

# L1 (3.1 – 3.25)

- Basic logic gates: AND, OR, NOT, buffer
- Truth table
- Logic or Boolean expression
- Timing waveform: rise time, fall time and propagation delay
- Logic circuit diagram

### **3. Logic Gates and Boolean Algebra**

**Digital circuits can be found in smart phones, computers, washing machines, cars, etc.**

**Logic gates are the basic building blocks of digital circuits.**

**Boolean algebra is used to describe, design and simplify digital circuits.**

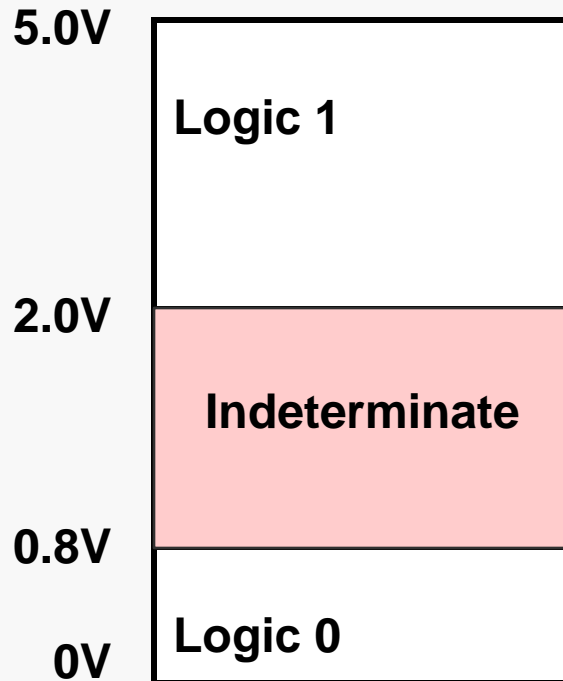
## **Boolean Constants – only 2 values**

- **TRUE, FALSE**
- **Logic HIGH, Logic LOW**
- **HI, LO**
- **1, 0**

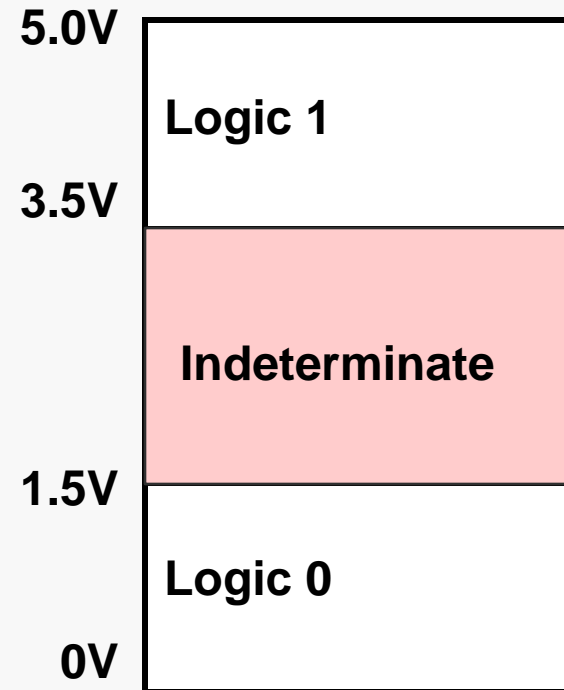
**Boolean (logic) variables can only assume one of the two values**

# Common Logic-level voltage ranges

## TTL



## CMOS (74AC)

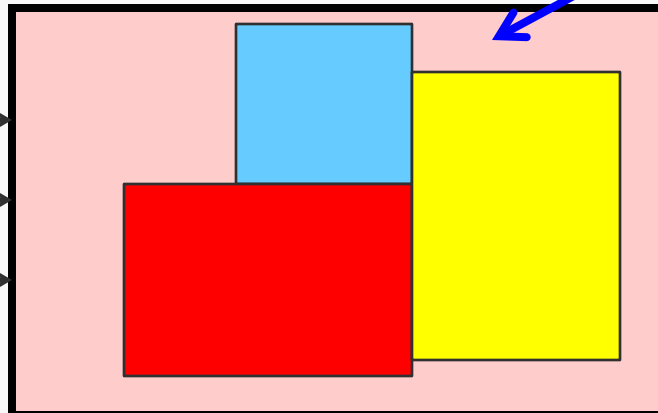


# A typical logic circuit

- 1 or more logic inputs
- 1 or more logic outputs
- Outputs are related to inputs by logic functions

inputs:

X  
Y  
Z



Smaller logic  
circuit blocks

output:

F

# Truth table

- Logic function can be fully described by a **Truth Table**.
- The Truth table
  - shows how a logic circuit's output responds to various combinations of logic inputs
  - has  $2^N$  number of input combinations for N inputs
  - lists all possible input combinations in the binary counting sequence

# A typical N-input truth table

$2^N$   
rows

Input 1	Input 2	...	Input N-1	Input N	Output
0	0	...	0	0	1
0	0	...	0	1	0
0	.	...	1	0	0
0	.	...	1	1	.
.	.	...	.	.	.
.	.	...	.	.	.
1	.	...	0	0	.
1	.	...	0	1	.
1	1	...	1	0	.
1	1	...	1	1	.

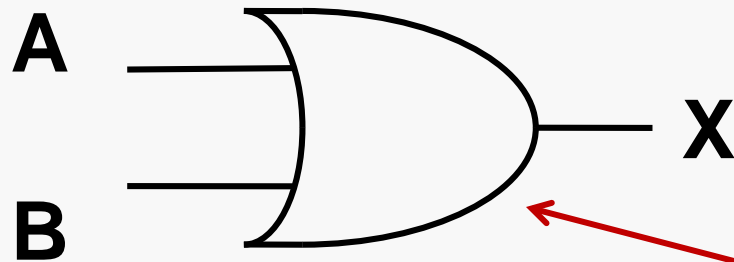
## **3 Basic Logic Operations**

- **Logical addition - OR**
- **Logical multiplication - AND**
- **Logical complement or inversion - NOT**

