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(Boolean Algebra)

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- Computers really like boolean statements. If we recall, computers evaluate binary. Binary has only two values, **0** and **1**.
- Booleans also only have two values, **false** and **true**.
- This means we can really think of two states, **On** and **Off**, **True** and **False**, **1** and **0**. This means **0**, **false** and **off** all correspond to the same state while **1**, **true** and **on** all correspond to the same state.

Example

The following sentences are not propositions:

- ① Your place or mine?
- ② What's your name?
- ③ Knock before entering!
- ④ $x - y = y - x$.

The last Sentence is not a boolean statement because it is neither **true** nor **false**. Note that the last sentences can be turned into a boolean statement if we specify the symbols.

$$x - y = y - x \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

then this is a false proposition. If the intention is

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\vee	for "or"	or Disjunction

- ▶ We use letters to denote **statement variables**, **A, B, C, D, ...**.
- ▶ The truth value of a statement is true, denoted by **T** or **1**, if it is a true statement, and the truth value of a statement is false, denoted by **F** or **0**, if it is a false statement.



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- ▶ A truth table has one column for each input variable, and one final column showing all of the possible results of the logical operation that the table represents.
- ▶ Each row of the truth table contains one possible configuration of the input variables, and the result of the operation for those values.
- ▶ A truth table has the role of showing the correspondence between the output and all the combinations of values that the input(s) can take.

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A	$\neg A$	A	B	$A \wedge B$	A	B	$A \vee B$
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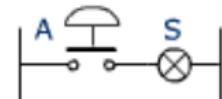
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The following diagram illustrates the simplest condition:

The **LED** lights up if push button **A** is pressed. in other words ($S = 1$) if ($A = 1$)



- The operation of this circuit is expressed by the logic equation $S = A$
- There are only two possible cases. They are represented in this truth table

A	S = A
1	1
0	0

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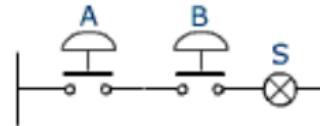
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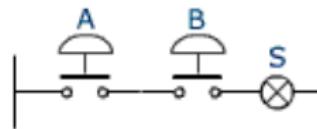
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- Here the four possible combinations of truth values for A and B are listed to the left of the line, and the corresponding truth values of $A \wedge B$ are shown to the right.

- The **AND** operator is represented in the logic equation by a dot. This sign is perfect since the AND function gives the same result as a multiplication.

Truth Table of $A \wedge B$

A	B	$S = A \cdot B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
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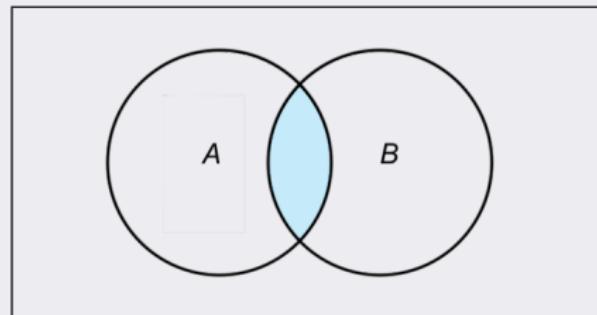
In set theory, the equivalent to **AND** is the intersection of two sets.

Definition (Intersection of Sets)

Let **A** and **B** be sets. The intersection of the sets **A** and **B**, denoted by $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B}$, is the set that contains those elements in both **A** and **B**. The venn diagram below illustrates it better.

$$\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B} = \{x : x \in \mathbf{A} \text{ and } x \in \mathbf{B}\}$$

$$(\forall x)(x \in \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B} \iff x \in \mathbf{A} \text{ and } x \in \mathbf{B})$$



$\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B}$ is shaded

* **A** and **B** are said to be **disjoint** if $\mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{B} = \emptyset$.

The part highlighted in blue is the intersection of sets A and B. It is literally where the two venn diagrams intersect and nothing else. The intersection \cap and AND \wedge symbols are very similar.

