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DIGITAL DESIGN 4

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Outline

- Digital CMOS Design
  - Boolean Algebra
  - Basic Digital CMOS Gates
  - Combinational and Sequential Circuits
  - Coding - Representation of Numbers

CMOS Circuits

How can I design a digital circuit ?

- A set of gates (cell library)

  combinational gates

  memory elements

CMOS Circuits

How can I design a digital circuit ?

- Method to design combinational circuits

  Karnaugh table (local optimization)

  no method for global optimization

  ⇒ synthesis tools

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How can I design a digital circuit ?

- Specify the circuit

  Combinational circuit : Boolean functions

  Sequential circuit ?

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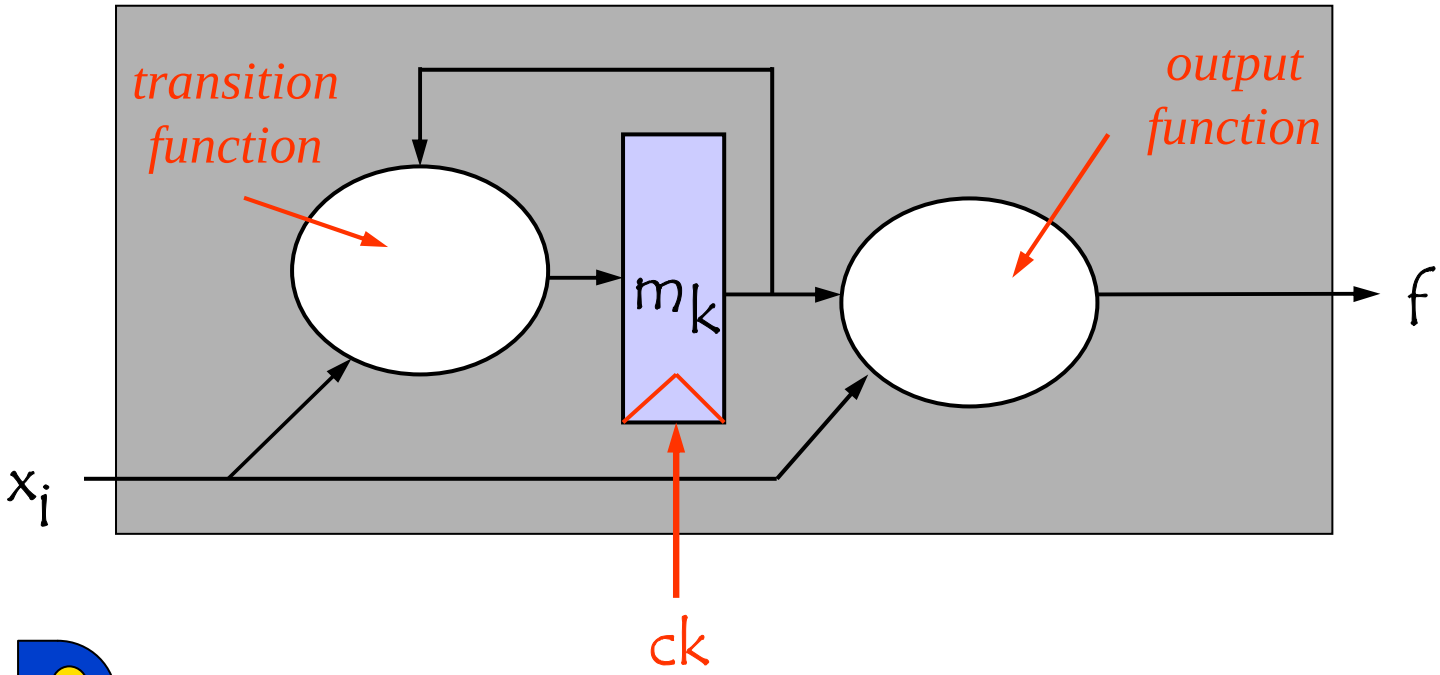
- Sequential Circuit



