# Combinational circuit

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## 1 Learning objectives

- 1. Representing digital circuits
- 2. Converting between different notations: Boolean expression, logic networks and switching circuits
- 3. Converting between different logic network specifications: truth table, minterm, maxterms, product of sums canonical form and sum of product canonical form.

# 2 Basic Gates and notations summary

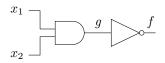
Venn diagram		x $x$ $+$ $x$ $+$ $x$ $x$	$x_1 \longrightarrow x_1$
(ANSI) symbol	$x_1 = \underbrace{\sum_{x_2 \in \mathcal{X}_1, x_2}}_{x_2}$	$x_1 \longrightarrow \underbrace{L(x_1, x_2)}_{}$	$x_1$
Switching circuit	$\begin{array}{c c} \text{Power} & S & S \\ \text{Supply} & x_1 & x_2 & Light \\ \hline \end{array}$	Power Supply Sup	Power W A Supply T A S
Truth Table	$\begin{array}{c cccc} x_1 & x_2 & x_1 \cdot x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c c} x_1 & \bar{x}_1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}$
Boolean expr.	$L = x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_1 x_2$	$L = x_1 + x_2$	$L=\bar{x}_1=x_1'$
C/Verilog	AND Gate L = x1 & x2	L = x1   x2	L = × x1
Name	AND Gate	OR Gate	NOT Gate

## 3 Digital circuits or networks

$$Y = F(A, B, C)$$
  $Z = G(A, B, C)$ 

## 4 Two input networks

**Example 1.** Convert the following (ANSI) network into a Boolean expression, a truth table and a Venn diagram.

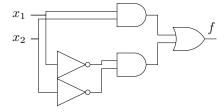


**Example 2.** Convert the following Boolean expression into a (ANSI) network, a truth table and a Venn diagram:

$$f = \overline{x_1 + x_2}$$

**Problem 1.** Convert the following (ANSI) network into a Boolean expression, a truth table and a Venn diagram.

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**Example 3.** Convert the following Boolean expression into a network, a truth table and a Venn diagram:

$$f = x_1 \bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_1 x_2$$

**Problem 2.** Can two different circuits have the same truth table? Can two different truth tables have the same circuit? Consider the following two circuits for example

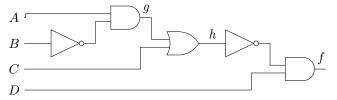
$$A \longrightarrow Y$$

How about Venn digrams?

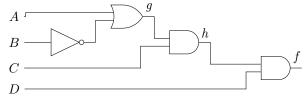
**Remark 1.** Truth tables and Venn diagrams define what the combinational circuit should do. Truth tables define output for every input. Boolean expression and networks define how to achieve the desired input output relationship.

## 5 Multi-input networks

**Example 4.** Convert the following (ANSI) network into a Boolean expression and a truth table.



Problem 3. Convert the following (ANSI) network into a Boolean expression and a truth table.



### 6 Minterms and Maxterms

#### 6.1 Minterms

Minterm is a product involving all inputs (or complements) to a function. Every row of a truth table has a corresponding minterm. Minterm is true if and only if the corresponding row in the table is active.

Minterms defined as follows for each row of a two input truth table:

A	В	minterm	minterm
			name
0	0	$ar{A}ar{B}$	$m_0$
0	1	$ar{A}B$	$m_0 \ m_1$
1	0	$Aar{B}$	$m_2$
1	1	AB	$m_3$

Consider a two input circuit whose output Y is given by the truth table:

A	В	Y	$\min term$	$\min$ term
				name
0	0	0	$ar{A}ar{B}$	$\overline{m_0}$
0	1	1	$ar{A}B$	$m_1$
1	0	0	$Aar{B}$	$m_2$
_ 1	1	1	AB	$m_3$

then 
$$Y = \bar{A}B + AB = m_1 + m_3 = \sum (1,3)$$
.

This also gives the sum of products canonical form.

**Example 5.** What is the maxterm  $m_{13}$  for a 4-input circuit with inputs x, y, z, w (ordered from MSB to LSB).

**Problem 4.** What is the maxterm  $m_{23}$  for a 5-input circuit with inputs a, b, c, d, e (ordered from MSB to LSB).

**Example 6.** Convert the following 4-input truth table into sum of minterms and sum of products canonical form.

minterm	A	В	C	D	f
name					
$m_0$	0	0	0	0	0
$m_1$	0	0	0	1	1
$m_2$	0	0	1	0	0
$m_3$	0	0	1	1	0
$m_4$	0	1	0	0	0
$m_5$	0	1	0	1	1
$m_6$	0	1	1	0	0
$m_7$	0	1	1	1	0
$m_8$	1	0	0	0	0
$m_9$	1	0	0	1	0
$m_{10}$	1	0	1	0	0
$m_{11}$	1	0	1	1	0
$m_{12}$	1	1	0	0	0
$m_{13}$	1	1	0	1	1
$m_{14}$	1	1	1	0	0
$m_{15}$	1	1	1	1	0

**Problem 5.** Convert the following 4-input truth table into sum of minterms and sum of products canonical form.

minterm	A	В	C	D	f
name					
$m_0$	0	0	0	0	0
$m_1$	0	0	0	1	0
$m_2$	0	0	1	0	0
$m_3$	0	0	1	1	1
$m_4$	0	1	0	0	0
$m_5$	0	1	0	1	0
$m_6$	0	1	1	0	0
$m_7$	0	1	1	1	1
$m_8$	1	0	0	0	0
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$m_{10}$	1	0	1	0	0
$m_{11}$	1	0	1	1	1
$m_{12}$	1	1	0	0	0
$m_{13}$	1	1	0	1	1
$m_{14}$	1	1	1	0	1
$m_{15}$	1	1	1	1	0

#### 6.2 Maxterms

Maxterm is a sum involving all inputs (or complements) to a function. Every row of a truth table has a corresponding maxterm. Minterm is false if and only if the corresponding row in the table is active.

