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# Logic and Computer Design Fundamentals

## Chapter 2 – Combinational Logic Circuits

### Part 3 – Boolean Algebra and Algebraic Manipulation

# Overview

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- **Part 3–Boolean Algebra**
  - **Boolean Algebra**
  - **Algebraic Manipulation**

# I. Boolean Algebra

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# Boolean Algebra

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Boolean algebra is the branch of algebra in which the values of the variables are the truth values (true and false), usually denoted 1 and 0, respectively.

# Boolean Algebra

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- Boolean algebra is the theoretical foundation for digital system.
- Boolean algebra is a mathematical system with a set of elements, a set of operators and a number of unproved hypothesis.
- Boolean algebra can have only two values, 0 and 1. The Boolean 0 and 1 do not represent actual numbers, instead a state of voltage.
- Boolean algebra is used as a tool for the analysis and design of logic circuit.

# Boolean Function Evaluation

using Truth Table

$$F1 = xy\bar{z}$$

$$F2 = x + \bar{y}z$$

$$F3 = \bar{x}yz + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + xz$$

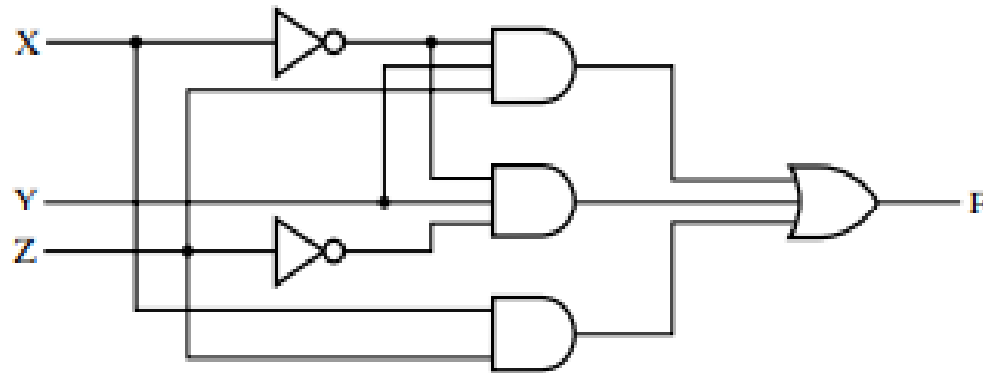
$$F4 = \bar{x}y + xz$$

**Finally, we  
found that F3  
is equal to F4  
(F3=F4)**

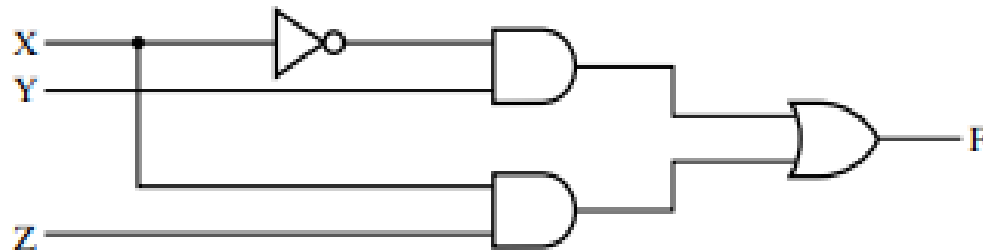
| x | y | z | F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 |
|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1  | 1  | 0  |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

# Boolean Function Evaluation

## Equivalent Circuit Diagram



(a)  $F = \bar{X}YZ + \bar{X}Y\bar{Z} + XZ$



(b)  $F = \bar{X}Y + XZ$

# II. Algebraic Manipulation

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How to simplify the Boolean algebra?



# Algebraic Manipulation

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- Algebraic Manipulation is a useful tool for **Simplifying** the digital circuit.

- Why do we need to do it?

