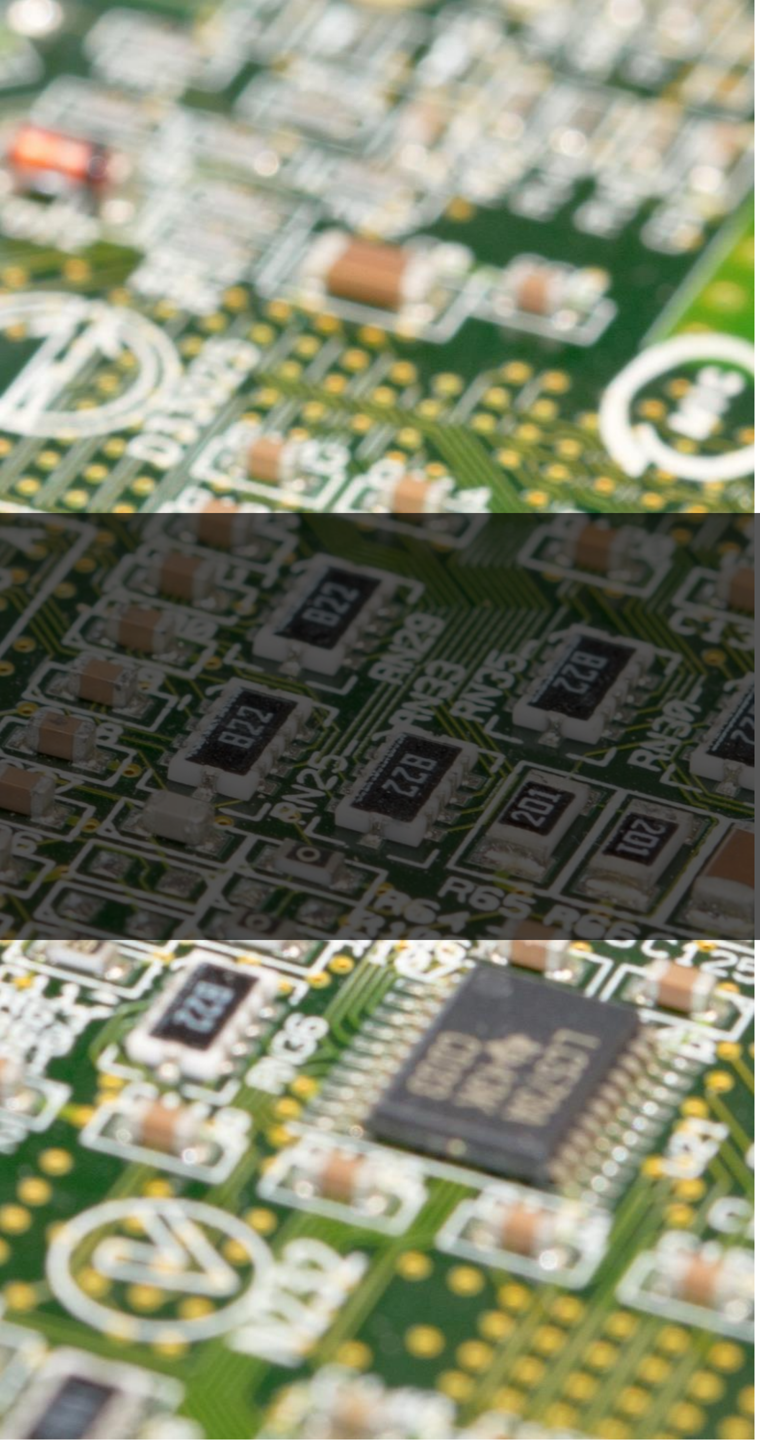

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Lecture 5: Boolean Algebra, DeMorgan's Theorems

