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Transistors and logic gates

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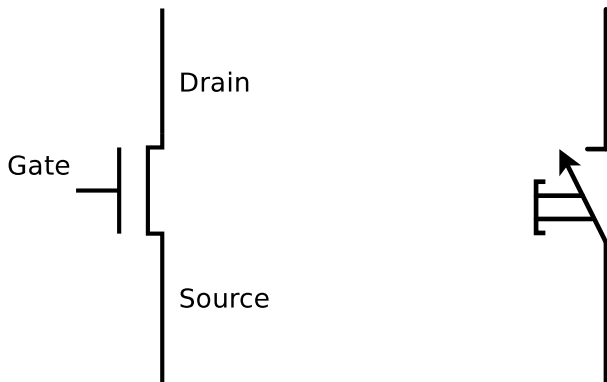
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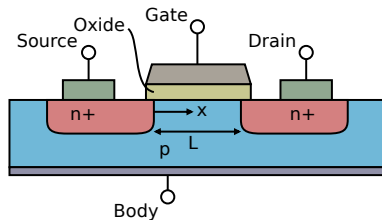
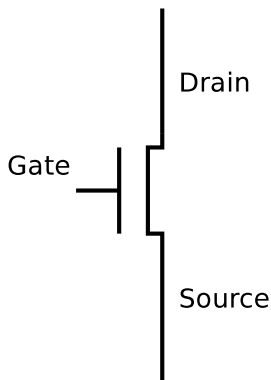
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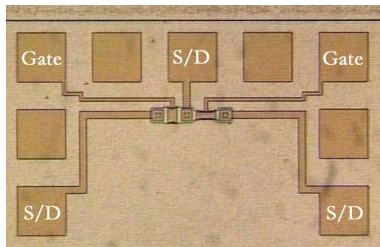
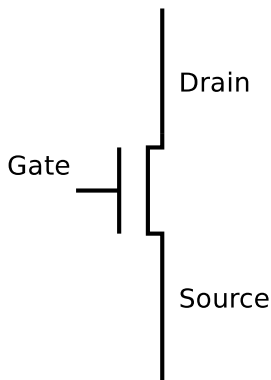


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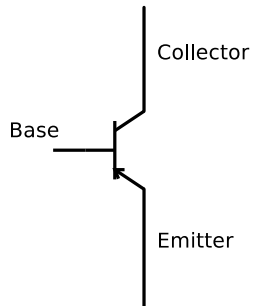
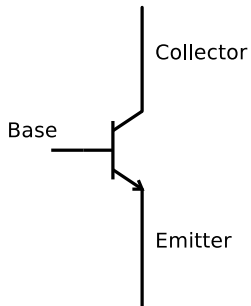
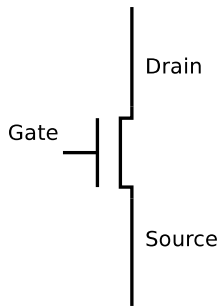
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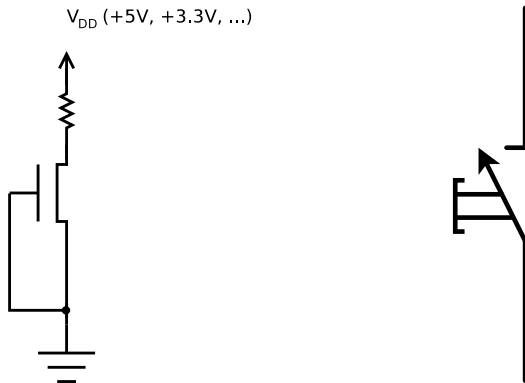


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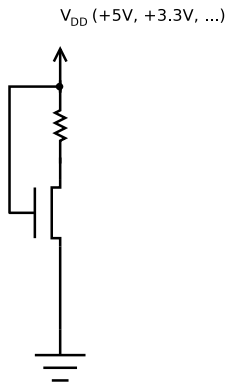
FET vs bipolar transistor



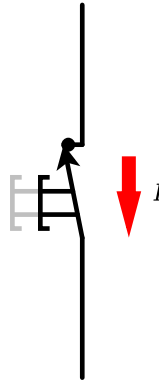
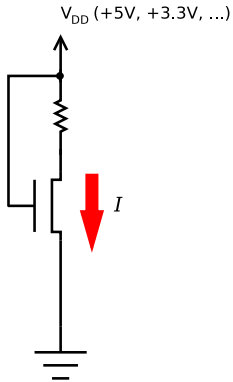
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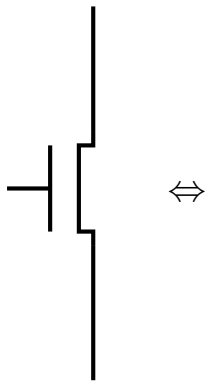
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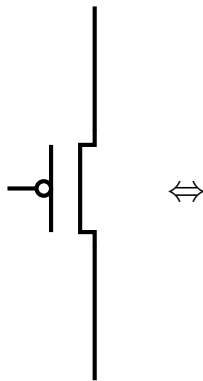
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Two types of transistors