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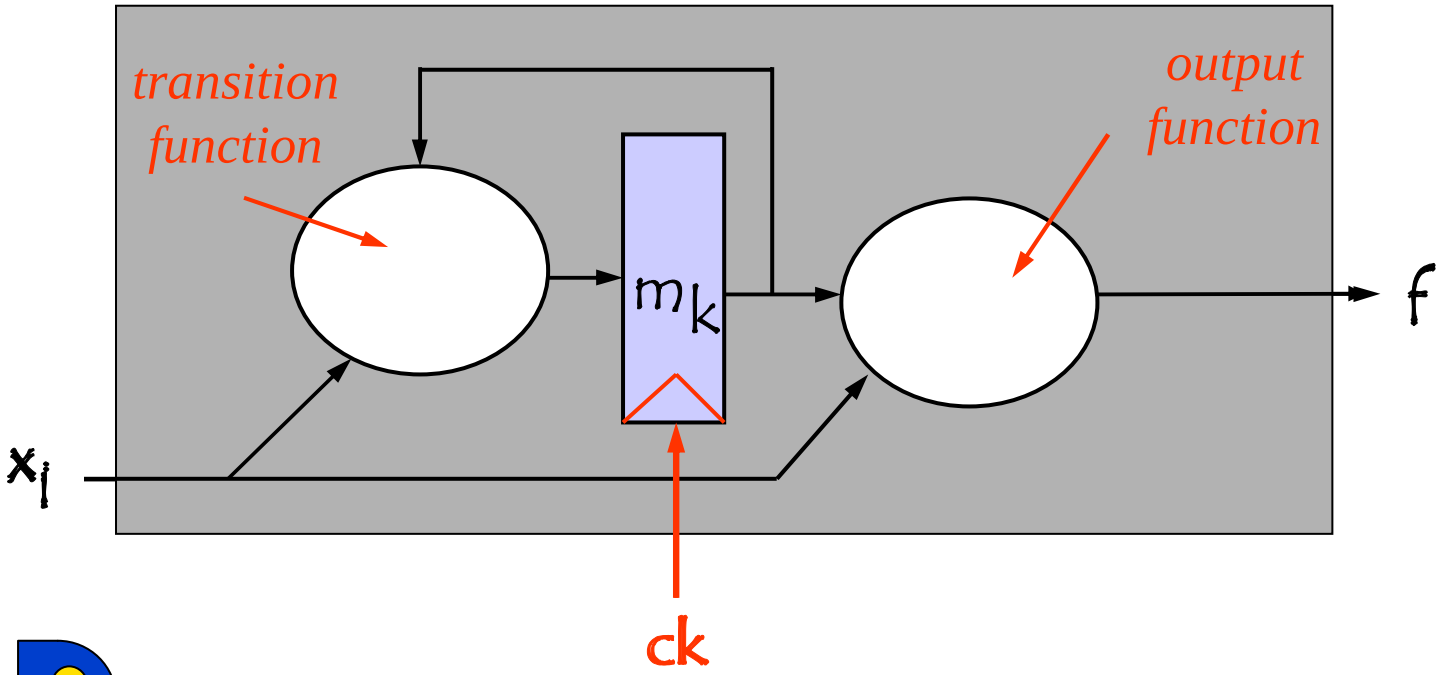
How can I design a sequential circuit ?

I need a method to go from a black box to a white box



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How can I design a sequential circuit ?

The starting point (what I know)

What the circuit is supposed to do

Capture this knowledge into a representation that can be transposed into Boolean functions

The aim

How it will do it

number of required memory elements

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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

G = (X, Y, S, T, O)

- X : set of input variables
- Y : set of output variables
- S : set of states
- T : set of transitions
- O : set of output set conditions

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- $G = (X, Y, S, T, O)$

  T : set of transitions

  $t \in T, \quad t = (s, s', f)$

  $s \in S$: source state

  $s' \in S$: target state

  $f \in B_n$: transition condition

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- **G** = (X, Y, S, T, O)

  O : set of output set conditions

  $o \in O$, $o = (y, s, c)$

  $y \in Y$: output variable

  $s \in S$: state

  $c \in \mathbf{B}_n$: output set condition

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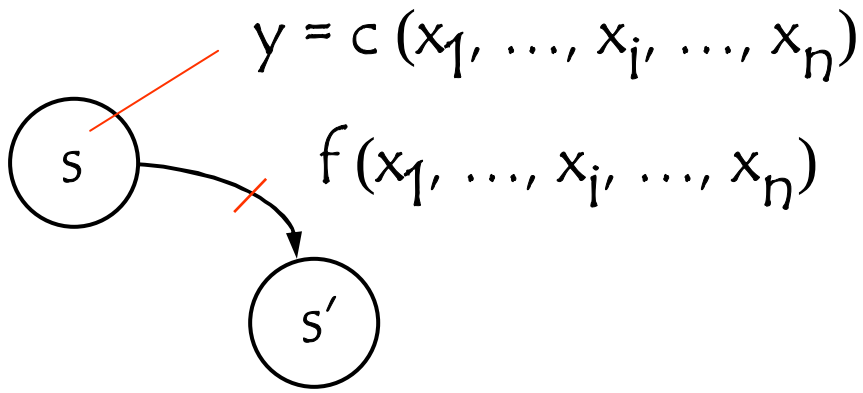
- Let consider a graph **G** = (X, Y, S, T, O)

