

Lab 1: Digital Logic Gates and Boolean Functions

A. Objectives

- Study the basic logic gates - AND, OR, NOT, NAND, NOR, XOR.
- Get acquainted with the representation of Boolean functions using truth tables, logic diagrams and Boolean Algebra.
- Prove the extension of inputs of AND and OR gates using the associate law.
- Become familiarized with combinational logic circuits.

B. Theory

Logic Gates

Logic gates are the elementary building blocks of digital circuits. They perform logical operations of one or more logical inputs to produce a single output. Digital logic gates operate at two discrete voltage levels representing the binary values 0 (logical LOW) and 1 (logical HIGH). **Table B.1** provides a brief description of the basic digital logic gates, their corresponding IC numbers and circuit symbols.

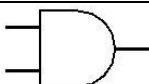
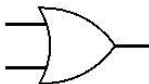
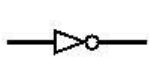
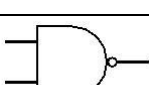
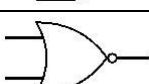

Gate	Description	IC #	Symbol
AND	Multi-input circuit producing an output of 1 if all inputs are 1.	7408	
OR	Multi-input circuit producing an output of 1 when any of its inputs is 1.	7432	
NOT	Single-input circuit that inverts the input (also called an Inverter). The output is 0 if the input is 1 and vice versa.	7404	
NAND	AND followed by an Inverter	7400	
NOR	OR followed by an Inverter	7402	
XOR	The Exclusive-OR or Ex-OR is a two-input circuit that produces an output of 0 if both inputs are same and 1 if the inputs are different.	7486	

Table B.1: Logic gates

Truth Tables

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	$F = A \cdot B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Table B.2: Truth table for an AND gate

A truth table shows all output logic levels of a logic circuit for every possible combination of inputs. For example, **Table B.2** shows the truth table for a two-input AND gate.

Boolean Algebra

Boolean algebra is a branch of mathematical logic that formalizes the relation between variables that take the truth values of *true* and *false*, denoted by 1 and 0 respectively. It is fundamental in the development of digital electronics. Digital electronics networks are generally expressed as Boolean functions. Discrete voltage levels are used to represent the truth values. Postulates and theorems of Boolean algebra are given in **Table B.3**.

Postulates and Theorems		Name
$A + 0 = A$	$A \cdot 1 = A$	Identity
$A + A' = 1$	$A \cdot A' = 0$	
$A + A = A$	$A \cdot A = A$	
$A + 1 = 1$	$A \cdot 0 = 0$	
$(A')' = A$		Involution
$A + B = B + A$	$AB = BA$	Commutative
$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$	$A(BC) = (AB)C$	Associative
$A(B + C) = AB + AC$	$A + BC = (A + B)(A + C)$	Distributive
$(A + B)' = A'B'$	$(AB)' = A' + B'$	De Morgan
$A + AB = A$	$A(A + B) = A$	Absorption

Table B.3: Laws of Boolean algebra

Combinational Logic

Combination logic refers to digital networks where the output is solely dependent on the current input(s) and is not affected by previous states. The analysis of combination logic requires writing the Boolean functions for each element of the circuit, producing their truth tables, and subsequently combining each function for the final output and truth table.

C. Apparatus

- IC 7400 Quadruple 2-input NAND gates
- IC 7402 Quadruple 2-input NOR gates
- IC 7404 Hex Inverters (NOT gates)
- IC 7408 Quadruple 2-input AND gates
- IC 7432 Quadruple 2-input OR gates
- IC 7486 Quadruple 2-input XOR gates
- Trainer Board
- Wires

Experiment 1: Introduction to Basic Logic Gates

D.1 Procedure

1. Place the 7408 AND IC on the breadboard. Make sure that every pin of the IC is on a separate node on the breadboard. Carefully note the location of the polarity mark of the IC. It will allow you to identify the different pins of the IC.
2. Connect the V_{CC} and GND pins of the IC to the +5 V and GND ports of the trainer board respectively.
3. Label the pin numbers of the inputs and output of the gate in **Figure F.1.1**.
4. Connect each input of the logic gate to a toggle switch and the output to an LED on the trainer board.
5. Apply all combinations of inputs by turning the toggle switches on (1) and off (0), and record if the LED is on (1) or off (0) as the output of the gate. Record your results in **Table F.1.1**.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 for the OR, NAND, XOR, NOT and NOR ICs.

Experiment 2: Constructing 3-input AND & OR gates from 2-input AND & OR gates

D.2 Procedure

1. Complete the truth table for the 3-input AND gate in **Table F.2.1**.
2. Construct the 3-input AND circuit in **Figure F.2.1**, and label the pin numbers in the figure.
3. Connect the output to an LED and verify it using the truth table.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 for the 3-input OR gate.

Experiment 3: Implementation of Boolean Functions

D.3 Procedure

Consider the following Boolean Equation:

$$F = A'C + AB' + BC$$

1. Complete the truth table for the implicants, $I_1 = A'C$, $I_2 = AB'$ and $I_3 = BC$ in **Table F.3.1**.
2. Using the values of the implicants, complete the truth table for the function F in **Table F.3.1**.
3. Use **Figure F.3.1** to wire up implicants I_1 , I_2 and I_3 and connect their outputs to separate LEDs.
4. Compare the output of each implicant to the corresponding values in the truth table to verify that they are all correctly constructed.
5. Connect the outputs of the three implicants as inputs to the OR gates.
6. Connect the final output F to an LED and verify the function using the truth table.

