Digital logic simulation



- The deterministic dataflow paradigm makes it easy to model digital logic circuits
- We show how to model combinational logic circuits (no memory) and sequential logic circuits (with memory)
- Signals in time are represented as streams; logic gates are represented as agents

Modeling digital circuits



- Real digital circuits consist of active circuit elements called gates which are interconnected using wires that carry digital signals
- A digital signal is a voltage in function of time
 - Digital signals are meant to carry two possible values, called 0 and 1, but they may have noise, glitches, ringing, and other undesirable effects
- A digital gate has input and output signals
 - The output signal is slightly delayed with respect to the input
- We will model gates as agents and signals as streams
 - This assumes perfectly clean signals and zero gate delay
 - We will later add a delay gate in order to model gate delay

Digital signals as streams

• A signal is modeled by a stream that contains elements with values 0 or 1

 $S=a_0|a_1|a_2|...|a_i|...$

- Time instants are numbered from when the circuit starts running
- At instant i, the signal's value $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$





Digital logic gates



- Some typical logic gates with their standard pictorial symbols and the boolean functions that define them
- But gates are not just boolean functions!

Digital gates as agents



• A gate is much more than a boolean function; it is an active entity that takes input streams and calculates an output stream

```
fun {And A B} if A==1 andthen B==1 then 1 else 0 end end
fun {Loop S1 S2}
    case S1#S2 of (A|T1)#(B|T2) then {And A B}|{Loop T1 T2} end
end
thread Sc={Loop Sa Sb} end
```

• Example execution:

Sx=0|1|0|Tx % input signal x Sy=1|1|0|Ty % input signal y Sz=0|1|0|Tz % output signal z



Creating many gates



- Let us define a proper abstraction for building all the different kinds of logic gates we need
 - We define the function GateMaker that takes a two-argument boolean function Fun, where {GateMaker Fun} returns a function FunG that creates gates
 - Each call to FunG creates a running gate based on Fun
- This gives three levels of abstraction that we can compare with object-oriented programming:
 - GateMaker is analogous to a generic class
 - FunG is analogous to a class
 - A running gate is analogous to an object

GateMaker implementation

• Calling {GateMaker F} creates a gate maker:

```
fun {GateMaker F}
fun {$ Xs Ys}
fun {GateLoop Xs Ys}
case Xs#Ys of (X|Xr)#(Y|Yr) then
{F X Y}|{GateLoop Xr Yr}
end
end
in
thread {GateLoop Xs Ys} end
end
end
```



Making gates

• Each of these functions can make gates:

AndG={GateMaker fun {\$ X Y} X*Y end} OrG={GateMaker fun {\$ X Y} X+Y-X*Y end} NandG={GateMaker fun {\$ X Y} 1-X*Y end} NorG={GateMaker fun {\$ X Y} 1-X-Y+X*Y end} XorG={GateMaker fun {\$ X Y} X+Y-2*X*Y end}

