
Logic and Computer Design Fundamentals

Chapter 2 – Combinational Logic Circuits

Part 1 – Gate Circuits and Boolean Equations

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Binary Logic and Gates

- **Binary variables** take on one of two values.
- **Logical operators** operate on binary values and binary variables.
- Basic logical operators are the **logic functions** AND, OR and NOT.
- **Logic gates** implement logic functions.
- **Boolean Algebra**: a useful mathematical system for specifying and transforming logic functions.
- We study Boolean algebra as foundation for designing and analyzing digital systems!

Binary Variables

- Recall that the two binary values have different names:
 - True/False
 - On/Off
 - Yes/No
 - 1/0
- We use 1 and 0 to denote the two values.
- Variable identifier examples:
 - A, B, y, z, or X_1 for now
 - RESET, START_IT, or ADD1 later

Logical Operations

- The three basic logical operations are:
 - AND
 - OR
 - NOT
- AND is denoted by a dot (\cdot).
- OR is denoted by a plus ($+$).
- NOT is denoted by an overbar ($\bar{}$), a single quote mark ($'$) after, or (\sim) before the variable.

Notation Examples

- Examples:
 - $Y = A \cdot B$ is read “Y is equal to A AND B.”
 - $z = x + y$ is read “z is equal to x OR y.”
 - $X = \bar{A}$ is read “X is equal to NOT A.”
- Note: The statement:
 $1 + 1 = 2$ (read “one plus one equals two”)
is not the same as
 $1 + 1 = 1$ (read “1 or 1 equals 1”).

Operator Definitions

- Operations are defined on the values "0" and "1" for each operator:

AND

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

OR

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 + 1 = 1$$

$$1 + 0 = 1$$

$$1 + 1 = 1$$

NOT

$$\overline{0} = 1$$

$$\overline{1} = 0$$

Truth Tables

- Truth table* – a tabular listing of the values of a function for all possible combinations of values on its arguments
- Example: Truth tables for the basic logic operations:**

AND		
X	Y	Z = X·Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OR		
X	Y	Z = X+Y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

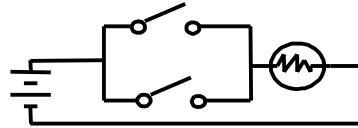
NOT	
X	Z = \overline{X}
0	1
1	0

Logic Function Implementation

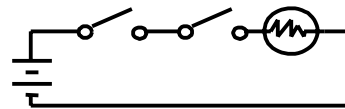
■ Using Switches

- For inputs:
 - logic 1 is switch closed
 - logic 0 is switch open
- For outputs:
 - logic 1 is light on
 - logic 0 is light off.
- NOT uses a switch such that:
 - logic 1 is switch open
 - logic 0 is switch closed

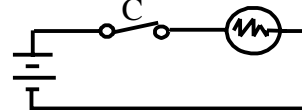
Switches in parallel => OR



Switches in series => AND



Normally-closed switch => NOT

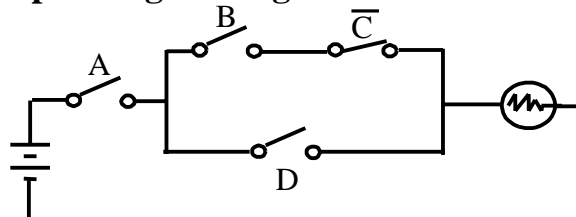


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Logic Function Implementation (Continued)

■ Example: Logic Using Switches



- Light is on ($L = 1$) for

$$L(A, B, C, D) = A(B + \bar{C})D$$
 and off ($L = 0$), otherwise.
- Useful model for relay circuits and for CMOS gate circuits, the foundation of current digital logic technology

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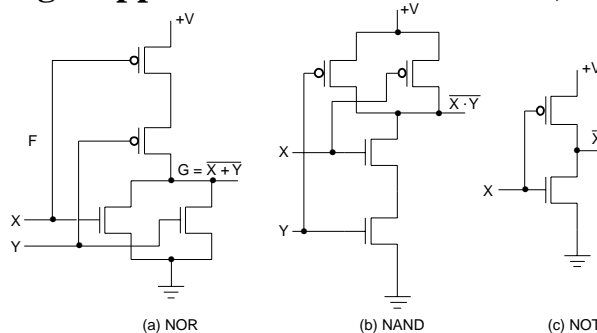
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Logic Gates

- In the earliest computers, switches were opened and closed by magnetic fields produced by energizing coils in *relays*. The switches in turn opened and closed the current paths.
- Later, *vacuum tubes* that open and close current paths electronically replaced relays.
- Today, *transistors* are used as electronic switches that open and close current paths.

