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## Boolean Algebra

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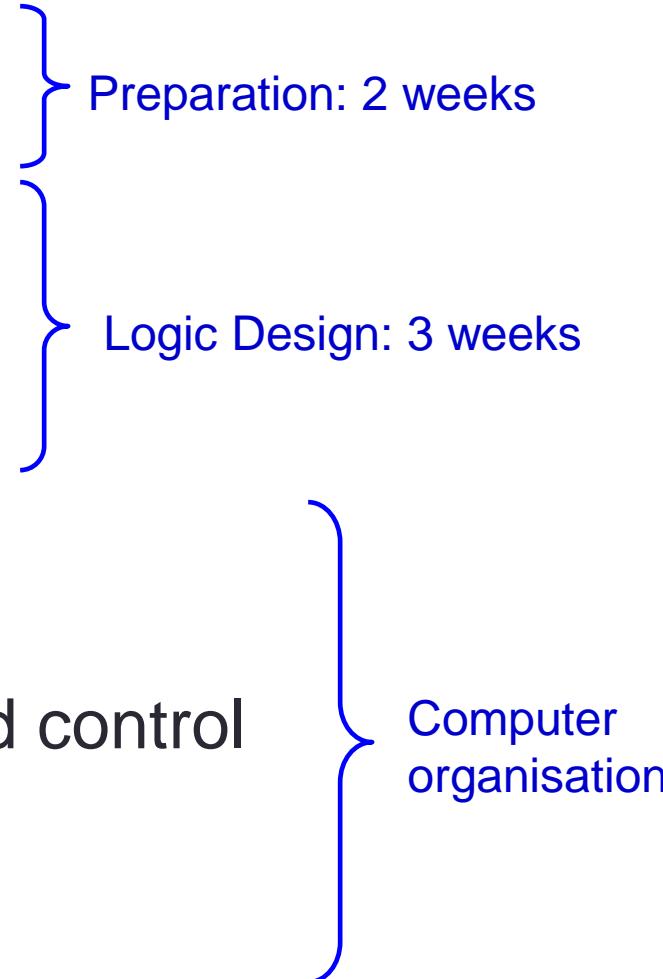
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# Recording of modifications

- Minor change in slide 13 (replace new picture)
- Currently, there are no modification on these contents.

# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Number systems and codes
  - Boolean algebra 
  - Logic gates and circuits
  - Simplification
  - Combinational circuits
  - Sequential circuits
  - Performance
  - Assembly language
  - The processor: Datapath and control
  - Pipelining
  - Memory hierarchy: Cache
  - Input/output
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- Preparation: 2 weeks
- Logic Design: 3 weeks
- Computer organisation

# CHECK LIST



- Have you done the *Quick Review Questions* for Chapter 2 Number Systems and Code?
- Have you attempted the *Self-Assessment Exercise #1* on IVLE Assessment?
- Have you clarified your doubts on *IVLE forum*?
- Ready to do a *pop quiz*?



# BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

- Boolean Algebra
- Precedence of Operators
- Truth Table
- Duality
- Basic Theorems
- Complement of Functions
- Standard Forms
- Minterms and Maxterms
- Canonical Forms

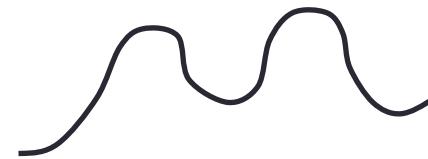
Read up DLD for details!

