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EBU4202: Digital Circuit Design Basic Logic Functions and Switching Algebra

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Overview: Switching Algebra & Combinational Logic Design

- * Switching Algebra
- Combinational Circuit Analysis & Synthesis



Chapters 4 & 6 – "Digital Design: Principles and Practices" book



Combinational Logic Circuits: Analysis & Synthesis

Digital Circuits:

- Combinational Logic Circuit: a circuit whose outputs depend on its current inputs.
- Sequential Logic Circuit: a circuit whose outputs depend not only on current inputs, but also on past inputs.
- inputs

 A Logic
 Circuit

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- These slides are concerned with the analysis and synthesis of combinational logical circuits.
- Studied later in the course.
- Synthesis → start with a formal description of the function of a circuit and proceed to a logic diagram that performs the required function.



Switching Algebra

- Switching Algebra:
 - Two-valued boolean algebra (George Boole 1815-64)
 - For a variable X:
 - X=0 or X=1



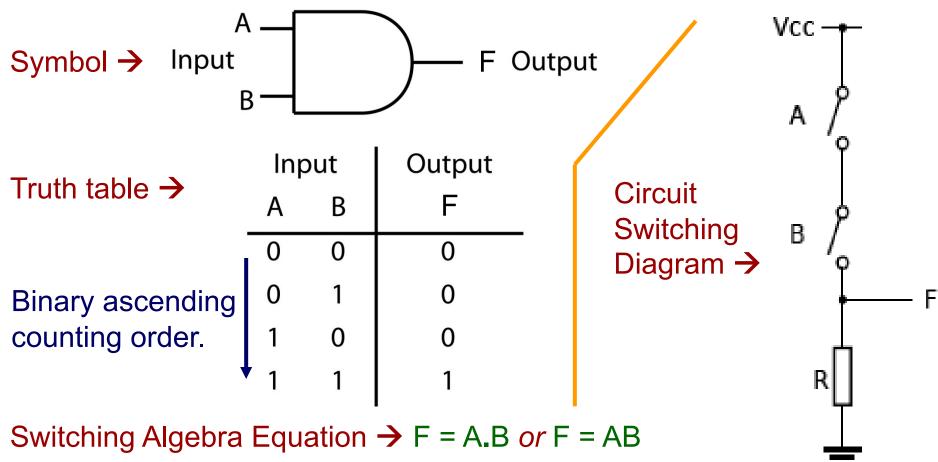
No other values are allowed.

- Many other possible "boolean" representations:
 - X = Light on or X = Light off
 - X = voltage HIGH or X = voltage LOW
- Basic operations are AND, OR and complement (or invert) (AND/OR/NOT).



Basic Gates (1/3): AND

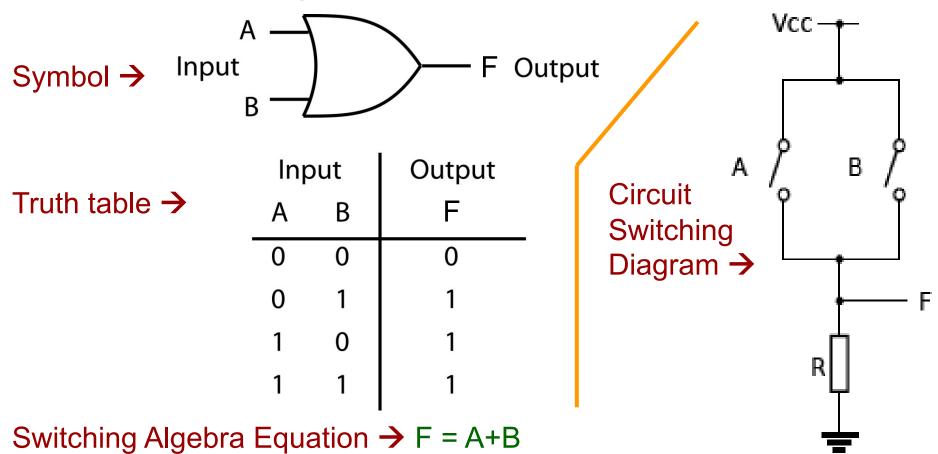
Performs the AND logic operation on its inputs and outputs its result.





Basic Gates (2/3): OR

Performs the OR logic operation on its inputs and outputs its result.



