

# *Boolean Analysis*

# Introduction

- 1854: Logical algebra was published by **George Boole** → known today as “Boolean Algebra”
  - It's a convenient way and systematic way of expressing and analyzing the operation of logic circuits.
- 1938: **Claude Shannon** was the first to apply Boole's work to the analysis and design of logic circuits.

## Boolean Algebra

- Boolean algebra is a mathematical system for the manipulation of variables that can have one of two values.

Boolean algebra allows only two values— 0 and 1

**Logic 0** can be: *false, off, low, no, open switch.*

**Logic 1** can be: *true, on, high, yes, closed switch.*

Logic 0	Logic 1
False	True
Off	On
LOW	HIGH
No	Yes
Open switch	Closed switch

The three basic logic operations: OR, AND, and NOT.

## Boolean Operations & Expressions

- *Variable* – a symbol used to represent a logical quantity.
- *Complement* – the inverse of a variable and is indicated by a bar over the variable.
- *Literal* – a variable or the complement of a variable.
- **Constant:** A constant has fix value 1 or 0 in the equations.
- *Operation Sign:* (+) for addition, (.) for multiplications and (-) bar over the binary number means inversion of that number.

## Truth Tables

A truth table describes the relationship between the input and output of a logic circuit.

The number of entries corresponds to the number of inputs.

A 2-input table would have  $2^2 = 4$  entries.

A 3-input table would have  $2^3 = 8$  entries.

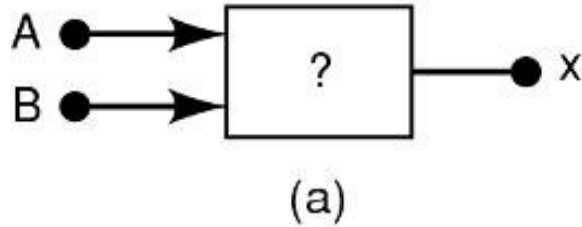
## Examples of truth tables with 2, 3, and 4 inputs.

Diagram illustrating a logic block with 2 inputs (A, B) and 1 output (x).

Inputs: A, B

Output: x

A	B	x
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	0



A	B	C	x
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

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A	B	C	D	x
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

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## OR Operation With OR Gates

- The Boolean expression for the **OR** operation is:

$$X = A + B \text{ — Read as “X equals A OR B”}$$

The + sign does *not* stand for ordinary addition—it stands for the OR operation

- The OR operation is similar to addition, but when  $A = 1$  and  $B = 1$ , the OR operation produces:

$$1 + 1 = 1 \text{ not } 1 + 1 = 2$$

In the Boolean expression  $x = 1 + 1 + 1 = 1...$   
*x is true (1) when A is true (1) OR B is true (1) OR C is true (1)*

## OR Operation With OR Gates

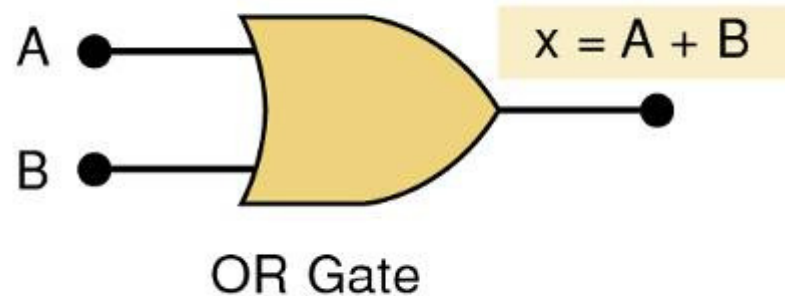
- An OR gate is a circuit with two or more inputs, whose output is equal to the OR combination of the inputs.

Truth table/circuit symbol for a two input OR gate.

OR

A	B	$x = A + B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

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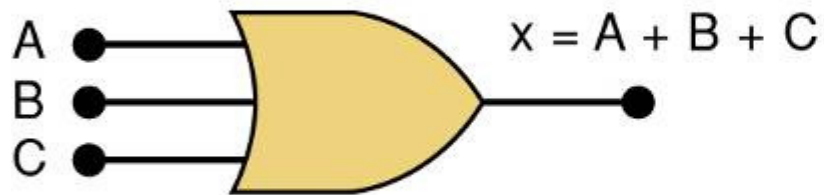


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- An OR gate is a circuit with two or more inputs, whose output is equal to the OR combination of the inputs.

Truth table/circuit symbol for a three input OR gate.



