

Variant 1

1. Show that the next conditional statement is a tautology without using truth tables:

$$(\neg q \rightarrow \neg p) \rightarrow ((\neg q \rightarrow p) \rightarrow q).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p) \rightarrow ((\neg q \rightarrow p) \rightarrow q) &= \overline{\overline{\neg q} \vee \overline{\neg p}} \vee (\overline{\overline{\neg q} \vee p} \vee q) = \overline{\neg q} \vee \overline{\neg p} \vee (\overline{\neg q} \vee p \vee q) \\ &= (\overline{\neg q} \wedge p) \vee ((\overline{\neg q} \wedge \overline{p}) \vee q) = (\overline{\neg q} \wedge p) \vee (\overline{\neg q} \wedge \overline{p}) \vee q \\ &= (\overline{\neg q} \wedge (p \vee \overline{p})) \vee q = (\overline{\neg q} \wedge T) \vee q = \overline{\neg q} \vee q = T \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the sum-of-products expansion (i.e. DNF) of the Boolean function $G(x, y, z)$ that has the value 0 if and only if $x \oplus y = \bar{y} \downarrow z$.

Solution:

x	y	z	$x \oplus y$	$\bar{y} \downarrow z$	$G(x, y, z)$
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	0

$$F(w, x, y, z) = \bar{x}yz + x\bar{y}\bar{z} + x\bar{y}z + xy\bar{z}$$

3. Use Quine-McCluskey method to find a minimal expansion as a Boolean sum of Boolean products of the next function: $(x + \bar{y})\bar{z} + \bar{x}(y|z) + x \downarrow \bar{y}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (x + \bar{y})\bar{z} + \bar{x}(y|z) + x \downarrow \bar{y} &= x\bar{z} + \bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}(\bar{y} + \bar{z}) + \bar{x}y \\ &= x\bar{z} + \bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{x}\bar{z} + \bar{x}y \\ &= xy\bar{z} + x\bar{y}\bar{z} + x\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}yz \\ &\quad + \bar{x}y\bar{z} = xy\bar{z} + x\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}yz \end{aligned}$$

	yz	$y\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}z$
x		1	1	
\bar{x}	1	1	1	1

$$(x + \bar{y})\bar{z} + \bar{x}(y|z) + x \downarrow \bar{y} = \bar{x} + \bar{z}$$

4. Find a recurrence relation for the number of quaternary strings of length n that do not contain the substring 22.

Solution:

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}.$$

Variant 2

1. Suppose that the domain of the propositional function $A(x, y, z)$ consists of the integers 0 and 1. Write out the next propositions using disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations: a) $\exists x \forall y \exists z A(x, y, z)$; b) $\forall x \neg \exists y \forall z \neg A(x, y, z)$.

Solution:

$$\text{a) } \exists x \forall y \exists z A(x, y, z) = \left((A(0,0,0) \vee A(0,0,1)) \wedge (A(0,1,0) \vee A(0,1,1)) \right) \vee \left((A(1,0,0) \vee A(1,0,1)) \wedge (A(1,1,0) \vee A(1,1,1)) \right).$$

$$\text{b) } \forall x \neg \exists y \forall z \neg A(x, y, z) = \forall x \forall y \exists z A(x, y, z) = (A(0,0,0) \vee A(0,0,1)) \wedge (A(0,1,0) \vee A(0,1,1)) \wedge (A(1,0,0) \vee A(1,0,1)) \wedge (A(1,1,0) \vee A(1,1,1)).$$

2. Find the product-of-sums expansion (i.e. CNF) of the Boolean function: $((xy) \downarrow \bar{y}) + (\bar{x} \oplus z)$.

