

ECED2200 – DIGITAL CIRCUITS

Boolean Algebra

GENERAL NOTES

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- These slides are not the complete course – they are extended in-class
- You will find the following references useful, see www.newae.com/teaching for more information/links:
 - The book “Bebop to the Boolean Boogie” which is available to Dalhousie Students
 - Course notes (covers almost everything we will discuss in class)
 - Various websites such as e.g.: www.play-hookey.com
 - The book “Contemporary Logic Design”, which was used in previous iterations of the class and you may have already

BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

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OPERATIONS WITH 0 AND 1

$$A+0=A$$

$$A+1=1$$

$$A\cdot 0=0$$

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IDEMPOTENT RULES

$$A + A = A$$

$$A \cdot A = A$$

COMPLEMENTARY RULES

$$A + \bar{A} = 1$$

$$A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$$

INVOLUTION

$$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$$

COMMUTATIVE

$$A+B=B+A$$

$$A \bullet B=B \bullet A$$

ASSOCIATIVE RULES

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C = A + B + C$$

$$A \bullet (B \bullet C) = (A \bullet B) \bullet C = A \bullet B \bullet C$$

DISTRIBUTIVE

$$A \bullet (B+C) = (A \bullet B) + (A \bullet C)$$

$$A+(B \bullet C) = (A+B) \bullet (A+C)$$

ORDER OF OPERATIONS

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

ABSORPTION

$$A + (A \bullet B) = A$$

$$A \bullet (A + B) = A$$

CONSENSUS

$$(A \bullet B) + (\bar{A} \bullet C) + (B \bullet C) = (A \bullet B) + (\bar{A} \bullet C)$$

DEMORGAN

$$\overline{A+B+C+\dots} = \overline{A} \bullet \overline{B} \bullet \overline{C} \dots$$

$$\overline{A \bullet B \bullet C \bullet \dots} = \overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C} \dots$$

SIMPLIFICATION

$$(A + \bar{B}) \cdot B = A \cdot B$$

$$(A \cdot \bar{B}) + B = A + B$$

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PROOF BY PERFECT INDUCTION

$$(A + \bar{B}) \cdot B = A \cdot B$$

A	B	\bar{B}	$(A + \bar{B})$	Y
0	0			
0	1			
1	0			
1	1			

A	B	Y
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0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

DERIVING IDENTITIES

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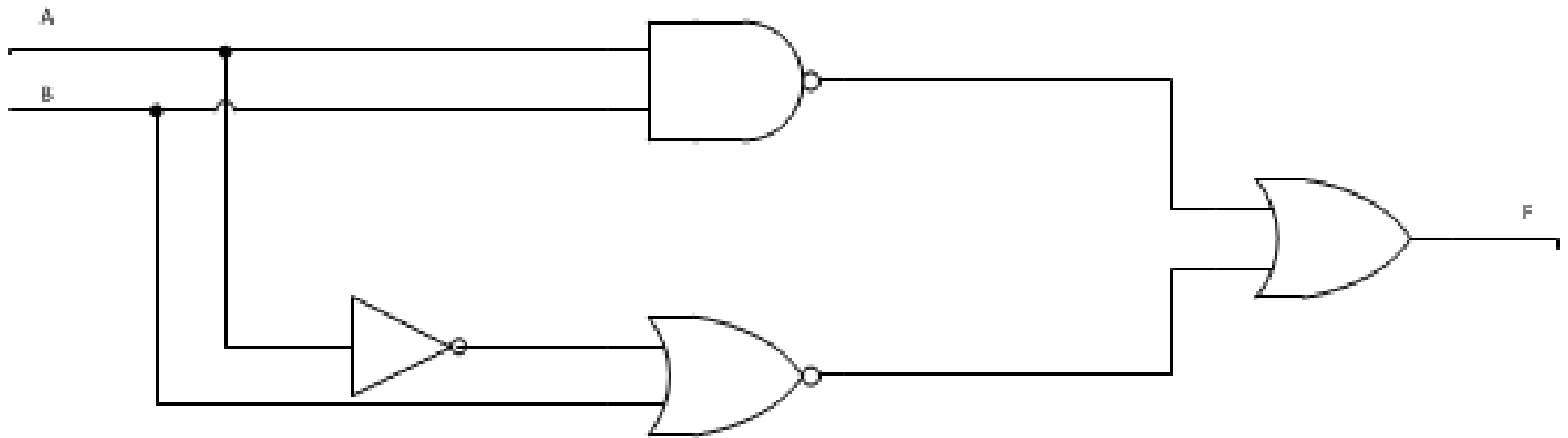
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DERIVING IDENTITIES

