Digital Design

Chapter 2: Combinational Logic Design

Introduction



- Let's learn to design digital circuits
- We'll start with a simple form of circuit:
 - Combinational circuit
 - A digital circuit whose outputs depend solely on the <u>present combination</u> of the circuit inputs' values





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Switches

- Electronic switches are the basis of binary digital circuits
 - Electrical terminology
 - **Voltage**: Difference in electric potential between two points
 - Analogous to water pressure
 - Current: Flow of charged particles
 - Analogous to water flow
 - Resistance: Tendency of wire to resist current flow
 - Analogous to water pipe diameter
 - V = I * R (Ohm's Law)





Switches

- A switch has three parts
 - Source input, and output
 - Current wants to flow from source input to output
 - Control input
 - Voltage that controls whether that current can flow
- The amazing shrinking switch
 - 1930s: Relays
 - 1940s: Vacuum tubes
 - 1950s: Discrete transistor
 - 1960s: Integrated circuits (ICs)
 - Initially just a few transistors on IC
 - Then tens, hundreds, thousands...





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Moore's Law

- IC capacity doubling about every 18 months for several decades
 - Known as "Moore's Law" after Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel
 - Predicted in 1965 predicted that components per IC would double roughly every year or so
 - Book cover depicts related phenomena
 - For a particular number of transistors, the IC shrinks by half every 18 months
 - Notice how much shrinking occurs in just about 10 years
 - Enables incredibly powerful computation in incredibly tiny devices
 - Today's ICs hold *billions* of transistors
 - The first Pentium processor (early 1990s) needed only 3 million





An Intel Pentium processor IC having millions of transistors

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The CMOS Transistor

- CMOS transistor
 - Basic switch in modern ICs





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Boolean Logic Gates Building Blocks for Digital Circuits

(Because Switches are Hard to Work With)



"Logic gates" are better digital circuit building blocks than switches (transistors)
 Why?...



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Boolean Algebra and its Relation to Digital Circuits

- To understand the benefits of "logic gates" vs. ${\color{black}\bullet}$ switches, we should first understand Boolean algebra
- "Traditional" algebra
 - Variable represent real numbers
 - Operators operate on variables, return real numbers

Boolean Algebra

- Variables represent 0 or 1 only
- Operators return 0 or 1 only
- Basic operators
 - AND: a AND b returns 1 only when both a=1 and b=1
 - OR: a OR b returns 1 if either (or both) a=1 or b=1
 - NOT: *NOT a* returns the opposite of a (1 if a=0, 0 if a=1)



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Boolean Algebra and its Relation to Digital Circuits

- Developed mid-1800's by George Boole to formalize human thought
 - Ex: "I'll go to lunch if Mary goes OR John goes, AND Sally does not go."
 - Let F represent my going to lunch (1 means I go, 0 I don't go)





Evaluating Boolean Equations

- Evaluate the Boolean equation F = (a AND b) OR (c
 AND d) for the given values of variables a, b, c, and d:
 - Q1: a=1, b=1, c=1, d=0.
 - Answer: F = (1 AND 1) OR (1 AND 0) = 1 OR 0 = 1.
 - Q2: a=0, b=1, c=0, d=1.
 - Answer: F = (0 AND 1) OR (0 AND 1) = 0 OR 0 = 0.
 - Q3: a=1, b=1, c=1, d=1.
 - Answer: F = (1 AND 1) OR (1 AND 1) = 1 OR 1 = 1.

а	b	AND
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

а	b	OR
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

а	NOT
0	1
1	0



Converting to Boolean Equations

- Convert the following English statements to a Boolean equation
 - Q1. a is 1 and b is 1.
 - Answer: F = a AND b
 - Q2. either of a or b is 1.
 - Answer: F = a OR b
 - Q3. both a and b are not 0.
 - Answer:
 - (a) Option 1: F = NOT(a) AND NOT(b)
 - (b) Option 2: F = a OR b
 - Q4. a is 1 and b is 0.
 - Answer: F = a AND NOT(b)



Converting to Boolean Equations

- Q1. A fire sprinkler system should spray water if high heat is sensed and the system is set to enabled.
 - Answer: Let Boolean variable h represent "high heat is sensed," e represent "enabled," and F represent "spraying water." Then an equation is: F = h AND e.
 - Q2. A car alarm should sound if the alarm is enabled, and either the car is shaken or the door is opened.
 - Answer: Let a represent "alarm is enabled," s represent "car is shaken," d represent "door is opened," and F represent "alarm sounds." Then an equation is: F = a AND (s OR d).
 - (a) Alternatively, assuming that our door sensor d represents "door is closed" instead of open (meaning d=1 when the door is closed, 0 when open), we obtain the following equation: F = a AND (s OR NOT(d)).



