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**Introduction to Digital Design**

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# Introduction to Digital Design

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# Outline

- ❑ Digital CMOS design
- ❑ Arithmetic operators
- ❑ Sequential functions



# 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

- 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

# Boolean Algebra

○ Unary functions :  $B \longrightarrow B$

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

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

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* :

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

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

function *Or* :

$\forall x, y \in B, \text{Or}(x, y) = 0$  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* :  $Xor(x, y) = x.\bar{y} + \bar{x}.y$

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

# Boolean Algebra

## ○ Noticeable properties

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

$$x \cdot x = x$$

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

$$x \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$x \cdot 1 = x$$

$$x + x = x$$

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

$$x + 1 = 1$$

$$x + 0 = x$$

$$x \oplus x = 0$$

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

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

$$x \oplus 0 = x$$

# Boolean Algebra

## ○ Noticeable properties

Commutative  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$

$$x + y = y + x$$

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

Associative  $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$

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

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



# Boolean Algebra

## ○ Noticeable properties

Distributive	$x \cdot (y+z)$	$= x \cdot y + x \cdot z$
	$x \cdot (y \oplus z)$	$= x \cdot y \oplus x \cdot z$
	$x + (y \cdot z)$	$= (x+y) \cdot (x+z)$
De Morgan	$\overline{x \cdot y}$	$= \overline{x} + \overline{y}$
	$\overline{x+y}$	$= \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}$
Absorption	$\overline{x} \cdot y + x$	$= y + x$

# 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

# 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** ( $v, u$ )

$$\text{Hd}((0,0,0,1), (1,0,1,0)) = 3$$

# Boolean Algebra

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

$$\text{Hd} ( (0,0,0,1) , (1,0,0,1) ) = 1$$



# Boolean Algebra

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- 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

- $\text{Card} (B^n)$  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

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

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

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

There is not a unique expression

# Boolean Algebra

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

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

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

min-term

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  $f \in \mathbf{B}_n$

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

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

max-term

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  $x_i$

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

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

# 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

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

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

$$f_{i0} \oplus f_{i1} = 0$$

if  $f_{i0} \oplus f_{i1} = 0$  then  $f$  is **insensitive** to  $x_i$

notion of derivative

# Boolean Algebra

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

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

# Boolean Algebra

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

$$\bullet \quad f = x_i \cdot f_{i1} + \overline{x_i} \cdot f_{i0} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = f_{i1} \cdot \overline{f_{i0}} + \overline{f_{i1}} \cdot f_{i0}$$

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

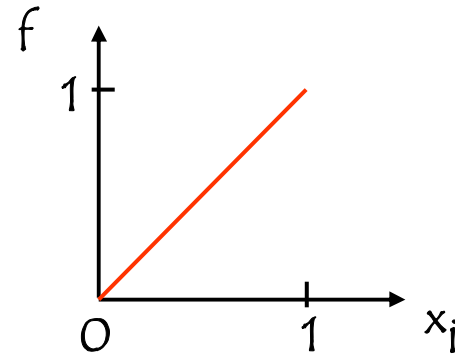
if  $\overline{f_{i1}} \cdot f_{i0}(v) = 1$ ,  $f$  varies in an opposite way with  $x_i$   
 $f$  is a **negative** function of  $x_i$

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

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

# Boolean Algebra

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



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

