Boolean Algebra

Boolean Algebra is used to analyze and simplify the digital (logic) circuits. It uses only the binary numbers i.e. 0 and 1. It is also called as **Binary Algebra** or **logical Algebra**. Boolean algebra was invented by **George Boole** in 1854.

Rule in Boolean Algebra

Following are the important rules used in Boolean algebra.

- Variable used can have only two values. Binary 1 for HIGH and Binary 0 for LOW.
- Complement of a variable is represented by an overbar (-). Thus, complement of variable B is represented as $\overline{B}$. Thus if B = 0 then $\overline{B}$ = 1 and B = 1 then $\overline{B}$ = 0.
- ORing of the variables is represented by a plus (+) sign between them. For example ORing of A, B, C is represented as A + B + C.
- Logical ANDing of the two or more variable is represented by writing a dot between them such as A.B.C. Sometime the dot may be omitted like ABC.

Boolean Laws

There are six types of Boolean Laws.

Commutative law

Any binary operation which satisfies the following expression is referred to as commutative operation.

(i) $A.B = B.A$ (ii) $A + B = B + A$

Commutative law states that changing the sequence of the variables does not have any effect on the output of a logic circuit.

Associative law

This law states that the order in which the logic operations are performed is irrelevant as their effect is the same.

(i) $(A.B).C = A.(B.C)$ (ii) $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$

Distributive law

Distributive law states the following condition.

$$A.(B + C) = A.B + A.C$$

AND law

These laws use the AND operation. Therefore they are called as **AND** laws.

(i) $A.0 = 0$ (ii) $A.1 = A$

(iii) $A.A = A$ (iv) $A.\overline{A} = 0$

OR law

These laws use the OR operation. Therefore they are called as **OR** laws.

(i) $A + 0 = A$ (ii) $A + 1 = 1$

(iii) $A + A = A$ (iv) $A + \overline{A} = 1$

INVERSION law

This law uses the NOT operation. The inversion law states that double inversion of a variable results in the original variable itself.

$$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$$

Important Boolean Theorems

Following are few important boolean Theorems.

Boolean function/theorems	Description
Boolean Functions	Boolean Functions and Expressions, K-Map and NAND Gates realization
De Morgan's Theorems	De Morgan's Theorem 1 and Theorem 2

Logic gates

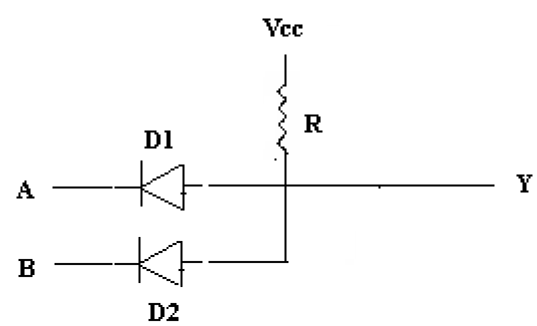
Logic gates are the basic building blocks of any digital system. It is an electronic circuit having one or more than one input and only one output. The relationship between the input and the output is based on a **certain logic**. Based on this, logic gates are named as AND gate, OR gate, NOT gate etc.

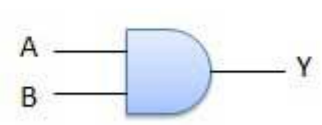
AND Gate

A circuit which performs an AND operation is shown in figure. It has n input (n >= 2) and one output. it is a two or more input device but single output signal. it give higher output only when all input signal are high. IC7408, 14 pin with 4 AND gates inside.

Y	=	A AND B AND C .... N
Y	=	A.B.C .... N
Y	=	ABC .... N

Logic diagram





Truth Table

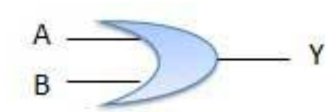
Inputs		Output
A	B	AB
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

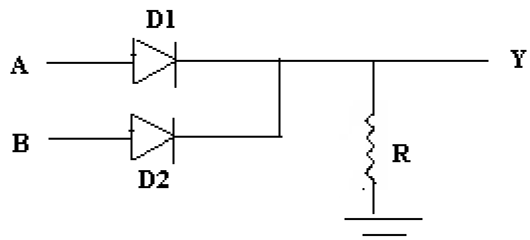
OR Gate

A circuit which performs an OR operation is shown in figure. It has n input (n >= 2) and one output. output signal will be high only if one or both input are high. output is zero when both input is zero. IC 7432 is 14 pin IC with four input OR gate.

