Northwestern University Electrical Engineering and Computer Science EECS303: Advanced Digital Design, Fall 11 Prof. Hai Zhou

Homework 5

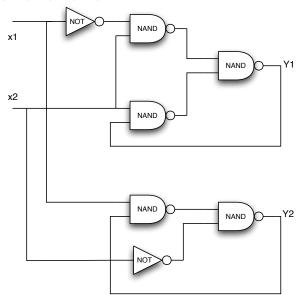
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Handout #12

Due: Nov 29

You may discuss the assignments with your classmates but need to write down your solutions independently. Be careful with your handwriting. Unclear solutions will be assumed wrong.

- 1. (10 pts) What are asynchronous circuits? And what are the benefits of asynchronous circuits over synchronous circuits?
- 2. (10 pts) What are static 1-hazard, static 0-hazard, and dynamic hazard? Prove that there can not be dynamic hazard in two-level logic circuits.
- 3. (20 pts) Consider whether each of the following two-level logic circuits is hazard-free, and if not, make it hazard-free.
 - (a) $\bar{a}c + b\bar{c} + c\bar{d}$
 - (b) $(a+c)(\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d})$
- 4. (20 pts) Derive the transition table for the following asynchronous sequential circuit. Is it hazard-free? Determine the sequence of internal states for the following sequence of inputs x_1x_2 : 00, 10, 11, 01, 11, 10, 00.



- 5. (15 pts) Draw a waveform for using dual-rail encoding and 4-phase handshake to communicate three 2-bit data (0,0),(1,1),(1,0) between two components.
- 6. (25 pts) Design an asynchronous FIFO buffer which can store up to two 1-bit data.