## Ch 2. Combinational Logic

## Combinational logic

Define

- The kind of digital system whose output behavior depends only on the current inputs
- memoryless: its outputs are independent of the historical sequence of values presented to it as inputs
- cf.) Sequential logic
- Many ways to describe combination logic
  - Boolean algebra expression
  - wired up logic gates
  - truth tables tabulating input and output combinations
  - graphical maps
  - program statements in a hardware description language

Examples of combinational logic

The equivalence circuit

Χ	Υ	equal
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

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Χ	Υ	Zero	One	Two
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1

Binary Adder

Χ	Υ	Cout	S		
0	0	0	0		
0	1	0	1		
1	0	0	1		
1	1	1	0		
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Χ	Υ	Cin	Cout	S
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1
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## Laws and theorems of Boolean logic

#### Basic concept

- Boolean algebra is the mathematical foundation of digital systems
- laws (axioms) : The property to which the operations of Boolean algebra must adhere
- Axioms can be used to prove more general laws
- Boolean operations
  - Operation order
    - COMPLEMENT  $\rightarrow$  AND  $\rightarrow$  OR
  - Parentheses : change the default order of evaluation
  - examples :

1) 
$$\overline{A} \bullet B + C = ((\overline{A}) \bullet B) + C$$
  
2)  $\overline{A} + B \bullet C = (\overline{A}) + (B \bullet C)$ 

## Axioms of Boolean algebra

#### A Boolean algebra consists of

- a set of elements B
- binary operations { + , }
- and a unary operation { ' }
- such that the following axioms hold (Huntington's postulates):

1. the set B contains at least two elements: a, b2. closure:
$$a + b$$
 is in B $a \cdot b$  is in B3. identity: $a + 0 = a$  $a \cdot 1 = a$ 4. complementarity: $a + a' = 1$  $a \cdot a' = 0$ 5. commutativity: $a + b = b + a$  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ 6. distributivity: $a + (b \cdot c) = (a + b) \cdot (a + c)$  $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$ 7. associativity: $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$ (redundant) $= a + b + c$  $= a \cdot b \cdot c$ 

Axioms/theorems of Boolean algebra

- Operations with 0 and 1:
  - 1.  $X \bullet 1 = X$ 1D. X + 0 = X2. X + 1 = 12D.  $X \bullet 0 = 0$
- Idempotent theorem:
   3. X + X = X
- Involution theorem:
  - 4. (X')' = X
- Theorem of complementarity:
  - 5. X + X' = 1
- Commutative law:
   6. X + Y = Y + X
- Associative law:

7. 
$$(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$$
  
= X + Y + Z

2D.  $X \bullet 0 = 0$ 3D.  $X \bullet X = X$ 

- 5D. X X' = 0
- 6D.  $X \bullet Y = Y \bullet X$

7D. 
$$(X \bullet Y) \bullet Z = X \bullet (Y \bullet Z)$$
  
=  $X \bullet Y \bullet Z$ 

Axioms/theorems of Boolean algebra (cont'd)

#### Distributive law:

8.  $X \bullet (Y + Z) = (X \bullet Y) + (X \bullet Z)$ 

- Simplification theorems:
  - 9.  $X \bullet Y + X \bullet Y' = X$
  - 10. X + X Y = X
  - 11.  $(X + Y') \bullet Y = X \bullet Y$
- DeMorgan's law:

8D.  $X + (Y \bullet Z) = (X + Y) \bullet (X + Z)$ 

9D. 
$$(X + Y) \bullet (X + Y') = X$$
  
10D.  $X \bullet (X + Y) = X$   
11D.  $(X \bullet Y') + Y = X + Y$ 

12D. 
$$(X \bullet Y \bullet Z \bullet ...)'$$
  
= X' + Y' + Z' +...

General form:

13. { $f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n, 0, 1, +, \bullet)$ }' = { $f(X_1', X_2', ..., X_n', 1, 0, \bullet, +)$ }

Axioms/theorems of Boolean algebra (cont'd)

Duality: 14.  $(X + Y + Z + ...)^{D}$ 14D. (X • Y • Z • ...)<sup>D</sup> --> X + Y + 7 + --> X • Y • 7 • General form: 15. { $f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n, 0, 1, +, \bullet)$ }<sup>D</sup> -->  $f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n, 1, 0, \bullet, +)$ Theorem for multiplying and factoring 16D. X • Y + X' • Z 16.  $(X + Y) \bullet (X' + Z)$  $= X \bullet 7 + X' \bullet Y$  $= (X + Z) \bullet (X' + Y)$ Consensus theorem:  $17. X \bullet Y + Y \bullet 7 + X' \bullet 7$ 17D.  $(X + Y) \bullet (Y + Z) \bullet (X' + Z)$ 

 $= X \bullet Y + X' \bullet Z$ 

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

## Axioms/theorems of Boolean algebra (cont'd)

- Verifying the Boolean theorems using the axioms of Boolean algebra:
  - e.g., the Uniting theorem(9):  $X \bullet Y + X \bullet Y' = X$ ?