Logic Gates (continued)

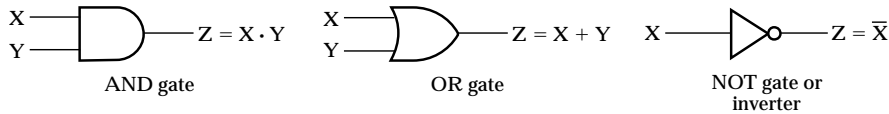
- Implementation of logic gates with transistors (See Reading Supplement – CMOS Circuits)



- Transistor or tube implementations of logic functions are called logic gates or just gates
- Transistor gate circuits can be modeled by switch circuits

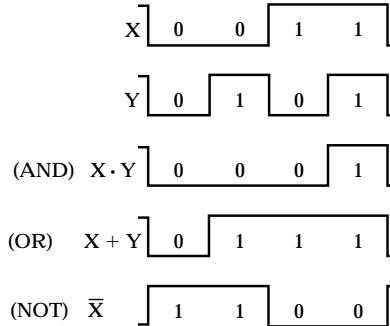
Logic Gate Symbols and Behavior

- Logic gates have special symbols:



(a) Graphic symbols

- And waveform behavior in time as follows:



(b) Timing diagram

Logic Diagrams and Expressions

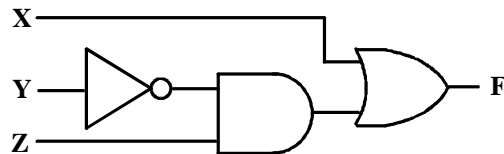
Truth Table

X	Y	Z	$F = X + \bar{Y} \cdot Z$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Equation

$$F = X + \bar{Y} \cdot Z$$

Logic Diagram



- Boolean equations, truth tables and logic diagrams describe the same function!
- Truth tables are unique; expressions and logic diagrams are not. This gives flexibility in implementing functions.

Boolean Algebra

- An algebraic structure defined on a set of at least two elements, **B**, together with three binary operators (denoted $+$, \cdot and $\bar{}$) that satisfies the following basic identities:

1. $X + 0 = X$	2. $X \cdot 1 = X$	
3. $X + 1 = 1$	4. $X \cdot 0 = 0$	
5. $X + X = X$	6. $X \cdot X = X$	
7. $X + \bar{X} = 1$	8. $X \cdot \bar{X} = 0$	
9. $\bar{\bar{X}} = X$		
10. $X + Y = Y + X$	11. $XY = YX$	Commutative
12. $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$	13. $(XY)Z = X(YZ)$	Associative
14. $X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$	15. $X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$	Distributive
16. $\overline{X + Y} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$	17. $\overline{X \cdot Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$	DeMorgan's

Some Properties of Identities & the Algebra

- If the meaning is unambiguous, we leave out the symbol “.”
- The identities above are organized into pairs. These pairs have names as follows:

1-4 Existence of 0 and 1	5-6 Idempotence
7-8 Existence of complement	9 Involution
10-11 Commutative Laws	12-13 Associative Laws
14-15 Distributive Laws	16-17 DeMorgan's Laws
- The dual of an algebraic expression is obtained by interchanging $+$ and \cdot and interchanging 0's and 1's.
- The identities appear in dual pairs. When there is only one identity on a line the identity is self-dual, i. e., the dual expression = the original expression.

Some Properties of Identities & the Algebra (Continued)

- Unless it happens to be self-dual, the dual of an expression does not equal the expression itself.
- Example: $F = (A + \bar{C}) \cdot B + 0$
dual $F = (A \cdot \bar{C} + B) \cdot 1 = A \cdot \bar{C} + B$
- Example: $G = X \cdot Y + (\bar{W} + \bar{Z})$
dual $G =$
- Example: $H = A \cdot B + A \cdot C + B \cdot C$
dual $H =$
- Are any of these functions self-dual?

Some Properties of Identities & the Algebra (Continued)

- There can be more than 2 elements in B, i. e., elements other than 1 and 0. What are some common useful Boolean algebras with more than 2 elements?
 1. Algebra of Sets
 2. Algebra of n-bit binary vectors
- If B contains only 1 and 0, then B is called the switching algebra which is the algebra we use most often.

