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DIGITAL DESIGN 1

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Introduction to Digital Design

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Outline

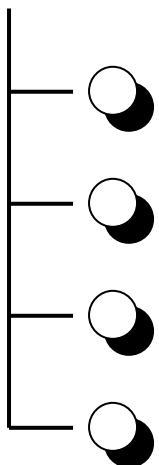
- ❑ Digital CMOS Design
- ❑ Arithmetic Operators
- ❑ Sequential Blocs



Outline



Digital CMOS Design



- Boolean Algebra

- Basic Digital CMOS Gates

- Combinational and Sequential Circuits

- Coding - Representation of Numbers

Boolean Algebra

○ English mathematician 1815 - 1864

1854 : *Introduction to the Laws of Thought*



Boolean Algebra

- Q Let $B = \{0, 1\}$ B is called the Boolean Set
0, 1 are the Boolean constants
- Q Let $x \in B$ x is a Boolean variable



Boolean Algebra

Unary functions : $B \rightarrow B$

Unary function O : $\forall x \in B, x \mapsto 0$

Unary function I : $\forall x \in B, x \mapsto 1$

Unary function *Identity* : $\forall x \in B, x \mapsto x$

Unary function *Not* :

$0 \mapsto 1$

$1 \mapsto 0$

Not (x) is denoted \bar{x}



Boolean Algebra

Binary functions : $B^2 \rightarrow B$

function *And* :

$\forall x, y \in B, And(x, y) = 1$ if and only if $x = 1$ and $y = 1$

And (x, y) is also called *Min* is denoted $x.y$

function *Or* :

$\forall x, y \in B, Or(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$ and $y = 0$

Or (x, y) is also called *Max* is denoted $x+y$

Boolean Algebra

- Other binary functions can be defined using *And*, *Or* and *Not*

function *Nand* : $Nand(x, y) = Not(And(x, y))$

function *Nor* : $Nor(x, y) = Not(Or(x, y))$

function *Xor* : $Xor(x, y) = x \cdot \bar{y} + \bar{x} \cdot y$

$Xor(x, y)$ is denoted $x \oplus y$



Boolean Algebra

○ Noticeable properties

$$Not(Not(x)) = x \quad \overline{\overline{x}} = x$$

$$x \cdot x = x$$

$$x \cdot \overline{x} = 0$$

$$x \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$x \cdot 1 = x$$

$$x + x = x$$

$$x + \overline{x} = 1$$

$$x + 1 = 1$$

$$x + 0 = x$$

$$x \oplus x = 0$$

$$x \oplus \overline{x} = 1$$

$$x \oplus 1 = \overline{x}$$

$$x \oplus 0 = x$$

Boolean Algebra

○ Noticeable properties

Commutative $x.y = y.x$

$$x+y = y+x$$

$$x \oplus y = y \oplus x$$

Associative $x.(y.z) = (x.y).z$

$$x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z$$

$$x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$$



Boolean Algebra

○ Noticeable properties

Distributive $x \cdot (y+z) = x.y + x.z$

$$x + (y.z) = (x+y) \cdot (x+z)$$

De Morgan $\overline{x.y} = \overline{x} + \overline{y}$

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

Absorbtion $\overline{x}.y + x = y + x$



Boolean Algebra

- Q Let $B = \{0, 1\}$ B is called the Boolean Set
 $0, 1$ are the Boolean constants
- Q Let $x \in B$ x is a Boolean variable
- Q Let $v \in B^n$ v is a Boolean vector



Boolean Algebra

- $v \in B^n$, $v = (x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$
 $u \in B^n$, $u = (y_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_n)$

The number of Boolean variables that are different between v and u is called
the **Hamming distance**

$$Hd((0,0,0,1), (1,0,1,0)) = 3$$



Boolean Algebra

To vectors are said **adjacent** when their
Hamming distance = 1

$$Hd \left((0,0,0,1), (1,0,0,1) \right) = 1$$



Boolean Algebra

- Let $B = \{0, 1\}$ B is called the Boolean Set
 $0, 1$ are the Boolean constants
- Let $x \in B$ x is a Boolean variable
- Let $v \in B^n$ v is a Boolean vector
- Let $f: B^n \rightarrow B$ f is a Boolean function
- \mathbf{B}_n is the set of Boolean Functions

