

(c) the function that assigns the number of bits leftover when a bit string is split into bytes (which are blocks of 8 bits)

1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 | 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 | 0 1 1  $\rightarrow$  3

$\rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$

### 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)  $\overline{x + \bar{y}} + \bar{x}y = \bar{x}$
- (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  $g(x, y, z) = \bar{x}yz + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + x\bar{y}z$ . 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)  $\bar{x}y$
  - (c)  $(x + y)z$

(1) Evaluate the logical expressions with  $x = y = 1$  and  $w = z = 0$

(a)  $xy\overline{wz}$

(b)  $x\overline{y} + z(\overline{w + z})$

(c)  $\overline{z}y\overline{x}(1 + w)$

(d)  $xy\overline{z} + z\overline{w}$

(e)  $\overline{(z + y)(w + x)}$

(a)  $xy\overline{wz} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{(0 \cdot 0)} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$

(b)  $1 \cdot \overline{1} + 0 \cdot \overline{(0 + 0)} = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 = 0 + 0 = 0$

(c)  $\overline{0} \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{1} \cdot (1 + 0) = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 = 0$

(d)  $1 \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{0} + 0 \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 = 1 + 0 = 1$

(e)  $\overline{(0 + 1) \cdot (0 + 1)} = \overline{1 \cdot 1} = \overline{1} = 0$

(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)  $\frac{x}{x + \bar{y}} + \frac{\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\bar{x}\bar{y}} = \bar{x}$

$\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$

(a)

$$xy + x\bar{y} = x(y + \bar{y}) \quad (\text{Distribution})$$

$$= x \cdot 1 \quad (\text{Complement})$$

$$= x \quad (\text{Identity})$$

Idempotent laws:	$x + x = x$	$x \cdot x = x$
Associative laws:	$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$	$(xy)z = x(yz)$
Commutative laws:	$x + y = y + x$	$xy = yx$
Distributive laws:	$x + yz = (x + y)(x + z)$	$x(y + z) = xy + xz$
Identity laws:	$x + 0 = x$	$x \cdot 1 = x$
Domination laws:	$x + 1 = 1$	$x \cdot 0 = 0$
Double complement law:	$\overline{\overline{x}} = x$	
Complement laws:	$x + \bar{x} = 1$ $\overline{0} = 1$	$x\bar{x} = 0$ $\overline{1} = 0$
De Morgan's laws:	$\overline{x + y} = \bar{x}\bar{y}$	$\overline{xy} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$
Absorption laws:	$x + (xy) = x$	$x(x + y) = x$

$$(b) \quad x + xy = x \quad (\text{Absorption Laws}).$$

$$x + xy = x \cdot 1 + xy \quad \text{Identity}$$

$$= x(1+y) \quad \text{Distr.}$$

$$= x \cdot 1 \quad \text{Domination}$$

$$= x \quad \text{Identity}$$

$$(c) \quad x(\bar{y} + y) = x \quad \text{Absorption Laws.}$$

$$(d) \quad \overline{x + \bar{y}} + \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} + \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \quad (\text{De Morgan})$$

$$= \bar{x}(y + \bar{y}) \quad (\text{Double Complement + Distr.})$$

$$= \bar{x} \cdot 1 = \bar{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad x(\bar{y} + x) &= x \cdot \bar{y} + x \cdot x && (\text{Dist.}) \\
 &= x \cdot \bar{y} + x && (\text{Idempotent}) \\
 &= x \cdot \bar{y} + x \cdot 1 && (\text{Identity}) \\
 &= x(\bar{y} + 1) && (\text{Dist.}) \\
 &= x \cdot 1 && (\text{Domination}) \\
 &= x && (\text{Identity})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(x + y) &= x \\
 \leadsto x(y + x) &= x \\
 \underline{x(\bar{y} + x) &= x}
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) A function  $f$  is defined by

$x$	$y$	$z$	$f(x, y, z)$
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$$g(x, y, z) = \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}yz + xyz$$

$$g(x, y, z) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{x}\bar{y}z \vee \bar{x}yz \vee xyz = 1$$



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(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.

2min (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.

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- (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.

*Sketch*

- (a)  $\bar{x} + y$   
 (b)  $\overline{xy}$   
 (c)  $(x + y)z$

$$x \uparrow y = \overline{xy} \quad x \downarrow y = \overline{x + y}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x \uparrow y = \overline{xy} \\
 x = x \downarrow 1 \\
 (x+1) \uparrow y \\
 = \overline{(x+1)y}
 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{l}
 (1) \quad x \uparrow x = \overline{x \cdot x} = \bar{x} \quad \bar{x} = x \uparrow x \\
 (2) \quad xy = \overline{\overline{xy}} = \overline{x \uparrow y} = (x \uparrow y) \uparrow (x \uparrow y) \\
 (3) \quad x + y = \overline{\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}} = \overline{(\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y})} \uparrow (\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}) \\
 = ((\bar{x} \uparrow \bar{y}) \uparrow (\bar{x} \uparrow \bar{y})) \uparrow ((\bar{x} \uparrow \bar{y}) \uparrow (\bar{x} \uparrow \bar{y}))
 \end{array}
 \right)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad \overline{x+y} &= \overline{\overline{x+y}} = \overline{\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}} = \overline{x \cdot \overline{y}} \\
 &= (x \cdot \overline{y}) \uparrow (x \cdot \overline{y}) \quad (x \uparrow \overline{y} = x \uparrow (y \uparrow y)) \\
 &= ((x \uparrow \overline{y}) \uparrow (x \uparrow \overline{y})) \uparrow ((x \uparrow \overline{y}) \uparrow (x \uparrow \overline{y})) \\
 &= ((x \uparrow (y \uparrow y)) \uparrow (x \uparrow (y \uparrow y))) \uparrow ((x \uparrow (y \uparrow y)) \uparrow (x \uparrow (y \uparrow y)))
 \end{aligned}$$

$\overline{\overline{x+y}} = \overline{\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}} = x \cdot \overline{y}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \overline{A} & \neq & A \uparrow A & A = x \cdot \overline{y} \\
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 (x+1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1 & & x = 1 & \\
 & & x = z^3 & x = y + z
 \end{array}$$

$$1(y+z) \cdot y = y$$

- (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.