Answer: **Simpler mean cheaper, smaller, and faster.**

- For example

$$F3 = \overline{X}YZ + \overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + XZ$$

is equal to ...

$$F4 = \overline{X}Y + XZ$$



How to simplify?  
...go to next  
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# Algebraic Manipulation: Basic Identities

An algebraic structure defined on a set of at least two elements, together with three traditional binary operators: Or, And, Not (denoted  $+$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ) that satisfies the following basic identities:

1.  $X + 0 = X$

3.  $X + 1 = 1$

5.  $X + X = X$

7.  $X + \bar{X} = 1$

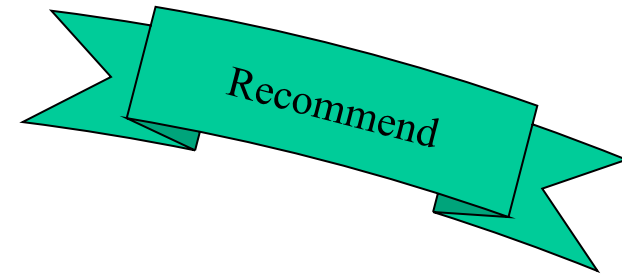
9.  $\bar{\bar{X}} = X$

2.  $X \cdot 1 = X$

4.  $X \cdot 0 = 0$

6.  $X \cdot X = X$

8.  $X \cdot \bar{X} = 0$



10.  $X + Y = Y + X$

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

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

16.  $\overline{X + Y} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$

11.  $XY = YX$

13.  $(XY)Z = X(YZ)$

15.  $X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$

17.  $\overline{X \cdot Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$

Commutative

Associative

Distributive

DeMorgan's

# Some Properties of Identities

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- The identities above are organized into pairs. These pairs have names as follows:

**1-4 Existence of 0 and 1**

**5-6 Idempotence**

**7-8 Existence of complement**

**9 Involution**

**10-11 Commutative Laws**

**12-13 Associative Laws**

**14-15 Distributive Laws**

**16-17 DeMorgan's Laws**

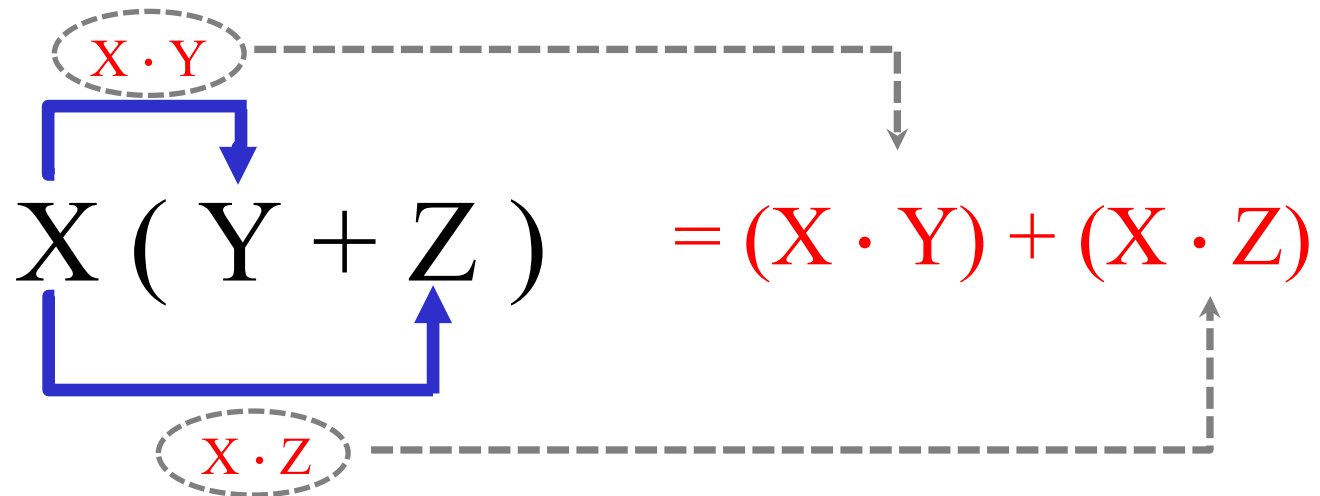
# Useful Trick! Distributive Pattern

Distributive identities 14 and 15 are most frequently used:

