

## 2. Boolean Algebra and Logic Gates

## 2.1 Introduction

- Boolean Algebra
  - Define
    - a set of elements, a set of operators
    - a number of unproved axioms or postulates

## 2.2 Basic Definitions

### • Various algebraic structures

1. 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 elements of S.
2. Associative law :  $(x*y)*z=x*(y*z)$  for all  $x,y,z \in S$
3. Commutative law :  $x*y=y*x$  for all  $x,y \in S$
4. Identity elements: for all  $x \in S$ ,  $e*x=x*e=x$   
ex) set of integers  $I=\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $x+0=0+x=x$
5. Inverse : A set S having the identity elements  
for all  $x \in S$  ,  $y \in S$ ,  $x*y=e$
6. Distributive law :  $x*(y \cdot z)=(x*y) \cdot (x*z)$

## 2.3 Axiom Definition of Boolean Algebra

- Boolean algebra is an algebraic structure defined by a set of elements,  $B$ , together with two binary operators,  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , provided that the following(Huntington) postulates are satisfied
  1. (a) Closure with respect to the operator  $+$ .  
(a) Closure with respect to the operator  $\cdot$ .
  2. (a) An identity element with respect to  $+$ , designated by  $0$ :  $x+0=0+x=x$   
(b) An identity element with respect to  $\cdot$ , designated by  $1$ :  $x\cdot 1=1\cdot x=x$
  3. (a) Commutative with respect to  $+$  :  $x + y = y + x$   
(a) Commutative with respect to  $\cdot$  :  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
  4. (a)  $\cdot$  is distributive over  $+$  :  $x \cdot (y+z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$   
(a)  $+$  is distributive over  $\cdot$  :  $x+(y \cdot z) = (x+y) \cdot (x+z)$
  5. For every element  $x \in B$ , there exists an element  $x' \in B$  such that (a) $x+x'=1$  and (b)  $x \cdot x' = 0$
  6. There exists at least two elements  $x, y \in B$  such that  $x \neq y$

# 2.4 Basic Theorems and Properties of Boolean Algebra

## ● Duality

- interchange OR and And operators and replace 1's by 0's and 0's by 1's

**Table 2-1**  
*Postulates and Theorems of Boolean Algebra*

Postulate 2	(a)	$x + 0 = x$	(b)	$x \cdot 1 = x$
Postulate 5	(a)	$x + x' = 1$	(b)	$x \cdot x' = 0$
Theorem 1	(a)	$x + x = x$	(b)	$x \cdot x = x$
Theorem 2	(a)	$x + 1 = 1$	(b)	$x \cdot 0 = 0$
Theorem 3, involution		$(x')' = x$		
Postulate 3, commutative	(a)	$x + y = y + x$	(b)	$xy = yx$
Theorem 4, associative	(a)	$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$	(b)	$x(yz) = (xy)z$
Postulate 4, distributive	(a)	$x(y + z) = xy + xz$	(b)	$x + yz = (x + y)(x + z)$
Theorem 5, DeMorgan	(a)	$(x + y)' = x'y'$	(b)	$(xy)' = x' + y'$
Theorem 6, absorption	(a)	$x + xy = x$	(b)	$x(x + y) = x$

## ● Operator precedence

1. Parentheses
2. NOT
3. AND
4. OR

## 2.5 Boolean Functions

**Table 2-2**  
*Truth Tables for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$*

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	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

- $F_1 = x + y'z$
- $F_2 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'$   
 $= x'z(y' + y) + xy'$   
 $= x'z + xy'$

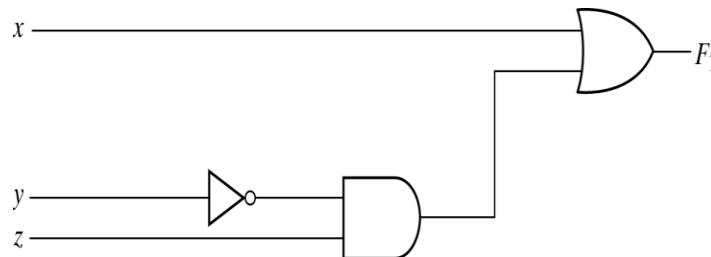
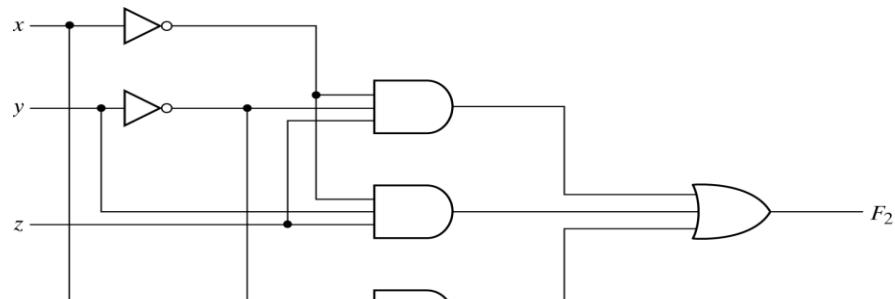
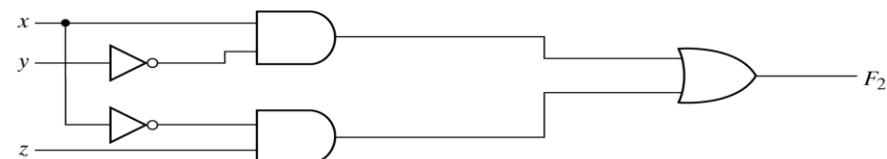