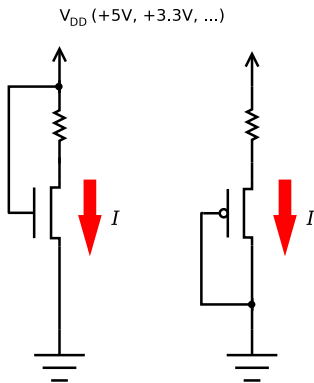
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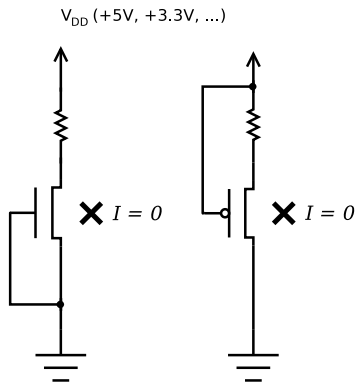
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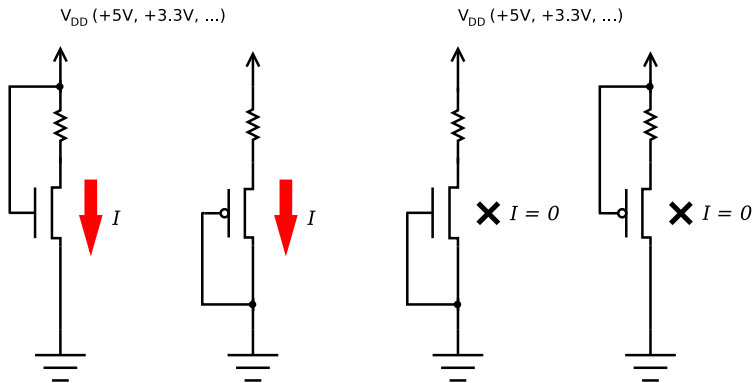
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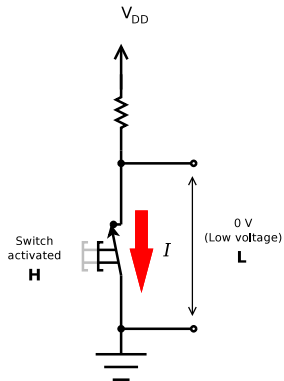
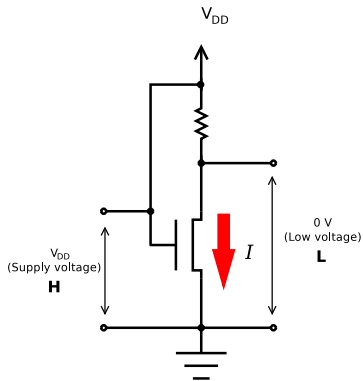
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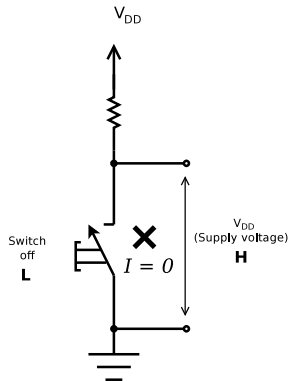
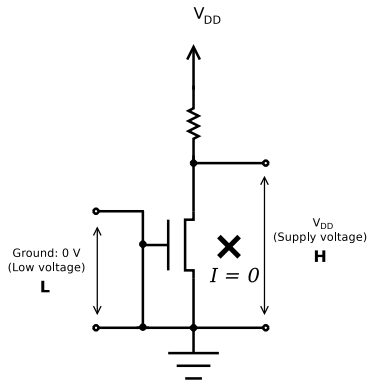
An overview n-type and p-type transistors



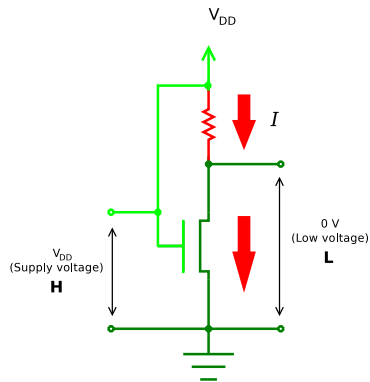
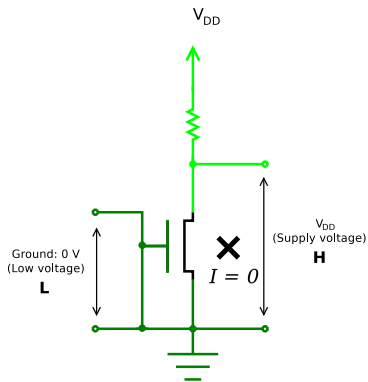
Transistor switch voltages



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Opposite voltages of a transistor switch



Inverter (the logic function NOT)

L: Ground voltage ($\approx 0V$)

H: Supply voltage (5V, 3.3V, ...)

