

# Combinational Logic Circuits

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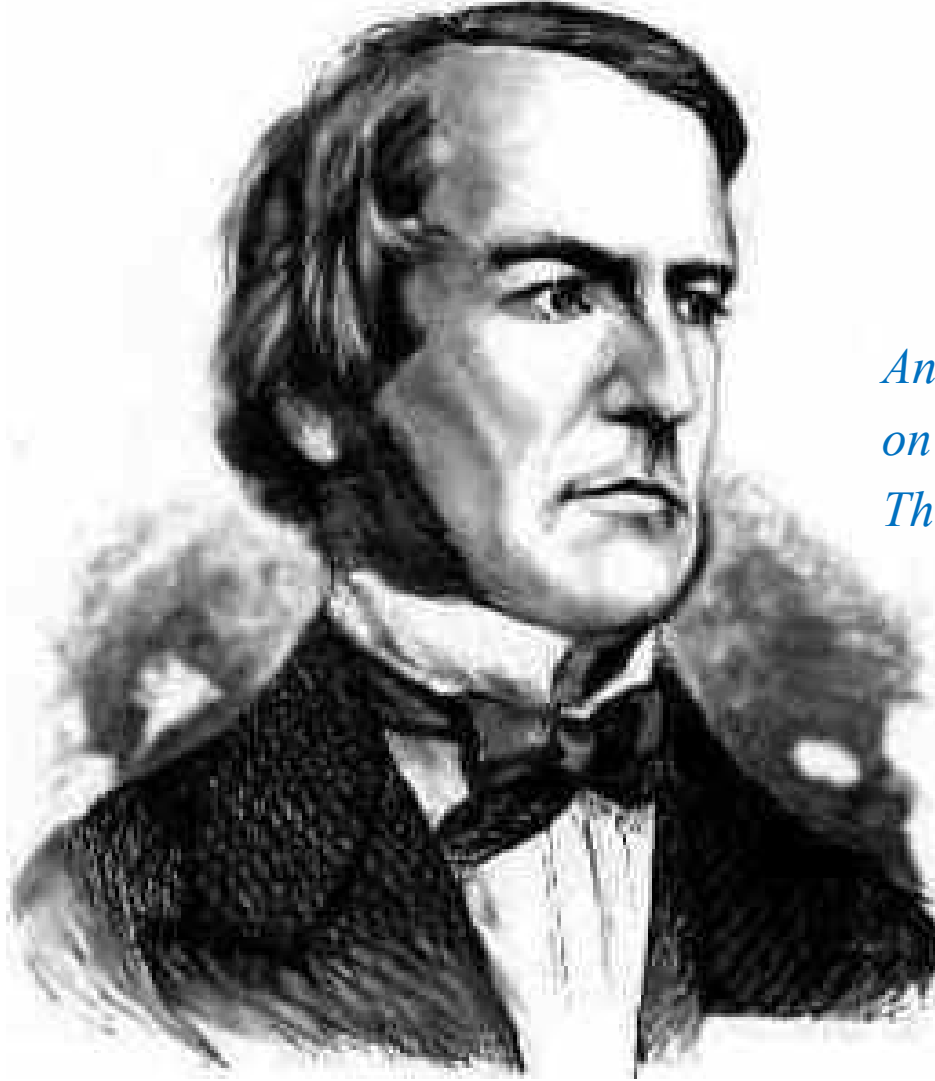
# Binary Logic and Gates

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- ✓ 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 mathematical system for specifying and transforming logic functions.
- ✓ We study Boolean algebra as a foundation for DESIGNING AND ANALYZING DIGITAL SYSTEMS!

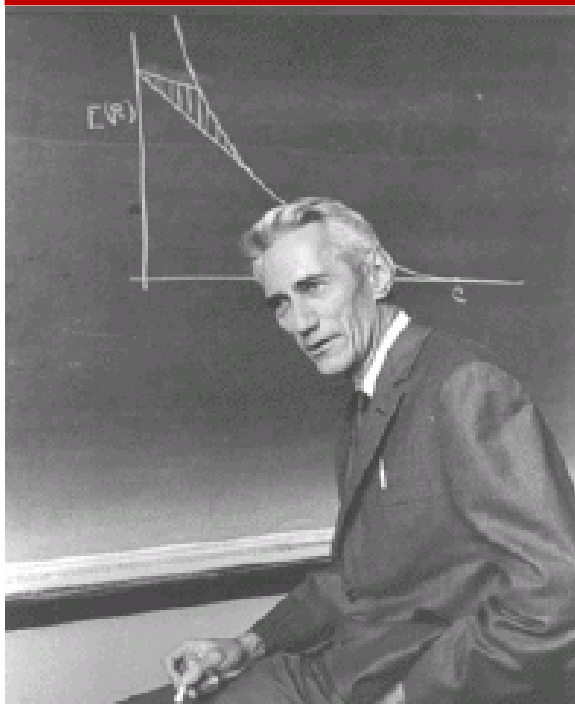
# George Boole (1815-1864)

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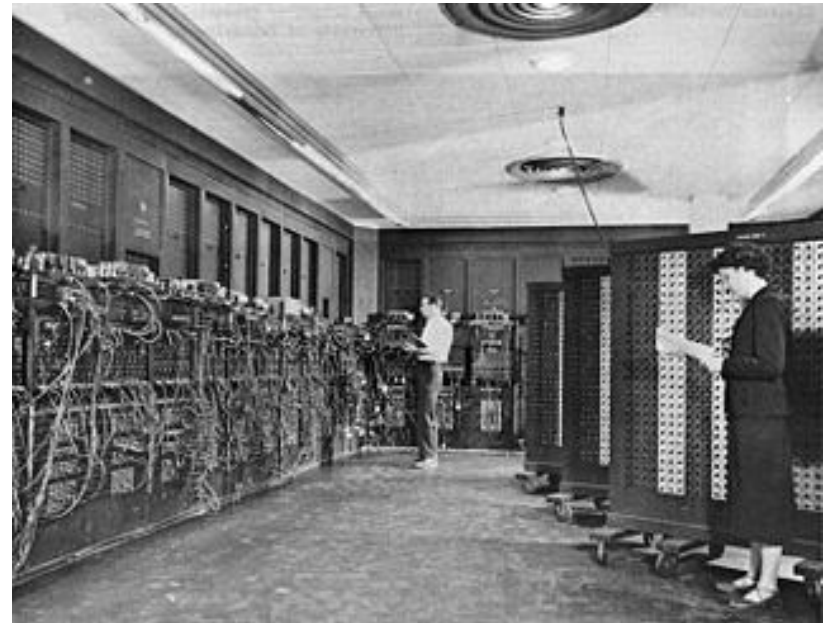
*An Investigation of the Laws of Thought,  
on Which are founded the Mathematical  
Theories of Logic and Probabilities (1854)*

# Claude Shannon (1916-2001)



*A Symbolic Analysis of Relay  
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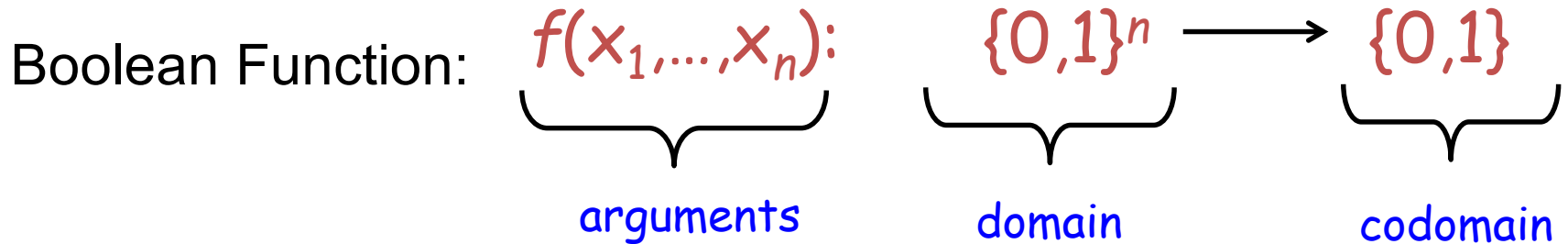


# Binary Variables

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- ✓ 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