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**Identity 14**:  $X(Y+Z) = XY + XZ$

Pattern



How to apply this trick?

given algebra is  $F = \overline{A}BC + ABC$

Solution

Step1: Extract **shared variables**  $\rightarrow BC$

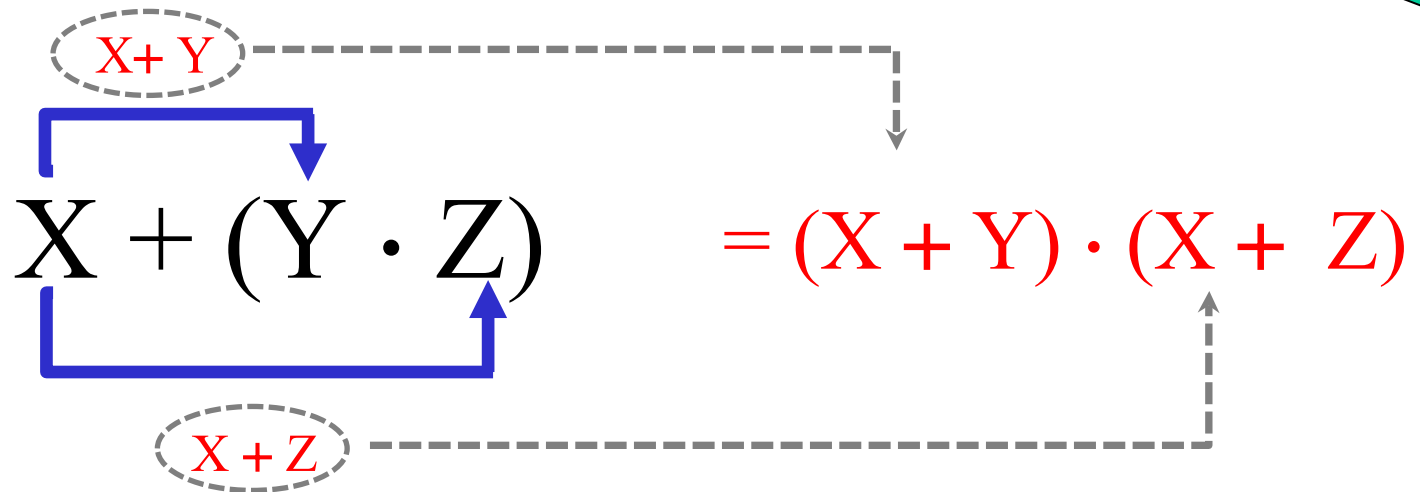
Step2: Determine functions, you will get  $\rightarrow BC (\overline{A}+A)$

# Useful Trick! Distributive Pattern

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**Identity 15**:  $X + (YZ) = (X + Y)(X + Z)$

Pattern



How to apply this trick?

given algebra is  $F = (\overline{A} + BC)(A + BC)$

Solution

Step1: Extract **shared variables**  $\rightarrow BC$

Step2: Determine functions, you will get  $\rightarrow BC + (\overline{A} \cdot A)$

# Algebraic Manipulation

## Useful Trick! How to apply?

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- Step1: To determine Distributive Identity by checking the **most shared (or common) variables**.

For example:

$$F = \overline{X}YZ + \overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + XZ$$

So,  $\overline{X}Y$  is the most shared variables

$$= \overline{X}Y(Z + \overline{Z}) + XZ$$

# Algebraic Manipulation

## Useful Trick! How to apply?

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- Step2: To consider a simplification of the expression by **applying some of the identities** until getting final literals:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \bar{X}YZ + \bar{X}Y\bar{Z} + XZ \\ &= \bar{X}Y(Z + \bar{Z}) + XZ && \text{Distributive, identity 14} \\ &= \bar{X}Y(1) + XZ && \text{identity 7} \\ &= \bar{X}Y + XZ && \text{identity 2} \\ &\text{Final simplification} \rightarrow 4 \text{ Literals} \end{aligned}$$

...Simplify to contain the smallest number of **literals** (result variables)

# Useful Trick! Distributive Pattern

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## Applied Trick for Identity 15:

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

Pattern

The diagram illustrates the distributive pattern for the expression  $(A+B)(C+D)$ . It shows the expansion into four terms:  $AC$ ,  $AD$ ,  $BC$ , and  $BD$ . The terms  $AC$  and  $BD$  are connected by a blue arrow, and the terms  $AD$  and  $BC$  are connected by a red arrow. The final result is  $AC+AD+BC+BD$ .