# DIGITAL CIRCUITS (1/2)

- Two voltage levels
  - High, true, 1, asserted
  - Low, false, 0, deasserted



*Signals in digital circuit*



*Signals in analog circuit*



*A digital watch*

# DIGITAL CIRCUITS (2/2)

- Advantages of digital circuits over analog circuits
  - More reliable (simpler circuits, less noise-prone)
  - Specified accuracy (determinable)
  - Abstraction can be applied using simple mathematical model – Boolean Algebra
  - Ease design, analysis and simplification of digital circuit
    - Digital Logic Design

# TYPES OF LOGIC BLOCKS

- Combinational: no memory, output depends solely on the input
  - Gates
  - Decoders, multiplexers
  - Adders, multipliers
- Sequential: with memory, output depends on both input and current state
  - Counters, registers
  - Memories

# BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

- Boolean values:

- True (1)
- False (0)

- Connectives

- Conjunction (AND)
  - $A \cdot B$ ;  $A \wedge B$
- Disjunction (OR)
  - $A + B$ ;  $A \vee B$
- Negation (NOT)
  - $\bar{A}$ ;  $A'$

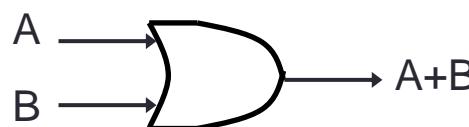
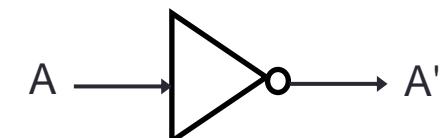
- Truth tables

A	B	$A \cdot B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

A	B	$A + B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

A	$A'$
0	1
1	0

- Logic gates



# AND ( $\cdot$ )

- Do write the AND operator  $\cdot$  instead of omitting it.
  - Example: Write  $a \cdot b$  instead of  $ab$
  - Why? Writing  $ab$  could mean it is a 2-bit value.



# LAWS OF BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

- Identity laws

$$A + 0 = 0 + A = A ;$$

$$A \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot A = A$$

- Inverse/complement laws

$$A + A' = 1 ;$$

$$A \cdot A' = 0$$

- Commutative laws

$$A + B = B + A ;$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

- Associative laws

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

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

- Distributive laws

$$A \cdot (B + C) = (A \cdot B) + (A \cdot C) ;$$

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

# PRECEDENCE OF OPERATORS

- Precedence from highest to lowest
  - Not
  - And
  - Or
- Examples:
  - $A \cdot B + C = (A \cdot B) + C$
  - $X + Y' = X + (Y')$
  - $P + Q' \cdot R = P + ((Q') \cdot R)$
- Use parenthesis to overwrite precedence. Examples:
  - $A \cdot (B + C)$
  - $(P + Q)' \cdot R$

# TRUTH TABLE

- Provide a listing of every possible combination of inputs and its corresponding outputs.

- Inputs are usually listed in binary sequence.

- Example

- Truth table with 3 inputs and 2 outputs

x	y	z	$y + z$	$x \cdot (y + z)$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

# PROOF USING TRUTH TABLE

- Prove:  $x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$ 
  - Construct truth table for LHS and RHS

x	y	z	$y + z$	$x \cdot (y + z)$	$x \cdot y$	$x \cdot z$	$(x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$
0	0	0					
0	0	1					
0	1	0					
0	1	1					
1	0	0					
1	0	1					
1	1	0					
1	1	1					

- Check that column for LHS = column for RHS

# DUALITY

- If the AND/OR operators and identity elements 0/1 in a Boolean equation are interchanged, it remains valid
- Example:
  - The dual equation of  $a+(b \cdot c) = (a+b) \cdot (a+c)$  is  $a \cdot (b+c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$
- Duality gives free theorems – “two for the price of one”. You prove one theorem and the other comes for free!
- Examples:
  - If  $(x+y+z)' = x' \cdot y' \cdot z'$  is valid, then its dual is also valid:  
 $(x \cdot y \cdot z)' = x' + y' + z'$
  - If  $x+1 = 1$  is valid, then its dual is also valid:  
 $x \cdot 0 = 0$

