

Learning Objectives In this chapter you will learn about: § Boolean algebra § Fundamental concepts and basic laws of Boolean algebra § Boolean function and minimization § Logic gates § Logic circuits and Boolean expressions § Combinational circuits and design

Boolean Algebra

- § An algebra that deals with binary number system
- § George Boole (1815-1864), an English mathematician, developed it for:
 - § Simplifying representation
 - § Manipulation of propositional logic
- § In 1938, Claude E. Shannon proposed using Boolean algebra in design of relay switching circuits
- § Provides economical and straightforward approach
- § Used extensively in designing electronic circuits used in computers

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Fundamental Concepts of Boolean Algebra

- § Use of Binary Digit
 - § Boolean equations can have either of two possible values, 0 and 1
- § Logical Addition
 - § Symbol '+', also known as 'OR' operator, used for logical addition. Follows law of binary addition
- § Logical Multiplication
 - § Symbol '.', also known as 'AND' operator, used for logical multiplication. Follows law of binary multiplication
- § Complementation
 - § Symbol '-', also known as 'NOT' operator, used for complementation. Follows law of binary compliment

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Operator Precedence

- § Each operator has a precedence level
- § Higher the operator's precedence level, earlier it is evaluated
- § Expression is scanned from left to right
- § First, expressions enclosed within parentheses are evaluated
- § Then, all complement (NOT) operations are performed
- § Then, all '.' (AND) operations are performed
- § Finally, all '+' (OR) operations are performed

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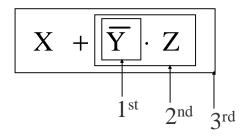
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Postulates of Boolean Algebra

Postulate 1:

- (a) A = 0, if and only if, A is not equal to 1
- (b) A = 1, if and only if, A is not equal to 0

Postulate 2:

- (a) x + 0 = x
- (b) $x \cdot 1 = x$

Postulate 3: Commutative Law

- (a) x + y = y + x
- (b) $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$

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Postulates of Boolean Algebra

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Postulate 4: Associative Law

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

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

Postulate 5: Distributive Law

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

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

Postulate 6:

(a)
$$x + X = 1$$

(b)
$$x \cdot \overline{x} = 0$$

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The Principle of Duality

There is a precise duality between the operators $\,$. (AND) and + (OR), and the digits 0 and 1.

For example, in the table below, the second row is obtained from the first row and vice versa simply by interchanging '+' with '.' and '0' with '1'

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 1	1 + 1 = 1	1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1	0 + 0 = 0
Row 2	0 · 0 = 0	$0\cdot 1=1\cdot 0=0$	1 · 1 = 1

Therefore, if a particular theorem is proved, its dual theorem automatically holds and need not be proved separately

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Some Important Theorems of Boolean Algebra

Sr. No.	Theorems/ Identities	Dual Theorems/ Identities	Name (if any)
1	x + x = x	$x \cdot x = x$	Idempotent Law
2	x + 1 = 1	$x \cdot 0 = 0$	
3	$x + x \cdot y = x$	$x \cdot x + y = x$	Absorption Law
4	$\overline{\overline{x}} = x$		Involution Law
5	$x \cdot \overline{x} + y = x \cdot y$	$x + \overline{x} \cdot y = x + y$	
6	$\overline{x+y} = \overline{x} \overline{y}$	$\overline{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} = \overline{\mathbf{x}} \ \overline{\mathbf{y}} +$	De Morgan's Law

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Methods of Proving Theorems

The theorems of Boolean algebra may be proved by using one of the following methods:

- 1. By using postulates to show that L.H.S. = R.H.S
- 2. By *Perfect Induction* or *Exhaustive Enumeration* method where all possible combinations of variables involved in L.H.S. and R.H.S. are checked to yield identical results
- 3. By the *Principle of Duality* where the dual of an already proved theorem is derived from the proof of its corresponding pair

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Computer Fundamentals: Pradeep K. Sinha & Pritt Sinha Proving a Theorem by Using Postulates

(Example) Theorem:

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x + x \cdot y = x
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Proof:

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L.H.S.

