EE 330
Lecture 42

Digital Circuits

- Propagation Delay with Minimum Sized Gates
- Propagation Delay with Arbitrary Gate Sizing
- Optimally driving large capacitive loads
- Logic Effort Method for Signal Propagation

Exam Schedule

Final	**Wed May 11**	**7:30 a.m.**

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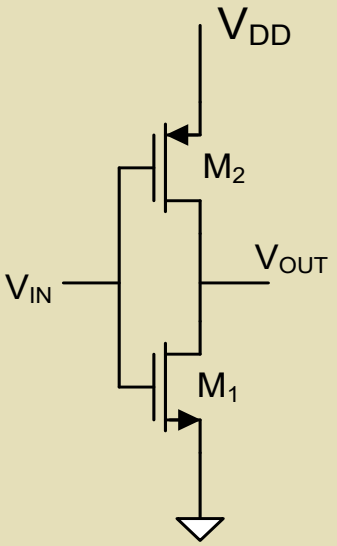
The Reference Inverter

Reference Inverter



Assume $\mu_n/\mu_p=3$

$W_n=W_{MIN}$, $W_p=3W_{MIN}$

$L_n=L_p=L_{MIN}$

In 0.5u proc t_{REF}=20ps, C_{REF}=4fF, $R_{PDREF}=R_{PUREF}$=2.5K

$$R_{PDREF}=R_{PUREF}$$

$$\mathbf{C_{REF}=C_{IN}=4C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}}$$

$$R_{PDREF}=\frac{L_{MIN}}{\mu_n C_{OX} W_{MIN}\left(V_{DD}-V_{Tn}\right)} \overset{V_{Tn}=.2V_{DD}}{=} \frac{L_{MIN}}{\mu_n C_{OX} W_{MIN}\left(0.8V_{DD}\right)}$$

$$\mathbf{t_{HLREF}=t_{LHREF}=R_{PDREF}C_{REF}}$$

$$\mathbf{t_{REF}=t_{HLREF}+t_{LHREF}=2R_{PDREF}C_{REF}}$$

(Note: This C_{OX} is somewhat larger than that in the 0.5u ON process)

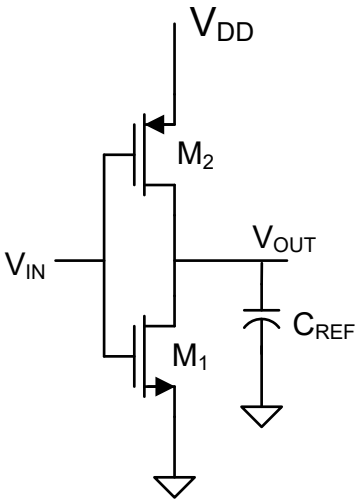
Device Sizing

Equal Worse-Case Rise/Fall Device Sizing Strategy

-- (same as $V_{TRIP}=V_{DD}/2$ for worst case delay in typical process considered in example)

Assume $\mu_n/\mu_p=3$ **How many degrees of freedom were available?**

$L_n=L_p=L_{MIN}$



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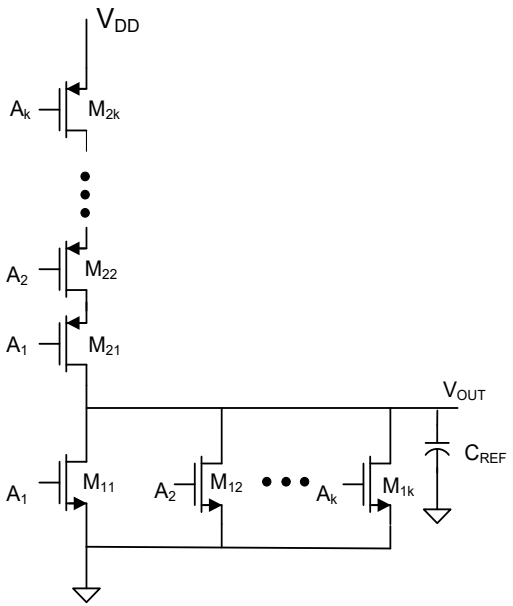
$W_n=W_{MIN}$, $W_p=3W_{MIN}$

$C_{IN}=C_{REF}$

FI=1

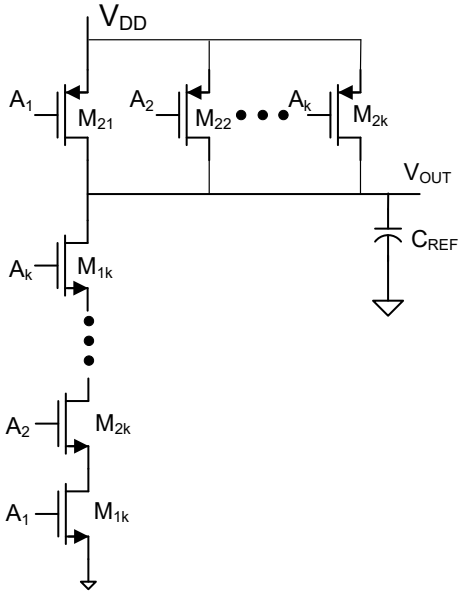


k-input NOR

$W_n=W_{MIN}$, $W_p=3kW_{MIN}$

$$C_{IN}=\left(\frac{3k+1}{4}\right)C_{REF}$$

$$FI=\left(\frac{3k+1}{4}\right)$$



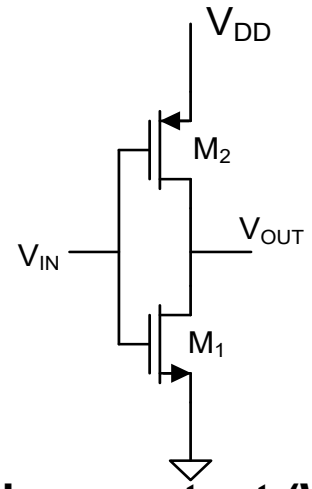
k-input NAND

$W_n=kW_{MIN}$, $W_p=3W_{MIN}$

$$C_{IN}=\left(\frac{3+k}{4}\right)C_{REF}$$

$$FI=\left(\frac{3+k}{4}\right)$$

Overdrive Factors



Scaling widths of ALL devices by constant (W_{scaled}=WxOD) will change "drive" capability relative to that of the reference inverter but not change relative value of t_{HL} and t_{LH}

$$R_{PD}=\frac{L_1}{\mu_n C_{OX} W_1 (V_{DD}-V_{Tn})} \rightarrow R_{PDOD}=\frac{L_1}{\mu_n C_{OX} [OD \bullet W_1](V_{DD}-V_{Tn})}=\frac{R_{PD}}{OD}$$

$$R_{PU}=\frac{L_2}{\mu_p C_{OX} W_2 (V_{DD}+V_{Tp})} \rightarrow R_{PUOD}=\frac{L_2}{\mu_p C_{OX} [OD \bullet W_2](V_{DD}+V_{Tp})}=\frac{R_{PU}}{OD}$$

Scaling widths of ALL devices by constant will change FI by OD

$$C_{IN}=C_{OX}(W_1L_1+W_2L_2) \rightarrow C_{INOD}=C_{OX}([OD \bullet W_1]L_1+[OD \bullet W_2]L_2)=OD \bullet C_{IN}$$

Propagation Delay in Multiple-Levels of Logic with Stage Loading

Will consider an example with the five cases

- **Equal rise/fall (no overdrive)**
- **Equal rise/fall with overdrive**
- **Minimum Sized**
- **Asymmetric Overdrive**
- **Combination of equal rise/fall, minimum size and overdrive**

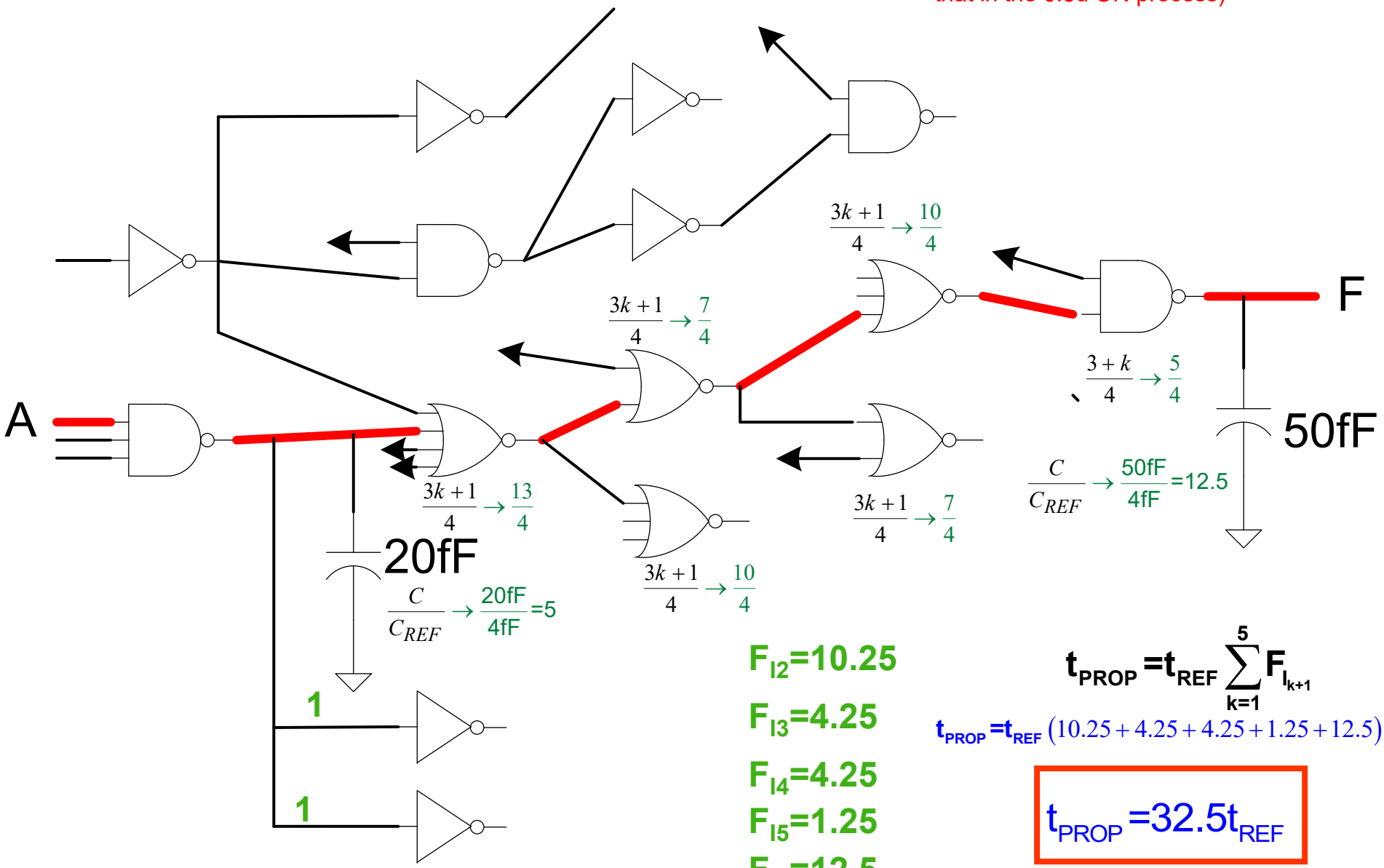
Will develop the analysis methods as needed

Review from Last Time

Equal rise-fall gates, no overdrive

In 0.5u proc t_{REF}=20ps, C_{REF}=4fF, R_{PDREF}=2.5K

(Note: This C_{OX} is somewhat larger than that in the 0.5u ON process)



