



BLG 231E - Digital Circuits

Assignment 1

Due Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020, 23:59.

- Please **write neatly**.
- Please prepare your homework using a computer. Points will be taken off for handwritten submissions.
- **Consequences of plagiarism:** Any cheating will be subject to disciplinary action.
- **No late submissions** will be accepted.

Submissions: Submit your solution PDFs to Ninova.

Part 1 – Computer Arithmetic

1. A and B are two 8-bit binary integers, and $B = 1101\ 1001$. For the operation $A - B$, answer the following questions:
 - a. If A and B are *signed* binary integers, what are the **i)** largest and **ii)** smallest decimal values of A that yield valid results (that can be represented using 8 bits) after the operation? Explain your answer briefly.
 - b. Write the binary representation for the largest value of the signed A you found in (a.i). Carry out the binary operation $A - B$ using **2's complement**, and show that the result is valid using binary numbers only.
 - c. If A and B are *unsigned* binary integers, what are the **i)** largest and **ii)** smallest binary values of A that yield valid results after the operation? Explain your answer briefly.
2. A and B are two 8-bit, **signed**, binary integers, and $A = 1011\ 1100$. If we perform the operation $A + B$,
 - a. What are the **i)** largest and **ii)** smallest decimal values of B that yield valid results after the operation? Explain your answer briefly.
 - b. Write the binary representation for the smallest value of the signed B you found in (a.ii). Perform the binary operation $A + B$, and show that the result is valid using binary numbers only.

Part 2 – Boolean Algebra

3. Simplify the following logic expressions using axioms, properties, and theorems of Boolean algebra.
 - a. $E(a, b, c) = \bar{a}\bar{b}c + ab\bar{c} + abc + \bar{a}bc$
 - b. $E(a, b, c, d) = \bar{a}b\bar{d} + bcd + ab\bar{c} + a\bar{b}d + b\bar{c}\bar{d} + ad + \bar{a}bc$