# Boolean Functions



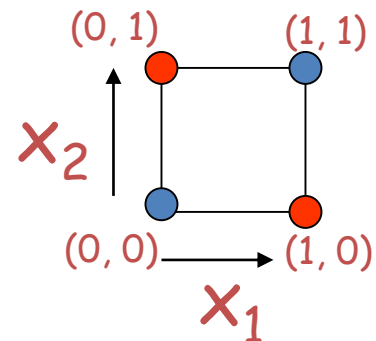
- $x_1, x_2, \dots$  are **variables**
- $x_1, \bar{x}_1, x_2, \bar{x}_2, \dots$  are **literals**
- essentially:  $f$  maps each vertex of  $B^n$  to 0 or 1

Example:

$$f = \{((x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0), 0), ((x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1), 1), ((x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0), 1), ((x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1), 0)\}$$

	$x_2$	
	0	1
$x_1$	1	0

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# The Boolean n-cube $B^n$

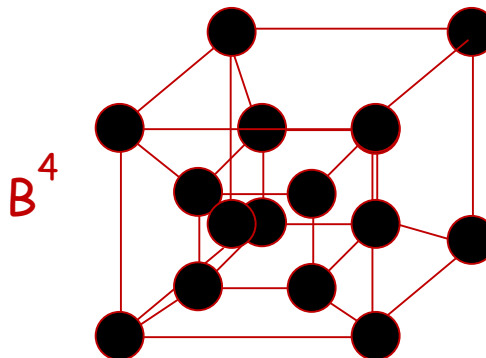
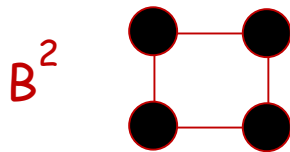
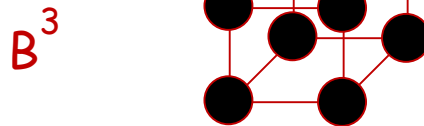
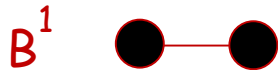
- ✓  $B^1(B) = \{0,1\}$
- ✓  $B^2 = \{0,1\} \times \{0,1\} = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$
- ✓ Arrangement of function table on a hypercube
  - The function value  $f_j$  is **adjacent** in each dimension of the hypercube to  $f_k$  where  $k$  is obtained from  $j$  by complementing one and only one input variable:  $X_0 X_1 \dots X_n$

is adjacent to

$$\bar{X}_0 X_1 \dots X_n$$

$$X_0 \bar{X}_1 \dots X_n$$

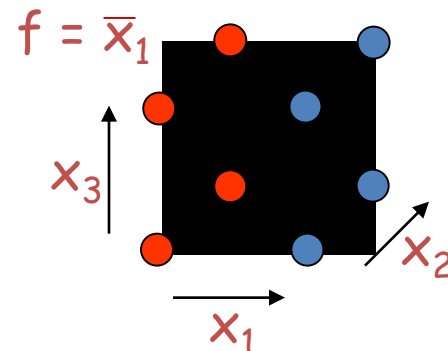
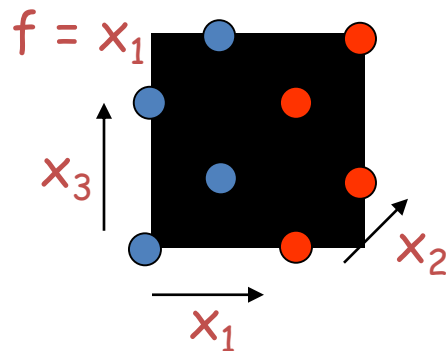
$$X_0 X_1 \dots \bar{X}_n$$



# Boolean Functions

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- The **Onset** of  $f$  is  $\{x \mid f(x) = 1\} = f^{-1}(1) = f^1$
- The **Offset** of  $f$  is  $\{x \mid f(x) = 0\} = f^{-1}(0) = f^0$
- if  $f^1 = B^n$ ,  $f$  is the **tautology**. i.e.  $f \equiv 1$
- if  $f^0 = B^n$  ( $f^1 = \emptyset$ ),  $f$  is **not satisfiable**, i.e.  $f \equiv 0$
- if  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in B^n$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  **are equivalent**
- we say  $f$  instead of  $f^1$
- literals: A **literal** is a variable or its negation  $x, \bar{x}$  and represents a logic function





# Logical Operations

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- ✓ 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 ( $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ), a single quote mark ( $'$ ) after, or ( $\sim$ ) before the variable.
- ✓ The order of evaluation in a Boolean expression is:
  1. Parentheses
  2. NOT
  3. AND
  4. OR
- ✓ Consequence: Parentheses appear around OR expressions
- ✓ Example:  $F = A(B + C)(C + D)$

# Fundamentals of Boolean Algebra

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## ✓ Basic Postulates

- **Postulate 1 (Definition):** A Boolean algebra is a **closed algebraic system** containing a set  $K$  of two or more elements and the two operators  $\bullet$  and  $+$ .
- **Postulate 2 (Existence of 1 and 0 element):**  
(a)  $a + 0 = a$  (identity for  $+$ ),      (b)  $a \bullet 1 = a$  (identity for  $\bullet$ )
- **Postulate 3 (Commutativity):**  
(a)  $a + b = b + a$       (b)  $a \bullet b = b \bullet a$
- **Postulate 4 (Associativity):**  
(a)  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$       (b)  $a \bullet (b \bullet c) = (a \bullet b) \bullet c$
- **Postulate 5 (Distributivity):**  
(a)  $a + (b \bullet c) = (a + b) \bullet (a + c)$       (b)  $a \bullet (b + c) = a \bullet b + a \bullet c$
- **Postulate 6 (Existence of complement):**  
(a)  $\overline{a} + a = 1$       (b)  $\overline{a} \bullet a = 0$

Normally  $\bullet$  is omitted.

A switching algebra is a BA with  $F=\{0,1\}$

# Notation Examples

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## ✓ Examples:

- $Y = A \cdot B = A B$  is read "Y is equal to A AND B."
- $z = x + y$  is read "z is equal to x OR y."
- $X = \overline{A}$  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

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

AND

X	Y	$Z = X \cdot Y$
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

# Properties of Identities

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✓ Some properties:

- *Idempotence*

$$(a) \ a + a = a$$

$$(b) \ a \bullet a = a$$

- *Existence of 0 and 1*

$$(a) \ a + 1 = 1$$

$$(b) \ a \bullet 0 = 0$$

- *Involution*

$$(a) \ \overline{\overline{a}} = a$$

- *DeMorgan's*

$$(a) \ \overline{a + b} = \overline{a} \bullet \overline{b}$$

$$(b) \ \overline{a \bullet b} = \overline{a} + \overline{b}$$

# Some Properties of Boolean Algebra

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- ✓ The **dual** of an algebraic expression is obtained by interchanging + and  $\cdot$  and interchanging 0's and 1's.
- ✓ Unless it happens to be **self-dual**, the dual of an expression does not equal the expression itself.
- ✓ Example:  $F = (A + \bar{C}) \cdot B + 0$   
 $\text{dual } F = ((A \cdot \bar{C}) + B) \cdot 1 = A \cdot \bar{C} + B$
- ✓ Example:  $G = X \cdot Y + \overline{(W + Z)}$   
 $\text{dual } G = (X+Y) \cdot \overline{(W \cdot Z)} = (X+Y) \cdot (\bar{W} + \bar{Z})$
- ✓ Example:  $H = A \cdot B + A \cdot C + B \cdot C$   
 $\text{dual } H = (A + B)(A + C)(B + C) = (A + AC + BA + BC)(B + C)$   
 $= (A + BC)(B + C) = AB + AC + BC$ . So H is self-dual.
- ✓ Are any of these functions self-dual?

