

# Registers and Counters

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- Circuits that include flip-flops are usually classified by the function they perform
  - Registers
  - Counters
- **Register** is a group of flip-flops.
- Each flip-flop is capable of storing one bit of information.
- An n-bit register consists of a group of n flip-flops.
- Register is a group of binary cells suitable for holding binary information.
- A **counter** is essentially a register that goes through a predetermined sequence of states.

# Registers

- Clock= 0 to 1 ; Input information is transferred to output :  $I \rightarrow A$
- Clock = 0 and 1; Output unchanged
- Clear = 0 ; Clearing the register to all 0's prior to its clocked operation.
- Clear : **asynchronous** input.

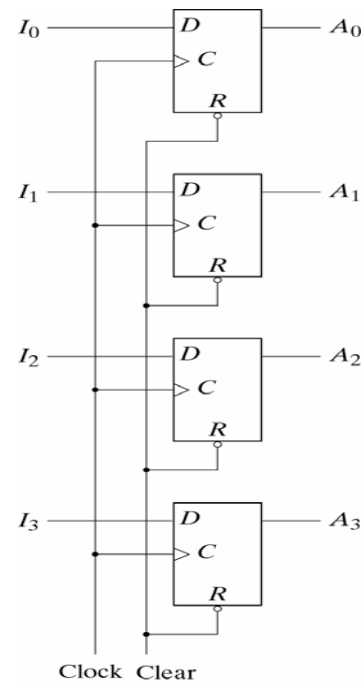


Fig. 6-1 4-Bit Register

## Register with Parallel Load

- **Synchronous digital systems** have a master clock generator that supplies a continuous train of clock pulses.
- The transfer of new information into a register is referred to as **loading** the register.
- If all the bits of the register are loaded simultaneously with a common clock pulse, we say that **the loading is done in parallel**.
- The load input determines whether the next pulse will accept new information or leave the information in the register intact

# Register with Parallel Load

- Load = 1 ; the  $I$  inputs are transferred into the register
- Load = 0 ; maintain the content of the register
- Because the D flip-flop does not have a “no change”