**In digital circuits, these are realised by electronic devices called logic gates.**



# Logical OR Operation



Logic  
symbol

- **Logical OR operation**

- $X = A + B$

- $X = A \text{ OR } B$

Logic  
expression

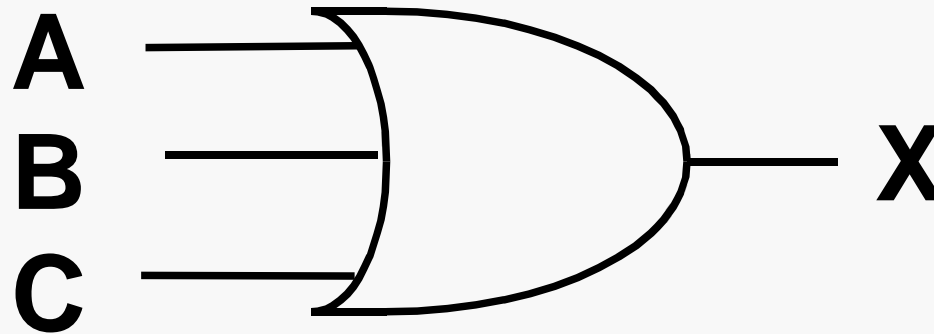
- **2-input OR gate:  $X = A + B$**

# Truth table for a 2-input OR gate

**( $X = A+B$ )**

Inputs		Output
A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

**$X=1$  if at least one input is = 1**



**3-input OR gate:**

$$X = A + B + C$$

**OR operation result will be 1 if at least one input is 1**

# Truth Table for a 3-input OR gate

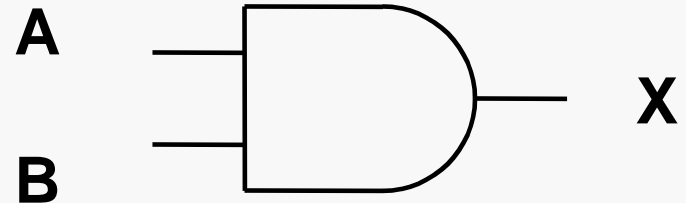
$(X = A+B+C)$

Inputs			Output
A	B	C	X
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

# Logical AND operation

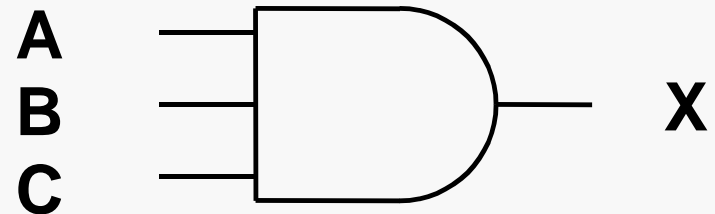
## Logical AND operation

- $X = A \bullet B$
- $X = A \text{ AND } B$
- $X = AB$



## 2-input AND gate:

- $X = AB$



## 3-input AND gate:

- $X = ABC$

**AND operation result will be 1 only if all inputs are 1**

# Truth table for 2-input AND gate

**( $X = AB$ )**

Inputs		Output
A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

**Output  $X=1$  only if all inputs are 1**

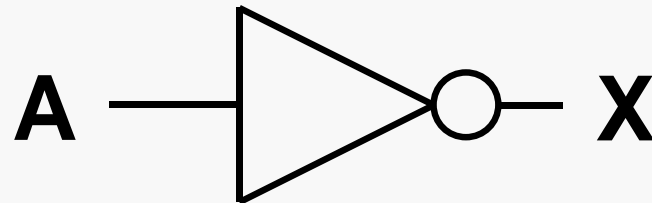
# The Truth Table for a 3-input AND gate ( $X = ABC$ )

Inputs			Output
A	B	C	X
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

# Logical NOT operation

- NOT gate only has 1 input and it is commonly known as an **inverter**
- the output is the complement/inverse of the input

- $X = \overline{A}$



- $X = A'$       ← we will use this notation



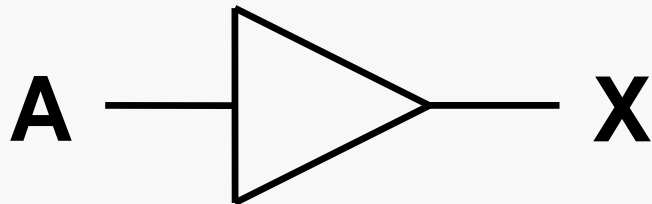
# Logical NOT operation

- Its truth table is very simple

input	output
<b>A</b>	<b><math>X = A'</math></b>
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

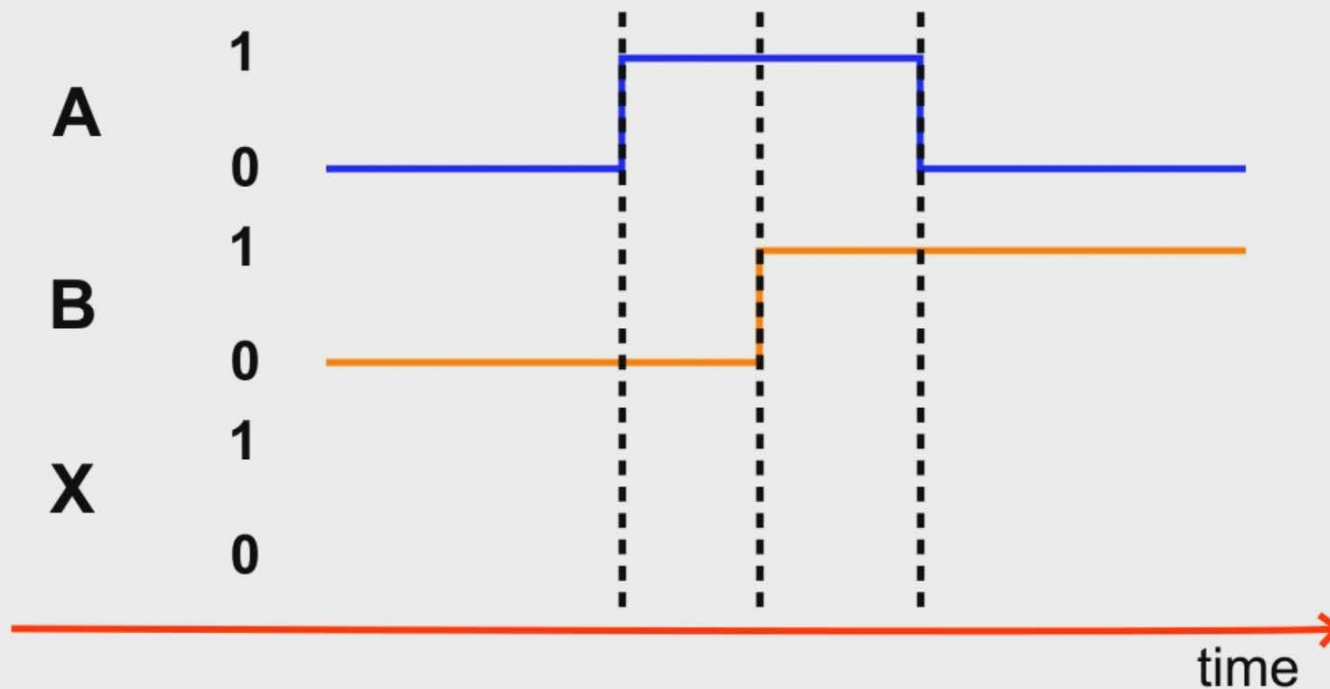
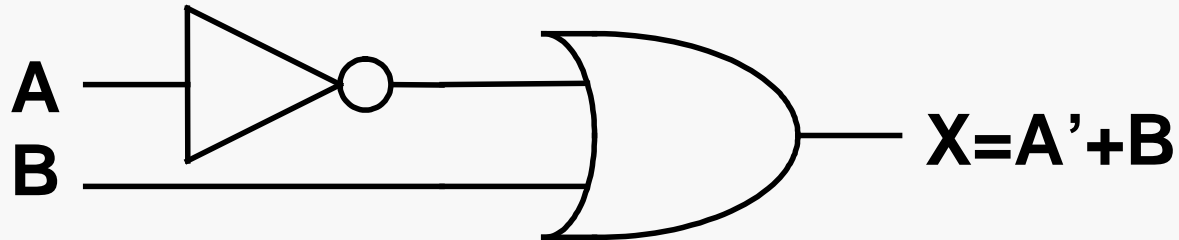
# Buffer

