# Topic 3

# Boolean Algebra & Optimization

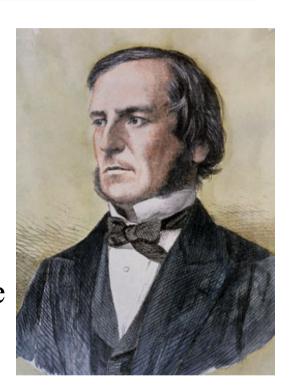
#### **Boolean Algebra**

#### "Traditional" algebra

- Variables represent real numbers
- Operators operate on variables, and return real numbers

#### Boolean Algebra

- Developed mid-1800's by George Boole to formalize human thought
- Variables represent 0 or 1 only
- Operators return 0 or 1 only
- Basic operators
  - AND, OR, NOT



## **Boolean Algebra Terminology**

- Example equation: F(a,b,c) = a'bc + abc' + ab + c
- Variable
  - Represents a value (0 or 1)
  - Three variables: a, b, and c
- Literal
  - Appearance of a variable, in true or complemented form
  - Nine literals: a', b, c, a, b, c', a, b, and c
- *Product term* 
  - AND of literals
  - Four product terms: a'bc, abc', ab, c
- Sum term
  - OR of literals
  - No sum terms
- Sum-of-products
  - Equation written as OR of product terms only
  - Above equation is in sum-of-products form. "F = (a+b)c + d" is not.

## **Basic Theorems of Boolean Algebra**

• (a) 
$$x + 0 = x$$
;

• (a) 
$$x + x' = 1$$
;

• (a) 
$$x + x = x$$
;

• (a) 
$$x + 1 = 1$$
;

• 
$$(x')' = x;$$

(b) 
$$x \cdot 0 = 0$$
;

(b) 
$$x \cdot x' = 0$$
;

(b) 
$$x \cdot x = x$$
;

(b) 
$$x \cdot 1 = x$$
;

### **Basic Theorems of Boolean Algebra**

• (a) 
$$x + y = y + x$$
;

• (a) 
$$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$$
;

• (a) 
$$x(y+z) = xy + xz$$
;

• (a) 
$$x + xy = x$$
;

• (a) 
$$xy + xy' = x$$
;

• (a) 
$$x + x^{2}y = x + y$$

(b) 
$$xy = yx$$
;

(b) 
$$x(yz) = (xy)z$$
;

(b) 
$$x + yz = (x+y)(x+z)$$
; (distributive)

(b) 
$$x(x + y) = x$$
;

(b) 
$$(x + y)(x + y') = x$$

$$\mathbf{(b)} \ \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{x'+y}) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}$$

## **Operator Precedence**

- The operator precedence for evaluating basic Boolean expressions is:
  - Parenthesis
  - NOT
  - AND
  - OR
- Example: (x + y)
  - Evaluate the parenthesized expression (x + y) first and then the inversion
- Example: x + xy
  - Evaluate xy first and then OR it with the value of x

• Prove theorem 5(a): xy + xy' = x

$$xy + xy$$

$$= x(y + y')$$

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

$$= x$$

(distributive (a))

(theorem 2(a))

(theorem 4(b))

Prove theorem 5(b): (x + y)(x + y') = x
 (x + y)(x + y')
 = x + yy' (distributive (b))
 = x + 0 (theorem 2(b))
 = x (theorem 1(a))

Prove theorem 5(b): (x + y)(x + y') = x, alternatively
 (x + y)(x + y')
= (x + y)x + (x + y)y' (distributive (a))
= xx + xy + xy' + yy' (distributive (a))
= x + xy + xy' + 0 (theorem 2(b), 3(b))
= x + x(y + y') (theorem 1(a), distributive (a))
= x + x
= x + x
(theorem 2(a), 4(b))
= x
= x
(theorem 3(a))

