



03: Boolean Algebra and Circuit Design

IT1206 – Computer Systems

Level I - Semester 1

Boolean Algebra

Boolean Postulates

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 + 1 = 1$$

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$1 \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

Basic Identities of Boolean Algebra

Identity Name	AND Form	OR Form
Identity Law	$1x = x$	$0+x = x$
Null (or Dominance) Law	$0x = 0$	$1+x = 1$
Idempotent Law	$xx = x$	$x+x = x$
Inverse Law	$x\bar{x} = 0$	$x+\bar{x} = 1$
Commutative Law	$xy = yx$	$x+y = y+x$
Associative Law	$(xy)z = x(yz)$	$(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$
Distributive Law	$x+yz = (x+y)(x+z)$	$x(y+z) = xy+xz$
Absorption Law	$x(x+y) = x$	$x+xy = x$
DeMorgan's Law	$(\overline{xy}) = \bar{x}+\bar{y}$	$(\overline{x+y}) = \bar{x}\bar{y}$
Double Complement Law	$\overline{\bar{x}} = x$	

Laws of Boolean Algebra

- - $A.B + A.\overline{B} = A$
 $(A + B)(A + \overline{B}) = A$
- - $A + 0 = A$
 $A.0 = 0$

Laws of Boolean Algebra

- $A + \bar{A}.B = A + B$
- $A(\bar{A} + B) = AB$

Boolean Expressions

- There can be multiple boolean expressions for a single operational behavior (single truth table).
- Thus, there can be multiple circuit structures with different logic gate arrangements for the same behavior.
- Simple and minimal circuit structure is always preferred.
 - Efficiency
 - Cost

Simple Expression

- Boolean algebra helps to simplify expressions.

- $F1 = \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}yz + x\bar{y}$

- $F2 = x\bar{y} + \bar{x}z$

- You will get two circuits if you draw circuits for F1 and F2.



x	y	z	$F2$	$F1$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0

Expression to Truth Table

- When a boolean expression is given, we can formulate the truth table for the expression.
- Identify the variables in the expression
 - If there are n variables, then there will be 2^n combinations of values
 - 2^n rows in the truth table
- Derive the resulting value for each value combination in the truth table rows.

Expression to Truth Table. (Cont.)

- Ex.

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

- Three variables in $F(x, y, z)$
- There will be 2^3 combinations
- There will be 2^3 rows in the truth table

Expression to Truth Table. (Cont.)

- Ex.

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

x	y	z	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

Truth Table to Expression

- When a truth table is given, we can formulate the boolean algebraic expression to represent it.
- There are two forms (*Canonical* forms) in presenting the expression.
 - Sum of *Minterms* (Standard Products)
 - Product of *Maxterms* (Standard Sums)

Minterm

- In a three variable boolean expression, we can combine 3 variables with an AND operator.
- There are 8 possible such arrangements.
 - $\bar{x}.\bar{y}.\bar{z}$
 - $\bar{x}.\bar{y}.z$
 -
 - $x.y.z$
- Each of these AND terms is called ***Minterm*** (or Standard Product).
- $(x.y)$ is **not** a ***Minterm*** in this context.

Maxterm

- In a three variable boolean expression, we can combine 3 variables with an OR operator.
- There are 8 possible such arrangements.
 - $\bar{x} + \bar{y} + \bar{z}$
 - $\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z$
 -
 - $x + y + z$
- Each of these OR terms is called **Maxterm** (or Standard Sum)
- $(\bar{y} + z)$ is not a **Maxterm** in this context.

[Sum – Product] in Mathematics



A **product** is the result of multiplying, or an expression that identifies factors to be multiplied.



A **sum** is the aggregate of two or more numbers or particulars as determined by or as if by the mathematical process of addition.

Sum of Minterms

- Disjunction of terms where each term is a conjunction of literals.
- The OR operations are performed on the terms that are made by AND operations.
- Ex.

$$F = \bar{x}.y.\bar{z} + x.\bar{y}.\bar{z} + x.\bar{y}.z + x.y.\bar{z} + x.y.z$$

- Each term in the expression is referred as ***Minterm*** or ***Standard Product***.

Product of Maxterms

- Conjunction of terms where each term is a disjunction of literals.
- The AND operations are performed on the terms that are made by OR operations.
- Ex.

$$F = (x + y + z). (x + y + \bar{z}). (x + \bar{y} + \bar{z})$$

- Each term in the expression is referred as ***Maxterm*** or ***Standard Sum***.

Standard Forms

- In ***Canonical*** Form, each term must contain all the variables in the truth table.
- But ***Standard Form*** is an alternative way to express Boolean function.
- A term in an expression that is expressed in a standard form doesn't need to contain all the variables in the truth table.
- There are two standard forms.
 - Sum of Products
 - Product of Sums

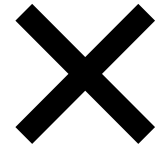
Standard Form – Sum of Products

- OR operation is performed over several terms where each term is made up by performing AND operation over several literals.
- Ex.

$$F = \bar{x}.y + \bar{y}.\bar{z} + x.\bar{y}.z + y$$



$$F = \bar{x}.y + \bar{y}.(x + \bar{z}) + x.\bar{y}.z + y$$



Standard Form - Product of Sums

- AND operation is performed over several terms where each term is made up by performing OR operation over several literals.
- Ex.

$$F = y.(x + z).(\bar{x} + \bar{y} + \bar{z})$$



$$F = y.(x + z.\bar{y}).(\bar{x} + \bar{y} + \bar{z})$$



Logic Equations to Truth Tables

$$X = A.\overline{B} + \overline{A}.B + AB$$

A	B	X
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

Sum of Minterms

- The **OR** operation performed on the products of the **AND** operation
- Fill the corresponding cells with **1** for each product, the other cells with **0**

$$X = (A.B) + (\bar{A}.\bar{B}) + (\bar{A}.B)$$

$$A = 1, \bar{A} = 0$$

$$B = 1, \bar{B} = 0$$

A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Product of Maxterms

- The **AND** operation performed on the sums of the **OR** operation
- Fill the corresponding cells with **0** for each sum, the other cells with **1**

$$Y = (\bar{A} + \bar{B}).(\bar{A} + B)$$

$$A = 0, \bar{A} = 1$$

$$B = 0, \bar{B} = 1$$

A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

Truth Tables to Logic Equations

A	B	X
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

- Sum of Minterms - consider 1s
 - Consider A=1,B=1

$$X = (\bar{A}.\bar{B}) + (\bar{A}.B)$$

- Product of Maxterms – consider 0s
 - Consider A=0,B=0

$$X = (\bar{A} + B).(\bar{A} + \bar{B})$$

Your Turn: Exercise1

- Convert the following equation which is in the form of Product-of-sums into the form of Sum-of-products

$$f(ABCD) = (A + \overline{B} + C)(\overline{A} + B + \overline{C} + \overline{D})(\overline{A} + \overline{B} + D)(A + \overline{C})$$

Answer: Exercise1

$$f(ABCD) = (A + \bar{B} + C)(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D})(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + D)(A + \bar{C})$$

$$f(ABCD) = \overline{\overline{(A + \bar{B} + C)(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D})(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + D)(A + \bar{C})}}$$

$$f(ABCD) = \overline{\overline{(A + \bar{B} + C)} + \overline{\overline{(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D})}} + \overline{\overline{(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + D)}} + \overline{\overline{(A + \bar{C})}}}$$

$$f(ABCD) = \overline{\overline{\bar{A}.\bar{B}.\bar{C}} + \overline{\overline{\bar{A}.\bar{B}.\bar{C}.\bar{D}}} + \overline{\overline{\bar{A}.\bar{B}.\bar{D}}} + \overline{\overline{\bar{A}.\bar{C}}}}}$$

$$f(ABCD) = \overline{\overline{\bar{A}.B.\bar{C}} + \overline{\overline{A.\bar{B}.C.D}} + \overline{\overline{A.B.\bar{D}}} + \overline{\overline{\bar{A}.C}}}$$

Implementation of Boolean Functions

- A Boolean function can be realised in either **SOP** or **POS** form
- At this point, it would seem that the choice would depend on whether the truth table contains more **1s** and **0s** for the output function
- The **SOP** has one term for each **1**, and the **POS** has one term for each **0**

Implementation of Boolean Functions

- However, there are other considerations:
 - It is generally possible to derive a simpler Boolean expression from truth table than either **SOP** or **POS**
 - It may be preferable to implement the function with a single gate type (NAND or NOR)

Implementation of Boolean Functions

- The significance of this is that, with a simpler Boolean expression, fewer gates will be needed to implement the function
- Methods that can be used to achieve simplification are:
 - Algebraic Simplification
 - Karnaugh Maps

Your Turn: Algebraic Simplification

- Simplify the following equation using Boolean algebra laws

$$f(ABC) = (A + \overline{B} + \overline{C})(A + \overline{B}C)$$

Answer: Algebraic Simplification

$$f(ABC) = (A + \overline{B} + \overline{C})(A + \overline{BC})$$

$$f(ABC) = AA + A\overline{BC} + A\overline{B} + \overline{B}\overline{BC} + A\overline{C} + \overline{BC}\overline{C}$$

$$f(ABC) = A(1 + \overline{BC} + \overline{B} + \overline{C}) + \overline{BC} + \overline{BC}\overline{C}$$

$$f(ABC) = A + \overline{BC}$$

Karnaugh Maps

- For purposes of simplification, the Karnaugh map is a convenient way of representing a Boolean function of a small number (up to 4 to 6) of variables
- The map is an array of 2^n squares, representing the possible combinations of values of n binary variables

Karnaugh Maps

- The map can be used to represent any Boolean function in the following way:
 - Each square corresponds to a unique product in the **sum-of-products** form.
 - With a **1** value corresponding to the variable and a **0** value corresponding to the **NOT** of that variable

Karnaugh Maps: 2 Values

B \ A	0	1
	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

$$X = A.\overline{B} + \overline{A}.B + AB$$

Karnaugh Maps: 2 Values

- The $A\bar{B}$ corresponds to the fourth square in the Figure
- For each such production in the function, 1 is placed in the corresponding square

AB			
00	01	11	10
	1		1

$$F = A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B$$

Karnaugh Maps: 3 Values

C \ AB	00	01	11	10
0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	1

$$X = A.\overline{B}.C + \overline{A}.B.\overline{C} + A.B.C + \overline{A}.\overline{B}.\overline{C}$$

Karnaugh Maps: 4 Values

CD \ AB	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	1	1
01	0	1	1	0
11	0	1	1	0
10	0	1	0	1

$$X = A.\bar{B}.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + A.\bar{B}.C.\bar{D} + A.B.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + \bar{A}.\bar{B}.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + \bar{A}.B.\bar{C}.\bar{D} + A.B.\bar{C}.D + \bar{A}.B.C.D + A.B.C.D$$

Karnaugh Maps: Exercise 1

- Simplify the following Karnaugh Map using Boolean equations (Write your answers in both **SOP** and **POS**)

C \ AB	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	1

Karnaugh Maps: Answer

$$(\overline{A}.B.\overline{C}) + (\overline{A}.\overline{B}.C) + (\overline{A}.B.C) + (A.\overline{B}.C) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \overline{A}B + \overline{B}C$$

$$(A + B + C).(\overline{A} + \overline{B} + C).(\overline{A} + B + C).(\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C}) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (B + C).(\overline{A} + \overline{B})$$

