

# The basics of logic design: Combinational logic

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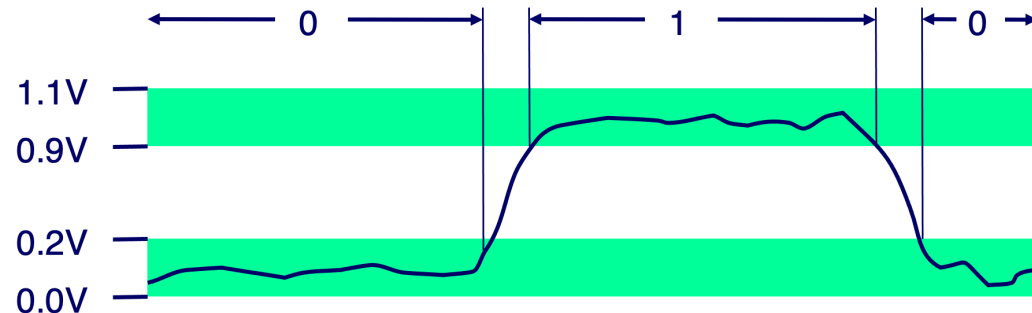
## Layer cake

- ▶ Society
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logic { combinational → no state  
          sequential → stateful.

## Everything is bits

- Each bit is 0 or 1
- By encoding/interpreting sets of bits in various ways
  - Computers determine what to do (instructions)
  - ... and represent and manipulate numbers, sets, strings, etc...
- Why bits? Electronic Implementation
  - Easy to store with bistable elements
  - Reliably transmitted on noisy and inaccurate wires



# To build logic, we need switches

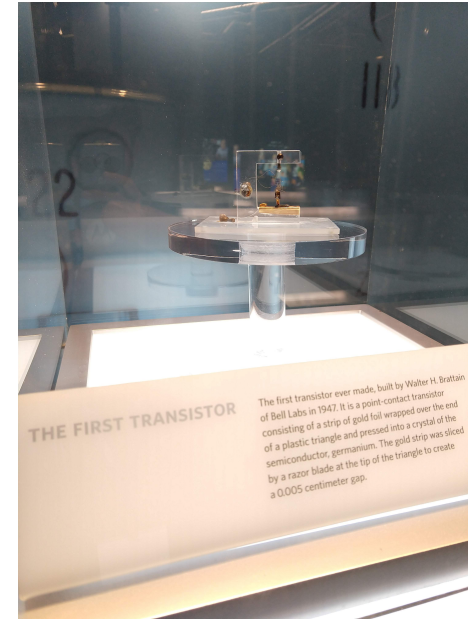
Vacuum tubes a.k.a. valves



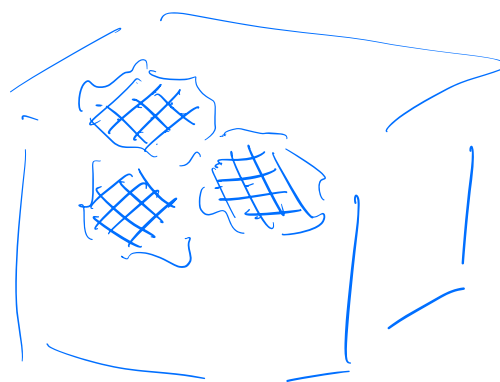
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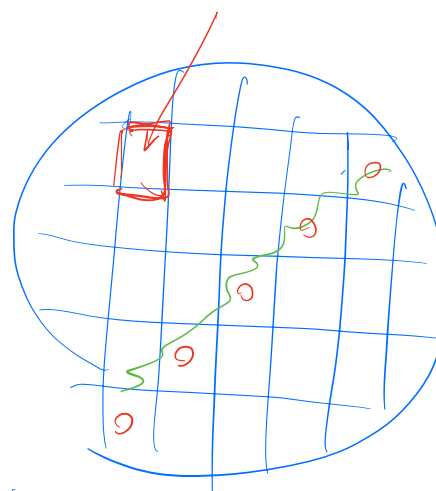
## Transistors



- ▶ The first transistor. Developed at Bell Labs, Murray Hill, New Jersey
- ▶ <https://www.bell-labs.com/about/locations/>



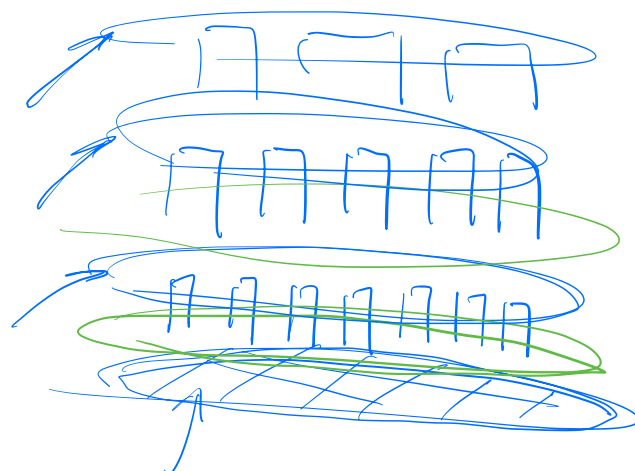
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$12^{\circ}$



metal  
layers



MOSFETs

diodes . Bipolar Junction transistors,  
FETs.