Prove theorem 6(a): x + x'y = x + y
 x + x'y
 (x + x')(x + y)
 1 • (x + y)
 x + y
 (theorem 2(a))
 x + y

#### Exercises

- 1. x'y + x'
- 2. a'bc + a'
- 3. a'b'c + (a'b'c)'
- 4. (a + b)(c + b)(d' + b)(acd' + e)
- 5. wx'y' + wxz' + wx'yz'

# DeMorgan's Law

(a) 
$$(x + y)' = x'y'$$

(b) 
$$(xy)' = x' + y'$$

### • Very Useful

## **Applications of DeMorgan's Law**

- Find the complement of F = x(y'z' + yz)
- F' = (x(y'z' + yz))' (All steps by DeMorgan's law) = x' + (y'z' + yz)'= x' + (y'z')' • (yz)'= x' + (y + z)(y' + z')
- Exercise

$$((AB' + C)D' + E)'$$

#### **Consensus Theorem**

- XY + X'Z + YZ = XY + X'Z
- Proof:

$$XY + X'Z + YZ$$

$$= XY + X'Z + (X + X')YZ$$

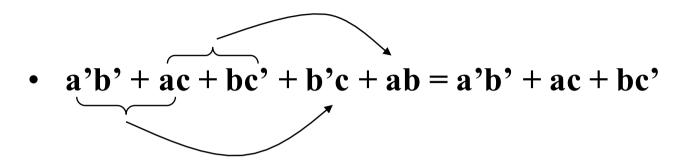
$$= XY + XYZ + X'Z + X'YZ$$

$$= X(Y + YZ) + X'(Z + YZ)$$

$$= XY(1 + Z) + X'Z(1 + Y)$$

$$=XY+X'Z$$

### **Application of Consensus Theorem**



## **XOR Properties**

$$\mathbf{x} \oplus \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x} (\mathbf{a})$$

$$x \oplus 0 = x$$
 (a)  $x \oplus 1 = x'$  (b) (theorem 1)

$$x \oplus x = 0$$
 (a)  $x \oplus x' = 1$  (b) (theorem 2)

$$x \oplus x' = 1$$
 (b)

$$x \oplus y' = x' \oplus y = (x \oplus y)'$$

(theorem 3)

$$\mathbf{x} \oplus \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} \oplus \mathbf{x}$$

(commutative)

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z) = x \oplus y \oplus z$$

(associative)

#### **Boolean Representation: Minterm and Maxterm**

- A binary literal may be in the unprimed (true) form and primed (false) forms, representing true and false conditions respectively
  - E.g. a vs. a'
- **Minterm** is a product of n literals in which each literal appears exactly once in either true or complemented form, but not both
  - Minterm is represented by  $m_i$
- **Maxterm** is a sum of n literals in which each literal appears exactly once in either true or complemented form, but not both
  - Maxterm is represented by  $M_i$

#### **Minterm and Maxterm**

			Minterms		Maxterms	
X	y	Z	Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	x'y'z'	$m_0$	x+y+z	$M_0$
0	0	1	x'y'z	$m_1$	x+y+z	$M_1$
0	1	0	x'yz'	$m_2$	x+y'+z	$M_2$
0	1	1	x'yz	$m_3$	x+y'+z'	$M_3$
1	0	0	xy'z'	$m_4$	x'+y+z	$M_4$
1	0	1	xy'z	$m_5$	x'+y+z'	$M_5$
1	1	0	xyz'	$m_6$	x'+y'+z	$M_6$
1	1	1	xyz	$m_7$	x'+y'+z'	$M_7$

Subscription i of minterm is the decimal equivalent of the corresponding binary combination

#### Minterm in Truth Table

У	Z	F
con2	con3	result
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0
	0 0 1 1 0	con2     con3       0     0       1     0       1     1       0     0       1     0       0     1       1     0

Result would happen if con1 is **false** AND con2 is **false** AND con3 is **true**, **x'y'z** 

