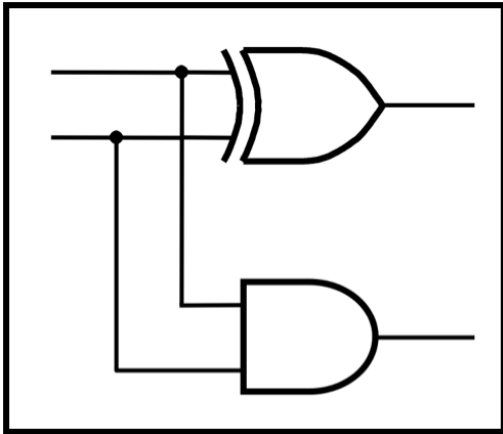




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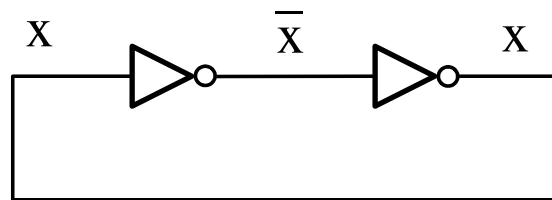
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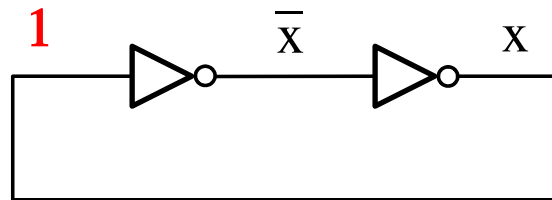
- **Homework 7 is due today**
- **Homework 8 is due on Monday Oct 27 @ 10pm.**

Quick Review

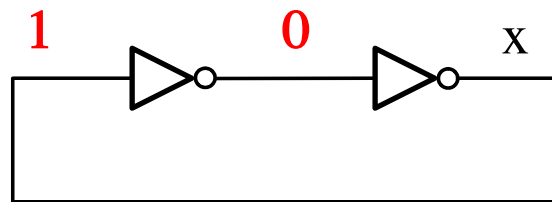
A simple memory element with NOT Gates



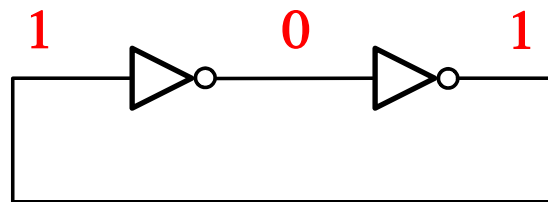
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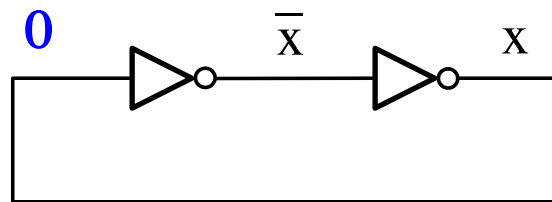


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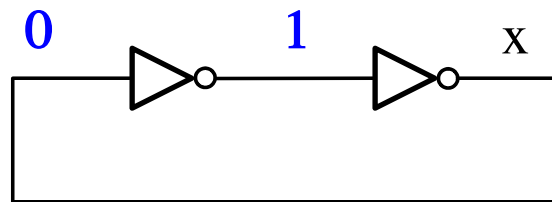


The circuit will stay in this state indefinitely.

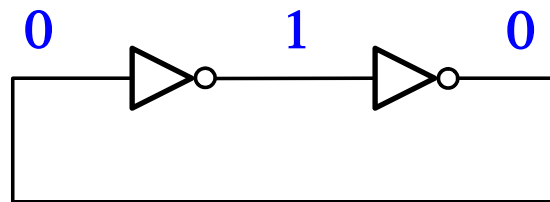
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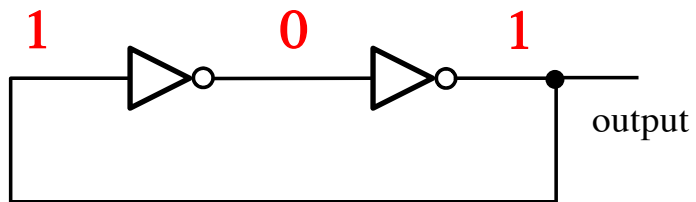


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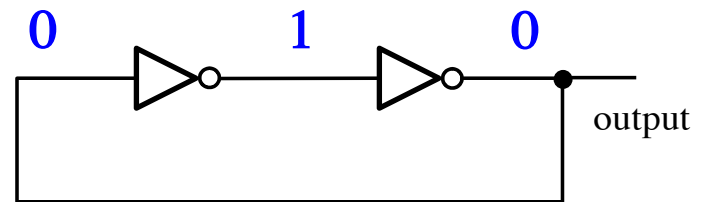


The circuit will stay in this state indefinitely.

This circuit can be in two possible states

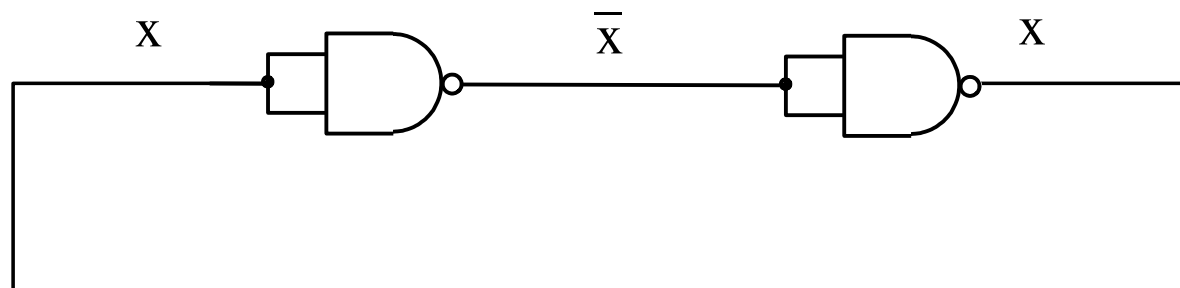


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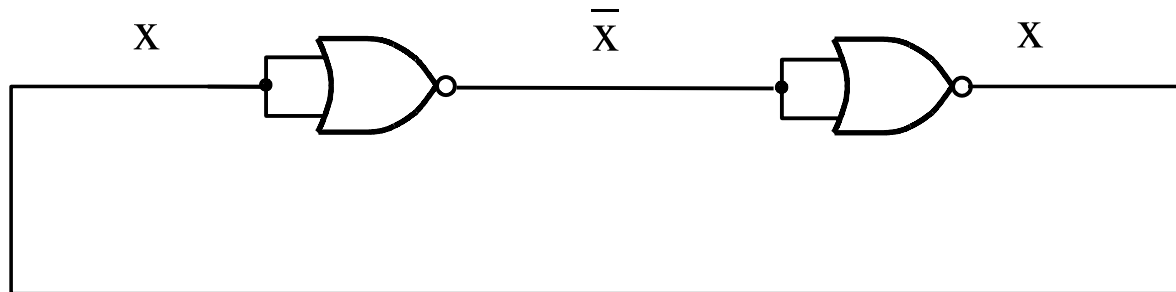


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A simple memory element with NAND Gates

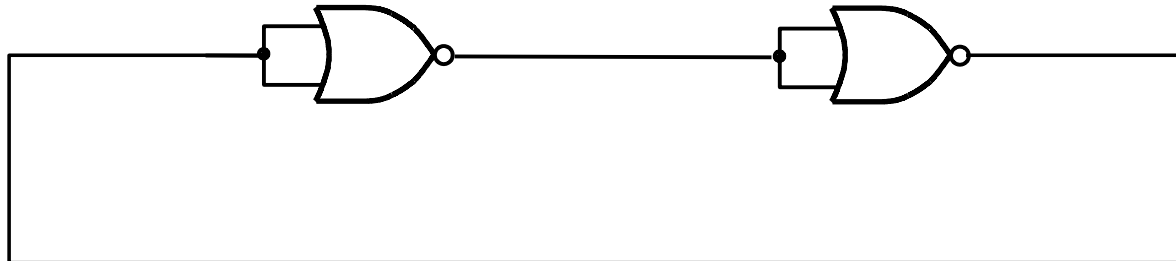


A simple memory element with NOR Gates

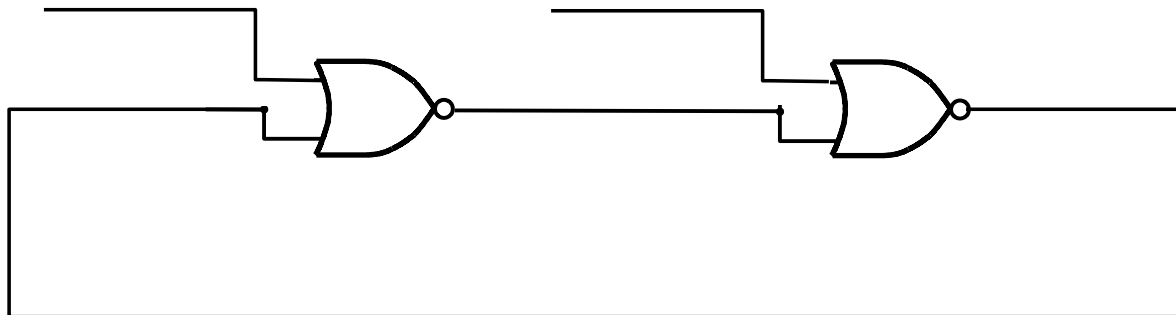


Basic Latch

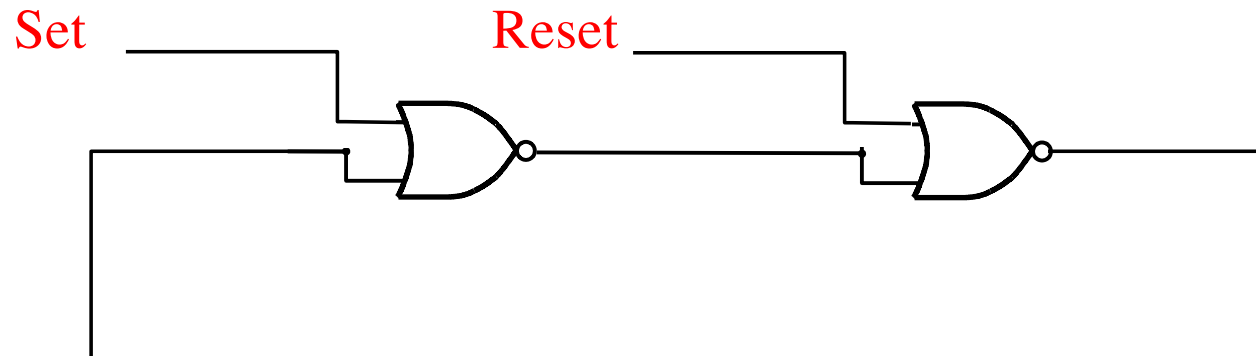
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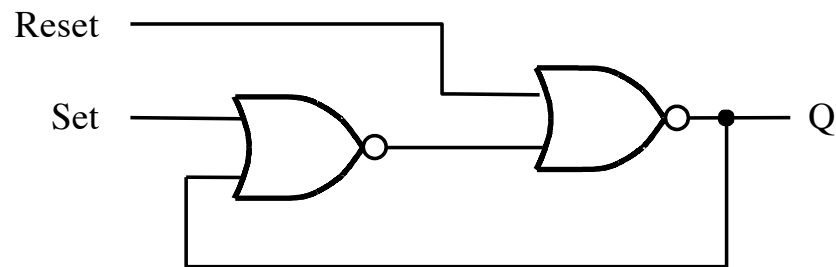
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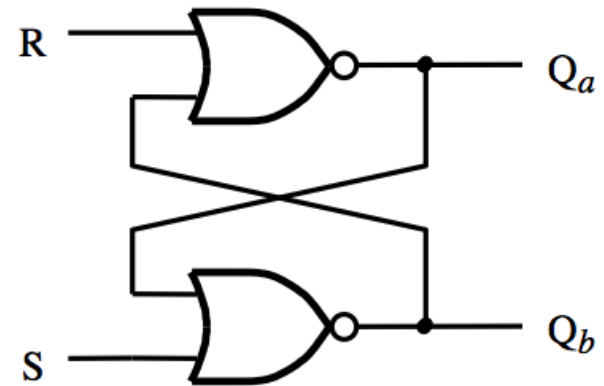
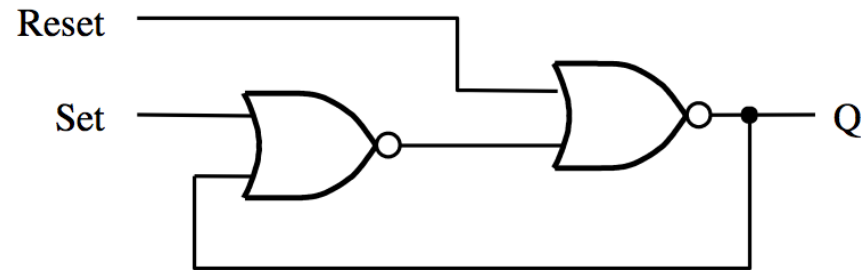


A memory element with NOR gates



[Figure 5.3 from the textbook]

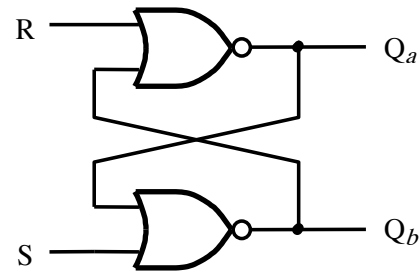
Two Different Ways to Draw the Same Circuit



[Figure 5.3 & 5.4 from the textbook]

Circuit and Characteristic Table for the Basic Latch

Note that Q_a and Q_b are inverses of each other!

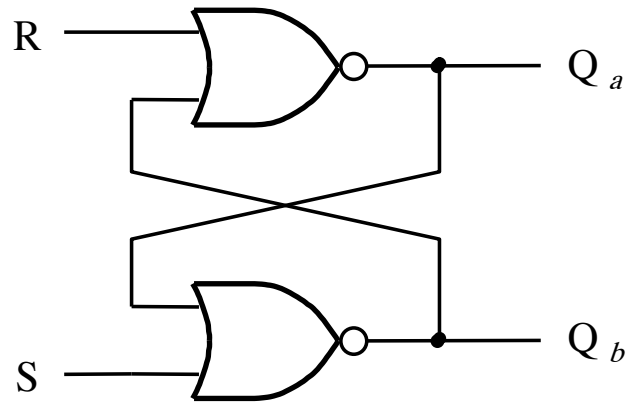


(a) Circuit

S	R	Q_a	Q_b	
0	0	0/1	1/0	(no change)
0	1	0	1	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	0	

(b) Characteristic table

SR Latch: Circuit and Characteristic Table



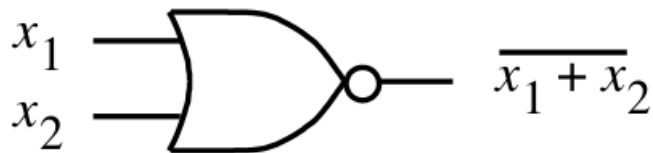
(a) Circuit

S	R	Q_a	Q_b	
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0	1	0	1	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	0	(Undesirable)

(b) Truth table

[Figure 5.4a,b from the textbook]

NOR Gate

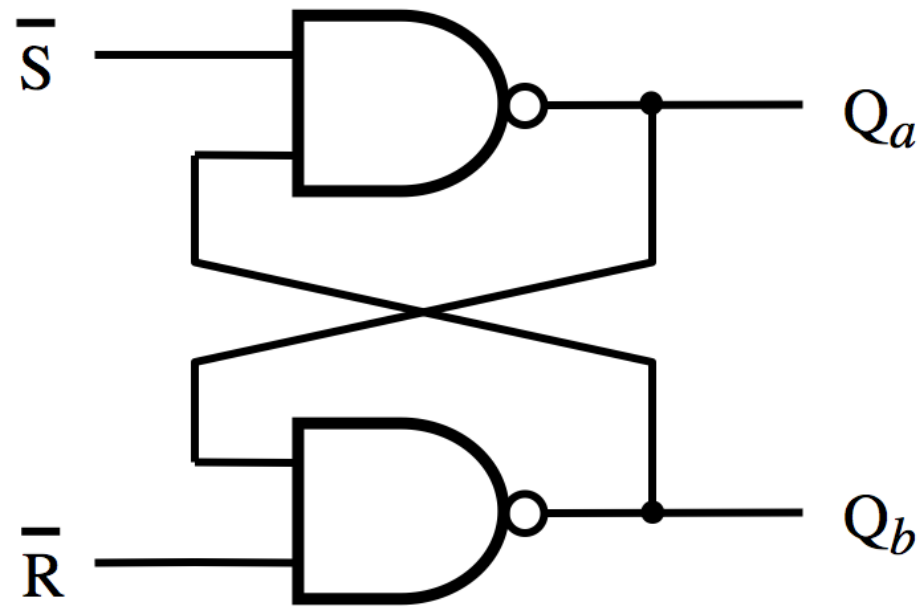


NOR Gate Truth table

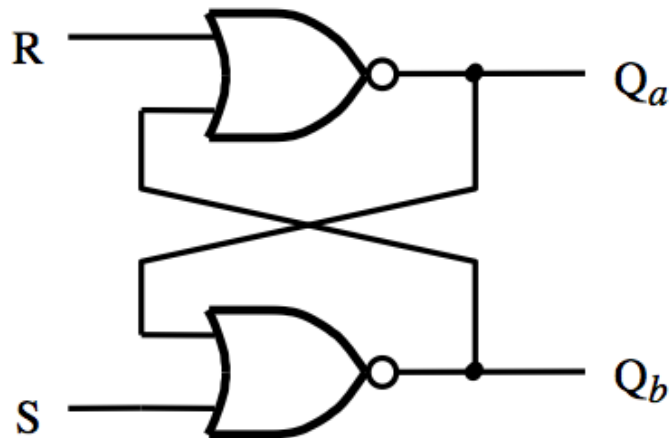
x_1	x_2	f
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0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

Basic Latch with NAND Gates

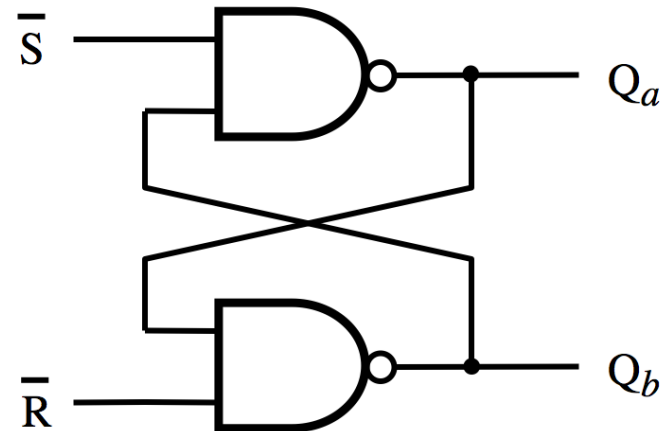
Circuit for the Basic Latch with NAND Gates



Basic Latch (with NOR Gates)



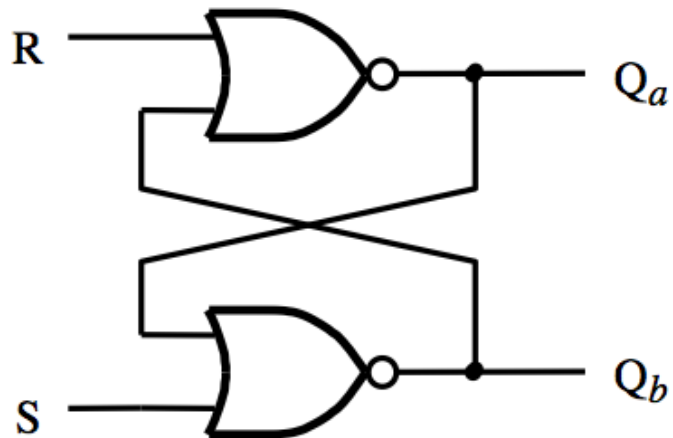
Basic Latch (with NAND Gates)



Notice that in the NAND case the two inputs are swapped and negated.

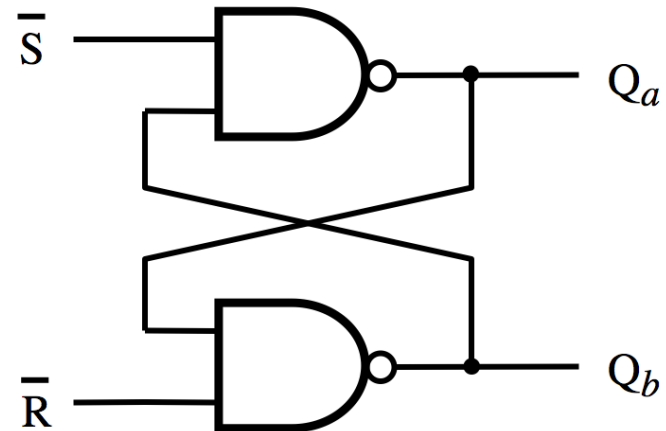
The labels of the outputs are the same in both cases.

Basic Latch (with NOR Gates)



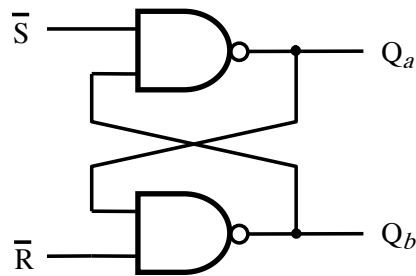
SR Latch

Basic Latch (with NAND Gates)



$\bar{S}\bar{R}$ Latch

Circuit and Characteristic Table



(a) Circuit

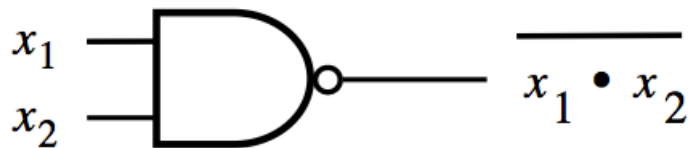
$\bar{S}$	$\bar{R}$	Q_a	Q_b
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	0/1	1/0 (no change)

(b) Characteristic table
(version 1)

S	R	Q_a	Q_b
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0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1

(c) Characteristic table
(version 2)

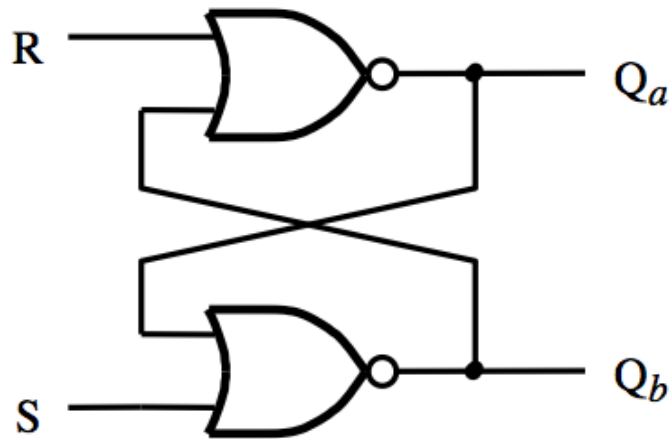
NAND Gate



NAND Gate Truth table

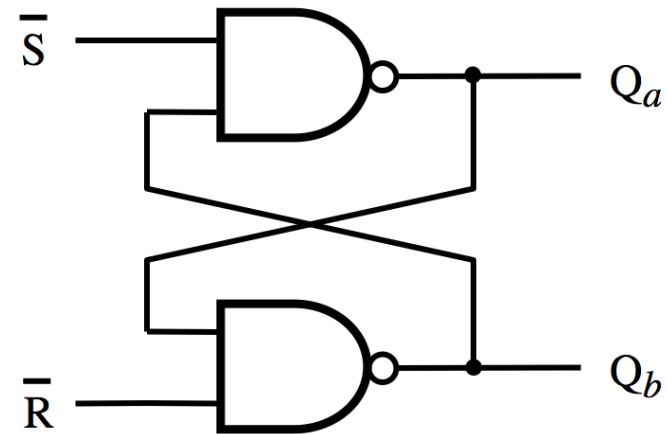
x_1	x_2	f
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Basic Latch (with NOR Gates)



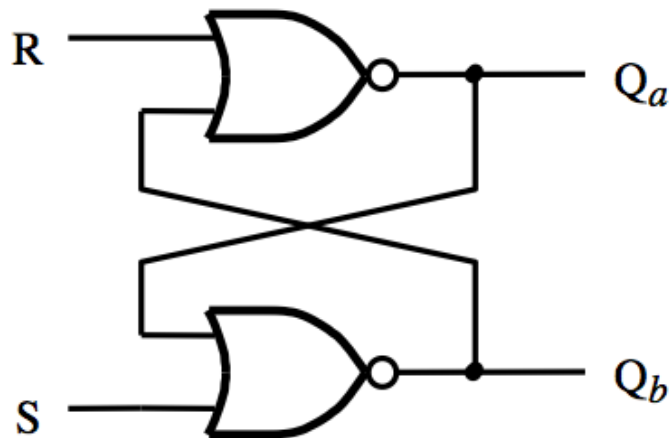
S	R	Q_a	Q_b	
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0	1	0	1	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	0	

Basic Latch (with NAND Gates)



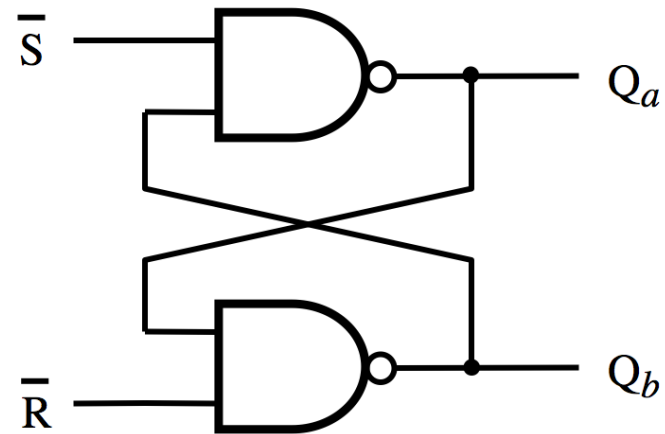
S	R	Q_a	Q_b	
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0	1	0	1	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	1	1	

Basic Latch (with NOR Gates)



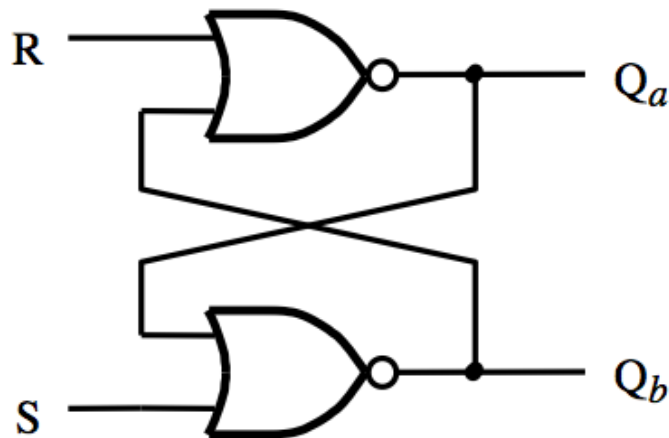
S	R	Q_a	Q_b	
0	0	0/1	1/0	(no change) Latch
0	1	0	1	Reset
1	0	1	0	Set
1	1	0	0	Undesirable

Basic Latch (with NAND Gates)



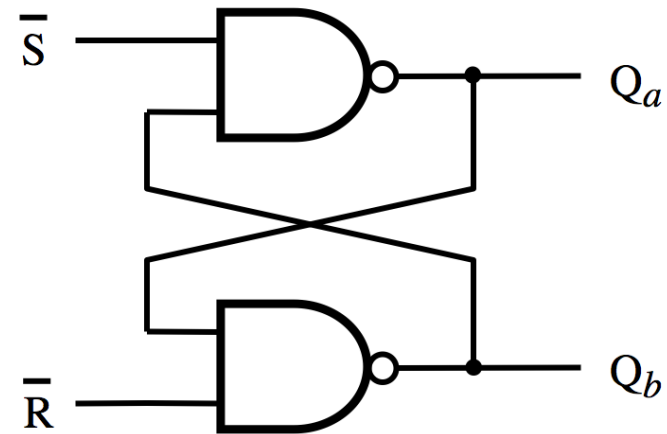
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Basic Latch (with NOR Gates)



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Basic Latch (with NAND Gates)



S	R	Q_a	Q_b	
0	0	0/1	1/0	(no change) Latch
0	1	0	1	Reset
1	0	1	0	Set
1	1	1	1	Undesirable

The two characteristic tables are the same
(except for the last row, which is the undesirable configuration).

Oscillations and Undesirable States

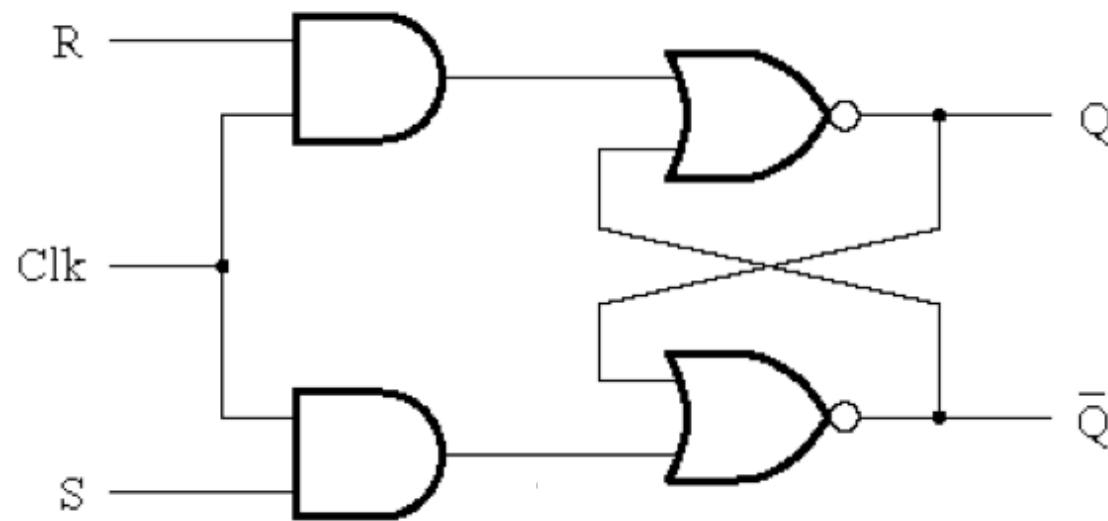
- The basic latch with NAND gates also suffers from oscillation problems, similar to the basic latch implemented with NOR gates.
- Try to do this analysis on your own.

Gated SR Latch

Motivation

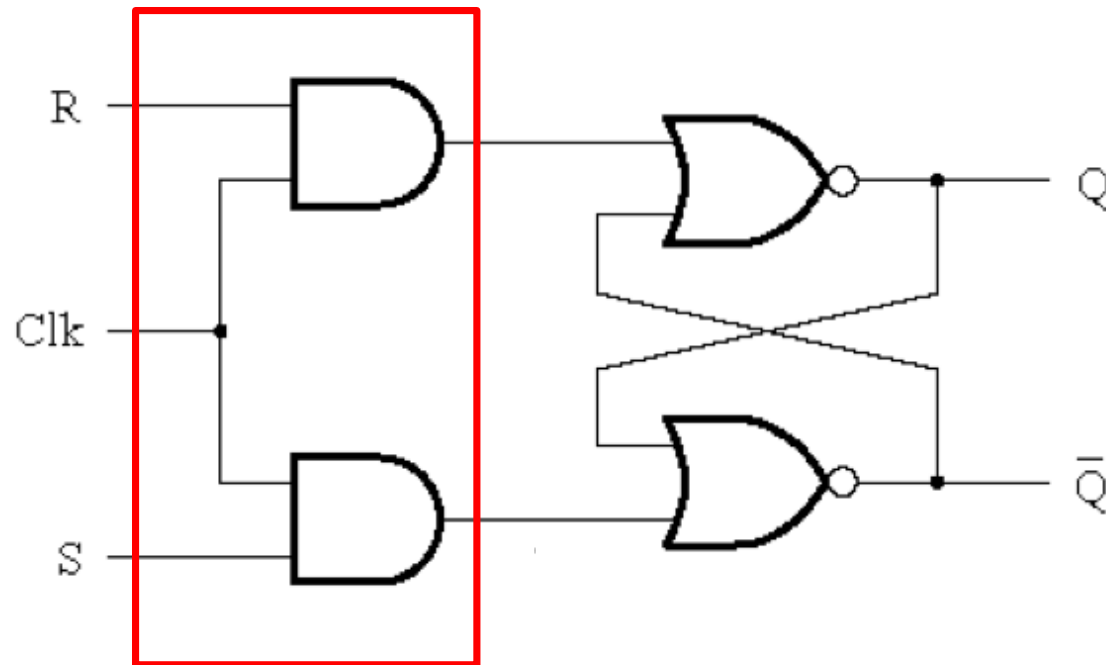
- The basic latch changes its state when the input signals change
- It is hard to control when these input signals will change and thus it is hard to know when the latch may change its state.
- We want to have something like an Enable input.
- In this case it is called the “Clock” input because it is desirable for the state changes to be synchronized.

