

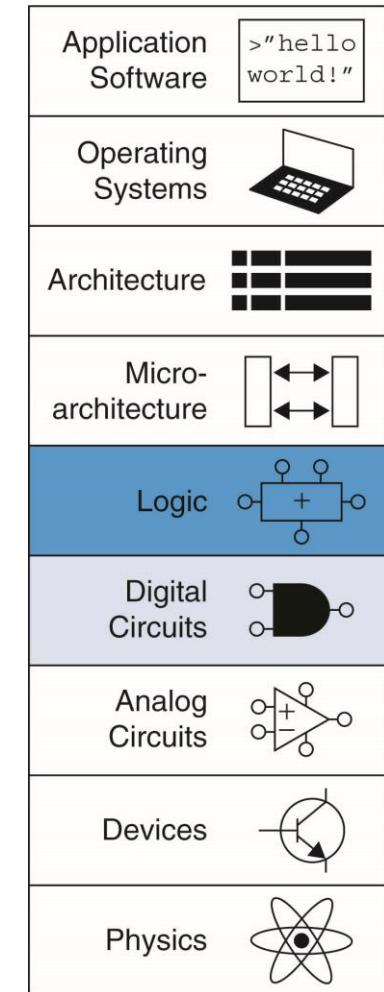
Chapter 2

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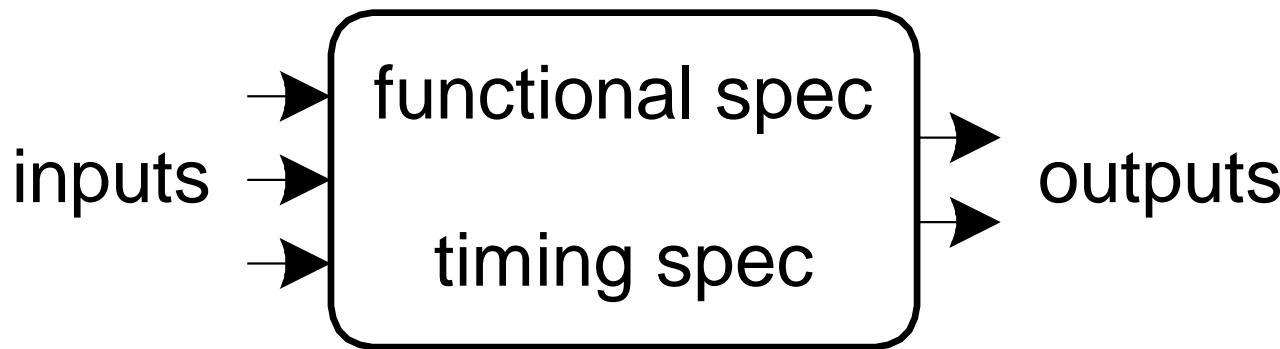
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Introduction

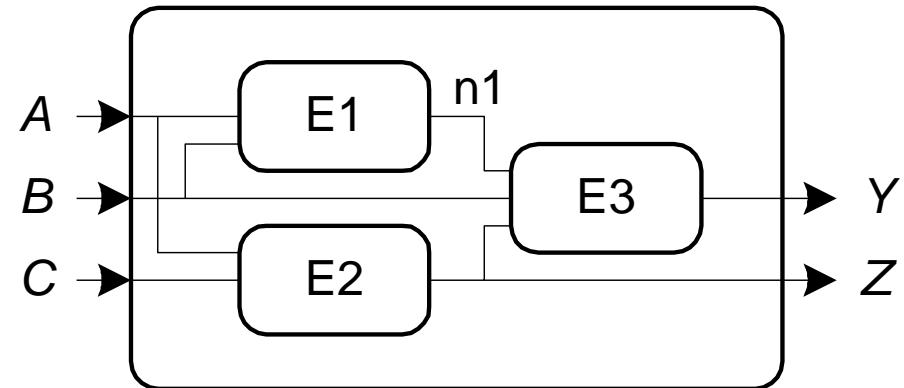
A logic circuit is composed of:

- Inputs
- Outputs
- Functional specification
- Timing specification



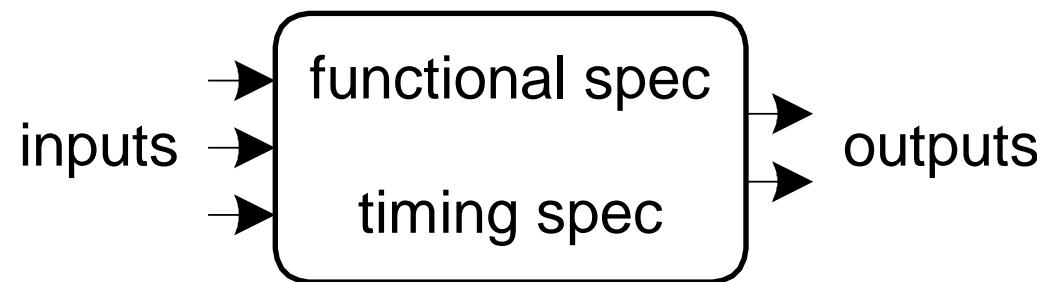
Circuits

- Nodes
 - Inputs: A, B, C
 - Outputs: Y, Z
 - Internal: n_1
- Circuit elements
 - E_1, E_2, E_3
 - Each a circuit



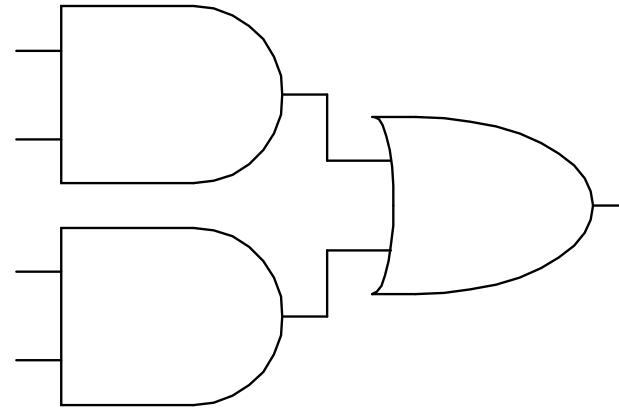
Types of Logic Circuits

- **Combinational Logic**
 - Memoryless
 - Outputs determined by current values of inputs
- **Sequential Logic**
 - Has memory
 - Outputs determined by previous and current values of inputs



Rules of Combinational Composition

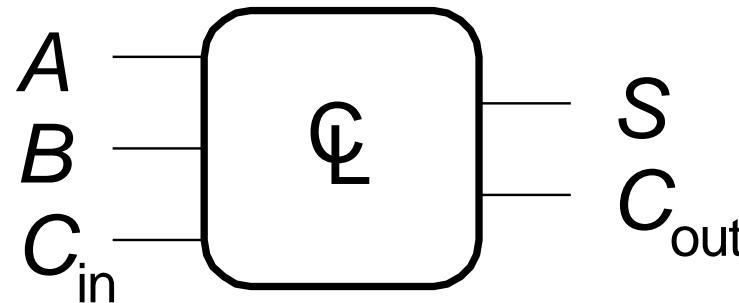
- Every element is combinational
- Every node is either an input or connects to *exactly one* output
- The circuit contains no cyclic paths
- **Example:**



Boolean Equations

- Functional specification of outputs in terms of inputs
- Example: $S = F(A, B, C_{in})$

$$C_{out} = F(A, B, C_{in})$$



$$S = A \oplus B \oplus C_{in}$$

$$C_{out} = AB + AC_{in} + BC_{in}$$

Some Definitions

- Complement: variable with a bar over it
 $\bar{A}, \bar{B}, \bar{C}$
- Literal: variable or its complement
 $A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B}, C, \bar{C}$
- Implicant: product of literals
 ABC, \bar{AC}, BC
- Minterm: product that includes all input variables
 $ABC, \bar{ABC}, \bar{AB}\bar{C}$
- Maxterm: sum that includes all input variables
 $(A+B+C), (\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}), (\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C)$

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- All equations can be written in SOP form
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- Each minterm is TRUE for that row (and only that row)
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- Thus, a sum (OR) of products (AND terms)

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$$Y = F(A, B) = \overline{A}\overline{B} + A\overline{B} + AB = \Sigma(1, 3)$$

Product-of-Sums (POS) Form

- All Boolean equations can be written in POS form
- Each row has a **maxterm**
- A maxterm is a sum (OR) of literals
- Each maxterm is FALSE for that row (and only that row)
- Form function by ANDing the maxterms for which the output is FALSE
- Thus, a product (AND) of sums (OR terms)

A	B	Y	maxterm	maxterm name
0	0	0	$A + B$	M_0
0	1	1	$A + \bar{B}$	M_1
1	0	0	$\bar{A} + B$	M_2
1	1	1	$\bar{A} + \bar{B}$	M_3

$$Y = F(A, B) = (A + B)(A + \bar{B})(\bar{A} + B)(\bar{A} + \bar{B}) = \Pi(0, 2)$$

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 - If they only serve corndogs (C)
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0	1	
1	0	
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$$\begin{aligned} E &= O\bar{C} \\ &= \Sigma(2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E &= (O + C)(O + \bar{C})(\bar{O} + C) \\ &= \Pi(0, 1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

Boolean Algebra

- Axioms and theorems to **simplify** Boolean equations
- Like regular algebra, but simpler: variables have only two values (1 or 0)
- **Duality** in axioms and theorems:
 - ANDs and ORs, 0's and 1's interchanged

