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Lecture 6

Counters

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Counters

Program:

- Counter types
- Counter parameters
- Asynchronous counters
- Synchronous counters
- Counters of a shortened cycle length

Counters

- Counter
 - Counts and remembers the number of input pulses given within a given time to the clock input
 - Control inputs
 - Reset/clear
 - Load
 - Direction selection
 - (syn/asyn)
 - Gate/enable
 - Write max state
 -

Counters

- Counters classification (1)
 - By operation rules
 - Modulo s (frequency divider by s)
 - Up to s (restart possible after initial state is forced)
 - By counting code
 - Decimal (BCD)
 - Binary
 - Others (octal, Johnson, etc.)
 - By cycle length
 - Constant
 - Configurable (variable)

Counters

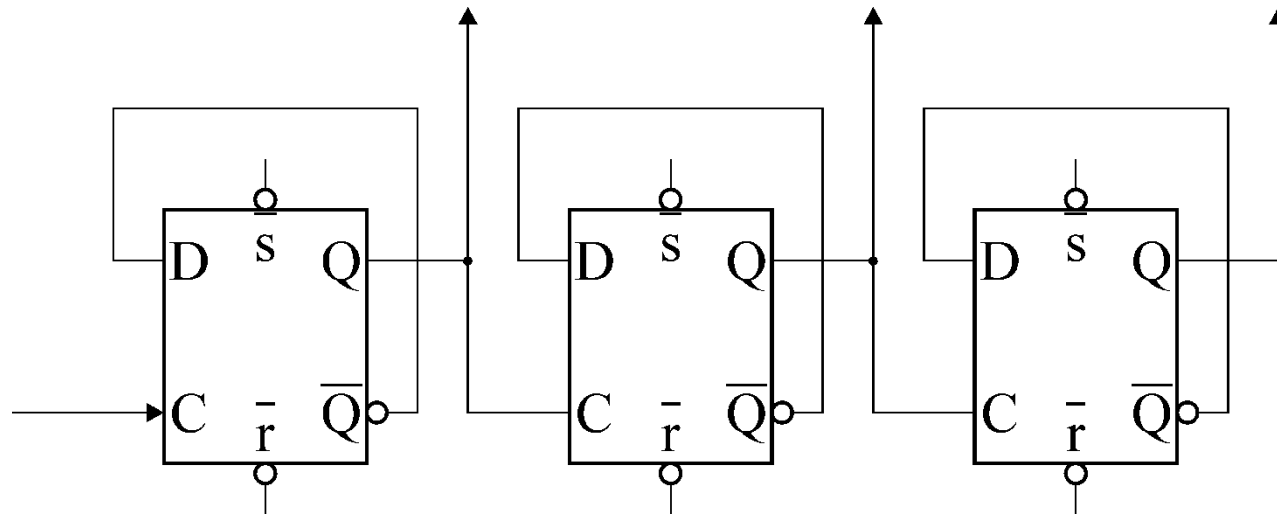
- Counters classification (2)
 - By counting direction
 - Unidirectional
 - Forward (inc)
 - Backward (dec)
 - Bidirectional
 - Direction selection input
 - Separate inc/dec inputs
 - By clock input influence on counter flip-flops
 - Asynchronous (only 1st flip-flop)
 - Synchronous (all flip-flops)
 - Syn-asyn (some flip-flops)

Counters

- Counters classification (3)
 - By carry generation inside and outside of the counter
 - Serial (*Serial Carry, Ripple Carry*) – simpler, slower
 - Parallel (*Parallel Carry, Look-Ahead Carry*) – more complex, faster
 - Serial-parallel