F_{I2}=10.25

F_{I3}=4.25

F_{I4}=4.25

F_{I5}=1.25

F_{I6}=12.5

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{5} F_{I_{k+1}}$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} (10.25 + 4.25 + 4.25 + 1.25 + 12.5)$$

$$t_{PROP} = 32.5 t_{REF}$$

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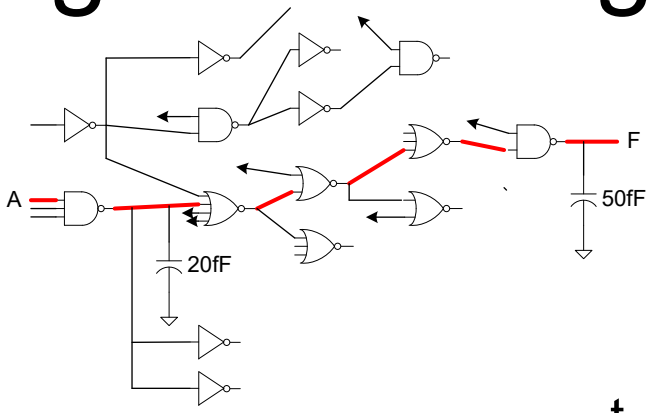


- **Equal rise/fall (no overdrive)**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} FI_{(k+1)}$$

- **Equal rise/fall with overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

- **Minimum Sized**

$$t_{PROP} = \ ?$$

- **Asymmetric Overdrive**

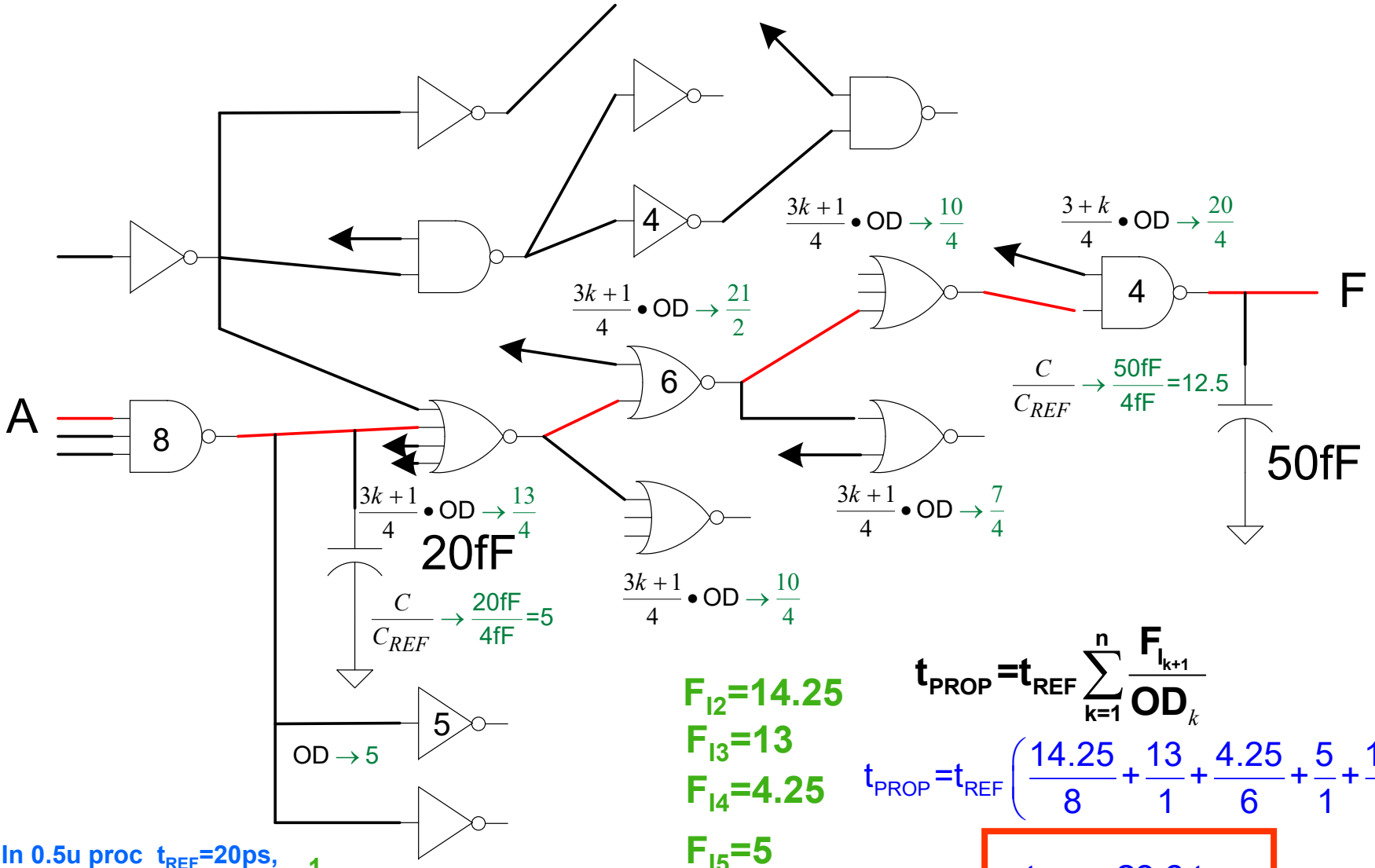
$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

- **Combination of equal rise/fall, minimum size and overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = \ ?$$

Review from Last Time

Equal rise-fall gates, with overdrive



$F_{I2}=14.25$

$F_{I3}=13$

$F_{I4}=4.25$

$F_{I5}=5$

$F_{I6}=12.5$

$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF}\sum_{k=1}^{n}\frac{F_{I_{k+1}}}{OD_k}$$

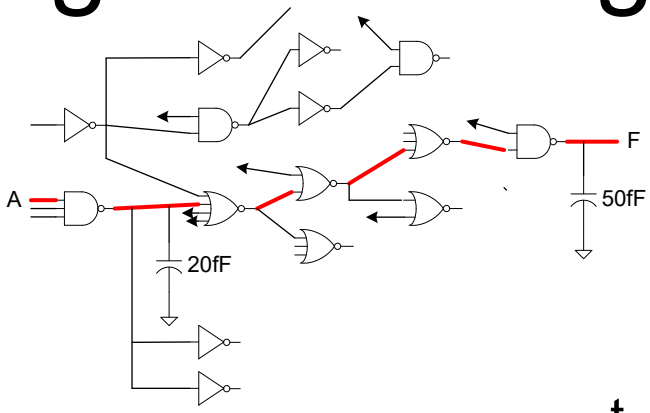
$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF}\left(\frac{14.25}{8}+\frac{13}{1}+\frac{4.25}{6}+\frac{5}{1}+\frac{12.5}{4}\right)$$

$$t_{PROP}=23.6\ t_{REF}$$

In 0.5u proc t_{REF}=20ps, C_{REF}=4fF,R_{PDREF}=2.5K

(Note: This C_{OX} is somewhat larger than that in the 0.5u ON process)

Propagation Delay in Multiple-Levels of Logic with Stage Loading



- **Equal rise/fall (no overdrive)**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} FI_{(k+1)}$$

- **Equal rise/fall with overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

- **Minimum Sized**

$$t_{PROP} = \ ?$$

- **Asymmetric Overdrive**

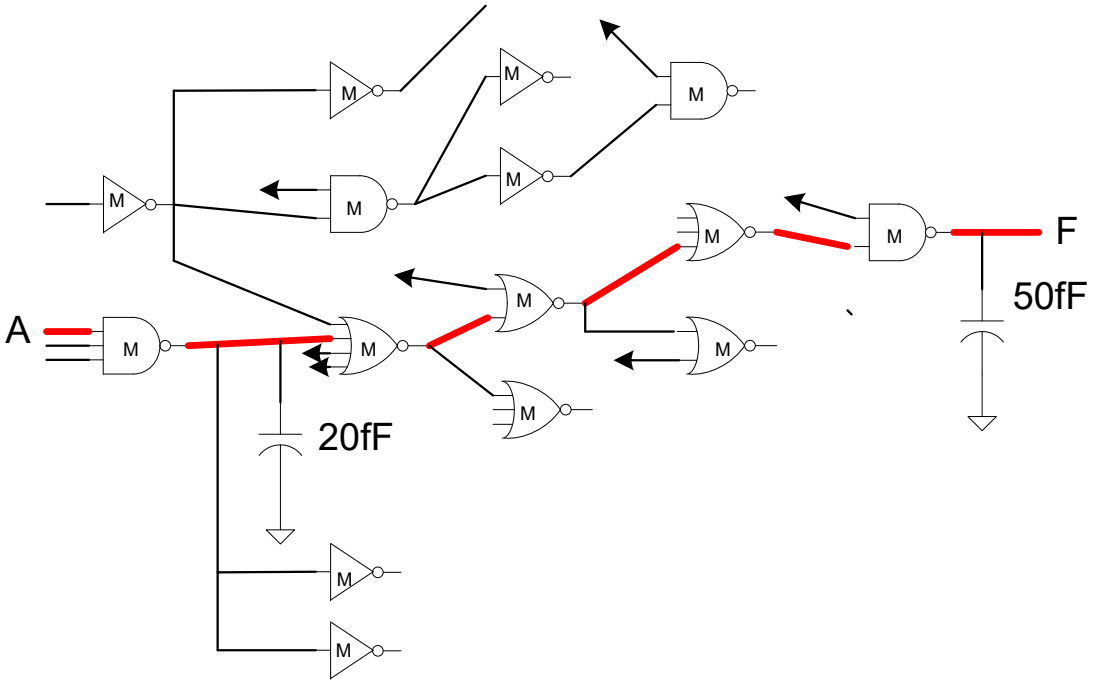
$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

- **Combination of equal rise/fall, minimum size and overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = \ ?$$

Propagation Delay in Multiple-Levels of Logic with Stage Loading

Minimum-sized gates

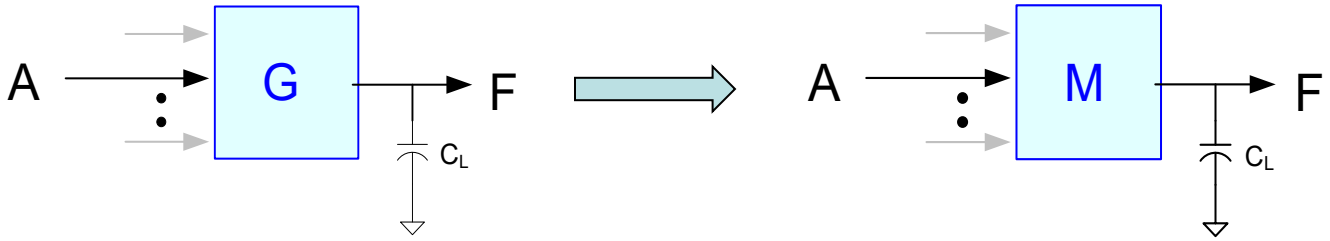


$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet ?$

Observe that a minimum-sized gate is simply a gate with asymmetric overdrive

Recall:

Propagation Delay with Minimum-Sized Gates



$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{t_{PROP}}{t_{REF}} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

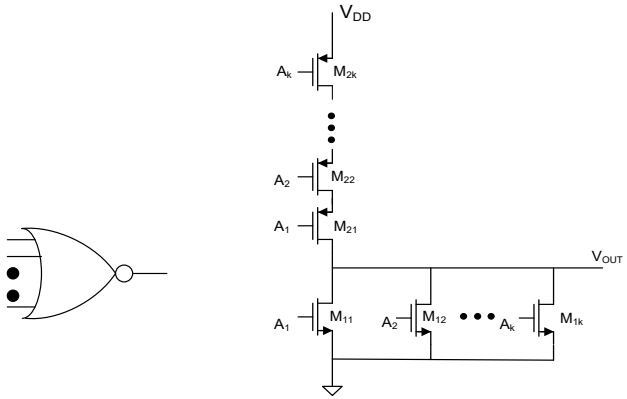
- **Still need OD_{HL} and OD_{LH} for minimum-sized gates**
- **Still need FI for minimum-sized gates**

Review from Last Time

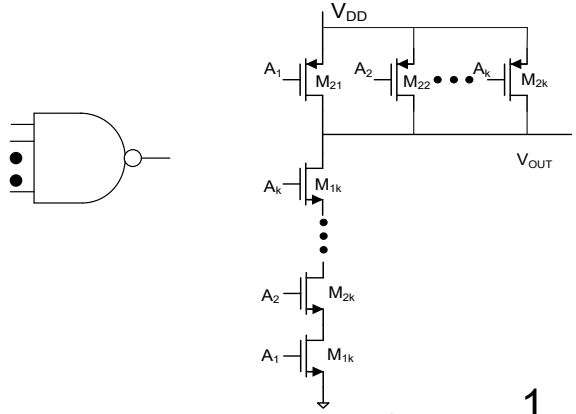
Propagation Delay in Multiple-Levels of Logic with Stage Loading

