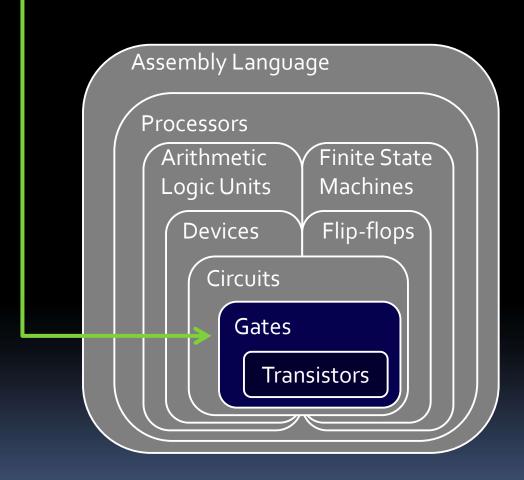
Circuit Creation

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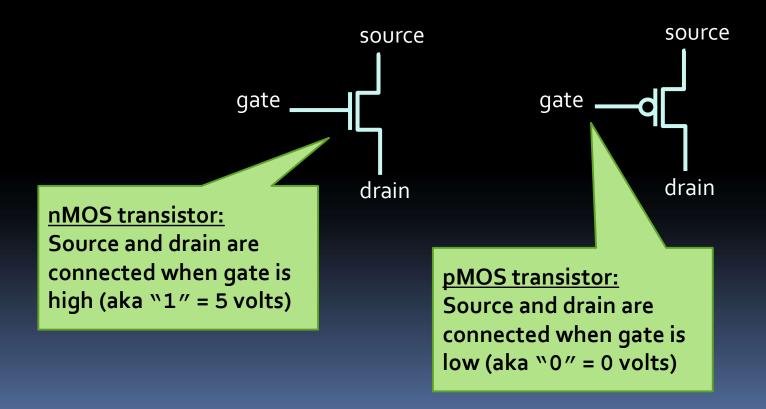


Circuit creation goals

- What does it mean to design a circuit?
 - Given a specified input/output behaviour, connect circuit components to produce this behaviour.
 - Secondary goal: Create the circuit with the lowest possible cost (that uses the fewest components)
- We have seen this already in creating transistor circuits!

Transistor Circuits

 Transistors are the circuit components here, namely the nMOS and pMOS (or cMOS):

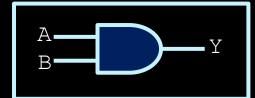


Transistors -> Gates

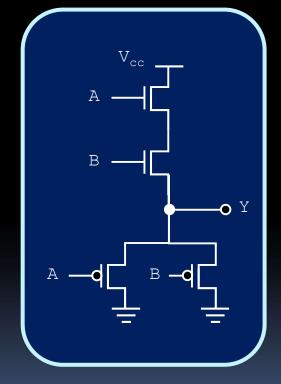
- Making a gate from transistors is easy! ©
- Just remember the following:
 - Every gate has one output and one or more inputs.
 - Every combination of input values \underline{must} connect the output to either high voltage ($V_{cc} = 5V$) or low voltage (Ground = 0V)
 - Not connecting the output to high voltage isn't the same as connecting the output to low voltage.
 - Ask yourself: What input combinations connect the output to high voltage and what combinations connect it to low voltage?

Making two-input AND gates

- Consider the truth table for an AND gate:
 - Two inputs, one output.
 - Output is high when both A and B are high.
 - If A is low or B is low, output Y is connected to the ground.