Boolean Operator Precedence

- **The order of evaluation in a Boolean expression is:**
 1. Parentheses
 2. NOT
 3. AND
 4. OR
- **Consequence: Parentheses appear around OR expressions**
- **Example:** $F = A(B + C)(C + \overline{D})$

Example 1: Boolean Algebraic Proof

■ $A + A \cdot B = A$	(Absorption Theorem)
Proof Steps	Justification (identity or theorem)
$A + A \cdot B$	
$= A \cdot 1 + A \cdot B$	$X = X \cdot 1$
$= A \cdot (1 + B)$	$X \cdot Y + X \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y + Z)$ (Distributive Law)
$= A \cdot 1$	$1 + X = 1$
$= A$	$X \cdot 1 = X$

- **Our primary reason for doing proofs is to learn:**
 - Careful and efficient use of the identities and theorems of Boolean algebra, and
 - How to choose the appropriate identity or theorem to apply to make forward progress, irrespective of the application.

Example 2: Boolean Algebraic Proofs

- $AB + \overline{A}C + BC = AB + \overline{A}C$ (Consensus Theorem)

Proof Steps **Justification (identity or theorem)**

$$\begin{aligned} & AB + \overline{A}C + BC \\ = & AB + \overline{A}C + 1 \cdot BC & ? \\ = & AB + \overline{A}C + (A + \overline{A}) \cdot BC & ? \\ = & \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Boolean Algebraic Proofs

- $\overline{(\overline{X} + \overline{Y})}Z + X\overline{Y} = \overline{Y}(X + Z)$

Proof Steps **Justification (identity or theorem)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{(\overline{X} + \overline{Y})}Z + X\overline{Y} \\ = & \end{aligned}$$

Useful Theorems

- $x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot y = y$ $(x + y)(\bar{x} + y) = y$ **Minimization**
- $x + x \cdot y = x$ $x \cdot (x + y) = x$ **Absorption**
- $x + \bar{x} \cdot y = x + y$ $x \cdot (\bar{x} + y) = x \cdot y$ **Simplification**
- $x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot z + y \cdot z = x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot z$ **Consensus**
 $(x + y) \cdot (\bar{x} + z) \cdot (y + z) = (x + y) \cdot (\bar{x} + z)$
- $\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$ $\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$ **DeMorgan's Laws**

Proof of Simplification

$$x \cdot y + \bar{x} \cdot y = y \quad (x + y)(\bar{x} + y) = y$$

Proof of DeMorgan's Laws

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

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

Boolean Function Evaluation

$$F1 = xy\bar{z}$$

$$F2 = x + \bar{y}z$$

$$F3 = \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} + \bar{x}yz + x\bar{y}$$

$$F4 = x\bar{y} + \bar{x}z$$

x	y	z	F1	F2	F3	F4
0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	1	0	1		
0	1	0	0	0		
0	1	1	0	0		
1	0	0	0	1		
1	0	1	0	1		
1	1	0	1	1		
1	1	1	0	1		

Expression Simplification

- An application of Boolean algebra
- Simplify to contain the smallest number of literals (complemented and uncomplemented variables):

$$\begin{aligned} & AB + \overline{A}CD + \overline{A}BD + \overline{A}C\overline{D} + ABCD \\ &= AB + ABCD + \overline{A}CD + \overline{A}C\overline{D} + \overline{A}BD \\ &= AB + AB(CD) + \overline{A}C(D + \overline{D}) + \overline{A}BD \\ &= AB + \overline{A}C + \overline{A}BD = B(A + \overline{A}D) + \overline{A}C \\ &= B(A + D) + \overline{A}C \quad 5 \text{ literals} \end{aligned}$$

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Complementing Functions

- Use DeMorgan's Theorem to complement a function:
 1. Interchange AND and OR operators
 2. Complement each constant value and literal
- Example: Complement $F = \overline{x}y\overline{z} + x\overline{y}z$
 $\overline{F} = (x + \overline{y} + z)(\overline{x} + y + \overline{z})$
- Example: Complement $G = (\overline{a} + bc)\overline{d} + e$
 $\overline{G} =$

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Overview – Canonical Forms

- **What are Canonical Forms?**
- **Minterms and Maxterms**
- **Index Representation of Minterms and Maxterms**
- **Sum-of-Minterm (SOM) Representations**
- **Product-of-Maxterm (POM) Representations**
- **Representation of Complements of Functions**
- **Conversions between Representations**

