



# Boolean Algebra and Logic Gates

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# Boolean Algebra



- The previous binary logic is *two-valued Boolean algebra*.
  - On a set of two elements: 0 and 1.
  - With rules for the three binary operators: +, · and '.
- Common properties:
  - $A + 0 = A$  and  $A \cdot 1 = A$ .
  - $A + 1 = 1$  and  $A \cdot 0 = 0$ .
  - $A + A' = 1$  and  $A \cdot A' = 0$ .
  - $A + A = A$  and  $A \cdot A = A$ .
  - $(A')' = A$ .

or and not



# Postulates 定理

- **Closure**: A set  $S$  is closed with respect to a binary operator if, for every pair of elements of  $S$ , the binary operator specifies a rule for obtaining a unique element of  $S$ . 闭合
- **Associative law**:  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$  and  $A(BC) = (AB)C$ . 结合律
- **Commutative law**:  $A + B = B + A$  and  $AB = BA$ . 交换律
- **Identity element**: A set  $S$  is to have an identity element with respect to a binary operation  $*$  on  $S$ , if there exists an element  $E \in S$  with the property  $E * A = A * E = A$ .
  - Element  $0$  is an identity element of  $+$ , and  $1$  is an identity element of  $\cdot$ .
- **Distributive law**:  $A(B + C) = AB + AC$  and  $A + BC = (A + B)(A + C)$ . ☆
- **DeMorgan**:  $(A + B)' = A'B'$  and  $(AB)' = A' + B'$ . 概括
- **Absorption**:  $A + AB = A$  and  $A(A + B) = A$ . 证明

# Duality property



- Every algebraic expression deducible from the postulates of Boolean algebra remains valid if the operators and identity elements are interchanged.
- Change  $+$  to  $\cdot$  and vice versa.
- Change  $0$  to  $1$  and vice versa.
- $A + A' = 1 \rightarrow A \cdot A' = 0$ .
- $A + B = B + A \rightarrow AB = BA$ .
- $A(B + C) = AB + AC \rightarrow A + BC = (A + B)(A + C)$ .
- $(A + B)' = A'B' \rightarrow (AB)' = A' + B'$ .

当运算符和结果互换，等式仍成立



# Boolean function

- Binary variables have two values, either 0 or 1.
- A Boolean function is an expression formed with *binary variables*, the two *binary operators* **AND** and **OR**, one *unary operator* **NOT**, *parentheses* and *equal sign*.
- The value of a function may be 0 or 1, depending on the values of variables present in the Boolean function or expression.
- Example:  $F = AB'C$ .
  - $F = 1$  when  $A = C = 1$  and  $B = 0$ ,
  - otherwise  $F = 0$ .



# Boolean function

- Boolean functions can also be represented by truth tables.
  - Tabular form of the values of a Boolean function according to the all possible values of its variables.
- $n$  number of variables  $\rightarrow 2^n$  combinations of 1's and 0's
- One column representing function values according to the different combinations.
- Example:  $F = AB + C$ .

Boolean variable

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

output

# Boolean function simplification



- A Boolean function from an algebraic expression can be realized to a logic diagram composed of logic gates. 简化语言
- Minimization of the number of literals and the number of terms leads to less complex circuits as well as less number of gates. 单元 组合
  - We first try use postulates and theorems of Boolean algebra to simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}F &= AB + BC + B'C \\&= AB + C(B + B') \\&= AB + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}F &= A'B'C + A'BC + AB' \\&= A'C(B' + B) + AB' \\&= A'C + AB'\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}F &= XYZ + XY'Z + XYZ' \\&= XZ(Y + Y') + XY(Z + Z') \\&= XZ + XY = X(Y + Z)\end{aligned}$$

- Each Boolean function has one representation in truth table, but a variety of ways in algebraic form.

# Algebraic manipulation

- Reduce the total number of terms and literals.
- Usually not possible by hand for complex functions, use computer minimization program.
- More advanced techniques in the next lectures.





# Boolean function complement

- Complement a Boolean function from  $F$  to  $F'$ .
  - Change 0's to 1's and vice versa in the truth table.
  - Use DeMorgan's theorem for multiple variables.
- Example:  $F = x'yz' + x'y'z$ .