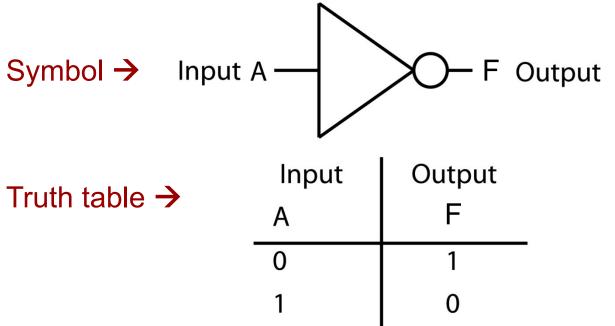


Basic Gates (3/3): NOT

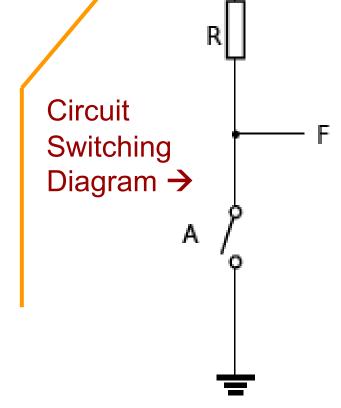


Other notation (not used here): F=~A or F=¬A.

Also called an inverter, it produces an output value that is the opposite of the input value.



Switching Algebra Equation \rightarrow F = A' or F = \overline{A}





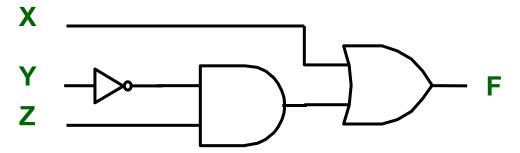
Example: Combining Basic Gates

 Any Boolean function can be represented with a Truth Table.

Switching Algebra

$$F(X,Y,Z) = X + \overline{Y}.Z$$

Logic Gate Diagram



Truth Table

X	Y	Z	$F = X + \overline{Y}.Z$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1



More Gates

- There are more gates available for the designer to use than those discussed so far.
- Of particular importance to the electronics industry are the Buffer, NAND, NOR, Exclusive-OR and Exclusive-NOR gates.
 - NAND and NOR gates are particularly important because they are faster than AND and OR gates.



Any digital circuit of any complexity can be made from **NAND** gates.

Why do you think that is the case?....to answer this you need to look at the circuits that are inside the gates.....



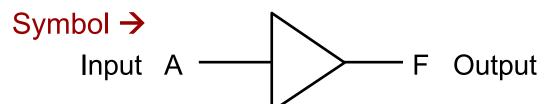
Other Gates (1/5): Buffer

Also called a non-inverting buffer, it asserts its output signal if and only if its input is asserted.

Circuit

Switching

Diagram →



Switching Algebra Equation \rightarrow F = A

NOTE: You might ask the question "Why do we need this gate, it does not seem to do anything". It has important input and output characteristics that make it useful in practical circuits.



Other Gates (2/5): NAND

It does the opposite of an AND gate.

