

量子計算之數學基礎

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Chapter 1. Logic Circuits (邏輯電路)

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INPUT	OUTPUT
0	1
1	0

The analytical form of the **NOT** gate is given by $\text{NOT}(a) = 1 - a$ for $a \in \{0, 1\}$. We note that the **NOT** gate is reversible, and the inverse of the **NOT** gate is itself.

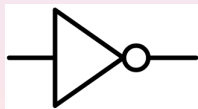


Figure 1: Traditional **NOT** Gate (Inverter) symbol

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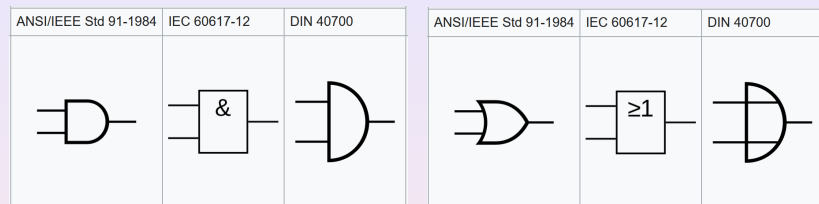


Figure 2: Logic gate symbols for **AND** (left) and **OR** (right) gates

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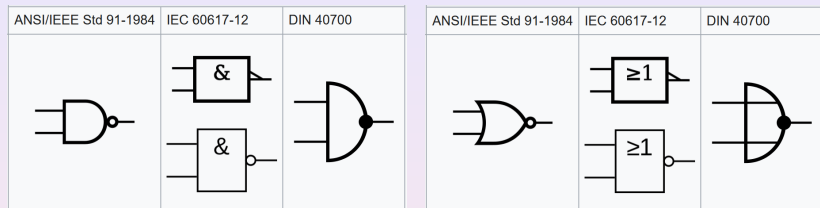


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The analytic form of the **XOR** and the **XNOR** gates are

$$\mathbf{XOR}(a, b) = a \oplus b = a + b - 2ab \quad \forall a, b \in \{0, 1\},$$

$$\mathbf{XNOR}(a, b) = 1 \oplus a \oplus b = 1 + 2ab - a - b \quad \forall a, b \in \{0, 1\}.$$

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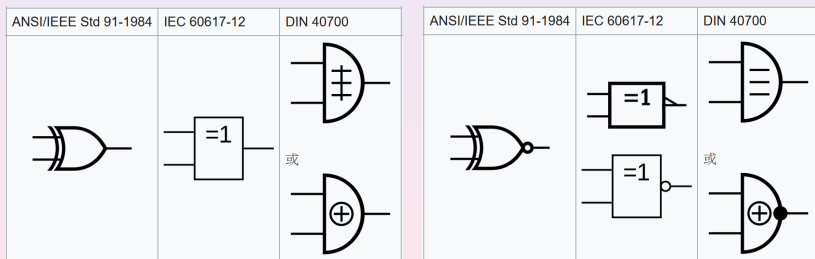


Figure 4: Logic gate symbols for **XOR** and **XNOR** gates

The **XOR** and **XNOR** gates are not reversible.

§1.1 Classical Logic Gates - the **T**OFFOLI gate

The Toffoli gate, also called **CCNOT** (pronounced controlled-controlled-not) gate, is a digital logic gate which behaves according to the truth table below:

INPUT			OUTPUT		
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0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	0
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1	0	0	1	0	0
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The Toffoli gate is a reversible logic gate.

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The analytic form of the Toffoli gate is

$$\mathbf{TOF}(a, b, c) = (a, b, ab \oplus c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}$$

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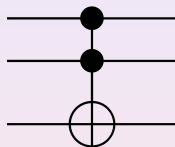


Figure 5: Circuit representation of Toffoli gate

The n -bit Toffoli gate is a generalization of Toffoli gate. It takes n bits x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n as inputs and outputs n bits: the first $n-1$ output bits are just x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} , and the last output bit is $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} \oplus x_n$.

§1.2 Universal Gates

Universal gates can be “combined” to perform “all” Boolean functions. Before talking about the precise definition of the universality of classical logic gates, we need to introduce two basic operations that can be easily performed by classical computers (via storing/swapping data in the memory, maybe?).

