

Algebra with Only 0s and 1s!

Real-valued variable

Variable may take any real number
(e.g. $x = 3.1234567$)

Boolean variable

A variable assigned either 0 or 1
(e.g. $x = 0$ or $x = 1$)



George Boole
1815-1864

0 and 1 are also called
“False” and “True” or “No”
and “Yes”

Real Operators

+

-

×

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...

Boolean Operators

NOT

AND

OR



Functions

Describing a real-valued function...

Words

f is a function of
TWO real
variables s.t. the
output is the sum
of their squares

Table

x	y	$f(x,y)$
0	0	0
1	2	5
1.2	1	2.44
1	1	2

Formula

$$f(x) = x^2 + y^2$$

That table seems
to be missing a
“few” entries!



Boolean Functions

A Boolean function just takes Boolean arguments and gives a Boolean result.

Example: $f(\text{True}, \text{True}) = \text{True}$

The most common Boolean functions take 1 or 2 arguments.

There are exactly four
1-argument Boolean
functions!

There are 16 two-argument
functions, but only 5 are
commonly used!



Boolean Functions

Describing a Boolean function (inputs and outputs: 0 and 1)

Words

f is a function of TWO binary (Boolean) variables s.t. the output is *1* if and only if exactly one of the two inputs is *1*

Table

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

Formula

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A table works fine now! It's called a "truth table."



NOT, AND, OR

x	NOT x
0	1
1	0

Also written
 \overline{x}

x	y	x AND y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Also written
 xy

x	y	x OR y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Also written
 $x+y$

Playing with Functions...

Describe these functions in English:

$x\bar{x}$

xx

$x+\bar{x}$

$(xy + \bar{x}\bar{y})$

Worksheet!

Playing with Functions...

How about Boolean formulae (“formulas”) for:

- A function of two variables x, y that evaluates to 1 iff x and y are not equal
- A function of two variables x, y that evaluates to 1 iff $x \geq y$

Digital Logic Gates

x	NOT x
0	1
1	0

Also written
 \overline{x}



NOT is often shown
as just the small circle
on another gate.



x	y	x AND y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Also written
 xy

x y



x AND y

x	y	x OR y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Also written
 $x+y$

x y



x OR y

XOR

x	y	$x \text{ XOR } y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Python uses \sim , $\&$, $|$, and \wedge to represent NOT, AND, OR, and XOR, respectively.



Finding the Formula!

The Minterm Expansion Principle

Consider this function...

Words

A function of
TWO binary
inputs x, y
where the
output is 1 iff
 $x \neq y$

Truth Table

x	y	$x \text{ XOR } y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Formula

$\bar{x}y$

$x\bar{y}$

$$f(x, y) = \bar{x}y + x\bar{y}$$

From Formula to Circuit!

Words

f is a function of TWO binary (Boolean) variables s.t. the output is 1 if and only if exactly one of the two inputs is 1

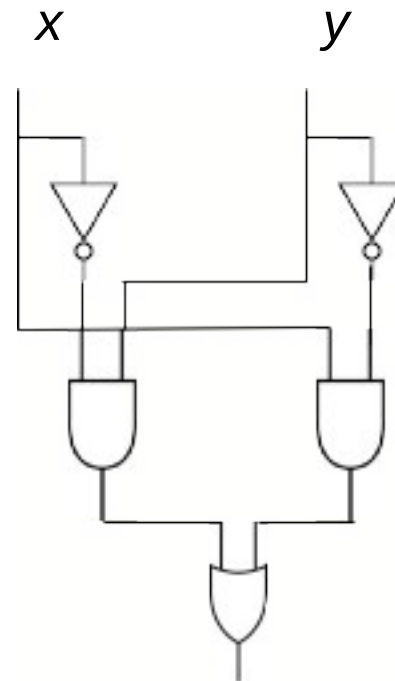
Table

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

Formula

$$\bar{x}y + x\bar{y}$$

Circuit



From Formula to Circuit!

