





- Boolean algebra is a mathematical system for the manipulation of variables that can have one of two values.
 - In formal logic, these values are "true" and "false."
 - In digital systems, these values are "on" and "off,"
 1 and 0, or "high" and "low."
- Boolean expressions are created by performing operations on Boolean variables.
 Common Boolean operators include AND, OR, and NOT.

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A Boolean function has: A t least one Boolean variable, At least one Boolean operator, and At least one input from the set {0,1}. It produces an output that is also a member of the set {0,1}. Mow you know why the binary numbering system is so handy in digital systems.

The truth table for the	F	(x	y,z	:) =	= x 2	:'+ у
Boolean function: $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{z}' + \mathbf{y}$	x	У	z	z'	xz'	xz'+ y
r(x, y, z) = xz + y	0	0	0	1	0	0
To make evoluation of the	0	0	1	0	0	0
Boolean function easier,	0	1	0	1	0	1
the truth table contains	0	1	1	0	0	1
extra (shaded) columns to	1	0	0	1	1	1
subparts of the function.	1	0	1	0	0	0
	1	1	0	1	1	1
	1	1	1	0	0	1

As with common	F(x, y, z) = xz' + y					
arithmetic, Boolean	x	У	z	z '	xz'	xz'+
precedence.	0	0	0	1	0	0
	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ine NOT operator has bigbost priority, followed	0	1	0	1	0	1
highest priority, followed	0	1	1	0	0	1
by AND and then OK.	1	0	0	1	1	1
 This is how we chose the 	1	0	1	0	0	0
(shaded) function	1	1	0	1	1	1
subparts in our table.	1	1	1	0	0	1

- Digital computers contain circuits that implement Boolean functions.
- The simpler that we can make a Boolean function, the smaller the circuit that will result.
 - Simpler circuits are cheaper to build, consume less power, and run faster than complex circuits.
- With this in mind, we always want to reduce our Boolean functions to their simplest form.

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• There are a number of Boolean identities that help us to do this.

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3.2 Boolean Algebra

 Most Boolean identities have an AND (product) form as well as an OR (sum) form. We give our identities using both forms. Our first group is rather intuitive:

3.2 Boolean Algebra

• Our second group of Boolean identities should be familiar to you from your study of algebra:

ity AND OR he Form Form
$ \begin{array}{c c} \mbox{tive Law} & \mbox{xy = yx} & \mbox{x+y = y+x} \\ \mbox{tive Law} & \mbox{(xy) z = x(yz)} & \mbox{(x+y) + z = x + (y+z)} \\ \mbox{vulve Law} & \mbox{x+yz = (x+y) (x+z)} & \mbox{x(y+z) = xy+xz} \end{array} $

- Our last group of Boolean identities are perhaps the most useful.
- If you have studied set theory or formal logic, these laws are also familiar to you.

Name	Form	Form		
Absorption Law	x(x+y) = x	x + xy = x		
DeMorgan's Law	(xy) = x' + y'	$(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})' = \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{y}'$		
Double Complement Law	$(\mathbf{x})'' = \mathbf{x}$			





- DeMorgan's law can be extended to any number of variables.
- Replace each variable by its complement and change all ANDs to ORs and all ORs to ANDs.
- Thus, we find the the complement of:

F(x, y, z) = (xy) + (x'y) + (xz')is: F'(x, y, z) = ((xy) + (x'y) + (xz'))'= (xy)'(x'y)'(xz')'= (x' + y')(x + y')(x' + z)



























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Equivalences

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- Every Boolean function can be written as a truth table
- Every truth table can be written as a Boolean formula (SOP or POS)
- Every Boolean formula can be converted into a combinational circuit
- Every combinational circuit is a Boolean function
- Later you might learn other equivalencies: finite automata \equiv regular expressions computable functions \equiv programs

Universality

OR and NOT operators.

 \bullet Every Boolean function can be implemented as a combinational circuit using AND, OR and NOT gates.

• Every Boolean function can be written as a Boolean formula using AND,

• Since AND, OR and NOT gates can be constructed from NAND gates, NAND gates are universal.

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