Minimum-sized gates

	Equal Rise/Fall	Equal Rise/Fall (with OD)	Minimum Sized
C_{IN}/C_{REF}			
Inverter	1	OD	1/2
NOR	$\frac{3k+1}{4}$	$\frac{3k+1}{4} \cdot OD$	1/2
NAND	$\frac{3+k}{4}$	$\frac{3+k}{4} \cdot OD$	1/2
Overdrive			
Inverter			
HL	1	OD	1
LH	1	OD	1/3
NOR			
HL	1	OD	1
LH	1	OD	1/(3k)
NAND			
HL	1	OD	1/k
LH	1	OD	1/3
t_{PROP}/t_{REF}	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}$	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)$



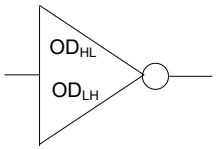
$OD_{HL}=1$ $\quad OD_{LH}=\frac{1}{3k}$



$OD_{HL}=1/k$ $\quad OD_{LH}=\frac{1}{3}$

$FI=\frac{C_{REF}}{2}$

Minimum-sized gates



$F_{I2}=13/2$

$F_{I3}=1$

$F_{I4}=1$

$F_{I5}=1/2$

$F_{I6}=12.5$

$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{5} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF} \bullet \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{13}{2}(3+3)+1(12+1)+1(6+1)+\frac{1}{2}(9+1)+12.5(2+3) \right)$$

$$t_{PROP}=63.25 \bullet t_{REF}$$

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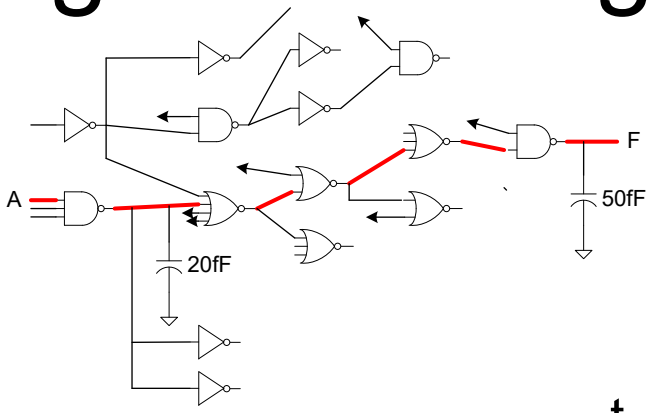

- **Equal rise/fall (no overdrive)**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} FI_{(k+1)}$$

- **Equal rise/fall with overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

- **Minimum Sized**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

- **Asymmetric Overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

- **Combination of equal rise/fall, minimum size and overdrive**

$$t_{PROP} = \ ?$$

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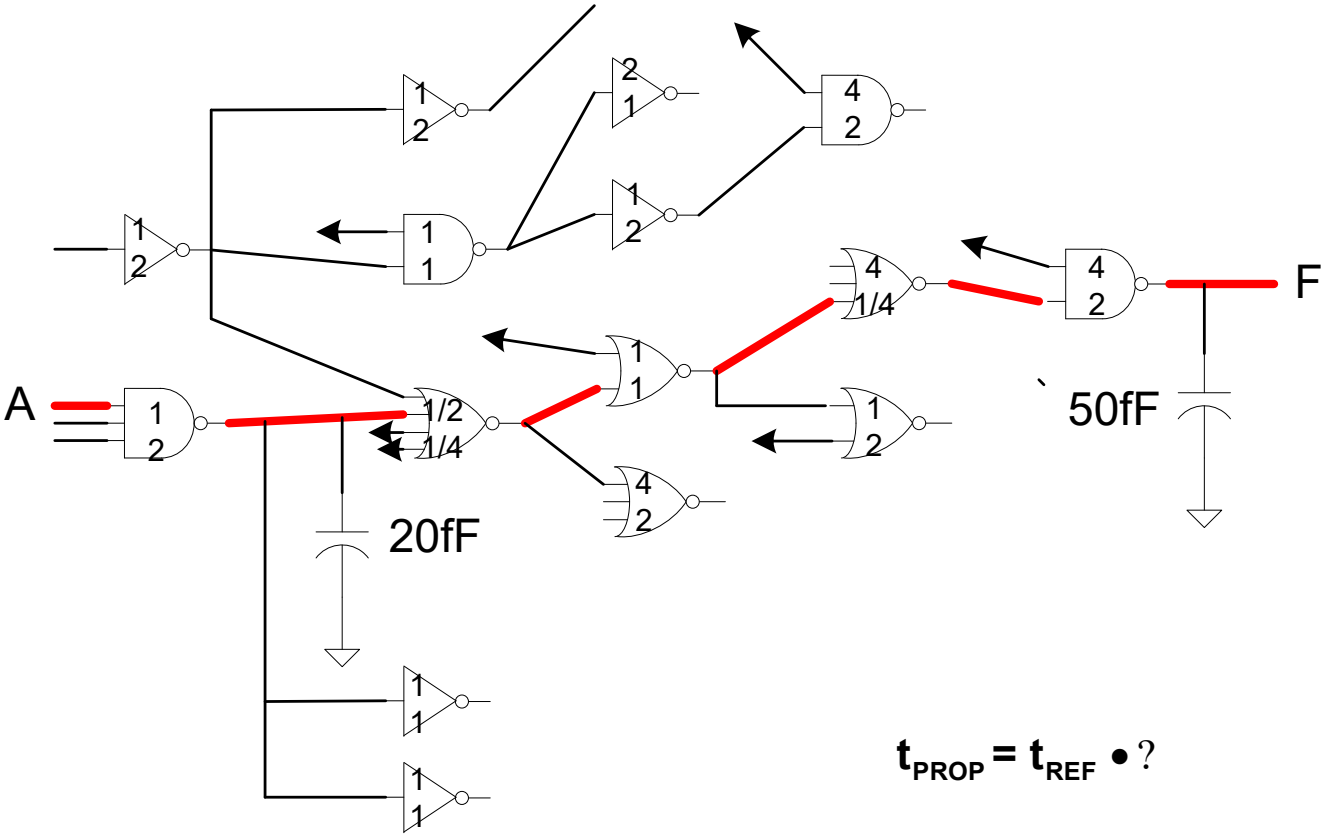
Asymmetric-sized gates



$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet ?$

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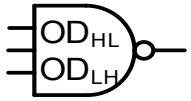
Asymmetric-sized gates

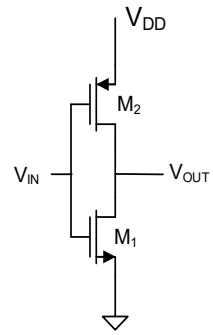


	Equal Rise/Fall	Equal Rise/Fall (with OD)	Minimum Sized	Asymmetric OD (OD_{HL}, OD_{LH})
C_{IN}/C_{REF}				
Inverter	1	OD	1/2	?
NOR	$\frac{3k+1}{4}$	$\frac{3k+1}{4} \bullet OD$	1/2	?
NAND	$\frac{3+k}{4}$	$\frac{3+k}{4} \bullet OD$	1/2	?
Overdrive				
Inverter				
HL	1	OD	1	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/3	OD_{LH}
NOR				
HL	1	OD	1	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/(3k)	OD_{LH}
NAND				
HL	1	OD	1/k	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/3	OD_{LH}
t_{PROP}/t_{REF}	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}$	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right)$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right)$

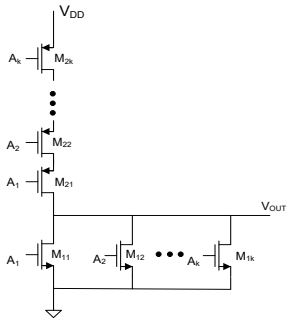
$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{5} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

Asymmetric-sized gates C_{IN}/C_{REF}

Inverter



NOR



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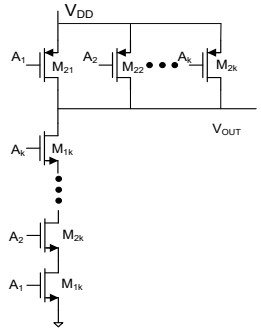
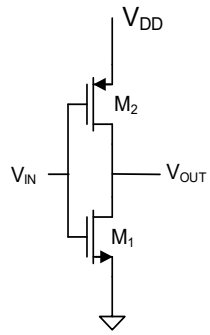


Asymmetric-sized gates C_{IN}/C_{REF}

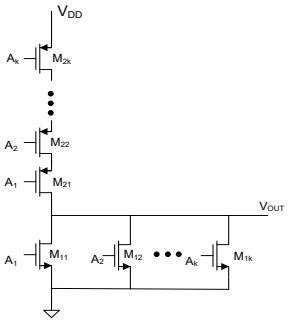
Inverter

$$\frac{C_{IN}}{C_{REF}} = \frac{C_{OX}W_n OD_{HL}L + C_{OX}(3W_n)OD_{LH}L}{4C_{OX}W_nL} = \frac{OD_{HL} + 3OD_{LH}}{4}$$



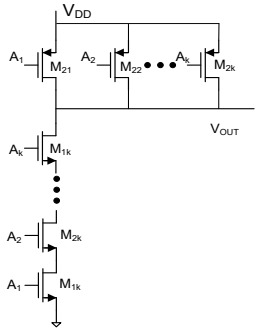
NOR

$$\frac{C_{IN}}{C_{REF}} = \frac{C_{OX}W_n OD_{HL}L + C_{OX}(3kW_n)OD_{LH}L}{4C_{OX}W_nL} = \frac{OD_{HL} + 3kOD_{LH}}{4}$$



NAND

$$\frac{C_{IN}}{C_{REF}} = \frac{C_{OX}kW_n OD_{HL}L + C_{OX}(3W_n)OD_{LH}L}{4C_{OX}W_nL} = \frac{k \bullet OD_{HL} + 3OD_{LH}}{4}$$



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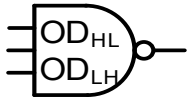
Asymmetric-sized gates



	Equal Rise/Fall	Equal Rise/Fall (with OD)	Minimum Sized	Asymmetric OD (OD_{HL}, OD_{LH})
C_{IN}/C_{REF}				
Inverter	1	OD	1/2	$\frac{OD_{HL}+3 \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$
NOR	$\frac{3k+1}{4}$	$\frac{3k+1}{4} \bullet OD$	1/2	$\frac{OD_{HL}+3k \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$
NAND	$\frac{3+k}{4}$	$\frac{3+k}{4} \bullet OD$	1/2	$\frac{k \bullet OD_{HL}+3 \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$
Overdrive				
Inverter				
HL	1	OD	1	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/3	OD_{LH}
NOR				
HL	1	OD	1	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/(3k)	OD_{LH}
NAND				
HL	1	OD	1/k	OD_{HL}
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t_{PROP}/t_{REF}	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}$	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{5} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)\right)$$

