

## Topic #2 – Boolean Algebra

- Rules to determine digital logic, a.k.a. 'switching algebra'
  - deals with Boolean values – 0, 1
  - Signal values denoted by variables – {X, Y, JAY, ...}
- Positive-logic convention
  - analog voltages (LOW, HIGH) → (0, 1)
  - negative logic – seldom used
- Operators: { · , + , ' , ⊕ }
- Axioms and Theorems ...**
  - helps to reduce complex logic into simpler ones – improve the area and speed of digital circuits.

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## Boolean expression - definition

- Literal:** a variable or its complement
  - X, X', FRED', CS\_L
- Expression:** literals combined by AND, OR, parentheses, complementation
  - X+Y
  - P · Q · R
  - A + B · C
  - ((JAY · Z') + CS\_L · A · B' · C + Q5) · RESET'
- Equation:** variable = expression
  - P = ((JAY · Z') + CS\_L · A · B' · C + Q5) · RESET'

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## Axioms

- Axioms**
  - minimal set of basic **definitions** (A1-A5, A1'-A5') that are assumed to be true and completely define switching algebra.
  - Can be used to prove other switching algebra theorems (T1-T15).

(A1)	X=0, if X≠1	(A1')	X=1, if X≠0
(A2)	If X=0, then X'=1	(A2')	If X=1, then X'=0
(A3)	0 · 0 = 0	(A3')	1 + 1 = 1
(A4)	1 · 1 = 1	(A4')	0 + 0 = 0
(A5)	0 · 1 = 1 · 0 = 0	(A5')	1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1

Each axiom has a dual

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## Single-variable theorems (T1-T5)

(T1)	X + 0 = X	(T1')	X · 1 = X	(Identities)
(T2)	X + 1 = 1	(T2')	X · 0 = 0	(Null elements)
(T3)	X + X = X	(T3')	X · X = X	(Idempotency)
(T4)	(X')' = X			(Involution)
(T5)	X + X' = 1	(T5')	X · X' = 0	(Complements)

- Proved by **perfect induction ...**
  - Since a switching variable can only take the values 0 and 1 we can prove a theorem involving a single variable X by simply plugging in X = 0 and X = 1
- Example: (T1) X + 0 = X**
  - X=0 : 0 + 0 = 0 ⇒ true according to axiom A4'
  - X=1 : 1 + 0 = 1 ⇒ true according to axiom A5'

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## Two and three variable theorems (T6-T11)

(T6)	$X + Y = Y + X$	(T6')	$X \cdot Y = Y \cdot X$	(Commutativity)
(T7)	$(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$	(T7')	$(X \cdot Y) \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y \cdot Z)$	(Associativity)
(T8)	$X \cdot Y + X \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y + Z)$	(T8')	$(X + Y) \cdot (X + Z) = X + Y \cdot Z$	(Distributivity)
(T9)	$X + X \cdot Y = X$	(T9')	$X \cdot (X + Y) = X$	(Covering)
(T10)	$X \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X$	(T10')	$(X + Y) \cdot (X + Y') = X$	(Combining)
(T11)	$X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z + Y \cdot Z = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$			(Consensus)
(T11')	$(X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z) \cdot (Y + Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z)$			

- Duality:
  - Swap 0 & 1, AND & OR  $\Rightarrow$  theorems still true?
  - Yes!! ... Why? ... each axiom has a dual ...
- Be careful about 'operator precedence' – use parentheses

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## Theorems T6, T7

### (Commutativity)

$$(T6) \quad X + Y = Y + X$$

$$(T6') \quad X \cdot Y = Y \cdot X$$

### (Associativity)

$$(T7) \quad (X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$$

$$(T7') \quad (X \cdot Y) \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y \cdot Z)$$

- similar to commutative and associative laws for addition and multiplication of integers and real numbers.

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## Theorem T8

### (Distributivity)

$$(T8) \quad X \cdot Y + X \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y + Z)$$

$$(T8') \quad (X + Y) \cdot (X + Z) = X + Y \cdot Z$$

- sum-of-products vs. product-of-sums

$$V \cdot W \cdot Y + V \cdot W \cdot Z + V \cdot X \cdot Y + V \cdot X \cdot Z = V \cdot (W + X) \cdot (Y + Z)$$

(sum-of-products form)

(product-of-sums form)

$$(V \cdot W \cdot X) + (Y \cdot Z) = (V + Y) \cdot (V + Z) \cdot (W + Y) \cdot (W + Z) \cdot (X + Y) \cdot (X + Z)$$

- Depending on the problem, choose the one 'simpler'
  - Which one is more logical for you?