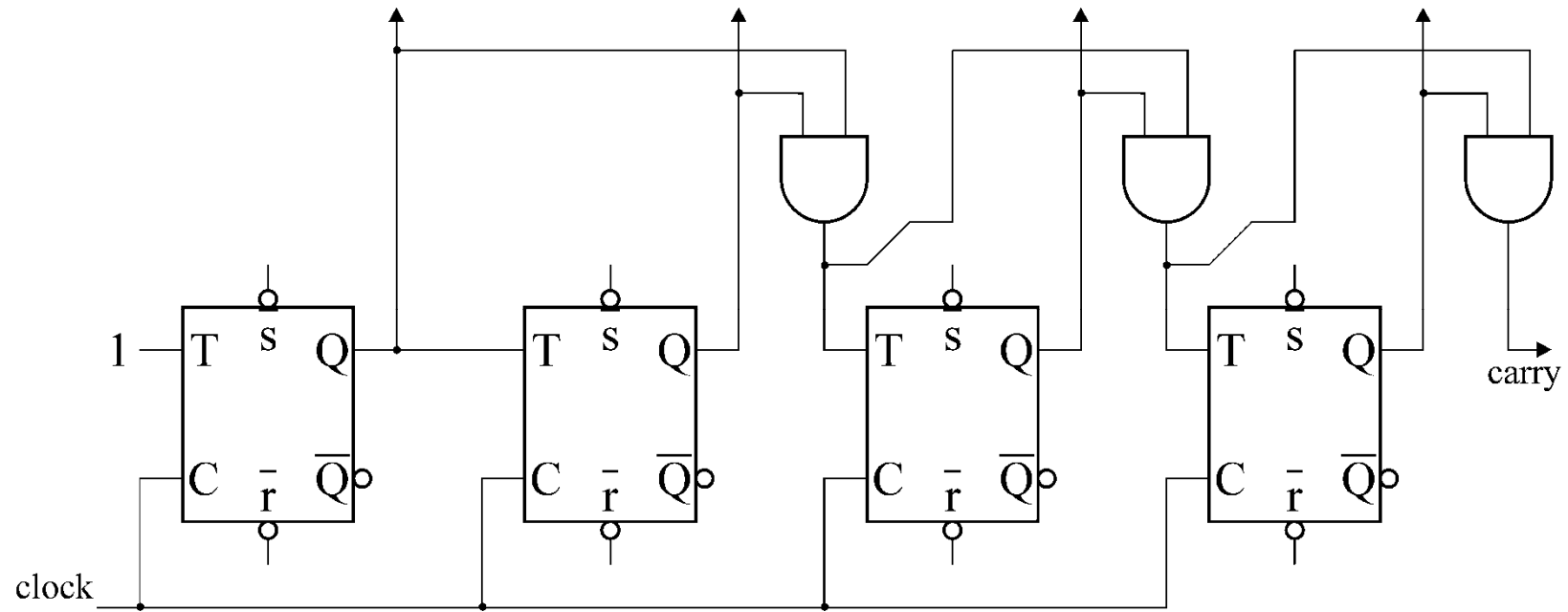
Counters

- Asynchronous counter



Counters

- Synchronous counter, serial carry

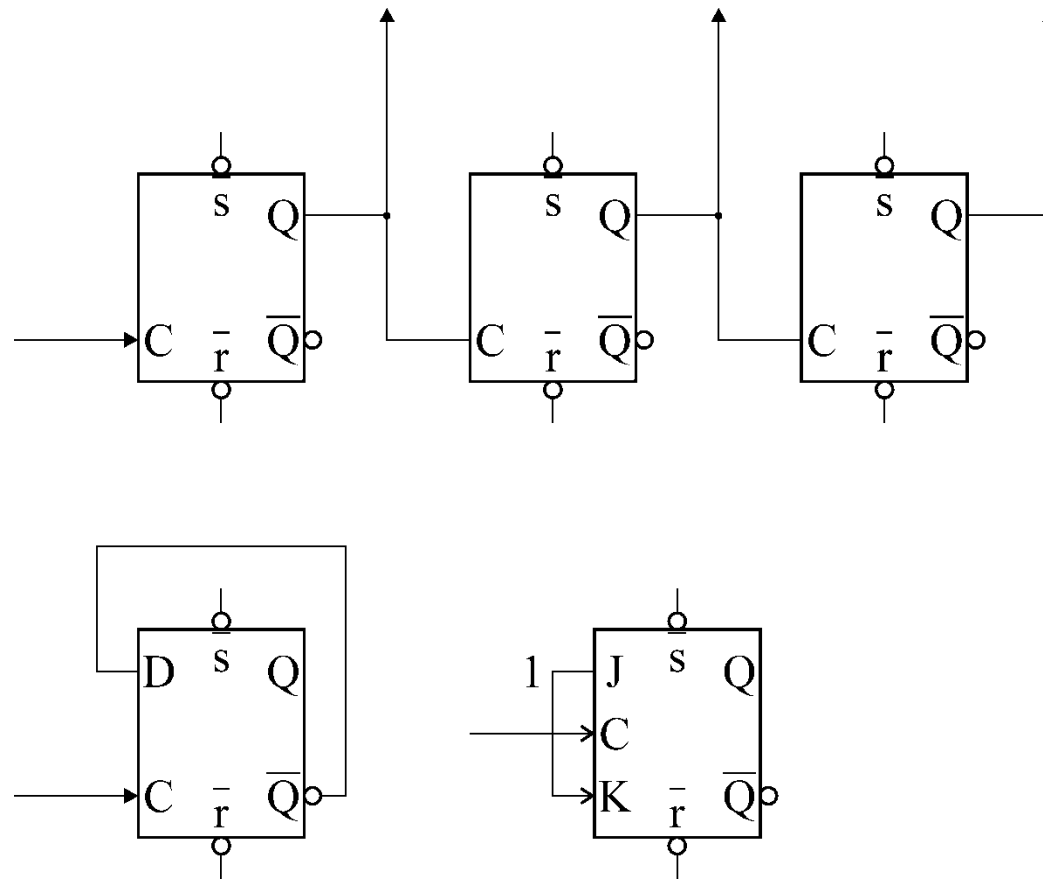


Counters

- Counters parameters
 - Operation speed $\rightarrow f_{\max}$ of clock pulses
 - Content set time
- For asynchronous counters
 - $F_{\max} < f_{\max}$ of 1st flip-flop
 - Set time = Σt_p of all flip-flops: $f_{\max} = 1 / (nt_{pD} + t_o)$
- For synchronous counters
 - Set time = Σt_p of carry generation circuit
 - Parallel carry: $f_{\max} = 1 / (t_{pD} + t_{pg})$
 - Serial carry: $f_{\max} = 1 / (t_{pD} + (n-2)t_{pg})$

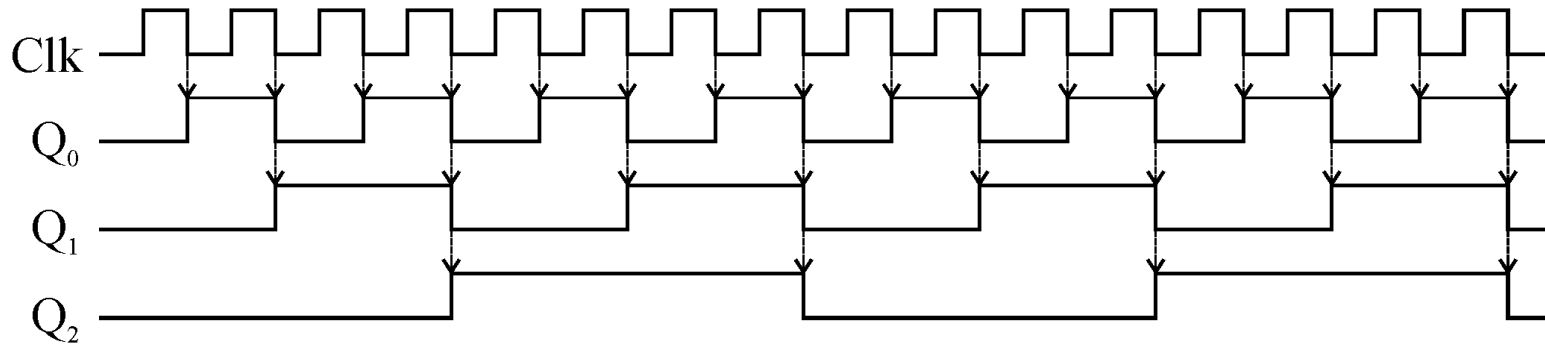
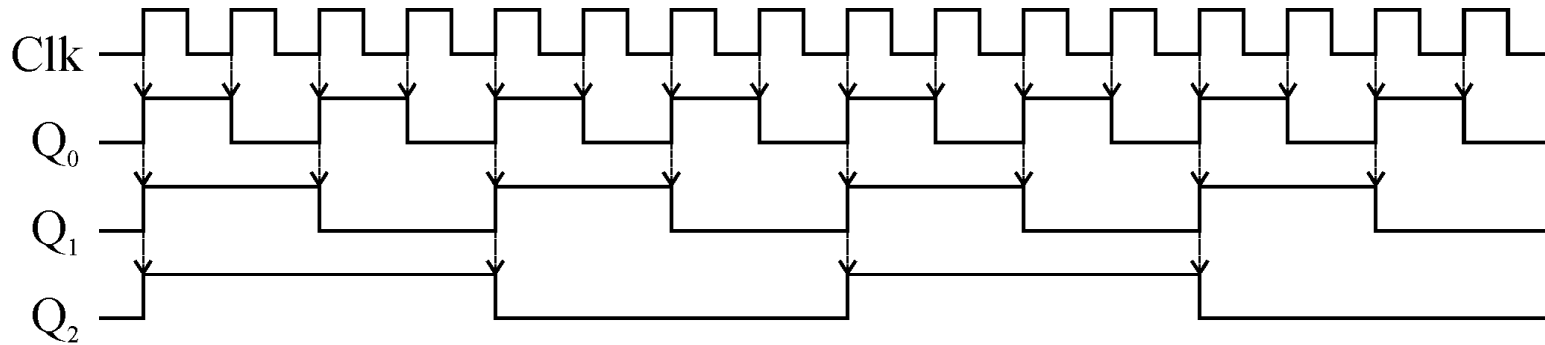
Counters