= x + x \cdot y
= x \cdot 1 + x \cdot y by postulate 2(b)

= x \cdot (1 + y) by postulate 5(a)

= x \cdot (y + 1) by postulate 3(a)

= x \cdot 1 by theorem 2(a)

= x by postulate 2(b)

= R.H.S.
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Proving a Theorem by Perfect Induction (Example)

Theorem:

$$x + x \cdot y = x$$

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x	У	x×y	$x + x \times y$
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1

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Proving a Theorem by the Principle of Duality (Example)

Theorem:

$$x + x = x$$

Proof:

L.H.S.

= x + x

 $= (x + x) \cdot 1$

by postulate 2(b)

 $= (x + x) \cdot (x + \overline{X})$

by postulate 6(a)

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

by postulate 5(b)

= x + 0

by postulate 6(b)

by postulate 2(a)

= R.H.S.

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Proving a Theorem by the Principle of Duality (Example)

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Dual Theorem:

$$x \cdot x = x$$

Proof:

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Boolean Functions

- § A Boolean function is an expression formed with:
 - § Binary variables
 - § Operators (OR, AND, and NOT)
 - § Parentheses, and equal sign
- § The value of a Boolean function can be either 0 or 1
- § A Boolean function may be represented as:
 - § An algebraic expression, or
 - § A truth table

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Representation as an Algebraic Expression

$$W = X + \overline{Y} \cdot Z$$

- § Variable W is a function of X, Y, and Z, can also be written as W = f(X, Y, Z)
- § The RHS of the equation is called an expression
- § The symbols X, Y, Z are the *literals* of the function
- § For a given Boolean function, there may be more than one algebraic expressions

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X	Υ	Z	W
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

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Representation as a Truth Table

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- § The number of rows in the table is equal to 2^n , where n is the number of literals in the function
- § The combinations of 0s and 1s for rows of this table are obtained from the binary numbers by counting from 0 to 2ⁿ 1

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Minimization of Boolean Functions

- § Minimization of Boolean functions deals with
 - § Reduction in number of literals
 - § Reduction in number of terms
- § Minimization is achieved through manipulating expression to obtain equal and simpler expression(s) (having fewer literals and/or terms)

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Minimization of Boolean Functions

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$$F_1 = \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y} \cdot z + \overline{x} \cdot y \cdot z + x \cdot \overline{y}$$

F₁ has 3 literals (x, y, z) and 3 terms

$$F_2 = x \cdot \overline{y} + \overline{x} \cdot z$$

F₂ has 3 literals (x, y, z) and 2 terms

 ${\rm F_2}$ can be realized with fewer electronic components, resulting in a cheaper circuit

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Minimization of Boolean Functions

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х	У	Z	F ₁	F ₂
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0

Both F₁ and F₂ produce the same result

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Try out some Boolean Function Minimization

- (a) $x + \overline{x} \cdot y$
- (b) $x \cdot (\overline{x} + y)$
- (c) $\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y} \cdot z + \overline{x} \cdot y \cdot z + x \cdot \overline{y}$
- (d) $x \cdot y + \overline{x} \cdot z + y \cdot z$
- (e) $(x + y) \cdot (\overline{x} + z) \cdot (y + z)$

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Complement of a Boolean Function

- § The complement of a Boolean function is obtained by interchanging:
 - § Operators OR and AND
 - § Complementing each literal
- § This is based on *De Morgan's theorems*, whose general form is:

$$\frac{\overline{A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + \dots + A_n} = \overline{A_1} \cdot \overline{A_2} \cdot \overline{A_3} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{A_n}}{\overline{A_1} \cdot \overline{A_2} \cdot \overline{A_3} \cdot \dots \cdot \overline{A_n} = \overline{A_1} \cdot \overline{A_2} + \overline{A_2} + \overline{A_3} + \dots + \overline{A_n}}$$

