

## Boolean Algebra Simplifications

### Simplification Exercises

Simplify the follow expressions. Remember that there is more than one form of some Laws, so saying ‘Apply the Absorption Law’ does not always mean exactly the same thing.

1.  $C = G + GY$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
2.  $X = TR + R$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
3.  $T = PQR + PQRS$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
4.  $W = ZYQF + FYQ$  (Remember: the **Commutative Law** says that the order of terms does not matter. So apply the **Absorption Law**)
5.  $Q = T + \overline{T}U$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
6.  $W = ZY\overline{Q} + Q$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
7.  $P = C + \overline{C}D$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
8.  $Q = \overline{S} + \overline{S}R$  (Apply the **Absorption Law**)
9.  $F = QW + QY$  (Apply the **Distributive Law**)
10.  $Y = WQ + EW$  (Apply the **Distributive Law**)
11.  $Z = BR + BRL$  (Two steps: Apply the **Distributive Law** to take  $B$  outside the brackets. Then apply the **Absorption Law** to what is left in the brackets)
12.  $U = FYT + FYTL$  (Two steps: Apply the **Distributive Law** to take  $FY$  outside the brackets. Then apply the **Absorption Law** to what is left in the brackets)
13.  $Q = P + P$
14.  $H = TU + T\overline{U}$  (Apply the **Distributive Law**.  
What can you do with what is left in the brackets?)
15.  $W = T + \overline{T}$
16.  $G = H.H$
17.  $J = KL + LK$
18.  $F = R.S.Q.S.R.R$
19.  $Q = \overline{CB} + CB$  (Hint: you don't need De-Morgan's Law)
20.  $T = \overline{U} + \overline{V}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
21.  $X = \overline{Y} + Z$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
22.  $K = \overline{LM}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
23.  $D = \overline{\overline{EF}}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
24.  $H = \overline{F + G + J}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
25.  $M = \overline{\overline{N} + \overline{P}}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
26.  $X = \overline{AB + CD}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law to the NOR gate**)
27.  $Z = A + \overline{AB}$  (Apply the **Absorption Law** first and then apply **De-Morgan's Law**)
28.  $S = \overline{\overline{P} + Q} + \overline{\overline{P} + \overline{Q}}$  (Apply **De-Morgan's Law** to each NOR gate, then see what you can do)
29.  $F = G(H + J + K + L + G)$

**Further Simplification Exercises**

Simplify the following expressions.

1.  $F(K + R) + SV + W\bar{X} + VS + \bar{X}W + (R + K)F$

2.  $\bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{B}A + CDE + \bar{C}DE + E\bar{C}D$

3.  $AB + AC + BA$

4.  $FE + FF + FG$

5.  $(PQ + R + ST)ST$

6.  $TUV + XY + Y$

7.  $X = \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}.\bar{B}C + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + AB$

8.  $Y = P\bar{Q} + PQR + \bar{P}.\bar{Q}.\bar{R}$

9.  $Z = EFGH + \bar{E}.\bar{F}.\bar{G}.\bar{H} + \bar{E}.\bar{F}GH$

10.  $X = \bar{A}.\bar{B} + \bar{A}B$

11.  $X = \bar{A}B + A\bar{B} + AB$

12.  $Y = \bar{A}.\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + ABC$

13.  $Y = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B.\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + ABC$

14.  $Z = \bar{A}.\bar{B}.\bar{C} + \bar{A}.\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}.\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C$

15.  $Z = \bar{A}.\bar{B}.\bar{C} + \bar{A}.\bar{B}C + \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}.\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C + ABC$

Show that:

16.  $(BE + C + F)C = C$

17.  $Y(W + X + \overline{\bar{Y} + \bar{Z}})Z = YZ$

18.  $(\overline{A + B})(\overline{A + B}) = 0$

19.  $A + \bar{A}B + \bar{A}.\bar{B} = 1$