- Its truth table is also very simple
- No change in logic

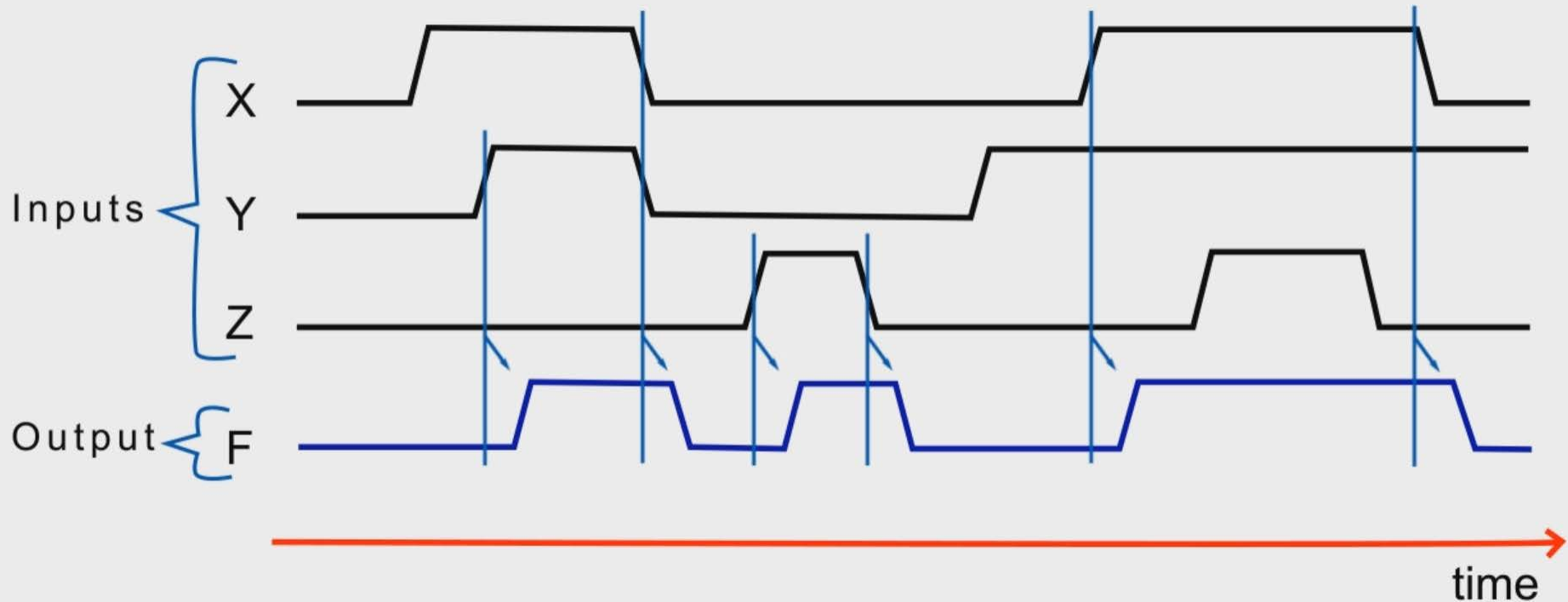


input	output
A	$X = A$
0	0
1	1

- **Example: Sketch the logic waveform of X**



- **Timing diagram with more realistic appearance, showing propagation delays, rise time and fall time**



**Fig. 3.17 (taken from Wakerly)**

# Boolean Algebra

- **Helps to analyse logic circuits.**
- **Express operations mathematically.**
- **Similar to normal algebra but much simpler.**
- **It does not have fraction or negative number.**

## Order of Precedence in Boolean Algebra:

- Complement over a single variable (inversion)
- Expression within parentheses
- AND
- OR

Examples:

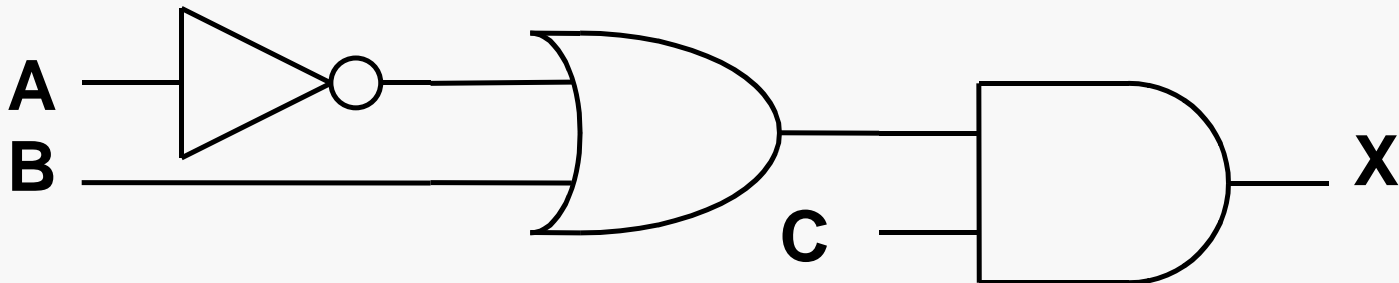
1.  $Y = A + B C'$

2.  $Y = (A + B) C'$

3.  $Y = A + (B C)'$

## Describing logic circuits algebraically

- **AND, OR and NOT operations**
  - are basic building blocks of digital system
  - can completely describe any logic circuit
- **Example: express output X in terms of inputs A, B and C**