Boolean Axioms

	Axiom		Dual	Name
A1	$B = 0$ if $B \neq 1$		A1' $B = 1$ if $B \neq 0$	Binary field
A2	$\overline{0} = 1$		A2' $\overline{1} = 0$	NOT
A3	$0 \bullet 0 = 0$		A3' $1 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR
A4	$1 \bullet 1 = 1$		A4' $0 + 0 = 0$	AND/OR
A5	$0 \bullet 1 = 1 \bullet 0 = 0$	A5'	$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR

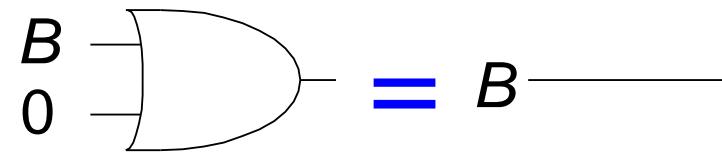
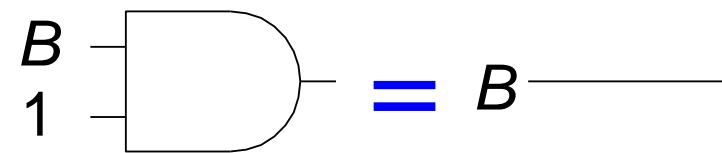
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T2	$B \bullet 0 = 0$	T2'	$B + 1 = 1$	Null Element
T3	$B \bullet B = B$	T3'	$B + B = B$	Idempotency
T4		$\overline{\overline{B}} = B$		Involution
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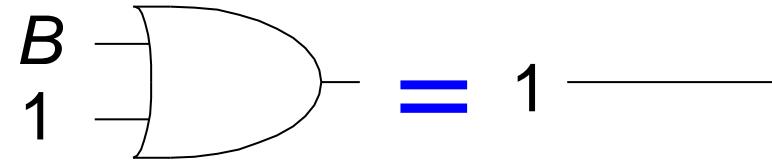
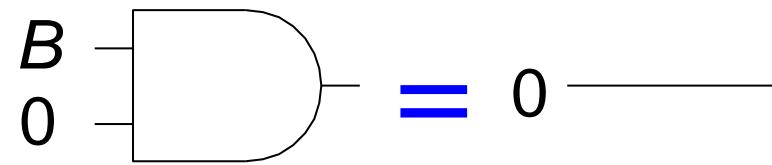


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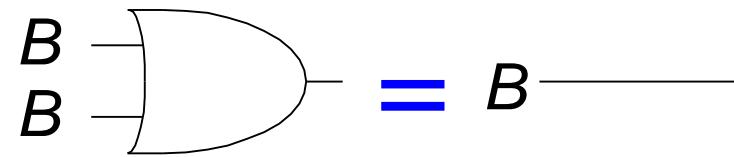
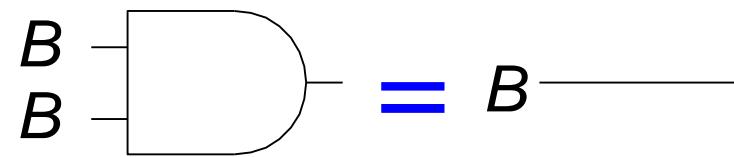


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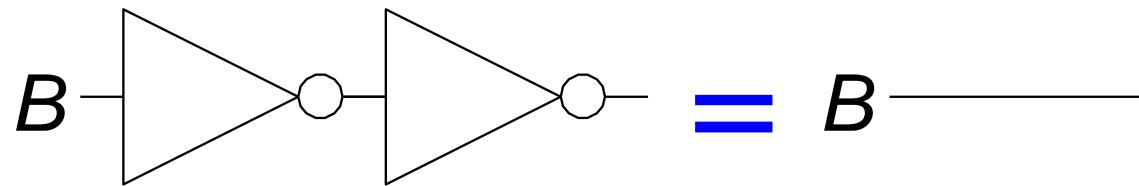


T4: Identity Theorem

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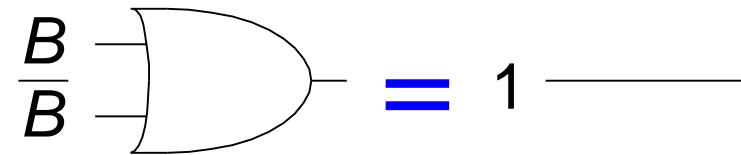
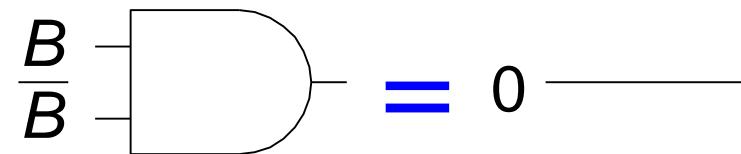


T5: Complement Theorem

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Boolean Theorems of Several Vars

Theorem	Dual	Name
T6 $B \cdot C = C \cdot B$	T6' $B + C = C + B$	Commutativity
T7 $(B \cdot C) \cdot D = B \cdot (C \cdot D)$	T7' $(B + C) + D = B + (C + D)$	Associativity
T8 $(B \cdot C) + (B \cdot D) = B \cdot (C + D)$	T8' $(B + C) \cdot (B + D) = B + (C \cdot D)$	Distributivity
T9 $B \cdot (B + C) = B$	T9' $B + (B \cdot C) = B$	Covering
T10 $(B \cdot C) + (B \cdot \bar{C}) = B$	T10' $(B + C) \cdot (B + \bar{C}) = B$	Combining
T11 $(B \cdot C) + (\bar{B} \cdot D) + (C \cdot D) = B \cdot C + \bar{B} \cdot D$	T11' $(B + C) \cdot (\bar{B} + D) \cdot (C + D) = (B + C) \cdot (\bar{B} + D)$	Consensus
T12 $B_0 \cdot B_1 \cdot B_2 \dots = (\bar{B}_0 + \bar{B}_1 + \bar{B}_2 \dots)$	T12' $\bar{B}_0 + \bar{B}_1 + \bar{B}_2 \dots = (\bar{B}_0 \cdot \bar{B}_1 \cdot \bar{B}_2 \dots)$	De Morgan's Theorem

Note: T8' differs from traditional algebra: OR (+) distributes over AND (\cdot)

Simplifying Boolean Equations

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$$\begin{aligned} Y &= AB + \overline{AB} \\ &= B(A + \overline{A}) \quad T8 \\ &= B(1) \quad T5' \\ &= B \quad T1 \end{aligned}$$

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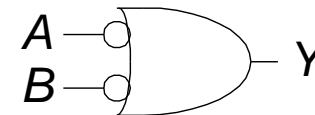
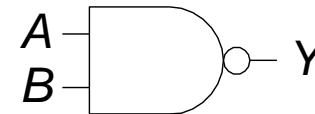
$$= A(AB) \quad T1$$

$$= (AA)B \quad T7$$

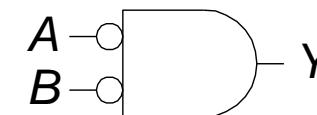
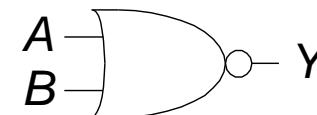
$$= AB \quad T3$$

DeMorgan's Theorem

- $Y = \overline{AB} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$



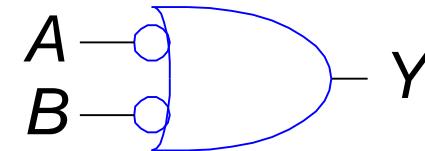
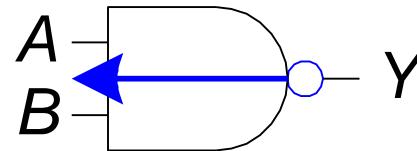
- $Y = \overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$



Bubble Pushing

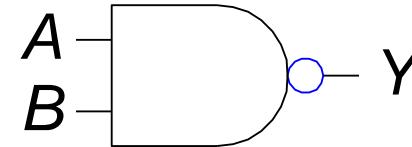
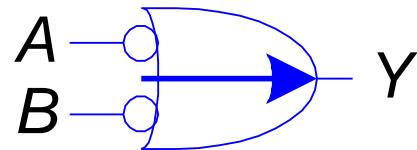
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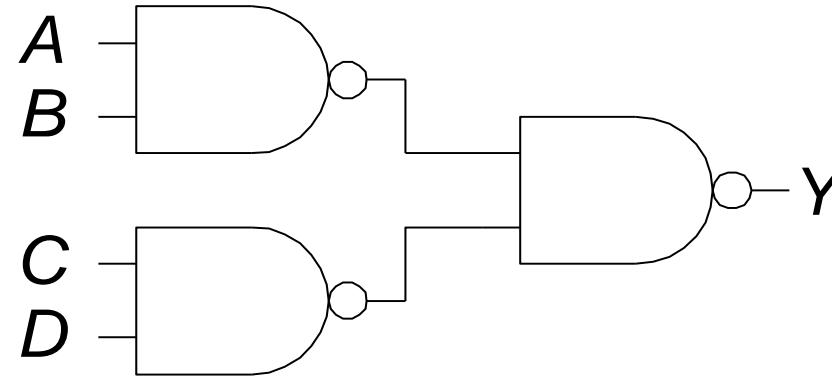
- **Forward:**