Fig. 2-1 Gate implementation of  $F_1 = x + y'z$



(a)  $F_2 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'$



(b)  $F_2 = xy' + x'z$

Fig. 2-2 Implementation of Boolean function  $F_2$  with gates

## 2.5 Boolean Functions – Algebraic Manipulation

- Ex 2-1) Simplify the following Boolean functions to a minimum number of literals.

$$1. x(x'+y) = xx' + xy = 0 + xy = xy.$$

$$2. x + x'y = (x+x')(x+y) = 1(x+y) = x + y.$$

$$3. (x+y)(x+y') = x + xy + xy' + yy' = x(1+y+y') = x.$$

$$\begin{aligned}4. xy + x'z + yz &= xy + x'z + yz(x+x') \\&= xy + x'z + xyz + x'yz \\&= xy(1+z) + x'z(1+y) \\&= xy + x'z\end{aligned}$$

$$5. (x+y)(x'+z)(y+z) = (x+y)(x'+z) : \text{by duality from function 4.}$$

- $(A + B + C)' = (A+x)' \quad \text{let } B+C=x$

$$= A'x' \quad \text{by theorem 5(a)(DeMorgan)}$$

$$= A'(B+C)' \quad \text{substitute } B+C=x$$

$$= A'(B'C') \quad \text{by theorem 5(a)(DeMorgan)}$$

$$= A'B'C' \quad \text{by theorem 4(b)(associative)}$$

$$\rightarrow (A+B+C+D+\dots+F)' = A'B'C'D'\dots F'$$

$$(ABCD\dots F)' = A' + B' + C' + D' + \dots + F'$$

## 2.5 Boolean Functions – Complement of a Function

- Ex 2-2) Find the complement of the functions

$$F_1 = x'yz' + x'y'z, F_2 = x(y'z' + yz).$$

$$F_1' = (x'yz' + x'y'z)' = (x'yz')'(x'y'z)' = (x+y'+z)(x+y+z')$$

$$F_2' = [x(y'z' + yz)]' = x' + (y'z' + yz)' = x' + (y'z')'(yz)' = x' + (y+z)(y'+z')$$

- Ex 2-3) Find the complement of the functions  $F_1$  And  $F_2$  Ex 2-2 by taking their duals and complementing each literal.

1.  $F_1 = x'yz' + x'y'z.$

The dual of  $F_1$  is  $(x'+y+z')(x'+y'+z)$

Complement each literal :  $(x+y'+z)(x+y+z')=F_1'$

2.  $F_2 = x(y'z' + yz).$

The dual of  $F_2$  is  $x+(y'+z')(y+z)0|\dashv$ .

Complement each literal :  $x' + (y+z)(y'+z')=F_2'$

## 2.6 Canonical and Standard Forms

### Minterms and Maxterms

**Table 2-3**  
*Minterms and Maxterms for Three Binary Variables*

			Minterms		Maxterms	
x	y	z	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	$xyz$	$m_7$	$x' + y' + z'$	$M_7$

## 2.6 Canonical and Standard Forms

**Table 2-4**  
*Functions of Three Variables*

<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>z</b>	<b>Function <math>f_1</math></b>	<b>Function <math>f_2</math></b>
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

$$f_1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$$

$$f_2 = x'yz + xy'z + xyz' + xyz = m_3 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$f_1 = (x + y + z)(x + y' + z)(x' + y + z')(x' + y' + z)$$

$$= M_0 M_2 M_3 M_5 M_6$$

$$f_2 = (x + y + z)(x + y + z')(x + y' + z)(x' + y + z)$$

$$= M_0 M_1 M_2 M_4$$

## 2.6 Canonical and Standard Forms

- Sum of Minterms
- Ex 2-4) Express the Boolean function  $F=A+B'C$  in a sum of minterms.