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## Theorems T9, T10

### (Covering)

$$(T9) \quad X + X \cdot Y = X$$

$$(T9') \quad X \cdot (X + Y) = X$$

### (Combining)

$$(T10) \quad X \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X$$

$$(T10') \quad (X + Y) \cdot (X + Y') = X$$

- Useful in simplifying logic functions

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## Theorem T11

### (Consensus)

$$(T11) \quad X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z + Y \cdot Z = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$$

$$(T11') \quad (X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z) \cdot (Y + Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z)$$

- In T11 the term  $Y \cdot Z$  is called the consensus of the term  $X \cdot Y$  and  $X' \cdot Z$ :
  - If  $Y \cdot Z = 0$ , then T11 must be true
  - If  $Y \cdot Z = 1$ , then either  $X \cdot Y$  or  $X' \cdot Z$  must also be 1
  - Thus the term  $Y \cdot Z$  is redundant and may be dropped
- How about (T11')?

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## N-variable theorems (T12 – T15)

$$(T12) \quad X + X + \dots + X = X$$

(Generalized idempotency)

$$(T12') \quad X \cdot X \cdot \dots \cdot X = X$$

$$(T13) \quad (X_1 \cdot X_2 \cdot \dots \cdot X_n)' = X_1' + X_2' + \dots + X_n'$$

(DeMorgan's theorems)

$$(T13') \quad (X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)' = X_1' \cdot X_2' \cdot \dots \cdot X_n'$$

$$(T14) \quad [F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, +, \cdot)]' = F(X_1', X_2', \dots, X_n', \cdot, +)$$

(Generalized DeMorgan's theorem)

$$(T15) \quad F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = X_1 \cdot F(1, X_2, \dots, X_n) + X_1' \cdot F(0, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

(Shannon's expansion theorems)

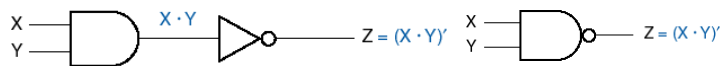
$$(T15') \quad F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = [X_1 + F(0, X_2, \dots, X_n)] \cdot [X_1' + F(1, X_2, \dots, X_n)]$$

- Prove using finite induction
- Most important: DeMorgan's theorems (T13 & T13')

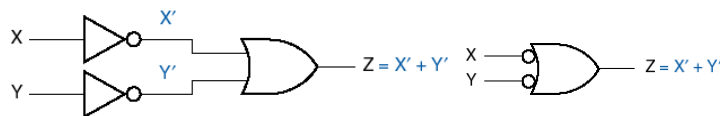
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## DeMorgan's Theorem Example: NAND

- $(X \cdot Y)' = (X' + Y')$ 
  - $(X \cdot Y)'$  is typically referred as NAND gate in logic gate expression



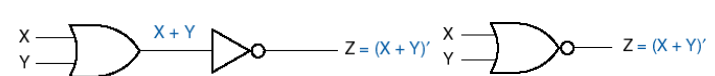
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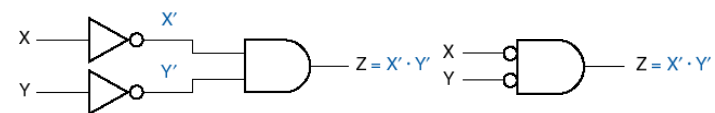
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## DeMorgan's Theorem Example: NOR

- $(X + Y)' = (X' \cdot Y')$ 
  - $(X + Y)'$  is typically referred as NOR gate in logic gate expression



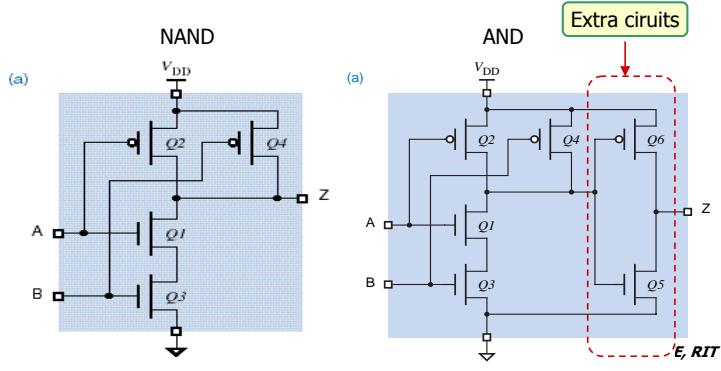
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## NAND & NOR gates