Canonical Forms

- **It is useful to specify Boolean functions in a form that:**
 - **Allows comparison for equality.**
 - **Has a correspondence to the truth tables**
- **Canonical Forms in common usage:**
 - **Sum of Minterms (SOM)**
 - **Product of Maxterms (POM)**

Minterms

- **Minterms** are AND terms with every variable present in either true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., \overline{x}), there are 2^n minterms for n variables.
- **Example:** Two variables (X and Y) produce $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations:
 - XY (both normal)
 - $X\overline{Y}$ (X normal, Y complemented)
 - $\overline{X}Y$ (X complemented, Y normal)
 - $\overline{X}\overline{Y}$ (both complemented)
- Thus there are **four minterms** of two variables.

Maxterms

- **Maxterms** are OR terms with every variable in true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., \overline{x}), there are 2^n maxterms for n variables.
- **Example:** Two variables (X and Y) produce $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations:
 - $X + Y$ (both normal)
 - $X + \overline{Y}$ (x normal, y complemented)
 - $\overline{X} + Y$ (x complemented, y normal)
 - $\overline{X} + \overline{Y}$ (both complemented)

Maxterms and Minterms

- **Examples: Two variable minterms and maxterms.**

Index	Minterm	Maxterm
0	$\bar{x} \bar{y}$	$x + y$
1	$\bar{x} y$	$x + \bar{y}$
2	$x \bar{y}$	$\bar{x} + y$
3	$x y$	$\bar{x} + \bar{y}$

- The index above is important for describing which variables in the terms are true and which are complemented.

Standard Order

- Minterms and maxterms are designated with a subscript
- The subscript is a number, corresponding to a binary pattern
- The bits in the pattern represent the complemented or normal state of each variable listed in a standard order.
- All variables will be present in a minterm or maxterm and will be listed in the same order (usually alphabetically)
- Example: For variables a, b, c:
 - Maxterms: $(a + b + \bar{c})$, $(a + b + c)$
 - Terms: $(b + a + c)$, $a \bar{c} b$, and $(c + b + a)$ are NOT in standard order.
 - Minterms: $a \bar{b} c$, $a b c$, $\bar{a} \bar{b} c$
 - Terms: $(a + c)$, $\bar{b} c$, and $(\bar{a} + b)$ do not contain all variables

Purpose of the Index

- The index for the minterm or maxterm, expressed as a binary number, is used to determine whether the variable is shown in the true form or complemented form.
- For Minterms:
 - “1” means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
 - “0” means the variable is “Complemented”.
- For Maxterms:
 - “0” means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
 - “1” means the variable is “Complemented”.

Index Example in Three Variables

- Example: (for three variables)
- Assume the variables are called X, Y, and Z.
- The standard order is X, then Y, then Z.
- The Index 0 (base 10) = 000 (base 2) for three variables). All three variables are complemented for minterm 0 ($\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}$) and no variables are complemented for Maxterm 0 (X,Y,Z).
 - Minterm 0, called m_0 is $\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$.
 - Maxterm 0, called M_0 is $(X + Y + Z)$.
 - Minterm 6 ?
 - Maxterm 6 ?

Index Examples – Four Variables

Index	Binary	Minterm	Maxterm
i	Pattern	m_i	M_i
0	0000	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$a + b + c + d$
1	0001	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}d$?
3	0011	?	$a + b + \bar{c} + \bar{d}$
5	0101	$\bar{a}b\bar{c}d$	$a + \bar{b} + c + \bar{d}$
7	0111	?	$a + \bar{b} + \bar{c} + \bar{d}$
10	1010	$a\bar{b}c\bar{d}$	$\bar{a} + b + \bar{c} + d$
13	1101	$ab\bar{c}d$?
15	1111	$abcd$	$\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} + \bar{d}$

Minterm and Maxterm Relationship

- Review: DeMorgan's Theorem
 $\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$ and $\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$
- Two-variable example:
 $M_2 = \bar{x} + y$ and $m_2 = x \cdot \bar{y}$
 Thus M_2 is the complement of m_2 and vice-versa.
- Since DeMorgan's Theorem holds for n variables, the above holds for terms of n variables
- giving:

$$M_i = \overline{m_i} \text{ and } m_i = \overline{M_i}$$
 Thus M_i is the complement of m_i .