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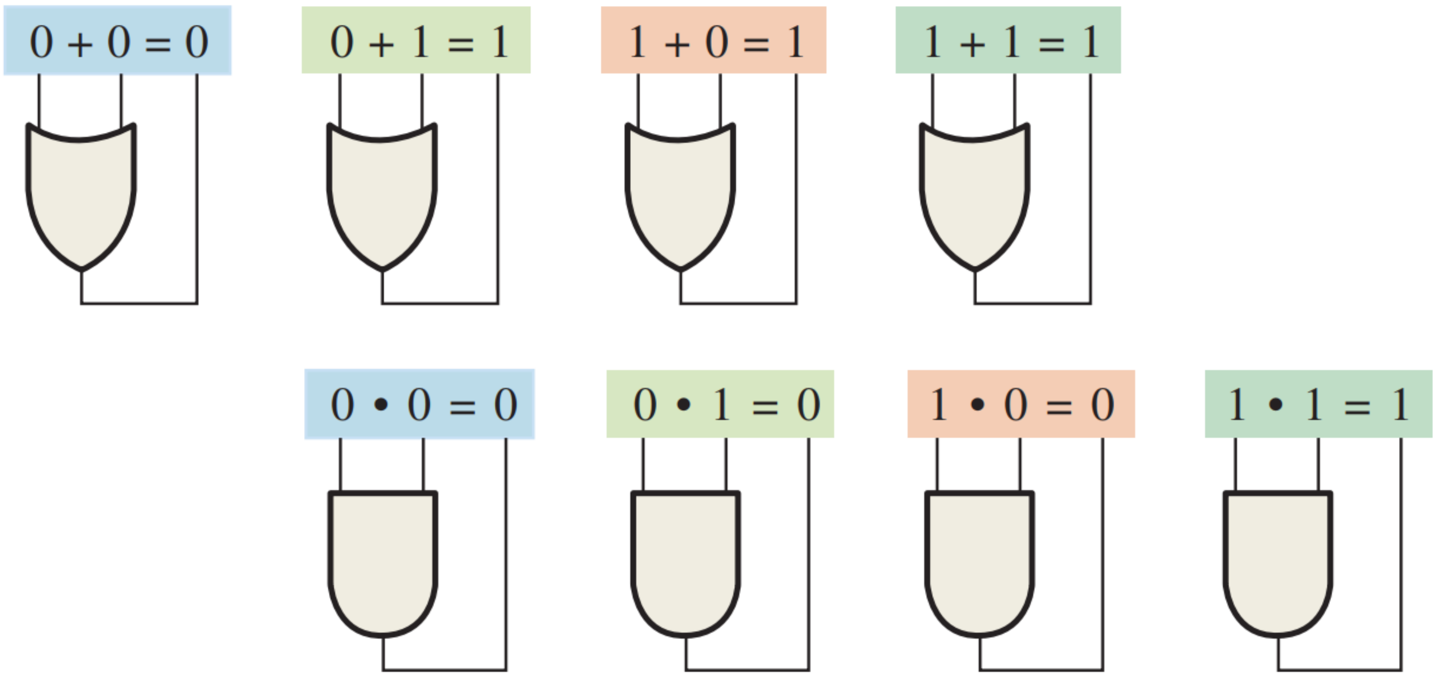
Boolean Operations and Expressions

- Boolean algebra is the **mathematics** of digital logic. A basic knowledge of Boolean algebra is indispensable to the study and analysis of logic circuits. In the last **chapter**, **Boolean operations** and expressions in terms of their relationship to **NOT**, **AND**, **OR**, **NAND**, and **NOR** gates were introduced.



Boolean Operations and Expressions

EXAMPLE 4–1

Determine the values of A, B, C, and D that make the sum term $A + \overline{B} + C + \overline{D}$ equal to 0.

Solution

For the sum term to be 0, each of the literals in the term must be 0. Therefore, $A = \mathbf{0}$, $B = \mathbf{1}$ so that $\overline{B} = 0$, $C = \mathbf{0}$, and $D = \mathbf{1}$ so that $\overline{D} = 0$.

EXAMPLE 4–2

Determine the values of A, B, C, and D that make the product term $A\overline{B}C\overline{D}$ equal to 1.

Solution

For the product term to be 1, each of the literals in the term must be 1. Therefore, $A = \mathbf{1}$, $B = \mathbf{0}$ so that $\overline{B} = 1$, $C = \mathbf{1}$, and $D = \mathbf{0}$ so that $\overline{D} = 1$.

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

Related Problem

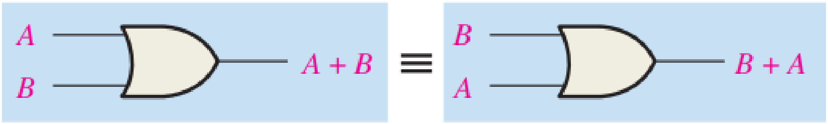
Determine the values of A and B that make the product term $\overline{A}\,\overline{B}$ equal to 1.