Circuit Diagram for the **Gated** SR Latch



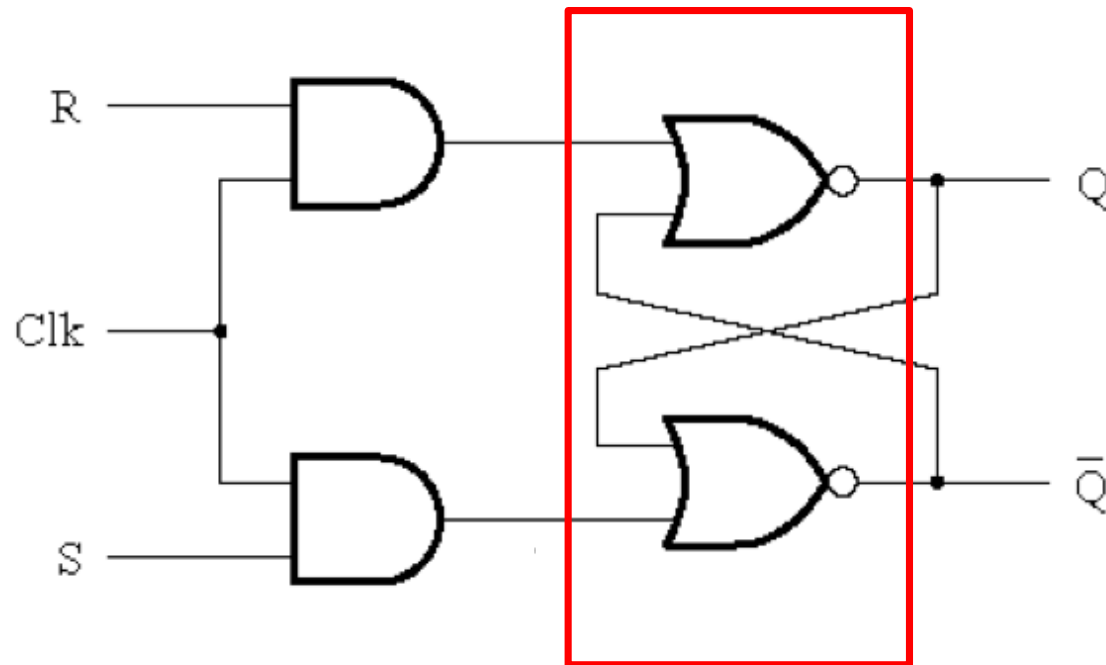
[Figure 5.5a from the textbook]

Circuit Diagram for the Gated SR Latch



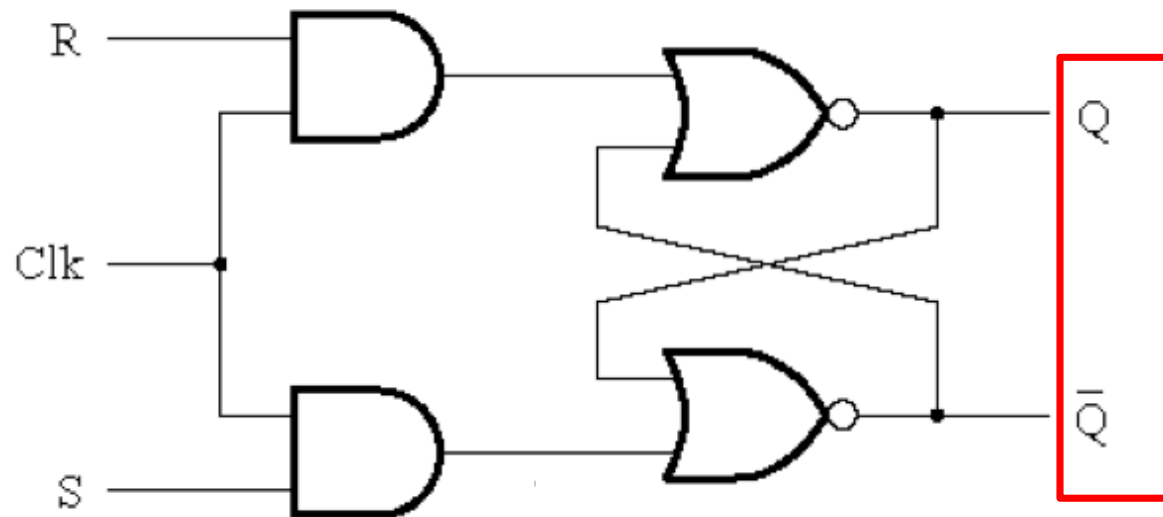
This is the “gate”
of the gated latch

Circuit Diagram for the Gated SR Latch



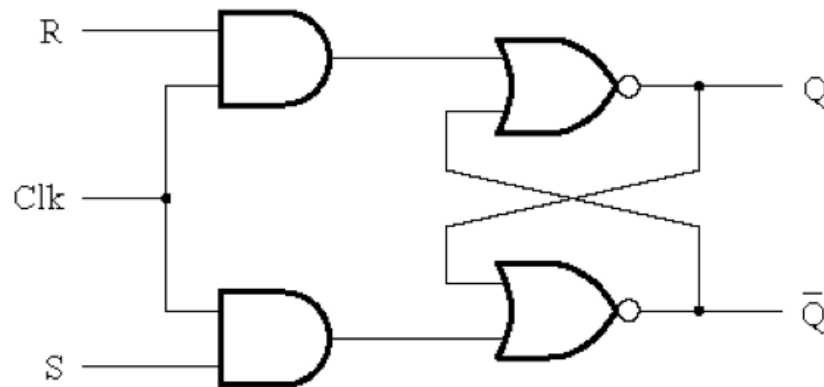
This is the “snake”
of the gated latch

Circuit Diagram for the Gated SR Latch



The outputs are
complements of
each other

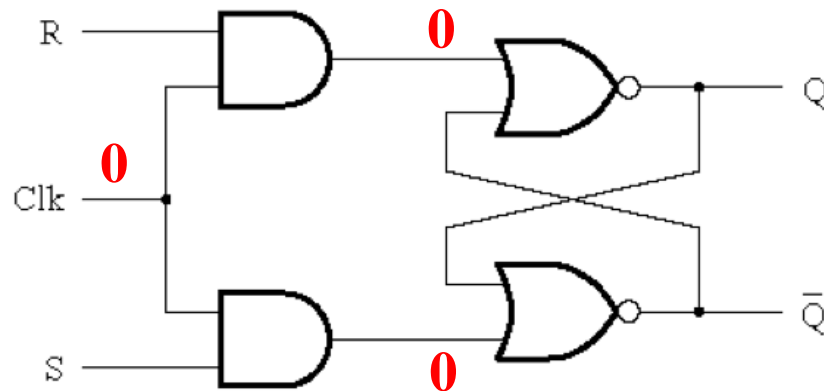
Circuit Diagram and Characteristic Table for the Gated SR Latch



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

[Figure 5.5a-b from the textbook]

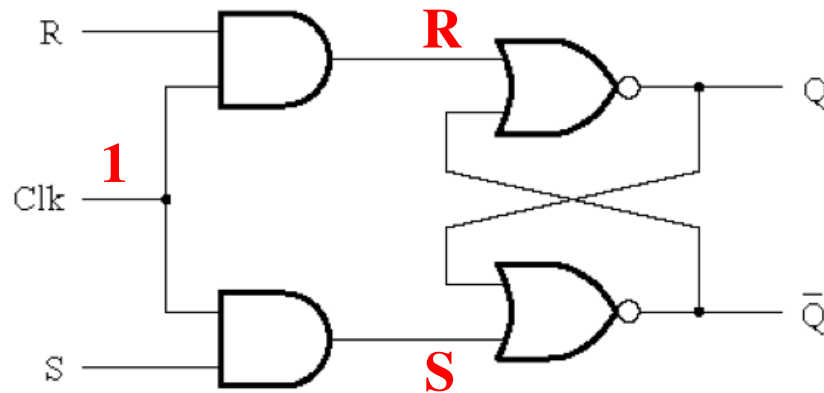
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Clk	S	R	$Q(t + 1)$
0	x	x	$Q(t)$ (no change)
1	0	0	$Q(t)$ (no change)
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	x

When $\text{Clk} = 0$ this circuit holds the previous output values, regardless of the current inputs S and R because S' and R' are 0.

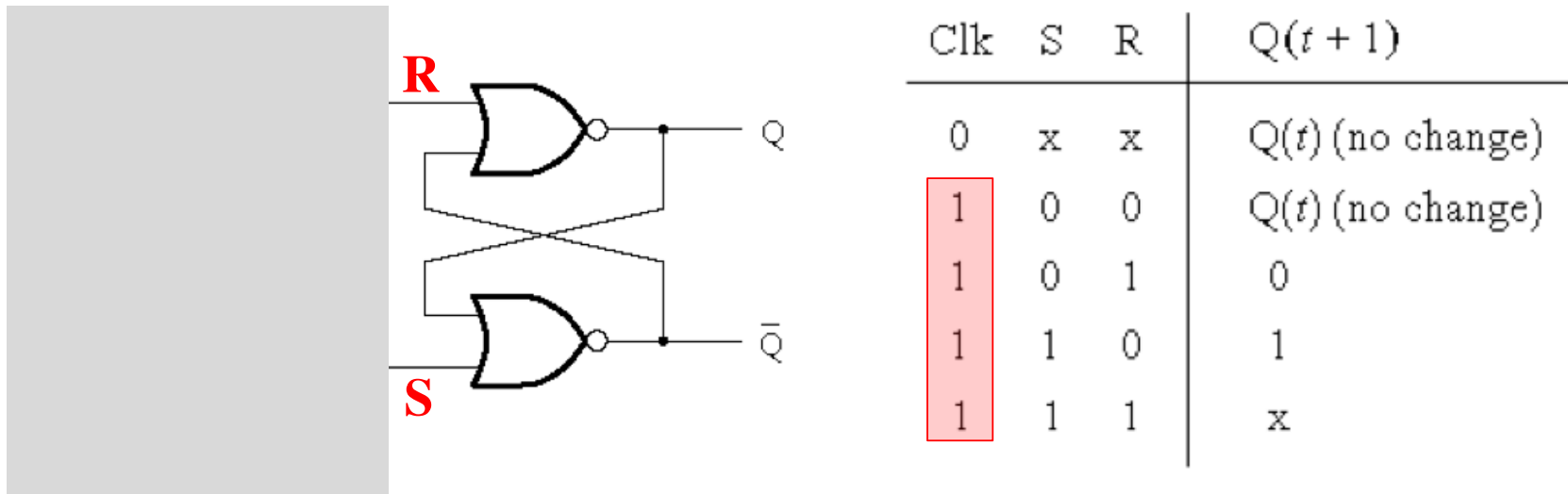
Circuit Diagram and Characteristic Table for the Gated SR Latch



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

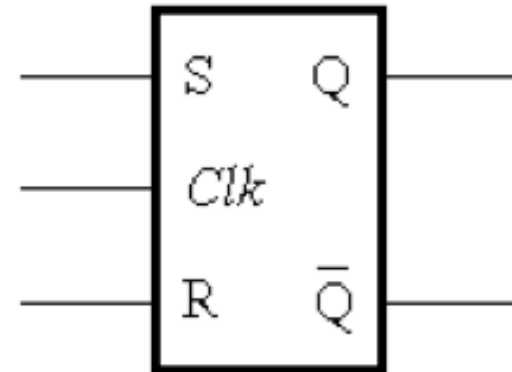
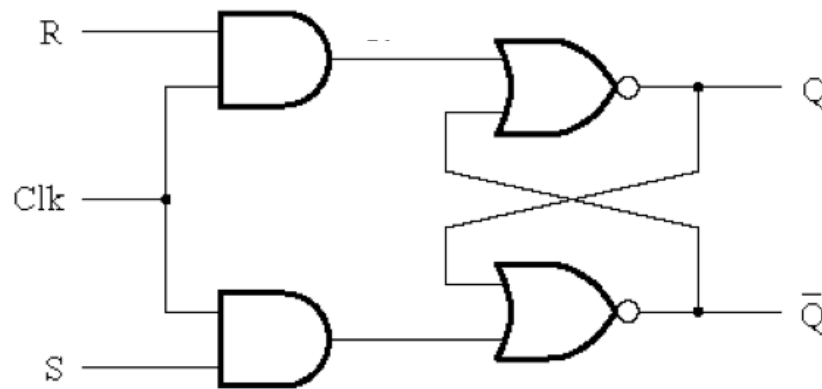
When $\text{Clk} = 1$ this circuit behaves like a basic latch.

Circuit Diagram and Characteristic Table for the Gated SR Latch



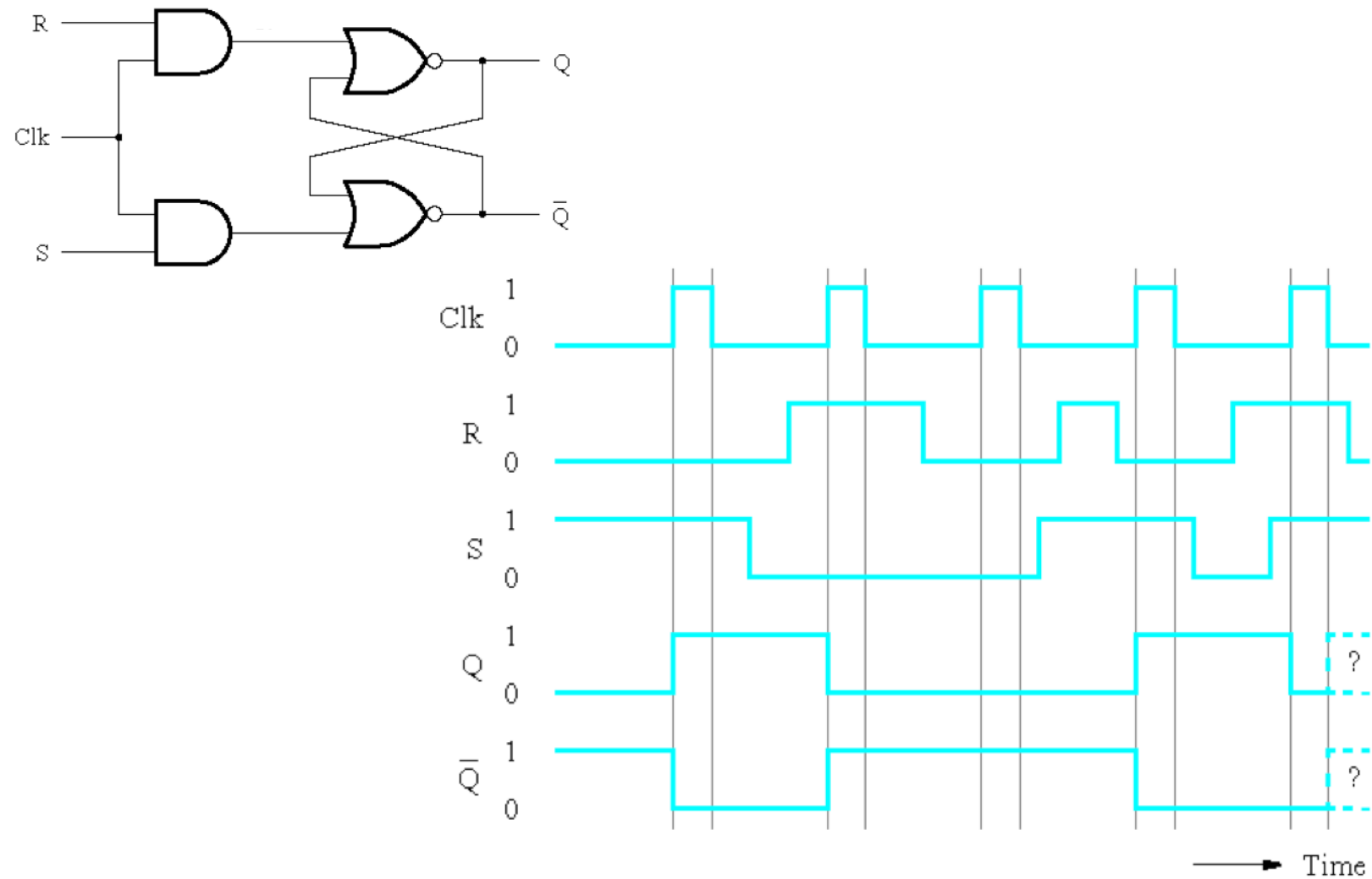
When $\text{Clk} = 1$ this circuit behaves like a basic latch.
As if this part in gray were not even there.

Circuit Diagram and Graphical Symbol for the Gated SR Latch



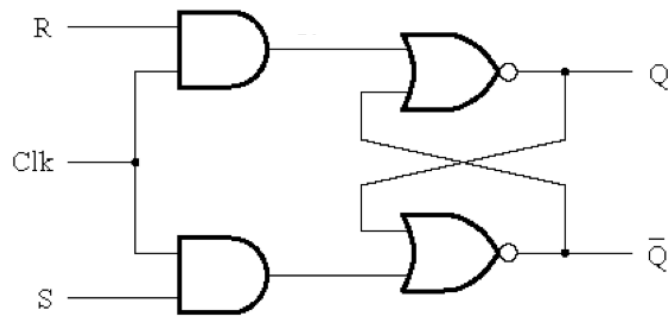
[Figure 5.5a,c from the textbook]

Timing Diagram for the Gated SR Latch

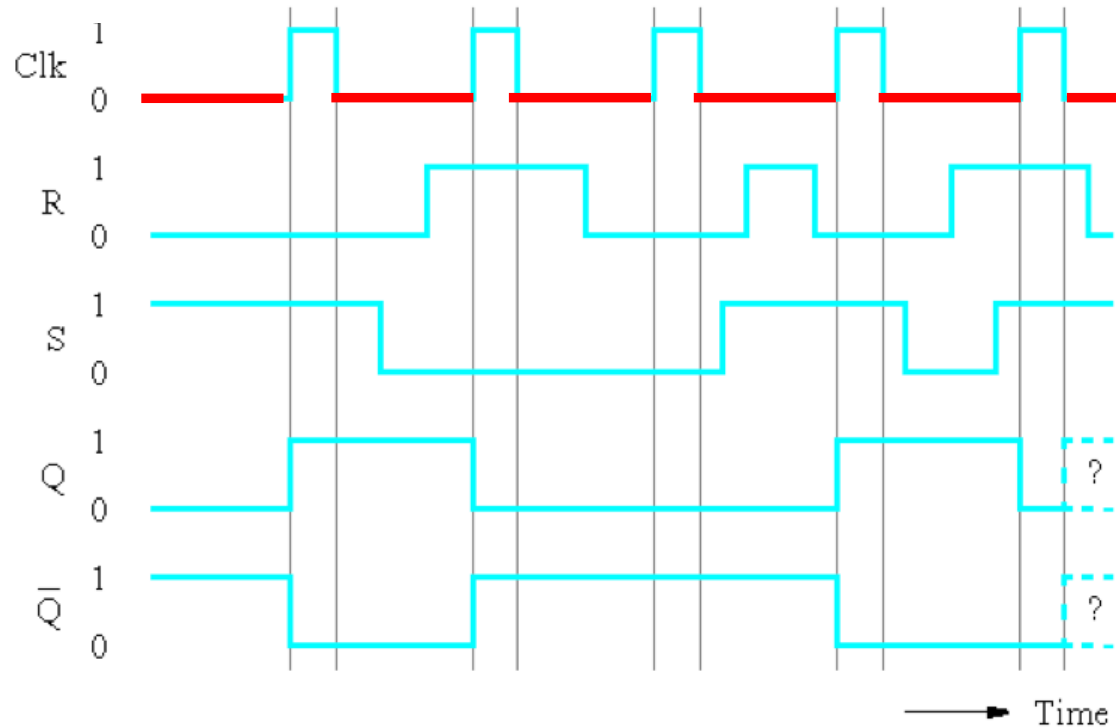


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Timing Diagram for the Gated SR Latch

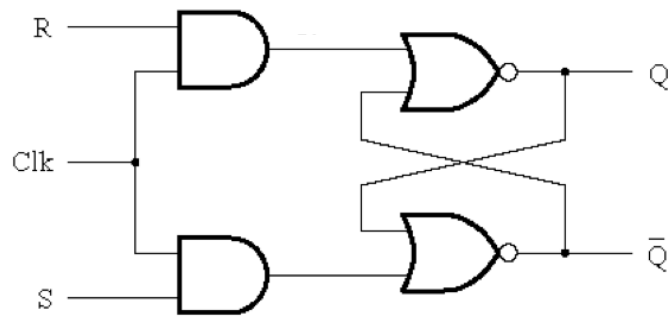


The outputs Q and $\bar{Q}$ cannot change in these intervals.

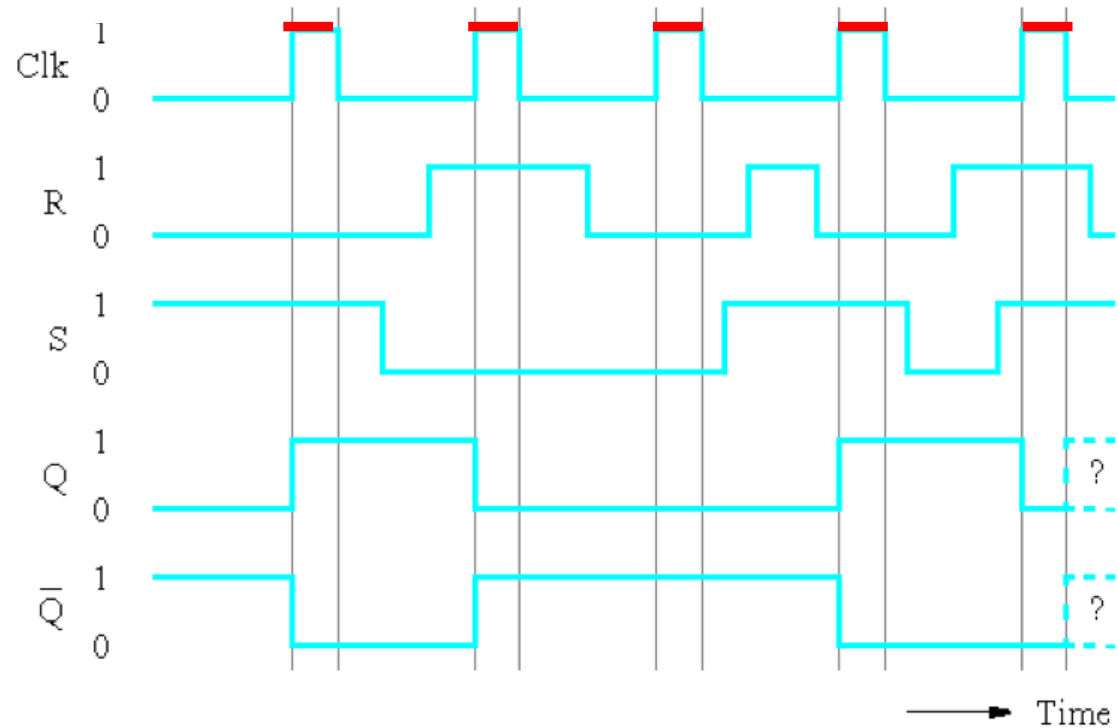


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Timing Diagram for the Gated SR Latch

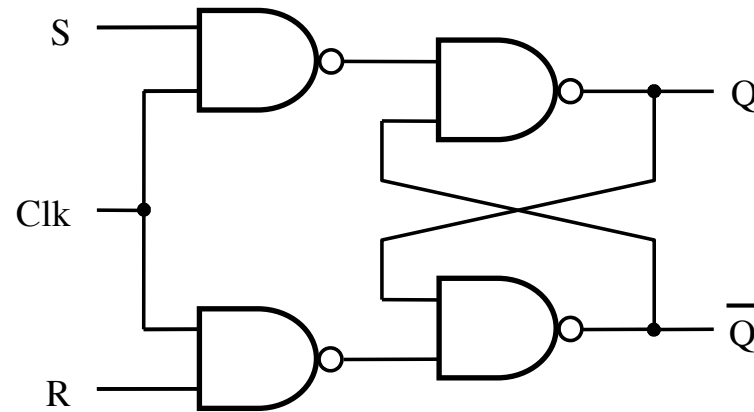


The outputs Q and $\bar{Q}$ may change only in these intervals.



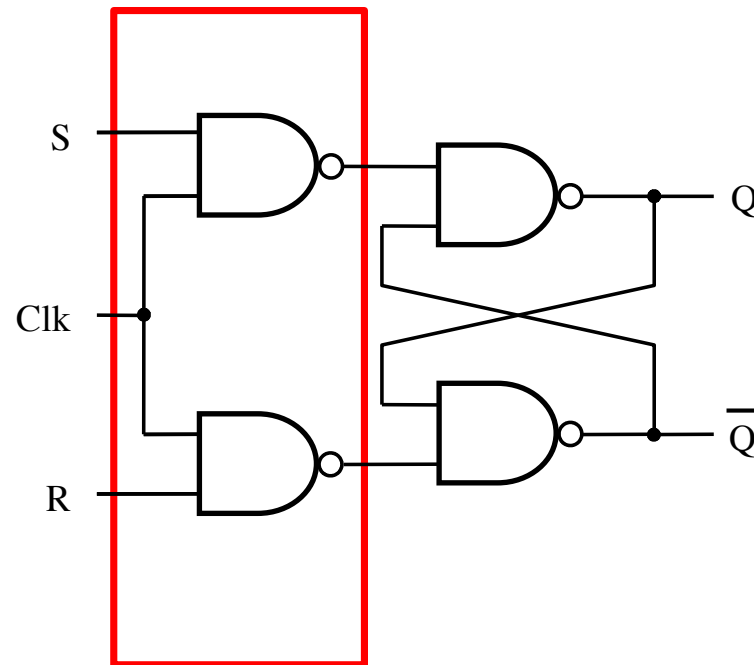
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Gated SR latch with NAND gates



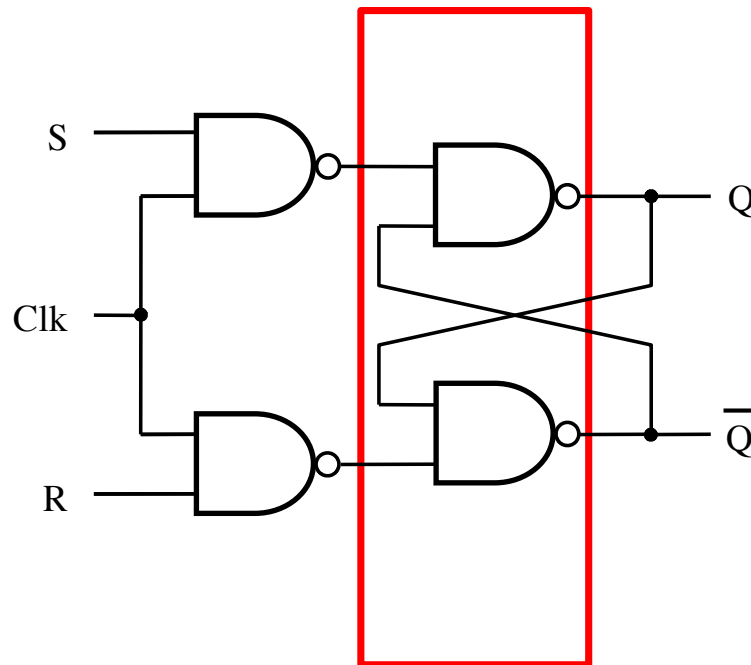
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Gated SR latch with NAND gates



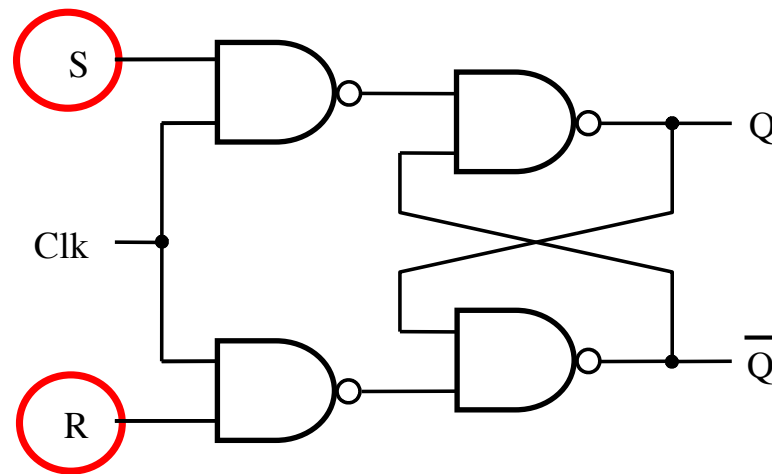
In this case, the “gate” is constructed using NAND gates! Not AND gates.

Gated SR latch with NAND gates



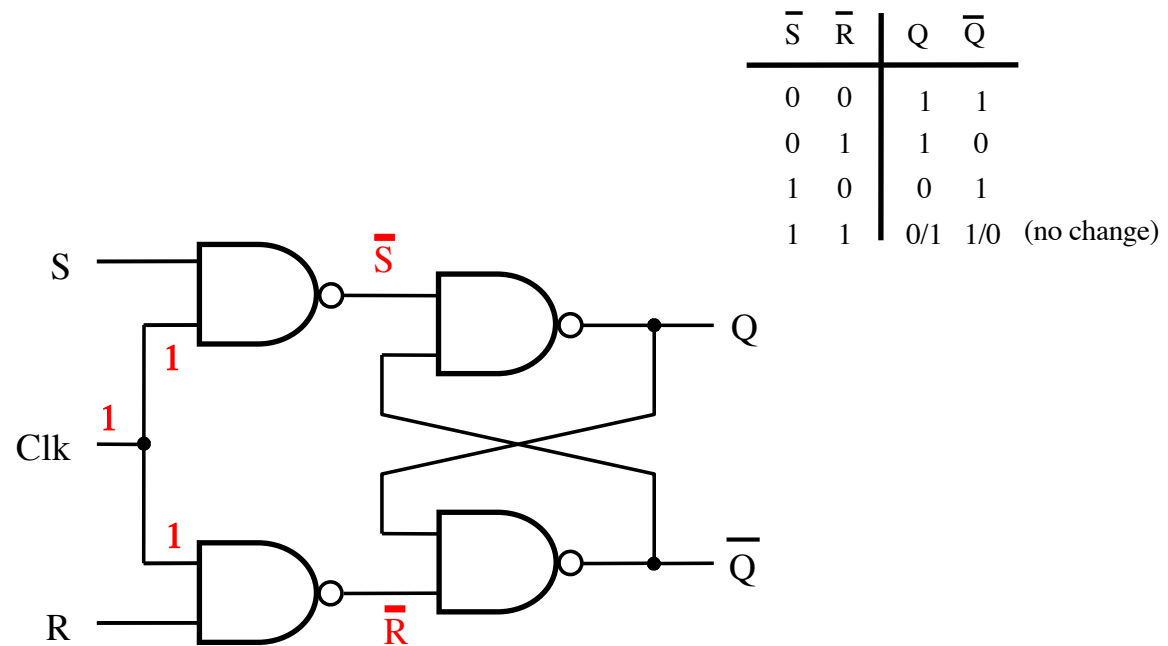
The “snake” is also constructed with NANDs.

Gated SR latch with NAND gates



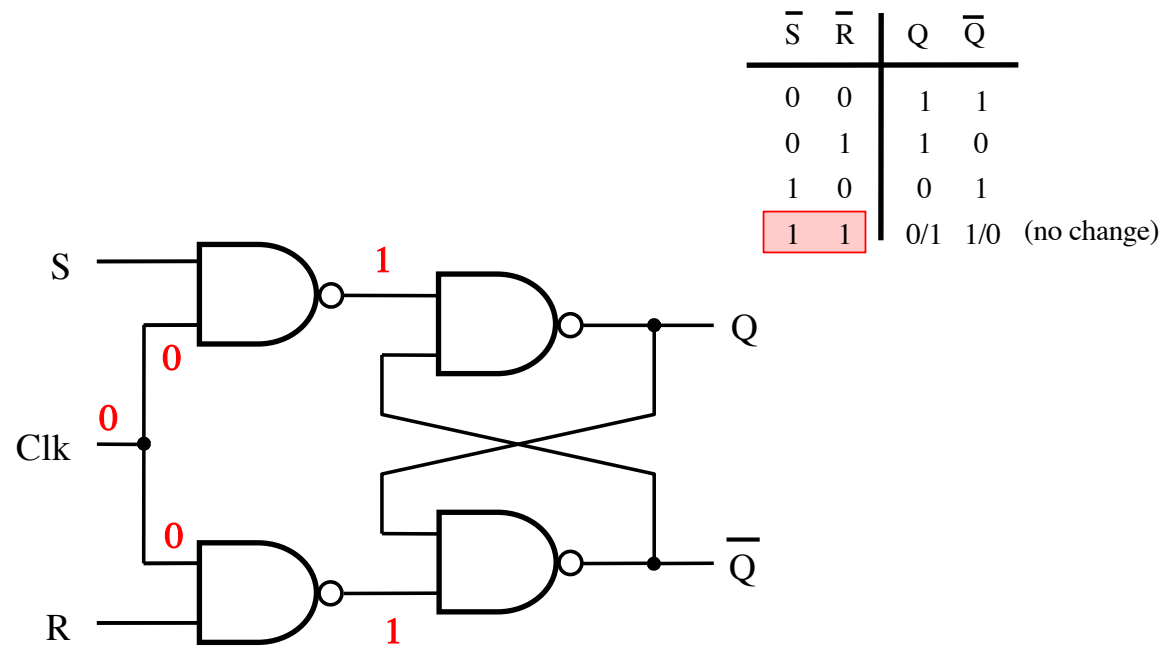
Also, notice that the positions of S and R are now swapped.

Gated SR latch with NAND gates



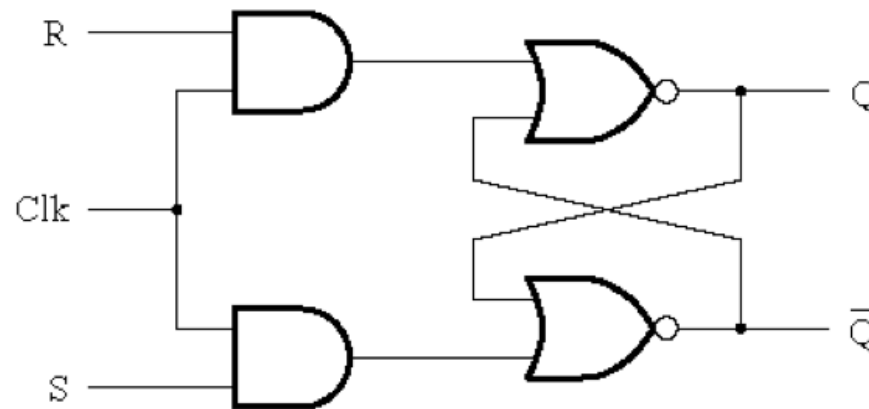
Notice that when $\text{Clk}=1$ this turns into the basic latch with NAND gates, i.e., the $\bar{S}\bar{R}$ Latch.

Gated SR latch with NAND gates

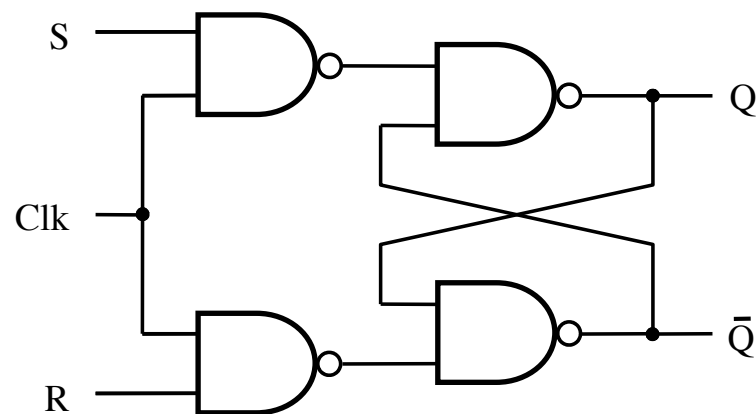


When Clk=0 this circuit holds the previous output values.

