

Examples of use of Boolean algebra theorems and identities to simplify logic expressions.

Find minimal SOP expressions for the following:

1. $Z = AD + BCD + \bar{A}C$

Use consensus theorem ($PQ + \bar{P}R = PQ + \bar{P}R + QR$)

Apply to $AD + \bar{A}C$ to add CD which will serve as a "hit-man".

$$Z = AD + BCD + \bar{A}C + CD$$

Then apply absorption identity ($P + PQ = P$) to $CD + BCD$ to get

$$Z = AD + \bar{A}C + CD$$

Now use the consensus theorem in reverse to get rid of the hit-man CD .

$$Z = AD + \bar{A}C$$

2. $Z = AB(\bar{A}CD + AE + EG)$

Multiply out to get

$$Z = AB\bar{A}CD + ABAE + ABEG$$

Simplify using $P\bar{P} = 0$ and $PP = P$

$$Z = ABE + ABEG$$

Use absorption identity to get final result

$$Z = ABE$$

3. (A more complicated problem is)

$$Z = ABC + A\bar{B}CE + ACDE + \bar{A}\bar{B}D + \bar{B}CDE$$

Use consensus theorem on $ABC + A\bar{B}CE$ to add the consensus term ACE

$$Z = ABC + A\bar{B}CE + ACDE + \bar{A}\bar{B}D + \bar{B}CDE$$