Result would happen if con1 is **false** AND con2 is **true** AND con3 is **true**, **x'yz** 

Result would happen if con1 is **true** AND con2 is **false** AND con3 is **false**, **xy'z'** 

Result would happen if con1 is **true** AND con2 is **false** AND con3 is **true**, **xy'z** 

Result would be true if any of these four conditions is true, implies OR logic, This relationship is expressed by:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{x'y'z} + \mathbf{x'yz} + \mathbf{xy'z'} + \mathbf{xy'z}$$

### **Minterm Expression From Truth Table**

- A Boolean Equation can be derived from a truth table and expressed as a sum-of-minterms (**standard-sum-of-products**)
- The minterms chosen in the sum-of-minterms expression are those which produce a logic 1 for the corresponding output
- Example:

$$F = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'z' + xy'z$$
  
=  $m_1 + m_3 + m_4 + m_5$   
=  $\Sigma$  m(1, 3, 4, 5)

X	y	Z	F
con1	con2	con3	result
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

#### Exercise

#### • Find minterm logic equation from these truth table

X	у	Z	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

	_		
XY	Y Z F		
0 0	0 0 1	_ m0	W'X'Y'Z'
0 0	0 1 0	_ m1	W'X'Y'Z
0 1	1 0 0		W'X'YZ'
0 1	1 1 1	_ m3	W'X'YZ
1 0	0 0 0	_ m4	W'XY'Z'
1 0	0 1 0	_ m5	W'XY'Z
1 1	1 0 0	_ m6	W'XYZ'
1 1	1 1 1	_ m7	W'XYZ
0 0	0 0 1	_ 	WX'Y'Z'
0 0	0 1 0	_ m9	WX'Y'Z
0 1	1 0 0	_ m10	WX'YZ'
0 1	1 1 0	_ m11	WX'YZ
1 0	0 0 0	_ m12	WXY'Z'
1 0	0 1 0	_ m13	WXY'Z
1 1	1 0 0	_ m14	WXYZ'
1 1	1 1 1	_ m15	WXYZ

#### **Minterms and Maxterms**

# • The complement of Minterm is the corresponding Maxterm, vice versa

- $m_i' = M_i$ - e.g.:  $m_0 = x'y'z'$  $m_0' = (x'y'z')' = x + y + z = M_0$  (DeMorgan's)
- Conversion between Standard Forms
  - the term numbers missing from one form will be the term numbers used in the other form
  - e.g.: if all the terms are indexed by  $0 \sim 7$ , then  $F = \Sigma m(1, 2, 4, 7) = \Pi M(0, 3, 5, 6)$

#### **Minterms and Maxterms**

• Example: In the given truth table, F1 is output of a 3-input device

#### Truth Table

X	y	Z	F1
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

#### **Sum-of-minterms**

$$F1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xy'z$$
$$xyz' + xyz$$

$$F1 = m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$F1 = \Sigma (1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

#### Product-of-maxterms

$$F1 = (x+y+z) \cdot (x+y'+z) \cdot (x+y'+z')$$

$$F1 = M_0 \bullet M_2 \bullet M_3$$

$$F1 = \Pi(0, 2, 3)$$

## **Incompletely Specified Functions**

- In a circuit, some input conditions may never happen, then the output is not completely specified
- The corresponding output is designated as "x", called *don't* care
- A don't care output could be either 0 or 1
- $F = \Sigma m(1, 3, 4)$  with d(2, 5)

	_		
X	У	Z	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	X
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	X
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

## **Simplified Forms**

- The minterm and maxterm forms can be further simplified
  - Boolean function may contain less number of terms
  - Each term may have less literals
  - e.g.:

Simplified SOP 
$$F1 = x + y'z$$

Simplified POS  

$$F1 = (x + y')(x + z)$$

Why to simplify? & How to?

- Why?
- How to? Boolean theorems. And more....