CSCI 210: Computer Architecture
Lecture 14: Digital Logic

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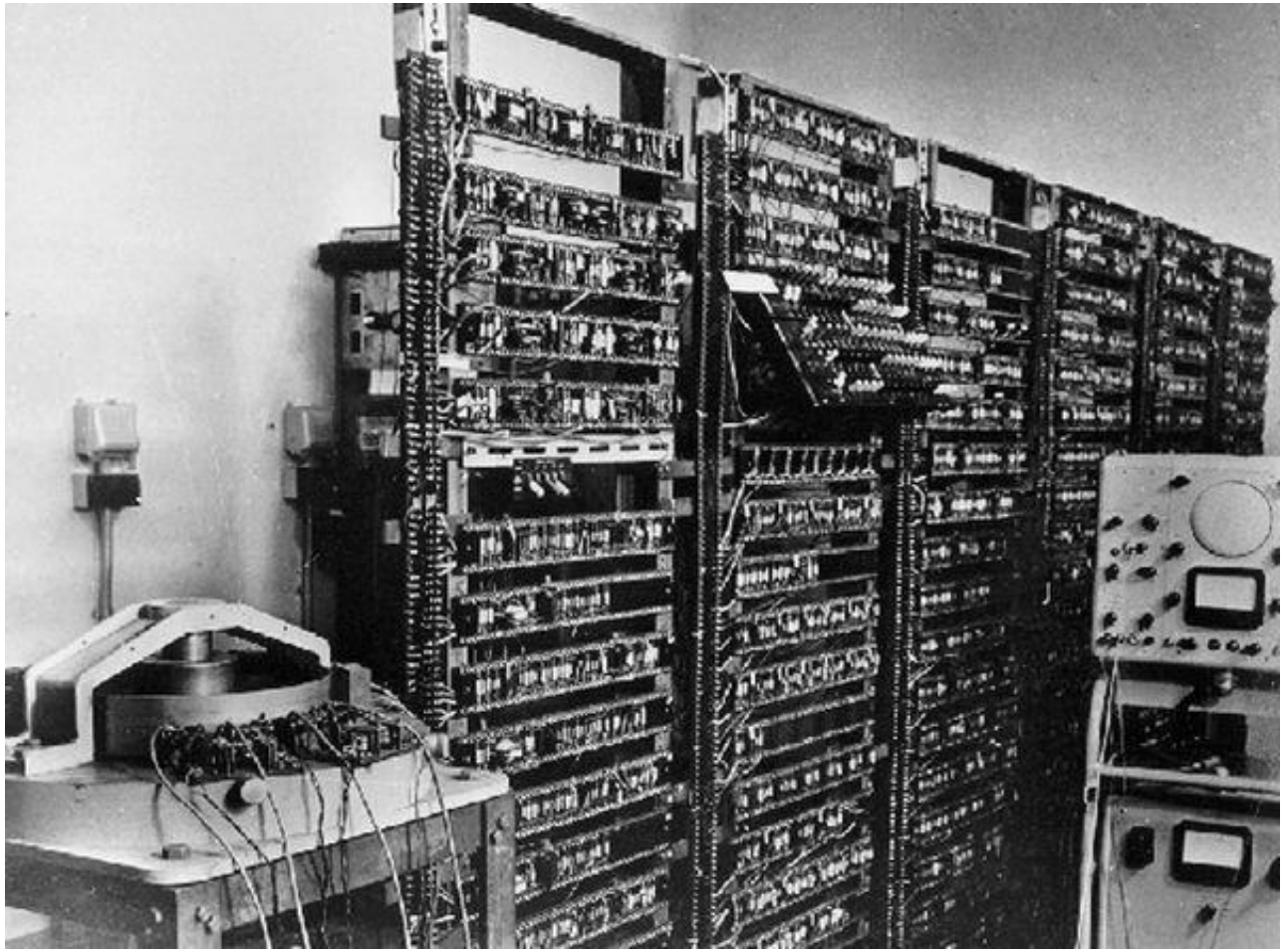
CS History: The Manchester Transistor Computer



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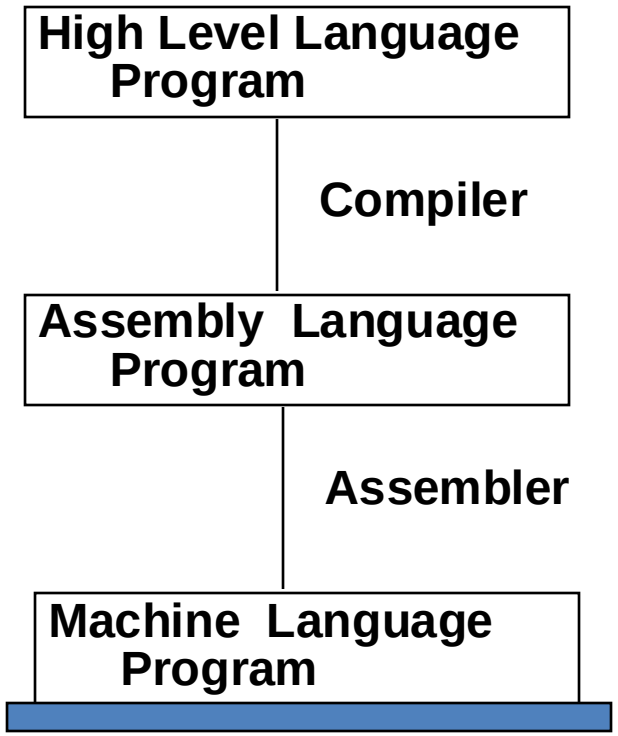
- First computer to use transistors
- Developed at University of Manchester in 1953
- Problems with the reliability of early batches of transistors meant that its mean time between failures was about 90 minutes
- Still used valves for its clock and memory, so not fully transistorized

Creating the Universe from 1 and 0

- We have seen how to build programs from assembly
- Now we'll learn how we implement assembly language instructions using circuits

Machine Interpretation



Machine Interpretation

```
temp = v[k];
v[k] = v[k+1];
v[k+1] = temp;
