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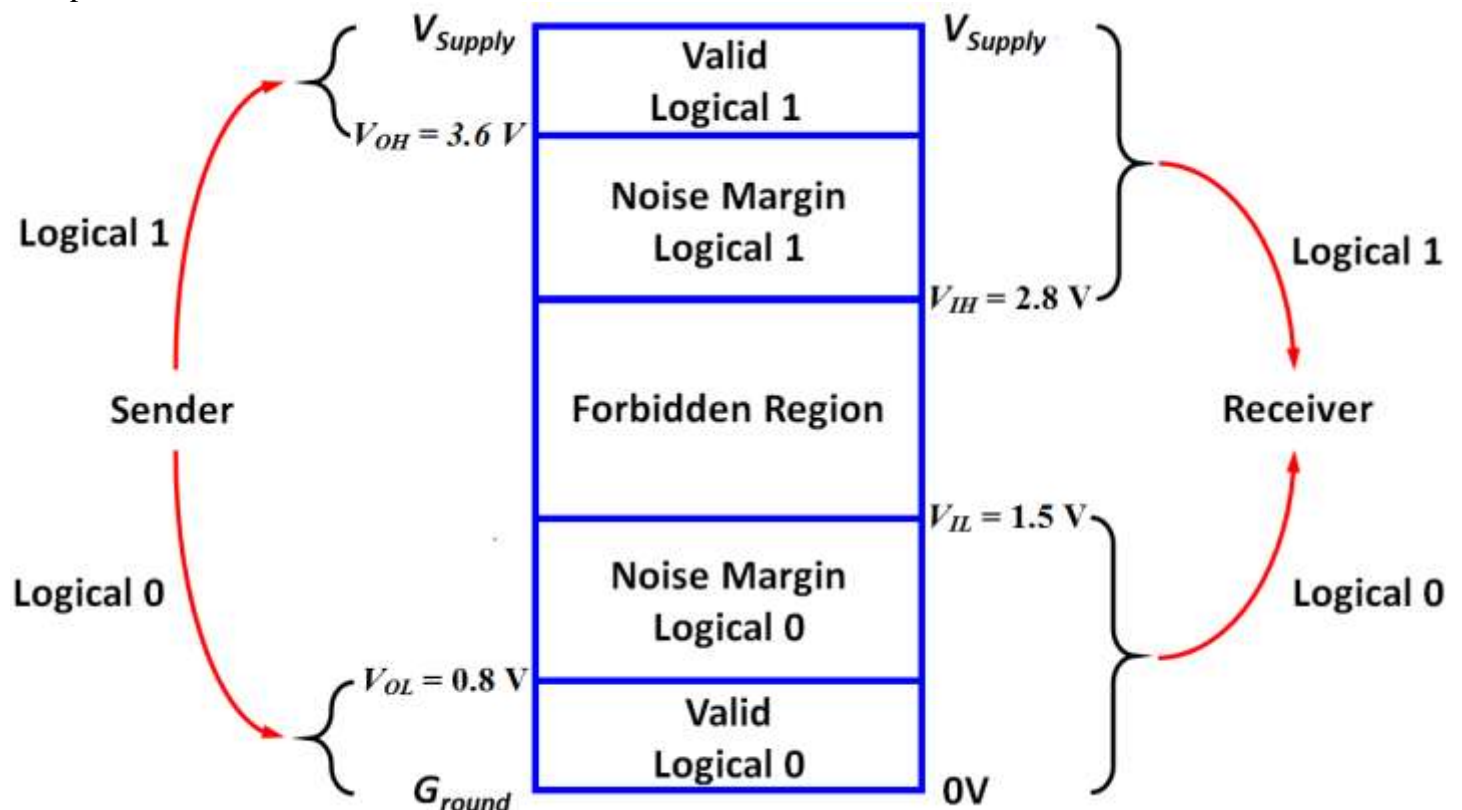
Consider a family of logic gates which operates under the static discipline with the following voltage thresholds: $V_{IL} = 1.5\text{ V}$, $V_{OL} = 0.8\text{ V}$, $V_{IH} = 2.8\text{ V}$, and $V_{OH} = 3.6\text{ V}$.

- (a) What is the highest voltage that must be interpreted by a receiver as a logical 0? (12.5%)
- (b) What is the lowest voltage that must be interpreted by a receiver as a logical 1? (12.5%)
- (c) What is the highest voltage that can be output by an inverter for a logical 0 output? (12.5%)
- (d) What is the lowest voltage that can be output by an inverter for a logical 1 output? (12.5%)
- (e) What range of voltages will be treated as invalid under this discipline? (12.5%)
- (f) What are its noise margins (NM_0 , NM_1)? (25%)
- (g) Will this logic gate family drive the input of another logic gate family is characterized by the voltage thresholds: $V_{IL} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $V_{OL} = 1.1\text{ V}$, $V_{IH} = 2.5\text{ V}$, and $V_{OH} = 3.3\text{ V}$ correctly? (Yes or No) (12.5%)

Solutions:

(a) & (b)

The valid voltage ranges for logical input signal can be found from the following figure under this static discipline.



