

ECE253 Final Cheatsheet

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Boolean Algebra

De Morgan's Theorem tells us

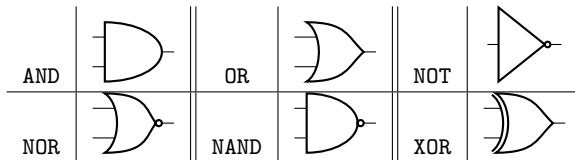
$$\overline{x \cdot y} = \overline{x} + \overline{y}, \quad \overline{x + y} = \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y} \quad (1)$$

Inverting the inputs to an **or** gate is the same as inverting the outputs to an **and** gate, and the other way around.

We also have:

- $(x + y)(y + z)(\overline{x} + z) = (x + y)(\overline{x} + z)$
- $x + yz = (x + y)(x + z)$
- $x + xy = x$ (Absorption)
- $xy + x\overline{y} = x$ (Combining)
- $(x + y)(x + \overline{y}) = x$
- $x + \overline{x}y = x + y$
- $x(\overline{x} + y) = xy$
- $xy + yz + z\overline{x} = xy + z\overline{x}$ (Consensus)

Gates



SOPs and POSs

We can create boolean algebra expressions for truth tables.

Minterm: Corresponds to each row of truth table, i.e. $m_3 = \overline{x_2}x_1x_0$ such that when $3 = 0b011$ is substituted in, $m_3 = 1$ and $m_3 = 0$ otherwise.

Maxterm: They give $M_i = 0$ if and only if the input is i . For example, $M_3 = x_2 + \overline{x_1} + \overline{x_0}$.

SOP and POS: Truth tables can be represented as a sum of minterms, or product of maxterms.

- Use minterms when you have to use **NAND** gates and maxterms when you have to use **NOR** gates.
- When converting expressions to its dual, it's often helpful to negate expressions twice, or draw out the logic circuit.

Cost

The cost of a logic circuit is given by

$$\text{cost} = \text{gates} + \text{inputs} \quad (2)$$

If an inversion (**NOT**) is performed on the primary inputs, then it is not included. If it is needed inside the circuit, then the **NOT** gate is included in the cost.

Karnaugh Map

Method of finding a minimum cost expression: We can map out truth table on a grid for easier pattern recognition. Example of a four variable map is shown below:

		x_2x_1			
		00	01	11	10
x_4x_3	00	1	1	1	0
	01	1	1	1	0
	11	0	0	1	1
	10	0	0	1	1

and the representation is $\overline{x_2} \cdot \overline{x_4} + x_2 \cdot x_1 + \overline{x_4} \cdot x_2$ when using *minterms*. To use *maxterms*, we take the intersection of sets that don't include blocks of 0s. For example, $(\overline{x_2} \cdot \overline{x_1})(\overline{x_2} + x_1 + x_4)$. Some *rules*:

- Side lengths should be powers of 2 and be as large as possible.
- Use **graycoding**: adjacent rows/columns should share one bit.

Minimization Procedure

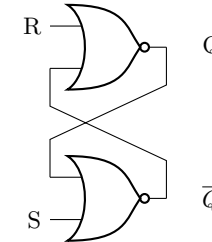
1. Generate all prime implicants for given function f
2. Find the set of essential prime implicants
3. Determine the nonessential prime implicants that should be added.

Common Logic Gates

- **Mux 2→1:** $\text{mux2to1}(s, x_0, x_1) = \overline{s}x_0 + sx_1$
- **Not:** $\text{not}(x) = \text{nand}(x, x) = \text{nor}(x, x)$
- **XOR** acts as modular arithmetic.
- Multiplexers are functionally complete.
 $\text{AND} = \text{mux}(x, y, 1)$, $\text{OR} = \text{mux}(x, 0, y)$.

RS Latch

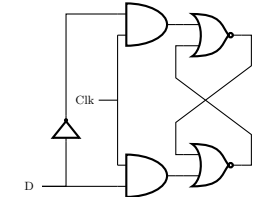
Sequential circuits depend on sequence of inputs. A **SR Latch** are cross-coupled **NOR** gates.



S	R	Q	\overline{Q}
0	0	0/1	1/0
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0

When $S = R = 0$, it stores the last Q value. In practice, we should not have $S = R = 1$.

