



# BOOLEAN EXPRESSION SIMPLIFICATION

Digital logic design

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# Simplification using Boolean identities

# Boolean Operator Precedence

- The order of evaluation in a Boolean expression is:
  1. Parentheses
  2. NOT
  3. AND
  4. OR
- Consequence: Parentheses appear around OR expressions
- Example:  $F = A(B + C)(C + \overline{D})$

## Example : (OR Absorption Law)

- $A + A \cdot B = A$  (Absorption Theorem)

Proof Steps

Justification (identity or theorem)

$$A + A \cdot B$$

$$= A \cdot 1 + A \cdot B \quad X = X \cdot 1$$

$$= A \cdot (1 + B)$$

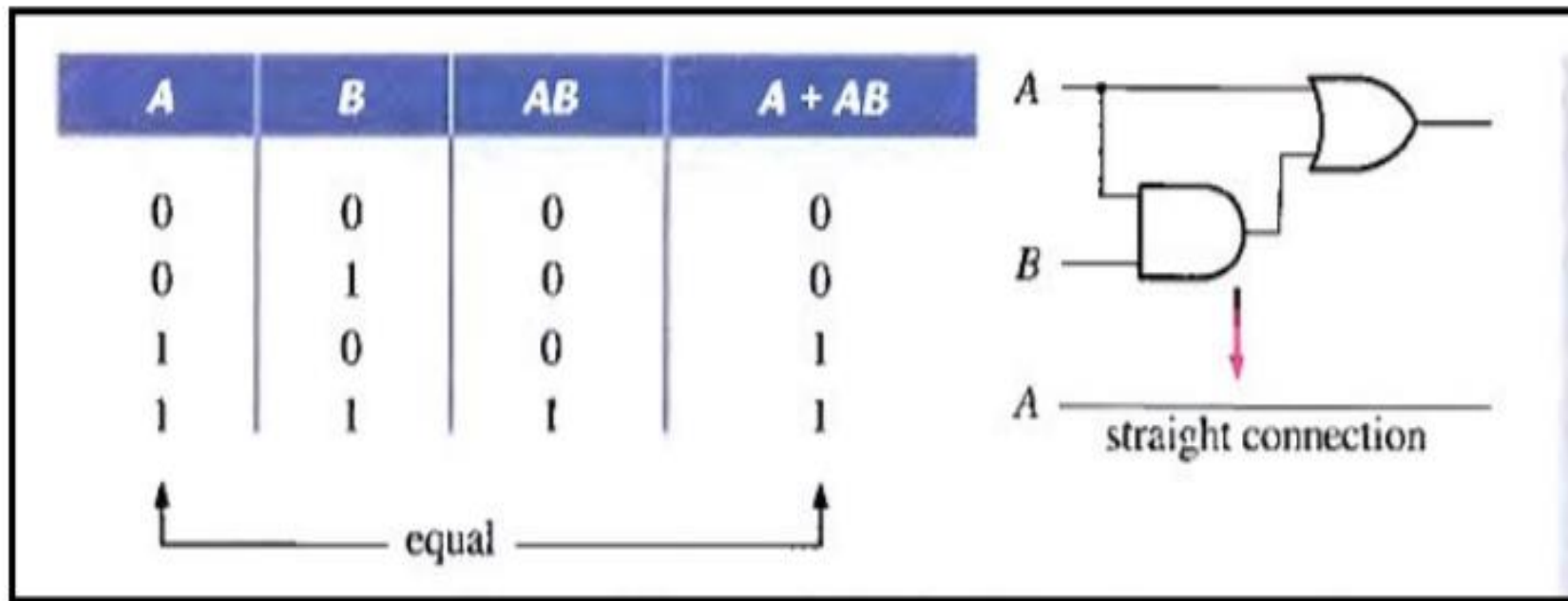
$$= A \cdot 1 \quad 1 + X = 1$$

$$= A \quad X \cdot 1 = X$$

- Our primary reason for doing proofs is to learn:
  - *Careful and efficient use of the identities and theorems of Boolean algebra, and*
  - *How to choose the appropriate identity or theorem to apply to make forward progress, irrespective of the application.*

# Example : OR Absorption Law

$$A + A.B = A$$



# Example:(AND Absorption Law)

- $A(A + B) = A$

- Proof:

- $A.A + A.B$                        $A.A = A$

- $A + A.B$

- $A.1 + A.B$

- $A(1+B)$                $1+B=1$

- $A.1$

- $A$

# Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$A + A'B = A + B$$

Proof:

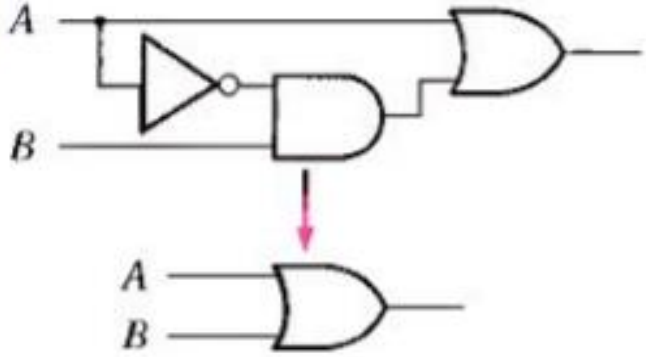
$$= A + A'B \quad x+yz=(x+y)(x+z) \quad \text{Distributive law}$$

$$=(A+A')(A+B) \quad (\text{As } A+A'=1)$$

$$=A+B$$

A	B	$\bar{A}B$	$A + \bar{A}B$	$A + B$
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1

↑ equal ↑



## Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot y = y$$

Proof:

$$=(x+x')y \quad (x+x'=1)$$

$$=1.y \quad (1.y=y)$$

$$=y$$



## Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$(X + Y)(\bar{X} + Y) = Y$$

Proof:

$$(X+Y)(X'+Y)$$

$$XX' + XY + X'Y + YY \quad A+A=A$$

$$=0 + XY + X'Y + Y \quad \text{As } 0+A=A$$

$$=XY + X'Y + Y$$

$$=Y(X+X'+1) \quad A+B+1=1$$

$$=Y.1$$

$$=Y$$

# Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$(A + B).(A + C)$$

$$A.A + A.C + A.B + B.C \quad - \text{Distributive law}$$

$$A + A.C + A.B + B.C \quad - (A.A = A)$$

$$A(1 + C) + A.B + B.C \quad - \text{Distributive law}$$

$$A.1 + A.B + B.C \quad - \text{Identity OR law } (1 + C = 1)$$

$$A(1 + B) + B.C \quad - \text{Distributive law}$$

$$A.1 + B.C \quad - \text{Identity OR law } (1 + B = 1)$$

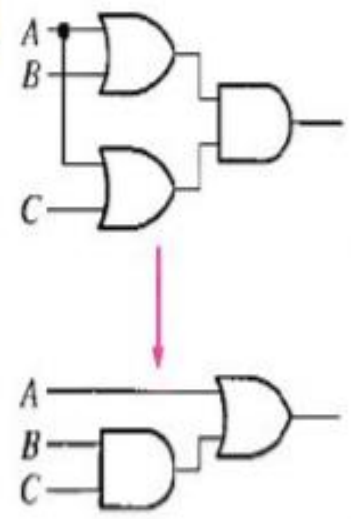
$$A + (B.C) \quad - \text{Identity AND law } (A.1 = A)$$