C \ AB	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	1

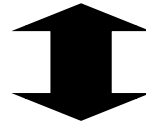
Karnaugh Maps: Exercise 2

- Simplify the following Karnaugh Map using Boolean equations (Write your answers in both **SOP** and **POS**)

CD \ AB	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	0	1
01	0	1	1	0
11	0	0	1	0
10	1	0	0	1

Karnaugh Maps: Answer

$$(\overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D}) + (\overline{A}\overline{B}C\overline{D}) + (\overline{A}B\overline{C}\overline{D}) + (A\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D}) + (ABCD) + (\overline{A}\overline{B}C\overline{D}) + (\overline{A}B\overline{C}\overline{D})$$



$$\overline{B}\overline{D} + \overline{B}CD + ABD$$

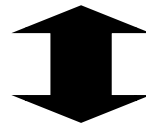
AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	0	1
01	0	1	1	0
11	0	0	1	0
10	1	0	0	1

Karnaugh Maps: Answer

$$(A + \bar{B} + C + D).(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C + D).(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + D).(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + D).$$

$$(A + B + C + \bar{D}).(A + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D}).(\bar{A} + B + C + \bar{D}).(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D}).$$

$$(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + \bar{D})$$

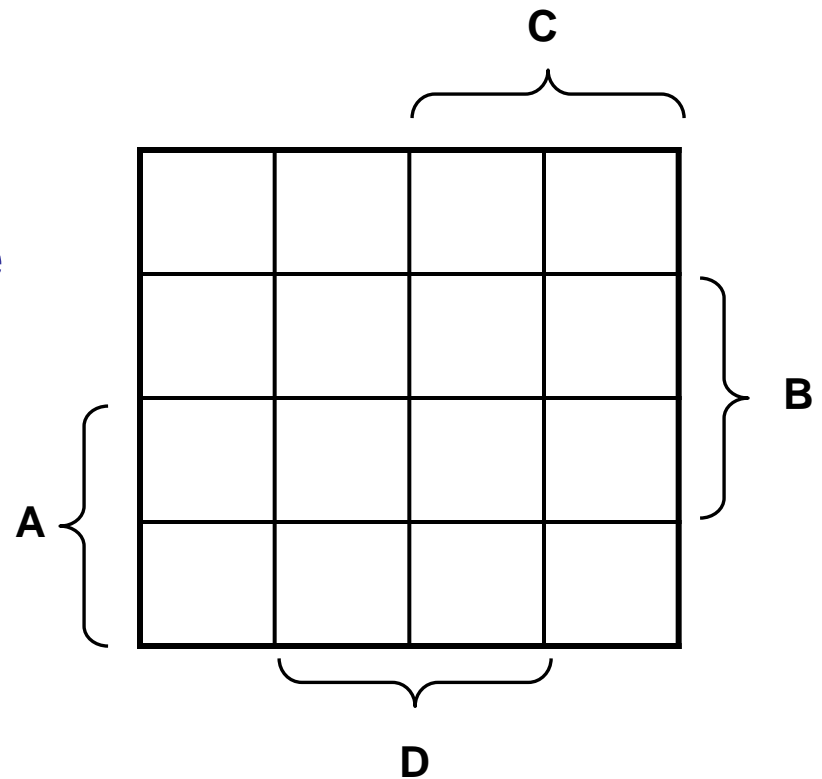


$$(\bar{B} + D).(B + \bar{D}).(A + \bar{C} + \bar{D})$$

CD \ AB	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	0	1
01	0	1	1	0
11	0	0	1	0
10	1	0	0	1

Simplified Labeling of Karnaugh Maps

- The labeling used in figure emphasizes the relationship between variables and the rows and columns of the map
- The two rows embraced by the symbol **A** are those in which the variable **A** has the value **1**; the rows not embraced by the symbol **A** are those in which **A** is **0**



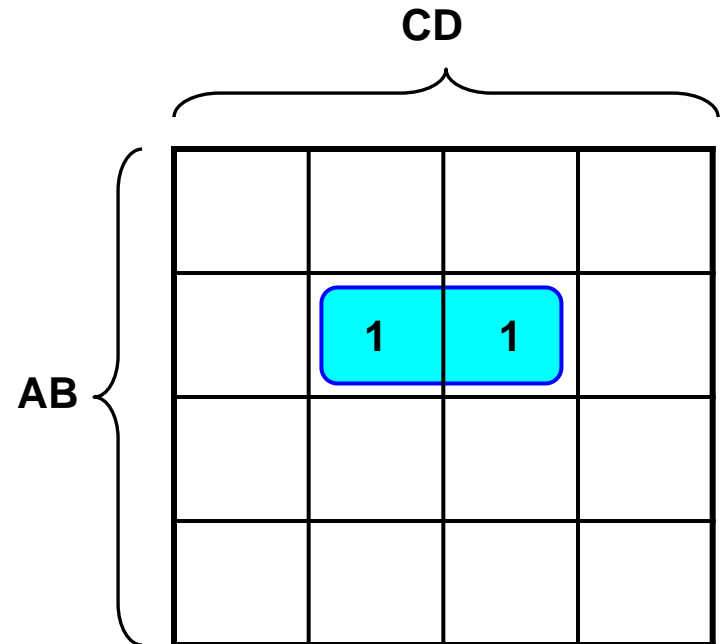
Simplified Labeling of Karnaugh Maps

- Once the map of a function is created, we can often write a simple algebraic expression for it by noting the arrangement of the **1s** on the map
- The principle is as follows:
 - Any two squares that are adjacent differ in only one of the variables
 - If two adjacent squares both have an entry of **1**, then the corresponding product terms differ in **only one variable**
 - In such a case, the two terms can be merged by **eliminating that variable**

Simplified Labeling of Karnaugh Maps

- For example, in following FIGURE, the two adjacent squares correspond to the two terms $\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D$ and $\bar{A}\bar{B}CD$

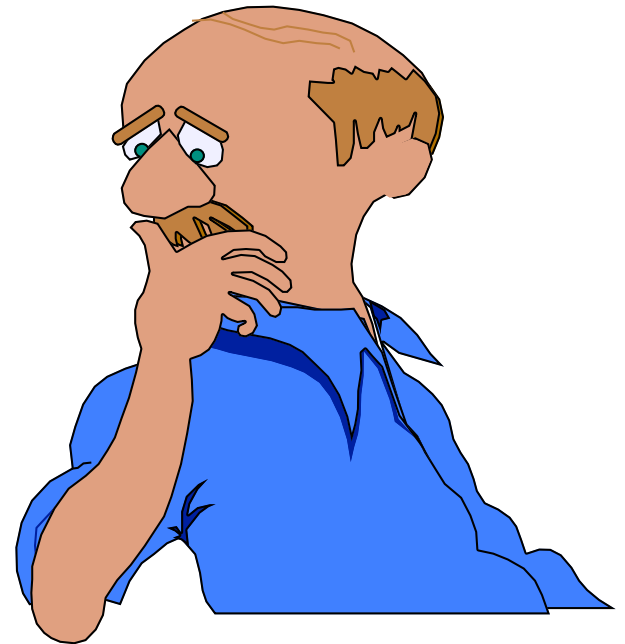
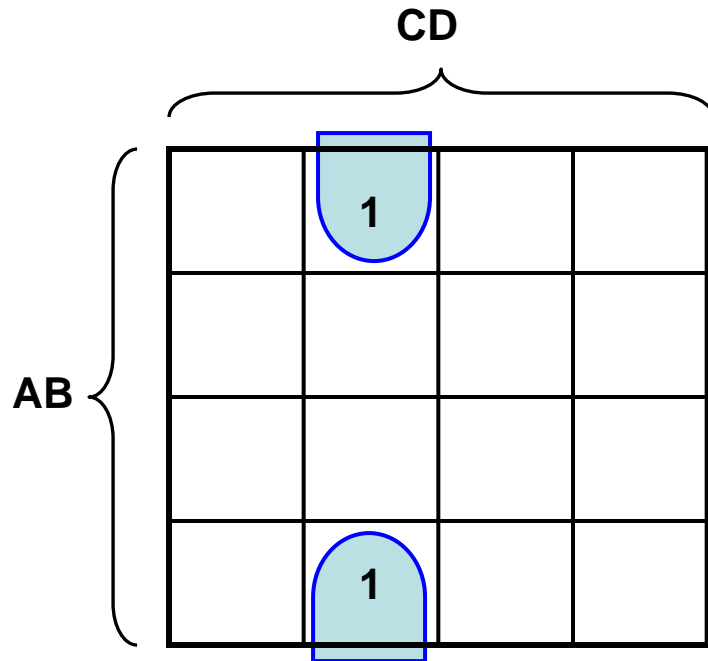
- The function expressed is
$$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D + \bar{A}\bar{B}CD = \bar{A}\bar{B}D$$



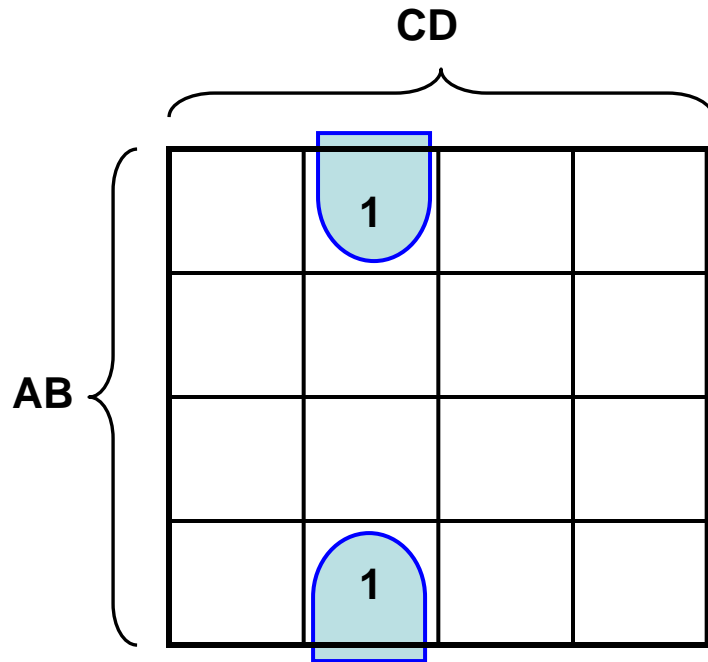
Simplified Labeling of Karnaugh Maps

- This process can be extended in several ways:
 - First, the concept of adjacent can be extended to include wrapping around the edge of the map
 - Thus, the **top square of a column** is adjacent to the **bottom square**, and the **leftmost square of a row** is adjacent to the **rightmost square**
 - Second, we can group not just 2 squares but 2^n adjacent squares, that is, 4, 8, etc