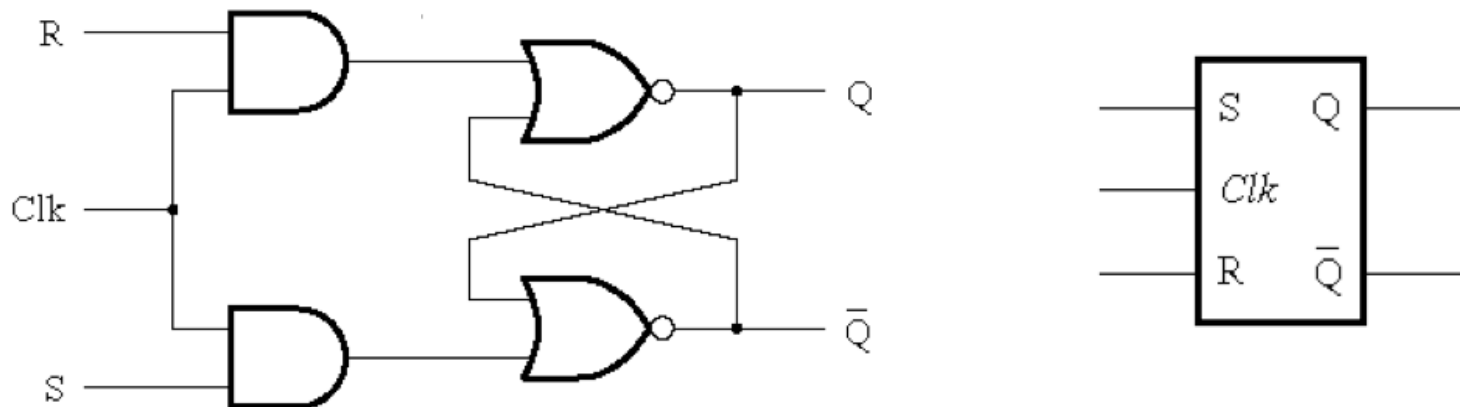
Gated SR latch with NOR gates



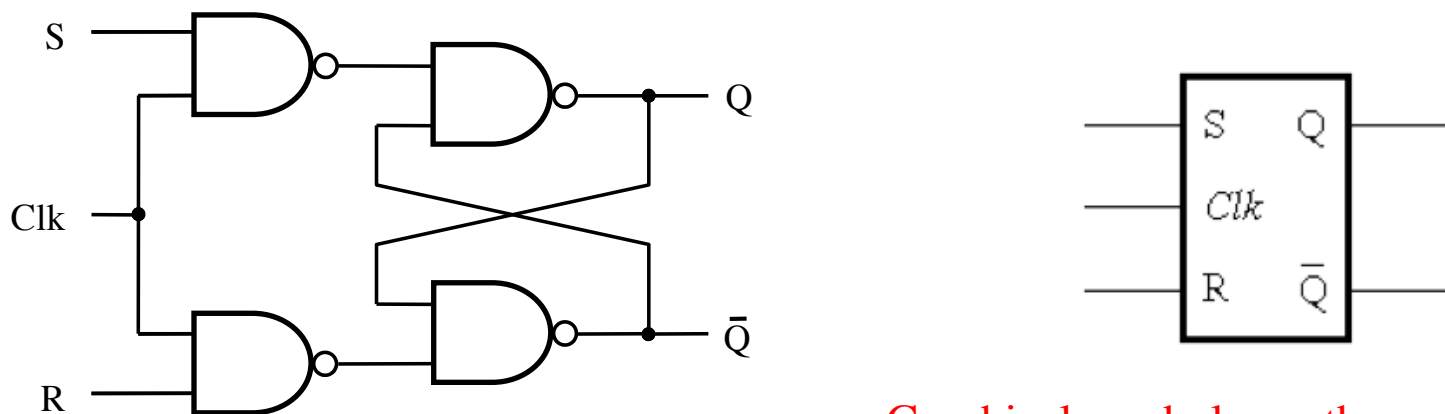
Gated SR latch with NAND gates



Gated SR latch with NOR gates

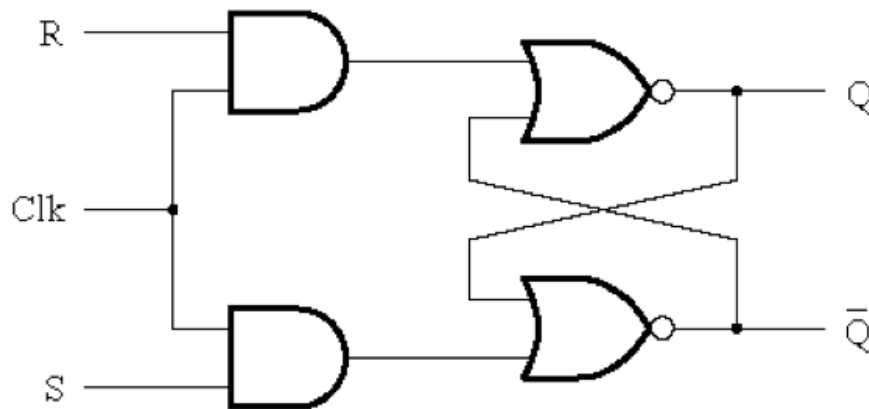


Gated SR latch with NAND gates



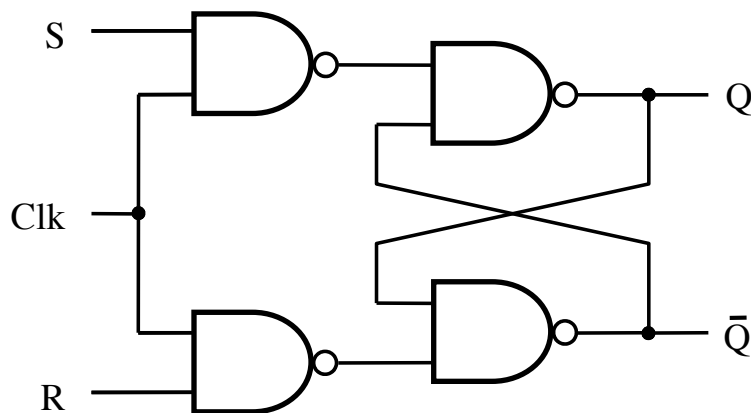
Graphical symbols are the same

Gated SR latch with NOR gates



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 (undesirable)

Gated SR latch with NAND gates



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 (undesirable)

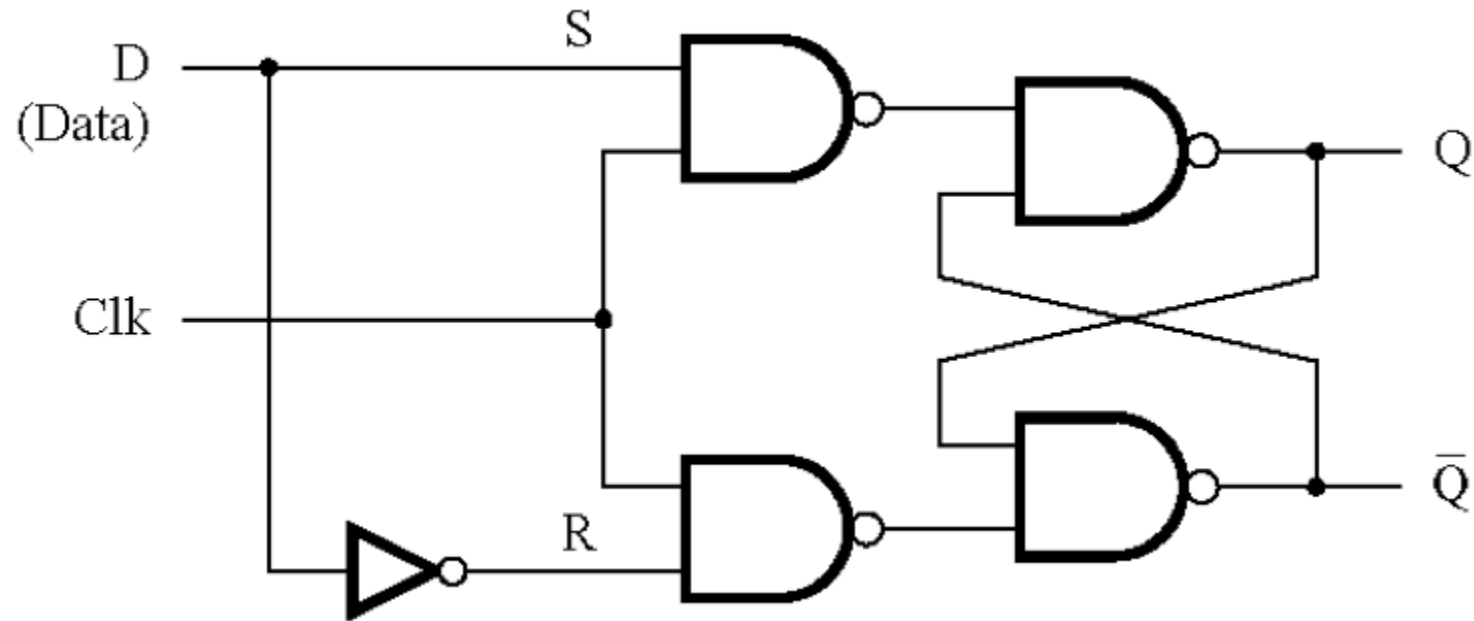
Characteristic tables are the same

Gated D Latch

Motivation

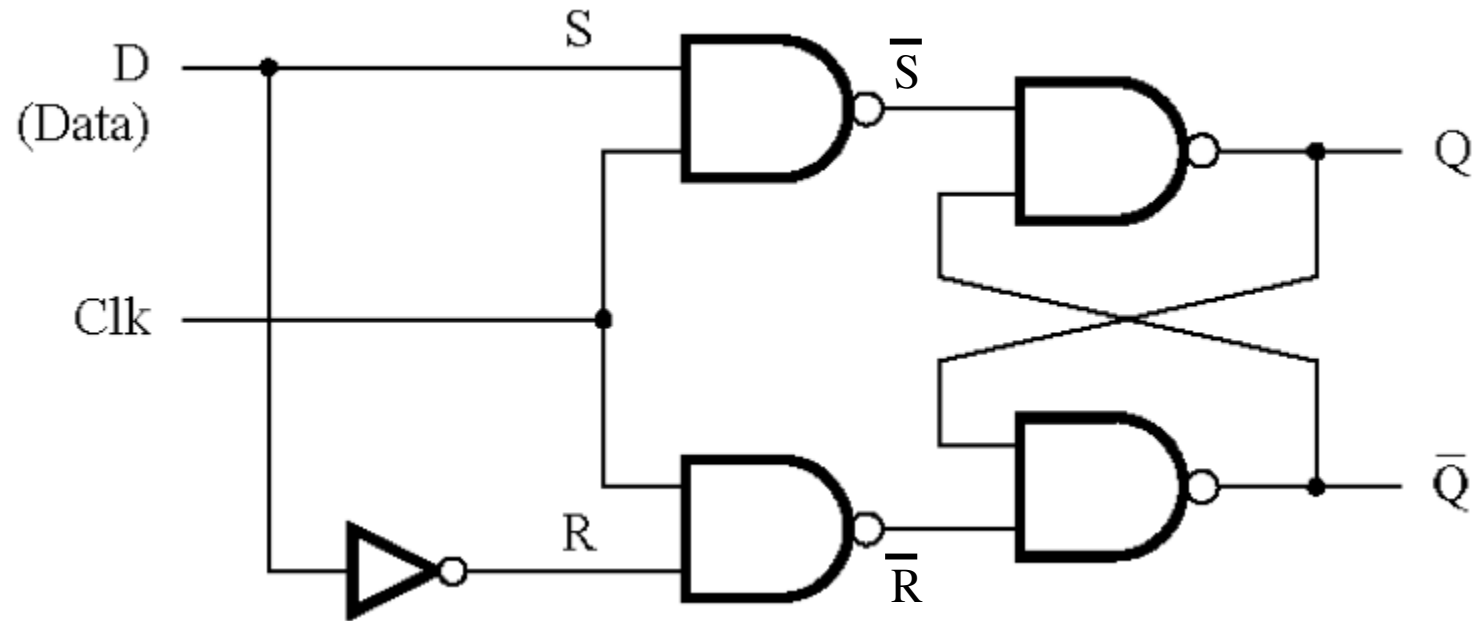
- **Dealing with two inputs (S and R) could be messy. For example, we may have to reset the latch before some operations in order to store a specific value, but the reset may not be necessary depending on the current state of the latch.**
- **Why not have just one input and call it D.**
- **The D latch can be constructed using a simple modification of the SR latch.**

Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch



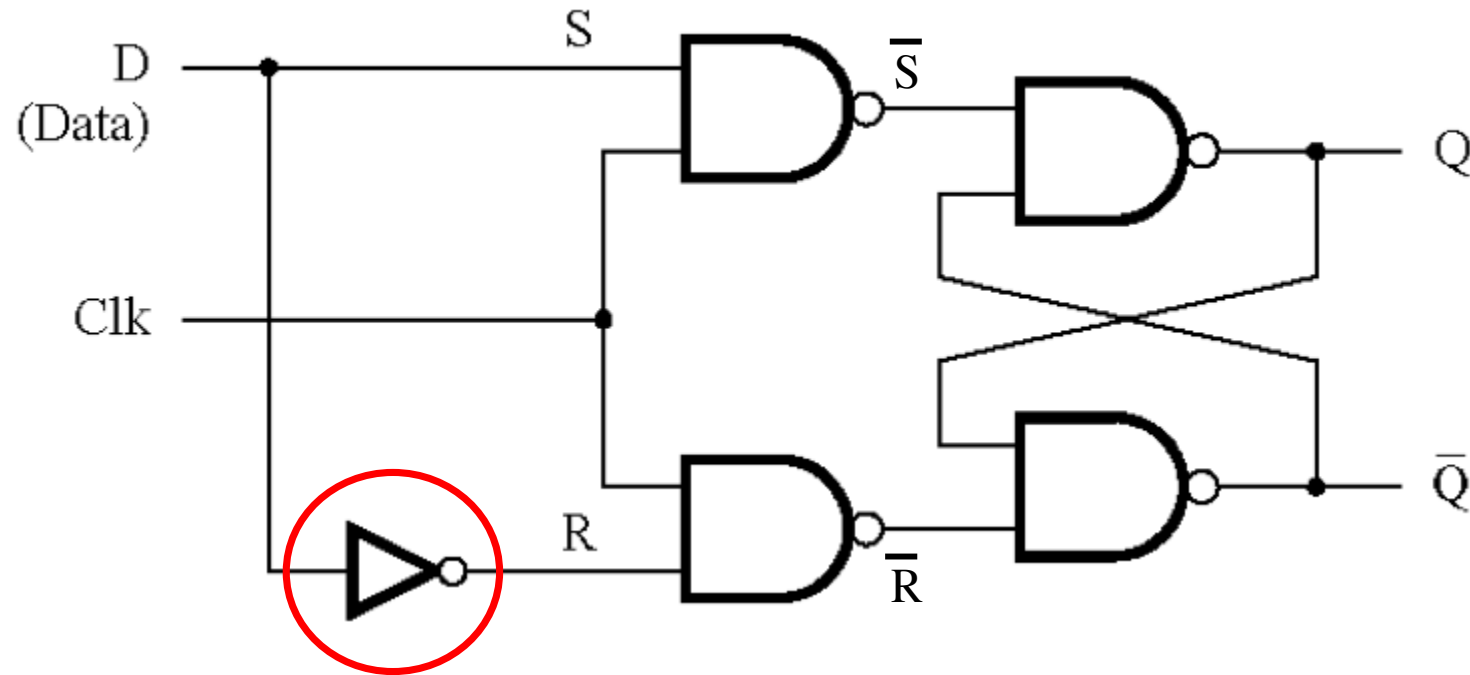
[Figure 5.7a from the textbook]

Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch



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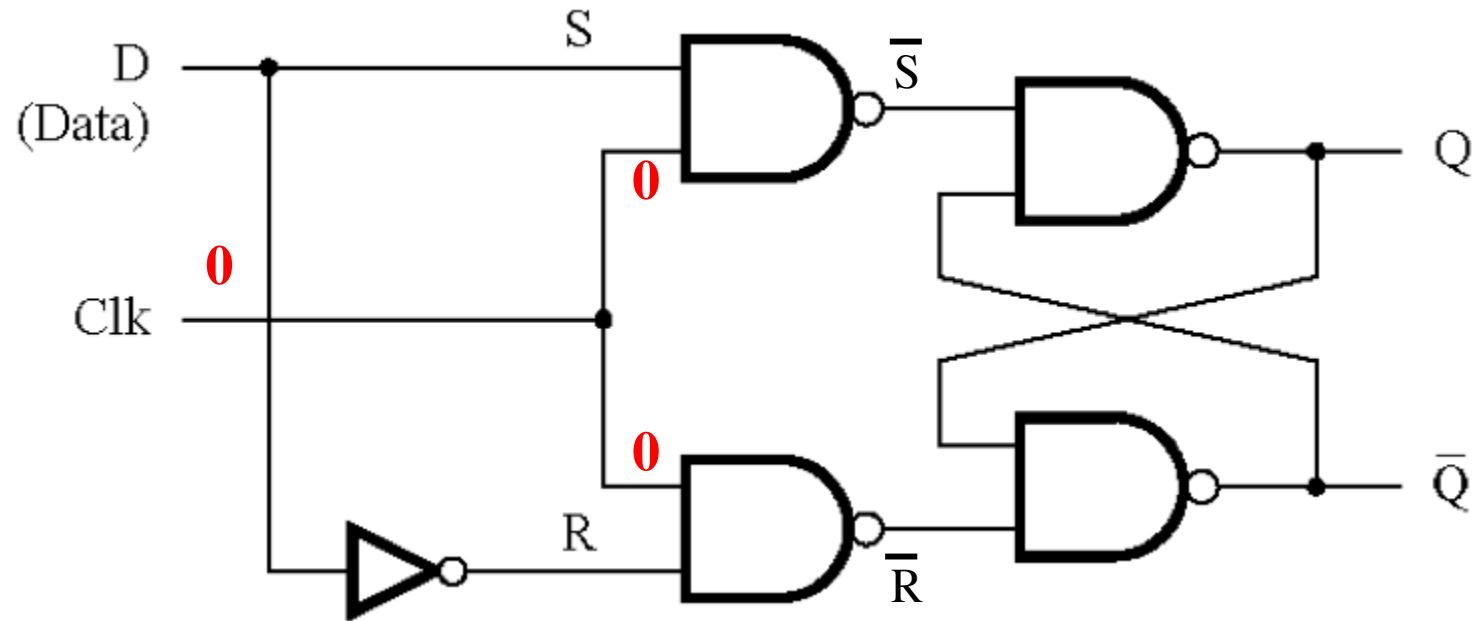
Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch



This is the only
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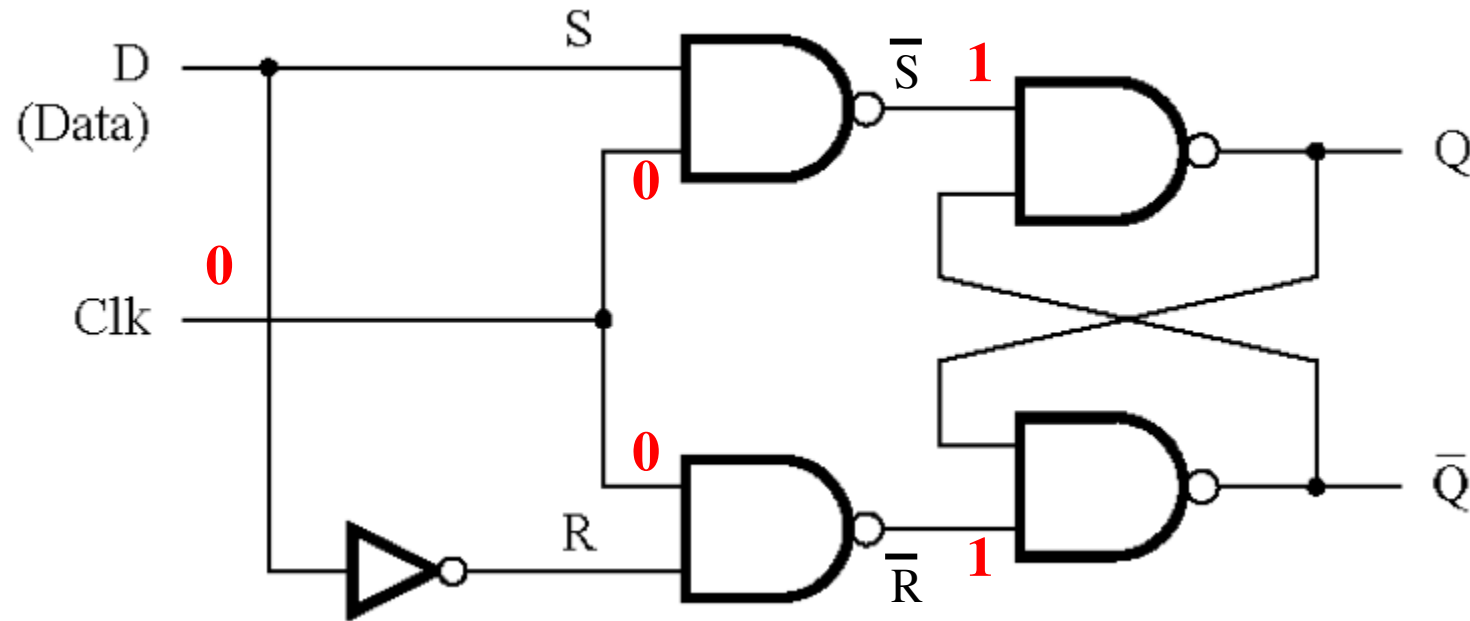
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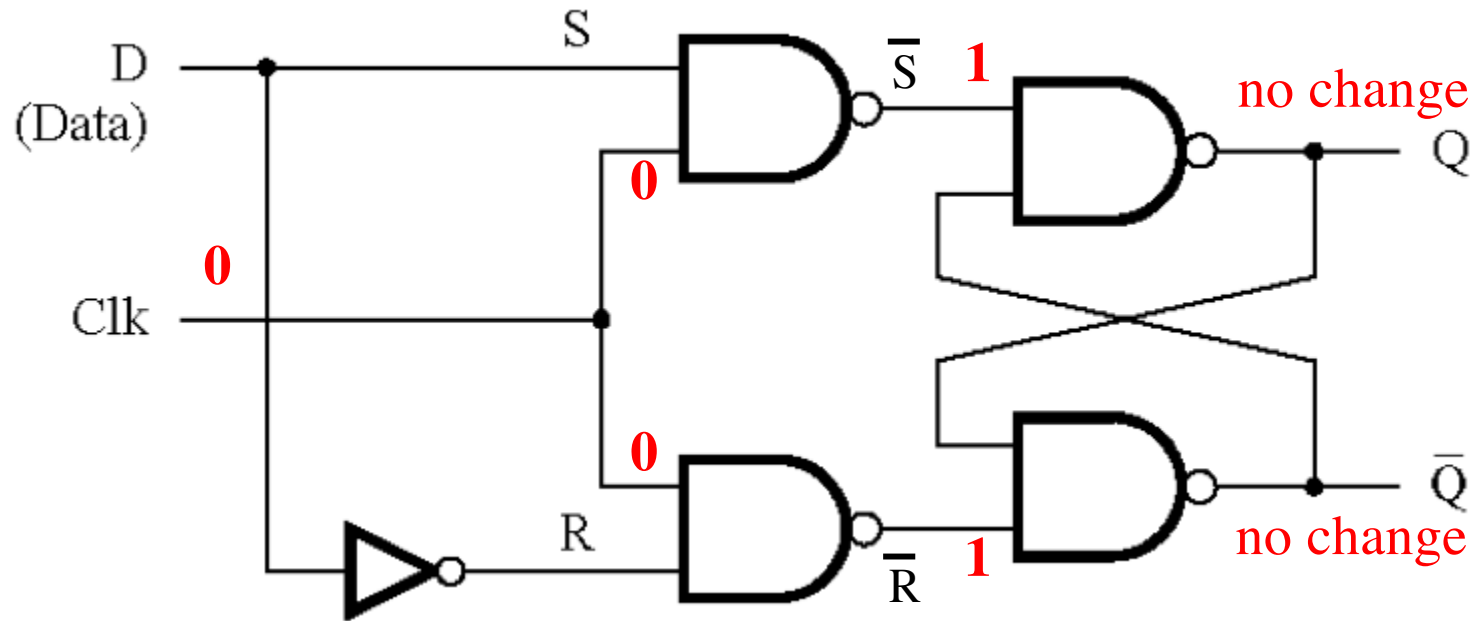
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0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	0/1	1/0 (no change)

[Figure 5.7a from the textbook]

Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch

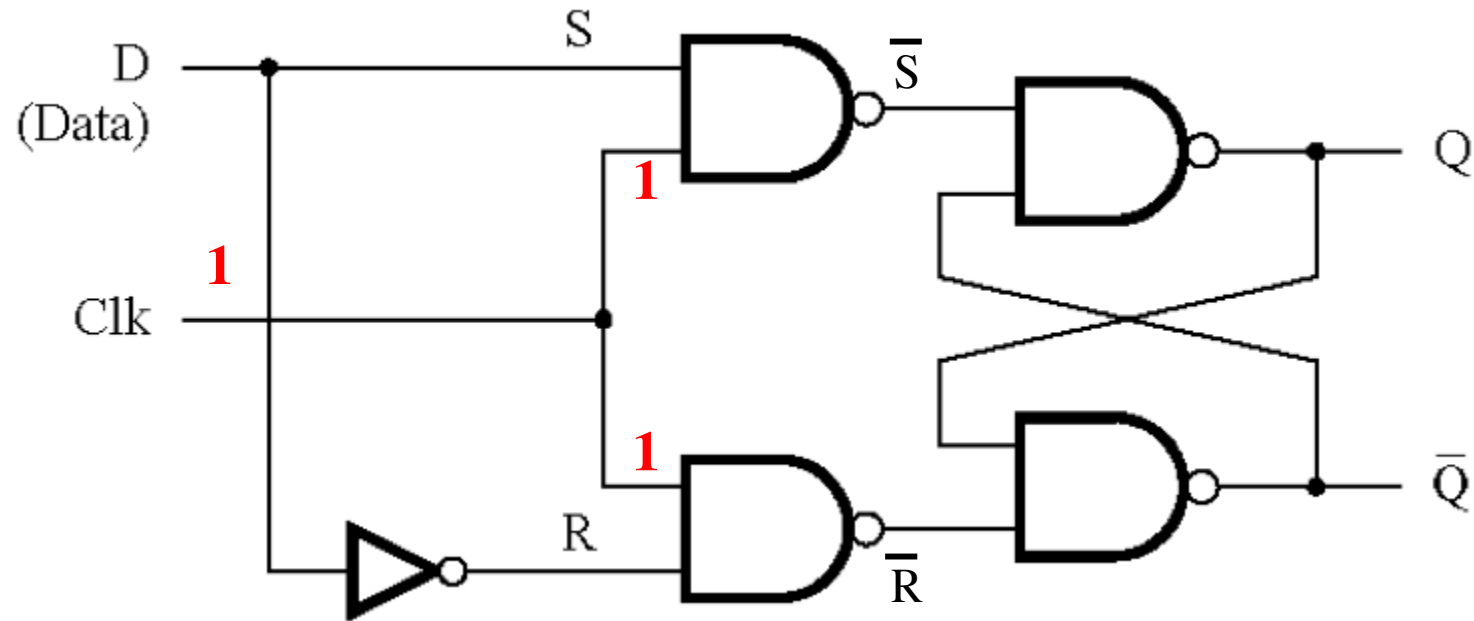


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Latch

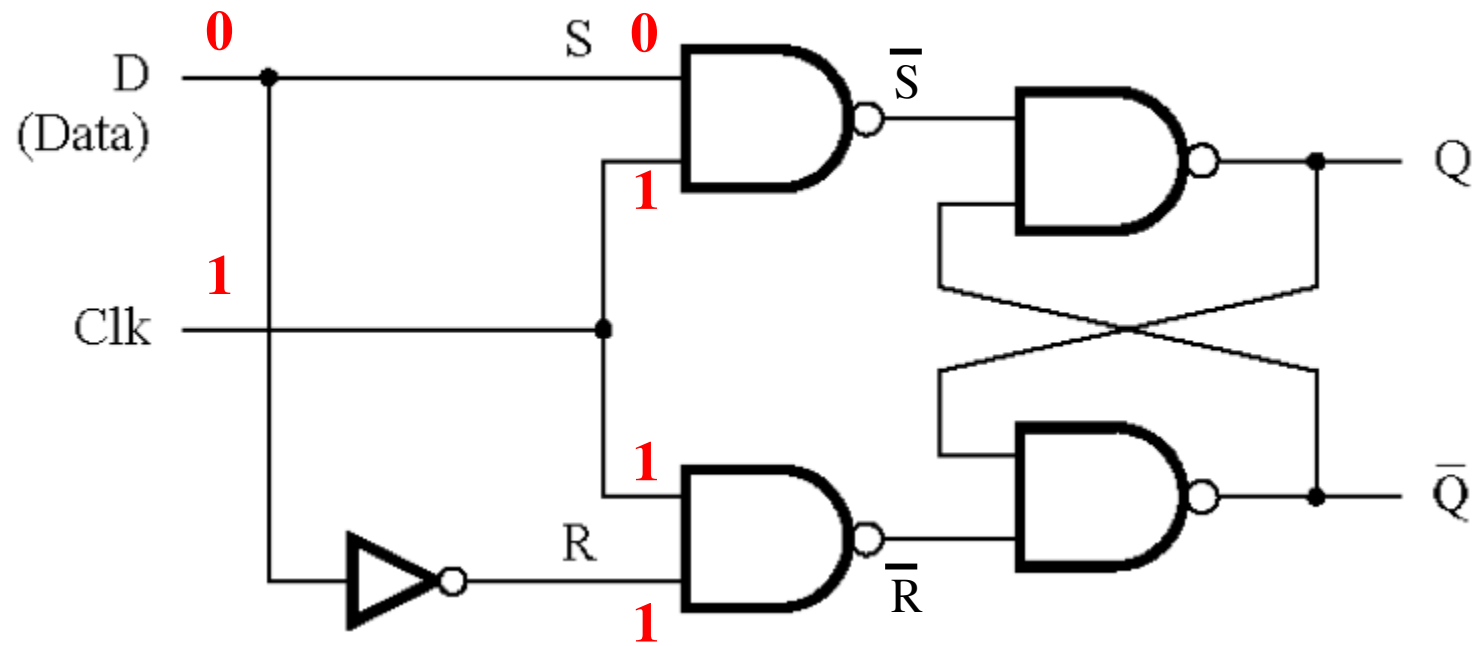
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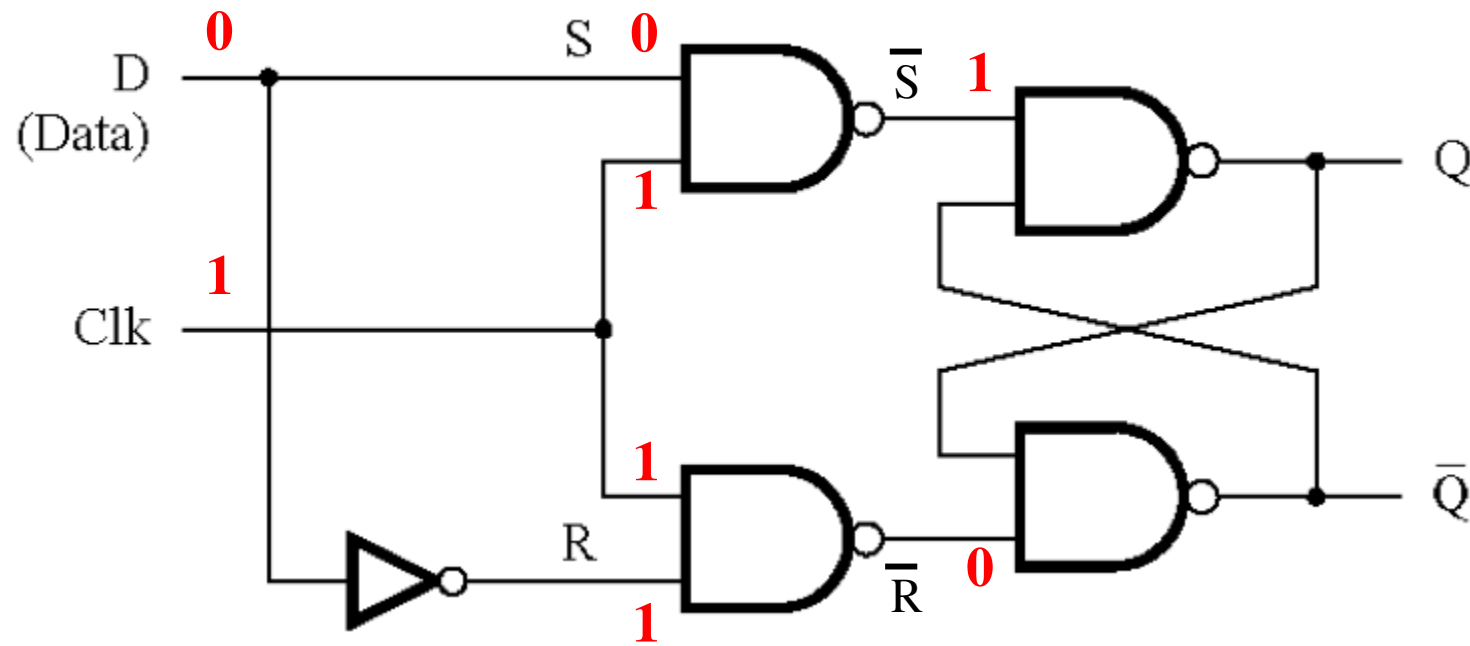
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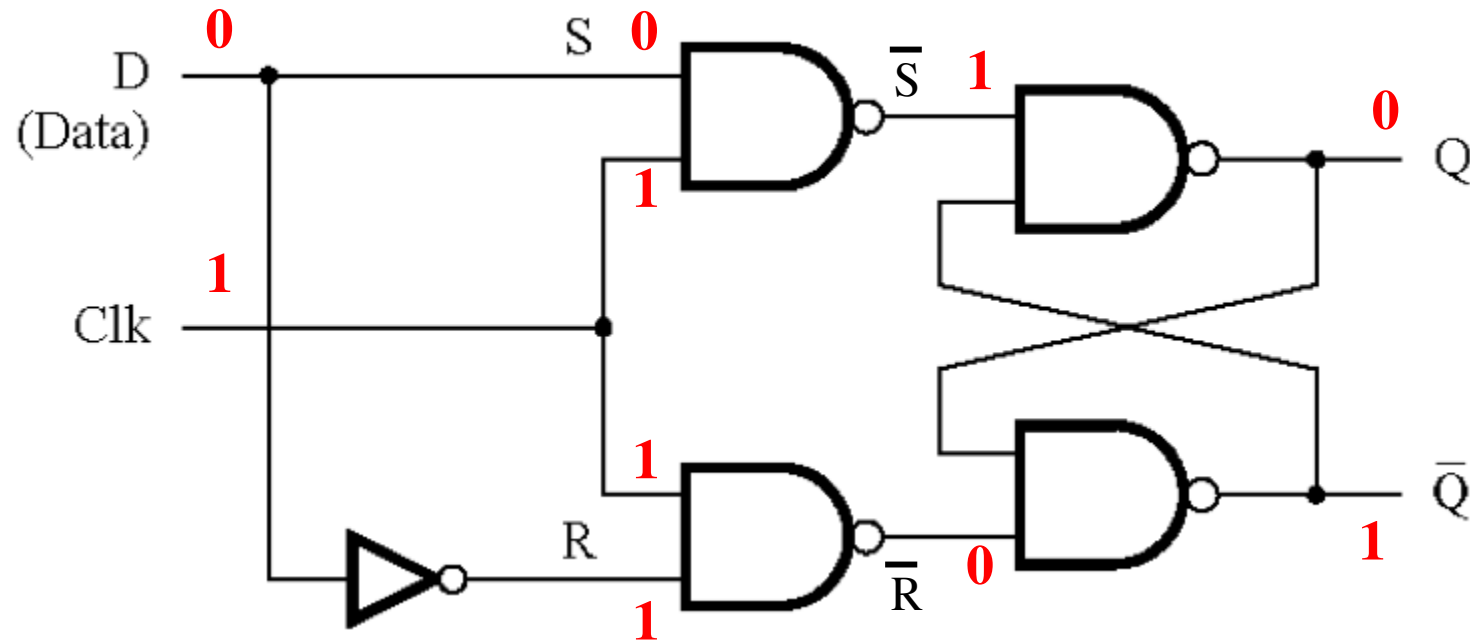
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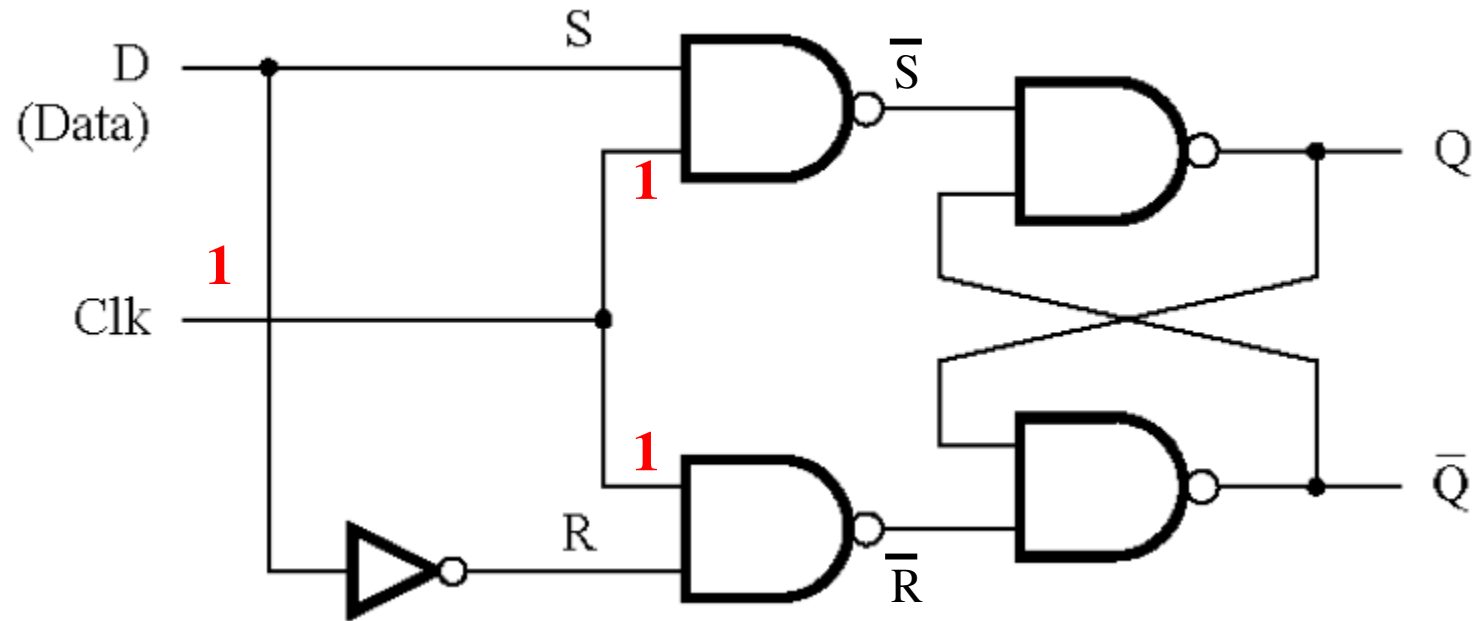