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```
lw  $15,   0($2)
lw  $16,   4($2)
sw $16,   0($2)
sw $15,   4($2)
```

```
10001100011000100000000000000000
10001100111100100000000000000100
10101100111100100000000000000000
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Machine does something!

A digital circuit is comprised of signals, gates, and wires

- Signals
  - Voltages applied to wires which generate electric current

- Binary signals are represented by different voltages:
  - 0: 0-1 volts
  - 1: 2-5 volts

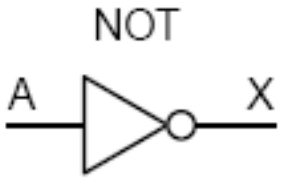
A digital circuit is comprised of signals, gates, and wires

- Gates
  - Devices which perform operations on signals corresponding to basic logic operations: and, or, not, nand, nor, xor
  - Made out of transistors

- Wires
  - Lines over which signals are transmitted between gates

Representation of Logic Gates

- Symbol



- Truth Table

A	X
0	1
1	0

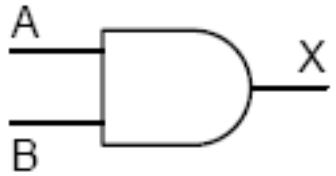
- Algebraic Representation $\bar{A}$

Not

A	X
0	1
1	0

- Inverts the input
- Algebraic representation: $\bar{A}$

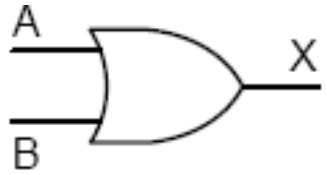
And



A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- Algebraic representation: AB or $A \cdot B$

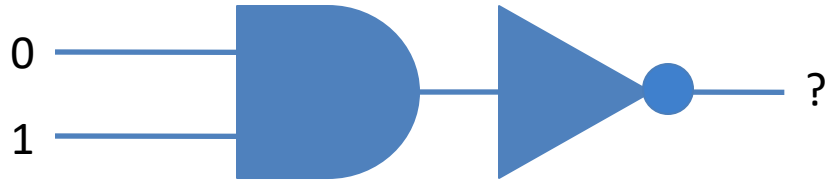
Or



A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

- Algebraic representation: A+B

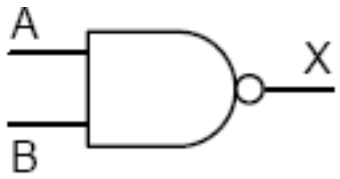
And and Not



A. 0

B. 1

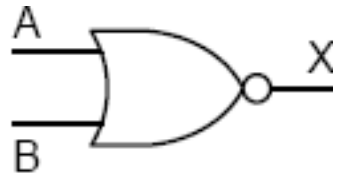
Nand



A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

- Algebraic representation: $\overline{(A \cdot B)}$

Nor



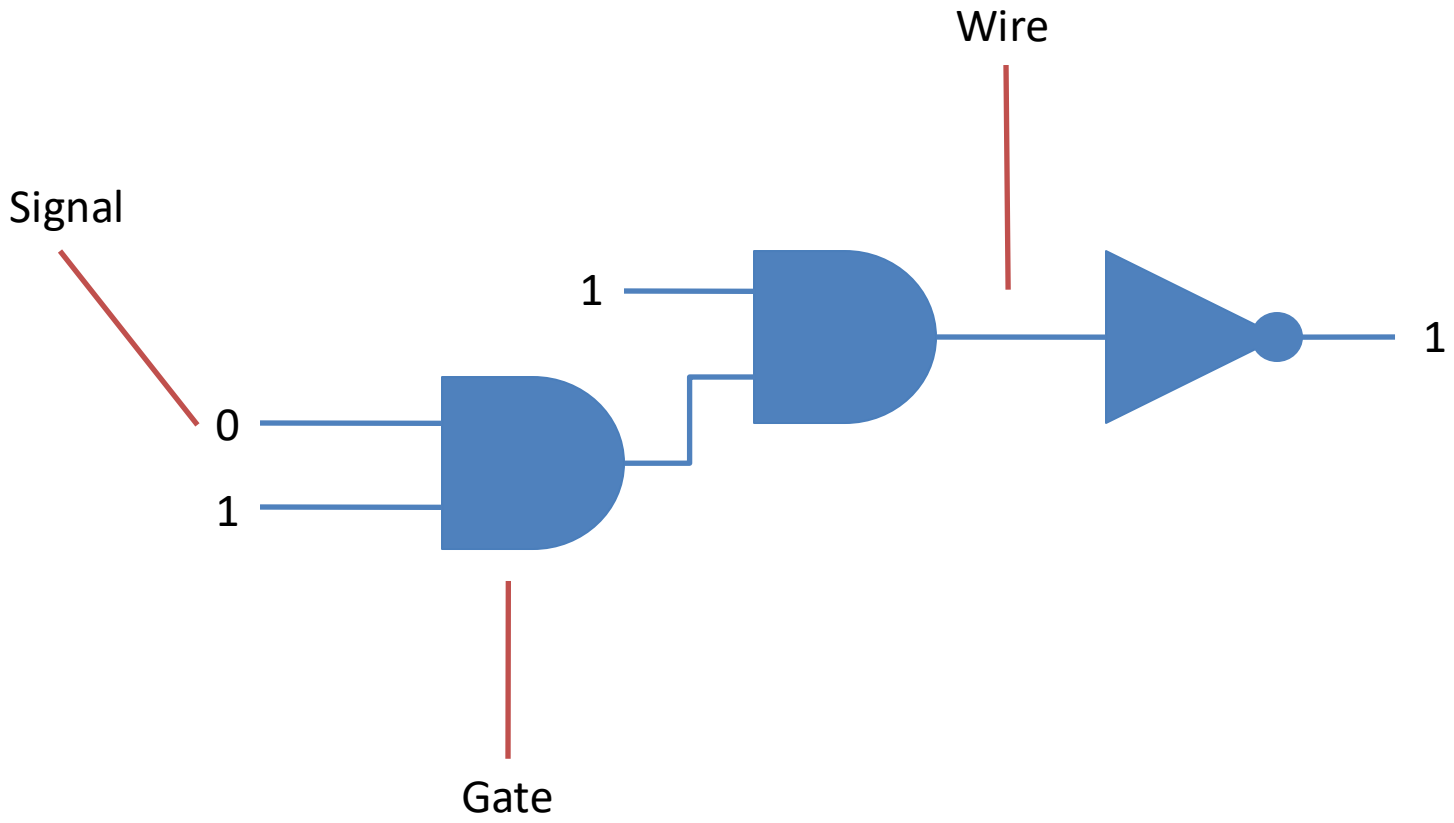
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

- Algebraic representation: $\overline{(A + B)}$

