

CS 61C Spring 2015 Guerrilla Section 1: Hardware & CPU

Problem 1:

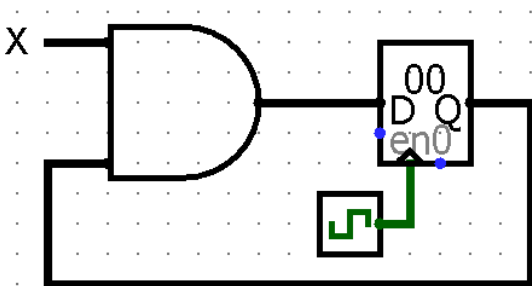
- a) Convert the following truth table to a Boolean expression and simplify it. An X means we don't care about the value of that output (it can be either 0 or 1).

A	B	C	Out
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	X
1	1	1	X

- b) Draw the transition state diagram from a FSM that reads a binary string bit-by-bit and outputs whether the total number of 1s seen since the beginning is divisible by 3.



- c) For the circuit below, assume that the setup time is 15ns, hold time is 30ns, and the AND gate delay is 10ns. If the clock rate is 10 MHz and x updates 25ns after the rising edge of the clock, what are the minimum and maximum values for the clk-to-Q delay to ensure proper functionality?



Min: _____ns

Max: _____ns

Problem 3 (adapted from Su13 Final):

Assume that we run the following snippet of code on a 5-stage pipelined MIPS CPU with **no optimizations**. Branch checking is done in the execute stage. Assume that \$a1 = 1 at the beginning of the code.

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        lw $t0, 0($a0)
loop:   beq $a1, $0, exit
        sll $t0, $t0, 2
        addiu $a1, $a1, -1
        sw $t0, 0($a0)
        j loop
exit:
# when we reach the exit label, we're done
    
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a) After which instructions are stalls needed? What is the total number of clock cycles for these instructions to finish execution (when the pipeline becomes empty)? You may use the table below as scratch space.

Cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
lw																
beq																
sll																
addiu																
sw																
j																
beq																

b) Consider the following optimizations *separately*. How many FEWER cycles are taken for the addition of each optimization?

a. Forwarding

b. Branch prediction of never take branch