Words

Table

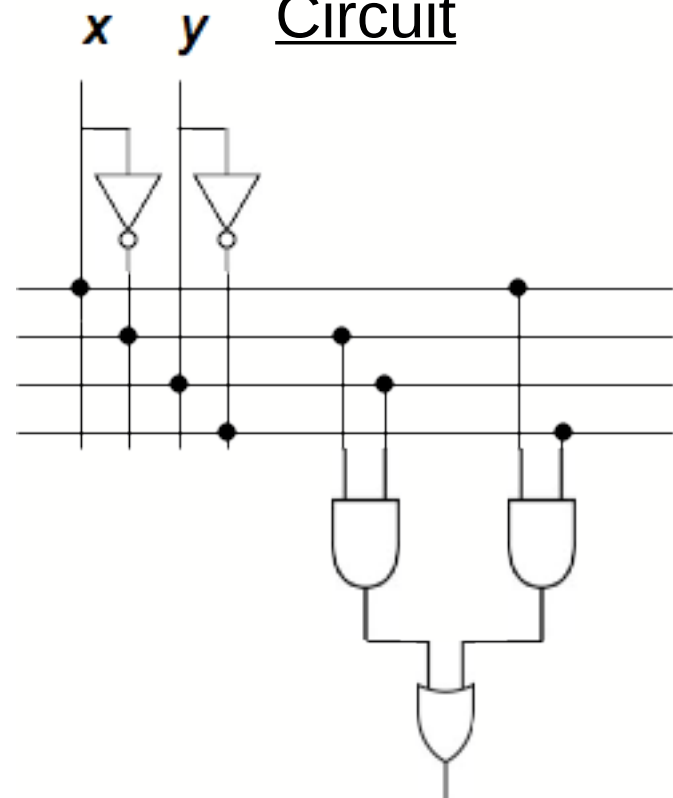
Formula

f is a function of TWO binary (Boolean) variables s.t. the output is 1 if and only if exactly one of the two inputs is 1

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

$$\bar{x}y + x\bar{y}$$

Circuit



You Try It!

The Minterm Expansion Principle

Consider this function...

Words

Truth Table

Formula

A function of
TWO binary
inputs x, y
where the
output is 1 iff
 $x \geq y$

Circuit

Try This One...

Consider this function...

Words

Truth Table

Formula

A function of
THREE binary
inputs x, y, z
where the
output is 1 iff
the number of 1's
is odd

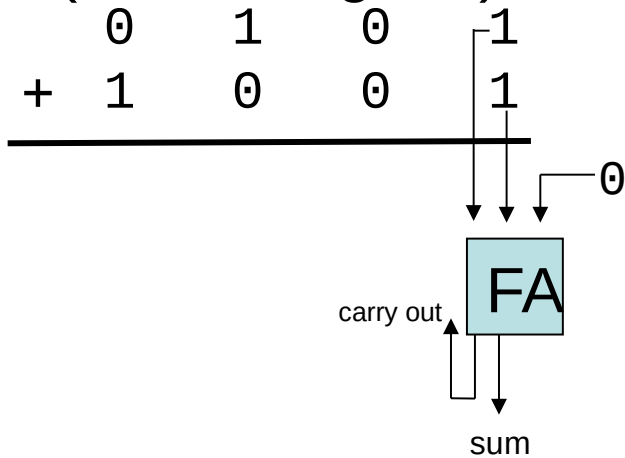
Circuit

This is called an
“odd parity” circuit



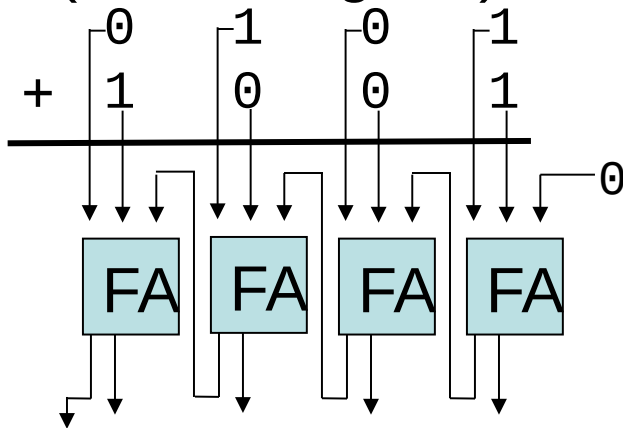
A Circuit for Adding!