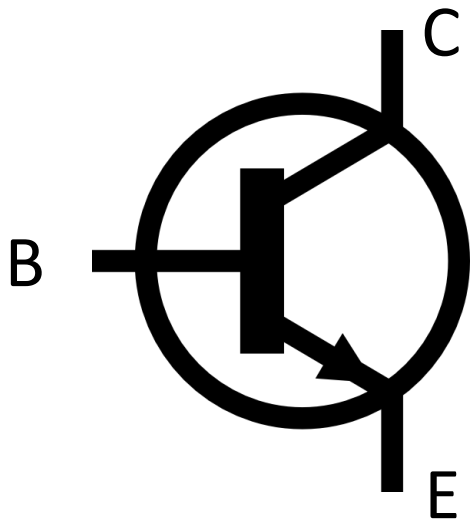
Xor

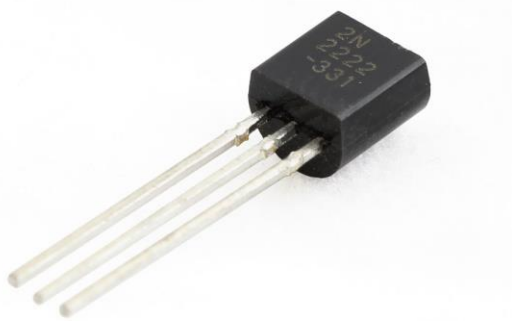
A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

- Algebraic representation: A^B or $A \oplus B$


Wire
Signal
1
0
1
1
Gate

Our Friend the Transistor

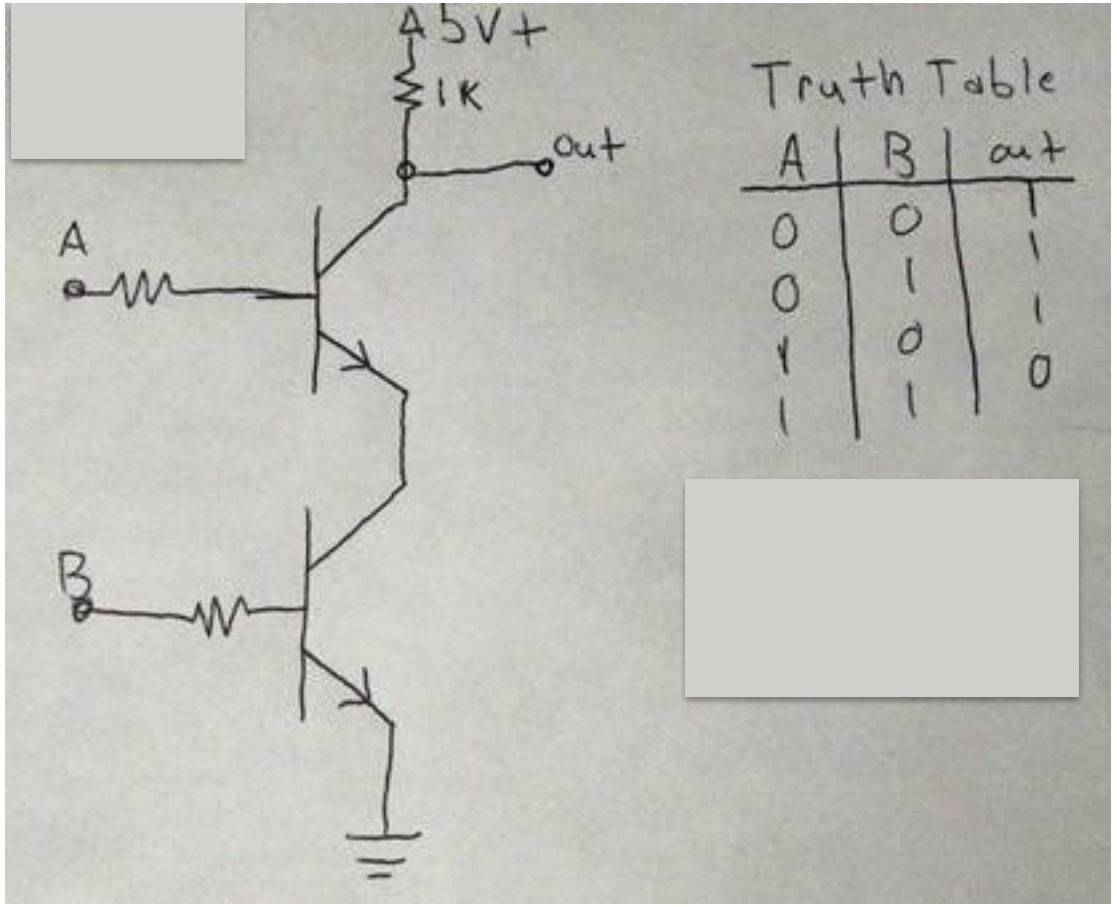




- The basic electronic component from which all gates are created; there are many types, this is an NPN transistor
- When the base (B) has a high voltage, current can flow from the collector (C) to the emitter (E)
- This creates an on/off switch

Building gates out of switches

- Two inputs A and B
- One output out
- When A or B are 1, the other two electrodes (collector and emitter) are connected
- When A and B are both 1, out is connected to ground (logic value 0)
- When either A or B is 0, out is not connected to ground and current can flow from 5V to out



What Gate Does This Match?

