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Lecture Outline (Chapter 2)

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Boolean Algebra

- Invented by George Boole in 1854.
 - An algebraic structure defined by a set $B = \{0, 1\}$, together with two binary operators (+ and \cdot) and a unary operator ($\bar{}$).
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1.	$X + 0 = X$	2.	$X \cdot 1 = X$	Identity element
3.	$X + 1 = 1$	4.	$X \cdot 0 = 0$	
5.	$X + X = X$	6.	$X \cdot X = X$	Idempotence
7.	$X + \bar{X} = 1$	8.	$X \cdot \bar{X} = 0$	Complement
9.	$\overline{\overline{X}} = X$			Involution
10.	$X + Y = Y + X$	11.	$XY = YX$	Commutative
12.	$(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$	13.	$(XY)Z = X(YZ)$	Associative
14.	$X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$	15.	$X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$	Distributive
16.	$\overline{X + Y} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$	17.	$\overline{X \cdot Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$	DeMorgan's

Some Properties of Boolean Algebra

- Boolean Algebra is defined in general by a set B that can have more than two values.
- A two-valued Boolean algebra is also known as Switching Algebra, where the Boolean set B is restricted to 0 and 1.
- Binary logic circuits are represented by switching algebra.
- The dual of an algebraic expression is obtained by interchanging $+$ and \cdot and interchanging 0's and 1's.
- The identities appear in dual pairs. When there is only one identity on a line the identity is self-dual, i. e., the dual expression = the original expression.
- Sometimes, the dot symbol ' \cdot ' (AND operator) is not written when the meaning is clear.

Dual of a Boolean Expression

- **Example:** $F = (A + \bar{C}) \cdot B + 0$
 $\text{dual } F = (A \cdot \bar{C} + B) \cdot 1 = A \cdot \bar{C} + B$
- **Example:** $G = X \cdot Y + \overline{(\bar{W} + \bar{Z})}$
 $\text{dual } G = (X+Y) \cdot \overline{(\bar{W} \cdot \bar{Z})} = (X+Y) \cdot (\bar{\bar{W}} + \bar{\bar{Z}})$
- **Example:** $H = A \cdot B + A \cdot C + B \cdot C$
 $\text{dual } H = (A+B) \cdot (A+C) \cdot (B+C)$
- Unless it happens to be self-dual, the dual of an expression does not equal the expression itself
- Are any of these functions self-dual? H is self-dual
 $(A+B)(A+C)(B+C) = (A+BC)(B+C) = AB+AC+BC$

Boolean Operator Precedence

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

Boolean Algebraic Proof – Example 1

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

Proof Steps

Justification

$A + A \cdot B$	
$= A \cdot 1 + A \cdot B$	Identity element: $A \cdot 1 = A$
$= A \cdot (1 + B)$	Distributive
$= A \cdot 1$	$1 + B = 1$
$= A$	Identity element

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

Boolean Algebraic Proof – Example 2

- $AB + \bar{A}C + BC = AB + \bar{A}C$ (Consensus Theorem)

Proof Steps

$$\begin{aligned} & AB + \bar{A}C + BC \\ = & AB + \bar{A}C + 1 \cdot BC \\ = & AB + \bar{A}C + (A + \bar{A}) \cdot BC \\ = & AB + \bar{A}C + ABC + \bar{A}BC \\ = & AB + ABC + \bar{A}C + \bar{A}CB \\ = & AB \cdot 1 + ABC + \bar{A}C \cdot 1 + \bar{A}CB \\ = & AB(1+C) + \bar{A}C(1+B) \\ = & AB \cdot 1 + \bar{A}C \cdot 1 \\ = & AB + \bar{A}C \end{aligned}$$

Justification

Identity element

Complement

Distributive

Commutative

Identity element

Distributive

$1+X = 1$

Identity element

Useful Theorems

- Minimization
$$X Y + \bar{X} Y = Y$$

- Absorption
$$X + X Y = X$$

- Simplification
$$X + \bar{X} Y = X + Y$$

- DeMorgan's
$$\overline{X + Y} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$$

- Minimization (dual)
$$(X+Y)(\bar{X}+Y) = Y$$

- Absorption (dual)
$$X \cdot (X + Y) = X$$

- Simplification (dual)
$$X \cdot (\bar{X} + Y) = X \cdot Y$$

- DeMorgan's (dual)
$$\overline{X \cdot Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$$