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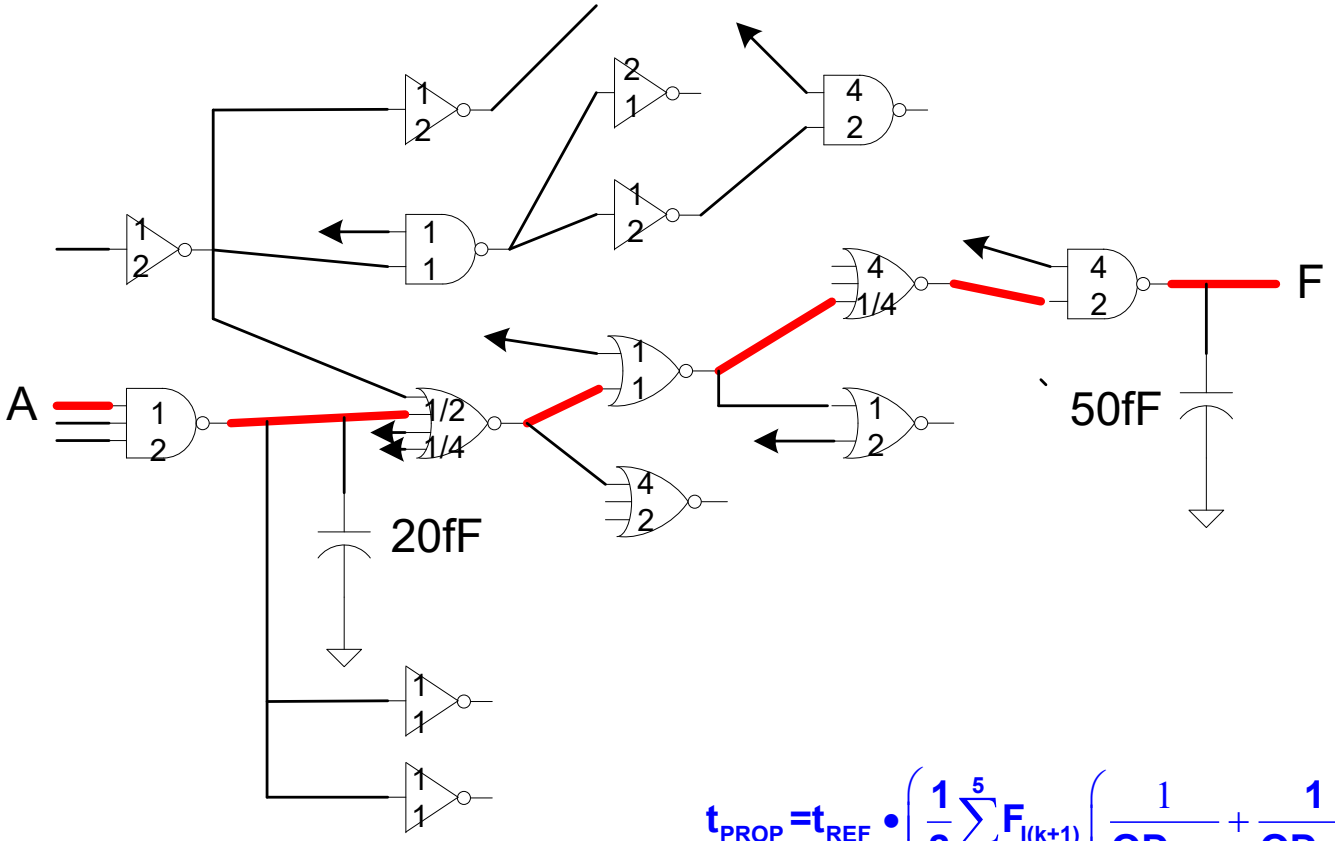
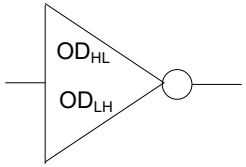
Asymmetric-sized gates



$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{5} F_{I(k+1)} \left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}} + \frac{1}{OD_{LHk}} \right) \right)$$

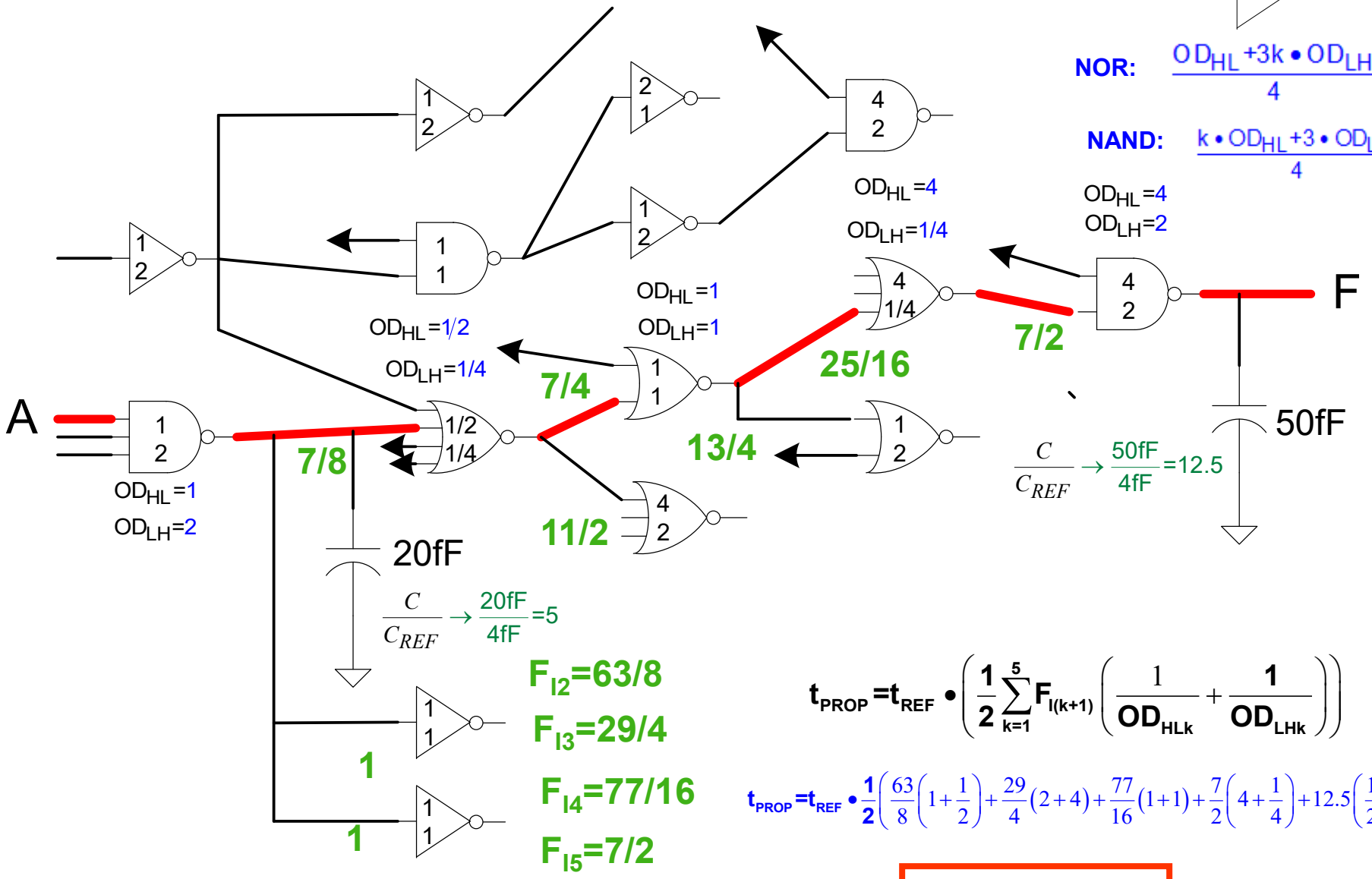
Asymmetric-sized gates

(Note: This C_{OX} is somewhat larger than that in the 0.5u ON process)



NOR: $\frac{OD_{HL}+3k \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$

NAND: $\frac{k \bullet OD_{HL}+3 \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$



$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF} \bullet \left(\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{5} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)\right)$$

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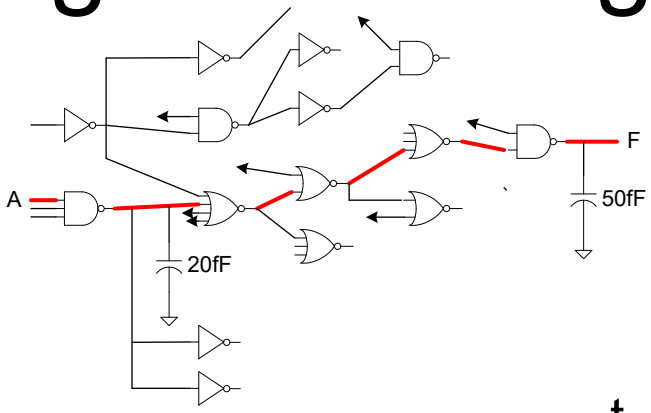
$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \bullet ?$

$t_{PROP}=44.6 \bullet t_{REF}$

Propagation Delay in Multiple-Levels of Logic with Stage Loading



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$$t_{PROP} = \ ?$$

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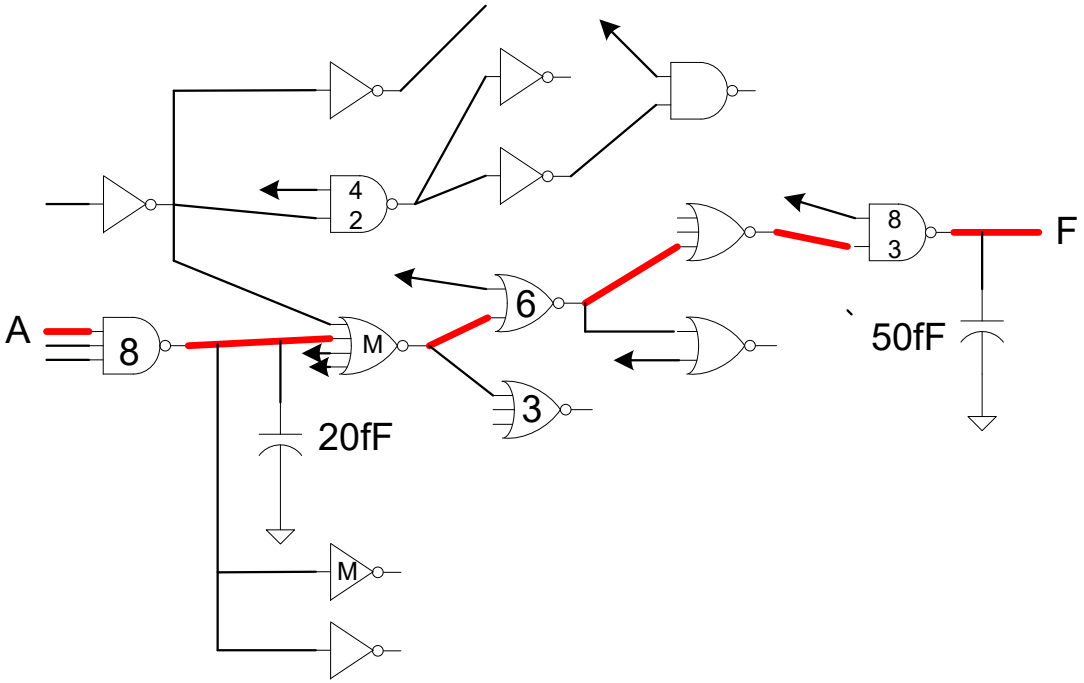
Mixture of Minimum-sized gates, equal rise/fall gates and OD



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Driving Notation

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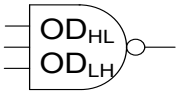