Distributive law (8) Complementarity theorem (5) Identity (1D)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} X \bullet (Y + Y') & = & X \\ X \bullet (1) & = & X \\ X & = & X \checkmark \end{array}$$

• e.g., the Simplification theorem(10):  $X + X \cdot Y = X$ ?

Identity (1D)	X • 1 + X • Y	=	Х
Distributive law (8)	X(1 + Y)	=	Х
Commutative law (6)	X(Y + 1)	=	Х
Identity (2)	X(1)	=	Х
Identity (1)	Х	=	χ 🗸

## Duality and DeMorgan's law

#### Duality

- a dual of a Boolean expression is derived by replacing
  - by +, + by •, 0 by 1, and 1 by 0, and leaving variables unchanged
- any theorem that can be proven is thus also proven for its dual!
- a meta-theorem (a theorem about theorems)
- allow to derive new theorems

: (e.g.) the dual of the Uniting theorem(9),  $X \bullet Y + X \bullet Y' = X$ , is

 $(X + Y) \cdot (X + Y') = X$ . The proof of the dual follows step-by-step, simply using the duals of the laws used in the original proof.

$$(X + Y) \bullet (X + Y') = X?$$
  

$$X + (Y \bullet Y') = X$$
Distributive law (8D)  

$$X + 0 = X$$
Complementarity theorem (5D)  

$$X = X \checkmark$$
Identity (1)

## Duality and DeMorgan's law

#### DeMorgan's law

- Give a procedure for complementing a complex function
- The complemented expression is derived by replacing
   All literals by their complements, 0 by 1, 1 by 0, by + and + by •

• (e.g.) the complement of 
$$Z = \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$$
  
 $\overline{Z} = (\overline{\overline{ABC}} + \overline{\overline{ABC}} + \overline{\overline{ABC}} + \overline{\overline{ABC}})$   
 $\overline{Z} = \overline{\overline{ABC}} \cdot \overline{\overline{ABC}} \cdot \overline{\overline{ABC}} \cdot \overline{\overline{ABC}} \cdot \overline{\overline{ABC}}$   
 $\overline{Z} = (A + B + \overline{C}) (A + \overline{B} + \overline{C}) (\overline{A} + B + \overline{C}) (\overline{A} + \overline{B} + C)$ 

Possible logic functions of two variables

There are 16 possible functions of 2 input variables:



## Cost of different logic functions

- Different functions are easier or harder to implement
  - each has a cost associated with the number of switches needed
  - 0 (F0) and 1 (F15): require 0 switches, directly connect output to low/high
  - X (F3) and Y (F5): require 0 switches, output is one of inputs
  - □ X' (F12) and Y' (F10): require 2 switches for "inverter" or NOT-gate
  - □ X nor Y (F4) and X nand Y (F14): require 4 switches
  - X or Y (F7) and X and Y (F1): require 6 switches
  - □ X = Y (F9) and  $X \oplus Y$  (F6): require 16 switches
  - thus, because NOT, NOR, and NAND are the cheapest they are the functions we implement the most in practice

Realizing Boolean formulas (logic gates)



X <u>xor</u> Y = X Y' + X' Y X or Y but not both ("inequality", "difference")

X <u>xnor</u> Y = X Y + X' Y' X and Y are the same ("equality", "coincidence")

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Contemporary Logic Design

# Realizing Boolean formulas (logic blocks and hierarchy)

- Complex logic function can be constructed from more primitive functions by wiring up logic gates
- example : 2-bit adder



2 bit Adder



## Time behavior and waveforms

Waveform: represent signal propagation over time

- x-axis: the time step
- y-axis: the logical value
- Unit delay model: considering the delay through any gate as taking exactly one time unit for a simplifying assumption



## Minimizing the number of gates and wires

Different implementations of one function



## Two-level logic

#### Canonical form

- Standard form for a Boolean expression
- Unique algebraic signature of the function
- Two alternative forms
  - sum-of-products
  - product-of-sums
- Incompletely specified function
  - consider one more set: don't care set

## Sum-of-products canonical forms

- Also known as disjunctive normal form
- Also known as minterm expansion



## Sum-of-products canonical form (cont'd)

#### Product term (or minterm)

- ANDed product of literals input combination for which output is true
- each variable appears exactly once, true or inverted (but not both)