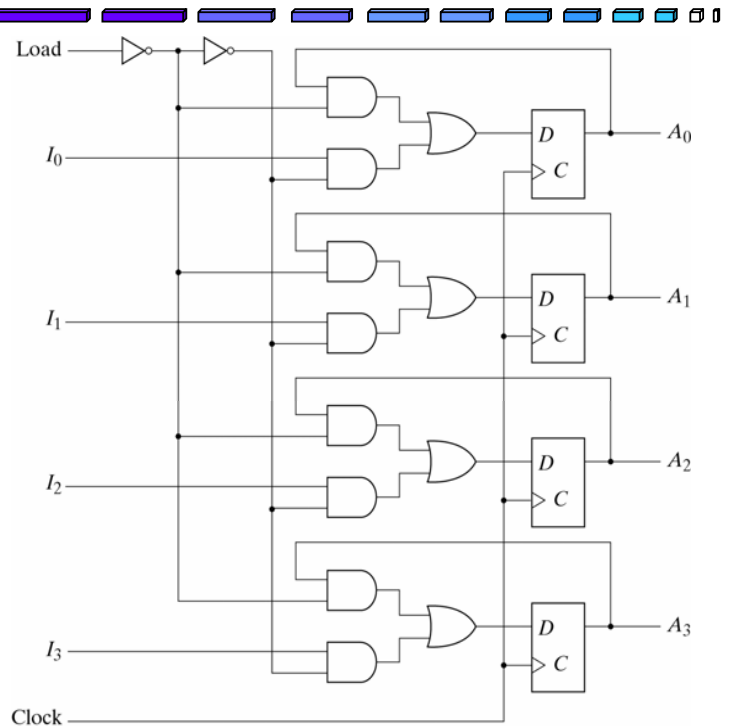


Fig. 6-2 4-Bit Register with Parallel Load

# Shift Registers

- Capable of shifting its binary information in one or both directions

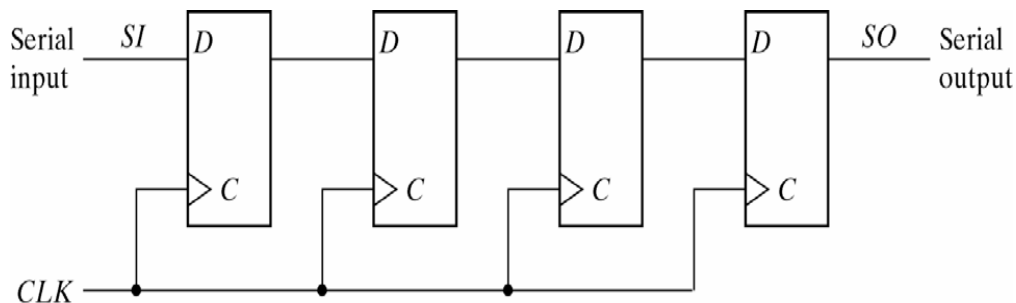


Fig. 6-3 4-Bit Shift Register

The simplest shift register

# Shift Registers: Serial Transfer

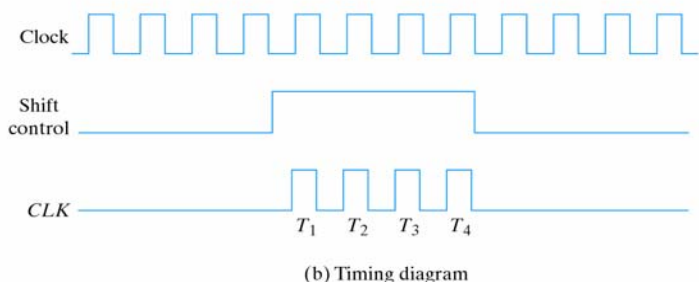
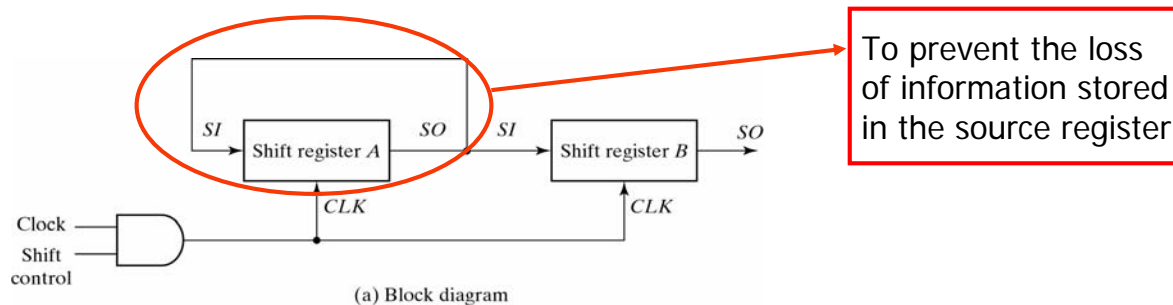


Fig. 6-4 Serial Transfer from Register A to register B

## Serial-Transfer Example

Table 6-1: Serial-Transfer Example

Timing pulse	Shift register A	Shift register B	Serial output of B
Initial value	1 0 1 1	0 0 1 0	
After T <sub>1</sub>	1 1 0 1	1 0 0 1	0
After T <sub>2</sub>	1 1 1 0	1 1 0 0	1
After T <sub>3</sub>	0 1 1 1	0 1 1 0	0
After T <sub>4</sub>	1 0 1 1	1 0 1 1	0

A is transferred into B, while the content of A remains unchanged

# Serial Addition

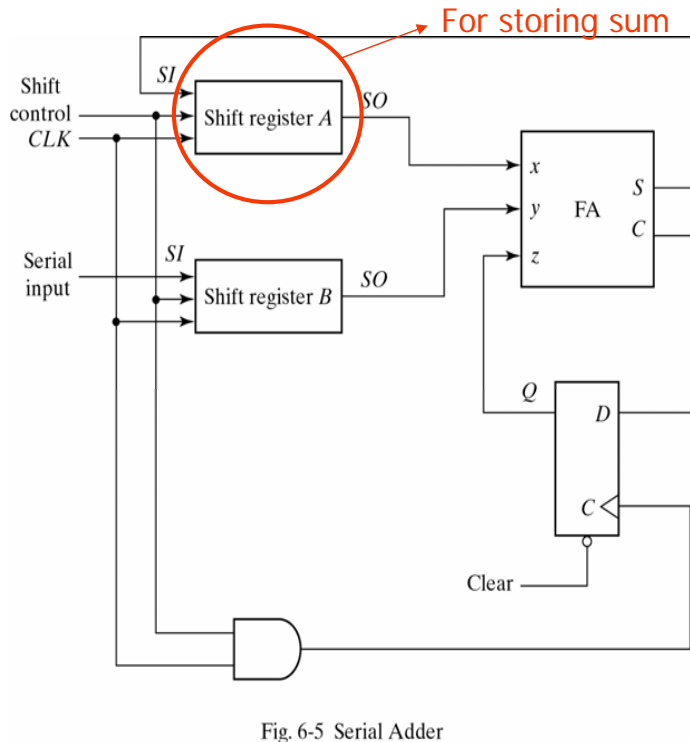


Fig. 6-5 Serial Adder

## Operation

- The A register → augend
- The B register → addend
- Carry → 0
- The SO of A and B provide a pair of significant bits for the FA
- Output Q gives the input carry at z
- The shift-right control enables both registers and the carry flip-flop.
- The sum bit from S enters the leftmost flip-flop of A
- Parallel adder needs more circuits than serial adder

# State Table for Serial Adder

Table 6-2  
State Table for Serial Adder

Present value of carry

Output carry

Present State	Inputs		Next State	Output	Flip-Flop Inputs	
	X	y			Q	S
0	0	0	0	0	0	X
0	0	1	0	1	0	X
0	1	0	0	1	0	X
0	1	1	1	0	1	X
1	0	0	0	1	X	1
1	0	1	1	0	X	0
1	1	0	1	0	X	0
1	1	1	1	1	X	0