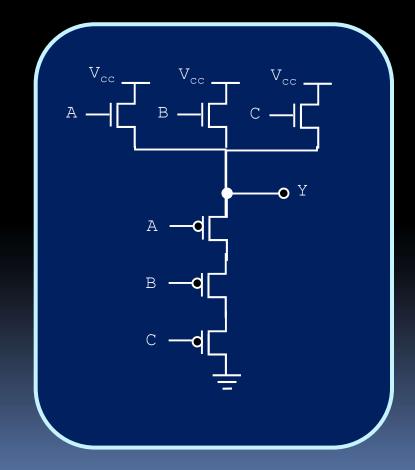


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1	0	0
1	1	1

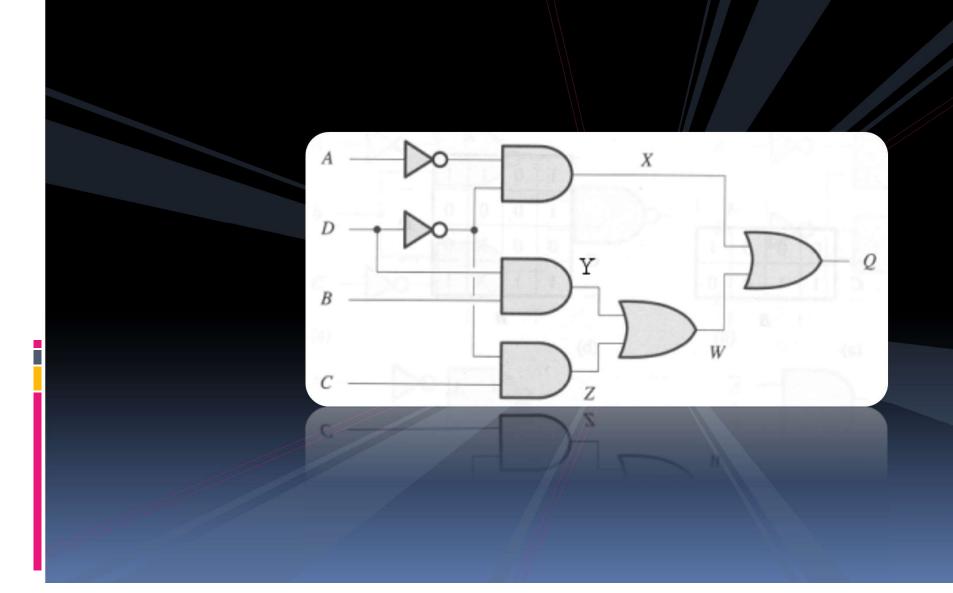


Multiple-input gates

- What if we wanted a 3-input OR gate?
 - The output for an OR gate is low only when the inputs are all low.
 - If any of the inputs are high, the output is then connected to 5 volts (V_{cc})
- What about making circuits out of gates?



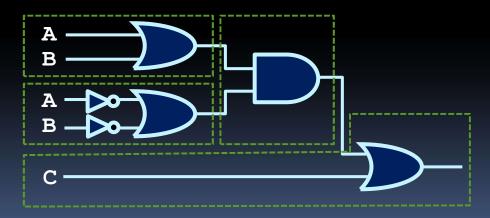
Logic Gate Circuits



Boolean expressions

For Lab 1, you need to represent boolean expressions using logic gates. For example:

Like so:



Creating complex circuits

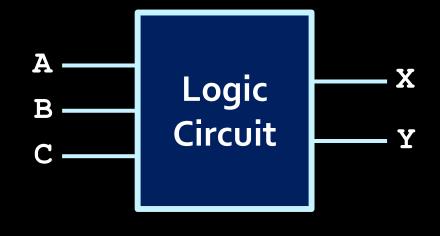
• What do we do in the case of more complex circuits, with several inputs and more than one output?

- If you're lucky, a truth table is provided to express the circuit.
- Usually the behaviour of the circuit is expressed in words, and the first step involves creating a truth table that represents the described behaviour.



Circuit example

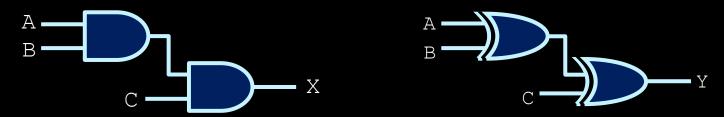
The circuit on the right has three inputs (A, B and C) and two outputs (X and Y).



- What logic is needed to set X high when all three inputs are high?
- What logic is needed to set Y high when the number of high inputs is odd?

Combinational circuits

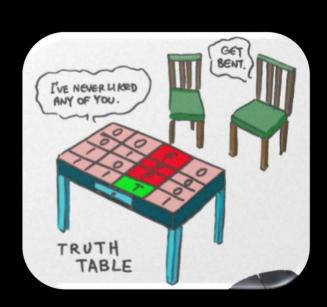
Small problems can be solved easily.



