SEQUENTIAL CIRCUITS

The Basic Latch

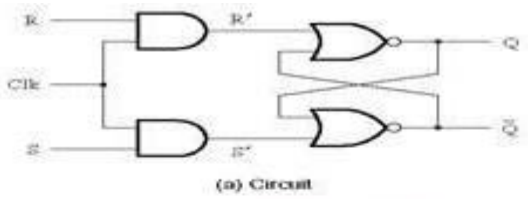
- **Basic latch**is a feedback connection of two NOR gates or two NAND gates
- It can store one bit of information

It can be set to 1 using the *S* input and reset to 0 using the *R* input

The Gated Latch

- **Gated latch** is a basic latch that includes input gating and a control signal
- The latch retains its existing state when the control input is equal to 0
- Its state may be changed when the control signal is equal to 1. In our discussion we referred to the control input as the clock
- We consider two types of gated latches:
  - **Gated SR latch** uses the *S* and *R* inputs to set the latch to 1 or reset it to 0, respectively.
  - **Gated D latch** uses the *D* input to force the latch into a state that has the samelogic value as the *D* input.

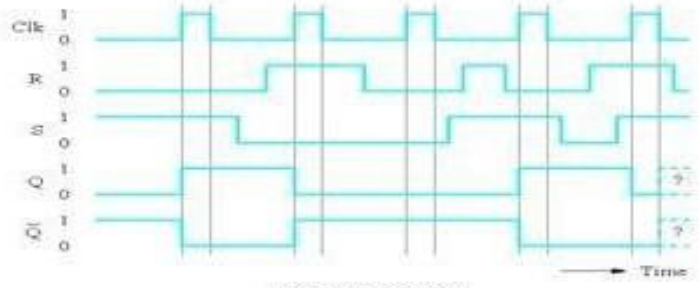
Gated S/R Latch



(a) Circuit

Clk	S	R	Q(t + 1)
0	x	x	Q(t) (no change)
1	0	0	Q(t) (no change)
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	x

(b) Characteristic table



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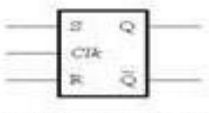
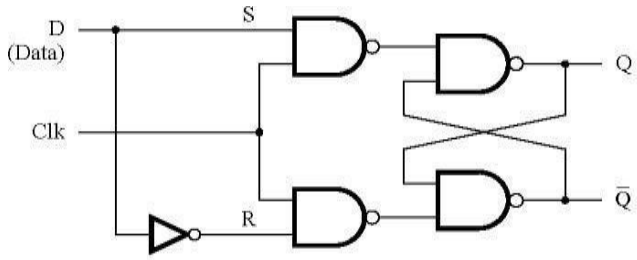


(d) Graphical symbol

Gated D Latch



(a) Circuit

Clk	D	Q(t + 1)
0	x	Q(t)
1	0	0
1	1	1

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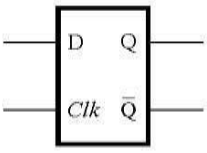

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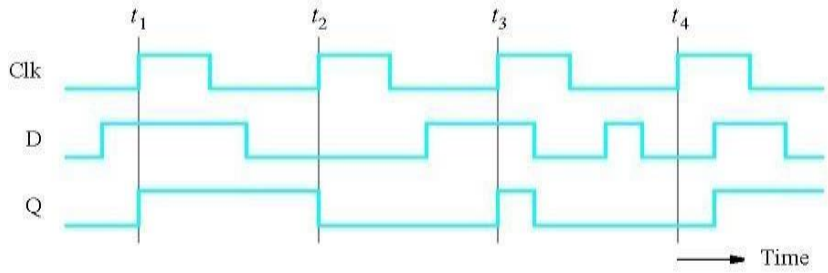


(d) Timing diagram

Setup and Hold Times

- Setup Time t_{su}

  The minimum time that the input signal must be stable prior to the edge of the clock signal.

- Hold Time t_h

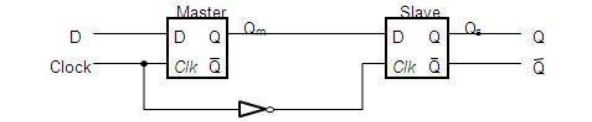
  The minimum time that the input signal must be stable after the edge of the clock signal.

Flip-Flops

- A **flip-flop** is a storage element based on the gated latch principle
- It can have its output state changed only on the edge of the controlling clocksignal
- We consider two types:

- **Edge-triggered flip-flop** is affected only by the input values present when theactive edge of the clock occurs
- **Master-slave flip-flop** is built with two gatedlatches
- The master stage is active during half of the clock cycle, and the slave stage is active during the other half.
- The output value of the flip-flop changes on the edge of the clock that activates the transfer into the slave stage.

Master-Slave D Flip-Flop



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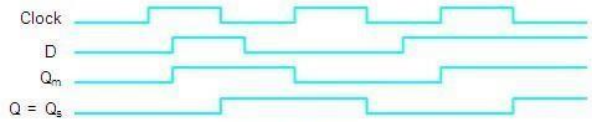

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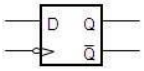

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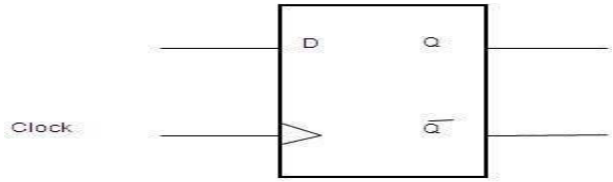
A Positive-Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flop



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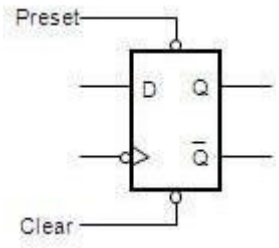
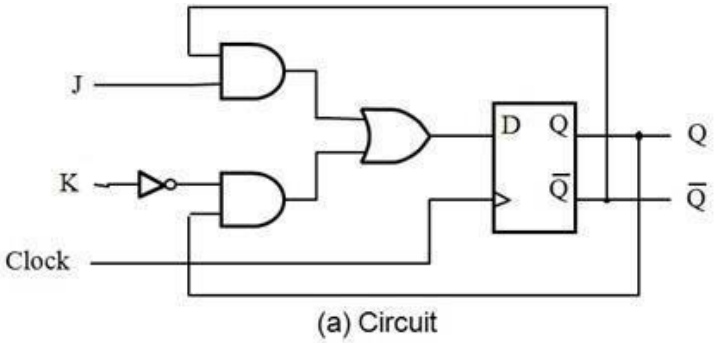
Master-Slave D Flip-Flop with *Clear* and *Preset*

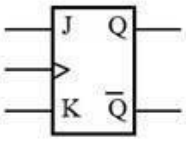




(a) Circuit

J	K	Q (t+1)
0	0	Q (t)
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	$\overline{Q}$ (t)

(b) Characteristic table



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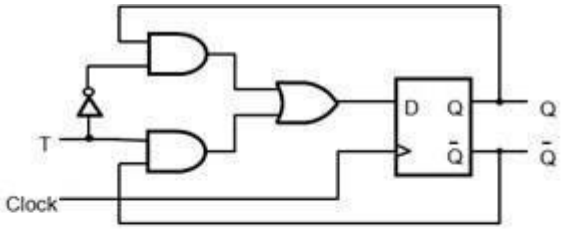
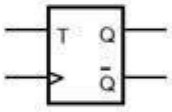
T Flip-Flop



(a) Circuit

T	Q(t + 1)
0	Q(t)
1	Q(t)

(b) Characteristic table



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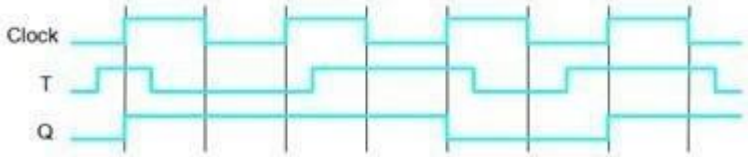


(d) Timing diagram

Excitation Tables

Previous State -> Present State	D
0 -> 0	0
0 -> 1	1
1 -> 0	0
1 -> 1	1

Previous State -> Present State	J	K
0 -> 0	0	X
0 -> 1	1	X
1 -> 0	X	1
1 -> 1	X	0

Previous State -> Present State	S	R
0 -> 0	0	X
0 -> 1	1	0
1 -> 0	0	1
1 -> 1	X	0

Previous State -> Present State	T
0 -> 0	0
0 -> 1	1
1 -> 0	1
1 -> 1	0

Conversions of flip-flops

Example: Use JK-FF to realize D-FF

1) Start transition table for D-FF

2) Create K-maps to express J and K as functions of inputs (D, Q)

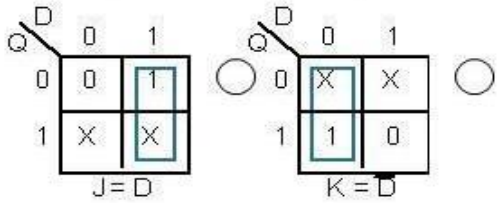
3) Fill in K-maps with appropriate values for J and K
to cause the same state transition as in the D-FF transition table

D	Q	Q^+	J	K
0	0	0	0	X
0	1	0	X	1
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	1	X	0

State-Table

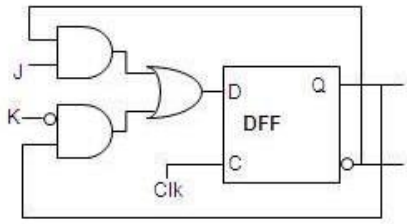
Q	Q^+	R	S	J	K	T	D
0	0	X	0	0	X	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	X	1	1
1	0	1	0	X	1	1	0
1	1	0	X	X	0	0	1

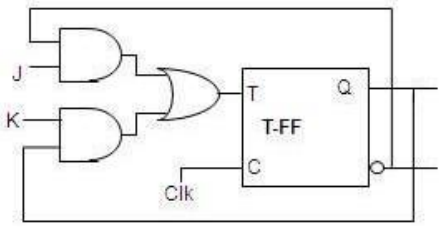
e.g.
when D=Q=0, then $Q^+=0$
the same transition Q-->Q^+
is realize with J=0, K=X