Relating Boolean Algebra to Digital Design



- Implement Boolean operators using transistors
 - Call those implementations *logic gates*.
 - <u>Let's us build circuits by doing math</u> -powerful concept



<u>Note</u>: These OR/AND implementations are inefficient; we'll show why, and show better ones later.

NOT/OR/AND Logic Gate Timing Diagrams









Building Circuits Using Gates



- Recall Chapter 1 motion-in-dark example
 - Turn on lamp (F=1) when motion sensed (a=1) and no light (b=0)
 - F = a AND NOT(b)
 - Build using logic gates, AND and NOT, as shown
 - We just built our first digital circuit!



Example: Converting a Boolean Equation to a Circuit of Logic Gates

Q: Convert the following equation to logic gates:
 F = a AND NOT(b OR NOT(c))





Example: Seat Belt Warning Light System

- Design circuit for warning light
- Sensors
 - s=1: seat belt fastened
 - k=1: key inserted
 - p=1: person in seat
- Capture Boolean equation
 - person in seat, and seat belt not fastened, and key inserted
- Convert equation to circuit
- Notice
 - Boolean algebra enables easy capture as equation and conversion to circuit
 - How design with switches?
 - Of course, logic gates are built from switches, but we think at level of logic gates, not switches



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w = p AND NOT(s) AND k



Some Circuit Drawing Conventions





Boolean Algebra

- By defining logic gates based on Boolean algebra, we can use algebraic methods to manipulate circuits
 - So let's learn some Boolean algebraic methods
- Start with notation: Writing a AND b, a OR b, and NOT(a) is cumbersome
 - Use symbols: a * b, a + b, and a' (in fact, a * b can be just ab).
 - Original: w = (p AND NOT(s) AND k) OR t
 - New: w = ps'k + t
 - Spoken as "w equals p and s prime and k, or t"
 - Or even just "w equals p s prime k, or t"
 - s' known as "complement of s"
 - While symbols come from regular algebra, *don't* say "times" or "plus"

Boolean algebra precedence, highest precedence first.

Symbol	Name	Description
()	Parentheses	Evaluate expressions nested in parentheses first
,	NOT	Evaluate from left to right
*	AND	Evaluate from left to right
+	OR	Evaluate from left to right



Boolean Algebra Operator Precendence

- Evaluate the following Boolean equations, assuming a=1, b=1, c=0, d=1.
 - Q1. F = a * b + c.
 - Answer: * has precedence over +, so we evaluate the equation as F = (1 *1) + 0 = (1) + 0 = 1 + 0 = 1.
 - Q2. F = ab + c.
 - Answer: the problem is identical to the previous problem, using the shorthand notation for *.
 - Q3. F = ab'.
 - Answer: we first evaluate b' because NOT has precedence over AND, resulting in F = 1 * (1') = 1 * (0) = 1 * 0 = 0.
 - Q4. F = (ac)'.
 - Answer: we first evaluate what is inside the parentheses, then we NOT the result, yielding (1*0)' = (0)' = 0' = 1.
 - Q5. F = (a + b') * c + d'.
 - Answer: Inside left parentheses: (1 + (1')) = (1 + (0)) = (1 + 0) = 1. Next, * has precedence over +, yielding (1 * 0) + 1' = (0) + 1'. The NOT has precedence over the OR, giving (0) + (1') = (0) + (0) = 0 + 0 = 0.



Boolean Algebra Terminology

- Example equation: **F(a,b,c) = a'bc + abc' + ab + c**
- Variable
 - Represents a value (0 or 1)
 - Three variables: a, b, and c
- Literal
 - Appearance of a variable, in true or complemented form
 - Nine literals: a', b, c, a, b, c', a, b, and c

Product term

- Product of literals
- Four product terms: a'bc, abc', ab, c

• Sum-of-products

- Equation written as OR of product terms only
- Above equation is in sum-of-products form. "F = (a+b)c + d" is not.



