



# DIGITAL LOGIC(H)

## Lecture 2 Boolean Algebra

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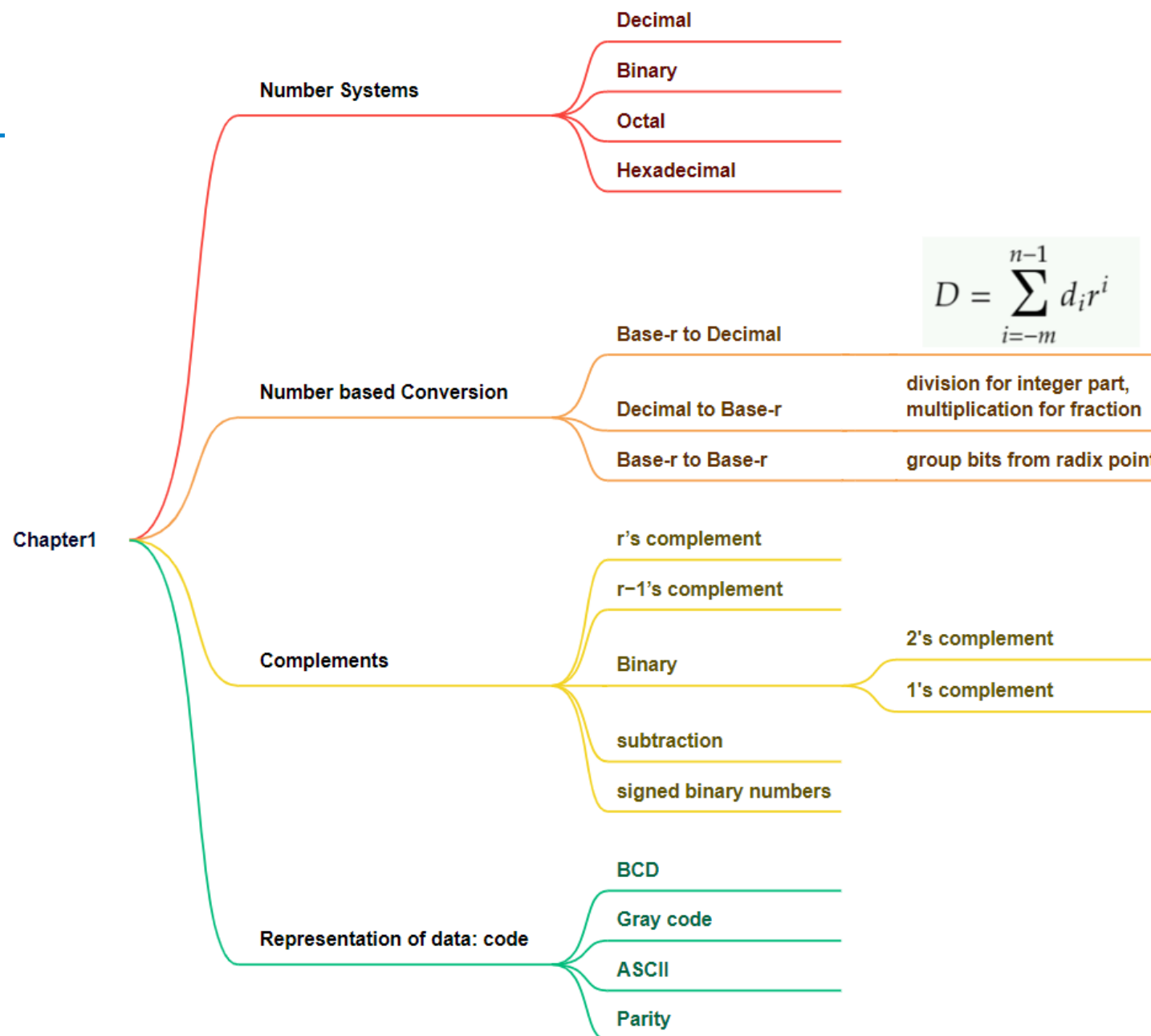
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# Today's Agenda

