K-maps and Sequential Circuits

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- The problem of getting the BEST circuit is thought to be hard

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- We resolve this issue by preventing it from ever happening
- We create a circuit that only has one input: D
- Because the input to the lower AND gate is always the complement of the input to the upper one, the problem of both inputs being 1 never arises.



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