Complement: *Sum of product*

Dual:

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

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

$$= \underbrace{(x + y' + z)}_{\text{term}}(x + y + z')$$

$$F^* = (x' + y + z')(x' + y' + z)$$

*product of sum* *左右所有元素均取反 (De Morgan rules)*

# Canonical forms

- Logical functions are generally expressed in terms of different combinations of logical variables with their true forms as well as the complement forms:  $x$  and  $x'$ .
- An arbitrary logic function can be expressed in the following forms, called *canonical forms*:
  - *Sum of products* (SOP), and
  - *Product of sums* (POS).
- What are the products and sums?

# Canonical forms

- The logical product of several variables on which a function depends is considered to be a product term.
  - Called *minterms* when all variables are involved: For  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $xy$ ,  $x'y$ ,  $xy'$ , and  $x'y'$  are all the minterms.
- The logical sum of several variables on which a function depends is considered to be a sum term.
  - Called *maxterms* when all variables are involved: For  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $x + y$ ,  $x' + y$ ,  $x + y'$ , and  $x' + y'$  are all the maxterms.
- **SOP**: The logical sum of two or more logical product terms is referred to as a sum of products expression.
- **POS**: The logical product of two or more logical sum terms is referred to as a product of sums expression.

# Minterms

- In the minterm, a variable will possess the value 1 if it is in true or uncomplemented form, whereas, it contains the value 0 if it is in complemented form.

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	Minterm
0	0	0	$A'B'C'$
0	0	1	$A'B'C$
0	1	0	$A'BC'$
0	1	1	$A'BC$
1	0	0	$AB'C'$
1	0	1	$AB'C$
1	1	0	$ABC'$
1	1	1	$ABC$

- It possesses the value of 1 for only one combination of  $n$  input variables
  - The rest of the  $2^n - 1$  combinations have the logic value of 0.

# Minterms

- *Canonical SOP* expression, or *sum of minterms*: A Boolean function expressed as the logical sum of all the minterms from the rows of a truth table with value 1.

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>F</i>	Minterms
0	0	0	0	$A'B'C'$
0	0	1	1	$A'B'C$
0	1	0	0	$A'BC'$
0	1	1	1	$A'BC$
1	0	0	0	$AB'C'$
1	0	1	1	$AB'C$
1	1	0	1	$ABC'$
1	1	1	1	$ABC$

- $F = AB + C = A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC = \sum(1, 3, 5, 6, 7)$ .
  - A compact form by listing the corresponding decimal-equivalent codes of the minterms.

# Minterms

- The canonical sum of products form of a logic function can be obtained by using the following procedure.
  - ① Check each term in the given logic function. Retain if it is a minterm, continue to examine the next term in the same manner.
  - ② Examine for the variables that are missing in each product which is not a minterm.
  - ③ If the missing variable in the minterm is  $X$ , multiply that minterm with  $(X + X')$ .
    - Example:  $A + B \rightarrow A(B + B') + B(A + A')$
  - ④ Multiply all the products and discard the redundant terms: 通过结合律相乘并去掉多余的项

# Minterms

- Example:  $F(A, B, C, D) = AB + ACD$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C, D) &= AB + ACD \\ &= AB(C + C')(D + D') + ACD(B + B') \quad \text{变成 minterm.} \\ &= \underline{(ABC + ABC')(D + D')} + ABCD + AB'CD \\ &= ABCD + ABCD' + ABC'D + ABC'D' + ABCD + AB'CD \\ &= ABCD + ABCD' + ABC'D + ABC'D' + AB'CD \end{aligned}$$

# Maxterms



非真值或补数为0

- In the maxterm, a variable will possess the value 0, if it is in true or uncomplemented form, whereas, it contains the value 1, if it is in complemented form.

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	Maxterm
0	0	0	$A + B + C$
0	0	1	$A + B + C'$
0	1	0	$A + B' + C$
0	1	1	$A + B' + C'$
1	0	0	$A' + B + C$
1	0	1	$A' + B + C'$
1	1	0	$A' + B' + C$
1	1	1	$A' + B' + C'$

- It possesses the value of 0 for only one combination of  $n$  input variables
  - The rest of the  $2^n - 1$  combinations have the logic value of 1.





