

Clocks

- Timing is important in many circuits
- A clock is a circuit that emits pulses at regular intervals
- A clock's frequency is the number of pulses per second
 - The clock on a 4 GHz CPU has 4 billion pulses per second
 - Circuits with delays can be used to create subcycles
- Rising edge - voltage switches from low to high (output from 0 to 1)
- Falling edge - voltage switches from high to low (1 to 0)
- Output of the clock is used as input to other circuits

Memory gates

- SR Latch

- Two inputs

- S for setting the latch (set to 1)

- R for resetting the latch (set to 0)

- Two outputs

- Q and \overline{Q}

- Not a combinational circuit

- (locked) SR latch

the latch can only change state when the clock is 1

- (locked) D latch

- A single input D and its complement are used as the S and R values

- When the clock is 1, D is stored in the latch

- Avoids the problem of S and R being both

- D flip-flop

- The change in state can only happen on the rising edge of the clock