# Generalized De Morgan's theorems

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$$\overline{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n} = \overline{X_1} + \overline{X_2} + \dots + \overline{X_n}$$

$$\overline{\overline{X_1} + \overline{X_2} + \dots + \overline{X_n}} = \overline{X_1} \overline{X_2} \dots \overline{X_n}$$

- ✓ Proof Generalized De Morgan's theorems by general induction:

Two steps:

- Show that the statement is true for two variables
- Show that if is true for n variable , than is also true for n+1 variables:

$$\text{Let } Z = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$\overline{(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n + X_{n+1})} = \overline{(Z + X_{n+1})} = \overline{(Z \cdot \overline{X_{n+1}})} = \overline{(\overline{X_1} \cdot \overline{X_2} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{X_n}) \cdot \overline{X_{n+1}}} \text{ by induction hypothesis}$$

# Others Properties of Boolean Algebra

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- ✓ There can be more than 2 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
  3. Quantified Boolean Algebra (QBA)
- ✓ If B contains only 1 and 0, then B is called the **Switching Algebra** which is the algebra we use most often.



# Quantified Boolean formulas (QBFs)

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- ✓ Generalize (quantifier-free) Boolean formulas with the additional universal and existential quantifiers:  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ , respectively.
- ✓ In writing a QBF, we assume that the precedences of the quantifiers are lower than those of the Boolean connectives.
- ✓ In a QBF, variables being quantified are called bound variables, whereas those not quantified are called free variables.
- ✓ Any QBF can be rewritten as a quantifier-free Boolean formula through quantifier elimination by formula expansion (among other methods), e.g.,

$$\forall x: f(x; y) = f(0; y) \bullet f(1; y)$$

and

$$\exists x: f(x; y) = f(0; y) + f(1; y)$$

- ✓ Consequently, for any QBF  $\phi$ , there exists an equivalent quantifier-free Boolean formula that refers only to the free variables of  $\phi$ .
- ✓ QBFs are thus of the same expressive power as quantifier-free Boolean formulas, but can be more succinct.

# Boolean Algebraic Proofs: Example 1

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✓  $A + A \cdot B = A$

Absorption Theorem

Proof Steps

Justification

$$A + A \cdot B$$

$$= A \cdot 1 + A \cdot B$$

$$X = X \cdot 1$$

Identity for  $\cdot$

$$= A \cdot (1 + B)$$

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

Distributive Law

$$= A \cdot 1$$

$$1 + X = 1$$

Existence of 1

$$= A$$

$$X \cdot 1 = X$$

Identity for  $\cdot$

## Example 2: Boolean Algebraic Proofs

✓  $AB + \overline{A}C + BC = AB + \overline{A}C$

Consensus Theorem

Proof Steps

Justification

$$AB + \overline{A}C + BC$$

$$= AB + \overline{A}C + 1 \cdot BC$$

Identity for  $\cdot$

$$= AB + \overline{A}C + (A + \overline{A}) \cdot BC$$

Existence of complement

$$= AB + \overline{A}C + ABC + \overline{A}BC$$

Distributive Law

$$= AB \cdot (1 + C) + \overline{A}C \cdot (1 + B)$$

Distributive Law

$$= AB + \overline{A}C$$

Existence of 1

✓  $(A+B) \cdot (\overline{A}+C) \cdot (B+C) = (A+B) \cdot (\overline{A}+C)$  Dual identity

# Useful Theorems

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✓  $X \cdot Y + \overline{X} \cdot Y = Y$        $(X + Y) \cdot (\overline{X} + Y) = Y$       Minimization

✓  $X + X \cdot Y = X$        $X \cdot (X + Y) = X$       Absorption

✓  $X + \overline{X} \cdot Y = X + Y$        $X \cdot (\overline{X} + Y) = X \cdot Y$       Simplification

✓  $X \cdot Y + \overline{X} \cdot Z + Y \cdot Z = X \cdot Y + \overline{X} \cdot Z$       Consensus  
 $(X + Y) \cdot (\overline{X} + Z) \cdot (Y + Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (\overline{X} + Z)$

✓  $\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X} \cdot \overline{Y}$        $\overline{X \cdot Y} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y}$       De Morgan's Law

# Example 3: Boolean Algebraic Proofs

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

Proof Steps

Justification

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

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

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

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

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

$$= Y' \cdot 1 \cdot (Z + X)$$

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

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

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

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

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

$$A + A' = 1$$

$$1 \cdot A = A, A + B = B + A$$

De Morgan's Law

Commutative Law

Distributive Law

Distributive Law

Existence of complement

Commutative Law

# Expression Simplification

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

$$AB + \overline{A}CD + \overline{A}BD + \overline{A}C\overline{D} + ABCD$$

15 literal, 2 levels

$$= AB + ABCD + \overline{A}CD + \overline{A}C\overline{D} + \overline{A}BD$$

$$= AB + AB(CD) + \overline{A}C(D + \overline{D}) + \overline{A}BD$$

$$= AB + \overline{A}C + \overline{A}BD = B(A + \overline{A}D) + \overline{A}C$$

$$= B(A + D) + \overline{A}C \qquad = \qquad BA + BD + \overline{A}C$$

5 literal, 3 levels

6 literals, 2 levels

# Complementing Functions

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✓ Use DeMorgan's Theorem to complement a function:

1. Interchange AND and OR operators
2. Complement each constant value and literal

✓ Example: Complement  $F = \bar{X}y\bar{Z} + x\bar{y}\bar{Z}$   
 $\bar{F} = (x + \bar{y} + z)(\bar{x} + y + z)$

✓ Example: Complement  $G = (\bar{a} + bc)\bar{d} + e$

$$\bar{G} = (a(\bar{b} + \bar{c}) + d)\bar{e} = (a(\bar{b} + \bar{c}) + d)\bar{e}$$

# Boolean Function Evaluation

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

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

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

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

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		



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0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0

# Shannon Expansion

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- ✓ Let  $f: B^n \rightarrow B$  be a Boolean function, and  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  the variables in the support of  $f$ . The **cofactor** (**residual**)  $f_a$  of  $f$  by a literal  $a = x_i$  or  $a = \bar{x}_i$  is:

$$f_{x_i}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 1, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f_{\bar{x}_i}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 0, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

- ✓ Shannon theorem:

$$f = x_i f_{x_i} + \bar{x}_i f_{\bar{x}_i}$$

$$f = [x_i + f_{\bar{x}_i}] [\bar{x}_i + f_{x_i}]$$

- ✓ We say that  $f$  is **expanded** about  $x_i$ .  $x_i$  is called the **splitting variable**.

# Boolean difference

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- ✓ Universal and existential quantifications can be expressed in terms of cofactor, with

$$\forall x_i. f = f_{x_i} \cdot f_{\bar{x}_i} \text{ and } \exists x_i. f = f_{x_i} + f_{\bar{x}_i}$$

- ✓ Moreover, the **Boolean difference**  $\partial f / \partial x_i$  of  $f$  with respect to variable  $x_i$  is defined as

$$\partial f / \partial x_i = \overline{f_{x_i}} \equiv f_{\bar{x}_i} = f_{x_i} \oplus f_{\bar{x}_i}$$

where  $\oplus$  denotes an **exclusive-or (xor)** operator.

- ✓ Using the Boolean difference operation, we can tell whether a Boolean function **functionally depends** on a variable. If  $\partial f / \partial x_i$  equals constant 0, then the valuation of  $f$  does not depend on  $x_i$ , that is,  $x_i$  is a **redundant** variable for  $f$ .
- ✓ We call that  $x_i$  is a **functional support variable** of  $f$  if  $x_i$  is not a redundant variable.