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps

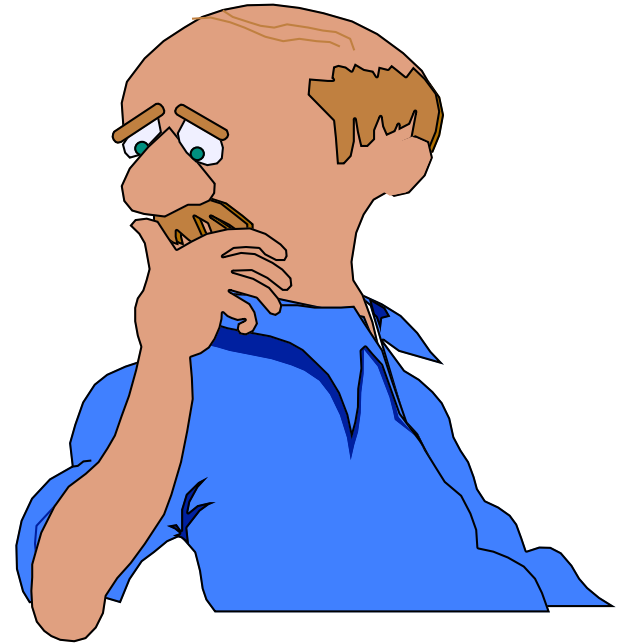
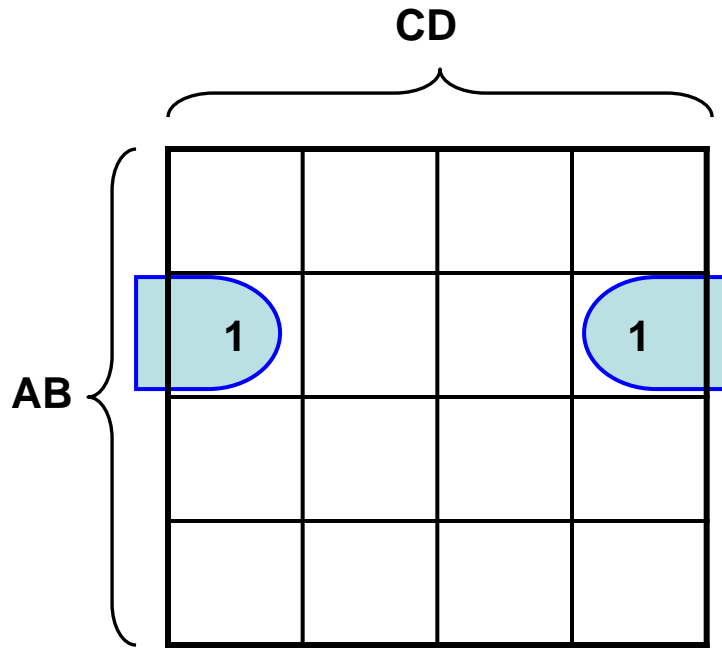


Answer: Karnaugh Maps

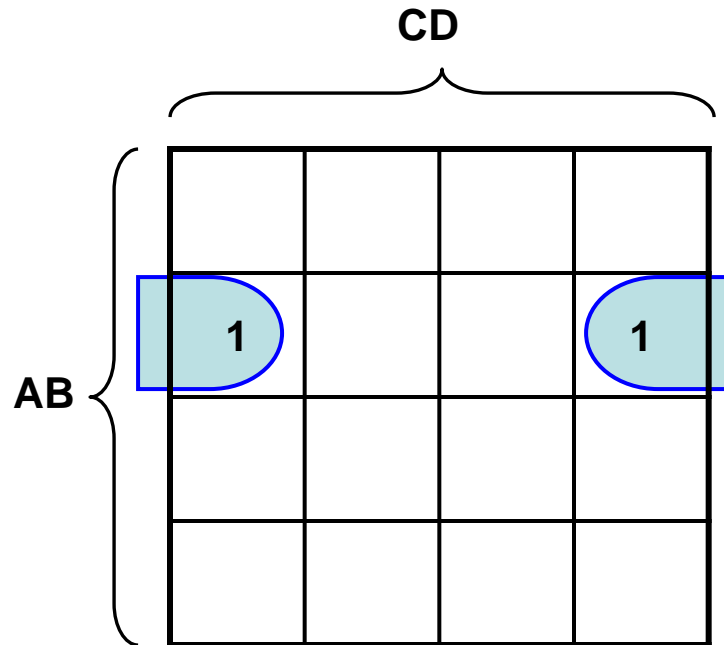


$\overline{B}\overline{C}D$

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps

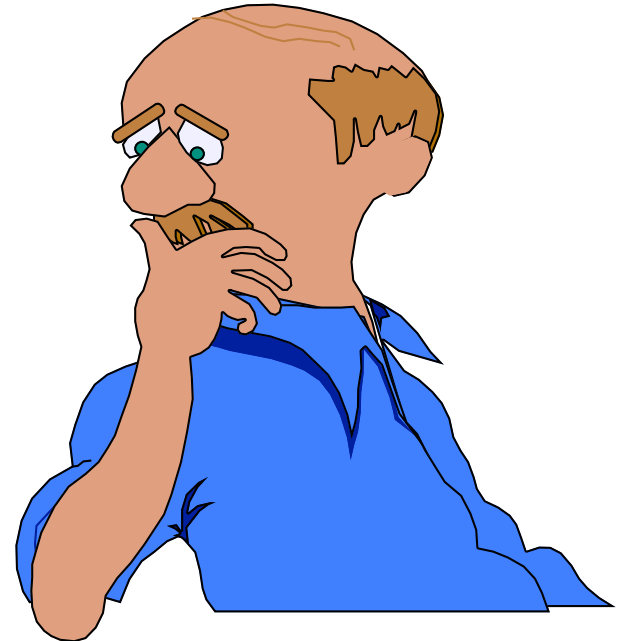
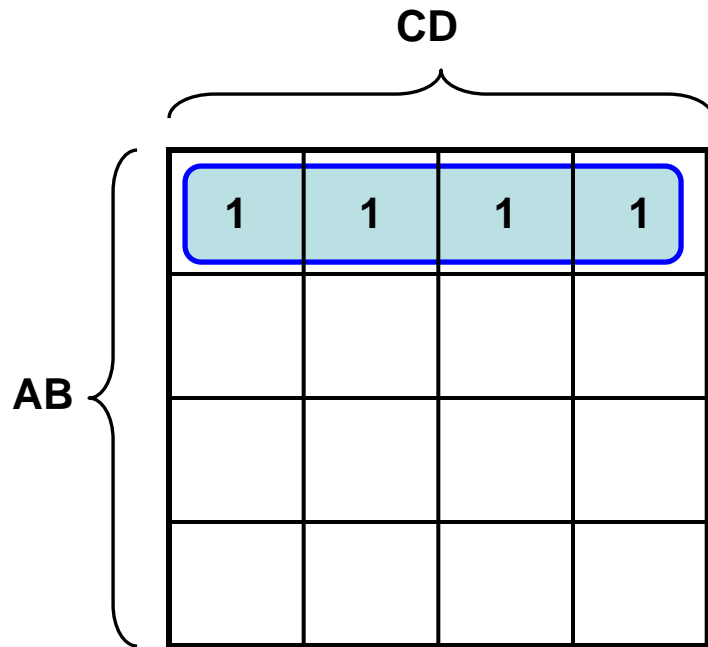


Answer: Karnaugh Maps

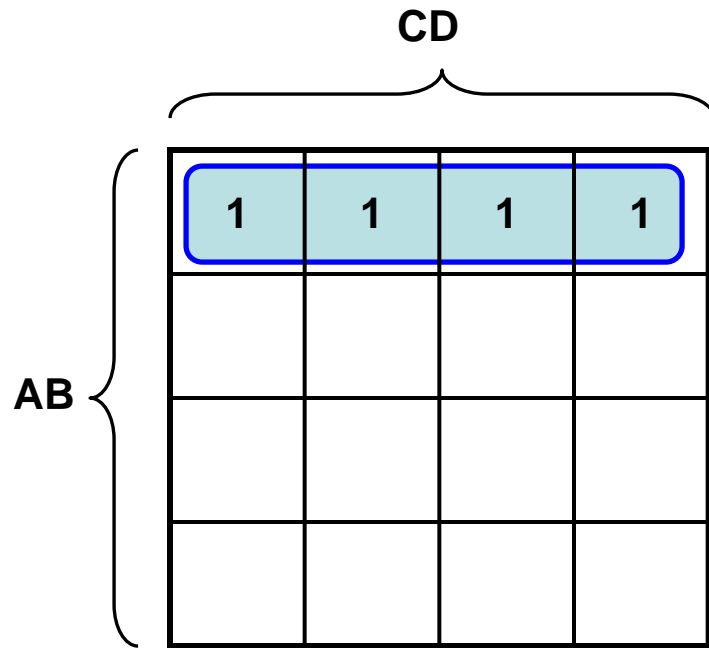


$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{D}$

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps

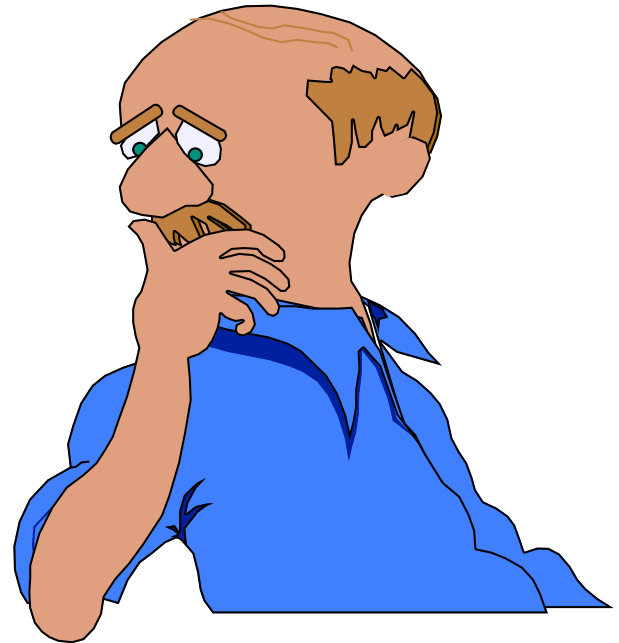
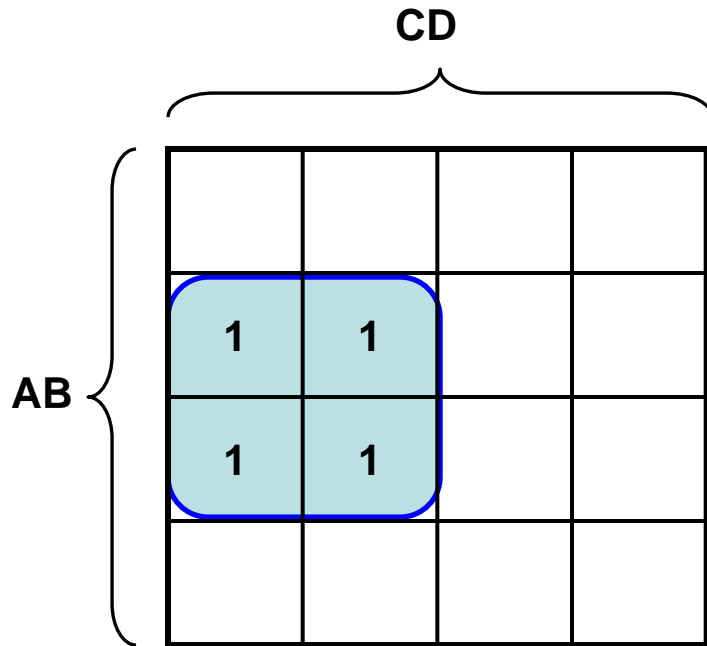


