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UNIT 4 – DESIGN OF SEQUENTIAL CIRCUITS

TOPIC – RING COUNTER



RING COUNTER



A ring counter is a Shift Register (a cascade connection of flip-flops) with the output of the last flip flop connected to the input of the first. It is initialized such that only one of the flip flop output is 1 while the remainder is 0.

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RING COUNTER?



It is also known as switch-tail ring counter, walking ring counter or Johnson counter. It connects the complement of the output of the last shift register to the input of the first register and circulates a stream of ones followed by zeros around the ring. Here, we use Clock (CLK) for all the flip-flops.

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Ring Counters



- One flip-flop (stage) for each state in the sequence.
- The output of the last stage is connected to the D input of the first stage.
- An n -bit ring counter cycles through n states.
- No decoding gates are required, as there is an output that corresponds to every state the counter is in.

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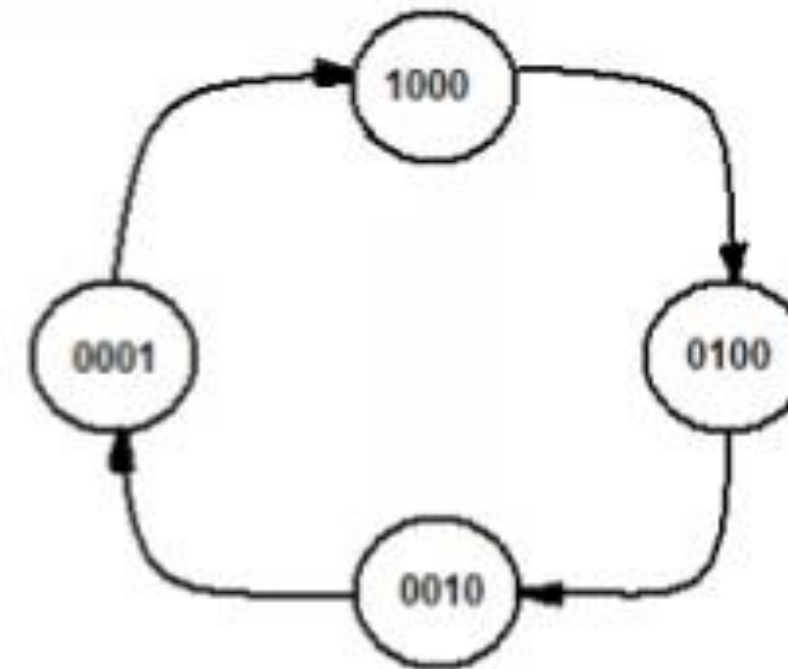


RING COUNTER



Ring Counter (continue)

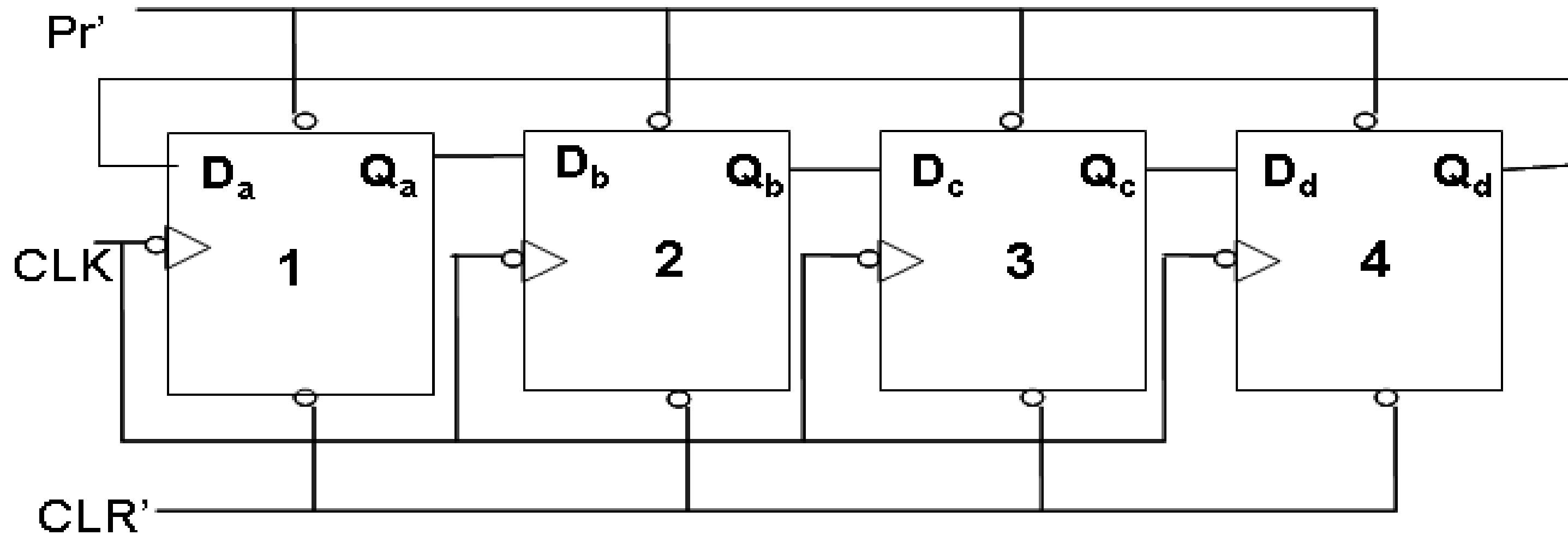
- ❑ Ring counters are used to construct “One-Hot” counters
- ❑ It can be constructed for any desired MOD number
- ❑ A MOD-N ring counter uses N flip-flops connected in the arrangement as shown in fig. a)
- ❑ In general ring-counter will require more flip-flops than a binary counter for the same MOD number