Solution:

x	y	z	xy	$(xy) \downarrow \bar{y}$	$\bar{x} \oplus z$	$((xy) \downarrow \bar{y}) + (\bar{x} \oplus z)$
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	1	1

$$((xy) \downarrow \bar{y}) + (\bar{x} \oplus z) = (x + y + \bar{z})(\bar{x} + y + z)(\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$$

3. Use K -map method to simplify the next sum-of-products expansion: $xy\bar{z} + (\bar{x}|\bar{y})z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} xy\bar{z} + (\bar{x}|\bar{y})z + w\bar{x}\bar{y} &= xy\bar{z} + x\bar{y}z + w(\bar{x} + \bar{y}) \\ &= wxy\bar{z} + \bar{w}xy\bar{z} + wx\bar{y}z + \bar{w}x\bar{y}z + w\bar{x} + w\bar{y} \\ &= wxy\bar{z} + \bar{w}xy\bar{z} + wx\bar{y}z + \bar{w}x\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}yz + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} \\ &\quad + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + wx\bar{y}\bar{z} + w\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} \\ &= wxy\bar{z} + \bar{w}xy\bar{z} + wx\bar{y}z + \bar{w}x\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}yz + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} \\ &\quad + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + wx\bar{y}\bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

	yz	$y\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}z$	$\bar{y}\bar{z}$
wx		1	1	..1..
$w\bar{x}$	1	1	1	1
$\bar{w}x$				
$\bar{w}\bar{x}$		1		..1..

$$xy\bar{z} + (\overline{x|\bar{y}})z + w\overline{xy} = w\bar{x} + w\bar{y} + xy\bar{z} + x\bar{y}z$$

4. What is the solution of the recurrence relation $a_n = 5a_{n-2} - 7a_{n-1}$ with $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 2$?

Solution:

The characteristic equation of the recurrence relation is $r^2 + 7r - 5 = 0$. Its

roots are $r = \frac{-7-\sqrt{69}}{2}$ and $r = \frac{-7+\sqrt{69}}{2}$. Hence $a_n = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{-7-\sqrt{69}}{2}\right)^n +$

$\alpha_2 \left(\frac{-7+\sqrt{69}}{2}\right)^n$. From the initial conditions, it follow that

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 1 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \\ a_1 = 2 = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{-7-\sqrt{69}}{2}\right) + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{-7+\sqrt{69}}{2}\right). \end{cases}$$

Then $\alpha_1 = \frac{\sqrt{69}-11}{2\sqrt{69}}$ and $\alpha_2 = \frac{\sqrt{69}+11}{2\sqrt{69}}$. Consequently,

$$a_n = \left(\frac{\sqrt{69}-11}{2\sqrt{69}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-7-\sqrt{69}}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{\sqrt{69}+11}{2\sqrt{69}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-7+\sqrt{69}}{2}\right)^n.$$

Variant 3

1. Show that the next conditional statement is a tautology without using truth tables:

$$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow ((q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow ((q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)) &= \overline{p \vee q} \vee (\overline{q \vee r} \vee (p \vee r)) \\ &= (p \wedge \overline{q}) \vee ((q \wedge \overline{r}) \vee p \vee r) = (p \wedge \overline{q}) \vee p \vee (q \wedge \overline{r}) \vee r \\ &= (\overline{q} \vee p) \vee (q \vee r) = (\overline{q} \vee q) \vee p \vee r = T \vee p \vee r = T\end{aligned}$$

2. Find the sum-of-products expansion (i.e. DNF) of the Boolean function $G(x, y, z)$ that has the value 0 if and only if $x \oplus y = x\bar{z}$.

Solution:

x	y	z	$x\bar{z}$	$x \oplus y$	$G(x, y, z)$
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	0	0	0

$$F(x, y, z) = \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}yz + x\bar{y}z + xy\bar{z}$$

3. Use Quine-McCluskey method to find a minimal expansion as a Boolean sum of Boolean products of the next function: $x|(\bar{y}z) + (x \downarrow y)\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}x|(\bar{y}z) + (x \downarrow y)\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y} &= \bar{x} + \bar{\bar{y}z} + (\bar{x}\bar{y})\bar{z} + (\bar{x} + \bar{y}) \\ &= \bar{x} + y + \bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x} + \bar{y} = \bar{x} + y + \bar{z} + \bar{y} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} \\ &= \bar{x}yz + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}z + xyz + xy\bar{z} + \bar{x}yz + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + xy\bar{z} \\ &\quad + x\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + x\bar{y}z + x\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} \\ &= \bar{x}yz + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y}z + xyz + xy\bar{z} + x\bar{y}z + x\bar{y}\bar{z}\end{aligned}$$

