



Circuits

Part 5



Defining Boolean Logic

"Want to define it?"
"True."

Defining Boolean Logic

- Let's look at what exactly Boolean logic is in context of data types and functions
- Once we define the Boolean Data type, we can apply it to other systems



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Boolean Logic and Sets

- Boolean values only have two possible values: **True** and **False**
- So, the set of values can be specified as **{True, False}** or, alternatively, as **{1, 0}**

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Computer Engineering Notation

S = {**T**, **F**}
1 = **T**
0 = **F**
***** = **^**
+ = **∨**
' = **¬**

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Functions

- Also recall functions from earlier
- An *abstract data type* is a set of values and functions on those values
- So, we can define the data type for Boolean values



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Defining Boolean Algebra

$S = \{0, 1\}$

$\star : S, S \rightarrow S$ "And"

$+$: $S, S \rightarrow S$ "Or"

$' : S \rightarrow S$ "Negation"

For all $x, y, z \in S$ the following is true...

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1. Associative

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

$$(x \star y) \star z = x \star (y \star z)$$

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2. Commutative

$$x + y = y + x$$

$$x \star y = y \star x$$

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3. Distributive

$$x \star (y + z) = (x \star y) + (x \star z)$$

$$x + (y \star z) = (x + y) \star (x + z)$$

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4. Identity

$$x \star 1 = x$$

$$x + 0 = x$$

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5. Complement

$$x \star x' = 0$$

$$x + x' = 1$$

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Applying the Five Laws

- The five laws, stated before, can be applied to propositional logic
- So, at a stroke, this gives us a very rich environment in which we can manipulate logic propositions
- So, we can treat logic as algebra

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And, Or, Not

- All we need is: And, Or, and Not
- This is because, implications and equivalences can be expressed with them.

$$\begin{aligned} a \rightarrow b &= \neg a \vee b \\ a \leftrightarrow b &= (a \rightarrow b) \wedge (b \rightarrow a) \end{aligned}$$

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Extending Boolean to Other Types

- The Boolean Data Type can be written with these 5 properties: $B = \{s, +, *, ', 0, 1\}$
- If we can show that some other type is a “Boolean algebra” if these five properties hold for all elements in S.

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Boolean Algebra & Logic

- Boolean Algebra can be extended to other areas
- A subset of propositional logic can be put into the form of Boolean algebra



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Example: Sets

Given a set U :

$$\begin{aligned} S &= P(U) \\ 0 &= \{ \} \\ 1 &= U \\ + &= \cup \\ * &= \cap \\ ' &= ' \end{aligned}$$

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Example: Sets

All we need to show is that:

$$(X \cup Y) \cup Z = X \cup (Y \cup Z)$$

...etc

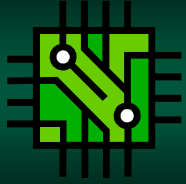
which is what we observed with sets.

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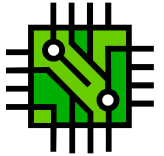
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Boolean Hardware

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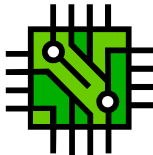
- We use Boolean algebra because it can represent logical functions
- Electronic devices use logic to do their computation



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- Boolean algebra gives designers tools to design & analyze solutions
- We can now look at designing electronic circuits to make simple computations



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Two Bit Multiplier? Can we make it?



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Designing It

- To design a circuit that multiplies two 2-bit numbers, we can use *Boolean algebra*
- We need to figure the logic – given that bits of 1 and 0 will map directly to truth values
- The result of the algebra will be the desired output

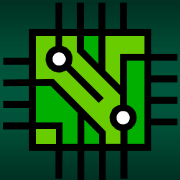
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It Takes the Following Skills

1. Design a truth-table to represent the different inputs and the desired output
2. Convert the truth-table into a Boolean function
3. Simplify the Boolean function
4. Finally, convert it into a circuit

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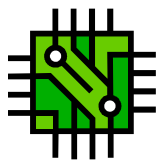
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Boolean Hardware

Gates

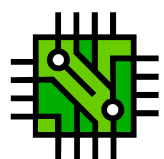
- Electronic devices are made up of *gates*
- Gates take in two inputs and produce a single output
- This is how hardware is used to implement Boolean logic (or any logic)