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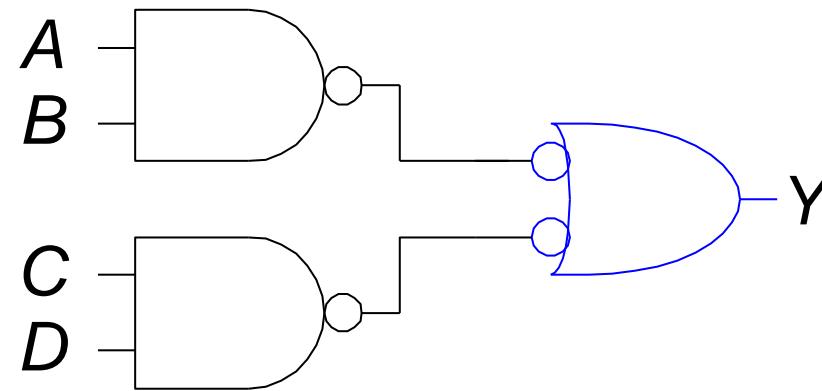
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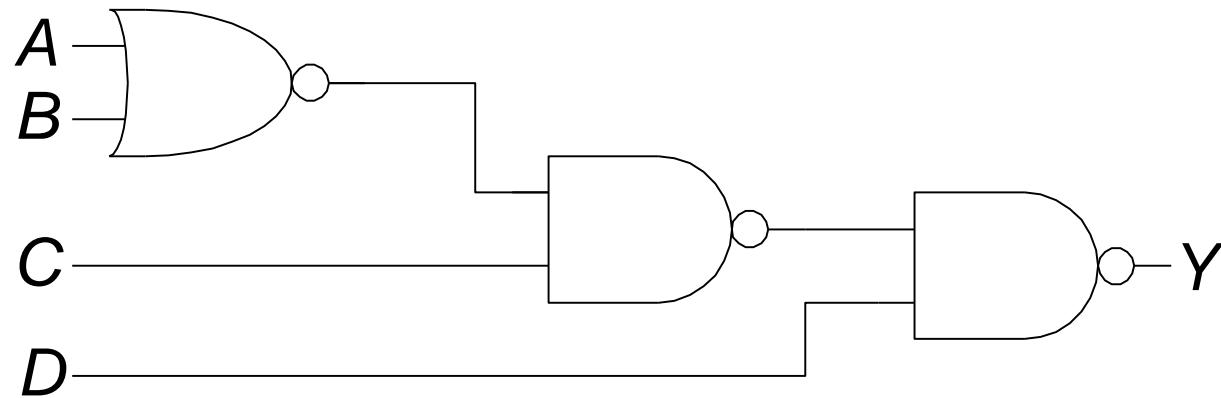
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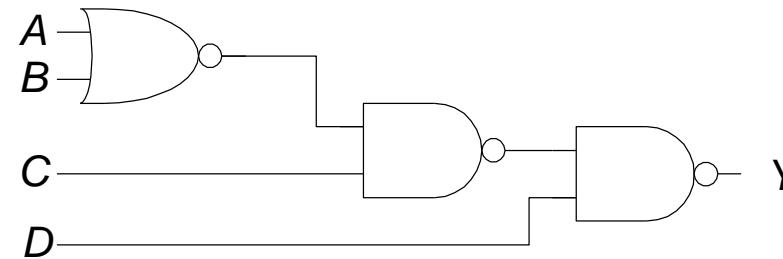
$$Y = AB + CD$$

Bubble Pushing Rules

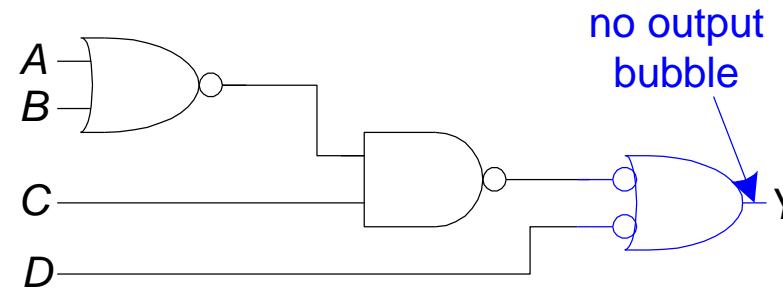
- Begin at output, then work toward inputs
- Push bubbles on final output back
- Draw gates in a form so bubbles cancel



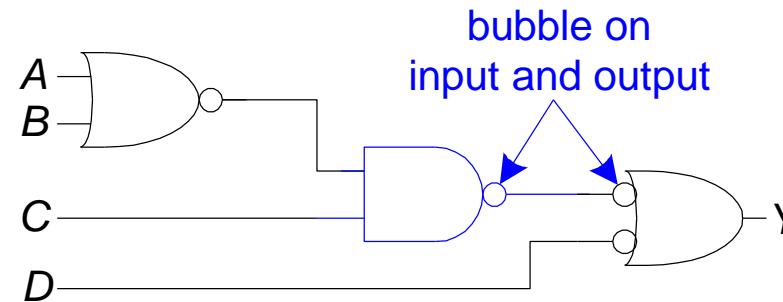
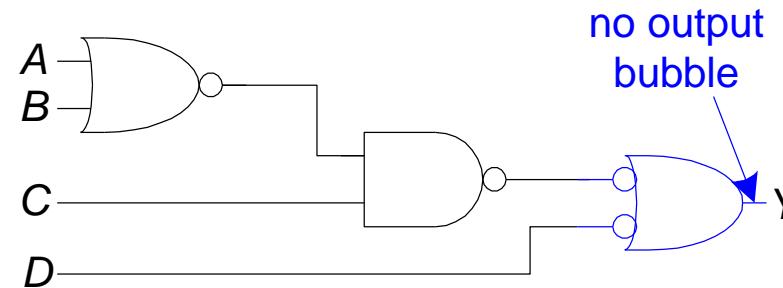
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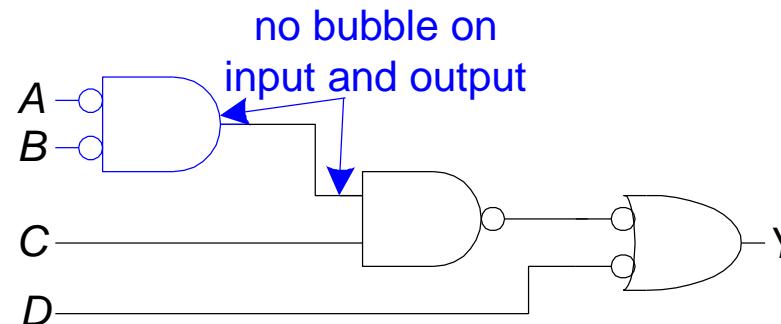
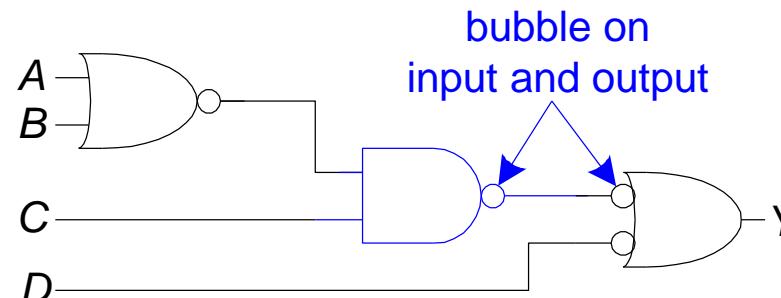
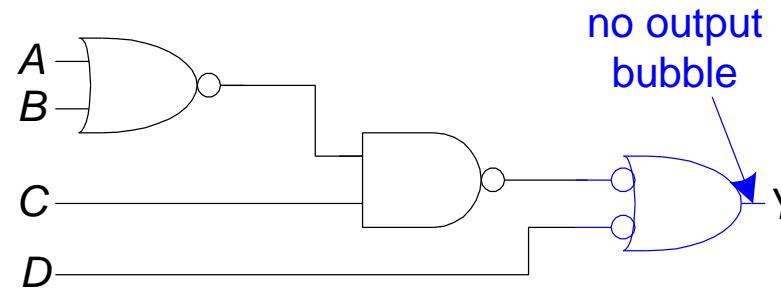
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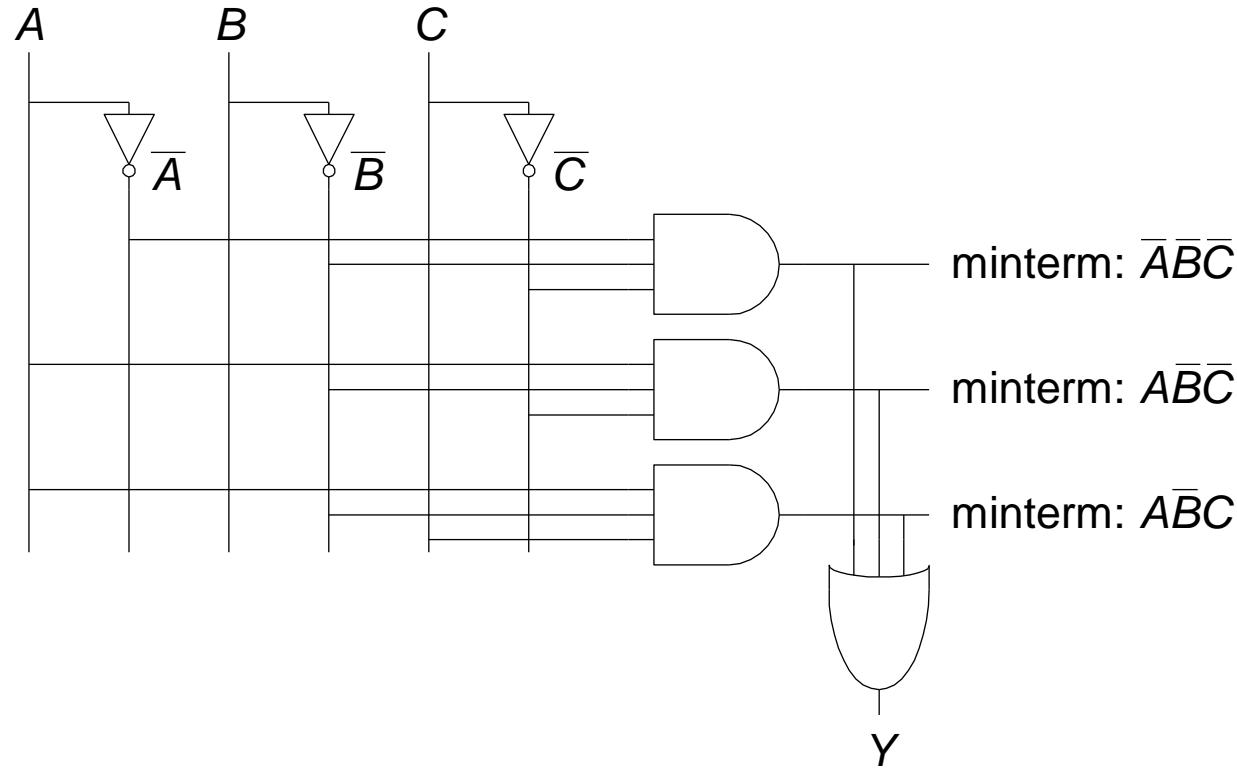
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$$Y = \overline{A}\overline{B}C + \overline{D}$$