Boolean Algebra Properties

- Commutative
 - -a+b=b+a
 - a * b = b * a
- Distributive
 - a * (b + c) = a * b + a * c
 - a + (b * c) = (a + b) * (a + c)
 - (this one is tricky!)
- Associative
 - (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)
 (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)
- Identity
 - 0 + a = a + 0 = a
 - -1*a = a*1 = a
- Complement
 - a + a' = 1
 - a * a' = 0
- To prove, just evaluate all possibilities



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Example uses of the properties

- Show abc' equivalent to c'ba.
 - Use commutative property:
 - a*b*c' = a*c'*b = c'*a*b = c'*b*a = c'ba.
- Show abc + abc' = ab.
 - Use first distributive property
 - abc + abc' = ab(c+c').
 - Complement property
 - Replace c+c' by 1: ab(c+c') = ab(1).
 - Identity property
 - ab(1) = ab*1 = ab.
- Show x + x'z equivalent to x + z.
 - Second distributive property
 - Replace x+x'z by (x+x')*(x+z).
 - Complement property
 - Replace (x+x') by 1,
 - Identity property
 - replace 1*(x+z) by x+z.

Example that Applies Boolean Algebra Properties

- Want automatic door opener circuit (e.g., for grocery store)
 - Output: f=1 opens door
 - Inputs:
 - p=1: person detected
 - h=1: switch forcing hold open
 - c=1: key forcing closed
 - Want open door when
 - h=1 and c=0, or
 - h=0 and p=1 and c=0
 - Equation: f = hc' + h'pc'





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- Found inexpensive chip that computes:
 - f = c'hp + c'hp' + c'h'p
 - Can we use it?
 - Is it the same as f = c'(p+h)?
- Use Boolean algebra:

f = c'hp + c'hp' + c'h'p

- f = c'h(p + p') + c'h'p (by the distributive property)
- f = c'h(1) + c'h'p (by the complement property)
- f = c'h + c'h'p (by the identity property)
- f = hc' + h'pc' (by the commutative property)

Same!

Boolean Algebra: Additional Properties

- Aircraft lavatory sign example
- Null elements
 - a + 1 = 1
 - a * 0 = 0
- Idempotent Law
 - a + a = a
 - a*a=a
- Involution Law
 - (a')' = a
- DeMorgan's Law
 - (a + b)' = a'b'
 - (ab)' = a' + b'
 - Very useful!
- To prove, just evaluate all possibilities



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- Behavior
 - Three lavatories, each with sensor (a, b, c), equals 1 if door locked
 - Light "Available" sign (S) if any lavatory available
- Equation and circuit
 - S = a' + b' + c'
- Transform

Circuit

a-

b-

- (abc)' = a'+b'+c' (by DeMorgan's Law)
- S = (abc)'
- New equation and circuit

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C-

Circuit

- Alternative: Instead of lighting "Available," light "Occupied"
- Opposite of
 "Available" function S
 = a' + b' + c'
- So S' = (a' + b' + c')'
 - S' = (a')' * (b')' * (c')' (by DeMorgan's Law)
 - S' = a * b * c (by Involution Law)
- Makes intuitive sense

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 Occupied if all doors are locked

Representations of Boolean Functions



- A function can be represented in different ways
 - Above shows seven representations of the same functions F(a,b), using four different methods: English, Equation, Circuit, and Truth Table



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Truth Table Representation of Boolean Functions

- Define value of F for each possible combination of input values
 - 2-input function: 4 rows
 - 3-input function: 8 rows
 - 4-input function: 16 rows
- Q: Use truth table to define function F(a,b,c) that is 1 when abc is 5 or greater in binary

		а	b	F	а	b	С	F	а	b	С	d	F	
		0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0		
		0	1		0	0	1		0	0	0	1		
		1	0		0	1	0		0	0	1	0		
		1	1		0	1	1		0	0	1	1		
(a)				1	0	0		0	1	0	0			
			()		1	0	1		0	1	0	1		
					1	1	0		0	1	1	0		
					1	1	1		0	1	1	1		
							(b)		1	0	0	0		
							()		1	0	0	1		
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	0	1	1	0					1	1	1	0		
	1	0	0	0					1	1	1	1		
	1	0	1	1							(C))		
	1	1	0	1										
	1	1	1	1										



Converting among Representations

- Can convert from any representation to any other
- Common conversions
 - Equation to circuit (we did this earlier)
 - Truth table to equation (which we can convert to circuit)
 - Easy -- just OR each input term that should output 1
 - Equation to truth table
 - Easy -- just evaluate equation for each input combination (row)
 - Creating intermediate columns helps

Q: Convert to truth table: F = a'b' + a'b

Inp	outs			Output
а	b	a' b'	a' b	F
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0



Inp	outs	Outputs	Term			
а	b	F	F = sum of			
0	0	1	a'b'			
0	1	1	a'b			
1	0	0				
1	1	0				