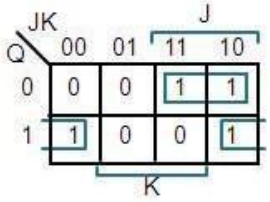


Example: Implement JK-FF using a D-FF

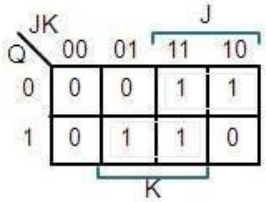
J	K	Q	Q+	D	T
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	1







d= jQ + Kq



t= jQ + kq

Sequential Circuit Design

- Steps in the design process for sequential circuits
- State Diagrams and State Tables Examples

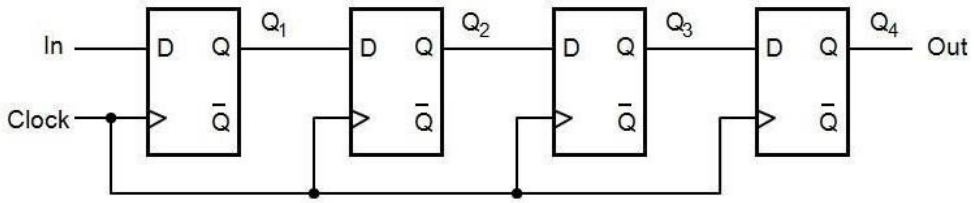
- Steps in Design of a Sequential Circuit
  - 1. Specification – A description of the sequential circuit. Should include a detailing of the inputs, the outputs, and the operation. Possibly assumes that you have knowledge of digital system basics.
  - 2. Formulation: Generate a state diagram and/or a state table from the statement of the problem.
  - 3. State Assignment: From a state table assign binary codes to thestates.
  - 4. Flip-flop Input Equation Generation: Select the type of flip-flop for the circuit and generate the needed input for the required state transitions
  - 5. Output Equation Generation: Derive output logic equations for generation of the output from the inputs and current state.
  - 6. Optimization: Optimize the input and output equations. Today, CAD systems are typically used for this in real systems.
  - 7. Technology Mapping: Generate a logic diagram of the circuit using ANDs, ORs, Inverters, and F/Fs.
  - 8. Verification: Use a HDL to verify the design

Registers and Counters

- An *n*-bit register is a cascade of *n* flip-flops and can store an *n*-bit binary data

- A counter can count occurrences of events and can generate timing intervals for control purposes

A Simple Shift Register

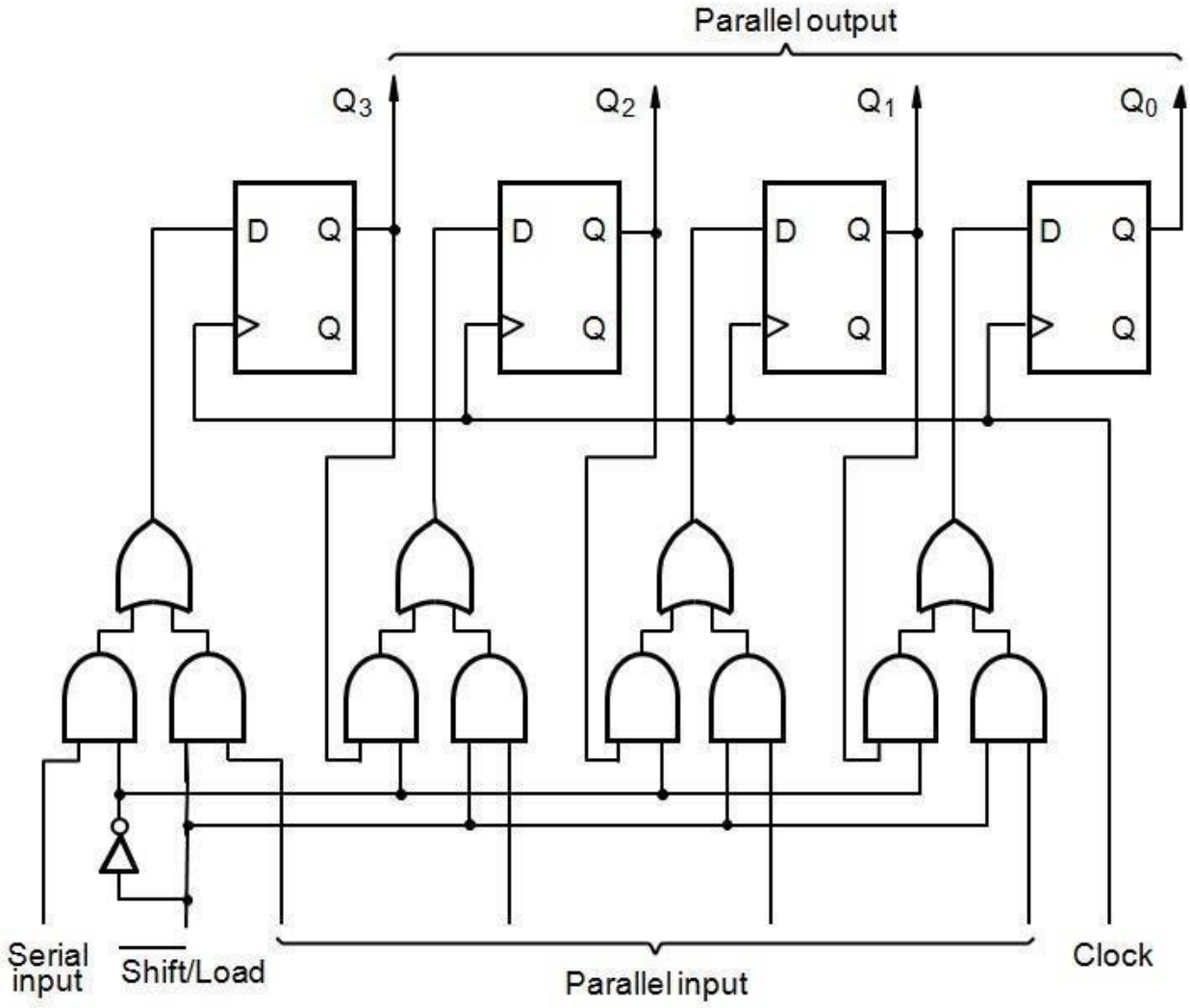


(a) Circuit

	In	Q_1	Q_2	Q_3	Q_4 = Out
t_0	1	0	0	0	0
t_1	0	1	0	0	0
t_2	1	0	1	0	0
t_3	1	1	0	1	0
t_4	1	1	1	0	1
t_5	0	1	1	1	0
t_6	0	0	1	1	1
t_7	0	0	0	1	1

(b) A sample sequence

Parallel-Access Shift Register



Counters

- Counters are a specific type of sequential circuit.
- Like registers, the state, or the flip-flop values themselves, serves as the "output."
- The output value increases by one on each clock cycle.
- After the largest value, the output "wraps around" back to 0.
- Using two bits, we'd get something like this:

Present State		Next State	
A	B	A	B
0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

Benefits of counters

- Counters can act as simple clocks to keep track of "time." •

  You may need to record how many times something has

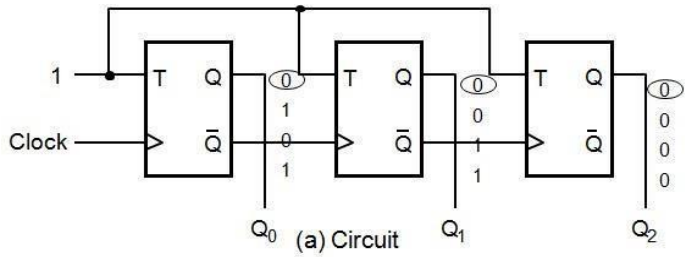
  happened.

  - How many bits have been sent or received?
  - How many steps have been performed in some computation?

- All processors contain a program counter, or PC.
  - Programs consist of a list of instructions that are to be executed one after another (for the most part).
  - The PC keeps track of the instruction currently being executed.
  - The PC increments once on each clock cycle, and the next program instruction is then executed.

A Three-Bit Up-Counter

- Q_1 is connected to clk, Q_2 and Q_3 are clocked by Q' of the preceding stage (hence called asynchronous or ripple counter



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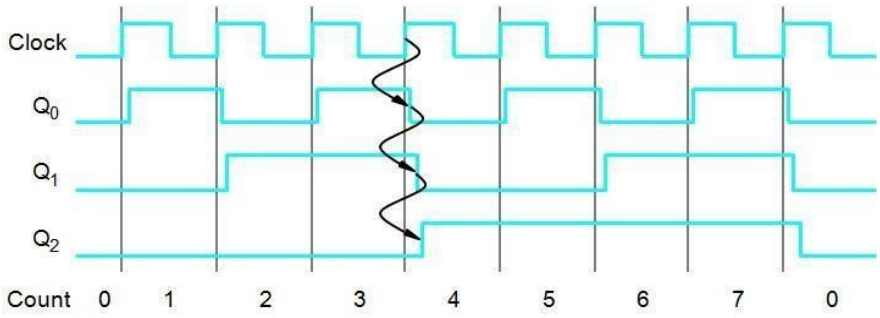

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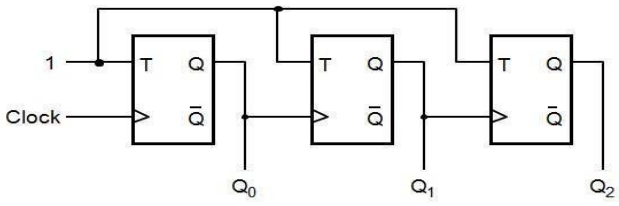
A Three-Bit Down-Counter



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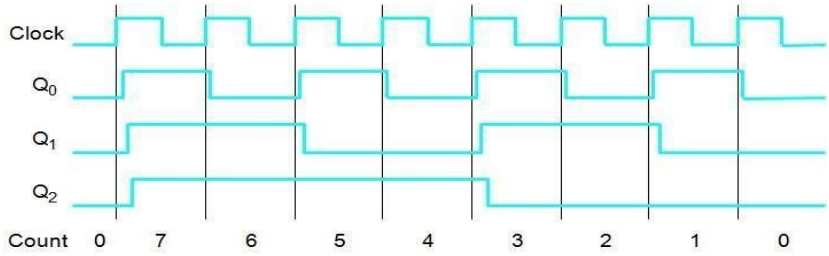


(b) Timing diagram

Shift registers:

In digital circuits, a **shift register** is a cascade of flip-flops sharing the same clock, in which the output of each flip-flop is connected to the "data" input of the next flip-flop in the chain, resulting in a circuit that shifts by one position the "bit array" stored in it, *shifting in* the data present at its input and *shifting out* the last bit in the array, at each transition of the clock input. More generally, a **shift register** may be multidimensional, such that its "data in" and stage outputs are themselves bit arrays: this is implemented simply by running several shift registers of the same bit-length in parallel.