Truth Table to Verify DeMorgan's

$$\overline{X + Y} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$$

$$\overline{X \cdot Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$$

X	Y	$X \cdot Y$	$X + Y$	\bar{X}	\bar{Y}	$\overline{X + Y}$	$\bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$	$\overline{X \cdot Y}$	$\bar{X} + \bar{Y}$
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Generalized DeMorgan's Theorem:

$$\overline{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n} = \bar{X}_1 \cdot \bar{X}_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \bar{X}_n$$

$$\overline{X_1 \cdot X_2 \cdot \dots \cdot X_n} = \bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2 + \dots + \bar{X}_n$$

Complementing Functions

- **Use DeMorgan's Theorem:**

1. Interchange AND and OR operators

2. Complement each constant and literal

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

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

- **Example: Complement $G = (\bar{a} + bc)\bar{d} + e$**

$$\bar{G} = (a (\bar{b} + \bar{c}) + d) \bar{e}$$

Expression Simplification

- An application of switching Boolean algebra
- Simplify to contain the smallest number of literals (variables that may or may not be complemented)

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{A B + \bar{A} C D + \bar{A} B D + \bar{A} C \bar{D} + A B C D} \\ &= \mathbf{A B + A B C D + \bar{A} C D + \bar{A} C \bar{D} + \bar{A} B D} \\ &= \mathbf{A B + A B (C D) + \bar{A} C (D + \bar{D}) + \bar{A} B D} \\ &= \mathbf{A B + \bar{A} C + \bar{A} B D = B (A + \bar{A} D) + \bar{A} C} \\ &= \mathbf{B (A + D) + \bar{A} C \text{ (has only 5 literals)}} \end{aligned}$$

Next ... Canonical Forms

- **Minterms & Maxterms**
- **Purpose Of The Index**
- **Standard Order**
- **Sum-Of-Minterms (SOM) Canonical Form**
- **Product-Of-Maxterms (POM) Canonical Form**
- **Conversions Between Canonical Forms**
- **Representation Of Function Complements**

Minterms

- **Minterms** are AND terms with every variable present in either true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., \overline{x}), there are 2^n minterms for n variables.
- **Example:** Two variables (X and Y) produce $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations:
 - XY (both normal)
 - $X\overline{Y}$ (X normal, Y complemented)
 - $\overline{X}Y$ (X complemented, Y normal)
 - $\overline{X}\overline{Y}$ (both complemented)
- Thus there are **four minterms** of two variables.

Maxterms

- Maxterms are OR terms with every variable in true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., \bar{x}), there are 2^n maxterms for n variables.
- Example: Two variables (X and Y) produce $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations:

$X + Y$ (both normal)

$X + \bar{Y}$ (X normal, Y complemented)

$\bar{X} + Y$ (X complemented, Y normal)

$\bar{X} + \bar{Y}$ (both complemented)

Minterms & Maxterms for 2 variables

- Two variable minterms and maxterms.

x	y	Index	Minterm	Maxterm
0	0	0	$m_0 = \bar{x} \bar{y}$	$M_0 = x + y$
0	1	1	$m_1 = \bar{x} y$	$M_1 = x + \bar{y}$
1	0	2	$m_2 = x \bar{y}$	$M_2 = \bar{x} + y$
1	1	3	$m_3 = x y$	$M_3 = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$

- The minterm m_i should evaluate to 1 for each combination of x and y.
- The maxterm is the complement of the minterm

Minterms & Maxterms for 3 variables

x	y	z	Index	Minterm	Maxterm
0	0	0	0	$m_0 = \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{z}$	$M_0 = x + y + z$
0	0	1	1	$m_1 = \bar{x} \bar{y} z$	$M_1 = x + y + \bar{z}$
0	1	0	2	$m_2 = \bar{x} y \bar{z}$	$M_2 = x + \bar{y} + z$
0	1	1	3	$m_3 = \bar{x} y z$	$M_3 = x + \bar{y} + \bar{z}$
1	0	0	4	$m_4 = x \bar{y} \bar{z}$	$M_4 = \bar{x} + y + z$
1	0	1	5	$m_5 = x \bar{y} z$	$M_5 = \bar{x} + y + \bar{z}$
1	1	0	6	$m_6 = x y \bar{z}$	$M_6 = \bar{x} + \bar{y} + z$
1	1	1	7	$m_7 = x y z$	$M_7 = \bar{x} + \bar{y} + \bar{z}$

Maxterm M_i is the complement of minterm m_i

$$M_i = \overline{m_i} \text{ and } m_i = \overline{M_i}$$

Purpose Of The Index

- Minterms and Maxterms are designated with an index
- The index number corresponds to a binary pattern
- The index for the minterm or maxterm, expressed as a binary number, is used to determine whether the variable is shown in the true or complemented form
- For Minterms:
 - ‘1’ means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
 - ‘0’ means the variable is “Complemented”.
- For Maxterms:
 - ‘0’ means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
 - ‘1’ means the variable is “Complemented”.