- Asynchronous counter



Counters

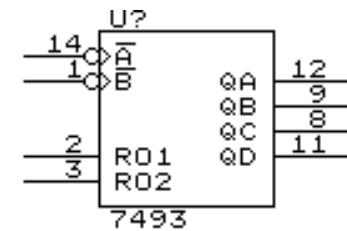
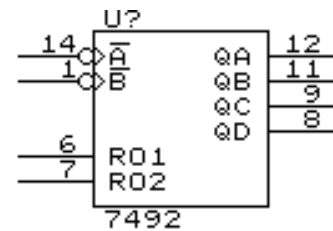
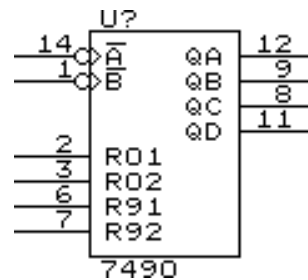
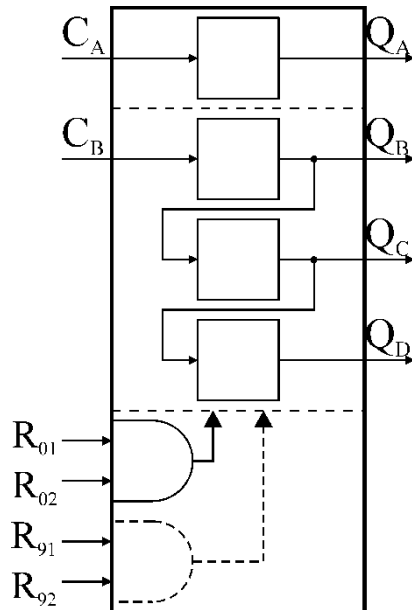
- Asynchronous counter



Counters

- Asynchronous counters
 - 749x family

Counter	Type	Counter	Code
7490	Decimal	Mod 2 mod 5	8421, 5421
7492	Dozenal	Mod 2 mod 6	6421, 6321
7493	Binary	Mod 2 mod 8	8421



Counters

- Asynchronous counters

- 7490:

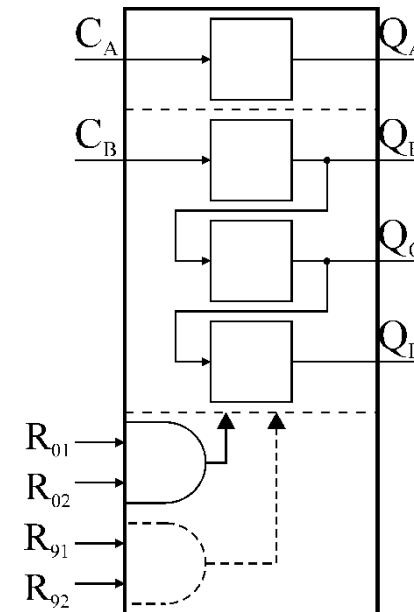
- $Q_A \rightarrow C_B$: 8421 code
- $Q_D \rightarrow C_A$: 5421 code, $\eta = \frac{1}{2}$

- 7492:

- $Q_A \rightarrow C_B$: 6421 code
- $Q_D \rightarrow C_A$: 6321 code, $\eta = \frac{1}{2}$

- 7493:

- $Q_A \rightarrow C_B$: 8421 code, $\eta = \frac{1}{2}$
- $Q_D \rightarrow C_A$: 8421 code, $\eta = \frac{1}{2}$