Shift registers can have both parallel and serial inputs and outputs. These are often configured as **serial-in, parallel-out** (SIPO) or as **parallel-in, serial-out** (PISO). There are also types that have both serial and parallel input and types with serial and parallel output. There are also **bi-directional** shift registers which allow shifting in both directions: L→R or R→L. The serial input and last output of a shift register can also be connected to create a **circular shift register**

Shift registers are a type of logic circuits closely related to counters. They are basically for the storage and transfer of digital data.

Buffer register:

The buffer register is the simple set of registers. It is simply stores the binary word. The buffer may be controlled buffer. Most of the buffer registers used D Flip-flops.

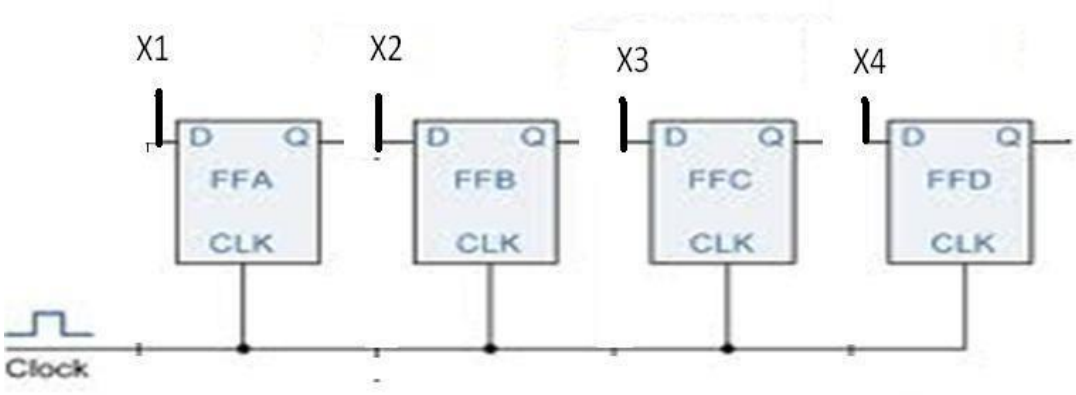


Figure: logic diagram of 4-bit buffer register

The figure shows a 4-bit buffer register. The binary word to be stored is applied to the data terminals. On the application of clock pulse, the output word becomes the same as the word applied at the terminals. i.e., the input word is loaded into the register by the application of clock pulse.

When the positive clock edge arrives, the stored word becomes:

$Q_4Q_3Q_2Q_1=X_4X_3X_2X_1$

$Q=X$

Controlled buffer register:

If goes LOW, all the FFs are RESET and the output becomes, Q=0000.

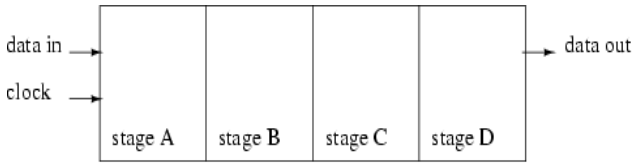
When is HIGH, the register is ready for action. LOAD is the control input. When LOAD is HIGH, the data bits X can reach the D inputs of FF‘s.

$Q_4Q_3Q_2Q_1=X_4X_3X_2X_1$

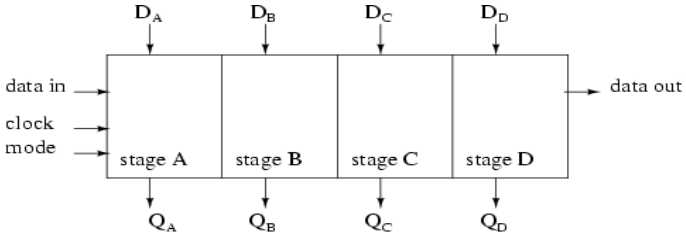
$Q=X$

When load is low, the X bits cannot reach the FF‘s.

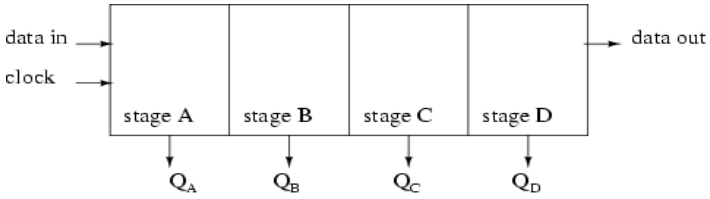
Data transmission in shift registers:



Serial-in, serial-out shift register with 4-stages



Parallel-in, parallel-out shift register with 4-stages



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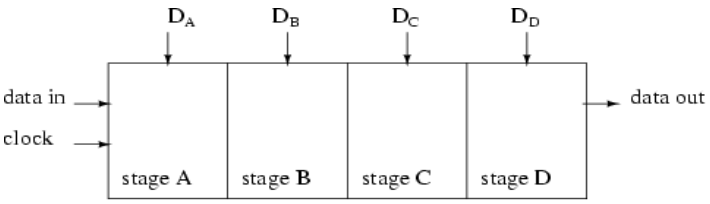


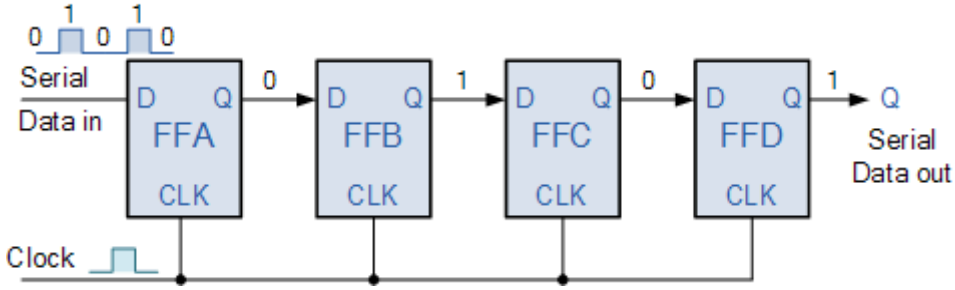
Parallel-in, serial-out shift register with 4-stages

A number of ff's connected together such that data may be shifted into and shifted out of them is called shift register. data may be shifted into or out of the register in serial form or in parallel form. There are four basic types of shift registers.

1. Serial in, serial out, shift right, shift registers
2. Serial in, serial out, shift left, shift registers
3. Parallel in, serial out shift registers
4. Parallel in, parallel out shift registers

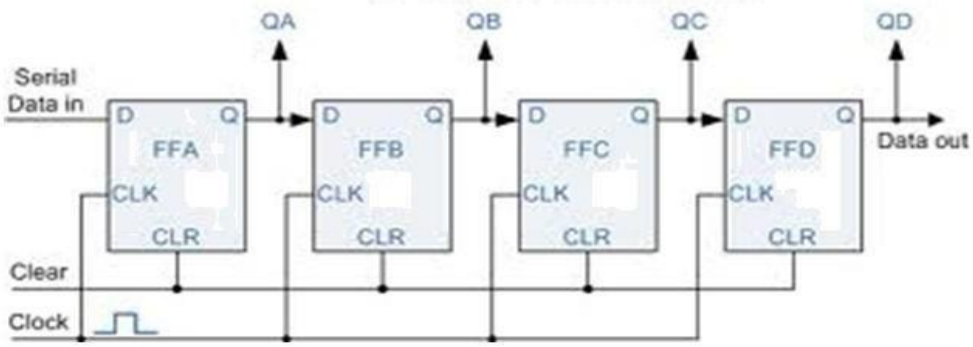
Serial IN, serial OUT, shift right, shift left register:

The logic diagram of 4-bit serial in serial out, right shift register with four stages. The register can store four bits of data. Serial data is applied at the input D of the first FF. the Q output of the first FF is connected to the D input of another FF. the data is outputted from the Q terminal of the last FF.



When serial data is transferred into a register, each new bit is clocked into the first FF at the positive going edge of each clock pulse. The bit that was previously stored by the first FF is transferred to the second FF. the bit that was stored by the Second FF is transferred to the third FF.

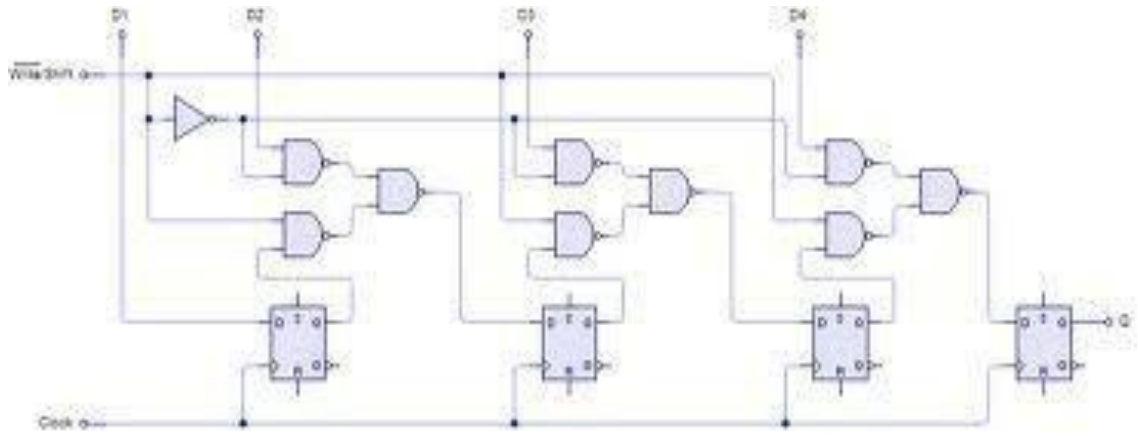
Serial-in, parallel-out, shift register:



In this type of register, the data bits are entered into the register serially, but the data stored in the register is shifted out in parallel form.