Questions:

- 1) What are the names (7400, 7402, etc) of the ICs that you would need if you wanted to use 17 AND gates, 22 NOT gates and 18 NOR gates in a circuit? How many of each IC would you need?
- 2) How can you power your logic ICs if the +5V port of your trainer board stops working?
- 3) What is a Truth Table? Draw the Truth Table for a 2-input XNOR gate.
- 4) Let us assume there are two logical inputs A and B. If A and B are passed through a NAND gate and then the output of the NAND gate is passed through a NOT gate, what logical operation will the final output represent? What is the name of the Boolean Algebra theorem that can be used to find this answer?
- 5) Draw the IC diagram for the logic circuit in Figure F.3.1. In place of the logic gates, draw the ICs and all the connections required to make the circuit work.

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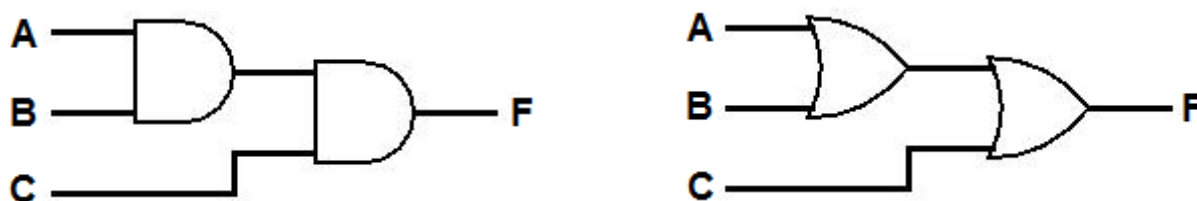
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F.1 Introduction to Basic Logic Gates**Figure F.1.1: Pin configurations of gates in ICs**

Input <i>A B</i>	AND $F = A \cdot B$	OR $F = A + B$	NAND $F = \overline{A \cdot B}$	XOR $F = A \oplus B$	NOR $F = \overline{A + B}$
0 0					
0 1					
1 0					
1 1					

Input <i>A</i>	NOT $F = \overline{A}$
0	
1	

Table F.1.1: Truth Table of Logic Gates**F.2 Constructing 3-input AND & OR gates from 2-input AND & OR gates****Figure F.2.1: Extension of inputs of AND and OR gates**

<i>A B C</i>	$F = ABC$	$F = A + B + C$
0 0 0		
0 0 1		
0 1 0		
0 1 1		
1 0 0		
1 0 1		
1 1 0		
1 1 1		

Table F.2.1: Truth Tables for 3-input AND and OR

F.3 Implementation of Boolean Functions

$$F = A'C + AB' + BC$$

$A B C$	$I_1 = A'C$	$I_2 = AB'$	$I_3 = BC$	$F = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$
0 0 0				
0 0 1				
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Table F.3.1: Truth Table for the given Boolean Function

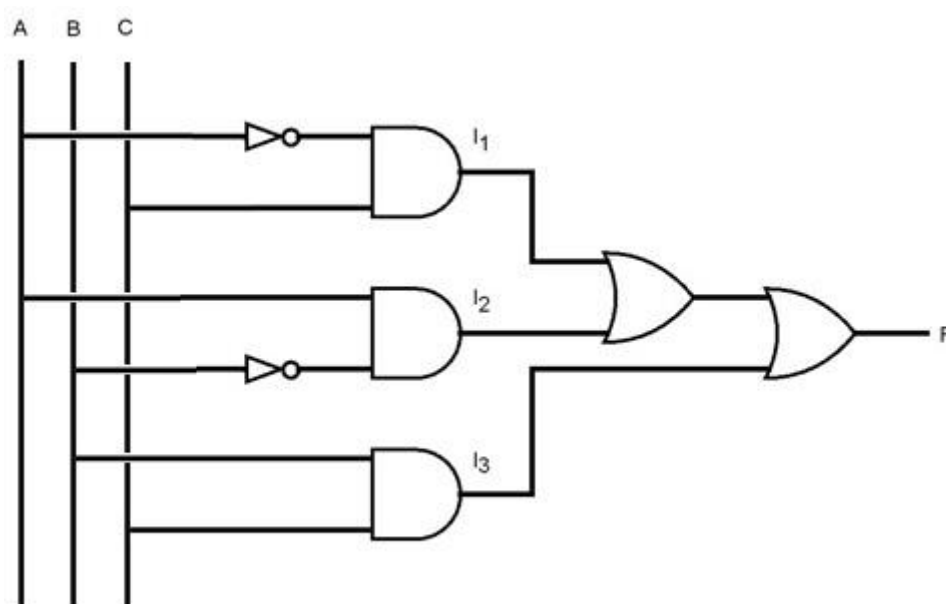


Figure F.3.1: Logic Diagram for the given Boolean Function