Definition (Restriction/Re-ordering)

Let $n, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\ell \leq n$. For a pairwise distinct set $\{j_1, \dots, j_\ell\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$, the **restriction and/or re-ordering** operation $r_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_\ell}^{(n)}$ is a classical gate from $\{0, 1\}^n$ to $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ given by

$$r_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_\ell}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_\ell}).$$

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Definition (Padding - 填充)

Let $n, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$. For a given point $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_\ell) \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$ and a pairwise distinct set $\{j_1, \dots, j_\ell\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n + \ell\}$, the **padding** operation $p_{y_1, \dots, y_\ell; j_1, \dots, j_\ell}^{(n)}$ is a classical gate from $\{0, 1\}^n$ to $\{0, 1\}^{n+\ell}$ given by

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where

$$z_k = \begin{cases} x_{k - \#\{r \in \{j_1, \dots, j_\ell\} \mid r < k\}} & \text{if } k \notin \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_\ell\}, \\ y_{j_r} & \text{if } k \in \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_\ell\} \text{ and } k = j_r. \end{cases}$$

In other words, the padding operation $p_{y_1, \dots, y_\ell; j_1, \dots, j_\ell}^{(n)}$ inserts pre-determined bit values $y_1, \dots, y_\ell \in \{0, 1\}$ at pre-determined slots $j_1, \dots, j_\ell \in \{1, \dots, n + \ell\}$.

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Let **ID** be classical gates given by

$$\mathbf{ID}(a) = a \quad \forall a \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Then $\mathbf{ID}(a) = \mathbf{AND}(a, 1) = (\mathbf{AND} \circ p_{1;2}^{(1)})(a)$ which implies that

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= ((\mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{XOR}) \circ (\mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{AND} \times \mathbf{ID}) \circ r_{1,3,2,4,5}^{(5)})(a, a, b, b, c) \\
 &= ((\mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{XOR}) \circ (\mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{AND} \times \mathbf{ID}))(a, b, a, b, c) \\
 &= (\mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{ID} \times \mathbf{XOR})(a, b, \mathbf{AND}(a, b), c) = (a, b, ab \oplus c) \\
 &= \mathbf{TOF}(a, b, c).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{TOF} \in \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{ID}, \mathbf{XOR}, \mathbf{AND}, \mathbf{COPY}^{(1)}]$, and the previous example further shows that $\mathbf{TOF} \in \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{XOR}, \mathbf{AND}, \mathbf{COPY}^{(1)}]$

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Example

In this example we show that **AND**, **OR** and **NOT** can be constructed solely by **NAND** or **NOR**. The **AND** and **OR** gates can be implemented using **NAND** or **NOR** by the following logic circuit:

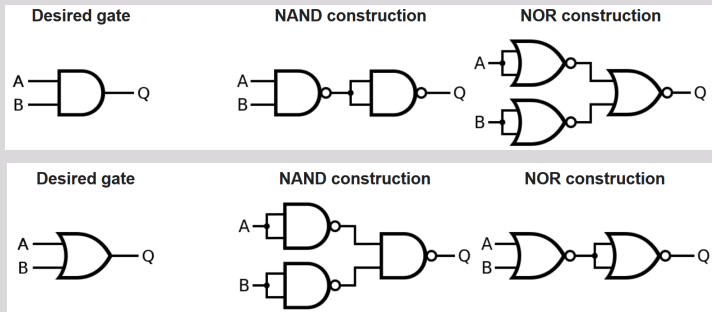


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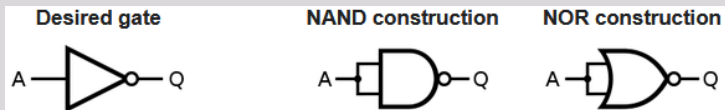


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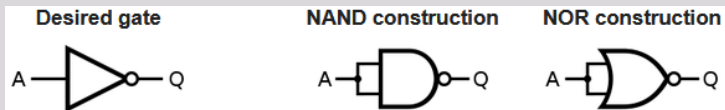


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Every **negative** binary number takes the form $1i_n i_{n-1} i_{n-2} \cdots i_1$ (or more precisely, $(1i_n i_{n-1} \cdots i_1)_2$), where $i_k \in \{0, 1\}$ for each k , and is the same as the number

$$-2^{n-1}(1-i_n) - \cdots - 2^1(1-i_2) - 2^0(1-i_1) - 1 = -1 - \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{k-1}(1-i_k)$$

