



UM EECS 270 F22

Introduction to Logic Design

5. Switching Functions

Switching Functions



- $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is a mapping from $B_2^n \rightarrow B_2$
- f can be specified by many equivalent expressions or by tables of combinations (**truth tables**)
- Elementary functions:
 - A **minterm** m_i is an AND term of n literals
 - A **maxterm** M_i is an OR term of n literals

Ex: 4 variables A, B, C, D

$$\succ m_5(A, B, C, D) = A'BC'D \quad (0101)$$

$$\succ M_5(A, B, C, D) = A + B' + C + D' \quad (0101)$$

- $m_i = 1$ for exactly one combination of variables, and 0 for all others
- $M_i = 0$ for exactly one combination of variables, and 1 for all others
- $m_i = M'_i$

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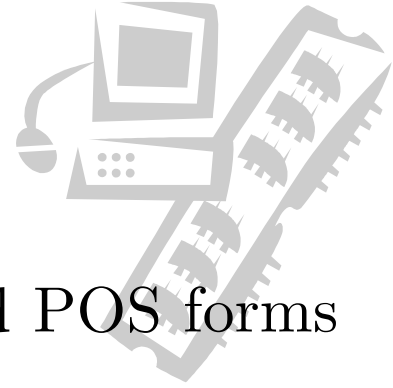
$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{x,y,z} (0,2,3,6,7)$$

$$f(x, y, z) = x'y'z' + x'yz' + x'yz + xyz' + xyz$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \prod_{x,y,z} (1,4,5)$$

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

In-Class Exercise



Express $f(a,b,c) = ab + ac + bc$ in canonical SOP and POS forms

$$\begin{aligned} f(a,b,c) &= ab + ac + bc \\ &= ab(c + c') + a(b + b')c + (a + a')bc \\ &= abc + abc' + abc + ab'c + abc + a'bc \\ &= a'bc + ab'c + abc' + abc \\ &= \sum_{abc} (3, 5, 6, 7) \\ &= \prod_{abc} (0, 1, 2, 4) \\ &= (a + b + c)(a + b + c')(a + b' + c)(a' + b + c) \end{aligned}$$

What are minterms???



Row Index	x	y	m_0	m_1	m_2	m_3
0	0	0				
1	0	1				
2	1	0				
3	1	1				

Symbolically:

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Don't Cares



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$$f(x, y, z) = \sum_{x,y,z} (0,3,6,7) + d(2,5)$$

$$f(x, y, z) = \prod_{x,y,z} (1,4) d(2,5)$$

On-Set = $\{0, 3, 6, 7\}$

Off-Set = $\{1, 4\}$

Don't-Care-Set = $\{2, 5\}$

Code Word Representation of Product Terms

Variables: $u \ v \ w \ x \ y \ z$

Code Word	Product Term	#minterms "covered"
001101	$u'v'wxy'z$	$1 \{m_{13}\}$
0-1-01	$u'wy'z$	$2^2 = 4 \{m_9, m_{13}, m_{25}, m_{29}\}$

#minterms covered by code word = $2^{\text{\#missing literals}}$

Boole's (Shannon's) Expansion Theorem

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 - $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1' f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n) + x_1 f(1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
 - $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = [x_1 + f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n)][x_1' + f(1, x_2, \dots, x_n)]$
- Proof?

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- The functions resulting from fixing x are referred to as **co-factors**
 - $f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is the **negative cofactor** of f wrt x_1
 - $f(1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is the **positive cofactor** of f wrt x_1
- Notation:
 - $f_{x_1'} = f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
 - $f_{x_1} = f(1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

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- Repeated application yields canonical forms (ex: $n = 2$)

$$f(x, y) = x'f(0, y) + xf(1, y)$$

$$f(x, y) = x'[y'f(0, 0) + yf(0, 1)] + x[y'f(1, 0) + yf(1, 1)]$$

$$f(x, y) = f(0, 0) \cdot x'y' + f(0, 1) \cdot x'y + f(1, 0) \cdot xy' + f(1, 1) \cdot xy$$

$$f(x, y) = f_{x'y'} \cdot x'y' + f_{x'y} \cdot x'y + f_{xy'} \cdot xy' + f_{xy} \cdot xy$$

$$f(x, y) = a_0 \cdot m_0 + a_1 \cdot m_1 + a_2 \cdot m_2 + a_3 \cdot m_3$$

Truth Table for *Arbitrary* 2-Variable Function $f(x, y)$



$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= a_0 m_0 + a_1 m_1 + a_2 m_2 + a_3 m_3 \\ &= a_0 x' y' + a_1 x' y + a_2 x y' + a_3 x y \end{aligned}$$