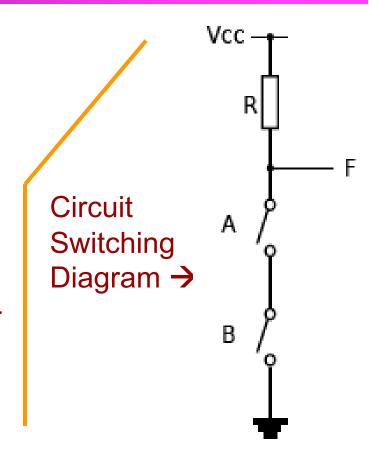
$$F = (A.B)' or$$

Switching Algebra Equation →

$$F = (AB)$$
' or

$$F = (\overline{A.B}) or$$

$$F = (\overline{AB})$$

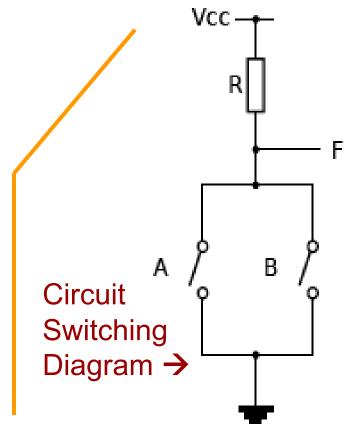




Other Gates (3/5): NOR

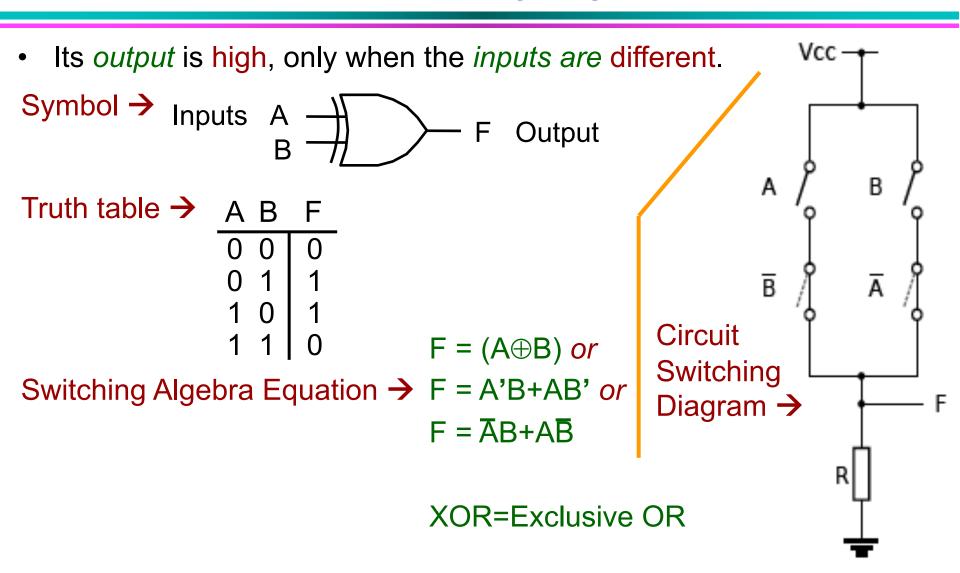
It does the opposite of an OR gate.

Switching Algebra Equation
$$\rightarrow$$
 $F = (A+B)^2 o$
 $F = (\overline{A+B})$





Other Gates (4/5): XOR





Other Gates (5/5): XNOR

It does the *opposite of* an XOR gate. Vcc Symbol → Inputs Output Circuit Truth table → A B **Switching** Diagram -> В $F = (A \oplus B)'$ or $F = \overline{(A \oplus B)} or$ Switching Algebra Equation → F = A'B' + AB or $F = \overline{AB} + AB$ XNOR=Exclusive NOR



Why do we manipulate equations?

- Before we get to the theorems, why worry about manipulating Boolean equations?
 - Simplification of digital circuits.
 - Fewer gates required.
 - Potential for faster operation.
 - Smaller is always better!!



Switching Algebra: Basic Definitions

- Literal: variable or the complement of a variable.
 - Examples: X, Y, X', Y'
- Product Term: single literal or logical product of 2+ literals.
 - Examples: X, X-Y-Z', X-Y'
- Sum of Products Expression (SOP): logical sum of product terms
 - Example: X·Z' + X·Y·Z' + X·Y'
- **Sum Term**: single literal or logical sum of 2+ literals.
 - Examples: X, X + Y + Z', X + Y'
- Product of Sums Expression (POS): logical product of sum terms
 - Example: $(X + Z')\cdot(X + Y + Z')\cdot(X + Y')$



Precedence Rules & Axioms

- Precedence Rules: ', and +.
- Axioms:
 - A minimum set of basic mathematic definitions that are assumed to be always True and from which we can derive theorems.
 - Let X be a logic variable taking on values 0 or 1.

(A1) X=0 if X≠1	(A1') X=1 if X≠0
(A2) $X=0$ then $X'=1$	(A2') $X=1$ then $X'=0$
(A3) 0 ·0=0	(A3') 1+1=1
(A4) 1·1=1	(A4') 0+0=0
(A5) 0 ·1=1 ·0=0	(A5') 0+1=1+0=1



Single Variable Theorems & Perfect Induction

Let X be a logic variable:

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(T1) X+0 = X
                        (T1') X \cdot 1 = X
                        (T2') X \cdot 0 = 0
                        (T3') X \cdot X = X
      X+X' = 1
                        (T5') \quad X \cdot X' = 0
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These theorems can be proved using axioms via perfect induction.

- Perfect Induction (better known as common sense).
 - Example:

• (T1') $X \cdot 1 = X$

Hence, X.1=X.

2 possible values
$$\begin{cases} [X = 0] \rightarrow 0.1 = 0 \text{ (by axiom A5)} \\ [X = 1] \rightarrow 1.1 = 1 \text{ (by axiom A4)} \end{cases}$$



Two (and Three) Variable Theorems

$$(T6) X + Y = Y + X$$

$$(T6') XY = YX$$

(Commutativity)

$$(T7)(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$$

$$(T7') (XY)Z = X(YZ)$$

(Associativity)

$$(T8) XY + XZ = X (Y + Z)$$

$$(T8')(X + Y)(X + Z) = X + YZ$$

(Distributivity)

$$(T9) X + XY = X$$

$$(T9') X(X + Y) = X$$

(Covering)

$$(T10) XY + XY' = X$$

$$(T10')(X + Y)(X + Y') = X$$

(Combining)

$$(T11) XY + X'Z + YZ = XY + X'Z$$

(Consensus)

$$(T11')(X + Y)(X' + Z)(Y + Z) = (X + Y)(X' + Z)$$



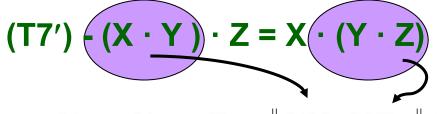
All theorems can be proved, either *algebraically* or through the use of a *truth table*.