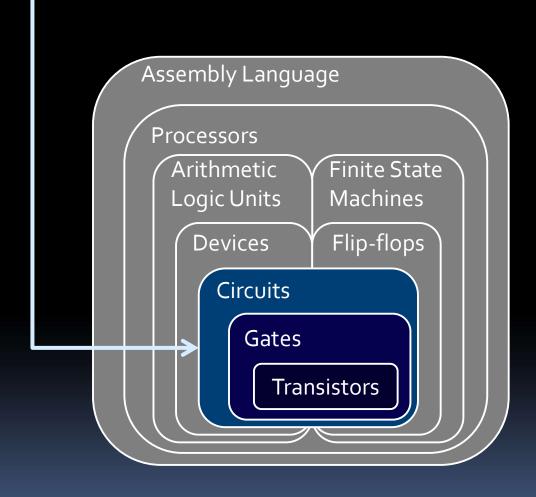
- Larger problems require a more systematic approach.
 - Example: "Given three inputs A, B, and C, make output Y high in the case where all of the inputs are low, or when A and B are low and C is high, or when A and C are low but B is high, or when A is low and B and C are high."

Creating complex logic

- How do we approach problems like these (and circuit problems in general)?
- Basic steps:
 - Create truth tables.
 - 2. Express truth table behaviour as a boolean expression.
 - 3. Convert this expression into gates.
- The key to an efficient design?
 - Spending extra time on Step #2.



Now you are here



Lecture Goals

- After this lecture, you should be able to:
 - Create a truth table that represents the behaviour of a circuit you want to create.
 - Translate the rows in a circuit's truth table into gates that implement that circuit.
 - Use Karnaugh maps to reduce the circuit to the minimal number of gates.

Circuits as truth tables

- Consider the following example:
 - "Given three inputs A, B, and C, make output Y high wherever any of the inputs are low, except when all three are low or when A and C are high."
- This leads to the truth table on the right.
 - Is there a better way to describe the cases when the circuit's output is high?

A	В	С	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

A simpler truth table

- What about the simpler truth table on the right?
- The output only goes high in one case, where A=0, B=1 and C=0.
- Translates easily into gates:

A	В	С	Y	
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	1	
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	0	
1	1	1	0	

$$\overline{A}$$
 B
 \overline{C}
 Y

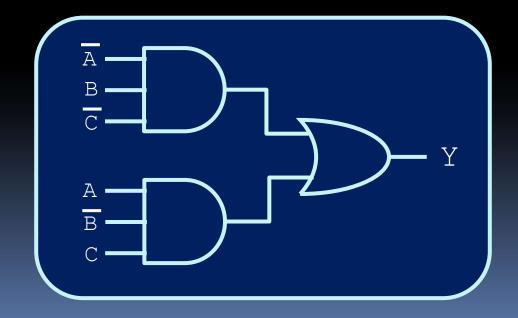
$$Y = \overline{A} \cdot B \cdot \overline{C}$$

$$Y = \overline{A}B\overline{C}$$

A less simple truth table

- What about the truth table below?
 - The output now goes high in two cases (rows in table):
 - When A=0, B=1 and C=0.
 - When A=1, B=0 and C=1.
- Each case/row can be expressed as a single AND gate:
 - Overall circuit is implemented by combining these AND gates.

A	В	С	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



Minterms

- This method of expressing circuit behaviour assumes the standard truth table format, then specifies which input rows cause high output.
 - The logical expression of these truth table rows (such as $\mathbb{A} \cdot \overline{\mathbb{B}} \cdot \mathbb{C}$) are called minterms.

A	В	С	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0



Minterm	Y
\mathbf{m}_{0}	0
$\mathrm{m_1}$	1
\mathbf{m}_2	1
m ₃	1
m ₄	1
m ₅	0
m ₆	1
m ₇	0

Minterms and Maxterms



Minterms and maxterms

- A more formal description:
 - Minterm = an AND expression with every input present in true or complemented form.
 - Maxterm = an OR expression with every input present in true or complemented form.
 - For example, given four inputs (A, B, C, D):
 - Valid minterms:
 - $\underline{\bullet}$ $\underline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \underline{C} \cdot \underline{D}$, $\overline{A} \cdot \underline{B} \cdot \overline{C} \cdot \underline{D}$, $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B} \cdot \underline{C} \cdot \underline{D}$
 - Valid maxterms:
 - $\overline{A}+\overline{B}+C+D$, $\overline{A}+B+\overline{C}+D$, A+B+C+D
 - Neither minterm nor maxterm:
 - $A \cdot B + C \cdot D$, $A \cdot B \cdot D$, A + B