$$J_Q = xy$$

$$K_Q = x'y' = (x + y)'$$

$$S = x \oplus y \oplus Q$$

By k-map

# Second form of Serial Adder

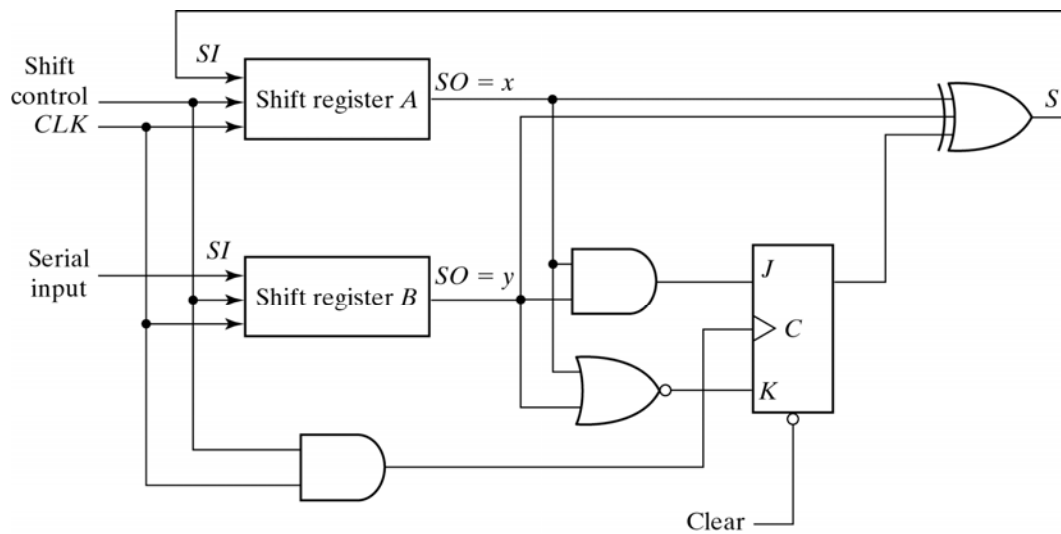


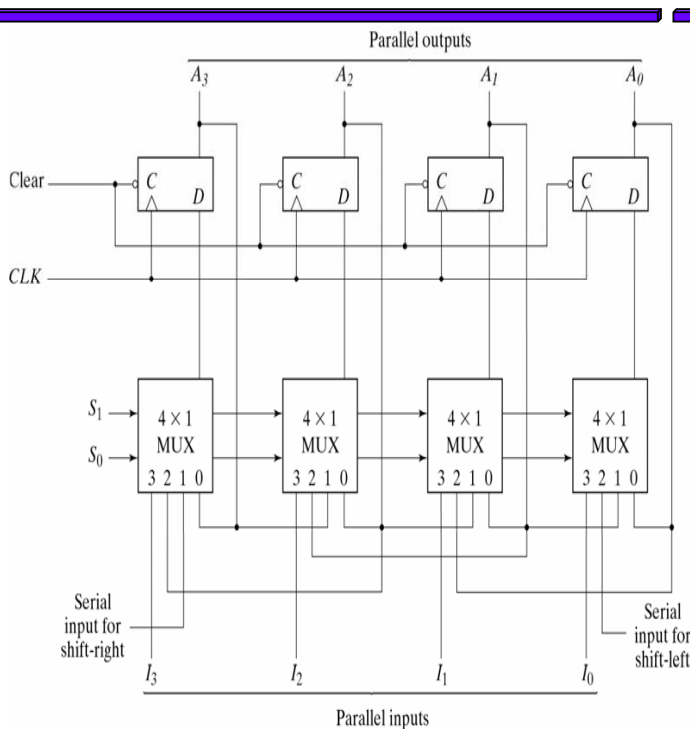
Fig. 6-6 Second form of Serial Adder

# Universal Shift Register

If the register has both shifts and parallel load capabilities, it is referred to as a **universal shift register**.

- A **clear** control to clear the register to 0.
- A **clock** input to synchronize the operations.
- A **shift-right** control to enable the shift right operation and the serial input and output lines associated with the shift right.
- A **shift-left** control to enable the shift left operation and the serial input and output lines associated with the shift left.
- A **parallel-load** control to enable a parallel transfer and the  $n$  input lines associated with the parallel transfer.
- $n$  parallel output lines
- A control state that leaves the information in the register unchanged in the presence of the clock.

# Universal Shift Register



- $S_1, S_0 \rightarrow 0, 0$  ; No change
- $S_1, S_0 \rightarrow 0, 1$  ; Shift right, The serial input for shift-right is transferred to the A3.
- $S_1, S_0 \rightarrow 1, 0$  ; Shift left, The serial input for shift-left is transferred to the A0.
- $S_1, S_0 \rightarrow 1, 1$  ; Parallel load

Fig. 6-7 4-Bit Universal Shift Register

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# Universal Shift Register

- Shift register are often used to interface digital systems.
- Suppose it is necessary to transmit an n-bit quantity between two points.
  - It will be expensive to use n lines to transmit the n bits in parallel.
  - It is more economical to use a single line and transmit the information serially, one bit at a time.
  - The transmitter accepts the n-bit data in parallel into a shift register and then transmits the data serially along the common line.
  - The receiver accepts the data serially into a shift register.
  - When all n-bits are received, they can be taken from the outputs of the register in parallel.
- The transmitter: a parallel-to-serial conversion of data, the receiver: a serial-to-parallel conversion.

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# Counters

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- A **register** that goes through a prescribed sequence of states upon the application of input pulses is called a **counter**.
- The input pulses may be **clock pulses** or they may **originated from some external source** and may occur at a fixed interval of time or at random.
- A counter that follows the binary number sequence is called a **binary counter**.
- An **n-bit binary counter** consists of **n flip-flops** and can count in binary **from 0 through  $2^n - 1$** .

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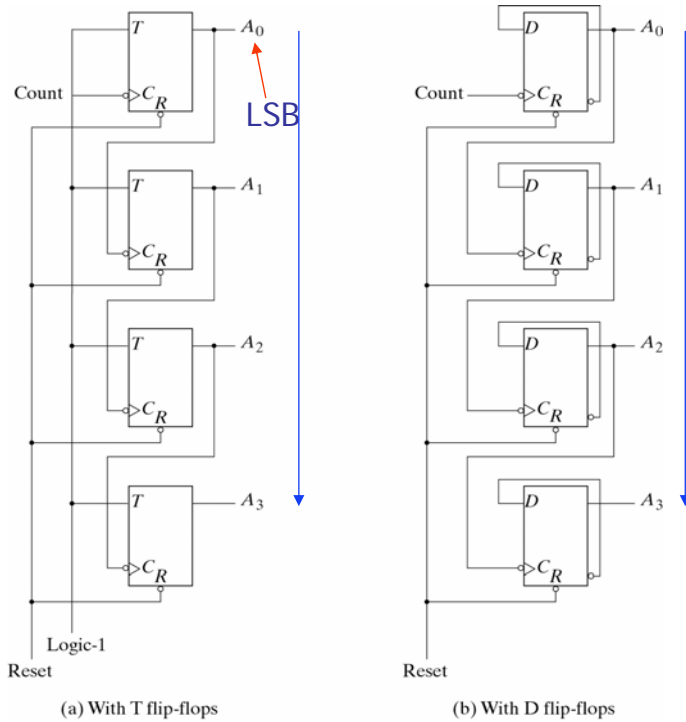
- Counters in two categories
  - Ripple counters
  - Synchronous counters
- **Ripple counters**
  - The flip-flop output transition serves as a source for triggering other flip-flops.
  - The C input some or all flip-flops are triggered not by the common clock pulses, but rather by the transition that occurs in other flip-flop outputs.
- **Synchronous counters**
  - The C inputs of all flip-flops receive the common clock .

