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CS61C : Machine Structures

Lecture #14
Introduction to Synchronous Digital Systems

No CPS today

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There are two handouts today at the front and back of the room!

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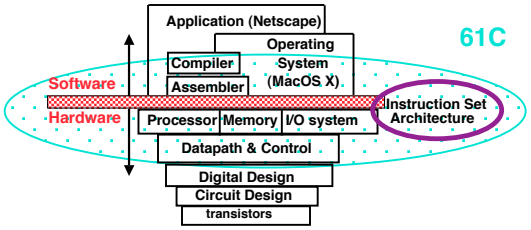
Faster boot-up time! ⇒

Intel demonstrated a new technology called "Robson flash memory" which is used to slash the times it takes for apps to boot and laptops to start up. 0.4 vs 5.4 sec!

www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,123053,00.asp

What are "Machine Structures"?



Coordination of many *levels of abstraction*

We'll investigate lower abstraction layers! (contract between HW & SW)

Below the Program

- **High-level language program (in C)**

```
swap  int v[], int k){
      int temp;
      temp = v[k];
      v[k] = v[k+1];
      v[k+1] = temp;
}
```

C compiler

- **Assembly language program (for MIPS)**

```
swap: sll   $2, $5, 2
      add   $2, $4,$2
      lw    $15, 0($2)
      lw    $16, 4($2)
      sw    $16, 0($2)
      sw    $15, 4($2)
      jr    $31
```

assembler

- **Machine (object) code (for MIPS)**

```
000000 00000 00101 0001000010000000
000000 00100 00010 0001000000100000 . . .
```

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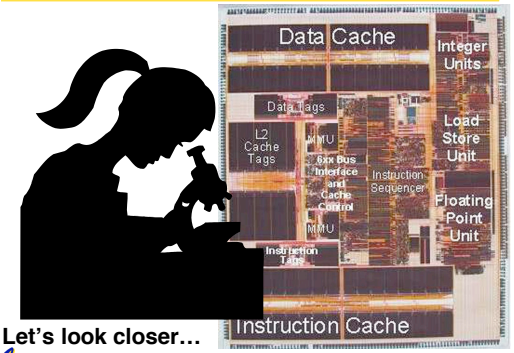
Logic Design

- **Next 2 weeks: we'll study how a modern processor is built starting with basic logic elements as building blocks.**
- **Why study logic design?**
  - **Understand what processors can do fast and what they can't do fast (avoid slow things if you want your code to run fast!)**
  - **Background for more detailed hardware courses (CS 150, CS 152)**

Logic Gates

- **Basic building blocks are logic *gates*.**
  - **In the beginning, did ad hoc designs, and then saw patterns repeated, gave names**
  - **Can build gates with transistors and resistors**
- **Then found theoretical basis for design**
  - **Can represent and reason about gates with truth tables and Boolean algebra**
  - **Assume know truth tables and Boolean algebra from a math or circuits course.**
  - **Section B.2 in the textbook has a review**

Physical Hardware

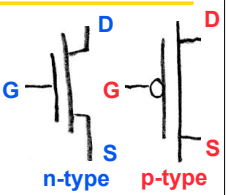


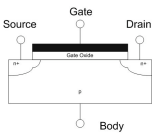
Let's look closer…

PowerPC

Transistors 101

- MOSFET
  - Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor
  - Come in two types:
    - n-type NMOSFET
    - p-type PMOSFET
- For n-type (p-type opposite)
  - If current is NOT flowing in Gate, transistor turns "off" (cut-off) and Drain-Source NOT connected
  - If current IS flowing in Gate, transistor turns "on" (triode) and Drain-Source ARE connected

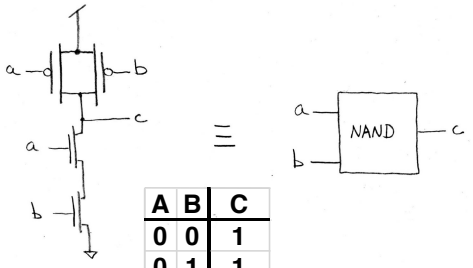




Side view

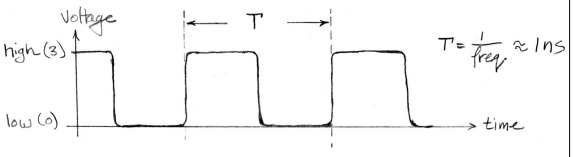
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosfet

Gate-level view vs. Block diagram

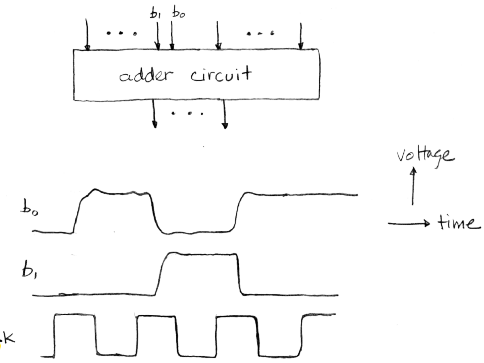


A	B	C
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

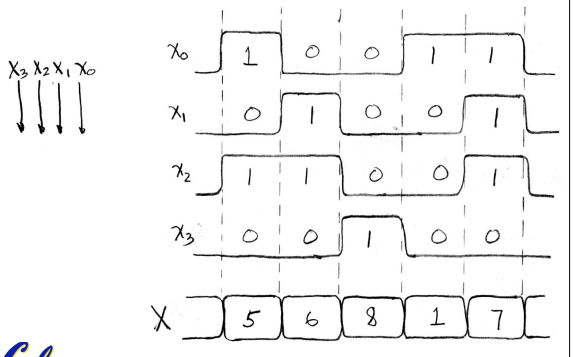
Signals and Waveforms: Clocks



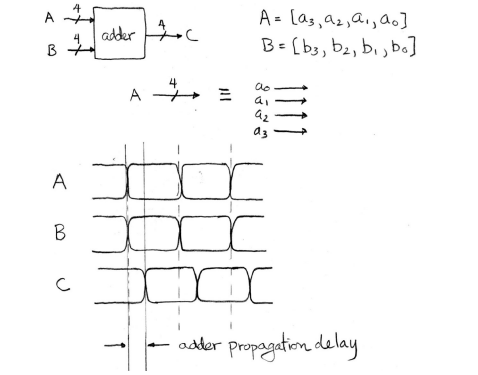
Signals and Waveforms: Adders



Signals and Waveforms: Grouping



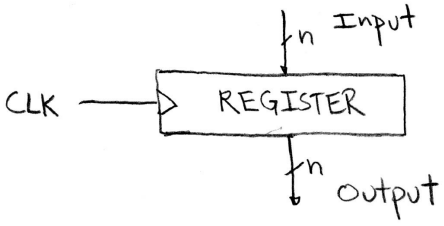
Signals and Waveforms: Circuit Delay



Combinational Logic

- Complex logic blocks are built from basic AND, OR, NOT building blocks we'll see shortly.
- A *combinational* logic block is one in which the output is a function only of its current input.
- Combinational logic cannot have memory (e.g., a register is not a combinational unit).

Circuits with STATE (e.g., register)



And in semi conclusion…

- ISA is very important abstraction layer
  - Contract between HW and SW
- Basic building blocks are logic *gates*
- Clocks control pulse of our circuits
- Voltages are analog, quantized to 0/1
- Circuit delays are fact of life
- Two types
  - Stateless Combinational Logic (&,|,~)
  - State circuits (e.g., registers)

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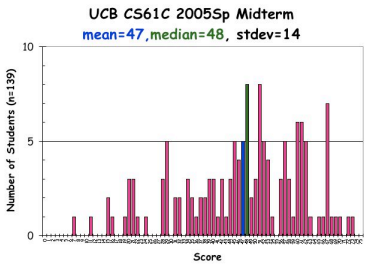

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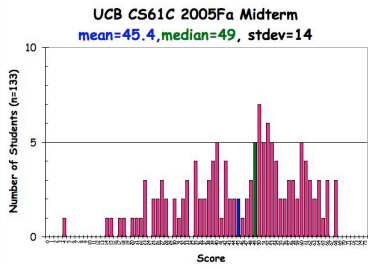
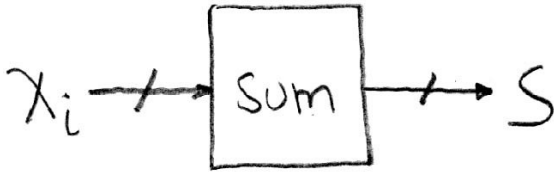


Administrivia

- If you want an exam regrade, simply staple a note to the front of your exam and turn it in to your TA or Dan.
  - We'll collect them until the end of Monday's lecture and then regrade all.
  - Remember that your grade can go down.
- Project 1 is graded; you have one week to request a regrade there too…

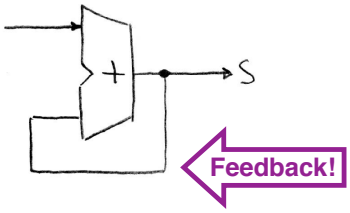
Accumulator Example



Want:

```
S=0;
for (i=0;i<n;i++)
  S = S + Xi
```


First try…Does this work?