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Complementing a Boolean Function (Example)

 $F_1 = \overline{X} \cdot y \cdot \overline{Z} + \overline{X} \cdot \overline{y} \cdot Z$

To obtain $\overline{F_{\mbox{\tiny 1}}}$, we first interchange the OR and the AND operators giving

$$(\overline{x}+y+\overline{z})\cdot(\overline{x}+\overline{y}+z)$$

Now we complement each literal giving

$$\overline{F_1} = (x + \overline{y} + z) \cdot (x + y + \overline{z})$$

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Canonical Forms of Boolean Functions

Minterms : n variables forming an AND term, with

each variable being primed or unprimed, provide 2ⁿ possible combinations called

minterms or standard products

Maxterms : *n* variables forming an OR term, with

each variable being primed or unprimed, provide 2ⁿ possible combinations called

maxterms or standard sums

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Minterms and Maxterms for three Variables

V	ariab	les	Minterms		Minterms		Maxte	erms
×	у	z	Term	Designation	Term	Designation		
0	0	0	$\overline{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{z}}$	m o	x + y + z	M _o		
0	0	1	${\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z}}$	m ₁	$x + y + \overline{z}$	M 1		
0	1	0	$ x \cdot y \cdot z$	m ₂	x + y + z	M 2		
0	1	1	${\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z}$	m ₃	$x + \overline{y} + \overline{z}$	Мз		
1	0	0	$x \cdot \overline{y} \cdot \overline{z}$	m 4	$\frac{-}{x+y+z}$	M 4		
1	0	1	$x \cdot \overline{y} \cdot z$	m 5	$\frac{-}{x} + y + \overline{z}$	M 5		
1	1	0	$x \cdot y \cdot z$	m 6	- $x + y + z$	М 6		
1	1	1	$x \cdot y \cdot z$	m ₇	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	M 7		

Note that each minterm is the complement of its corresponding maxterm and vice-versa

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Sum-of-Products (SOP) Expression

A sum-of-products (SOP) expression is a product term (minterm) or several product terms (minterms) logically added (ORed) together. Examples are:

$$X X + y$$

$$(+y\cdot Z \qquad x\cdot y+z$$

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

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Steps to Express a Boolean Function in its Sum-of-Products Form

- 1. Construct a truth table for the given Boolean function
- 2. Form a minterm for each combination of the variables, which produces a 1 in the function
- 3. The desired expression is the sum (OR) of all the minterms obtained in Step 2

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Х	у	Z	F ₁
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

The following 3 combinations of the variables produce a 1: 001, 100, and 111

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Expressing a Function in its Sum-of-Products Form (Example)

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§ Their corresponding minterms are:

$$\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y} \cdot z$$
, $x \cdot \overline{y} \cdot \overline{z}$, and $x \cdot y \cdot z$

§ Taking the OR of these minterms, we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 = & \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y} \cdot z + x \cdot \overline{y} \cdot \overline{z} + x \cdot y \cdot z = m_1 + m_4 + m_7 \\ F_1 \Big(x \cdot y \cdot z \Big) = & \sum \Big(1, 4, 7 \Big) \end{aligned}$$

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Product-of Sums (POS) Expression

A product-of-sums (POS) expression is a sum term (maxterm) or several sum terms (maxterms) logically multiplied (ANDed) together. Examples are:

$$x \qquad (x+\overline{y})\cdot(\overline{x}+y)\cdot(\overline{x}+\overline{y})$$

$$\overline{x}+y \qquad (x+y)\cdot(\overline{x}+y+z)$$

$$(\overline{x}+\overline{y})\cdot z \qquad (\overline{x}+y)\cdot(x+\overline{y})$$

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Steps to Express a Boolean Function in its Product-of-Sums Form