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# Binary Ripple Counters



Series connection of  
Complementing flip-flops

How about for Count-down ?  
-Positive edge triggered  
-Or connected to comp. out

Fig. 6-8 4-Bit Binary Ripple Counter

## Count Sequence for a Binary Ripple Counter

Count sequence A <sub>3</sub> A <sub>2</sub> A <sub>1</sub> A <sub>0</sub>		Conditions for Complementing
0 0 0 0	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	
0 0 0 1	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>0</sub> will go from 1 to 0 and complement A <sub>1</sub>
0 0 1 0	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>0</sub> will go from 1 to 0 and complement A <sub>1</sub> ;
0 0 1 1	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>1</sub> will go from 1 to 0 and complement A <sub>2</sub>
0 1 0 0	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>0</sub> will go from 1 to 0 and complement A <sub>1</sub>
0 1 0 1	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	
0 1 1 0	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	
0 1 1 1	Complement A <sub>0</sub>	
.....		
1 0 0 0	and so on...	

# BCD Ripple Counter

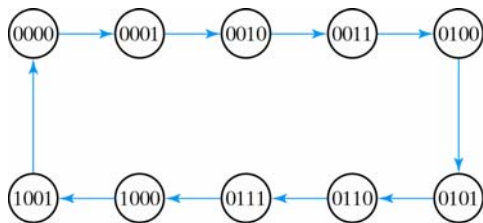


Fig. 6-9 State Diagram of a Decimal BCD-Counter

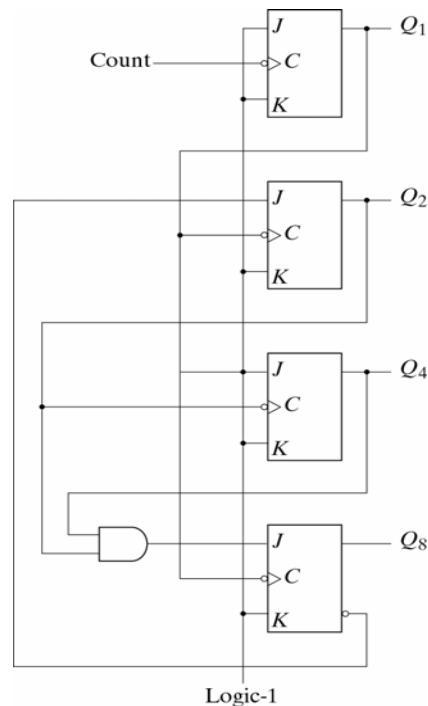


Fig. 6-10 BCD Ripple Counter

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# BCD Ripple Counter

1. Q1 is complemented on the negative edge of every count pulse.
2. Q2 is complemented if Q8=0 and Q1 goes from 1 to 0. Q2 is cleared if Q8=1 and Q1 goes from 1 to 0.
3. Q4 is complemented when Q2 goes from 1 to 0.
4. Q8 is complemented when Q4Q2=11 and Q1 goes from 1 to 0. Q8 is cleared if either Q4 or Q2 is 0 and Q1 goes from 1 to 0

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# Three-Decade Decimal BCD Counter

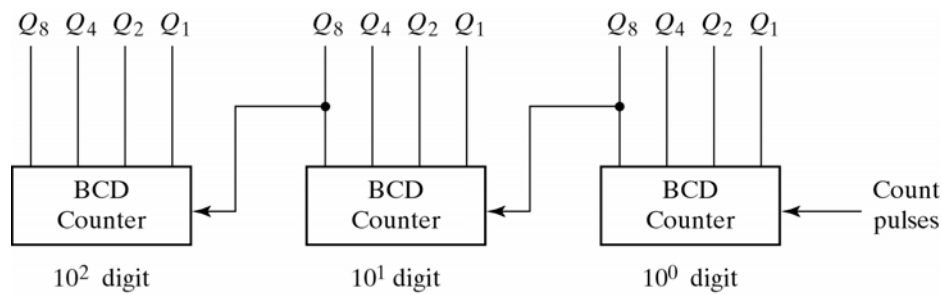


Fig. 6-11 Block Diagram of a Three-Decade Decimal BCD Counter

- ❑ To count from 0 to 999, We need a three-decade counter.
- ❑ When Q<sub>8</sub> in one decade goes from 1 to 0, it triggers the count

## Synchronous Counters

- Clock pulses are applied to the inputs of all flip-flops
- A common clock triggers all flip-flops simultaneously rather than one at a time as in a ripple counter

# Synchronous Binary Counter

- The first stage  $A_0$  has its J and K equal to 1 if the counter is enabled .
- The other J and K inputs are equal to 1 if all previous low-order bits are equal to 1 and the count is enabled.
- A flip-flop in any other position is complemented when all the bits in the lower significant positions are equal to 1
  - $A_3A_2A_1A_0=0011 \rightarrow 0100$