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



# Proof of Simplification

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$$x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot y = y$$

**Proof**

$$(X \cdot Y) + (\bar{X} \cdot Y) = Y$$

$$(X + \bar{X}) \cdot Y = Y$$

$$(1) \cdot Y = Y$$

$$Y = Y$$

identity 14

identity 7

identity 2

# Proof of Simplification

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$$(x + y)(\bar{x} + y) = y$$

**Proof**

The diagram shows the expression  $(X + Y)(\bar{X} + Y) = Y$ . The terms  $X$  and  $\bar{X}$  are circled in red, while  $Y$  and  $Y$  are circled in blue. A red arrow points from the red circle around  $X$  to the  $\bar{X}$  in the second term. A blue arrow points from the blue circle around  $Y$  in the first term to the  $Y$  in the second term. This illustrates the application of the distributive law.

$$(X + Y)(\bar{X} + Y) = Y$$

$$(X \cdot \bar{X}) + Y = Y$$

identity 15

$$(0) + Y = Y$$

identity 8

$$Y = Y$$

identity 1

# Useful Theorems



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- $x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot y = y$      $(x + y)(\bar{x} + y) = y$     **Minimization**
- $x + x \cdot y = x$      $x \cdot (x + y) = x$     **Absorption**
- $x + \bar{x} \cdot y = x + y$      $x \cdot (\bar{x} + y) = x \cdot y$     **Simplification**
- $x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot z + y \cdot z = x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot z$     **Consensus**  
 $(x + y) \cdot (\bar{x} + z) \cdot (y + z) = (x + y) \cdot (\bar{x} + z)$
- $\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$      $\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$     **DeMorgan's Laws**

# Boolean Algebraic Proof

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Our primary reason for doing proofs is to learn:

- Careful and efficient use of the identities and theorems of Boolean algebra, and
- How to choose the appropriate identity or theorem to apply to make forward progress, in order to simplify the Boolean algebra.

# Useful Theorems: Absorption

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Proof:  $X + XY = X$  (Absorption theorem)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X + XY &= X \cdot 1 + XY \\ &= X \cdot (1 + Y) \\ &= X \cdot 1 \\ &= X \end{aligned}$$

$$X \cdot 1 = X, \text{ identity 2}$$

$$\text{Distributive, identity 15}$$

$$Y + 1 = 1, \text{ identity 3}$$

$$X \cdot 1 = X, \text{ identity 2}$$

# Useful Theorems: Simplification

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Proof:  $X + \overline{X}Y = X + Y$  (Simplification theorem)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X + \overline{X}Y &= (X + \overline{X})(X + Y) \\ &= 1 \cdot (X + Y) \\ &= X + Y \end{aligned}$$

