive?
  - iii. What would happen if two devices tried to drive the same wire at the same time?
  - iv. If you drive “HiZ” into an inverter, what will be the output of the inverter?
- b. Another option we would have is to use an open-collector scheme.
  - i. What does it mean to use an open collector? What role does the “pull-up” resistor play?
  - ii. Say device “A” wanted to send a “1” on the wire. What would device A need to drive? What would the other devices be driving when they weren’t trying to use the bus?
  - iii. Say device “A” wanted to send a “0” on the wire. What would device A need to drive? What would the other devices be driving when they weren’t trying to use the bus?
  - iv. You know that the data on your bus is 70% zeroes (0’s) and 30% ones (1’s). How might you modify the open-collector scheme to be more energy efficient?
  - v. What two factors determine the maximum line speed (how fast you can alternate between “0” and “1”) for an open-collector bus?

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module statem(clk, in, reset, out);

input clk, in, reset;
output [3:0] out;

reg [3:0] out;
reg [1:0] state;
reg [1:0] next_state;

parameter zero=2'd0, one=2'd1, two=2'd2, three=2'd3;

always @*
begin
    case (state)
        zero:
            begin
                out = 4'b0000;
                next_state = one;
            end
        one:
            begin
                out = 4'b0001;
                if(in)
                    next_state = one;
                else
                    next_state = two;
            end
        two:
            begin
                out = 4'b0010;
                if(in)
                    next_state = one;
                else
                    next_state = three;
            end
        three:
            begin
                out = 4'b0100;
                next_state = zero;
            end
        default:
            begin
                out = 4'b0000;
                next_state = zero;
            end
    endcase
end

always @(posedge clk)
begin
    if (reset)
        state <= zero;
    else
        state <= next_state;
end

endmodule

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