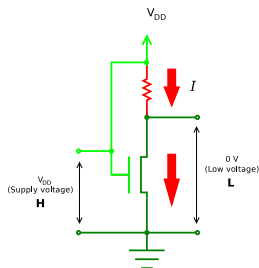
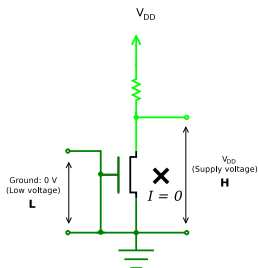
L: 0

H: 1

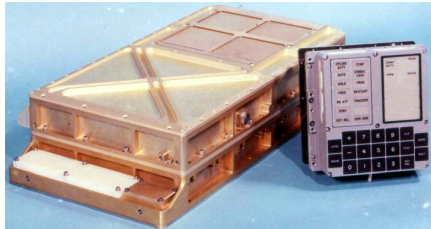
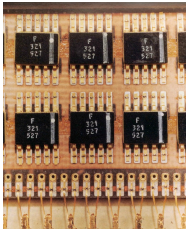
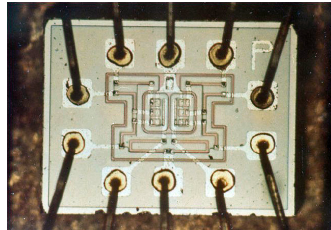
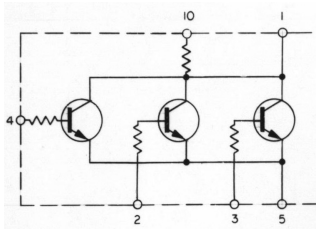
L: False

H: True

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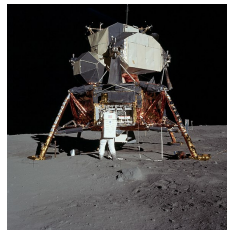
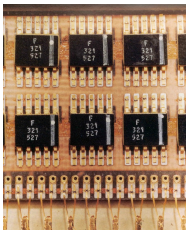
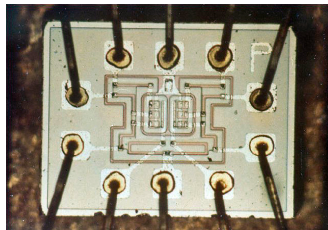
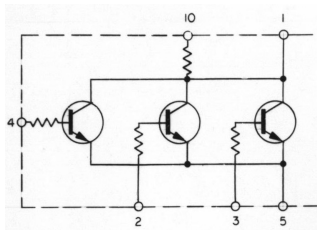


Historic NOR gates – Apollo guidance computer



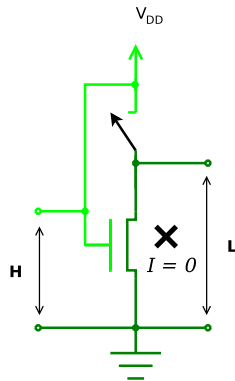
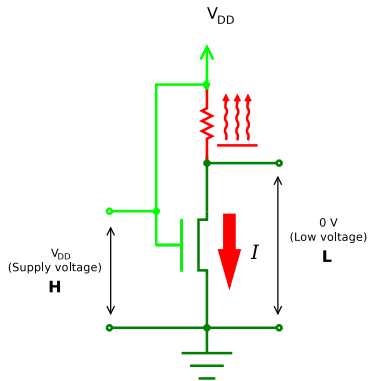
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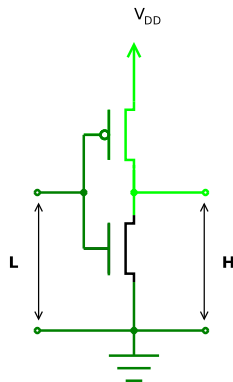
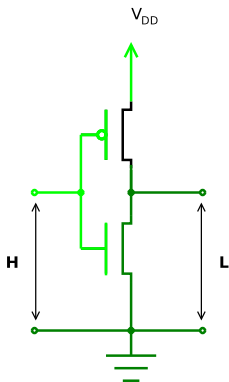


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Power dissipation

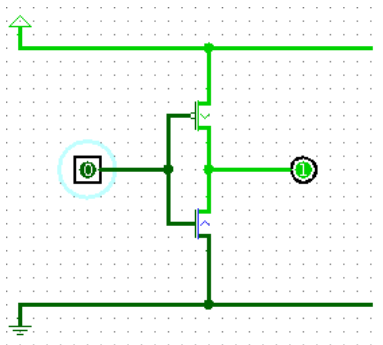
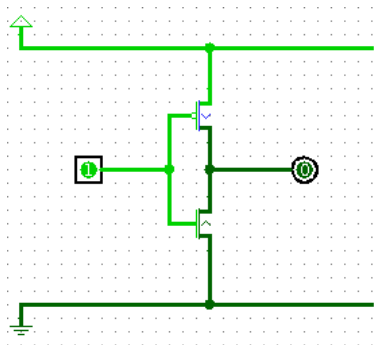


CMOS NOT gate



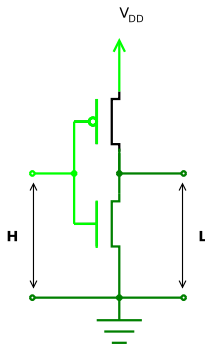
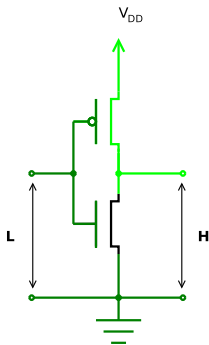
Logisim simulated NOT gate

Logisim is a very nice program for designing and simulating digital logic circuits.



