Combinational Logic

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Recap: Logic Design?

Logic design

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Logic design, Basic organization of the circuitry of a digital computer. All digital computers are based on a two-valued logic system—1/0, on/off, yes/no (*see* binary code). Computers perform calculations using components called logic gates, which are made up of integrated circuits that receive an input signal, process it, and change it into an output signal. The components of the gates pass or block a clock pulse as it travels through them, and the output bits of the gates control other gates or output the result. There are three basic kinds of logic gates, called "and," "or," and "not." By connecting logic gates together, a device can be constructed that can perform basic arithmetic functions.

Logic circuits

AND

inputs

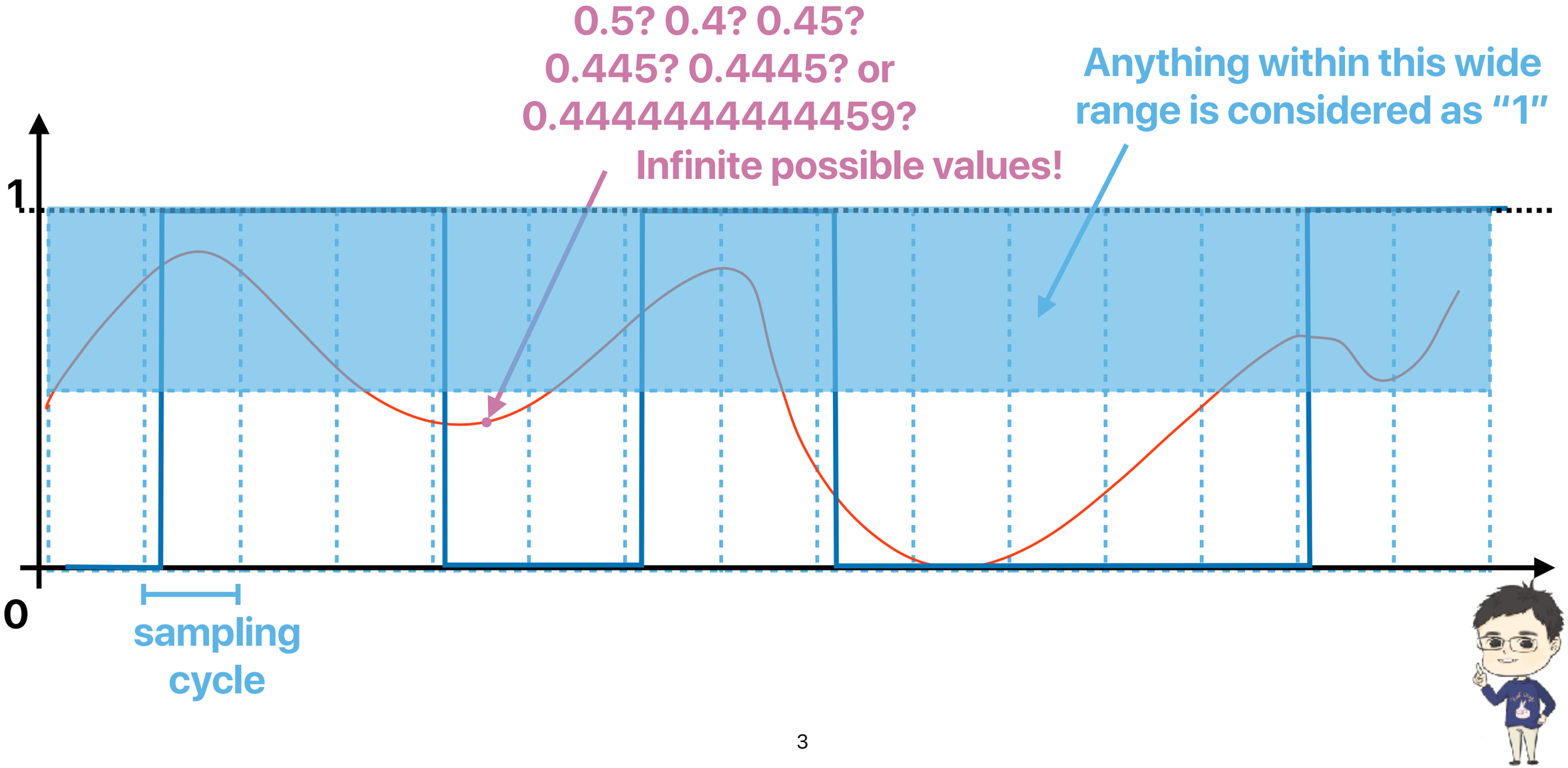
inputs		output
a	b	

EXCLUSIVE OR

inputs

inputs		output
a	b	

Recap: Analog v.s. digital signals



Recap: Why are digital computers more popular now?

- Please identify how many of the following statements explains why digital computers are now more popular than analog computers.
  - ✓ The cost of building systems with the same functionality is lower by using digital computers.
  - ✗ Digital computers can express more values than analog computers.
  - ✓ Digital signals are less fragile to noise and defective/low-quality components.
  - ✓ Digital data are easier to store.

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

E. 4

Recap: The basic idea of a number system

- Each position represents a quantity; symbol in position means how many of that quantity
  - Decimal (base 10)
    - Ten symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
    - More than 9: next position
    - Each position is incremented by power of 10
  - Binary (base 2)
    - Two symbols: 0, 1
    - More than 1: next position
    - Each position is incremented by power of 2

10^2 10^1 10^0
× × ×
3 + **2** + **1** =300
+20
+1
=321

2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0
× × × ×
1 + **0** + **0** + **1** $=1 \times 2^3$
$+1 \times 2^0$
$=1 \times 8$
$+1 \times 1$
=9

Outline

- Two types of logics
- The **theory** behind combinational logics
- The building blocks of combinational logics

Types of circuits

Combinational v.s. sequential logic

- Combinational logic
  - The output is a pure function of its current inputs
  - The output doesn’t change regardless how many times the logic is triggered — Idempotent
- Sequential logic
  - The output depends on current inputs, previous inputs, their history

Theory behind each

- A **Combinational logic** is the implementation of a **Boolean Algebra** function with only Boolean Variables as their inputs
- A **Sequential logic** is the implementation of a **Finite-State Machine**

Boolean Algebra

Boolean algebra (disambiguation)

- Boolean algebra — George Boole, 1815—1864
  - Introduced binary variables
  - Introduced the three fundamental logic operations: AND, OR, and NOT
  - Extended to abstract algebra with set operations: intersect, union, complement
- Switching algebra — Claude Shannon, 1916—2001
  - Wrote his thesis demonstrating that electrical applications of **Boolean algebra** could construct any logical numerical relationship
  - Disposal of the abstract mathematical apparatus, casting **switching algebra** as the **two-element Boolean algebra**.
  - We now use switching algebra and boolean algebra interchangeably in EE, but not doing that if you’re interacting with a mathematician.