Boolean expression notation

- A quick aside about notation:
 - AND operations are denoted in these expressions by the multiplication symbol.
 - e.g. $A \cdot B \cdot C$ or $A * B * C \approx A \wedge B \wedge C$
 - OR operations are denoted by the addition symbol.
 - e.g. A+B+C ≈ A∨B∨C
 - NOT is denoted by multiple symbols.
 - e.g. $\neg A$ or A' or \overline{A}
 - XOR occurs rarely in circuit expressions.
 - e.g. A ⊕ B

The intuition behind minterms

 To clarify what a mintem means, consider how this expression behaves:

$$m_{15} = A \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D$$

- How do you describe the logical expression above?
- m₁₅ describes the case where the output is low at all times, except when A=1, B=1, C=1 and D=1.

A	В	С	D	m ₁₅
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

The intuition behind maxterms

 Similarly, consider the following maxterm expression:

$$M_o = A+B+C+D$$

- What is this behaviour?
- M₀ is always high, except in the one case where all four input values are low.
- Try it with other input combinations!

A	В	С	D	\mathbf{M}_{0}
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

Minterm & maxterm notation

- Circuits are often described using minterms or maxterms, as a form of logic shorthand.
 - Given n inputs, there are 2^n minterms and maxterms possible (same as the # of rows in the truth table).
 - Naming scheme:
 - Minterms are labeled as m_x, maxterms are labeled as M_x
 - The x subscript indicates the row in the truth table.
 - x starts at 0 (when all inputs are low), and ends with 2^n-1 .
 - Example: Given 3 inputs
 - Minterms are m_0 ($\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C}$) to m_7 ($A \cdot B \cdot C$)
 - Maxterms are M_0 (A+B+C) to M_7 ($\overline{A}+\overline{B}+\overline{C}$)

Minterm & maxterm intuition

- A minterm specifies a row in the truth table where the input values of that row set the output high.
 - Consider: What expression results in a high output for only the first row of the truth table (when inputs are all zero)?

$$Y = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C} = m_0$$
Convert this into a binary # to get the minterm subscript!

- A maxterm specifies a row in the truth table where the input values of that row set the output low.
 - <u>Consider:</u> What expression results in a low output for only the first row of the truth table (when inputs are all zero)?

$$Y = A+B+C = M_0$$

Quick Exercises

- Given 4 inputs A, B, C and D write:
 - n₉
 - $^{\circ}$ m_{15}
 - $^{\circ}$ m_{16}
 - □ M₂
- Which minterm is this?
 - \blacksquare $\underline{A} \cdot B \cdot \underline{C} \cdot \underline{D}$
- Which maxterm is this?
 - A+B+C+D

Minterms into circuits

- How are minterms used for circuits?
 - A single minterm indicates a set of inputs that will make the output go high.
 - Example: m₂
 - Output only goes high in the third line of this truth table (assuming 4 inputs).

A	В	С	D	\mathbf{m}_2
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0

Minterms into circuits

- What if we want to combine minterms?
 - Use an OR operation!
 - The result is an output that goes high in both minterm cases.
 - Example: Consider m₂+m₈
 - The third and ninth lines of this truth table result in high output.

A	В	С	D	m_2	m ₈	m ₂ +m ₈
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0

Combining minterms & maxterms

- Two canonical forms of boolean expressions:
 - Sum-of-Minterms (SOM):
 - Since each minterm corresponds to a single high output in the truth table, the combined high outputs are a union of these minterm expressions.
 - Expressed in "Sum-of-Products" form.
 - Product-of-Maxterms (POM):
 - Since each maxterm only produces a single low output in the truth table, the combined low outputs are an intersection of these maxterm expressions.
 - Expressed in "Product-of-Sums" form.

 $Y = m_2 + m_6 + m_7 + m_{10}$ (SOM)

A	В	С	D	m ₂	m ₆	m ₇	m ₁₀	Y
0	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	0	0	0					
1	0	0	1					
1	0	1	0					
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A	В	С	D	m_2	m ₆	m ₇	m ₁₀	Y
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
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1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Using Sum-of-Minterms

- Sum-of-Minterms is a way of expressing which inputs cause the output to go high.
 - Assumes that the truth table columns list the inputs according to some logical or natural order.
- Minterm and maxterm expressions are used for efficiency reasons:
 - More compact that displaying entire truth tables.
 - Sum-of-minterms are useful in cases with very few input combinations that produce high output.
 - Product-of-maxterms useful when expressing truth tables that have very few low output cases...