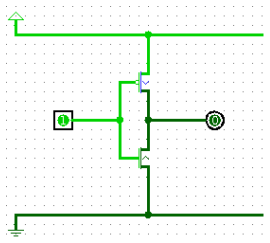
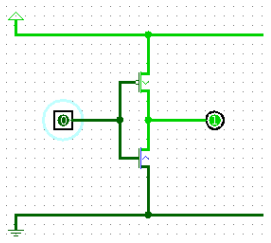
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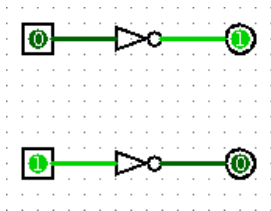
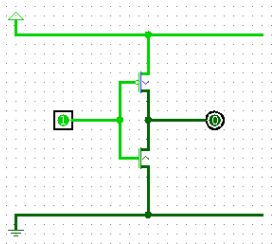
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Boolean functions

Based on the two-element Boolean algebra, or switching algebra.

$$B = \{0, 1\}$$
$$B \times \cdots \times B \mapsto B$$

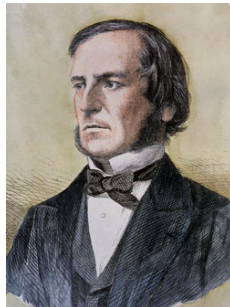


Augustus De Morgan



Claude Shannon

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George Boole

Number of one-input functions

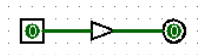
Input	Output
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1	0

} 2 positions $\Rightarrow 2^2 = 4$ combinations

Input	Output
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1	1

identity

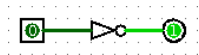
$$f(x) = x$$



Input	Output
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1	0

NOT

$$f(x) = \bar{x}$$



Input	Output
0	0
1	0

constant 0

$$f(x) = 0$$



Input	Output
0	1
1	1

constant 1

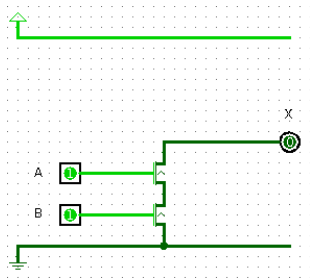
$$f(x) = 1$$



Logic NAND

$$X = f(A, B) = \overline{A \cdot B} = \overline{AB}$$

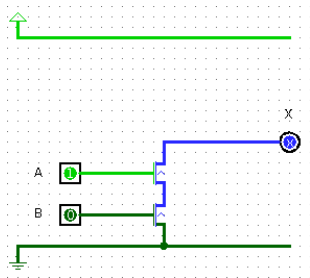
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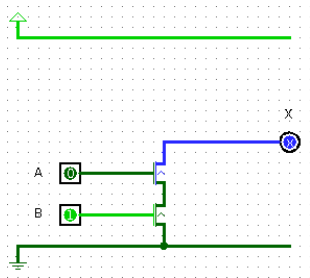
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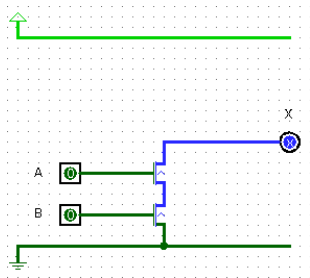
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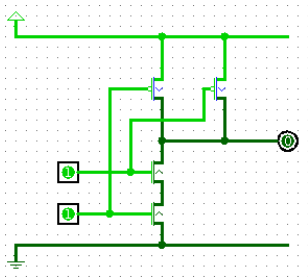
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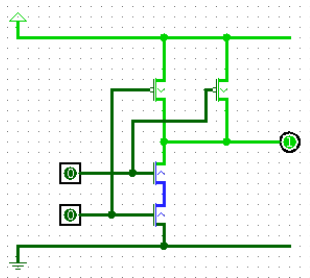
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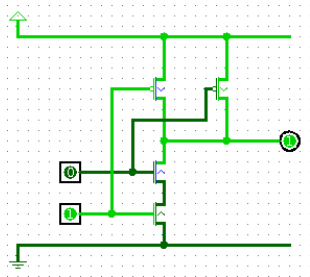
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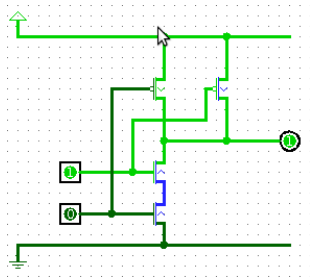
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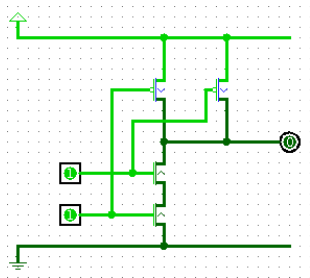
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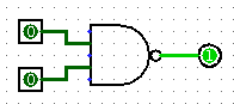
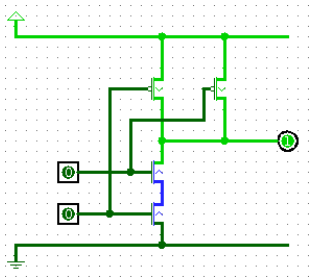
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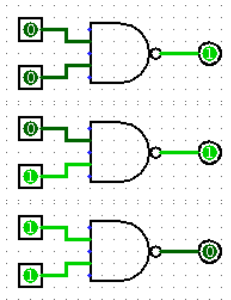
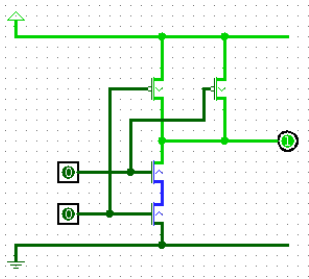
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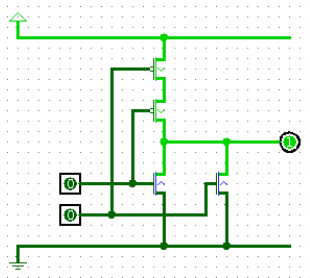
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Logic NOR