# BASIC THEOREMS (1/2)

## 1. Idempotency

$$X + X = X ; \quad X \cdot X = X$$

## 2. Zero and One elements

$$X + 1 = 1 ; \quad X \cdot 0 = 0$$

## 3. Involution

$$(X')' = X$$

## 4. Absorption

$$X + X \cdot Y = X ; \quad X \cdot (X + Y) = X$$

## 5. Absorption (variant)

$$X + X' \cdot Y = X + Y ; \quad X \cdot (X' + Y) = X \cdot Y$$

# BASIC THEOREMS (2/2)

## 6. DeMorgan's

$$(X + Y)' = X' \cdot Y'$$

$$(X \cdot Y)' = X' + Y'$$

DeMorgan's Theorem can be generalised to more than two variables, example:  $(A + B + \dots + Z)' = A' \cdot B' \cdot \dots \cdot Z'$

## 7. Consensus

$$X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z + Y \cdot Z = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$$

$$(X+Y) \cdot (X'+Z) \cdot (Y+Z) = (X+Y) \cdot (X'+Z)$$

# PROVING A THEOREM

- Theorems can be proved using truth table, or by algebraic manipulation using other theorems/laws.
- Example: Prove absorption theorem  $X + X \cdot Y = X$

$$\begin{aligned} X + X \cdot Y &= X \cdot 1 + X \cdot Y \text{ (by identity)} = X \cdot (1+Y) \text{ (by distributivity)} \\ &= X \cdot (Y+1) \text{ (by commutativity)} = X \cdot 1 \text{ (by one element)} \\ &= X \text{ (by identity)} \end{aligned}$$

- By duality, we have also proved  $X \cdot (X+Y) = X$

# BOOLEAN FUNCTIONS

- Examples of Boolean functions (logic equations):

$$F_1(x,y,z) = x \cdot y \cdot z'$$

$$F_2(x,y,z) = x + y' \cdot z$$

$$F_3(x,y,z) = x' \cdot y' \cdot z + x' \cdot y \cdot z + x \cdot y'$$

$$F_4(x,y,z) = x \cdot y' + x' \cdot z$$

x	y	z	F1	F2	F3	F4
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	1			
1	1	1	0			

# COMPLEMENT

- Given a Boolean function  $F$ , the **complement** of  $F$ , denoted as  $F'$ , is obtained by interchanging 1 with 0 in the function's output values.
- Example:  $F_1 = x \cdot y \cdot z'$
- What is  $F_1'$  ?

x	y	z	F1	F1'
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	1	
1	1	1	0	



# STANDARD FORMS (1/2)

- Certain types of Boolean expressions lead to circuits that are desirable from implementation viewpoint.
- Two standard forms:
  - Sum-of-Products
  - Product-of-Sums
- Literals
  - A Boolean variable on its own or in its complemented form
  - Examples:  $x, x', y, y'$
- Product term
  - A single literal or a logical product (AND) of several literals
  - Examples:  $x, x \cdot y \cdot z', A' \cdot B, A \cdot B, d \cdot g' \cdot v \cdot w$

# STANDARD FORMS (2/2)

- Sum term
  - A single literal or a logical sum (OR) of several literals
  - Examples:  $x$ ,  $x+y+z'$ ,  $A'+B$ ,  $A+B$ ,  $c+d+h'+j$
- Sum-of-Products (SOP) expression
  - A product term or a logical sum (OR) of several product terms
  - Examples:  $x$ ,  $x + y \cdot z'$ ,  $x \cdot y' + x' \cdot y \cdot z$ ,  $A \cdot B + A' \cdot B'$ ,  
 $A + B' \cdot C + A \cdot C' + C \cdot D$
- Product-of-Sums (POS) expression
  - A sum term or a logical product (AND) of several sum terms
  - Examples:  $x$ ,  $x \cdot (y+z')$ ,  $(x+y') \cdot (x'+y+z)$ ,  
 $(A+B) \cdot (A'+B')$ ,  $(A+B+C) \cdot D' \cdot (B'+D+E')$
- Every Boolean expression can be expressed in SOP or POS.

