

# 30 - Boolean Algebra

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Remember from test that its safest to just put the dot in for multiplication anyway.



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## Boolean Algebra Laws

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In the following summary of the laws of boolean algebra  $x, y, z \in \{true, false\}$ ; the conjunction *or* is denoted as  $+$ ; the disjunction *and* is denoted as  $\cdot$  and the negation *not* as  $\bar{x}$ .

Name of Law	OR Operation (+)	AND Operation ( $\cdot$ )
Identity	$x + 0 = x$	$x \cdot 1 = x$
Complementation	$x + \bar{x} = 1^\dagger$	$x \cdot \bar{x} = 0^\dagger$
Associativity	$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$	$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$
Commutativity	$x + y = y + x$	$x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
Distributivity	$x + (y \cdot z) = (x + y) \cdot (x + z)^\dagger$	$x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$
Annihilator	$x + 1 = 1^\dagger$	$x \cdot 0 = 0$
Idempotence	$x + x = x^\dagger$	$x \cdot x = x^\dagger$
Absorption	$x + (x \cdot y) = x^\dagger$	$x \cdot (x + y) = x$
De Morgan's	$\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$	$\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$

*Note that laws with  $^\dagger$  do not hold in ordinary algebra.*

We also have the Double Negation Law, seen below.

$$\overline{(\bar{x})} = x$$



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$$1) (\bar{A} + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B}) = \bar{A} \cdot A + \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} + B \cdot A + B \cdot \bar{B} \\ = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} + B \cdot A \quad \checkmark$$

verify:

A	B	$\bar{A}$	$\bar{B}$	$\bar{A} + B$	$A + \bar{B}$	$(\bar{A} + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B})$	$\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$	$B \cdot A$	$\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} + B \cdot A$
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1

$$2) A(\bar{A} + B)(\bar{B} + C) = (A\bar{A} + AB)(\bar{B} + C) \\ = AB(\bar{B} + C) \\ = AB\bar{B} + ABC \\ = ABC \quad \checkmark$$

A	B	C	$\bar{A}$	$\bar{B}$	$\bar{A}+B$	$\bar{B}+C$	$A(\bar{A}+B)(\bar{B}+C)$	$ABC$
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1

3) see above.  $\checkmark$

$$4) \bar{A} + \bar{A} \cdot B = \bar{A}(1 + B) = \bar{A} \quad \checkmark$$

$$5) A + \bar{A} \cdot B = (A + \bar{A}) \cdot (A + B) = A + B \quad \checkmark \quad \because x + (y \cdot z) = (x + y) \cdot (x + z)$$

$$6) A + \bar{A} \cdot B + \bar{B} + C = (A + \bar{A}) \cdot (A + B) + C = A + B + C \quad \checkmark$$

$$7) A + \bar{A} \cdot C + B + D(\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{C}) \\ = A + C + B + \bar{B}\bar{C}D + A\bar{C}D \\ = A + C + B + \bar{C}(\bar{B}D + AD) \\ = A + B + C + \bar{B}D + AD \\ = A + B + C + D + (A + A) \cdot (A + D) \\ = A + B + C + D + A + D \\ = A + B + C + D \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 8) \quad & A\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} \\
 &= A\bar{B}(C + \bar{C}) \\
 &= A\bar{B} \quad /
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9) \quad & A \cdot (\bar{A} + B) + A \cdot \bar{B} \\
 &= A \cdot (\bar{A} + B + \bar{B}) \\
 &= A \quad /
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10) \quad & (A \cdot \bar{B} + \bar{A} \cdot B) \cdot A \cdot B + A \cdot \bar{B} \\
 &= A \cdot B \cdot \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} + A \cdot \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot B + A \cdot \bar{B} \\
 &= 0 + 0 + A \cdot \bar{B} \\
 &= A \cdot \bar{B} \quad /
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 11) \quad & (\bar{A} + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B}) \\
 &= \bar{A} \cdot A + B \cdot A + B \cdot \bar{B} + \bar{A} \bar{B} \\
 &= 0 + B \cdot A + 0 + \bar{A} \bar{B} \\
 &= B \cdot A + \bar{A} \bar{B} \quad \text{as required.} \quad /
 \end{aligned}$$

### Summary of Laws:

		AND	OR
	Identity	$A \cdot 1 = A$	$A + 0 = A$
	Null	$A \cdot 0 = 0$	$A + 1 = 1$
doesn't change result	Idempotence	$A \cdot A = A$	$A + A = A$
commute	Inverse	$A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$	$A + \bar{A} = 1$
↳ move around	Commutative	$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$	$A + B = B + A$
associative	Associative	$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$	$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
↳ group	Distributive	$A + B \cdot C = (A + B) \cdot (A + C)$	$A \cdot (B + C) = A \cdot B + A \cdot C$
	Absorption	$A \cdot (A + B) = A$	$A + A \cdot B = A$
	De Morgan's	$\overline{(A \cdot B)} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$	$\overline{(A + B)} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$

$$\text{Double Complement} \quad \overline{\bar{A}} = A$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) \quad & A \cdot A + B \cdot 1 \\
 &= A + B \quad (\text{idempotence + identity})
 \end{aligned}$$