# Evaluating logic circuit outputs

**From a Boolean expression, the logic level of an output can be determined for any values of the circuit inputs.**

**Example**

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

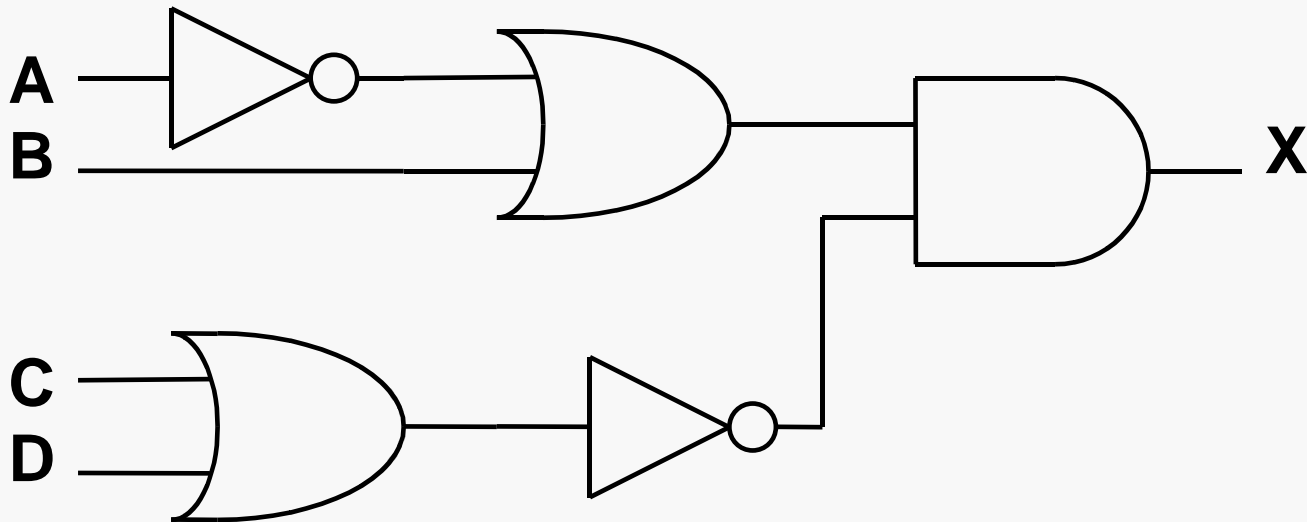
**If inputs A,B,C,D = 0,1,1,0  
X = ?**

**If inputs A,B,C,D = 1,1,1,1  
X = ?**

**If inputs A,B,C,D = 0,0,0,0  
X = ?**



# Determining Instantaneous Output Level from a Logic Circuit Diagram



e.g. if  $A=1$ ,  $B=1$ ,  $C=0$ ,  $D=0$ , then  $X=?$

# Implementing Circuits from Boolean expressions

**Example  $Y = AC + BC' + A'BC$**

# L2 (3.26 – 3.46)

- Single and Multi-variable Boolean theorems
- NAND, NOR gates
- NAND-only and NOR-only implementations

# Boolean Theorems

- Many of the theorems are similar to those in normal algebra.
- The theorems can be used to simplify logic expressions and therefore can help to simplify logic circuits.
- Simpler circuits cost less to build and are less prone to failure.

# Boolean Theorems

## Axioms:

$$X = 0 \text{ if } X \neq 1$$

$$X = 1 \text{ if } X \neq 0$$

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 + 1 = 1$$

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

# Single variable theorems:

$$X \bullet 0 = 0$$

$$X \bullet 1 = X$$

$$X \bullet X = X$$

$$X \bullet X' = 0$$

$$X + 1 = 1$$

$$X + 0 = X$$

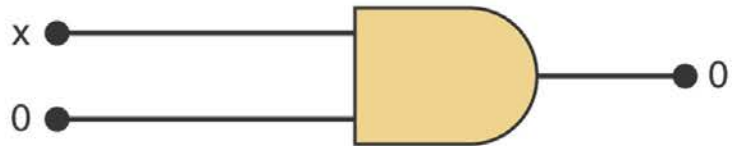
$$X + X = X$$

$$X + X' = 1$$

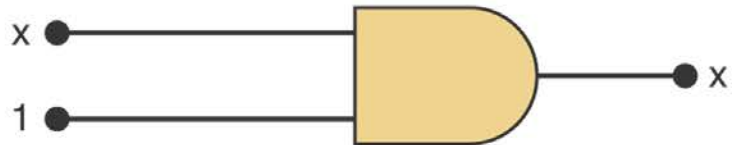
$$(X')' = X$$

**Duality: any theorem or identity in switching algebra remains true if 0 and 1 are swapped and  $\cdot$  and  $+$  are swapped throughout**

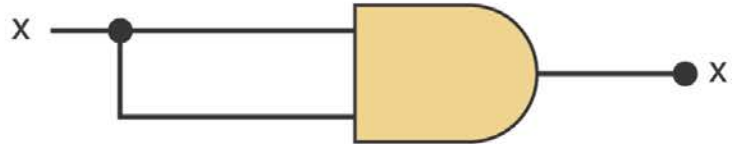
# Single variable theorems:



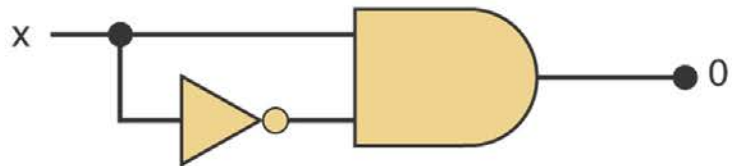
(1)  $x \cdot 0 = 0$



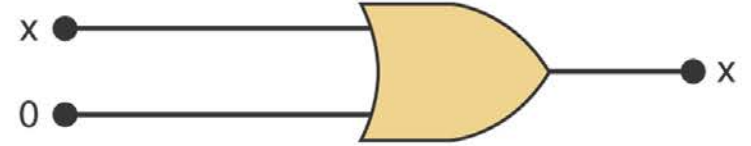
(2)  $x \cdot 1 = x$



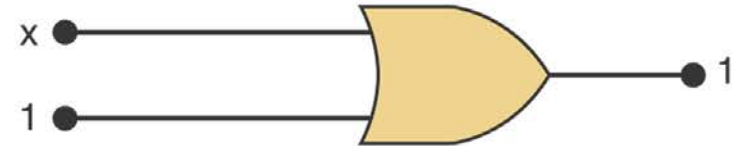
(3)  $x \cdot x = x$



(4)  $x \cdot \bar{x} = 0$



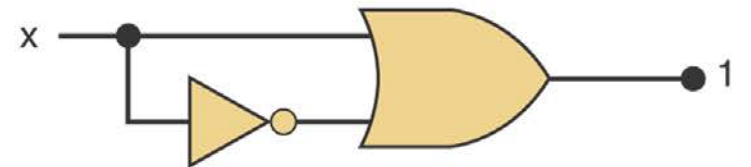
(5)  $x + 0 = x$



(6)  $x + 1 = 1$



(7)  $x + x = x$



(8)  $x + \bar{x} = 1$

Fig. 3-25 (Tocci, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. Pg. 77)

# Multivariable theorems:

- **Commutative laws:**

$$A + B = B + A$$

$$A \bullet B = B \bullet A$$

- **Associative laws:**

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

$$A(BC) = (AB)C = ABC$$

- **Distributive laws:**

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

$$(A + B)(C + D) = AC + BC + AD + BD$$



# Absorption laws

$$A + AB = A$$

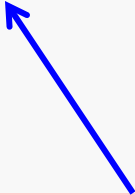
proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A + AB &= A(1 + B) \\ &= A \bullet 1 = A \end{aligned}$$

$$A + A'B = A + B$$

proof:

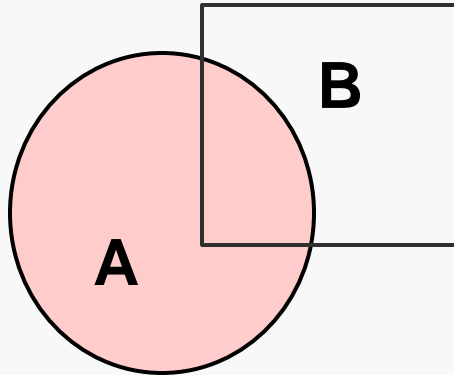
$$\begin{aligned} A + A'B &= A + AB + A'B \\ &= A + (A + A')B \\ &= A + (1) B \\ &= A + B \end{aligned}$$



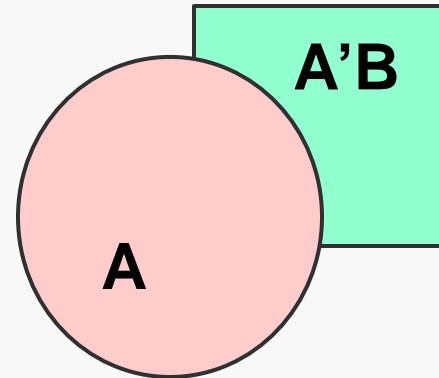
A technique commonly  
used in algebraic  
simplification

# Absorption laws (Venn diagrams)

$$A + AB = A$$



$$A + A'B = A + B$$



# Consensus

$$AB + A'C + BC = AB + A'C$$

proof:

$$BC = ABC + A'BC$$

$$\text{Thus } AB + A'C + BC = AB + A'C + ABC + A'BC$$

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

$$= AB(1+C) + A'C(1+B)$$

$$= AB + A'C$$

# DeMorgan's Theorems

- $(A + B)' = A' \bullet B'$

proof:

A	B	$(A+B)'$	$A' \bullet B'$
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0

# DeMorgan's Theorems

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

proof:

A	B	$(AB)'$	$A' + B'$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

# **DeMorgan's Theorems generalise to many variables**

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

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

- Add or remove inverter to each variable
- Interchange AND with OR

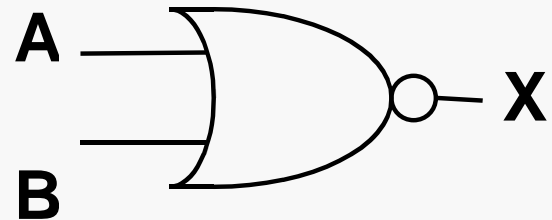
**Example**

**Simplify  $[A (B + C')' D]'$**

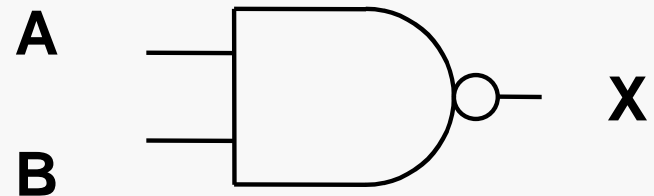
# NOR gate & NAND gate

- Combines basic operations of OR & AND with NOT

- NOR:  $X = (A+B)'$



- NAND:  $X = (AB)'$





# Truth table for 2-input NOR gate

$$X = A \text{ NOR } B$$

Inputs		Output
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

**Output  $X=1$  only when all inputs are 0**

# Truth table for 2-input NAND gate

**$X = A \text{ NAND } B$**

Inputs		Output
A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

**Output  $X=0$  only when all inputs are 1**

# Truth table for 3-input NOR gate

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

Inputs			Output
A	B	C	X
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

# Truth table for 3-input NAND gate

$$X = (ABC)'$$

Inputs			Output
A	B	C	X
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

# Summary

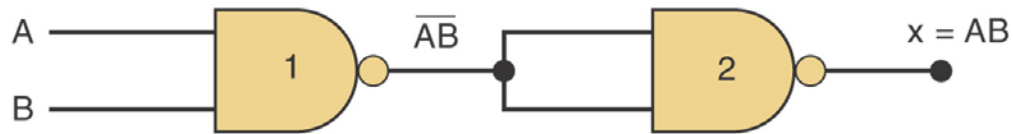
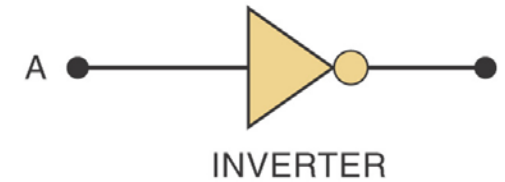
- **OR:** output is 1 when any of the inputs is 1
- **AND:** output is 1 when all the inputs are 1
- **NOT:** output is 0 when input is 1 and vice versa
- **NOR:** output is 0 when any of the inputs is 1
- **NAND:** output is 0 when all the inputs are 1

## Universality of NAND gates and NOR gates

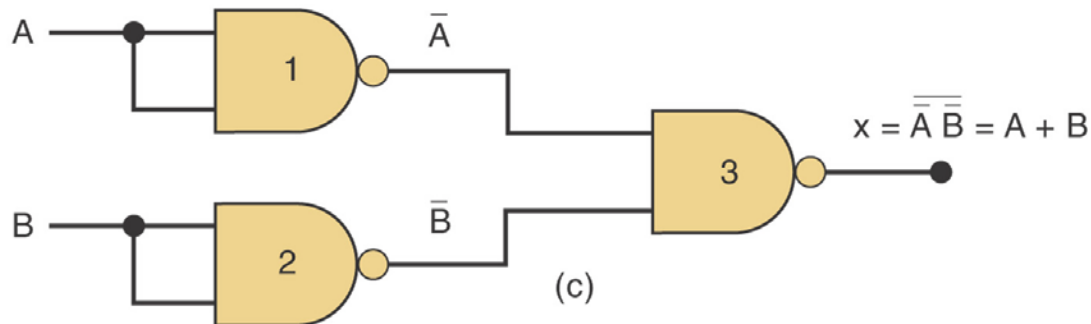
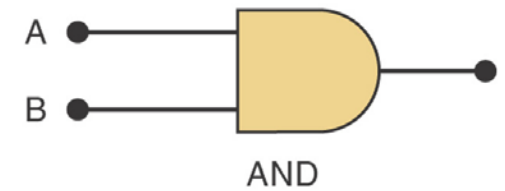
- **NAND gates can be used to form AND gate, OR gate and NOT gate**
- **Therefore, NAND gates can be used to implement any Boolean function**
- **Similarly for NOR gates**
- **Equivalence can be proved by DeMorgan's theorems**