Basic Boolean Algebra Concepts

- {0, 1}: The only two possible values in inputs/outputs
- Basic operators
  - AND (•) — a • b
    - returns 1 only if both a **and** b are 1s
    - otherwise returns 0
  - OR (+) — a + b
    - returns 1 if a **or** b is 1
    - returns 0 if none of them are 1s
  - NOT (') — a'
    - returns 0 if a is 1
    - returns 1 if a is 0

Truth tables

- A table sets out the functional values of logical expressions on each of their functional arguments, that is, for each combination of values taken by their logical variables

AND

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**0**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**0**
1	1	**1**

OR

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**0**
0	1	**1**
1	0	**1**
1	1	**1**

NOT

Input	Output
A	
0	1
0	1
1	0
1	0

Derived Boolean operators

- NAND — $(a \cdot b)'$
- NOR — $(a + b)'$
- XOR — $(a + b) \cdot (a' + b')$ or $ab' + a'b$
- XNOR — $(a + b') \cdot (a' + b)$ or $ab + a'b'$

NAND

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**1**
0	1	**1**
1	0	**1**
1	1	**0**

NOR

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**1**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**0**
1	1	**0**

XOR

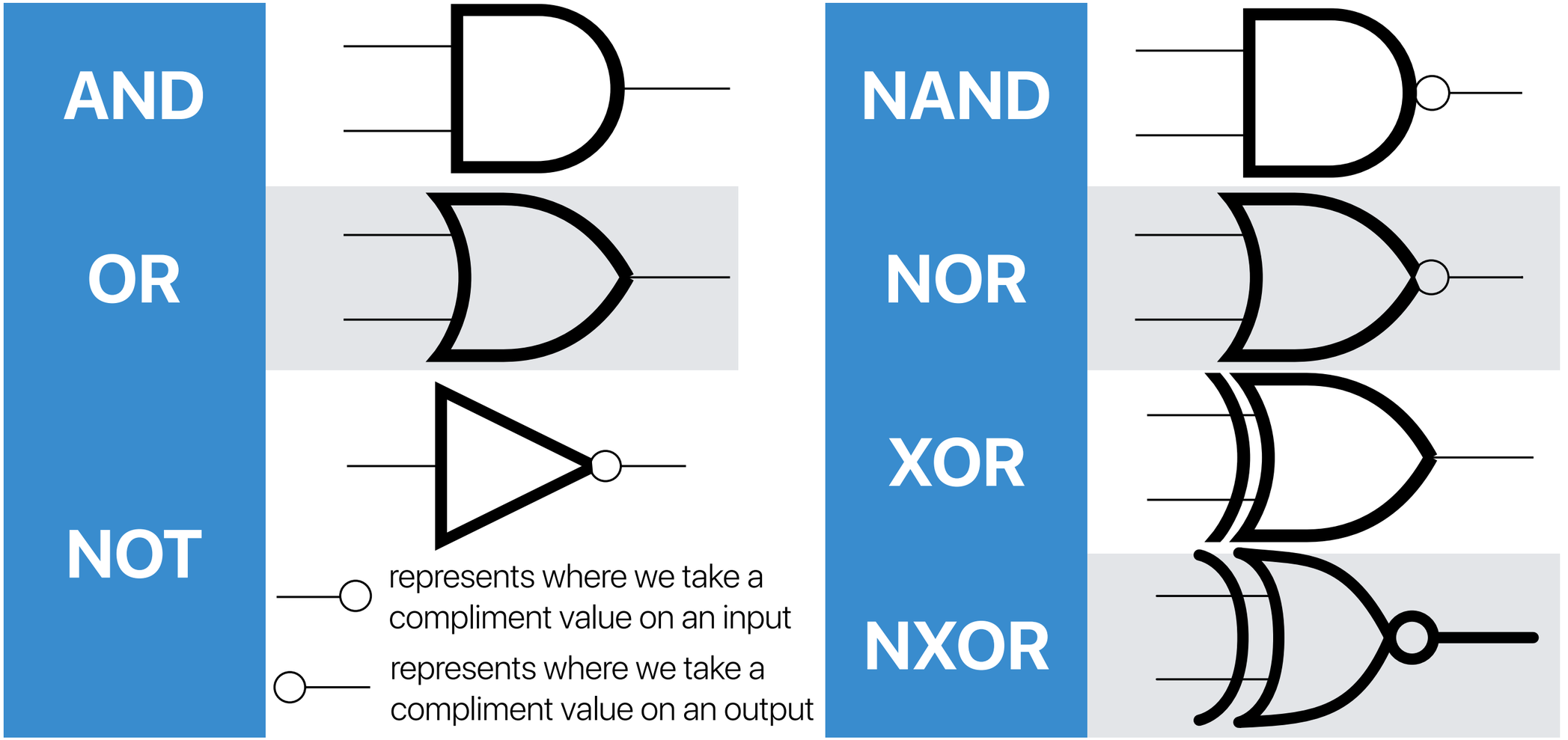
Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**0**
0	1	**1**
1	0	**1**
1	1	**0**

XNOR

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**1**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**0**
1	1	**1**

Express Boolean Operators/ Functions in Circuit “Gates”

