



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 $A \cdot A = A$.
 - $(A')' = A$.



Postulates

- **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 .
- **Associative law**: $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$ and $A(BC) = (AB)C$.
- **Commutative law**: $A + B = B + A$ and $AB = BA$.
- **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 $(AB)' = A' + B'$.
- **Absorption**: $A + AB = A$ and $A(A + B) = A$.

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.
 - $A + A' = 1 \rightarrow A \cdot A' = 0$.
 - $A + B = B + A \rightarrow AB = BA$.
 - $A(B + C) = AB + AC \rightarrow A + BC = (A + B)(A + C)$.
 - $(A + B)' = A'B' \rightarrow (AB)' = A' + B'$.



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: $F = AB + C$.

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

Boolean function simplification

- A Boolean function from an algebraic expression can be realized to a logic diagram composed of logic gates.
- Minimization of the number of literals and the number of terms leads to less complex circuits as well as less number of gates.
 - 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:

$$\begin{aligned}F' &= (x'yz' + x'y'z)' \\&= (x'yz')'(x'y'z)' \\&= (x + y' + z)(x + y + z')\end{aligned}$$

Dual:

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

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.

Minterms

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

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

Maxterms

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

$$\begin{aligned}F(A, B, C, D) &= A + B'C \\&= (A + B')(A + C) \\&= (A + B' + CC')(A + C + BB') \\&= (A + B' + C)(A + B' + C')(A + B + C)(A + B' + C) \\&\quad \text{using the distributive property: } X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z) \\&= (A + B' + C)(A + B' + C')(A + B + C)\end{aligned}$$

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: $A' + B' + C' = (ABC)'$.

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

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

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

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:

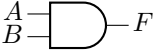

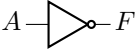
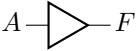
Boolean Functions	Operator Symbol	Name	Comments
$F_0 = 0$		Null	Binary constant 0
$F_1 = xy$	$x \cdot y$	AND	x and y
$F_2 = xy'$	x/y	Inhibition	x , but not y
$F_3 = x$		Transfer	x
$F_4 = x'y$	y/x	Inhibition	y , but not x
$F_5 = y$		Transfer	y
$F_6 = xy' + x'y$	$x \oplus y$	Exclusive-OR	x or y , but not 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** and economy of producing the gate with physical parameters.
 - The possibility of **extending** to more than two inputs.
 - The basic properties of the binary operator such as **commutability** and **associability**.
 - The ability of the gate to **implement Boolean functions** 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

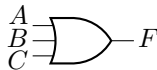
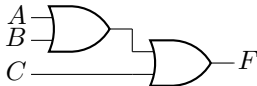
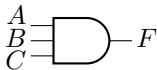
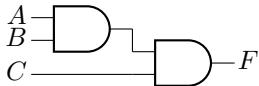
Digital logic gates



		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

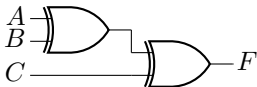
- The NAND and NOR functions are the complements of AND and OR functions respectively.
 - They are commutative, but **not associative**.
 - $((AB)'C) \neq (A(BC)')'$: does not follow associativity.
 - $((A + B)' + C)' \neq (A + (B + C)')'$: does not follow associativity.
- We modify the definition of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

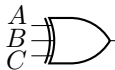
$$\begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} \text{ --- } \text{AND Gate} \text{ --- } F = (ABC)' = A' + B' + C'$$

$$\begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} \text{ --- } \text{OR Gate} \text{ --- } F = (A + B + C)' = A'B'C'$$

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 1.
 - Multiple-input exclusive-OR and equivalence gates are uncommon in practice.



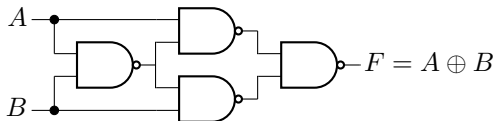
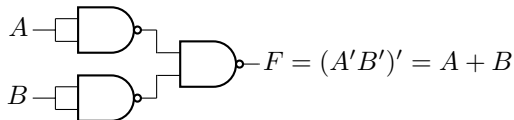
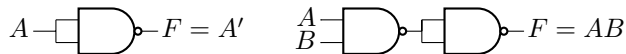


A symbolic representation of a 3-input XOR gate. Three inputs labeled A, B, and C enter a gate symbol from the left. The output is labeled F. To the right of the gate is the equation $F = A \oplus B \oplus C$.

$$F = A \oplus B \oplus C$$

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.
 - $F = AB + CD = ((AB + CD)')' = ((AB)'(CD)')'$