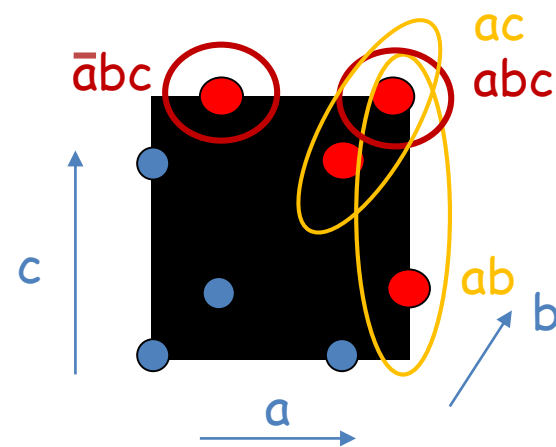
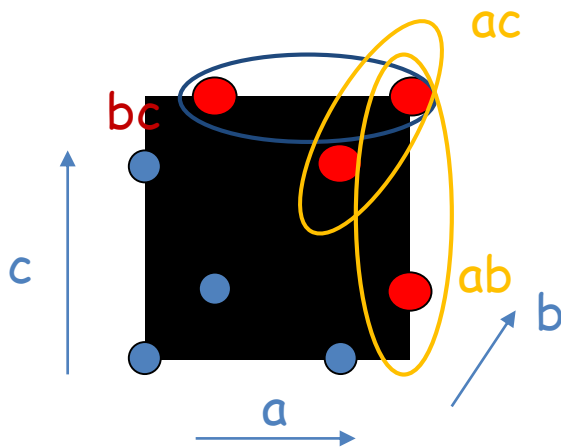
# Example

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$$F = ab + ac + bc$$

$$F = a F_a + \bar{a} F_{\bar{a}}$$

$$F = ab + ac + abc + \bar{a}bc$$



Cube  $bc$  got split into two cubes  $\bar{a}bc$  and  $abc$

# Representation of Boolean Functions

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- ✓ We need representations for Boolean Functions for two reasons:
  - to represent and manipulate the **actual circuit we are "synthesizing"**
  - as mechanism to do efficient **Boolean reasoning**
- ✓ **Forms to represent Boolean Functions**
  - Truth table
  - List of cubes (Sum of Products, Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF))
  - List of conjuncts (Product of Sums, Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF))
  - Boolean formula
  - Binary Decision Tree, Binary Decision Diagram
  - Circuit (network of Boolean primitives)

# Truth Tables

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- ✓ *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	$Z = X \cdot Y$
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

# Truth Table

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- ✓ Truth table (Function Table):

The truth table of a function  $f : B^n \rightarrow B$  is a tabulation of its value at each of the  $2^n$  vertices of  $B^n$ .

- ✓ In other words the truth table lists all minterms

Example:  $f = \overline{a}b\overline{c}\overline{d} + \overline{a}b\overline{c}d + \overline{a}b\overline{c}\overline{d} + \overline{a}b\overline{c}d + \overline{a}b\overline{c}\overline{d} + \overline{a}b\overline{c}d + \overline{a}b\overline{c}\overline{d} + \overline{a}b\overline{c}d$

The truth table representation is

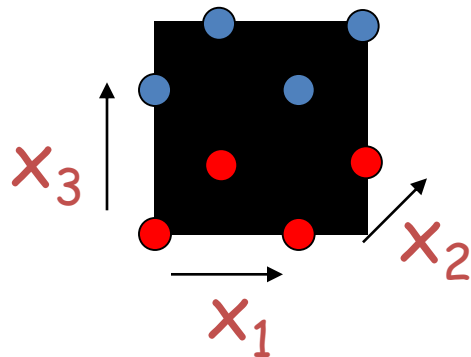
- intractable for large  $n$
- canonical

	<u>abcd</u>	<u>f</u>		<u>abcd</u>	<u>f</u>
0	0000	1	8	1000	0
1	0001	1	9	1001	0
2	0010	1	10	1010	1
3	0011	0	11	1011	0
4	0100	1	12	1100	1
5	0101	0	13	1101	0
6	0110	1	14	1110	1
7	0111	0	15	1111	0

Canonical means that if two functions are the same, then the canonical representations of each are isomorphic.

# ✓ Truth Table or Function table

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$x_1 x_2 x_3$			
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	$\Rightarrow 1$
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

- ✓ There are  $2^n$  vertices in input space  $B^n$
- ✓ There are  $2^{2^n}$  distinct logic functions.
  - Each subset of vertices is a distinct logic function:  
 $f \subseteq B^n$



# Boolean Formula

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- ✓ A Boolean formula is defined as an expression with the following syntax:

formula ::=        ‘(‘ formula ‘)’  
                  |        <variable>  
                  |        formula “+” formula        (OR operator)  
                  |        formula “.” formula        (AND operator)  
                  |        ~ formula        (complement)

Example:

$$f = (x_1 \cdot x_2) + (x_3) + (x_4 \cdot (\sim x_1))$$

typically the “.” is omitted and the ‘(’ and ‘~’ are simply reduced by priority,

e.g.

$$f = x_1 x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \sim x_1 = x_1 x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \overline{x_1}$$

# Cubes

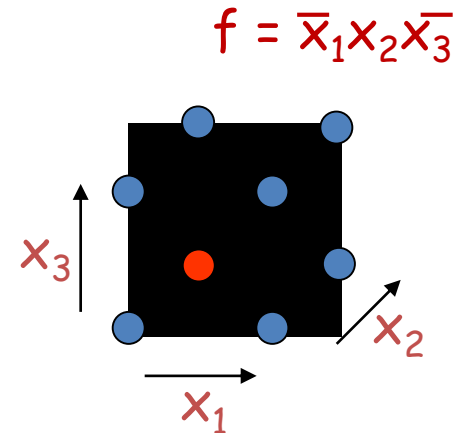
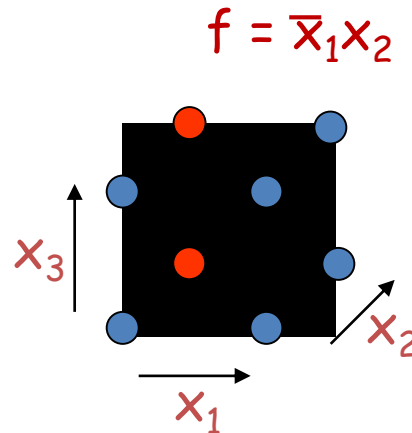
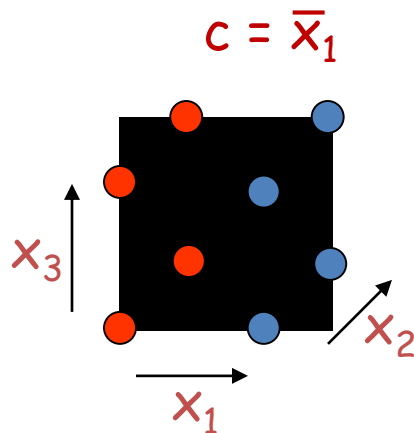
- ✓ A **cube** is defined as the AND of a set of literal functions ("conjunction" of literals).

Example:

$$C = \bar{x}_1 x_2 \bar{x}_3$$

represents the following function

$$f = (x_1=0)(x_2=1)(x_3=0)$$



# Cubes

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- ✓ If  $C \subseteq f$ ,  $C$  a cube, then  $C$  is an **implicant** of  $f$ .
- ✓ If  $C \subseteq B^n$ , and  $C$  has  $k$  literals, then  $|C|$  covers  **$2^{n-k}$**  vertices.

Example:

$$C = x\bar{y} \subseteq B^3$$

$$k = 2, n = 3 \Rightarrow |C| = 2 = 2^{3-2}.$$

$$C = \{100, 101\}$$

- ✓ An implicant with  $n$  literals is a **minterm**.

# List of Cubes

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## ✓ Sum of Products (SOP):

- A function can be represented by a sum of products (cubes):

$$f = ab + ac + bc$$

Since each cube is a product of literals, this is a “sum of products” (SOP) representation

- A SOP can be thought as a set of cubes  $F$

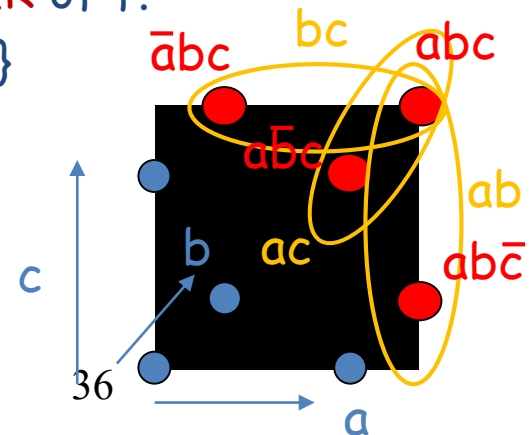
$$F = \{ab, ac, bc\}$$

- A set of cubes that represents  $f$  is called a **COVER** of  $f$ .

$$F_1 = \{ab, ac, bc\} \text{ and } F_2 = \{abc, ab\bar{c}, a\bar{b}c, \bar{a}bc\}$$

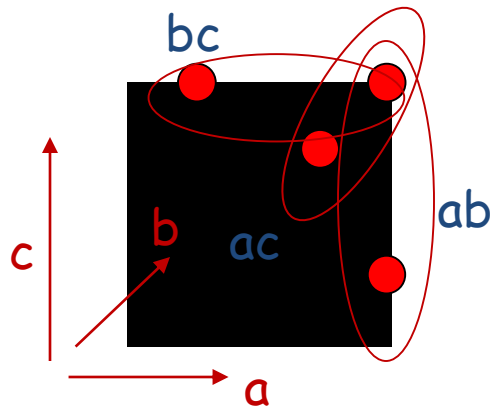
are covers of

$$f = ab + ac + bc.$$



# SOP

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● = onset minterm

Note that each onset minterm is "covered" by at least one of the cubes, and covers no offset minterm.

