

**Boolean Algebra**

Special Algebra where the variables can be  $x, y, z$  False 0 or True 1

operators:

canonical operators

- AND  $x \cdot y$   $x * y$   $xy$  → read as  $x$  and  $y$
- OR  $x + y$  → reads as  $x$  or  $y$
- NOT  $\bar{x}$   $x'$   $x^c$   $\neg x$   $\neg x$  → read as not  $x$

$2^n$  rows  $n = \text{number of vars}$

Truth Table

AND

	x	y	$x \cdot y$
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
2	1	0	0
3	1	1	1

OR

x	y	$x + y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

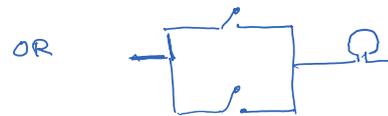
Not

x	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{\bar{x}}$
0	1	0
1	0	1

$x = \bar{\bar{x}}$   
Double negation

index

index	x	y	z
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0
3	0	1	1
4	1	0	0
5	1	0	1
6	1	1	0
7	1	1	1



Not looked at

Short-circuit if (  $\boxed{A}$  or  $\boxed{B}$  or  $\boxed{C}$  or  $\boxed{D}$  )

AND: if (  $\boxed{A}$  &&  $\boxed{B}$  && ... )

A and B and C

Construct Truth Table for  $F = \bar{B} + C + ABC$  3 var  $\rightarrow 2^3 = 8$  rows

A	B	C	$\bar{B}$	$\bar{B}+C$	ABC	F
0	0	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	1	1

Construct Truth Table for  $Z = \bar{A}(A+B) + (A+B)(A+\bar{B}) + C$

A	B	C	$\bar{A}$	$\bar{B}$	$A+B$	$\bar{A}(A+B)$	$(A+\bar{B})$	$(A+B)(A+\bar{B})$	Z
0	0	0							
0	0	1							
0	1	0							
0	1	1							
1	0	0							
1	0	1							
1	1	0							
1	1	1							

Prove using truth table  $xy + \bar{x}z + yz = xy + \bar{x}z$       3 var  $\rightarrow$  8 rows

$x$	$y$	$z$	$\bar{x}$	$xy$	$\bar{x}z$	$yz$	LS	RS	LS = RS
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Yes
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	Yes
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Yes
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	Yes
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes
1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	Yes
1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Yes

Examine the validity of  $(\bar{x} + y + z)(x + \bar{y} \bar{z}) = xy + \bar{y}z$

index	$x$	$y$	$z$	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$	$\bar{z}$	A	$\bar{y}\bar{z}$	B	LS	$xy$	$\bar{y}z$	RS
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
6	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

$\leftarrow \neq \rightarrow$   
LS  $\neq$  RS



- Order of operations
- 1) Brackets
  - 2) Negation
  - 3) AND
  - 4) OR

Example: Is  $a + a'b$  equal to  $1.b$ ? Why? Note  $a + a' = 1$

$a + a'b$  No, AND is prioritized over OR

$$a + a'b = 1d = a + b$$

Simplifying using theorems

step	statement	Reason
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Simplify  $Z = \bar{A}(A+B) + (A+B)(A+\bar{B}) + C$

STEPS	statement	POSTULATE OR THEOREM
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1)	$\bar{A}(A+B) + (A+B)(A+\bar{B}) + C$	Given
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2)	$\bar{A}B + (A+B)(A+\bar{B}) + C$	[14c]
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3)	$\bar{A}B + A + (B \cdot \bar{B}) + C$	[8b]
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4)	$\bar{A}B + A + 0 + C$	[12a]
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5)	$\bar{A}B + A + C$	[9b]
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optional → 6)	$A + \bar{A}B + C$	[6b]
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7)	$A + B + C$	[14d]
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The optimal (simplest form)  $Z = A + B + C$

Prove the following:

$$L.S. \quad \underline{A(A+\bar{B}) + \bar{B}(B+C)} = \underline{A+\bar{B}C} \quad R.S.$$

STEPS	POSTULATE OR THEOREM
1) $L.S. = \underbrace{A(A+\bar{B})} + \bar{B}(B+C)$	Given
2) $\quad \downarrow$ $A \quad + \quad \underbrace{\bar{B}(B+C)}$	[14b]
3) $\quad \quad \downarrow$ $A \quad + \quad \bar{B} \cdot C = R.S.$	[14c]

Hence proved  $\ddot{\smile}$

$$L.S. = ABC\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B\bar{C} = \bar{C}(B+A) = R.S.$$

STEPS	POSTULATE OR THEOREM
1) $L.S. = AB\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B\bar{C}$	Given
2) $= \underbrace{(AB + A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B)} \cdot \bar{C}$	[8a]
3) $\quad \downarrow$ $(A \cdot \underbrace{(B+\bar{B})} + \bar{A}B) \cdot \bar{C}$	[8a]
4) $\quad \quad \downarrow$ $(A \cdot 1 + \bar{A}B) \cdot \bar{C}$	[12b]
5) $\quad \quad \quad \downarrow$ $\underbrace{(A + \bar{A}B)} \cdot \bar{C}$	[9a]
6) $\quad \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$ $(A+B) \cdot \bar{C}$	[14d]
7) $\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$ $\bar{C} \cdot (A+B) = R.S.$	[6a]