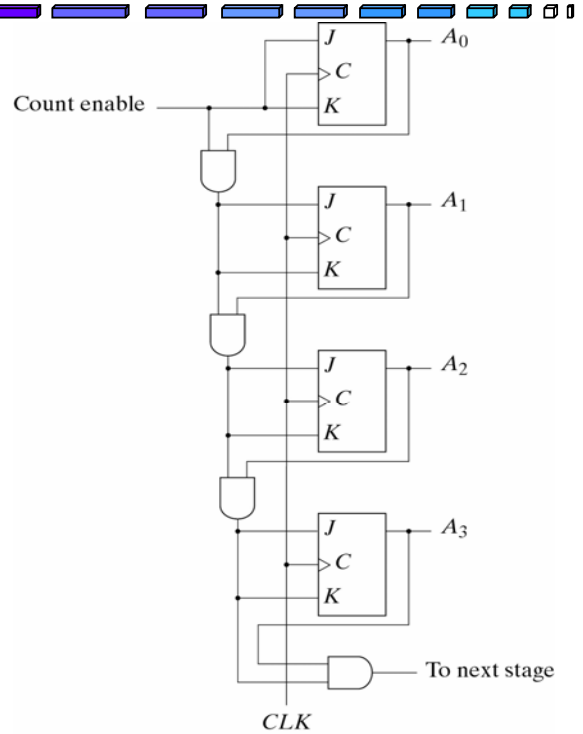


Fig. 6-12 4-Bit Synchronous Binary Counter

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# Up-Down Binary Counter

- Up input control=1 ;count up (the T inputs receive their signals from the values of the previous normal outputs of the flip-flops.)
- Down input control=1, up input control=0 ; count down
- Up=down=0 ;unchanged state
- Up=down=1 ;count up

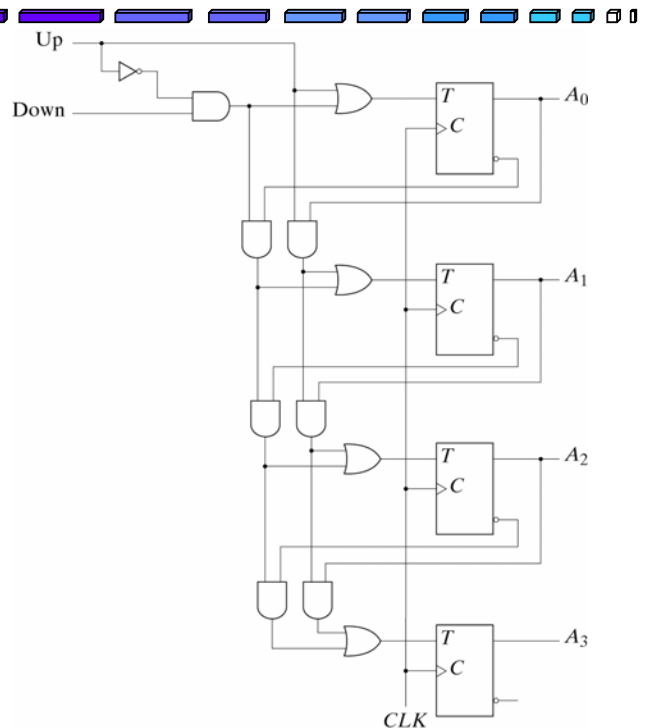


Fig. 6-13 4-Bit Up-Down Binary Counter

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# BCD Counter

Table 6-5  
State Table for BCD Counter

Present State				Next State				Output	Flip-Flop Inputs			
$Q_8$	$Q_4$	$Q_2$	$Q_1$	$Q_8$	$Q_4$	$Q_2$	$Q_1$	$y$	$TQ_8$	$TQ_4$	$TQ_2$	$TQ_1$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1

$$T_{Q1} = 1$$

$$T_{Q2} = Q_8 Q_1$$

$$T_{Q4} = Q_2 Q_1$$

$$T_{Q8} = Q_8 Q_1 + Q_4 Q_2 Q_1$$

$$y = Q_8 Q_1$$

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## Example

- Design a synchronous BCD counter with J-K flip-flops.

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# Binary Counter with Parallel Load

- Parallel load for initial number
- Input **load** control=1; disables the count sequence, data transfer
- Load** =0 and **count**=1 ;count
- Load**=0 and **count**=0 ;unchanged
- Carry out**=1 (all flip-flop=1 and Count=1)

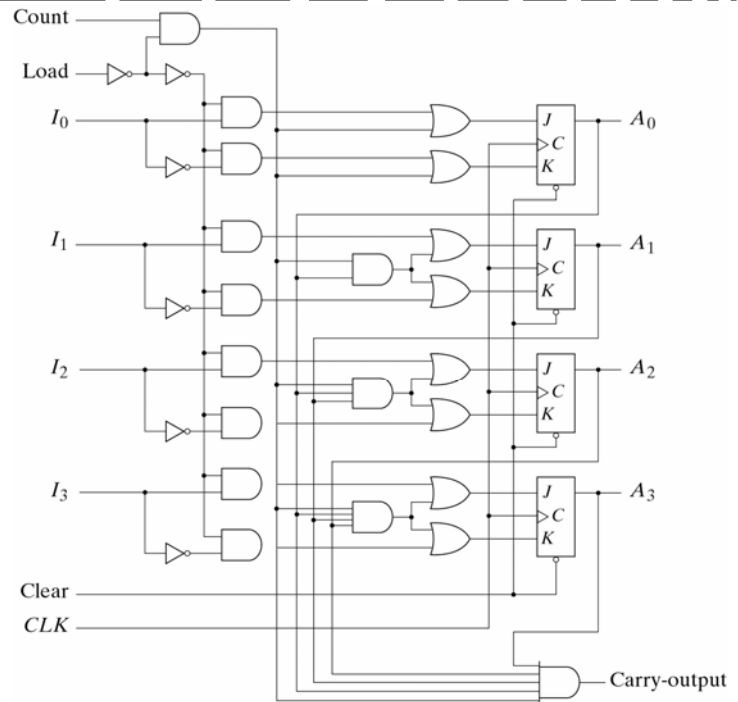


Fig. 6-14 4-Bit Binary Counter with Parallel Load

# BCD Counter using Binary Counter with Parallel Load

- The **AND** gate detects the occurrence of state **1001(9)** in the output. In this state, the load input is enabled and all-0's input is loaded into register.
- The **NAND** gate detects the count of **1010(10)**, as soon as this count occurs the register is **cleared**.
- A momentary **spike** occurs in output A<sub>2</sub> as the count goes from **1001** to **1010** and immediately to **0000**