Base 2 Addition
(4-bit unsigned)



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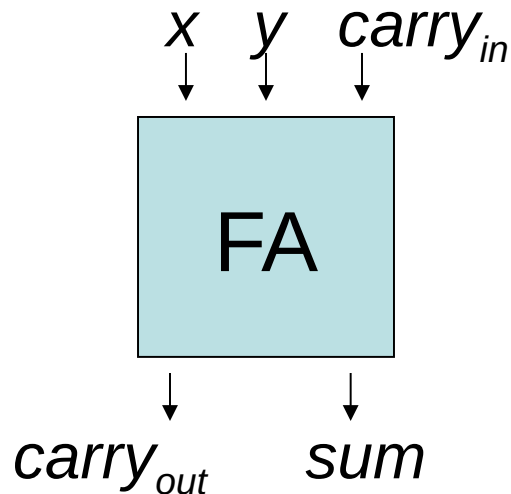
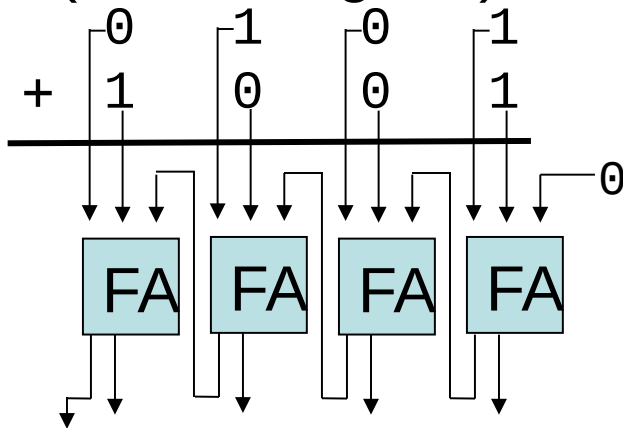


Cool, but how
do we build a
FA?



A Circuit for Adding!

Base 2 Addition
(4-bit unsigned)



x	y	$carry_{in}$	$carry_{out}$	sum
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
...				
...				
...				
...				
1	1	1	1	1

Properties of Boolean Functions

All the "usual" Boolean functions commute:

$$f(x, y) = f(y, x)$$

AND, OR, and XOR associate:

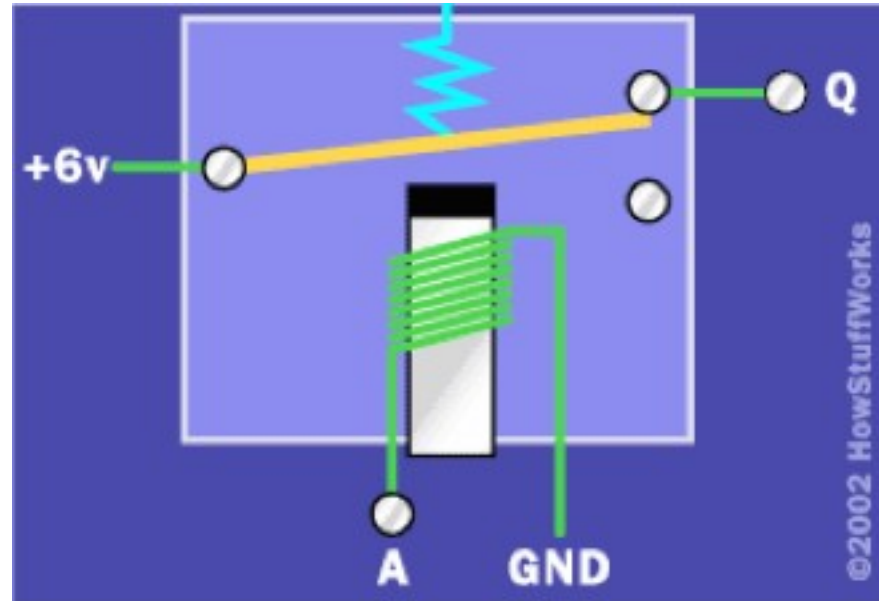
$$f(f(x, y), z) = f(x, f(y, z))$$

$$\text{e.g., } (x \text{ AND } y) \text{ AND } z = x \text{ AND } (y \text{ AND } z)$$

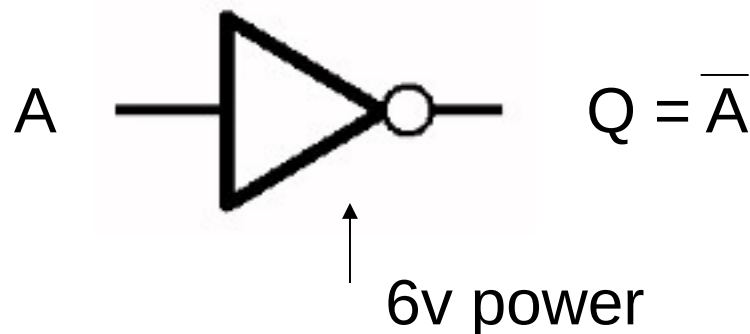
What about
the *Unusual*
ones?



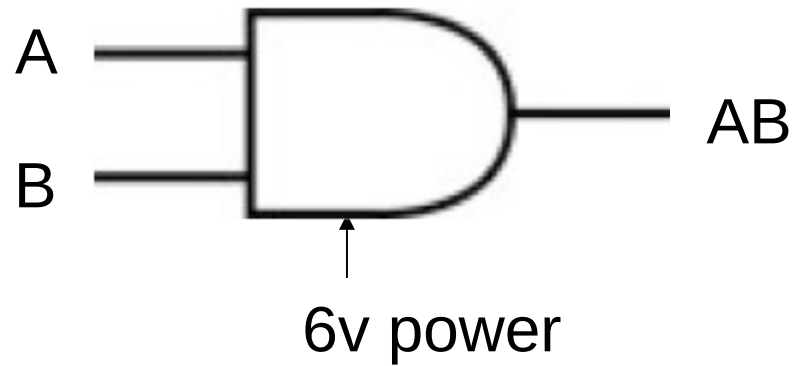
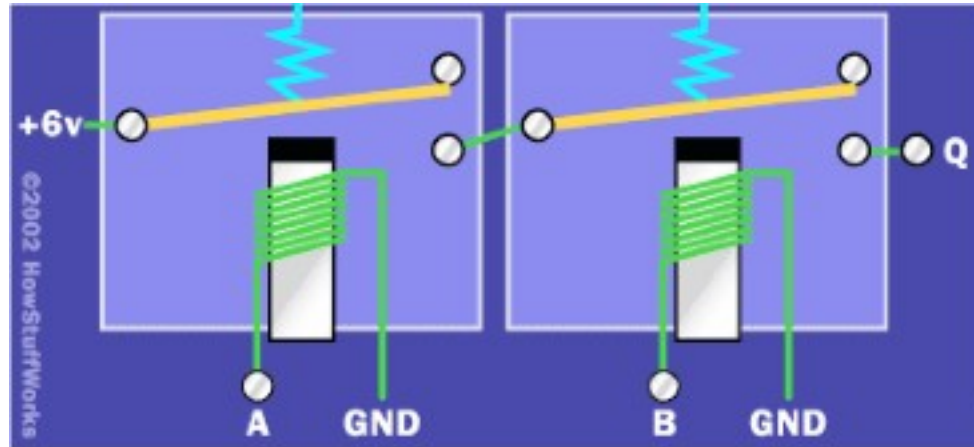
Implementing Gates with Relays