From Logic to Gates

- Two-level logic: ANDs followed by ORs
- Example: $Y = \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C} + A\overline{B}\overline{C} + A\overline{B}C$



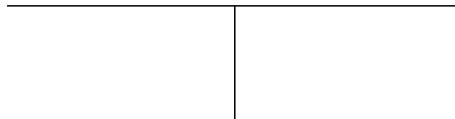
Circuit Schematics Rules

- Inputs on the left (or top)
- Outputs on right (or bottom)
- Gates flow from left to right
- Straight wires are best

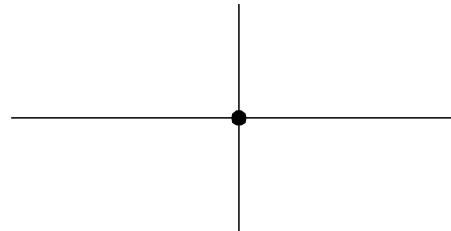
Circuit Schematic Rules (cont.)

- Wires always connect at a T junction
- A dot where wires cross indicates a connection between the wires
- Wires crossing *without* a dot make no connection

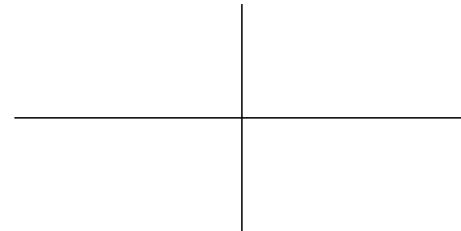
wires connect
at a T junction



wires connect
at a dot



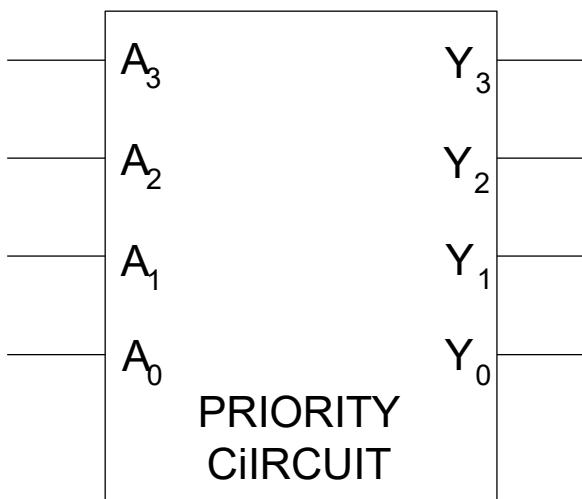
wires crossing
without a dot do
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Multiple-Output Circuits

- **Example: Priority Circuit**

Output asserted
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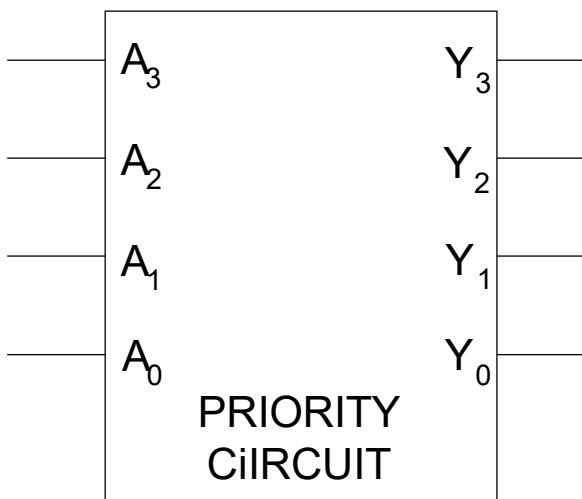


A_3	A_2	A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
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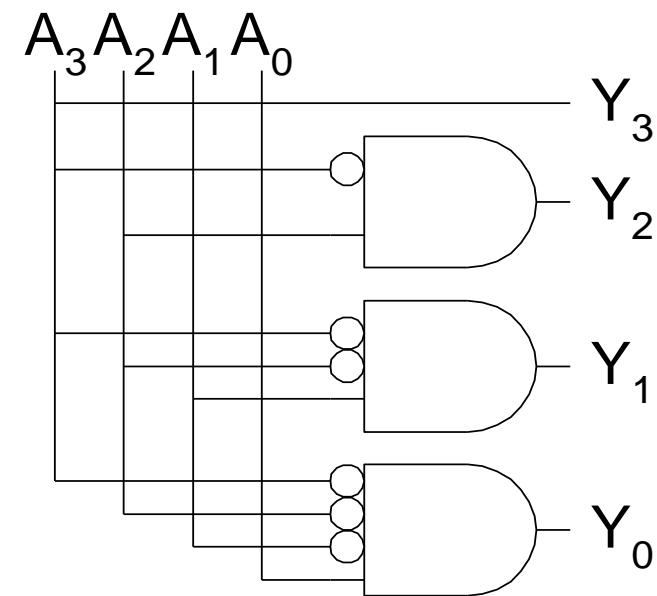
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Priority Circuit Hardware

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
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1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
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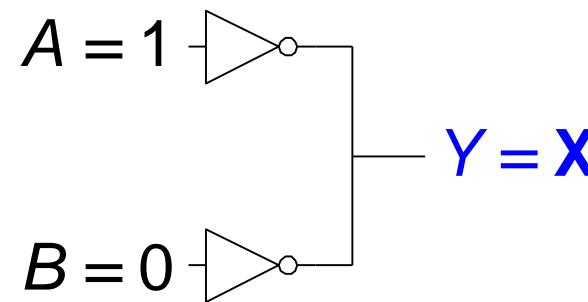
Don't Cares

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0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

A_3	A_2	A_1	A_0	Y_3	Y_2	Y_1	Y_0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	X	0	0	1	0
0	1	X	X	0	0	1	0
1	X	X	X	1	0	0	0

Contention: X

- Contention: circuit tries to drive output to 1 **and** 0
 - Actual value somewhere in between
 - Could be 0, 1, or in forbidden zone
 - Might change with voltage, temperature, time, noise
 - Often causes excessive power dissipation

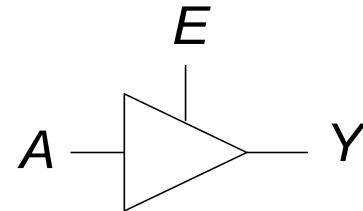


- **Warnings:**
 - Contention usually indicates a **bug**.
 - **X is used for “don’t care” and contention** - look at the context to tell them apart

Floating: Z

- Floating, high impedance, open, high Z
- Floating output might be 0, 1, or somewhere in between
 - A voltmeter won't indicate whether a node is floating

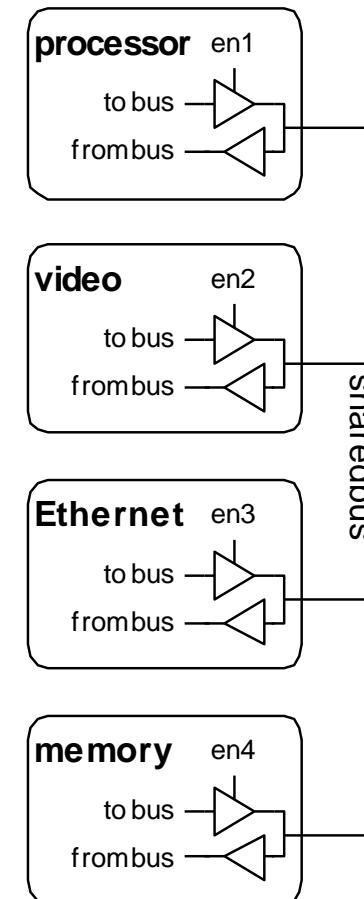
Tristate Buffer



E	A	Y
0	0	Z
0	1	Z
1	0	0
1	1	1

Tristate Busses

- Floating nodes are used in tristate busses
 - Many different drivers
 - Exactly one is active at once



Karnaugh Maps (K-Maps)

- Boolean expressions can be minimized by combining terms
- K-maps minimize equations graphically
- $PA + P\bar{A} = P$