Theorem

Let A, B, C and D be sets. Then

- ① $A \cap B \subseteq A$ and $A \cap B \subseteq B$
- ② $x \notin A \cap B \iff x \notin A \text{ or } x \notin B$
- ③ $A \cap B = B \cap A$
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- ⑥ If $A \subseteq B$ and $C \subseteq D$, then $A \cap C \subseteq B \cap D$
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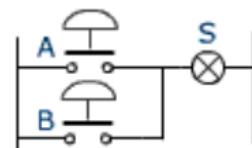
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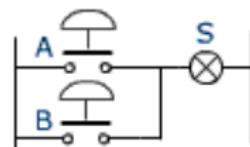
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- ▶ The **OR** operator is represented in the logic equation by $+$. If we look at the last three rows of the truth table, the result of the **OR** operation is similar to the result of an addition.
- ▶ The result of $1 \vee 1$, however, differs from $1 + 1$. We use $+$ sign to indicate that the operation is not analogous to an addition.

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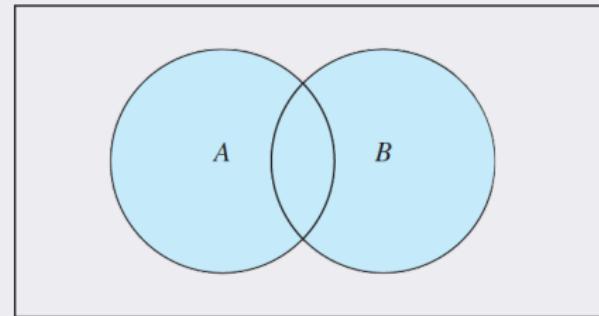
In regular algebra, **OR** is comparable to the union operator \cup .

Definition (Union of Sets)

Let A and B be sets. The union of the sets A and B , denoted by $A \cup B$ (read: " A union B "), is the set that contains those elements that are either in A or in B , or in both.

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

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$A \cup B$ is shaded.

The highlighted in blue is what would be in the union of A and B . Once again, the union is everything in A added to everything in B . The symbol for union (\cup) also looks very similar to that of OR (\vee).

Theorem

Let A, B, C and D be sets. Then we have

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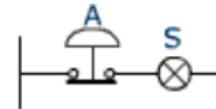
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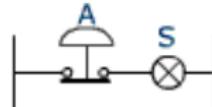
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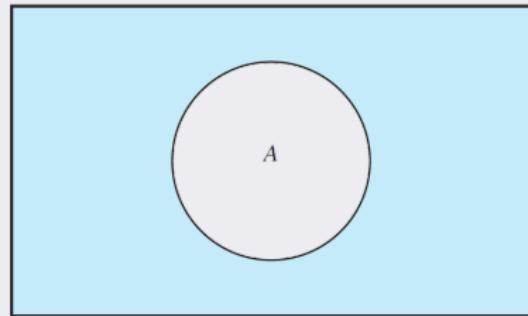
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- ▶ The column to the left of the vertical line lists the possible truth values of A . To the right of the line are the corresponding truth values for \bar{A} .

Truth Table of $\neg A$	
A	$S = \bar{A}$
0	1
1	0

Definition (The complement of a set)

Let U be the universal set. The complement of the set A is denoted by \bar{A} , is the complement of A with respect to the universe.

$$\bar{A} = \{x : x \in U \text{ and } x \notin A\}$$



\bar{A} is shaded.

Example

Let $A = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$ (where the universal set is the set of letters of the English alphabet). Then

$$\bar{A} = \{b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z\}.$$



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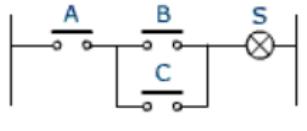
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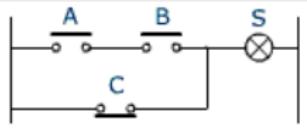
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 - Parallel contacts correspond to the **OR** function
 - Serial contacts correspond to the **AND** function
 - A normally closed contact represents the **NO** function

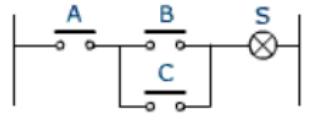
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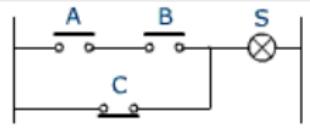


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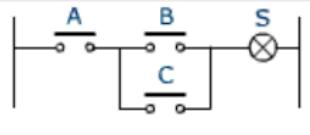


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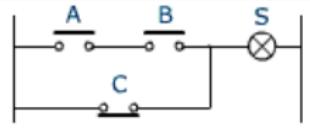
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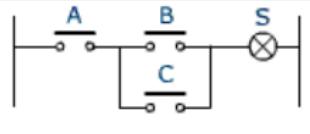
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0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0
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Example