- ✓ Covers (SOP's) can efficiently represent many logic functions (i.e. for many, there exist small covers).
- ✓ Two-level minimization seeks the minimum size cover (least number of cubes)

# Irredundant

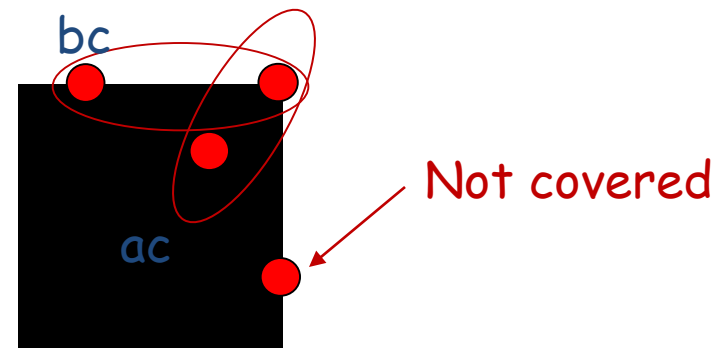
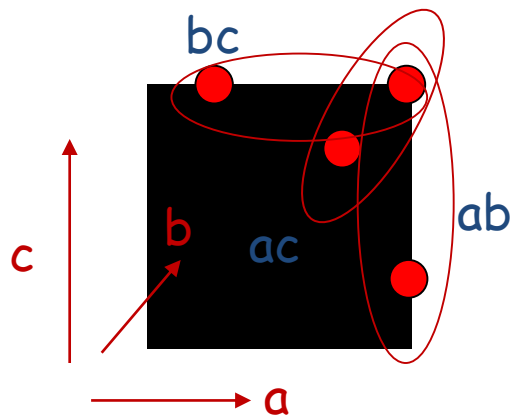
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✓ Let  $F = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k\}$  be a cover for  $f$ .

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i$$

A cube  $c_i \in F$  is **IRREDUNDANT** if  $F \setminus \{c_i\} \neq f$

Example 2:  $f = ab + ac + bc$



$$F \setminus \{ab\} \neq f$$

# Prime

✓ A **literal**  $j$  of cube  $c_i \in F$  ( $=f$ ) is **PRIME** if

$$(F \setminus \{c_i\}) \cup \{c'_i\} \neq f$$

where  $c'_i$  is  $c_i$  with literal  $j$  of  $c_i$  deleted.

✓ A **cube** of  $F$  is prime if all its literals are **prime**.

Example 3

$$f = ab + ac + bc$$

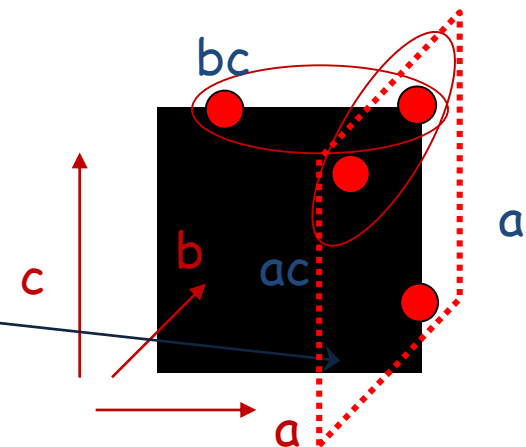
$$c_i = ab; c'_i = a \text{ (literal } b \text{ deleted)}$$

$$F \setminus \{c_i\} \cup \{c'_i\} = a + ac + bc$$

$$F = ac + bc + a =$$

$$F \setminus \{c_i\} \cup \{c'_i\}$$

Not equal to  $f$  since this  
**offset** vertex is covered



# Prime and Irredundant Covers

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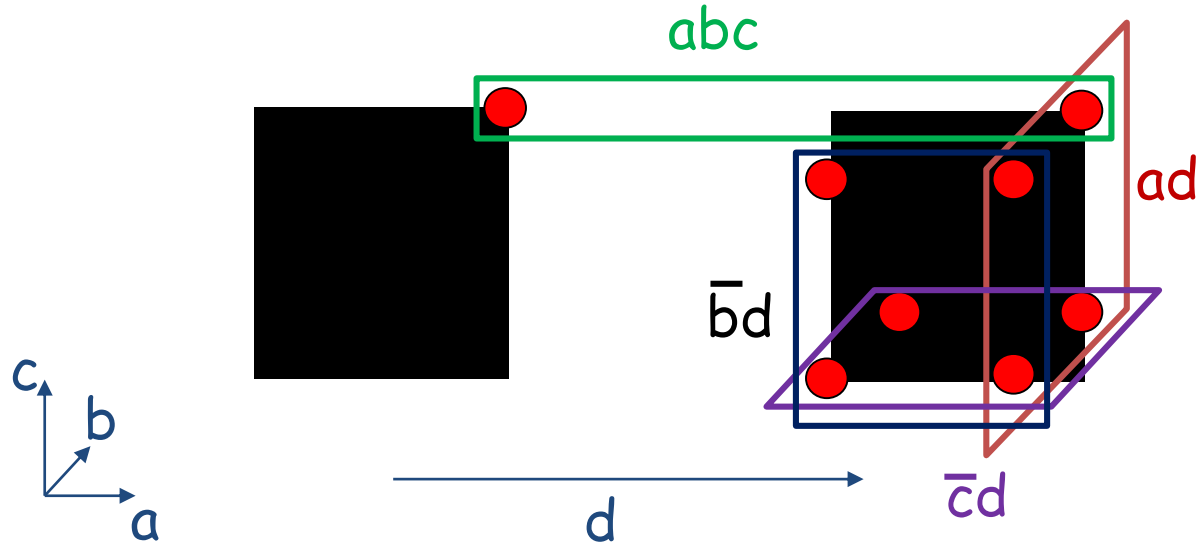
- ✓ Definition 1 A cover is **prime** (irredundant) if all its cubes are prime (irredundant).
- ✓ Definition 2 A prime of  $f$  is **essential** (essential prime) if there is a minterm (essential vertex) in that prime but in no other prime.



# Prime and Irredundant Covers

$f = abc + \bar{b}d + \bar{c}d$  is prime and irredundant.

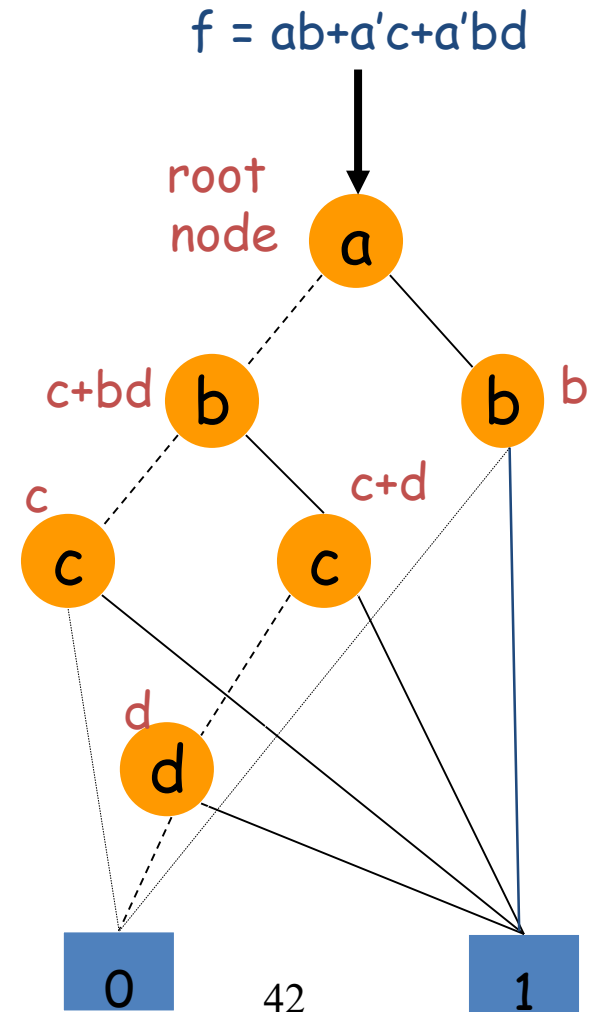
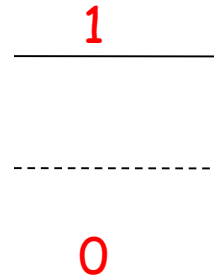
$abc$  is **essential** since  $abc\bar{d} \in abc$ , but not in  $\bar{b}d$  or  $\bar{c}d$  or  $ad$



What other cube is essential? What **prime** is not essential?