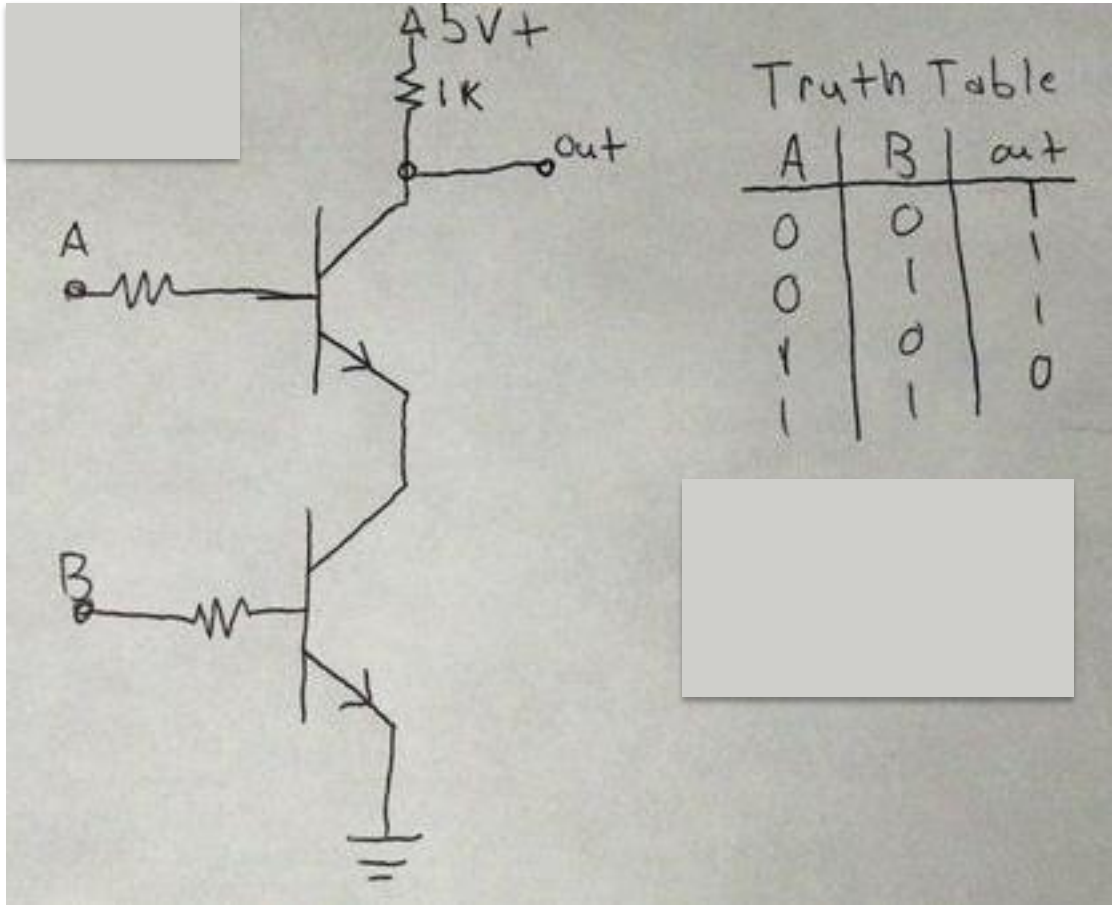
- If both A and B are high voltage (logical 1), out will be low voltage (logical 0)
- Otherwise, out is high voltage