Answer: Karnaugh Maps

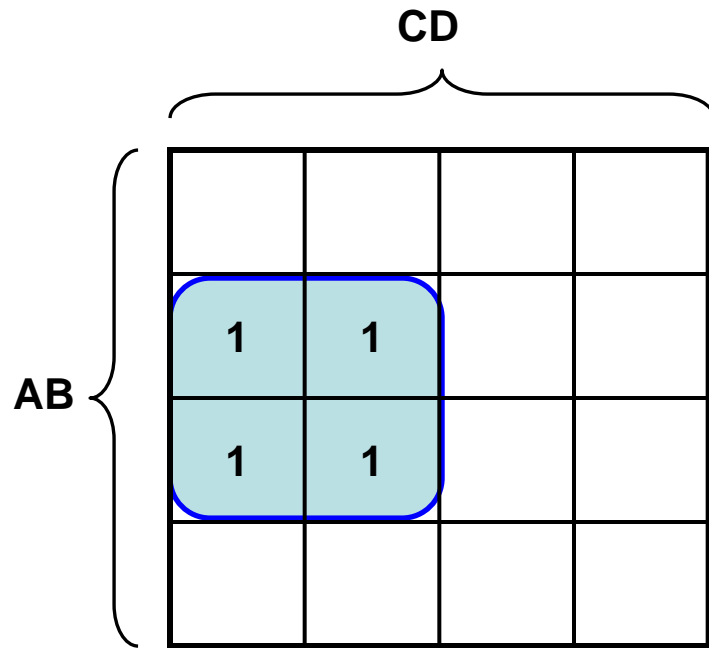


$\overline{A}\overline{B}$

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps

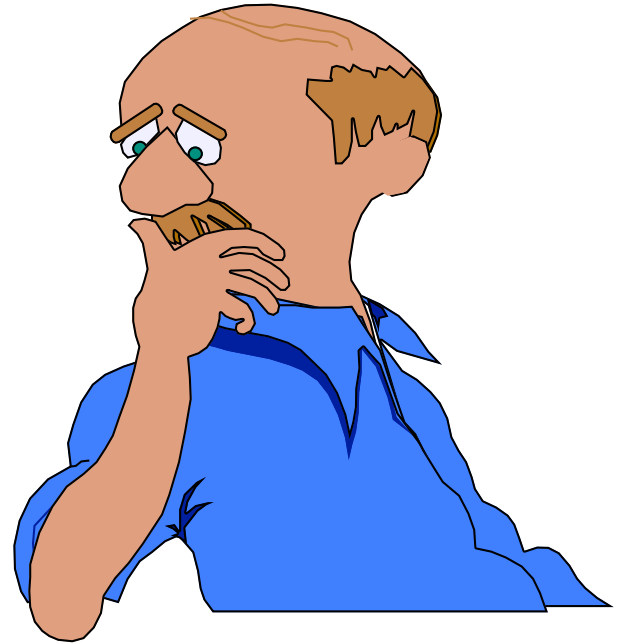
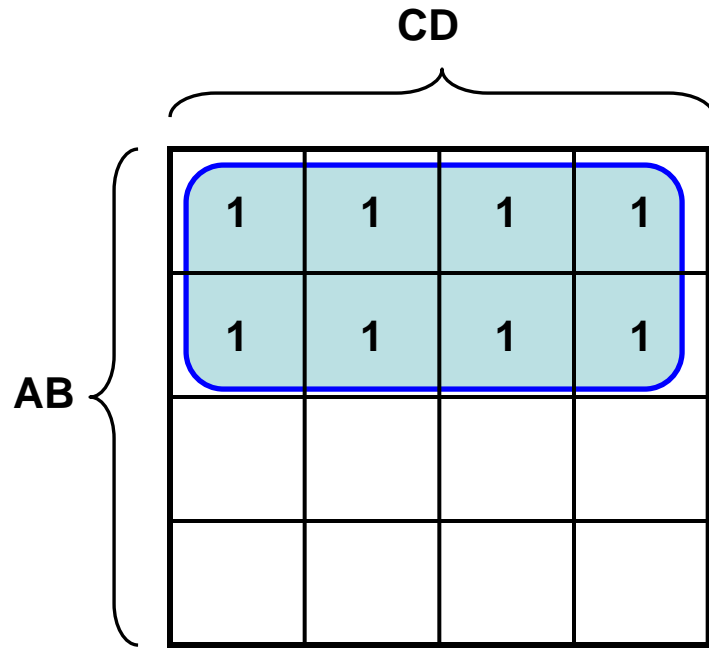


Answer: Karnaugh Maps

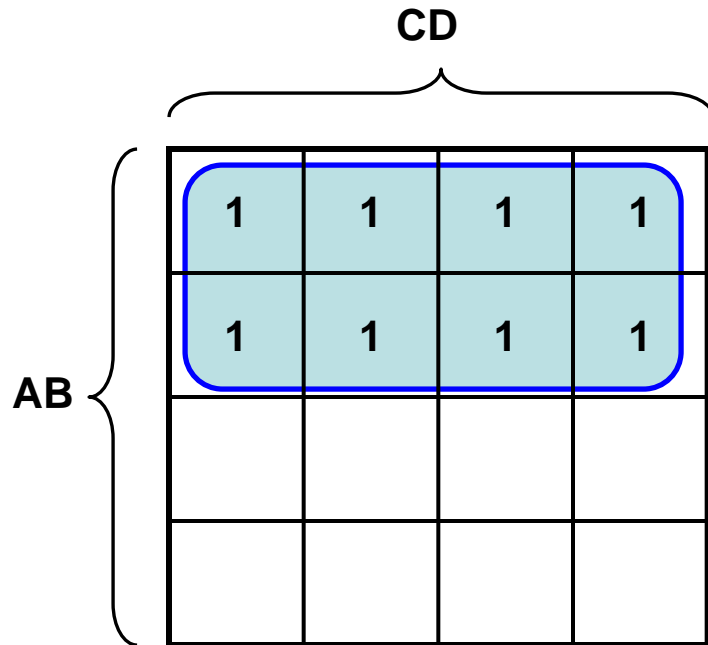


$B\bar{C}$

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps

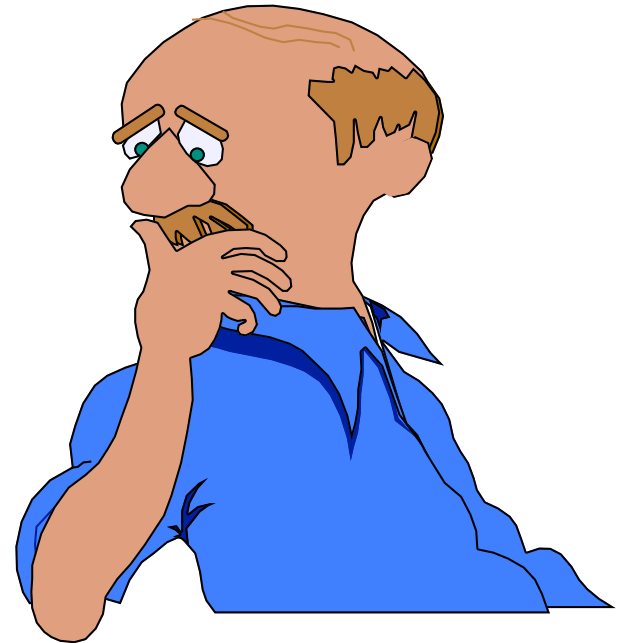
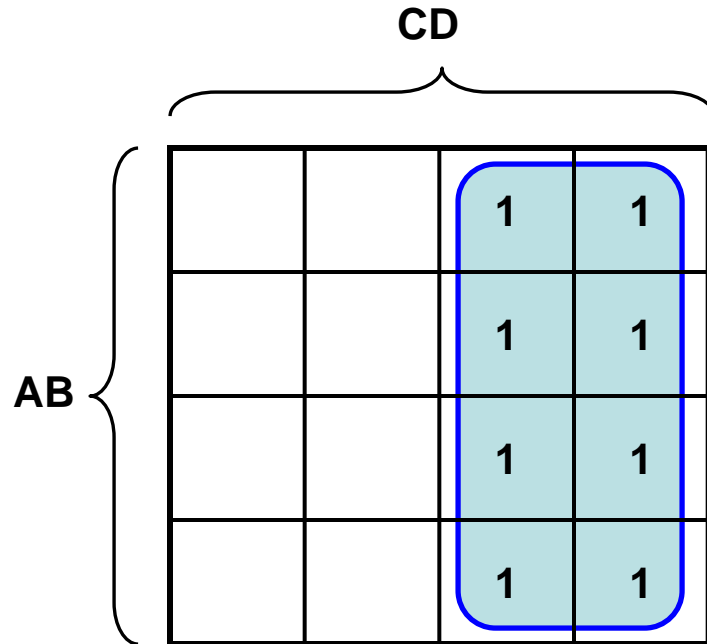