Function Tables for Both

■ Minterms of 2 variables

x y	m ₀	m ₁	m ₂	m ₃
0 0	1	0	0	0
0 1	0	1	0	0
1 0	0	0	1	0
1 1	0	0	0	1

■ Maxterms of 2 variables

x y	M ₀	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
0 0	0	1	1	1
0 1	1	0	1	1
1 0	1	1	0	1
1 1	1	1	1	0

- Each column in the maxterm function table is the complement of the column in the minterm function table since M_i is the complement of m_i .

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Observations

- In the function tables:
 - Each minterm has one and only one 1 present in the 2^n terms (a minimum of 1s). All other entries are 0.
 - Each maxterm has one and only one 0 present in the 2^n terms. All other entries are 1 (a maximum of 1s).
- We can implement any function by "ORing" the minterms corresponding to "1" entries in the function table. These are called the minterms of the function.
- We can implement any function by "ANDing" the maxterms corresponding to "0" entries in the function table. These are called the maxterms of the function.
- This gives us two canonical forms:
 - Sum of Minterms (SOM)
 - Product of Maxterms (POM)

for stating any Boolean function.

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Minterm Function Example

- Example: Find $F_1 = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$

- $F_1 = \bar{x} \bar{y} z + x \bar{y} \bar{z} + x y z$

x y z	index	m_1	+	m_4	+	m_7	= F_1
0 0 0	0	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
0 0 1	1	1	+	0	+	0	= 1
0 1 0	2	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
0 1 1	3	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 0 0	4	0	+	1	+	0	= 1
1 0 1	5	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 1 0	6	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 1 1	7	0	+	0	+	1	= 1

Minterm Function Example

- $F(A, B, C, D, E) = m_2 + m_9 + m_{17} + m_{23}$
- $F(A, B, C, D, E) =$

Maxterm Function Example

- Example: Implement F1 in maxterms:

$$F_1 = M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6$$

$$F_1 = (x + y + z) \cdot (x + \bar{y} + z) \cdot (x + \bar{y} + \bar{z})$$

$$\cdot (\bar{x} + y + \bar{z}) \cdot (\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$$

x y z	i	$M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6 = F_1$
0 0 0	0	$0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
0 0 1	1	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
0 1 0	2	$1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
0 1 1	3	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
1 0 0	4	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
1 0 1	5	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 = 0$
1 1 0	6	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 = 0$
1 1 1	7	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$

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Maxterm Function Example

- $F(A,B,C,D) = M_3 \cdot M_8 \cdot M_{11} \cdot M_{14}$
- $F(A, B,C,D) =$

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Canonical Sum of Minterms

- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a Sum of Minterms.
 - For the function table, the minterms used are the terms corresponding to the 1's
 - For expressions, expand all terms first to explicitly list all minterms. Do this by “ANDing” any term missing a variable v with a term $(v + \bar{v})$.
- Example: Implement $f = x + \bar{x} \bar{y}$ as a sum of minterms.

First expand terms: $f = x(y + \bar{y}) + \bar{x} \bar{y}$

Then distribute terms: $f = xy + x\bar{y} + \bar{x} \bar{y}$

Express as sum of minterms: $f = m_3 + m_2 + m_0$

Another SOM Example

- Example: $F = A + \bar{B} C$
- There are three variables, A, B, and C which we take to be the standard order.
- Expanding the terms with missing variables:
- Collect terms (removing all but one of duplicate terms):
- Express as SOM:

Shorthand SOM Form

- From the previous example, we started with:

$$F = A + \bar{B} C$$

- We ended up with:

$$F = m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

- This can be denoted in the formal shorthand:

$$F(A, B, C) = \Sigma_m(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

- Note that we explicitly show the standard variables in order and drop the “m” designators.

Canonical Product of Maxterms

- Any Boolean Function can be expressed as a Product of Maxterms (POM).

- For the function table, the maxterms used are the terms corresponding to the 0's.
- For an expression, expand all terms first to explicitly list all maxterms. Do this by first applying the second distributive law, “ORing” terms missing variable v with a term equal to $V + \bar{V}$ and then applying the distributive law again.