MOS: Metal-oxide-semiconductor

- ▶ A sandwich of conductor-insulator-semiconductor.

FET: Field-effect transistor

- ▶ Gate exerts electric field that changes conductivity of semiconductor.

B C N

K<sub>1</sub> 0 0

# NMOS, PMOS, CMOS

## PMOS: P-type MOS



- ▶ positive gate voltage, acts as open circuit (insulator)
- ▶ negative gate voltage, acts as short circuit (conductor)

## NMOS: N-type MOS



- ▶ positive gate voltage, acts as short circuit (conductor)
- ▶ negative gate voltage, acts as open circuit (insulator)

## CMOS: Complementary MOS

- ▶ A combination of NMOS and PMOS to build logical gates such as NOT, AND, OR.
- ▶ We'll go to slides posted in supplementary material to see how they work.



# Combinational vs. sequential logic

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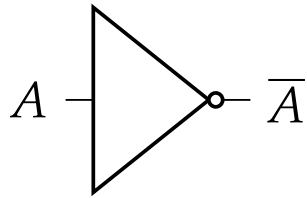
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cache read hit

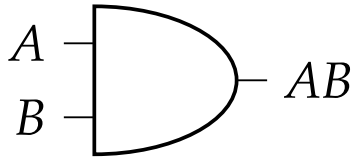
# NOT gate



$A$	$\overline{A}$
0	1
1	0

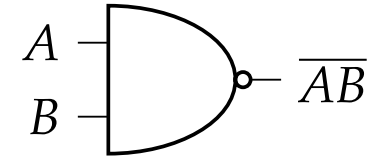
**Table:** Truth table for NOT gate

# AND gate, NAND gate



A	B	$AB$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

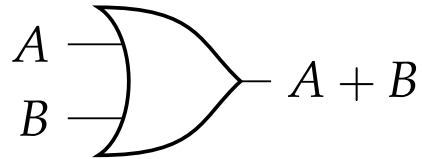
Table: Truth table for AND gate



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0	0	1
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1	0	1
1	1	0

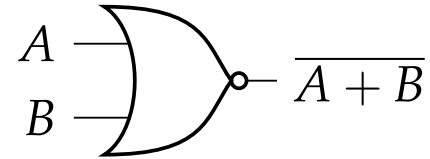
Table: Truth table for NAND gate

# OR gate, NOR gate



$A$	$B$	$A + B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

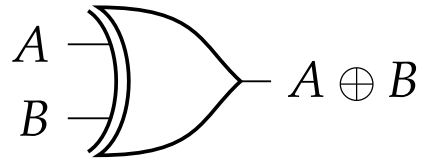
Table: Truth table for OR gate



$A$	$B$	$\overline{A + B}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

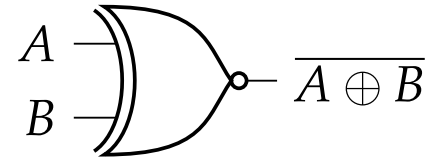
Table: Truth table for NOR gate

# XOR gate, XNOR gate



A	B	$A \oplus B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

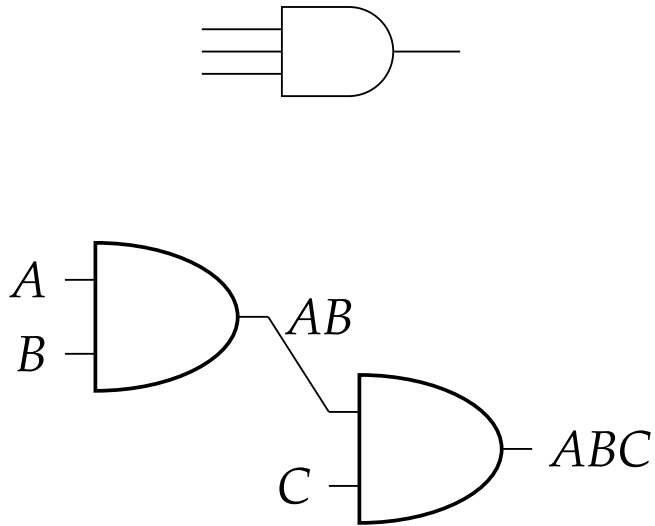
Table: Truth table for XOR gate



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

Table: Truth table for XNOR gate

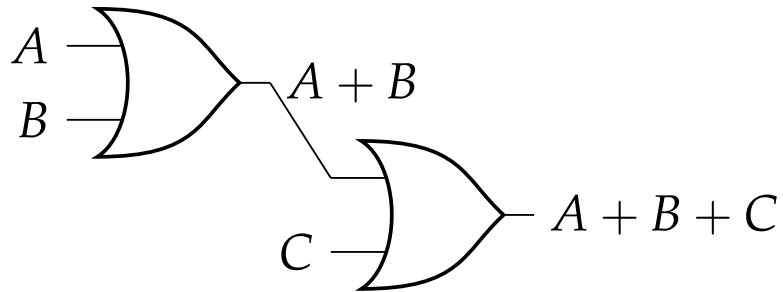
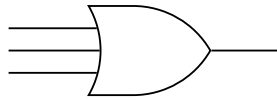
# More-than-2-input AND gate



