Due: Friday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Submission: Please hand me a paper copy or slide it under my office door (SCI 3809).

Problems

1. Suppose I (tried to) construct the following circuit in lab, but I find that the LED does not light regardless of how I set the switch. Your task is to help me debug the circuit I constructed by suggesting at least four potential problems I should check for.

   ![Circuit Diagram]

2. This week, you learned how to build a two-input OR gate using transistors. A three-input OR gate produces TRUE as its output if any of the three inputs are TRUE, and FALSE if all three inputs are FALSE. Show a truth table for a three-input OR gate. Then show how to build a circuit that uses transistors to implement a three-input OR gate.

3. We can build a NAND gate using two transistors; see [http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electronic/trangate.html](http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electronic/trangate.html). Draw a circuit diagram for the two-transistor NAND gate and explain in your own words how it works.

4. We can build a NOR gate using just one transistor; see [http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electronic/trangate.html](http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electronic/trangate.html). Draw a circuit diagram for the one-transistor NOR gate and explain in your own words how it works.

5. Draw a logic gate diagram for the following boolean function: \( f = ab + \overline{bc} + (a + \overline{c}) \)

Extra credit question: The first embedded system, the Apollo Guidance Computer, was built entirely out of NOR gates. Do a bit of research to learn what the Apollo Guidance Computer was and why it was built entirely from NOR gates. Write a short essay (at least a full paragraph and not more than a single-spaced page) explaining what you learned to your classmates. Be sure to cite your sources.