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Think of each a_i as a *minterm selector*

$$a_i = \begin{cases} 1, & m_i \text{ is a minterm of } f \\ 0, & m_i \text{ is not a minterm of } f \end{cases}$$

Algebraic v. Set View of Functions

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$$\begin{aligned} a_0 = a_2 = 1 \Rightarrow f(x, y) &= m_0 + m_2 \\ &= x' y' + x y' \\ &= (x' + x) y' \\ &= y' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \{m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3\} \\ f(x, y) &\subseteq U \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x, y) = \{m_0, m_2\}$$

Switching Functions of 2 Variables

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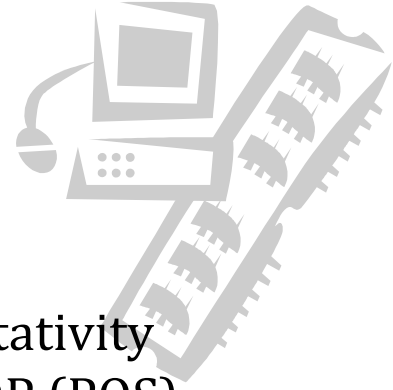
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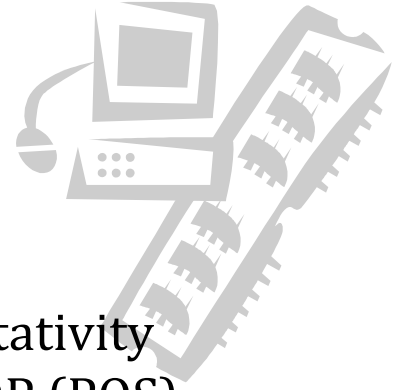
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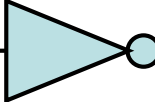
n	2^n	2^{2^n}	N_n
1	2	4	3
2	4	16	6
3	8	256	22
4	16	65,536	402
5	32	4,294,967,296	1,228,158

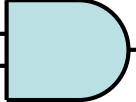
N_n = number of “types” of functions of n variables [Slepian 53]^a

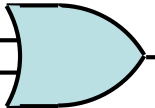
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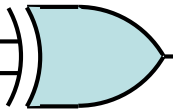
Logic Gates

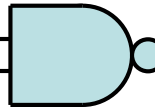


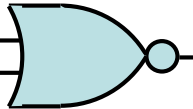
NOT x —  — x'

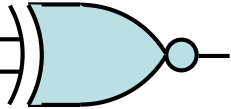
AND x
 y —  — xy

OR x
 y —  — $x + y$

XOR x
 y —  — $x \oplus y = x'y + xy'$

NAND x
 y —  — $(xy)' = x' + y'$

NOR x
 y —  — $(x + y)' = x'y'$

XNOR x
 y —  — $x \odot y = x'y' + xy$

Properties of XOR (modulo-2 Addition)

- Commutativity: $x \oplus y = y \oplus x$
- Associativity: $(x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z)$
- Distributivity: $x(y \oplus z) = xy \oplus xz$
- Relationship to XNOR: $(x \oplus y)' = x \odot y$
 - XNOR is “equal”
 - XOR is “not equal”
- Conditional Complementation:
$$s \oplus x = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } s = 0 \\ x' & \text{if } s = 1 \end{cases}$$
- Parity: Value of $f = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n$
 - Remains unchanged if an even number of variables are complemented
 - Is complemented if an odd number of variables are complemented
- Any identity $f(X) = g(X)$ can be re-expressed as $f(X) \oplus g(X) = 0$