$A$	$B$	$C$	$ABC$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

**Table:** Truth table for three-input AND gate

# More-than-2-input OR gate



$A$	$B$	$C$	$A + B + C$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

**Table:** Truth table for three-input OR gate



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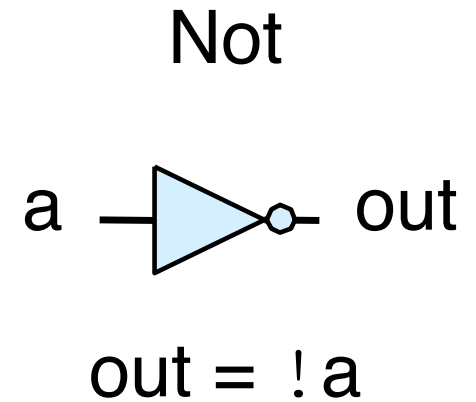
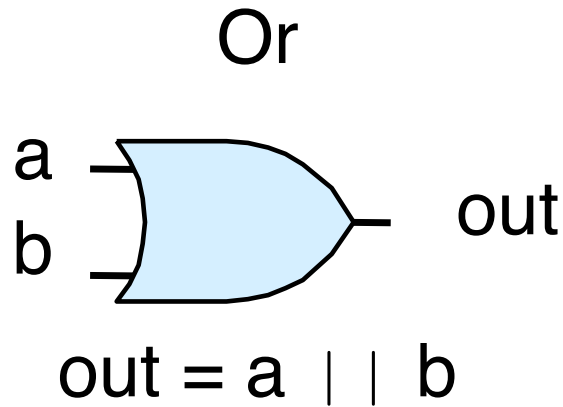
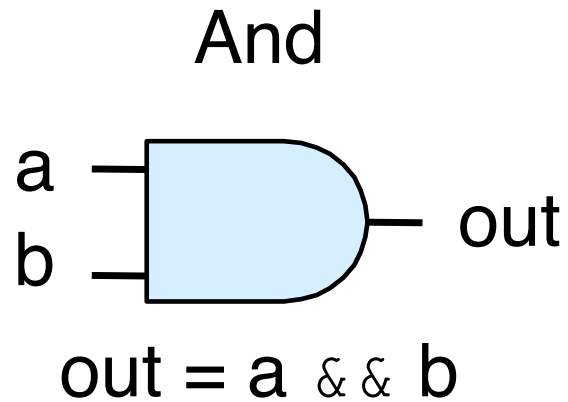
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Or-of ands  
Sum-of-products

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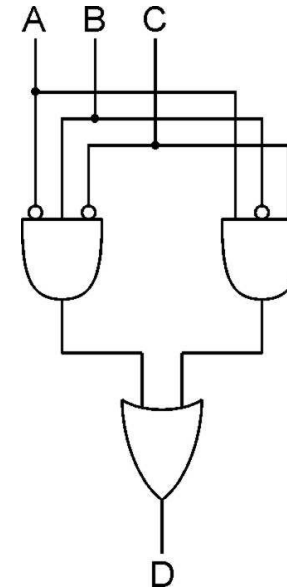
- ▶ Any truth table can be expressed as sum of products form.
- ▶ Write each row with output 1 as a product (minterm).
- ▶ Sum the products (minterm).
- ▶ Forms a disjunctive normal form (DNF).
- ▶  $D = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C$
- ▶ Always only needs NOT, AND, OR gates.
- ▶ Supplementary slides example...

## Logical Completeness

Can implement ANY truth table with AND, OR, NOT.