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

# Example : Simplification using Boolean Algebra

A	B	C	A + B	A + C	$(A + B)(A + C)$	BC	A + BC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
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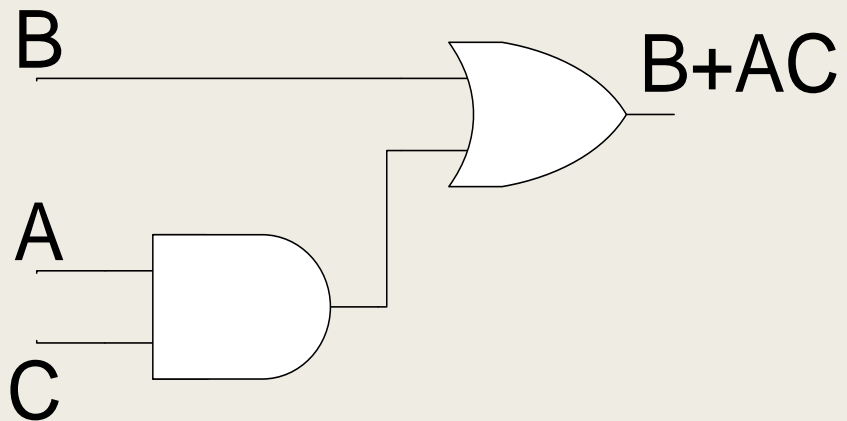
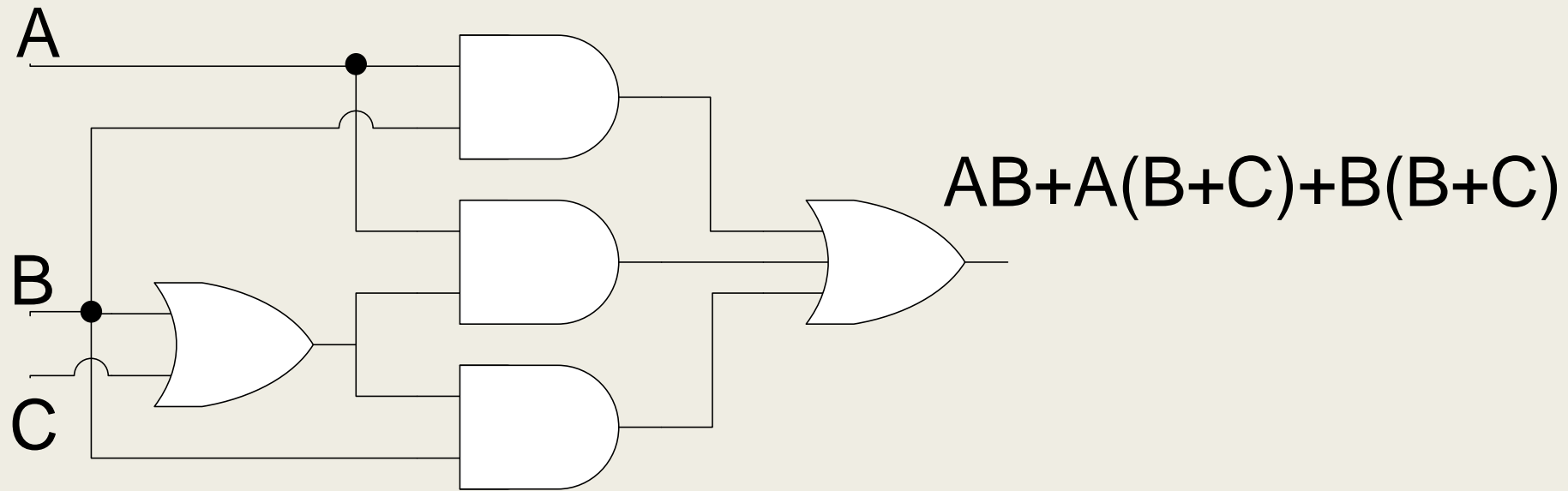
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# Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$\begin{aligned} & \blacksquare AB + A(B+C) + B(B+C) \\ &= AB + AB + AC + BB + BC \\ &= AB + AC + B + BC \\ &= AB + AC + B \\ &= B + AC \end{aligned}$$

# Simplified Circuit



# Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$F(A,B,C)=A'B+BC'+BC+AB'C'$$

$$=B(C+C')+A'B+AB'C'$$

$$=B+A'B+AB'C'$$

$$=B(1+A')+AB'C'$$

$$=B+B'AC' \quad X+YZ=(X+Y)(X+Z)$$

$$=(B+B')(B+AC')$$

$$=B+AC'$$

# Simplification Example

Canonical form: Sum of minterms

$$F = ABC + ABC' + AB'C + AB'C' + A'B'C$$

Canonical form:  
sum of minterm

$$F = AB(C + C') + AB'(C + C') + A'B'C$$

$$F = AB + AB' + A'B'C$$

$$F = A(B + B') + A'B'C$$

$$F = A + A'B'C$$

$$F = (A + A')(A + B'C)$$

$$F = A + B'C$$

Standard form:  
sum of product

A	B	C	F	minterm	design - ation
0	0	0	0	$A'B'C'$	$m_0$
0	0	1	1	$A'B'C$	$m_1$
0	1	0	0	$A'BC'$	$m_2$
0	1	1	0	$A'BC$	$m_3$
1	0	0	1	$AB'C'$	$m_4$
1	0	1	1	$AB'C$	$m_5$
1	1	0	1	$ABC'$	$m_6$
1	1	1	1	$ABC$	$m_7$

# Practice problem: Simplification using Boolean Algebra

a)  $ABC + A'B + ABC' = AB(C+C') + A'B = AB + A'B = B(A+A') = B$

b)  $x'yz + xz = z(x'y+x) = z(x'+x)(x+y) = z(x+y)$

c)  $(x+y)'x' = x'y'x' = x'y'$

d)  $xy + x(wz + wz') = xy + xw(z+z') = xy + xw = x(y+w)$

e)  $(BC'+A'D)(AB'+CD') = AB'BC' + AB'A'D + CD'BC' + CD'A'D = 0$



# Example :Proof of (Consensus Theorem)

■  $AB + \overline{A}C + BC = AB + \overline{A}C$  (Consensus Theorem)

