

# 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.

### ① AND Gate

In C

bool x1;  
bool x2;

$$L = x1 \& x2$$

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SystemVerilog

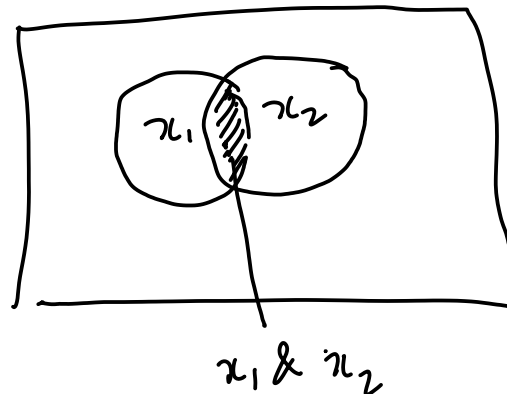
0 = false  
1 = true

x1	x2	L
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Truth table

$x_1$  = Blueberry  
 $x_2$  = Pecan

Venn Diagram



$\{0,1\}$

Boolean algebra

$$0+0=0$$

$$0+1=1$$

$$1+0=1$$

$$1+1=1$$

$+$  = OR gate

$\cdot$  = AND gate

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

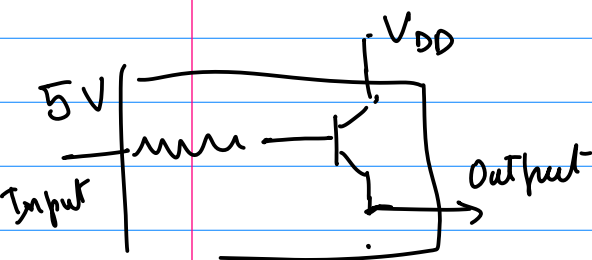
$$1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

AND gate

$$L = x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_1 x_2$$

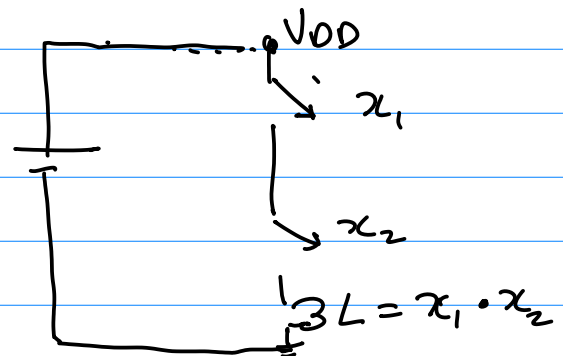
Switching circuit



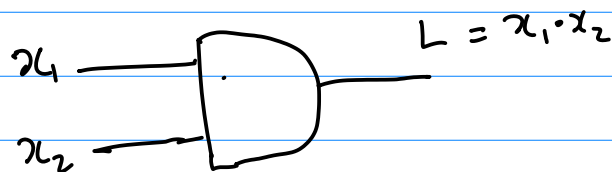
$$0 = \text{GND} \leq V_{IL}, V_{OL}$$

$$1 = V_{DD} (5V, 3.5V) \geq V_{IH}, V_{OH}$$

AND gate from switches?



ANSI symbol

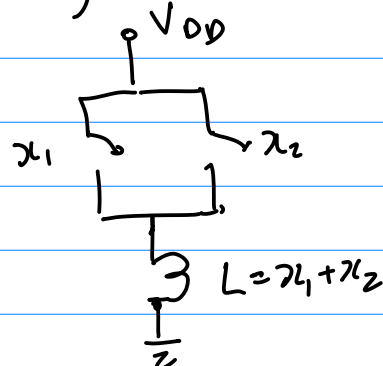


OR gate

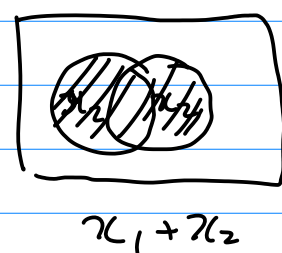
Truth table

$x_1$	$x_2$	$L = x_1 + x_2$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

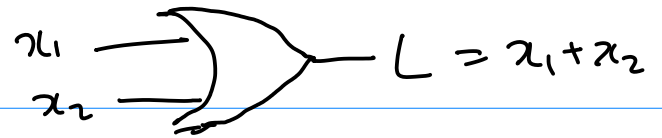
Switching circuit



Venn diagram



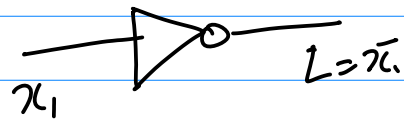
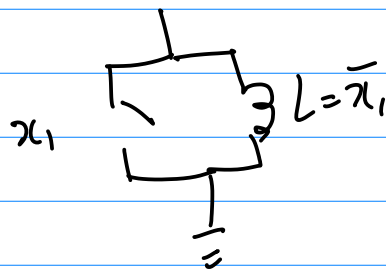
ANSI Symbol