Adsorption Theorem (not in the textbook): **(T*)** X + X'Y = X + Y **(T*)'** X(X' + Y) = XY



Example: Proof by Truth Table

Show that ...



X	Y	Z	XY	ΥZ	(XY)Z	X(YZ)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Theorems (T8) – (T11)

- Theorem (T8) may be used to convert a product of sums expression to a sum of products expression.
- Theorem (T8') is often used to convert a sum of products expression to a product of sums expression.
- Theorems (T9), (T10), and (T11) are often used to minimise (or simplify) a logic circuit.
 - Shared property by these theorems: there is a reduction in the number of logic gates from left to right.



Examples of this later on!



N Variable Theorems

- Two or three variables' theorems can be extended to an arbitrary number of variables, N:
 - Generalised Idempotency

(T12)
$$X+X + ... + X = X$$

(T12') $X \cdot X \cdot ... \cdot X = X$



(T14) states: given any *Nvariable* logic expression, its complement can be obtained by swapping + and -, and complementing all variables.

De Morgan's Theorems

(T13)
$$(X_1 \cdot X_2 \cdot ... \cdot X_n)' = X_1' + X_2' + ... + X_n'$$

(T13') $(X_1 + X_2 + ... + X_n)' = X_1' \cdot X_2' \cdot ... \cdot X_n'$
(T14): condensed form for (T13) & (T13').

Generalised De Morgan's Theorem

(T14)
$$[F(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n, +, \cdot)] = F(X_1', X_2', ..., X_n', \cdot, +)$$

Shannon's Expansion Theorems

(T15)
$$F(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n) = X_1 \cdot F(1, X_2, ..., X_n) + X_1' \cdot F(0, X_2, ..., X_n)$$

(T15') $F(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n) = [X_1 + F(0, X_2, ..., X_n)] \cdot [X_1' + F(1, X_2, ..., X_n)]$

De Morgan: "Break the line and change the sign"



De Morgan's Theorems: Truth Tables

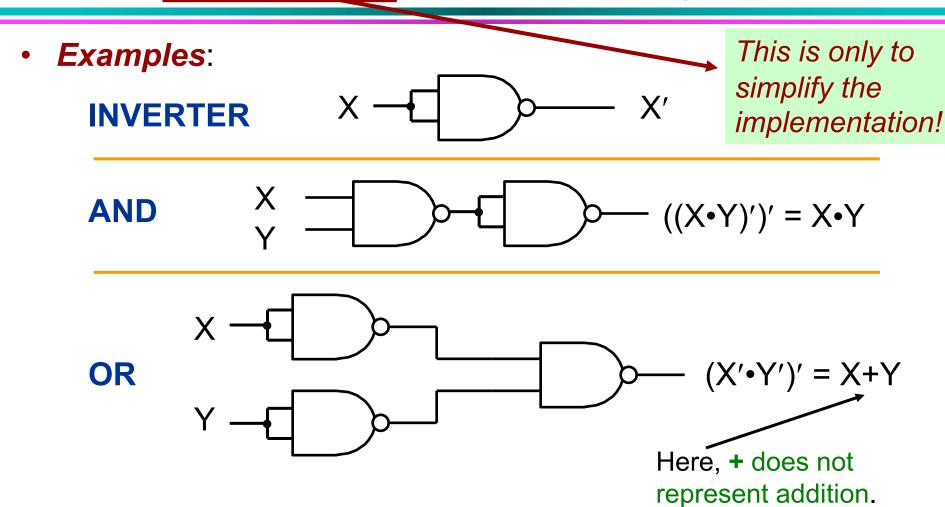
	(T13)	(X +	· Y) ′	= 3	ζ′• <u>></u>	<i>Z'</i> —	(T13	′) (X	(•Y) ′	= X'+	Y')
¥	(T13),	(T13) for I	N=2 v	⁄aria	bles.					
ろ		X	Y	Χ'	Y'	X+Y	(X+Y)'	X'•Y'	X•Y	(X•Y)'	X' +Y'
		0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
		0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
		1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
		1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0



Like *Theorem 8*, **De Morgan's law** may be used to convert between a sum of products and a product of sums.