# Binary Decision Diagram (BDD)

- ✓ Graph representation of a Boolean function  $f$ 
  - vertices represent decision nodes for variables
  - two children represent the two sub-functions
    - $f(x = 0)$  and  $f(x = 1)$  (cofactors)
  - restrictions on ordering and reduction rules can make a BDD representation canonical



# Logic Functions

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- ✓ There are infinite number of equivalent logic formulas

$$\begin{aligned}f &= x + y \\&= \bar{x}y + xy + x\bar{y} \\&= \bar{x}x + x\bar{y} + y \\&= (x + y)(x + y) + x\bar{y}\end{aligned}$$

- ✓ Synthesis = Find the best formula (or "representation")

# Logic Function Implementation

## ✓ Using Switches

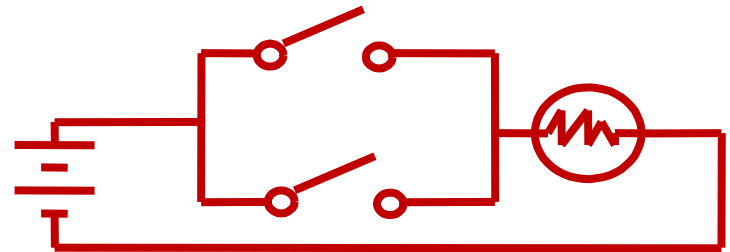
- For inputs:
  - logic 1 is switch closed
  - logic 0 is switch open

- For outputs:
  - logic 1 is light on
  - logic 0 is light off.

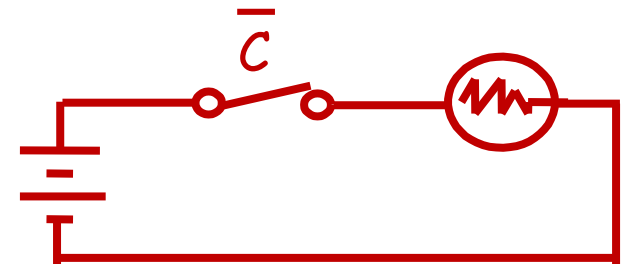
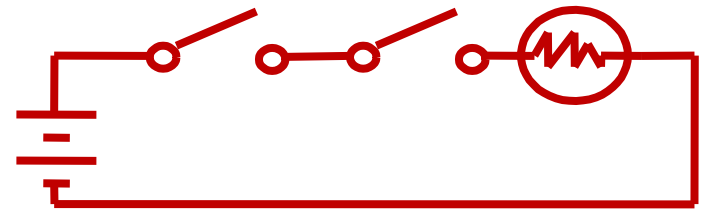
- NOT uses a switch such
- Normally-closed switch  $\Rightarrow$  NOT

- logic 1 is switch open
- logic 0 is switch closed

Switches in parallel  $\Rightarrow$  OR



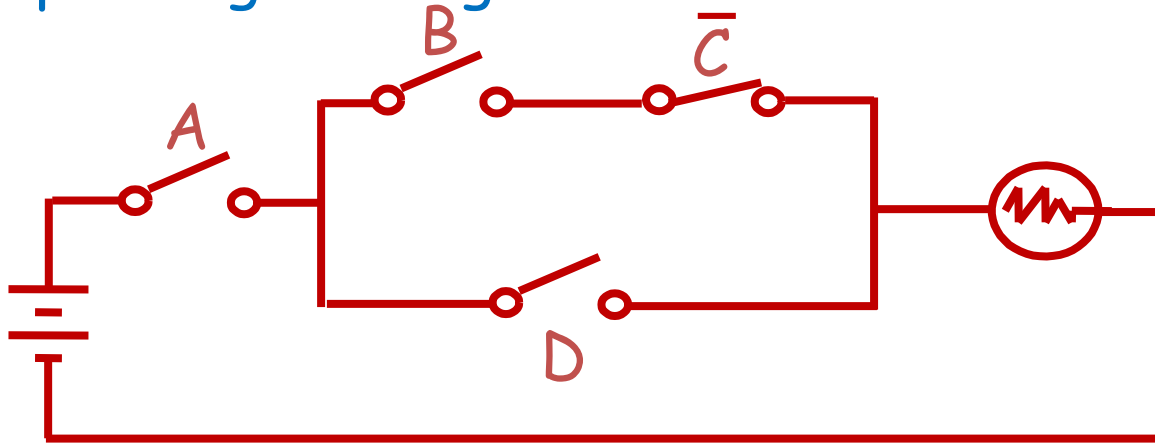
Switches in series  $\Rightarrow$  AND



# Logic Function Implementation (Continued)

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- ✓ Example: Logic Using Switches



- ✓ Light is on ( $L = 1$ ) for  
$$L(A, B, C, D) = AD + ABC\bar{C}$$
  
and off ( $L = 0$ ), otherwise.
- ✓ Useful model for relay circuits and for CMOS gate circuits, the foundation of current digital logic technology

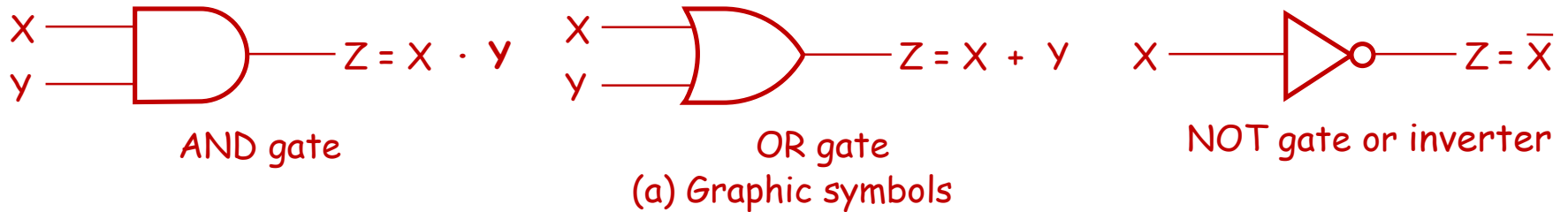
# Logic Gates

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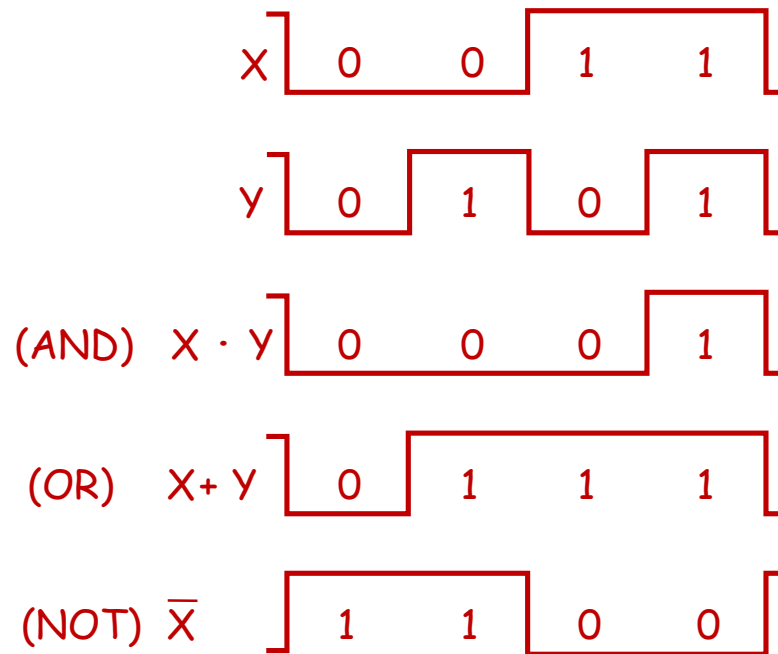
- ✓ In the earliest computers, switches were opened and closed by magnetic fields produced by energizing coils in *relays*. The switches in turn opened and closed the current paths.
- ✓ Later, *vacuum tubes* that open and close current paths electronically replaced relays.
- ✓ Today, *transistors* are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