Answer: Karnaugh Maps

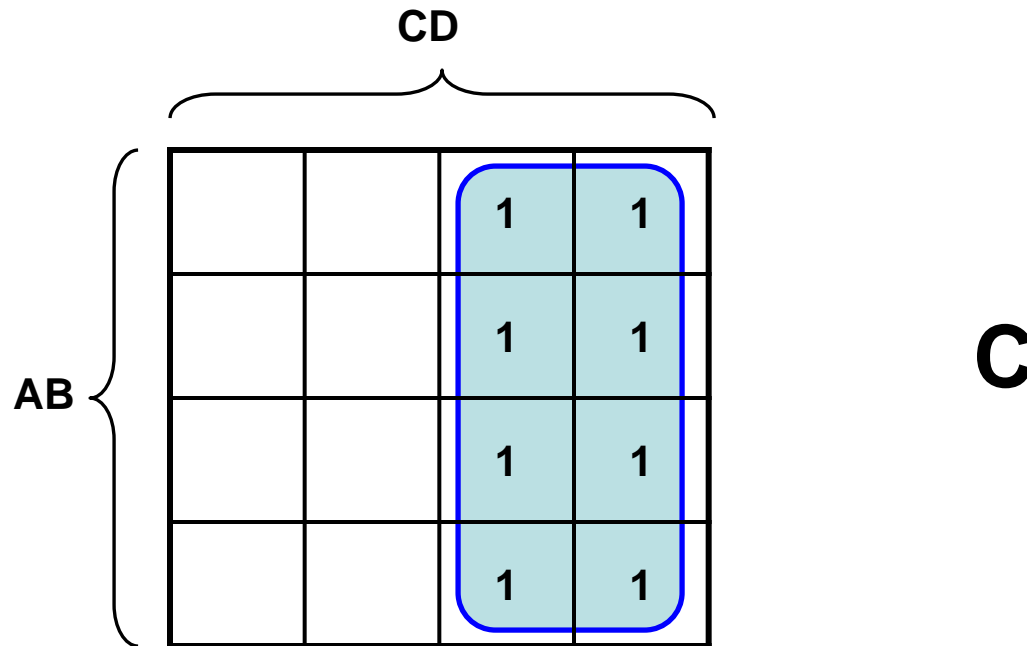


\bar{A}

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps



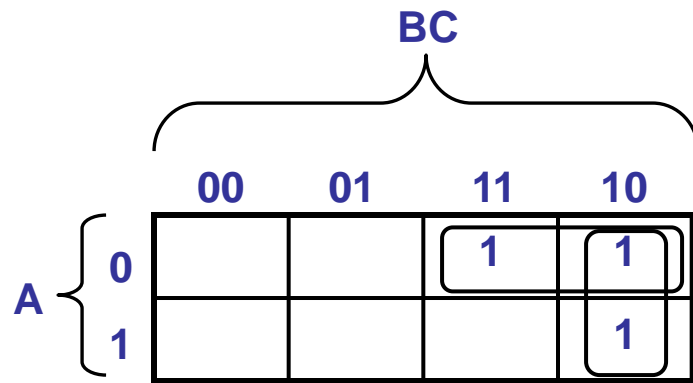
Answer: Karnaugh Maps



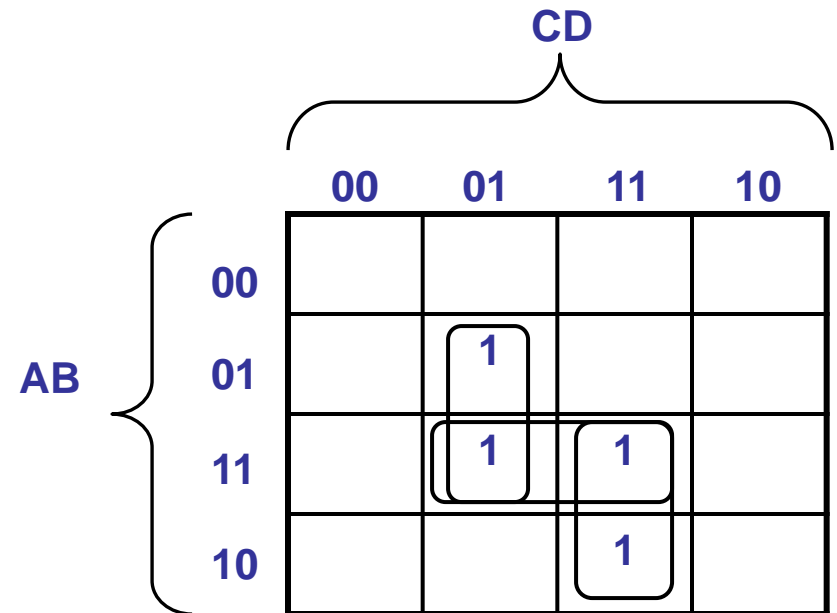
Simplified Labeling of Karnaugh Maps

- In attempting to simplify, first look for the largest grouping possible:
 - When you are circling groups, you are allowed to use the same **1** more than **once**
 - If any isolated **1**s remain after the groupings, then each of these is circled as a group of **1**s
 - Finally, before going from the map to a simplified Boolean expression, any group of **1**s that is **completely overlapped by other groups can be eliminated**

Karnaugh Maps: Overlapping Groups



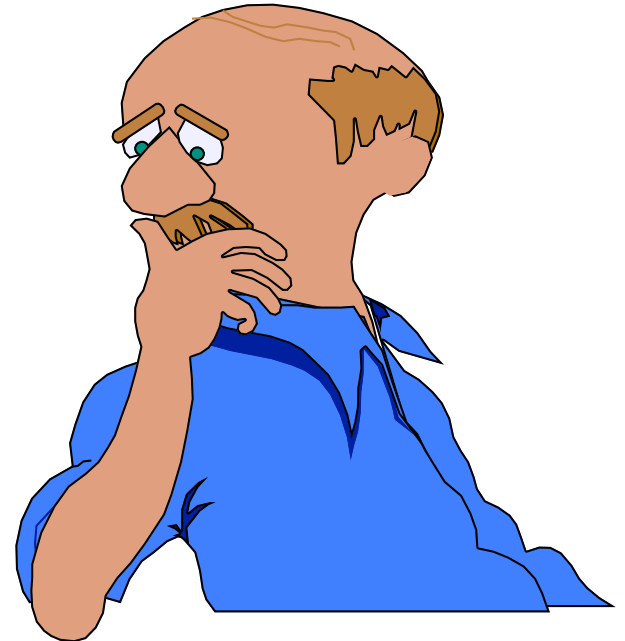
$$F = \bar{A}B + B\bar{C}$$



$$F = B\bar{C}D + ACD$$

Your turn: Karnaugh Maps

		CD	
AB		0	1
	0	0	0
	1	0	0
	1	1	1



Answer: Karnaugh Maps

		CD	
AB	00	01	11
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	1	1	0
AB	01	10	11
	0	1	1
AB	10	11	11
	1	1	1

$$F = A\bar{C} + A\bar{B} + BCD$$

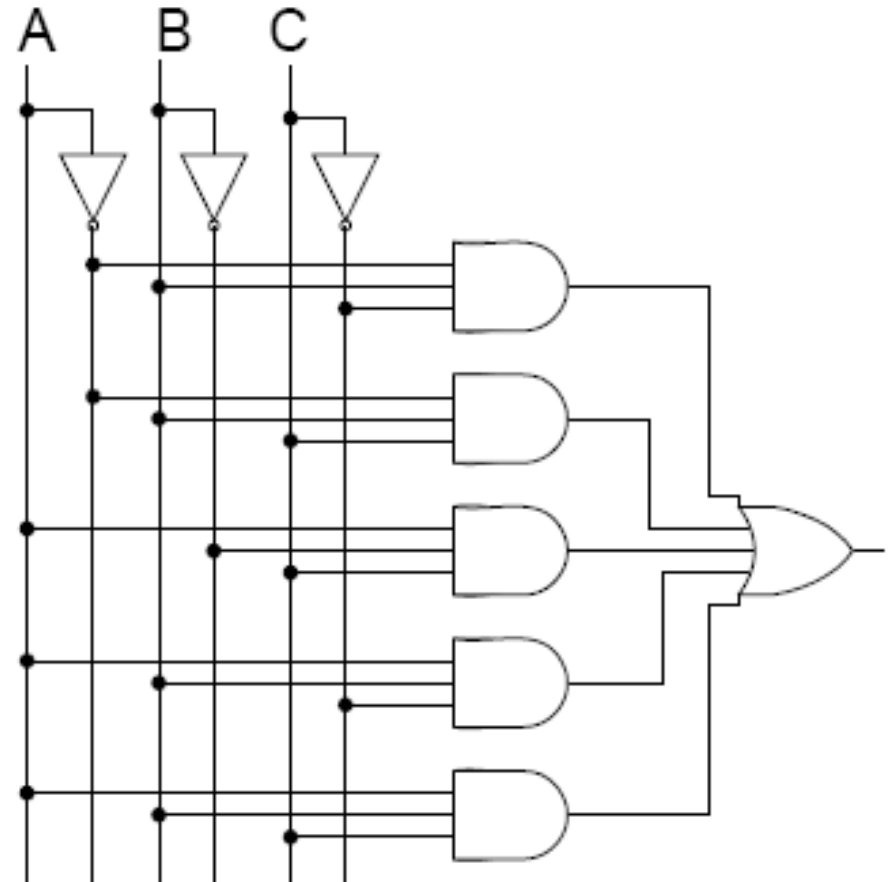
$$F = (A+C).(A+B).(\bar{B}+\bar{C}+\bar{D})$$

Drawing a Circuit

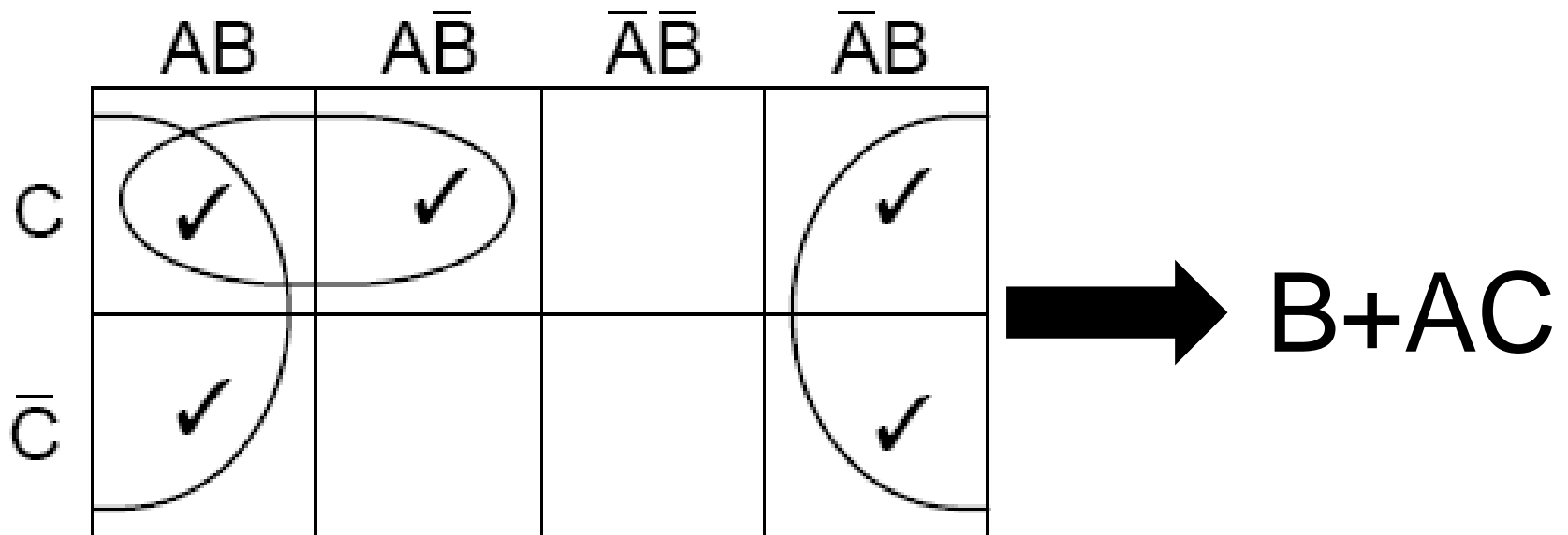
Sum-of-Products Expression

$$\bar{A} \bar{B} \bar{C} + \bar{A} B \bar{C} + A \bar{B} C + A B \bar{C} + A B C$$