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

Sum of products  
OR of AND clauses



1. **AND combinations that yield a "1" in the truth table.**

2. **OR the results of the AND gates.**

# The set of logic gates {NOT, AND, OR} is universal

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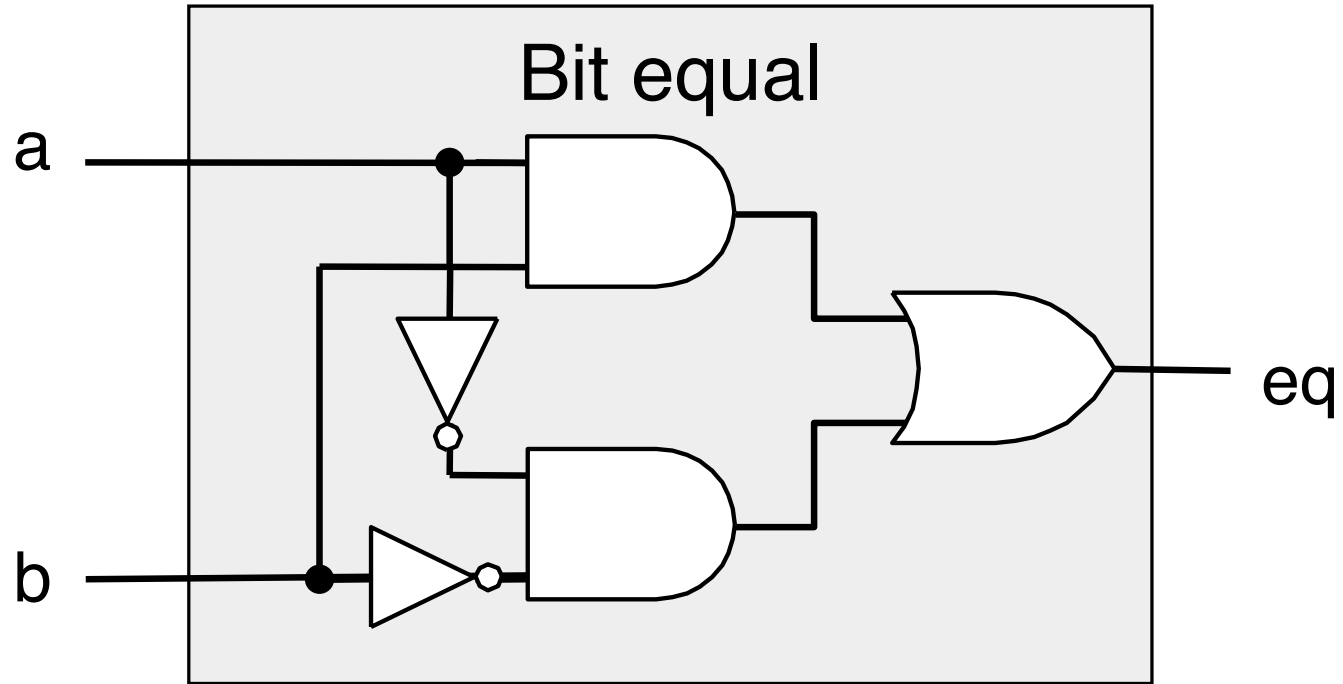
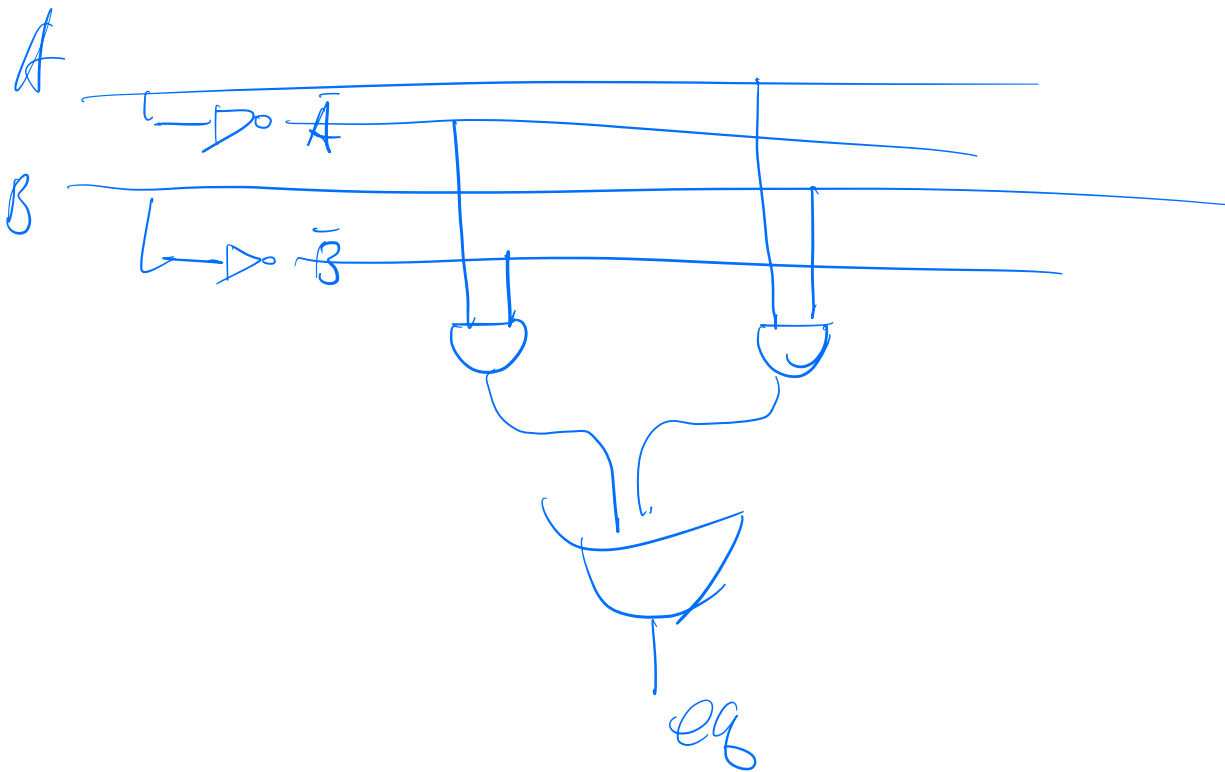