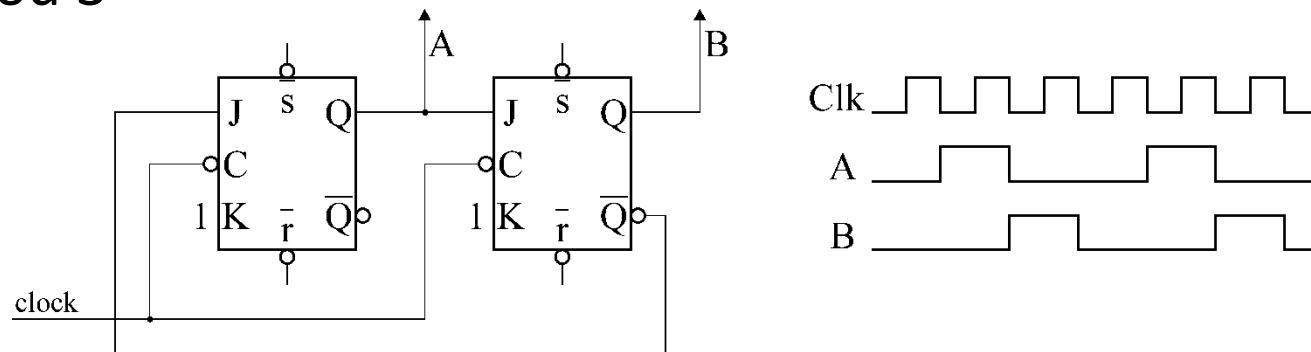


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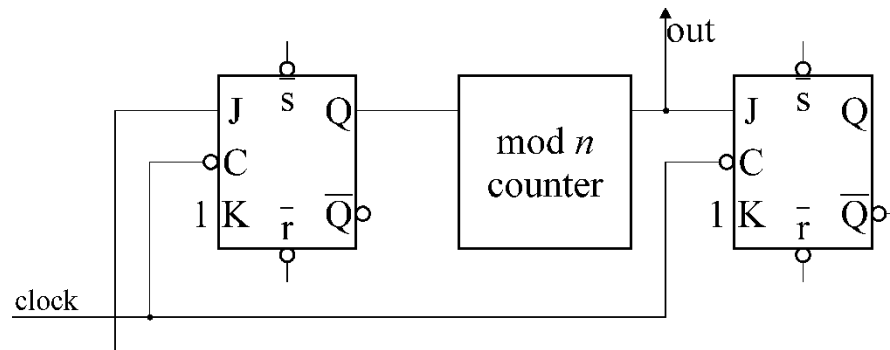
- Counters of a shortened cycle
 - Design a dedicated sequential circuit
 - Use a binary or decimal counter
 - Last cycle state detected → reset
 - Asynchronous reset → detect illegal state
 - Synchronous reset → detect last legal state

Counters

- Counters of a shortened cycle
 - Design a dedicated sequential circuit
 - Mod 3



- Mod $(2n+1)$

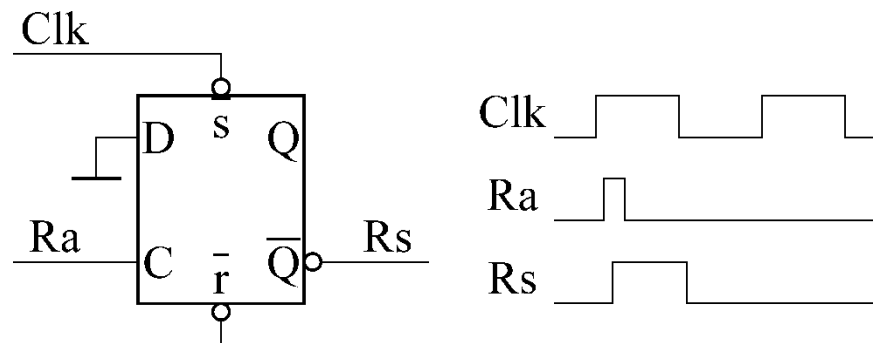


Counters

- Counters of a shortened cycle
 - Detect a forbidden state and reset
 - „Mod n ” counter \rightarrow detect n and immediately reset
 - Forbidden state exists for a short time
 - Zero state lasts for less than a clock period
 - Acceptable or not, depending on application

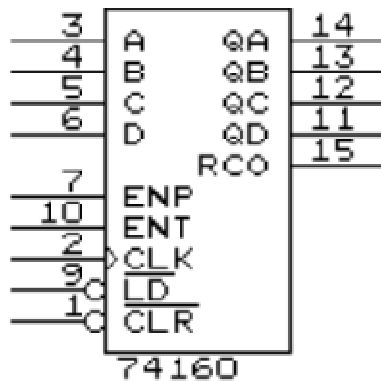
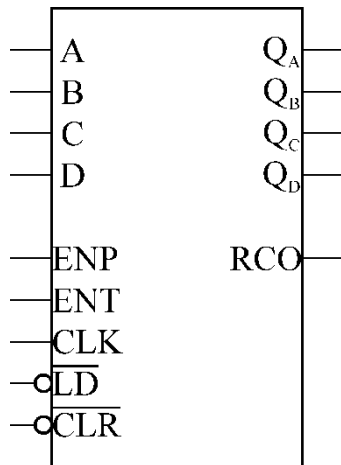
Counters

- Counters of a shortened cycle
 - Detect a forbidden state and reset
 - Multiple counters → reset can be too short
 - Some flip-flops are already cleared
 - Reset signal inactive
 - Some flip-flops may remain not reset
- **make reset signal longer**
- » Pulse generators (121, 123, 555, ...)
 - » RC + Schmitt gates
 - » Clock-synchronised flip-flop

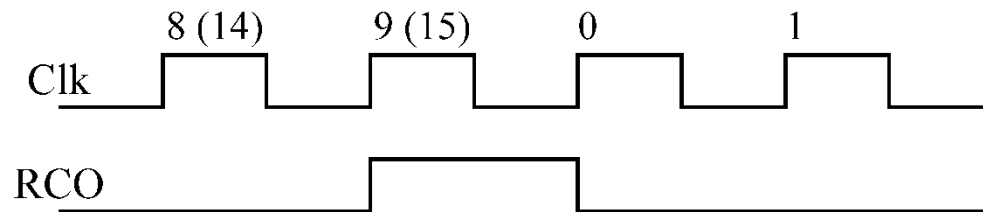


Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Unidirectional counters – 16x family