Boolean operators their circuit “gate” symbols



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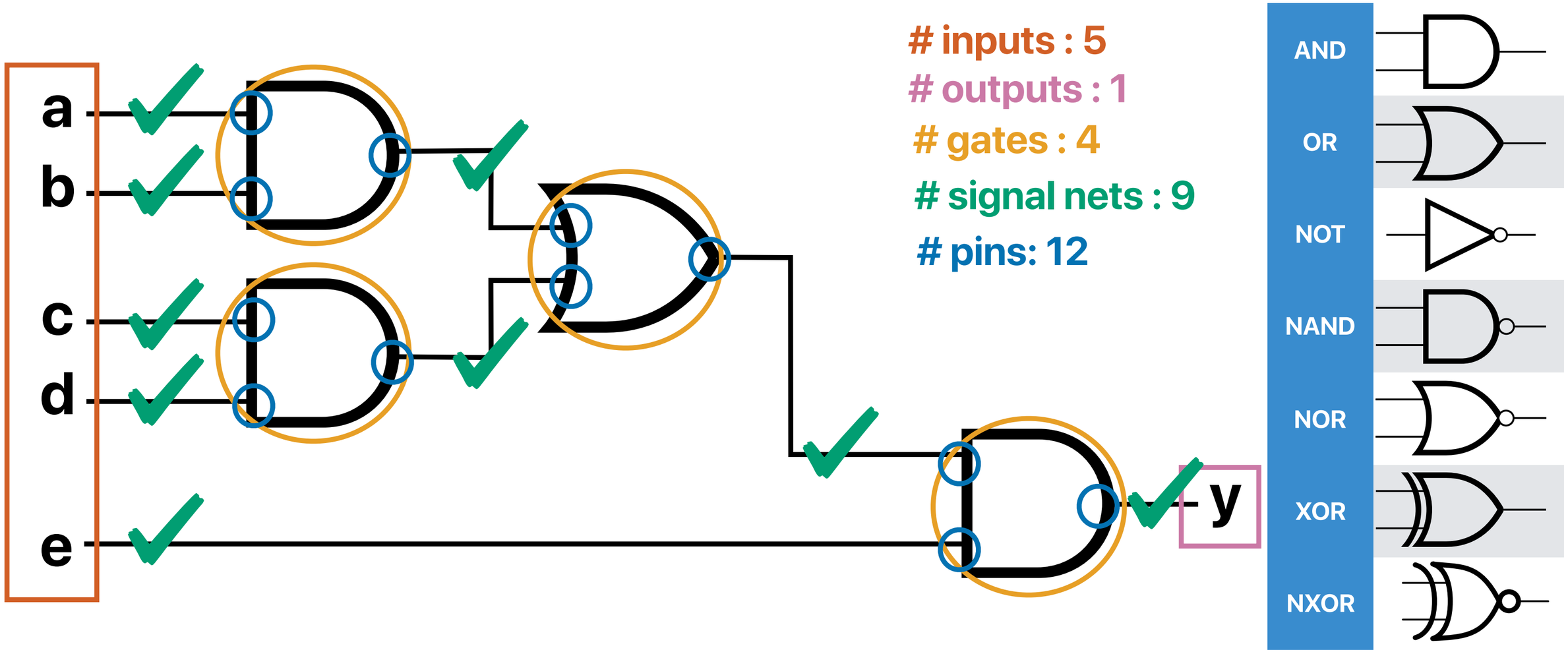
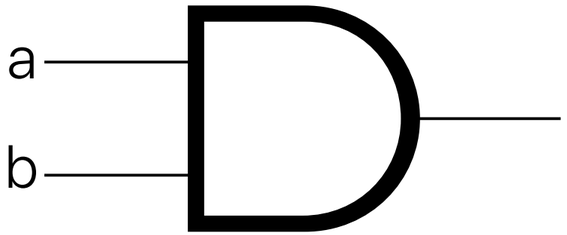
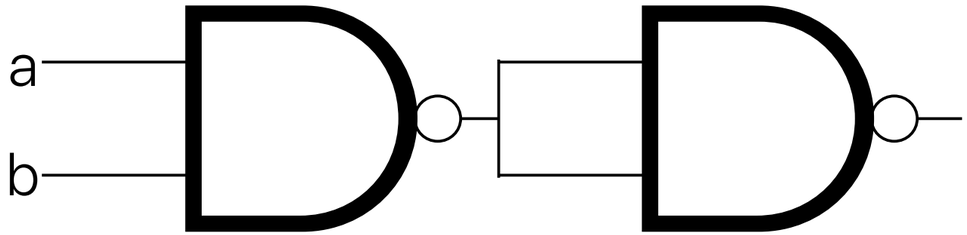
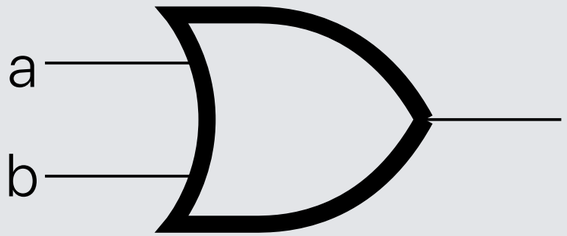
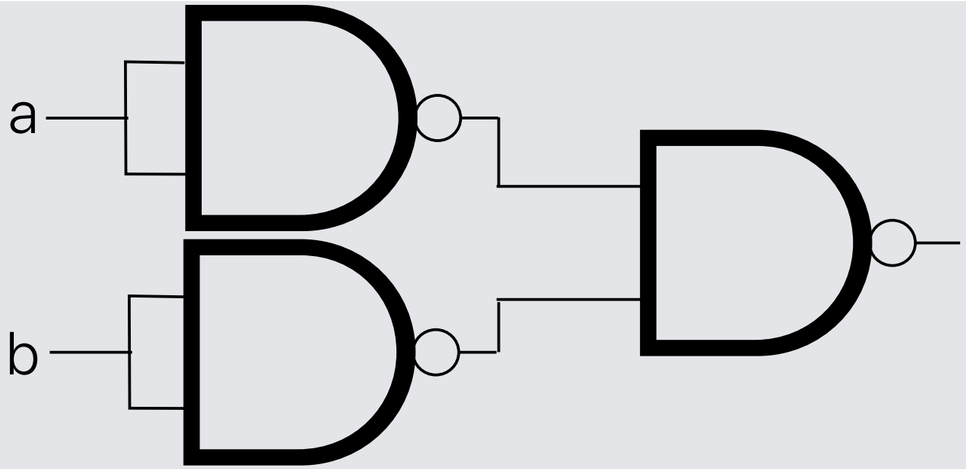
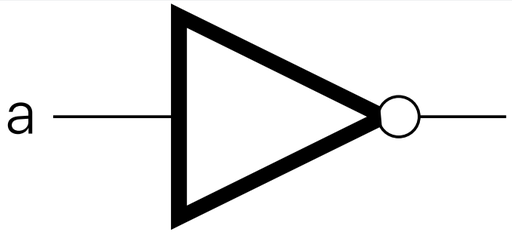
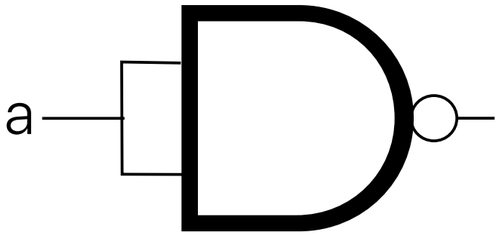


We can make everything NAND!

	Original	NAND
AND		
OR		
NOT		

We can also make everything NOR!

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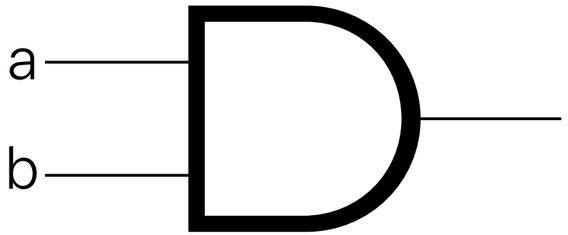
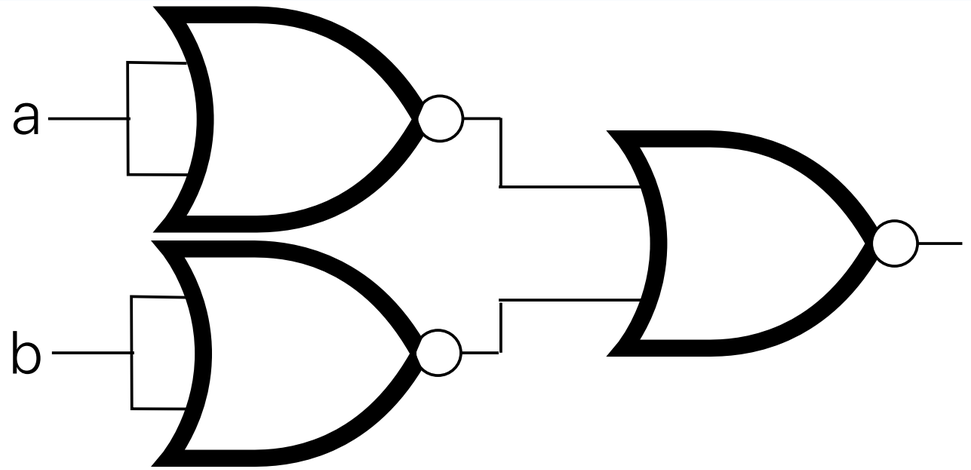
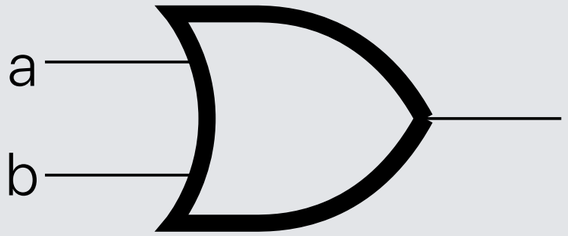
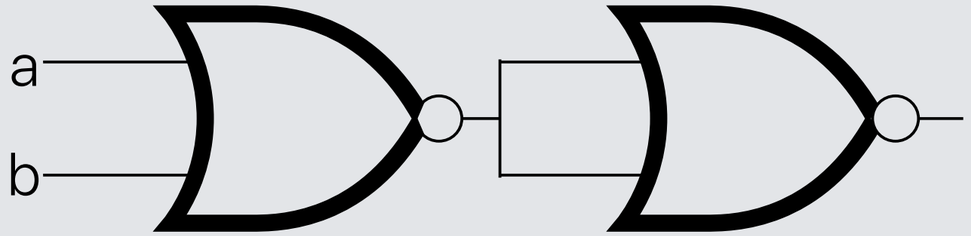
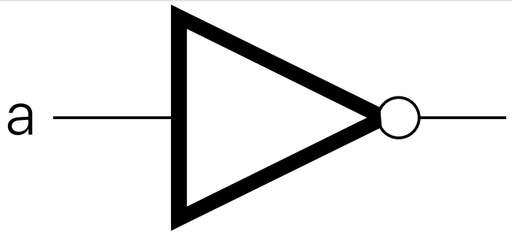
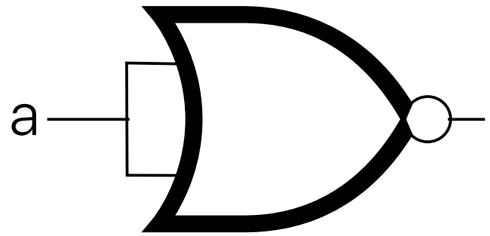
AND		
OR		
NOT		