Standard Order

- All variables should be present in a minterm or maxterm and should be listed in the same order (usually alphabetically)
- Example: For variables a, b, c :
 - Maxterms $(a + b + \bar{c})$, $(\bar{a} + b + \bar{c})$ are in standard order
 - However, $(b + \bar{a} + c)$ is NOT in standard order
 $(\bar{a} + c)$ does NOT contain all variables
 - Minterms $(a b \bar{c})$ and $(\bar{a} b \bar{c})$ are in standard order
 - However, $(b a \bar{c})$ is not in standard order
 $(\bar{a} c)$ does not contain all variables

Sum-Of-Minterms (SOM)

- Sum-Of-Minterms (SOM) canonical form:
Sum of minterms of entries that evaluate to '1'

x	y	z	F	Minterm
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	1	$m_1 = \bar{x} \bar{y} z$
0	1	0	0	
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	1	$m_6 = x y \bar{z}$
1	1	1	1	$m_7 = x y z$

Focus on the
'1' entries

$$F = m_1 + m_6 + m_7 = \sum (1, 6, 7) = \bar{x} \bar{y} z + x y \bar{z} + x y z$$

Sum-Of-Minterms Examples

- $F(a, b, c, d) = \sum(2, 3, 6, 10, 11)$
- $F(a, b, c, d) = m_2 + m_3 + m_6 + m_{10} + m_{11}$
 $\bar{a} \bar{b} c \bar{d} + \bar{a} \bar{b} c d + \bar{a} b c \bar{d} + a \bar{b} c \bar{d} + a \bar{b} c d$
- $G(a, b, c, d) = \sum(0, 1, 12, 15)$
- $G(a, b, c, d) = m_0 + m_1 + m_{12} + m_{15}$
 $\bar{a} \bar{b} \bar{c} \bar{d} + \bar{a} \bar{b} \bar{c} d + a b \bar{c} \bar{d} + a b c d$

Product-Of-Maxterms (POM)

- Product-Of-Maxterms (POM) canonical form:
Product of maxterms of entries that evaluate to '0'

x	y	z	F	Maxterm
0	0	0	1	
0	0	1	1	
0	1	0	0	$M_2 = (x + \bar{y} + z)$
0	1	1	1	
1	0	0	0	$M_4 = (\bar{x} + y + z)$
1	0	1	1	
1	1	0	0	$M_6 = (\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$
1	1	1	1	

Focus on the
'0' entries

$$F = M_2 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_6 = \prod (2, 4, 6) = (x + \bar{y} + z) (\bar{x} + y + z) (\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$$

Product-Of-Maxterms Examples

- $F(a, b, c, d) = \prod(1, 3, 6, 11)$
- $F(a, b, c, d) = M_1 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_6 \cdot M_{11}$
 $(a+b+c+\bar{d}) (a+b+\bar{c}+\bar{d}) (a+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+d) (\bar{a}+b+\bar{c}+\bar{d})$
- $G(a, b, c, d) = \prod(0, 4, 12, 15)$
- $G(a, b, c, d) = M_0 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_{12} \cdot M_{15}$
 $(a+b+c+d) (a+\bar{b}+c+d) (\bar{a}+\bar{b}+c+d) (\bar{a}+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d})$

Observations

- We can implement any function by "ORing" the minterms corresponding to the '1' entries in the function table. A minterm evaluates to '1' for its corresponding entry.
- We can implement any function by "ANDing" the maxterms corresponding to '0' entries in the function table. A maxterm evaluates to '0' for its corresponding entry.
- The same Boolean function can be expressed in two canonical ways: Sum-of-Minterms (SOM) and Product-of-Maxterms (POM).
- If a Boolean function has fewer '1' entries then the SOM canonical form will contain fewer literals than POM. However, if it has fewer '0' entries then the POM form will have fewer literals than SOM.

The End

Questions?