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

Y
AB
C

	00	01	11	10
0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0

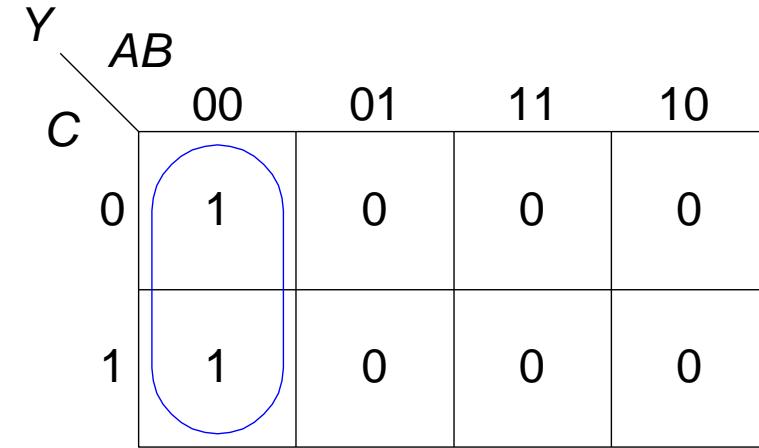
Y
AB
C

	00	01	11	10
0	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}$	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$A\bar{B}C$
1	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C$	$\bar{A}BC$	ABC	$A\bar{B}C$

K-Map

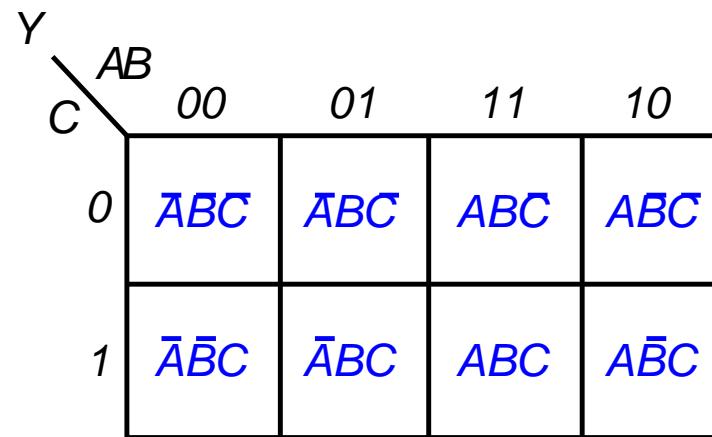
- Circle 1's in adjacent squares
- In Boolean expression, include only literals whose true and complement form are ***not*** in the circle

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



$$Y = \bar{A}\bar{B}$$

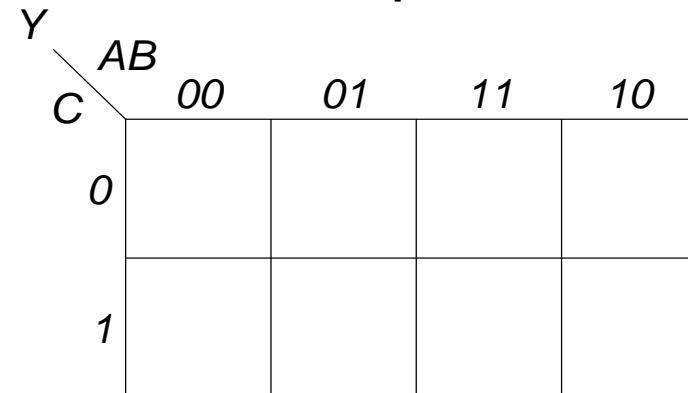
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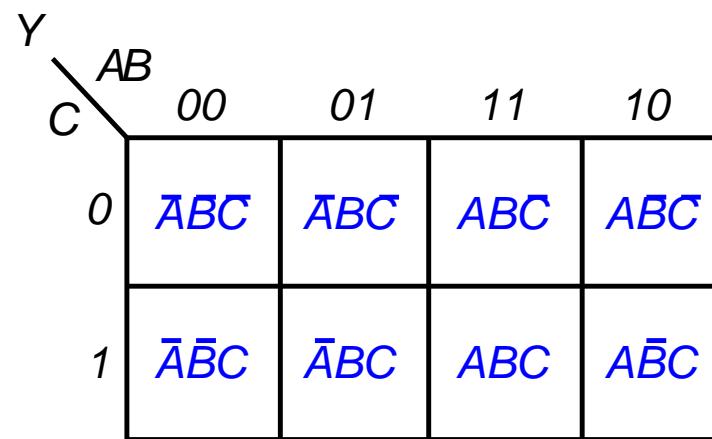
Truth Table

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
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1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

K-Map



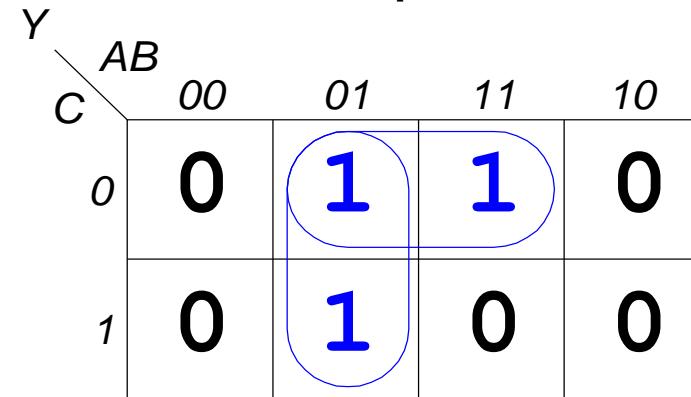
3-Input K-Map



Truth Table

A	B	C	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

K-Map



$$Y = \bar{A}B + B\bar{C}$$

K-Map Definitions

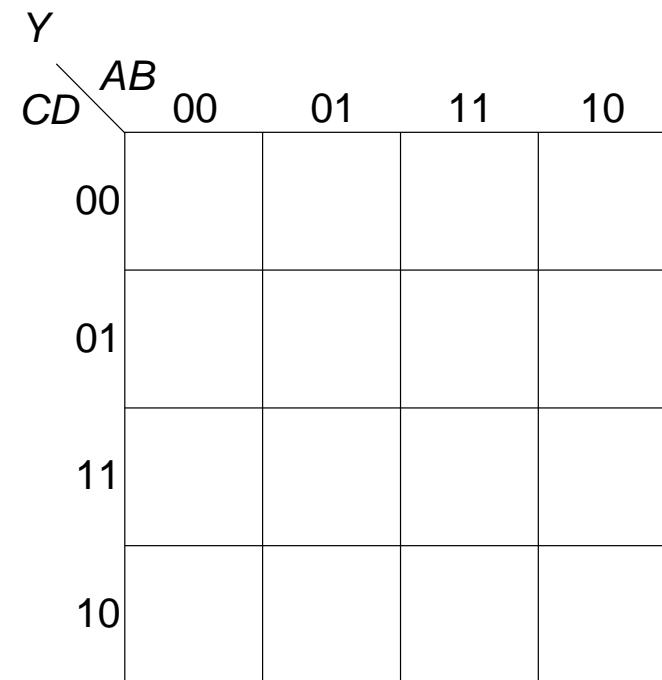
- **Complement:** variable with a bar over it
 $\bar{A}, \bar{B}, \bar{C}$
- **Literal:** variable or its complement
 $\bar{A}, A, \bar{B}, B, C, \bar{C}$
- **Implicant:** product of literals
 $A\bar{B}C, \bar{A}C, BC$
- **Prime implicant:** implicant corresponding to the largest circle in a K-map

K-Map Rules

- Every 1 must be circled at least once
- Each circle must span a power of 2 (i.e. 1, 2, 4) squares in each direction
- Each circle must be as large as possible
- A circle may wrap around the edges
- A “don't care” (X) is circled only if it helps minimize the equation

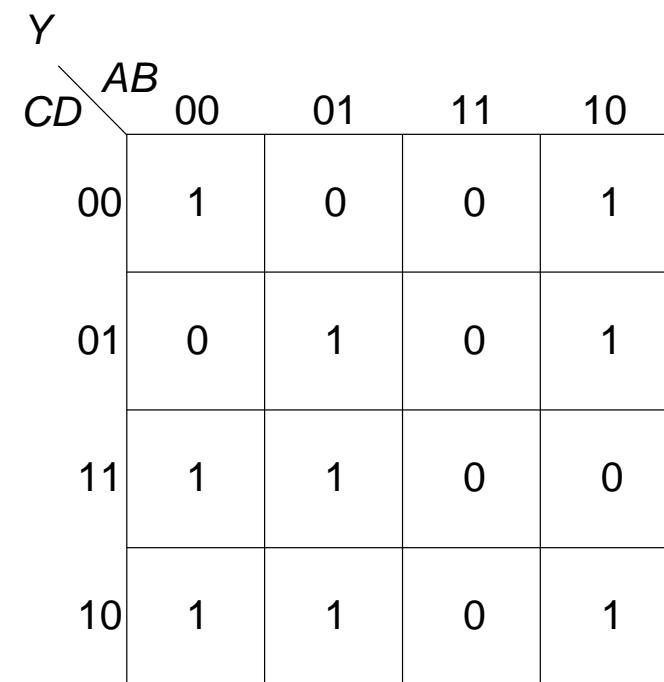
4-Input K-Map

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
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0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
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1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0



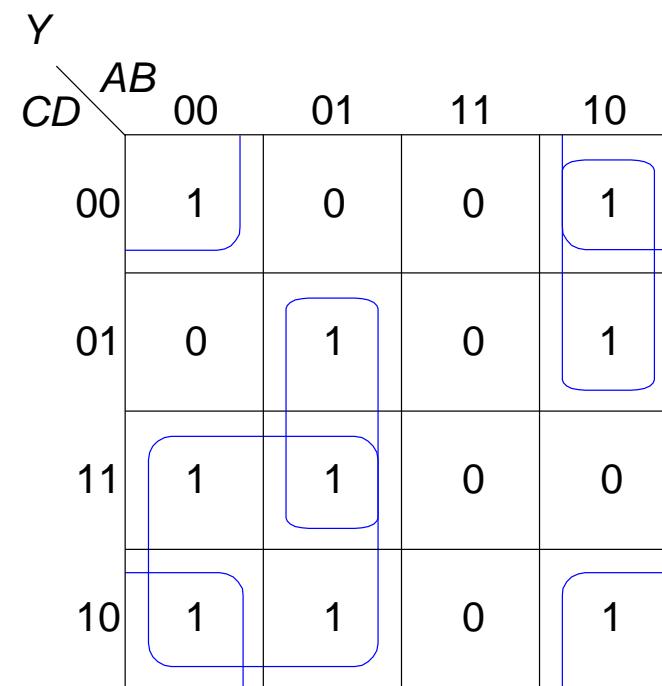
4-Input K-Map

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0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
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4-Input K-Map