NOT gate

$x_1$	$L = \bar{x}_1 = x_1'$
0	1
1	0

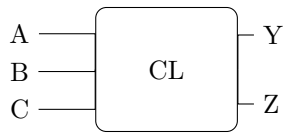
Truth  
Table



## 2 Basic Gates and notations summary

Name	C/Verilog	Boolean expr.	Truth Table	Switching circuit	(ANSI) symbol	Venn diagram															
AND Gate	L = x1 & x2	$L = x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_1x_2$	<table><tr><th><math>x_1</math></th><th><math>x_2</math></th><th><math>x_1 \cdot x_2</math></th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1 \cdot x_2$	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1			
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OR Gate	L = x1   x2	$L = x_1 + x_2$	<table><tr><th><math>x_1</math></th><th><math>x_2</math></th><th><math>x_1 + x_2</math></th></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1 + x_2$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1			
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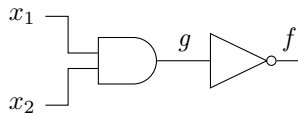
### 3 Digital circuits or networks



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

### 4 Two input networks

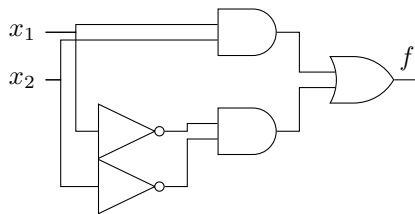
**Example 1.** Convert the following (ANSI) network into a Boolean expression, a truth table and a Venn diagram.



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

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

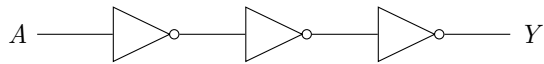
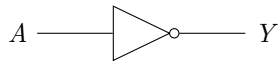
**Problem 1.** Convert the following (ANSI) network into a Boolean expression, a truth table and a Venn diagram.



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

$$f = x_1\bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_1x_2$$

**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

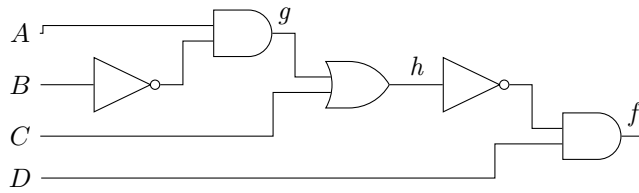


How about Venn diagrams?

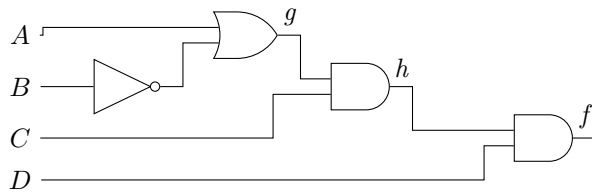
**Remark 1.** Truth tables and Venn diagrams define what the combinational circuit should do. Truth tables define output for every input. Boolean expression and networks define how to achieve the desired input output relationship.

## 5 Multi-input networks

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



**Problem 4.** 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	B	minterm	minterm name
0	0	$\bar{A}\bar{B}$	$m_0$
0	1	$\bar{A}B$	$m_1$
1	0	$A\bar{B}$	$m_2$
1	1	$AB$	$m_3$

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

A	B	Y	minterm	minterm name
0	0	0	$\bar{A}\bar{B}$	$m_0$
0	1	1	$\bar{A}B$	$m_1$
1	0	0	$A\bar{B}$	$m_2$
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 4.** Convert the following 4-input truth table into sum of minterms and sum of products canonical form.

minterm name	A	B	C	D	f
$m_0$	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.



<i>minterm name</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
$m_0$	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
$m_9$	1	0	0	1	0
$m_{10}$	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:

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	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:

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Y</i>	maxterm	maxterm name
0	0	0	$A + B$	$M_0$
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  $Y = (A + B)(\bar{A} + B) = M_0M_2$ .

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

**Example 5.** Convert the following 4-input truth table into product of maxterms and product of sums canonical form.

<i>maxterm name</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
$M_0$	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
$M_9$	1	0	0	1	0
$M_{10}$	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

**Example 6.**

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

<i>maxterm name</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
$M_0$	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
$M_6$	0	1	1	0	1
$M_7$	0	1	1	1	1
$M_8$	1	0	0	0	0
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$M_{10}$	1	0	1	0	1
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$M_{12}$	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

## 7 Karnaugh maps

### 7.1 Two input K-maps

		A	
		0	1
B	0	$m_0$	$m_2$
	1	$m_1$	$m_3$

### 7.2 Three input K-maps

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
C	0	$m_0$	$m_2$	$m_6$	$m_4$
	1	$m_1$	$m_3$	$m_7$	$m_5$

### 7.3 Four input K-maps

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	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	$m_2$	$m_6$	$m_{14}$	$m_{10}$

### 7.4 Five input K-maps

A = 0

		BC			
		00	01	11	10
DE	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	$m_2$	$m_6$	$m_{14}$	$m_{10}$

A = 1

		BC			
		00	01	11	10
DE	00	$m_{16}$	$m_{20}$	$m_{28}$	$m_{24}$
	01	$m_{17}$	$m_{21}$	$m_{29}$	$m_{25}$
	11	$m_{19}$	$m_{23}$	$m_{31}$	$m_{27}$
	10	$m_{18}$	$m_{22}$	$m_{30}$	$m_{26}$