Once the data bits are stored, each bit appears on its respective output line and all bits are available simultaneously, rather than on a bit-by-bit basis with the serial output. The serial-in, parallel out, shift register can be used as serial-in, serial out, shift register if the output is taken from the Q terminal of the last FF.

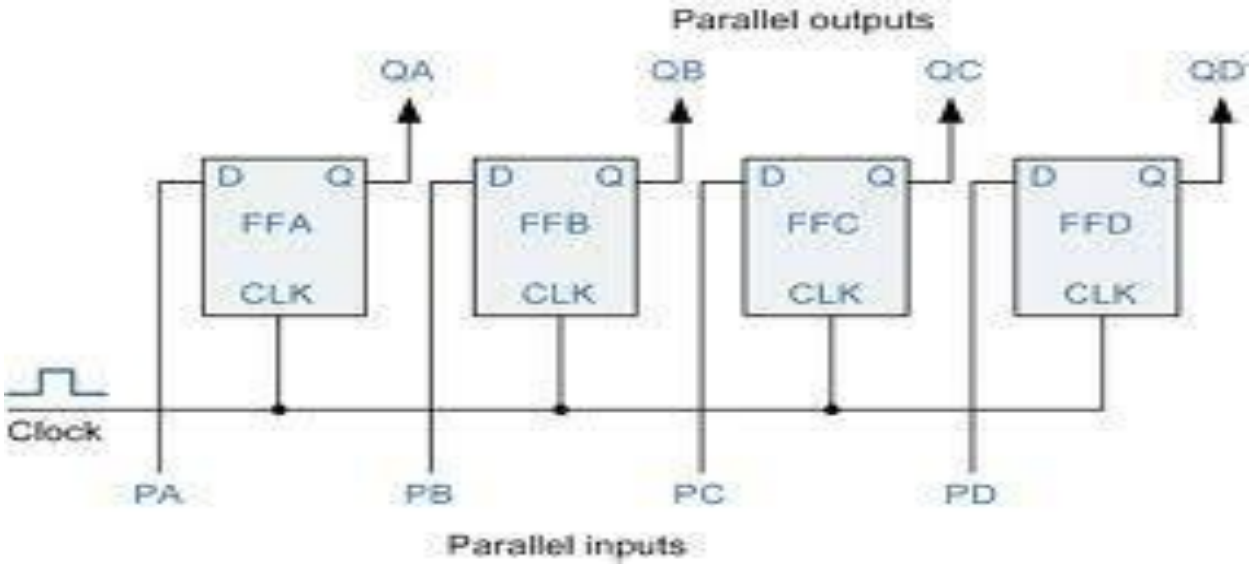
Parallel-in, serial-out, shift register:



For a parallel-in, serial out, shift register, the data bits are entered simultaneously into their respective stages on parallel lines, rather than on a bit-by-bit basis on one line as with serial data bits are transferred out of the register serially. On a bit-by-bit basis over a single line.

There are four data lines A,B,C,D through which the data is entered into the register in parallel form. The signal shift/ load allows the data to be entered in parallel form into the register and the data is shifted out serially from terminalQ4

Parallel-in, parallel-out, shift register



In a parallel-in, parallel-out shift register, the data is entered into the register in parallel form, and also the data is taken out of the register in parallel form. Data is applied to the D input terminals of the FF‘s. When a clock pulse is applied, at the positive going edge of the pulse, the D inputs are shifted into the Q outputs of the FFs. The register now stores the data. The stored data is available instantaneously for shifting out in parallel form.

Bidirectional shift register:

A bidirectional shift register is one which the data bits can be shifted from left to right or from right to left. A fig shows the logic diagram of a 4-bit serial-in, serial out, bidirectional shift register. Right/left is the mode signal, when right /left is a 1, the logic circuit works as a shift-register.the bidirectional operation is achieved by using the mode signal and two NAND gates and one OR gate for each stage.

A HIGH on the right/left control input enables the AND gates G1, G2, G3 and G4 and disables the AND gates G5,G6,G7 and G8, and the state of Q output of each FF is passed through the gate to the D input of the following FF. when a clock pulse occurs, the data bits are then effectively shifted one place to the right. A LOW on the right/left control inputs enables the AND gates G5, G6, G7 and G8 and disables the And gates G1, G2, G3 and G4 and the Q output of each FF is passed to the D input of the preceding FF. when a clock pulse occurs, the data bits are then effectively shifted one place to the left. Hence, the circuit works as a bidirectional shift register

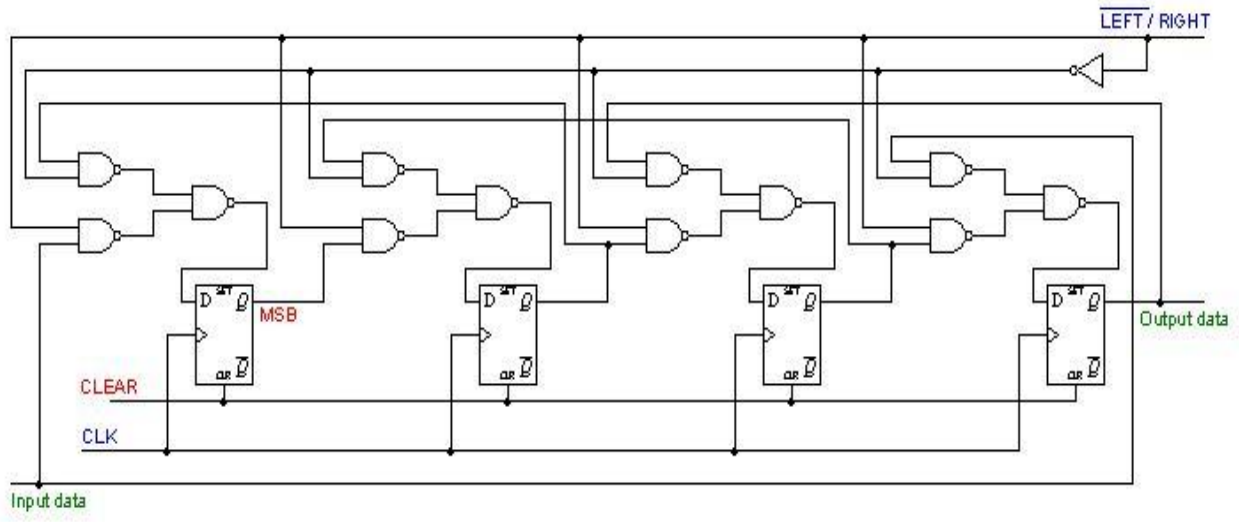


Figure: logic diagram of a 4-bit bidirectional shift register

Universal shift register:

A register is capable of shifting in one direction only is a unidirectional shift register. One that can shift both directions is a bidirectional shift register. If the register has both shifts and parallel load capabilities, it is referred to as a universal shift registers. Universal shift register is a bidirectional register, whose input can be either in serial form or in parallel form and whose output also can be in serial form or I parallel form.

The most general shift register has the following capabilities.

1. A clear control to clear the register to 0
2. A clock input to synchronize the operations
3. A shift-right control to enable the shift-right operation and serial input and output lines associated with the shift-right

4. A shift-left control to enable the shift-left operation and serial input and output lines associated with the shift-left
5. A parallel loads control to enable a parallel transfer and the n input lines associated with the parallel transfer
6. N parallel output lines
7. A control state that leaves the information in the register unchanged in the presence of the clock.

A universal shift register can be realized using multiplexers. The below fig shows the logic diagram of a 4-bit universal shift register that has all capabilities. It consists of 4 D flip-flops and four multiplexers. The four multiplexers have two common selection inputs s1 and s0. Input 0 in each multiplexer is selected when S1S0=00, input 1 is selected when S1S0=01 and input 2 is selected when S1S0=10 and input 4 is selected when S1S0=11. The selection inputs control the mode of operation of the register according to the functions entries. When S1S0=0, the present value of the register is applied to the D inputs of flip-flops. The condition forms a path from the output of each flip-flop into the input of the same flip-flop. The next clock edge transfers into each flip-flop the binary value it held previously, and no change of state occurs. When S1S0=01, terminal 1 of the multiplexer inputs have a path to the D inputs of the flip-flop. This causes a shift-right operation, with serial input transferred into flip-flopA4. When S1S0=10, a shift left operation results with the other serial input going into flip-flop A1. Finally when S1S0=11, the binary information on the parallel input lines is transferred into the register simultaneously during the next clock cycle