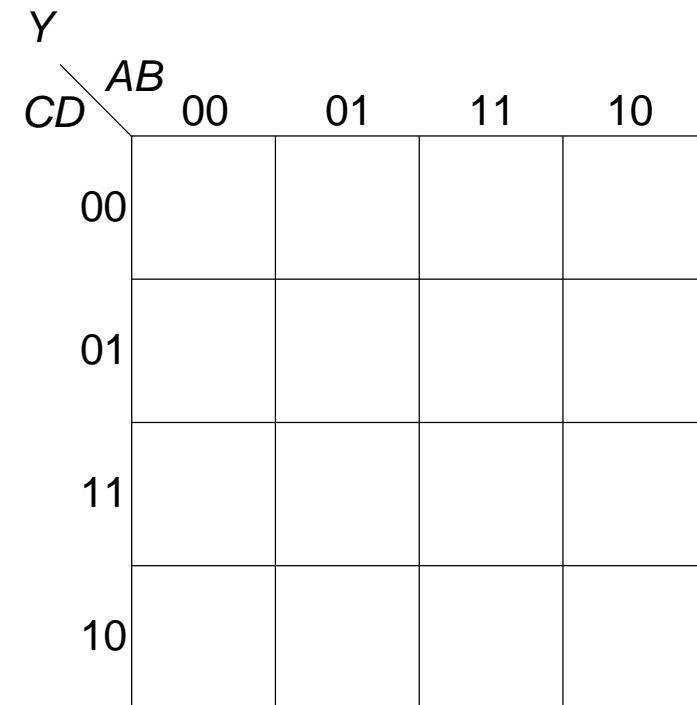
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0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
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0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
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1	1	1	1	0



$$Y = \bar{A}C + \bar{A}BD + \bar{ABC} + \bar{BD}$$

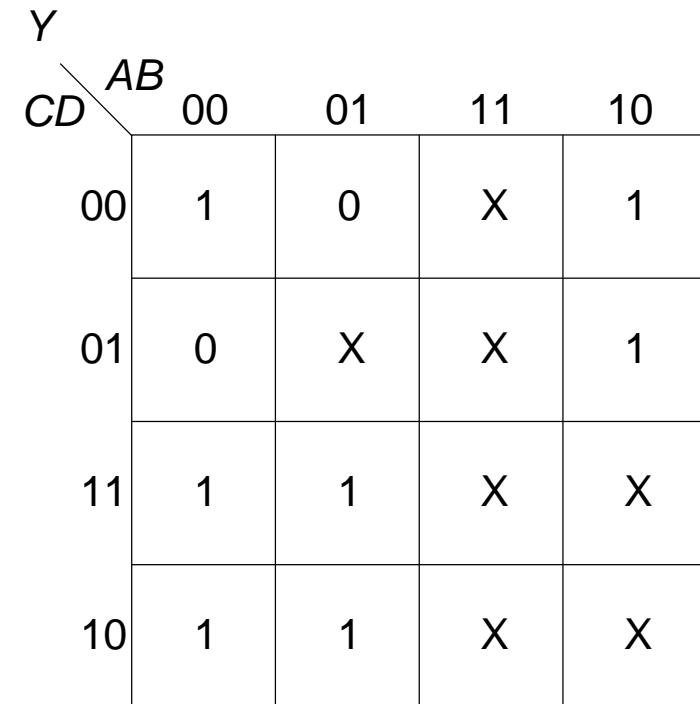
K-Maps with Don't Cares

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
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1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X



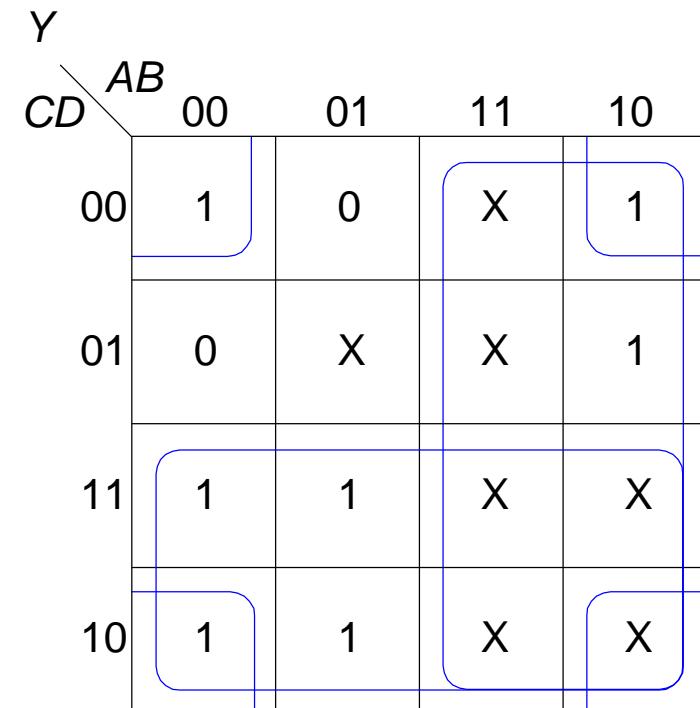
K-Maps with Don't Cares

A	B	C	D	Y
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0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X



K-Maps with Don't Cares

A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	X
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
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1	1	1	1	X



$$Y = A + \bar{B}\bar{D} + C$$

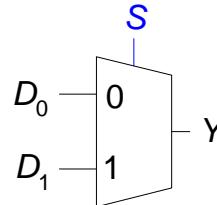
Combinational Building Blocks

- Multiplexers
- Decoders

Multiplexer (Mux)

- Selects between one of N inputs to connect to output
- $\log_2 N$ -bit select input – control input
- Example:

2:1 Mux



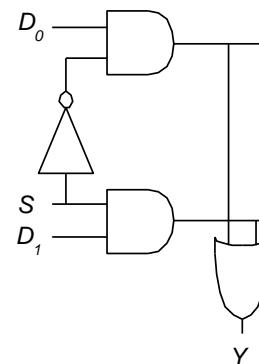
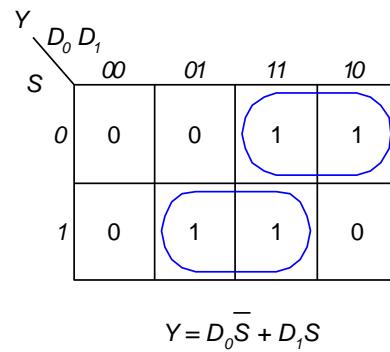
S	D ₁	D ₀	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

S	Y
0	D ₀
1	D ₁

Multiplexer Implementations

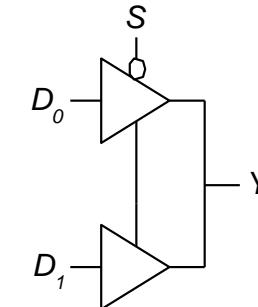
- **Logic gates**

- Sum-of-products form



- **Tristates**

- For an N-input mux, use N tristates
- Turn on exactly one to select the appropriate input

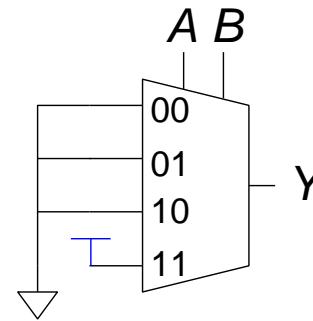


Logic using Multiplexers

- Using the mux as a lookup table

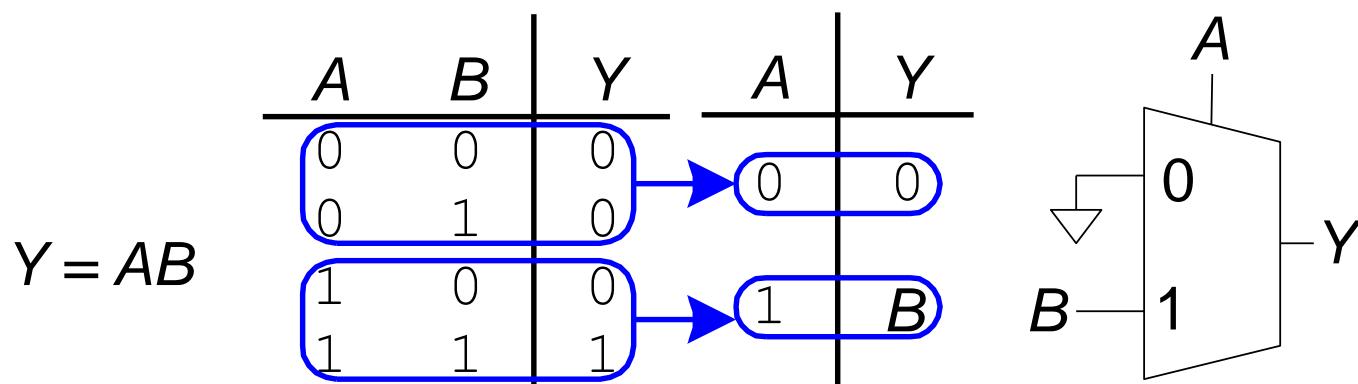
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0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$$Y = AB$$