- Recap
- Context
  - Boolean Algebra (布尔代数)
  - Axioms (公理) and Theorems(定理)
  - Boolean Functions (布尔方程)
  - Canonical (范式) and Standard form(标准式)
- Reading: Textbook, Chapter 2

# Recap





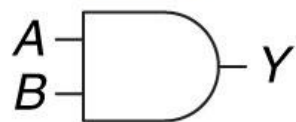
# Outline

- **Axioms and Theorems of Boolean Algebra**
- Simplify Boolean Functions
- Canonical and Standard form
- Other Logic Operations

# Binary Logic

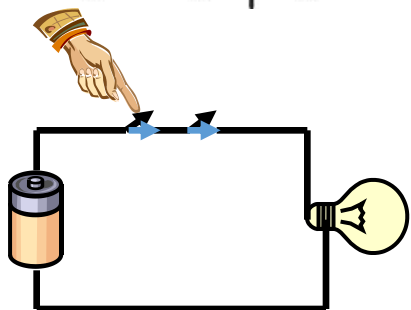
- Deal with Variables like A, B... taking two values:
  - '0', '1'; 'L', 'H'; 'T', 'F'

**AND**

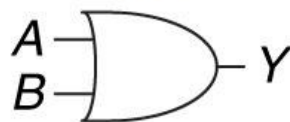


$$Y = AB$$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

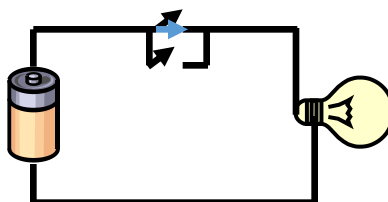


**OR**

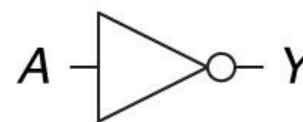


$$Y = A + B$$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1



**NOT**

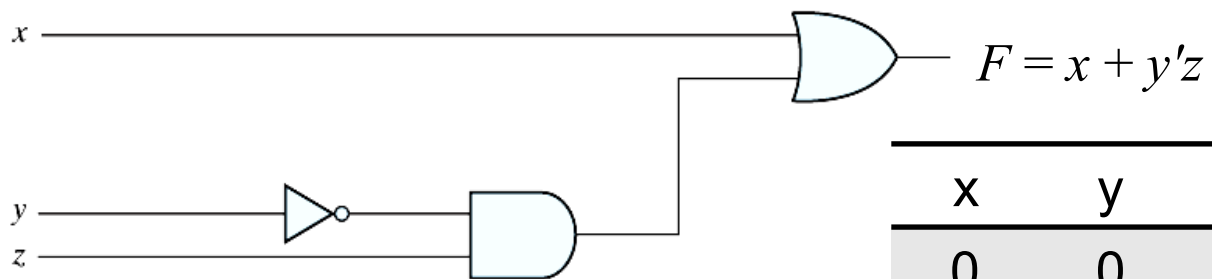


$$Y = A'$$

A	Y
0	1
1	0

# Boolean Equation and Truth Table

- Boolean Equation:  $F = x + y'z$
- Logic diagram:



- if  $x = y = 0, z = 1$ 
  - $F = 0 + 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
- Truth table (真值表)
  - The truth table of  $F$  has  $2^n$  entries ( $n$  = num of inputs)

x	y	z	F
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

# Boolean Algebra

- Boolean algebra(逻辑代数), a deductive mathematical system developed by George Boole in 1854, deals with the rules by which logical operations are carried out.
- Boolean algebra is an algebraic structure defined by
  - a set of elements  $S$ : binary variables;
  - a set of binary operators: AND( $\cdot$ ), OR( $+$ ) and NOT( $'$ );
  - and a number of Axioms/theorems.

