

# Lecture 17 Digital Electronics

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Big shift: digital vs. analog

Idea of digital: reduce signals to two discrete states

on/off

high/low

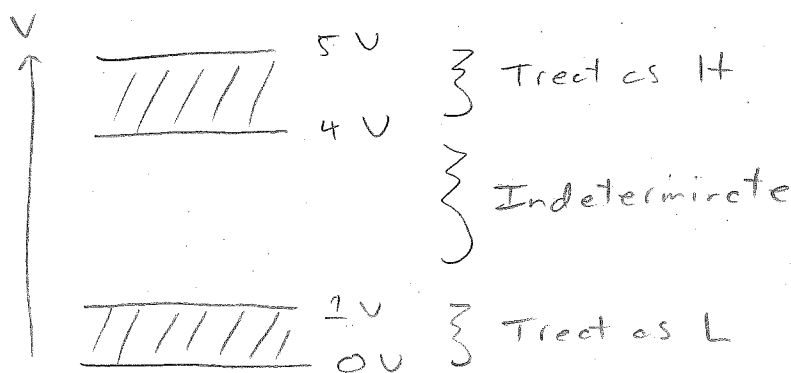
true/false

1/0

Typically use +5V/0V

Main advantage: noise immunity

Typical setup:



Any voltage in 4-5V range treated as H, small fluctuations don't matter

So we can manipulate & store information with little concern for errors

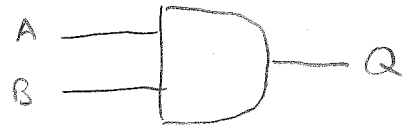
Each H/L signal called a bit

8 bits = 1 byte

Manipulate digital signals using gates

Typically represent standard logic operations

### AND gate



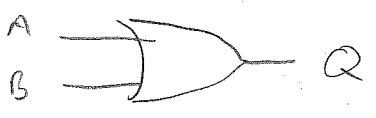
Truth Table:

A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Q is "true" if and only if A & B both true

Write  $Q = A \text{ AND } B = A \& B = A \cdot B = AB$

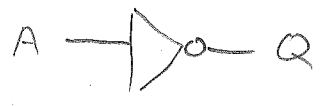
### OR gate:



A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

$Q = A | B = A + B$

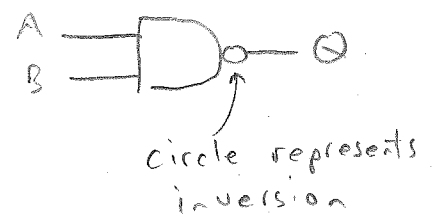
### NOT gate:



A	Q
0	1
1	0

$Q = \sim A = A^* = \bar{A}$

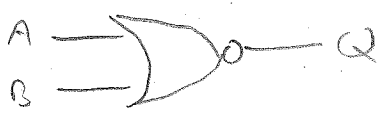
### NAND gate:



A	B	Q
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

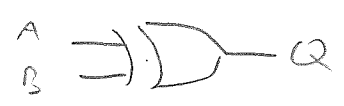
$Q = \overline{AB}$

### NOR gate:



A	B	Q
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

XOR (Exclusive Or):



A	B	Q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

$$Q = A \oplus B$$

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

Buffer

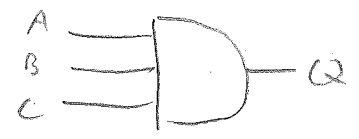


A	Q
A	Q

$$Q = A$$

Also multiple input versions of most gates

3 AND:



$$Q = 1 \text{ only if } A=B=C=1$$

$$Q = ABC$$

etc.

Note that theorems from mathematical logic apply here:

De Morgan's Laws:

$$\overline{A+B} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cdot B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$$

Implies



Typically many ways to implement a given gate  
Fewer components is better

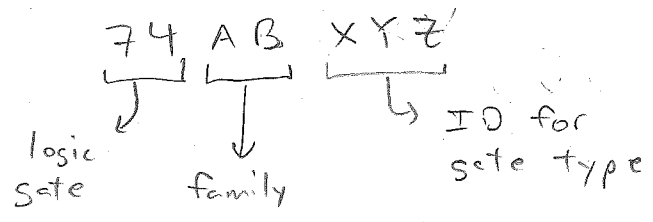
Can reduce any operation to basic gates  
addition, multiplication, etc.

In fact can reduce all operations to NAND gates  
but not very efficient.

### Implementation

Generally use transistors, either bipolar or FET  
See idea in lab

Chip naming scheme:



Gate type = numbers:

- 00 = NAND (quad = 4 gates / chip)
- 02 = NOR (quad)
- 04 = NOT (hex = 6 gates / chip)
- 08 = AND (quad)
- 32 = OR (quad)
- 86 = XOR (quad)

Many more

Family = different implementations

- NO code = plain bipolar -- TTL "transistor-transistor logic"
- LS = improved TTL
- ALS = even better TTL
- HC = plain FETs: CMOS "complementary MOSFETs"
- HCT = CMOS-TTL interfacing
- AC = improved CMOS etc

So

74LS08 = bipolar and gates

74HC32 = FET or gates

Also another family of CMOS gates

CD4XXX

MC14XXX

Mostly more special purpose circuits.

Some notable differences between CMOS &amp; TTL:

- TTL inputs float high when unconnected

TTL outputs only source a little current (few mA)  
in H state

Can sink a lot (few 10s of mA) in L state

- CMOS more symmetric:

Floating inputs are indefinite

H &amp; L outputs both source/sink 10s of mA

In general CMOS usually better, but more expensive  
& more fragile

Explore more in lab