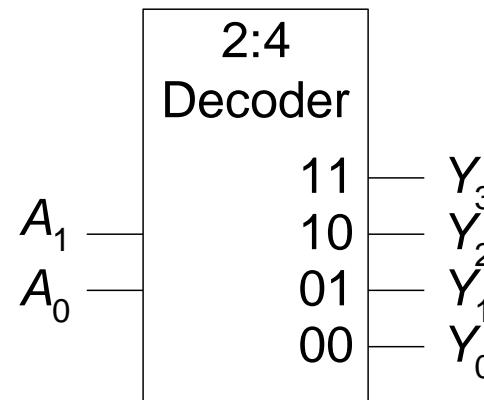
Logic using Multiplexers

- Reducing the size of the mux



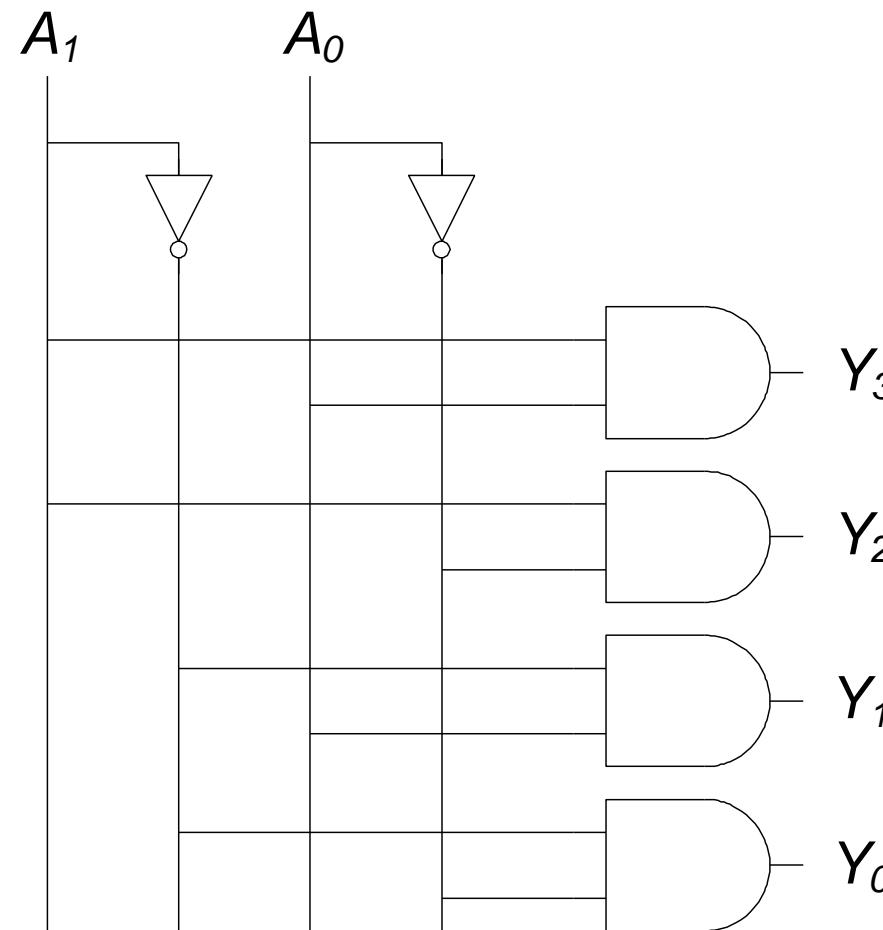
Decoders

- N inputs, 2^N outputs
- One-hot outputs: only one output HIGH at once



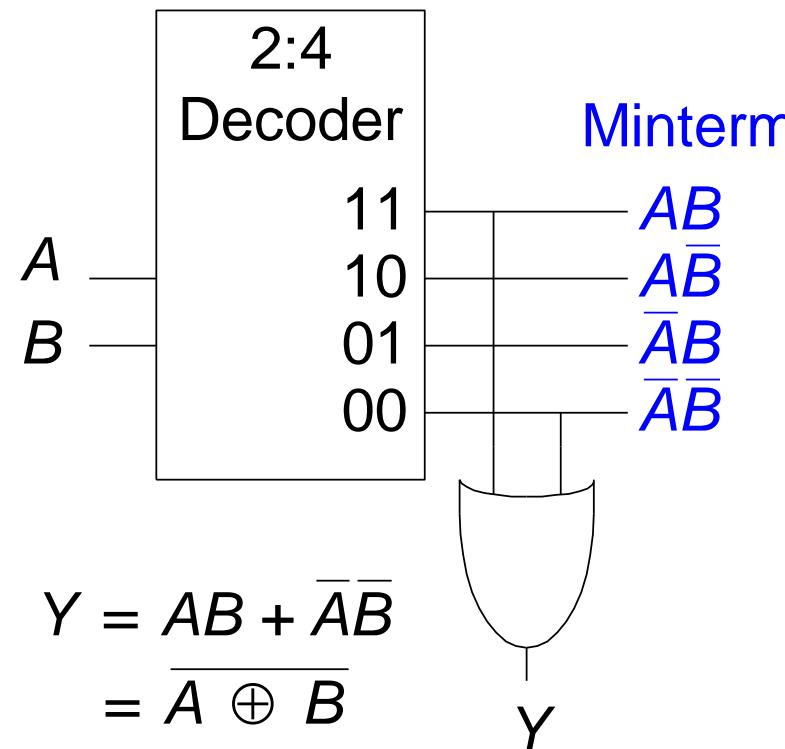
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0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0

Decoder Implementation



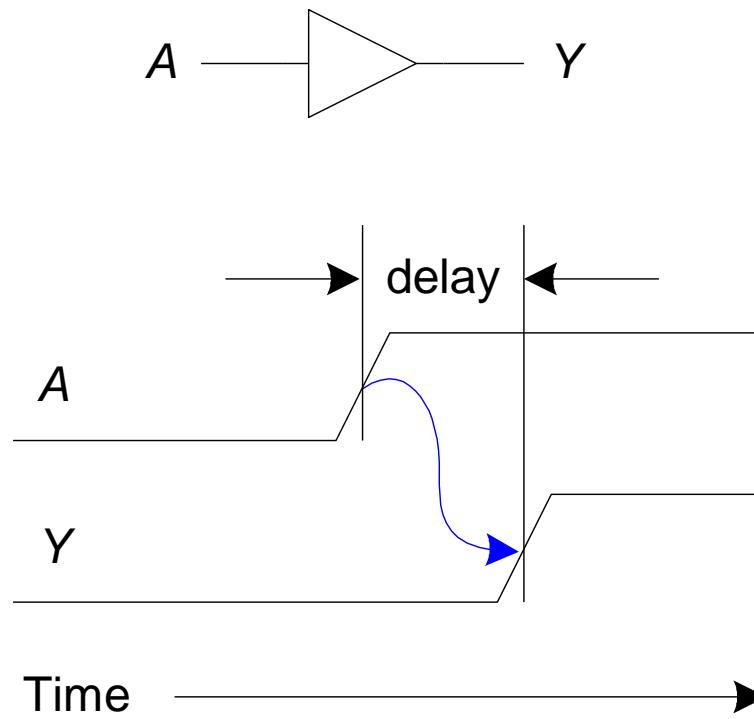
Logic Using Decoders

- OR minterms



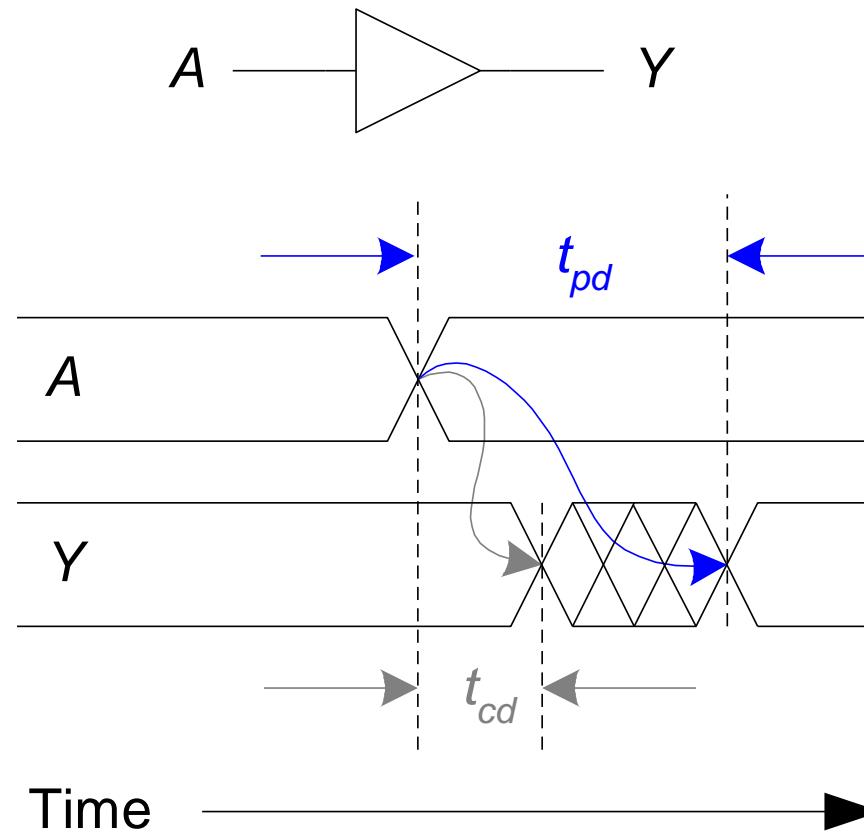
Timing

- Delay between input change and output changing
- How to build fast circuits?