Gated D Latch and Clock Signal

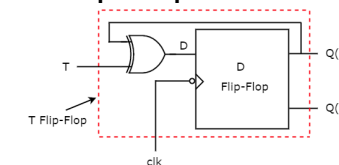


Clk	$Q(t+1)$
0	$Q(t)$
1	D

D Flip Flops

Consists of two gated D latches, connected in series and both connected to the same clock. However, clock input for the first D latch is inverted. When the clock rises up, Q stores value of D .

T Flip Flops



clk	$Q(t+1)$
↑	$T \cdot Q(t)$

SystemVerilog

Logic Operators

bitwise AND	&	bitwise OR	
bitwise NAND	~&	bitwise NOR	~
bitwise XOR	^	bitwise XNOR	^^
logical negation	!	bitwise negation	~
concatenation	{}	replication	{ { }}

- **reduction** operators are put at the start and output a scalar.
- **bitwise** operators
- **blocking assignment** =: executed in the order they are specified.

- Nonblock assignments `<=` executed in parallel.
- Use `logic` instead of `reg/wire` (4-state type)
- Use `always_comb` for combinational, `always_ff` for sequential logic

Case Statements

```
module mux(  
    input logic [2:0] MuxSelect,  
    input logic [4:0] Input,  
    output logic Out  
);  
    always_comb begin  
        case (MuxSelect)  
            3'b000: Out = Input[0];  
            // ...  
            3'b100: Out = Input[4];  
            default: Out = 1'bx;  
        endcase  
    end  
endmodule
```

Half Adder

```
module HA(  
    input logic x, y,  
    output logic s, c  
);  
    assign s = x ^ y;  
    assign c = x & y;  
endmodule
```

Full Adder

```
module FA(  
    input logic a, b, c_in,  
    output logic s_out, c_out  
);  
    logic w1, w2, w3;  
    HA u0(.x(a), .y(b), .s(w1), .c(w2));  
    HA u1(.x(c_in), .y(w1), .s(s_out), .c(w3));  
    assign c_out = w2 | w3;  
endmodule
```

D Flip Flop

```
module D_ff(  
    input logic D, clk,  
    output logic Q  
);  
    always_ff @(posedge clk)  
        Q <= D;  
endmodule
```

T Flip Flops

```
module t_ff(  
    input logic Clock, Clear_b, T,  
    output logic Q  
);  
    always_ff @(posedge Clock, negedge Clear_b) begin  
        if (Clear_b == 1'b0)  
            Q <= 1'b0;  
        else  
            Q <= T ^ Q;  
        end  
    end  
endmodule
```

Registers

```
module reg8(  
    input logic clk,  
    input logic [7:0] D,  
    output logic [7:0] Q  
);  
    always_ff @(posedge clk)  
        Q <= D;  
endmodule
```

ModelSim Do Files

```
# set working dir, where compiled verilog goes  
vlib work  
# compile all verilog modules in mux.v to working  
# dir could also have multiple verilog files  
vlog mux.v  
#load simulation using mux as the  
# top level simulation module  
vsim mux  
#log signals and add signals to waveform window  
log {/*}  
# add wave {/*} would add all items in  
# top level simulation module  
add wave {/*}  
# set input values using the force command  
# signal names need to be in {} brackets  
force {SW[0]} 0  
force {SW[1]} 0  
run 10ns
```

ModelSim and Other Lab Things

- FPGA: Field Programmable Gate Array
- To repeat signals, use this syntax:

force {MuxSelect[2]} 0 0ns, 1 {4ns} -r 8ns
which starts at 0 at 0ns, 1 at 4ns, and repeats every 8 ns.

- On the DE1-SoC board, hex thing is red if 0 and white if 1.

Frequency Dividers

- To half the frequency, connect \overline{Q} to D on the same gated D latch.
- To quarter the frequency, connect \overline{Q} to the clock of the next gated D latch (which is set up the same as the half frequency case).
- To reduce frequency by $2k$, connect k D latches connected in series (D to Q) and to the same clock. First D is connected to last \overline{Q} . The last Q will have a reduced frequency of $2k$.