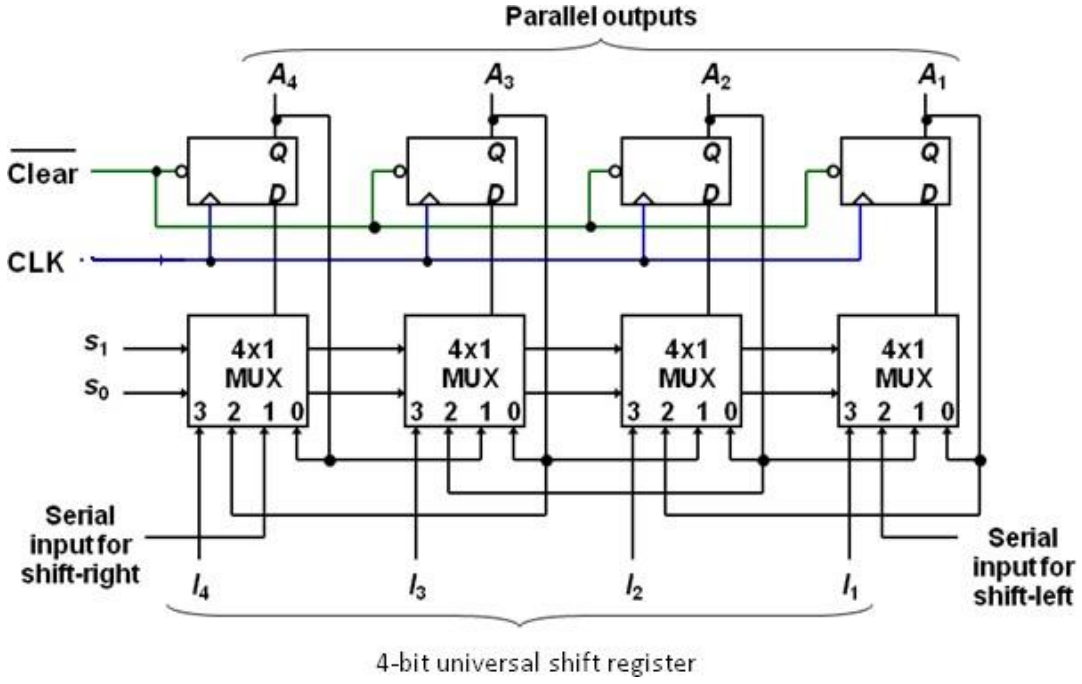


Figure: logic diagram 4-bit universal shift register

Function table for theregister

mode control		
S0	**S1**	**register operation**
0	0	No change
0	1	Shift Right
1	0	Shift left
1	1	Parallel load

Counters:

Counter is a device which stores (and sometimes displays) the number of times particular event or process has occurred, often in relationship to a clock signal. A Digital counter is a set of flip flops whose state change in response to pulses applied at the input to the counter. Counters may be asynchronous counters or synchronous counters. Asynchronous counters are also called ripple counters

In electronics counters can be implemented quite easily using register-type circuits such as the flip-flops and a wide variety of classifications exist:

- Asynchronous (ripple) counter – changing state bits are used as clocks to subsequent state flip-flops
- Synchronous counter – all state bits change under control of a singleclock
- Decade counter – counts through ten states per stage
- Up/down counter – counts both up and down, under command of a control input
- Ring counter – formed by a shift register with feedback connection in a ring
- Johnson counter – a *twisted* ring counter
- Cascaded counter
- Modulus counter.

Each is useful for different applications. Usually, counter circuits are digital in nature, and count in natural binary Many types of counter circuits are available as digital building blocks, for example a number of chips in the 4000 series implement different counters.

Occasionally there are advantages to using a counting sequence other than the natural binary sequence such as the binary coded decimal counter, a linear feed-back shift register counter, or a gray-code counter.

Counters are useful for digital clocks and timers, and in oven timers, VCR clocks, etc.

Asynchronous counters:

An asynchronous (ripple) counter is a single JK-type flip-flop, with its J (data) input fed from its own inverted output. This circuit can store one bit, and hence can count from zero to one before it overflows (starts over from 0). This counter will increment once for every clock cycle and takes two clock cycles to overflow, so every cycle it will alternate between a transition from 0 to 1 and a transition from 1 to 0. Notice that this creates a new clock with a 50% duty cycle at exactly half the frequency of the input clock. If this output is then used as the clock signal for a similarly arranged D flip-flop (remembering to invert the output to the input), one will get another 1 bit counter that counts half as fast. Putting them together yields a two-bit counter:

Two-bit ripple up-counter using negative edge triggered flip flop:

Two bit ripple counter used two flip-flops. There are four possible states from 2 – bit up-counting I.e. 00, 01, 10 and 11.

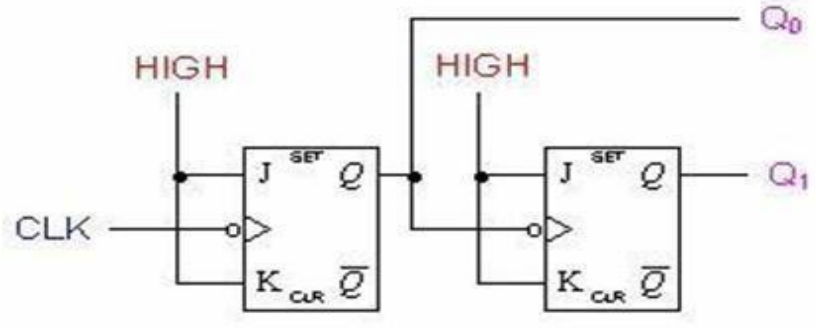
· The counter is initially assumed to be at a state 00 where the outputs of the tow flip-flops are noted as Q_1Q_0. Where Q_1 forms the MSB and Q_0 forms the LSB.

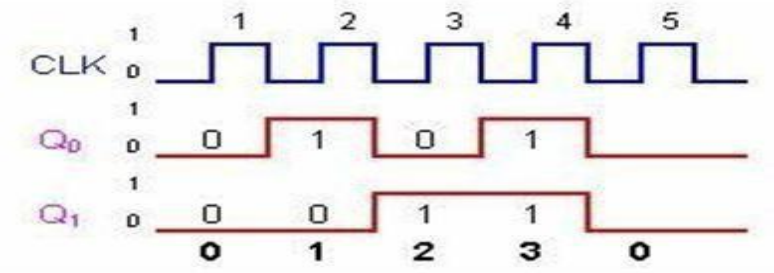
· For the negative edge of the first clock pulse, output of the first flip-flop FF_1 toggles its state. Thus Q_1 remains at 0 and Q_0 toggles to 1 and the counter state are now read as 01.

· During the next negative edge of the input clock pulse FF_1 toggles and $Q_0 = 0$. The output Q0 being a clock signal for the second flip-flop FF_2 and the present transition acts as a negative edge for FF_2 thus toggles its state $Q_1 = 1$. The counter state is now read as 10.

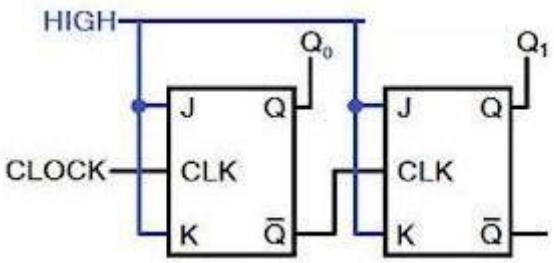
· For the next negative edge of the input clock to FF_1 output Q0 toggles to 1. But this transition from 0 to 1 being a positive edge for FF_2 output Q_1 remains at 1. The counter state is now read as 11.

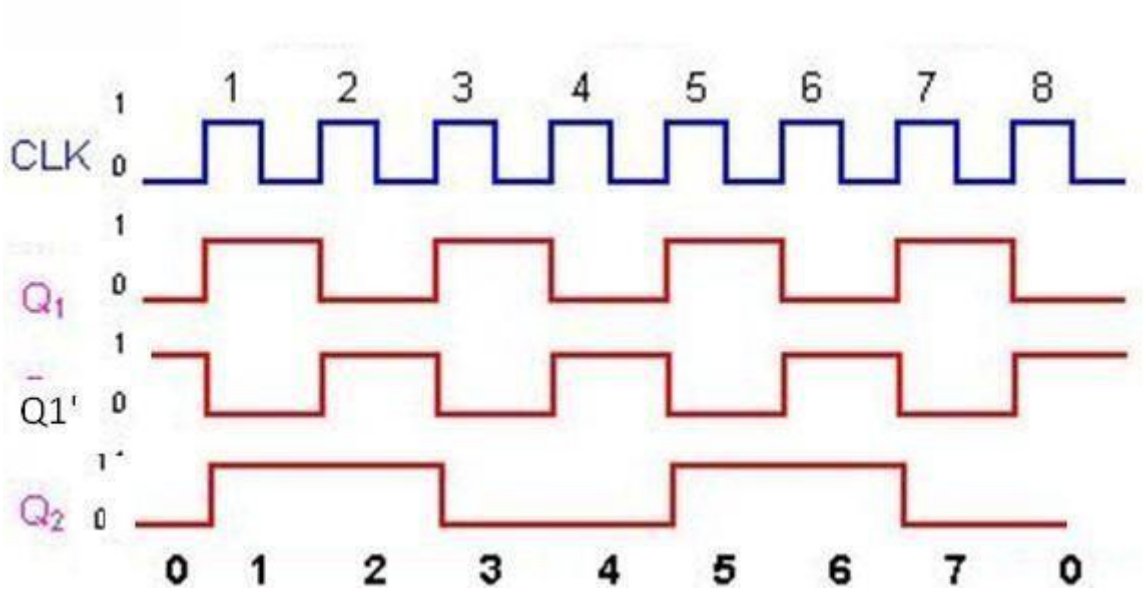
· For the next negative edge of the input clock, Q_0 toggles to 0. This transition from 1 to 0 acts as a negative edge clock for FF_2 and its output Q_1 toggles to 0. Thus the starting state 00 is attained. Figure shown below





Two-bit ripple down-counter using negative edge triggered flip flop:





A 2-bit down-counter counts in the order 0,3,2,1,0,1…….,i.e, 00,11,10,01,00,11 …..,etc. the above fig. shows ripple down counter, using negative edge triggered J-K FFs and its timing diagram.

- For down counting, Q1‘ of FF1 is connected to the clock of Ff2. Let initially all the FF1 toggles, so, Q1 goes from a 0 to a 1 and Q1‘ goes from a 1 to a 0.