Digital Logic Circuit

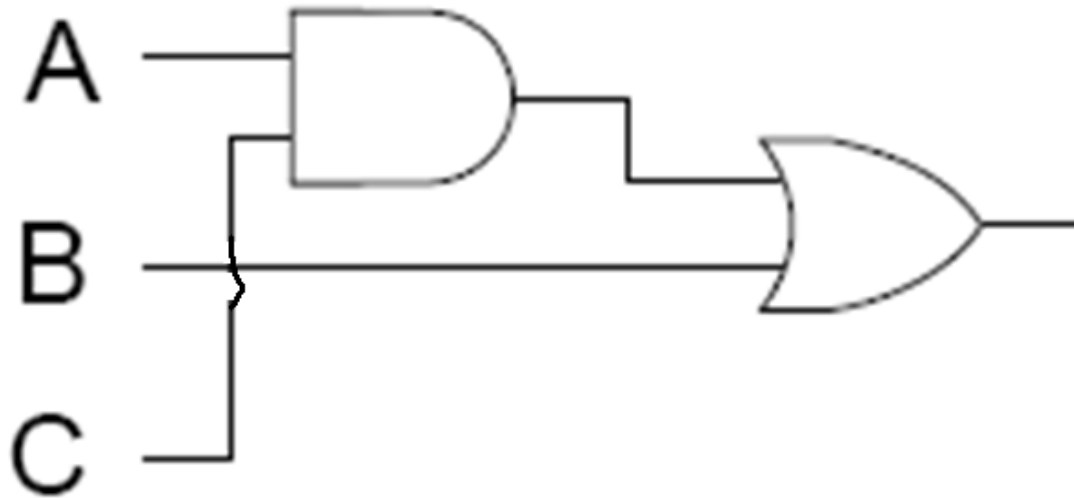


Drawing a Circuit



Drawing a Circuit

$$B+AC$$



Logic Operators

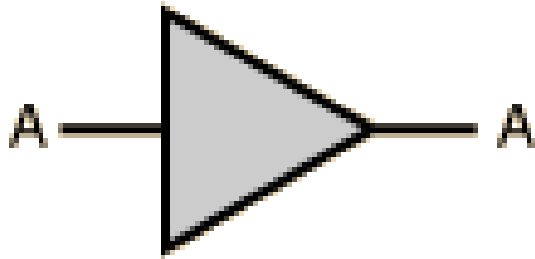
Logic Operations

- Basic logic operators and logic gates
- Boolean algebra
- Combinational Circuits
- Basic circuit design

Basic Logic Operators and Logic Gates

- AND
- OR
- NOT
- XOR (Exclusive OR)
- NOR
- NAND
- XNOR

Buffer



A	B
0	0
1	1

AND Operation

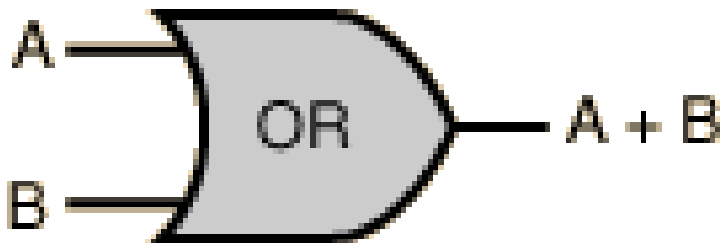
- . Operator
- ^ Operator
- $A . B = A \wedge B$



A	B	A . B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OR Operation

- $+$ Operator
- \vee Operator
- $A + B = A \vee B$



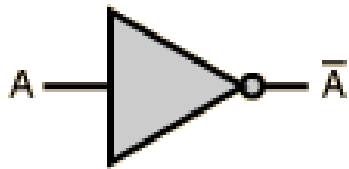
A	B	A + B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

NOT Operation

- \sim Operator
- \neg Operator

$$\overline{A} = \neg A = \sim A = A'$$

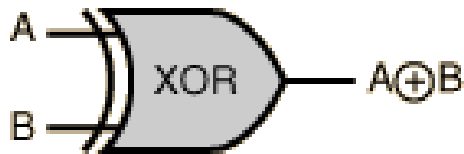
A	A'
0	1
1	0



XOR Operation

- \oplus Operator

$$A \oplus B$$



A	B	$A \oplus B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

NAND Operation

$$\overline{(A.B)} = (A.B)'$$



A	B	$\overline{(A.B)}$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

NOR Operation

$$\overline{(A + B)} = (A + B)'$$



A	B	$\overline{(A + B)}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

XNOR Operation

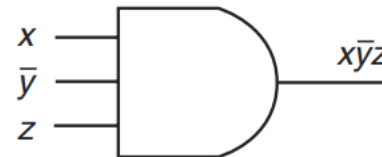
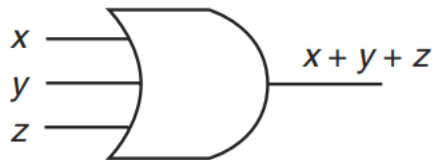
$$\overline{(A \oplus B)}$$



A	B	$\overline{(A \oplus B)}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Multiple Input Gates

- Gates are not limited to two inputs.
- There can be logic gates with more than two inputs.



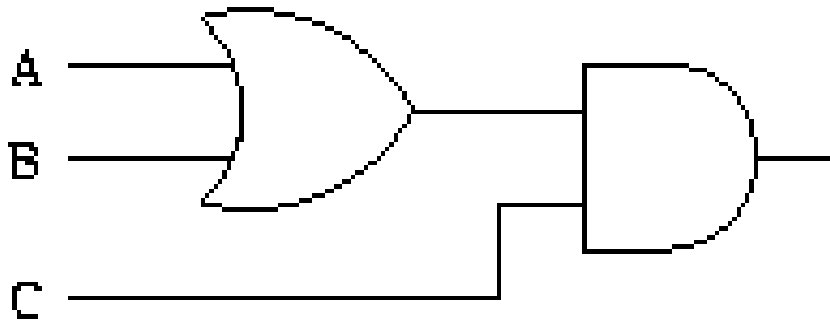
Drawing Logic Gates

- In addition to the basic gates, gates with 3,4, or more inputs can be used

E.g. $x + y + z$ can be implemented with a single **OR** gate with 3 inputs

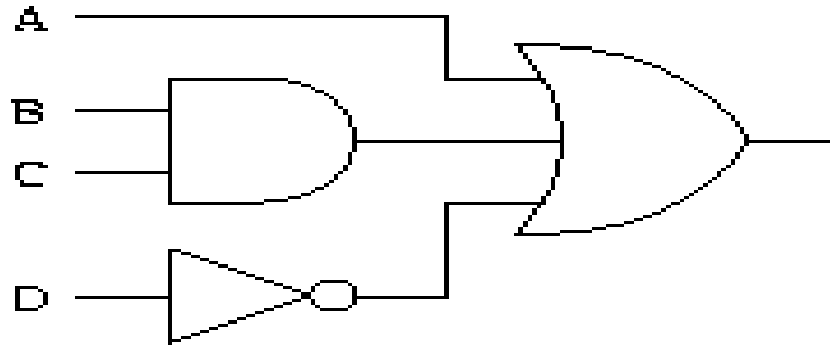
Drawing Logic Gates

$$X = (A + B)C$$



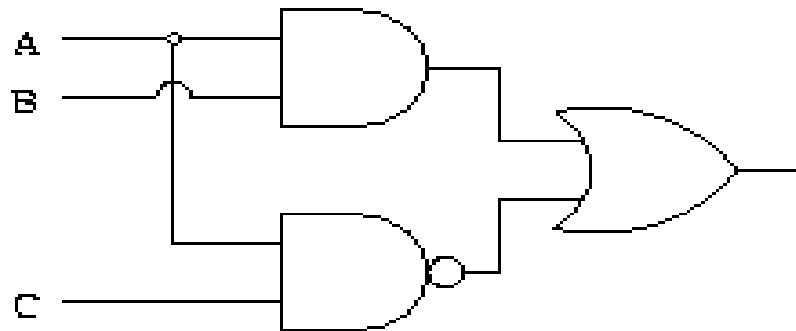
Drawing Logic Gates

$$X = A + (B.C) + \overline{D}$$



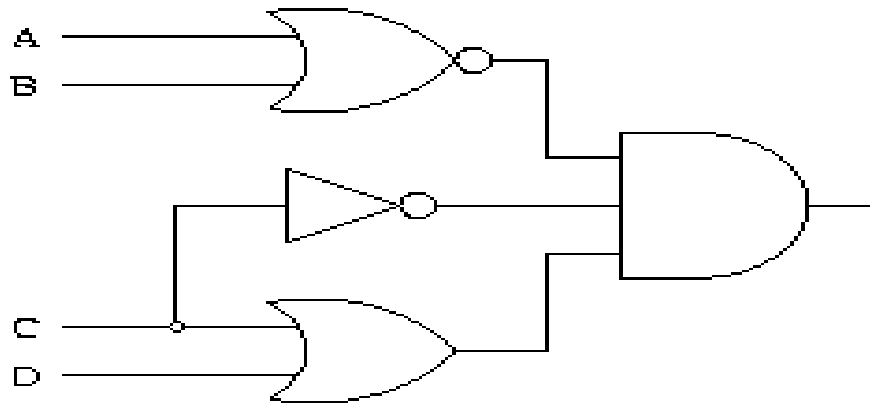
Drawing Logic Gates

$$X = (A.B) + (\overline{A}.C)$$



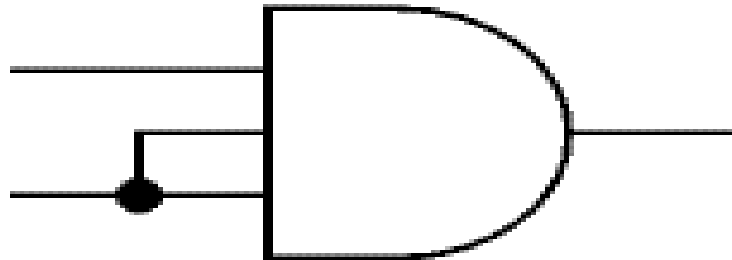
Drawing Logic Gates

$$X = \overline{(A + B)} \cdot (C + D) \cdot \overline{C}$$



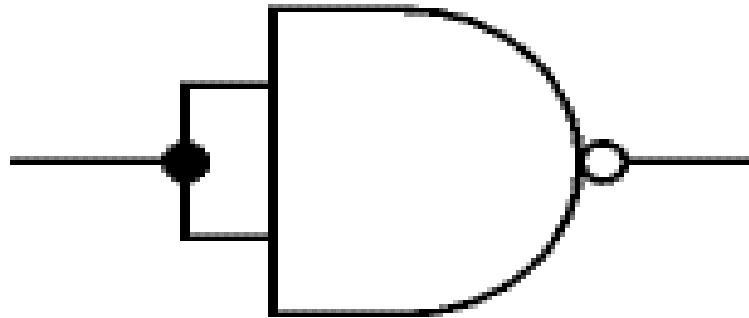
Reducing Logic Gates

- Reducing the number of inputs
 - The number of inputs to a gate can be reduced by connecting two (or more) inputs together
 - The diagram shows a 3-input **AND** gate operating as a 2-input **AND** gate



Reducing Logic Gates

- Reducing the number of inputs
 - Reducing a NOT gate from a NAND or NOR gate
 - The diagram shows this for a 2-input **NAND** gate



Logic Gates

- Typically, not all gate types are used in implementation
 - Design and fabrication are simpler if only one or two types of gates are used
 - Therefore, it is important to identify ***functionally complete*** sets of gates
 - This means that any **Boolean function** can be implemented using only the gates in the set

Logic Gates

- The following are functionally complete sets:
 - **AND, OR, NOT**
 - **AND, NOT**
 - **OR, NOT**
 - **NAND**
 - **NOR**