Graphic representation of **G**



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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

Transpose into a graphic representation the expected behaviour of a sequential system

$$\mathbf{G} = (X, Y, S, T, O)$$

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Example

Two signals a, b each transmiting a series of bits (1 bit at a cycle)

Design a system that set a flag d if the values transmitted by a is different than b

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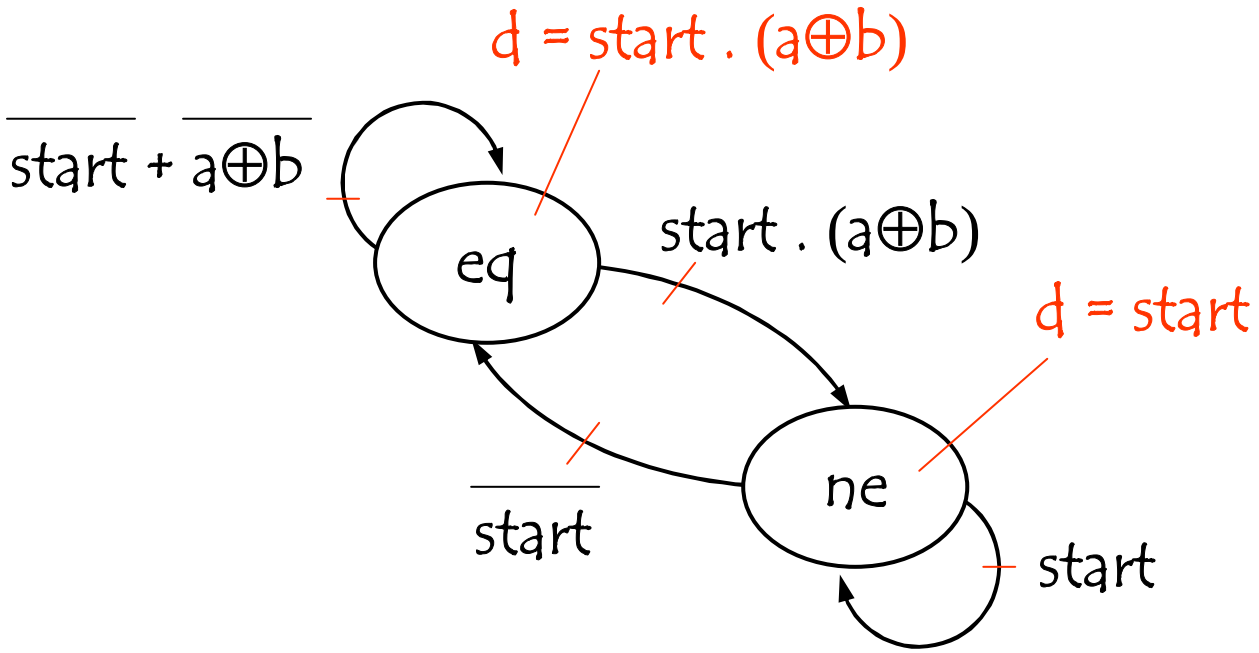
- Example



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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