Resets

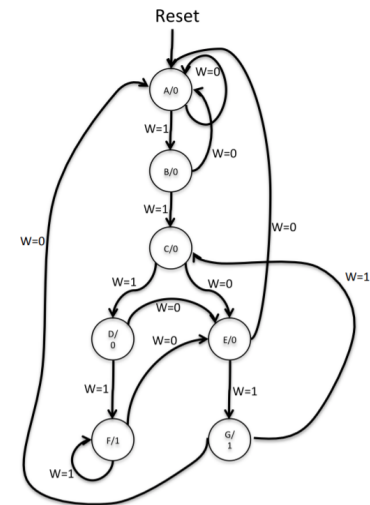
- Active High/Low: Resets when Signal is 1/0
- Synchronous High/Low: Resets during positive/negative edge

Finite State Machines

Steps

1. State Diagram
2. State Table
3. State Assignment
4. State-Assigned Table
5. Synthesize Circuit
6. Celebrate!

Step 1: State Diagram Example



Step 2: State Table Example

Present State	Next State		Output (z)
A	A	B	0
B	A	C	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
G	A	C	1

Step 3: State Assignment Example

- Using **one-hot encoding**: Choose number of flip flops: 7 (since 7 states)
- Choose state codes:
 - A = 0000001, B=0000010, ..., G=1000000

Alternatively use 3 flip flops to represent state codes as 000, 001, 010, etc.

Step 4: State-Assigned Table Example

By convention, use y for input and Y for output.

$y_3y_2y_1$	$Y_3Y_2Y_1$ ($W = 0$)	$Y_3Y_2Y_1$ ($W = 1$)	z
000	000	001	0
001	000	010	0
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
110	000	010	1

Step 5: Synthesize Example

We first write boolean algebra expressions for the outputs $Y_n = f_n(y_1, y_2, y_3, W)$ and $z = g(y_1, y_2, y_3)$. For each flip flop i , the input is Y_i and the output is y_i . The output then branches off into two paths:

- The first path goes into the function $g(y_1, y_2, y_3)$ and leads to output z
- The second path goes into the function $f_n m(y_1, y_2, y_3, W)$ and **loops back** to Y_n .

The D flip flops are connected to same clock and reset signal.

Execution in SystemVerilog

```
module FSM(  
    input logic Clock, Resetn, w,  
    output logic z,  
    output logic [3:0] CurState  
);
```

```
    logic [3:0] y_Q, Y_D;
```

```
    typedef enum logic [3:0] {  
        A = 4'b0000,  
        B = 4'b0001,  
        // ...  
        G = 4'b0110  
    } state_t;
```

```
    always_comb begin  
        case (y_Q)  
            A: Y_D = w ? B : A;  
            // ...  
            G: Y_D = w ? C : A;  
            default: Y_D = A;  
        endcase  
    end
```

```
    always_ff @(posedge Clock) begin  
        if (!Resetn)  
            y_Q <= A;
```

```
    else  
        y_Q <= Y_D;  
    end  
  
    assign z = (y_Q == F) | (y_Q == G);  
    assign CurState = y_Q;  
  
endmodule
```

RISC-V Assembly

Registers

- x0 (zero): Hardwired zero, x1 (ra): Return address, x2 (sp): Stack pointer
- x5-x7, x28-x31 (t0-t6): Temporary (caller-saved)
- x8-x9, x18-x27 (s0-s11): Saved (callee-saved)
- x10-x17 (a0-a7): Function args/return values
- x3 (gp): Global pointer, x4 (tp): Thread pointer

Instructions

Let a0=1, a1=2, a2=0b1010.

Instruction	Example	Result
ADDI	addi a3, zero, 3	a3 = 3
ADD	add a3, a0, a0	a3 = 1 + 1
SUB	sub a3, a0, a0	a3 = 1 - 1
MUL	mul a3, a0, a0	a3 = 1 * 1
SLLI	slli a3, a2, 1	a3 = 0b10100
SRLI	srli a3, a2, 1	a3 = 0b0101
SRAI	srai a3, a2, 1	a3 = 0b1101
AND	and a3, a1, a0	a3 = (1 and 2) = 0

Memory Stuff

- JAL: Jump and Link - stores return address in ra (x1)
- JALR: Jump and Link Register - indirect jump
- Stacks: Manual push/pop: addi sp, sp, -8 then sw a0, 0(sp)
- Each instruction is 4 bytes (32-bit) in RV32.

Load and Store

- lw a0, offset(a1): Load word;
- sw a0, offset(a1): Store word
- la a0, label: Load address (pseudo-instruction)
- lb/lbu - load byte (signed/unsigned), lh/ld - load halfword
- sb - store byte, sh - store halfword

Conditionals

RISC-V has no flags. Branch instructions: beq (equal), bne (not equal), blt/bge (less/greater signed), bltu/bgeu (unsigned). Set: slt, slti, sltu, sltiu.