# Maxterms

- *Canonical POS* expression, or *product of maxterms*: A Boolean function expressed as the logical product of all the maxterms from the rows of a truth table with value 0.
- $F = (A + B + C)(A + B' + C)(A' + B + C') = \prod(0, 2, 5)$ .
  - A compact form by listing the corresponding decimal-equivalent codes of the maxterms.

# Maxterms



- Example:  $F(A, B, C) = A + B'C$ .

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

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

$$= (A + B' + CC')(A + C + BB')$$

同理, 改写

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

using the distributive property:  $X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$

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

# Derive from a truth table



<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>F</i>	Minterm	Maxterm
0	0	0	0		$A + B + C$
0	0	1	0		$A + B + C'$
0	1	0	1	$A'BC'$	
0	1	1	0		$A + B' + C'$
1	0	0	1	$AB'C'$	
1	0	1	1	$AB'C$	
1	1	0	1	$ABC'$	
1	1	1	0		$A' + B' + C'$

- The final **canonical SOP** for the output  $F$  is derived by summing or performing an **OR** operation of the four product terms as shown below:
  - $F = A'BC' + AB'C' + AB'C + ABC' = \sum(2, 4, 5, 6).$
- The final **canonical POS** for the output  $F$  is derived by summing or performing an **AND** operation of the four sum terms as shown below:
  - $F = (A + B + C)(A + B + C')(A + B' + C')(A' + B' + C') = \prod(0, 1, 3, 7).$



# Conversion between minterms and maxterms

- Minterms are the complement of corresponding maxterms:  $m_i = M_i'$ .
  - Example:  $A' + B' + C' = (ABC)'$ .

逆运算!!!

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C) &= \sum(2, 4, 5, 6) = m_2 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 \\ &= A'BC' + AB'C' + AB'C + ABC' \end{aligned}$$

$$F'(A, B, C) = \sum(0, 1, 3, 7) = m_0 + m_1 + m_3 + m_7$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C) &= (F'(A, B, C))' = (m_0 + m_1 + m_3 + m_7)' \\ &= m_0' m_1' m_3' m_7' \\ &= M_0 M_1 M_3 M_7 \\ &= \prod(0, 1, 3, 7) \\ &= (A + B + C)(A + B + C')(A + B' + C')(A' + B' + C'). \end{aligned}$$

# Other logic operators

- When the binary operators AND and OR are applied on two variables  $A$  and  $B$ , they form two Boolean functions  $AB$  and  $A + B$  respectively.

# Other logic operators

- When the three operators AND, OR, and NOT are applied on two variables  $A$  and  $B$ , they form 16 Boolean functions:

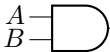
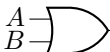


Boolean Functions	Operator Symbol	Name	Comments
$F_0 = 0$		Null	Binary constant 0
$F_1 = xy$	$x \cdot y$	AND	$x$ and $y$
$F_2 = xy'$	$x/y$	Inhibition	$x$ , but not $y$
$F_3 = x$		Transfer	$x$
$F_4 = x'y$	$y/x$	Inhibition	$y$ , but not $x$
$F_5 = y$		Transfer	$y$
$F_6 = xy' + x'y$	$x \oplus y$	Exclusive-OR	$x$ or $y$ , but not both
$F_7 = x + y$	$x + y$	OR	$x$ or $y$
$F_8 = (x + y)'$	$x \downarrow y$	NOR	Not-OR
$F_9 = xy + x'y'$	$(x \oplus y)'$	Equivalence	$x$ equals $y$
$F_{10} = y'$	$y'$	Complement	Not $y$
$F_{11} = x + y'$	$x \subset y$	Implication	If $y$ , then $x$
$F_{12} = x'$	$x'$	Complement	Not $x$
$F_{13} = x' + y$	$x \supset y$	Implication	If $x$ , then $y$
$F_{14} = (xy)'$	$x \uparrow y$	NAND	Not-AND
$F_{15} = 1$		Identity	Binary constant 1

# Digital logic gates

- As Boolean functions are expressed in terms of AND, OR, and NOT operations, it is easier to implement the Boolean functions with these basic types of gates.
  - It is possible to construct other types of logic gates.
- The following factors are to be considered for construction of other types of gates.
  - The **feasibility** 可行性 and economy of producing the gate with physical parameters.
  - The possibility of **extending** to more than two inputs 可扩展性
  - The basic properties of the binary operator such as **commutability** and **associability** 交换性与可结合性
  - The ability of the gate to **implement Boolean functions** 实现布尔函数 alone or in conjunction with other gates.