$\bar{S}$	$\bar{R}$	Q	$\bar{Q}$
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Reset (no change)

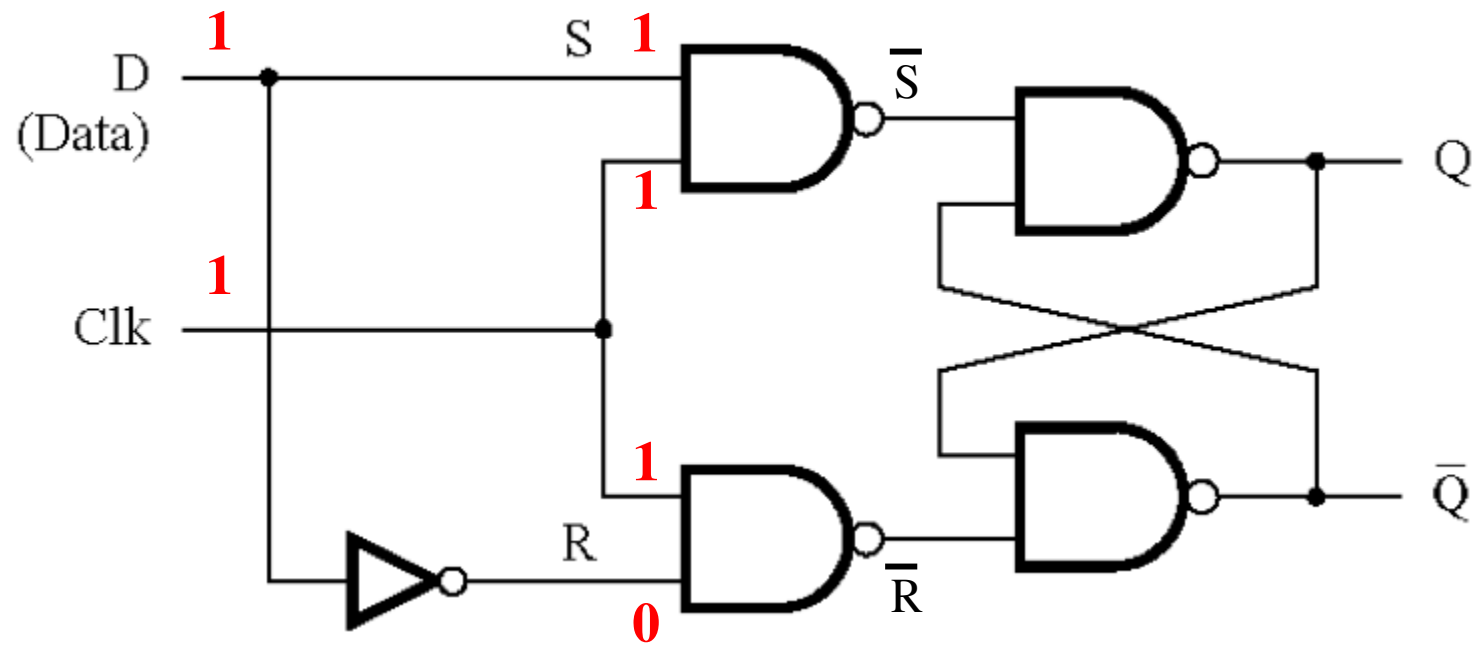
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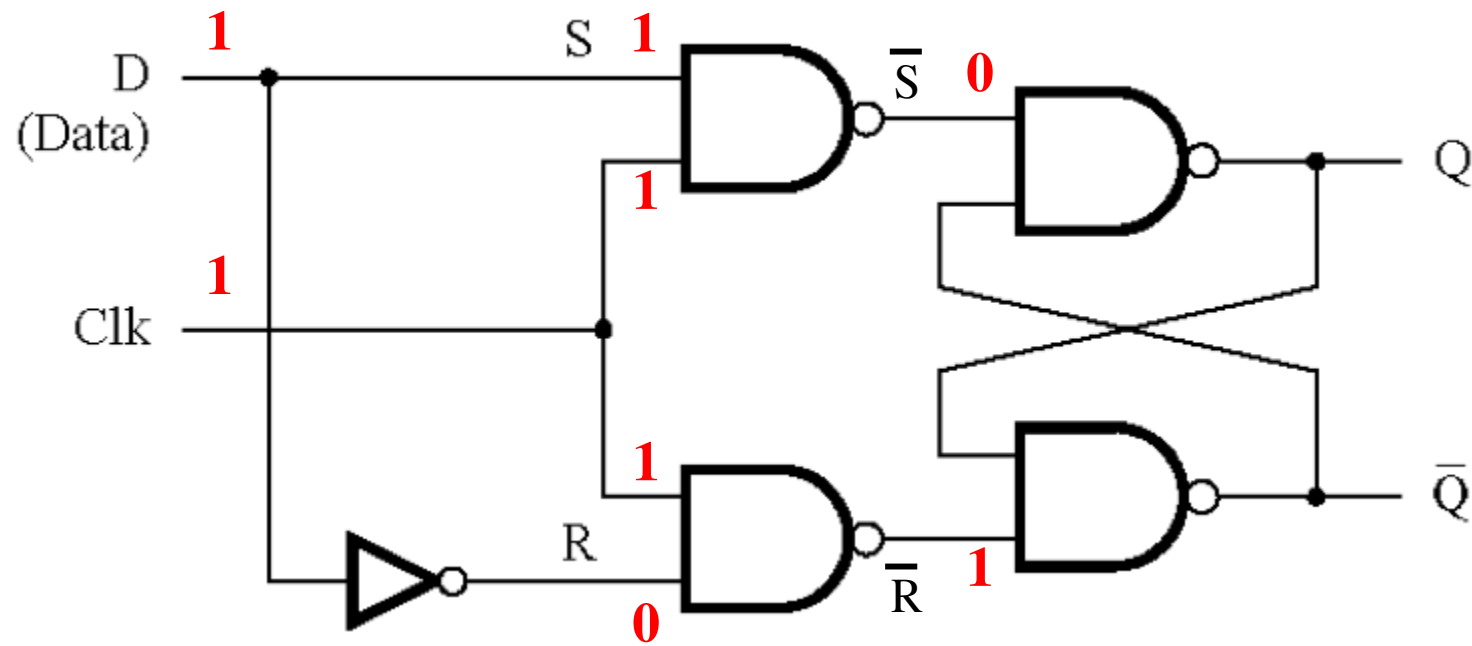
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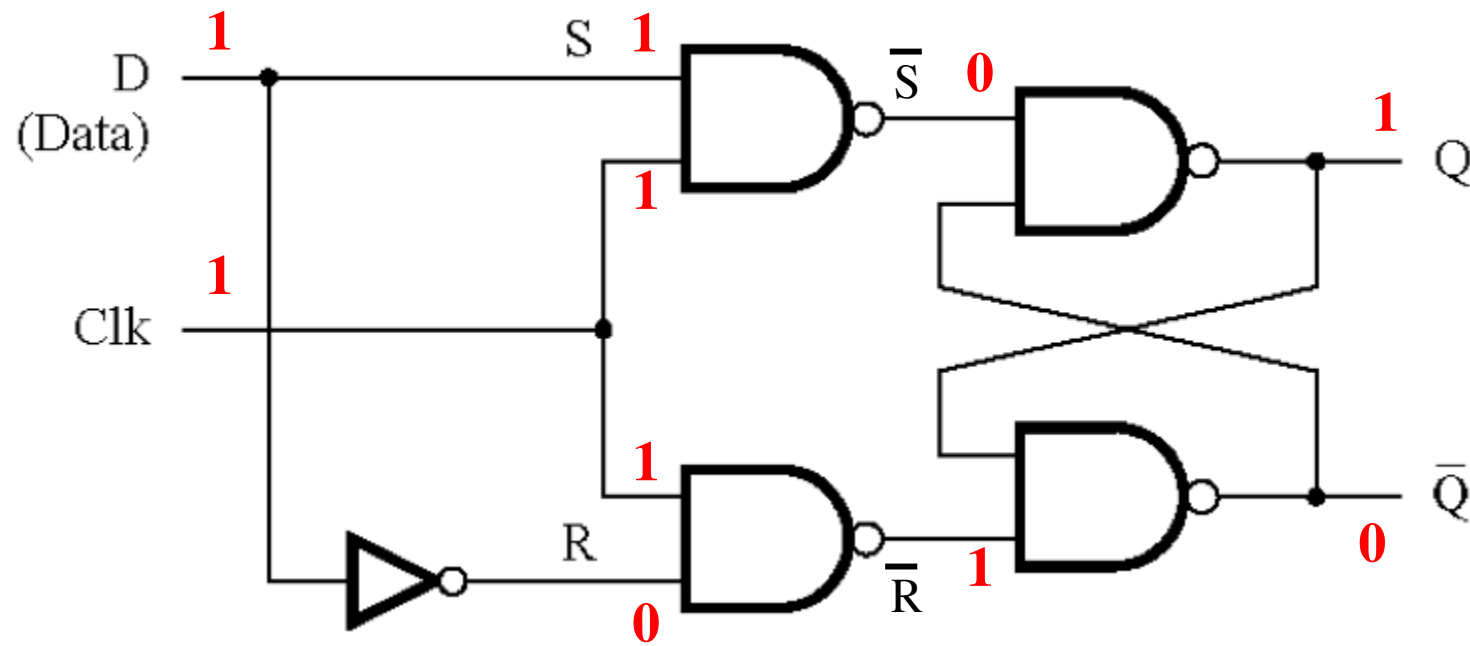
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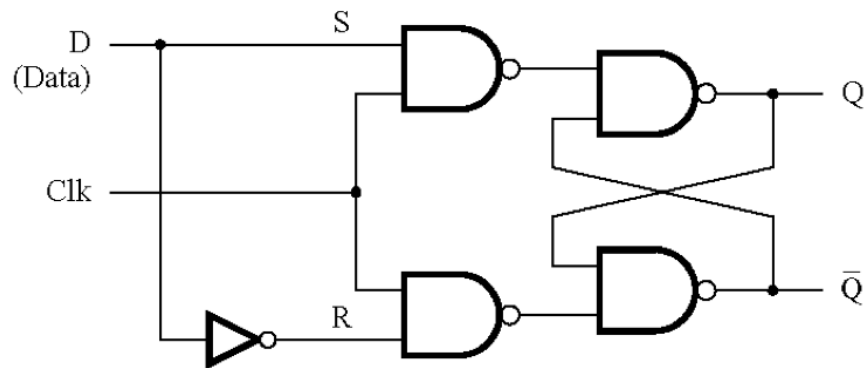
Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch



$\bar{S}$	$\bar{R}$	Q	$\bar{Q}$	
0	0	1	1	
0	1	1	0	Set
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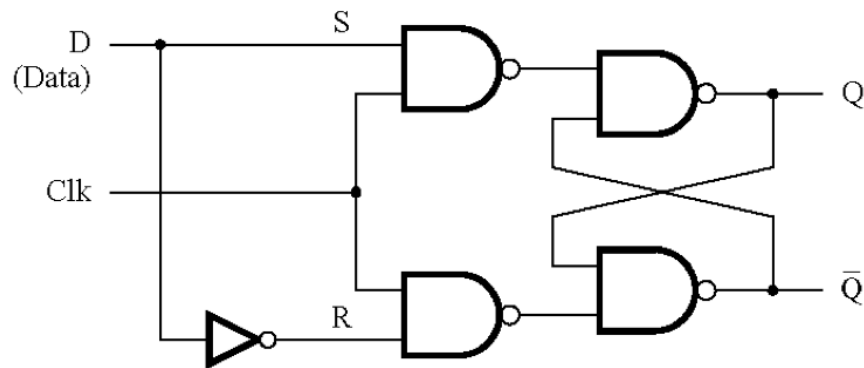
Circuit Diagram and Characteristic Table for the Gated D Latch



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

Note that it is now impossible to have $S=R=1$.

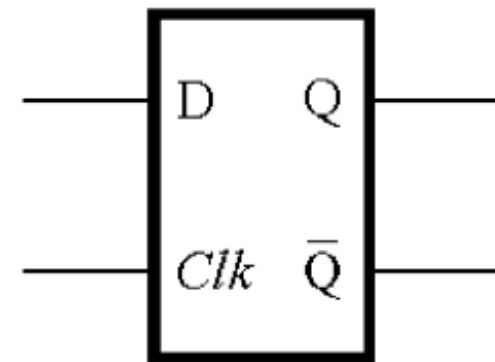
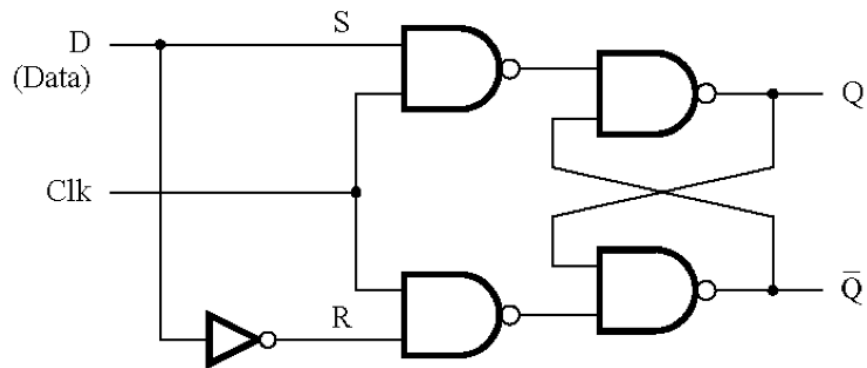
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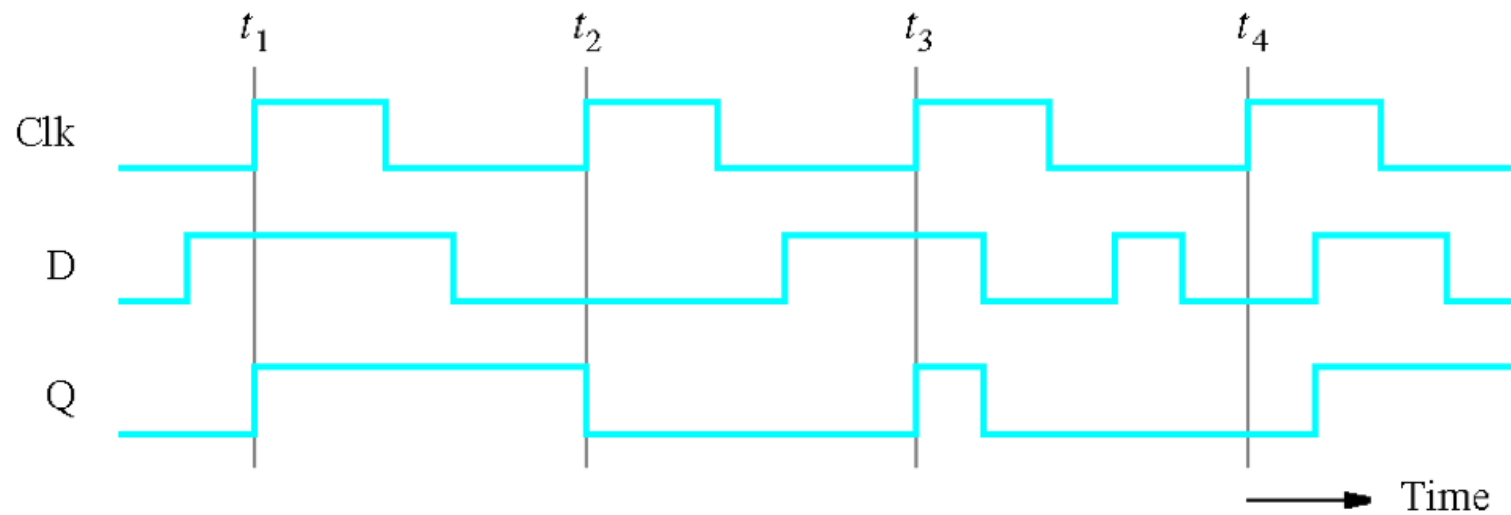
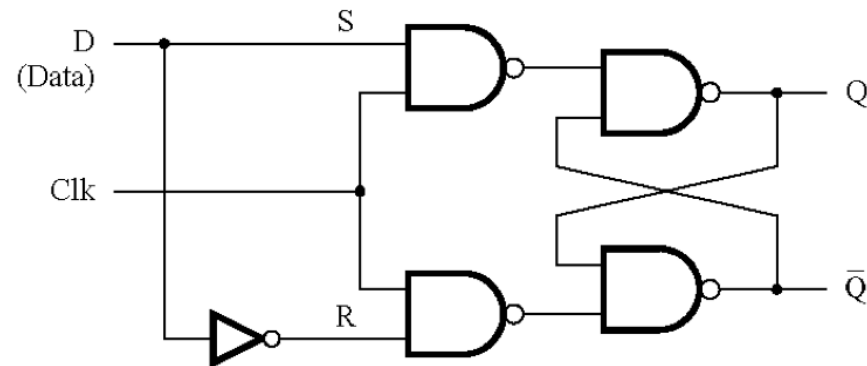
When Clk=1 the output follows the D input.
When Clk=0 the output cannot be changed.

Circuit Diagram and Graphical Symbol for the Gated D Latch



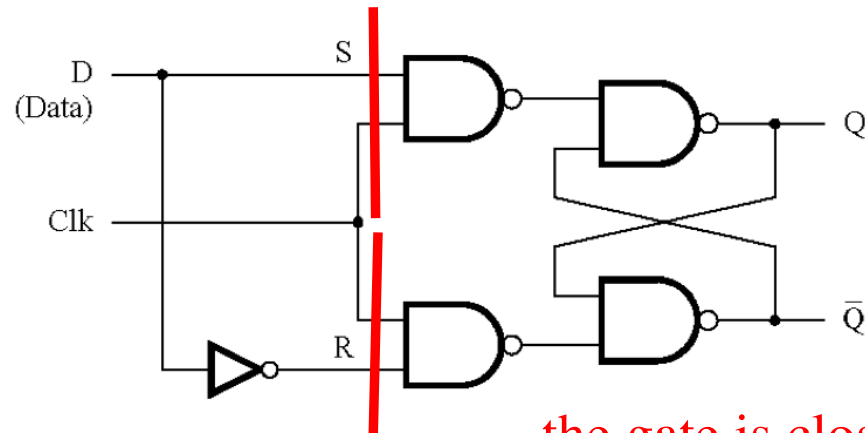
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Timing Diagram for the Gated D Latch



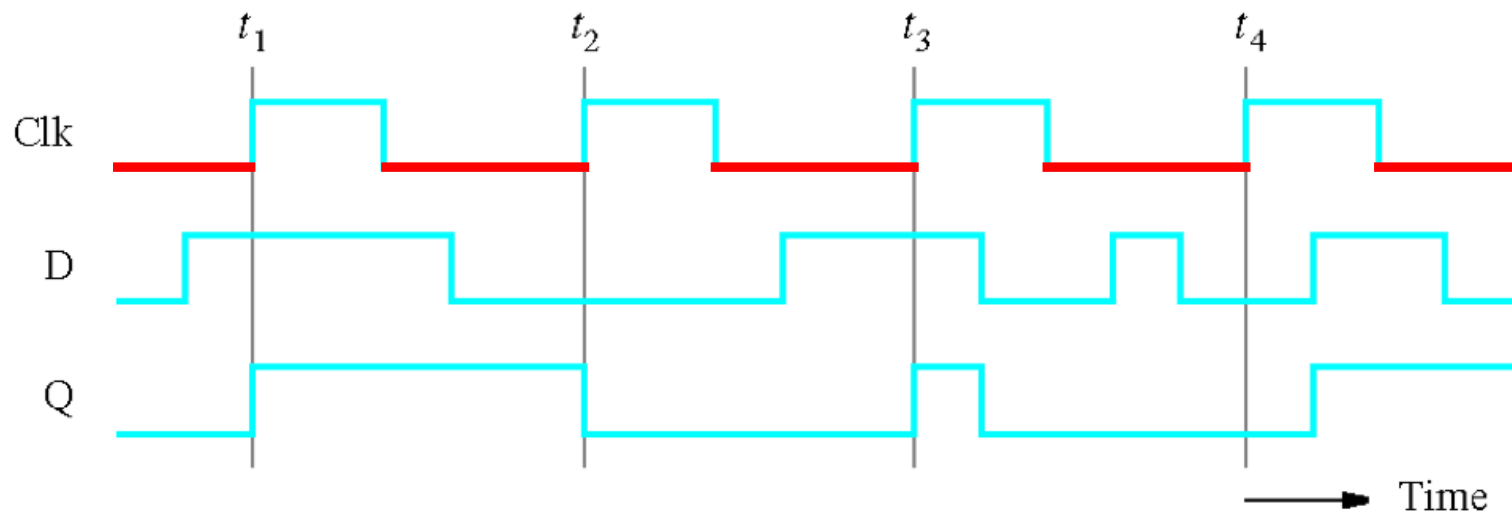
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Timing Diagram for the Gated D Latch



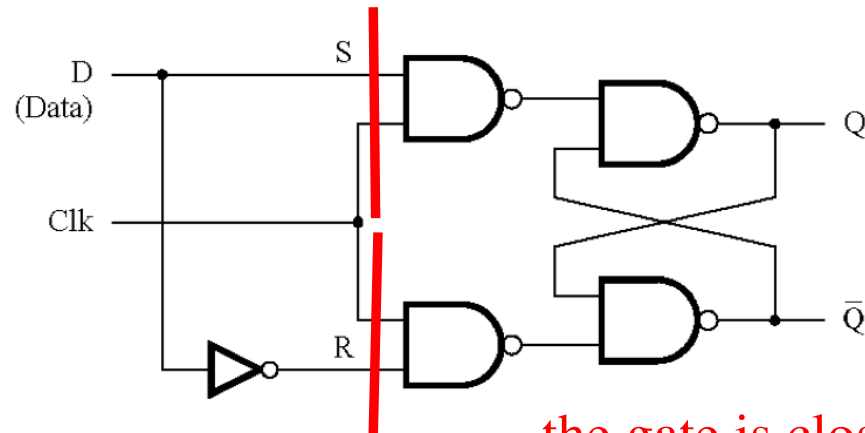
Clk=0

the gate is closed



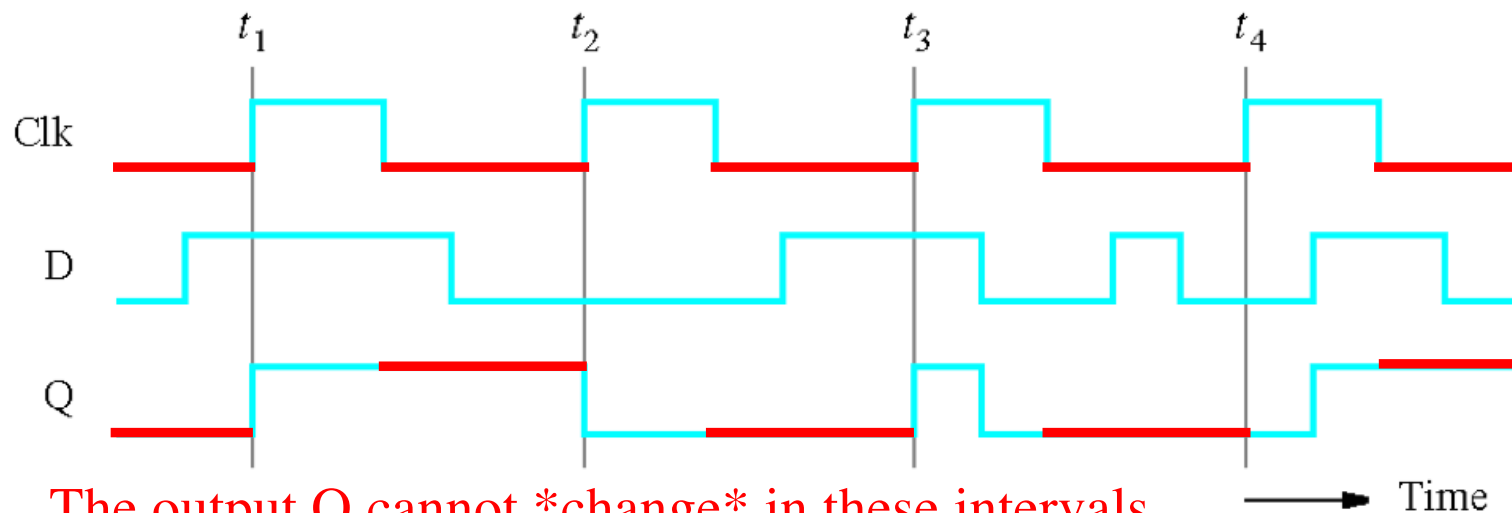
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Timing Diagram for the Gated D Latch



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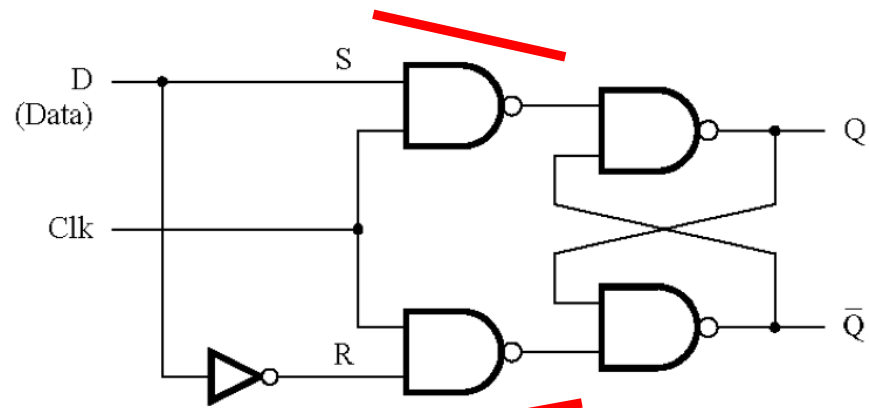
the gate is closed



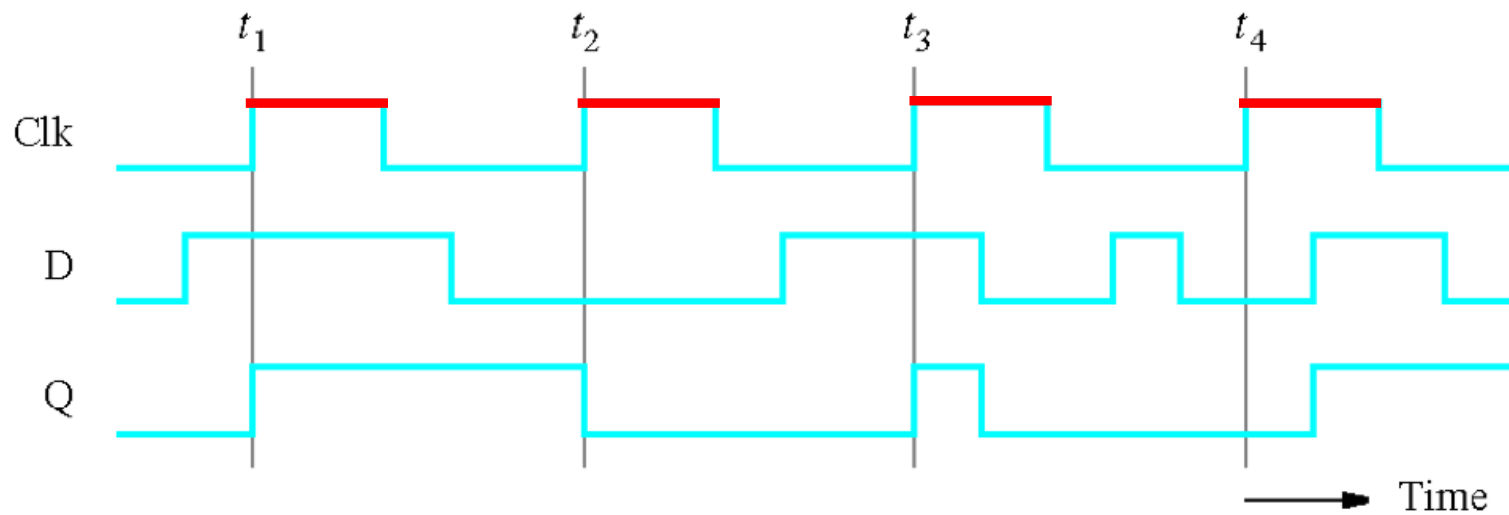
The output Q cannot *change* in these intervals.