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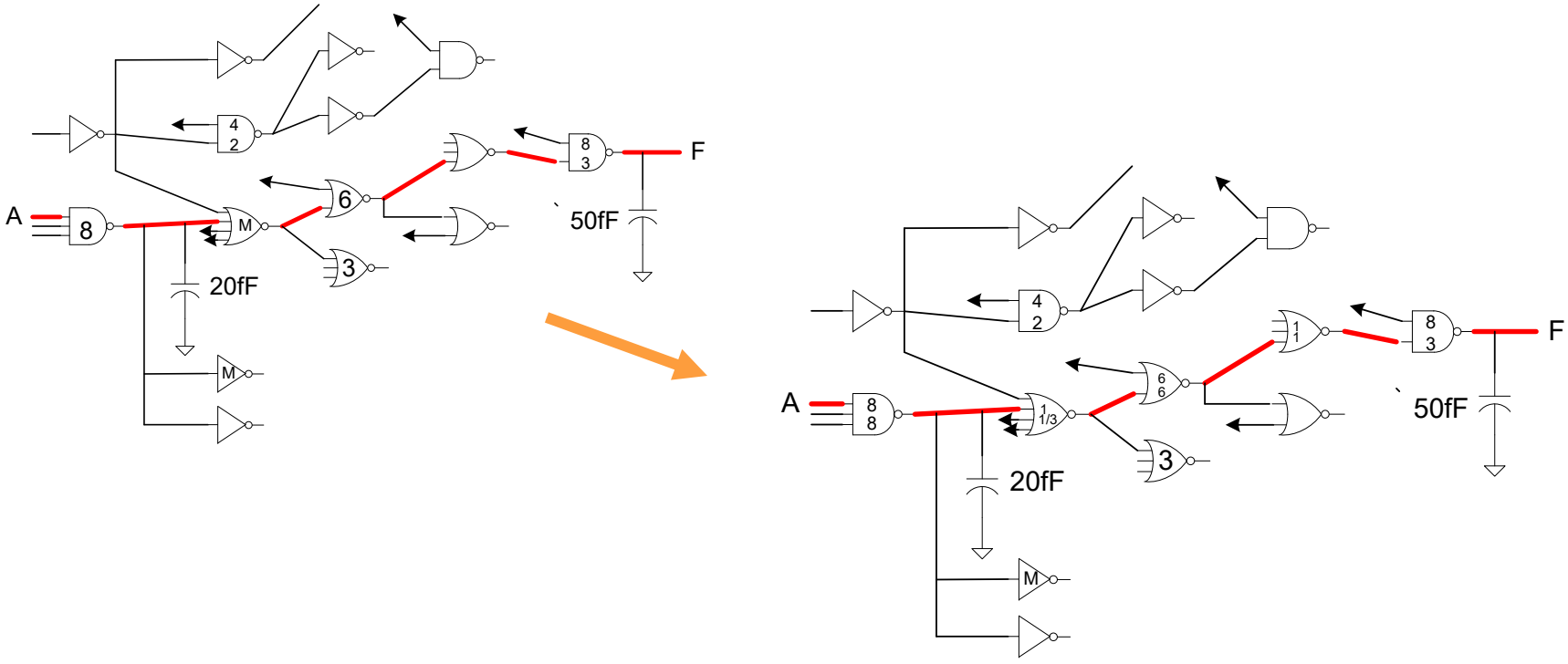

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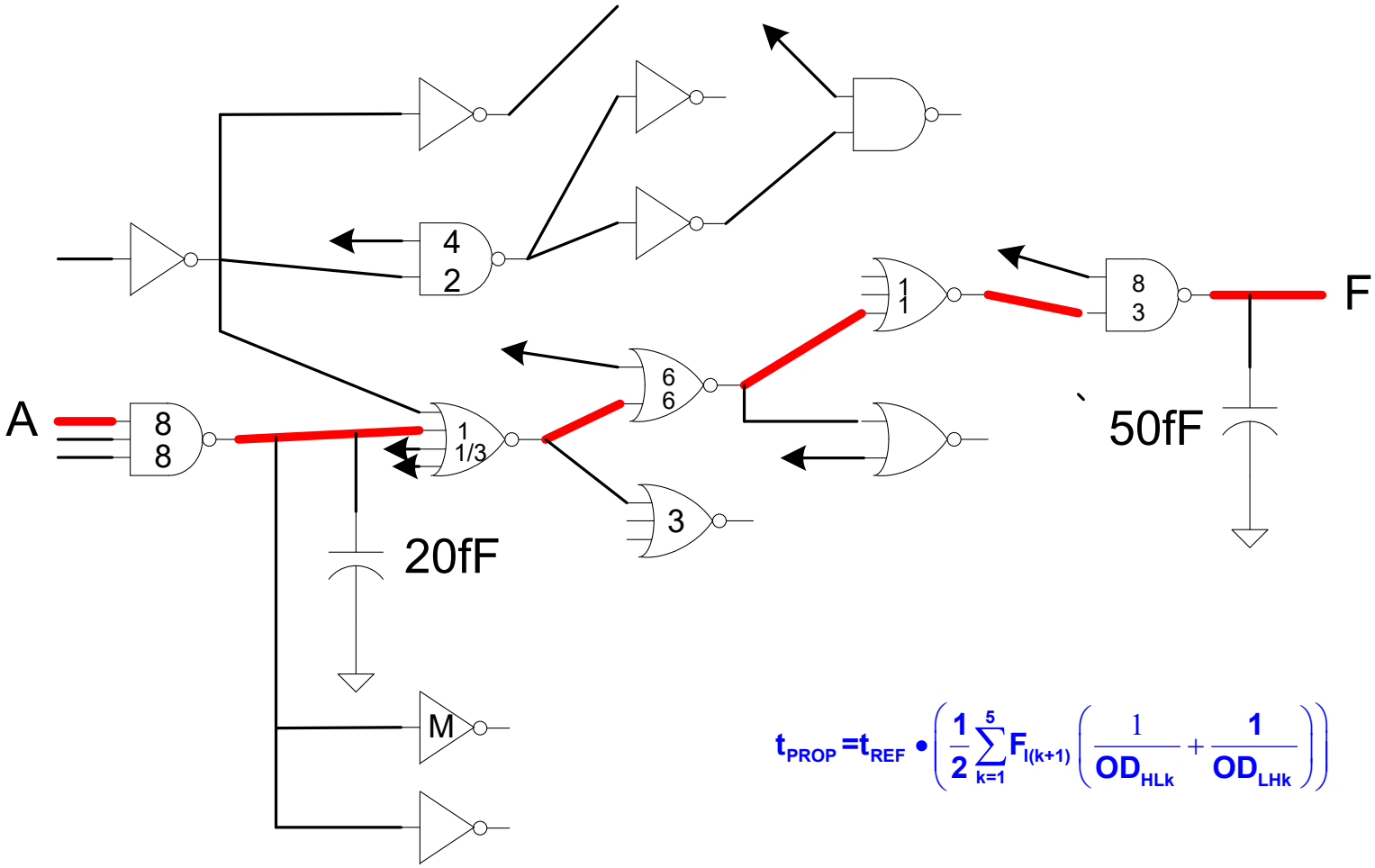

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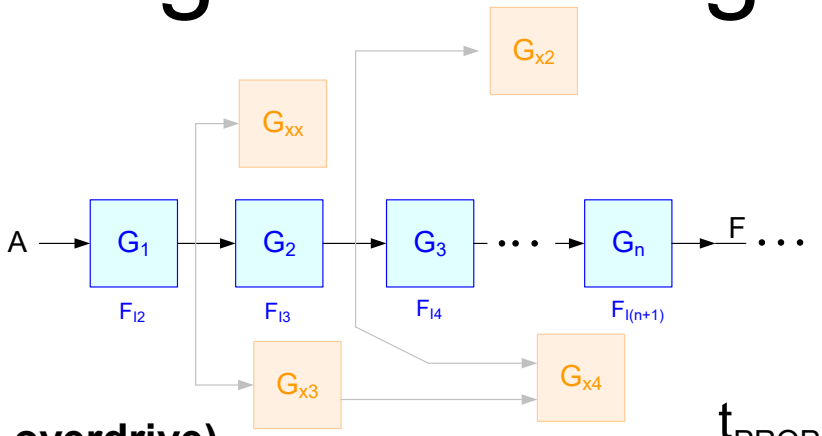

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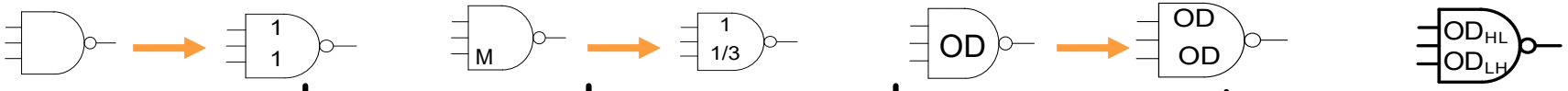

	Equal Rise/Fall	Equal Rise/Fall (with OD)	Minimum Sized	Asymmetric OD (OD_{HL}, OD_{LH})
C_{IN}/C_{REF}				
Inverter	1	OD	1/2	$\frac{OD_{HL}+3 \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$
NOR	$\frac{3k+1}{4}$	$\frac{3k+1}{4} \bullet OD$	1/2	$\frac{OD_{HL}+3k \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$
NAND	$\frac{3+k}{4}$	$\frac{3+k}{4} \bullet OD$	1/2	$\frac{k \bullet OD_{HL}+3 \bullet OD_{LH}}{4}$
Overdrive				
Inverter				
HL	1	OD	1	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/3	OD_{LH}
NOR				
HL	1	OD	1	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/(3k)	OD_{LH}
NAND				
HL	1	OD	1/k	OD_{HL}
LH	1	OD	1/3	OD_{LH}
t_{PROP}/t_{REF}	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}$	$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n} F_{I(k+1)}\left(\frac{1}{OD_{HLk}}+\frac{1}{OD_{LHk}}\right)$

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Driving Large Capacitive Loads

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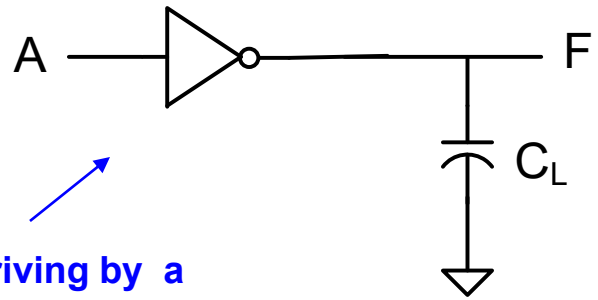

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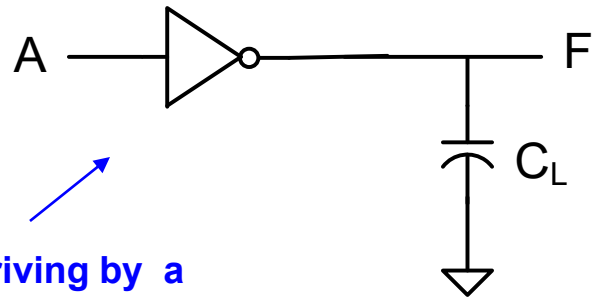

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t_{PROP} is too long !

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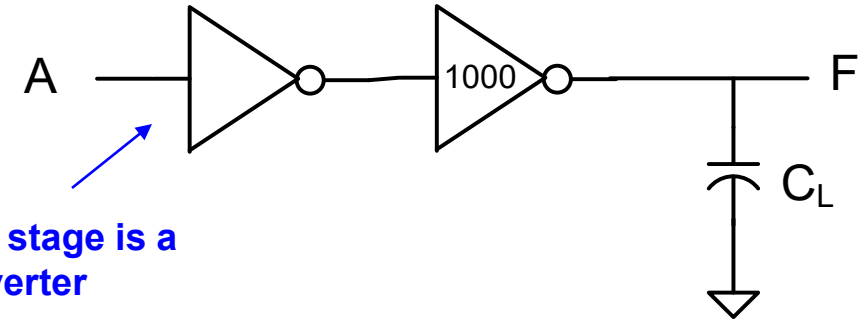

Assume first stage is a reference inverter

$$t_{PROP} = ?$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{2} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \left(\frac{1}{1} 1000 + \frac{1}{1000} 1000 \right) = t_{REF} \left(1000 + 1 \right)$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \left(1001 \right)$$

Delay of second inverter is really small but overall delay is even longer than before!