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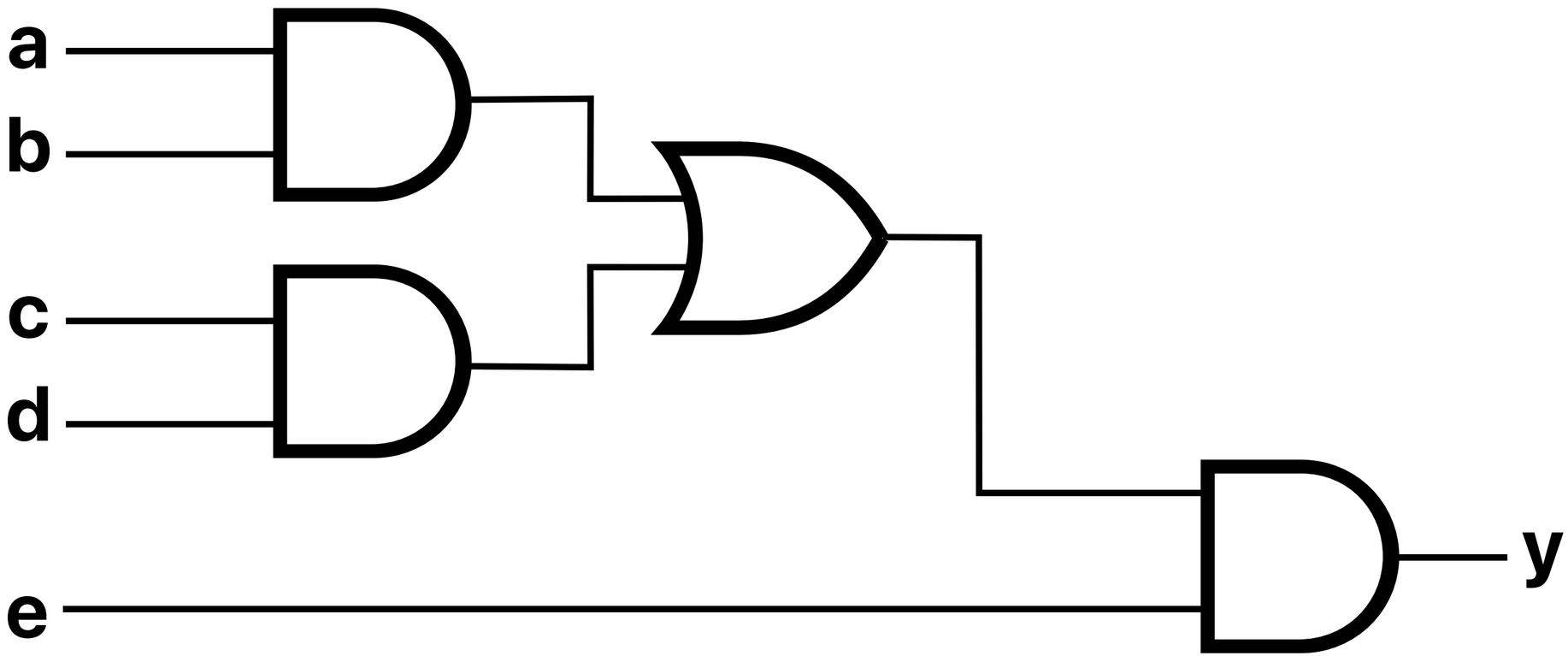

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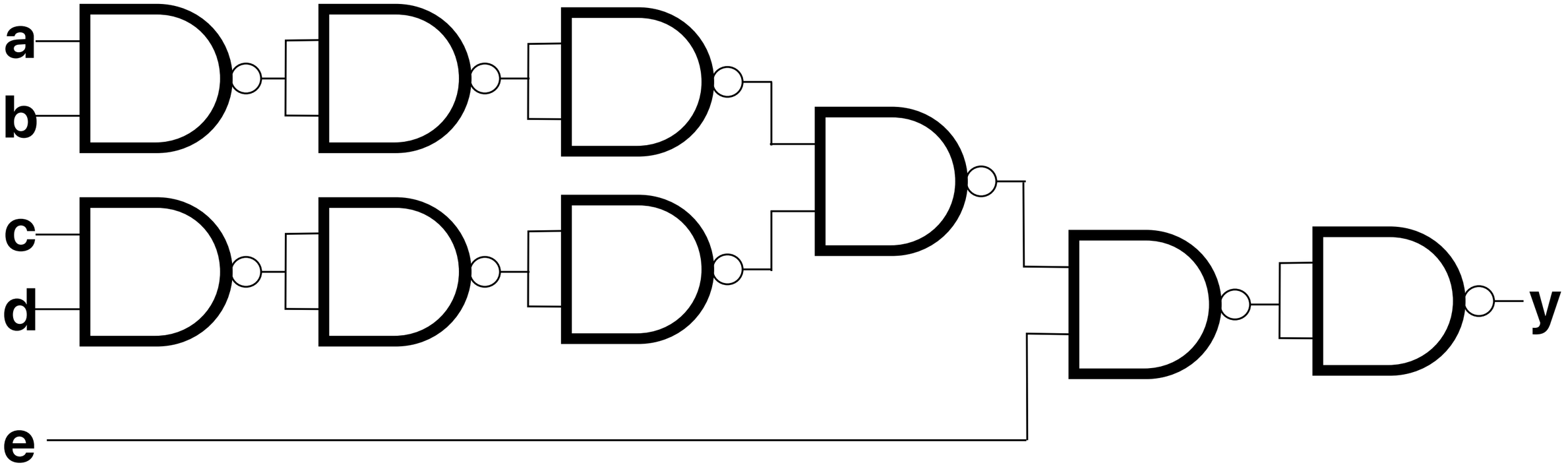
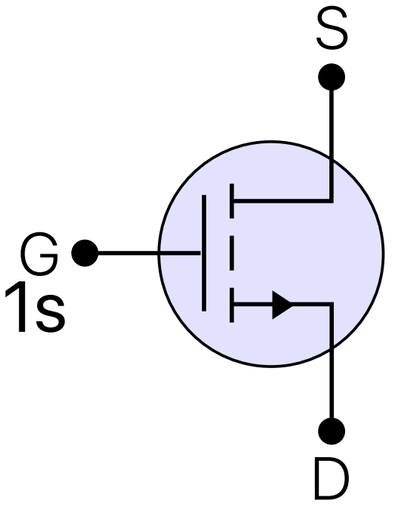


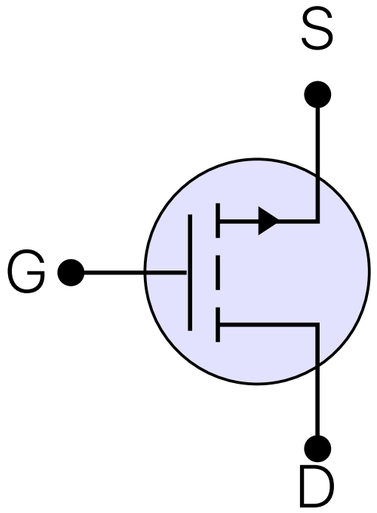
How gates are implemented?