[Figure 5.7d from the textbook]

Timing Diagram for the Gated D Latch

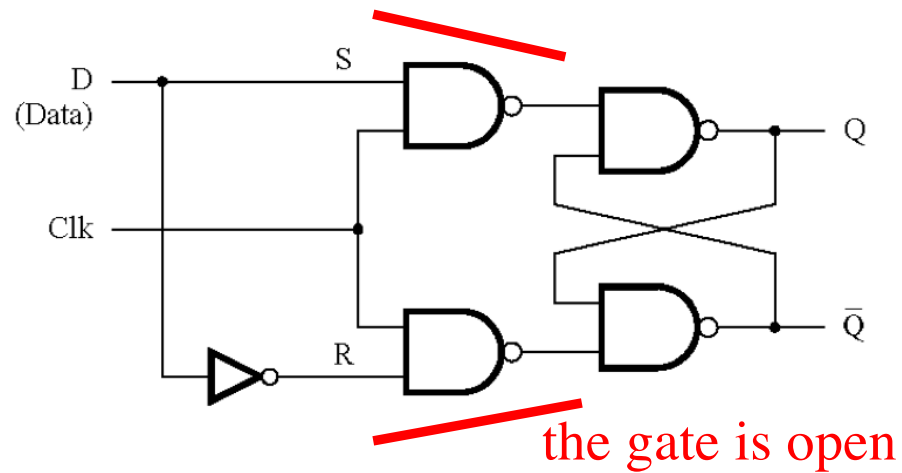


Clk=1

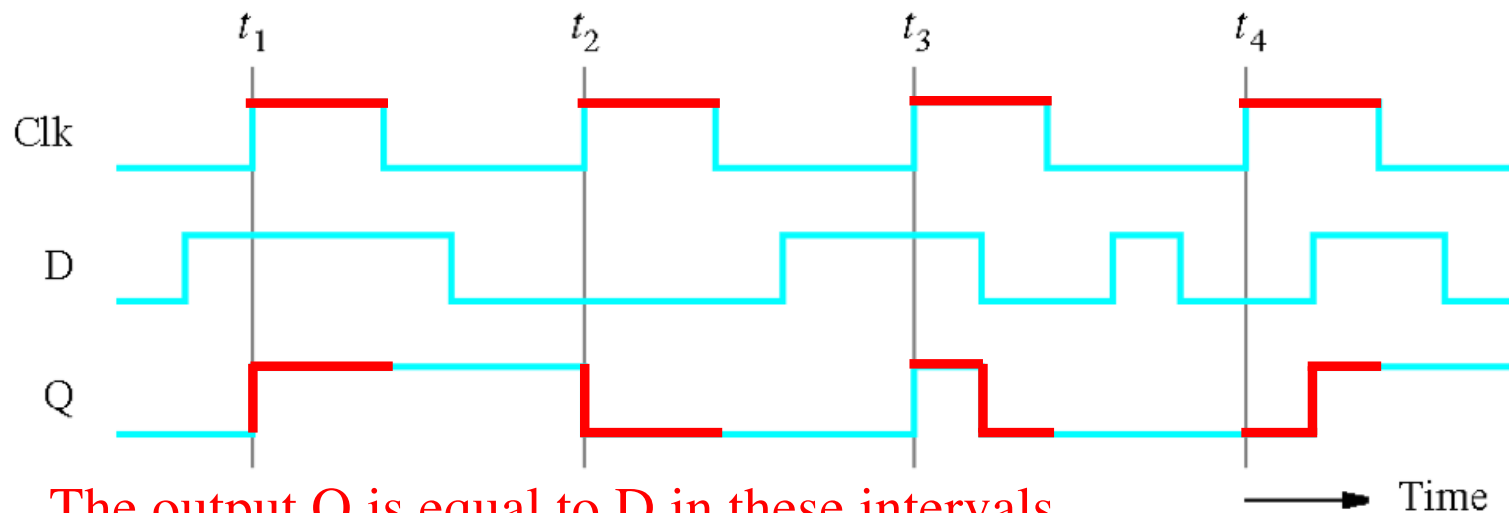


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Timing Diagram for the Gated D Latch



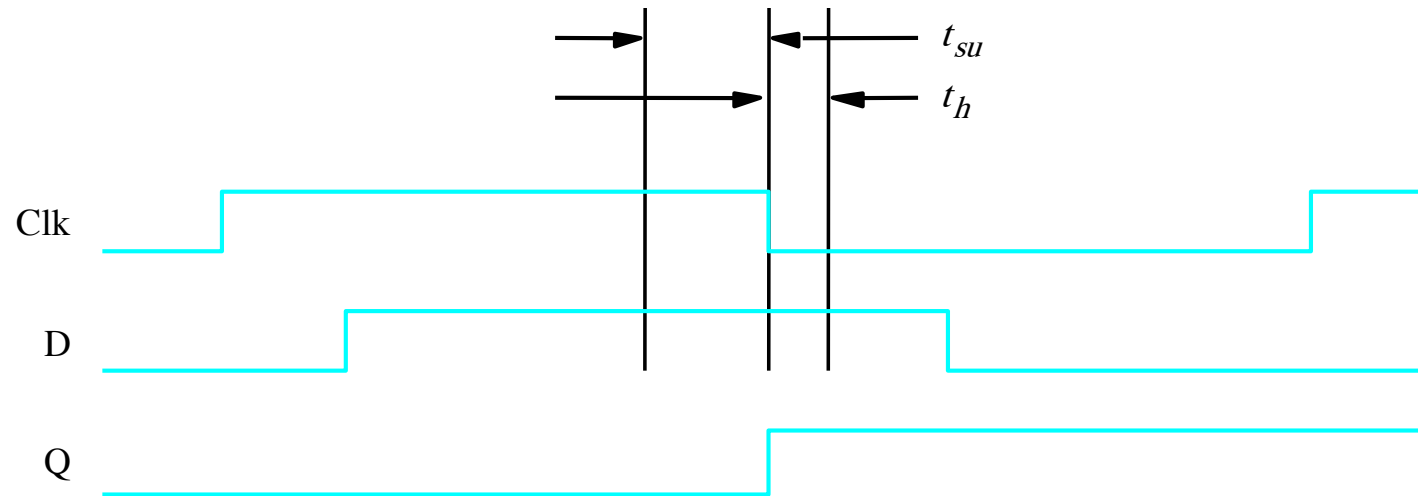
Clk=1



The output Q is equal to D in these intervals.

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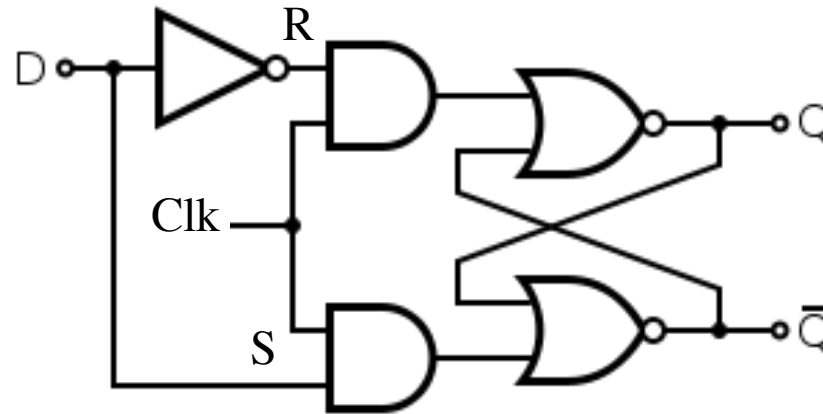
Setup and hold times



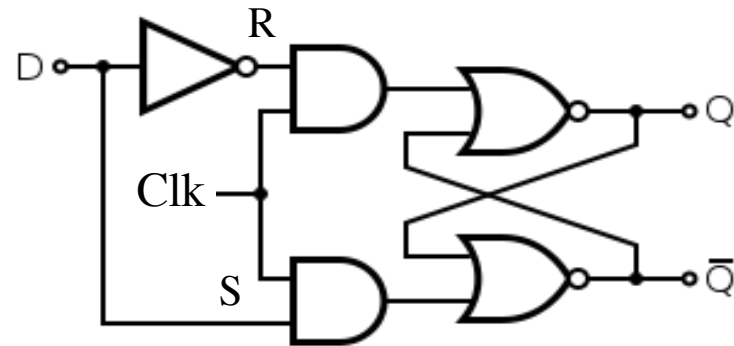
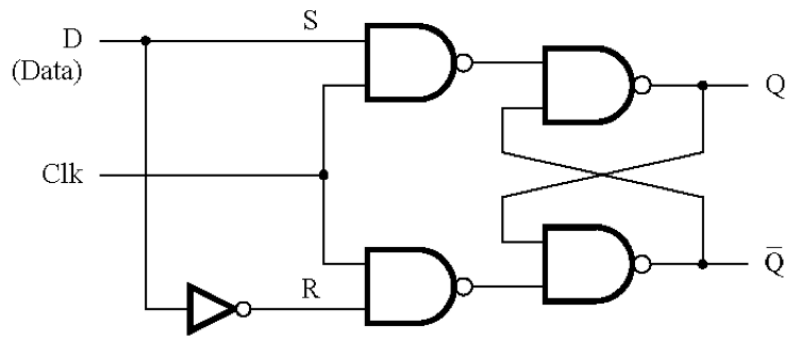
Setup time (t_{su}) – the minimum time that the D signal must be stable prior to the the negative edge of the Clock signal.

Hold time (t_h) – the minimum time that the D signal must remain stable after the the negative edge of the Clock signal.

Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch (with the latch implemented using NORs)



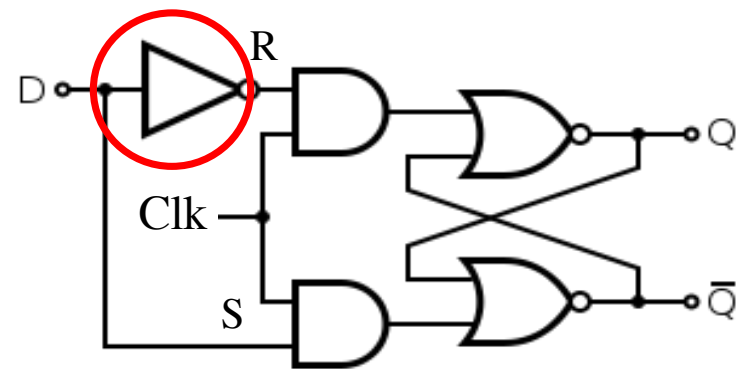
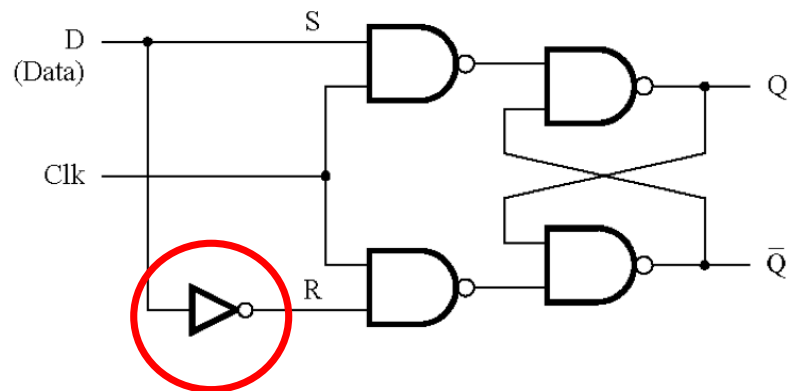
Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch (with the latch implemented using NORs)



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[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Digital_Circuits/Latches]

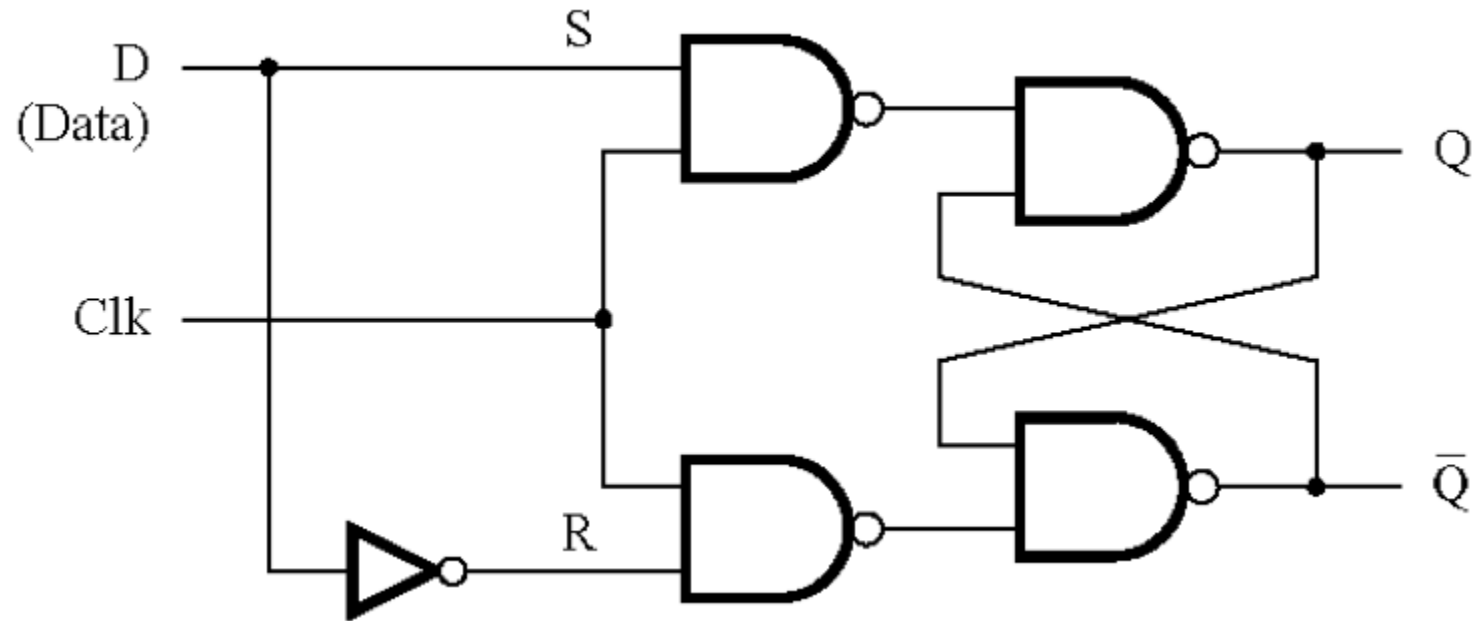
Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch (with the latch implemented using NORs)



The NOT gate is now in a different place.
Also, S and R are swapped.

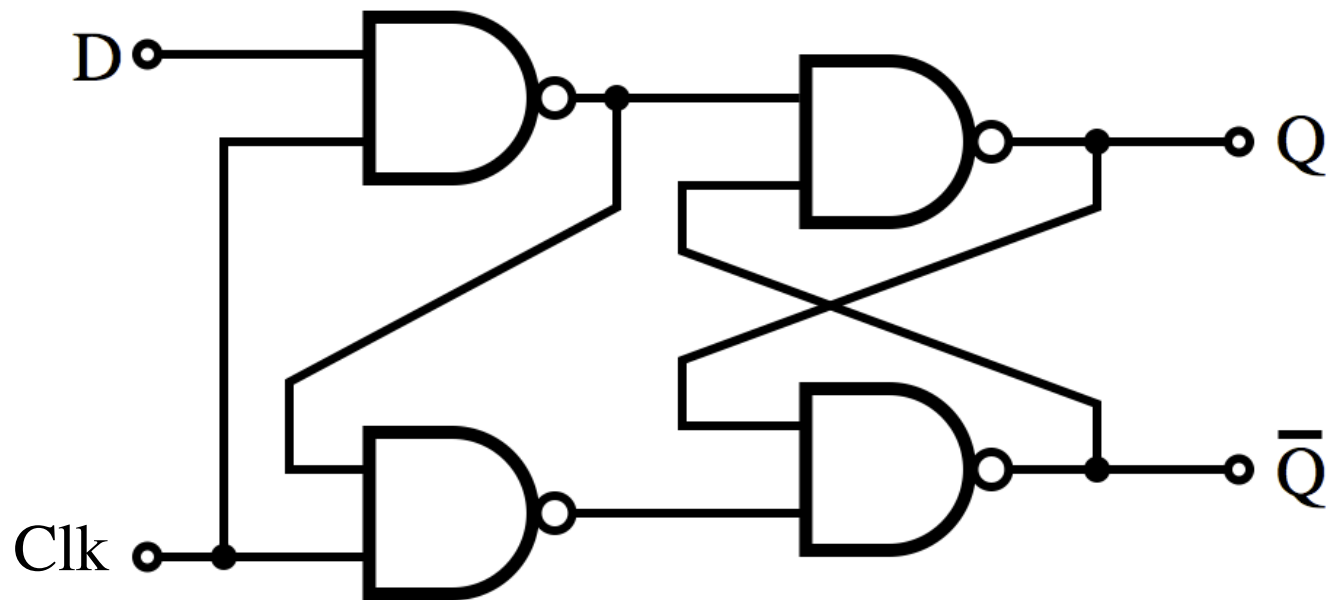
Alternative Design for the Gated D Latch

Circuit Diagram for the Gated D Latch



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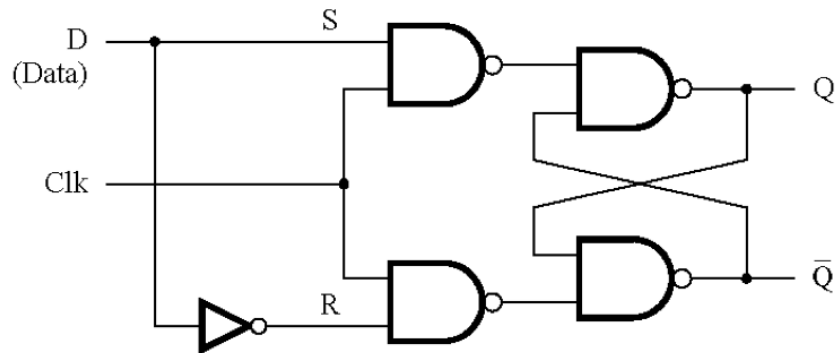
Gated D Latch: Alternative Design



Master-Slave D Flip-Flop

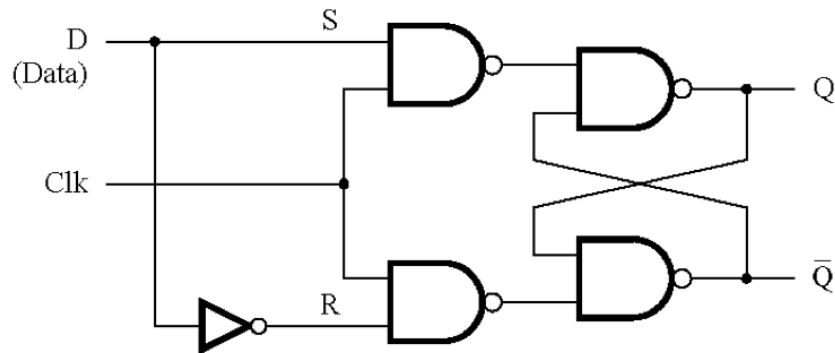
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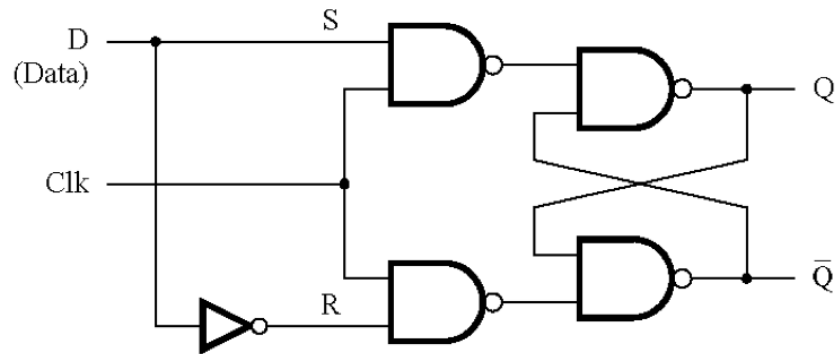


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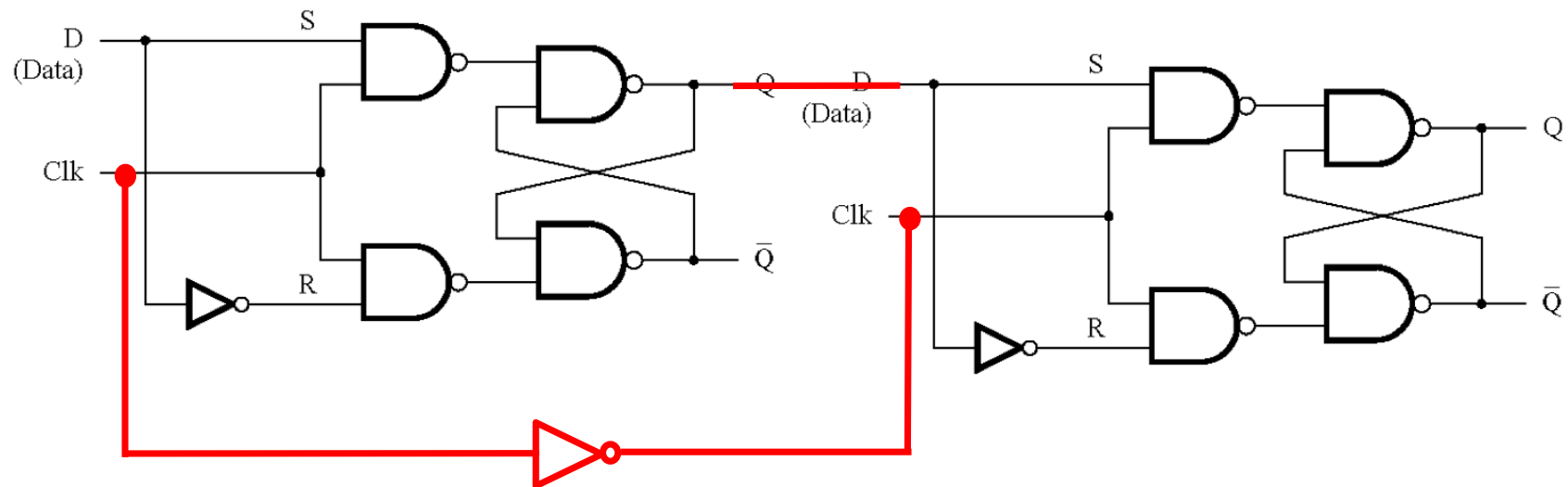
Latch #2



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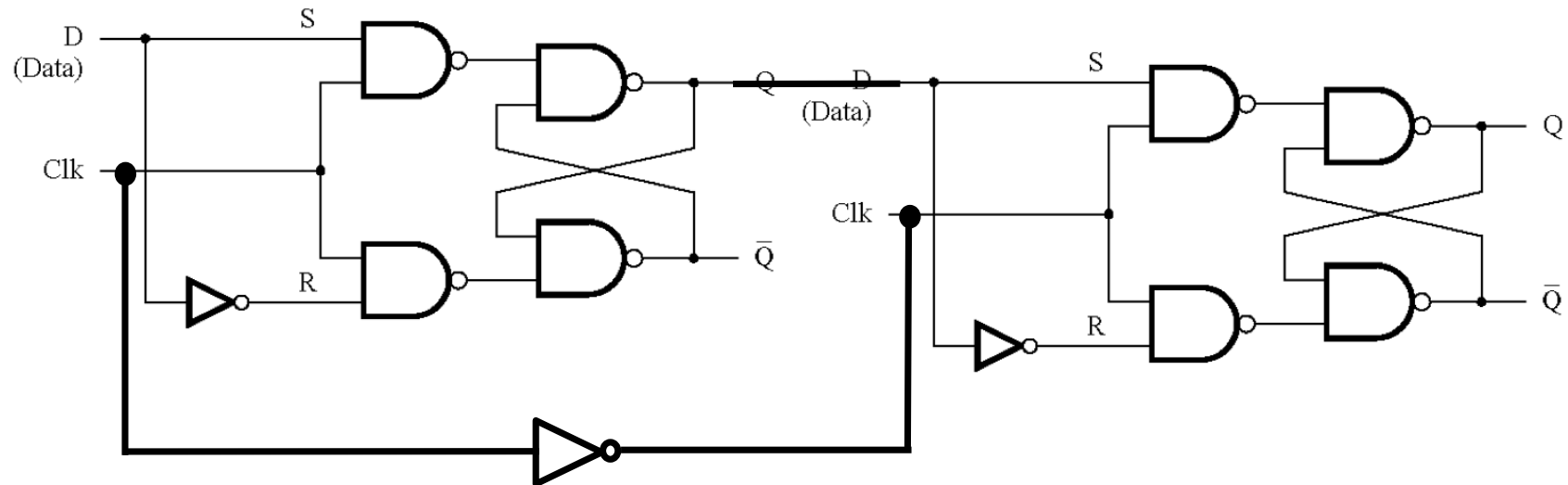
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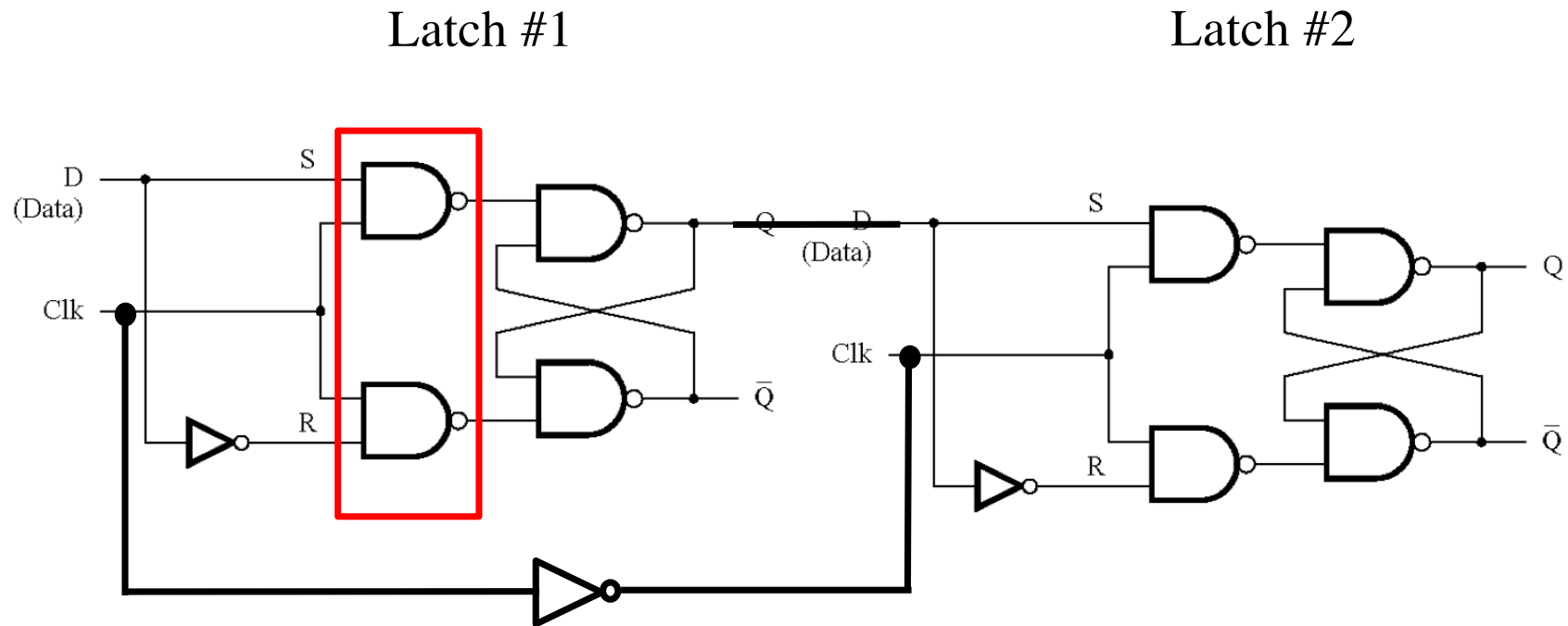
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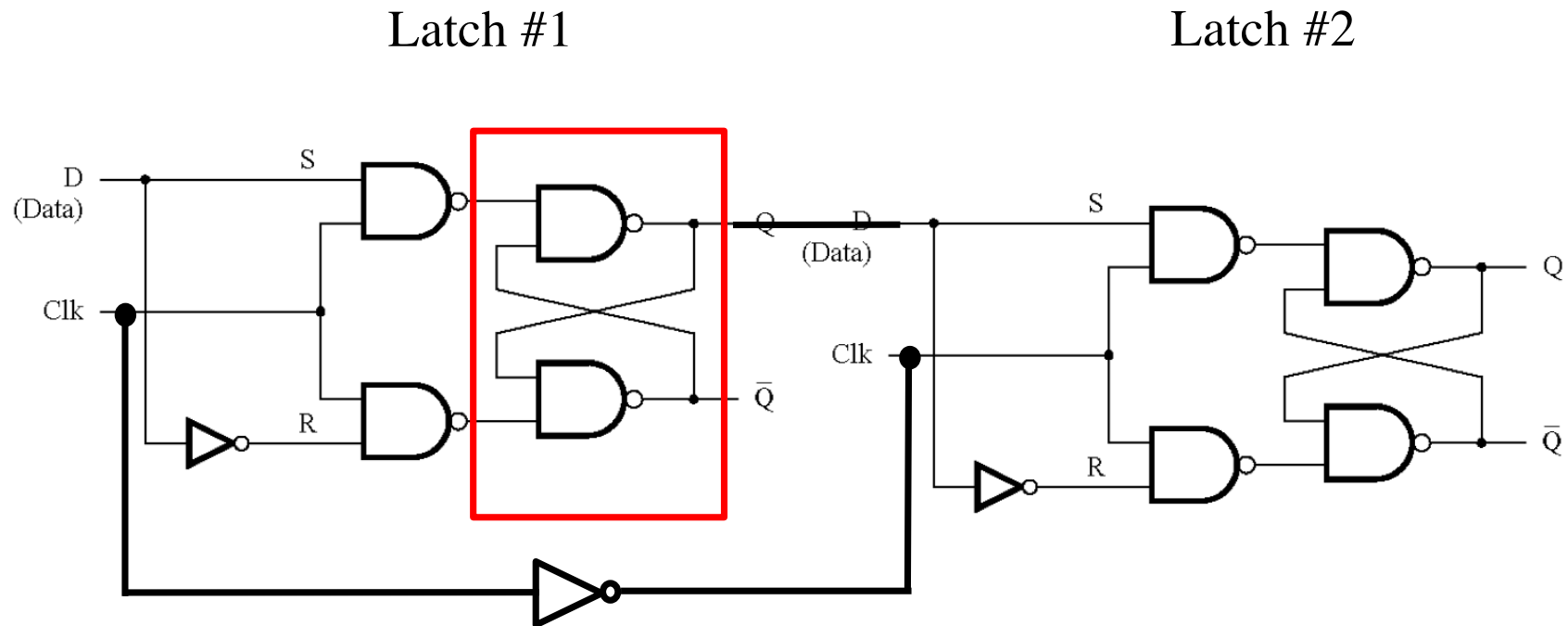


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This is the
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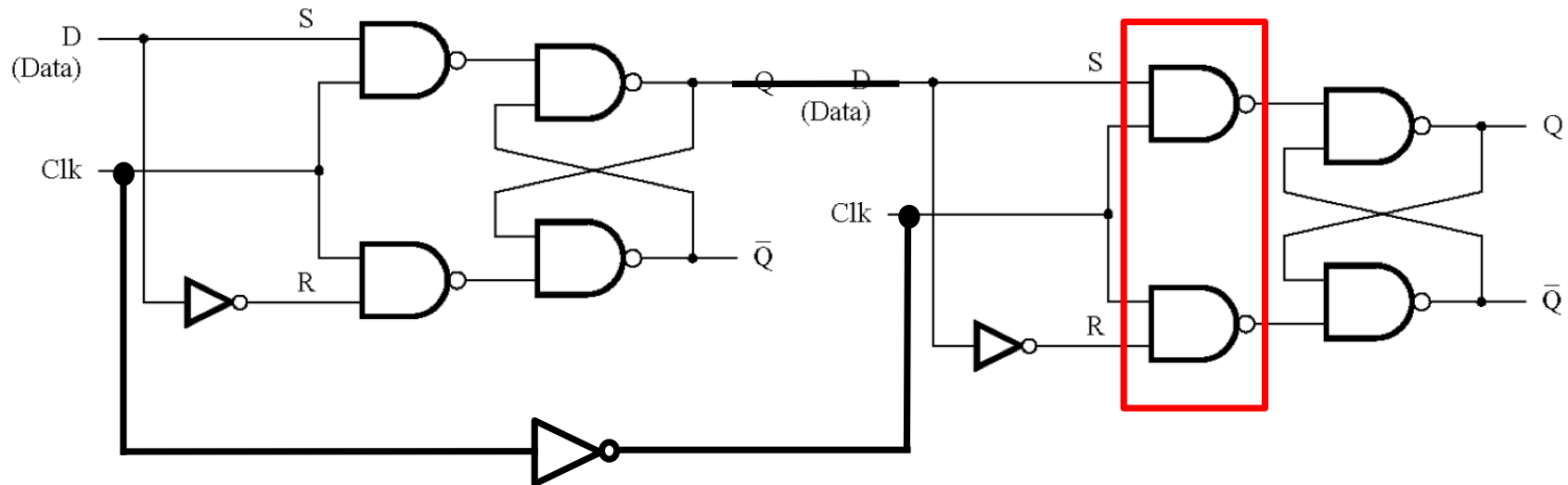


This is the first “snake”