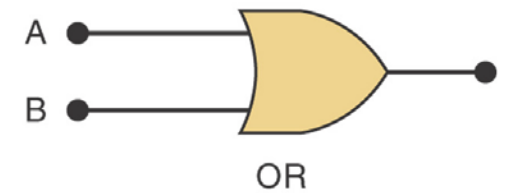
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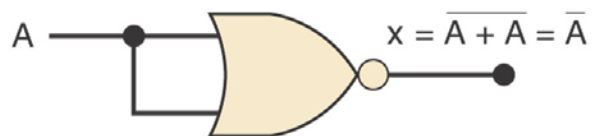


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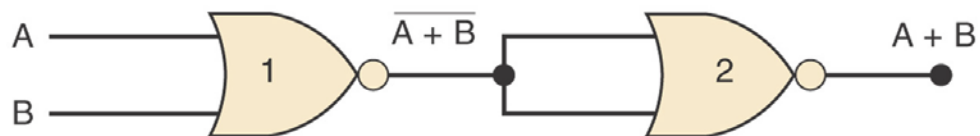
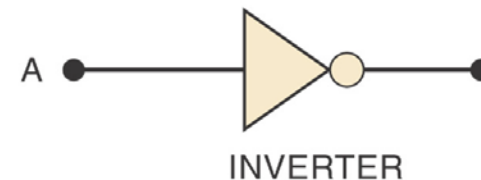


**Fig. 3-29 Basic gates from NAND**

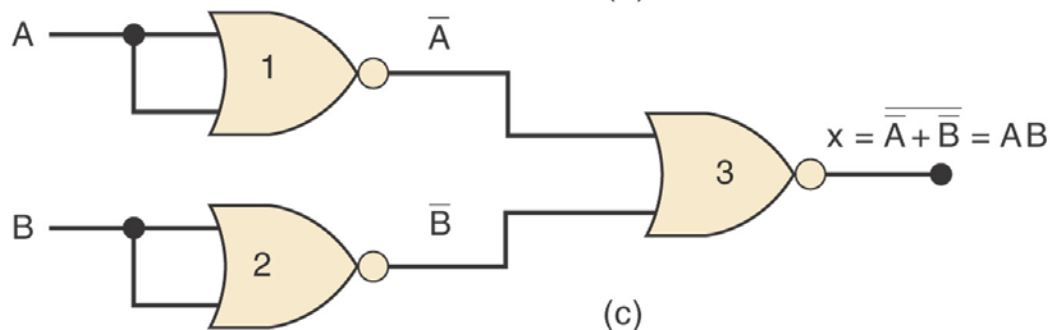
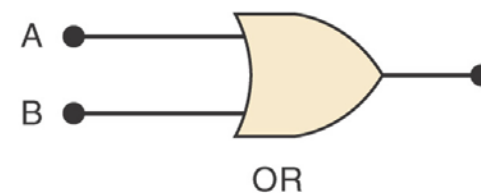
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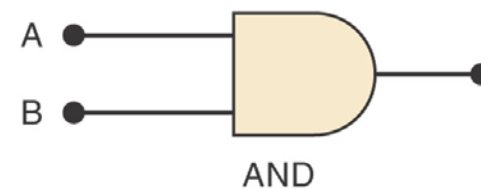
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**Fig. 3-30 Basic gates from NOR**

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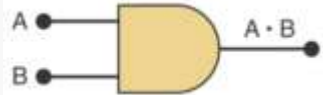
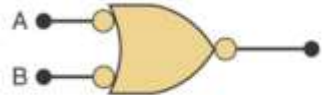
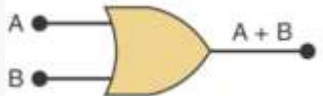
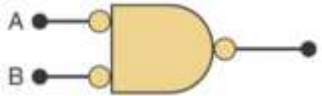
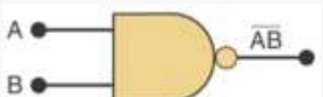

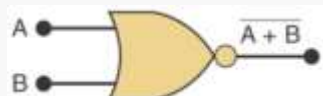
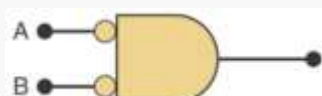


# L3 (3.47 – 3.61)


- Alternate logic symbols
- XOR, XNOR gates
- Parity generator/checker
- Logic components connection diagram

## Alternate Logic gate representations

- The alternate symbol is obtained from the standard symbol by applying DeMorgan's theorems

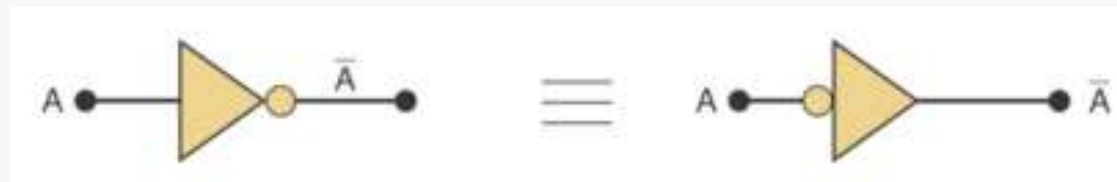
Logic operator	Standard symbol	Logic expression	Alternate Symbol
AND		$A.B = (A' + B')'$	
OR		$A+B = (A'.B')'$	
NAND		$(A.B)' = A' + B'$	
NOR		$(A+B)' = A'.B'$	

- Modification of standard to alternate symbol (and vice-versa) for the **same logic operator**:

	standard	 alternate
<b>Bubble at input or output</b>	No	Add
	Yes	Remove
<b>Symbol shape</b>	“and”	Replace with “or”
	“or”	Replace with “and”

Note that a pair of standard and alternate symbols describes the **same logic gate** with the same truth table.

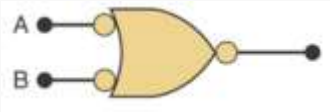
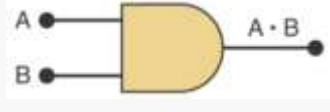
- The standard symbol of a NOT gate is similarly modified to its alternate symbol (and vice-versa) but there is no change in symbol shape:



We interpret  
the above  
symbol this  
way:  
**Output=0**  
when input=1

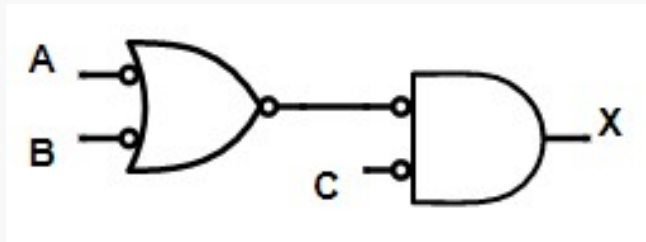
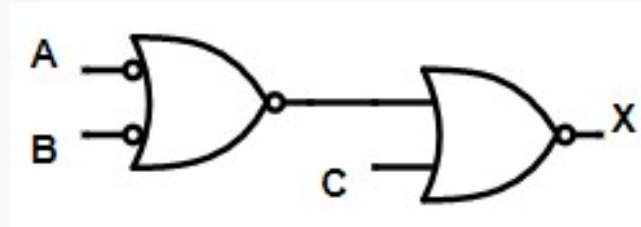
NOT gate truth table	
Input A	Output A'
0	<b>1</b>
1	<b>0</b>