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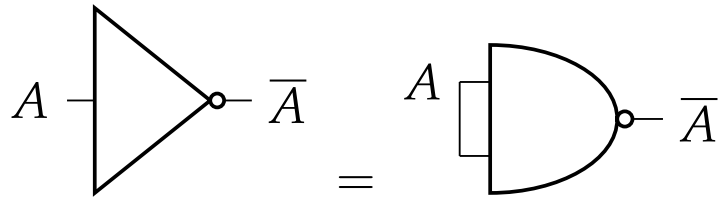
a	b	eq
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$$eq = \bar{A}\bar{B} + AB$$



# The NAND gate is universal

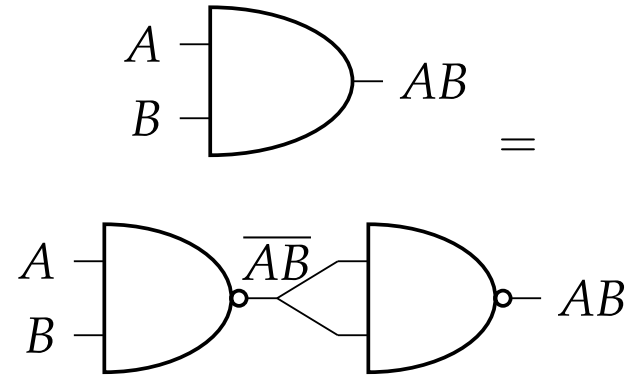
NOT gate as a single NAND gate



$A$	$\bar{A}$	$AA$	$\bar{A}\bar{A}$
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0

Table:  $\bar{A} = \overline{AA}$

AND gate as two NAND gates



$A$	$B$	$AB$	$\overline{AB}$	$\overline{\overline{AB}}$
0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

Table:  $AB = \overline{\overline{AB}}$

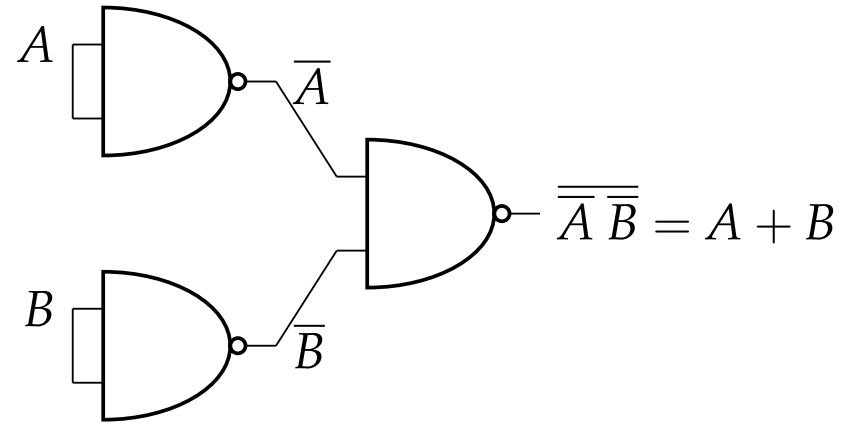
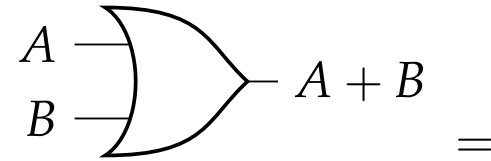
# The NAND gate is universal

## De Morgan's Law

$A$	$B$	$\overline{A}$	$\overline{B}$	$\overline{A} \overline{B}$	$A + B$	$\overline{\overline{A + B}}$
0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	0

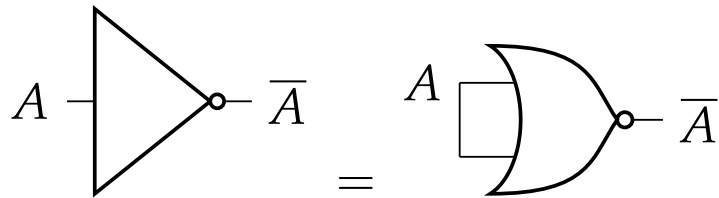
Table:  $\overline{\overline{A} \overline{B}} = A + B$

## OR gate as three NAND gates



# The NOR gate is universal

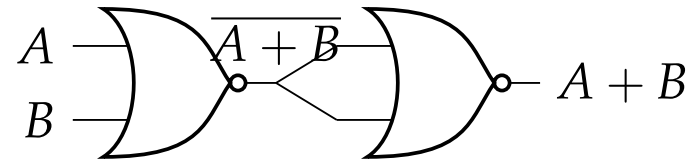
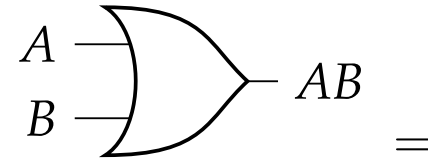
## NOT gate as a single NOR gate



$A$	$\bar{A}$	$A + A$	$\overline{A + A}$
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0

Table:  $\bar{A} = \overline{A + A}$

## OR gate as two NOR gates



$A$	$B$	$A + B$	$\overline{A + B}$	$\overline{\overline{A + B}}$
0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	0	1

