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 LECTURE 2: BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

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## GRADING

- Grade distribution:
  - Laboratory assignments: 55%
  - Midterm exam: 15%
  - Final exam: 25%
  - Class participation: 5%
- Labs are graded pass/fail and are worth a variable number of points depending on difficulty
- You need 57 out of a possible 101 points on the lab portion to pass the class
- You must receive a passing grade on both lab and exams portions of the course to get a passing grade

Updated from syllabus handed out last week

## LAB MANUAL, KITS

- Lab manual and kits will be ready tomorrow
  - Pick up both from George Worth (B&H 325)
  - \$60 (payable by check to Brown University, cash OK)
  - \$50 rebate at end of semester if you return the major parts of the kit
- Course webpage:  
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## BOOLEAN ALGEBRA AND FUNCTION REPRESENTATIONS

## BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

- Set of axioms and theorems to simplify Boolean equations
- Like regular algebra, but in some cases simpler because variables can have only two values (1 or 0)
- Axioms and theorems obey the principles of duality:
  - ANDs and ORs interchanged, 0's and 1's interchanged

## BOOLEAN AXIOMS AND THEOREMS OF SINGLE VARIABLES

Axiom	Dual	Name
A1 $B = 0$ if $B \neq 1$	A1' $B = 1$ if $B \neq 0$	Binary field
A2 $\bar{0} = 1$	A2' $\bar{1} = 0$	NOT
A3 $0 \cdot 0 = 0$	A3' $1 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR
A4 $1 \cdot 1 = 1$	A4' $0 + 0 = 0$	AND/OR
A5 $0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$	A5' $1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR

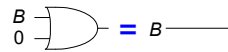
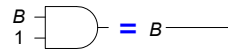
Theorem	Dual	Name
T1 $B \cdot 1 = B$	T1' $B + 0 = B$	Identity
T2 $B \cdot 0 = 0$	T2' $B + 1 = 1$	Null Element
T3 $B \cdot B = B$	T3' $B + B = B$	Idempotency
T4 $\overline{\overline{B}} = B$		Involution
T5 $B \cdot \overline{B} = 0$	T5' $B + \overline{B} = 1$	Complements

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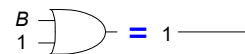
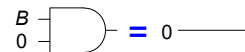


## T2: NULL ELEMENT THEOREM

- $B \cdot 0 =$
- $B + 1 =$

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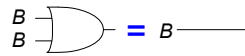
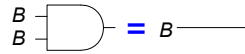


## T3: IDEMPOTENCY THEOREM

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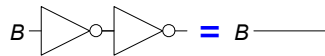
### T4: IDENTITY THEOREM

- $\overline{\overline{B}} = B$

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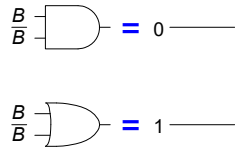


### T5: COMPLEMENT THEOREM

- $B \cdot \overline{B} = 0$
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### BOOLEAN THEOREMS: SUMMARY

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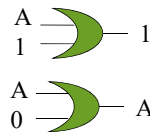
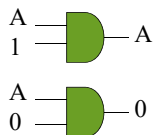
### REVIEW OF BOOLEAN ALGEBRA AND SWITCHING FUNCTIONS

