

Section 2-3 and 2-4 Boolean Expressions and Truth Tables, Basic Theorems

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We can combine expressions, e.g. $AB + C$

$(A \cdot B + C)$ or $[(AB) + D]E$ etc.

Order of operations:

If no parentheses, order is

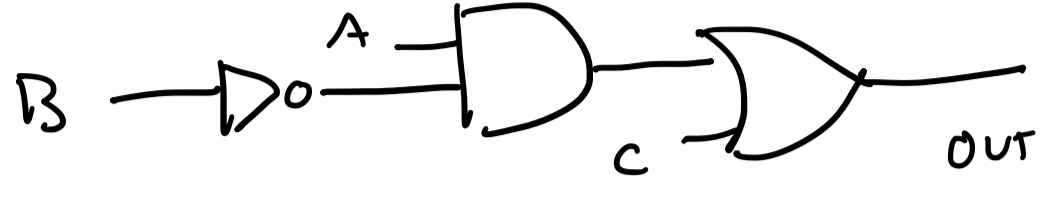
- ① NOT
- ② AND
- ③ OR

Example

$$AB' + C$$

do B' first, then AB' , then add C

In logic gates would look like



Example $(AB + C)' + D'E$

We can evaluate this function for a particular set of A, B, C, D, E

e.g. suppose $A=1 \quad B=1 \quad C=0 \quad D=0 \quad E=1$

$$(AB + C)' + D'E = ?$$

$$(1 \cdot 1 + 0)' + 0' \cdot 1$$

$$(1 + 0)' + 1 \cdot 1$$

$$(1)' + 1 =$$

$$0 + 1 =$$

"Literal": a value like a, a', b, b' etc

e.g.

$ab' + cba' + c'd + a'b$ has 7 literals
 a, a', b, b', c, c', d

Truth table gives the results of a Boolean expression for every possible combination of inputs:

Example $Y = A' + B$ 

We have 2 inputs, (A, B)

So there are four combinations

A	B	A'	A' + B

Example $(A + B'C)'$ 3 variables, so 8 combs. (2^3)

A	B	C				

2.4 Basic Theorems

Operations with 1 or 0

$$x + 0 = x \quad x \cdot 1 = x$$

$$x + 1 = 1 \quad x \cdot 0 = 0$$

Idempotent Laws (Idem: "same" potent: "strength")

$$x + x = x \quad x \cdot x = x$$

Invololution

$$(x')' = x$$

Complementarity

$$x + x' = 1 \quad x \cdot x' = 0$$

We can use these laws to simplify expressions (Why simplify?) (#)

Example $AB' + C + 1$
 $AB' + 1$
 $= 1$ ops with 0 or 1 (let $x = AB'$, then $x + 1 = 1$)

Example $(AB' + C)(AB' + C)'$
 let $x = AB' + C$
 $x \cdot x' = 0$ complementarity