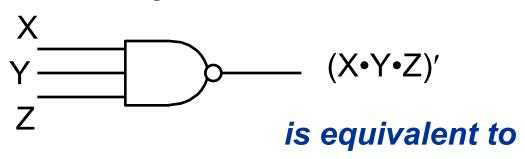
Designing with NAND gates



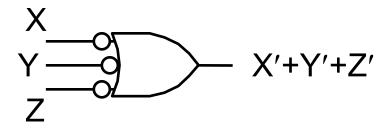


NAND Gates: 2 ways to view

3-input NAND gate:



3 INVERTED input OR gate:



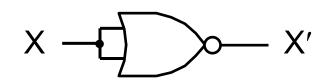
X	Y	Z	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0



Designing with NOR gates

• Examples:

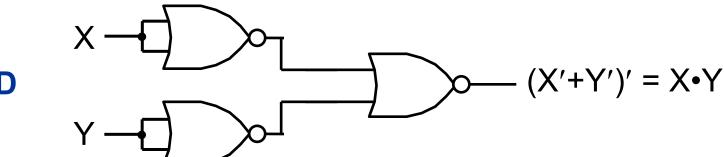
INVERTER



This is only to simplify the implementation!

OR

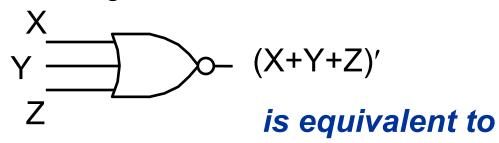
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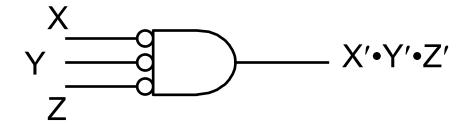


NOR Gates: 2 ways to view

3-input NOR gate:



3 INVERTED input AND gate:

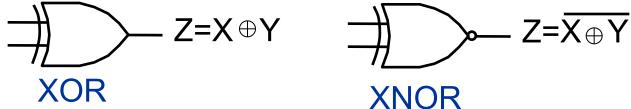


X	Y	Z	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



Exclusive OR Logic Gates: Properties

XOR and XNOR gates:



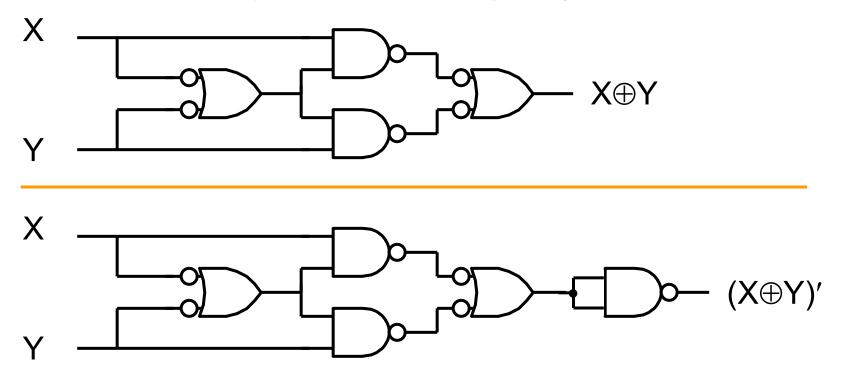
Identities:

$$X \oplus 0 = X$$
 $X \oplus 1 = X'$ $X \oplus X = 0$ $X \oplus X' = 1$ $X \oplus Y' = (X \oplus Y)'$ $X' \oplus Y = (X \oplus Y)'$ $X \oplus Y = Y \oplus X$ $(X \oplus Y) \oplus Z = X \oplus Y \oplus Z$



XOR & XNOR Gates

 XOR and XNOR gates can be designed using basic gates (i.e., inverted input OR gates and NAND gates):





The Principle of Duality

- The Principle of Duality:
 - Used in simplifying logic equations.
 - Obtain the *dual* by interchanging OR and AND operations.
 - Example:
 - The dual of $F = X \cdot Y + Z \cdot W$ is $F^D = (X + Y) \cdot (Z + W)$.



Principle of Duality: Not the same as saying the two expressions are equal!



Complements

- How do we get the complement of a function?
 - Can derive the complement of a function algebraically by applying De Morgan's theorem.

or

 Can obtain via Truth Table by interchanging 1's and 0's for the function F.

or

Can obtain by interchanging AND and OR operations and complementing each variable.



This is a straightforward application of De Morgan's theorem.



Example: Complement Function

Truth Table

Find the complement of **F**:



Consensus Theorem (T11)

Useful in simplifying Boolean expressions

Allows the elimination of unnecessary terms.