 $Y = M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_7 \cdot M_{10} \cdot M_{14}$ (POM)

A	В	С	D	M ₃	M ₅	M ₇	M ₁₀	M ₁₄	Y
0	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						
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1	0	1	0						
1	0	1	1						
1	1	0	0						
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$Z = M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_7 \cdot M_{10} \cdot M_{14}$ (POM)

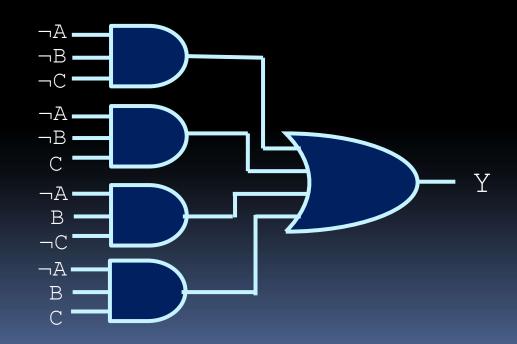
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0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
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0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
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1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Converting SOM to gates

 Once you have a Sum-of-Minterms expression, it is easy to convert this to the equivalent combination of gates:

$$m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_3 =$$

$$\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C} + \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot C + \overline{A} \cdot B \cdot C =$$

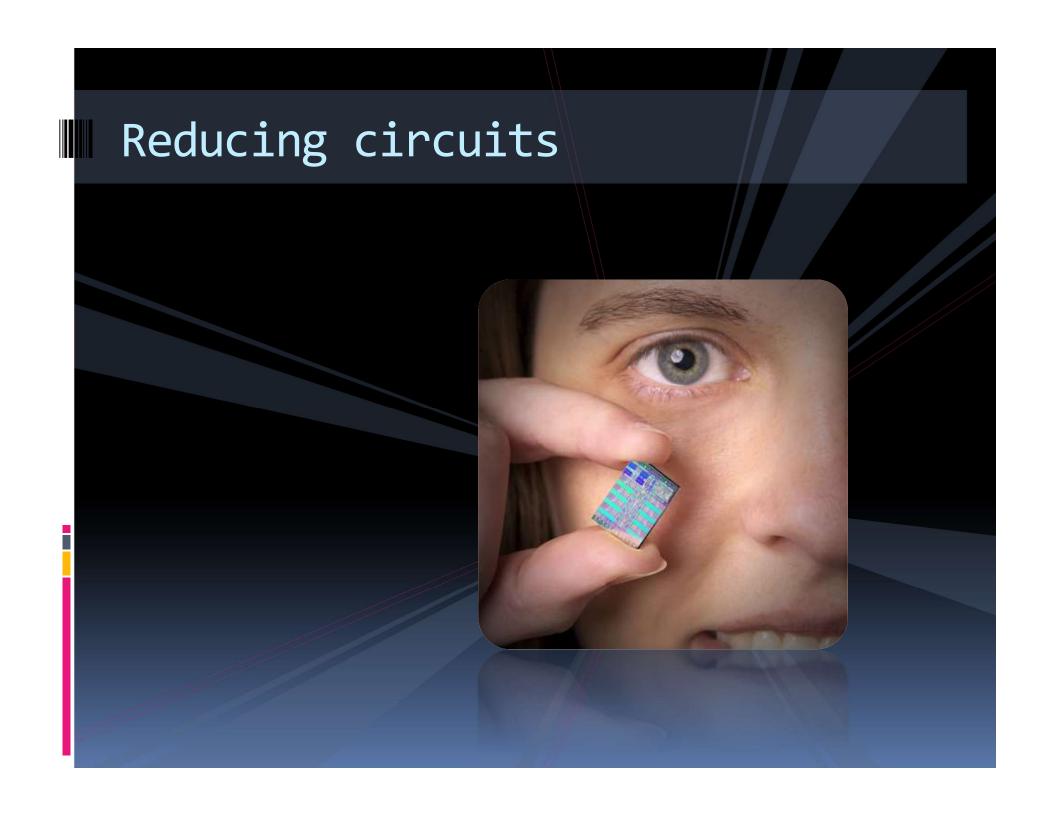


Example: 2-input XOR gate

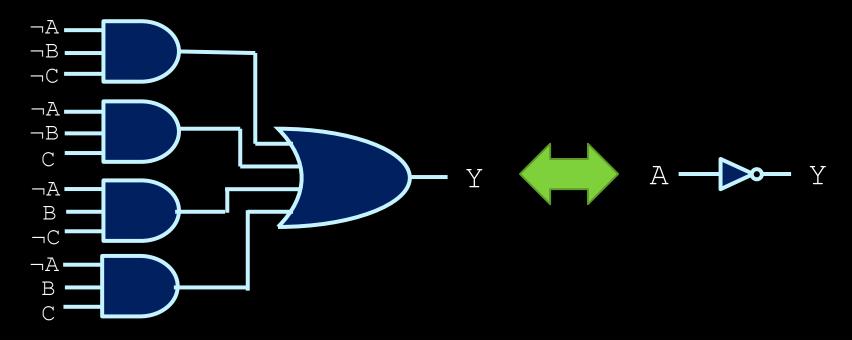
- An interesting property: $m_x = \overline{M_x}$
 - Minterm x is the complement of maxterm x.
 - e.g., $m_o = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$ while $M_o = A + B$
- 2-input XOR gate in SOM and POM form.
 - Sum-Of-Minterms: $F = m_1 + m_2$
 - Product-Of-Maxterms : $F = M_O \cdot M_3$
- Write F in Sum-Of-Minterms form:
 - We need to include the minterms not present in F.
 - $\overline{F} = m_0 + m_3$

Example: 2-input XOR gate (cont'd)

- Write F in Sum-Of-Minterms form:
 - We need to include the minterms not present in F.
 - $\overline{F} = m_0 + m_3$