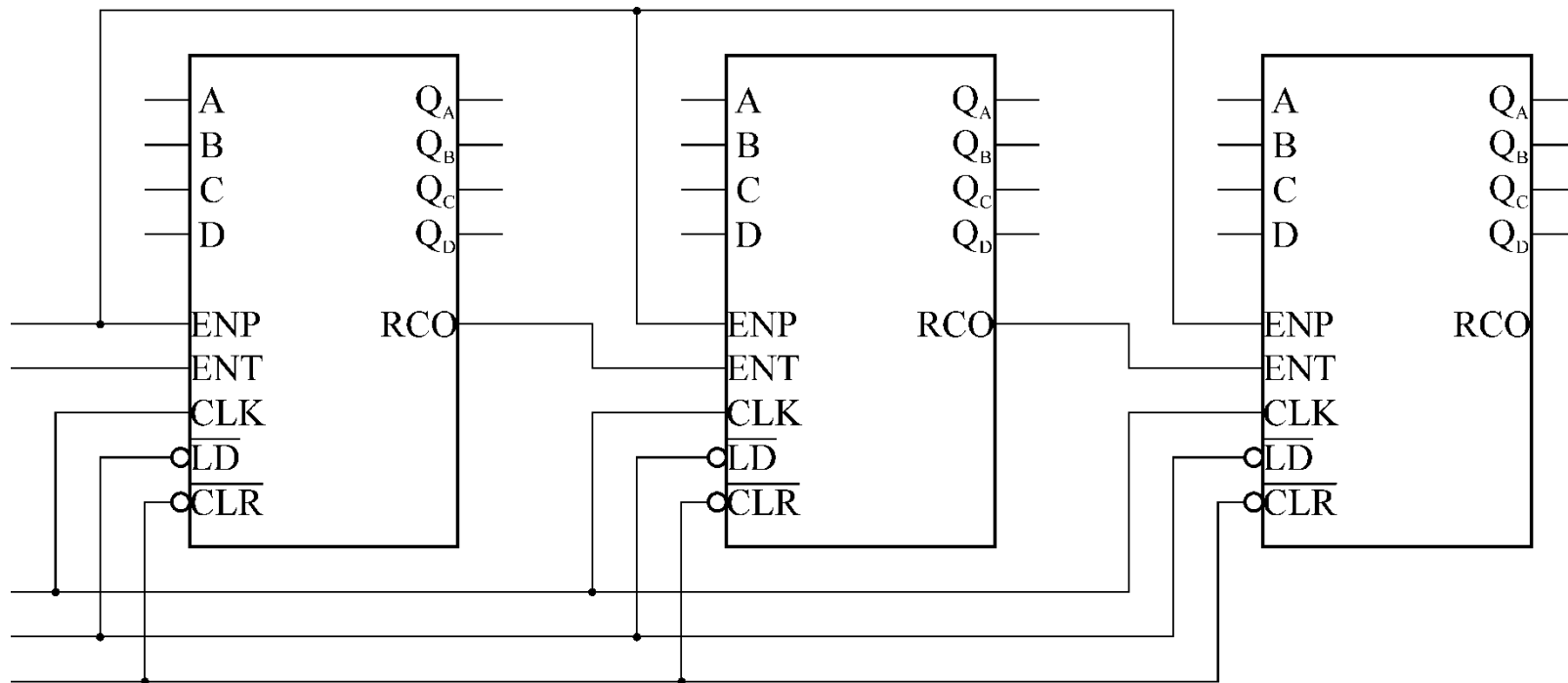


Circuit	Counter	Load	Clear
74160	Decimal	Synchronous	Asynchronous
74161	Binary	Synchronous	Asynchronous
74162	Decimal	Synchronous	Synchronous
74163	Binary	Synchronous	Synchronous



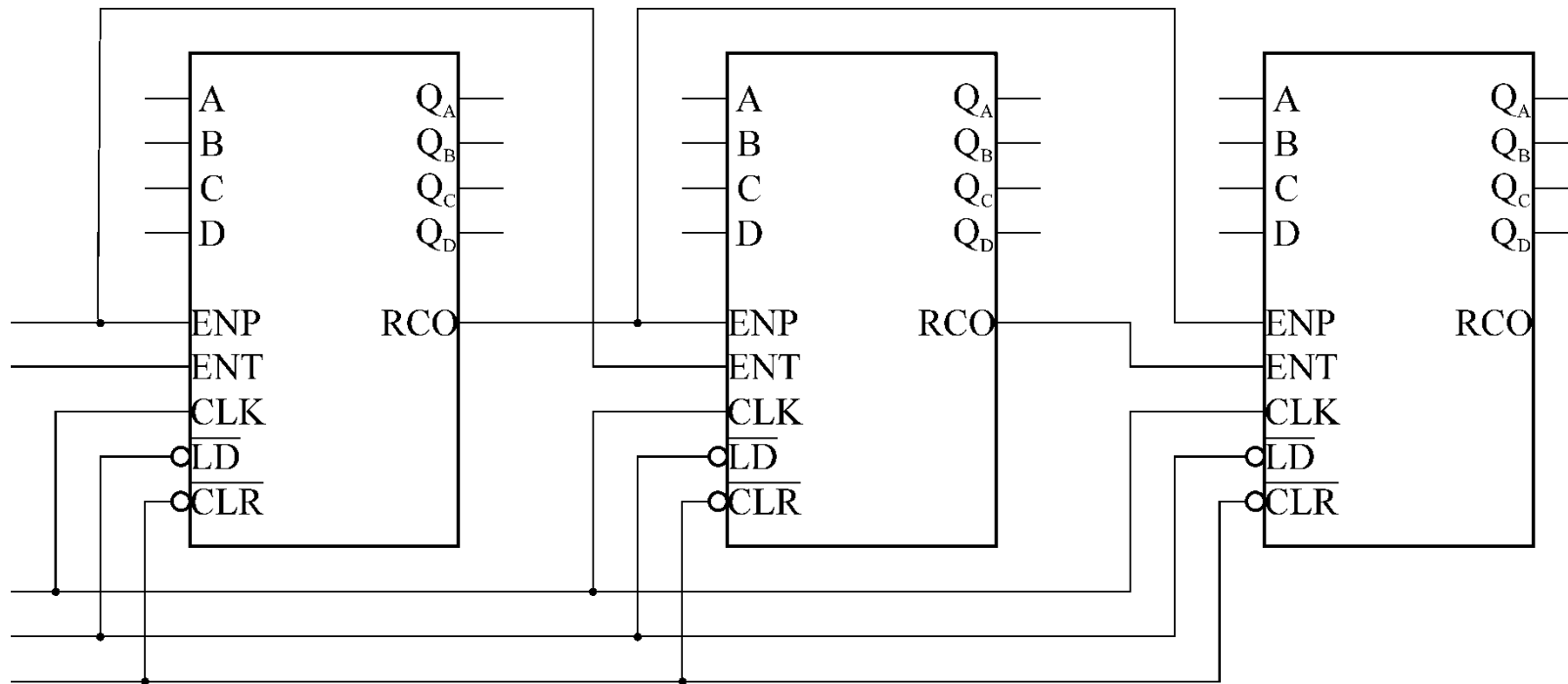
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Unidirectional counters – 16x family
 - Ripple mode carry circuit



Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Unidirectional counters – 16x family
 - Carry look-ahead circuit



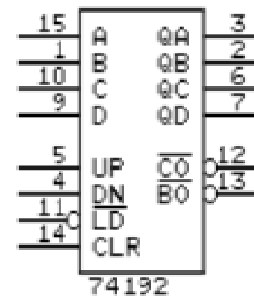
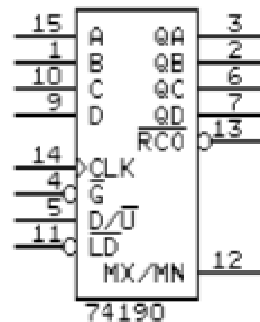
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Unidirectional counters – 16x family applications
 - Mod N counter, counter from 0 to $N-1$
 - Synchronous or asynchronous clear
 - Counter from A to max (9 or 15)
 - Synchronous load of A
 - Counter from A to B