$$1) A \cdot A + B \cdot 1$$

$$= A + B \quad (\text{idempotence + identity})$$

$$2) A \cdot (\bar{A} + B)$$

$$= A\bar{A} + AB \quad (\text{distributive})$$

$$= AB$$

$$3) (\bar{A} + \bar{B}) \cdot (A + B) \quad (3 \times \text{distributive})$$

$$= \bar{A}A + \bar{A}B + \bar{B}A + \bar{B}B$$

$$= \bar{A}B + \bar{B}A$$

$$4) B + A\bar{B} \quad (\text{distributive})$$

$$= (B + A) \cdot (B + \bar{B})$$

$$= B + A$$

$$= A + B$$

$$5) A + A\bar{B}$$

$$= A \quad (\text{absorption})$$

$$6) \overline{A \cdot \bar{B}} + \overline{\bar{A} \cdot B} \quad (\text{De Morgan's})$$

$$= (\bar{A} + B) + (A + \bar{B})$$

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$$1) (\bar{A} + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B})$$

$$= \bar{A}A + BA + \bar{A}\bar{B} + B\bar{B}$$

$$= \bar{A}\bar{B} + BA$$

$$2) A(\bar{A} + B)(\bar{B} + C)$$

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

$$= AB(\bar{B} + C)$$

$$= AB\bar{B} + ABC$$

$$= ABC$$

A	B	$\bar{A} + B$	$A + \bar{B}$	$(\bar{A} + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B})$	$\bar{A}\bar{B} + BA$
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1

  

A	B	C	$\bar{A} + B$	$\bar{B} + C$	$A(\bar{A} + B)(\bar{B} + C)$	ABC
0	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

$$4) \bar{A} + \bar{A} \cdot B$$

$$= \bar{A}$$

$$5) A + \bar{A} \cdot B$$

$$= (A + \bar{A}) \cdot (A + B)$$

$$= A + B$$

$$A + \bar{A} \cdot B = A + B$$

$$6) A + \bar{A} \cdot B + \bar{B} \cdot C$$

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

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

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

$$= A + B + C$$

$$7) A + \bar{A} \cdot C + B + D \cdot (\bar{B} \cdot C + A \cdot \bar{C})$$

$$= A \cdot C + B + D \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + D \cdot A \cdot \bar{C}$$

$$= A \cdot C + (B + D) \cdot (B + C) + D \cdot A \cdot \bar{C}$$

$$= A \cdot C + B + B \cdot C + B \cdot D + D \cdot C + D \cdot A \cdot \bar{C}$$

$$= A + B + C \quad (\text{absorption laws})$$

$$A + \bar{A} \cdot C + B + D(\bar{B} \cdot C + A \cdot \bar{C})$$

$$= A + C + B + D \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + D \cdot A \cdot \bar{C}$$

$$= A + C + B + \bar{C}(D \cdot \bar{B} + A \cdot D)$$

$$= A + C + B + D \cdot \bar{B} + A \cdot D$$

$$= A + C + B + D + A \cdot D$$

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

$$8) A\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C}$$

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

$$= A\bar{B}$$

$$9) A(\bar{A} + B) + A\bar{B}$$

$$= A\bar{A} + AB + A\bar{B}$$

$$= AB + A\bar{B}$$

$$= A$$



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$$10) (\bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{A}B)AB + A\bar{B}$$

$$\bar{A}\bar{B}AB + \bar{A}BAB + A\bar{B}$$

$$= A\bar{B}$$

$$11) (\bar{A}+B)(A+\bar{B})$$

$$= \bar{A}A + \bar{A}\bar{B} + BA + B\bar{B}$$

$$= \bar{A}\bar{B} + BA$$

$$12) \overline{\bar{A}\bar{B} + AB} = \overline{\bar{A}+B} + \overline{A+\bar{B}}$$

$$13) \overline{\bar{A}+B} + \overline{A+\bar{B}}$$

$$= A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B$$

$$= (\bar{A}+B)(A+\bar{B})$$

$$= \bar{A}A + \bar{A}\bar{B} + BA + B\bar{B}$$

$$= \bar{A}\bar{B} + BA$$

$$14) \overline{AB} + A$$

$$= \bar{A} + \bar{B} + A$$

$$= 1$$

$$15) \overline{\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{A}\bar{B}}$$

$$= (\bar{A}+B)(A+B)$$

$$= \bar{A}A + \bar{A}B + BA + BB$$

$$= B$$

$$16) a) \bar{A} + \bar{B} + A\bar{B}$$

$$= AB(\bar{A}+B)$$

$$= AB\bar{A} + AB\bar{B}$$

$$= AB$$

$$b) \bar{A}(\bar{A}+B)$$

$$= \bar{A}AB$$

$$= 0$$

$$c) \bar{A}BC + \bar{A}B$$

$$= \bar{A}B \text{ (absorption)}$$

$$d) \overline{\bar{A} + \bar{A}B}$$

$$= AB$$

$$e) \overline{\bar{A}B} + \overline{A\bar{B}}$$

$$= \bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{A} + B$$

$$= 1$$

$$17) WX + WYZ$$