# DO IT YOURSELF

**SOP** expr: A product term or a logical sum (OR) of several product terms.

**POS** expr: A sum term or a logical product (AND) of several sum terms.

- Put the right ticks in the following table.

<i>Expression</i>	<i>SOP?</i>	<i>POS?</i>
$X' \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' + X \cdot Y \cdot Z$		
$(X+Y') \cdot (X'+Y) \cdot (X'+Z')$		
$X' + Y + Z$		
$X \cdot (W' + Y \cdot Z)$		
$X \cdot Y \cdot Z'$		
$W \cdot X' \cdot Y + V \cdot (X \cdot Z + W')$		



# MINTERMS & MAXTERMS (1/2)

- A **minterm** of  $n$  variables is a product term that contains  $n$  literals from all the variables.
  - Example: On 2 variables  $x$  and  $y$ , the minterms are:  
 $x' \cdot y'$ ,  $x' \cdot y$ ,  $x \cdot y'$  and  $x \cdot y$
- A **maxterm** of  $n$  variables is a sum term that contains  $n$  literals from all the variables.
  - Example: On 2 variables  $x$  and  $y$ , the maxterms are:  
 $x' + y'$ ,  $x' + y$ ,  $x + y'$  and  $x + y$
- In general, with  $n$  variables we have  $2^n$  minterms and  $2^n$  maxterms.

# MINTERMS & MAXTERMS (2/2)

- The minterms and maxterms on 2 variables are denoted by  $m_0$  to  $m_3$  and  $M_0$  to  $M_3$  respectively.

x	y	Minterms		Maxterms	
		Term	Notation	Term	Notation
0	0	$x' \cdot y'$	$m_0$	$x + y$	$M_0$
0	1	$x' \cdot y$	$m_1$	$x + y'$	$M_1$
1	0	$x \cdot y'$	$m_2$	$x' + y$	$M_2$
1	1	$x \cdot y$	$m_3$	$x' + y'$	$M_3$

- Each minterm is the complement of the corresponding maxterm
  - Example:  $m_2 = x \cdot y'$   
 $m_2' = (x \cdot y')' = x' + (y')' = x' + y = M_2$

# CANONICAL FORMS

- Canonical/normal form: a unique form of representation.
  - Sum-of-minterms = Canonical sum-of-products
  - Product-of-maxterms = Canonical product-of-sums

# SUM-OF-MINTERMS

- Given a truth table, example:

- Obtain sum-of-minterms expression by gathering the minterms of the function (where output is 1).

$$F1 = x \cdot y \cdot z' = m6$$

$$F2 =$$

$$F3 =$$

x	y	z	F1	F2	F3
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	1	0

# PRODUCT-OF-MAXTERMS

- Given a truth table, example:
- Obtain product-of-maxterms expression by gathering the maxterms of the function (where output is 0).

x	y	z	F1	F2	F3
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	1	0

$$\begin{aligned}F2 &= (x+y+z) \cdot (x+y'+z) \cdot (x+y'+z') \\&= M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 = \prod M(0,2,3)\end{aligned}$$

$$F3 =$$

# CONVERSION

- We can convert between sum-of-minterms and product-of-maxterms easily
  - Example:  $F_2 = \sum m(1, 4, 5, 6, 7) = \prod M(0, 2, 3)$
  - Why? See  $F_2'$  in truth table.
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- $F_2' = m_0 + m_2 + m_3$   
Therefore,  
$$\begin{aligned} F_2 &= (m_0 + m_2 + m_3)' \\ &= m_0' \cdot m_2' \cdot m_3' \text{ (by DeMorgan's)} \\ &= M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \quad (m_x' = M_x) \end{aligned}$$

x	y	z	F2	F2'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

# READING ASSIGNMENT

- Conversion of Standard Forms
  - Read up DLD section 3.4, pg 57 – 58.



# Q&A