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$$(A + \bar{B})(A + B) = A$$

STEPS

POSTULATE OR THEOREM

1) LS =  $(A + \bar{B})(A + B)$

Given

2)  $A + (\bar{B} \cdot B)$

[8b]

3)  $A + 0$

[12a]

4)  $A = RS$

[9b]

$$A\bar{B}(A\bar{B} + B\bar{C}) = A\bar{B}$$

STEPS

POSTULATE OR THEOREM

1) LS  $\underbrace{A\bar{B}}_x (\underbrace{A\bar{B}}_y + \underbrace{B\bar{C}}_z)$

Given

[14b]  $\rightarrow x(x + y) = x$

2)  $A\bar{B} = RS$

$\square(\square + \Delta)$

$$(xy + ABC)(xy + \bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) = xy$$

STEPS	POSTULATE OR THEOREM
1) $LS = (xy + ABC)(xy + \bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C})$	Given
2) $= xy + \left( (ABC) \cdot (\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) \right)$	[8b] // factored $xy +$ out
3) $= xy + \left( (ABC) \cdot (\overline{ABC}) \right)$	[DM]
4) $= xy + 0$	[12a]
5) $= xy = RS$	[9b]

$$\overbrace{A(\bar{A} + B) + B(B + C) + B}^{LS} = \underbrace{B}_{RS}$$

STEPS	POSTULATE OR THEOREM
1) $LS = A(\bar{A} + B) + B(B + C) + B$	Given
2) $= AB + \underbrace{B(B + C) + B}$	[14c]
3) $= AB + B$	[14a]
4) $= B$	[14a]

$$AB + B \neq B(A + 1) \quad \text{please don't do this}$$

Simplify  $AB(\bar{A}CD + AE + EG)$

STEPS	POSTULATE OR THEOREM
1) $AB(\bar{A}CD + AE + EG)$	Given
2) $AB\bar{A}CD + ABAE + ABEG$	[8a]
2.5) $\underbrace{A\bar{A}}_{\downarrow} BCD + AABE + ABEG$	[6a] // optional step
3) $\underbrace{0}_{\downarrow} BCD + AABE + ABEG$	[12a]
4) $0 + AABE + ABEG$	[10a]
5) $\underbrace{AA}_{\downarrow} BE + ABEG$	[9b]
6) $ABE + ABEG$	[11a]
7) $ABE$	[14a]

### Basic Postulates and Theorems of Boolean Algebra

Here x, y and z represent logical variables or logical expressions.

#### Axioms

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| [1a] $x = 1$ if $x \neq 0$ | [1b] $x = 0$ if $x \neq 1$ |
| [2a] $0 \cdot 0 = 0$       | [2b] $0 + 0 = 0$           |
| [3a] $1 \cdot 1 = 1$       | [3b] $1 + 1 = 1$           |
| [4a] $1 \cdot 0 = 0$       | [4b] $1 + 0 = 1$           |
| [5a] $1' = 1 = 0$          | [5b] $0' = 0 = 1$          |

#### Algebraic Properties

##### Commutativity:

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| [6a] $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$ | [6b] $x + y = y + x$ OR is commutative |
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##### Associativity:

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| [7a] $x(y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y)z$ | [7b] $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ |
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##### Distributivity:

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| [8a] $x(y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$ | [8b] $x + y \cdot z = (x + y)(x + z)$ |
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Note about 8a:

$$x \cdot y + x \cdot z = x \cdot (y + z)$$

$x + x \cdot z$  = please do not factor this.

##### Identity

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| [9a] $x \cdot 1 = x$ | [9b] $x + 0 = x$ |
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##### Domination: (short-circuit)

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| [10a] $x \cdot 0 = 0$ | [10b] $x + 1 = 1$ |
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##### Idempotency:

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| [11a] $x \cdot x = x$ | [11b] $x + x = x$<br><i><math>x + x + x = x</math></i> |
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##### Inverse Elements:

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| [12a] $x \cdot x' = x \cdot \bar{x} = 0$ | [12b] $x + x' = x + \bar{x} = 1$ |
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##### Double Negation Theorems:

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| [13a] $x'' = \bar{\bar{x}} = x$ | [13b] $x = x'' = \bar{\bar{x}}$ |
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##### Absorption

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| [14a] $x + x \cdot y = x$          | [14b] $x(x + y) = x$                |
| [14c] $x(\bar{x} + y) = x \cdot y$ | [14d] $x + \bar{x} \cdot y = x + y$ |

##### DeMorgan's Theorems

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| [15a] $\overline{x \cdot y \cdot z} = \bar{x} + \bar{y} + \bar{z}$ | [15b] $\overline{x + y + z} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}$ |
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$$(x + y) \cdot (x + z) = x + (y \cdot z)$$

