

## 04 – SIMPLIFYING CIRCUITS

COMP256 – COMPUTING ABSTRACTIONS  
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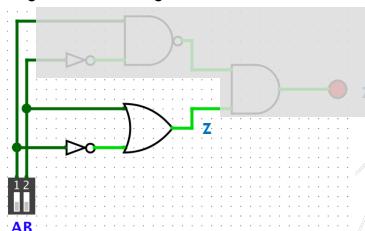
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These gates  
can be omitted as  
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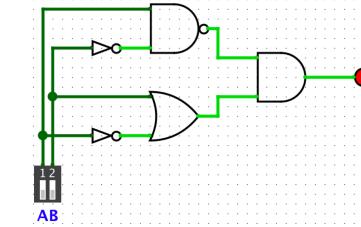
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## LOGIC SIMPLIFICATION

- Boolean Algebra:

- The Boolean Algebra consists of a collection of *identities* that can be used to rewrite logical expressions into *equivalent* logical expressions that may yield better circuits:

- Fewer gates or inputs (cheaper)
- Smaller propagation delays (faster)
- Require less space on a chip (denser)

- NOTE: Two logic expressions,  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$ , are equivalent if and only if all inputs that make  $Z_1$  true also make  $Z_2$  true and vice versa.

## BOOLEAN IDENTITIES

Name	And Form	Or Form
Identity	$1 \cdot A = A$	$0 + A = A$
Null	$0 \cdot A = 0$	$1 + A = 1$
Idempotent	$A \cdot A = A$	$A + A = A$
Inverse	$A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$	$A + \bar{A} = 1$
Commutative	$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$	$A + B = B + A$
Associative	$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$	$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
Distributive	$A + (B \cdot C) = (A + B) \cdot (A + C)$	$A \cdot (B + C) = A \cdot B + A \cdot C$
Absorption	$A \cdot (A + B) = A$	$A + A \cdot B = A$
DeMorgan's	$\overline{A \cdot B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$	$\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} \bar{B}$

Double Negation  $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$

## ACTIVITY

- Use truth tables to show that the Absorption Identities are true.

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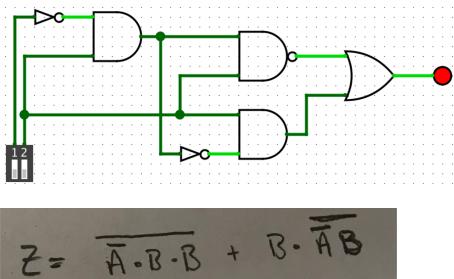
Truth table for a double check.

A	B	$\bar{A}$	$\bar{A} + B$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1

$Z = \bar{A} \bar{B} \cdot (\bar{A} + B)$	Distributive Or
$(\bar{A} \bar{B}) \bar{A} + (\bar{A} \bar{B}) \cdot B$	DeMorgan's And
$\bar{A}(\bar{A} \bar{B}) + B(\bar{A} \bar{B})$	Commutative And
$\bar{A} \bar{A} \bar{B} + B \bar{A} \bar{B}$	Distributive Or
$\bar{A} + \bar{A} \bar{B} + B \bar{A} \bar{B}$	Idempotent And
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$\bar{A} + B \bar{A} + B$	Absorption Or
$\bar{A} + B + B \bar{A}$	Commutative Or
$Z = \bar{A} + B$	Absorption Or

## ACTIVITY

- Use Boolean Identities to reduce the number of gates in the following circuit:



A	B	Z
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	1

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

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## INTEGRATION SCALE

- Integrated circuits can be classified by the scale (magnitude) of Integration:

- Small Scale Integration (1-10 transistors)
- Medium Scale Integration (10-100 transistors)
- Large Scale Integration (100-1000 transistors)
- Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) (1000+)



Image from: [https://www.nsteinc.com/integrated\\_circuits.php](https://www.nsteinc.com/integrated_circuits.php)

- "AMD 2nd Gen EPYC Rome Processors Feature A Gargantuan 39.54 Billion Transistors"

- Oct 22, 2019
- <https://wccftech.com/amd-2nd-gen-epyc-rome-iod-ccd-chipshots-39-billion-transistors/>

## MOORE'S LAW

- Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel, observed in 1965 that the number of transistors on a silicon chip had approximately doubled every year.

- Later revised to every 18 to 24 months.



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