Two type of CMOSs

- nMOS
  - Turns on when G = 1
  - When it's on, passes 0s, but not 1s
  - Connect S to ground (0)
  - Pulldown network

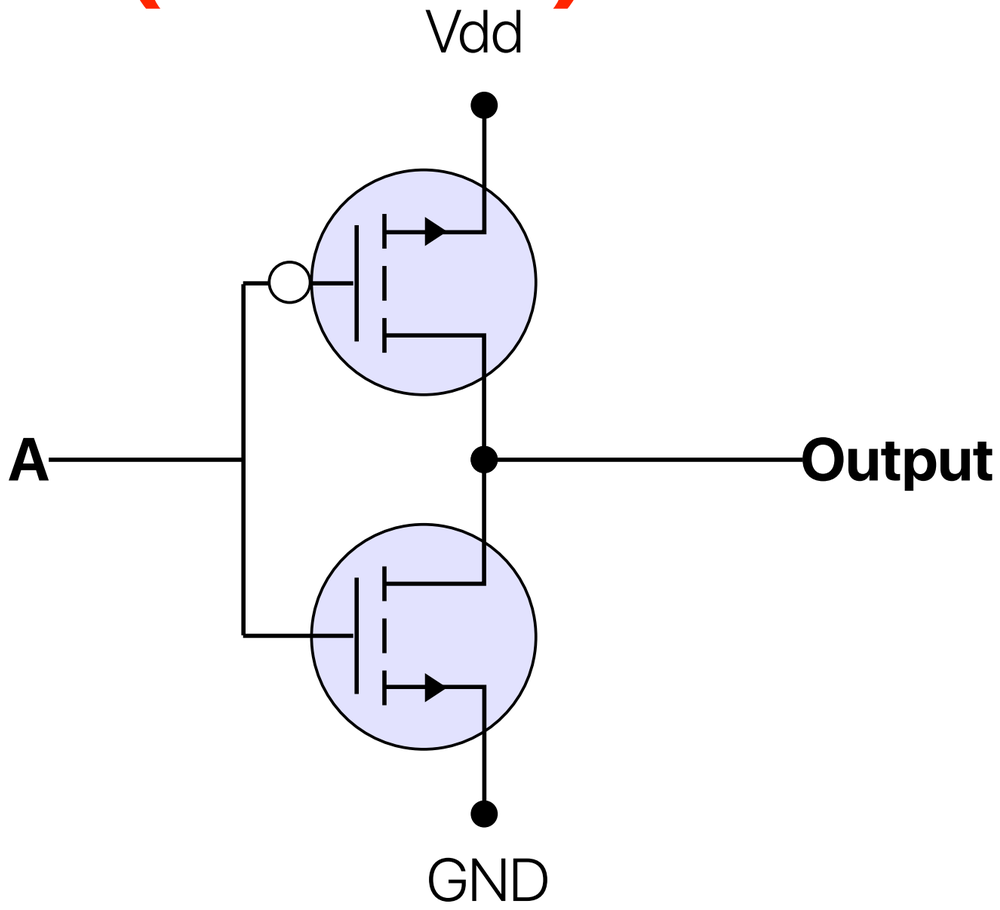


- pMOS
  - Turns on when G = 0
  - When it's on, passes 1s, but not 0s
  - Connect S to Vdd (1)
  - Pullup network

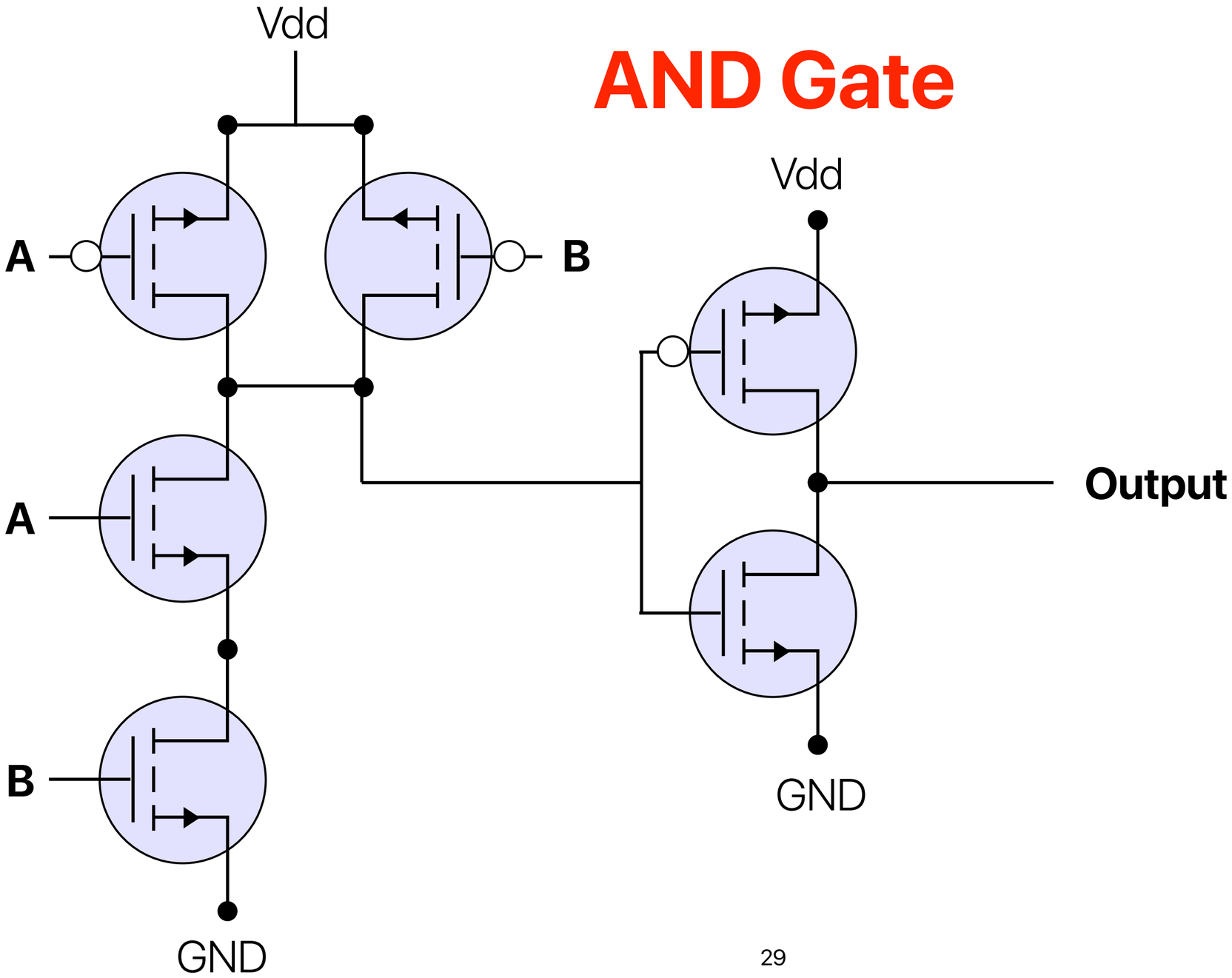


NOT Gate (Inverter)