A	B	C	$x = A + B + C$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

## Boolean Postulates

### OR Gate Identity

#### 1. Identity



$$A + 0 = A$$



A	0	Y(o/p)
0	0	0
1	0	1

#### 2. Identity



$$A + 1 = 1$$



A	1	Y
0	1	1
1	1	1

#### 3. Identity



$$A + A = A$$

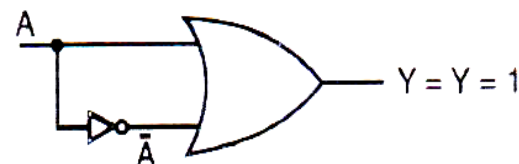


A	A	Y
0	0	0
1	1	1

#### 4. Identity



$$A + \bar{A} = 1$$



A	$\bar{A}$	Y
0	1	1
1	0	1

**P1:**  $A = 0$  or  $A = 1$

**P2:**  $0 \cdot 0 = 0$

**P3:**  $1 + 1 = 1$

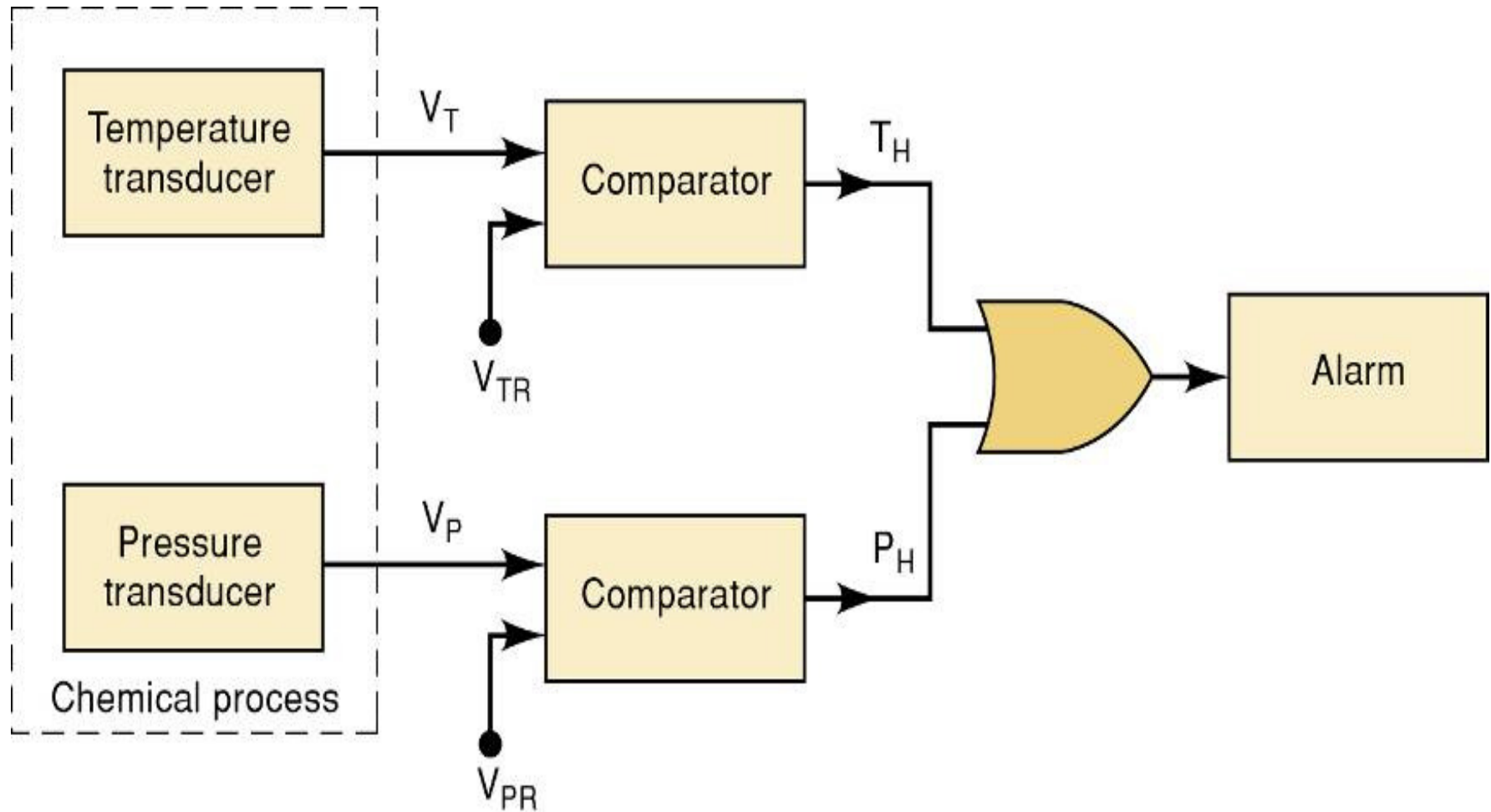
**P4:**  $0 + 0 = 0$

**P5:**  $1 \cdot 1 = 1$

**P6:**  $1 \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$

**P7:**  $1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$

## Example of the use of an OR gate in an alarm system.



## AND Operations with AND gates

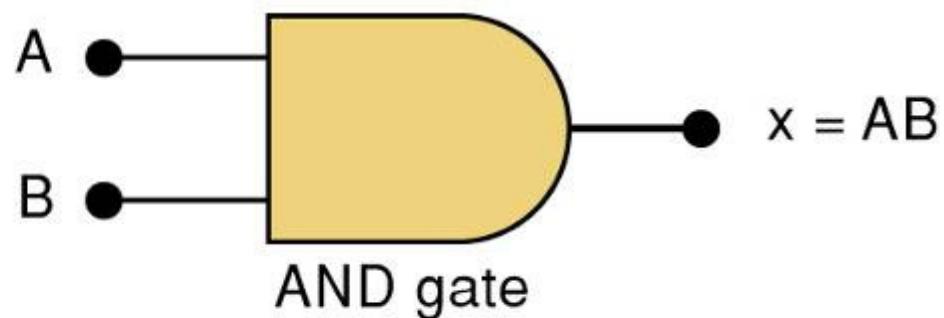
- The **AND** operation is similar to multiplication:

$$X = A \cdot B \cdot C \text{ — Read as “} X \text{ equals } A \text{ AND } B \text{ AND } C\text{”}$$

The  $\bullet$  sign does *not* stand for ordinary multiplication—it stands for the AND operation.  
*x is true (1) when A AND B AND C are true (1)*

AND		
A	B	$x = A \cdot B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

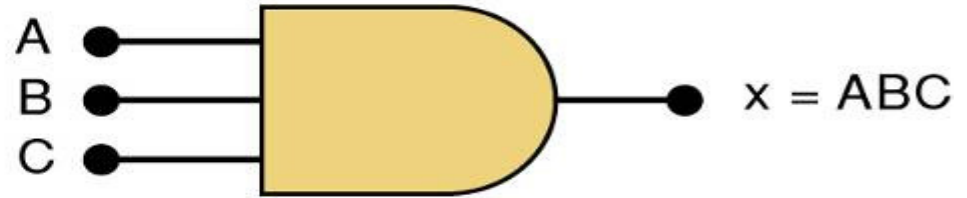
Truth table



— Gate symbol.

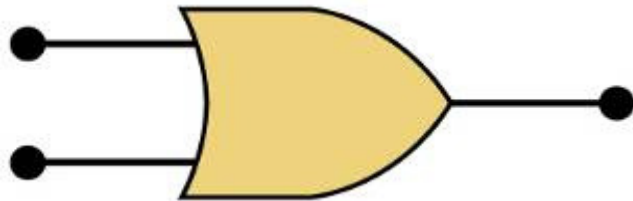
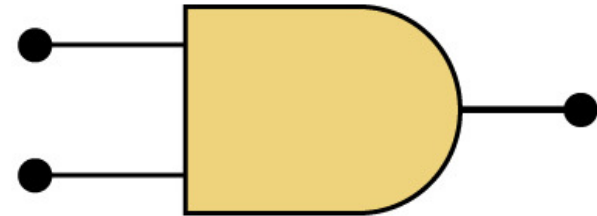
## Truth table/circuit symbol for a three input AND gate.

A	B	C	x = ABC
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1



AND / OR

The AND symbol on a logic-circuit diagram tells you output will go HIGH *only* when *all* inputs are HIGH.

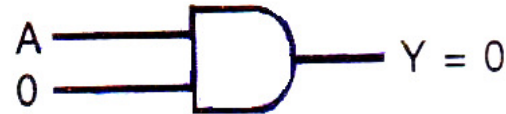


The OR symbol means the output will go HIGH when *any* input is HIGH.

## AND Gate Identity

### 5. Identity

$A \cdot 0 = 0$



A	0	Y
0	0	0
1	0	0

### 6. Identity

$A \cdot 1 = A$



A	1	Y
0	1	0
1	1	1

### 7. Identity

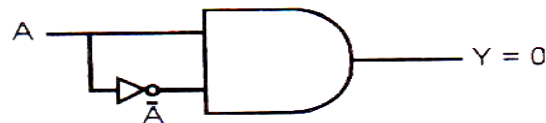
$A \cdot A = A$



A	A	Y
0	0	0
1	1	1

### 8. Identity

$A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$



A	$\bar{A}$	Y
0	1	0
1	0	0

## NOT Operation


- The Boolean expression for the **NOT** operation:


$$X = \overline{A} \text{ — Read as: “X equals NOT A”}$$

The overbar represents the NOT operation.

