

WEEK 3 DISCUSSION WORKSHEET: BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

- (1) Evaluate the logical expressions with $x = y = 1$ and $w = z = 0$
 - (a) $xy\bar{w}\bar{z}$
 - (b) $x\bar{y} + z(\bar{w} + \bar{z})$
 - (c) $\bar{z}y\bar{x}(1 + w)$
 - (d) $\overline{xy\bar{z} + z\bar{w}}$
 - (e) $\overline{(z + y)(w + x)}$
- (2) Use the laws of Boolean algebra to show that the two Boolean expressions in each pair are equivalent.
 - (a) $xy + x\bar{y} = x$
 - (b) $x + xy = x$
 - (c) $x(\bar{y} + y) = x$
 - (d) $\overline{x + \bar{y}} + \overline{xy} = \bar{x}$
- (3) A function f is defined by

x	y	z	$f(x, y, z)$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

- (a) The function g is defined as $g(x, y, z) = \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}yz + xyz$. Give a set of values for the variables x , y , and z , for which the functions f and g have different output values.
 - (b) The function h is defined as $h(x, y, z) = \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + \bar{x}yz + xy\bar{z}$. Give a set of values for the variables x , y , and z , for which the functions f and h have different output values.
- (4) For each expression below, give an equivalent expression that uses only the NAND operation. Then give an equivalent expression that uses only the NOR operation.
 - (a) $\bar{x} + y$
 - (b) $\bar{x}\bar{y}$
 - (c) $(x + y)z$

- (5) Give an equivalent Boolean expression for each circuit. Then use the laws of Boolean algebra to find a simpler circuit that computes the same function.