d) State Diagram



4 BIT RING COUNTER



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TRUTH TABLE

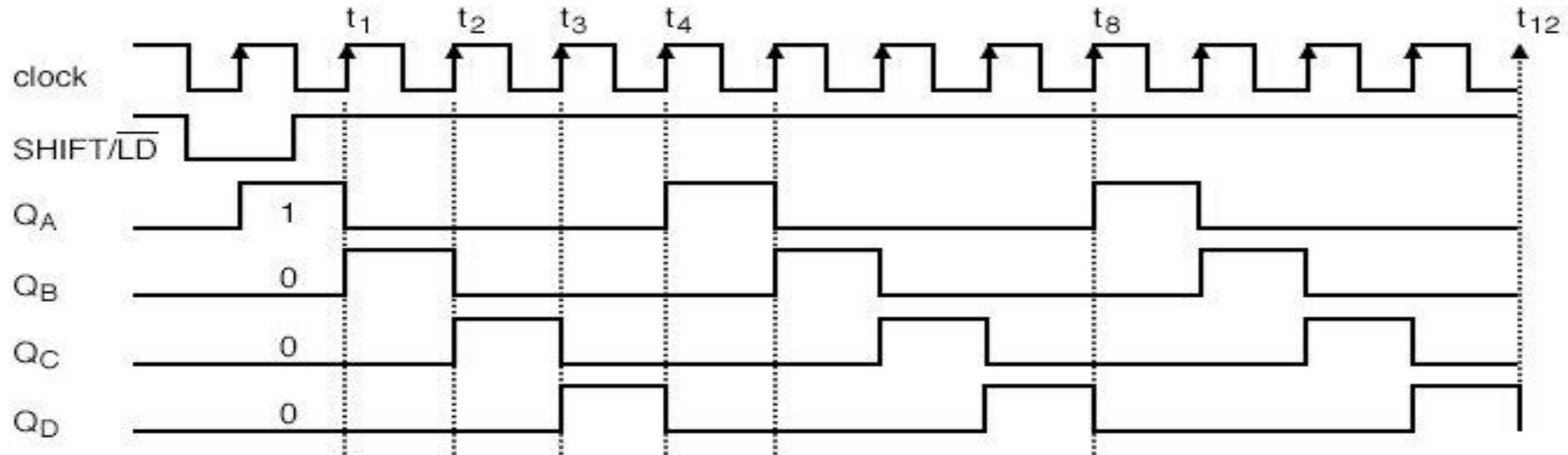


States	Q_A	Q_B	Q_C	Q_D
1	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	0
4	1	1	1	0
5	1	1	1	1
6	0	1	1	1
7	0	0	1	1
8	0	0	0	1

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TIMING DIAGRAM



Load 1000 into 4-stage ring counter and shift

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Applications of Ring Counter



- Animation and simulation video.
- Data counting loop.
- (BCD) counter and divider circuit.
- Quadrature generator.
- Use in Digital Clocks

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APPLICATIONS



Ring Counter Application

- Some devices require scanning. Scanning is when devices are enabled one at a time to:
 - check their status, or
 - enable their output
- An example of scanning is for keyboard inputs. The ring counter enables each of the keys in turn to check on their state.

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ASSESSMENT



1. What is Register?
2. List the types of Shift registers.
3. Explain the operation of SISO, SIPO shift register.

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