$$\mathbf{G} = (X, Y, S, T, O)$$

define the number of memory elements required to represent $S : M$

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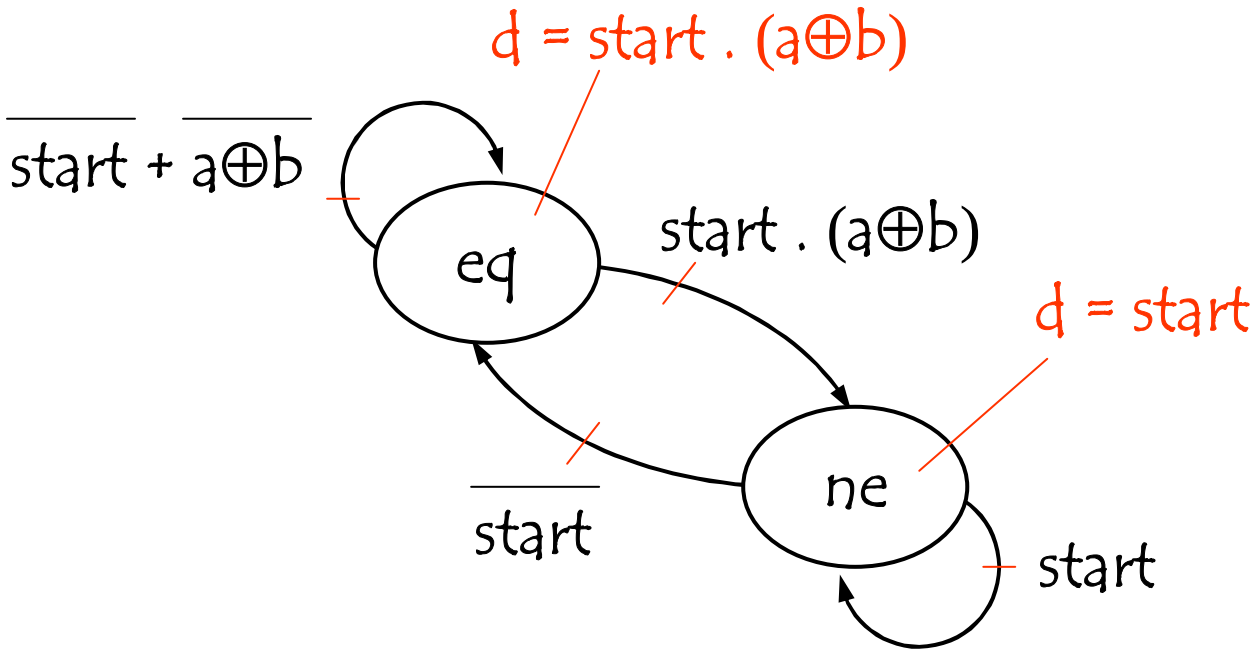
- Example



2 states ⟶ 1 memory element

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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

$$G = (X, Y, S, T, O)$$

define the number of memory elements required to represent $S : M$

represent each state s by a vector of M

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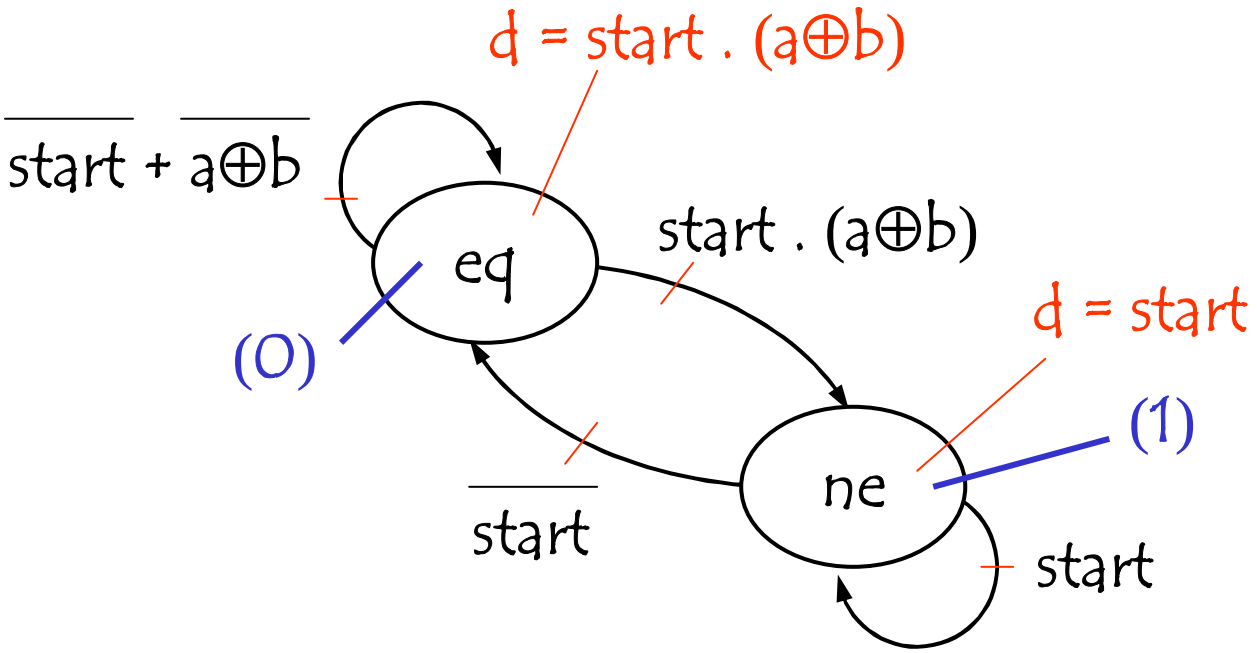
- Example