Y	=	A OR B OR C .... N
Y	=	A + B + C .... N

Logic diagram





Truth Table

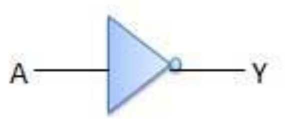
Inputs		Output
A	B	A + B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

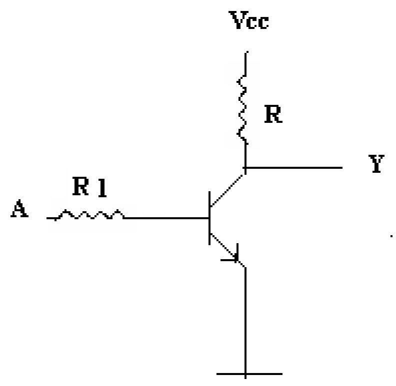
NOT Gate

NOT gate is also known as **Inverter**. It has one input A and one output Y

Y	=	NOT A
Y	=	$\overline{A}$

Logic diagram





Truth Table

Inputs	Output
A	B
0	1
1	0

UNIVERSAL Gate

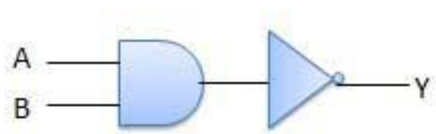
NAND and NOR Gate are said to be Universal Gate because any digital system can be implemented with these gates. it is more common from hardware point of view because they are readily available in IC form. Sequential and combinational circuit can be constructed with this Gate

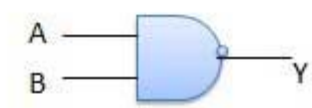
NAND Gate

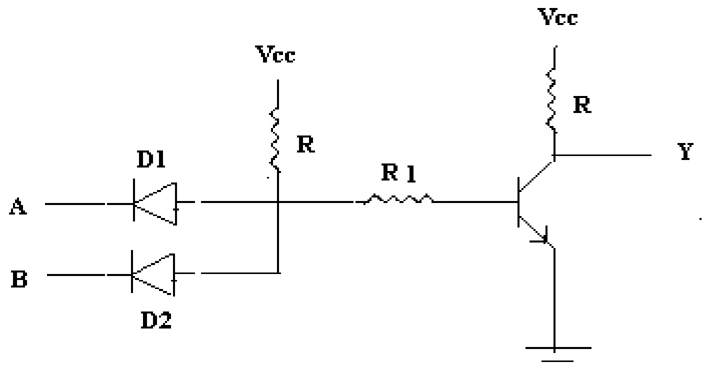
A NOT-AND operation is known as NAND operation. It has n input (n >= 2) and one output.

Y	=	A NOT AND B NOT AND C .... N
Y	=	A NAND B NAND C .... N

Logic diagram







Truth Table

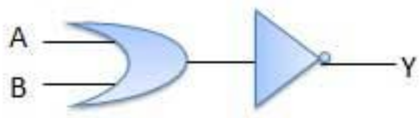
Inputs		Output
A	B	$\overline{AB}$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

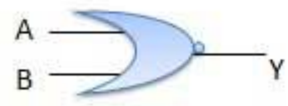
NOR Gate

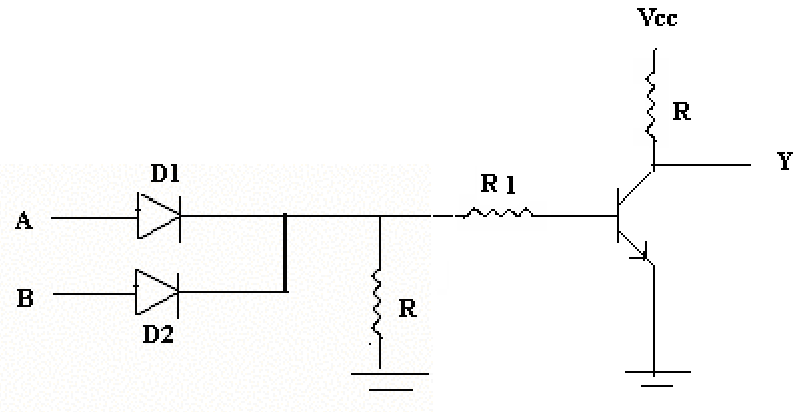
A NOT-OR operation is known as NOR operation. It has n input (n >= 2) and one output.