Logic Gates

- **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT** gates constitute a functionally complete set, since they represent the 3 operations of *Boolean algebra*
- For the **AND** and **NOT** gates to form a functionally complete set, there must be a way to synthesize the **OR** operation from the **AND** and **NOT** operations

$$A + B = \overline{\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}}$$

$$A \text{ OR } B = \text{NOT}((\text{NOT } A) \text{ AND } (\text{NOT } B))$$

Logic Gates

- Similarly, the **OR** and **NOT** operations are functionally complete because they can be synthesize the **AND** operation

$$A \cdot B = \overline{\overline{A} + \overline{B}}$$

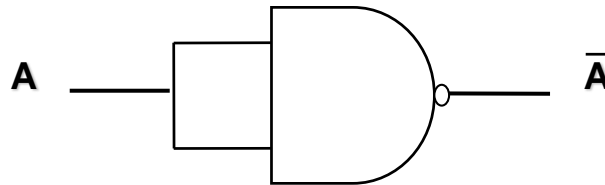
$$A \text{ AND } B = \text{NOT} ((\text{NOT } A) \text{ OR } (\text{NOT } B))$$

Universal Gates

- The **AND**, **OR** and **NOT** functions can be implemented solely with **NAND** gates, and the same thing for **NOR** gates.
- For this reason, digital circuits can be, and frequently are, implemented solely with **NAND** gates or solely with **NOR** gates
- Therefore, **NAND** and **NOR** gates are referred to as a **Universal Gate**

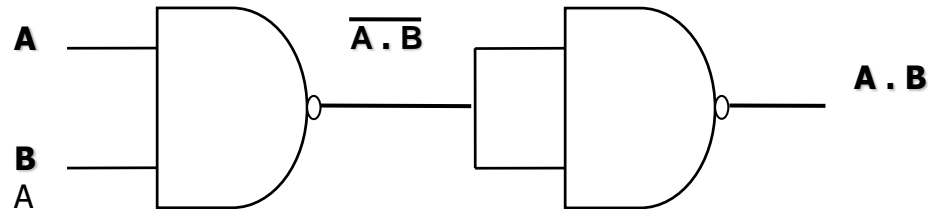
Logic Gates

- The diagram shows how the **NOT** function can be implemented solely with **NAND** gate



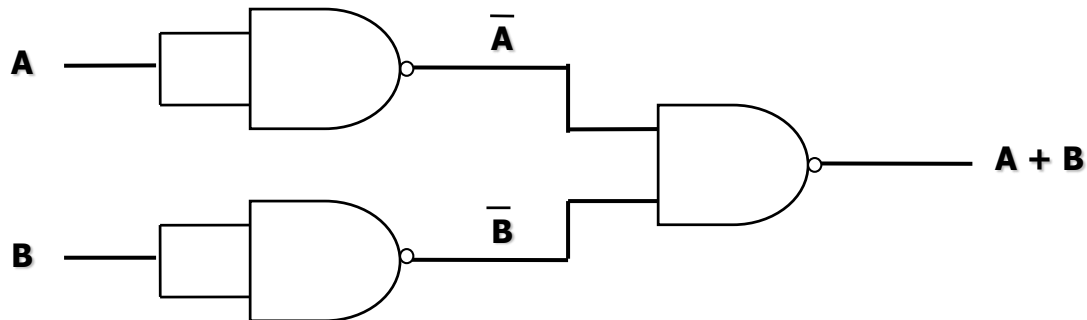
Logic Gates

- The diagram shows how the **AND** function can be implemented solely with **NAND** gate

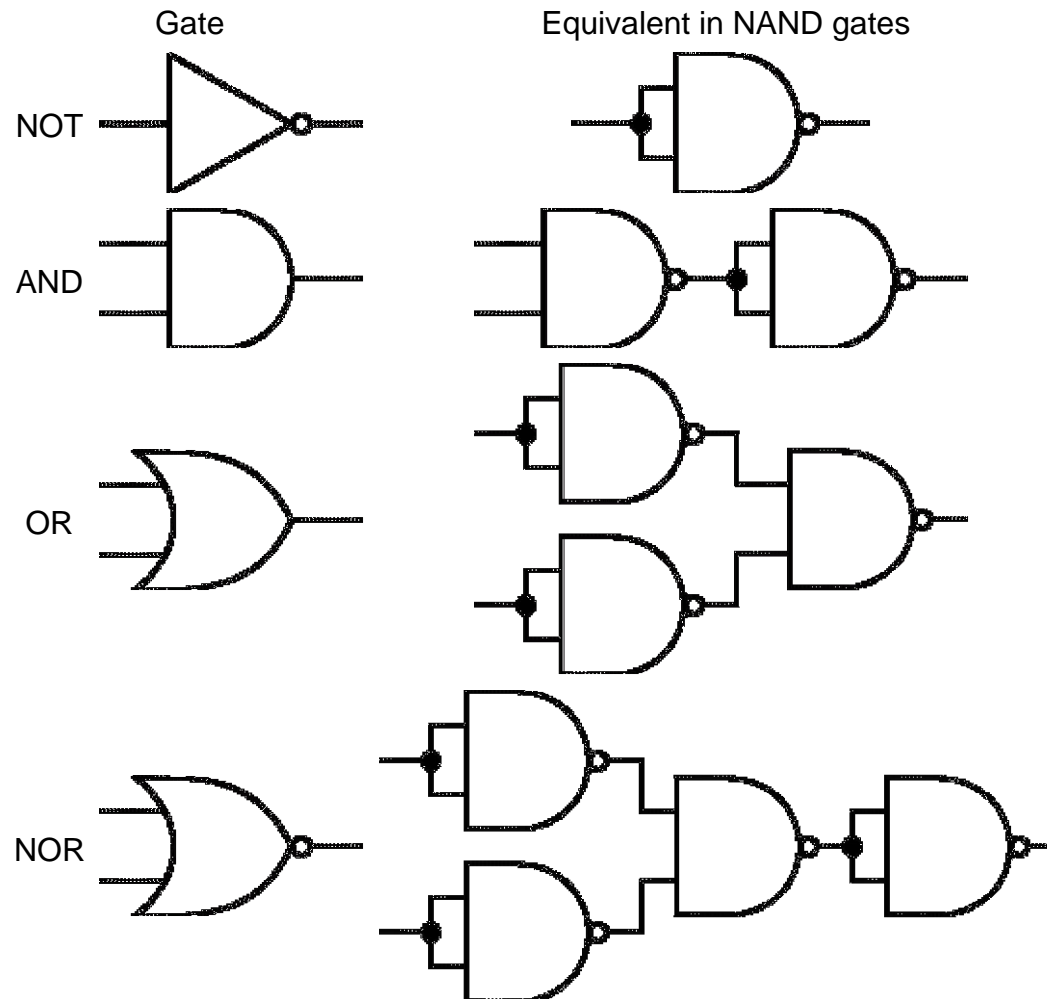


Logic Gates

- The diagram shows how the **OR** function can be implemented solely with **NAND** gate



Logic Gates



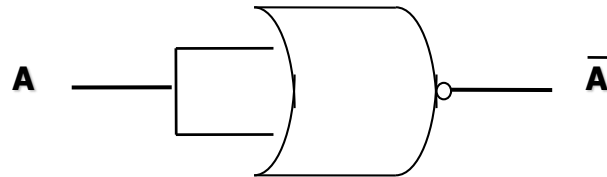
Your turn

- Draw a diagram that shows how the **NOT** function can be implemented solely with **NOR** gate



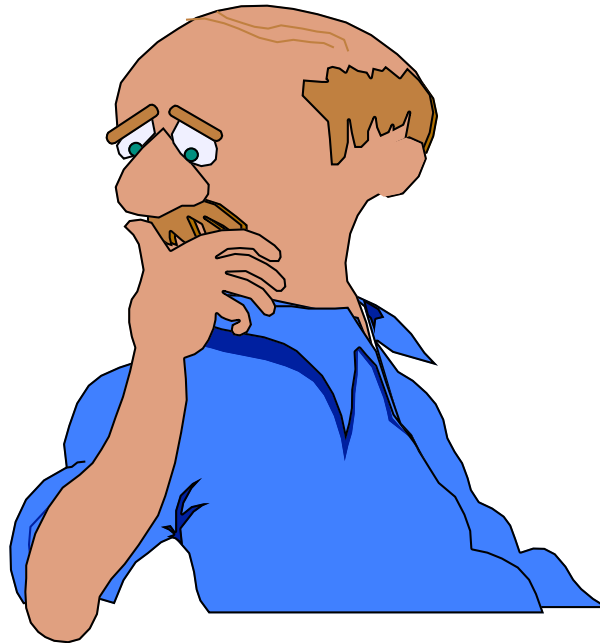
Logic Gates

- The diagram shows how the **NOT** function can be implemented solely with **NOR** gate



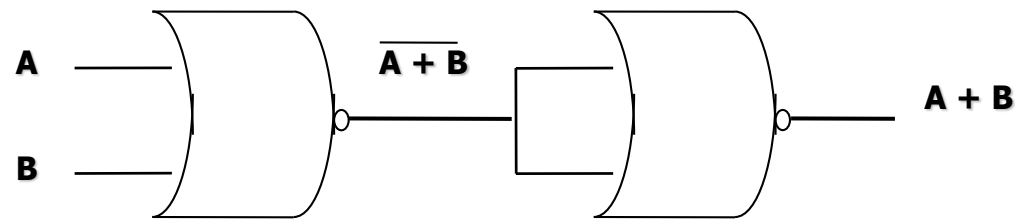
Your turn

- Draw a diagram that shows how the **OR** function can be implemented solely with **NOR** gate



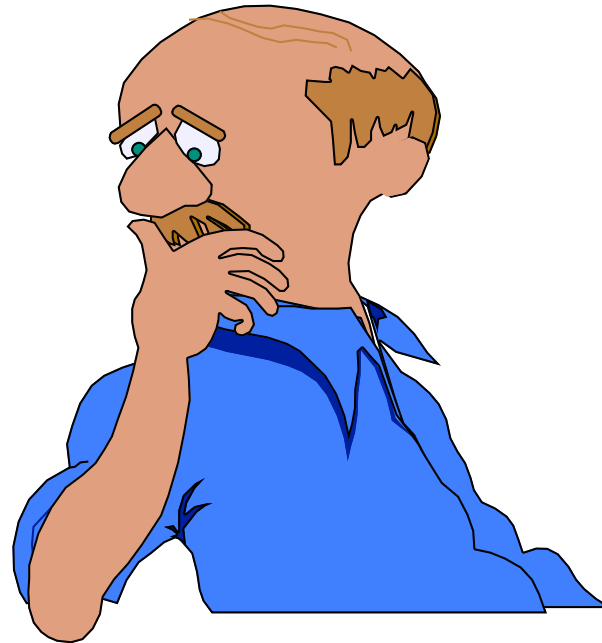
Logic Gates

- The diagram shows how the **OR** function can be implemented solely with **NOR** gate



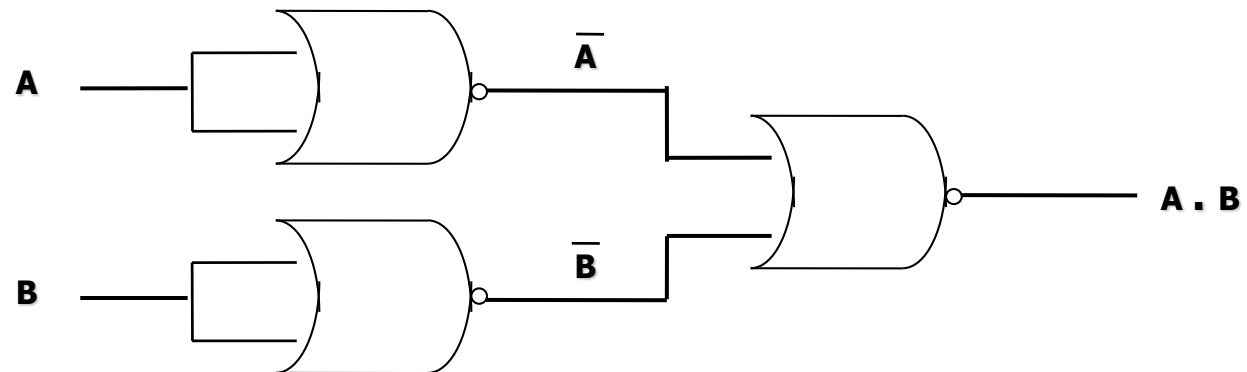
Your turn

- Draw a diagram that shows how the **AND** function can be implemented solely with **NOR** gate