“X equals the *inverse* of A”

“X equals the *complement* of A”


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

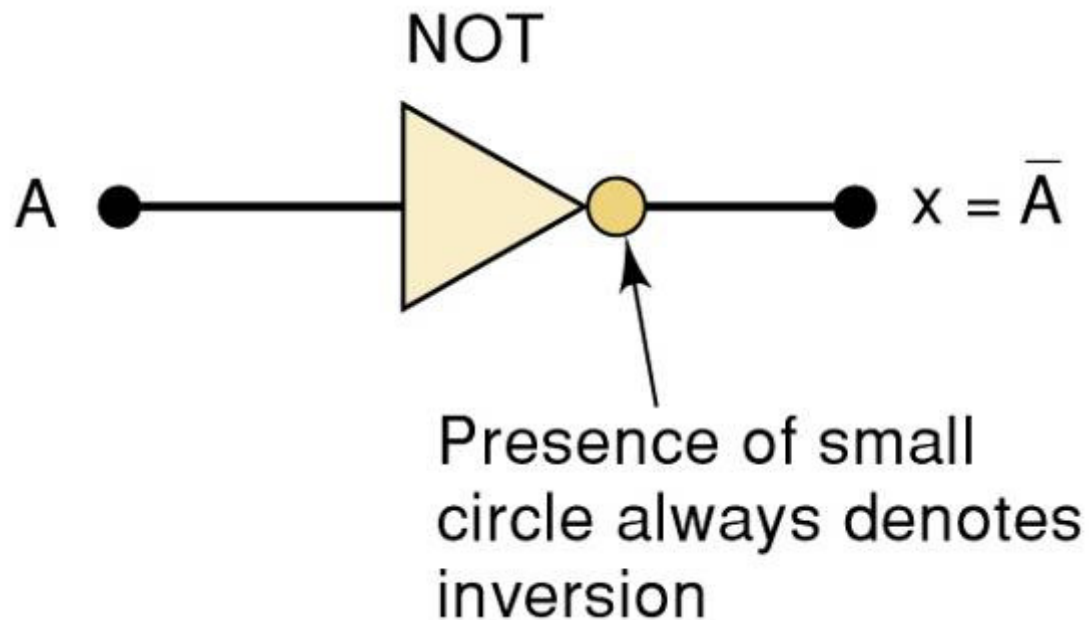
Another indicator for inversion is the prime symbol (').

NOT

A	X = $\overline{A}$
0	1
1	0

NOT Truth Table

A NOT circuit—commonly called an INVERTER.

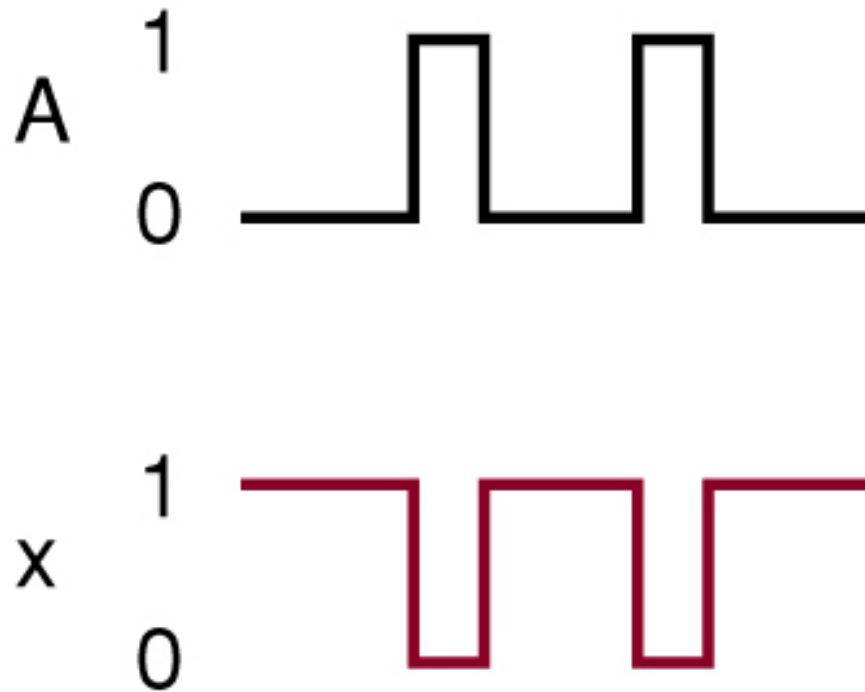


This circuit *always* has only a single input, and the out-put logic level is always *opposite* to the logic level of this input.



## NOT Operation

The INVERTER inverts (*complements*) the input signal at all points on the waveform.

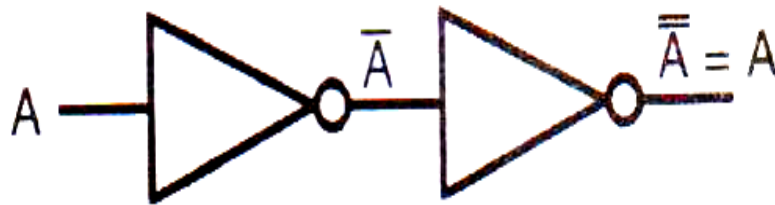


Whenever the input = 0, output = 1, and vice versa.

## NOT Gate Identity

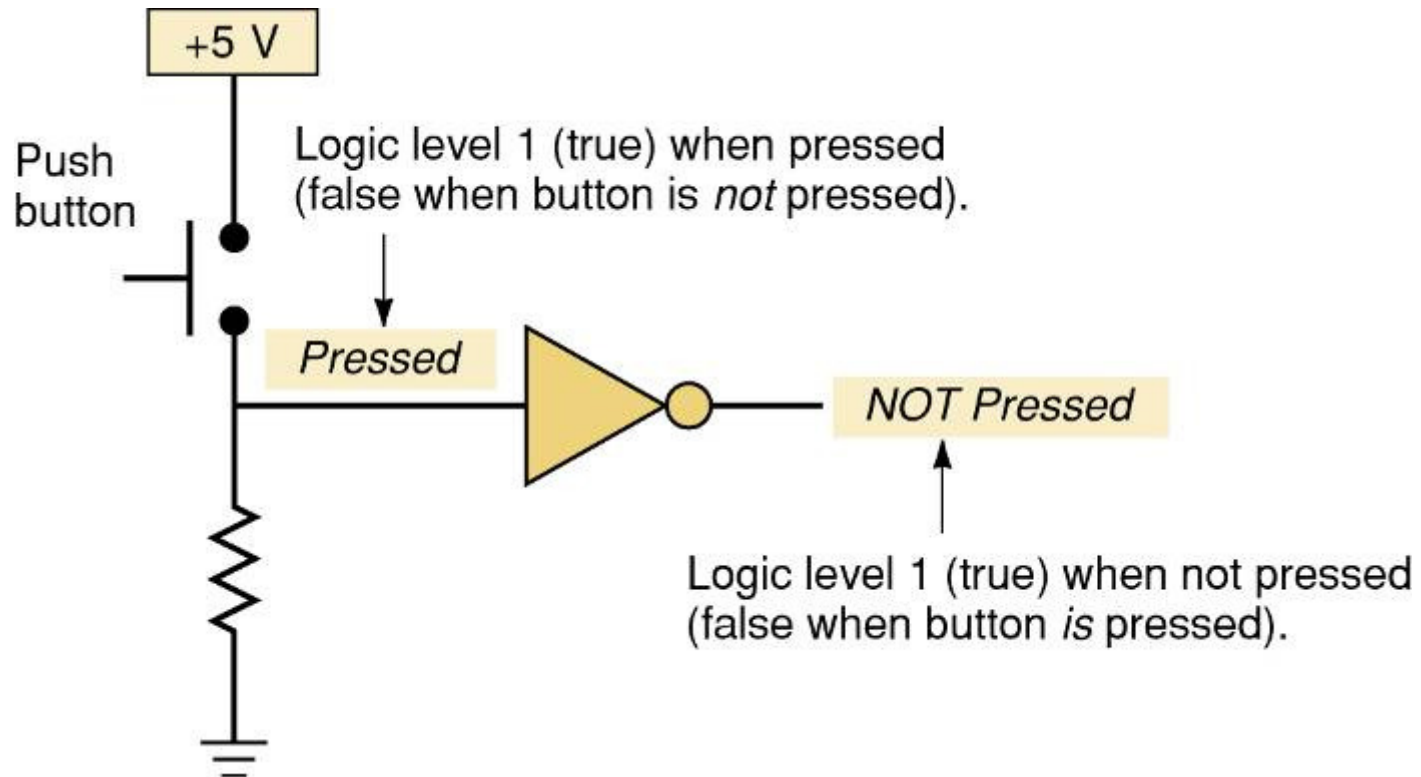
### 9. Identity

$$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$$



$A$	$\overline{A}$	$\overline{\overline{A}}$	$Y$
0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1

## Typical application of the NOT gate.



This circuit provides an expression that is true when the button is not pressed.