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A+(A\bullet B) \\
 &= (A+A)\bullet(A+B) \text{ [15]} \\
 &= A\bullet(A+B) \text{ [3]} \\
 &= A\bullet A+A\bullet B \text{ [14]} \\
 &= A\bullet 1+A\bullet B \text{ [6]} \\
 &= A\bullet(1+B) \text{ [14]} \\
 &= A\bullet 1 \text{ [2]} \\
 &= A \text{ [6]}
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$$f = A \cdot B + \overline{\overline{A} + B}$$

Initial

$$= (\overline{A} + \overline{B}) + (A \cdot \overline{B})$$

Using 19 & 20 –
DeMorgans

$$= \overline{A} + 1 \cdot \overline{B} + (A \cdot \overline{B})$$

Using 6 & dropping
brackets

$$= \overline{A} + (1 + A) \cdot \overline{B}$$

Using 14 – note we go from
distributed form to compact form,
where B term is common

$$= A + 1 \cdot \overline{B}$$

Using 2

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

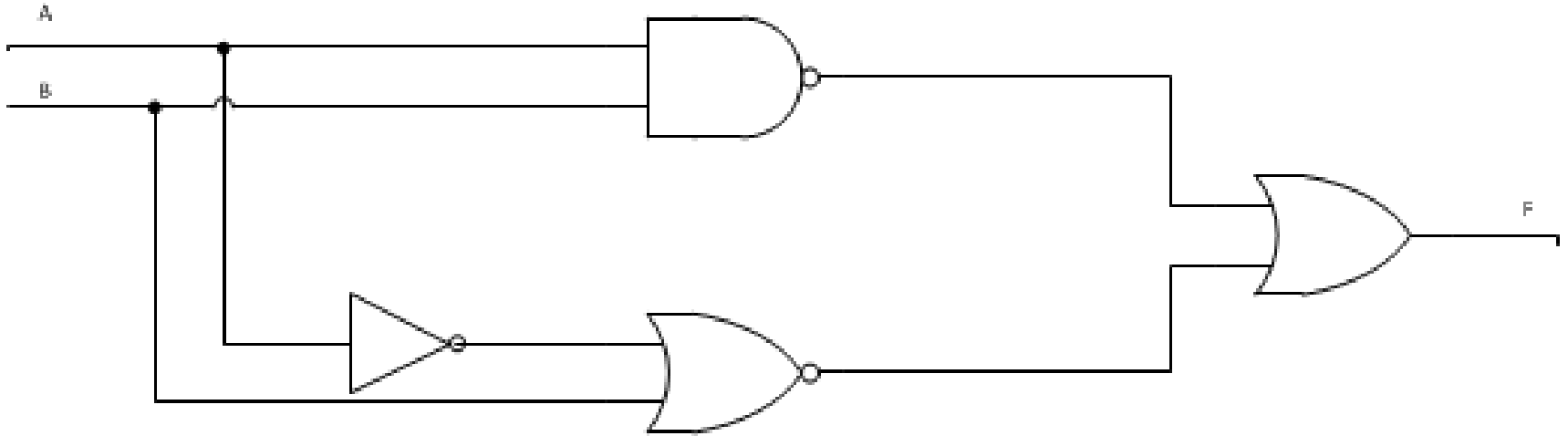
Using 6

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

Using 20 - DeMorgans

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Is really just a NAND gate! Thanks Boolean Algebra!