Distributive, identity 15

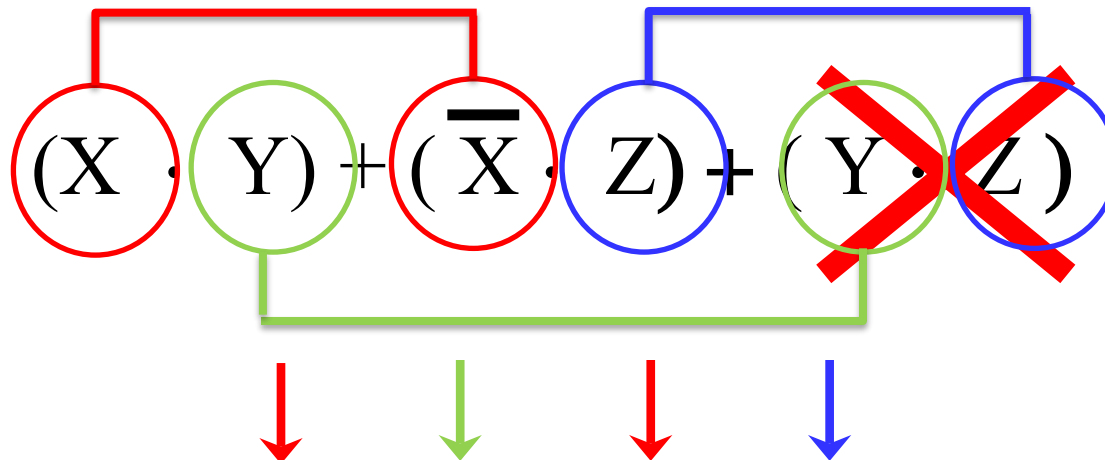
$X + \overline{X} = 1$ , identity 7

$X \cdot 1 = X$ , identity 2

# Useful Trick! Consensus Pattern

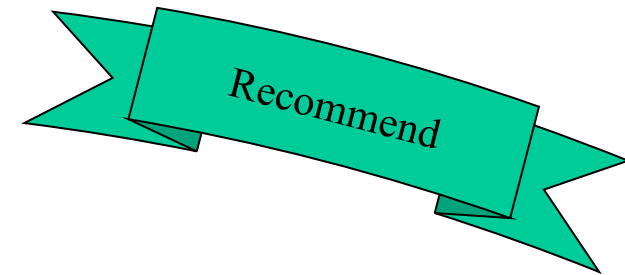
$$(X \cdot Y) + (\bar{X} \cdot Z) + (Y \cdot Z) = (X \cdot Y) + (\bar{X} \cdot Z)$$

## Consensus Pattern



Conclusion

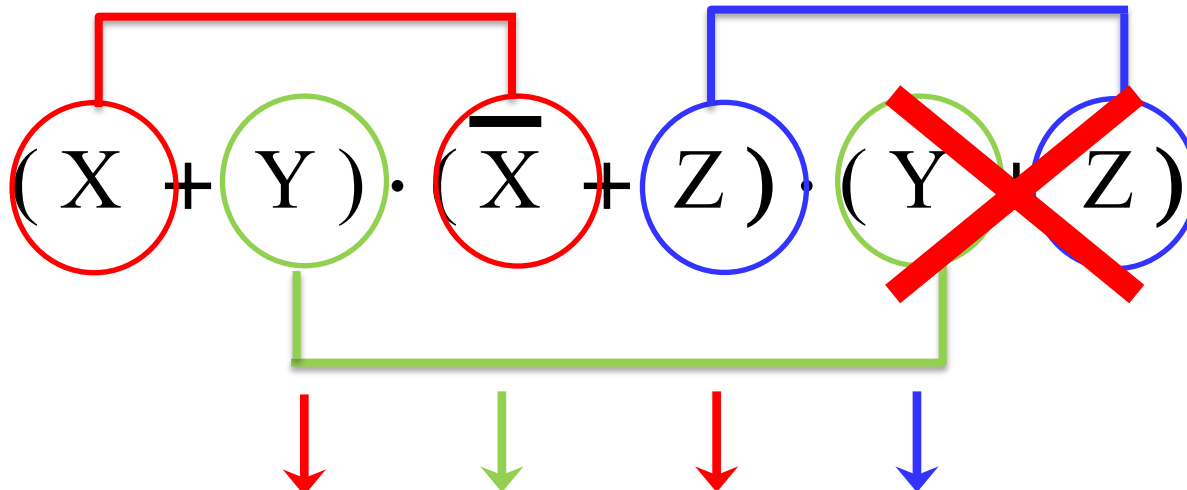
$$(X \cdot Y) + (\bar{X} \cdot Z)$$



# Useful Trick! Consensus Pattern

$$(X + Y) \cdot (\bar{X} + Z) \cdot (Y + Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (\bar{X} + Z)$$