$$\begin{aligned}A &= A(B + B') = AB + AB' \\&= AB(C + C') + AB'(C + C') \\&= ABC + ABC' + AB'C + AB'C'\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}F &= A + B'C \\&= A' B'C + AB'C' + AB'C + ABC' + ABC \\&= m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7 \\&= \Sigma(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)\end{aligned}$$

**Table 2-5**  
*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

## 2.6 Canonical and Standard Forms

- Product of maxterms
- Ex 2-5) Express the Boolean function  $F = xy + x'z$  in a product of maxterm form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= M_0 M_2 M_4 M_5$$

$$F(x, y, z) = \prod(0, 2, 4, 5)$$

## 2.6 Canonical and Standard Forms

- Conversion between Canonical Forms

$$F(A, B, C) = \sum(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

$$F'(A, B, C) = \sum(0, 2, 3) = m_0 + m_2 + m_3$$

$$F = (m_0 + m_2 + m_3)' = m_0' m_2' m_3' = M_0 M_2 M_3 = \prod(0, 2, 3), m_j' = M_j$$

Ex)  $F = xy + x'z$

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

$$F(x, y, z) = \prod(0, 2, 4, 5)$$

**Table 2-6**

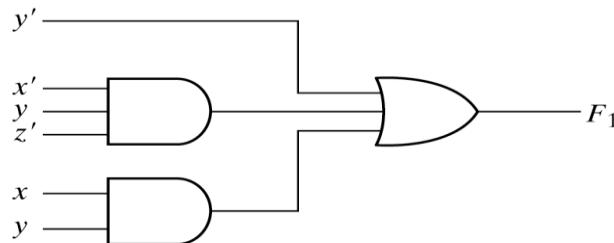
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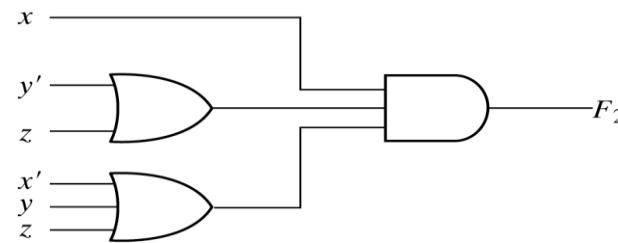
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### Standard Forms

- Sum of product :  $F_1 = y' + xy + x'yz'$
- Product of sum :  $F_2 = x(y'+z)(x'+y+z'+w)$



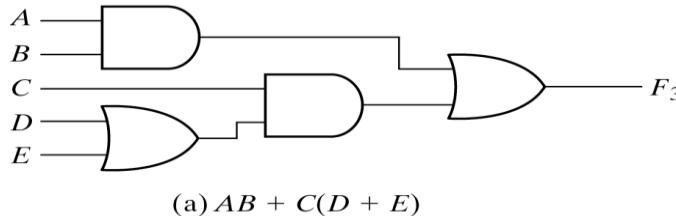
(a) Sum of Products



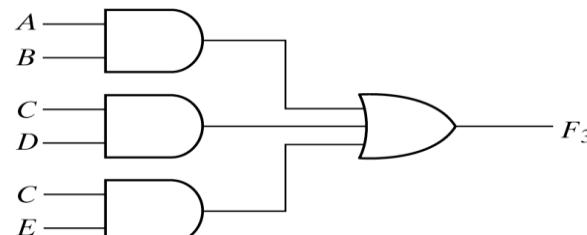
(b) Product of Sums

Fig. 2-3 Two-level implementation

- Ex)  $F_3 = AB + C(D+E) = AB + CD + CE$



(a)  $AB + C(D + E)$



(b)  $AB + CD + CE$

Fig. 2-4 Three- and Two-Level implementation

## 2.7 Other Logic Operations

Truth Tables for the 16 Functions of Two Binary Variables

<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b><math>F_0</math></b>	<b><math>F_1</math></b>	<b><math>F_2</math></b>	<b><math>F_3</math></b>	<b><math>F_4</math></b>	<b><math>F_5</math></b>	<b><math>F_6</math></b>	<b><math>F_7</math></b>	<b><math>F_8</math></b>	<b><math>F_9</math></b>	<b><math>F_{10}</math></b>	<b><math>F_{11}</math></b>	<b><math>F_{12}</math></b>	<b><math>F_{13}</math></b>	<b><math>F_{14}</math></b>	<b><math>F_{15}</math></b>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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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