	yz	$y\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}z$	$\bar{y}\bar{z}$
x	1	1	1	1
\bar{x}	1	1	1	1

$$x|(\bar{y}z) + (x \downarrow y)\bar{z} + \bar{x}\bar{y} = 1$$

4. Find a recurrence relation for the number of bit strings of length n that do not contain the substring 0000.

Solution:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} + a_{n-4}$$

Variant 4

1. Suppose that the domain of the propositional function $B(x, y, z)$ consists of the integers 3 and 4. Write out the next propositions using disjunctions, conjunctions, and negations: a) $\forall x \forall y \exists z B(x, y, z)$; b) $\neg \forall x \exists y \neg \exists z B(x, y, z)$.

Solution:

$$\text{a) } \forall x \forall y \exists z B(x, y, z) = (B(3,3,3) \vee B(3,3,4)) \wedge (B(3,4,3) \vee B(3,4,4)) \wedge (B(4,3,3) \vee B(4,3,4)) \wedge (B(4,4,3) \vee B(4,4,4))$$

$$\text{b) } \neg \forall x \exists y \neg \exists z B(x, y, z) = \exists x \forall y \exists z B(x, y, z) = ((B(3,3,3) \vee B(3,3,4)) \wedge (B(3,4,3) \vee B(3,4,4))) \vee ((B(4,3,3) \vee B(4,3,4)) \wedge (B(4,4,3) \vee B(4,4,4)))$$

2. Find the product-of-sums expansion (i.e. CNF) of the Boolean function: $(x \oplus y) + (x|\bar{y})z$.

Solution:

x	y	z	$x \bar{y}$	$(x \bar{y})z$	$x \oplus y$	$(x \oplus y) + (x \bar{y})z$
0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	1

$$(x \oplus y) + (x|\bar{y})z = (x + y + z)(\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$$

3. Use K -map method to simplify the next sum-of-products expansion: $\bar{x}\bar{y}z + (x \downarrow y)\bar{z} + w\bar{x}(\bar{y} + z)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}\bar{y}z + (x \downarrow y)\bar{z} + w\bar{x}(\bar{y} + z) &= (\bar{x} + \bar{y})z + (\bar{x}\bar{y})\bar{z} + w\bar{x}(y\bar{z}) \\ &= \bar{x}z + \bar{y}z + \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + w\bar{x}y\bar{z} \\ &= w\bar{x}yz + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{w}\bar{x}yz + \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y}z + wx\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y}z \\ &\quad + \bar{w}x\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + w\bar{x}y\bar{z} \\ &= w\bar{x}yz + w\bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{w}\bar{x}yz + \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y}z + wx\bar{y}z + \bar{w}x\bar{y}z + w\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} \\ &\quad + \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + w\bar{x}y\bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

	yz	$y\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}z$	$\bar{y}\bar{z}$
wx				1
$w\bar{x}$..1	1	1..	..1..
$\bar{w}\bar{x}$..1		1..	..1..
$\bar{w}x$				1

$$\overline{xy}z + (x \downarrow y)\bar{z} + w\bar{x}(\overline{y+z}) = w\bar{x} + \bar{y}z + \bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{x}z$$

4. What is the solution of the recurrence relation $a_n = -5a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}$ with $a_0 = 4$ and $a_1 = 7$?

Solution:

The characteristic equation of the recurrence relation is $r^2 + 5r - 3 = 0$. Its roots are $r = \frac{-5-\sqrt{37}}{2}$ and $r = \frac{-5+\sqrt{37}}{2}$. Hence $a_n = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{-5-\sqrt{37}}{2}\right)^n + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{-5+\sqrt{37}}{2}\right)^n$.

From the initial conditions, it follow that

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 4 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \\ a_1 = 7 = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{-5-\sqrt{37}}{2}\right) + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{-5+\sqrt{37}}{2}\right). \end{cases}$$

Then $\alpha_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{37}-17}{\sqrt{37}}$ and $\alpha_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{37}+17}{\sqrt{37}}$. Consequently,

$$a_n = \left(\frac{2\sqrt{37}-17}{\sqrt{37}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-5-\sqrt{37}}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{37}+17}{\sqrt{37}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-5+\sqrt{37}}{2}\right)^n.$$