We interpret  
the above  
symbol this  
way:  
**Output=1**  
when input=0

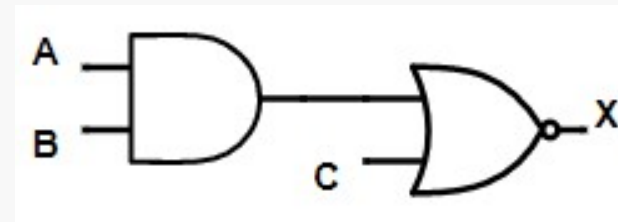
A	B	A AND B	symbol
0	0	0	
0	1	0	
1	0	0	
1	1	1	

- Both standard symbols and alternate symbols may be used in the same diagram to help describe logic flow
- Comply with bubble-to-bubble matching
- Say “0” when there is a bubble, otherwise say “1”

## Example 1:

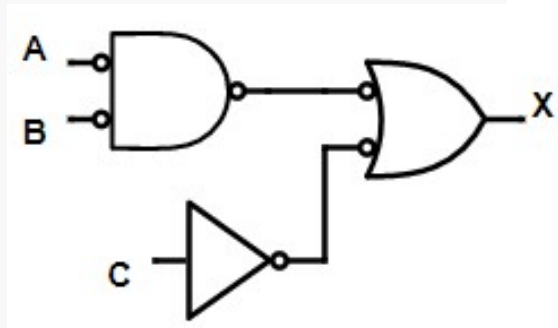
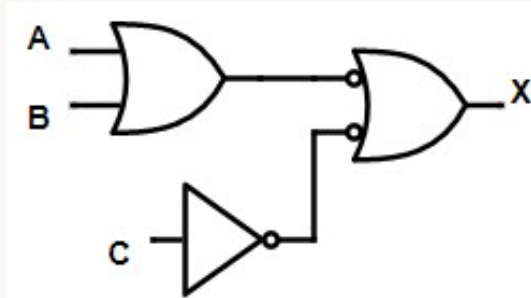


We say:  
**Output  $X=1$**   
when inputs  
 $C=0$  and at the  
same time either  
 $A=0$  or  $B=0$

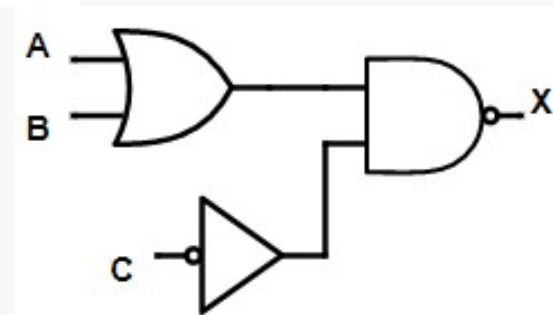


We say:  
**Output  $X=0$**   
when inputs  
 $C=1$  or  
 $A$  and  $B$  are  
both=1

## Example 2:



We say:  
**Output X=1**  
when inputs  
C=1 or both A and  
B=0



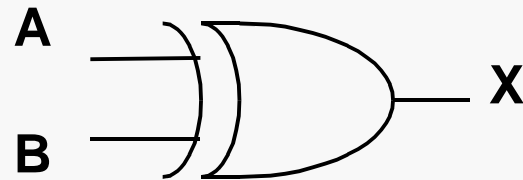
We say:  
**Output X=0**  
when inputs  
C=0 and at the same  
time either A=1 or  
B=1

# Exclusive-OR gate

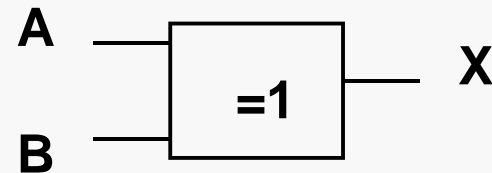
**Ex-OR (XOR)**

$$X = AB' + A'B$$

$$X = A \oplus B$$



A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



**IEEE  
symbol**

**Different  
from OR**



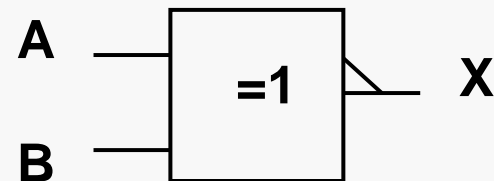
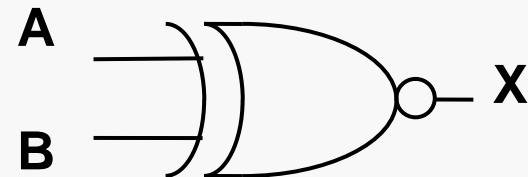
# Exclusive-NOR gate

**Ex-NOR (XNOR)**

$$X = AB + A'B'$$

$$X = (A \oplus B)'$$

A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



**IEEE  
symbol**

# Application of XOR

- **Bit-wise comparator**
  - **output is 1 if the two multi-bit inputs are different**

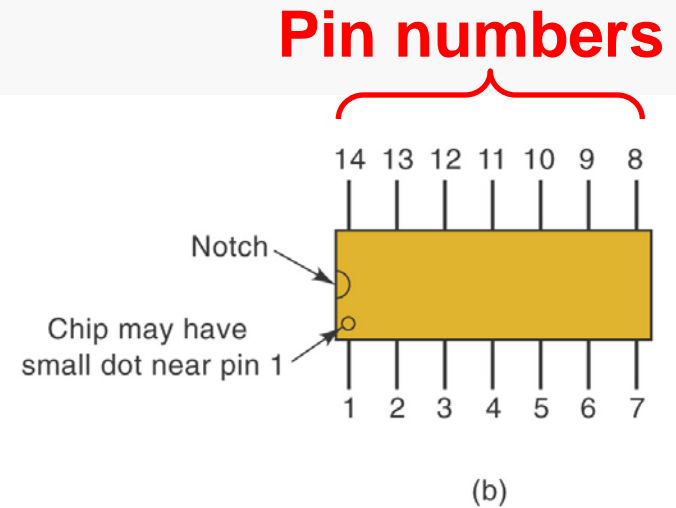
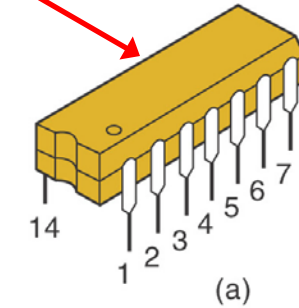
## XOR with multiple inputs

- Essentially an odd-function generator
- Output is 1 if there is an odd number of 1's among all the inputs
- E.g. for 3-input XOR, the output is 1 if there are 1 or 3 bits of 1 among the inputs
- $A \oplus B \oplus C = (A \oplus B) \oplus C$
- $= A \oplus (B \oplus C)$