Truth Table

X	Y	Z	F	G
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

Show:
$$XY + XZ + YZ = XY + \overline{X}Z$$

$$F = XY + \overline{X}Z + YZ = XY + \overline{X}Z + YZ(X+\overline{X})$$
expand
$$= XY + \overline{X}Z + XYZ + \overline{X}YZ$$
reorder
$$= XY + XYZ + \overline{X}Z + \overline{X}YZ$$
factorise
$$= XY + XYZ + \overline{X}Z + \overline{X}YZ$$

$$= XY + XYZ + \overline{X}Z + \overline{X}YZ$$

$$= XY + \overline{X}Z(1+Y)$$

∴ YZ is an unnecessary (or redundant) term



Example (1/3): Two Equations

• Show that $F_1 = F_2$ using a Truth Table.

$$F_1 = X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z + X' \cdot Y \cdot Z + X \cdot Y'$$

$$F_2 = X' \cdot Z + X \cdot Y'$$

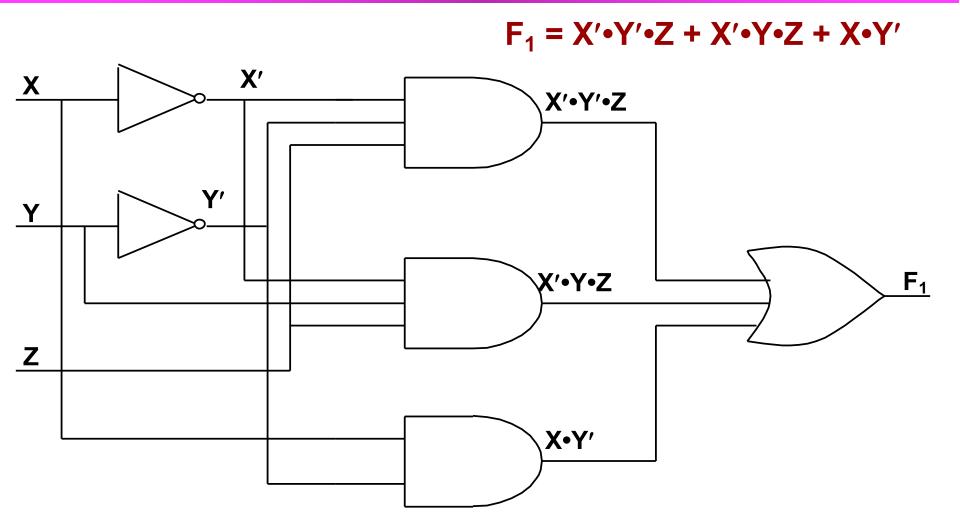


To prove the equality, we can use Switching Algebra theorems **T8** + **T5**.

XYZ	F ₁	F_2
0 0 0	0	0
0 0 1	1	1
0 1 0	0	0
0 1 1	1	1
1 0 0	1	1
1 0 1	1	1
1 1 0	0	0
1 1 1	0	0



Example (2/3): Two Equations





Example (3/3): Two Equations

To be completed in class ...

$$F_2 = X' \cdot Z + X \cdot Y'$$



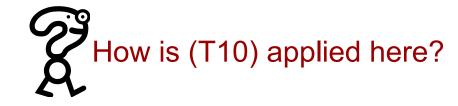
Example 1: Minimisation

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



(T10) – Combining Theorem

$$F = B'C$$



Alternatively, if we were to factor **A** out, it would have left us with:

$$F = B'C(A' + A)$$
 (using T8)

$$A' + A = 1 \qquad \text{(using T5)}$$



Example 2: Minimisation (1)

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

$$A'B'C = A'B'C + A'B'C \qquad (T3) \quad X + X = X$$

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

$$T10$$

$$F = A'B' + A'C \qquad (T10) \quad XY + XY' = X$$

$$Circuit \ Diagrams \ for \ these \ functions?$$



Example 2: Minimisation (2)

To be completed in class ...