## Boolean Operations

### Summarized rules for OR, AND and NOT

*OR*

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 + 1 = 1$$

$$1 + 0 = 1$$

$$1 + 1 = 1$$

*AND*

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

*NOT*

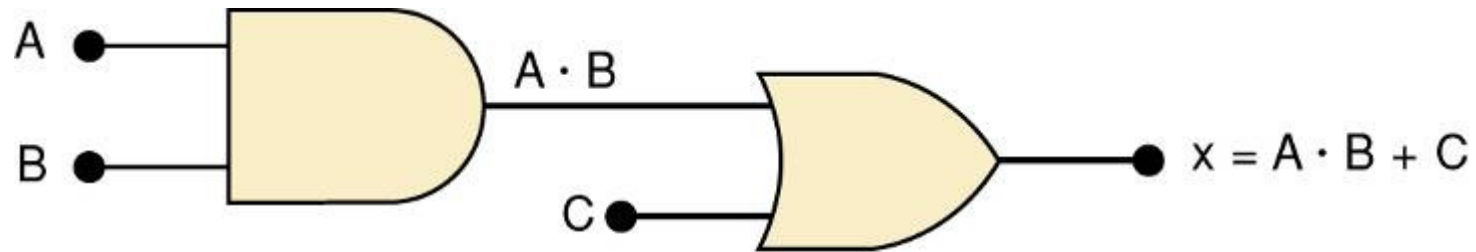
$$\overline{0} = 1$$

$$\overline{1} = 0$$

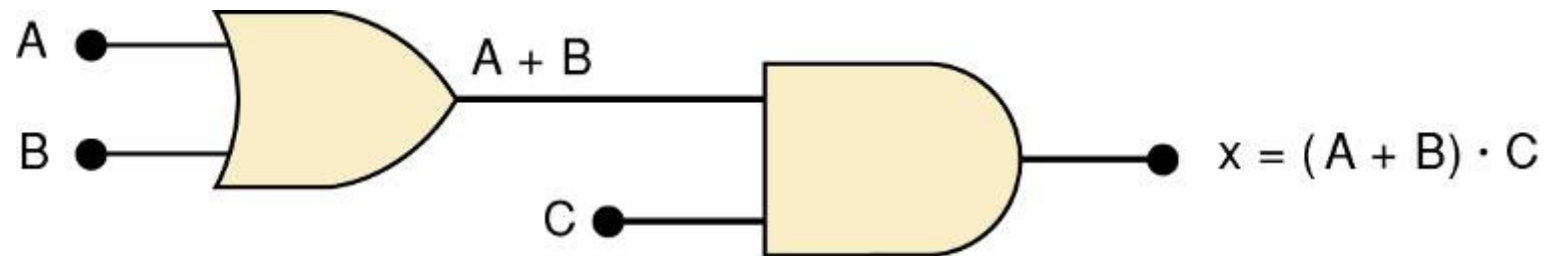
These three basic Boolean operations  
can describe any logic circuit.

## Describing Logic Circuits Algebraically

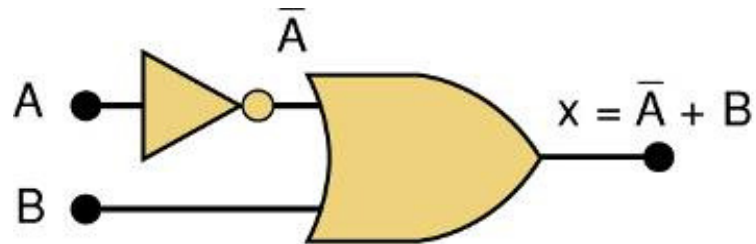
- If an expression contains both **AND** and **OR** gates, the **AND** operation will be performed first.



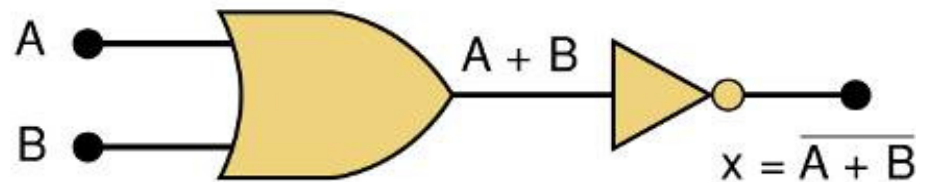
- Unless there is a parenthesis in the expression.



- Whenever an INVERTER is present, output is equivalent to input, with a bar over it.
  - Input  $A$  through an inverter equals  $\bar{A}$ .