F = a'b' + a'b

Q: Convert to equation

а	b	С	F	
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	0	
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	
1	0	1	1	ab'c
1	1	0	1	abc'
1	1	1	1	abc

F = ab'c + abc' + abc

Standard Representation: Truth Table

- How can we determine if two functions are the same?
 - Recall automatic door example
 - Same as f = hc' + h'pc'?
 - Used algebraic methods
 - But if we failed, does that prove *not* equal? No.
- Solution: Convert to truth tables
 - Only ONE truth table representation of a given function
 - **Standard** representation -- for given function, only one version in standard form exists

$$f = c'hp + c'hp' + c'h'$$

$$f = c'h(p + p') + c'h'p$$

$$f = c'h(1) + c'h'p$$

f = c'h + c'h'p

(what if we stopped here?)

f = hc' + h'pc'

Q: Determine if F=ab+a' is same function as F=a'b'+a'b+ab, by converting each to truth table first





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Canonical Form -- Sum of Minterms

- Truth tables too big for numerous inputs
- Use standard form of equation instead
 - Known as canonical form
 - Regular algebra: group terms of polynomial by power
 - $ax^2 + bx + c$ $(3x^2 + 4x + 2x^2 + 3 + 1 --> 5x^2 + 4x + 4)$
 - Boolean algebra: create sum of minterms
 - *Minterm*: product term with every function literal appearing exactly once, in true or complemented form
 - Just multiply-out equation until sum of product terms
 - Then expand each term until all terms are minterms

Q: Determine if F(a,b)=ab+a' is same function as F(a,b)=a'b'+a'b+ab, by converting first equation to canonical form (second already in canonical form)

- F = ab+a' (already sum of products)
- ^{*a*} F = ab + a'(b+b') (expanding term)



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F = ab + a'b + a'b' (SAME -- same three terms as other equation)

Multiple-Output Circuits

- Many circuits have more than one output
- Can give each a separate circuit, or can share gates
- Ex: $F = \underline{ab} + c'$, $G = \underline{ab} + bc$



Option 1: Separate circuits

Option 2: Shared gates



Multiple-Output Example: BCD to 7-Segment Converter

TABLE 2-4 4-bit binary number to seven-segment display truth table

w	х	у	z	а	b	с	d	е	f	g
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





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a = w'x'y'z' + w'x'yz' + w'x'yz + w'xy'z + w'xyz' + w'xyz + wx'y'z' + wx'y'z

b = w'x'y'z' + w'x'y'z + w'x'yz' + w'x'yz + w'xy'z' + w'xyz + wx'y'z' + wx'y'z



Combinational Logic Design Process

Step

Description

- Step 1 Capture the function
- Step 2 **Convert** to equations

Step 3 Implement as a gatebased circuit

- Create a truth table or equations, *whichever is most natural for the given problem*, to describe the desired behavior of the combinational logic.
- This step is only necessary if you captured the function using a truth table instead of equations. Create an equation for each output by ORing all the minterms for that output. Simplify the equations if desired.
 - For each output, create a circuit corresponding to the output's equation. (Sharing gates among multiple outputs is OK optionally.)



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Example: Three 1s Detector

- Problem: Detect three consecutive 1s in 8-bit input: abcdefgh
 - 00011101 → 1 10101011 → 0
 11110000 → 1
 - Step 1: Capture the function
 - Truth table or equation?
 - Truth table too big: 2^8=256 rows
 - Equation: create terms for each possible case of three consecutive 1s
 - y = abc + bcd + cde + def + efg + fgh
 - Step 2: Convert to equation -- already done
 - Step 3: Implement as a gate-based circuit





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Example: Number of 1s Count

- Problem: Output in binary on two outputs yz the number of 1s on three inputs
 - $010 \rightarrow 01$ $101 \rightarrow 10$ $000 \rightarrow 00$
 - Step 1: Capture the function
 - Truth table or equation?
 - Truth table is straightforward
 - Step 2: Convert to equation
 - y = a'bc + ab'c + abc' + abc
 - z = a'b'c + a'bc' + ab'c' + abc
 - Step 3: Implement as a gatebased circuit

	Inputs		(# of 1s)	Out	puts
a	b	С		у	Ζ
0	0	0	(0)	0	0
0	0	1	(1)	0	1
0	1	0	(1)	0	1
0	1	1	(2)	1	0
1	0	0	(1)	0	1
1	0	1	(2)	1	0
1	1	0	(2)	1	0
1	1	1	(3)	1	1