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



Example: Minimisation of F

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

$$= (AB' + AB'C)' + A'B(A + B' + C)' \longrightarrow (AB' + AB'C)' & \longrightarrow (AC' + B)(A' + B + C') + A'B(A'BC')$$

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

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

$$= (A' + B)(A' + B + A'C' + BA' + BB + BC' + A'BC')$$

$$= A'A' + A'B + A'C' + BA' + B + BC' + A'BC'$$

$$APPLY (T3') \longrightarrow = A' + A'B + A'C' + B + BC' + A'BC'$$

$$APPLY (T1') \longrightarrow = A'(1 + B + C' + B + BC') + B(1 + C')$$

$$APPLY (T2) \longrightarrow = A'(1) + B(1)$$

$$= A' + B$$



Logic Functions (1/2)

- Logic Functions' Representations:
 - Truth Table: practical only for a small number of variables.
 - Algebraic sum of minterms (Canonical Sum):
 - minterm: a product of n distinctive logic variables (or their complements); e.g., X · Y · Z;
 - the *sum of minterms* corresponds to the combination of Truth Table rows for which the function produces a *1* output;
 - for a *n-variable* logic function, each *minterm* must consist of *n* variables and within each *minterm*, each variable is represented by its complement if the variable value is 0.



Logic Functions (2/2)

- Logic Functions' Representations (cont.):
 - Algebraic product of maxterms (Canonical Product):
 - maxterm: is the sum of n distinctive logic variables or their complements e.g., X+Y+Z;
 - the *product of maxterms* corresponds to the product of Truth Table rows for which the function produces a *0* output;
 - for a *n-variable* logic function, each *maxterm* must consist of *n* variables and within each *maxterm*, each variable is represented by its complement if the variable value is 1.



Minterms & **Maxterms** for 3 Variables

XYZ	Product Symbol Term	Sum Term	Symbol
0 0 0	$\overline{X} \cdot \overline{Y} \cdot \overline{Z}$ \mathbf{m}_0	X+Y+Z	M_0
0 0 1	$\overline{X} \cdot \overline{Y} \cdot Z$ \mathbf{m}_1	$X+Y+\overline{Z}$	M_1
0 1 0	$\overline{X} \cdot Y \cdot \overline{Z}$ m_2	$X+\overline{Y}+Z$	M_2
0 1 1	\overline{X} •Y•Z m_3	$X+\overline{Y}+\overline{Z}$	M ₃ / Maxterms
1 0 0	$X \bullet \overline{Y} \bullet \overline{Z}$ m_4		M_4
1 0 1	$X \bullet \overline{Y} \bullet Z$ m_5	$\overline{X}+Y+\overline{Z}$	M_5
1 1 0	$X \cdot Y \cdot \overline{Z}$ m_6	$\overline{X}+\overline{Y}+Z$	M_6
1 1 1	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z$ m_7	$\overline{X}+\overline{Y}+\overline{Z}$	M_7

Minterms



A *minterm* and a *maxterm* with the same subscript number are complements of each other: $M_0 = \overline{m_0}$



Representing a Function in Standard Form

A Boolean Function can be expressed algebraically from a given Truth Table by forming the logical sum of all *minterms* which produce a '1' in the function.

Truth Table

XYZ	F	F	
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1	10100101	01011010	m ₀ m ₁ m ₂ m ₃ m ₄ m ₅ m ₆

So:
$$F = X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z' + X' \cdot Y \cdot Z' + X \cdot Y' \cdot Z + X \cdot Y \cdot Z$$

 $F = \mathbf{m_0} + \mathbf{m_2} + \mathbf{m_5} + \mathbf{m_7} = \Sigma m(0, 2, 5, 7)$

And:
$$F' = m_1 + m_3 + m_4 + m_6 = \sum m(1, 3, 4, 6)$$

 $F'' = (m_1 + m_3 + m_4 + m_6)'$
 $F'' = m_1' \cdot m_3' \cdot m_4' \cdot m_6'$
 $F = M_1 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_6 = \prod M(1, 3, 4, 6)$



Minterms & Sum of Products

Properties of Minterms:

- There are 2^n minterms for n Boolean variables.
- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a logical sum of minterms.
- A function's complement contains those *minterms* not included in the original function.
- A function that includes all the 2ⁿ minterms is always equal to logic value 1.

Sum of Products' Expressions:

- Similar to sum of minterms, but the sum of products is in simplified form and may not contain all the variables in each expression.
- Used in design process to achieve solutions with minimum gate counts.



Example: Sum of Products & Simplification (1/2)



A Boolean Function in **Sum of Minterms** form can be simplified to a **Sum of Products** form by algebraic manipulation or map simplification.