$$\text{card}(\mathbf{B}_n) = 2^{2^n}$$



Boolean Algebra

Q $\text{Card}(\mathcal{B}^n)$ is finite

A Boolean function f may be defined by giving the value $f(v)$ of each Boolean vector v (Truth table)

x	y	z	f
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Boolean Algebra

- Unary functions : $\mathbf{B}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_n$
function *Not* : $(\text{Not } (f)) (v) = \text{Not } (f(v))$
- Binary functions : $\mathbf{B}_n^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_n$
function *And* : $(\text{And } (f, g)) (v) = \text{And } (f(v), g(v))$
function *Or* : $(\text{Or } (f, g)) (v) = \text{Or } (f(v), g(v))$



Boolean Algebra

- $\forall v \in B^n, v = (x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$

The Boolean function $f \in \mathbf{B}_n /$

$f(v) = x_i$ is denoted x_i



Boolean Algebra

- A Boolean function f may be defined by giving a Boolean expression

$$f = \overline{x} \cdot y \cdot z + x \cdot \overline{y} \cdot \overline{z} + x \cdot z$$

$$f = x \cdot \overline{y} + y \cdot z$$

x	y	z	f
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

There is not a unique expression

Boolean Algebra

- Let $f \in \mathbf{B}_n$

$$f = \sum (\alpha_j \cdot \prod \tilde{x}_i)$$

$$f = \bar{x} \cdot y \cdot z + x \cdot \bar{y} \cdot \bar{z} + x \cdot \bar{y} \cdot z + x \cdot y \cdot \bar{z}$$

x	y	z	f
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Boolean Algebra

Let $f \in \mathbf{B}_n$

$$f = \prod (\beta_j + \sum \tilde{x}_i)$$

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

x	y	z	f
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Boolean Algebra

- Let $f \in \mathbf{B}_n$ f is said independent from the variable x_i

$$\forall v \in \mathbb{B}^n, v = (x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, \bar{x}_i, \dots, x_n)$$

Boolean Algebra

Let $f \in \mathbf{B}_n$

$\exists! f_{i0}, f_{i1}$ independent from the variable x_i

$$f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \bar{x}_i \cdot f_{i0}$$

Shannon decomposition



Boolean Algebra

- Let $f \in \mathbf{B}_n$

$$f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \bar{x}_i \cdot f_{i0}$$

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

x	y	z	f
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Boolean Algebra

Q Let $f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \bar{x}_i \cdot f_{i0}$

if f is independent from the variable x_i $f = f_{i0} = f_{i1}$

$f_{i0} \text{ xor } f_{i1} = 0$

if $f_{i0} \text{ xor } f_{i1} \neq 0$ then f is **sensitive** to x_i

notion of derivative



Boolean Algebra

Q Let $f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \bar{x}_i \cdot f_{i0}$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = f_{i0} \text{ xor } f_{i1}$$



Boolean Algebra

Q Let $f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \bar{x}_i \cdot f_{i0}$

f may be sensitive to x_i in two ways

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = f_{i1} \cdot \bar{f}_{i0} + \bar{f}_{i1} \cdot f_{i0}$$

$f_{i1} \cdot \bar{f}_{i0}$ and $\bar{f}_{i1} \cdot f_{i0}$ cannot be 1 for the same vector

Boolean Algebra

Q $f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \bar{x}_i \cdot f_{i0}$ $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = f_{i1} \cdot \bar{f}_{i0} + \bar{f}_{i1} \cdot f_{i0}$

if $f_{i1} \cdot \bar{f}_{i0}(v) = 1$, f varies in direct way with x_i
 f is a **positive** function of x_i

if $\bar{f}_{i1} \cdot f_{i0}(v) = 1$, f varies in opposite way with x_i
 f is a **negative** function of x_i

$$\frac{\partial f^+}{\partial x_i} = f_{i1} \cdot \bar{f}_{i0}$$

$$\frac{\partial f^-}{\partial x_i} = \bar{f}_{i1} \cdot f_{i0}$$

Boolean Algebra

$$\bullet \frac{\partial f^+}{\partial x_i} = f_{i1} \cdot \bar{f}_{i0}$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial f^-}{\partial x_i} = \bar{f}_{i1} \cdot f_{i0}$$