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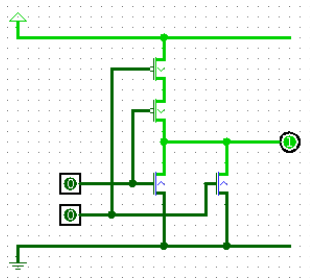
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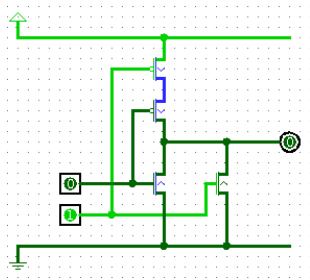
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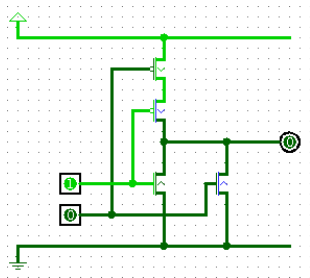
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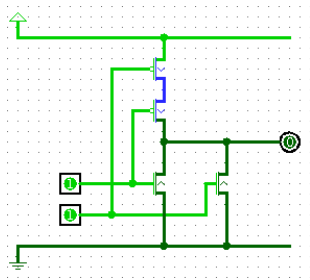
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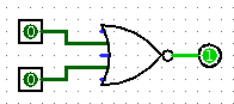
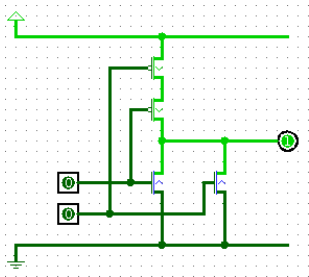
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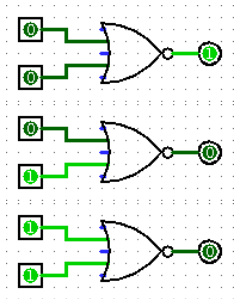
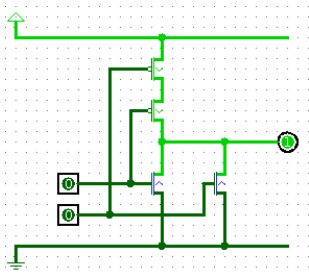
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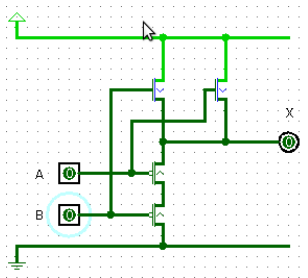
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Logic OR (disjunction)