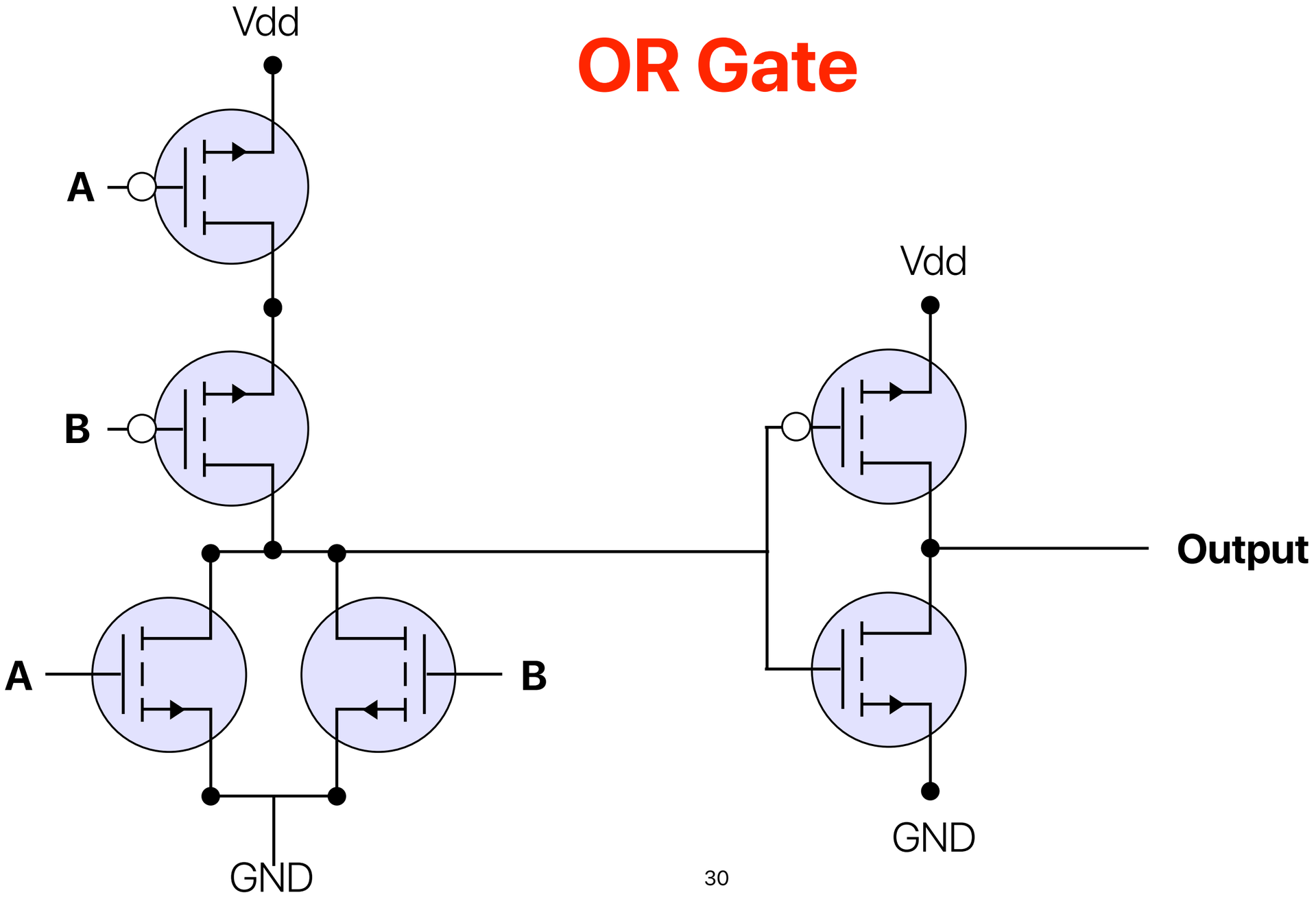
Input A	NMOS (passes 0 when on G=1)	PMOS (passes 1 when on G=0)	Output
0	OFF	ON	1
1	ON	OFF	0