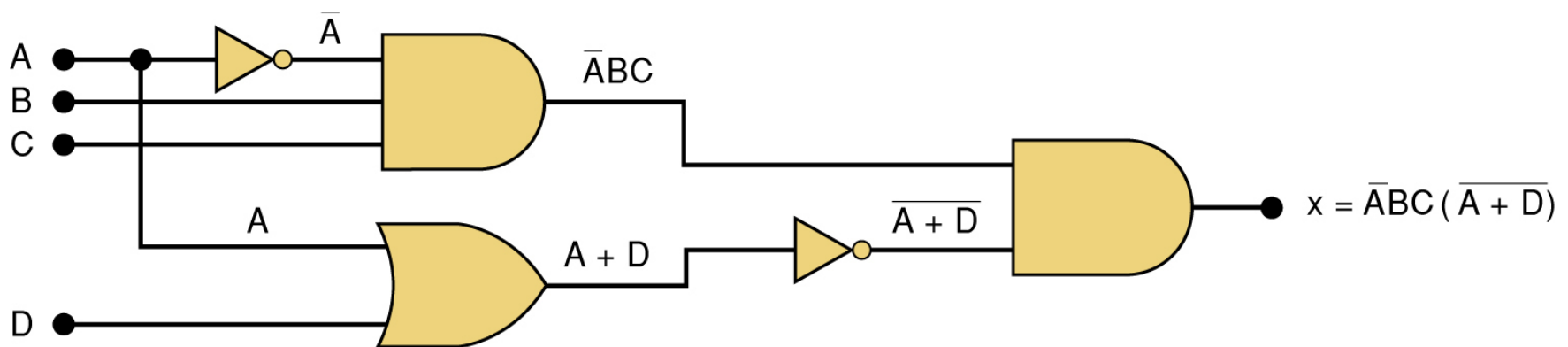


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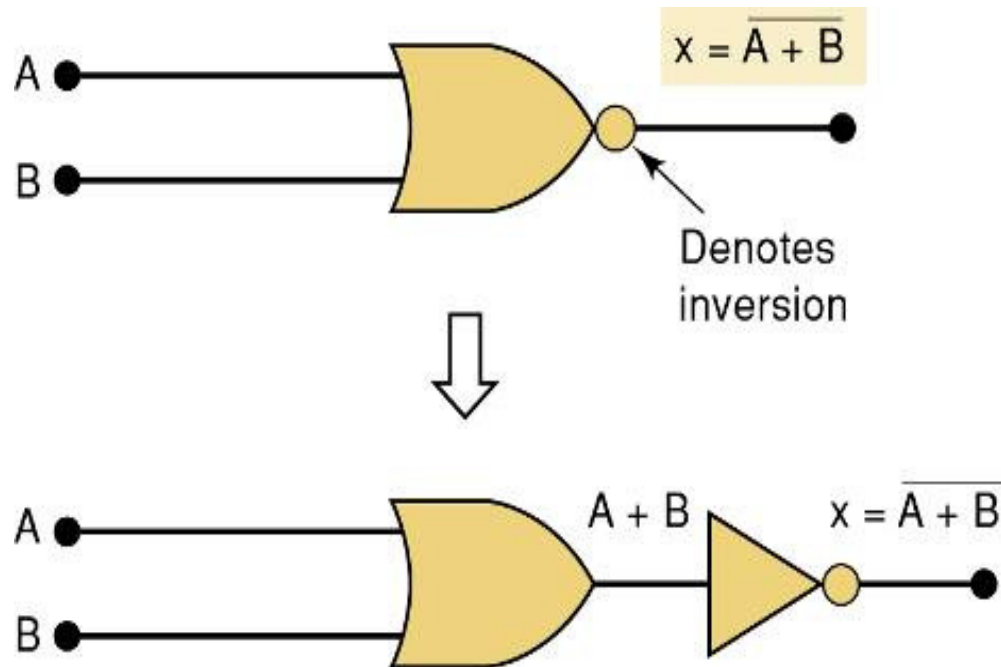
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- Further examples...



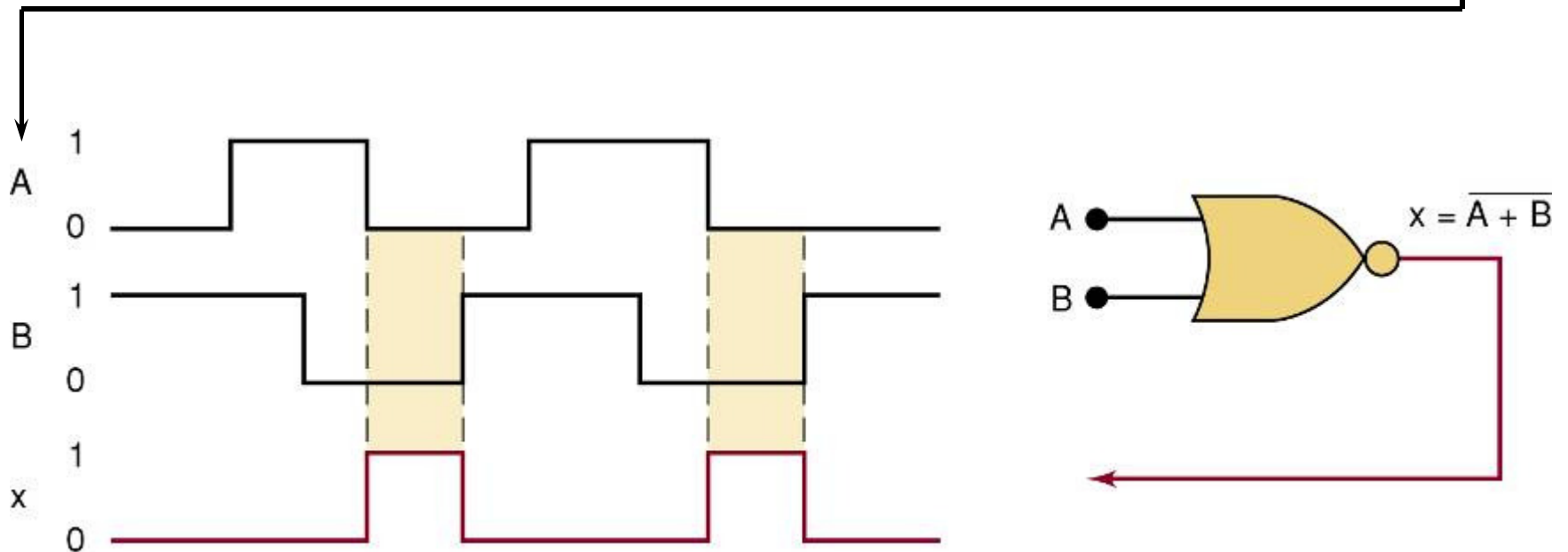
## NOR Gates and NAND Gates

- The **NOR** gate is an inverted **OR** gate.
  - An inversion “bubble” is placed at the output of the OR gate, making the Boolean output expression  $x = \overline{A + B}$



		OR		NOR	
A	B	$A + B$		$\overline{A + B}$	
0	0	0		1	
0	1	1		0	
1	0	1		0	
1	1	1		0	

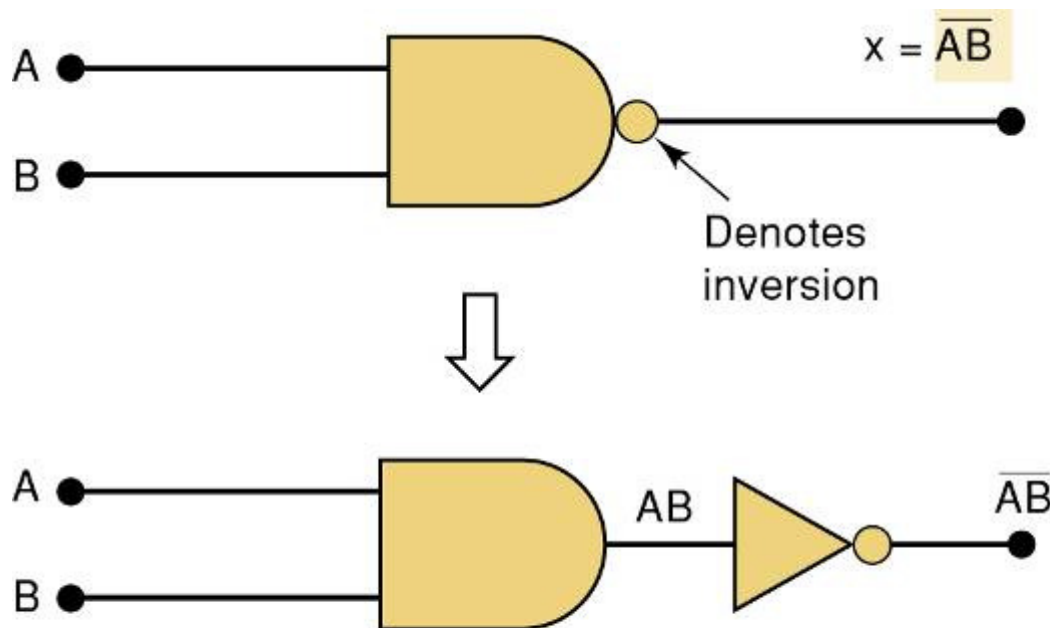
**Output waveform of a NOR gate for  
the input waveforms shown here.**