Propagation & Contamination Delay

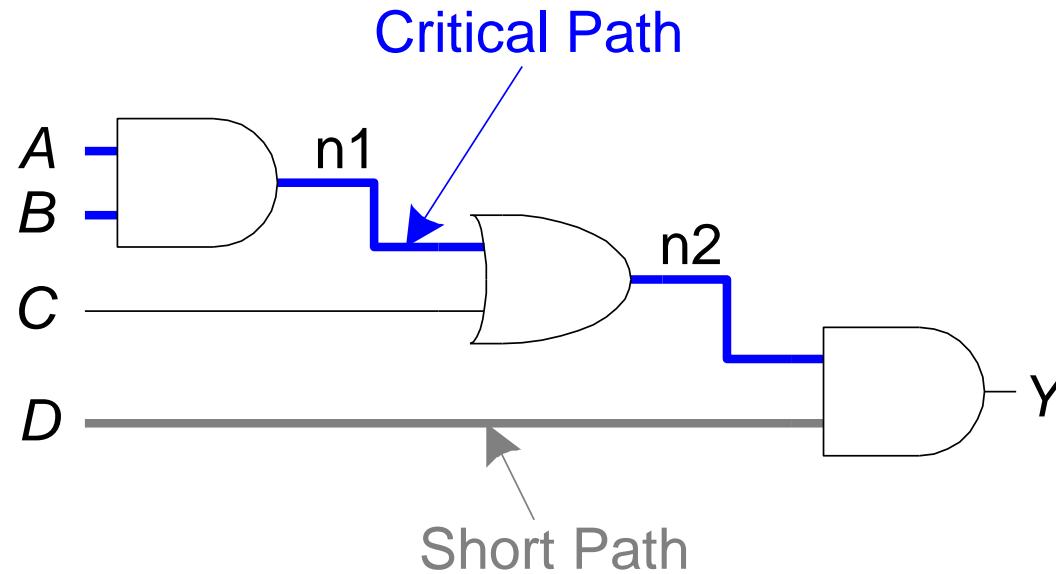
- **Propagation delay:** $t_{pd} = \max$ delay from input to output
- **Contamination delay:** $t_{cd} = \min$ delay from input to output



Propagation & Contamination Delay

- Delay is caused by
 - Capacitance and resistance in a circuit
 - Speed of light limitation
- Reasons why t_{pd} and t_{cd} may be different:
 - Different rising and falling delays
 - Multiple inputs and outputs, some of which are faster than others
 - Circuits slow down when hot and speed up when cold

Critical (Long) & Short Paths



Critical (Long) Path: $t_{pd} = 2t_{pd_AND} + t_{pd_OR}$

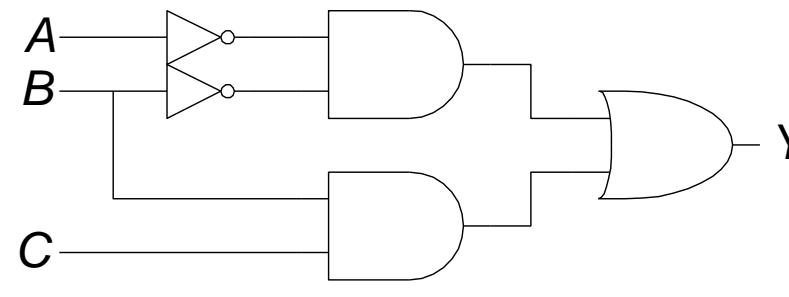
Short Path: $t_{cd} = t_{cd_AND}$

Glitches

- When a single input change causes an output to change multiple times

Glitch Example

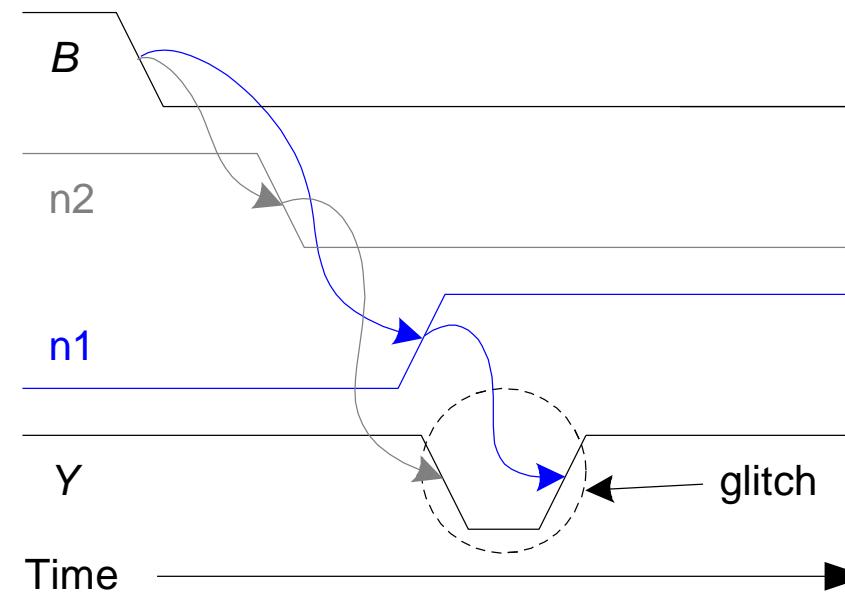
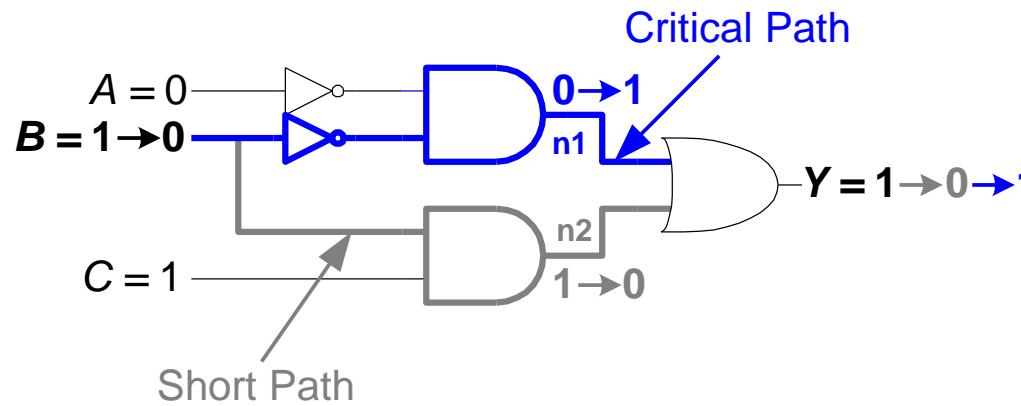
- What happens when $A = 0, C = 1, B$ falls?



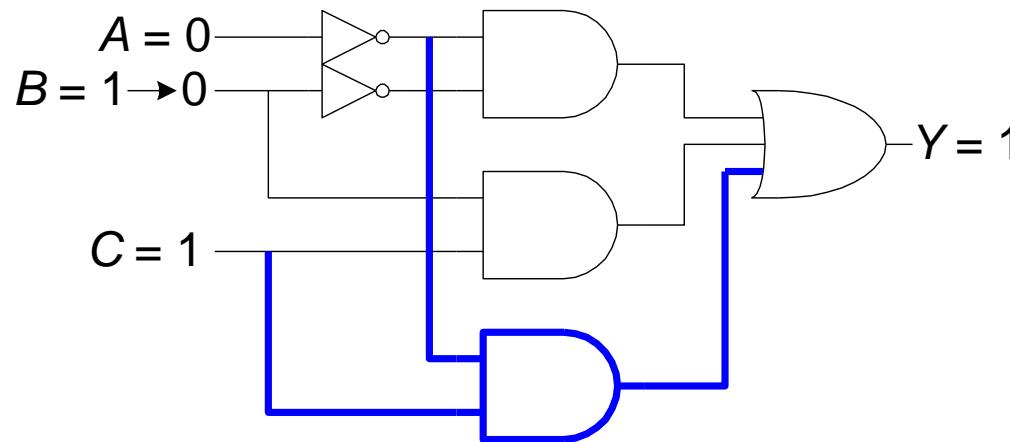
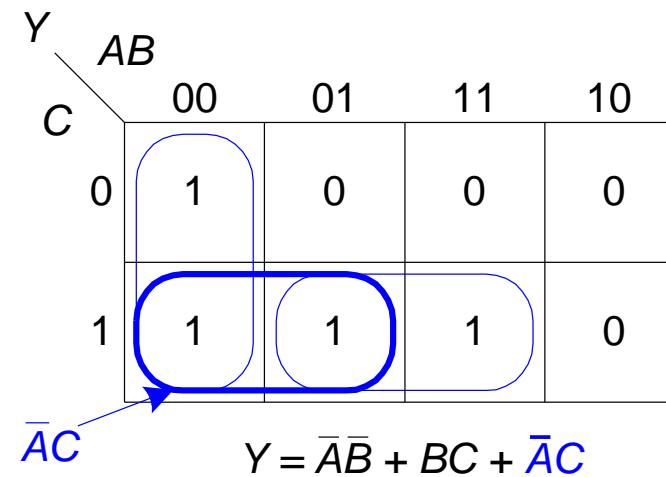
		AB	00	01	11	10	
		C	0	1	0	0	0
Y	AB	0	1	0	0	0	
		1	1	1	1	0	

$$Y = \bar{A}\bar{B} + BC$$

Glitch Example (cont.)



Fixing the Glitch



Why Understand Glitches?

- Glitches don't cause problems because of **synchronous design** conventions (see Chapter 3)
- It's important to **recognize** a glitch: in simulations or on oscilloscope
- Can't get rid of all glitches – simultaneous transitions on multiple inputs can also cause glitches