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## Laws and Theorems of Boolean Algebra

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Operations with 0 and 1:

1. 
$$X + 0 = X$$
  
2.  $X + 1 = 1$ 

1D. 
$$X \cdot 1 = X$$

2D. 
$$X \cdot 0 = 0$$

Idempotent laws:

3. 
$$X + X = X$$

3D. 
$$X \cdot X = X$$

Involution laws:

4. 
$$(X')' = X$$

Laws of complementarity:

5. 
$$X + X' = 1$$

5D. 
$$X \cdot X' = 0$$

Commutative laws:

6. 
$$X + Y = Y + X$$

Associative laws:

7. 
$$(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z) = X + Y + Z$$

7D. 
$$(XY)Z = X(YZ) = XYZ$$

Distributive laws:

8. 
$$X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$$

8D. 
$$X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$$

Simplification theorems:

9. 
$$XY + XY' = X$$

9D. 
$$(X + Y)(X + Y') = X$$

10. 
$$X + XY = X$$

10D. 
$$X(X + Y) = X$$

11. 
$$(X + Y')Y = XY$$

11D. 
$$XY' + Y = X + Y$$

DeMorgan's laws:

12. 
$$(X + Y + Z + ...)' = X'Y'Z'$$

12D. 
$$(XYZ...)' = X' + Y' + Z'$$

13. 
$$[f(A, B, ..., Z, 0, 1, +, \bullet)]' = f(A', B', ..., Z', 1, 0, \bullet, +)$$

Duality:

14. 
$$(X + Y + Z + ...)^D = XYZ...$$

14D. 
$$(XYZ...)^D = X + Y + Z + ...$$

15. 
$$[f(A, B, ..., Z, 0, 1, +, \bullet)]^D = f(A, B, ..., Z, 1, 0, \bullet, +)$$

Theorems for multiplying out and factoring:

16. 
$$(X + Y)(X' + Z) = XZ + X'Y$$

16D. 
$$XY + X'Z = (X + Z)(X' + Y)$$

Consensus theorems:

17. 
$$XY + YZ + X'Z = XY + X'Z$$

17D. 
$$(X + Y)(Y + Z)(X' + Z) = (X + Y)(X' + Z)$$