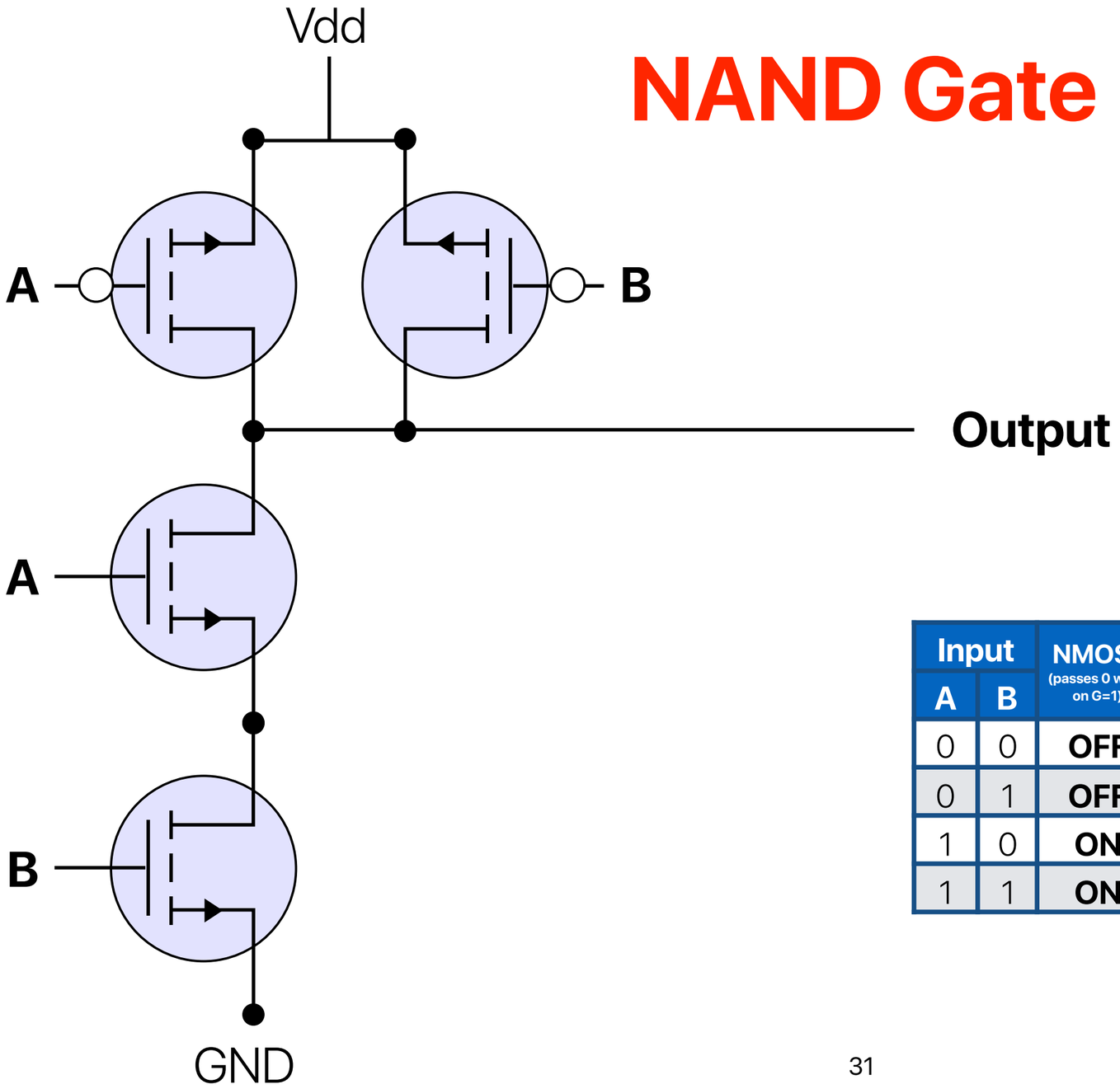
AND Gate



OR Gate



NAND Gate

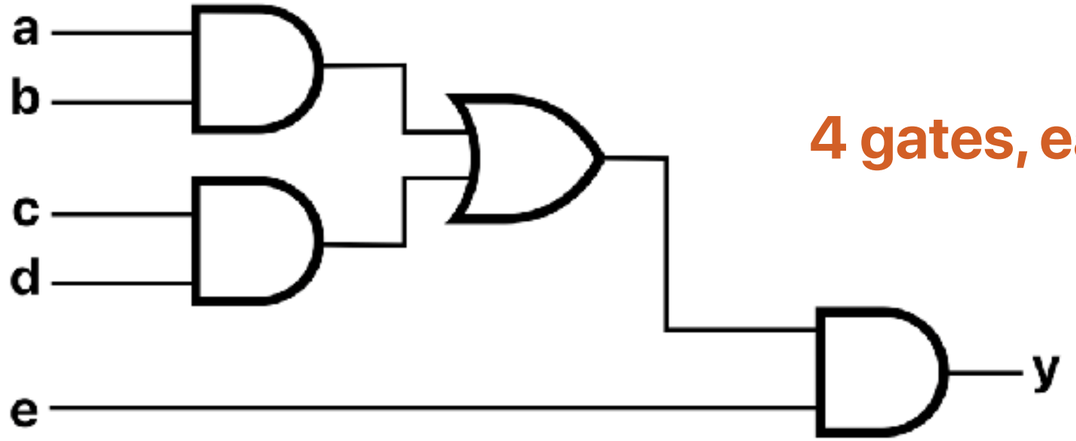


Input		NMOS1 (passes 0 when on G=1)	PMOS1 (passes 1 when on G=0)	NMOS2 (passes 0 when on G=1)	PMOS2 (passes 1 when on G=0)	Output
A	B					
0	0	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	1
0	1	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	1
1	0	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	1
1	1	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	0

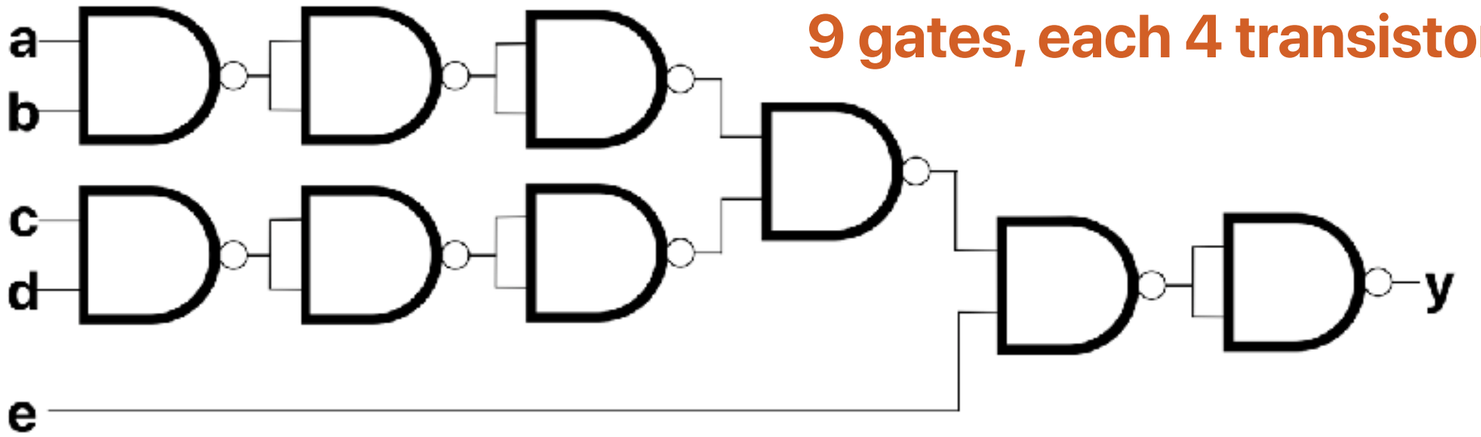
Why use NAND?

- NAND and NOR are “universal gates” — you can build any circuit with everything NAND or NOR
- Simplifies the design as you only need one type of gate
- NAND only needs 4 transistors — gate delay is smaller than OR/AND that needs 6 transistors
- NAND is slightly faster than NOR due to the physics nature

How about total number of transistors?



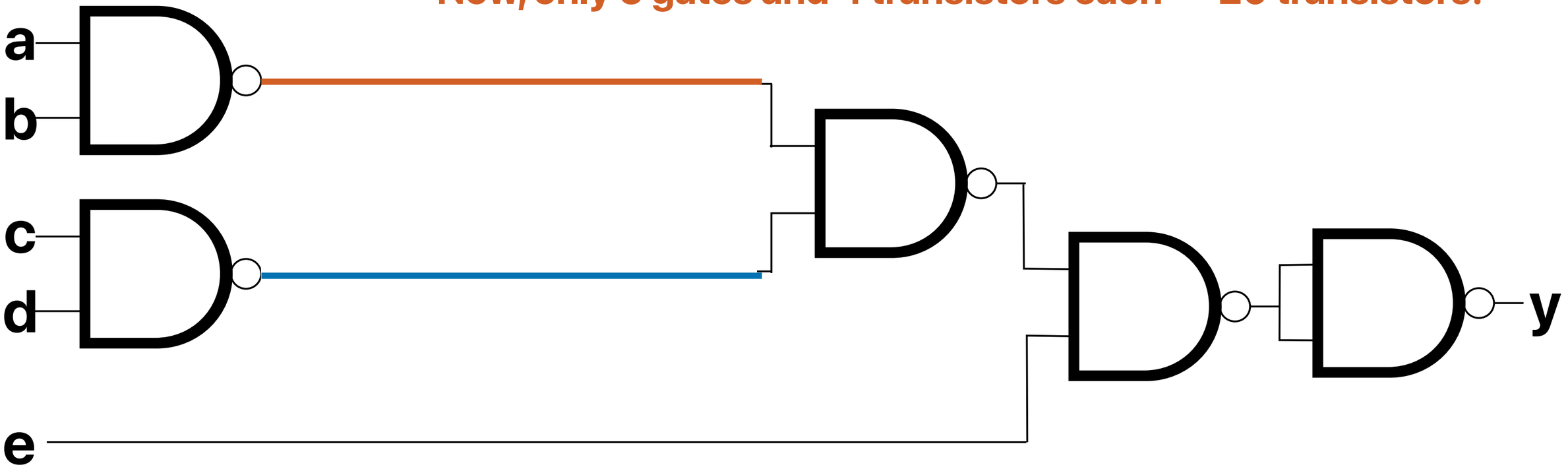
4 gates, each 6 transistors : total 24 transistors



9 gates, each 4 transistors : total 36 transistors

However ...

Now, only 5 gates and 4 transistors each — 20 transistors!



Can We Get the Boolean Equation from a Truth Table?