Y = A NOT OR B NOT OR C .... N
Y = A NOR B NOR C .... N

Logic diagram







Truth Table

Inputs		Output
A	B	$\overline{A+B}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

XOR Gate

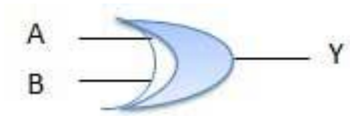
XOR or Ex-OR gate is a special type of gate. It can be used in the half adder, full adder and subtractor. The exclusive-OR gate is abbreviated as EX-OR gate or sometime as X-OR gate. It has n input (n >= 2) and one output.

$$Y = A \text{ XOR } B \text{ XOR } C \text{ .... } N$$

$$Y = A \oplus B \oplus C \text{ .... } N$$

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

Logic diagram



Truth Table

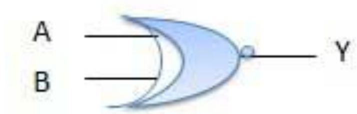
Inputs		Output
A	B	$A \oplus B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

XNOR Gate

XNOR gate is a special type of gate. It can be used in the half adder, full adder and subtractor. The exclusive-NOR gate is abbreviated as EX-NOR gate or sometime as X-NOR gate. It has n input (n >= 2) and one output.

Y	=	A XOR B XOR C .... N
Y	=	$A \odot B \odot C$ .... N
Y	=	$\overline{A}\,\overline{B} + AB$

Logic diagram



Truth Table

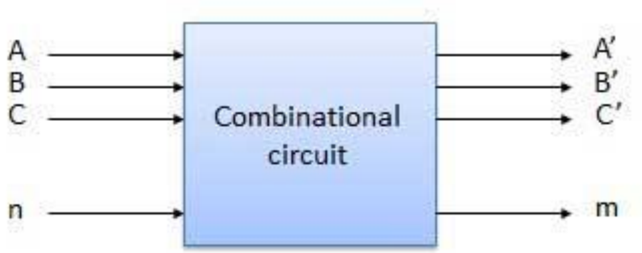
Inputs		Output
A	B	$A \odot B$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Combinational circuit

Combinational circuit is a circuit in which we combine the different gates in the circuit, for example encoder, decoder, multiplexer and demultiplexer. Some of the characteristics of combinational circuits are following −

- The output of combinational circuit at any instant of time, depends only on the levels present at input terminals.
- The combinational circuit do not use any memory. The previous state of input does not have any effect on the present state of the circuit.
- A combinational circuit can have an n number of inputs and m number of outputs.

Block diagram

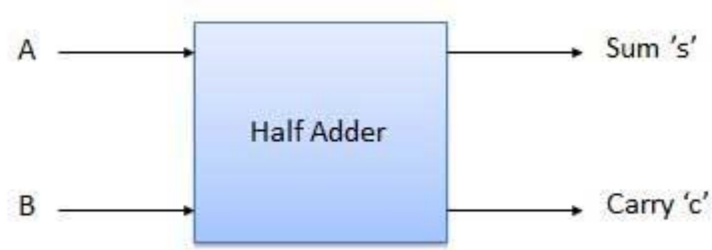


We're going to elaborate few important combinational circuits as follows.

Half Adder

Half adder is a combinational logic circuit with two inputs and two outputs. The half adder circuit is designed to add two single bit binary number A and B. It is the basic building block for addition of two **single** bit numbers. This circuit has two outputs **carry** and **sum**.

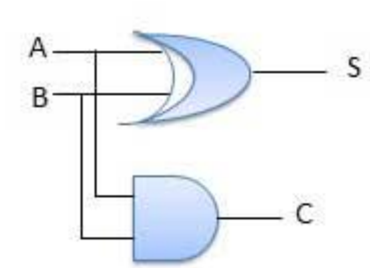
Block diagram



Truth Table

Inputs		Output	
A	B	S	C
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1

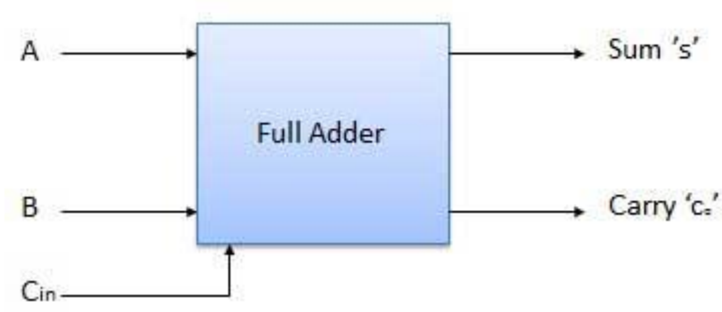
Circuit Diagram



Full Adder

Full adder is developed to overcome the drawback of Half Adder circuit. It can add two one-bit numbers A and B, and carry c. The full adder is a three input and two output combinational circuit.

Block diagram



Truth Table

Inputs			Output	
A	B	C_{in}	S	C_o
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

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