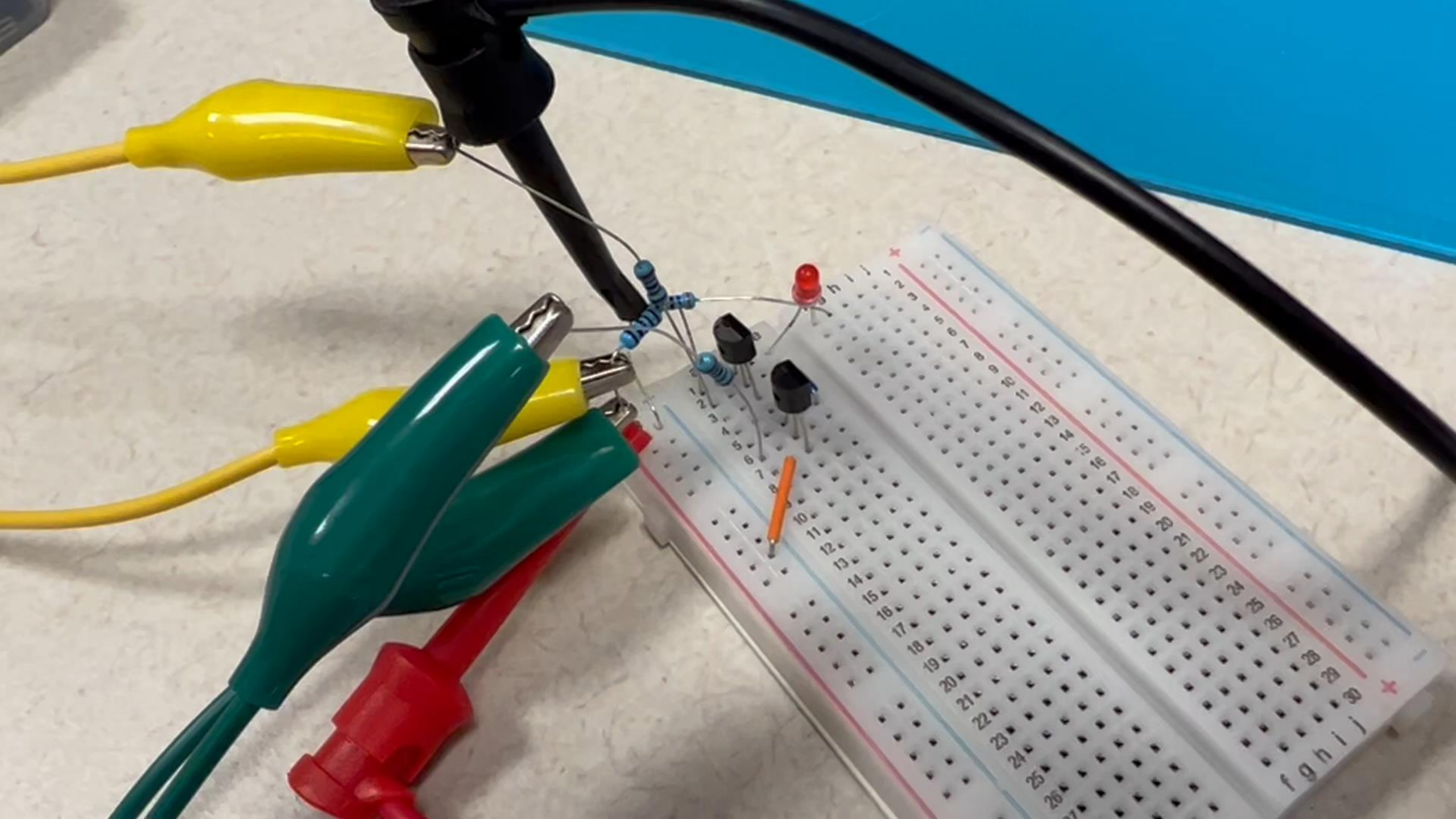
A. AND

B. OR

C. NAND

D. NOR





All Other Gates Can Be Created From NAND

Not

And

Which is equivalent to A OR B?