- Use less number of circuits than AND & OR gates
- Fan-in & Fan-out



## Generalized DeMorgan's theorem

$$(T14) [F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, +, \cdot)]' = F(X_1', X_2', \dots, X_n', \cdot, +)$$

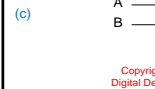
- Given any n-variable logic expression, its complement can be found by swapping + and  $\cdot$  and complementing all variables

### Example:

- $F(W,X,Y,Z) = (W' \cdot X) + (X \cdot Y) + (W \cdot (X' + Z'))$   
 $= ((W)' \cdot X) + (X \cdot Y) + (W \cdot ((X)' + (Z)'))$
- $[F(W,X,Y,Z)]' = ((W)' + X) \cdot (X' + Y) \cdot (W' + ((X)' \cdot (Z)'))$
- Using (T4)  $(X')' = X$ , above can be simplified to:
- $[F(W,X,Y,Z)]' = (W + X) \cdot (X' + Y) \cdot (W' + (X \cdot Z))$

(b)

A	B	Q1	Q2
L	L	off	on
L	H	off	on
H	L	on	off
H	H	on	off



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## Duality revisited

- Any theorem in switching algebra remains true if 0 & 1 are swapped and  $\cdot$  & + are swapped.
- True because all the duals of all the axioms are true, so duals of all switching algebra theorems can be proven using the duals of axioms.

- One can re-write DeMorgan's theorem as

$$[F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)]' = F(X_1', X_2', \dots, X_n')$$

- Note ...

- $A \cdot B + C \neq A + B \cdot C$   
 $\neq (A + B) \cdot C$
- Duality does not mean equivalence !!

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## Manipulation of Boolean expression

- How can we re-write  $(A \cdot B + C)$  then?

- Use DeMorgan's theorem ...
- $A \cdot B + C = ((A \cdot B + C)')'$
- $= ((A \cdot B)' \cdot C)'$
- $= ((A' + B') \cdot C)'$
- $\Rightarrow (A \cdot B + C)' = (A' + B') \cdot C'$

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## Switching Algebra Axioms & Theorems

(A1) $X = 0$ if $X \neq 1$	(A1') $X = 1$ if $X \neq 0$	
(A2) If $X = 0$ , then $X' = 1$	(A2') if $X = 1$ , then $X' = 0$	
(A3) $0 \cdot 0 = 0$	(A3') $1 + 1 = 1$	
(A4) $1 \cdot 1 = 1$	(A4') $0 + 0 = 0$	
(A5) $0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$	(A5') $1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	
(T1) $X + 0 = X$	(T1') $X \cdot 1 = X$	(Identities)
(T2) $X + 1 = 1$	(T2') $X \cdot 0 = 0$	(Null elements)
(T3) $X + X = X$	(T3') $X \cdot X = X$	(Idempotency)
(T4) $(X')' = X$		(Involution)
(T5) $X + X' = 1$	(T5') $X \cdot X' = 0$	(Complements)
(T6) $X + Y = Y + X$	(T6') $X \cdot Y = Y \cdot X$	(Commutativity)
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(T11') $(X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z) \cdot (Y + Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z)$		(Generalized idempotency)
(T12) $X + X + \dots + X = X$	(T12') $X \cdot X \cdot \dots \cdot X = X$	
(T13) $(X_1 \cdot X_2 \cdot \dots \cdot X_n)' = X_1' + X_2' + \dots + X_n'$		(DeMorgan's theorems)
(T13') $(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)' = X_1' \cdot X_2' \cdot \dots \cdot X_n'$		
(T14) $[F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots)]' = F(X_1', X_2', \dots, X_n', \dots)$		(Generalized DeMorgan's theorem)

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## Boolean expression – more definition

- A product term:
  - $Z', (W \cdot X \cdot Y), (X \cdot Y' \cdot Z), (W' \cdot Y' \cdot Z)$
- A sum term:
  - $Z', (W + X + Y), (X + Y' + Z), (W' + Y' + Z)$
- A sum-of-products expression:
  - $Z' + (W \cdot X \cdot Y) + (X \cdot Y' \cdot Z) + (W' \cdot Y' \cdot Z)$
- A product-of-sums expression:
  - $Z' \cdot (W + X + Y) \cdot (X + Y' + Z) \cdot (W' + Y' + Z)$
- A **normal** term: a product or sum term in which no variable appears more than once