Table:  $A + B = \overline{\overline{A + B}}$



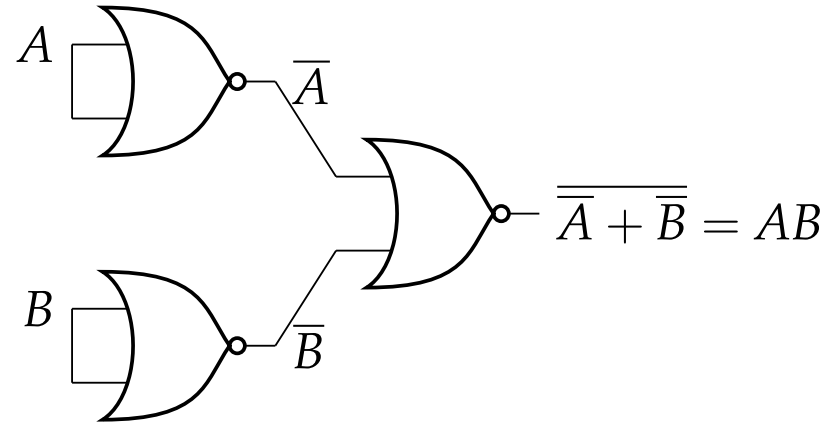
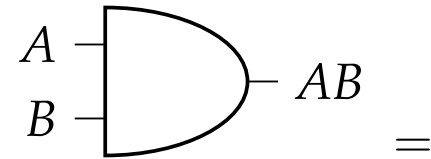
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$A$	$B$	$\overline{A}$	$\overline{B}$	$\overline{A} + \overline{B}$	$AB$	$\overline{AB}$
0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	1	0

Table:  $\overline{A} + \overline{B} = \overline{AB}$

## AND gate as three NOR gates



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## Internal design of 1:2 decoder

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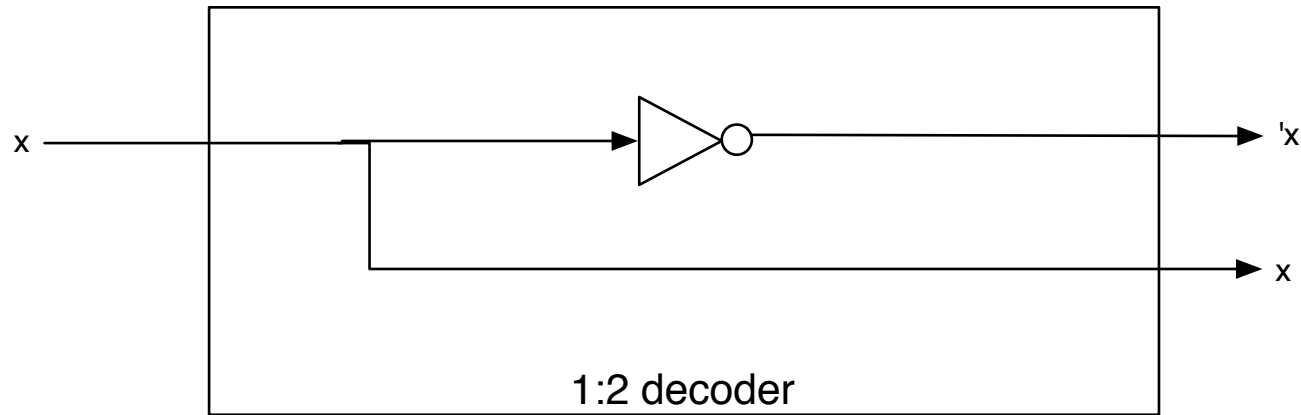


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## Hierarchical design of decoder (2:4 decoder)