- 1. Construct a truth table for the given Boolean function
- 2. Form a maxterm for each combination of the variables, which produces a 0 in the function
- 3. The desired expression is the product (AND) of all the maxterms obtained in Step 2

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Х	у	Z	F ₁
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

§ The following 5 combinations of variables produce a 0: 000, 010, 011, 101, and 110

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Expressing a Function in its Product-of-Sums Form

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§ Their corresponding maxterms are:

$$(x+y+z), (x+\overline{y}+z), (x+\overline{y}+\overline{z}),$$

 $(\overline{x}+y+\overline{z})$ and $(\overline{x}+\overline{y}+z)$

§ Taking the AND of these maxterms, we get:

$$\begin{split} F_1 = & \left(x + y + z\right) \cdot \left(x + \overline{y} + z\right) \cdot \left(x + \overline{y} + \overline{z}\right) \cdot \left(\overline{x} + y + \overline{z}\right) \cdot \\ & \left(\overline{x} + \overline{y} + z\right) = & M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6 \\ F_1 \left(x, y, z\right) = & \Pi \left(0, 2, 3, 5, 6\right) \end{split}$$

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Conversion Between Canonical Forms (Sum-of-Products and Product-of-Sums)

To convert from one canonical form to another, interchange the symbol and list those numbers missing from the original form.

Example:

$$F(x,y,z) = \Pi(0,2,4,5) = \Sigma(1,3,6,7)$$

$$F(x,y,z) = \Pi(1,4,7) = \Sigma(0,2,3,5,6)$$

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Logic Gates

- § Logic gates are electronic circuits that operate on one or more input signals to produce standard output signal
- § Are the building blocks of all the circuits in a computer
- § Some of the most basic and useful logic gates are AND, OR, NOT, NAND and NOR gates

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AND Gate

- § Physical realization of logical multiplication (AND) operation
- § Generates an output signal of 1 only if all input signals are also 1

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Inputs		Output
Α	В	$C = A \cdot B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

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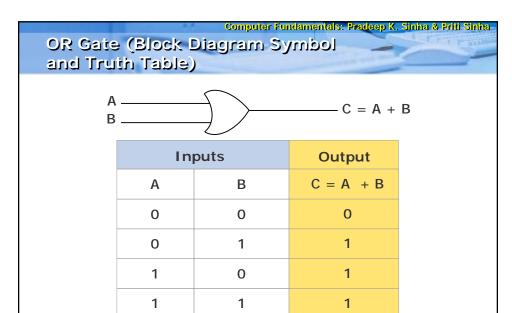
OR Gate

- § Physical realization of logical addition (OR) operation
- § Generates an output signal of 1 if at least one of the input signals is also 1

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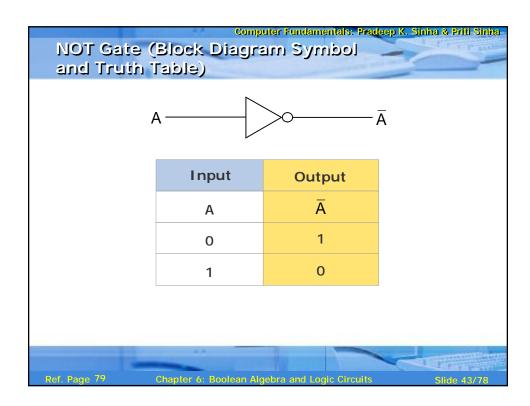
NOT Gate

- § Physical realization of complementation operation
- § Generates an output signal, which is the reverse of the input signal

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S Complemented AND gate S Generates an output signal of: I if any one of the inputs is a 0 S O when all the inputs are 1 Ref. Page 79 Chapter 6: Boolean Algebra and Logic Circuits Slide 44/78



$$C = A \uparrow B = \overline{A \cdot B} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$$