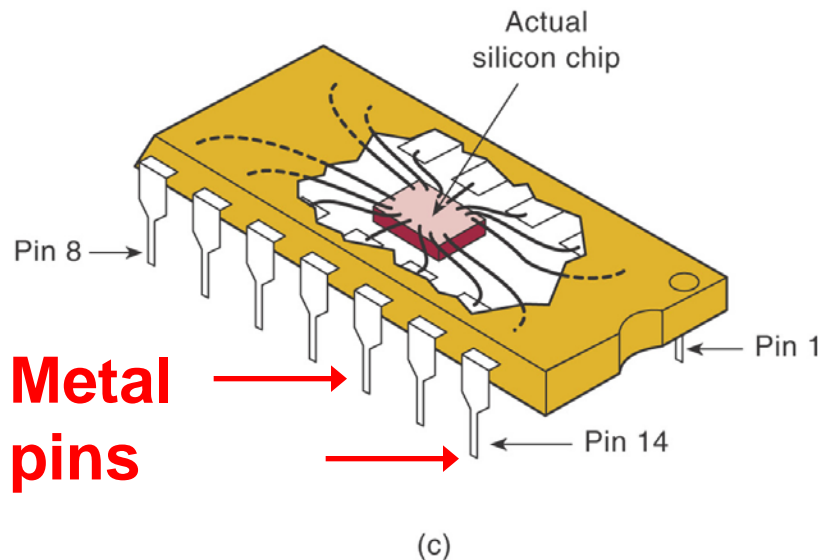
# Logic devices

- Different ways to create a physically functioning logic circuit
- Examples: use standard logic integrated circuits (ICs), application-specific ICs (ASICs), programmable logic devices
- Small-scale integrated logic devices: AND, OR, NOT, NAND, NOR, XOR, XNOR
- We will use some of these in lab experiment 1

**Plastic or ceramic  
protective casing**



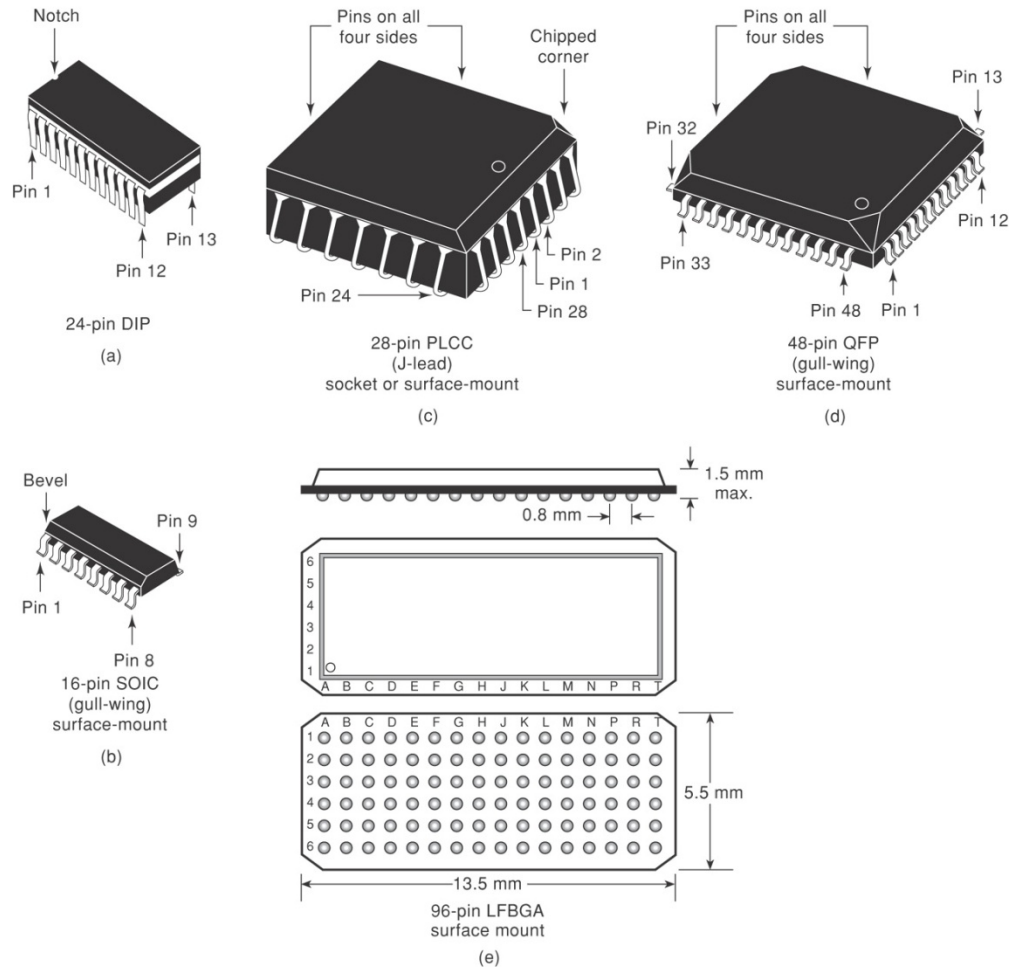
**Top view**



**Metal  
pins**

**Figure 4.29: (Tocci 10th Ed) Dual-in-line Package**

# Common IC packaging

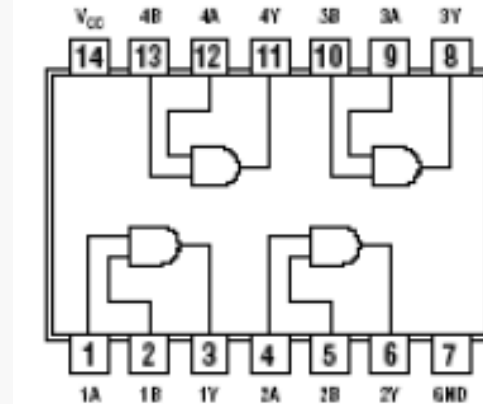
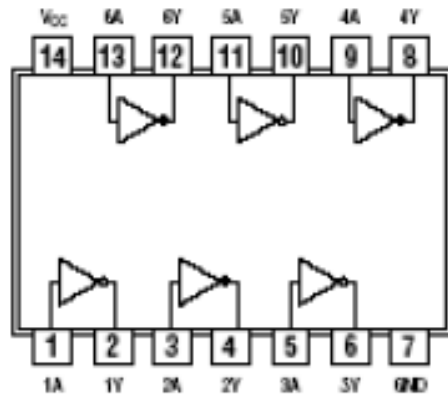


Source: Tocci, 10<sup>th</sup> ed., pg. 496

# Logic circuit connections

- Implement  $Y = AB'$

**7404**  
**Hex-NOT**



**7408**  
**Quad-AND**

# Circuit connection diagram