AND, OR, NOT

AND	A	B	C
	0	0	0
	0	1	0
	1	0	0
	1	1	1

OR	A	B	C
	0	0	0
	0	1	1
	1	0	1
	1	1	1

NOT	A	C
	0	1
	1	0



0 dominates in AND    1 dominates in OR

### BOOLEAN THEOREMS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES

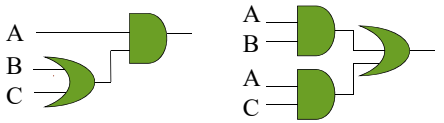
Theorem	Dual	Name
T6 $B \cdot C = C \cdot B$	T6' $B + C = C + B$	Commutativity
T7 $(B \cdot C) \cdot D = B \cdot (C \cdot D)$	T7' $(B + C) + D = B + (C + D)$	Associativity
T8 $(B \cdot C) + B \cdot D = B \cdot (C + D)$	T8' $(B + C) \cdot (B + D) = B + (C \cdot D)$	Distributivity
T9 $B \cdot (B + C) = B$	T9' $B + (B \cdot C) = B$	Covering
T10 $(B \cdot C) + (B \cdot \overline{C}) = B$	T10' $(B + C) \cdot (B + \overline{C}) = B$	Combining
T11 $(B \cdot C) + (\overline{B} \cdot D) + (C \cdot D) = B \cdot C + \overline{B} \cdot D$	T11' $(B + C) \cdot (\overline{B} + D) \cdot (C + D) = (B + C) \cdot (\overline{B} + D)$	Consensus
T12 $\overline{B_0 \cdot B_1 \cdot B_2 \dots} = (\overline{B_0} + \overline{B_1} + \overline{B_2} \dots)$	T12' $\overline{B_0 + B_1 + B_2 \dots} = (\overline{B_0} \cdot \overline{B_1} \cdot \overline{B_2} \dots)$	De Morgan's Theorem

1. Identity  $A * 1 = A$   $A + 1 = 1$   
 $A * 0 = 0$   $A + 0 = A$

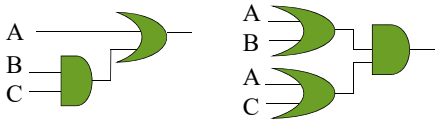
2. Complement  $A + A' = 1$   $A * A' = 0$

T8. Distributivity Law

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

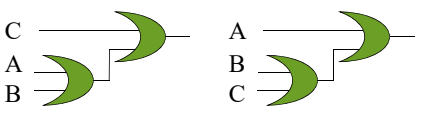


$A+BC = (A+B)(A+C)$

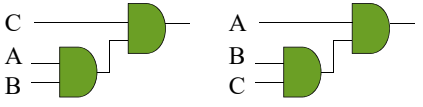


T7. Associativity

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



$(AB)C = A(BC)$



T12. DeMorgan's Law  $(A+B)' = A'B'$   $(AB)' = A' + B'$

T11.  $AC + AB + BC' = AC + BC'$

## SIMPLIFYING BOOLEAN EXPRESSIONS: EXAMPLE I

- $Y = \overline{AB} + AB$

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- $= B(\overline{A} + A)$  T8
- $= B(1)$  T5'
- $= B$  T1

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## SIMPLIFYING BOOLEAN EXPRESSIONS: EXAMPLE 2

- $Y = A(AB + ABC)$

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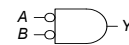
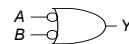
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- $= A(AB(1))$  T2'
- $= A(AB)$  T1
- $= (AA)B$  T7
- $= AB$  T3

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## DEMORGAN'S THEOREM

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



- $Y = \overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$

## BUBBLE PUSHING

- Pushing bubbles backward (from output) or forward (from inputs) changes body of gate from AND to OR or vice versa.
- Pushing bubble from output back to inputs puts bubbles on all gate inputs.



- Pushing bubbles on all gate inputs forward toward output puts bubble on output and changes gate body.



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## OPERATOR PRECEDENCE

- What does  $w \cdot x' + y \cdot z$  mean?
- Operator precedence rules:
  1. NOT (highest priority)
  2. AND
  3. OR (lowest priority)

## CANONICAL FORM

- Canonical form: a unique representation for a Boolean function
  - Given a fixed ordering of the input variables
  - Two equivalent functions have the same canonical form
  - Examples: truth table, canonical sum, canonical product

## DEFINITIONS

- Literals  $x_i$  or  $x_i'$
- Product Term  $x_2 x_1'$
- Sum Term  $x_2 + x_1' + x_0$
- **Minterm** of  $n$  variables: A product of  $n$  variables in which every variable appears exactly once.
- **Maxterm** of  $n$  variables: A sum of  $n$  variables in which every variable appears exactly once.