# Digital logic gates






			$A$	$B$	$F$
AND		$F = AB$	0	0	0
			0	1	0
			1	0	0
			1	1	1
OR		$F = A + B$	0	0	0
			0	1	1
			1	0	1
			1	1	1
NOT		$F = A'$	0	-	1
			1	-	0
Buffer		$F = A$	0	-	0
			1	-	1



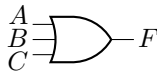
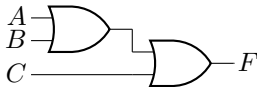
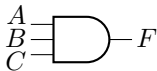
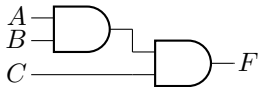
# Digital logic gates



		$A$	$B$	$F$
NAND	 $F = (AB)'$	0	0	1
		0	1	1
		1	0	1
		1	1	0
NOR	 $F = (A + B)'$	0	0	1
		0	1	0
		1	0	0
		1	1	0
XOR	 $F = AB' + A'B$ $= A \oplus B$	0	0	0
		0	1	1
		1	0	1
		1	1	0

# Multiple input logic gates

- A gate can be extended to have multiple inputs if its binary operation is commutative and associative.
- AND and OR gates are both commutative and associative.
  - $F = ABC = (AB)C$ .
  - $F = A + B + C = (A + B) + C$ .



# Multiple input logic gates

- The NAND and NOR functions are the complements of AND and OR functions respectively.
  - They are commutative, but **not associative**.
  - $((AB)'C) \neq (A(BC)')'$ : does not follow associativity.
  - $((A + B)' + C)' \neq (A + (B + C)')'$ : does not follow associativity.
- We modify the definition of multi-input NAND and NOR:

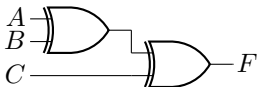
$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ B \\ C \end{array} \text{---} \text{NAND Gate} \text{---} F = (ABC)' = A' + B' + C'$$

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ B \\ C \end{array} \text{---} \text{NOR Gate} \text{---} F = (A + B + C)' = A'B'C'$$

# Multiple input logic gates



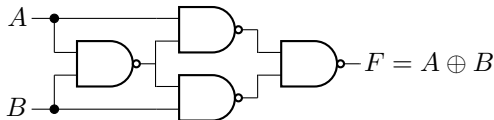
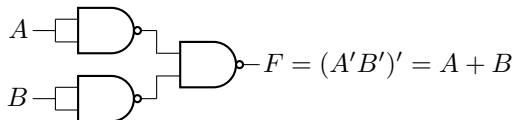
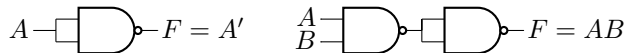
- The XOR gates and equivalence gates both possess commutative and associative properties.
  - Gate output is low when even numbers of 1's are applied to the inputs, and when the number of 1's is odd the output is logic 0. 奇数个1, 输出1; 偶数个1, 输出0
  - Multiple-input exclusive-OR and equivalence gates are uncommon in practice.



$$\begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} \text{ XOR } F = A \oplus B \oplus C$$

# Universal gates

- NAND gates and NOR gates are called *universal gates* or *universal building blocks*.
  - Any type of gates or logic functions can be implemented by these gates.



# Universal gates

- Universal gates are easier to fabricate with electronic components.
  - Also reduce the number of varieties of gates.
- Example:  $F = AB + CD$  requires two AND and one OR gates.
  - Or three NAND gates.
  - $F = AB + CD = ((AB + CD)')' = ((AB)'(CD)')'$