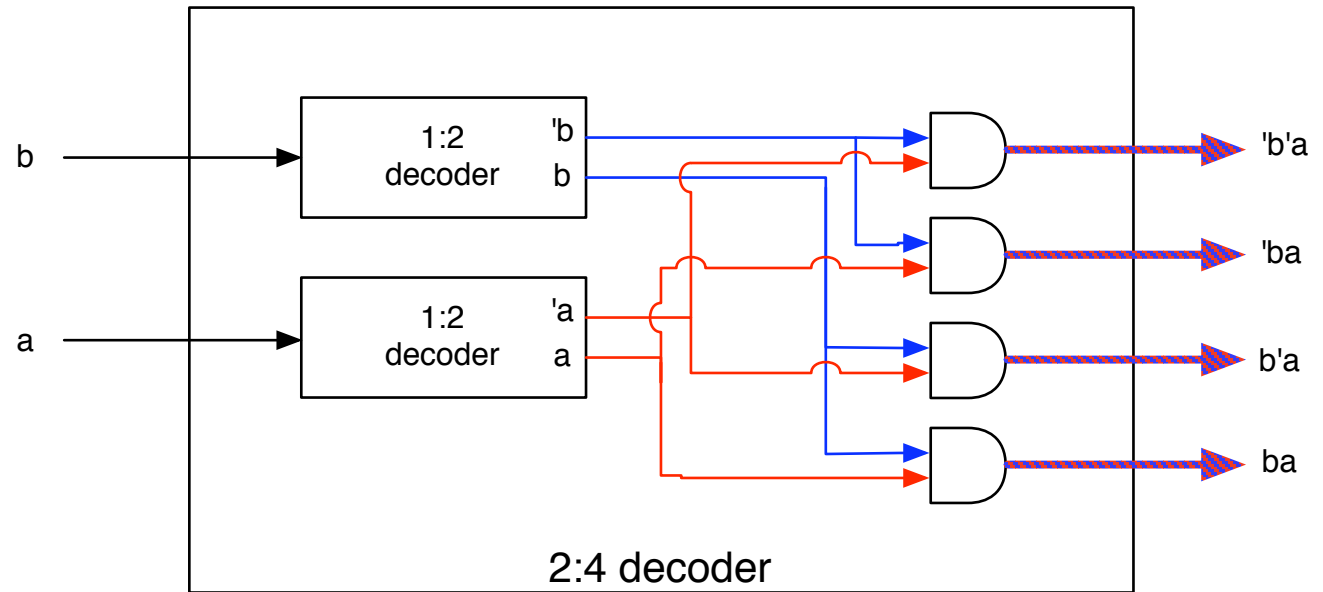
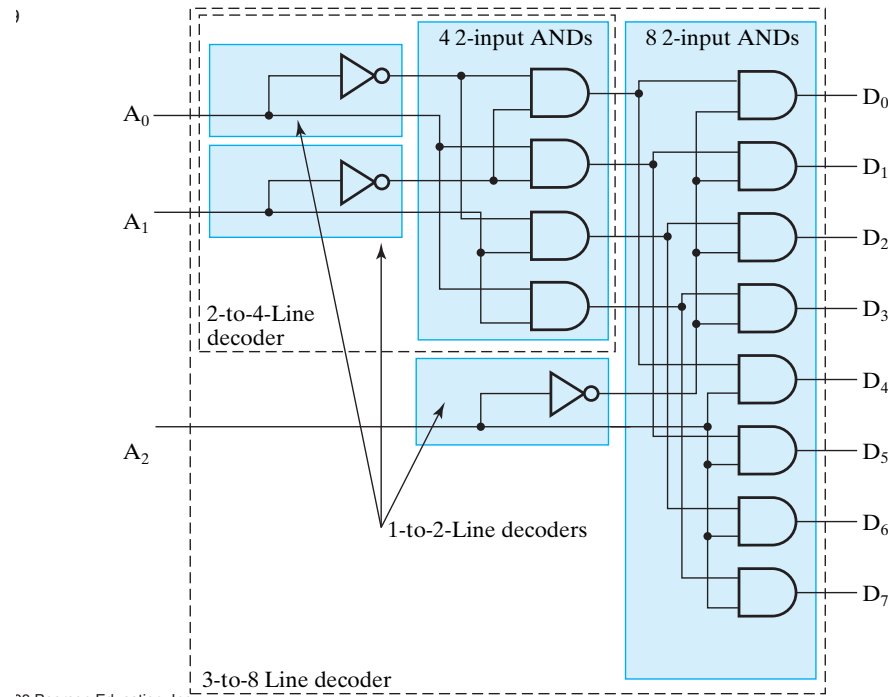


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# Decoders

## Decoder (3:8)

Hierarchical design: use small decoders to build bigger decoder



Note:  $A_2$  “selects” whether the 2-to-4 line decoder is active in the top half ( $A_2=0$ ) or the bottom ( $A_2=1$ )

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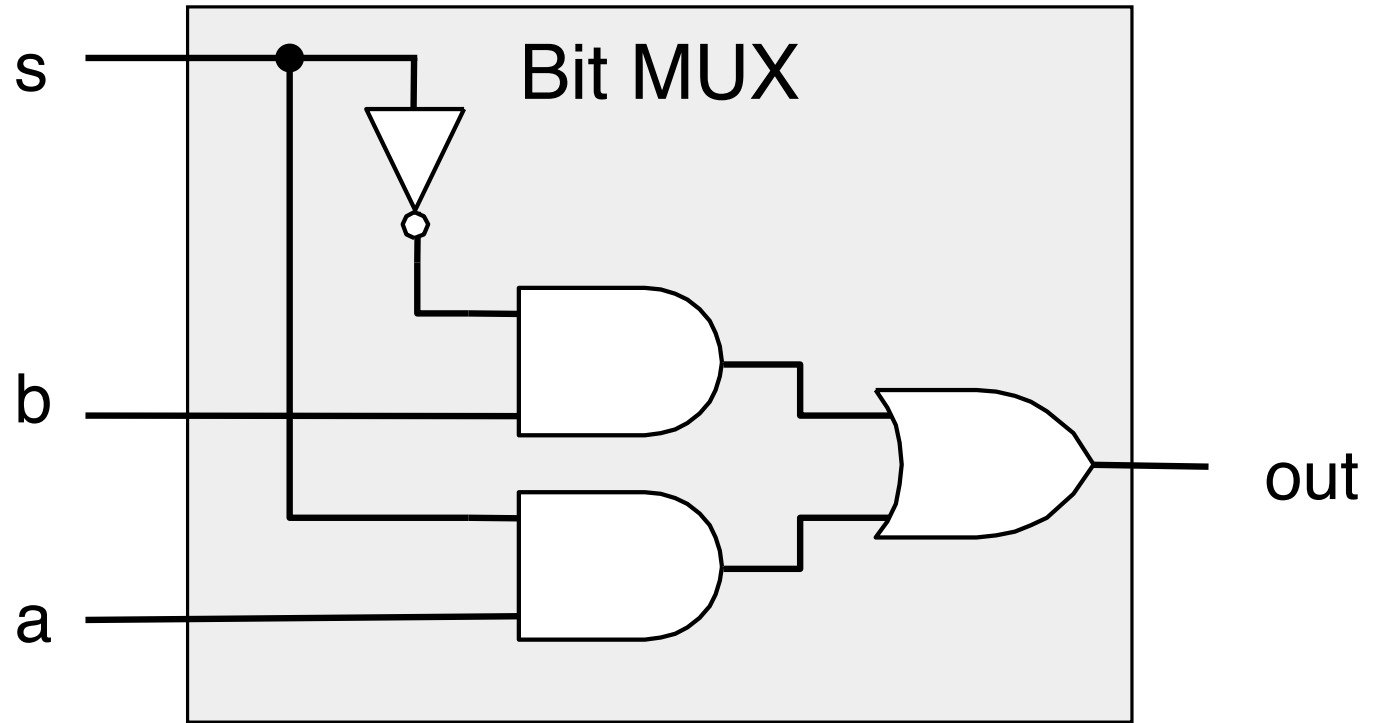