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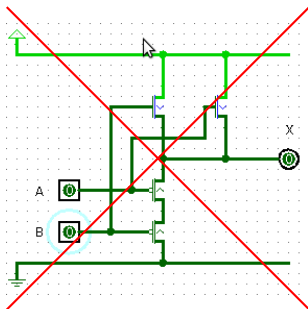
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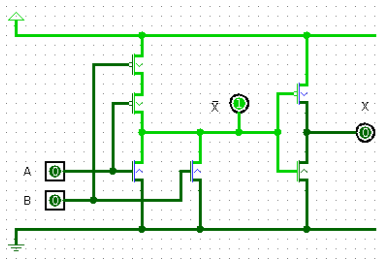
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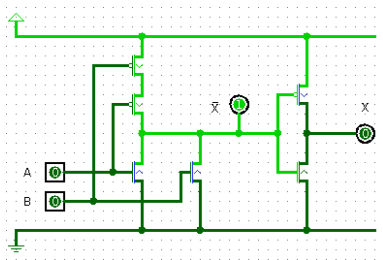
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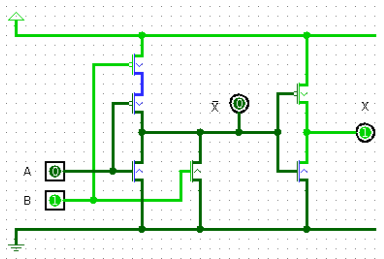
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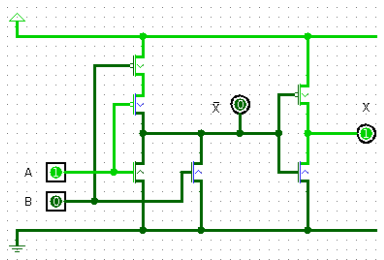
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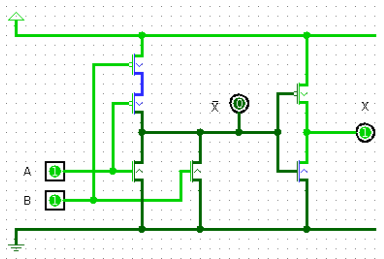
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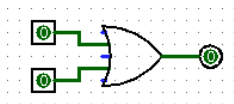
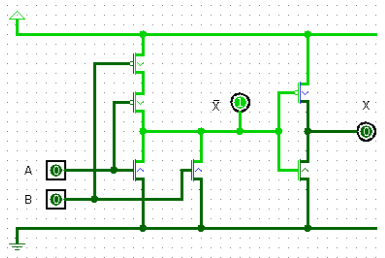
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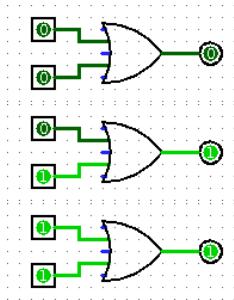
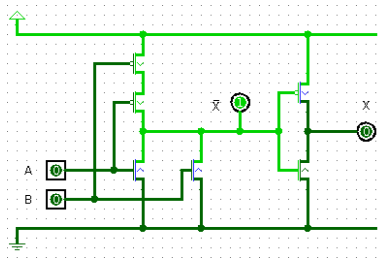
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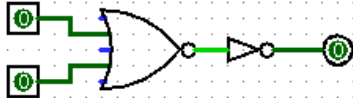
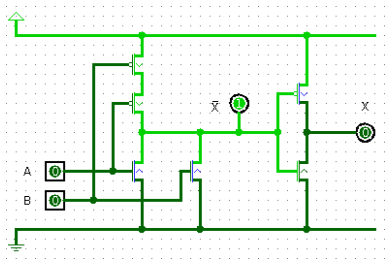
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Two-argument Boolean functions

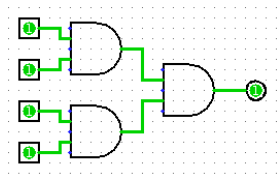
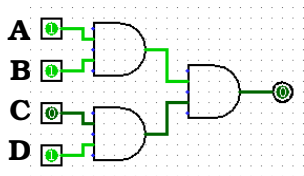
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} 4 positions $\Rightarrow 2^{2^2} = 16$ combinations



Multiple-input logic circuits

A	B	C	D	X
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
...				
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1



Computing arbitrary logic function

x_1	x_2	...	x_n	$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$	conjunction
0	0	...	0	1	$\overline{x_1} \cdot \overline{x_2} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{x_n}$
0	1	...	0	1	$\overline{x_1} \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{x_n}$
0	1	...	0	0	0
0	1	...	0	0	0
	
1	1	...	0	1	$x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{x_n}$
1	1	...	1	0	0

Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF):

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = & \overline{x_1} \cdot \overline{x_2} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{x_n} \\ & \vee \overline{x_1} \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{x_n} \\ & \vee \dots \\ & \vee x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{x_n} \end{aligned}$$

Example: synthesis of the function XOR

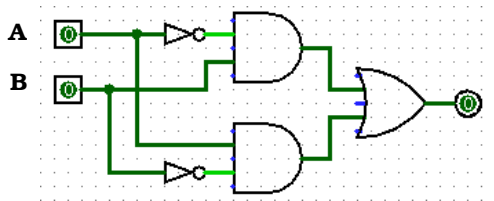
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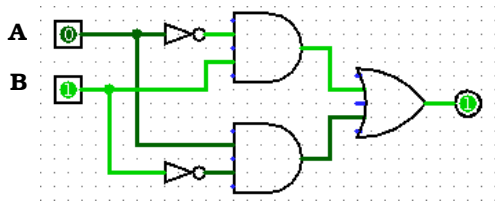
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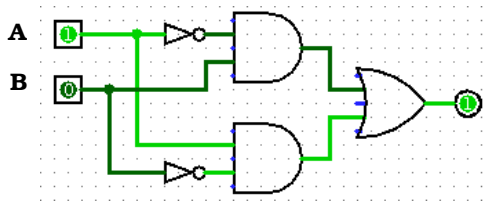
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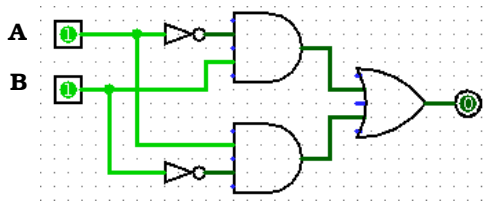
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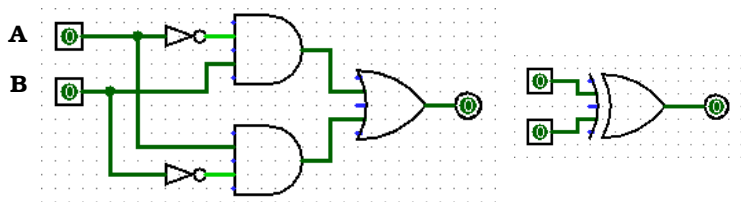
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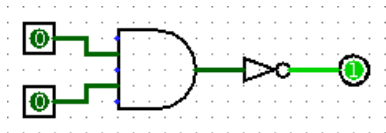
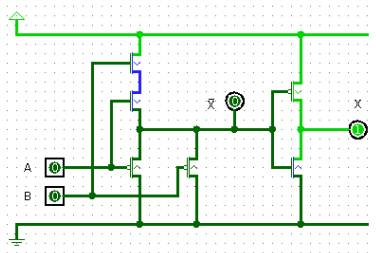
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NAND gate (revisited)