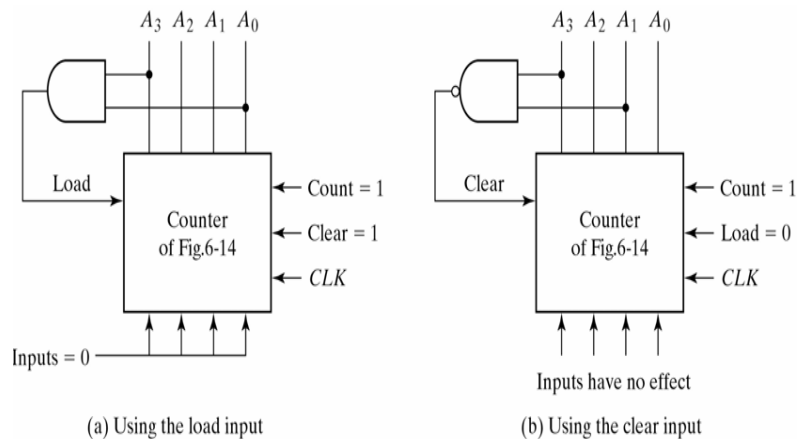


Fig. 6-15 Two ways to Achieve a BCD Counter Using a Counter with Parallel Load

# Other Counters

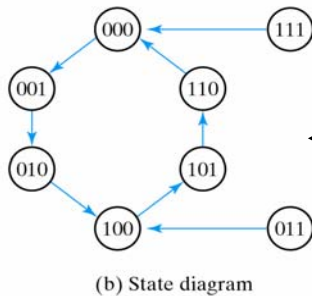
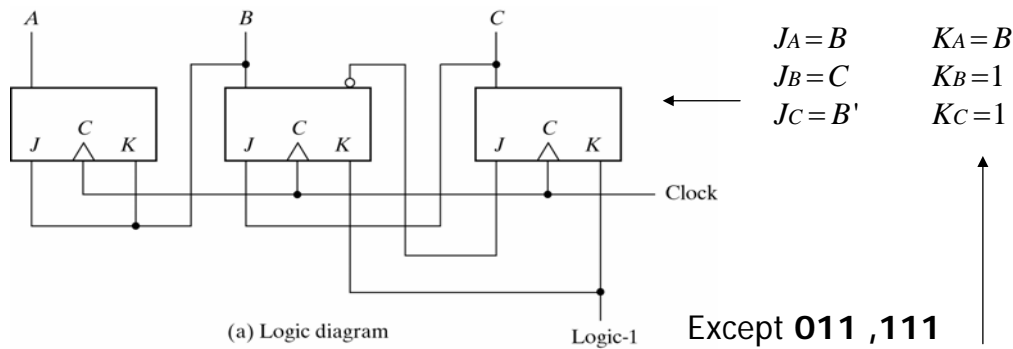


Table 6-7  
State Table for Counter

Present State			Next State			Flip-Flop Inputs					
A	B	C	A	B	C	$J_A$	$K_A$	$J_B$	$K_B$	$J_C$	$K_C$
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	X	1	X
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	X	1	X	X	1
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	X	X	1	0	X
1	0	0	1	0	1	X	0	0	X	1	X
1	0	1	1	1	0	X	0	1	X	X	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	X	1	0	X

Fig. 6-16 Counter with Unused States

## Example

- Design a counter with the following repeated binary sequence: 0, 1, 2, 4, 6. Use D flip-flops

# Ring Counter

- For generating **timing signal** that control the sequence of operations
- A circular shift register with only one flip-flop being set at any **particular time**; all others are cleared.
- The **single bit** is shifted from one flip-flop to the other.
- $2^n$  timing signals need  $2^n$  flip-flops

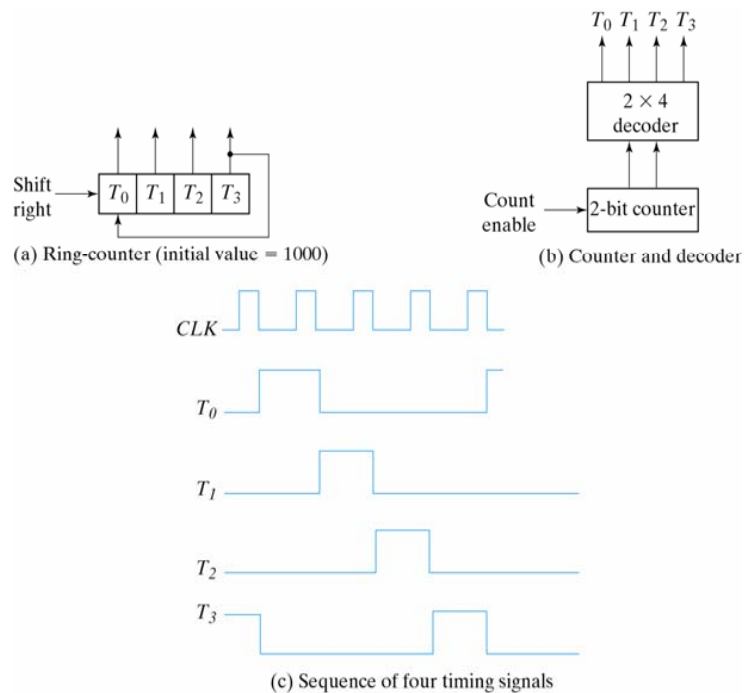
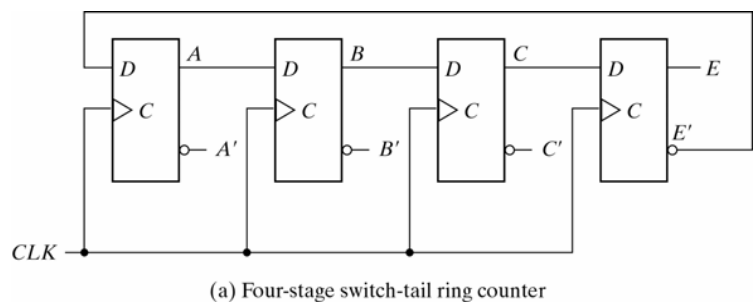


Fig. 6-17 Generation of Timing Signals

# Johnson Counter

- A circular shift register with the **complement output of the last flip-flop** connected to the input of the first flip-flop.
- A **k-bit** switch-tail ring counter will go through a sequence of **2k** states.
- A **Johnson counter** is a **k-bit switch-tail ring counter** with **2k decoding gates** to provide outputs for 2k timing signals.