Inputs		Output
А	В	$C = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

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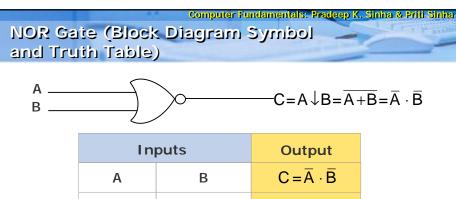
NOR Gate

- § Complemented OR gate
- § Generates an output signal of:
 - § 1 only when all inputs are 0
 - § 0 if any one of inputs is a 1

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Α	В	$C = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

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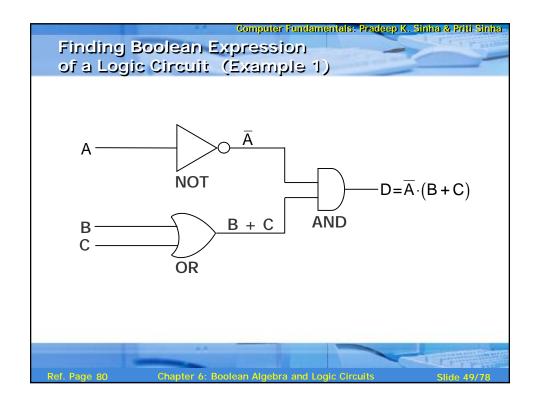
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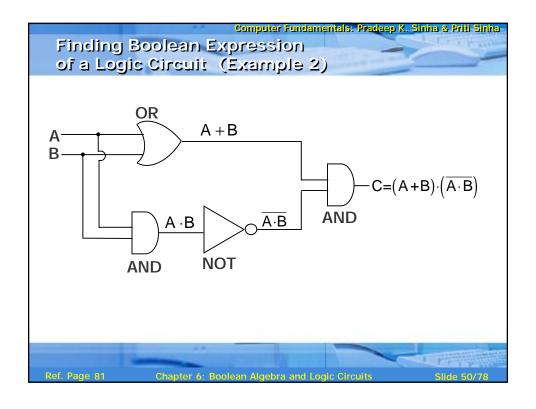
- § When logic gates are interconnected to form a gating / logic network, it is known as a combinational logic circuit
- § The Boolean algebra expression for a given logic circuit can be derived by systematically progressing from input to output on the gates
- § The three logic gates (AND, OR, and NOT) are logically complete because any Boolean expression can be realized as a logic circuit using only these three gates

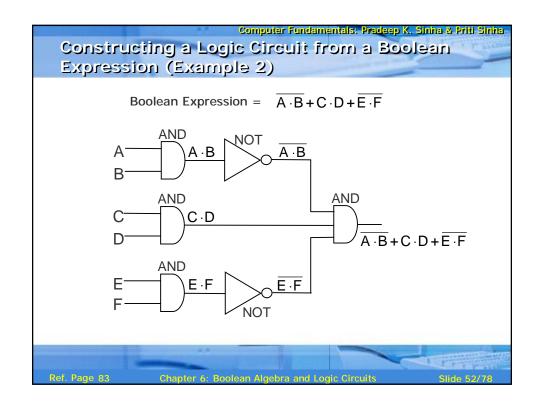
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Universal NAND Gate

- § NAND gate is an universal gate, it is alone sufficient to implement any Boolean expression
- § To understand this, consider:
 - § Basic logic gates (AND, OR, and NOT) are logically complete
 - § Sufficient to show that AND, OR, and NOT gates can be implemented with NAND gates

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Computer Fundamentals: Pradeep K. Sinha & Priti Sinha Implementation of NOT, AND and OR Gates by

NAND Gates

$$A - \overline{A \cdot A} = \overline{A} + \overline{A} = \overline{A}$$

(a) NOT gate implementation.