А	В	С	minter	ms
0	0	0	A'B'C'	m0
0	0	1	A'B'C	m1
0	1	0	A'BC'	m2
0	1	1	A'BC	m3
1	0	0	AB'C'	m4
1	0	1	AB'C	m5
1	1	0	ABC'	m6
1	1	1	ABC	m7
				1

F in canonical form:  $F(A, B, C) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7)$  = m1 + m3 + m5 + m6 + m7 = A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC

canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form F(A, B, C) = A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC + ABC' = (A'B' + A'B + AB' + AB)C + ABC' = ((A' + A)(B' + B))C + ABC' = C + ABC' = ABC' + C = AB + C

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## Product-of-sums canonical form

- Also known as conjunctive normal form
- Also known as maxterm expansion



F' = (A + B + C') (A + B' + C') (A' + B + C') (A' + B' + C) (A' + B' + C')

## Product-of-sums canonical form (cont'd)

- Sum term (or maxterm)
  - ORed sum of literals input combination for which output is false
  - each variable appears exactly once, true or inverted (but not both)

Α	В	С	maxterms	
0	0	0	A+B+C	MO
0	0	1	A+B+C'	M1
0	1	0	A+B'+C	M2
0	1	1	A+B'+C'	M3
1	0	0	A'+B+C	M4
1	0	1	A'+B+C'	M5
1	1	0	A'+B'+C	M6
1	1	1	A'+B'+C'	M7
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short-hand notation for / maxterms of 3 variables F in canonical form:  $F(A, B, C) = \Pi M(0,2,4)$   $= M0 \cdot M2 \cdot M4$ = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C)

canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form F(A, B, C) = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C) = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A + B + C) (A' + B + C) = (A + C) (B + C)

## Four alternative two-level implementations of F



## Waveforms for the four alternatives

#### Waveforms are essentially identical

- except for timing hazards (glitches)
- delays almost identical (modeled as a delay per level, not type of gate or number of inputs to gate)



## S-o-P, P-o-S, and DeMorgan's theorem

- Sum-of-products
  - $\Box \quad F' = A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C'$
- Apply DeMorgan's
  - $\Box \quad (F')' = (A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C')'$
  - $\Box F = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C)$

#### Product-of-sums

F' = (A + B + C') (A + B' + C') (A' + B + C') (A' + B' + C) (A' + B' + C')

#### Apply DeMorgan's

- $\Box (F')' = ((A + B + C')(A + B' + C')(A' + B + C')(A' + B' + C)(A' + B' + C'))'$
- $\Box \quad F = A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC$

## Conversion between canonical forms

#### Minterm to maxterm conversion

- use maxterms whose indices do not appear in minterm expansion
- e.g.,  $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7) = \Pi M(0,2,4)$
- Maxterm to minterm conversion
  - use minterms whose indices do not appear in maxterm expansion
  - e.g.,  $F(A,B,C) = \prod M(0,2,4) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7)$
- Minterm expansion of F to minterm expansion of F'
  - use minterms whose indices do not appear
  - e.g.,  $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7)$   $F'(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(0,2,4)$
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## Incompletely specified functions

Example: binary coded decimal increment by 1

 BCD digits encode the decimal digits 0 – 9 in the bit patterns 0000 – 1001



## Notation for incompletely specified functions

- Don't cares and canonical forms
  - □ so far, only represented on-set
  - also represent don't-care-set
  - need two of the three sets (on-set, off-set, dc-set)
- Canonical representations of the BCD increment by 1 function:
  - $\Box Z = m0 + m2 + m4 + m6 + m8 + d10 + d11 + d12 + d13 + d14 + d15$
  - $\Box \quad Z = \Sigma \left[ m(0,2,4,6,8) + d(10,11,12,13,14,15) \right]$

 $\Box \ Z = M1 \bullet M3 \bullet M5 \bullet M7 \bullet M9 \bullet D10 \bullet D11 \bullet D12 \bullet D13 \bullet D14 \bullet D15$ 

 $\Box \quad Z = \Pi \left[ M(1,3,5,7,9) \bullet D(10,11,12,13,14,15) \right]$ 

## Simplification of two-level combinational logic

- Finding a minimal sum of products or product of sums realization
- Algebraic simplification
  - not an algorithmic/systematic procedure
  - how do you know when the minimum realization has been found?
- Computer-aided design tools
  - precise solutions require very long computation times, especially for functions with many inputs (> 10)
  - heuristic methods employed "educated guesses" to reduce amount of computation and yield good if not best solutions
- Hand methods still relevant
  - to understand automatic tools and their strengths and weaknesses
  - ability to check results (on small examples)

## The essence of Boolean simplification

Key tool to simplification: the Uniting theorem

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

- Essence of simplification of two-level logic
  - find two element subsets of the ON-set where only one variable changes its value – this single varying variable can be eliminated and a single product term used to represent both elements