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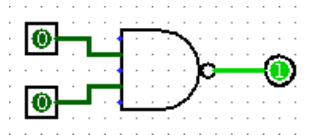
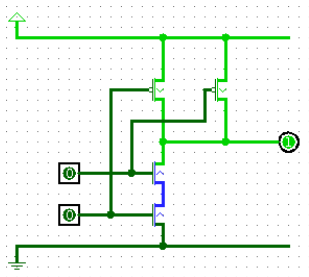
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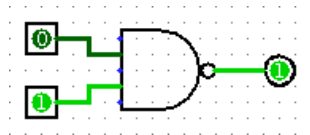
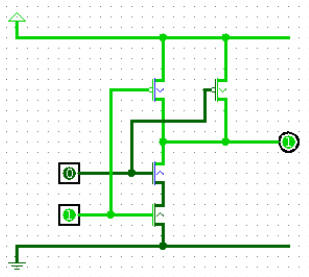
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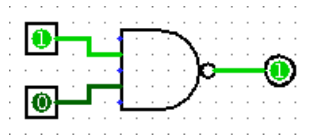
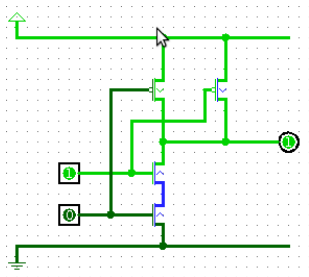
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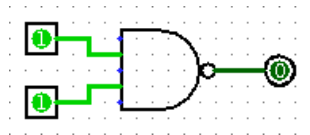
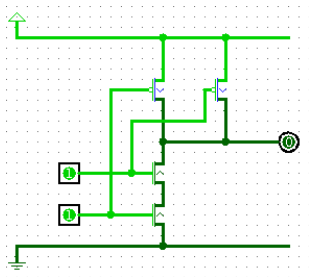
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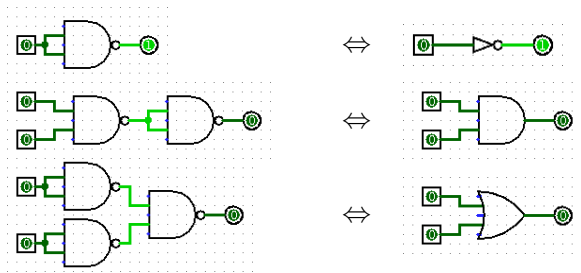
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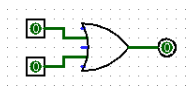
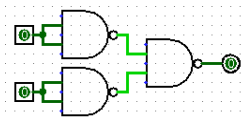
NAND – a Universal Gate

A	B	X
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1	0	1
1	1	0



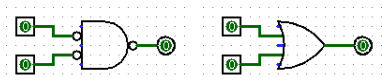
Dual gates

A	B	\bar{A}	\bar{B}	$\overline{A \cdot B}$	$\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$	$\overline{\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}}$	$A \vee B$
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
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1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1



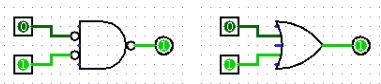
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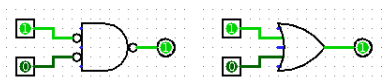
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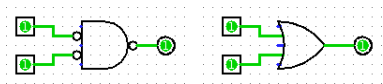
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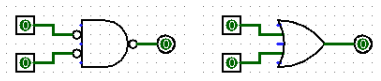
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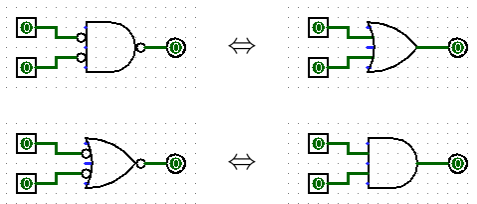


$$A \vee B = \overline{\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}}$$

$$\overline{\bar{A}} = A$$

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

Dual gates, De Morgan laws

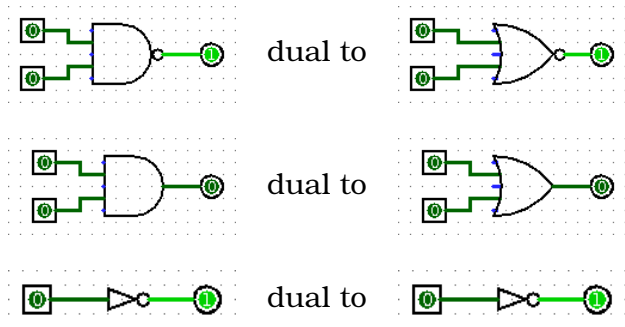


$$\left. \begin{aligned} \overline{\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}} &= A \vee B \\ \overline{\overline{A} \vee \overline{B}} &= A \cdot B \end{aligned} \right\} \text{dual functions}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \overline{A \vee B} &= \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \\ \overline{A \cdot B} &= \overline{A} \vee \overline{B} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{De Morgan laws}$$

h is dual of $f \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \overline{\overline{f(\overline{x_1}, \overline{x_2}, \dots, \overline{x_n})}}$