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Latch #1

Latch #2

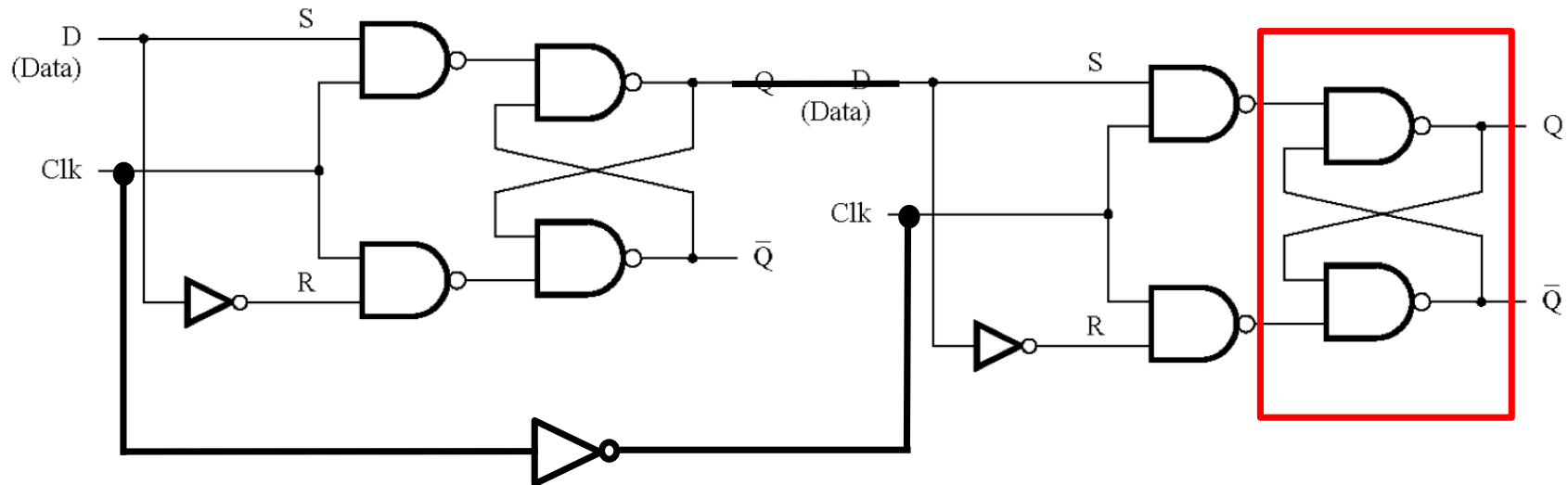


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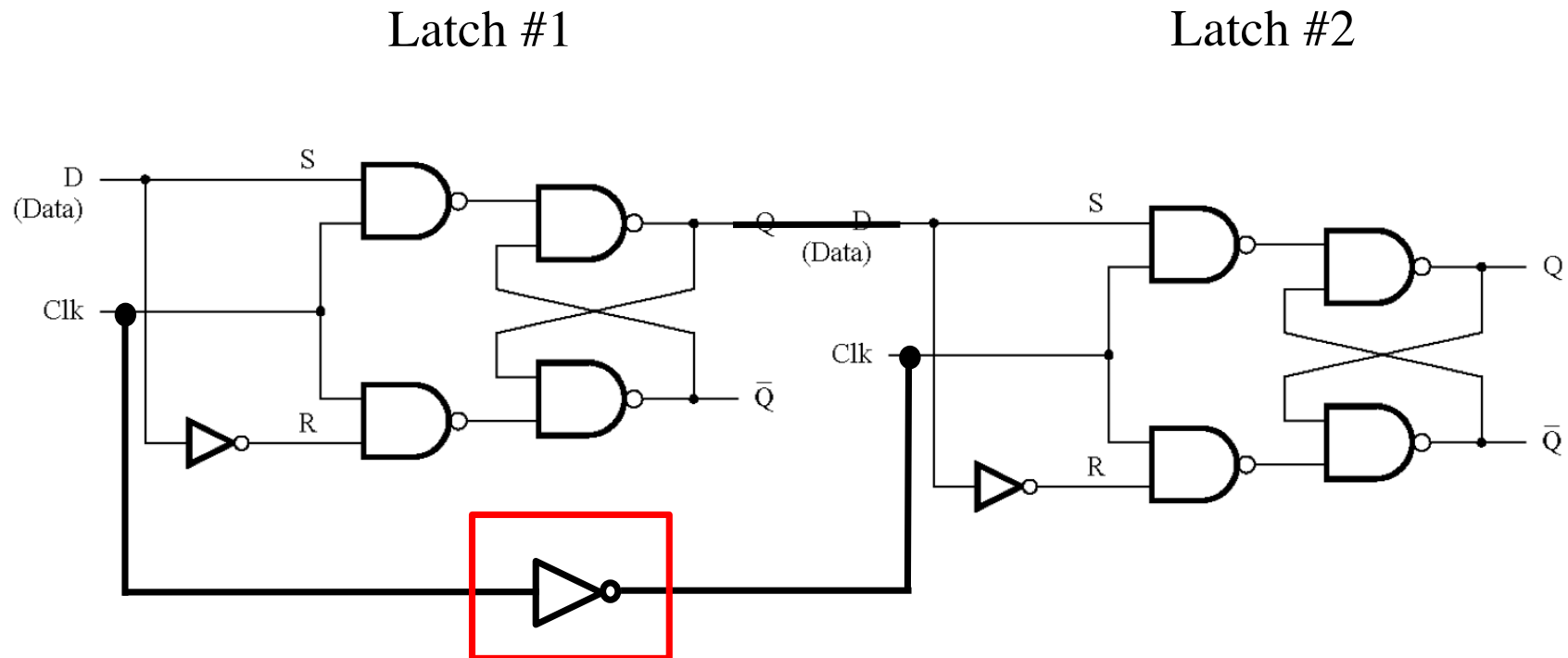
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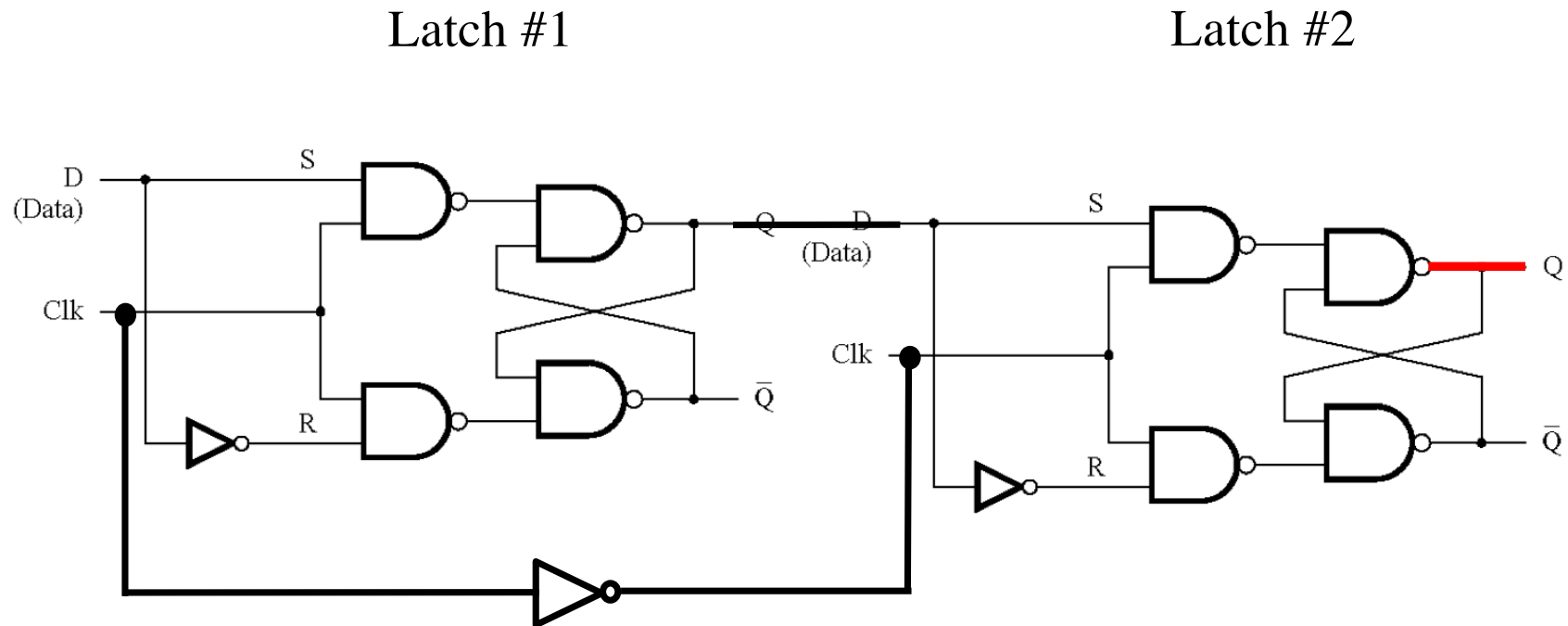
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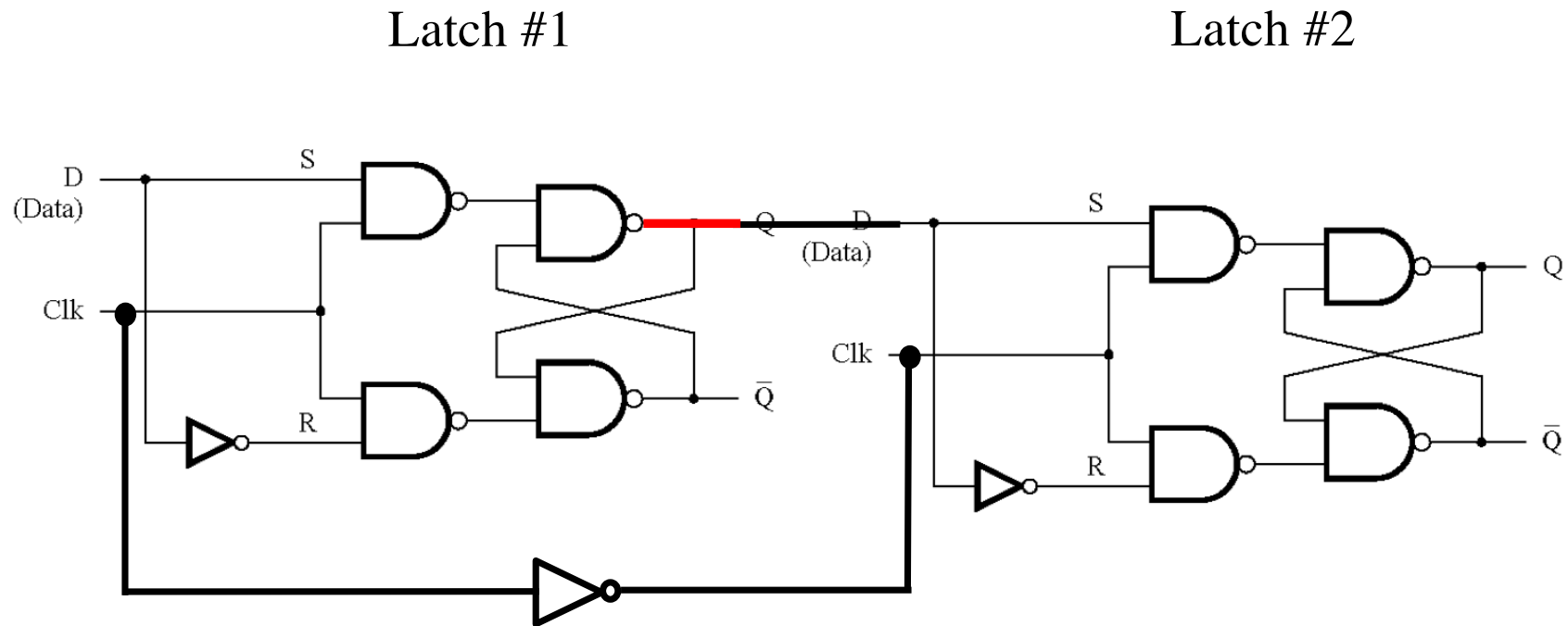
This imposes mutual exclusivity:
only one gate is open at a time.

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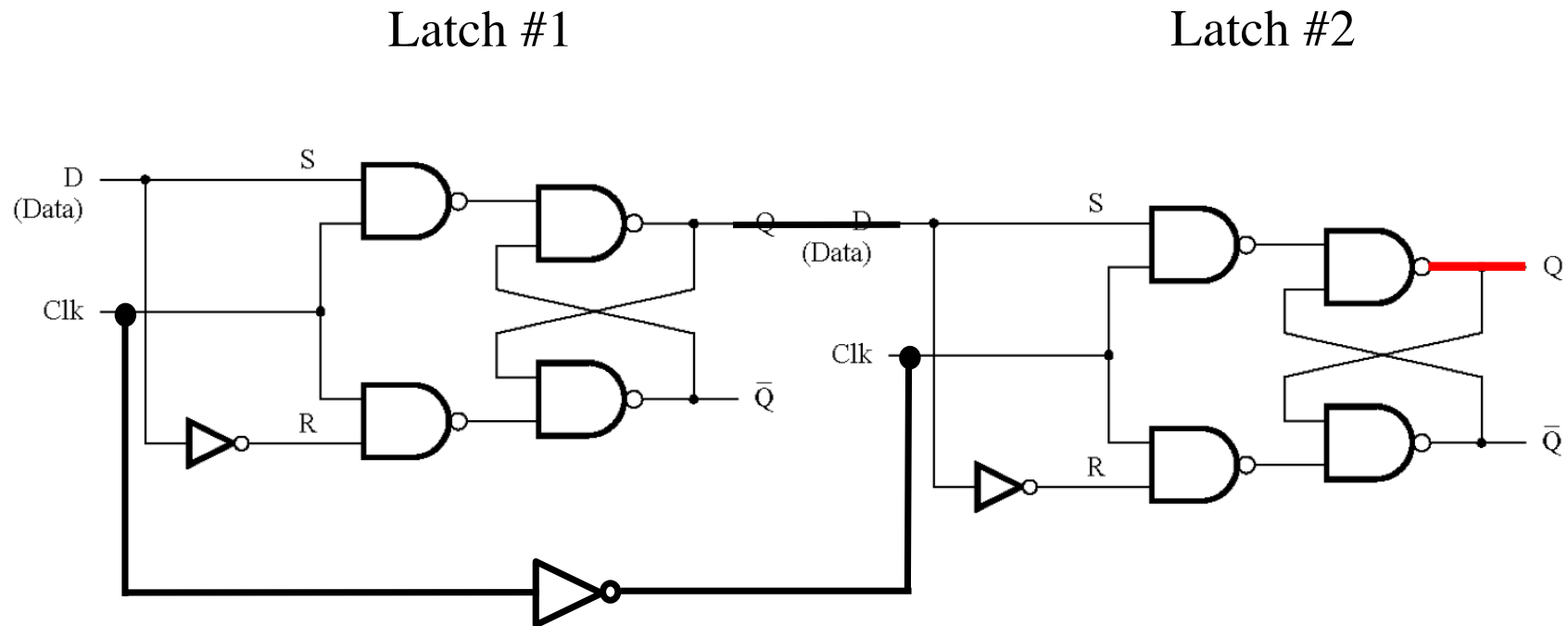
We need all of this
to store only one bit here.

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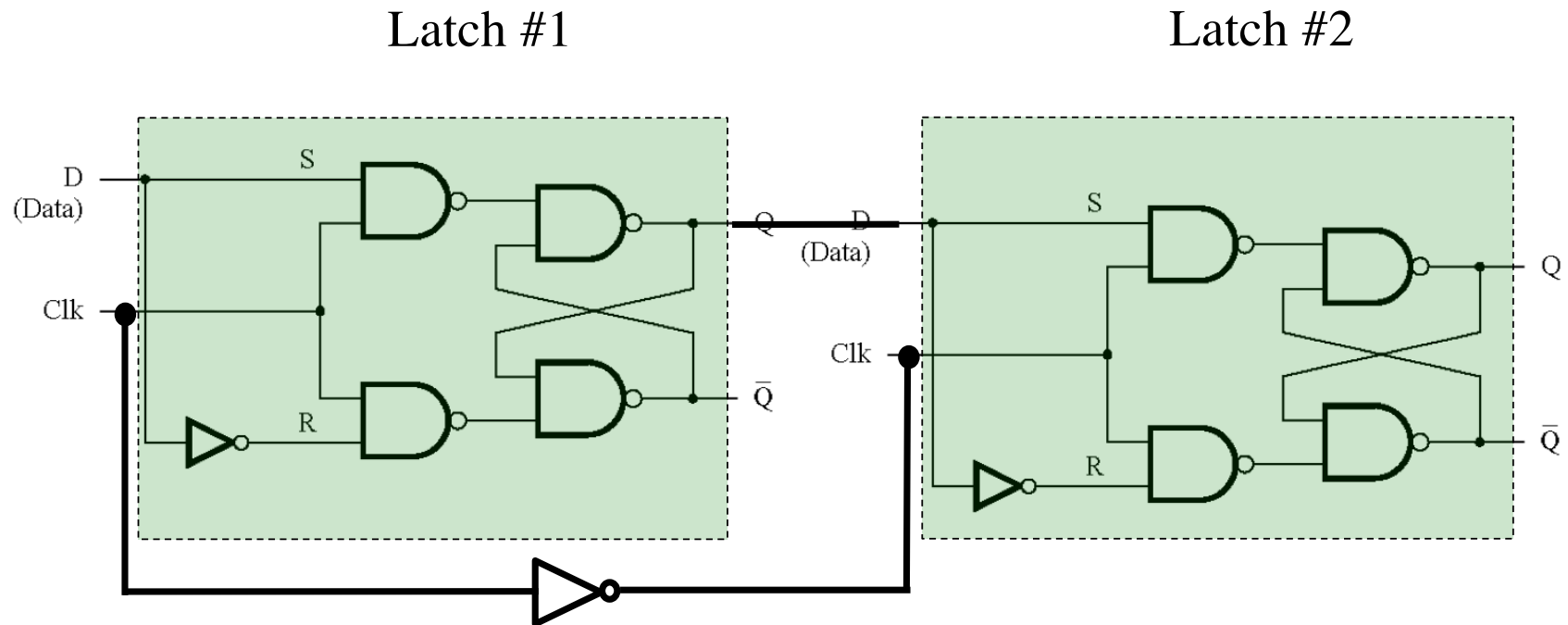
This also has the capacity to store one bit,
but it is used to update the main output.

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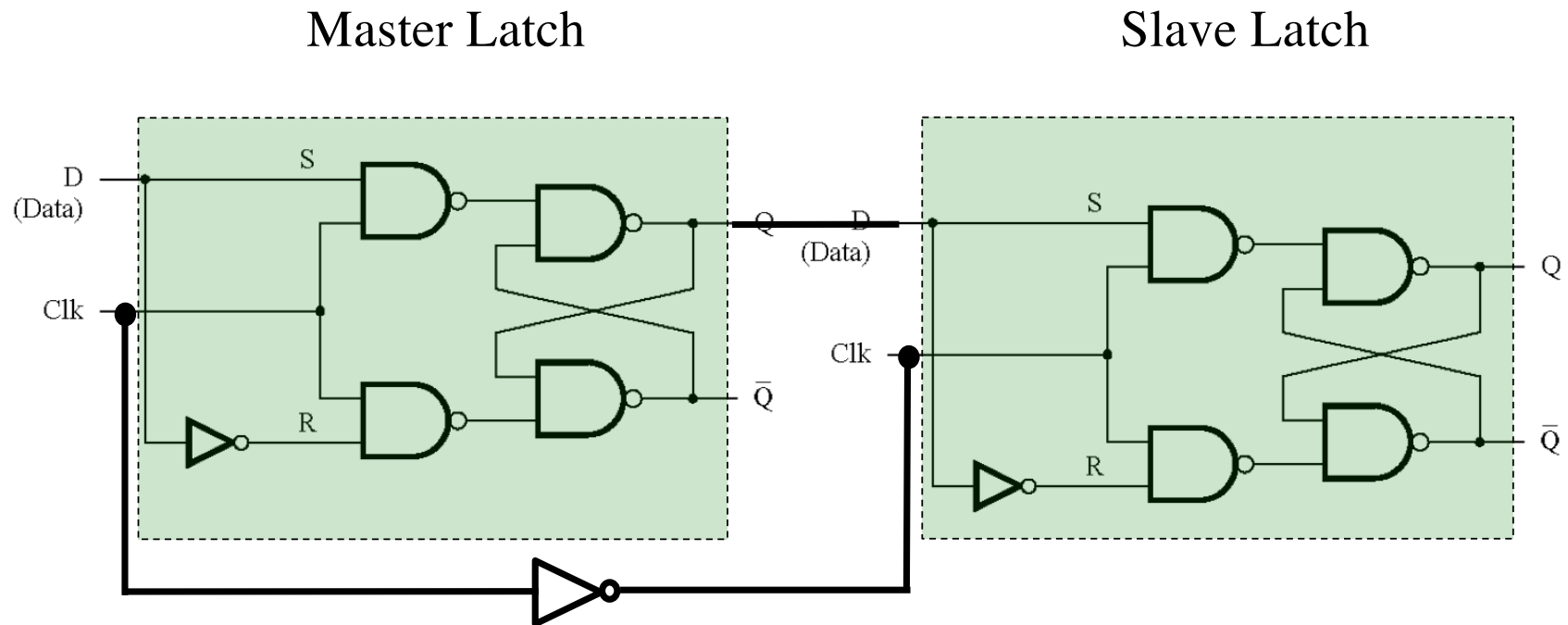


Only this bit is visible
to the user of this circuit.

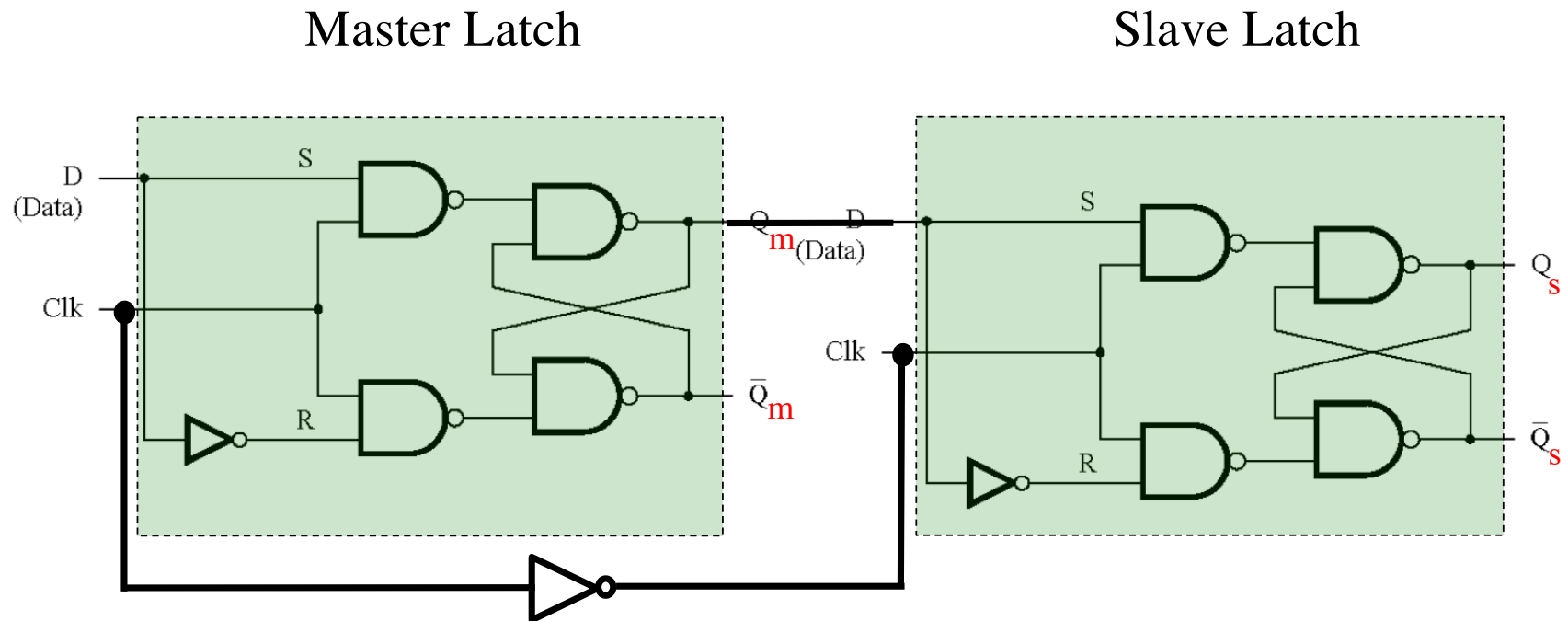
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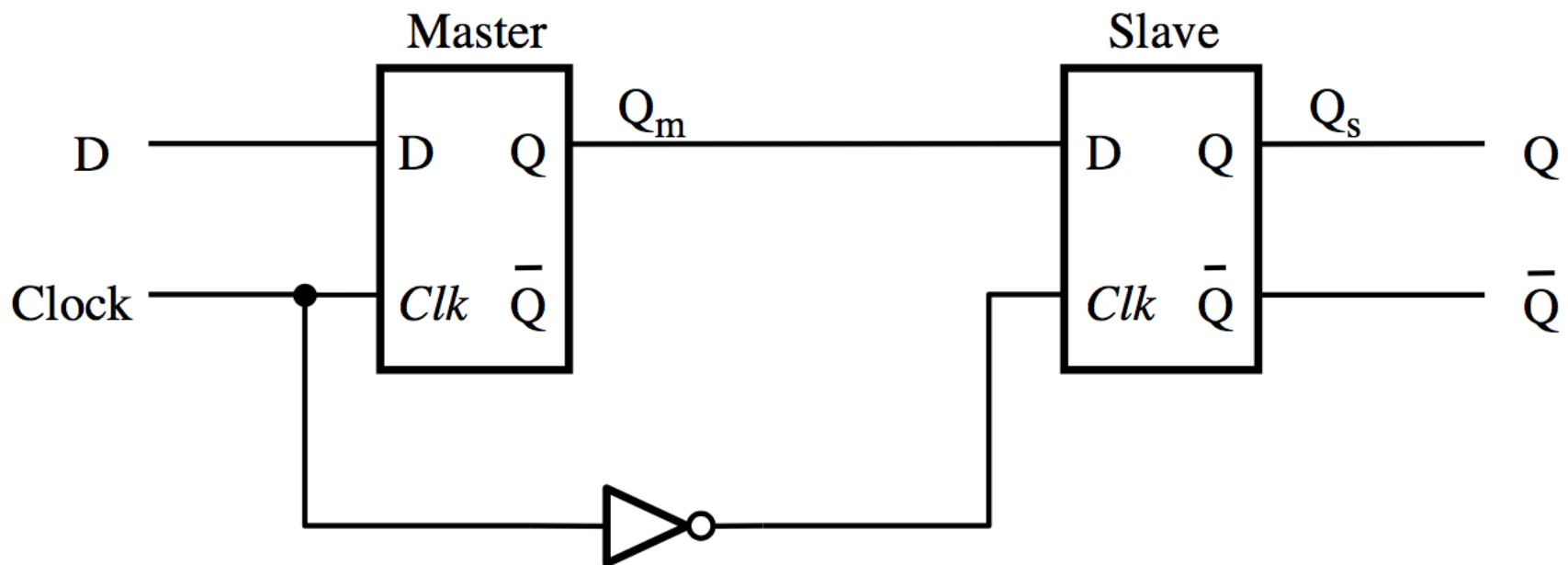
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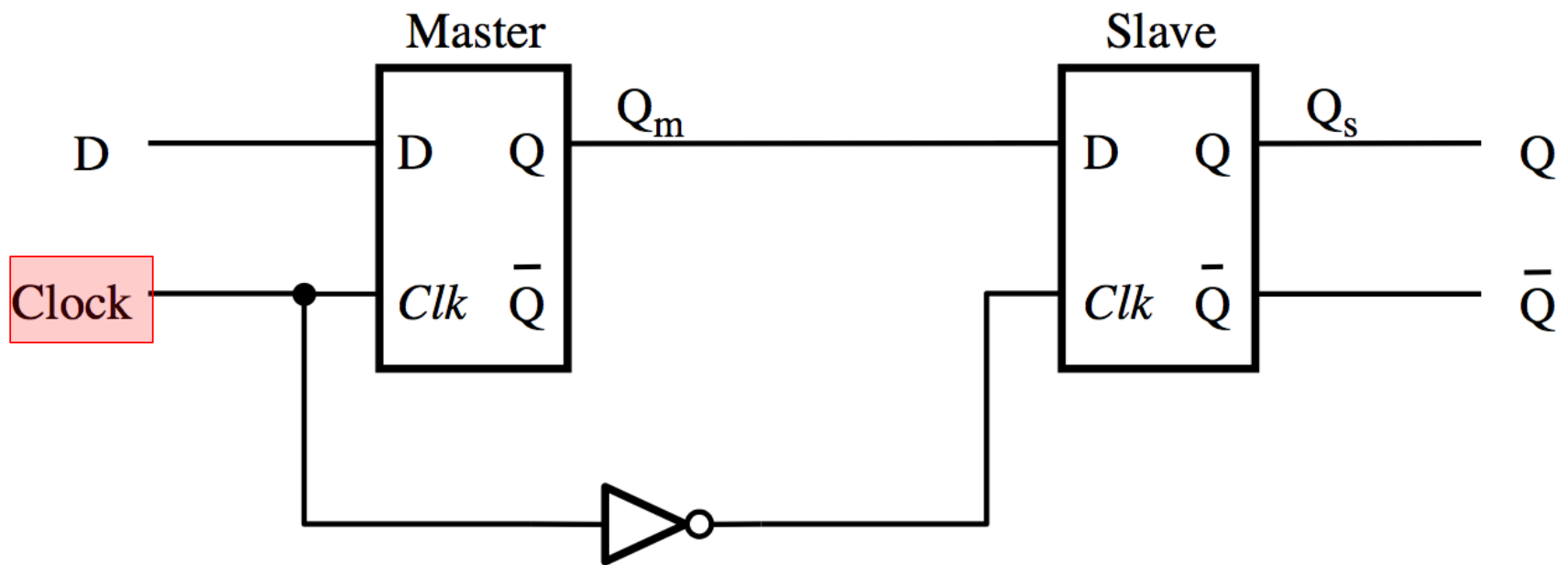


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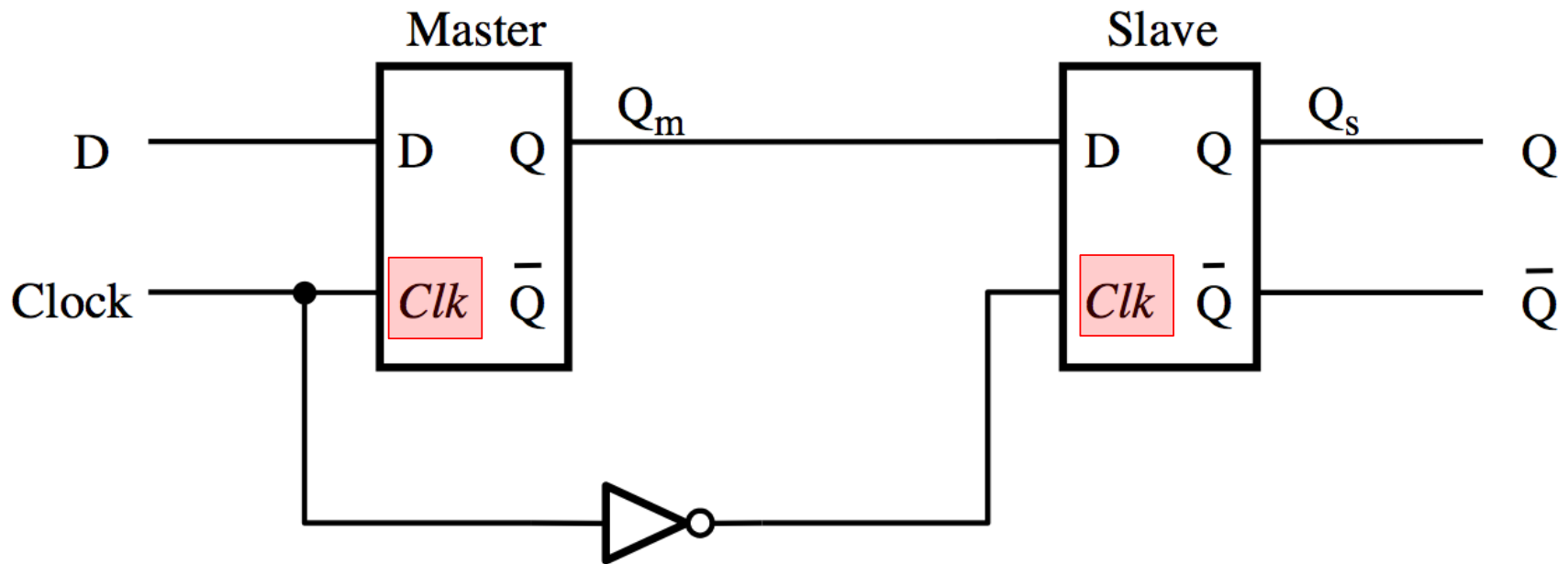
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Clock is used for the D Flip-Flop



[Figure 5.9a from the textbook]

**Clock is used for the D Flip-Flop,
but Clk is used for each D Latch**



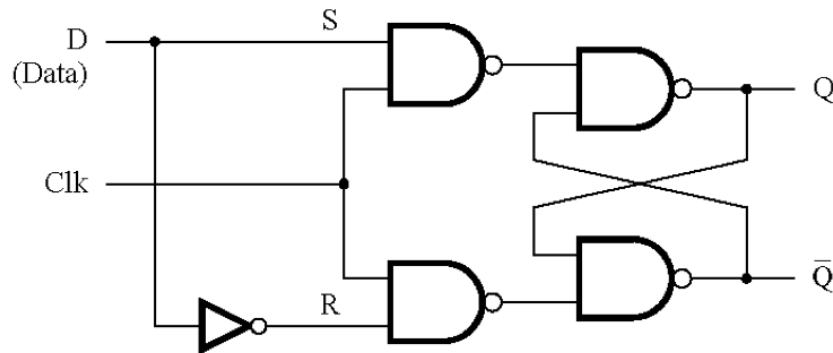
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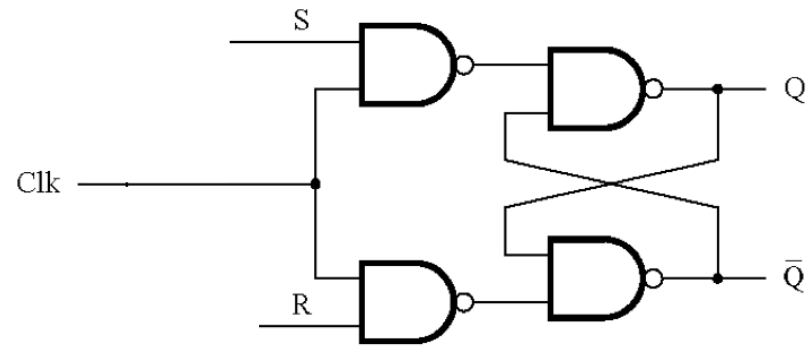
From one D Latch and one Gated SR Latch

