## What 314 Is About



## Building A Computer

Information is encoded with bits: O's and 1's.
(we've already seen 2's complement numbers)
These are encoded using voltages...

+ well understood
+ easy to generate, detect
- affected by environment

But why 1's and O's only?

## Digital Representation

Example: representing a $\mathrm{B} \& \mathrm{~W}$ picture:

- Black $=0 \mathrm{~V}$
- White $=1 \mathrm{~V}$
- $80 \%$ grey $=0.8 \mathrm{~V}$

Represent by scanning picture in fixed order.
Let's try doing some computation with the voltages...

## Digital Representation

Flip image:
Flip back and forth...


What really happens...


Have to build system to tolerate some error (noise).
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## Logic Levels

- Store just one bit on a wire...
- Gain reliability


Different conventions are possible


## Combinational Devices

## A combinational device:

- Output is a function of inputs only ("memoryless")
- Takes input to valid, stable outputs

Combinational devices restore marginally valid signals!


## Example

- Input: logic 0 if $<V_{i l}$, logic 1 if $>V_{i h}$
- Output logic 0 if $<V_{o l}$, logic 1 if $>V_{o h}$



## Digital View

- If input is 0 , output is 1
- If input is 1 , output is 0

Normally written in a table, like this:

| $\ln$ | Out |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 |

Called a "truth-table".

## Implementation: Switching Networks

Lots of ways to build switches...

- relays
- vacuum tubes
- transistors
- ...

P-transistor


Connect $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ if $\mathrm{g}=0$.

N-transistor


Connect a and b if $\mathrm{g}=1$.

## Switching Networks: Inverter



- Function: NOT
- Called an inverter
- Symbol:
in out

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## Switching Networks: NAND



- Function: NAND
- Symbol:



## Switching Networks: NOR



- Function: NOR
- Symbol:



## Building Functions From Gates

- AND:

- OR:


Can specify function by describing gates, truth table, or logic equations.

## Logic Equations

AND:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { out } & =a \cdot b \\
\text { out } & =a b \\
\text { out } & =a \wedge b
\end{aligned}
$$

OR:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { out }=a+b \\
& \text { out }=a \vee b
\end{aligned}
$$

NOT:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { out }=\neg i n \\
& \text { out }=\overline{i n}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Logic Equations

Fun with identities:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a+\bar{a}=1 \\
& a+0=a \\
& a+1=1 \\
& a \bar{a}=0 \\
& a \cdot 0=0 \\
& a \cdot 1=a \\
& a(b+c)=a b+a c \\
& \overline{(a+b)}=\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \\
& (a \cdot b)=\bar{a}+\bar{b} \\
& a+\bar{a} b=a+b
\end{aligned}
$$

Check by writing truth tables, or by manipulating logic equations.

## Let's Build An Adder

Write down function:

- Two 1-bit inputs, $a$ and $b$
- Two 1-bit outputs, sum and carry

Truth-table:

| $a$ | $b$ | carry | sum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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Sum output:

| $\mathbf{a}$ | $\mathbf{b}$ | sum | Logic term |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{O}$ | $\mathbf{O}$ | $\mathbf{O}$ | $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}$ |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | $a \cdot \bar{b}$ |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | $\bar{a} \cdot b$ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | $a \cdot b$ |

Logic equation: $a \cdot \bar{b}+\bar{a} \cdot b$
Circuit:


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Carry output:

| $a$ | $b$ | carry | Logic term |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}$ |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | $a \cdot \bar{b}$ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | $\bar{a} \cdot b$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | $a \cdot b$ |

Logic equation: $a \cdot b$
Circuit:


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Final Circuit:


Numbers indicate the number of sequential steps from input to output (worst-case).