## Consensus Pattern



Conclusion

$$(X + Y) \cdot (\bar{X} + Z)$$

Recommend



# Useful Theorems: DeMorgan

Truth Table to verify DeMorgan's Theorem

$$\overline{(X + Y)} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$$

| (a) | X | Y | X + Y | $\overline{X + Y}$ | (b) | X | Y | $\bar{X}$ | $\bar{Y}$ | $\bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$ |
|-----|---|---|-------|--------------------|-----|---|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
|     | 0 | 0 | 0     | 1                  |     | 0 | 0 | 1         | 1         | 1                       |
|     | 0 | 1 | 1     | 0                  |     | 0 | 1 | 1         | 0         | 0                       |
|     | 1 | 0 | 1     | 0                  |     | 1 | 0 | 0         | 1         | 0                       |
|     | 1 | 1 | 1     | 0                  |     | 1 | 1 | 0         | 0         | 0                       |

Boolean Function Evaluation using Truth table

# Useful Trick! DeMorgan Pattern



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DeMorgan, Identity 16

$$\overline{(X + Y)} \neq \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$$

$$\overline{(X + Y)} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$$

DeMorgan, Identity 17

$$\overline{(X \cdot Y)} \neq \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$$

$$\overline{(X \cdot Y)} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$$

# Example: Algebraic Proof

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- $(A+B)(A+CD) = A+BCD$

## Proof Steps

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $(A+B)(A+CD) = AA+ACD+BA+BCD$ | identity 15<br>see slide 14 |
| $= A+ACD+BA+BCD$              | identity 6                  |
| $= A(1+CD+B)+BCD$             | identity 14                 |
| $= A(1)+ BCD$                 | identity 3                  |
| $= A + BCD$                   | identity 2                  |

# Example: Algebraic Proof

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- $(A+B)(\bar{A}+C) = AC + \bar{A}B$

## Proof Steps

$$\begin{aligned} & (A+B)(\bar{A}+C) \\ = & A\bar{A} + AC + B\bar{A} + BC && \text{by distributive} \\ = & A\bar{A} + AC + \bar{A}B + BC && \text{Re-ordering} \\ = & 0 + AC + \bar{A}B + BC && \text{by identity 8} \\ = & AC + \bar{A}B && *** \end{aligned}$$

\*\*\* The redundant term eliminated in the last step  
by the consensus theorem

# Expression Simplification

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- An application of Boolean algebra
- Simplify to contain the smallest number of literals (complemented and uncomplemented variables):

$$\begin{aligned} & AB + \bar{A}CD + \bar{A}BD + \bar{A}C\bar{D} + ABCD \\ = & AB + ABCD + \bar{A}CD + \bar{A}C\bar{D} + \bar{A}BD \\ = & \boxed{AB(1 + CD)} + \bar{A}C(D + \bar{D}) + \bar{A}BD \\ = & AB + \bar{A}C + \bar{A}BD = B(\boxed{A + \bar{A}D}) + \bar{A}C \\ = & B(A + D) + \bar{A}C \end{aligned}$$

*Simplification*

**Final result contain 5 literals**

# Complementing Functions

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- Use DeMorgan's Theorem to complement a function:

1. Interchange AND and OR operators

2. Complement each constant value and literal

- Question: Complement  $F = \bar{x}y\bar{z} + x\bar{y}\bar{z}$

Solution:  $\bar{F} = (x + \bar{y} + z)(\bar{x} + y + z)$

how to prove?

# Complementing Functions

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Initial algebra is  $F = \overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + X\overline{Y}\overline{Z}$

Solve the complementing function of F which is equal to

$$\overline{F} = \overline{\overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + X\overline{Y}\overline{Z}}$$

**Solution!!!**

$$= (\overline{\overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}})(\overline{X + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}})$$

$$= (X + \overline{Y} + Z)(\overline{X} + Y + Z)$$