Counters

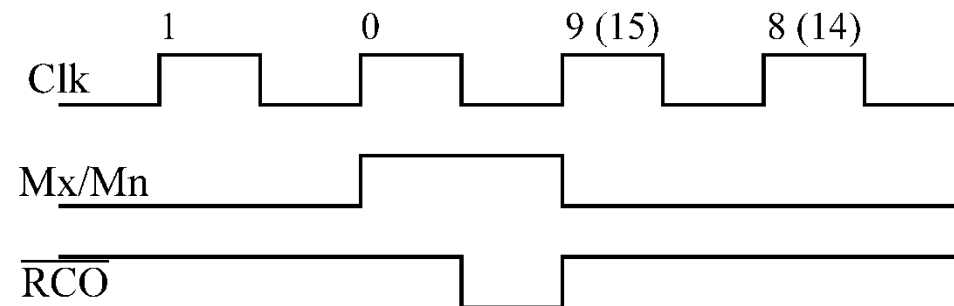
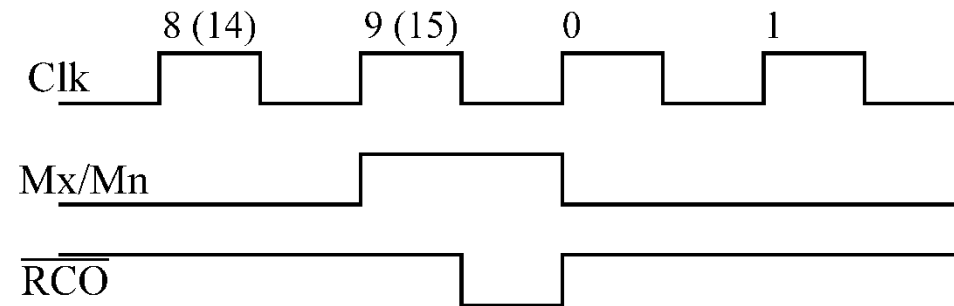
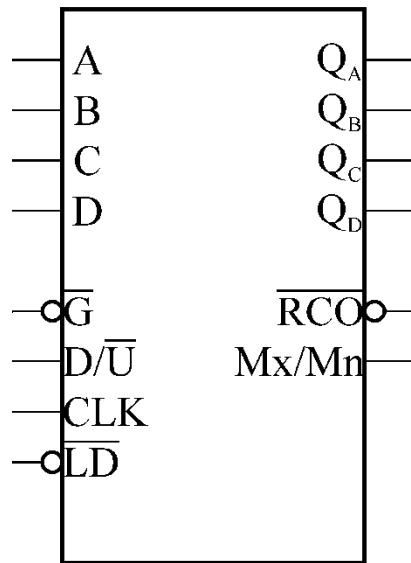
- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – 19x family

Circuit	Counter	Direction	Load	Clear
74190	Decimal	Direction selection input	Asynchronous	<i>None</i>
74191	Binary		Asynchronous	<i>None</i>
74192	Decimal	Separate up/down inputs	Asynchronous	Asynchronous
74193	Binary		Asynchronous	Asynchronous



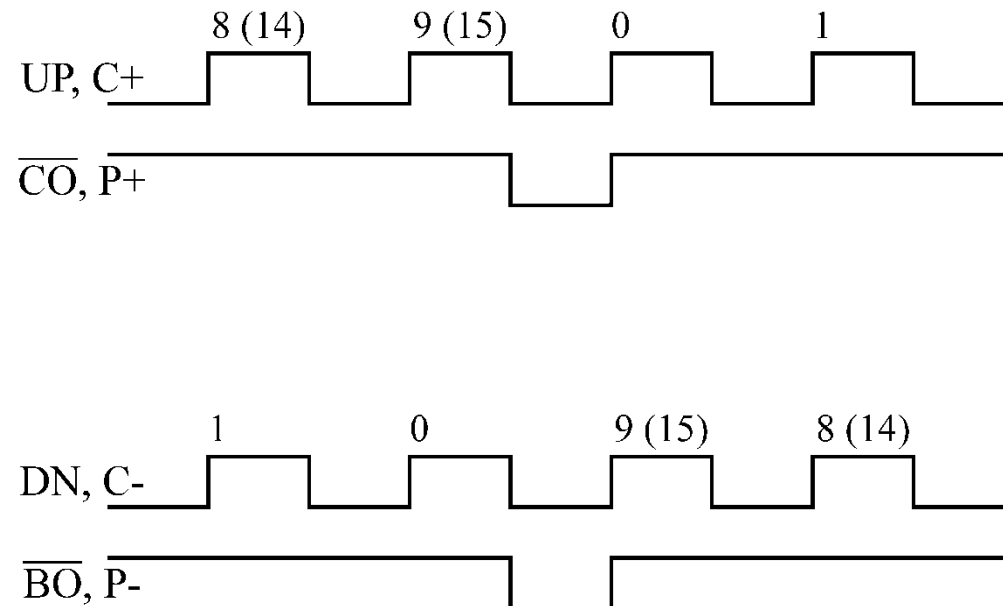
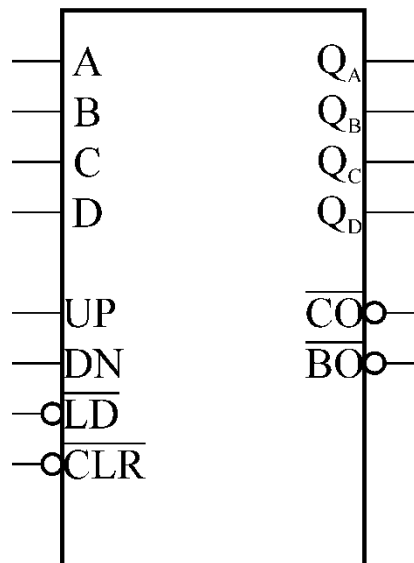
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – 190, 191