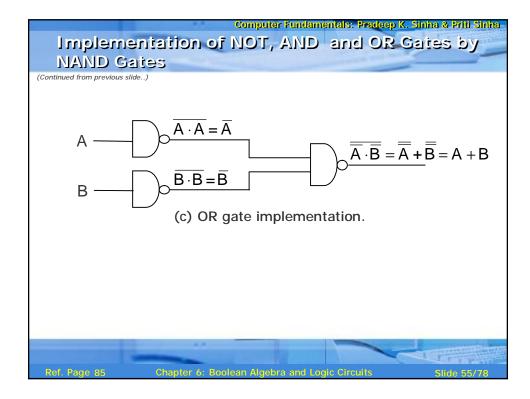
(b) AND gate implementation.

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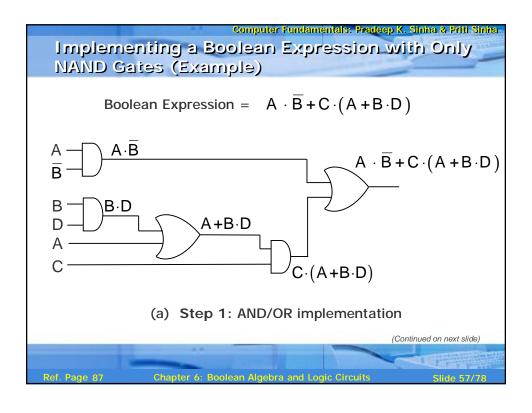
Method of Implementing a Boolean Expression with Only NAND Gates

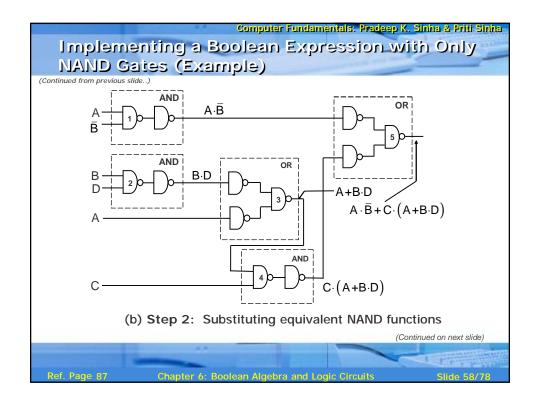
- Step 1: From the given algebraic expression, draw the logic diagram with AND, OR, and NOT gates. Assume that both the normal (A) and complement (A) inputs are available
- Step 2: Draw a second logic diagram with the equivalent NAND logic substituted for each AND, OR, and NOT gate
- Step 3: Remove all pairs of cascaded inverters from the diagram as double inversion does not perform any logical function. Also remove inverters connected to single external inputs and complement the corresponding input variable

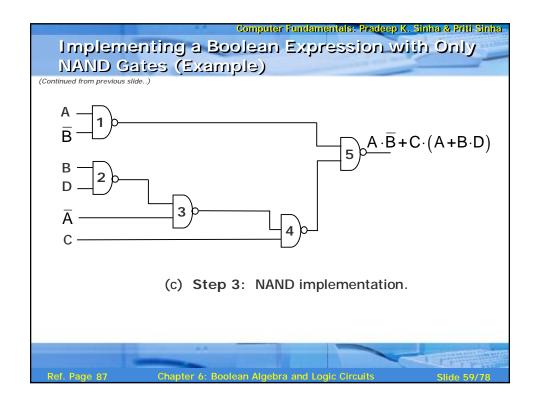
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Universal NOR Gate

- § NOR gate is an universal gate, it is alone sufficient to implement any Boolean expression
- § To understand this, consider:
 - § Basic logic gates (AND, OR, and NOT) are logically complete
 - § Sufficient to show that AND, OR, and NOT gates can be implemented with NOR gates

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Implementation of NOT, OR and AND Gates by **NOR Gates**

$$A - \overline{A + A} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{A} = \overline{A}$$

(a) NOT gate implementation.

(b) OR gate implementation.

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NOR Gates

A
$$\overline{\overline{A} + \overline{B}} = \overline{\overline{A}} \cdot \overline{\overline{B}} = A \cdot B$$
B
$$\overline{B} + \overline{B} = \overline{B}$$
(a) AND gate implementation

(c) AND gate implementation.