# Logic Gate Symbols and Behavior

- ✓ Logic gates have special symbols:



- ✓ And waveform behavior in time as follows:

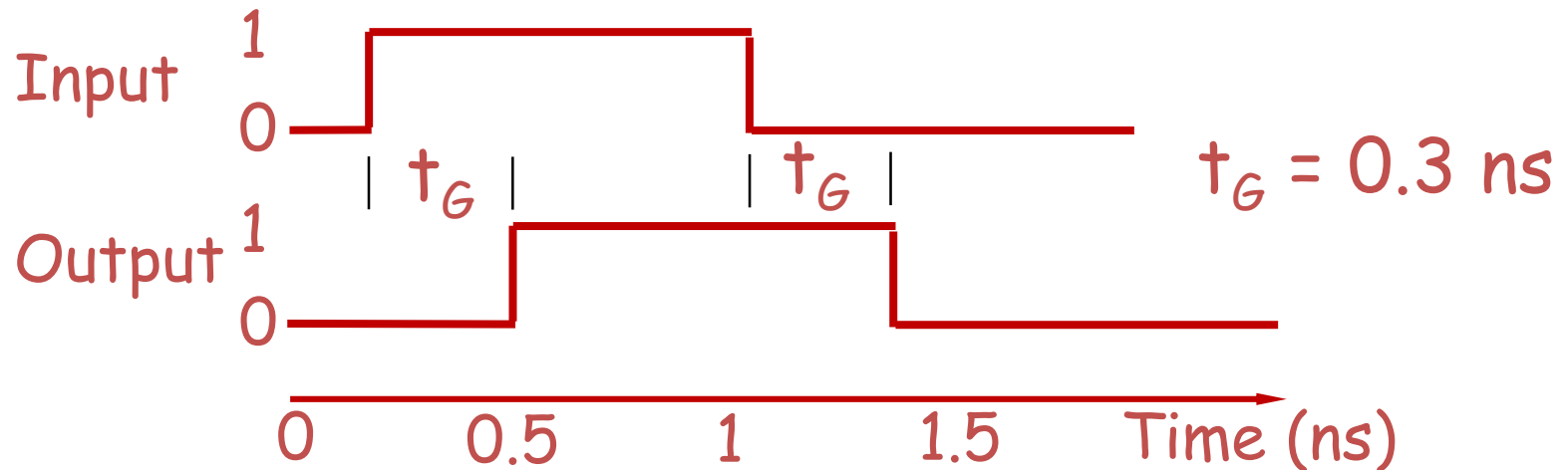


(b) Timing diagram

# Gate Delay

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- ✓ In actual physical gates, if one or more input changes causes the output to change, the output change does not occur instantaneously.
- ✓ The delay between an input change(s) and the resulting output change is the *gate delay* denoted by  $t_G$ :





# Logic Diagrams and Expressions

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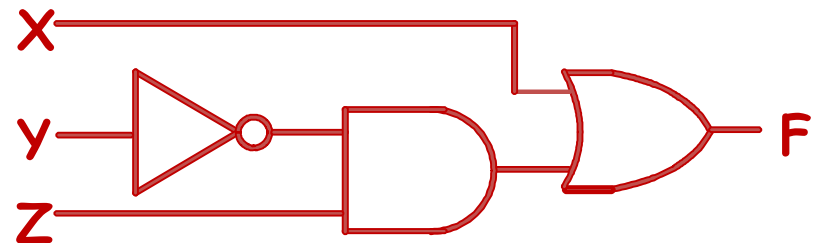
Truth Table

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

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

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.

# Definitions

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## Definition:

- ✓ A **Boolean circuit** is a directed graph  $C(G, N)$  where  $G$  are the gates and  $N \subseteq G \times G$  is the set of directed edges (nets) connecting the gates.
- ✓ Some of the vertices are designated:  
**Inputs:**  $I \subseteq G$   
**Outputs:**  $O \subseteq G, I \cap O = \emptyset$
- ✓ Each gate  $g$  is assigned a Boolean function  $f_g$  which computes the output of the gate in terms of its inputs.

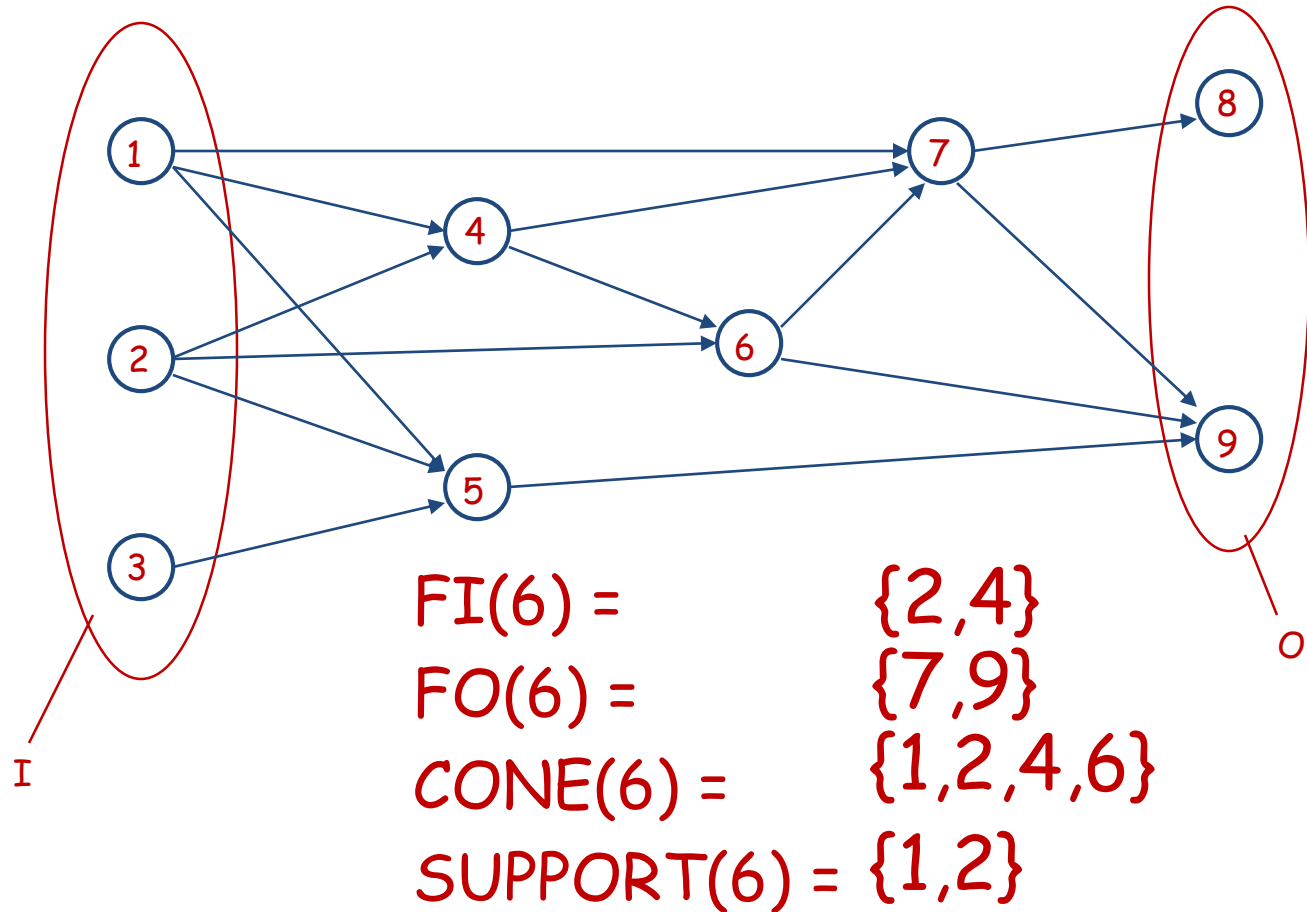
# Definitions

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- ✓ The **fanout**  $FO(g)$  of a gate  $g$  are all successor vertices of  $g$ :  
$$FO(g) = \{g' \mid (g, g') \in N\}$$
- ✓ The **fanin**  $FI(g)$  of a gate  $g$  are all predecessor vertices of  $g$ :  
$$FI(g) = \{g' \mid (g', g) \in N\}$$
- ✓ The **cone**  $CONE(g)$  of a gate  $g$  is the transitive fanin of  $g$  and  $g$  itself.
- ✓ The **support**  $SUPPORT(g)$  of a gate  $g$  are all inputs in its cone:  
$$SUPPORT(g) = CONE(g) \cap I$$