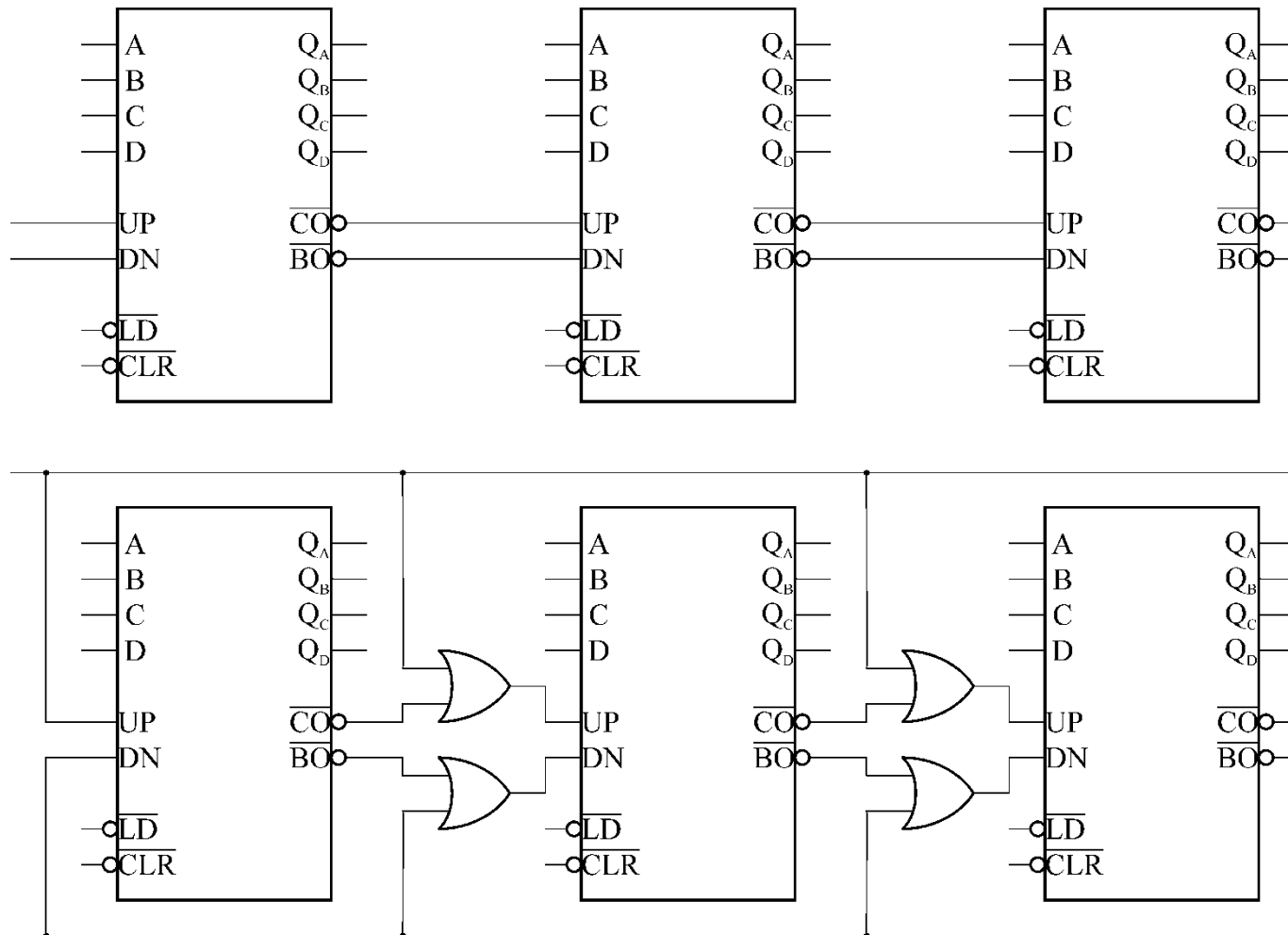
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – 192, 193



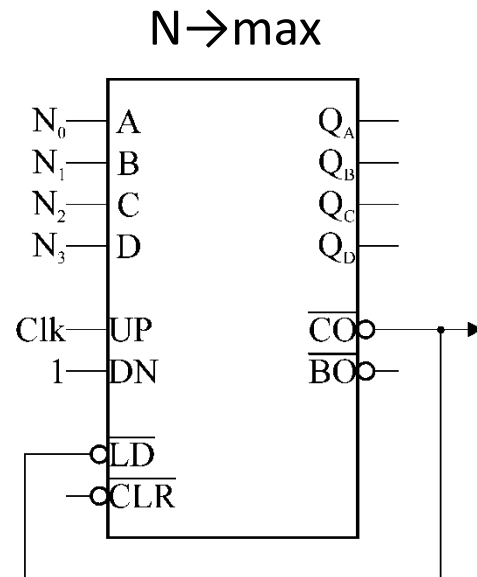
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – 192, 193



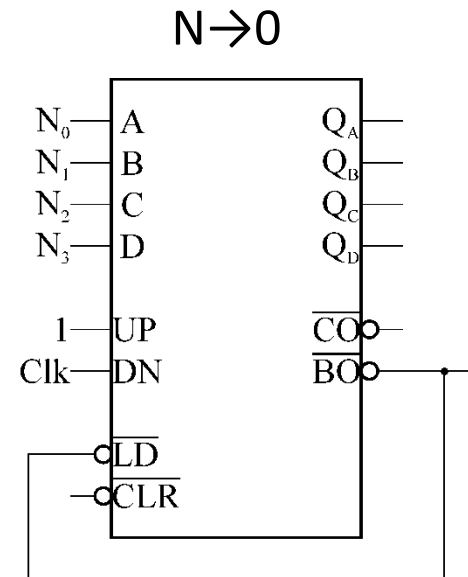
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – applications
 - Programmable frequency divider



