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ENEE 359A: Digital VLSI Circuits by B. Jacob

Spring 2007

Course Information:

Lecture: Tue Thu 2:00 - 3:15, EGR-3114
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Required Text: *Digital Integrated Circuits: A Design Perspective, 2nd Ed.*, by Rabaey, Chandrakasan, and Nikolic
Recommended Texts:
Dally & Poulton: *Digital Systems Engineering*
Johnson & Graham: *High-Speed Digital Design*
Uyemura: *Introduction to VLSI Circuits and Systems*
Baker, Li, & Boyce: *CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation*

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Course Handouts and General Information:

- [Syllabus.pdf](#)
- [A great Verilog tutorial on-line](#), and [PDF of that same tutorial](#).
- [verilog-handbook.pdf](#). This is a concise overview of the Verilog programming language.
- [realize-verilog.pdf](#). Gives a functional view of Verilog; i.e. if you want to build a processor model, this shows how. However, it confuses blocking/non-blocking assignments (calls "=" non-blocking and "<=" blocking). Otherwise, it is a decent overview.
- [scaling.gif](#). A **very** interesting picture illustrating the degree to which VLSI designs have reduced in size since the Intel 4004.
- [2007-midterm-solutions.pdf](#). Midterm exam, grade distribution, solutions.

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Weeks 1/2	enee359a-overview.pdf	Ch. 1	<i>Course overview in a nutshell</i>
Weeks 2/3	enee359a-devices.pdf	Ch. 3.1-3.3.2, 5.1-5.3	<i>Intro to (Verilog) design, P/N junctions, MOS transistors, CMOS inverter</i>
Week 4	enee359a-CMOS.pdf	Ch. 6-6.2	<i>Static CMOS Design</i>
Week 5	enee359a-manufacturing.pdf		<i>Cadence tools & manufacturing processes</i>
Week 6	enee359a-sizing.pdf	Ch. 5.4-5.7	<i>Transistor Sizing & Logical Effort</i>
Week 7	enee359a-wires.pdf	Ch. 4	<i>Interconnects (i.e., wires)</i>
Week 8	Review and Midterm		
Week 9	<i>SPRING BREAK</i>		
Weeks 10/11	enee359a-sequential.pdf	Ch. 7	<i>Sequential Circuits: Latches, Registers, Pipelines</i>
Week 12	enee359a-parasitics.pdf	Ch. 9	<i>Capacitive, Resistive, and Inductive Parasitics</i>
Weeks 13/14	enee359a-timing.pdf	Ch. 10	<i>System Timing: Synchronous, Asynchronous, etc.</i>
Weeks 15	enee359a-SRAM-i.pdf	<i>not really in book</i>	<i>Low-Power SRAM Circuits</i>
Week 16	enee359a-DRAM-i.pdf enee359a-DRAM-ii.pdf	<i>not really in book</i>	<i>DRAM Systems & Circuits ... pictures of cells</i>

Assignments:

ID	Out	Due	Write-up	Homework Solution/Project Distribution
Project 1	01-Feb-2007	13-Feb-2007	p1.pdf	Project 1 Distribution
HW-1	15-Feb-2007	20-Feb-2007	hw1.pdf	
Project 2	20-Feb-2007	06-Mar-2007	p2.pdf	Project 2 Distribution
HW-2	20-Feb-2007	27-Feb-2007	hw2.pdf	
Project 3	01-Mar-2007	29-Mar-2007	p3.pdf	Project 3 Distribution
HW-3	09-Mar-2007	13-Mar-2007	hw3.pdf	
Project 4	12-Apr-2007	24-Apr-2007	p4.pdf	
HW-4	01-May-2007	10-May-2007	hw4.pdf	DFF-sim.pdf

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Transistor Sizing

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SLIDE 1

ENEE 359a *Digital VLSI Design*

Transistor Sizing & Logical Effort

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Slides contain original artwork (© Jacob 2004) as well as material taken liberally from Irwin & Vijay's CSE477 slides (PSU), Schmit & Strojwas's 18-322 slides (CMU), Dally's EE273 slides (Stanford), Wolf's slides for *Modern VLSI Design*, and/or Rabaey's slides (UCB).



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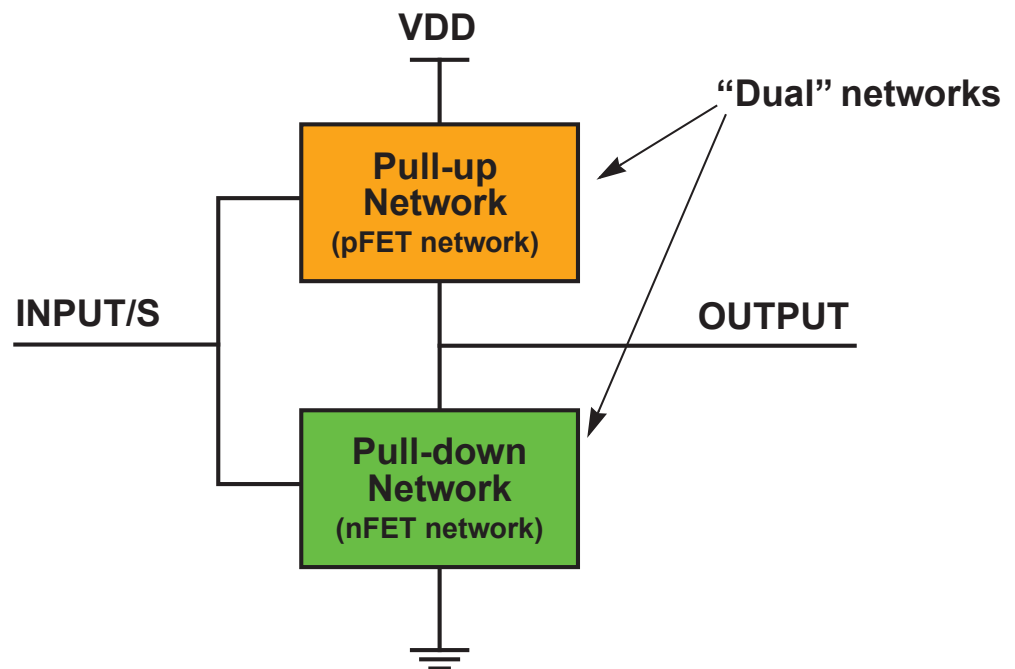
Overview

- **Sizing of transistors to balance performance of single inverter**
- **More on RC time constant, first-order approximation of time delays**
- **Sizing in complex gates, examples**
- **Sizing of inverter chains for driving high capacitance loads (off-chip wires)**



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