ECE275 Practice problems for Midterm 2 Fall 2022

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1 Instructions

- Time allowed is ∞ minutes.
- In order to minimize distraction to your fellow students, you may not leave during the last 10 minutes of the examination.
- The examination is closed-book. One 8×11 in two-sided cheatsheet is allowed.
- Non-programmable calculators are permitted.
- The maximum number of marks is 160, as indicated; the midterm examination amounts 10% toward the final grade.
- Please use a pen or heavy pencil to ensure legibility. Colored pens/pencils are recommended for K-map grouping.
- Please show your work; where appropriate, marks will be awarded for proper and well-reasoned explanations.
- Please submit the solutions as a homework on Monday, Nov 7 before class. Submit in paper and a copy to brightspace.

Problem 1. *The following prime implicant table is for a four variable function $f(A, B, C, D)$. Give the algebraic expression of each of the essential prime implicants. Find the minimal sum of products expression for f by PI table reduction. (10 marks)*

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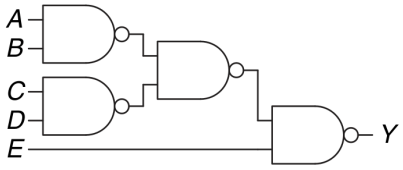
2		×		
3	×	×	×	
7			×	
9	×			×
11	×	×	×	×
13				×

Problem 2. *Packages arrive at the stockroom and are delivered on carts to offices and laboratories by student employees.The carts and packages are various sizes and shapes.The students are paid according to the carts used. There are five carts and the pay for their use is*
Cart C1: $2
Cart C2: $1
Cart C3: $4
Cart C4: $2
Cart C5: $2
On a particular day, seven packages arrive, and they can be delivered using the five carts as follows:
C1 can be used for packages P1, P3, and P4.
C2 can be used for packages P2, P5, and P6.
C3 can be used for packages P1, P2, P5, P6, and P7.
C4 can be used for packages P3, P6, and P7.
C5 can be used for packages P2 and P4.
The stockroom manager wants the packages delivered at minimum cost. Using minimization techniques described in this class, present a systematic procedure for finding the minimum cost solution. (20 marks)

Problem 3. *(a) For V_{IH} = 4 V, V_{OH} = 4.5 V, V_{IL} = 1 V, V_{OL} = 0.3 V, and V_{DD} = 5 V, calculate the noise margins NM_H and NM_L (5 marks).*
(b) Draw an eight-input NAND gate built using NMOS technology and pull-up resistor (5 marks).
(c) In the above circuit, if the voltage drop across each transistor is 0.1 V, what is V_{OL} ? What is the corresponding NM_L using the other parameters from part (a) (10 marks).

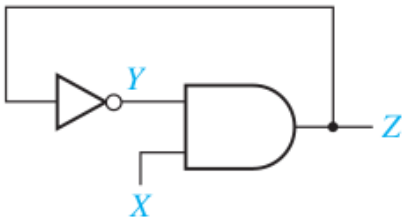
Problem 4. *What is the difference between positive logic and negative logic? Design a CMOS complex gate for* $f = x_1\bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_1 x_2$ *under negative logic (10 marks).*

Problem 5. *Find the propagation delay and contamination delay of the following circuit (5 marks):*

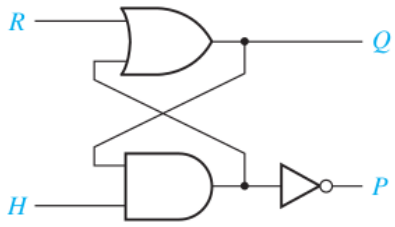


Problem 6. *Describe how tri-state and open-collector outputs are different from totem- pole outputs using NMOS NOR gate as an example (10 marks).*

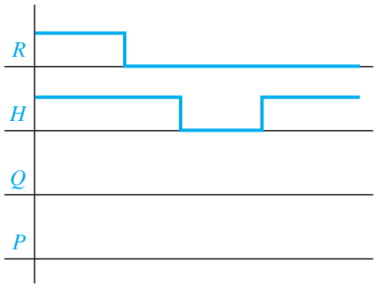
Problem 7. *Assume that the inverter in the given circuit has a propagation delay of 5 ns and the AND gate has a propagation delay of 10 ns. Draw a timing diagram for the circuit showing X, Y, and Z. Assume that X is initially 0, Y is initially 1, after 10 ns X becomes 1 for 80 ns, and then X is 0 again. (20 marks)*



Problem 8. *A latch can be constructed from an OR gate, an AND gate, and an inverter connected as follows:*



1. *What restriction must be placed on R and H so that P will always equal Q (under steady-state conditions) (10 marks)?*
2. *Construct a characteristic (next-state) table and derive the corresponding characteristic equation for the latch (5 marks).*
3. *Complete the following timing diagram for the latch (10 marks)*



Problem 9. *Design a 4-bit BCD counter that counts from 0000, to 1001 and then loops back to 0000 (20 marks). (Yet to be covered in class).*

1. *Draw its state transition diagram and table*
2. *Design the circuit using a D flip-flop.*

Problem 10. *Design a 3-bit modulo 8 Gray counter that counts from 000, to 111 and then loops back to 0000. (A modulo N counter counts from 0 to $N-1$) (20 marks). (Yet to be covered in class).*

1. *Draw its state transition diagram and table*
2. *Design the circuit using a D flip-flop.*