Therefore

- (a) the highest voltage that must be interpreted by a receiver as a logical 0 is $V_{IL} = 1.5\text{V}$, and
- (b) the lowest voltage that must be interpreted by a receiver as a logical 1 is $V_{IH} = 2.8\text{V}$.

(c) & (d)

The valid voltage ranges for logical output signal can be found from the figure of last page under this static discipline.

Therefore,

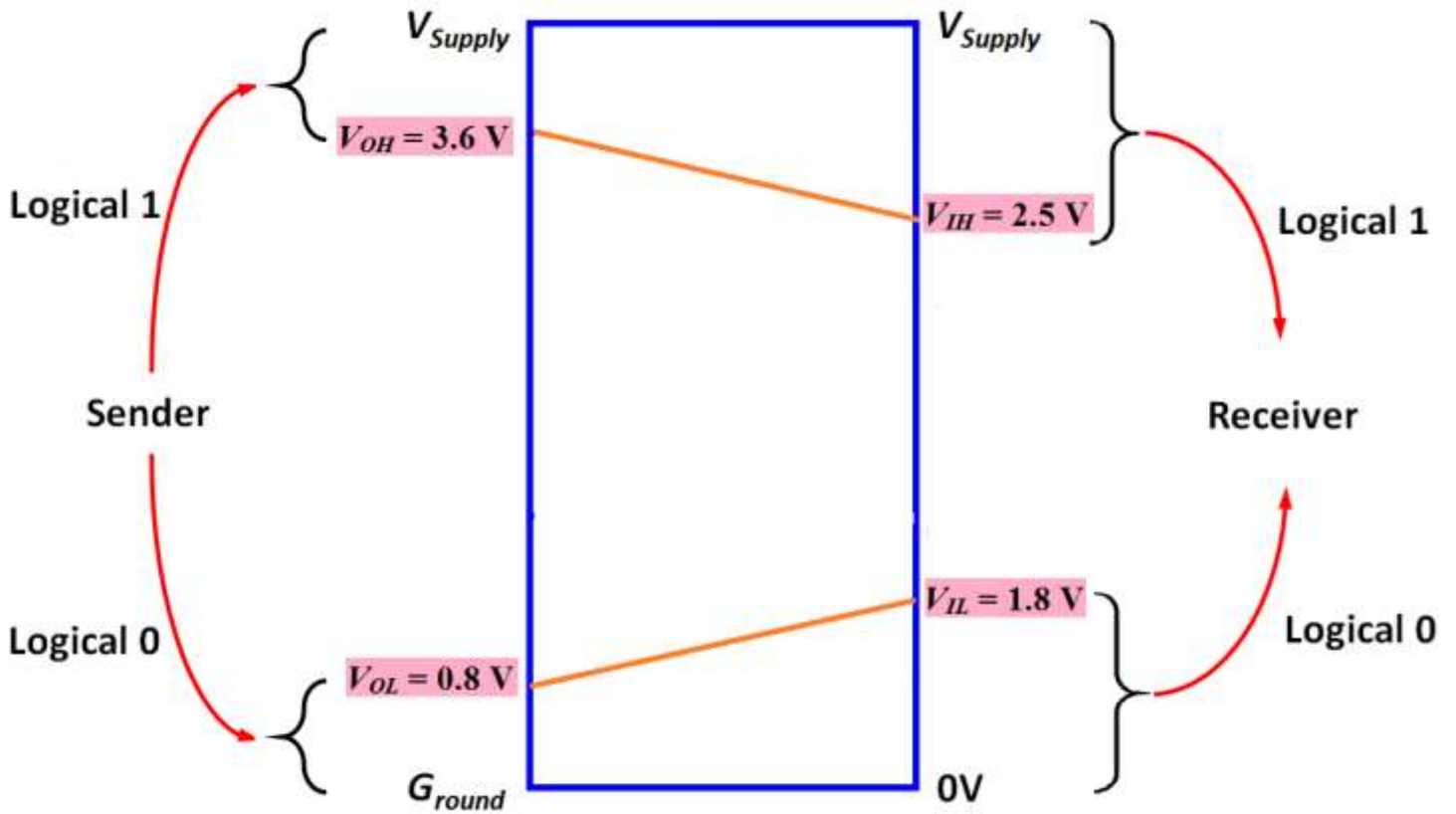
(c) the highest voltage that can be a logical 0 output is $V_{OL} = 0.8V$, and

(d) the lowest voltage that can be a logical 1 output is $V_{OH} = 3.6V$.

(e) The range of voltages $1.5V < v < 2.8V$ will be treated as invalid under this discipline.

(f)
 $NM_0 = V_{IL} - V_{OL} = 0.7V$
 $NM_1 = V_{OH} - V_{IH} = 0.8V$

(g)



Ans: Yes, with better $NM_0 = 1V$ instead of $0.7V$ and $NM_1 = 1.1V$ instead of $0.8V$.

(a) _____, (b) _____, (c) _____, (d) _____,

(e) _____, (f) $NM_0 =$ _____, $NM_1 =$ _____.

(g) _____