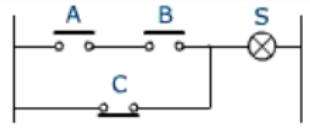
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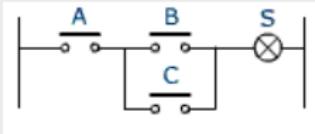
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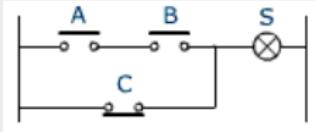
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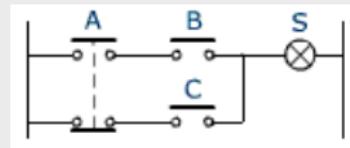
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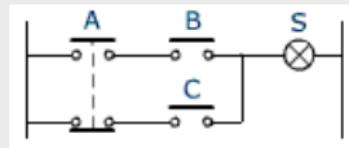


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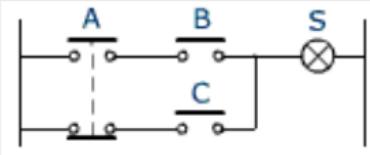
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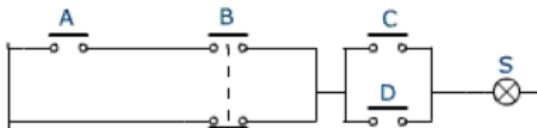
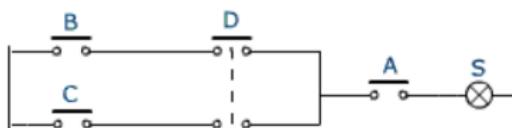
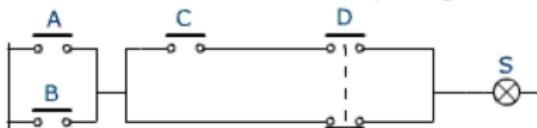


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2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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- Design an electric circuit to model X and Y in a.

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- The basic properties of Boolean algebra are commutative property, associative Property and distributive property.
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A	\bar{A}	$A \cdot \bar{A}$
1	0	0
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A	\bar{A}	$A + \bar{A}$
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 **Exercise 4.** Prove the following logic equations using the truth table.

a. $\overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$ b. $\overline{A \cdot B} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$ c. $\overline{A} + A \cdot B = \overline{A} + B$

 **Exercise 5.** Simplify the following expressions and check your answer by drawing up truth tables.

a. $ABC + \overline{ABC}$ b. $A + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$ c. $(\overline{A} + B)(A + \overline{B})$ d. $PQ + (\overline{P} + \overline{Q})(R + S)$

 **Exercise 6.** Find the complement of the functions $f_1(x, y, z) = \overline{xyz} + \overline{x}\overline{yz}$ and $f_2(x, y, z) = (x + y + \overline{z})(x + \overline{y} + \overline{z})$. By applying De-Morgan's theorem.

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This means, for the above three variables example, if $A = 0, B = 1, C = 1$ i.e., for input combination of **011**, there is only one combination $\bar{A} B C$ that has the value **1**, the rest of the seven combinations have the value **0**.

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For example, if the canonical sum of product form of a three-variable logic function F has the minterms \overline{ABC} , $A\overline{B}C$, and $A\overline{B}\overline{C}$, this can be expressed as the sum of the decimal codes corresponding to these minterms as below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(A, B, C) &= \sum(3, 5, 6) \\&= m_3 + m_5 + m_6 \\&= \overline{ABC} + A\overline{B}C + A\overline{B}\overline{C}\end{aligned}$$

where $\sum(3, 5, 6)$ represents the summation of minterms corresponding to decimal codes 3, 5, and 6.

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This means, for the above three variables example, if $A = 1, B = 1, C = 0$ i.e., for input combination of 110, there is only one combination $\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C$ that has the value 0, the rest of the seven combinations have the value 1



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Exercise 12. Express each of these Boolean functions using the operators $\dot{+}$ and $\dot{-}$

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Solution

The number of variables is three (x, y, z) therefore the total numbers is in range $(0 \dots 2^3 - 1) = (0 \dots 7)$ therefore, $f(x, y, z) = \prod(1, 3, 6, 7)$

A photograph of a beach scene. In the foreground, several thatched umbrellas are set up on a sandy area. Some small tables are visible under the umbrellas. To the right, a red flag flies from a pole. The background shows the ocean with waves and a cloudy sky.

Thank you! Questions?