Interrupts

1. Set mtime CSR (trap vector)
2. Enable interrupts in mstatus (MIE bit)
3. Enable sources in mie CSR
4. Configure PLIC/CLIC
5. Save context on trap entry
6. Read mcause CSR for cause
7. Handle in ISR, clear PLIC pending bit
8. Restore context, return with mret

RISC-V Assembly Example Code

Enabling Interrupts

```
li sp, 0x10000 # Initialize stack  
la t0, trap_handler  
csrw mtime, t0 # Set trap vector  
li t0, 0x8  
csrs mstatus, t0 # Enable interrupts (MIE)  
li t0, 0x800  
csrs mie, t0 # Enable external int (MEIE)  
li t0, 0xFF20058  
li t1, 0b1001  
sw t1, 0(t0) # Enable key3, key0
```

Check Cause of Interrupt

```
trap_handler:  
    addi sp, sp, -32  
    sw t0, 0(sp); sw t1, 4(sp); sw a0, 8(sp)  
    sw a1, 12(sp); sw ra, 16(sp)  
    csrr t0, mcause # Read cause  
    li t1, 0x8000000B  
    bne t0, t1, error_trap  
    jal ra, key_isr  
    j exit_trap  
error_trap:  
    j error_trap  
exit_trap:  
    lw t0, 0(sp); lw t1, 4(sp); lw a0, 8(sp)  
    lw a1, 12(sp); lw ra, 16(sp)  
    addi sp, sp, 32  
    mret
```

ISR Subroutine

```
key_isr:  
    addi sp, sp, -20  
    sw t2, 0(sp); sw t3, 4(sp)  
    sw t4, 8(sp); sw t5, 12(sp)  
    la t5, CURR_VALUE  
    lw t4, 0(t5)  
    li t2, 0xFC20005C  
    lw t3, 0(t2)  
    li t0, 0b1000  
    bne t3, t0, key0  
    beq t4, zero, endisr  
    addi t4, t4, -1  
    sw t4, 0(t5)  
    j endisr  
key0:
```

```

    # code for key 0
endisr:
    lw t2, 0(sp); lw t3, 4(sp)
    lw t4, 8(sp); lw t5, 12(sp)
    addi sp, sp, 20
    ret

```

Polled IO with Timer

```

.text
.globl _start
_start:
    li a0, 0xFFEC600
    li a1, 200000000
    sw a1, 0(a0)
    li a1, 0b111
    sw a1, 8(a0)
    li s0, 0; li s1, 0; li s2, 0 # sec,min,hr
poll:
    lw a1, 12(a0)
    beq a1, zero, poll
    sw a1, 12(a0)
    addi s0, s0, 1
    li t0, 60
    bne s0, t0, poll
    li s0, 0
    addi s1, s1, 1
    bne s1, t0, poll
    li s1, 0
    addi s2, s2, 1
    li t0, 24
    bne s2, t0, poll
    li s2, 0
    j poll

```

Exception Vector Table

```

.align 2
trap_vector:
    j trap_handler # Direct: all to one handler
# Vectored: mtvec.MODE=1, base + 4*cause
# 0x00:Exception 0x04:Supervisor SW int
# 0x0C:Machine SW int 0x14:Supervisor timer

```

Find Sum with Recursion

```

.globl _start
_start:
    li t0, 2
    blt a0, t0, return
    addi a0, a0, -1
    jal ra, findsum
    add a1, a1, a0
    return:
    lw a0, 0(sp); lw ra, 4(sp)
    addi sp, sp, 8
    ret
end: j end
findsum:
    .data
    addi sp, sp, -8    N: .word 5
    sw a0, 0(sp); sw ra, 4(sp)

```

Fibonacci with Recursion

```

.data
N: .word 10
.text
.globl _start
_start:
    li sp, 0x20000
    la s0, N; lw a0, 0(s0)
    li a1, 0; li a2, 0
    jal ra, fib
end: j end
fib:
    addi sp, sp, -12
    sw a0, 0(sp); sw a2, 4(sp)
    sw ra, 8(sp)
    li t0, 2
    bge a0, t0, recur

```

```

recur:
    addi a0, a0, -1
    jal ra, fib
    mv a2, a1
    addi a0, a0, -1
    jal ra, fib
    add a1, a1, a2
    lw a0, 0(sp); lw a2, 4(sp)
    lw ra, 8(sp)
    addi sp, sp, 12
    ret

```