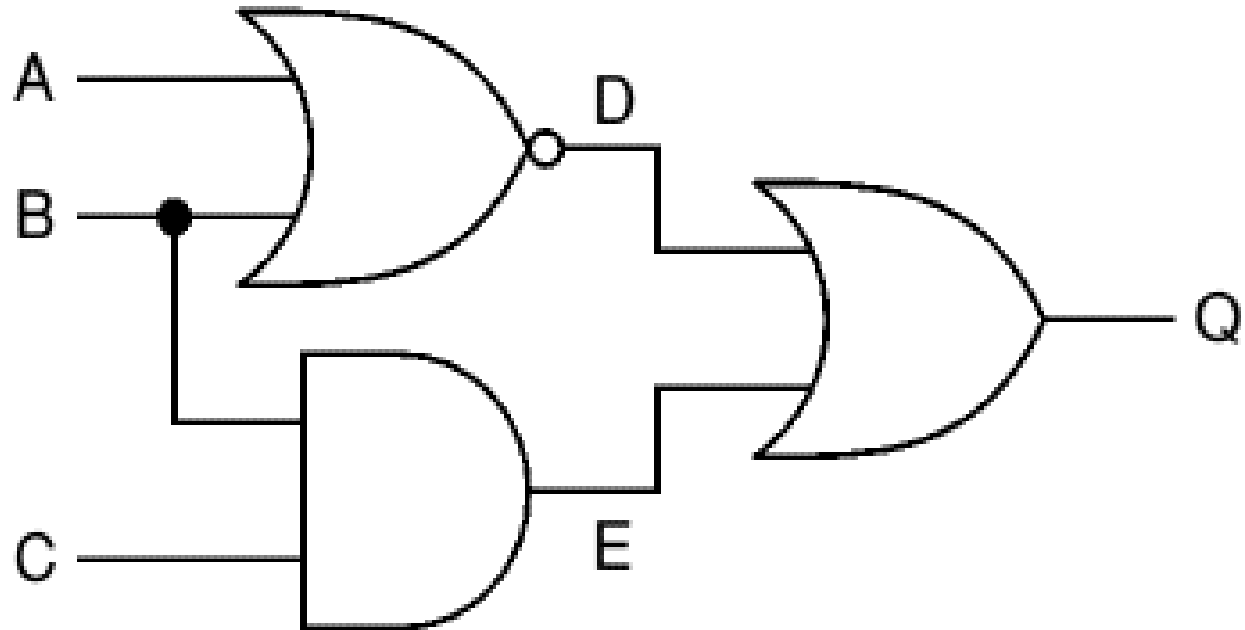


Logic Gates

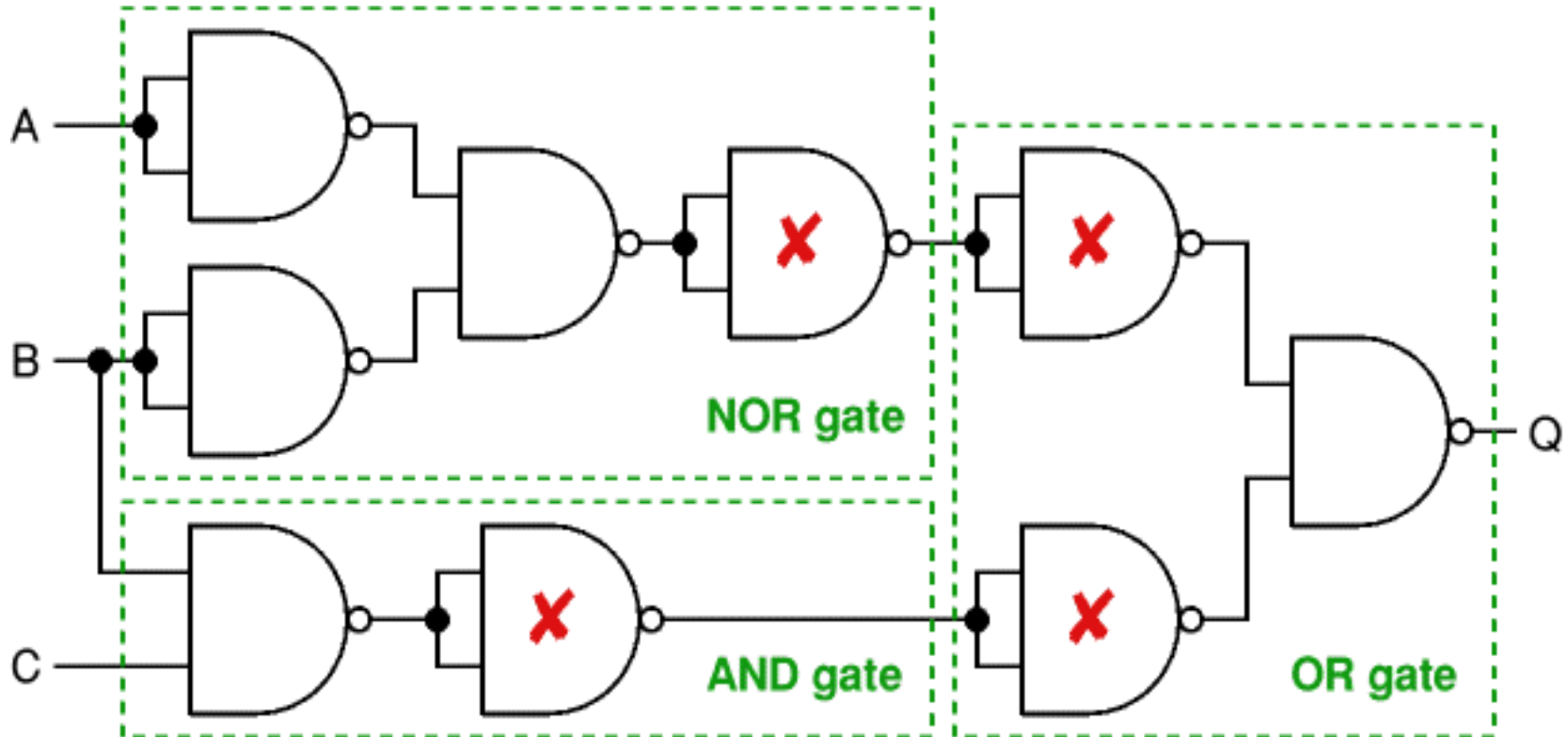
- The diagram shows how the **AND** function can be implemented solely with **NOR** gate



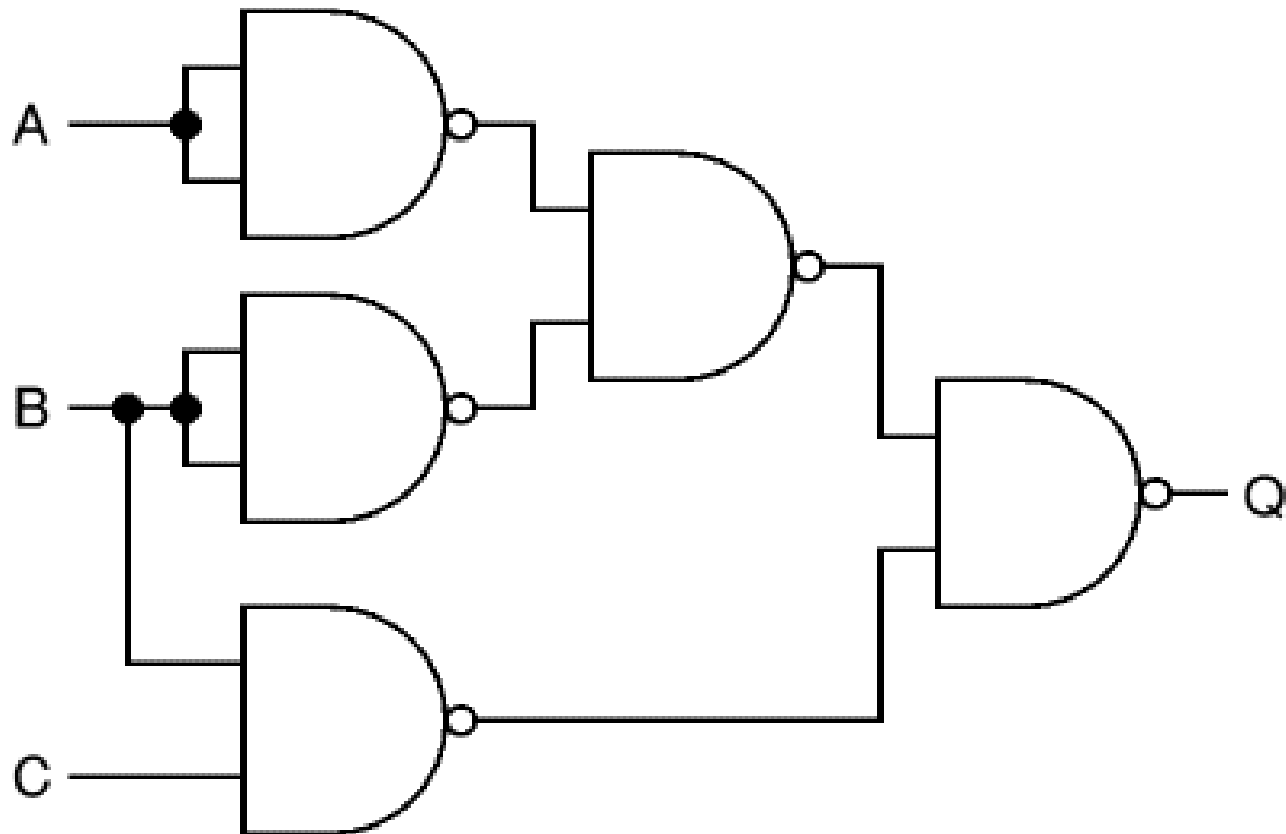
Substituting Gates in a Logic System



Substituting Gates in a Logic System



Substituting Gates in a Logic System



Digital Circuits and Boolean Algebra

- There are digital circuit elements to represent primary boolean algebraic operations.
 - Boolean OR operation = OR Gate
 - Boolean AND operation = AND Gate
 - Boolean NOT operation = NOT Gate
- Complex boolean functions can be represented as combinations of logic gates.

Integrated Circuits

- Typically gates are not available as individual circuit units.
- Instead, multiple gates which are built into chips are available.
- A chip is typically mounted in a ceramic or plastic container with external pins to make connections.
- Not only these chips, but also complex circuits built into such a chip is generally regarded as an Integrated Circuit (IC).

Thank You