## AND Gates and NAND Gates

- The NAND gate is an inverted AND gate.
  - An inversion “bubble” is placed at the output of the AND gate, making the Boolean output expression  $x = \overline{AB}$

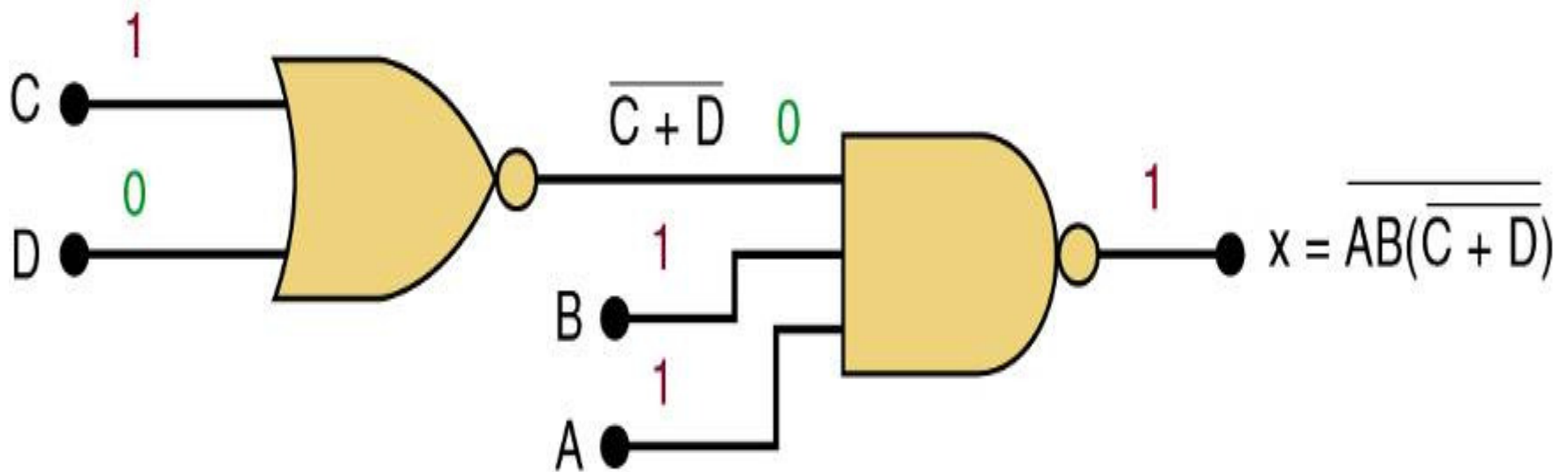


		AND		NAND	
A	B	AB		$\overline{AB}$	
0	0	0		1	
0	1	0		1	
1	0	0		1	
1	1	1		0	



## NOR Gates and NAND Gates

Logic circuit with the expression  $x = \overline{AB \cdot (\overline{C + D})}$  using only NOR and NAND gates.



## Evaluating Logic Circuit Outputs

- **Rules for evaluating a Boolean expression:**
  - Perform all inversions of single terms.
  - Perform all operations within parenthesis.
  - Perform **AND** operation before an **OR** operation unless parenthesis indicate otherwise.
  - If an expression has a bar over it, perform operations inside the expression, and then invert the result.
- **The best way to analyze a circuit made up of multiple logic gates is to use a truth table.**
  - It allows you to analyze one gate or logic combination at a time.
  - It allows you to easily double-check your work.
  - When you are done, you have a table of tremendous benefit in troubleshooting the logic circuit.
- Combine basic **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT** operations. Simplifying the writing of Boolean expressions
- Output of **NAND** and **NOR** gates may be found by determining the output of an **AND** or **OR** gate, and inverting it.
- The truth tables for **NOR** and **NAND** gates show the complement of truth tables for **OR** and **AND** gates.

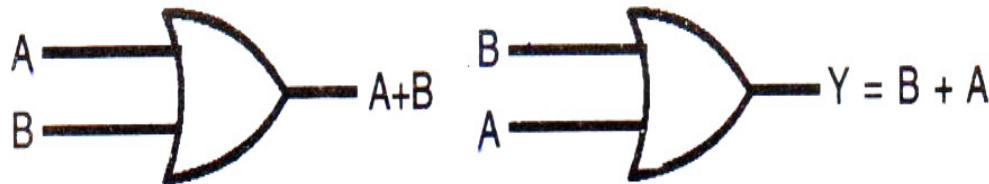
# Laws & Rules of Boolean Algebra

- The basic laws of Boolean algebra:
  - The **commutative** laws
  - The **associative** laws
  - The **distributive** laws

# Commutative Laws

## Commutative Law of Addition

$$\mathbf{A + B = B + A}$$

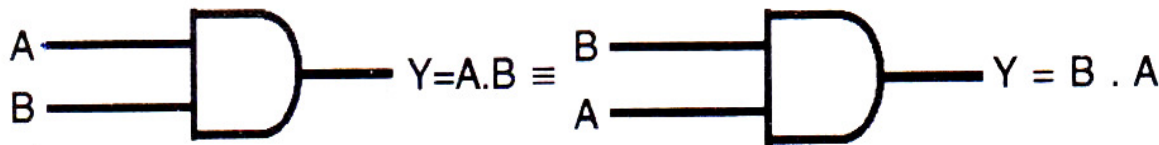


A	B	A+B	B+A
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1

## Commutative Law of Multiplications

$$\mathbf{A \cdot B = B \cdot A}$$

The equation can be realized using AND tages.

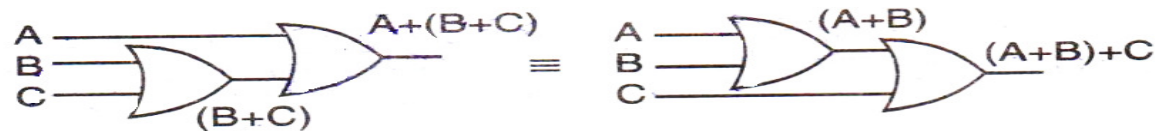


A	B	A.B	B.A
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1

# Associative Laws

## Associative Law of Addition

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

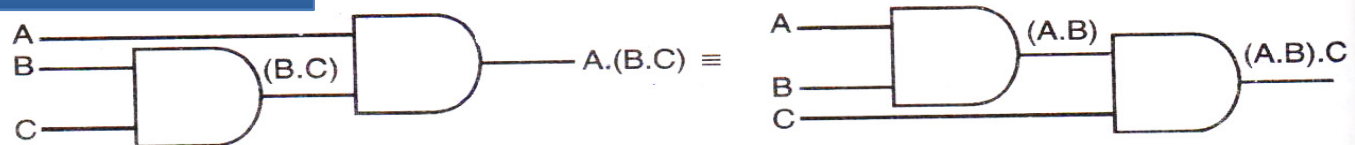


Varification of the law by perfect induction method.