Another universal gate: NOR



Complete systems of logic functions

Superposition:

$$h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(g_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, g_m(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

Example:

$$\text{NOT}(\text{AND}(x_1, \text{NOT}(x_2))) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{x_1 \overline{x_2}} = \overline{x_1} \vee \overline{\overline{x_2}} = \overline{x_1} \vee x_2$$

Complete systems (examples):

$$\{\text{AND, OR, NOT}\} = \{\cdot, \vee, \overline{}\} \quad (\text{not minimal!})$$

$$\{\text{AND, NOT}\} = \{\cdot, \overline{}\}$$

$$\{\text{OR, NOT}\} = \{\vee, \overline{}\}$$

$$\{\text{AND, XOR, 1}\} = \{\cdot, \oplus, 1\}$$

$$\{\text{OR, XOR, 1}\} = \{\vee, \oplus, 1\}$$

$$\{\text{NAND}\} = \{\uparrow\}$$

$$\{\text{NOR}\} = \{\downarrow\}$$

Sheffer stroke

Peirce's arrow/Quine's dagger

Closed Boolean function classes

Function classes closed under superposition:

① T_0 : zero-preserving:

$$f(0, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$$

② T_1 : one-preserving:

$$f(1, 1, \dots, 1) = 1$$

③ S : self-dual:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \overline{f(\overline{x_1}, \overline{x_2}, \dots, \overline{x_n})}$$

④ L : linear:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = a_0 \oplus a_1 x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus a_n x_n$$

⑤ M : monotonic:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ \vec{a} \leq \vec{b} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} : a_i \leq b_i \\ f \in M &\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \vec{a} \leq \vec{b} \Rightarrow f(\vec{a}) \leq f(\vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

Post's theorem

A Boolean function set $B = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ is complete under superposition **iff**:

- 1 it contains a function that does not preserve 0:

$$\exists f_i \in B : f_i \notin T_0$$

- 2 it contains a function that does not preserve 1:

$$\exists f_i \in B : f_i \notin T_1$$

- 3 it contains a function that is not self-dual:

$$\exists f_i \in B : f_i \notin S$$

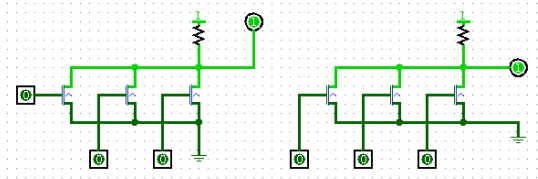
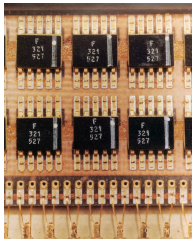
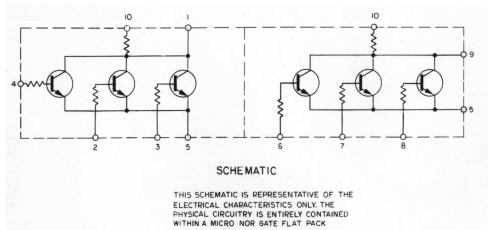
- 4 it contains a function that is not linear:

$$\exists f_i \in B : f_i \notin L$$

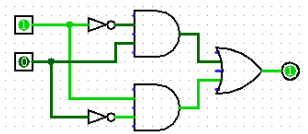
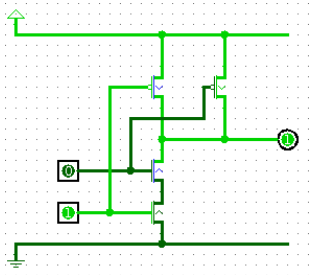
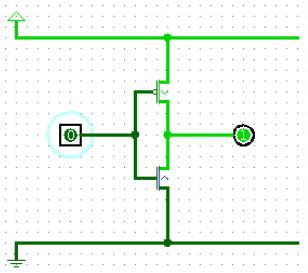
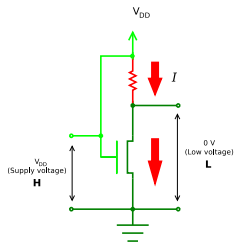
- 5 it contains a function that is not monotonic:

$$\exists f_i \in B : f_i \notin M$$

Apollo Guidance Computer gates



Achievements so far ...



Take home messages

- Digital circuits can be described using Boolean algebra;
- Any Boolean function can be implemented using a complete set of Boolean functions, as per Post's theorem; each of functions NAND and NOR alone form a complete set and any digital circuit can be build from them;
- All Boolean functions can be implemented as electric (e.g. CMOS FET) switches;
- All blocks of a computer can be built from controllable electric switches; modern computers use CMOS field effect transistors.