# Boolean Axioms and Theorems of One Variable

- **Axioms** and **theorems** to simplify Boolean equations
- **Duality** (对偶性) in Axioms and theorems:
  - Replace  $\cdot$  with  $+$ ,  $0$  with  $1$ , the  $=$  relation remains

	Theorem	Dual	Name
1	$x + 0 = x$	$x \cdot 1 = x$	<b>Identity</b>
2	$x + 1 = 1$	$x \cdot 0 = 0$	Null Element
3	$x + x = x$	$x \cdot x = x$	Idempotency
4	$(x')' = x$		Involution
5	$x + x' = 1$	$x \cdot x' = 0$	<b>Complements</b>

- Operator precedence
  - Parentheses  $>$  NOT  $>$  AND  $>$  OR



# Boolean Axioms and Theorems of Several Variables

- Dual: Replace  $\bullet$  with  $+$ ,  $0$  with  $1$ , the  $=$  relation remains

	Theorem	Dual	Name
6	$xy = yx$	$x + y = y + x$	Commutativity
7	$(xy)z = x(yz)$	$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$	Associativity
8	$x(y + z) = xy + xz$	$x + yz = (x + y)(x + z)$	Distributivity
9	$x + xy = x$	$x(x + y) = x$	Absorption
10	$xy + xy' = x$	$(x + y)(x + y') = x$	Combining
11	$(x+y')y = xy$	$xy' + y = x + y$	Simplification
12	$xy + x'z + yz$ $= xy + x'z$	$(x + y)(x' + z)(y + z)$ $= (x + y)(x' + z)$	Consensus
13	$(x + y)' = x'y'$	$(xy)' = x' + y'$	DeMorgan's law

**Note:** 8's Dual differs from traditional algebra: OR (+) distributes over AND ( $\bullet$ )

# Proofs (1)

Algebraic method

- **Absorption**

- $x + xy = x$

- pf:  $x + xy = x \cdot 1 + x \cdot y = x(1+y) = x$

- **Combining**

- $(x + y)(x + y') = x$

- pf:  $(x + y)(x + y') = x + yy' = x + 0 = x$

- **Simplification**

- $xy' + y = x + y$

- pf:  $xy' + y = xy' + (x+x')y = xy' + xy + x'y$   
 $= (xy' + xy) + (x'y) = x(y'+y) + y(x+x') = x + y$

- **Consensus**

- $xy + x'z + yz = xy + x'z$

- pf:  $xy + x'z + yz = xy + x'z + (x+x')yz$   
 $= xy + x'z + xyz + x'yz$   
 $= (xy + xyz) + (x'z + x'zy) = xy + x'z$

# Proofs (2)

## • DeMorgan's Law

$$(x + y)' = x'y'$$

$$(xy)' = x' + y'$$

Truth table method

pf:

x	y	x'	y'	(x+y)'	x'y'	x'+y'	(xy)'
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

## • Associativity

$$(xy)z = x(yz)$$

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

x	y	z	(xy)z	x(yz)	(x+y)+z	x+(y+z)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1



# Outline

- Axioms and Theorems of Boolean Algebra
- **Simplify Boolean Functions**
- **权威性的** Canonical and Standard form
- Other Logic Operations

# Boolean Functions

- A Boolean function from an algebraic expression can be realized to a logic diagram composed of logic gates.
  - Binary variables
  - operators OR, AND, NOT
  - Parentheses
- Terminology:
  - Literal: A variable or its complement
  - Product term: literals connected by •
  - Sum term: literals connected by +
- Example: 内部是3个积项，然后相加
  - $A'B'C$  +  $A'BC$  +  $AB'$  has 8 literals, 3 product term
  - $(A+B'+C)(A'+C)$  has 5 literals, 2 sum term