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Master Latch



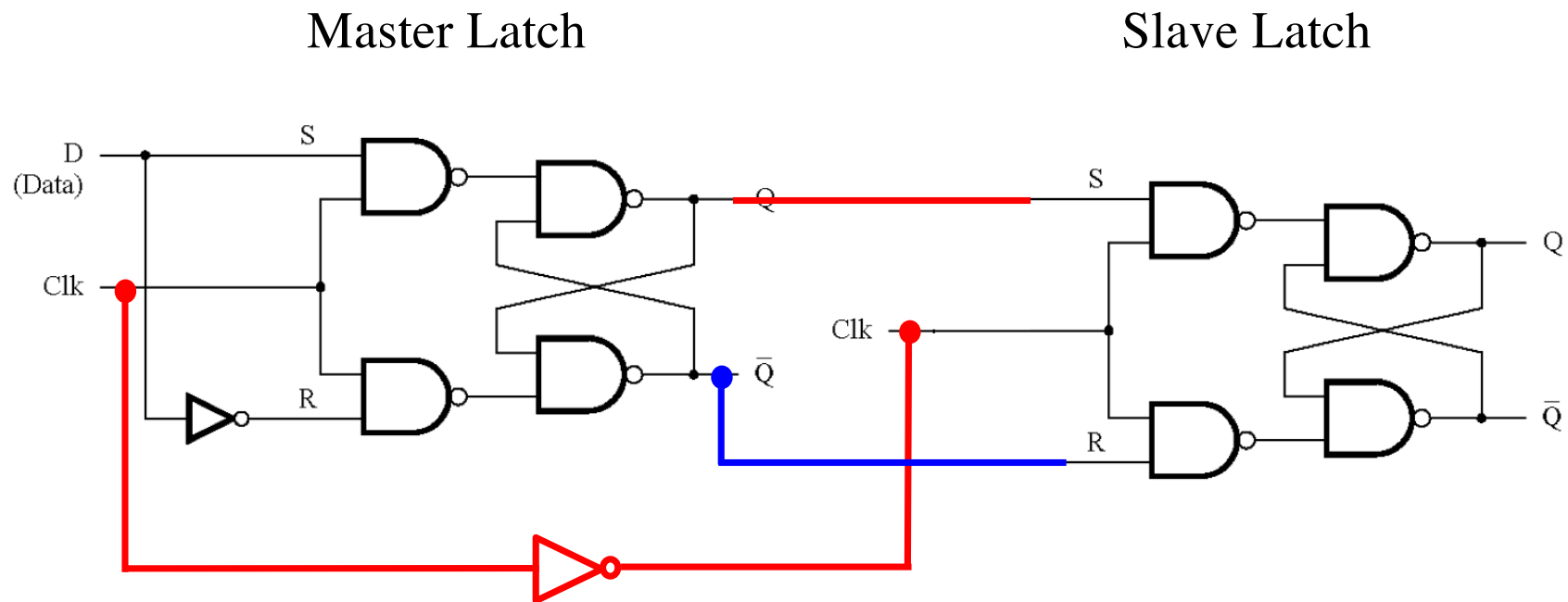
Slave Latch



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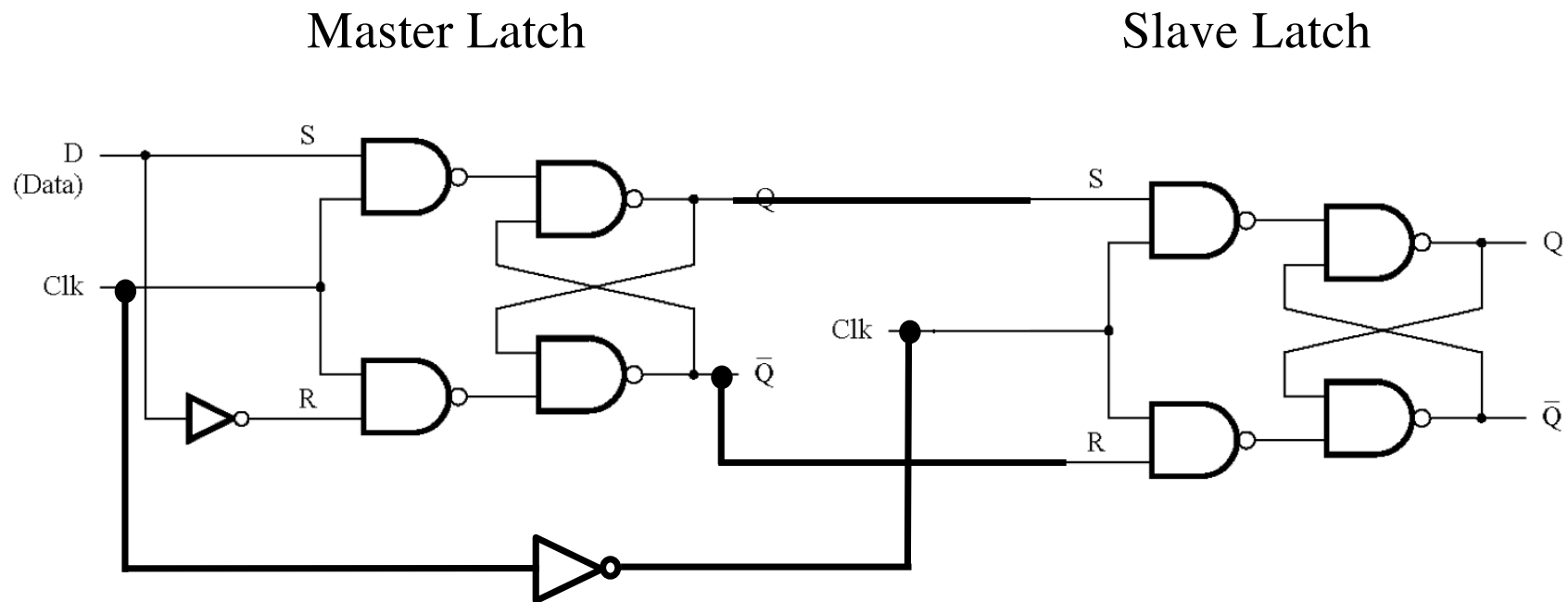
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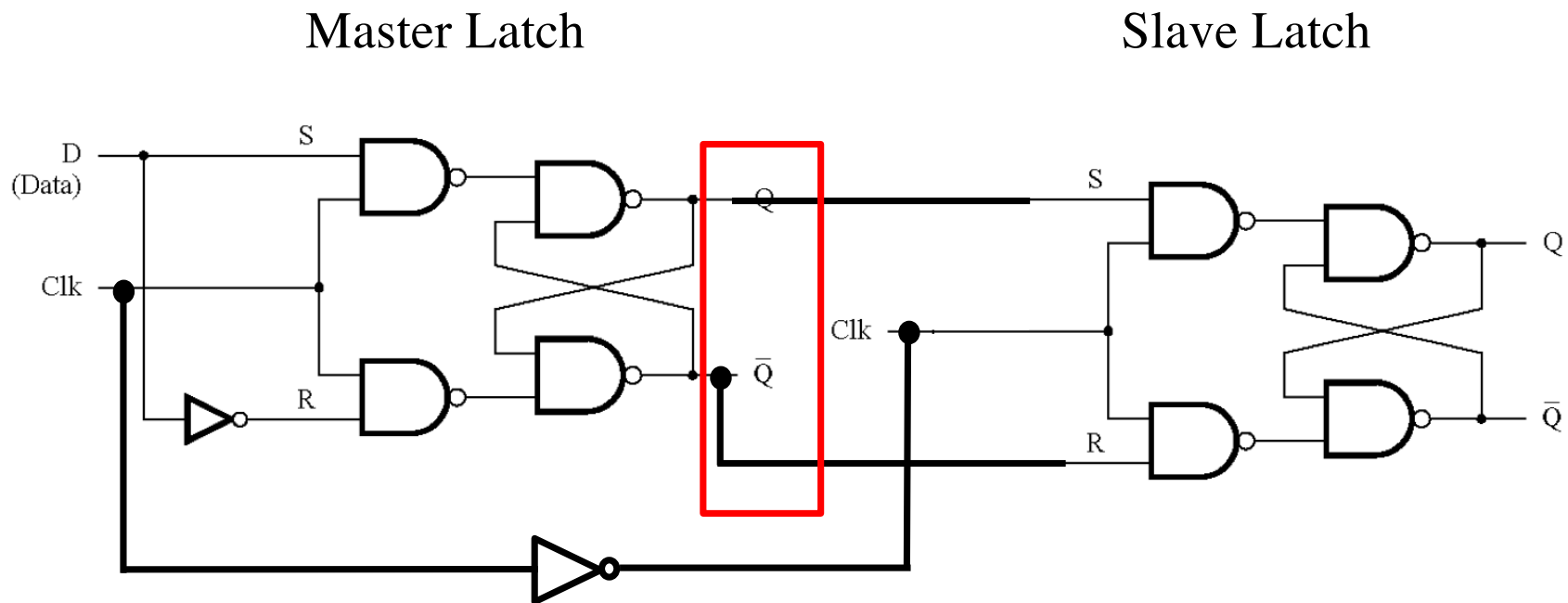
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From one D Latch and one Gated SR Latch

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This uses the fact that Q and $\bar{Q}$ are inverses of each other.

Flip-Flop



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Latch



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You need 2 latches to make a flip-flop



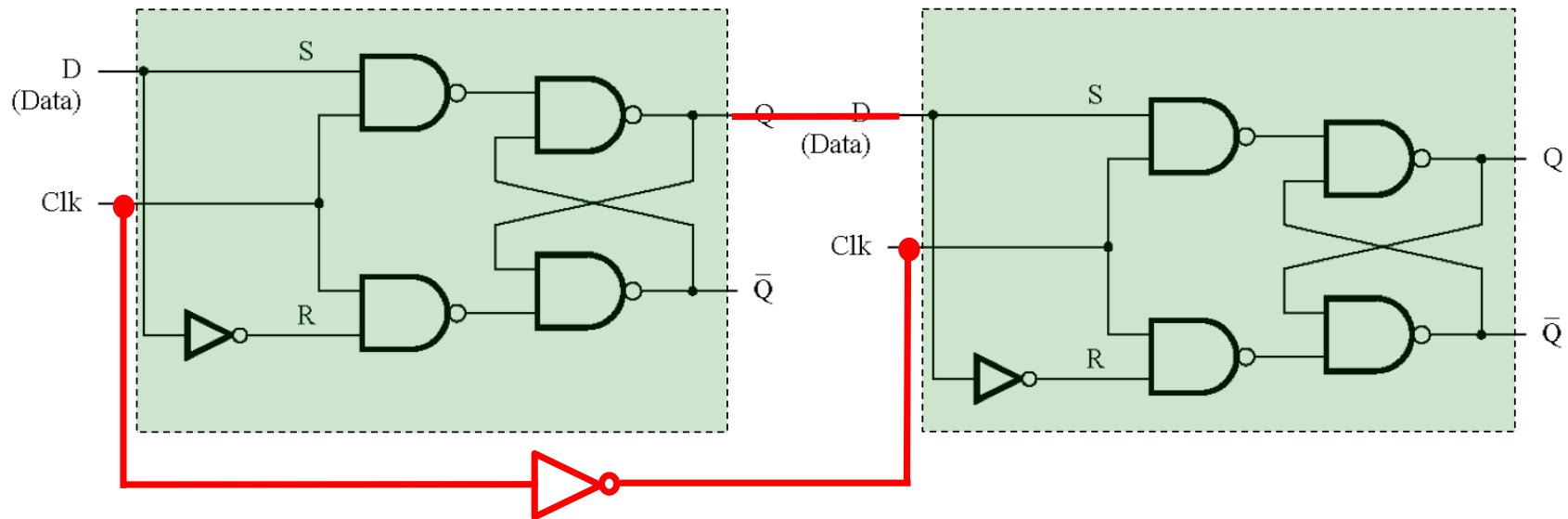
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You need 2 latches to make a flip-flop

Master Latch

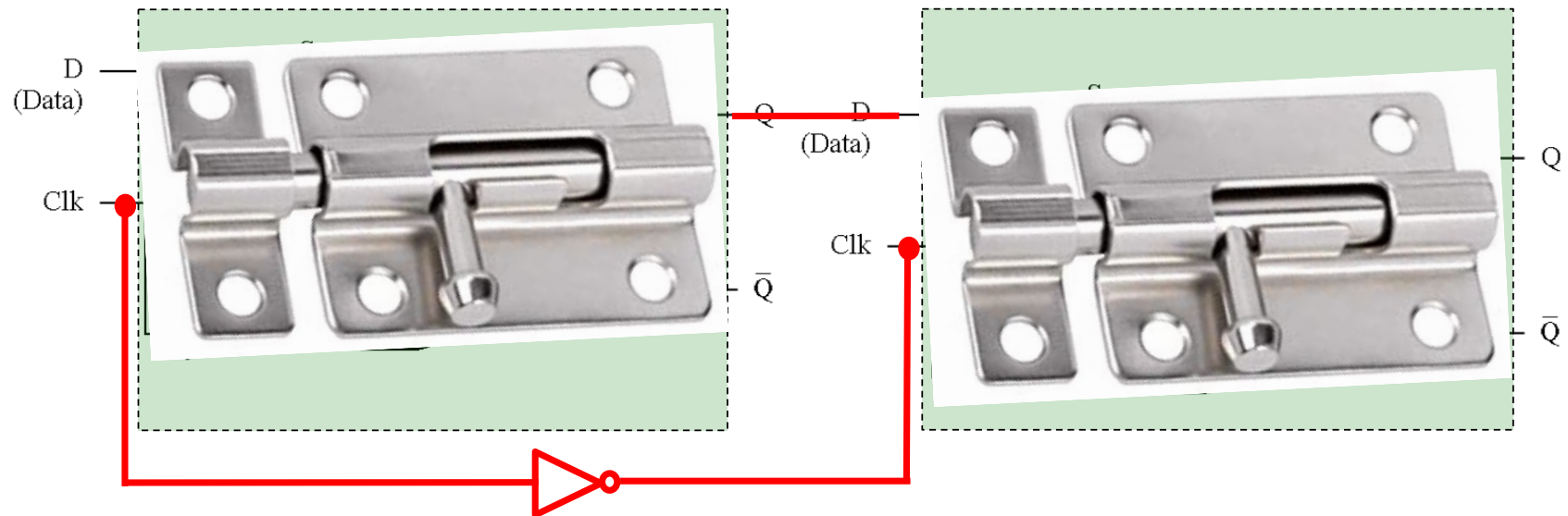
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Master Latch

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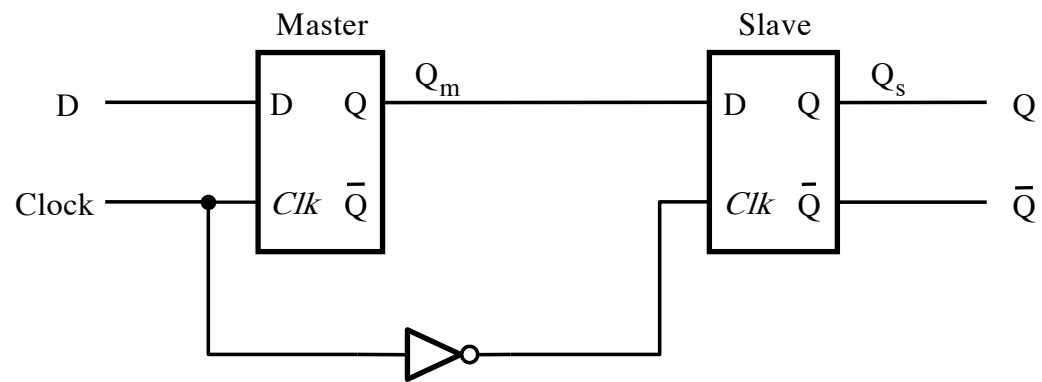


Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flops

Motivation

In some cases, we need to use a memory storage device that can change its state no more than once during each clock cycle.

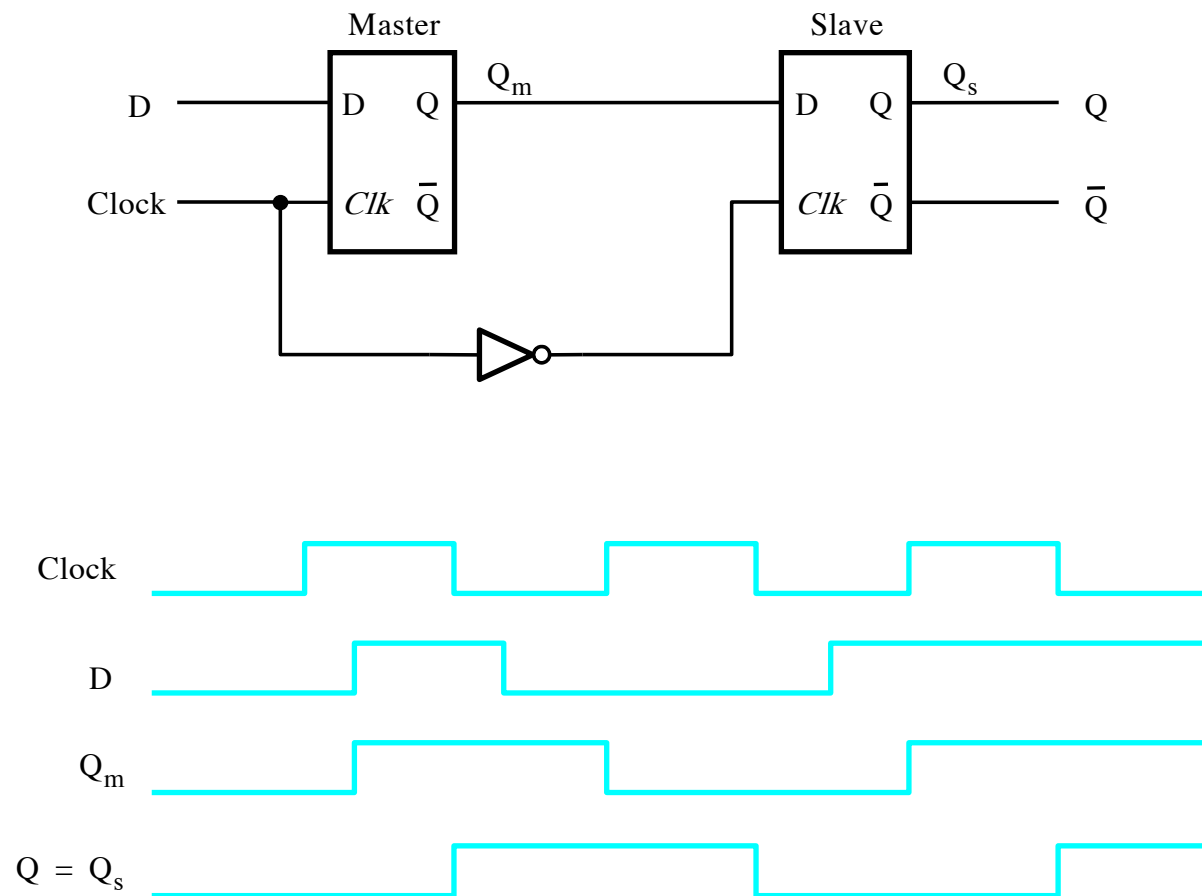
Master-Slave D Flip-Flop



(a) Circuit

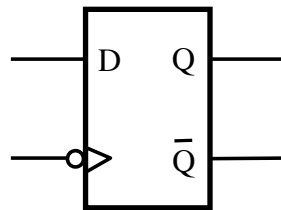
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Timing Diagram for the Master-Slave D Flip-Flop



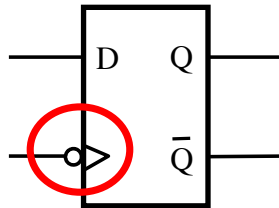
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Graphical Symbol for the Master-Slave D Flip-Flop



[Figure 5.9c from the textbook]

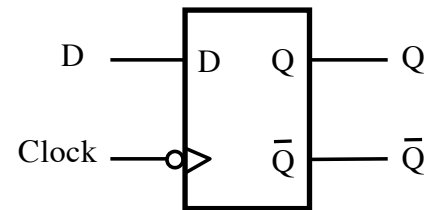
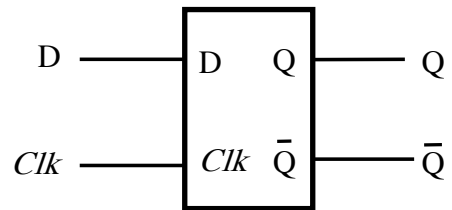
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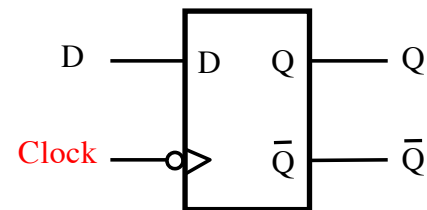
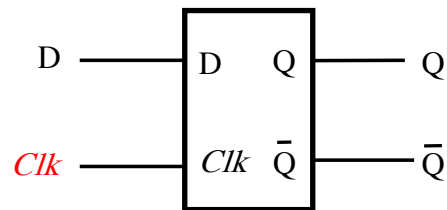
The > means that this is edge-triggered

The small circle means that it is the negative edge

D Latch versus D Flip-Flop

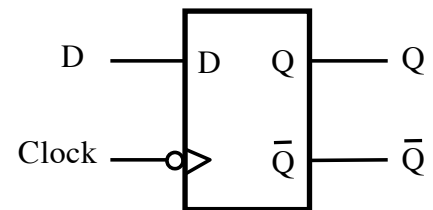
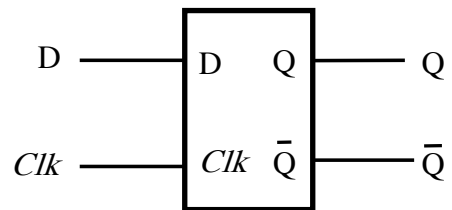


D Latch versus D Flip-Flop



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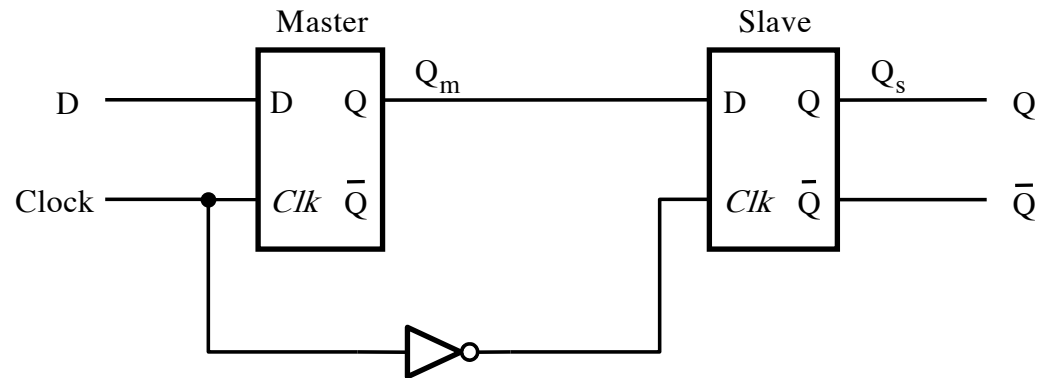
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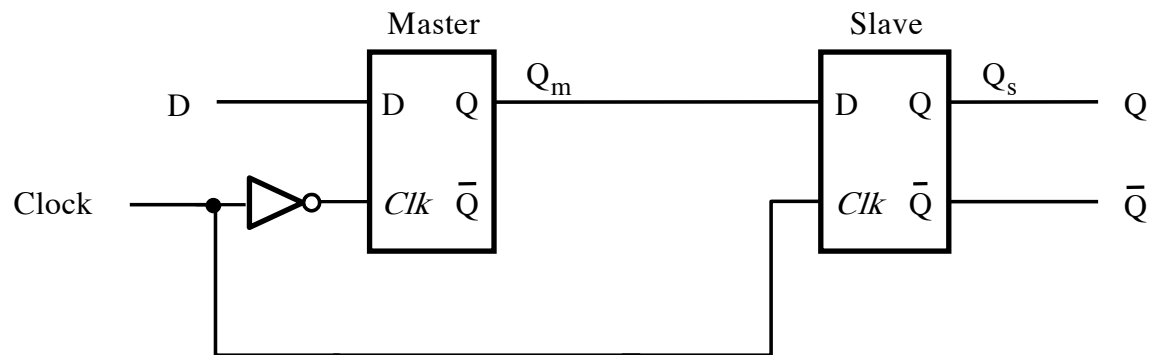
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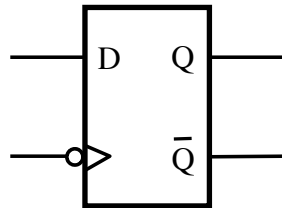
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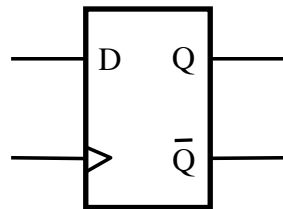
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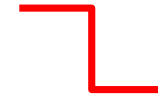
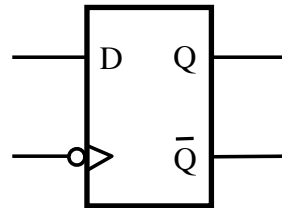
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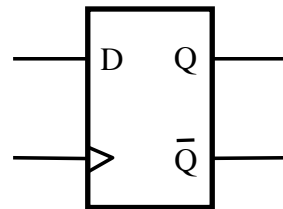


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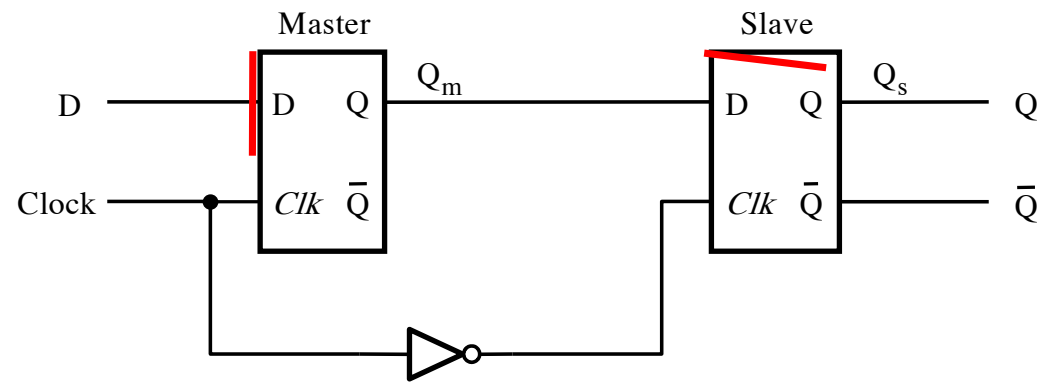
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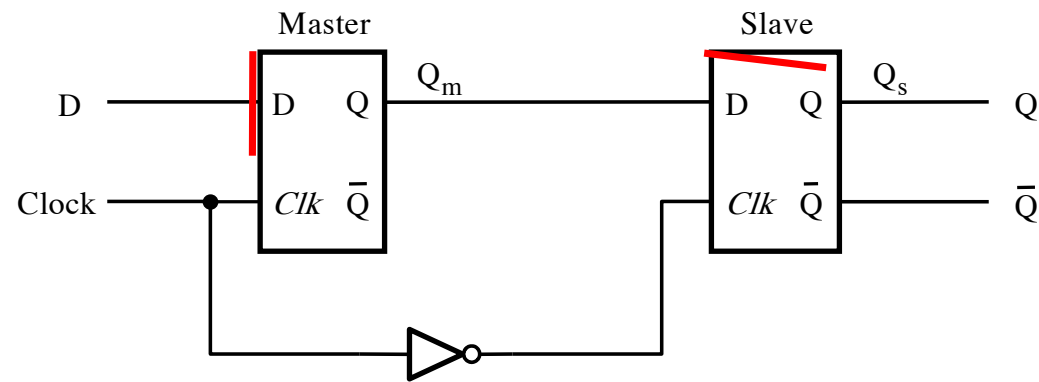
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D Flip-Flop: A Double Door Analogy

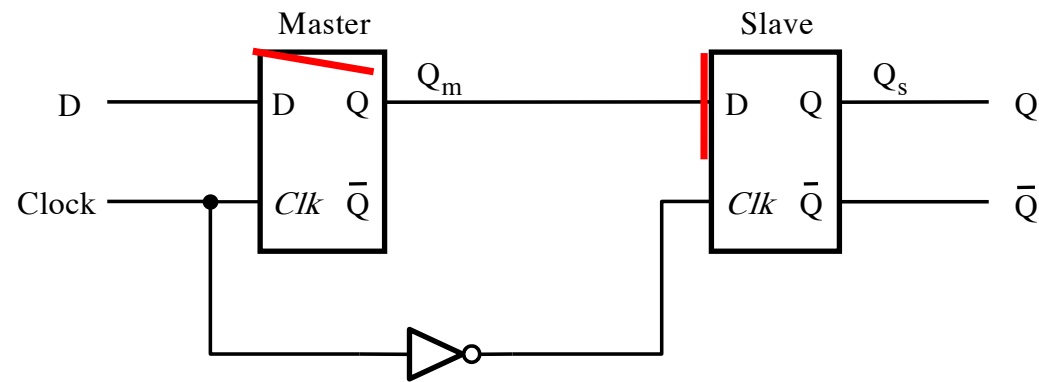
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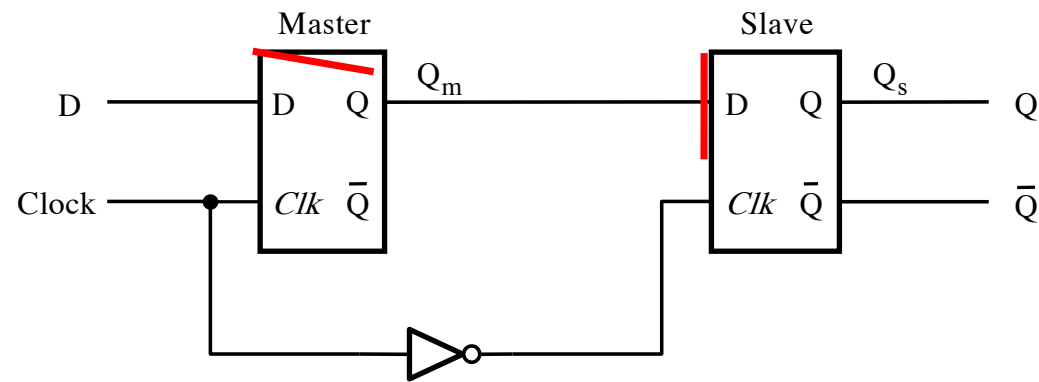
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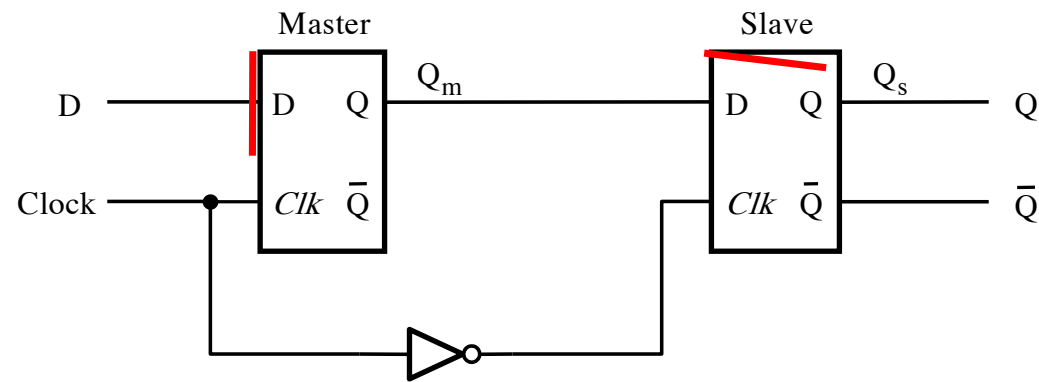
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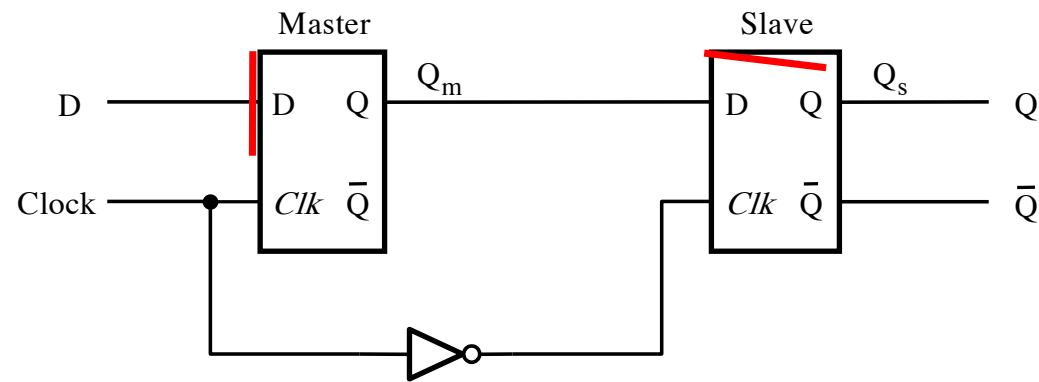
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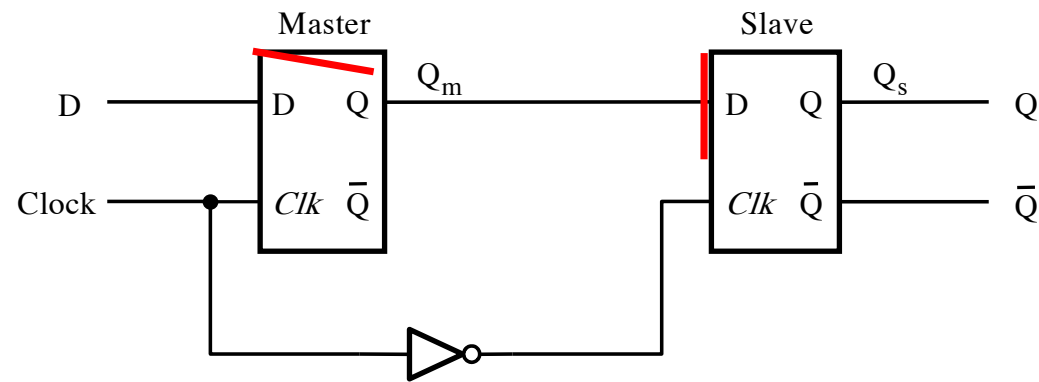
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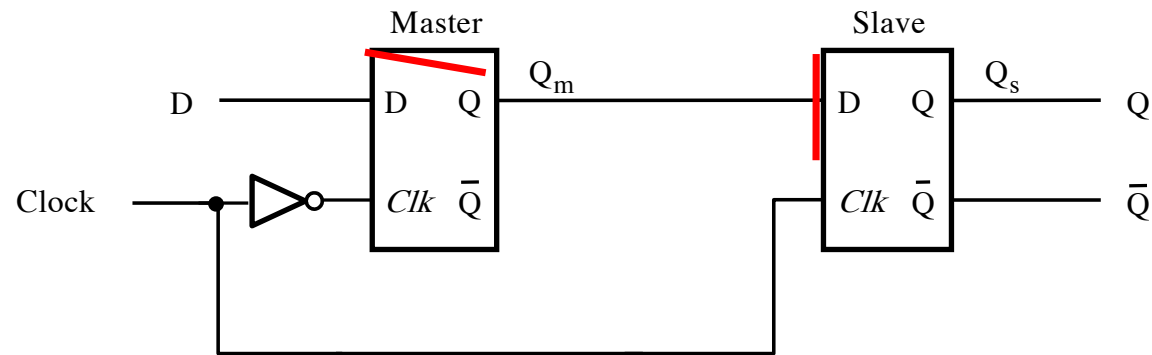
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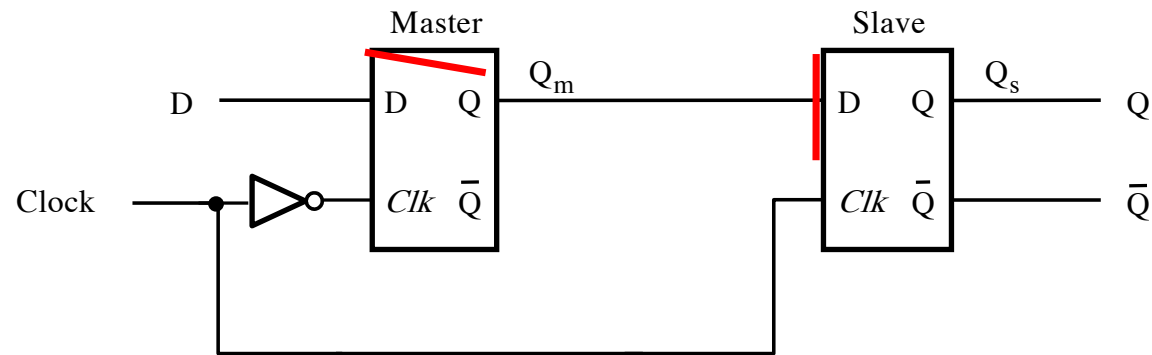
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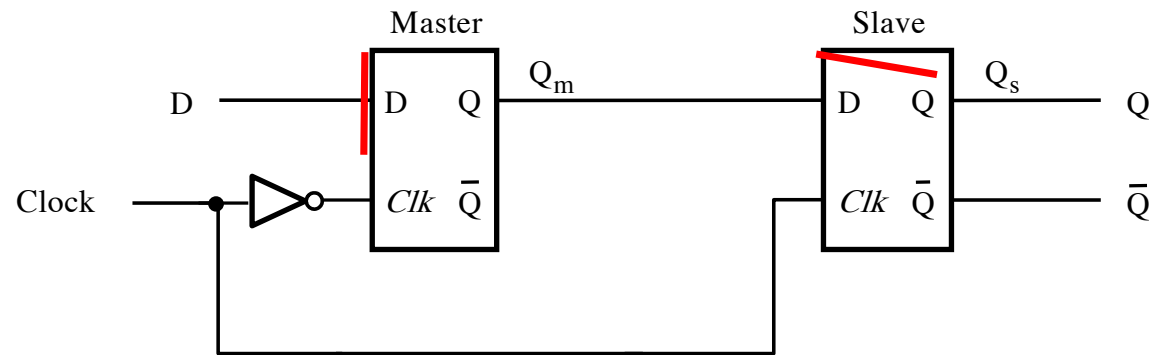
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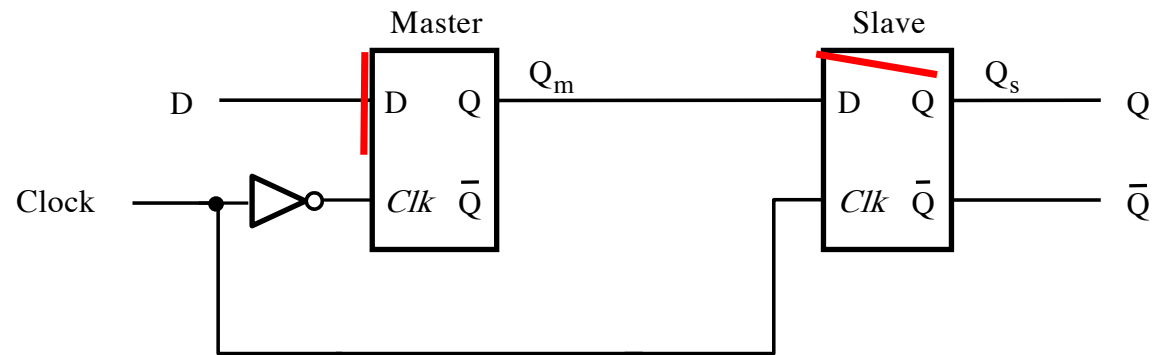
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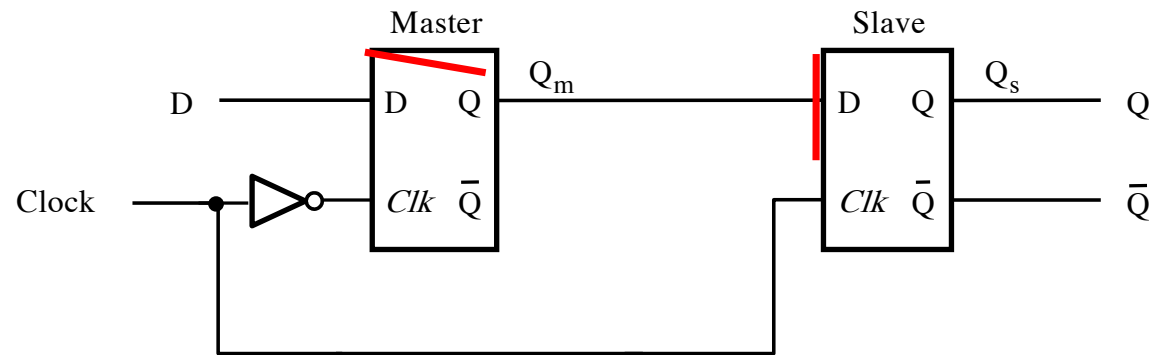
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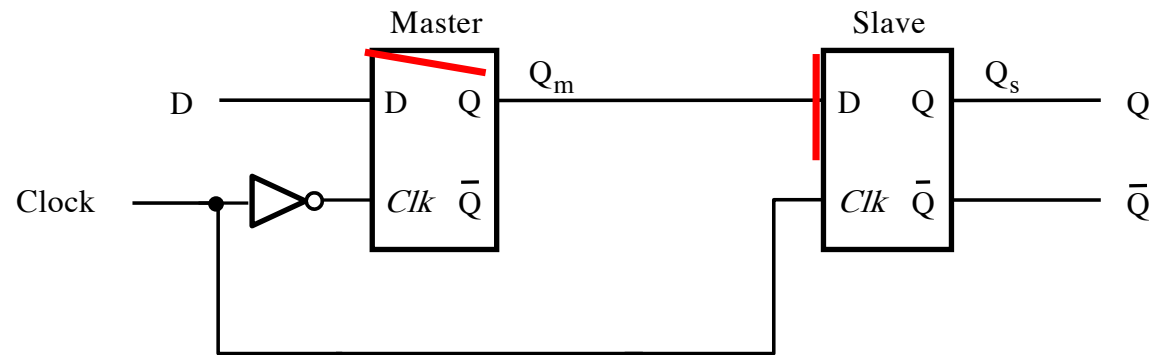
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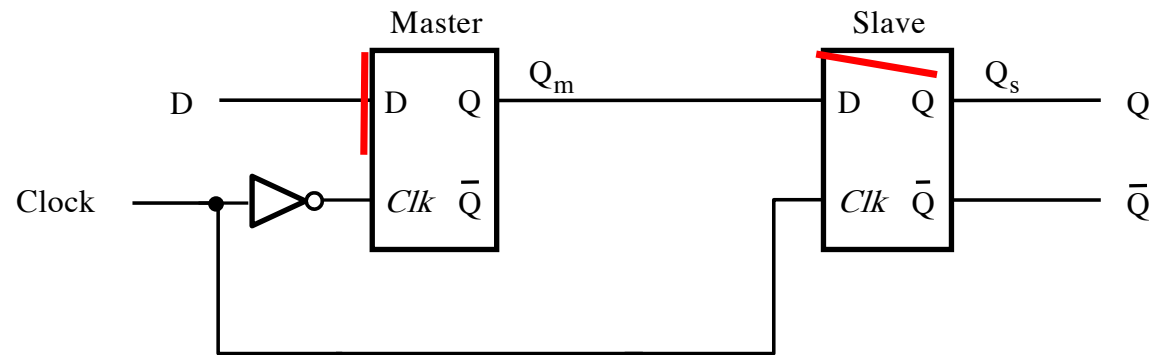
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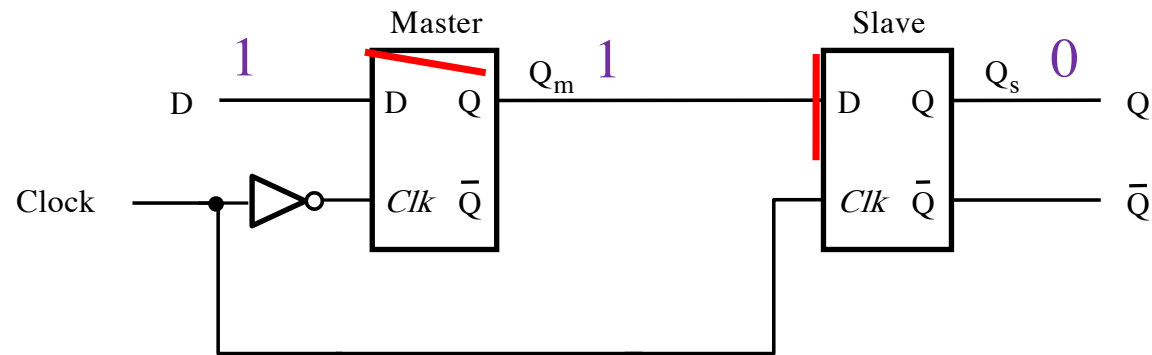