- Example: Convert to product of maxterms:

$$f(x, y, z) = x + \bar{x} \bar{y}$$

Apply the distributive law:

$$x + \bar{x} \bar{y} = (x + \bar{x})(x + \bar{y}) = 1 \cdot (x + \bar{y}) = x + \bar{y}$$

Add missing variable z:

$$x + \bar{y} + z \cdot \bar{z} = (x + \bar{y} + z)(x + \bar{y} + \bar{z})$$

Express as POM: $f = M_2 \cdot M_3$

Another POM Example

- Convert to Product of Maxterms:

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

- Use $x + y z = (x+y) \cdot (x+z)$ with $x = (A \bar{C} + B C)$, $y = \bar{A}$, and $z = \bar{B}$ to get:

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

- Then use $x + \bar{x} y = x + y$ to get:

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

and a second time to get:

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

- Rearrange to standard order,

$$f = (\bar{A} + B + \bar{C})(A + \bar{B} + C) \text{ to give } f = M_5 \cdot M_2$$

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Function Complements

- The complement of a function expressed as a sum of minterms is constructed by selecting the minterms missing in the sum-of-minterms canonical forms.
- Alternatively, the complement of a function expressed by a Sum of Minterms form is simply the Product of Maxterms with the same indices.
- Example: Given $F(x, y, z) = \Sigma_m(1, 3, 5, 7)$
 $\bar{F}(x, y, z) = \Sigma_m(0, 2, 4, 6)$
 $\bar{F}(x, y, z) = \Pi_M(1, 3, 5, 7)$

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Conversion Between Forms

- To convert between sum-of-minterms and product-of-maxterms form (or vice-versa) we follow these steps:
 - Find the function complement by swapping terms in the list with terms not in the list.
 - Change from products to sums, or vice versa.
- Example: Given F as before: $F(x, y, z) = \sum_m(1, 3, 5, 7)$
- Form the Complement: $\bar{F}(x, y, z) = \sum_m(0, 2, 4, 6)$
- Then use the other form with the same indices – this forms the complement again, giving the other form of the original function: $F(x, y, z) = \prod_M(0, 2, 4, 6)$

Standard Forms

- Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP) form:
equations are written as an OR of AND terms
- Standard Product-of-Sums (POS) form:
equations are written as an AND of OR terms
- Examples:
 - SOP: $A B C + \bar{A} \bar{B} C + B$
 - POS: $(A + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) \cdot C$
- These “mixed” forms are neither SOP nor POS
 - $(A B + C) (A + C)$
 - $A B \bar{C} + A C (A + B)$

Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP)

- A sum of minterms form for n variables can be written down directly from a truth table.
 - Implementation of this form is a two-level network of gates such that:
 - The first level consists of n -input AND gates, and
 - The second level is a single OR gate (with fewer than 2^n inputs).
- This form often can be simplified so that the corresponding circuit is simpler.

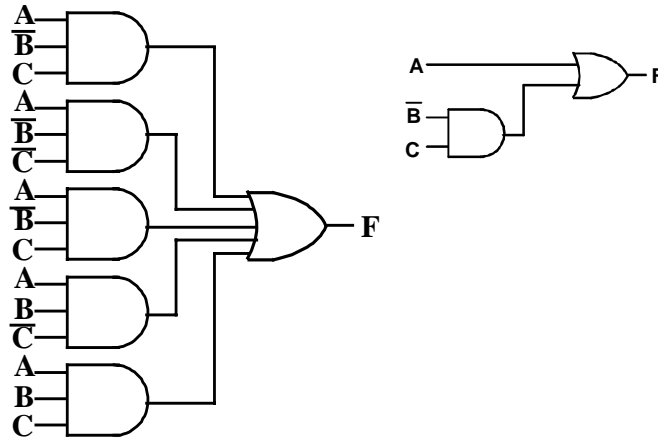
Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP)

- A Simplification Example:
- $F(A, B, C) = \Sigma m(1,4,5,6,7)$
- Writing the minterm expression:
$$F = \overline{A} \overline{B} C + A \overline{B} \overline{C} + A \overline{B} C + ABC \overline{C} + ABC$$
- Simplifying:
$$F =$$

- Simplified F contains 3 literals compared to 15 in minterm F

AND/OR Two-level Implementation of SOP Expression

- The two implementations for F are shown below – it is quite apparent which is simpler!



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SOP and POS Observations

- The previous examples show that:
 - Canonical Forms (Sum-of-minterms, Product-of-Maxterms), or other standard forms (SOP, POS) differ in complexity
 - Boolean algebra can be used to manipulate equations into simpler forms.
 - Simpler equations lead to simpler two-level implementations
- Questions:
 - How can we attain a “simplest” expression?
 - Is there only one minimum cost circuit?
 - The next part will deal with these issues.

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