A	B	C	(B+C)	(A+B)	A+(B+C)	(A+B)+C
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

## Associative Law of Multiplications

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

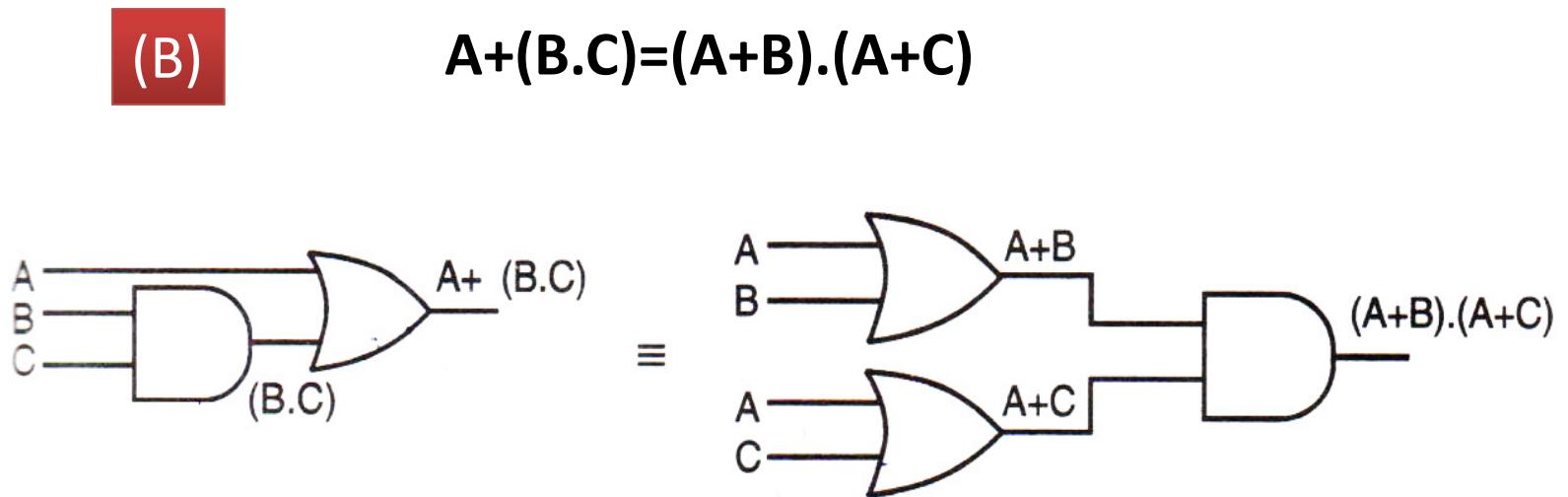
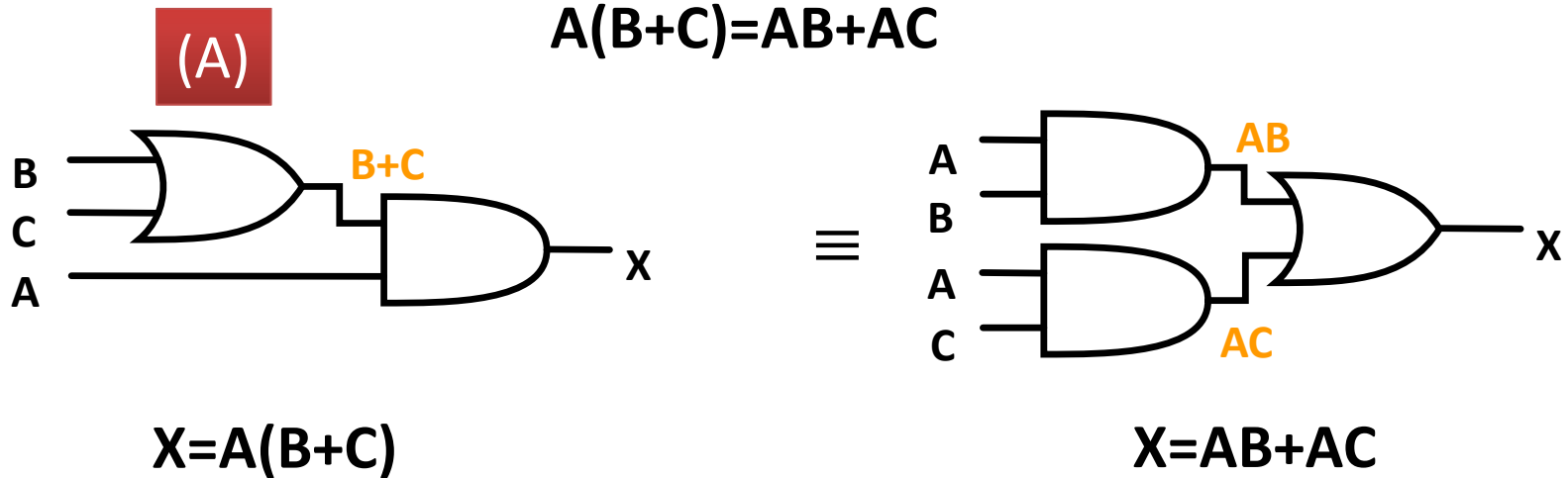


Varification of the low by perfect induction method.

A	B	C	(B.C)	A.B	A.(B.C)	(A.B).C
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

# Distributive Law

The *distributive law* is written for 3 variables as follows:





# Duality

The dual of any statement in a Boolean algebra is the statement obtained by interchanging (+) and (.), and simultaneously inter-changing the elements 0 and 1 in the statement.

$$(+)\leftrightarrow (.)$$

$$1\leftrightarrow 0$$

The AND and OR gate identity are dual , the table illustrates the duality property of these identities.

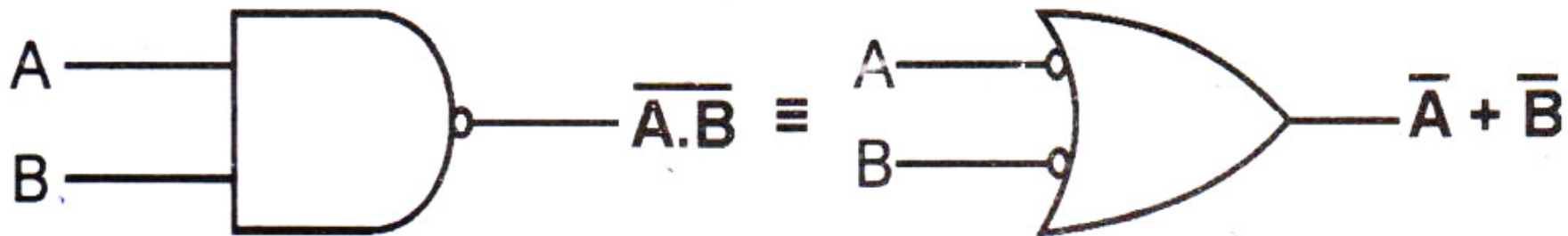
Additive	Multiplicative
$A+0 = A$	$A.1=A$
$A+1= 1$	$A.0=0$
$A+A = A$	$A.A=A$
$A+\bar{A} = 1$	$A.\bar{A}=0$
$A+B = B+A$	$A.B = B.A$
$A+(B+C) = (A+B)+C$	$A.(B.C) = (A.B).C$
$A.(B+C) = A.B + A.C$	$A+(B.C)=(A+B).(A+C)$
$A+(\bar{A}.B) = A+B$	$A.(\bar{A}+B) = A.B$

# DeMorgan's Theorem

Augustus De Morgan (1806–1871) a mathematician developed a pair of important rules regarding group complementation in Boolean algebra. The group complementation here means complementing a group of terms, represented by a long bar over more than one variable.