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Example

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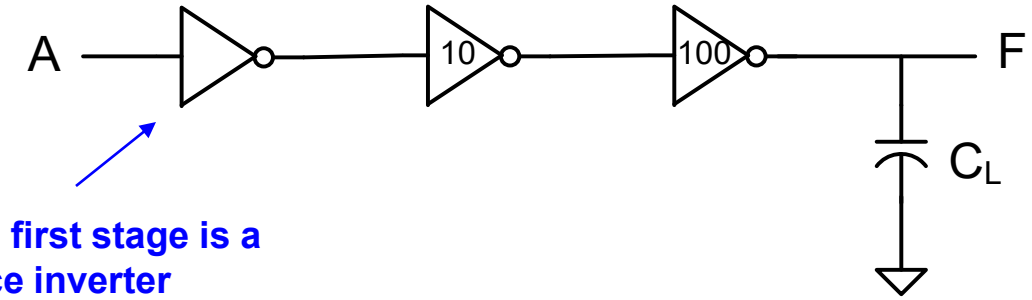

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$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{3} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

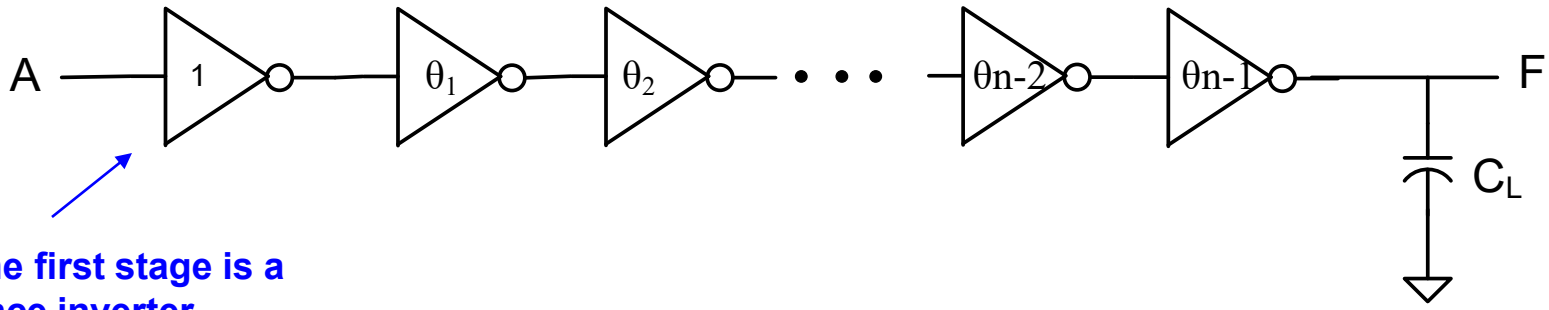
$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \left(\frac{1}{1} 10 + \frac{1}{10} 100 + \frac{1}{100} 1000 \right) = t_{REF} \left(10 + 10 + 10 \right)$$

$$t_{PROP} = 30 t_{REF}$$

Dramatic reduction is propagation delay (over a factor of 30!)

What is the fastest way to drive a large capacitive load?

Optimal Driving of Capacitive Loads



Assume first stage is a reference inverter

Need to determine the number of stages, n, and the OD factors for each stage to minimize t_{PROP}.

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k} \quad \rightarrow \quad t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\theta_k}{\theta_{k-1}}$$

where $\theta_0 = 1$, $\theta_n = C_L / C_{REF}$

This becomes an n-parameter optimization (minimization) problem !

Unknown parameters: $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \ldots \theta_{n-1}, n\}$

An n-parameter nonlinear optimization problem is generally difficult !!!!

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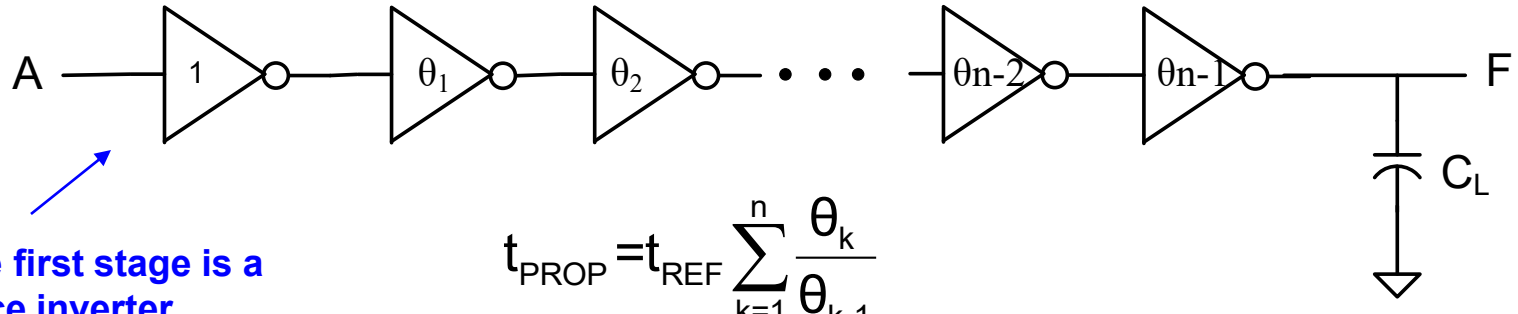

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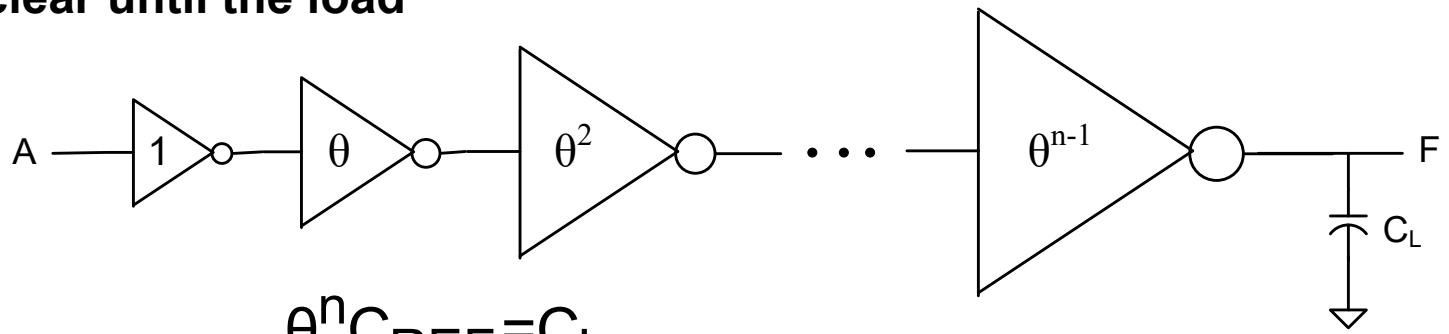
Order reduction strategy : Assume overdrive of stages increases by the same factor clear until the load



$$\theta^n C_{REF} = C_L$$

This becomes a 2-parameter optimization (minimization) problem !

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One degree of freedom

One constraint : $\theta^n C_{REF} = C_L$

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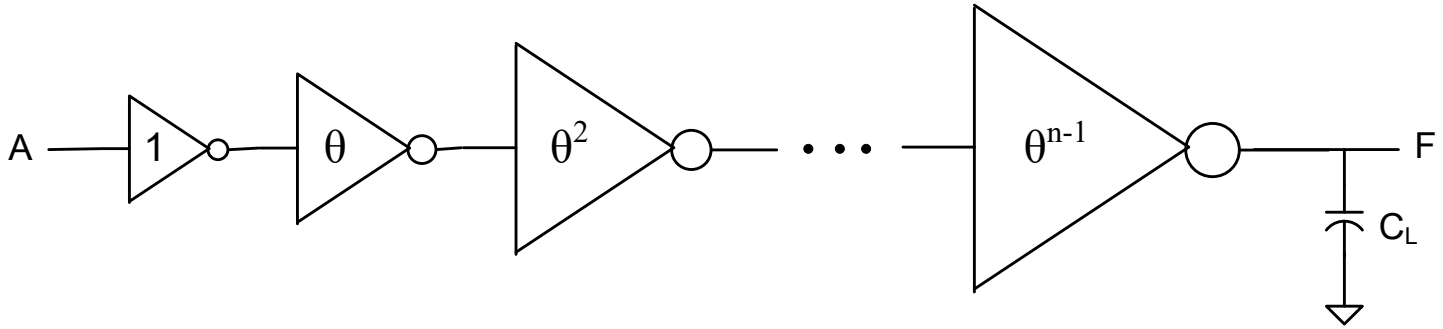


$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\theta_k}{\theta_{k-1}} \quad \rightarrow \quad t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{\theta^k}{\theta^{k-1}}$$

$$\theta^n C_{REF} = C_L \text{ or } FI_L = \theta^n$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} n\theta$$

$$\left.\begin{aligned} t_{PROP} &= t_{REF} n\theta \\ \theta^n C_{REF} &= C_L \end{aligned}\right\}$$

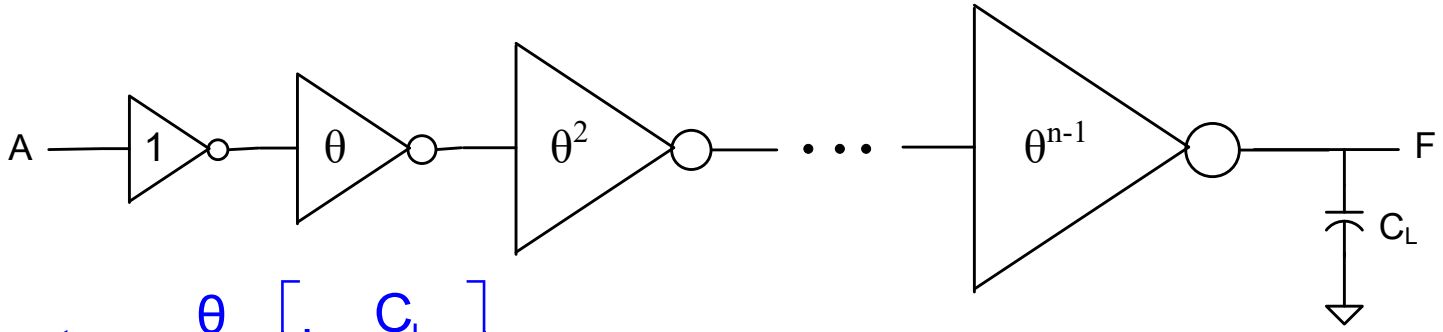
Unknown parameters: $\{\theta, n\}$

$$\theta^n C_{REF} = C_L \quad \rightarrow \quad n = \frac{1}{\ln(\theta)} \ln\left(\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right)$$

Thus obtain an expression for t_{PROP} in terms of only θ

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \frac{\theta}{\ln(\theta)} \left[\ln \frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right]$$

Optimal Driving of Capacitive Loads



$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \frac{\theta}{\ln(\theta)} \left[\ln \frac{C_L}{C_{REF}} \right]$$

$$\theta^n C_{REF} = C_L$$

Is suffices to minimize the function $f(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{\ln(\theta)}$

$$\frac{df}{d\theta} = \frac{\ln(\theta) - \theta \bullet \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)}{(\ln(\theta))^2} = 0$$

$$\ln(\theta) - 1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \theta = e$$

$$n = \frac{1}{\ln(\theta)} \ln\left(\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right) \quad \rightarrow \quad n = \ln\left(\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right) = \ln(F I_L)$$

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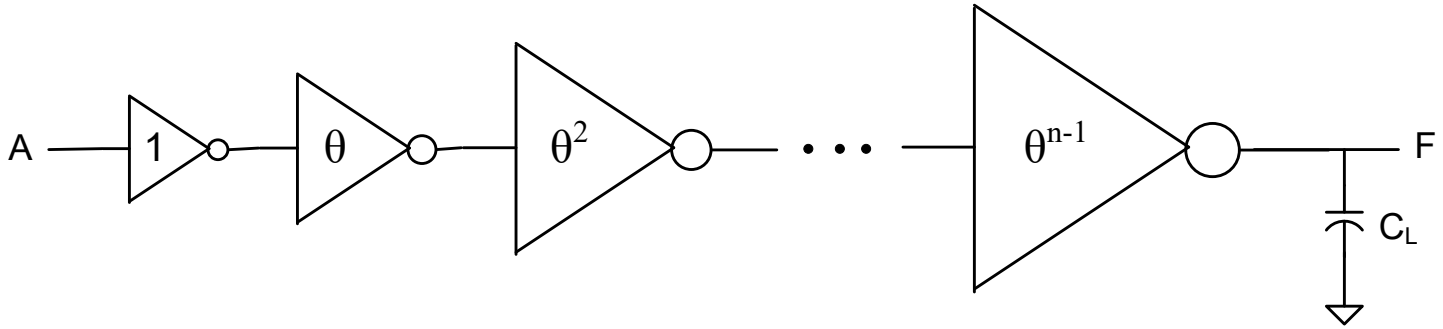

$$\theta_{OPT} = e$$

$$\theta^n C_{REF} = C_L$$

$$n_{OPT} = \ln\left(\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right) = \ln(FI_L)$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF}\frac{\theta}{\ln(\theta)}\left[\ln\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right]$$