2 states ⟶ 1 memory element

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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

$$G = (X, Y, S, T, O)$$

define the *transition function* : m_k

m_k = sum of the Boolean function of the transitions that have as target a state where $m_k=1$

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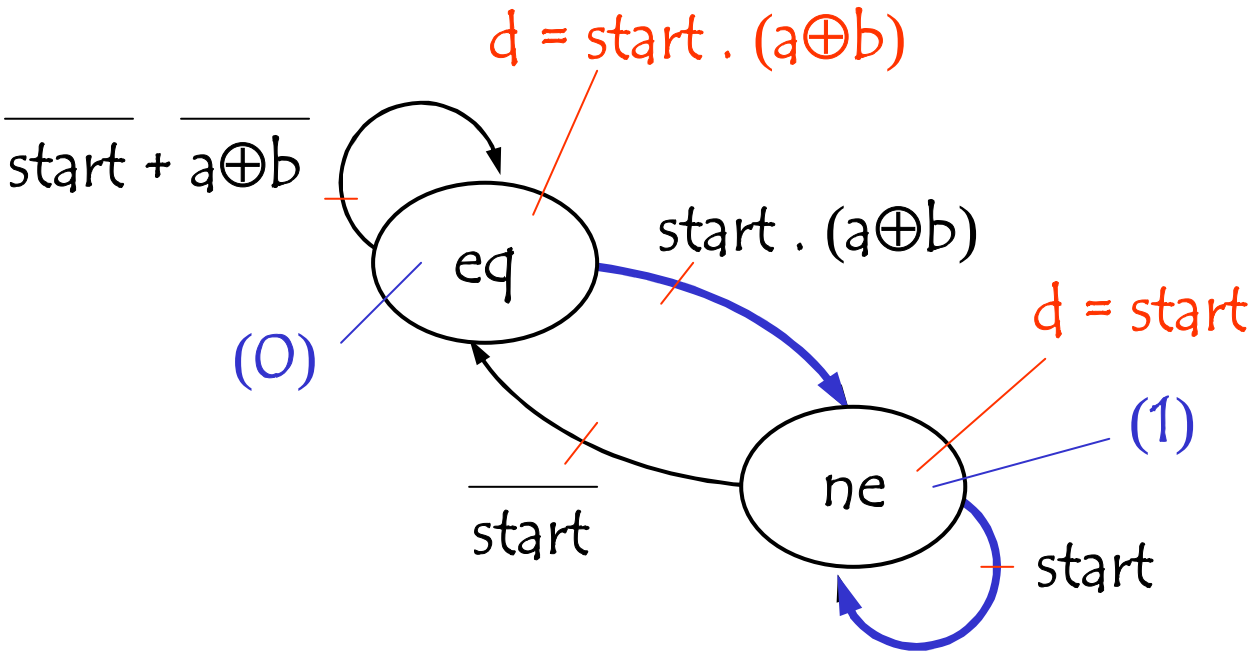
Example



$$m_1 = \overline{m_1}.start.(a \oplus b) + m_1.start$$

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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