Maxterms are defined as follows for each row of a two input truth table:

A	В	maxterm	maxterm
			name
0	0	A + B	$M_0$
0	1	$A + \bar{B}$	$M_1$
1	0	$\bar{A} + B$	$M_2$
1	1	$\bar{A} + \bar{B}$	$M_3$

Consider a two input circuit whose output Y is given by the truth table:

A	В	Y	$\max$ term	maxterm
				name
0	0	0	A + B	$\overline{M_0}$
0	1	1	$A + \bar{B}$	$M_1$
1	0	0	$\bar{A} + B$	$M_2$
1	1	1	$\bar{A} + \bar{B}$	$M_3$

then  $Y = (A + B)(\bar{A} + B) = M_0 M_2$ .

Writing a functional specification in terms of minterms is also called product of sums canonical form.

**Example 7.** Write the maxterm  $M_{11}$  for 4-input Boolean function with the ordered inputs A, B, C, D.

**Example 8.** Convert the following 4-input truth table into product of maxterns and product of sums canonical form.

maxterm	A	B	C	D	f
name					
$M_0$	0	0	0	0	0
$M_1$	0	0	0	1	0
$M_2$	0	0	1	0	0
$M_3$	0	0	1	1	1
$M_4$	0	1	0	0	0
$M_5$	0	1	0	1	0
$M_6$	0	1	1	0	0
$M_7$	0	1	1	1	1
$M_8$	1	0	0	0	0
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$M_{10}$	1	0	1	0	0
$M_{11}$	1	0	1	1	1
$M_{12}$	1	1	0	0	0
$M_{13}$	1	1	0	1	1
$M_{14}$	1	1	1	0	1
$M_{15}$	1	1	1	1	0

**Problem 6.** Convert the following 4-input truth table into product of maxterms and products of sums canonical form.

maxterm	A	В	C	D	f
name					
$M_0$	0	0	0	0	0
$M_1$	0	0	0	1	1
$M_2$	0	0	1	0	1
$M_3$	0	0	1	1	1
$M_4$	0	1	0	0	1
$M_5$	0	1	0	1	0
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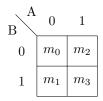
**Example 9.** Write the 3-input truth table for the function  $f = m_2 + m_3 + m_7$ .

**Problem 7.** Write the 3-input truth table for the function  $f = M_4 M_5 M_7$ .

**Problem 8.** Write the truth table for the function  $f = \bar{A}B\bar{C} + AB\bar{C}$ .

## 7 Karnaugh maps

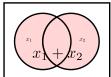
### 7.1 Two input K-maps



Example 10. Convert the following truth table into a K-map.

A	$B \mid$	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

**Problem 9.** Convert the following Venn Diagram into a K-map.



## 7.2 Three input K-maps

$^{\rm A}$	B <sub>00</sub>	01	11	10
0	$m_0$	$m_2$	$m_6$	$m_4$
1	$m_1$	$m_3$	$m_7$	$m_5$

**Problem 10.** Draw a K-map for the function  $f = \bar{A}\bar{B}C + AB\bar{C}$ .

## 7.3 Four input K-maps

CDA	B <sub>00</sub>	01	11	10
00	$m_0$	$m_4$	$m_{12}$	$m_8$
01	$m_1$	$m_5$	$m_{13}$	$m_9$
11	$m_3$	$m_7$	$m_{15}$	$m_{11}$
10	$m_2$	$m_6$	$m_{14}$	$m_{10}$

**Problem 11.** Draw a K-map for a 4-input function  $f = m_1 + m_2 + m_7$ .

## 7.4 Five input K-maps

A = 0						A = 1				
	DE B	C <sub>00</sub>	01	11	10	DE	C <sub>00</sub>	01	11	10
	00	$m_0$	$m_4$	$m_{12}$	$m_8$	00	$m_{16}$	$m_{20}$	$m_{28}$	$ m_{24} $
	01	$m_1$	$m_5$	$m_{13}$	$m_9$	01	$m_{17}$	$m_{21}$	$m_{29}$	$m_{25}$
	11	$m_3$	$m_7$	$m_{15}$	$m_{11}$	11	$m_{19}$	$m_{23}$	$m_{31}$	$m_{27}$
	10	$m_2$	$m_6$	$m_{14}$	$m_{10}$	10	$m_{18}$	$m_{22}$	$m_{30}$	$m_{26}$

**Problem 12.** Draw a K-map for a 5-input function  $f = M_1 M_2 M_7$ .