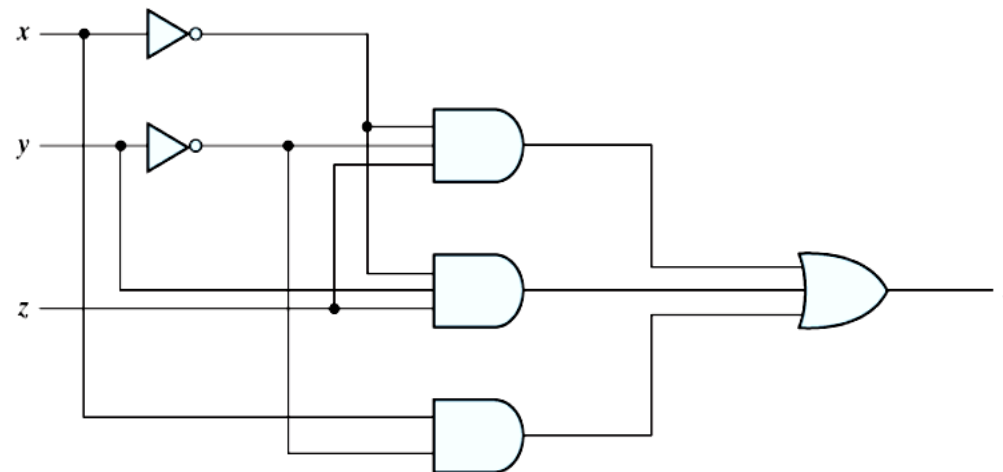
# Boolean Functions

- Each Boolean function has
  - only one representation in truth table
  - but a variety of ways in algebraic form/gate implementation.
- Examples
  - $F_1 = x' y' z + x' y z + x y'$
  - $F_2 = x y' + x' z$
  - $F_1 = F_2$ 
    - Same truth table
    - Different algebraic expression

x	y	z	$F_1$	$F_2$
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

# Gate Implementation

- $F_1 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'$ 
  - 8 literals
  - 3 terms (implementation with a gate)
- $F_2 = x'z + xy'$ 
  - 4 literals
  - 2 terms
  - **Simpler** circuit, more **economical**

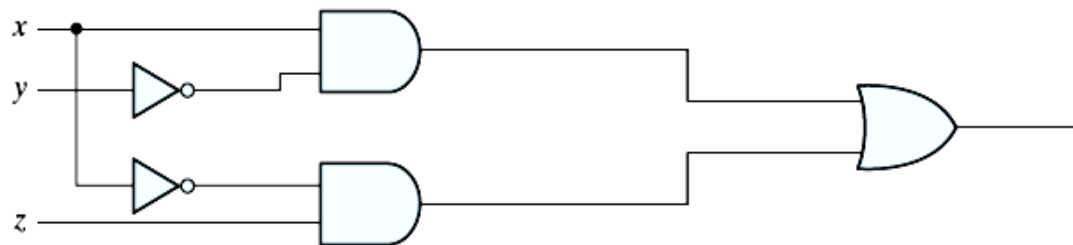


$$F_1 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'$$

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

$$= x'z + xy' = F_2$$

Distributivity  
Complements



# Algebraic Simplification

- Minimize the number of literals and terms for a simpler circuits (less expensive)
- Algebraic simplification can minimize literals and terms. However, no specific rules to guarantee the optimal results
- Usually not possible by hand for complex functions, use computer minimization program
- More advanced techniques in the next lectures (K-Map)
- Useful rules
  - Distributivity
  - Idempotency
  - Complements
  - DeMorgan's
  - etc



# Example

- Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= A'BC + A' \\ &= A'(BC + 1) && \text{Distributivity} \\ &= A' && \text{Null Element} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= XYZ + XY'Z + XYZ' \\ &= XYZ + XY'Z + \textcolor{red}{XYZ} + XYZ' && \text{Idempotency} \\ &= XZ(Y + Y') + XY(Z + Z') && \text{Distributivity} \\ &= XZ + XY && \text{Complements} \\ &= X(Y + Z) && \text{Distributivity} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= A'B'C + A'BC + AB' \\ &= \textcolor{blue}{A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + AB'C'} \\ &= ? \textcolor{blue}{A'C + AB'} \end{aligned}$$

