Prelab - Experiment VI
Counters, Displays and Drivers
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1. Create the truth table describing the function of a BCD to seven-segment decoder.

The lower case letters, a-g, represent the segments on the display while the upper case letters A-D represent the BCD input. Observe that A is the lest-significant bit of the BCD input. The seven output of the decoder (a, b, c, d, e, f, g):

| Num. | Inputs |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | D | C | B | A |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |  |
| 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |
| 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |


| Outputs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | b | c | d | E | F | g |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |

2. Make K-maps for each of the seven outputs. Reduce the K-maps to obtain a minimal sum of products expression for each segment.

$a=D+B+C A+C^{\prime} A^{\prime}$
$\mathrm{b}=\mathrm{C}^{\prime}+\mathrm{BA}+\mathrm{B}^{\prime} \mathrm{A}^{\prime}$
c $=B^{\prime}+A+C$
$\mathrm{e}=\mathrm{C}^{\prime} \mathrm{A}^{\prime}+\mathrm{BA}^{\prime}$
$\mathrm{f}=\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{B}^{\prime} \mathrm{A}^{\prime}+\mathrm{CA}^{\prime}+\mathrm{CB}{ }^{\prime}$
$\mathrm{g}=\mathrm{D}+\mathrm{C}^{\prime} \mathrm{B}+\mathrm{CA}^{\prime}+\mathrm{CB}{ }^{\prime}$

3. What is the appropriate display type (common anode/common cathode) that must be used with 7447 display decoder? Why?

I must use the cathode display type because the inputs of the display are logic high.
5. Why pin 12 must be connected to pin 1 ? What happen if we connect pin 1 to the clock and disconnect pin 12 ?

We connect pin 12 to pin 1 because this counter is a ripple counter, so the clock input (pin 1 ) must not be connected to the pulse directly it must be connected to pin 12:

| Number | D | C | B | A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

From this table we notice that $B$ complements when $A$ goes from 1 to 0 and $D$ is 0 , so the clock input of $B$ must be connected to $Q(A)$ (pin12). If we connect pin 1 to the clock directly, $Q(B)$ will complement every pulse and the sequence will be strange like the following :