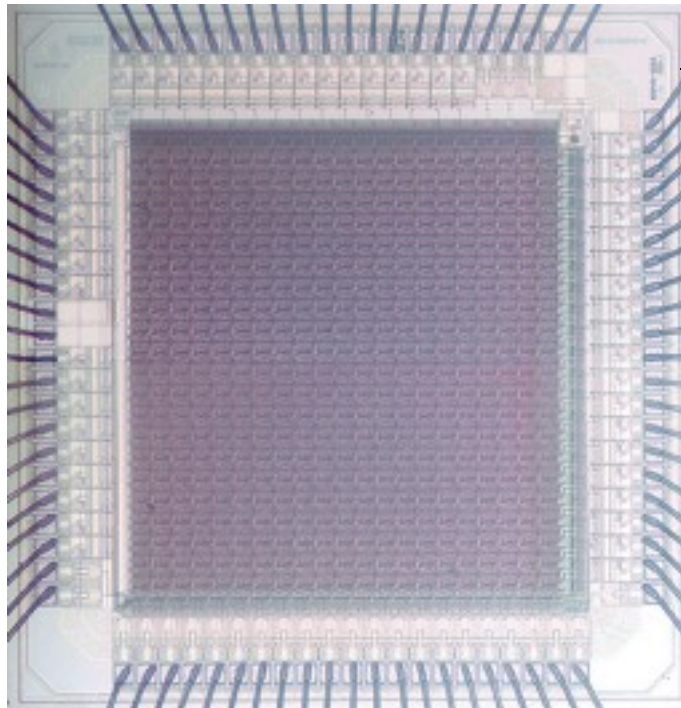
NOT Gate



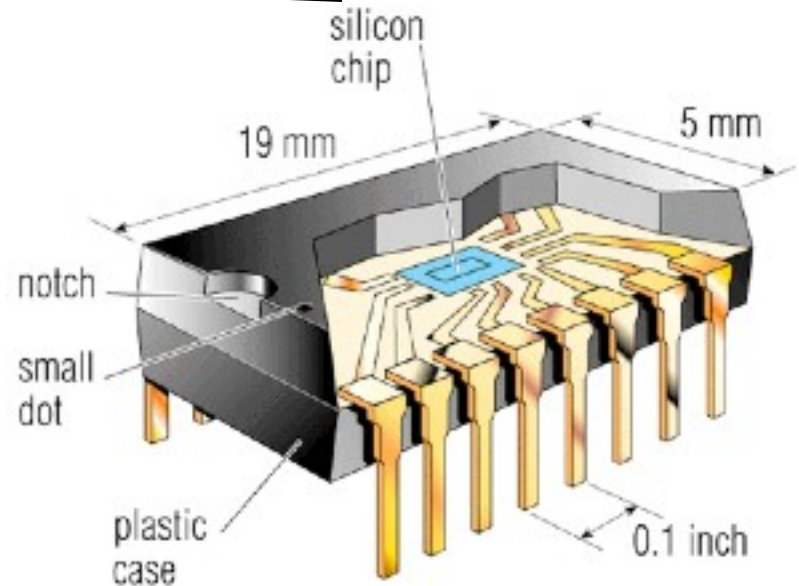
And AND...



Integrated Circuits



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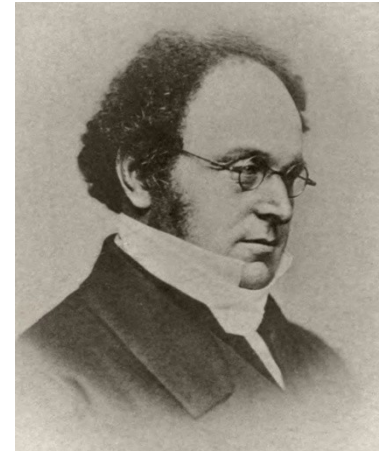
AND, OR, NOT Is a “Universal Set”

De Morgan's Laws:

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

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

Are there other
universal sets of
gates?



Augustus De Morgan
1806-1871