

Computer Science at The Dragon Academy  
Assignment III  
Review of Propositional Logic, Logic Gates & Circuits  
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50% questions and 50% problems.

## 1 Exercises

1. (KtiCa) Given  $p : x + y = 5$  and  $q : x \cdot y \geq 6$ , translate to English/math the following expressions (use math for expressing identities or inequalities):
  - (a)  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
  - (b)  $p \oplus q$
  - (c)  $p \vee q$
  - (d)  $\neg q \rightarrow (p \vee \neg p)$
2. (KtiCa) Identify  $p$  and  $q$  from  $p \wedge q \equiv \text{"It's raining and cold"}$  and find a natural translation to English of the following sentences:
  - (a)  $\neg(p \wedge q)$
  - (b)  $\neg q \rightarrow (p \vee \neg p)$
3. (KtiCa) Prove that  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$
4. (KtiCa) Prove that  $[(a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)) \wedge (a \wedge b)] \rightarrow c$
5. (KtiCa) Simplify and determine whether each of the following sentences is (a) contingent, (b) contradictory or (c) tautological:
  - (a)  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg q$
  - (b)  $p \rightarrow \neg p$
  - (c)  $[(p \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)] \wedge r \wedge \neg q$
6. (KtiCa) Consider a gate consisting in two CNOT gates coupled in series, i.e., the output of the first is fed into the input of the second.
  - (a) Write the truth table of such a gate
  - (b) If we call the top and bottom inputs  $x, y$ , respectively, and the top and bottom outputs  $x', y'$ , respectively, determine an algebraic expressions for  $x'$  and  $y'$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$
  - (c) A CNOT gate is reversible. This means we can build a gate, the *inverse gate* of the CNOT, that *undoes* what the CNOT does. What is that gate?

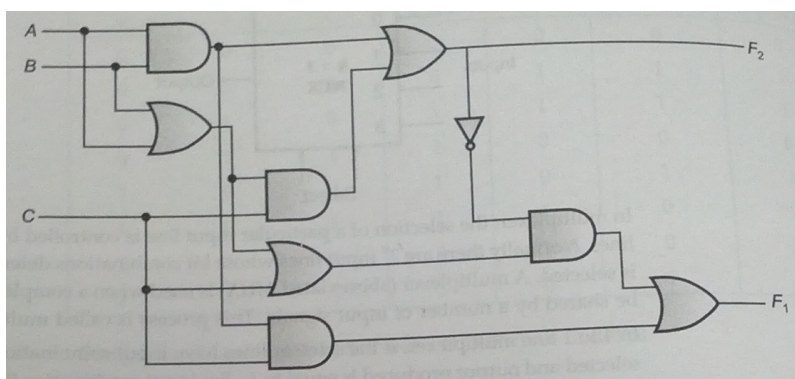


Figure 1: Logic circuit 1

## 2 Problems

7. (ktiCA) Determine the expressions for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  as given by the circuit of figure 1 and simplify as much as possible.
8. (kTICa) Consider the circuit of figure 2 and determine the expressions for  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  in the following cases. What function do we obtain in each case?
  - (a)  $y = 1$
  - (b)  $z = 0$
  - (c)  $x = \neg a$  and  $y = \neg b$  and  $z = 0$

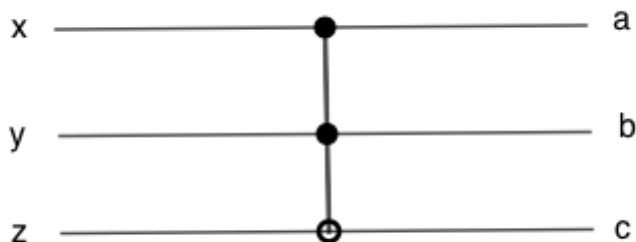


Figure 2: Toffoli gate

9. (kTICA) From your answers to exercise 8, figure out how to write the OR gate using only NOT's and a CNOT.