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Gates

- Gates can be combined into circuits with *any number of input wires* and a single output wire



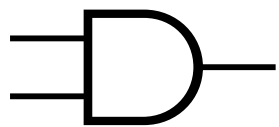
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Graphical Representation

- Gates are typically represented using graphical shapes – much like flowcharts
- There are two different competing symbol standards
- We will use the standard, distinct, symbols rather than the IEC (European) ones

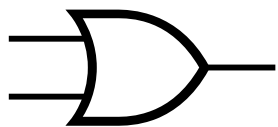
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And Gate



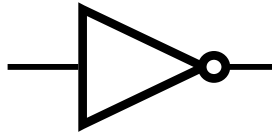
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Or Gate



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Not Gate

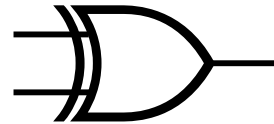


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Exclusive Or Gate (aka XOR)



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Some Other Gate Symbols

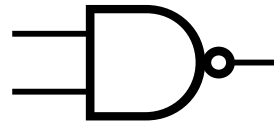
- There are also gate symbols for negated operators
- I won't use these much in class, but it's good to be aware of them (since they are quite common in computer engineering)
- For each, note the circle on the output line – it means "not"

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Not And Gate (aka NAND)

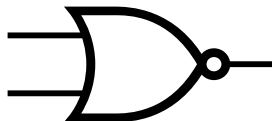


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Not Or Gate (aka NOR)

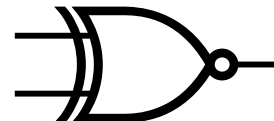


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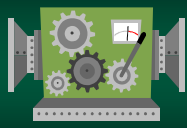
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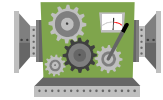


Converting Boolean to Circuits

From Logic to Wires

Converting Boolean to Circuits

- Converting from Boolean to circuits maintains a one-to-one correspondence between gates in the circuit and operators in the equation
- But, given an *arbitrary* logic table, how do we realize a circuit for it?



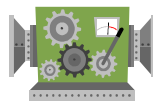
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Steps

- Choose the last operation evaluated
- Draw a gate and hook up its output
- Goto 1 until all operations have associated gates
- Attach the expression inputs



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Let's Try One...



- Let's draw a gate representation for the Boolean expression below
- It is actually kinda fun!

$(a \text{ and } b) \text{ or } ((a \text{ or } b) \text{ and } c)$

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Let's Try This...

$a \text{ xor } b = (a \text{ and } b') \text{ or } (a' \text{ and } b)$

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Let's Try This...

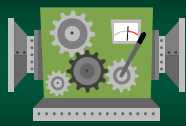
Bidirectional circuit:

$(a' + b) * (a + b')$

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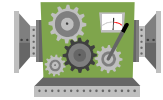


Converting Circuits to Boolean

From Logic to Wires

Converting Circuits to Boolean

- The other direction is easy too
- Any circuit can be realized as a Boolean expression using the same basic algorithm



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Converting Circuits to Boolean

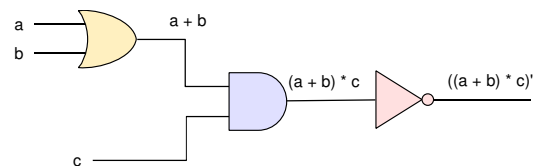
1. Pick a wire that has known Boolean values
2. Write *on the wire* a Boolean expression for its value
3. Goto 1 until all wires are complete
4. Circuit's expression written on the circuit's output wire

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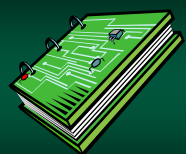
Example Circuit



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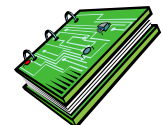


Creating an Arbitrary Circuit

From Truth Table to Wires

Creating an Arbitrary Circuit

- We converted between Boolean expressions and circuits
- It maintained a one-to-one correspondence between gates in the circuit and operators in the equation



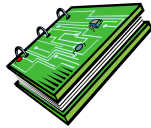
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Creating an Arbitrary Circuit

- Given an arbitrary logic table, how do we realize a circuit for it?
- Simple, we look at the inputs that make it true, and write them out in an expression using or's.