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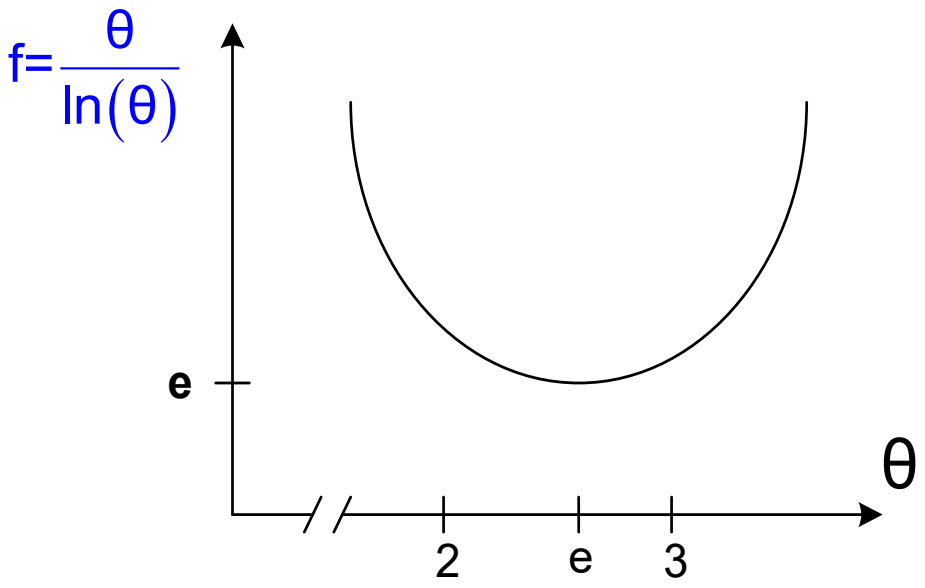

- **minimum at θ=e but shallow inflection point for 2<θ<3**
- **practically pick θ=2, θ=2.5, or θ=3**
- **since optimization may provide non-integer for n, must pick close integer**

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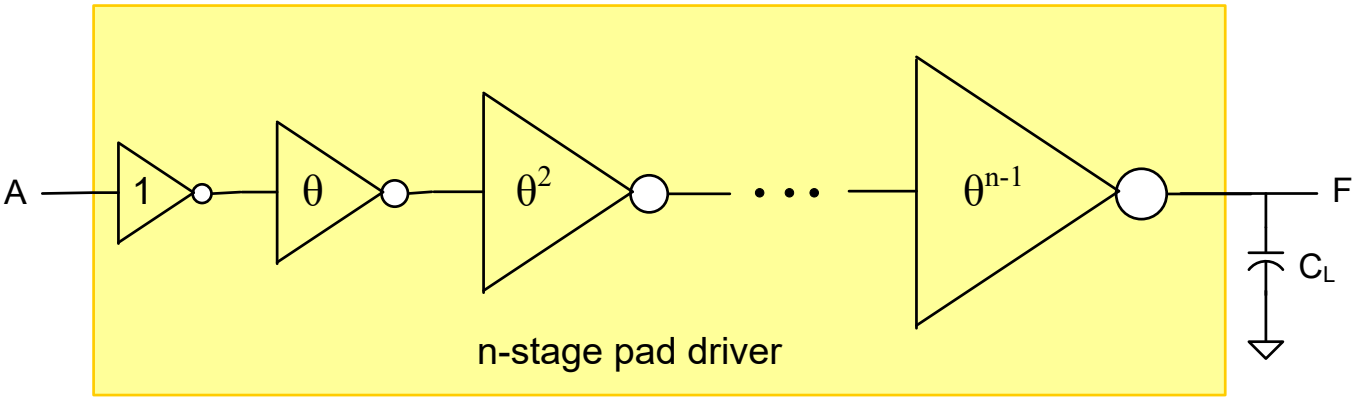
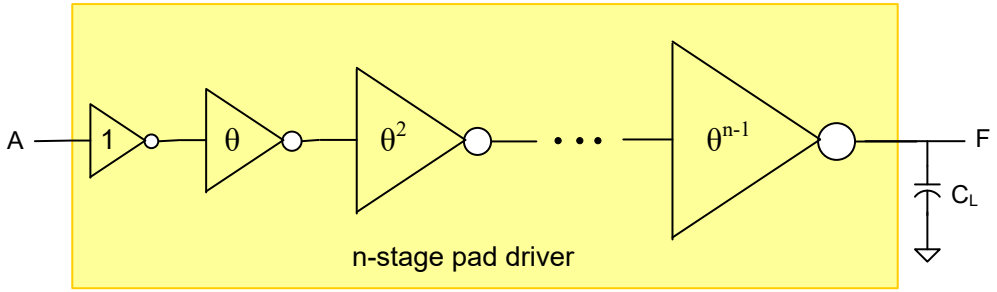


- **Often termed a pad driver**
- **Often used to drive large internal busses as well**
- **Generally included in standard cells or in cell library**
- **Device sizes can become very large**
- **Odd number of stages will cause signal inversion but usually not a problem**

Optimal Driving of Capacitive Loads



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FI_L=2500

$$n_{OPT} = \ln\left(\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{10pF}{4fF}\right) = \ln(2500) = 7.8$$

Select n=8, θ=2.5

$$W_{nk} = 2.5^{k-1} \bullet W_{REF}, \qquad W_{pk} = 3 \bullet 2.5^{k-1} \bullet W_{REF}$$

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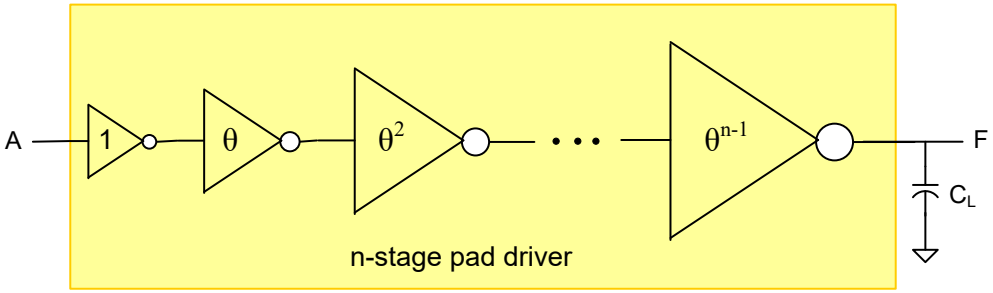

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For θ = 2.5 , n=8 $W_{REF}=W_{MIN}$

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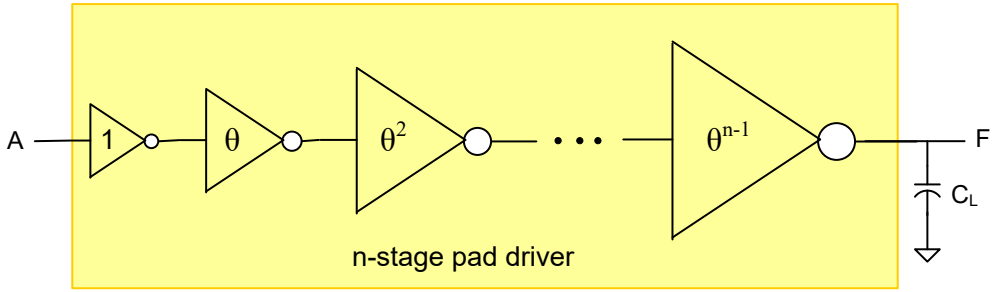
$L_n=L_p=L_{MIN}$

k	n-channel		p-channel	
1	1	WMIN	3	WMIN
2	2.5	WMIN	7.5	WMIN
3	6.25	WMIN	18.75	WMIN
4	15.6	WMIN	46.9	WMIN
5	39.1	WMIN	117.2	WMIN
6	97.7	WMIN	293.0	WMIN
7	244.1	WMIN	732.4	WMIN
8	610.4	WMIN	1831.1	WMIN

Note devices in last stage are very large !

Optimal Driving of Capacitive Loads



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$$t_{PROP} \cong n\theta t_{REF} = 8\bullet 2.5\bullet t_{REF} = 20t_{REF}$$

More accurately:

$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{7}\theta+\frac{1}{\theta^7}\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right)=t_{REF}\left(17.5+\frac{1}{610}2500\right)=21.6t_{REF}$$

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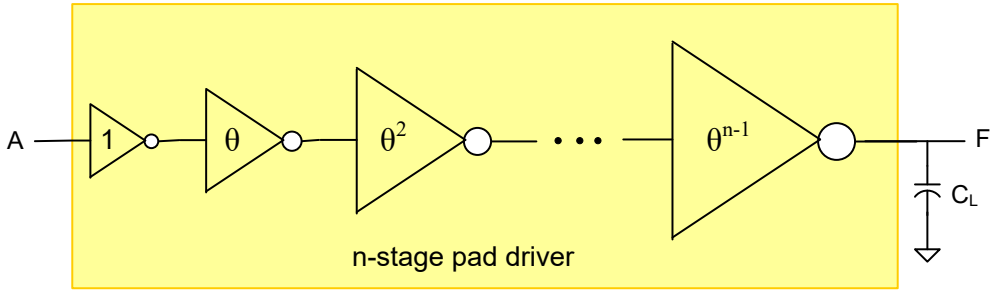

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Possible modest improvement for determining n and θ after determining n_{opt}:

Consider all possible combinations of θ in { 2 , 2.5 , 3} and
n in { INT(n_{opt}), 1+INT(n_{opt})}

$$t_{PROP}(\theta,n) = t_{REF}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1}\theta + \frac{1}{\theta^{n-1}}\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}\right) = t_{REF}\left((n-1)\theta + \frac{1}{\theta^{n-1}}FI_L\right)$$

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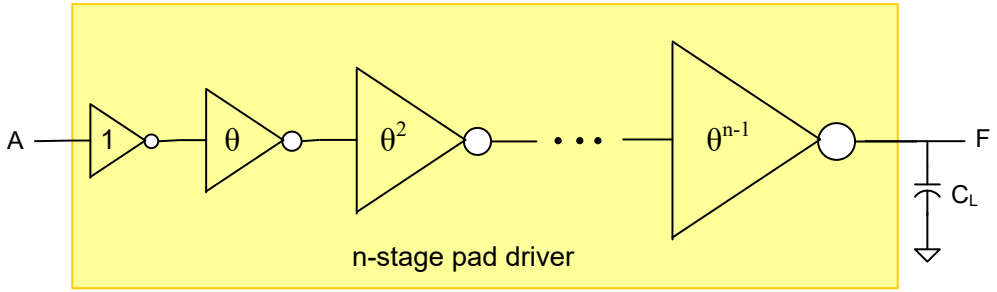

