

COMPUTER LOGIC AND DIGITAL CIRCUIT DESIGN (PHYS306/COSC330): UNIT 2.3

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SUMMARY

Reading: DF Chapter 3-4 (Moodle)

1. Logic Gates
 - Circuit diagram
 - Truth table
 - Timing diagram
 - Boolean logic
2. Boolean algebra I
3. IC Circuits, data sheets
4. Boolean algebra II

Homework: Chapter 3, ex. 1-22 (two weeks)

BOOLEAN ALGEBRA BASICS

Good paper topic: George Boole and Claude Shannon in the mid-19th century, early 20th century.

Boolean or logical algebra - *An Investigation of the Laws of Thought, on Which Are Founded the Mathematical Theories of Logic and Probabilities* (Boole's title)

What does *an algebra* contain?

1. Variables or *literals*
2. *complements* (resembles *identities, reciprocals, and nulls*)
3. Sums are ORs
4. Products are ANDs

An algebra has many objects, properties, and rules. An extensive list is outside our scope.

Boolean or logical algebra has these *objects*:

1. Variables: A is a variable, either TRUE or FALSE
2. complements: \bar{A} is the *complement* of A , inverting the input

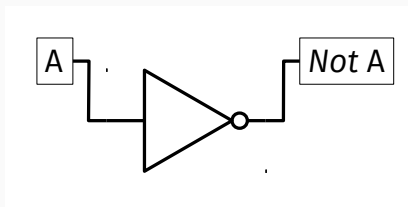


Figure 1: The inverter performs the complement operation at gate-level, $\bar{A} = \text{NOT } A$.

AND is multiplication, and OR is addition. Refer to Chapter 2 DF.

Boolean or logical algebra has these *properties*:

1. Property of commutativity

- **Addition version:** $A + B = B + A$
- *(an OR gate does not distinguish between inputs)*
- **Mutliplication version:** $AB = BA$
- *(an AND gate does not distinguish between inputs)*

2. Property of Associativity

- **Addition version:** $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
- *OR gate order does not matter.*
- **Mutliplication version:** $(AB)C = A(BC)$
- *AND gate order does not matter.*

3. Property of Distribution

- $A(B + C) = AB + AC$ *(gate input and gate order)*

Boolean or logical algebra has these *rules*:

1. $A + 0 = A$

2. $A + 1 = 1$

3. $A \cdot 0 = 0$

4. $A \cdot 1 = A$

5. $A + A = A$

6. $A + \bar{A} = 1$

7. $AA = A$

8. $A\bar{A} = 0$

9. $\bar{\bar{A}} = A$

Boolean or logical algebra has these *special rules*:

1. $A + AB = A$

2. $A + \bar{A}B = A + B$

3. $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

Exercises:

- Prove special rule (1) with a truth table
- Why is special rule (1) intuitive?
- Prove special rule (2) with a truth table
- Why is special rule (2) intuitive?
- **Group board exercise:** Prove special rule (3) *Hint: this requires rules 2, 4, and 7. This is good practice at **gate simplification**.*

De Morgan's Theorems

- **First theorem:** The complement of a product of literals is equal to the sum of the complements of the literals.
- **Second theorem:** The complement of a sum of literals is equal to the product of the complements of the literals.

• First theorem: $\overline{AB} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$

• Second theorem:
 $\overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \overline{B}$

For example:

$$\overline{(AB + BC)} = \overline{AB} \overline{BC} = (\overline{A} + \overline{B})(\overline{B} + \overline{C})$$

Group board exercise: Show that

$$\overline{(A + B)(B + C) + (A + \overline{A}B)(B + \overline{B}A)} = \overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C} \quad (1)$$

- *Hint:* use De Morgan's two theorems
- *Hint:* use special rule 3
- *Hint:* consider the regular rules

Group board exercise: Create a circuit using logic gates that represents the left-hand side of Eq. 1, and do the same for the right-hand side. How many gates fewer are there in the right-hand solution?

Group board exercise: Show that

$$\boxed{(AB + C(B + A)) + \overline{(AB + C(B + A))}(AC + B(C + A))} \quad (2)$$
$$= AB + AC + BC$$

- *Hint:* use special rule 2
- *Hint:* use De Morgan's two theorems

Group board exercise: Create a circuit using logic gates that represents the left-hand side of Eq. 2, and do the same for the right-hand side. How many gates fewer are there in the right-hand solution?

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