Gates and Finite-State Machines

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Basic Definitions

A *gate* is a device that accepts one or more input electrical signals, and produces a single output electrical signal.

A *circuit* is a combination of gates.

Boolean algebra is an algebra in which variables and functions take on one of two values, 0 ("false") or 1 ("true").

A *logic diagram* is a graphical representation of a circuit, where each type of gate is represented by a specific graphical symbol.

A *truth table* is a table showing all possible input values and the associated output values.

NOT Gate



A triangle with an *inversion bubble*.

Boolean expression: Y = X'

AND Gate



Boolean expression: $A = X \cdot Y$

OR Gate





XOR Gate

Boolean Expression

Logic Diagram Symbol

 $X = A \oplus B$



Truth Table

Α	В	Х
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Exclusive OR.

NAND Gate

Boolean Expression Logic Diagram Symbol

Truth Table

$$X = (A \cdot B)'$$



Α	В	Х
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

NOR Gate

Boolean Expression Logic Diagram Symbol

Truth Table

$$X = (A + B)'$$





Three-Input AND Gate

Boolean Expression Logic Diagram Symbol

Truth Table

 $X = A \cdot B \cdot C$



Α	В	С	X
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

Constructing Gates

Gates can be constructed using transistors.

Finite-State Machines



A finite state machine (FSM) is a model of behavior composed of a finite number of states, transitions between those states, and actions.

Combinatorial and Sequential Circuits: Definitions

A *combinatorial circuit* is a circuit whose output is solely determined by its input values.

A sequential circuit is a circuit whose output is a function of input values **and** the current state of the circuit.

Circuits as Memory



A simple S-R flip-flop: (a) circuit; (b) symbol; (c) function table.

Circuits as Memory (cont'd)



Positive edge-triggered D flip-flop: (a) symbol; (b) function table.

D flip-flops are grouped together into *registers* to store multi-bit quantities in a computer.