F = A'B' + AB' = (A' + A)B' = B'



## Boolean cubes

- Visual technique for identifying when the uniting theorem can be applied
- n input variables = n-dimensional "cube"



## Mapping truth tables onto Boolean cubes

- Uniting theorem combines two "faces" of a cube into a larger "face"
- adjacency plane
  - circled elements of the on-set that are directly adjacent
  - each adjacency plane corresponds to a product term



## Three variable example

Binary full-adder carry-out logic

Α	В	Cin	Cout
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1



the on-set is completely covered by the combination (OR) of the subcubes of lower dimensionality - note that "111" is covered three times

Cout = BCin + AB + ACin

## Higher dimensional cubes

Sub-cubes of higher dimension than 1

 $\begin{array}{c} 011 \\ 010 \\ B \\ 000 \\ A \end{array}$ 

 $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(4,5,6,7)$ 

on-set forms a square i.e., a cube of dimension 2

*represents an expression in one variable i.e., 3 dimensions – 2 dimensions* 

A is asserted (true) and unchanged B and C vary

This subcube represents the literal A

## m-dimensional cubes in an n-dimensional Boolean space

- In a 3-cube (three variables):
  - a 0-dimensional plane, i.e., a single node, yields a term in 3 literals
    - example : 101 = AB'C
  - a 1-dimensional plane, i.e., a line of two nodes, yields a term in 2 literals
    - example : 100-101 = AB'
  - a 2-dimensional plane, i.e., a plane of four nodes, yields a term in 1 literal
    - example : 100-101-111-110 = A
  - a 3-dimensional plane, i.e., a cube of eight nodes, yields a constant logic "1"
- In general,
  - an m-dimensional adjacency plane within an n-cube (m < n) yields a term with n – m literals

## Karnaugh maps

#### The problem for humans

- difficulty of visualizing adjacencies in more than 3 dimensional cubes
- Karnaugh maps
  - Alternative reformulation of the truth table
  - at least for expressions up to six variables
  - wrap-around at edges
  - on-set elements with only one variable changing value are adjacent unlike the situation in a linear truth-table



## Karnaugh maps (cont'd)

Numbering scheme based on Gray–code

- e.g., 00, 01, 11, 10
- only a single bit changes in code for adjacent map cells





13 = 1101 = ABC'D

## Adjacencies in Karnaugh maps

- Wrap from first to last column
- Wrap top row to bottom row





Karnaugh map examples

2-variable maps



Karnaugh map examples (cont'd)

#### 3-variable maps



More Karnaugh map examples



G(A,B,C) = A



$$F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(0,4,5,7) = AC + B'C'$$



Complement of F(A,B,C) = m(0,4,5,7)F' simply replace 1's with 0's and vice versa  $F'(A,B,C) = \sum m(1,2,3,6) = BC' + A'C$  Karnaugh map: 4-variable example

•  $F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma m(0,2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,14,15)$ 

F = C + A'BD + B'D'





find the smallest number of the largest possible subcubes to cover the ON-set (fewer terms with fewer inputs per term) Karnaugh maps: don't cares

•  $f(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,7,9) + d(6,12,13)$ 

without don't cares

• f = A'D + B'C'D



Karnaugh maps: don't cares (cont'd)

f(A,B,C,D) = Σ m(1,3,5,7,9) + d(6,12,13)
 i f = A'D + B'C'D without don't cares
 i f = A'D + C'D with don't cares



by using don't care as a "1" a 2-cube can be formed rather than a 1-cube to cover this node

don't cares can be treated as 1s or 0s depending on which is more advantageous

## Multilevel Logic

- Comparison with 2-level logic
  - gain: reduce the number of wires, gates and inputs to each gate
  - lose: add up more combined delay because of the increased levels of logic
- Example
  - 2-level logic

Z = ADF + AEF + BDF + BEF + CDF + CEF + G

 $\rightarrow$  six 3-input AND gates and one 7-input OR gate

multilevel logic

Z = (AD + AE + BD + BE + CD + CE)F + G

$$Z = [(A + B + C)D + (A + B + C)E]F + G$$

Z = (A + B + C)(D + E)F + G

 $\rightarrow$  one 3-input OR gate, two 2-input OR gates and one 3-input AND gate

## Chapter review

- Variety of primitive logic building blocks
   NOT, AND, OR, NAND, NOR, XOR and XNOR gates
- Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra
  - proofs by re-writing and perfect induction
- Two-level logic
  - canonical forms: sum-of-products and product-of-sums
  - incompletely specified functions
- Simplification
  - a start at understanding two-level simplification
  - Boolean cubes
  - K-Map