# Boolean Function complement

- The complement of any function  $F$  is  $F'$ , which can be obtained by DeMorgan's Theorem
  - Take the **dual** of expression, and then complement each literal in  $F$
- Example:  $F_3 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'$ 
  - Step1, Dual: Replace  $\cdot$  with  $+$ ,  $0$  with  $1$

$$x'y'z + x'yz + xy' \xrightarrow{\text{Dual}} (x'+y'+z)(x'+y+z)(x+y')$$

- Step2, complement each literal in  $F$

$$\begin{aligned} F_3' &= (x'y'z + x'yz + xy')' \\ &= (x+y+z')(x+y'+z')(x'+y) \end{aligned} \quad \text{DeMorgan}$$

二元性  
Pay attention! The dual is not duality!  
 $x'y'z + x'yz + xy' \neq (x'+y'+z)(x'+y+z)(x+y')$  原表达式与其对偶不一定等价



# Outline

- Axioms and Theorems of Boolean Algebra
- Simplify Boolean Functions
- **Canonical and Standard form**
- Other Logic Operations

# Minterms and Maxterms

- Minterms and Maxterms
- A **minterm**(最小项): an AND term consists of all literals in their normal form or in their complement form.
  - For example, two binary variables  $x$  and  $y$ ,
    - $x'y'$ ,  $x'y$ ,  $xy'$ ,  $xy$  ( $m_0 \sim m_3$ )
  - $n$  variables can be combined to form  $2^n$  minterms
- A **maxterm**(最大项): an OR term
  - For example, two binary variables  $x$  and  $y$ ,
    - $x+y$ ,  $x+y'$ ,  $x'+y$ ,  $x'+y'$  ( $M_0 \sim M_3$ )
  - $2^n$  maxterms
- Each maxterm is the complement of its corresponding minterm and vice versa. ( $M_i = m_i'$ )

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# Minterms and Maxterms

- Canonical forms
  - sum-of-minterms (som)
  - product-of-maxterms (pom)

Example: Minterms and maxterms for three binary variables

			Minterms		Maxterms	
<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	$m_0$	$x + y + z$	$M_0$
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	$m_1$	$x + y + z'$	$M_1$
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	$m_2$	$x + y' + z$	$M_2$
0	1	1	$x'yz$	$m_3$	$x + y' + z'$	$M_3$
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	$m_4$	$x' + y + z$	$M_4$
1	0	1	$xy'z$	$m_5$	$x' + y + z'$	$M_5$
1	1	0	$xyz'$	$m_6$	$x' + y' + z$	$M_6$
1	1	1	$xyz$	$m_7$	$x' + y' + z'$	$M_7$

# Canonical Forms

- A Boolean function  $F = xy + x'z$  can be expressed by
- a truth table
- either of the 2 canonical forms
  - sum-of-minterms
    - $F = x'y'z + x'yz + xyz' + xyz$   
 $= m_1 + m_3 + m_6 + m_7 = \sum(1,3,6,7)$
  - product-of-maxterms
    - $F = (x+y+z)(x+y'+z)(x'+y+z)(x'+y+z')$   
 $= M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_5 = \prod(0,2,4,5)$

Why  $F = \sum(1,3,6,7) = \prod(0,2,4,5)$  ?

x	y	z	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

# Conversion between som and pom

- To convert from one canonical(som: Sum of Minterms) to another(pom: Product of Maxterms), interchange  $\sum$  and  $\prod$ , and list the numbers that were excluded from the original form

$$F = \sum(1, 3, 6, 7) = m_1 + m_3 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$F' = \sum(0, 2, 4, 5) = m_0 + m_2 + m_4 + m_5$$

$$F = \sum(1, 3, 6, 7)$$

$$= (F')' = (m_0 + m_2 + m_4 + m_5)'$$

$$= m'_0 m'_2 m'_4 m'_5$$

$$= M_0 M_2 M_4 M_5$$

$$= \prod(0, 2, 4, 5)$$

(som)