# Example

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# Circuit Representations

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- ✓ For efficient Boolean reasoning :
  - Vertices have **fixed number of inputs**
  - Vertex function is stored as label, **well defined** set of possible function labels (e.g. OR, AND, OR)
  - Circuits are often non-canonical

# Canonical Forms

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

# minterms

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- ✓ 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.,  $\bar{X}$ ), there are  $2^n$  minterms for  $n$  variables.
- ✓ Example: Two variables ( $X$  and  $Y$ ) produce  $2 \times 2 = 4$  combinations:
  - $X Y$  (both normal)
  - $X \bar{Y}$  ( $X$  normal,  $Y$  complemented)
  - $\bar{X} Y$  ( $X$  complemented,  $Y$  normal)
  - $\bar{X} \bar{Y}$  (both complemented)
- ✓ Thus there are **four minterms** of two variables.

# Maxterms

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- ✓ 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.,  $\bar{x}$ ), there are  $2^n$  maxterms for  $n$  variables.
- ✓ Example: Two variables ( $X$  and  $Y$ ) produce  $2 \times 2 = 4$  combinations:

$X+Y$	(both normal)
$X+\bar{Y}$	( $x$ normal, $y$ complemented)
$\bar{X}+Y$	( $x$ complemented, $y$ normal)
$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}$	(both complemented)



# Maxterms and Minterms

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- ✓ Examples: Two variable minterms and maxterms.

Index	minterm	Maxterm
0 [00]	$\bar{x} \bar{y}$	$x + y$
1 [01]	$\bar{x} y$	$x + \bar{y}$
2 [10]	$x \bar{y}$	$\bar{x} + y$
3 [11]	$x y$	$\bar{x} + \bar{y}$

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

# Standard Order

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- ✓ Minterms and maxterms are designated with a subscript
- ✓ The **subscript (index) 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:  $(b + a + c)$ ,  $\bar{a} c b$ , and  $(c + b + a)$  are NOT in standard order.
  - minterms:  $a b \bar{c}$ ,  $a b c$ ,  $\bar{a} \bar{b} c$ 
    - Terms:  $(a + c)$ ,  $b c$ , and  $(\bar{a} + b)$  do not contain **all** variables

# Purpose of the Index

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- ✓ 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**
  - **0** means the variable is **Complemented**.
- ✓ For **Maxterms**:
  - **0** means the variable is **Not Complemented**
  - **1** means the variable is **Complemented**

# Index Example in Three Variables

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- ✓ 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 ?  $m_6 = x y \bar{z}$
  - Maxterm 6 ?  $M_6 = (\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$

# Index Examples - Four Variables

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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	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}d$	$a + b + c + \bar{d}$
3	0011	?	?
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	?	$\bar{a} + \bar{b} + c + \bar{d}$
15	1111	$abcd$	$\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} + \bar{d}$

# Minterm and Maxterm Relationship

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- ✓ Review: DeMorgan's Theorem

$$\overline{x \cdot y} = \overline{x} + \overline{y} \text{ and } \overline{x + y} = \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}$$

- ✓ Two-variable example:

$$M_2 = \overline{x} + y \text{ and } m_2 = x \cdot \overline{y}$$

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

	$\overline{x} \overline{y}$	$\overline{x} y$	$x \overline{y}$	$xy$
$x \ y$	$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$m_3$
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

	$x+y$	$x+\overline{y}$	$\overline{x}+y$	$\overline{x}+\overline{y}$
$x \ y$	$M_0$	$M_1$	$M_2$	$M_3$
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  $m_i$ .

# Observations

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- ✓ In the function (truth) 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)



# minterm Function Example

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- ✓ 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

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

✓  $F(A, B, C, D, E) =$

$$= A'B'C'DE' + A'BC'D'E + AB'C'D'E + AB'CDE$$

# Maxterm Function Example

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✓ 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	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$

# Maxterm Function Example

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

✓  $F(A, B, C, D) =$

$$(A+B+C'+D')(A'+B+C+D)(A'+B+C'+D')(A'+B'+C'+D)$$

# Canonical Sum of minterms

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- ✓ 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  $(v + \bar{v})$
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- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= A(B + B')(C + C') + (A + A')B'C \\ &= ABC + ABC' + AB'C + AB'C' + AB'C + A'B'C \\ &= ABC + ABC' + AB'C + AB'C' + A'B'C \\ &= m_7 + m_6 + m_5 + m_4 + m_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Standard form} = m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

# Shorthand SOM Form

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- ✓ From the previous example, we started with:

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

- ✓ 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

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✓ 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  $v \cdot \bar{v}$  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

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- ✓ 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,

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

# Function Complements

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- ✓ **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  $F(x, y, z) = \sum_m(1, 3, 5, 7)$

$$\overline{F}(x, y, z) = \sum_m(0, 2, 4, 6)$$

$$\overline{F}(x, y, z) = \prod_M(1, 3, 5, 7)$$

# Conversion Between Forms

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- ✓ 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:  $\overline{F}(x, y, z) = \sum_m (0, 2, 4, 6)$
- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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:  $(A + B) (A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) C$
- ✓ These "mixed" forms are neither SOP nor POS
  - $(A B + C) (A + C)$
  - $A B C + A C (A + B)$

# Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP)

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- ✓ 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)

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- ✓ A Simplification Example:

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

- ✓ Writing the minterm expression:

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

- ✓ Simplifying:

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

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

$$= A' B' C + A \cdot 1 \cdot 1$$

$$= A' B' C + A$$

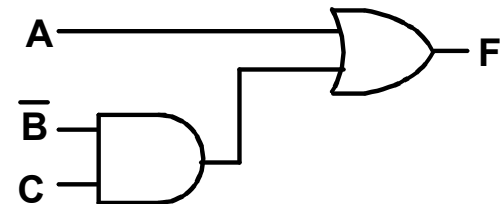
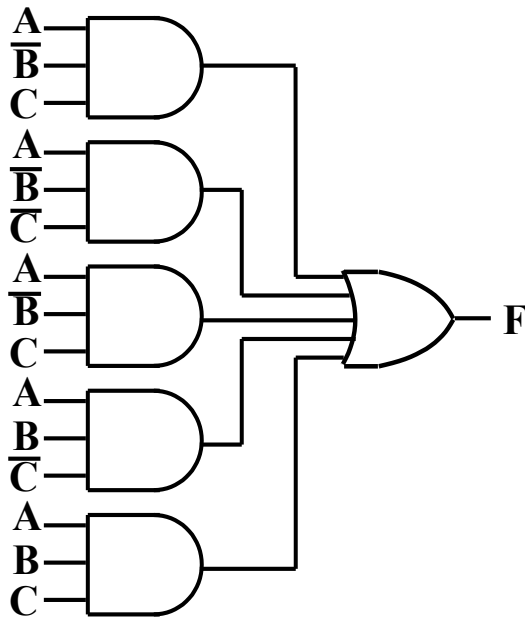
$$= B' C + A$$

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

# AND/OR Two-level Implementation of SOP Expression

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



# SOP and POS observations

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- ✓ 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?