More Gates



- NAND: Opposite of AND ("NOT AND")
- NOR: Opposite of OR ("NOT OR")
- XOR: Exactly 1 input is 1, for 2-input XOR. (For more inputs -- odd number of 1s)
- XNOR: Opposite of XOR ("NOT XOR")



- NAND same as AND with power & ground switched
 - Why? nMOS conducts 0s well, but not 1s (reasons beyond our scope) -- so NAND more efficient
- Likewise, NOR same as OR with power/ground switched
- AND in CMOS: NAND with NOT
- OR in CMOS: NOR with NOT
- So NAND/NOR more common



More Gates: Example Uses

- Aircraft lavatory sign example
 - S = (abc)'
- Detecting all 0s
 Use NOR



- Detecting equality
 - Use XNOR
- Detecting odd # of 1s
 - Use XOR
 - Useful for generating "parity" bit common for detecting errors





Completeness of NAND

- Any Boolean function can be implemented using just NAND gates. Why?
 - Need AND, OR, and NOT
 - NOT: 1-input NAND (or 2-input NAND with inputs tied together)
 - AND: NAND followed by NOT
 - OR: NAND preceded by NOTs
- Likewise for NOR





Number of Possible Boolean Functions

- How many possible functions of 2 variables?
 - 2² rows in truth table, 2 choices for each
 - $2^{(2^2)} = 2^4 = 16$ possible functions
- N variables
 - -2^{N} rows
 - $2^{(2^N)}$ possible functions

а	b	F	
0	0	0 or 1	2 choices
0	1	0 or 1	2 choices
1	0	0 or 1	2 choices
1	1	0 or 1	2 choices

 $2^4 = 16$ possible functions

а	b	fO	f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	f7	f8	f9	f10	f11	f12	f13	f14	f15
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
		0	a AND b		ອ		q	a XOR b	a OR b	a NOR b	a XNOR b	۵		σ		a NAND b	4



Decoders and Muxes

- Decoder: Popular combinational logic building block, in addition to logic gates
 - Converts input binary number to one high output
- 2-input decoder: four possible input binary numbers
 - So has four outputs, one for each possible input binary number
- Internal design
 - AND gate for each output to detect input combination
- Decoder with enable e
 - Outputs all 0 if e=0
 - Regular behavior if e=1
- n-input decoder: 2ⁿ outputs









Decoder Example

- New Year's Eve Countdown Display
 - Microprocessor counts from 59 down to 0 in binary on 6-bit output
 - Want illuminate one of 60 lights for each binary number
 - Use 6x64 decoder
 - 4 outputs unused





Multiplexor (Mux)

- Mux: Another popular combinational building block
 - Routes one of its N data inputs to its one output, based on binary value of select inputs
 - 4 input mux → needs 2 select inputs to indicate which input to route through
 - 8 input mux \rightarrow 3 select inputs
 - N inputs $\rightarrow \log_2(N)$ selects
 - Like a railyard switch





Mux Internal Design



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2x1 mux







Mux Example

- City mayor can set four switches up or down, representing his/her vote on each of four proposals, numbered 0, 1, 2, 3
- City manager can display any such vote on large green/red LED (light) by setting two switches to represent binary 0, 1, 2, or 3
 Mayor's switches
- Use 4x1 mux





Muxes Commonly Together -- N-bit Mux



- Ex: Two 4-bit inputs, A (a3 a2 a1 a0), and B (b3 b2 b1 b0)
 - 4-bit 2x1 mux (just four 2x1 muxes sharing a select line) can select between A or B



N-bit Mux Example



- Four possible display items
 - Temperature (T), Average miles-per-gallon (A), Instantaneous mpg (I), and Miles remaining (M) -- each is 8-bits wide
 - Choose which to display using two inputs x and y
 - Use 8-bit 4x1 mux



Additional Considerations Schematic Capture and Simulation



• Schematic capture

- Computer tool for user to capture logic circuit graphically
- Simulator
 - Computer tool to show what circuit outputs would be for given inputs
 - Outputs commonly displayed as waveform



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- Real gates have some delay
 - Outputs don't change immediately after inputs change





- Combinational circuits
 - Circuit whose outputs are function of present inputs
 - No "state"
- Switches: Basic component in digital circuits
- Boolean logic gates: AND, OR, NOT -- Better building block than switches
 - Enables use of Boolean algebra to design circuits
- Boolean algebra: uses true/false variables/operators
- Representations of Boolean functions: Can translate among
- Combinational design process: Translate from equation (or table) to circuit through well-defined steps
- More gates: NAND, NOR, XOR, XNOR also useful
- Muxes and decoders: Additional useful combinational building blocks