(Convolution)

(DeMorgan's)

( $M_i = m'_i$ )

(pom)

x	y	z	F	F'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

# Represent a Function in Canonical Forms

- Example: Express  $F = A + B'C$  as a sum of minterms.
  - by truth table
  - or by expanding the missing variables in each term, using  $1 = x + x'$ ,  $0 = xx'$
- Hint:  $xy = xy(z + z') = xyz + xyz'$

$$F = A + B'C$$

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

$$= AB + AB' + B'C$$

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

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

$$= m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$= \sum(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

Truth Table for  $F = A + B'C$

A	B	C	F
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



# Represent a Function in Canonical Forms

- Example: Express  $F = xy + x'z$  as a product of maxterms.
  - by truth table
  - First convert to product of sum form, then expand, using  $1=x+x'$ ,  $0=xx'$
- Hints:  $x + y = (x + y + zz') = (x+y+z)(x+y+z')$

$$F = xy + x'z$$

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

Distributivity

$$= (xy + x')(xy + z)$$

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

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

$$= (x'+y+zz')(x+z+yy')(y+z+xx')$$

重复消去

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

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

$$= M_0 M_2 M_4 M_5$$

$$= \prod(0, 2, 4, 5)$$

Tips: You can also use  
DeMorgan's Law  
(Involution first)

# Exercise

- How to convert  $f = x + y'z$  into canonical form?

$$\begin{aligned} f &= x + y'z \\ &= ?(y' + x)(z + x) \\ &= (y' + x + zz')(z + x + yy') \\ &= (x + y' + z)(x + y' + z')(x + y + z) \\ &= \pi(0, 2, 3) \\ &= \sum(1, 4, 5, 6, 7) \end{aligned}$$

# Standard Forms

→ 不一定literal最少

- Canonical forms are very seldom the ones with the least number of literals.
- Standard forms: the terms that form the function may have fewer literals than the minterms.
  - Sum of products(sop):  $F_1 = y' + xy + x'yz'$
  - Product of sums(pos):  $F_2 = x(y'+z)(x'+y+z')$
  - $F_3 = A'B'CD + ABC'D'$
- Standard forms are not unique!



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# Other Logic Operations

- $2^n$  rows in the truth table of  $n$  binary variables.
- ~~$2^{2^n}$~~  functions for  $n$  binary variables.  $2^{2^n}$
- 16 functions of two binary variables.

*Truth Tables for the 16 Functions of Two Binary Variables*

$x$	$y$	$F_0$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	$F_4$	$F_5$	$F_6$	$F_7$	$F_8$	$F_9$	$F_{10}$	$F_{11}$	$F_{12}$	$F_{13}$	$F_{14}$	$F_{15}$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

- All the new symbols except for the exclusive-OR symbol are not in common use by digital designers.

# Boolean Expressions

- 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

- Consider the 16 functions in previous Table
  - Two are equal to a constant ( $F_0$  and  $F_{15}$ ).
  - Four are repeated twice ( $F_4$ ,  $F_5$ ,  $F_{10}$  and  $F_{11}$ ).
  - Inhibition ( $F_2$ ) and implication ( $F_{13}$ ) are not commutative or associative.
  - The other eight are used as standard gates:
    - complement ( $F_{12}$ )
    - transfer ( $F_3$ )
    - AND ( $F_1$ )
    - OR ( $F_7$ )
    - NAND ( $F_{14}$ )
    - NOR ( $F_8$ )
    - XOR ( $F_6$ )
    - equivalence (XNOR) ( $F_9$ )
- Complement: inverter.
- Transfer: buffer (increasing drive strength).
- Equivalence: XNOR.