- Now let's take the complement of \overline{F} .
 - $\overline{F} = F = \overline{(m_0 + m_3)} = \overline{m}_0 \overline{m}_3$
 - But \overline{m}_o is M_o and \overline{m}_3 is M_3
 - Therefore, F = M_o M₃
- The canonical representations SOM and POM for a given function are equivalent!



Reasons for reducing circuits



- Note example of Sum-of-Minterms circuit design.
- To minimize the number of gates, we want to reduce the boolean expression as much as possible from a collection of minterms to something smaller.
- This is where CSC165 skills come in handy ©

Boolean algebra review

Axioms:

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$
 $0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$
 $1 \cdot 1 = 1$ if $x = 1$, $\overline{x} = 0$

From this, we can extrapolate:

If one input of a 2-input AND gate is 1, then the output is whatever value the other input is.

$$x \cdot 0 = x+1 = x+0 = x+0 = x \cdot x = x+x = x+\overline{x} = \overline{x} = x+\overline{x} =$$

If one input of a 2input OR gate is o, then the output is whatever value the other input is.

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$$x \cdot x = x \qquad x+x = x$$

$$x \cdot \overline{x} = 0 \qquad x+\overline{x} = 1$$

$$\overline{x} = x$$

Other Boolean identities

Commutative Law:

$$x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$
 $x+y = y+x$

Associative Law:

$$x \cdot (\lambda + z) = (x + \lambda) + z$$

 $x \cdot (\lambda \cdot z) = (x \cdot \lambda) \cdot z$

Distributive Law:

$$x \cdot (\lambda + z) = x \cdot \lambda + x \cdot z$$

 $x \cdot (\lambda + z) = x \cdot \lambda + x \cdot z$

Does this hold in conventional algebra?

Consensus Law Proof -Venn diagram

Consensus Law:

$$x \cdot y + \underline{x} \cdot z + y \cdot z = x \cdot y + \underline{x} \cdot z$$

Proof by Venn diagram:

- x · y
- <u>X</u> · Z
- y · Z
 - Already covered!