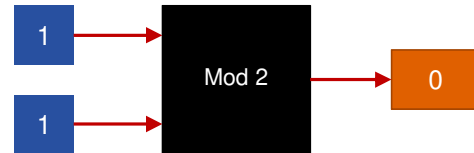


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Example: 1 Bit Add Mod 2



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Example: 1 Bit Add Mod 2

a	b	out
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

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Example: 1 Bit Add Mod 2

We want a circuit that is true when:

(a = F and b = T) or
(a = T and b = F)

$out = a' * b + a * b'$

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Example 2: One Bit Adder



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Example 2: One Bit Adder

a	b	Out ₁	Out ₀
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

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Example: One Bit Adder (Logic)

```
out1 = (a = T and b = T)
out0 = (a = F and b = T) or
      (a = T and b = F)
```

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Example: One Bit Adder (algebra)

```
out1 = a * b
out0 = a' * b + a * b'
```

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Let's Draw the Circuit

- So, we convert the logic of a one-bit adder to logic
- And then to Boolean algebra
- Let's draw how it would be wired on a computer...



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Disjunctive
Normal Form

Express Logic With Ease

Disjunctive Normal Form

- Best approach to converting tables into circuits is use *Disjunctive Normal Form*
- In this form, the expressions consists of OR's (disjuncts) connecting AND sub-expressions



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Definitions

- A *literal* is a Boolean variable v or its complement (e.g. v or v')
- A *minterm* of Boolean product $v_1 * v_2 * \dots * v_n$



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Definitions

- Hence, a minterm is a “product” of n literals, with one literal for each variable
- An equation written only as the “OR” of minterms is in *disjunctive normal form* (also called *sum-of-products* form)

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Algorithm

1. Find the rows that indicates a 1 for output (Ignore the ones with 0 as output)
2. Write a minterm for each of them
3. “OR” all the minterms

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Example

a	b	y (out)
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

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Example

DNF of the table is:

$$y = (a' * b') + (a' * b)$$

For brevity, for this point on, let's write as:

$$y = a'b' + a'b$$

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Example

We can simply using Boolean algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a'b' + a'b \\ &= a' (b' + b) && \text{Distributive} \\ &= a' (1) && \text{Complement} \\ &= a' && \text{Identity} \end{aligned}$$

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Let's Make a 2-Bit Adder

- Let's create the circuit logic for a 2-bit adder
- It will produce a 4-bit result

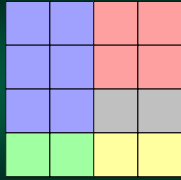


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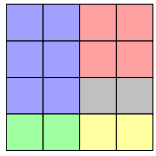
Karnaugh Maps



The Right-Brain Gets to Help

Karnaugh Maps

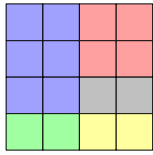
- A *Karnaugh Map* (pronounced "car-no") is a visual tool to help see relations between minterms.
- A K-Map for n variables is a grid of 2^n squares



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Karnaugh Maps

- Every possible minterm of n variables is represented
- In fact, every square is a minterm
- It is arranged in such a way that we can simplify our table



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Gray Code

- Literals are ordered using *gray code*
 - values in the table are not ordered in normal ascending order
 - each square differs in exactly one literal
 - why? we will cover this later
- Important:** squares wrap-around to the top and sides

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Two-Value K-Map

		A	
		0	1
B	0	1	1
	1	1	0

Each combination of A

Squares have the output of the circuit

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Three-Variable K-Map

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
C	0	1	0	1	1
	1	0	0	1	1

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Four-Variable K-Map

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	0	0	1	1
	01	1	1	0	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	0	1	1	0

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How to Use a K-Map

1. Mark the squares of a K-map corresponding to the function
2. Select a minimal set of rectangles where
 - each rectangle has a power-of-two area and is as large as possible
 - cover every marked square
3. Translate each rectangle into a single midterm and sum (or) all these

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Converting a Rectangle to Minterm



- If any literal contains both 1 and 0, in the rectangle, it is **eliminated**
- The goal is to draw the biggest rectangles possible

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Example Square: 1x1

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

$A' B C' D$

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Example Square: 2x1

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

$B C' D$

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Example Square: 1x4

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

$C' D$

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Example Square: 2x2

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

$A'D$

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Example Square: 2x2: Wrapped