## MINTERM AND MAXTERM

Id	a	b	c <sub>in</sub>	carryout	
0	0	0	0	0	a+b+c
1	0	0	1	0	a+b+c'
2	0	1	0	0	a+b'+c
3	0	1	1	1	a' b c
4	1	0	0	0	a'+b+c
5	1	0	1	1	a b'c
6	1	1	0	1	a b c'
7	1	1	1	1	a b c

↑  
minterm

↑  
maxterm

## MINTERMS

$$f_1(a,b,c) = a'bc + ab'c + abc' + abc$$

$$a'bc = 1 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (0,1,1)$$

$$ab'c = 1 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (1,0,1)$$

$$abc' = 1 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (1,1,0)$$

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$$f_1(a,b,c) = 1 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (0,1,1), (1,0,1), (1,1,0), \text{ or } (1,1,1)$$

$$\text{Ex: } f_1(1,0,1) = 1'01 + 10'1 + 101' + 101 = 1$$

$$f_1(1,0,0) = 1'00 + 10'0 + 100' + 100 = 0$$

## MAXTERMS

$$f_2(a,b,c) = (a+b+c)(a+b+c')(a+b'+c)(a'+b'+c)$$

$$a + b + c = 0 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (0,0,0)$$

$$a + b + c' = 0 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (0,0,1)$$

$$a + b' + c = 0 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (0,1,0)$$

$$a' + b + c = 0 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (1,0,0)$$

$$f_2(a,b,c) = 0 \text{ iff } (a,b,c) = (0,0,0), (0,0,1), (0,1,0), (1,0,0)$$

$$\text{Ex: } f_2(1,0,1) = (1+0+1)(1+0+1')(1+0'+1)(1'+0+1) = 1$$

$$f_2(0,1,0) = (0+1+0)(0+1+0')(0+1'+0)(0'+1+0) = 0$$

## MINTERM VS. MAXTERM

$$f_1(a,b,c) = a'bc + ab'c + abc' + abc$$

$$f_2(a,b,c) = (a+b+c)(a+b+c')(a+b'+c)(a'+b'+c)$$

$$f_1(a, b, c) = m_3 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7 = \Sigma m(3,5,6,7)$$

$$f_2(a, b, c) = M_0M_1M_2M_4 = \Pi M(0, 1, 2, 4)$$

Question: Does  $f_1 = f_2$ ?

**Yes! Prove using Boolean algebra.**

## INCOMPLETELY SPECIFIED FUNCTIONS

Don't care set is important because it allows us to minimize the function

Id	a	b	f(a, b)
0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
2	1	0	1
3	1	1	-

- 1) The input does not happen.
- 2) The input happens, but the output is ignored.

Examples:

- Decimal number 0... 9 uses 4 bits. Minterm (1,1,1,1) does not happen.
- Final carry out bit (output is ignored).

## INCOMPLETELY SPECIFIED FUNCTION

Id	a	b	c	g(a,b,c)
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1
2	0	1	0	-
3	0	1	1	1
4	1	0	0	1
5	1	0	1	-
6	1	1	0	0
7	1	1	1	1

$g_1(a,b,c)$  canonical form w/ minterms

$g_2(a,b,c)$  canonical form w/ maxterms

Does  $g_1(a,b,c) = g_2(a,b,c)$ ?

No! Because there is a group of Don't Care set. ( $g_1$  only covers the onset,  $g_2$  only covers the offset).

## TWO-INPUT LOGIC GATES

### AND



$$Y = AB$$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

### OR



$$Y = A + B$$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

## MORE TWO-INPUT LOGIC GATES

### XOR



$$Y = A \oplus B$$

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

### NAND



$$Y = \overline{AB}$$

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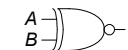
### NOR



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

A	B	Y
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1	0	0
1	1	0

### XNOR



$$Y = \overline{A \oplus B}$$

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Function can be represented by sum of minterms:

$$f(A,B) = A'B + AB' + AB$$

This is not optimal however!

We want to *minimize the number of literals and terms.*

We factor out common terms –

$$A'B + AB' + AB = A'B + AB' + AB + AB$$

$$= (A' + A)B + A(B' + B) = B + A$$

$$f(A,B) = A + B$$