$$f_{bin} = \frac{f_{clk}}{16 - N}$$

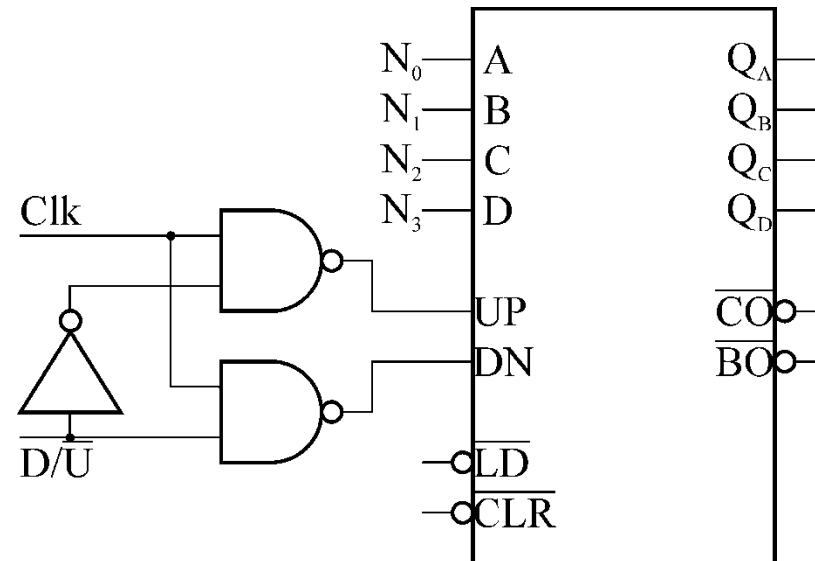
$$f_{dec} = \frac{f_{clk}}{10 - N}$$



$$f = \frac{f_{clk}}{N}$$

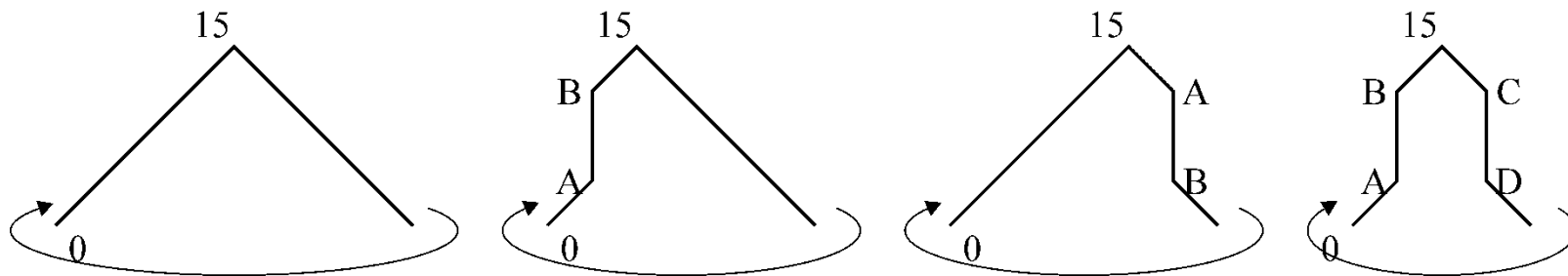
Counters

- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – applications
 - Separate → common clock conversion



Counters

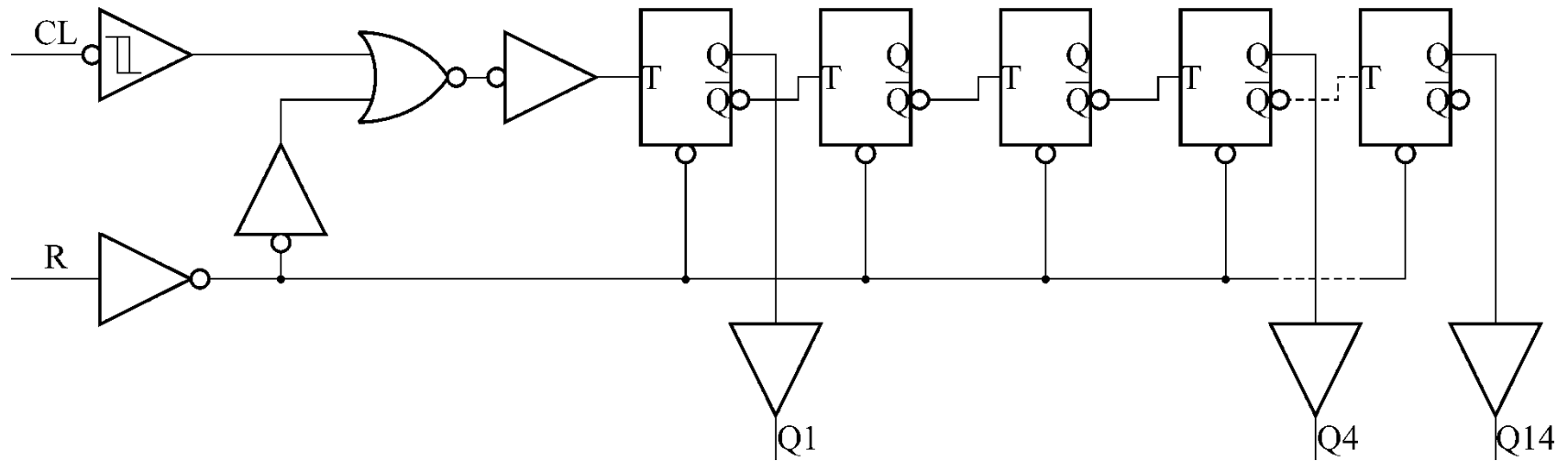
- Synchronous counters
 - Bidirectional counters – applications
 - 0, 1, ..., 14, 15, 14, ... 1, 0, 1, ... etc. counter
 - As above, but with A→B jump
 - During count up
 - During count down
 - In both directions



- To count how many people there are in a room/shop
 - „COVID counter”

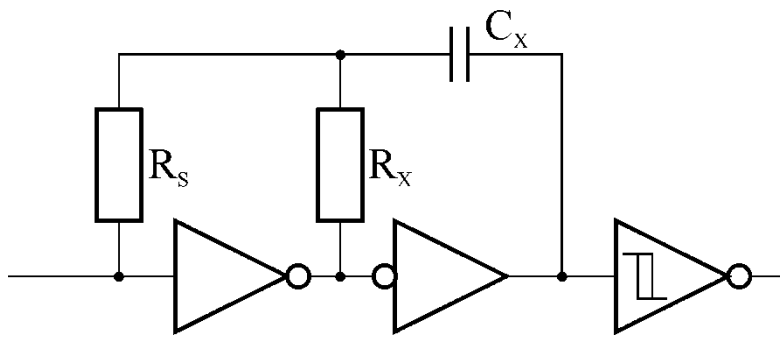
Counters

- CMOS frequency generators with dividers
– 4020



Counters

- CMOS frequency generators with dividers
 - 4060
 - RC or crystal circuits



$$T = 2.2R_x C_x$$
$$R_s = (2 \div 10) \cdot R_x$$