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

$B'D$

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Example Square: 2x2: Wrapped

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	0	1
	10	1	0	0	1

$B'D'$

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Example Square: 4x2

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

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Tips

- There is no magic way to do Step 2. Look and play around until you find the answer
- You can overlap squares – just as long as you "cover" all the 1's



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Four-Variable K-Map

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	0	1	1	0
	01	1	1	0	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	0	1	1	0

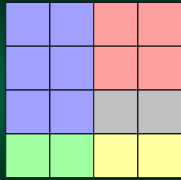
$A'D + BC + BC'D'$

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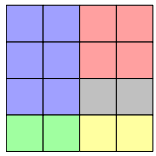
How K-Maps Work



You are doing more than you think

How K-Maps Work

- The order of gray code, and the 2^n squares allow us to factor out literals
- Every time you eliminate a literal, you are performing **three** Boolean algebra laws
- This is done visually, so it is invisible!



How K-Maps Work

1. First you use the *Distribution Law* on the minterms leaving $(v + v')$ - which is the terminal that *changed*
2. You then use the *Complement Law* on $(v + v')$ leaving 1
3. Finally, you remove the 1 using the *Identity Law*

K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

- The following is a complex expression that, on the surface, looks difficult to simplify
- K-Maps can help simply expressions.

```
if (a && !b && c || a && b && !c ||
    a && !b && !c || a && b && c)
```

K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

- The following is a complex expression that, on the surface, looks difficult to simplify
- K-Maps can help simply expressions.

$$ab'c' + abc' + ab'c + abc$$

K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

		ab			
		00	01	11	10
c	0				
	1				

$$ab'c' + abc' + ab'c + abc$$

K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

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K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

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		00	01	11	10
c	0			1	1
	1				

$$ab'c' + abc' + ab'c + abc$$

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K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

		ab			
		00	01	11	10
c	0			1	1
	1				1

$$ab'c' + abc' + ab'c + abc$$

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K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

		ab			
		00	01	11	10
c	0			1	1
	1			1	1

$$ab'c' + abc' + ab'c + abc$$

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K-Maps Can Simplify Expressions

		ab			
		00	01	11	10
c	0			1	1
	1			1	1

$$ab'c' + abc' + ab'c + abc = a$$

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Efficiency of K-Maps

- A K-Map does not necessarily make the *best* expression/circuit
- All expressions made this way are sums-of-products and some can be made simpler
- e.g. $a(b+c)$ is the same as $ab+ac$, but uses fewer gate inputs

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Don't Care

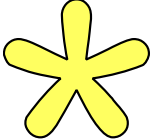


Don't Care

When the Result is Meaningless

Don't Care

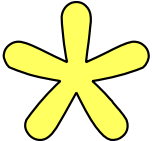
- Sometimes *we don't really care* what output the circuit generates for some combinations of inputs
- So, for those inputs, the results are simply not significant



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Don't Care

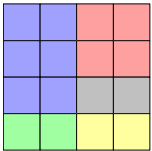
- In truth tables, the value "Don't Care" is represented with an asterisk
- It can be considered True or False – whichever is more *convenient* for the circuit



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Karnaugh Maps and Don't Care

- We can construct a Karnaugh Map like before
- Except the squares corresponding to don't care outputs are marked (with an asterisk)



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Karnaugh Maps and Don't Care

- Then, when outlining blocks, we can (at our convenience) consider the "don't care" squares as either 0 or 1
- Since we want to make the largest outlines possible, we will sometimes consider a don't care to be true, and sometimes false

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Example

- We want to guarantee that the output of a circuit is 1 if both inputs are 1
- And 0 when both inputs are 0
- But otherwise we do not care