$$G = (X, Y, S, T, O)$$

define the *output function* : y_i

y_i = sum of the output conditions concerning y_i

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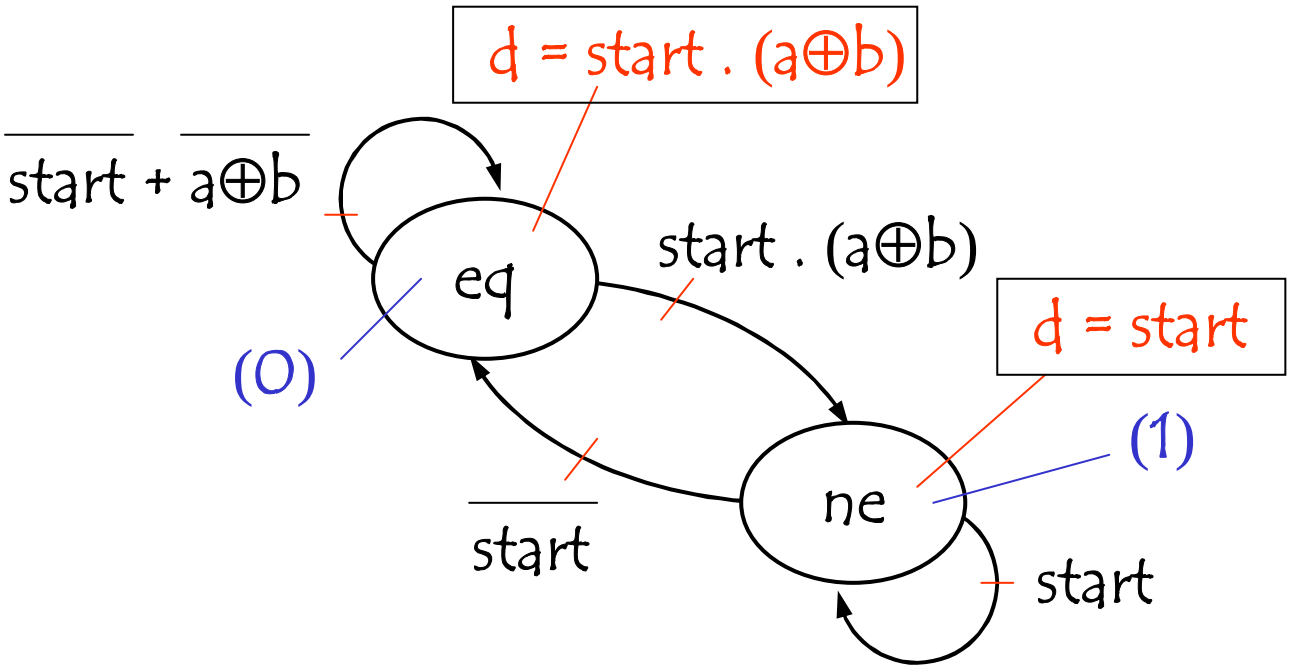
Example



$$d = \overline{m_1}.start.(a \oplus b) + m_1.start$$

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Representation of a sequential circuit ?

- State graph

$$\mathbf{G} = (X, Y, S, T, O)$$

implement the Boolean functions : m_k , y_j

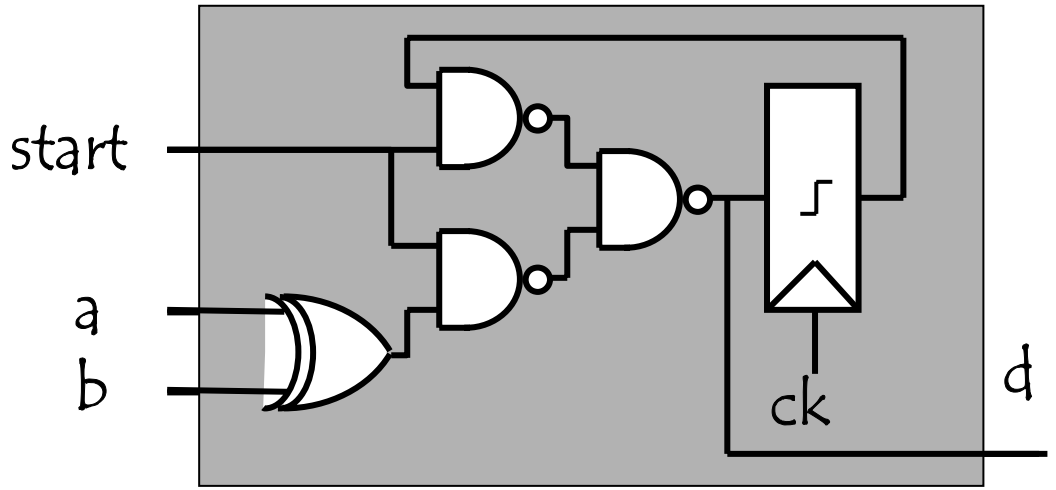
CMOS Circuits

- Example

$$m_1 = \overline{m_1}.start.(a \oplus b) + m_1.start$$

$$d = \overline{m_1}.start.(a \oplus b) + m_1.start$$

$$m_1 = start\ .(a \oplus b) + start.m_1$$



CMOS Circuits

How can I design a sequential circuit (summary) ?

- **G** = (X, Y, S, T, O)
  - graphic representation the behaviour
  - define the number of memory elements required to represent S : M
  - represent each state by a vector of M
  - define the *transition function*
  - define the *output function*
  - implement the Boolean functions