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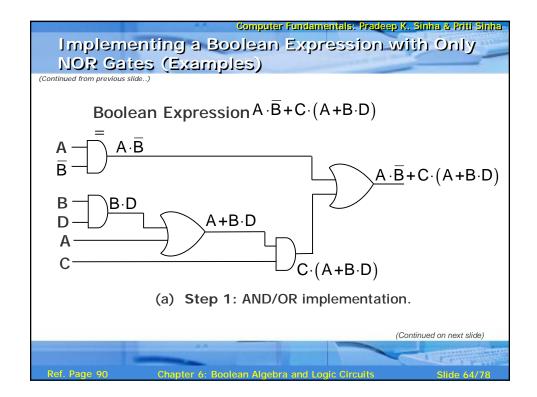
Method of Implementing a Boolean Expression with Only NOR Gates

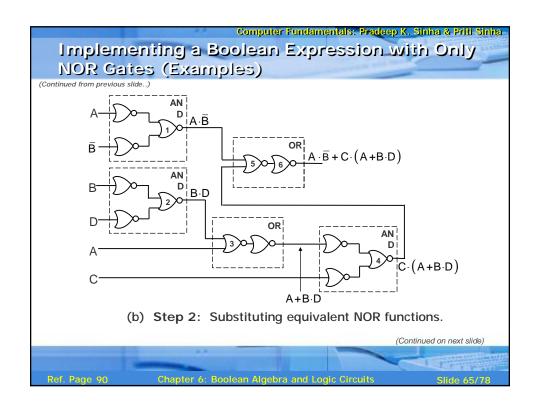
- Step 1: For the given algebraic expression, draw the logic diagram with AND, OR, and NOT gates. Assume that both the normal (A) and complement $\overline{(A)}$ inputs are available
- Step 2: Draw a second logic diagram with equivalent NOR logic substituted for each AND, OR, and NOT gate
- Step 3: Remove all parts of cascaded inverters from the diagram as double inversion does not perform any logical function. Also remove inverters connected to single external inputs and complement the corresponding input variable

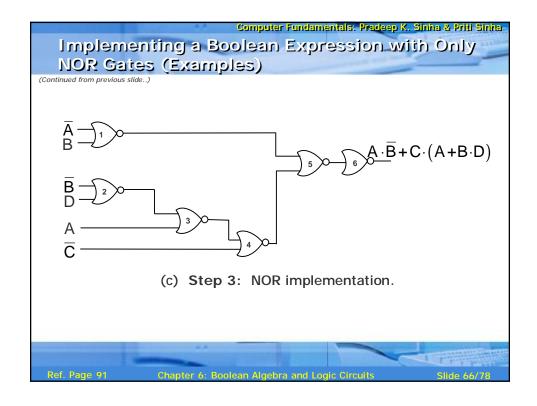
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Exclusive-OR Function

$$A \oplus B = A \cdot \overline{B} + \overline{A} \cdot B$$

$$A \longrightarrow C = A \oplus B = \overline{A} \cdot B + A \cdot \overline{B}$$

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C = A \oplus B = \overline{A} \cdot B + A \cdot \overline{B}$$

Also,
$$(A \oplus B) \oplus C = A \oplus (B \oplus C) = A \oplus B \oplus C$$

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Exclusive-OR Function (Truth Table)

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Inputs		Output	
Α	В	$C = A \oplus B$	
0	0	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	1	
1	1	0	

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Equivalence Function with Block Diagram Symbol

$$A \in B = A \cdot B + \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$$

Also,
$$(A \in B) \in A \in (B \in C) = A \in B \in C$$

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Inputs		Output
Α	В	C = A € B
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

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Steps in Designing Combinational Circuits