Examples of non-normal terms:  $W \cdot X \cdot X \cdot Y'$   $W + W + X' + Y$   $X \cdot X' \cdot Y$   
 Examples of normal terms:  $W \cdot X \cdot Y'$   $W + X' + Y$   $0$

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## Minterm and Maxterm

- Minterm:**
  - An n-variable minterm is a normal product term with n literals.
  - There are  $2^n$  such products terms.
  - Example of 4-variable minterms:
 
$$W \cdot X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z' \quad W \cdot X \cdot Y' \cdot Z \quad W' \cdot X' \cdot Y \cdot Z'$$
  - Can be defined as an product term that is 1 in exactly one row of the truth table
- Maxterm:**
  - An n-variable maxterm is a normal sum term with n literals.
  - There are  $2^n$  such sum terms.
  - Examples of 4-variable maxterms:
 
$$W' + X' + Y + Z' \quad W + X' + Y' + Z \quad W' + X' + Y + Z$$
  - Can be defined as a sum term that is 0 in exactly one row in the truth table.

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## Minterms/Maxterms for a 3-variable function

Row	X	Y	Z	F	Minterm	Maxterm
0	0	0	0	F(0,0,0)	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X + Y + Z$
1	0	0	1	F(0,0,1)	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X + Y + Z'$
2	0	1	0	F(0,1,0)	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X + Y' + Z$
3	0	1	1	F(0,1,1)	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X + Y' + Z'$
4	1	0	0	F(1,0,0)	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X' + Y + Z$
5	1	0	1	F(1,0,1)	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X' + Y + Z'$
6	1	1	0	F(1,1,0)	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X' + Y' + Z$
7	1	1	1	F(1,1,1)	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X' + Y' + Z'$

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## Canonical Sum Representation

- Minterm  $i$  :
  - Row  $i$  of the truth table that have output 1
- Canonical sum:
  - Sum of all minterms for a given function (truth table)
- The  $\Sigma$  notation:
  - Ex:  $\Sigma_{x,y,z} (0, 3, 4, 6, 7)$   
 $= X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z + X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z$
  - This representation is usually realized using 2-level AND-OR logic circuits with inverters at AND gates inputs as needed

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## Canonical Sum Example

- The function represented by the truth table:

Row	X	Y	Z	F
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
2	0	1	0	0
3	0	1	1	1
4	1	0	0	1
5	1	0	1	0
6	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	1	1

has the canonical sum representation:

$$F = \Sigma_{x,y,z} (0, 3, 4, 6, 7) \leftarrow \text{Minterm list using } \Sigma \text{ notation}$$

$$= X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z + X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z$$

Algebraic canonical sum of minterms

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## Canonical Product Representation

- Maxterm  $i$ :
  - Row  $i$  of the truth table that have output 0
- Canonical product:
  - Product of the maxterms for a given function (truth table)
- The  $\Pi$  notation:
  - Ex:  $\Pi_{x,y,z} (1,2,5)$   
 $= (X + Y + Z') \cdot (X + Y' + Z) \cdot (X' + Y + Z')$
  - This representation is usually realized using 2-level OR-AND logic circuits with inverters at OR gates inputs as needed.

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## Canonical Product Example

- The function represented by the truth table:

Row	X	Y	Z	F
0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
2	0	1	0	0
3	0	1	1	1
4	1	0	0	1
5	1	0	1	0
6	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	1	1

has the canonical product representation:

$$F = \Pi_{x,y,z} (1,2,5) \leftarrow \text{Maxterm list using } \Pi \text{ notation}$$

$$= (X + Y + Z') \cdot (X + Y' + Z) \cdot (X' + Y + Z')$$

Algebraic canonical product of maxterms

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## Converting between Minterm/Maxterm Lists

- Find the complement of the set ...

- Examples:

$$\Sigma_{x,y,z}(0,1,2,3) = \Pi_{x,y,z}(4,5,6,7)$$

$$\Sigma_{x,y}(1) = \Pi_{x,y}(0,2,3)$$

$$\Sigma_{w,x,y,z}(0,1,2,3,5,7,11,13) = \Pi_{w,x,y,z}(4,6,8,9,12,14,15)$$