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- Bebop to the Boolean Boogie: Chapter 9
- Contemporary Logic Design: Chapter 2
- ECED Notes: “Boolean Algebra” (Page 48)

Checking your simplifications:

<http://joshtam.net/world/bee-calc.html>

CANONICAL FORMS



DESIGNING LOGIC CIRCUITS

A	B	C	Output (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	1
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MINTERMS & MAXTERMS

A	B	C	Minterms	Maxterms
0	0	0	$m_0 = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C}$	$M_0 = A + B + C$
0	0	1	$m_1 = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C$	$M_1 = A + B + \bar{C}$
0	1	0	$m_2 = \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot \bar{C}$	$M_2 = A + \bar{B} + C$
0	1	1	$m_3 = \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C$	$M_3 = A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$
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1	1	1	$m_7 = A \cdot B \cdot C$	$M_7 = \bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$

MINTERM/MAXTERM

Minterm = *product* (AND) of input variable

Maxterm = *sum* (OR) of inverted input variable

SUM OF PRODUCTS

A	B	C	Minterms	f
0	0	0		0
0	0	1		0
0	1	0		0
0	1	1	$m_3 = \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C$	1
1	0	0	$m_4 = A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C}$	1
1	0	1	$m_5 = A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C$	1
1	1	0	$m_6 = A \cdot B \cdot \bar{C}$	1
1	1	1	$m_7 = A \cdot B \cdot C$	1

$$f = m_3 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

SUM OF PRODUCTS

$$f(A, B, C) = \sum m_i(3, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

SUM OF PRODUCTS

$$f = \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} + A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot \bar{C} + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

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$$= \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot (\bar{B} + B)$$

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Using No.22, where:

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0	0	1	$M_1 = A+B+\bar{C}$	0
0	1	0	$M_2 = A+\bar{B}+C$	0
0	1	1		1
1	0	0		1
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$$f = M_0 \bullet M_1 \bullet M_2$$

PRODUCT OF SUMS

$$f(A, B, C) = \prod M_i(0, 1, 2)$$

PRODUCT OF SUMS

$$f = (A+B+C) \cdot (A+B+\bar{C}) \cdot (A+\bar{B}+C)$$

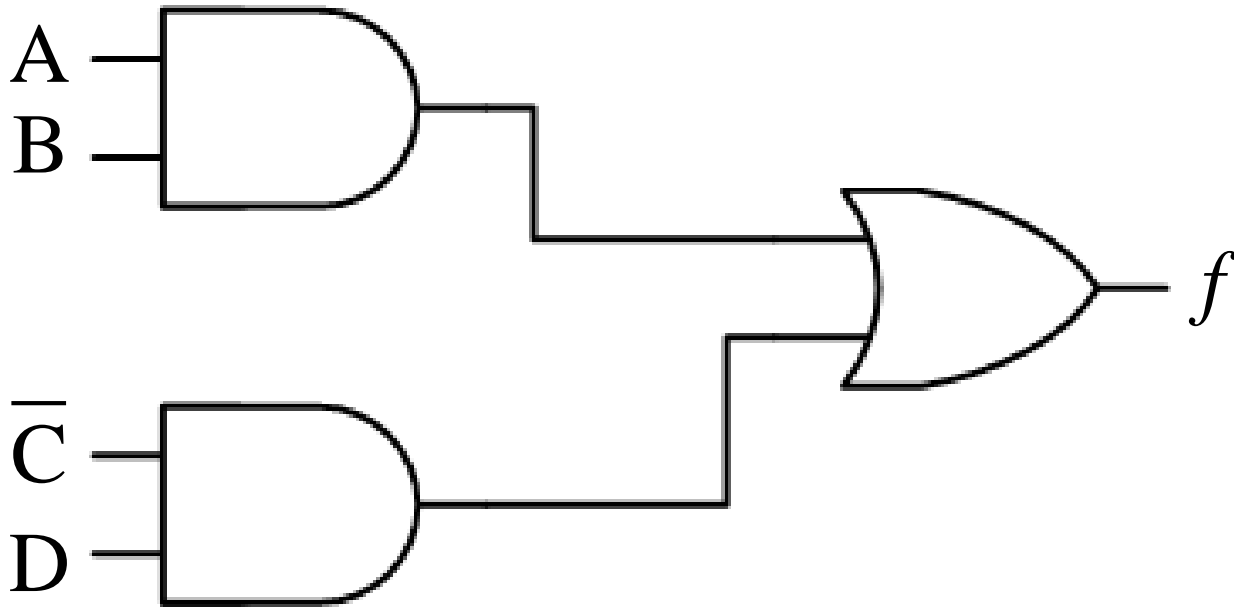
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 &= (A+B) \cdot (A+\bar{B}+C) \\
 &= A + \left(B \cdot (\bar{B}+C) \right) \\
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