Proof Steps

Justification (identity or theorem)

$$\begin{aligned} & AB + \overline{A}C + BC \\ = & AB + \overline{A}C + 1 \cdot BC && (1 \cdot X = X) \\ = & AB + \overline{A}C + (\overline{A} + A) \cdot BC && (X + X' = 1) \\ = & AB + ABC + A'C + A'BC && (X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ \text{ (Distributive Law)}) \\ = & AB \cdot 1 + ABC + A'C \cdot 1 + A'C \cdot B && (X \cdot 1 = X) \\ = & AB(1 + C) + A'C(1 + B) && (X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ \text{ (Distributive Law)}) \\ = & AB \cdot 1 + A'C \cdot 1 = AB + A'C && (X \cdot 1 = X) \end{aligned}$$

# Boolean algebra: Dual of Consensus Theorem

## Assignment:

$$(X + Y)(X' + Z)(Y + Z) = (X + Y)(X' + Z)$$

# Boolean algebra: Dual of Consensus Theorem

## Proof of the consensus theorem

Consider the dual of  $xy + x'z + yz = xy + x'z$

$$(x + y)(x' + z)(y + z) = (x + y)(x' + z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)(x' + z)(y + z) &= (x + y)(x' + z)(y + z + 0) \\ &= (x + y)(x' + z)(y + z + xx')\end{aligned}$$

Use the distributivity theorem

$$(y + z + xx') = (y + z + x)(y + z + x')$$

$$(x + y)(x' + z)(y + z) = (x + y)(x' + z)(y + z + x)(y + z + x')$$

Use the dual of  $a + ab = a$ ,  $a(a+b) = a$

$$(x + y)(x' + z)(y + z + x)(y + z + x') = (x + y)(x' + z)$$

# Complementing Functions

- Use DeMorgan's Theorem to complement a function:

*1. Interchange AND and OR operators*

*2. Complement each constant value and literal*

- Example: Complement  $F = \bar{x}y\bar{z} + x\bar{y}\bar{z}$

$$F' = (x + \bar{y} + z)(\bar{x} + y + z)$$

## Example :Simplification using Boolean Algebra

■ 
$$(\overline{X + Y})Z + X\overline{Y} = \overline{Y}(X + Z)$$

Proof Steps                      Justification (identity or theorem)

$$(\overline{X + Y})Z + X\overline{Y}$$

$$= X' Y' Z + X Y'$$

$$(A + B)' = A' \cdot B' \text{ (DeMorgan's Law)}$$

$$= Y' X' Z + Y' X$$

$$= Y' (X' Z + X)$$

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC \text{ (Distributive Law)}$$

$$= Y' (X' + X)(Z + X)$$

$$A + BC = (A + B)(A + C) \text{ (Distributive Law)}$$

$$= Y' \cdot 1 \cdot (Z + X)$$

$$A + A' = 1$$

$$= Y' (X + Z)$$

$$1 \cdot A = A, A + B = B + A \text{ (Commutative Law)}$$

# Example : Simplification using Boolean Algebra

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC + D(E + F)}}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC + D(E + F)}} = \overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D(E + F)}}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D(E + F)}} = \overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D(E + F)}}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D(E + F)}} = \overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D} + \overline{\overline{E + F}}}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D} + \overline{\overline{E + F}}} = \overline{\overline{A + BC}} \overline{\overline{D} + E + \overline{F}}$$

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC} + D(E + \overline{F})}$$

- $(A'.B'+C +D(E'.F))'$
- $(A+BC')(D'+E+F')$

## Practice problem: Find the complement of the following expressions:

a)  $[xy' + x'y]' = (xy')' + (x'y)' = (x' + y).(x + y') = xx' + yy'$

b)  $[(AB' + C)D' + E]' = [(AB' + C)D']'.E' = [(AB' + C)' + D] . E' =$   
 $= [(A' + B).C' + D].E' = (A' + B + D).(C' + D).E'$

c)  $[(x + y' + z)(x' + z')(x + y)]' = (x + y' + z)' + (x' + z')' + (x + y)' = x'yz' + xz + x'y'$



# Practice problem: Find the complement of the following expressions

## Example

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to each of the following expressions:

(a)  $\overline{(A + B + C)D}$

(b)  $\overline{ABC + DEF}$

(c)  $\overline{\overline{A}\overline{B} + \overline{C}\overline{D} + EF}$

Thank You