- The negative-going signal at Q1‘ is applied to the clock input of FF2, toggles Ff2 and, therefore, Q2 goes from a 0 to a 1.so, after one clock pulse Q2=1 and Q1=1, I.e., the state of the counter is 11.
- At the negative-going edge of the second clock pulse, Q1 changes from a 1 to a 0 and Q1‘ from a 0 to a 1.
- This positive-going signal at Q1‘ does not affect FF2 and, therefore, Q2 remains at a 1. Hence , the state of the counter after second clock pulse is 10
- At the negative going edge of the third clock pulse, FF1 toggles. So Q1, goes from a 0 to a 1 and Q1‘ from 1 to 0. This negative going signal at Q1‘ toggles FF2 and, so, Q2 changes from 1 to 0, hence, the state of the counter after the third clock pulse is 01.
- At the negative going edge of the fourth clock pulse, FF1 toggles. So Q1, goes from a 1 to a 0 and Q1‘ from 0 to 1. . This positive going signal at Q1‘ does not affect FF2 and, so, Q2 remains at 0, hence, the state of the counter after the fourth clock pulse is 00.

Two-bit ripple up-down counter using negative edge triggered flip flop:

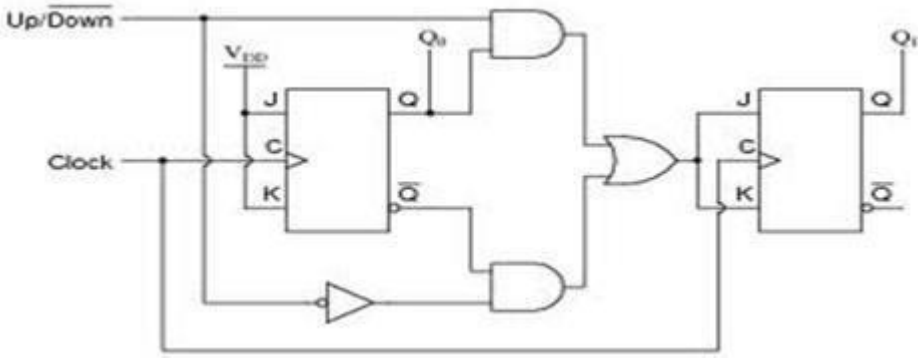


Figure: asynchronous 2-bit ripple up-down counter using negative edge triggered flip flop:

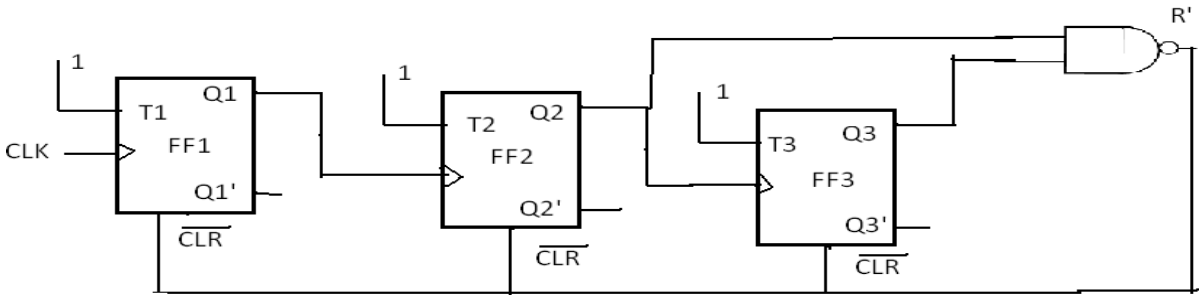
- As the name indicates an up-down counter is a counter which can count both in upward and downward directions. An up-down counter is also called a forward/backward counter or a bidirectional counter. So, a control signal or a mode signal M is required to choose the direction of count. When M=1 for up counting, Q1 is transmitted to clock of FF2 and when M=0 for down counting, Q1‘ is transmitted to clock of FF2. This is achieved by using two AND gates and one OR gates. The external clock signal is applied to FF1.
- Clock signal to FF2= (Q1.Up)+(Q1‘. Down)= Q1m+Q1‘M‘

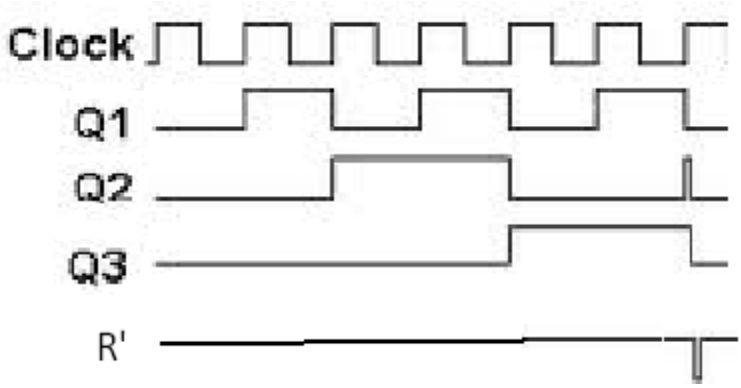
Design of Asynchronous counters:

To design a asynchronous counter, first we write the sequence , then tabulate the values of reset signal R for various states of the counter and obtain the minimal expression for R and R‘ using K-Map or any other method. Provide a feedback such that R and R‘ resets all the FF‘s after the desired count

Design of a Mod-6 asynchronous counter using T FFs:

A mod-6 counter has six stable states 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, and 101. When the sixth clock pulse is applied, the counter temporarily goes to 110 state, but immediately resets to 000 because of the feedback provided. it is ―divide by-6-counter‖, in the sense that it divides the input clock frequency by 6.it requires three FFs, because the smallest value of n satisfying the condition$N \leq 2^n$ is n=3; three FFs can have 8 possible states, out of which only six are utilized and the remaining two states 110and 111, are invalid. If initially the counter is in 000 state, then after the sixth clock pulse, it goes to 001, after the second clock pulse, it goes to 010, and so on.





After sixth clock pulse it goes to 000. For the design, write the truth table with present state outputs Q3, Q2 and Q1 as the variables, and reset R as the output and obtain an expression for R in terms of Q3, Q2, and Q1that decides the feedback into be provided. From the truth table, R=Q3Q2. For active-low Reset, R‘ is used. The reset pulse is of very short duration, of the order of nanoseconds and it is equal to the propagation delay time of the NAND gate used. The expression for R can also be determined as follows.

R=0 for 000 to 101, R=1 for 110, and R=X=for111

Therefore,

R=Q3Q2Q1‘+Q3Q2Q1=Q3Q2

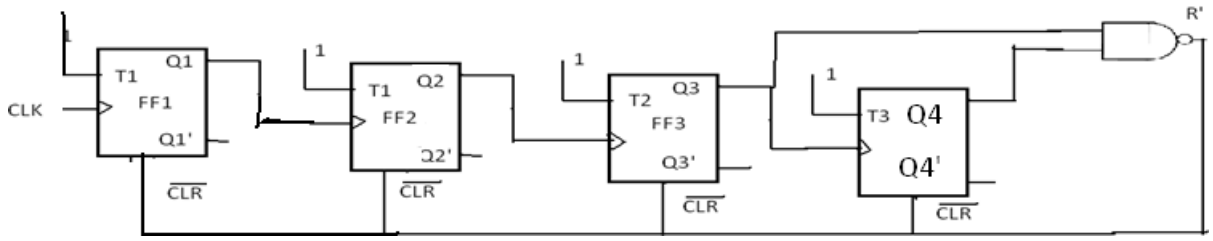
The logic diagram and timing diagram of Mod-6 counter is shown in the above fig.

The truth table is as shown in below.

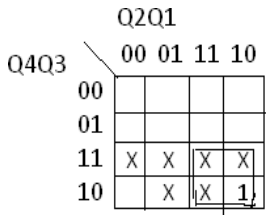
After pulses	States Q3	Q2	Q1	R
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
2	0	1	0	0
3	0	1	1	0
4	1	0	0	0
5	1	0	1	0
6	1	1	0	1
	↓	↓	↓	
	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0

Design of a mod-10 asynchronous counter using T-flip-flops:

A mod-10 counter is a decade counter. It also called a BCD counter or a divide-by-10 counter. It requires four flip-flops (condition $10 \leq 2^n$ is n=4). So, there are 16 possible states, out of which ten are valid and remaining six are invalid. The counter has ten stable state, 0000 through 1001, i.e., it counts from 0 to 9. The initial state is 0000 and after nine clock pulses it goes to 1001. When the tenth clock pulse is applied, the counter goes to state 1010 temporarily, but because of the feedback provided, it resets to initial state 0000. So, there will be a glitch in the waveform of Q2. The state 1010 is a temporary state for which the reset signal R=1, R=0 for 0000 to 1001, and R=C for 1011 to 1111.



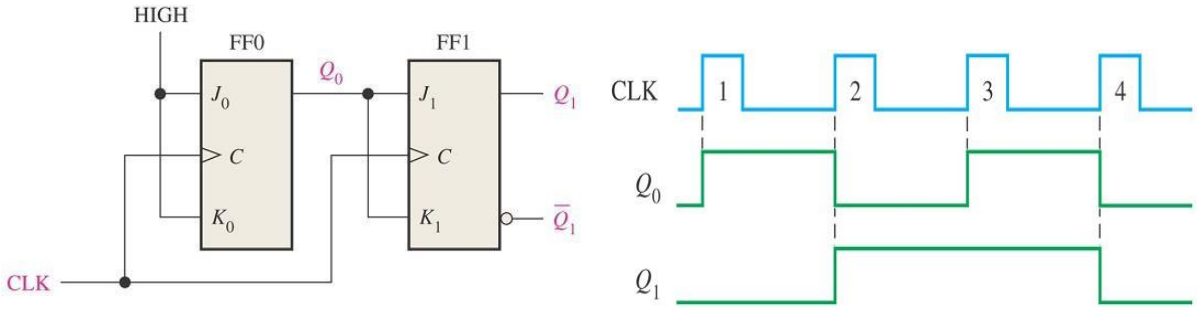
The count table and the K-Map for reset are shown in fig. from the K-Map R=Q4Q2. So, feedback is provided from second and fourth FFs. For active –HIGH reset, Q4Q2 is applied to the clear terminal. For active-LOW reset 4 2 is connected isof all Flip=flops.