Sequence number	Flip-flop outputs				AND gate required for output
	A	B	C	E	
1	0	0	0	0	$A'E'$
2	1	0	0	0	$AB'$
3	1	1	0	0	$BC'$
4	1	1	1	0	$CE'$
5	1	1	1	1	$AE$
6	0	1	1	1	$A'B$
7	0	0	1	1	$B'C$
8	0	0	0	1	$C'E$

(b) Count sequence and required decoding

Fig. 6-18 Construction of a Johnson Counter



# Memory Decoding

- The equivalent logic of a binary cell that stores one bit of information
- The binary cell stores one bit in its internal flip-flop
- It has three inputs and one output. The read/write input determines the cell operation when it is selected.

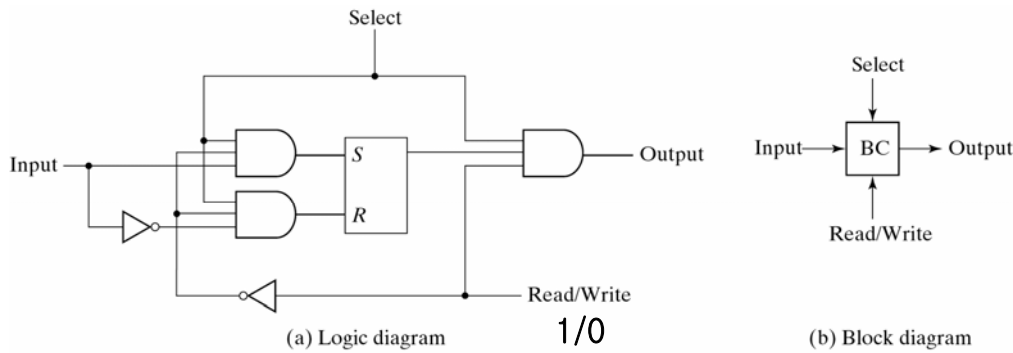


Fig. 7-5 Memory Cell

# Internal Construction

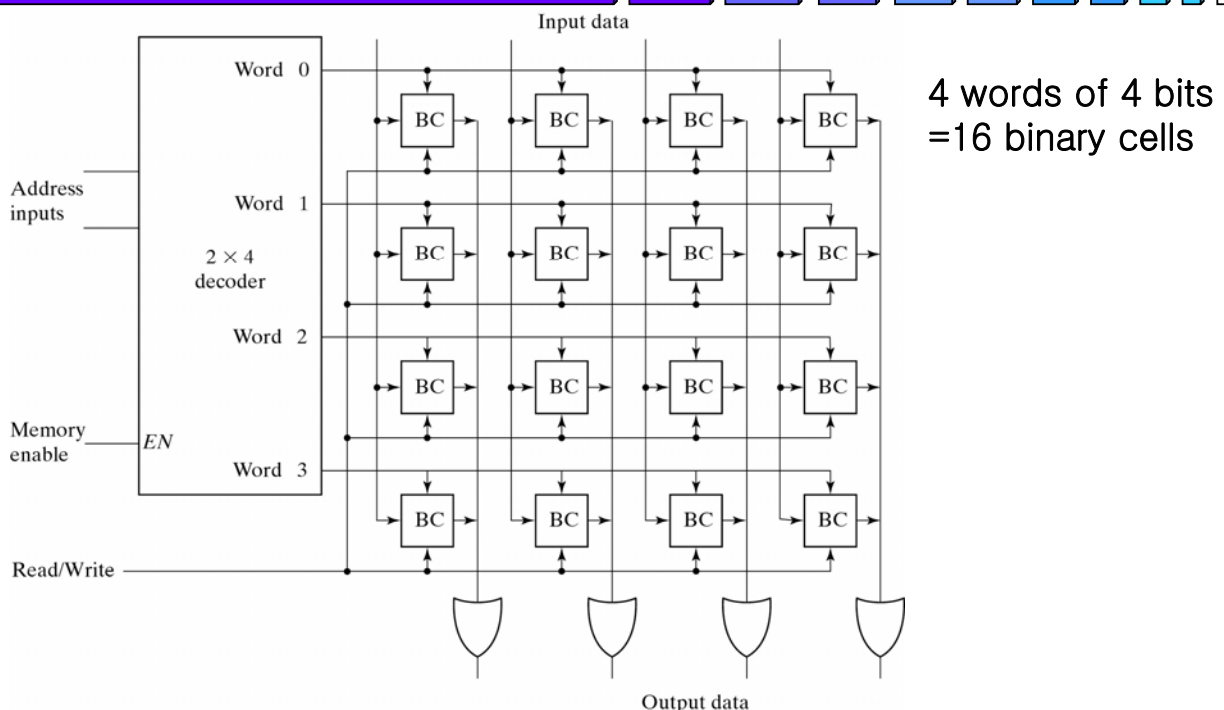


Fig. 7-6 Diagram of a  $4 \times 4$  RAM

# Read-Only Memory

ROM = AND gates connected as a decoder + a number of OR gates

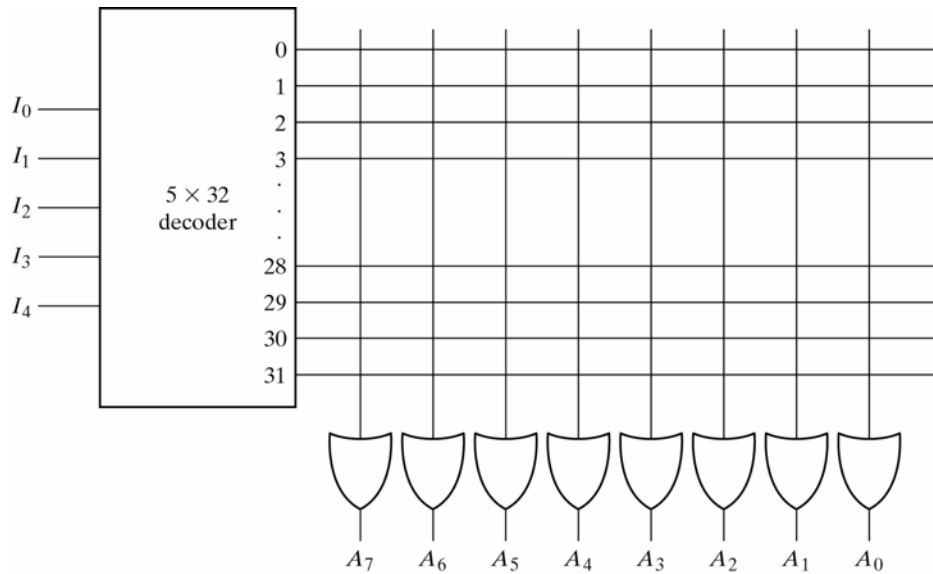


Fig. 7-10 Internal Logic of a 32 x 8 ROM