Boolean Expressions for the 16 Functions of Two Variables

<b>Boolean functions</b>	<b>Operator symbol</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
$F_0 = 0$		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

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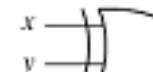
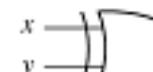
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Exclusive-NOR or equivalence		$F = xy + x'y'$ $= (x \oplus y)'$	<table border="1"> <tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> </table>	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
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### Extension to Multiple Inputs

- The NAND and NOR operators are not associative.

$$(x \downarrow y) \downarrow z \neq x \downarrow (y \downarrow z)$$

$$(x \downarrow y) \downarrow z = [(x+y)' + z]'$$

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

$$x \downarrow (y \downarrow z) = [x + (y+z)']'$$

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

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

$$x \uparrow y \uparrow z = (xyz)'$$

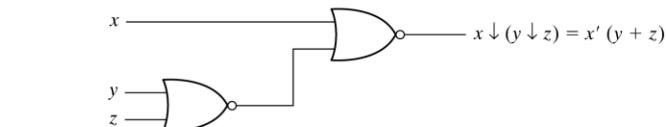
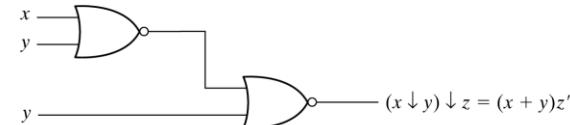
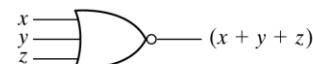


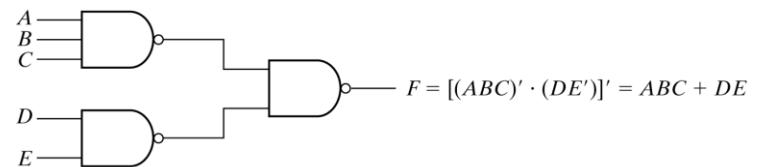
Fig. 2-6 Demonstrating the nonassociativity of the NOR operator;  $(x \downarrow y) \downarrow z \neq x \downarrow (y \downarrow z)$



(a) 3-input NOR gate



(b) 3-input NAND gate



(c) Cascaded NAND gates

Fig. 2-7 Multiple-input and cascaded NOR and NAND gates

$$F = [(ABC)'(DE)']' = ABC + DE$$

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- exclusive-OR

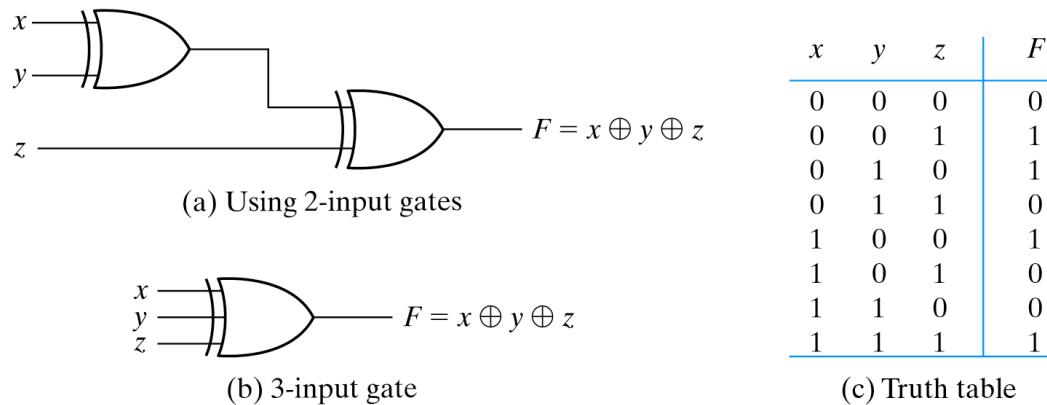


Fig. 2-8 3-input exclusive-OR gate

### Positive and Negative Logic

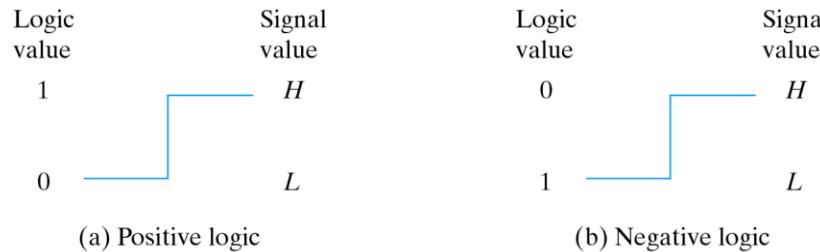


Fig. 2-9 signal assignment and logic polarity