After pulses	Count Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	1	1
4	0	1	0	0
5	0	0	0	1
6	0	1	1	0
7	0	1	1	1
8	1	0	0	0
9	0	1	0	1
10	0	0	0	0

Synchronous counters:

Asynchronous counters are serial counters. They are slow because each FF can change state only if all the preceding FFs have changed their state. if the clock frequency is very high, the asynchronous counter may skip some of the states. This problem is overcome in synchronous counters or parallel counters. Synchronous counters are counters in which all the flip flops are triggered simultaneously by the clock pulses Synchronous counters have a common clock pulse applied simultaneously to all flip-flops. A 2-Bit Synchronous Binary Counter



Design of synchronous counters:

For a systematic design of synchronous counters. The following procedure is used.

Step 1: State Diagram: draw the state diagram showing all the possible states state diagram which also be called nth transition diagrams, is a graphical means of depicting the sequence of states through which the counter progresses.

Step2: number of flip-flops: based on the description of the problem, determine the required number n of the flip-flops- the smallest value of n is such that the number of states $N \leq 2^n$--- and the desired counting sequence.

Step3: choice of flip-flops excitation table: select the type of flip-flop to be used and write the excitation table. An excitation table is a table that lists the present state (ps) , the next state(ns) and required excitations.

Step4: minimal expressions for excitations: obtain the minimal expressions for the excitations of the FF using K-maps drawn for the excitation of the flip-flops in terms of the present states and inputs.

Step5: logic diagram: draw a logic diagram based on the minimal expressions

Design of a synchronous 3-bit up-down counter using JK flip-flops:

Step1: determine the number of flip-flops required. A 3-bit counter requires three FFs. It has 8 states (000,001,010,011,101,110,111) and all the states are valid. Hence no don‘t cares. For selecting up and down modes, a control or mode signal M is required. When the mode signal M=1 and counts down when M=0. The clock signal is applied to all the FFs simultaneously.

Step2: draw the state diagrams: the state diagram of the 3-bit up-down counter is drawn as

Step3: select the type of flip flop and draw the excitation table: JK flip-flops are selected and the excitation table of a 3-bit up-down counter using JK flip-flops is drawn as shown in fig.

PS			mode	NS			required excitations					
Q3	Q2	Q1	M	Q3	Q2	Q1	J3	K3	J2	K2	J1	K1
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	x	1	x	1	x
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	x	0	x	1	x
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	x	x	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	x	1	x	x	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	x	1	1	x
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	x	x	0	1	x
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	x	x	0	x	1
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	x	x	1	x	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	1	1	x	1	x
1	0	0	1	1	0	1	x	0	0	x	1	x
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	x	0	0	x	x	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	x	0	1	x	x	1
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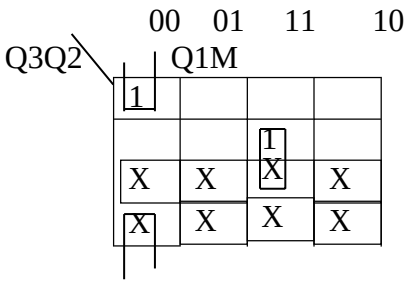
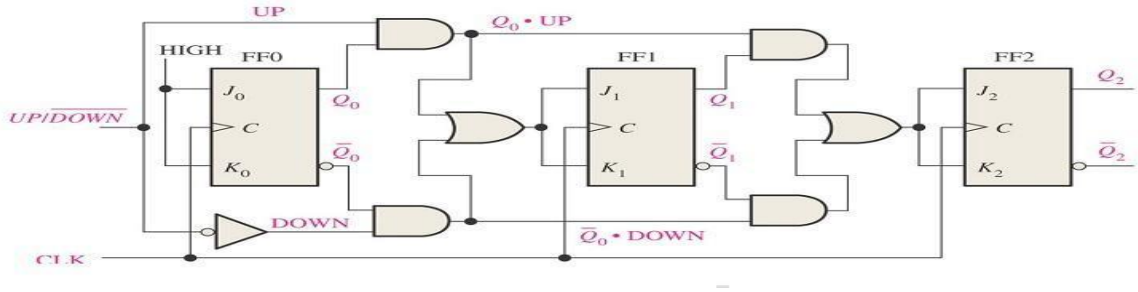
1	1	0	1	1	1	1	x	0	x	0	1	x
1	1	1	0	1	1	0	x	0	x	0	x	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	x	1	x	1	x	1

Step4: obtain the minimal expressions: From the excitation table we can conclude that J1=1 and K1=1, because all the entries for J1and K1 are either X or 1. The K-maps for J3, K3,J2 and K2 based on the excitation table and the minimal expression obtained from them are shown in fig.

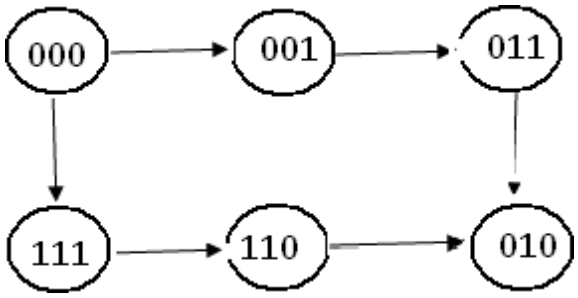


Step5: draw the logic diagram: a logic diagram using those minimal expressions can be drawn as shown in fig.



Design of a synchronous modulo-6 gray cod counter:

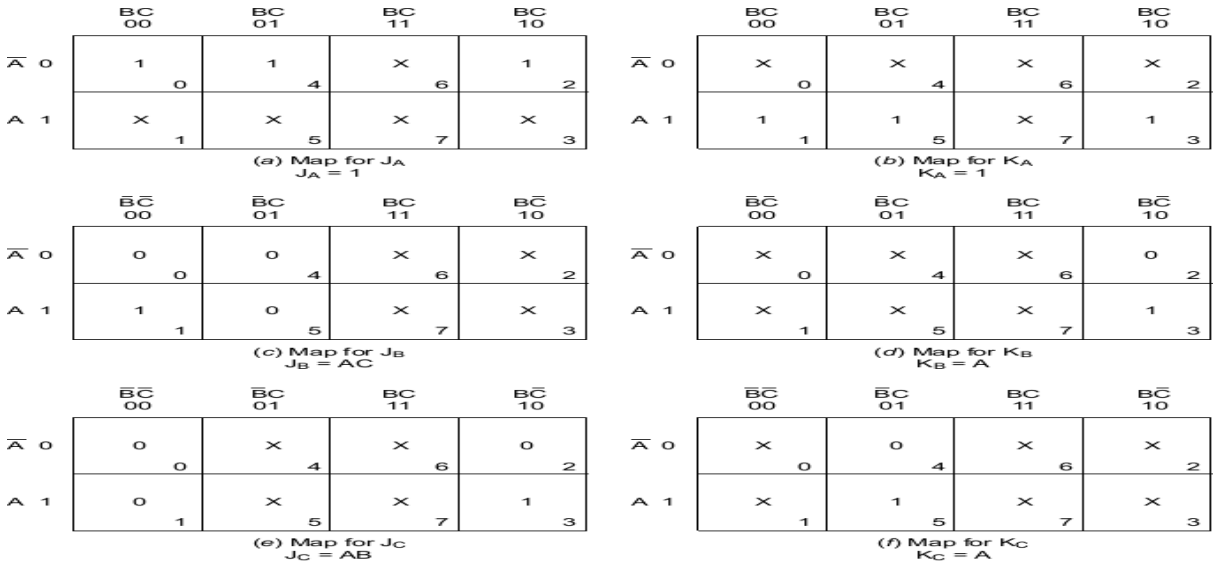
Step 1: the number of flip-flops: we know that the counting sequence for a modulo-6 gray code counter is 000, 001, 011, 010, 110, and 111. It requires n=3FFs ($N \leq 2^n$, i.e., $6 \leq 2^3$). 3 FFs can have 8 states. So the remaining two states 101 and 100 are invalid. The entries for excitation corresponding to invalid states are don‘t cares.
Step2: the state diagram: the state diagram of the mod-6 gray code converter is drawn as shown in fig.



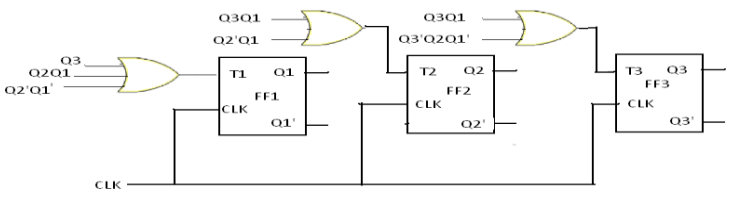
Step3: type of flip-flop and the excitation table: T flip-flops are selected and the excitation table of the mod-6 gray code counter using T-flip-flops is written as shown in fig.

PS			**NS**			**required excitations**		
Q3	**Q2**	**Q1**	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**	**T3**	**T2**	**T1**
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1

Step4: The minimal expressions: the K-maps for excitations of FFs T3,T2,and T1 in terms of outputs of FFs Q3,Q2, and Q1, their minimization and the minimal expressions for excitations obtained from them are shown if fig



Step5: the logic diagram: the logic diagram based on those minimal expressions is drawn as shown in fig.



Design of a synchronous BCD Up-Down counter using FFs:

Step1: the number of flip-flops: a BCD counter is a mod-10 counter has 10 states (0000 through 1001) and so it requires n=4FFs($N \leq 2^n$,, i.e., $10 \leq 2^4$). 4 FFS can have 16 states. So out of 16 states, six states (1010 through 1111) are invalid. For selecting up and down mode, a control or mode signal M is required. , it counts up when M=1 and counts down when M=0. The clock signal is applied to all FFs.

Step2: the state diagram: The state diagram of the mod-10 up-down counter is drawn as shown in fig.

Step3: types of flip-flops and excitation table: T flip-flops are selected and the excitation table of the modulo-10 up down counter using T flip-flops is drawn as shown in fig.

The remaining minterms are don't cares($\sum$d(20,21,22,23,24,25,26,37,28,29,30,31)) from the excitation table we can see that T1=1 and the expression for T4,T3,T2 are asfollows.