不可交换/结合

# Summary of Logic Gates

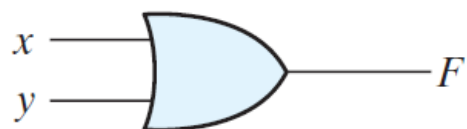
AND



$$F = x \cdot y$$

$x$	$y$	$F$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

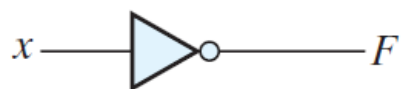
OR



$$F = x + y$$

$x$	$y$	$F$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

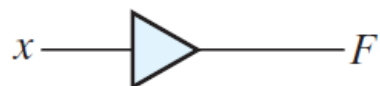
Inverter



$$F = x'$$

$x$	$F$
0	1
1	0

Buffer



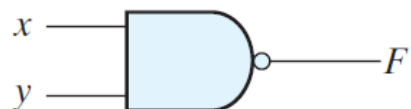
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$x$	$F$
0	0
1	1



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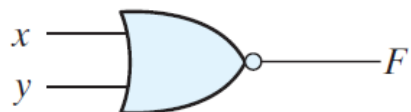
NAND



$$F = (xy)'$$

$x$	$y$	$F$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

NOR



$$F = (x + y)'$$

$x$	$y$	$F$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

✓ Exclusive-OR  
(XOR)



$$F = xy' + x'y$$

$$= x \oplus y$$

$x$	$y$	$F$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Exclusive-NOR  
or  
equivalence



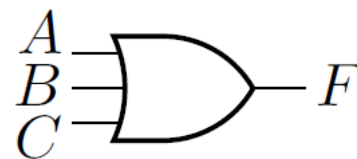
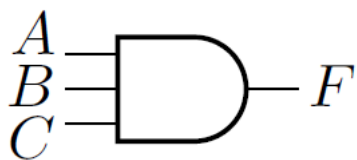
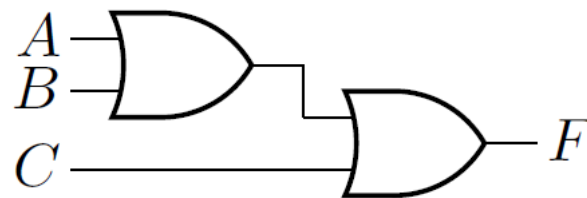
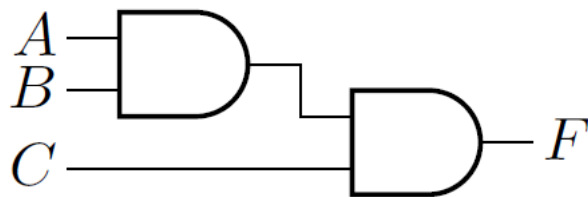
$$F = xy + x'y'$$

$$= (x \oplus y)'$$

$x$	$y$	$F$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

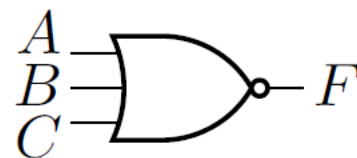
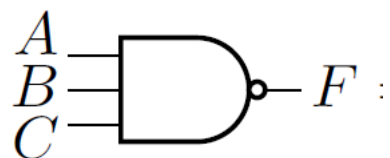
# Multiple Inputs

- Extension to multiple inputs
  - A gate can be extended to multiple inputs.
  - AND and OR are commutative and associative.
    - $F = ABC = (AB)C$
    - $F = A + B + C = (A + B) + C$



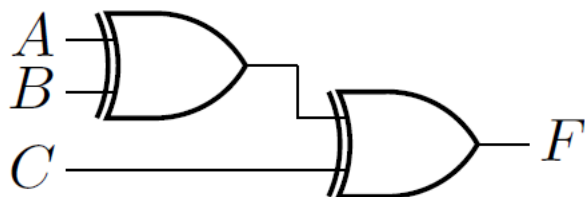
# Multiple Inputs

- NAND and NOR 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.



# Multiple Inputs

- 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.



$$\begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{matrix} \text{ XOR } F = A \oplus B \oplus C$$