Definitions of Boolean Function Expressions

- Complement: variable with a bar over it or a ′ — A′, B′, C′
- Literal: variable or its complement — A, A′, B, B′, C, C′
- Implicant: product of literals — ABC, AC, BC
- Implicate: sum of literals — (A+B+C), (A+C), (B+C)
- Minterm: AND that includes all input variables — ABC, A′BC, AB′C
- Maxterm: OR that includes all input variables — (A+B+C), (A′+B+C), (A′+B′+C)

Canonical form — Sum of "Minterms"

Input		Output
X	Y	
0	0	**0**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**1**
1	1	**1**

A minterm

$$f(X,Y) = XY' + XY$$

Sum (OR) of "product" terms

XNOR

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**1**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**0**
1	1	**1**

$$f(A,B) = A'B' + AB$$

Canonical form — Product of "Maxterms"

A "maxterm

Input		Output
X	Y	
0	0	**0**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**1**
1	1	**1**

$f(X,Y) = (X+Y)\,(X + Y')$ ← Product of maxterms

XNOR

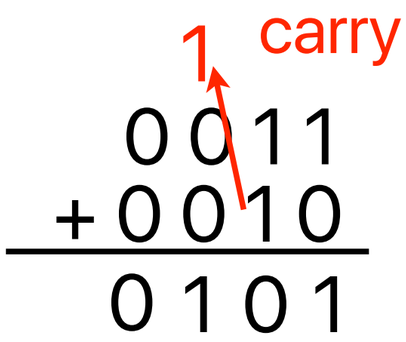
Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	**1**
0	1	**0**
1	0	**0**
1	1	**1**

$f(A,B) = (A+B')\,(A'+B)$

Let’s design a circuit!

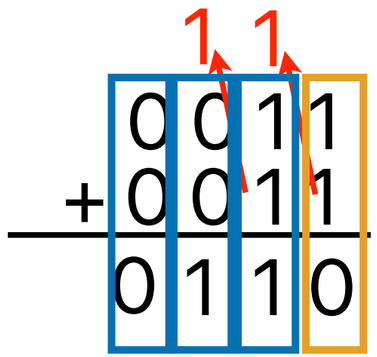
Binary addition

3 + 2 = 5



Input			Output	
A	B	Cin	Out	Cout
0	0	0	**0**	**0**
0	1	0	**1**	**0**
1	0	0	**1**	**0**
1	1	0	**0**	**1**
0	0	1	**1**	**0**
0	1	1	**0**	**1**
1	0	1	**0**	**1**
1	1	1	**1**	**1**

3 + 3 = 6



full adder — adder with a carry as an input

half adder — adder without a carry as an input

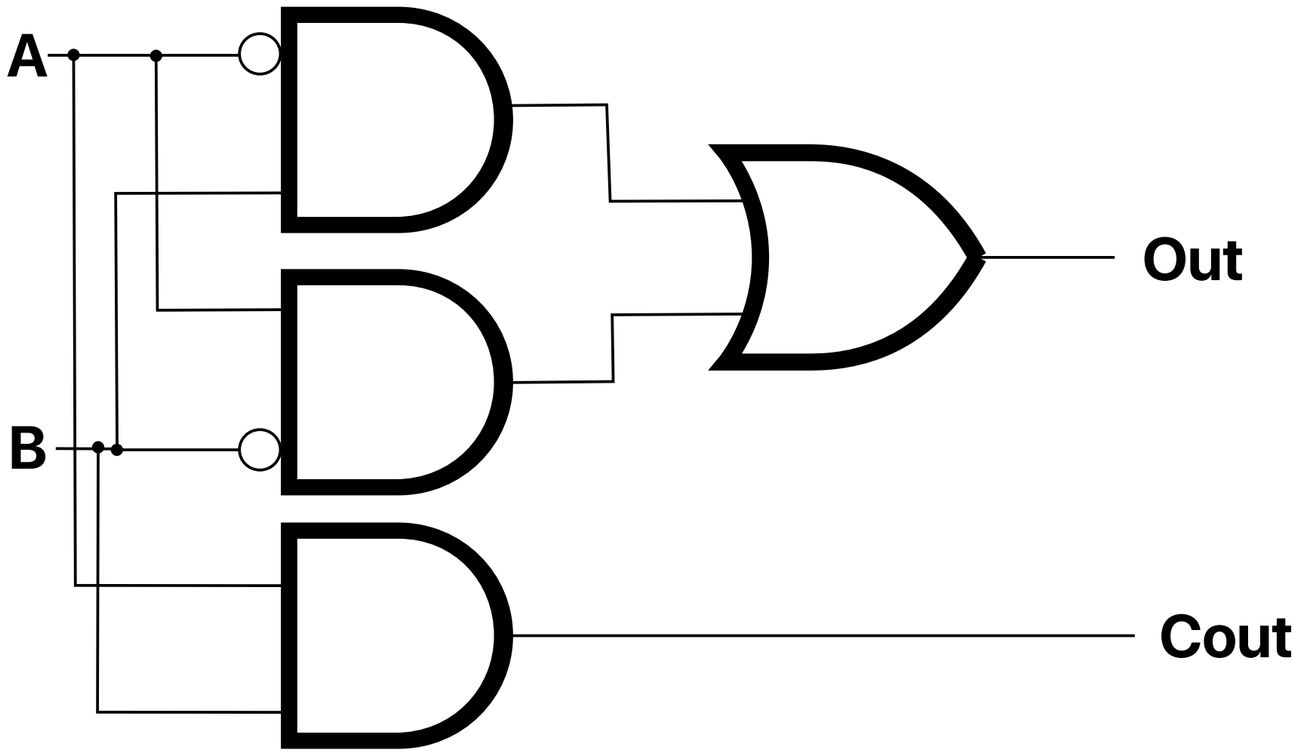
Input		Output	
A	B	Out	Cout
0	0	**0**	**0**
0	1	**1**	**0**
1	0	**1**	**0**
1	1	**0**	**1**

Half adder

Input		Output	
A	B	Out	Cout
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1

Out = A'B + AB'

Cout = AB



sum-of-products/product-of-sums

- They can be used interchangeably
- Depends on if the truth table has more 0s or 1s in the result
- Neither forms give you the “optimized” equation. By optimized, we mean — minimize the number of operations

Can we simplify these functions?

Laws in Boolean Algebra

	OR	AND
Associative laws	(a+b)+c=a+(b+c)	(a·b) ·c=a·(b·c)
Commutative laws	a+b=b+a	a·b=b·a
Distributive laws	a+(b·c)=(a+b)·(a+c)	a·(b+c)=a·b+a·c
Identity laws	a+0=a	a·1=a
Complement laws	a+a′=1	a·a′=0

Duality: We swap all operators between (+,.) and interchange all elements between (0,1). For a theorem if the statement can be proven with the laws of Boolean algebra, then the duality of the statement is also true.

Some more tools

	OR	AND
DeMorgan's Theorem	$(a + b)' = a'b'$	$a'b' = (a + b)'$
Covering Theorem	$a(a+b) = a+ab = a$	$ab + ab' = (a+b)(a+b') = a$
Consensus Theorem	$ab+ac+b'c = ab+b'c$	$(a+b)(a+c)(b'+c) = (a+b)(b'+c)$
Uniting Theorem	$a\,(b + b') = a$	$(a+b)\cdot(a+b')=a$
Shannon's Expansion	$f(a,b,c) = a'b' + bc + ab'c$ $f(a,b,c) = a\,f(1, b, c) + a'\,f(0,b,c)$	