14a)  $\square + \square \Delta$

$$\underbrace{(a + b \bar{z})}_x + \underbrace{(a + b \bar{z})}_x \underbrace{y \bar{z}}_y$$

$$\bar{b} + b \bar{y} = 14d = \bar{b} + \bar{y}$$

$$x \cdot x \cdot x = x$$

14d,  $\square + \bar{\square} \cdot \Delta$

$$\overline{x+y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$$

### De Morgan's Theorem

$$\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

x	y	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$	xy	$\overline{xy}$	x+y	$\overline{x+y}$	$\bar{x} + \bar{y}$	$\bar{x}\bar{y}$
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

$$\overline{x+y+z} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z}$$

Simplify  $\overline{\bar{B} + \bar{C} + BC}$

STEPS

POSTULATE OR THEOREM

$$\overline{\bar{B} + \bar{C}} = \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C}$$

1)  $\overline{\bar{B} + \bar{C} + BC}$

Given

2)  $\overline{\overline{\bar{B} + \bar{C}} + BC}$

[DM]

3)  $\overline{1 + BC}$

[12b]

4)  $0$

[5a]

Simplify  $\overline{ABC + \overline{ABC}}$   
STEPS

- 1)  $\overline{ABC + \overline{ABC}}$  Given
- 2)  $\overline{ABC} \cdot \overline{\overline{ABC}}$  DM
- 3)  $(\overline{A + \overline{B + \overline{C}}}) \cdot (\overline{\overline{A + \overline{B + \overline{C}}}})$  DM
- 4)  $(\overline{A + \overline{B + C}}) \cdot (A + \overline{B + \overline{C}})$  [13a]
- 5)  $\overline{B + (\overline{A + C})} \cdot (A + \overline{C})$  [8b]

POSTULATE OR THEOREM

Identify Inverse elements  
 $x + \overline{x} = 1$   $x \cdot \overline{x} = 0$

$x$	$\overline{x}$	Yes
$ab$	$\overline{ab}$	Yes
$ab$	$\overline{a}\overline{b}$	No
$ab$	$\overline{a+b}$	Yes
$a+b$	$\overline{a\overline{b}}$	No
$\overline{a+b}$	$\overline{a+b}$	no
$a\overline{b}$	$\overline{a}b$	no
$a\overline{b}$	$\overline{a\overline{b}}$	Yes
$a\overline{b}$	$\overline{a+b}$	Yes

$$\overline{a \cdot b} = \overline{a} + \overline{b}$$

$$= a + b$$

Simplify  $\overline{a+b \cdot \overline{a+b+c} \cdot \overline{b+b+c}}$

$\overline{\square \cdot \square}$

STEPS

POSTULATE OR THEOREM

- 1) Repeat Given
- 2)  $\overline{a+b \cdot \overline{a+b+c} + \overline{b+b+c}}$  DM
- 3)  $(\overline{a+b} \cdot \overline{a+b+c}) + (\overline{b+b+c})$  [13a]
- 4)  $(\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} \cdot \overline{a} \cdot \overline{b+c}) + (\overline{b+b+c})$  DM
- 5)  $(a \cdot \overline{b} \cdot a \cdot (\overline{b+c})) + (\overline{b+b+c})$  [13a]
- 6)  $(a \cdot a \cdot \overline{b} \cdot (\overline{b+c})) + (\overline{b+b+c})$  [6a]
- 7)  $(a \cdot \overline{b} \cdot (\overline{b+c})) + (\overline{b+b+c})$  [11a]
- 8)  $(a \cdot \overline{b}) + (\overline{b+b+c})$  [14b]
- 9)  $a\overline{b} + \overline{b+c}$  [14d]
- 10)  $\overline{a\overline{b} + \overline{b+c}}$  [14a]

$$\overline{b+c} = \overline{bc}$$

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SOP and POS forms

Sum of product

product of sum

$$F = \underbrace{011}_{x'yz} + \underbrace{011}_{x'y} + \underbrace{000}_{x'y'z'} + \underbrace{111}_{xyz} = \text{SOP form}$$

3, 2, 3, 0, 7

= Minterm

$$= \sum m(0, 2, 3, 7)$$

= locations with '1' outputs

index	x	y	z	
	0	1	1	←

$$S = \underbrace{xy z'}_{\substack{\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ 110}} + \underbrace{xz}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 101 \\ 111}} + \underbrace{x'y'}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 000 \leftarrow 0 \\ 001 \leftarrow 1}}$$

$$SOP = \sum m(0, 1, 5, 6, 7)$$

↑  
where we have  
'1's in the output

row	x	y	z	F
0				1
1				0
2				1
3				1
4				0
5				0
6				0
7				1

$$Maxterm = \prod M(2, 3, 4)$$

= where the 0's are

$$G = (x + y' + z) \cdot (x + y) \cdot (x + y' + z') \cdot (x' + y' + z) = \text{POS form}$$

$$\text{Maxterm} = \prod M(0, 1, 2, 3, 6)$$

where the zeros are

x	y	z	G
			0
			0
			0
			0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
			0
1	1	1	1

← x y' z'

← x y' z

← x y z

$$\text{Minterm} = \sum m(4, 5, 7)$$

$$G = \text{SOP} = x y' z' + x y' z + x y z$$