- 1. State the given problem completely and exactly
- 2. Interpret the problem and determine the available input variables and required output variables
- 3. Assign a letter symbol to each input and output variables
- 4. Design the truth table that defines the required relations between inputs and outputs
- 5. Obtain the simplified Boolean function for each output
- 6. Draw the logic circuit diagram to implement the Boolean function

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Designing a Combinational Circuit Example 1 – Half-Adder Design

Inputs		Outputs		
Α	В	С	S	
0	0	0	0	
0	1	0	1	
1	0	0	1	
1	1	1	0	

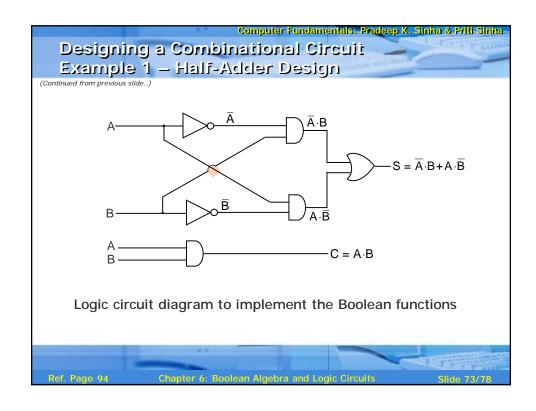
$$S = \overline{A} \cdot B + A \cdot \overline{B}$$

$$C = A \cdot B$$
Boolean functions for the two outputs.

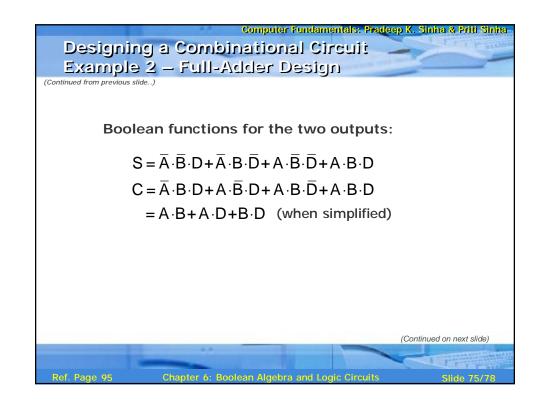
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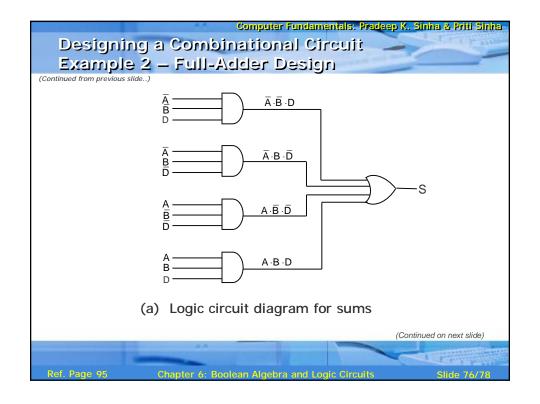
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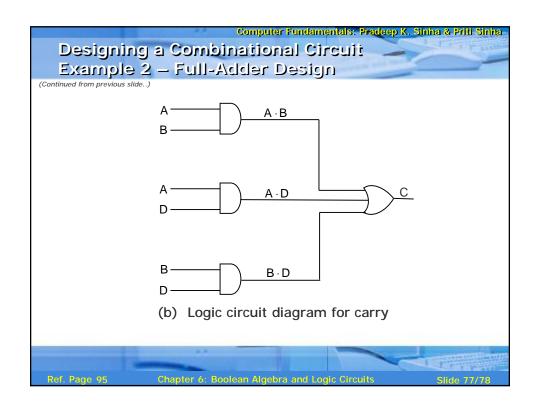
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Inputs		Outputs				
A	В	D	С	S		
0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	11	0	1		
0	1	0	0	1		
0	1	1	1	0		
1	0	0	0	1		
1	0	1	1	0		
1	1	0	1	0		
1	1	1	1	1		
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