Functional Completeness



- A set of operations is **functionally-complete** (or universal) iff every switching function can be expressed entirely by means of operations from this set
- The following are functionally-complete operation sets
 - $\{+, \cdot, '\}$ (by definition)
 - $\{+, '\}$ (by De Morgan's theorem)
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 - {NAND}: $x \uparrow y = x' + y'$
Complement: $x \uparrow x = x' + x' = x'$
AND: $(x \uparrow y) \uparrow (x \uparrow y) = (x \uparrow y)' = (x' + y')' = xy$
 - {NOR}

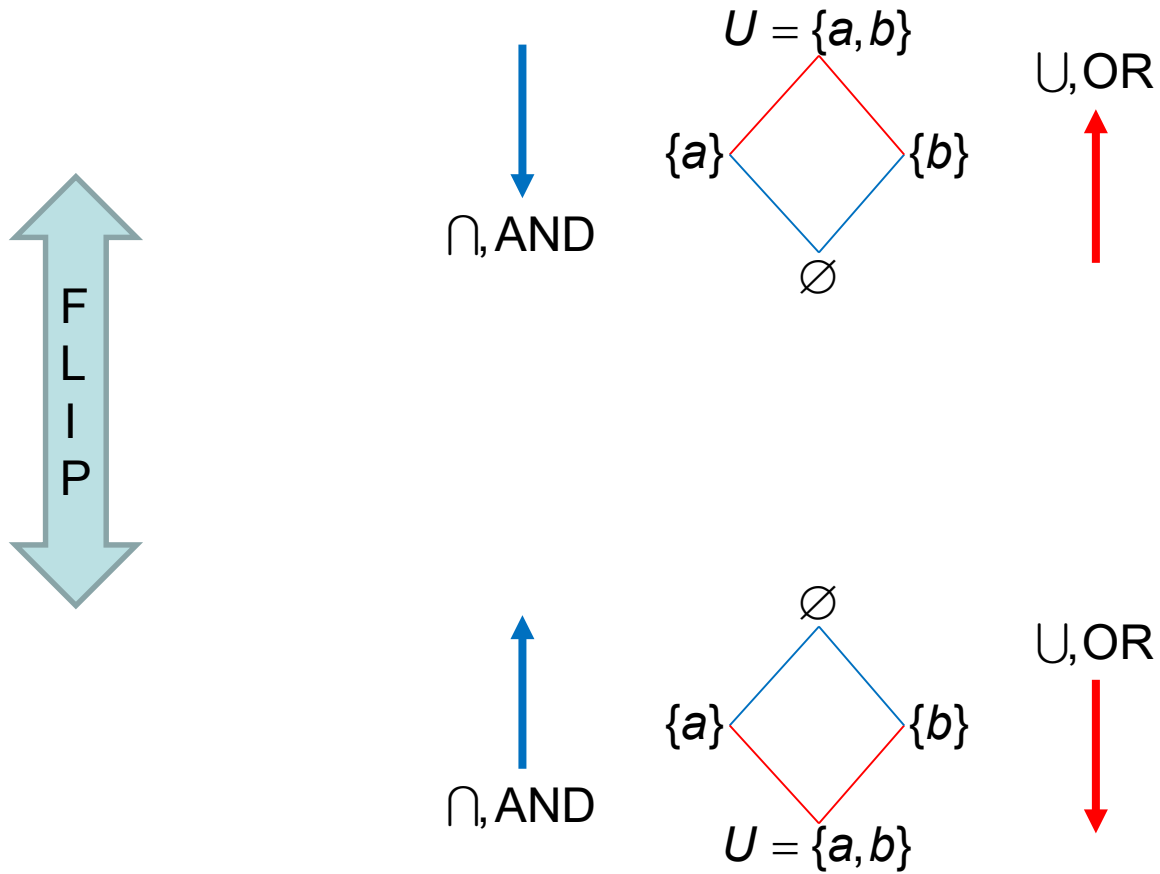
Isomorphic Systems



- Two algebraic systems are **isomorphic** if there is a one-to-one correspondence between elements and operations from one system to the other
- Examples of algebraic systems which are isomorphic to Switching algebra:
 - Series-parallel switching circuits
 - Propositional calculus
 - Algebra of sets

	Switching Algebra	Algebra of Sets
Elements	0 1	\emptyset U
Unary Op	x'	$U - x$
Binary Ops	$x \cdot y$	$x \cap y$
	$x + y$	$x \cup y$

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