T4=$\sum$m(0,15,16,19)+d(20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31)

T3=$\sum$m(7,15,16,8)+d(20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31)

T2=$\sum$m(3,4,7,8,11,12,15,16)+d(20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31)

PS				**mode**	**NS**				**required excitations**			
Q4	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**	**M**	**Q4**	**Q3**	**Q2**	**Q1**	**T4**	**T3**	**T2**	**T1**
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
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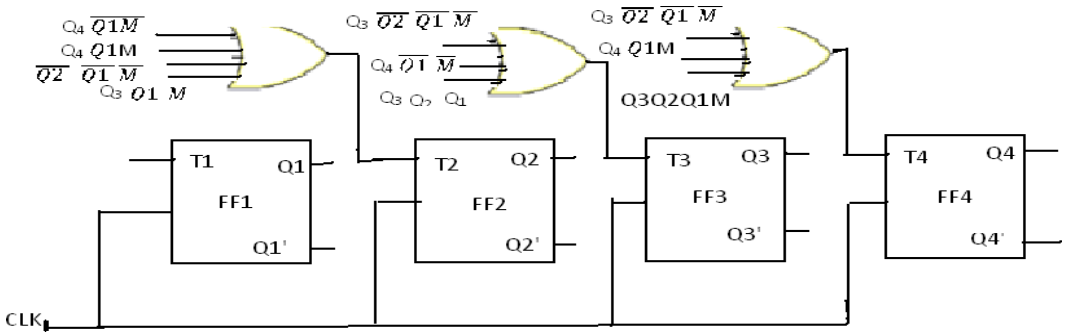
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Step4: The minimal expression: since there are 4 state variables and a mode signal, we require 5 variable kmaps. 20 conditions of Q4Q3Q2Q1M are valid and the remaining 12 combinations are invalid. So the entries for excitations corresponding to those invalid combinations are don‘t cares. Minimizing K-maps for T2 we get

T 2= Q4Q1‘M+Q4‘Q1M+Q2Q1‘M‘+Q3Q1‘M‘

Step5: the logic diagram: the logic diagram based on the above equation is shown in fig.



Shift register counters:

One of the applications of shift register is that they can be arranged to form several types of counters. The most widely used shift register counter is ring counter as well as the twisted ring counter.

Ring counter: this is the simplest shift register counter. The basic ring counter using D flip-flops is shown in fig. the realization of this counter using JK FFs. The Q output of each stage is connected to the D flip-flop connected back to the ring counter.

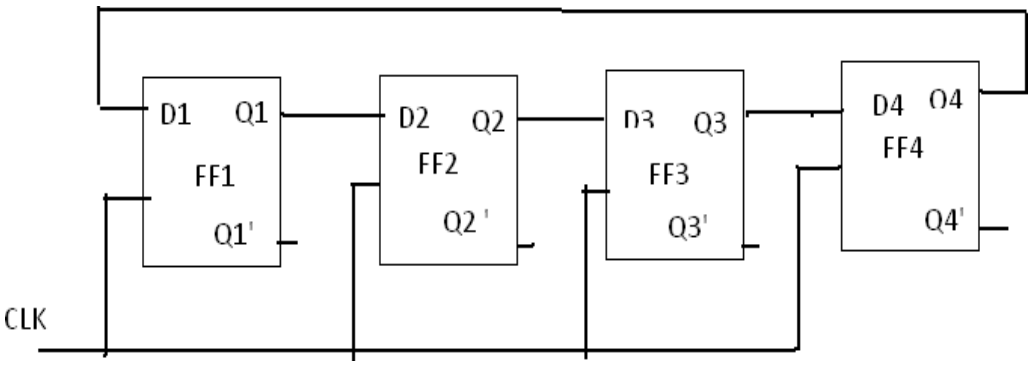
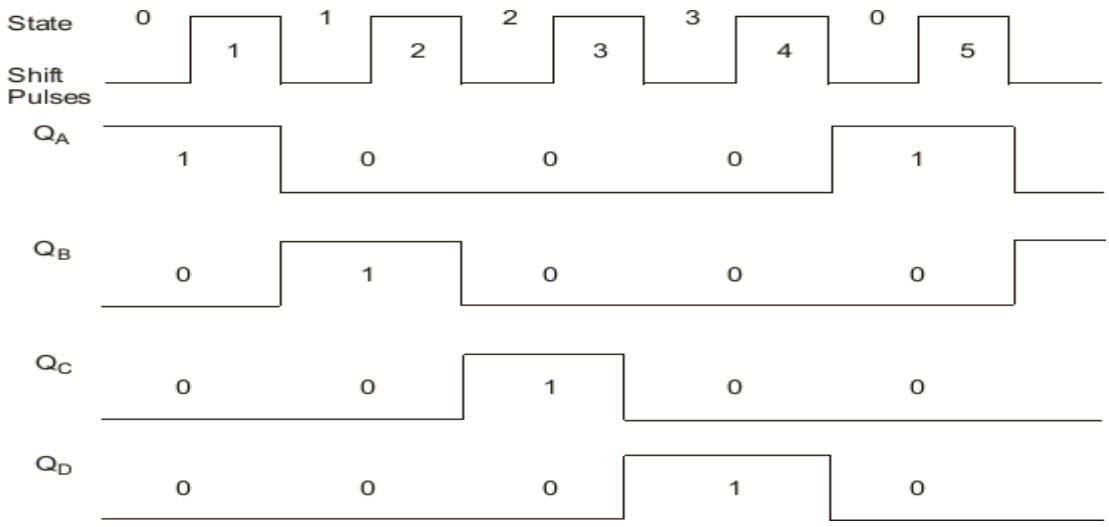


FIGURE: logic diagram of 4-bit ring counter using D flip-flops

Only a single 1 is in the register and is made to circulate around the register as long as clock pulses are applied. Initially the first FF is present to a 1. So, the initial state is 1000, i.e., Q1=1, Q2=0,Q3=0,Q4=0. After each clock pulse, the contents of the register are shifted to the right by one bit and Q4 is shifted back to Q1. The sequence repeats after four clock pulses. The number

of distinct states in the ring counter, i.e., the mod of the ring counter is equal to number of FFs used in the counter. An n-bit ring counter can count only n bits, where as n-bit ripple counter can count 2^n bits. So, the ring counter is uneconomical compared to a ripple counter but has advantage of requiring no decoder, since we can read the count by simply noting which FF is set. Since it is entirely a synchronous operation and requires no gates external FFs, it has the further advantage of being very fast.

Timing diagram:



Twisted Ring counter (Johnson counter):

This counter is obtained from a serial-in, serial-out shift register by providing feedback from the inverted output of the last FF to the D input of the first FF. the Q output of each is connected to the D input of the next stage, but the Q‘ output of the last stage is connected to the D input of the first stage, therefore, the name twisted ring counter. This feedback arrangement produces a unique sequence of states.

The logic diagram of a 4-bit Johnson counter using D FF is shown in fig. the realization of the same using J-K FFs is shown in fig.. The state diagram and the sequence table are shown in figure. The timing diagram of a Johnson counter is shown in figure.

Let initially all the FFs be reset, i.e., the state of the counter be 0000. After each clock pulse, the level of Q1 is shifted to Q2, the level of Q2to Q3, Q3 to Q4 and the level of Q4‘to Q1 and the sequences given in fig.

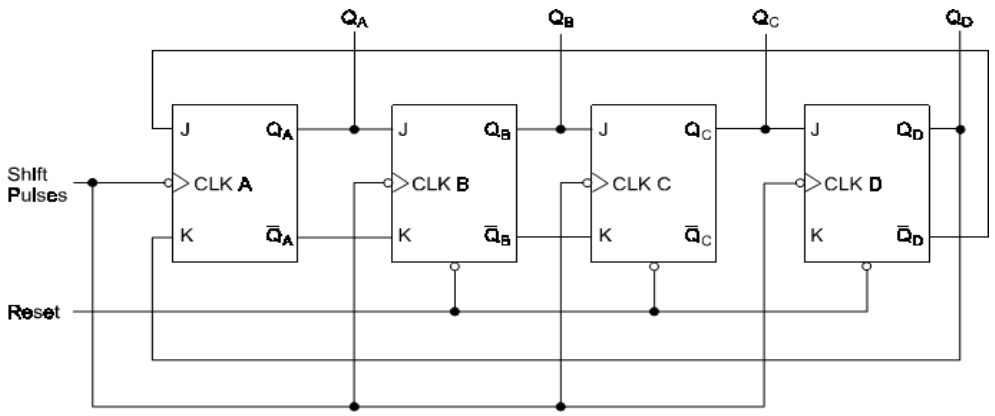


Figure: Johnson counter with JK flip-flops

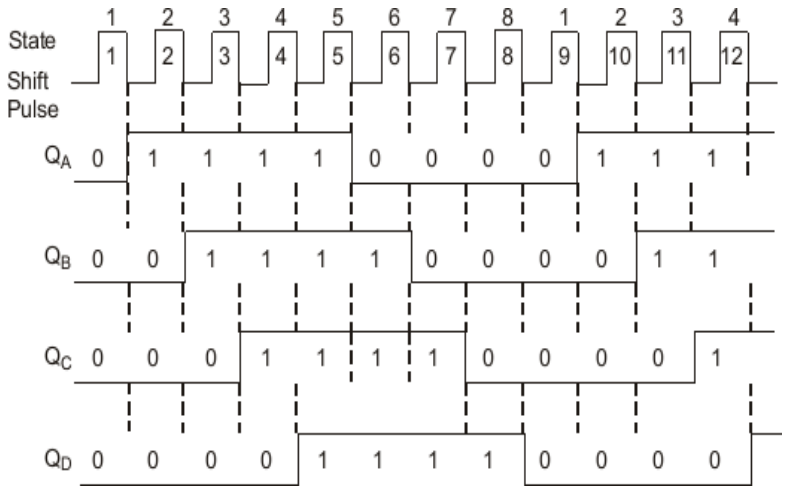


Figure: timing diagram