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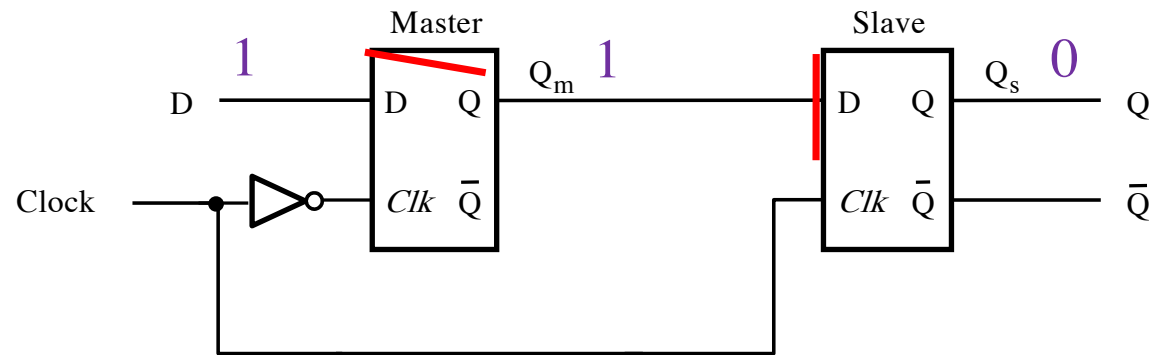


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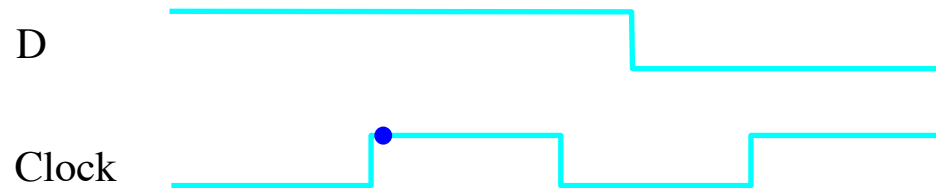
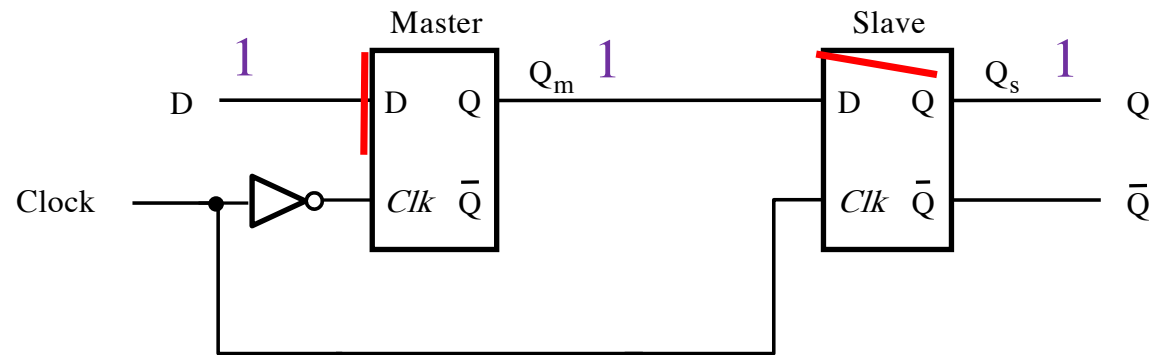
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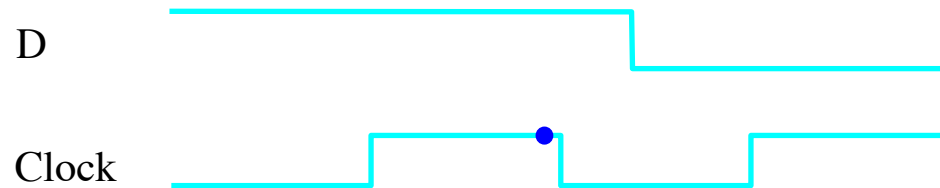
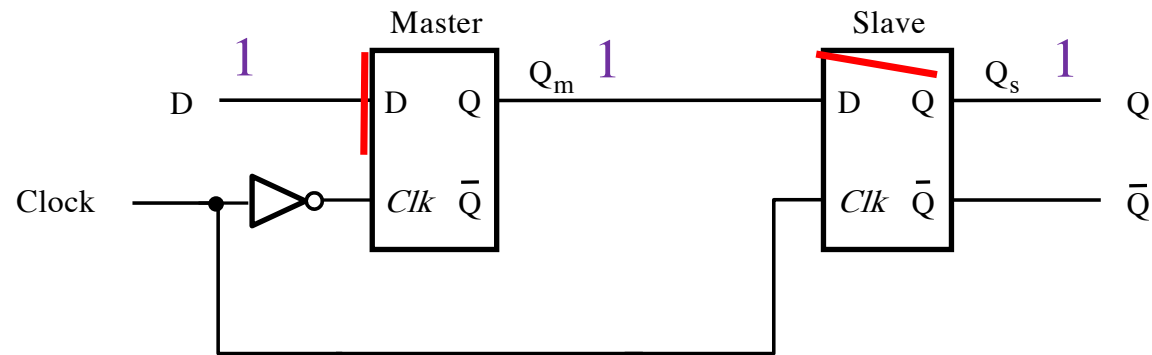
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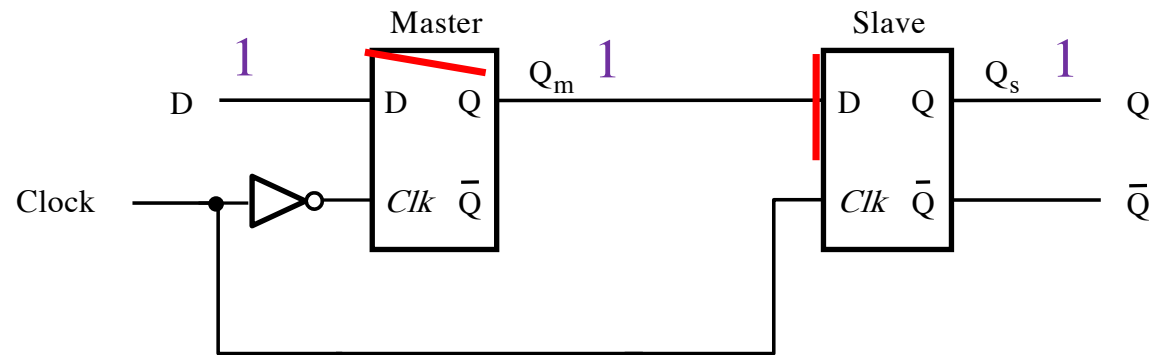
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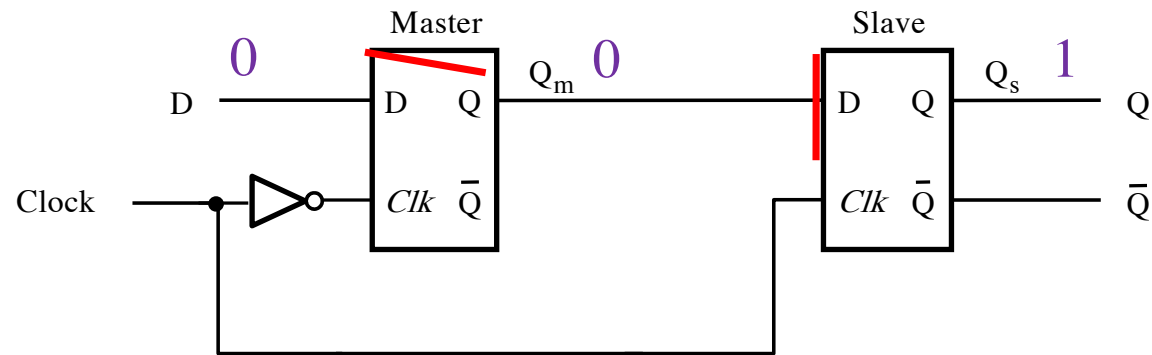
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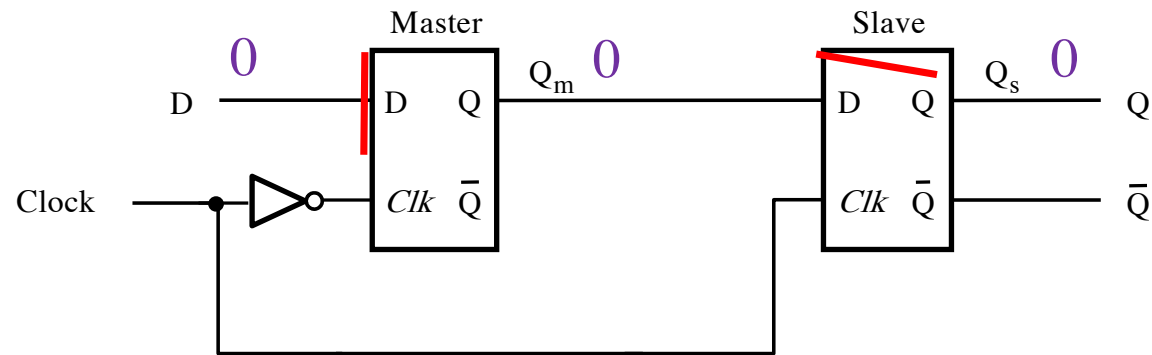
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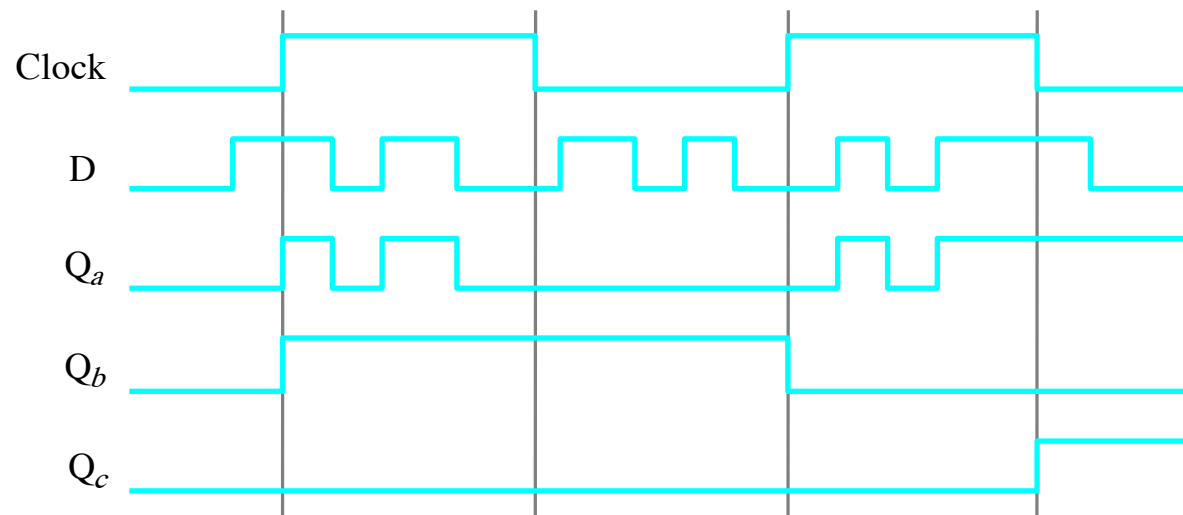
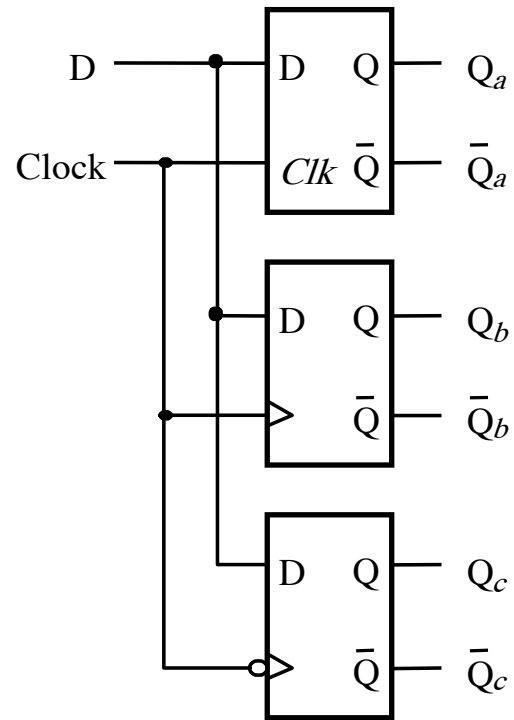


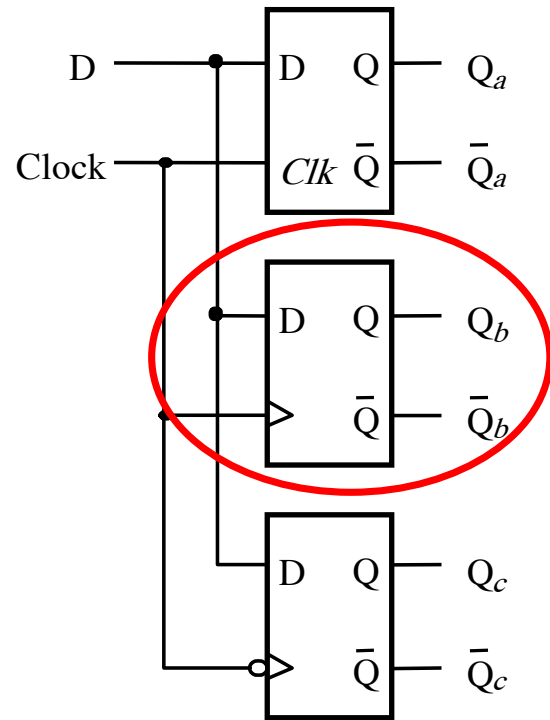
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Level-Sensitive v.s. Edge-Triggered

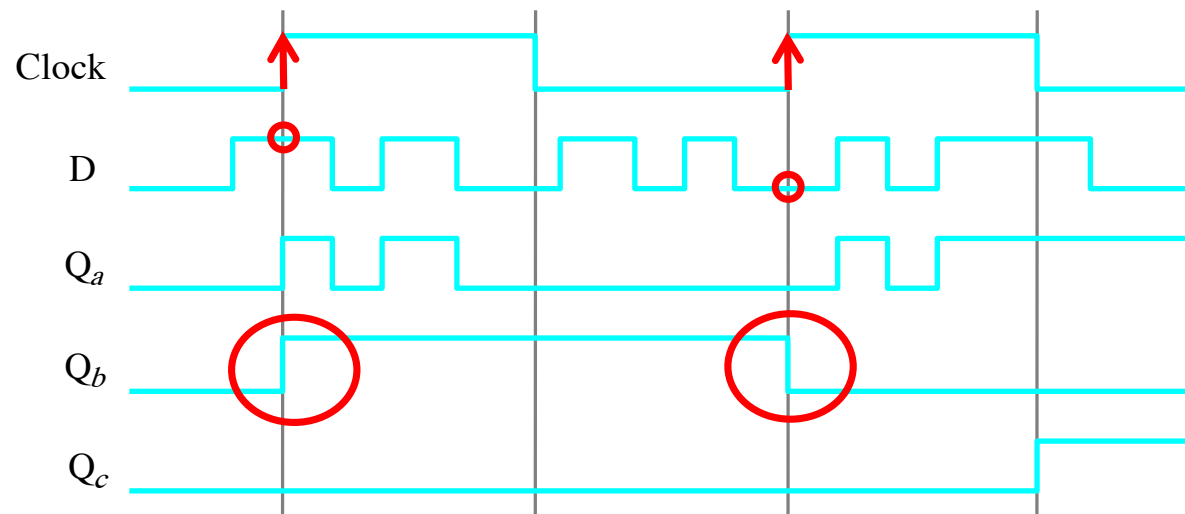
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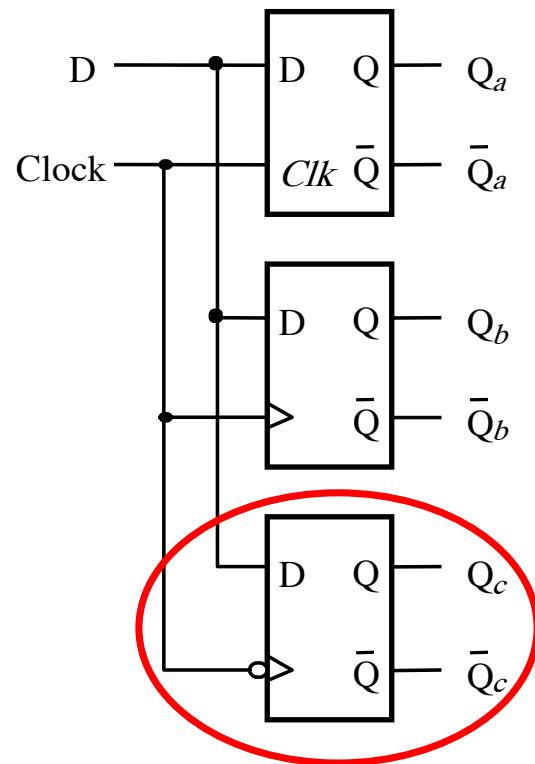




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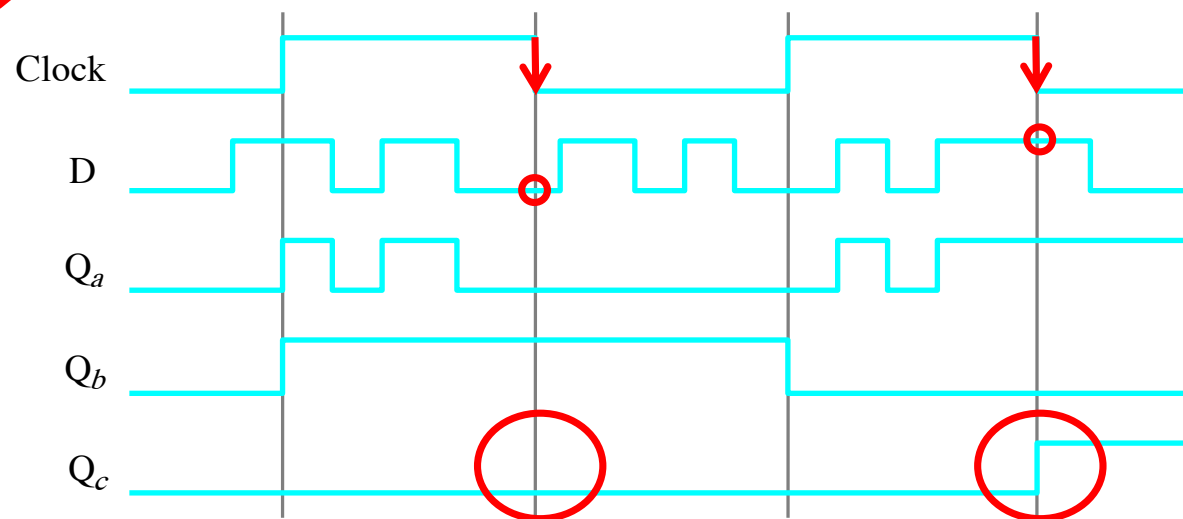
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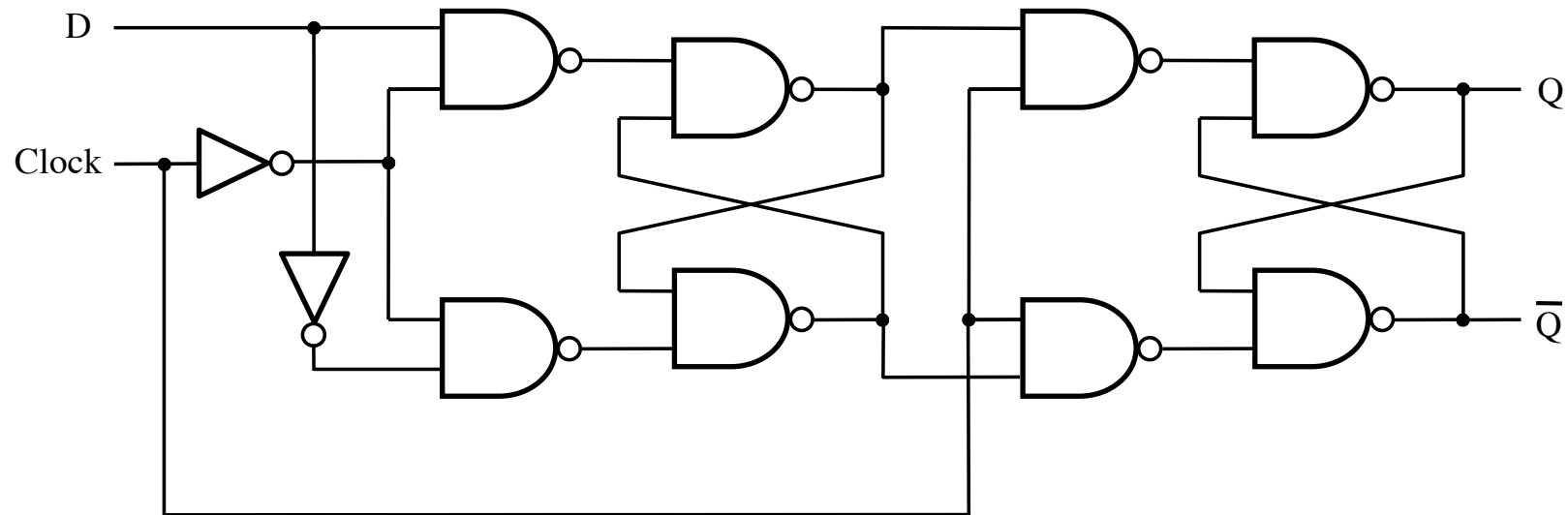
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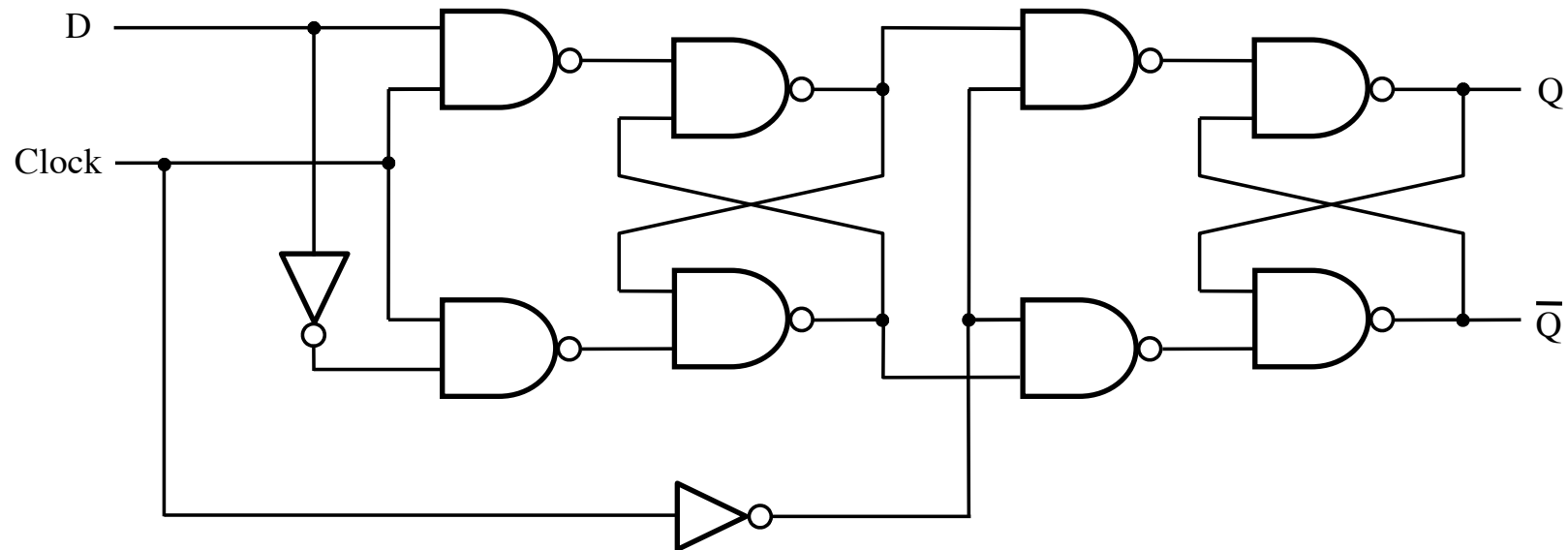


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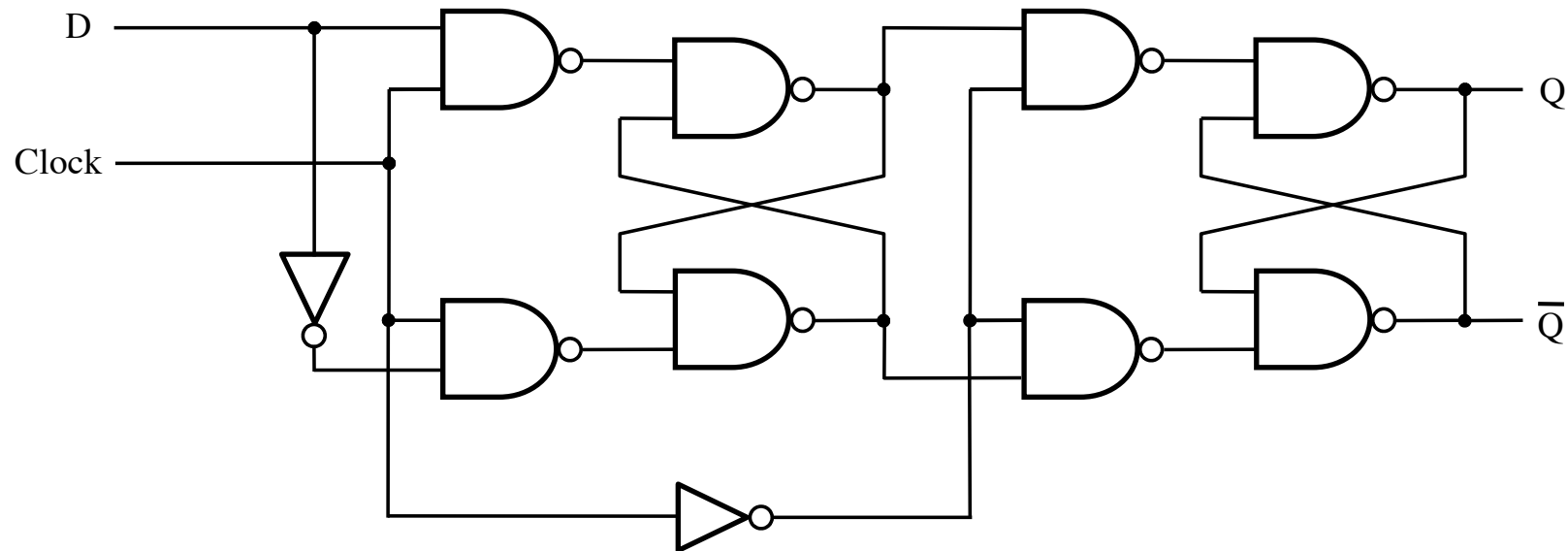
The Complete Wiring Diagram for a Positive-Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flop



The Complete Wiring Diagram for a **Negative**-Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flop



The Complete Wiring Diagram for a **Negative**-Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flop



Terminology

- **Basic Latch** – is a feedback connection of two NOR gates or two NAND gates, which can store one bit of information (it has two outputs, but they are inverses of each other). The primary output can be set to 1 using the S input and reset to 0 using the R input.
- **Gated Latch** – is a basic latch that includes input gating with a control input signal. The latch retains its existing state when the control input is equal to 0. Its state may be changed through the S and R inputs when the control signal is equal to 1.

Terminology

- **Two types of gated latches**
(the control input is the clock):
- **Gated SR Latch** – uses the S and R inputs to set the latch to 1 or reset it to 0.
- **Gated D Latch** – uses the D input to force the latch into a state that has the same logic value as the D input.

Terminology

- **Flip-Flop** – is a storage element that can have its output state changed only on the edge of the controlling clock signal.
- **Positive-edge triggered** – if the state changes when the clock signal goes from 0 to 1.
- **Negative-edge triggered** – if the state changes when the clock signal goes from 1 to 0.

Terminology

Both **latches** and **flip-flops** are storage elements. Each of them can store only one bit of information. However, they use different mechanisms to change the value of that bit.

A **latch** is level-sensitive, whereas a **flip-flop** is edge-sensitive. When a latch is enabled it becomes transparent, meaning that its output can be changed immediately given appropriate values of the inputs. And the output can change multiple times while the latch is enabled.

On the other hand, the output of a **flip-flop** changes only on a single type of clock edge (either positive going or negative going edge). The new output depends on the input values at the time of the clock edge.

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