**Rule:** When the AND product of two or more variables are inverted, this is the same as inverting each variable individually and then ORing these inverted variables.

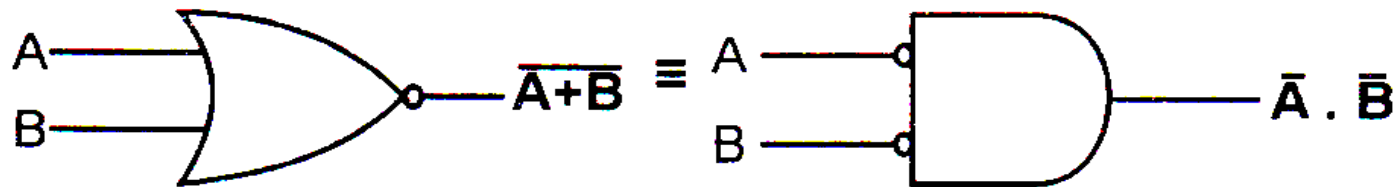
$$\overline{AB} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$$



From the equation we can say that the output of a NAND gate is equivalent to an bubbled input OR gate

- II Rule:** When the OR sum of two or more variables is inverted, this is the same as inverting each variable individually and then ANDing them.

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



### How to de-morganize a Boolean Expression ?

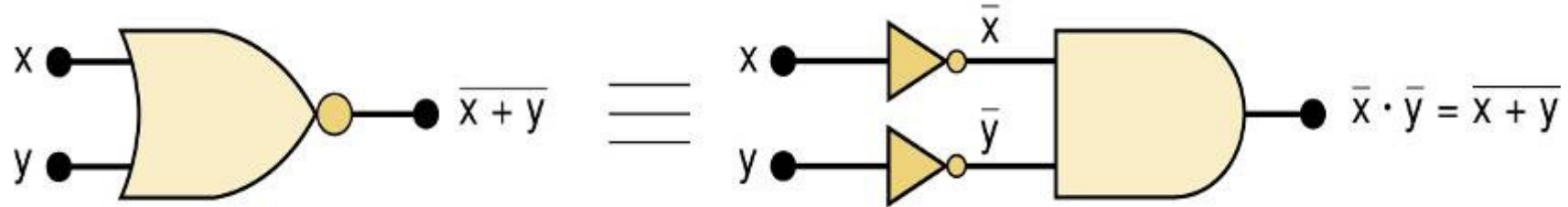
Following procedure is adopted for de-morganizing the Boolean expression:

1. Break the expression using rule I and II.
2. When multiple bars exist in an expression, break one bar at a time, and it is easier to begin simplification by breaking the longest (uppermost) bar first.
3. One should never break more than one bar in a single step otherwise it may not give correct answer.

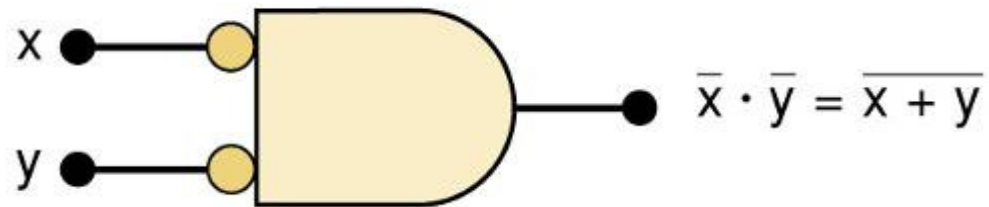
## DeMorgan's Theorems

Equivalent circuits implied by Theorem

$$(16) \quad \overline{(x + y)} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$$



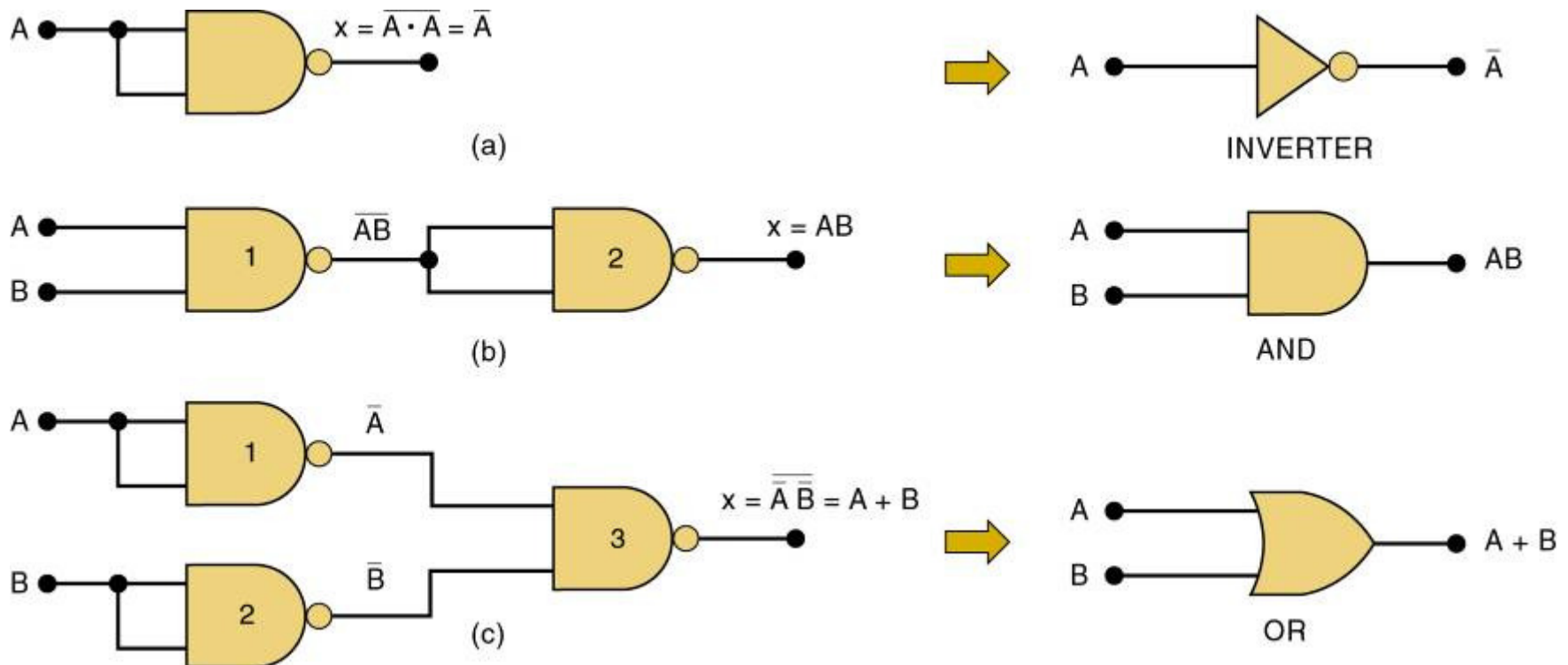
The alternative symbol  
for the NOR function.



# Universality of NAND and NOR Gates

- **NAND** or **NOR** gates can be used to create the three basic logic expressions.
  - **OR**, **AND**, and **INVERT**.
    - Provides flexibility—very useful in logic circuit design.

How combinations of **NANDs** or **NORs** are used to create the three logic functions.



It is possible, however, to implement any logic expression using *only* NAND gates and no other type of gate, as shown.