A. A NAND B

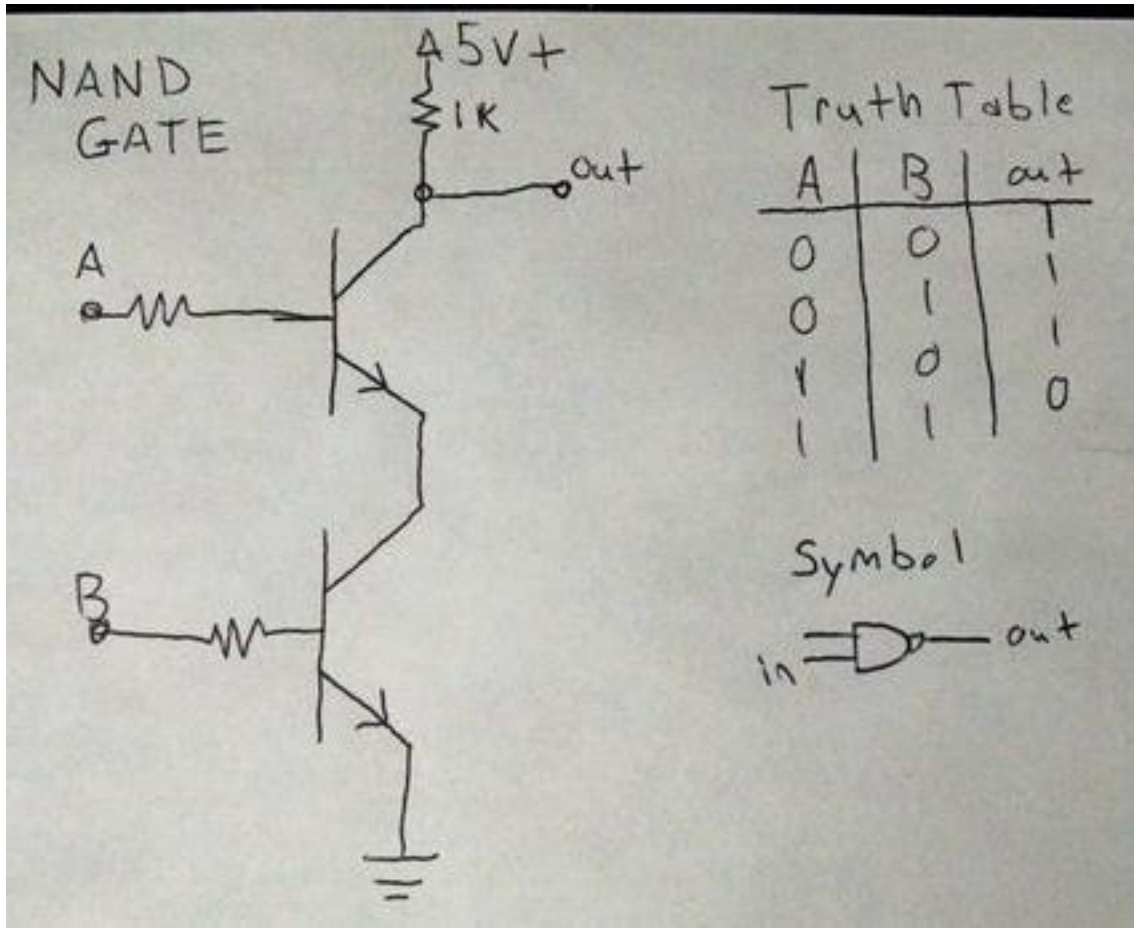
B. NOT (A NAND B)

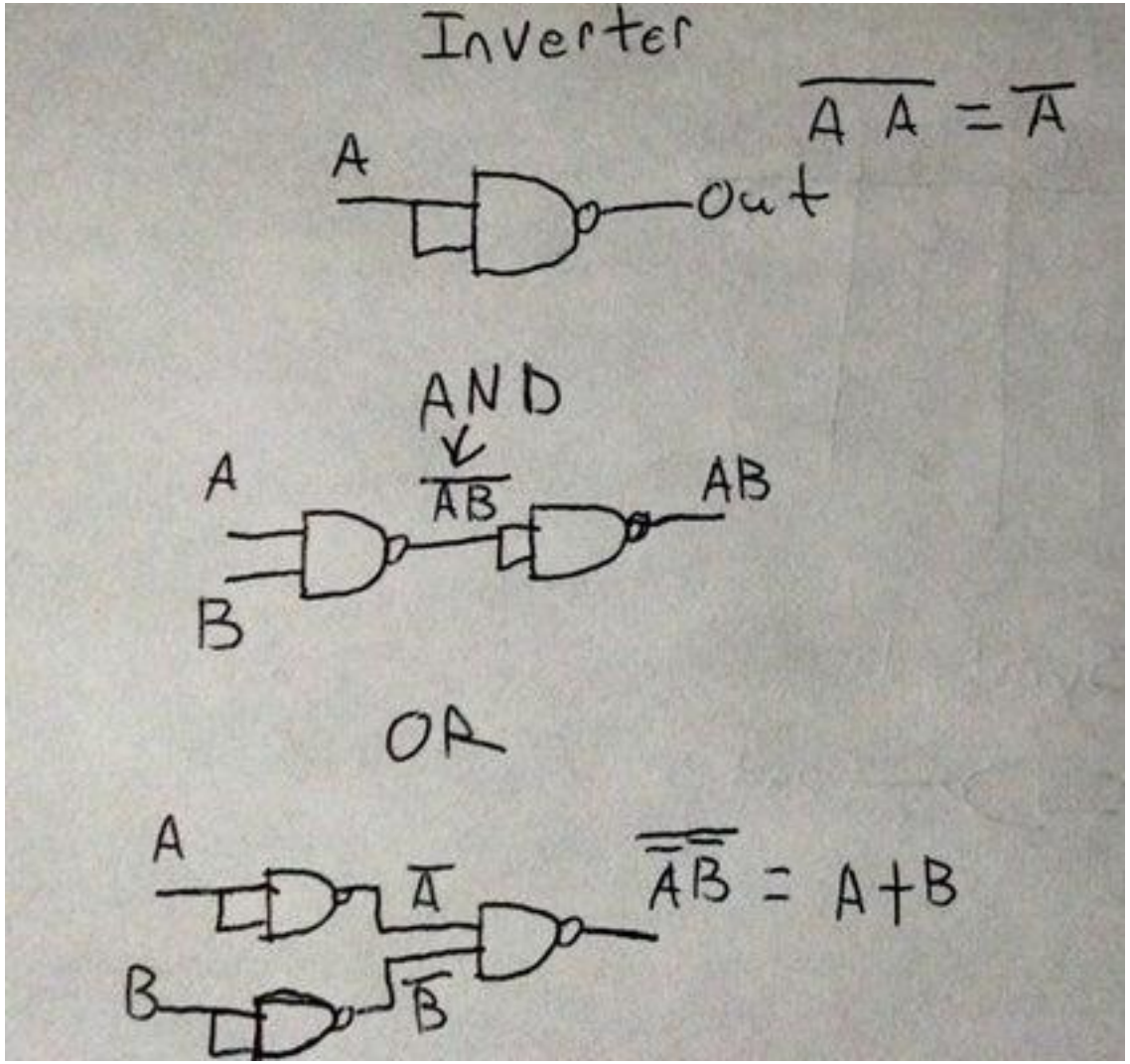
C. (NOT A) NAND (NOT B)

D. NOT ((NOT A) NAND (NOT B))

E. None of the above

Putting them together





Images from: https://www.instructables.com/Build-a-NAND-gate-from-transistors/

All Gates Can Also Be Created from NOR

- NOR and NAND are universal gates
  - All gates can be created from them

- You will show this in Problem Set 5

Which column completes the truth table for

$$F = \overline{X} \cdot (Y + Z)$$?

X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	0	1	0	1

Groups: Draw Diagram for $F = \overline{X} \cdot (Y + Z)$

$$F = \overline{A} + (B(AC + \overline{AB}))$$

Truth Table

A	B	C	AC	$\overline{AB}$	$B(AC + \overline{AB})$	F
0	0	0				
0	0	1				
0	1	0				
0	1	1				
1	0	0				
1	0	1				
1	1	0				
1	1	1				

Reading

- Next lecture: Boolean Algebra
  - 3.3

- Problem Set 4 due Friday

- Lab 3 due Monday