Consensus Law (via Venn diagram)

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Other boolean identities

Absorption Law:

$$x \cdot (x+\lambda) = x \qquad x+(x \cdot \lambda) = x$$

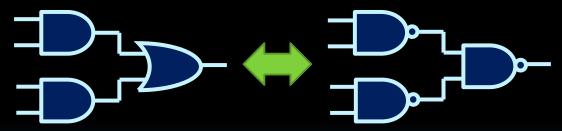
De Morgan's Laws:

$$\frac{\underline{x} + \underline{\lambda}}{\underline{x} \cdot \underline{\lambda}} = \frac{\underline{x} \cdot \underline{\lambda}}{\underline{x} \cdot \underline{\lambda}}$$

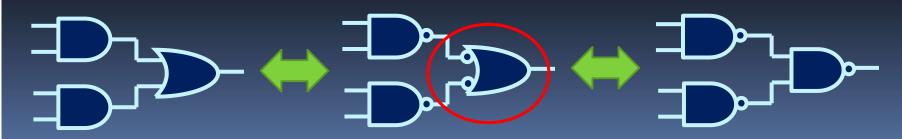


Converting to NAND gates

- De Morgan's Law is important because out of all the gates, NANDs are the cheapest to fabricate.
 - a Sum-of-Products circuit could be converted into an equivalent circuit of NAND gates:



This is all based on de Morgan's Law:



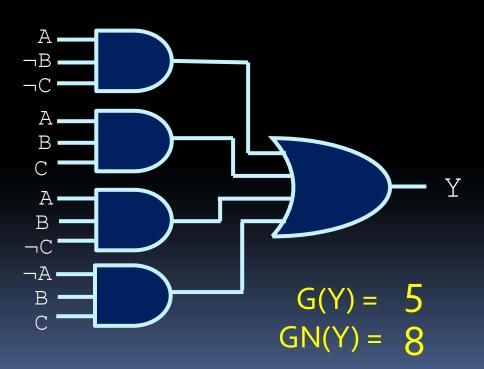
Reduction goal: gate cost

• If these two circuits perform the same operation, which implementation do you prefer? Why?

(a) $F = \overline{X}YZ + \overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + XZ$ В. (b) $F = \overline{X}Y + XZ$

Measuring gate cost

- How do we measure the "simplest" expression?
 - In this case, "simple" denotes the lowest gate cost
 (G) or the lowest gate cost with NOTs (GN).
 - To calculate the gate cost, simply add all the gates together (as well as the cost of the NOT gates, in the case of the GN cost).



A	В	С	Y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Assuming logic specs at left, we get the following:

$$Y = \overline{A} \cdot B \cdot \overline{C} + A \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C} + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

 Now start combining terms, like the last two:

$$Y = \overline{A} \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C}$$

$$+ A \cdot B$$

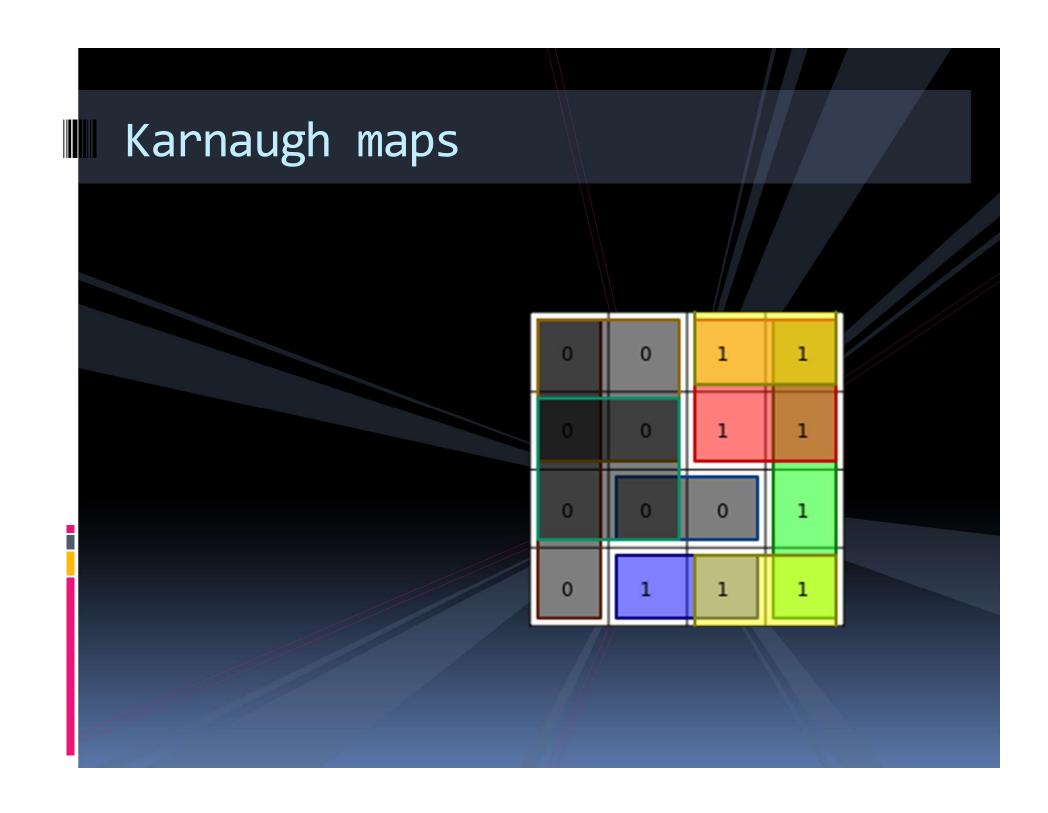
- Different final expressions possible, depending on what terms you combine.
- For instance, given the previous example:

$$Y = \overline{A} \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C} + A \cdot B \cdot \overline{C} + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

But if you combine the end and middle terms...

$$Y = B \cdot C + A \cdot \overline{C}$$

- This reduces the number of gates and inputs ©
 - But how do we know which terms to combine?



■ In this truth table, what rows could we combine with m₀?

- It's not always clear by looking at the truth table, which rows can be combined.
- What if we represent this truth table in a different way?

A	В	С	Y
0	0	0	m_0
0	0	1	m_1
0	1	0	m_2
0	1	1	m_3
1	0	0	m_4
1	0	1	m_5
1	1	0	m_6
1	1	1	m_7

- Karnaugh maps (K-maps for short) represent the same information as a truth table, but in a format that helps us see what minterms can be combined.
 - Karnaugh maps are a 2D grid of minterms (see below), arranged so that adjacent minterms in the grid differ by a single literal.
 - Values in the grid are the output for that minterm.

	$\overline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{C}}$	B·C	В∙С	B⋅C
Ā	0	0	1	0
A	1	0	1	1

Karnaugh maps

- Karnaugh maps can be of any size, and have any number of inputs.
 - i.e. the 4-input example here.

	<u>C</u> · <u>D</u>	<u>C</u> ∙D	C ·D	C · <u>D</u>
$\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$	$\rm m_{\rm o}$	m_1	m_3	m_2
Ā·B	m_4	m_5	m_7	m_6
A·B	m ₁₂	m ₁₃	m ₁₅	m ₁₄
Α·B	m ₈	m_9	m ₁₁	m_{10}

 Since adjacent minterms only differ by a single value, they can be grouped into a single term that omits that value.

Using Karnaugh maps

- Once Karnaugh maps are created, draw boxes over groups of high output values.
 - Boxes must be rectangular, and aligned with map.
 - Number of values contained within each box must be a power of 2.
 - Boxes may overlap with each other.
 - Boxes may wrap across edges of map.

	B·C	B·C	B·C	B⋅C
Ā	0	0	1	0
A	1	0	1	1

Using Karnaugh maps

	B·C	B·C	в·С	B⋅C
Ā	0	0	1	0
A	1	0	1	1

 Once you find the minimal number of boxes that cover all the high outputs, create boolean expressions from the inputs that are common to all elements in the box.

For this example:

■ Vertical box: B · C

Horizontal box: A · C

• Overall equation: $Y = B \cdot C + A \cdot \overline{C}$

Karnaugh maps and maxterms

- Can also use this technique to group maxterms together as well.
- Karnaugh maps with maxterms involves grouping

the zero entries together, instead of grouping the entries with one values.

	C+D	C+D	C+D	C +D
A+B	${\rm M}_{\odot}$	M_1	M_3	M_2
A+B	M_4	M_5	M_7	M_6
Ā+B	M ₁₂	M ₁₃	M ₁₅	M ₁₄
Ā+B	M_8	M_9	M ₁₁	M_{10}

Quick Exercise

	ΖŪ	C D	CD	CD
ĀB	0	0	1	1
ĀB	1	1	0	0
AB	1	1	0	0
AB	0	0	0	0

$$F = B \cdot \overline{C} + \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B} \cdot C$$