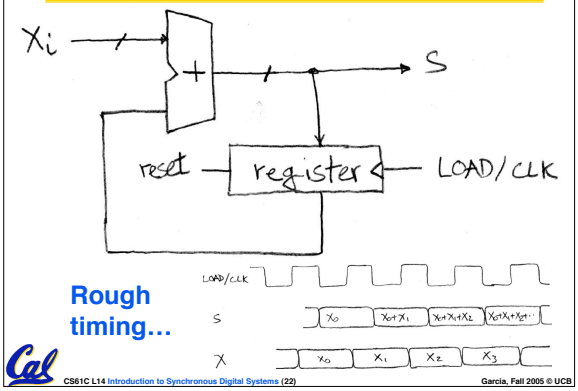


Nope!

Reason #1… What is there to control the next iteration of the '`for`' loop?

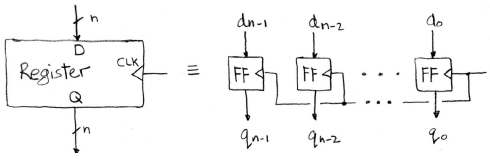
Reason #2… How do we say: '`S=0`'?

Second try…How about this? Yep!



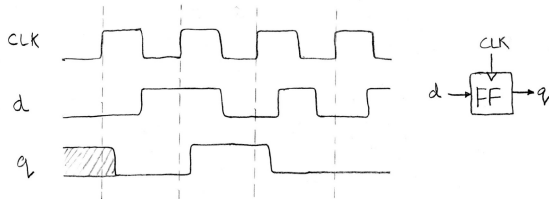
Rough timing…

Register Details…What's in it anyway?



- **n instances of a "Flip-Flop", called that because the output flips and flops betw. 0,1**
- **D is "data"**
- **Q is "output"**
- **Also called "d-q Flip-Flop","d-type Flip-Flop"**

What's the timing of a Flip-flop? (1/2)



- **Edge-triggered d-type flip-flop**
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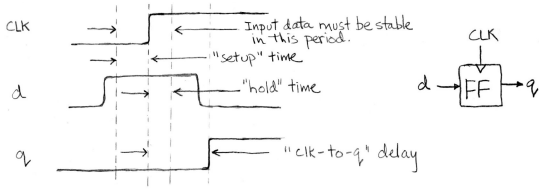

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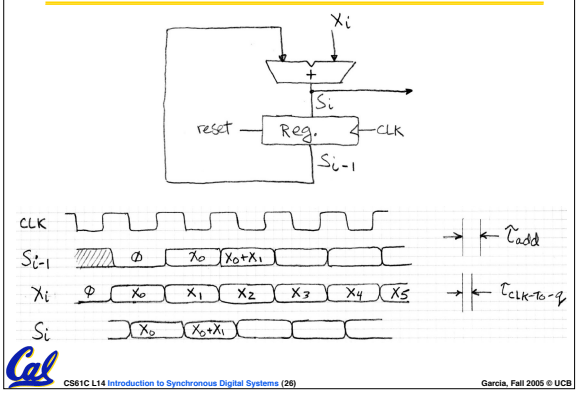

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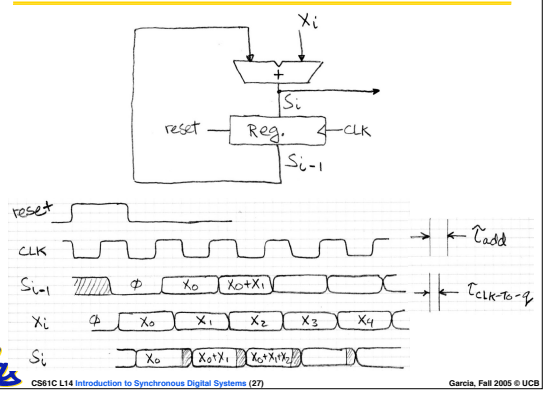

"And In conclusion…"

- We use feedback to maintain state
- Register files used to build memories
- D-FlipFlops used to build Register files
- Clocks tell us when D-FlipFlops change
  - Setup and Hold times important