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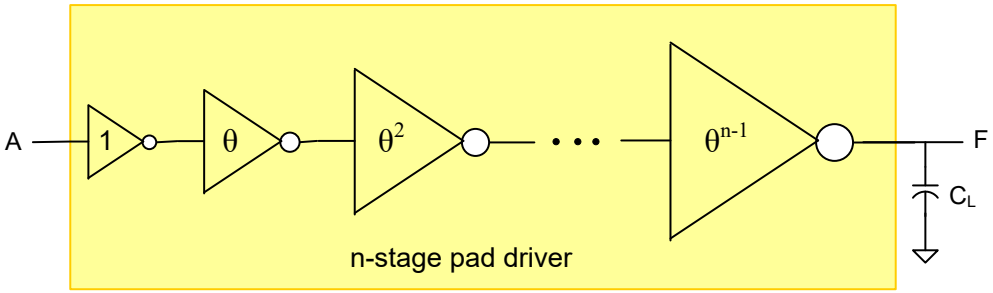
If driven directly with the minimum-sized reference inverter

$$t_{PROP}=t_{REF}\frac{C_L}{C_{REF}}=2500t_{REF}$$

Note an improvement in speed by a factor of approximately

$$r=\frac{2500}{20}=125$$

Pad Driver Size Implications



Consider a 7-stage pad driver and assume θ = 3

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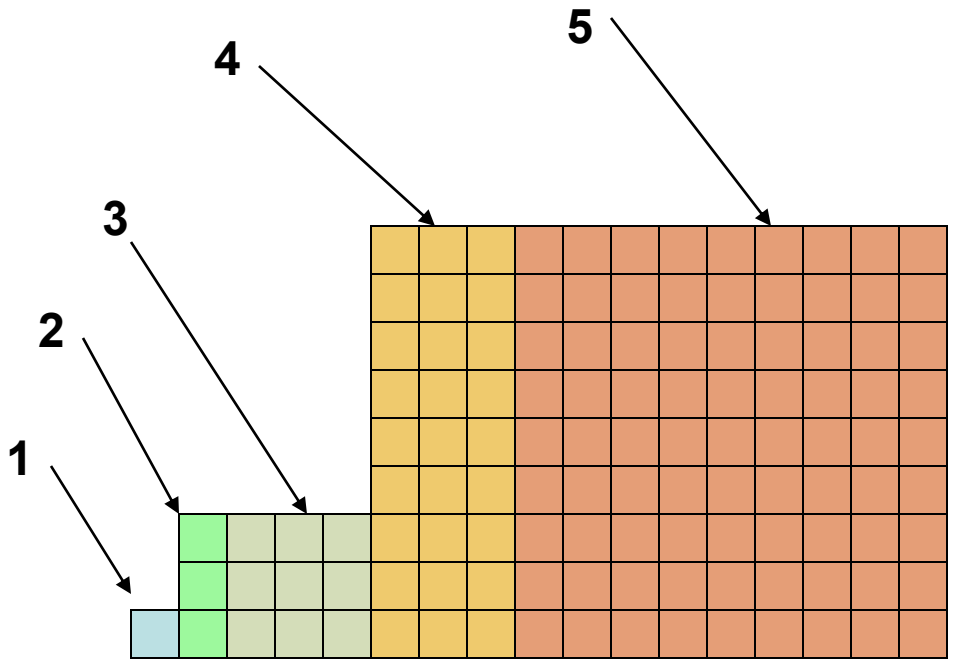

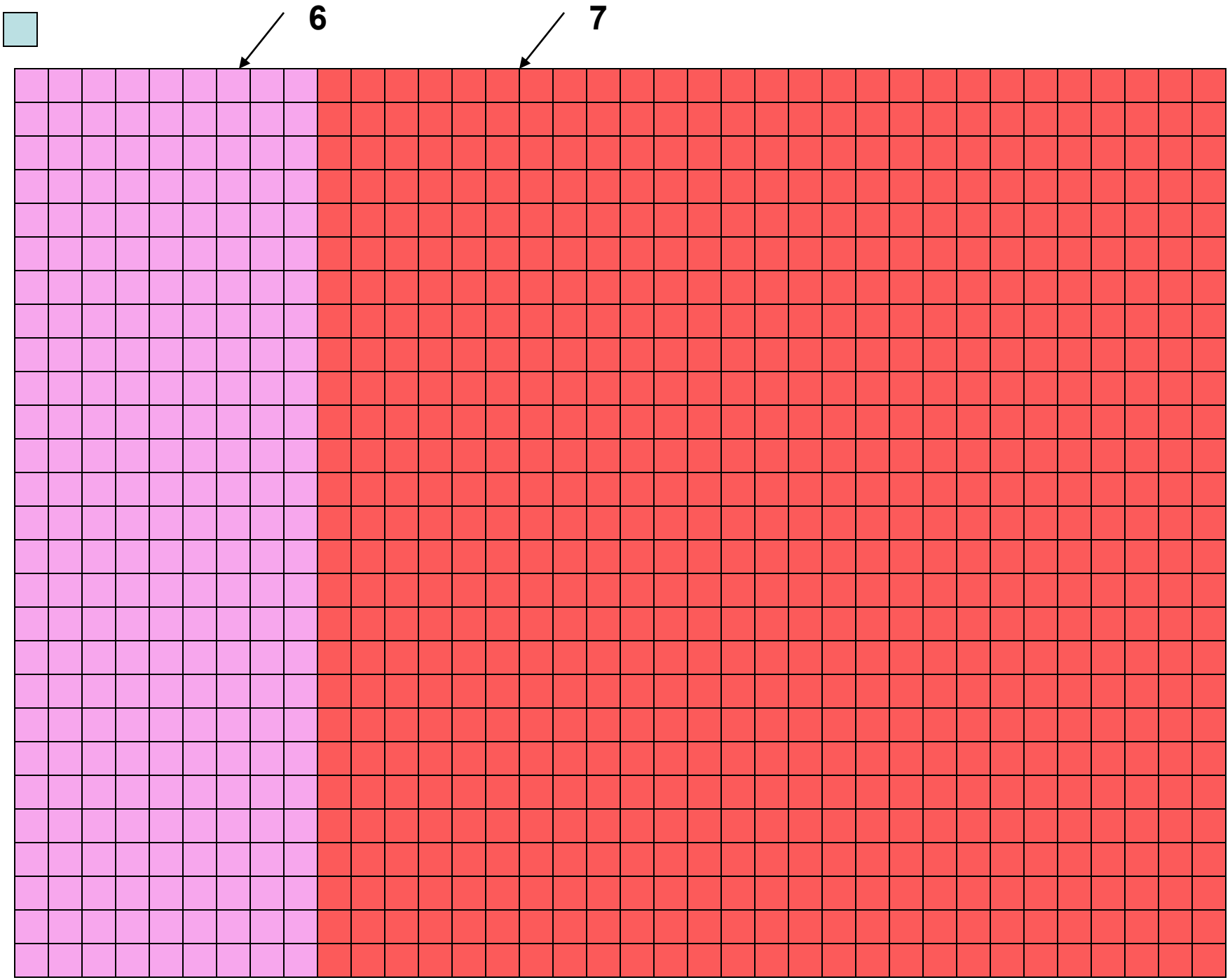
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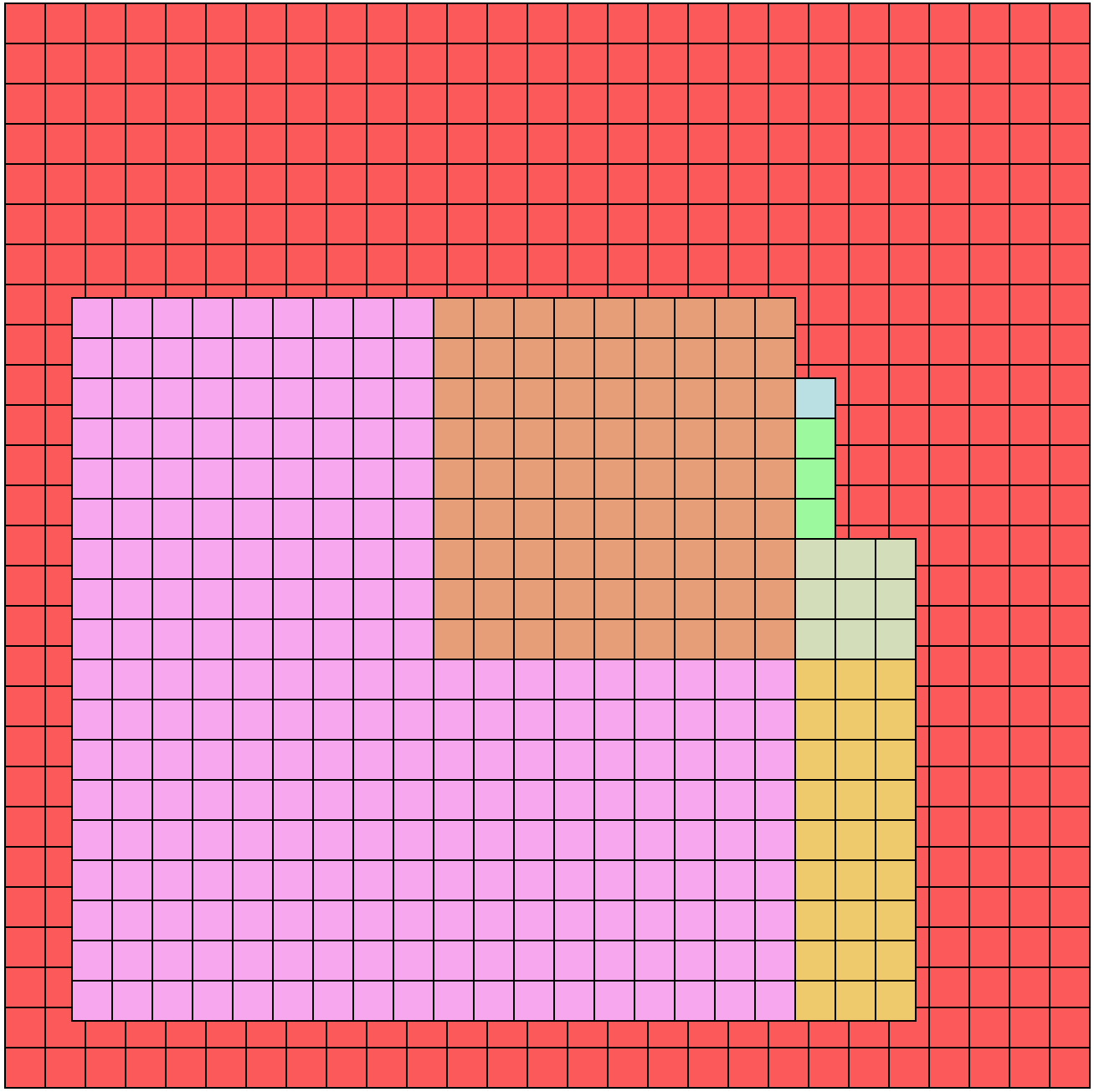
Area of Last Stage Larger than that of all previous stages combined!



Propagation Delay in “Logic Effort” approach

(Discussed in Chapter 4 of Text but definitions are not rigorous)

Logical effort

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia **(Dec 8, 2021)**

The method of **logical effort**, a term coined by Ivan Sutherland and Bob Sproull in 1991, is a straightforward technique used to estimate delay in a CMOS circuit. Used properly, it can aid in selection of gates for a given function (including the number of stages necessary) and sizing gates to achieve the minimum delay possible for a circuit.

Propagation Delay in "Logic Effort" approach

(Discussed in Chapter 4 of Text but definitions are not rigorous)

Propagation delay for equal rise/fall gates was derived to be

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

Delay calculations with "logical effort" approach

Logical effort delay approach:

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_k$$

(t_{REF} scaling factor not explicitly stated in W_H textbook. As defined in W_H, f_k is dimensionless)

where f_k is the "effort delay" of stage k

$$f_k = g_k h_k$$

g_k=logical effort

h_k=electrical effort

Propagation Delay in “Logic Effort” approach

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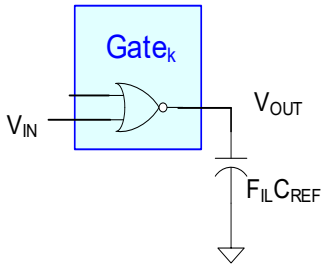

Propagation Delay in “Logic Effort” approach

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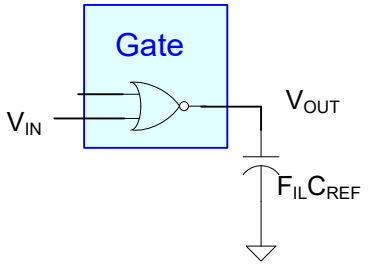

$$g_k = \frac{C_{IN_k}}{C_{REF} \bullet OD_k} \qquad h_k = \frac{C_{REF} \bullet FI_{k+1}}{C_{IN_k}}$$

Propagation Delay in “Logic Effort” approach

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$$f_k = \left(\frac{C_{IN_k}}{C_{REF} \bullet OD_k} \right) \left(\frac{C_{REF} \bullet F_{I(k+1)}}{C_{IN_k}} \right)$$

$$f_k = \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

$$t_{PROP} = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f_k = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} g_k h_k = t_{REF} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{F_{I(k+1)}}{OD_k}$$

Propagation Delay in “Logic Effort” approach

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- **Note this expression is identical to what we have derived previously**
  (t_{REF} scaling factor not included in W_H text)

- **Probably more tedious to use the “Logical Effort” approach**
- **Extensions to asymmetric overdrive factors may not be trivial**
- **Extensions to include parasitics may be tedious as well**
- **Logical Effort is widely used throughout the industry**

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy !

End of Lecture 42