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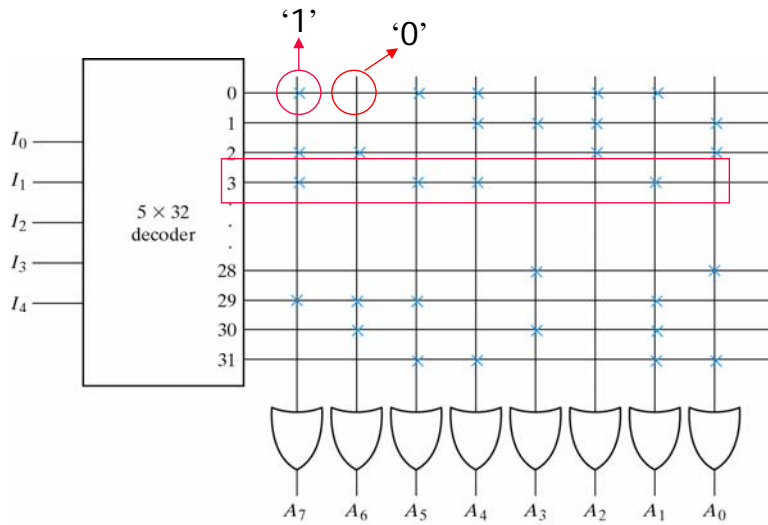
# ROM Truth Table (Partial)

Table 7-3  
ROM Truth Table (Partial)

Inputs					Outputs							
I <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>0</sub>	A <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>6</sub>	A <sub>5</sub>	A <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>0</sub>
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
		⋮					⋮					
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1

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# Combinational Circuit Implementation



$A_7(I_4, I_3, I_2, I_0) = \text{Sum of minterms}(0, 2, 3, \dots, 29)$

Input  $\rightarrow 00011(3)$

Others  $\rightarrow$  all '0'

Output  $\rightarrow 10110010$

Fig. 7-11 Programming the ROM According to Table 7-3

# Programmable LOGIC ARRAY

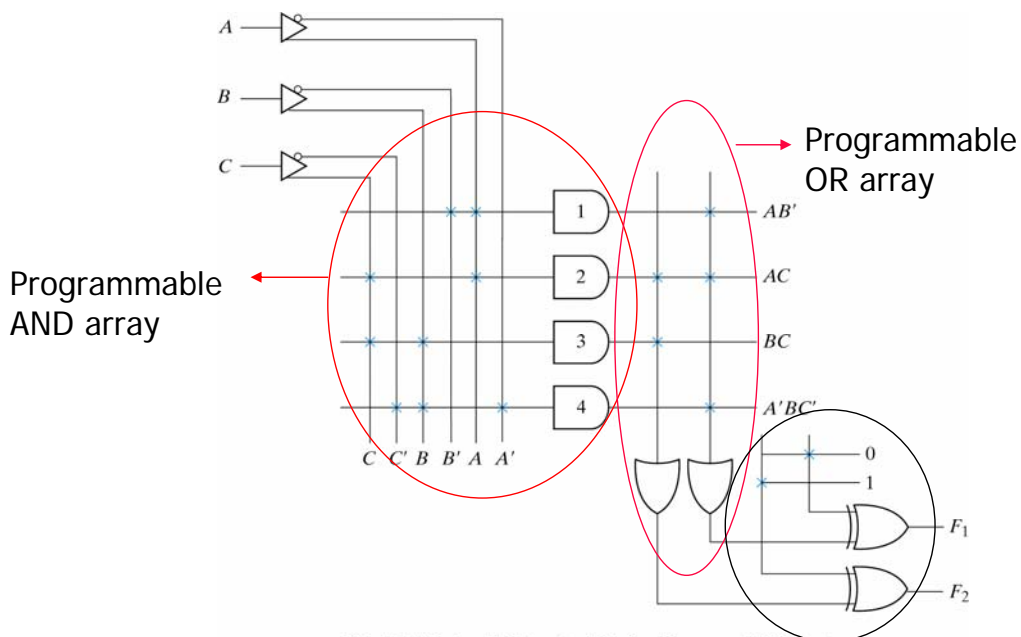


Fig. 7-14 PLA with 3 Inputs, 4 Product Terms, and 2 Outputs