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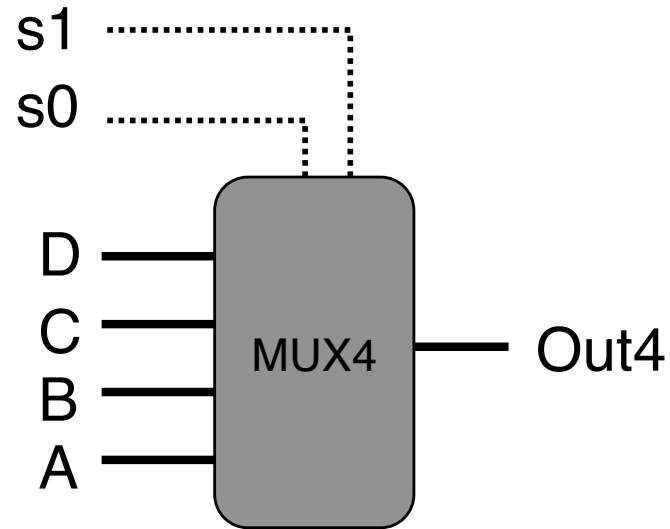


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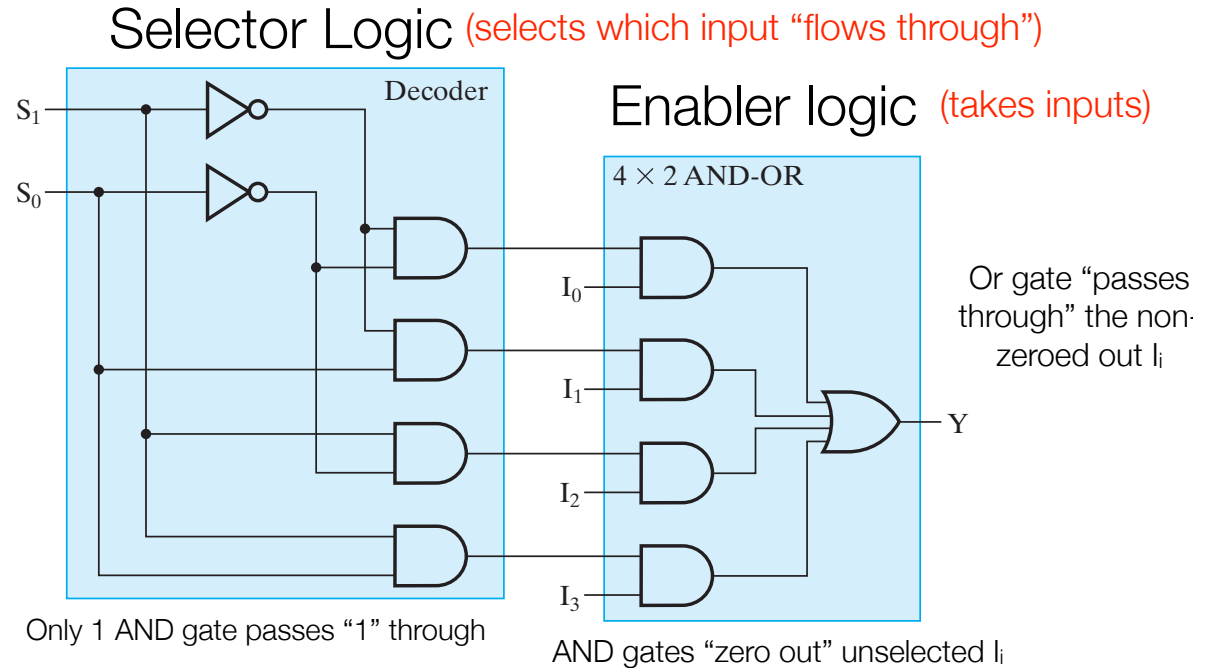


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## Internal mux organization

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