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Example

Since 7 in the base-10 numeral system is the same as $0 \cdots 0111$ in the base-2 numeral system, the classical computers compute $7 + 13$ and $7 - 13$ (which is the same as $7 + (-13)$) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 7 + 13 &= (0 \cdots 00111)_2 + (0 \cdots 01101)_2 \\ &= (0 \cdots 010100)_2 = 2^4 + 2^2 = 20, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 + (-13) &= (0 \cdots 00111)_2 + (1 \cdots 10011)_2 \\ &= (1 \cdots 111010)_2 = -2^2 - 2^0 - 1 = -6. \end{aligned}$$

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Remark: For a non-negative integer $k = (k_{n-1}k_{n-2}\cdots k_0)_2$, in matlab[®] k_j is the $(j+1)$ -th component of the vector \mathbf{x} given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{de2bi}(k, n).$$

In other words, \mathbf{x} given above lists the lowest bit to the highest bit of k from left to right. To obtain the bit expression in exactly the same order, we use the **flip** function so that

$$(k_{n-1}, k_{n-2}, \cdots, k_0) = \mathbf{flip}(\mathbf{de2bi}(k, n)).$$

We also remark that in matlab[®] the input of **de2bi** has to be non-negative integers (so it will not output the bit expression of negative integer in the two's complement number system).

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An adder (加法器) is a digital circuit that performs addition of numbers.

- **Half adders (半加法器):** The half adder adds two single binary digits A and B. It has two outputs, sum (S) and carry (C, 進位). The carry signal represents an overflow into the next digit of a multi-digit addition. **The sum of A and B is $2C + S$.** The truth table for the half adder is:

INPUT		OUTPUT	
A	B	C	S
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

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The simplest half-adder design, pictured below,

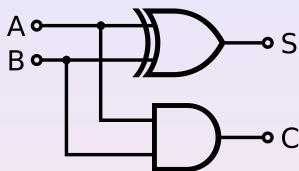


Figure 8: The logic diagram of the half adder

incorporates an **XOR** gate (that gives a true output when the number of true inputs is odd) for S and an **AND** gate for C . The Boolean logic for the sum (in this case S) will be $A'B + AB'$ (which is $(1 - A)B + A(1 - B)$) whereas for the carry (C) will be AB . The half adder adds two input bits and generates a carry and sum, which are the two outputs of a half adder.

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- Full adder (全加法器): A one-bit full-adder adds **three** one-bit numbers, often written as A , B , and C_{in} ; A and B are the operands, and C_{in} is a bit carried in from the previous stage. The circuit produces a two-bit output. Output carry and sum typically represented by the signals C_{out} and S , where **the sum of A and B equals $2C_{out} + S$** . The truth table for the full adder is:

INPUT			OUTPUT	
A	B	C_{in}	C_{out}	S
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

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A circuit design for the full adder is given below:

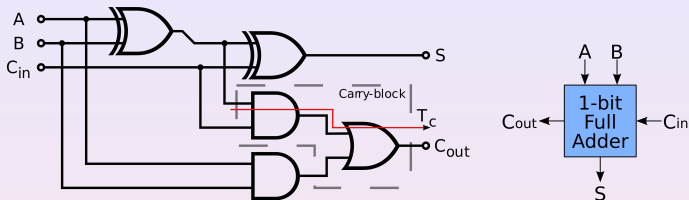
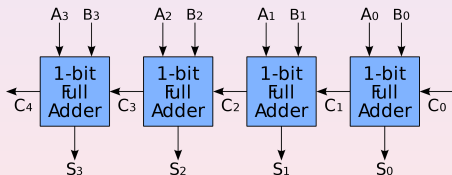


Figure 9: The logic diagram of the full adder (left) and a schematic symbol for a 1-bit full adder (right), here C_{in} and C_{out} drawn on sides of block to emphasize their use in a multi-bit adder

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We can create a logical circuit using multiple full adders to add N -bit numbers. Each full adder inputs a C_{in} , which is the C_{out} of the previous adder. This kind of adder is called a **ripple-carry adder** (RCA), since each carry bit “ripples” to the next full adder. Note that **the first (and only the first) full adder may be replaced by a half adder (under the assumption that $C_{in} = 0$)**. The following figure provides a symbol for a 4-bit full adder:



here two input 4-bit numbers is $A = (A_3A_2A_1A_0)_2$, $B = (B_3B_2B_1B_0)_2$ and the sum of A and B is a 5-bit number $S = (C_4S_3S_2S_1S_0)_2$.