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Example

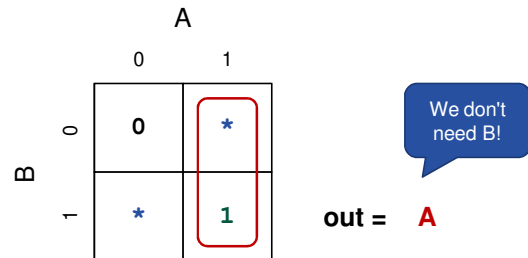
a	b	out
0	0	0
0	1	*
1	0	*
1	1	1

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K-Map For The Example

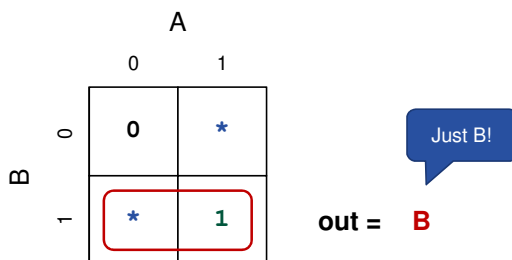


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... or we can do this

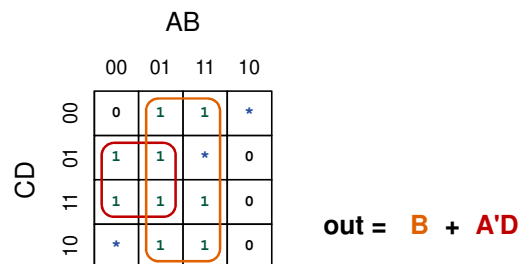


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Four-Variable (with Don't Care)



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Functional Completeness

Just How Much Do We Need?

Functional Completeness

- We can construct a circuit for any Boolean expression using **and** / **or** / **not**
- This means the set of gates {and, or, not} is *functionally complete*



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Function Completeness

- However, we don't need all three gates
- DeMorgan's laws shows us that we can construct:
 - an OR using an AND
 - and AND using an OR



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We Don't Need Or!

- So {and, not} are also complete because by DeMorgan's Law:
 $x + y = (x'y')'$
- So, any expression that can be written using {and, or, not} can be written using just {and, not}



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or... We Don't Need And!

- Also {or, not} is functionally complete since $xy = (x'+y')'$
- So, any expression that can be written using {and, or, not} can be written using just {or, not}



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Functional Completeness

- So, are any of the singular sets {and}, {or}, {not} functionally complete?
- In other words, can and/or/not all be converted into a single type of gate?
- **No.** Neither {and} or {or} can be converted to a {not}

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NAND

- So, is there a gate that can, alone, be functional complete?
- What about NAND (negated And)?
 - $x \text{ nand } y = (xy)'$
 - Note: the NAND gate is not implemented with an AND gate and a NOT gate. It just has the same truth table as $(xy)'$

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NAND

- To show that {nand} is functionally complete, we need to show that we can implement {and, or, not} using it
- The result would be greatly beneficial!
 - we would have to just construct 1 gate to create any circuit
 - this would greatly aid construction

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Not → Nand

Converting not to nand:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x' \\ &= (xx)' && \text{Idempotent} \\ &= x \text{ nand } x && \text{nand format} \end{aligned}$$

We can implement NOT by using a NAND.
Both input will be x

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Or → Nand

Note: $x' = x \text{ nand } x$

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= x + y \\ &= (x'y')' && \text{DeMorgan} \\ &= x' \text{ nand } y' && \text{nand format} \\ &= (x \text{ nand } x) \text{ nand } (y \text{ nand } y) \end{aligned}$$

Last proof let us convert
NOT into NAND

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And → Nand

Note: $x' = x \text{ nand } x$

$$\begin{aligned} xy &= xy \\ &= (x \text{ nand } y)' && \text{Negate nand} \\ &= (x \text{ nand } y) \text{ nand } (x \text{ nand } y) \end{aligned}$$

Last proof let us convert
NOT into NAND

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Summary

- The expressions below show that nand can be used to implement NOT, OR, AND
- So, we can just use NAND since it is *functionally complete*

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x \text{ nand } x \\ xy &= (x \text{ nand } y) \text{ nand } (x \text{ nand } y) \\ x + y &= (x \text{ nand } x) \text{ nand } (y \text{ nand } y) \end{aligned}$$

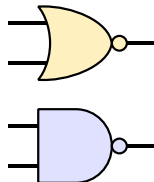
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How Hardware Works

- Also NOR is functionally complete
- $P \text{ NOR } Q = (P + Q)'$
- Hardware can alternatively use this gate rather than NAND



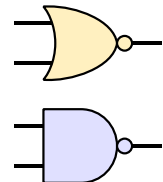
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How Hardware Works

- If our hardware can just implement NAND or NOR, then we can create a circuit with just *one gate*
- In fact, many fabrication processes use only NAND or NOR gates



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