Truth Table

X	Υ	Z	F	
0 0 0 0 1 1 1	0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1	0 1 0 1 0 1	11101100	m ₀ m ₁ m ₂ m ₃ m ₄ m ₅ m ₆

F = 1 for each of the combinations of variables: X'•Y'•Z', X'•Y'•Z, X'•Y•Z', X•Y'•Z', X•Y'•Z

So

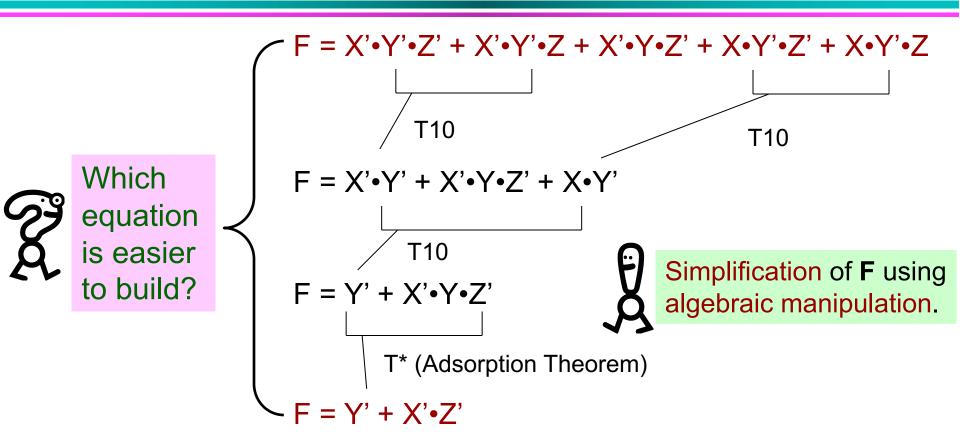
$$F = X' \bullet Y' \bullet Z' + X' \bullet Y' \bullet Z + X' \bullet Y \bullet Z' + X \bullet Y' \bullet Z' + X \bullet Y' \bullet Z$$

$$F = \Sigma m(0, 1, 2, 4, 5)$$

- F can be simplified by algebraic or map
- simplification techniques to a *Sum of Products*.



Example: Sum of Products & Simplification (2/2)





Minterm & Maxterm Expansions of F, F'

Example for F(X, Y, Z): 2^3 terms (numbered 0 through to 7).

Given Form	Minterm Expansion of F	Maxterm Expansion of F	Minterm Expansion of F'	Maxterm Expansion of F'
$F = \sum m(3,4,5,6,7)$	_	∏M(0,1,2)	∑m(0,1,2)	∏M(3,4,5,6,7)
F = ∏M(0,1,2)	∑m(3,4,5,6,7)	_	∑m(0,1,2)	∏M(3,4,5,6,7)



Expansion into Canonical SOP & POS

- How to expand Boolean function into canonical SOP:
 - Use properties (T1') and (T5).
 - Take each product term with a missing literal variable (e.g.,
 A) and AND it (logic operation) with the sum term (A + A').
- How to expand Boolean function into canonical POS:
 - Use the distributive property i.e., (T8').
 - Take each sum term with a missing literal variable (e.g., A) and OR it (logic operation) with the product term (A.A').



Example: Sum of Products

Problem: Expand the boolean function **F(A,B,C)** = **A'B'** + **BC** into a standard *sum of products* (*aka minterm expansion*, *canonical SOP*).

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

= $A'B'(C+C') + BC(A+A')$ by (T5), (T1')
= $A'B'C + A'B'C' + ABC + A'BC$ by (T8), (T6')

To get the Σ m expression, replace all *normal literals with a 1* and all *primed literals with a 0*: (**Example**: A'B'C \Rightarrow A' = 0, B' = 0, C = 1 \Rightarrow 001). $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(001, 000, 111, 011)$

Now convert to decimal (and put them in order), $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(0, 1, 3, 7)$.



Example: Product of Sums

Problem: Expand the boolean function **F(A,B,C) = A'B' + BC** into a standard *product of sums* (aka maxterm expansion, canonical POS).

To get the Π M expression replace all *normal literals with a 0* and all *primed literals with a 1*: (**Example**: A'+B'+C \Rightarrow A' = 1, B' = 1, C = 0 \Rightarrow 110). F(A,B,C) = Π M (100, 101, 110, 010)

Now convert to decimal (and order them): $F(A,B,C) = \Pi M (2, 4, 5, 6)$.



Deriving the Standard Product of Sums Expression

 Remember: If you are unsure of your answer, you can check it with a Truth Table; fill in Truth Table as per original F = A'B' + BC!

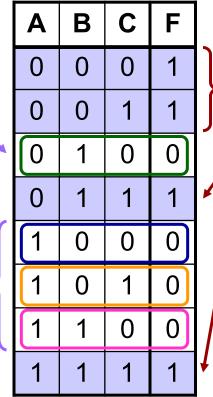
For:
$$F'$$
 (*minterms*) or F (*maxterms*) where $F = 0$.



Does our expression have all the terms indicated by the Truth Table?

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

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



For: **F** (*minterms*) or **F**' (*maxterms*) where **F** = **1**.