Laws and Rules of Boolean Algebra

Commutative Laws

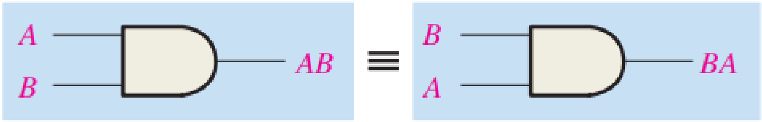
The *commutative law of addition* for two variables is written as

$$A + B = B + A$$



The *commutative law of multiplication* for two variables is

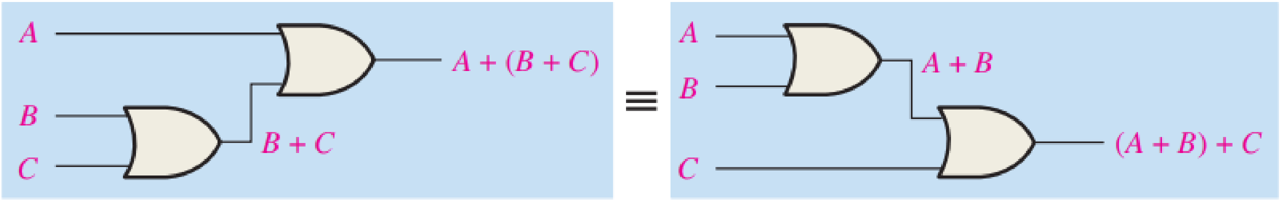
$$AB = BA$$



Associative Laws

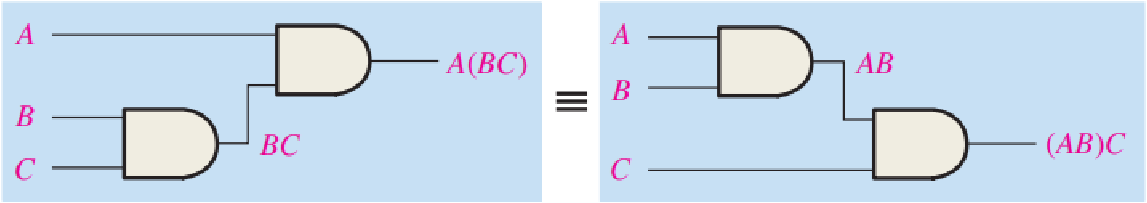
The *associative law of addition* is written as follows for three variables:

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



The *associative law of multiplication* is written as follows for three variables:

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$



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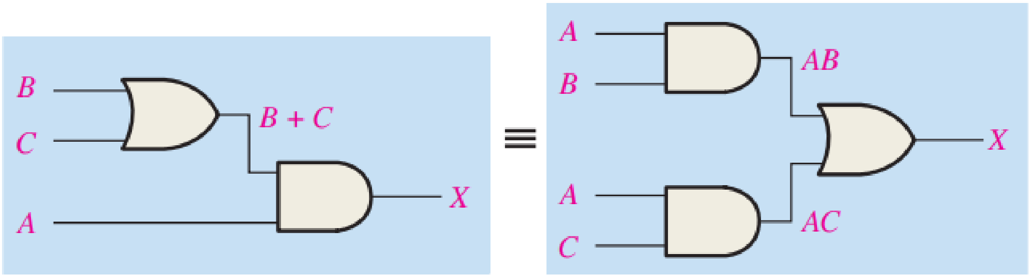
Distributive Law

The distributive law is written for three variables as follows:

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



$X = A(B + C)$

$X = AB + AC$

Rules of Boolean Algebra:

Rules 1 through 9 will be viewed in terms of their application to logic gates. Rules 10 through 12 will be derived in terms of the simpler rules and the laws previously discussed.

TABLE 4–1

Basic rules of Boolean algebra.

1. $A + 0 = A$	**7.** $A \cdot A = A$
2. $A + 1 = 1$	**8.** $A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$
3. $A \cdot 0 = 0$	**9.** $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$
4. $A \cdot 1 = A$	**10.** $A + AB = A$
5. $A + A = A$	**11.** $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$
6. $A + \overline{A} = 1$	**12.** $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

A, *B*, or *C* can represent a single variable or a combination of variables.

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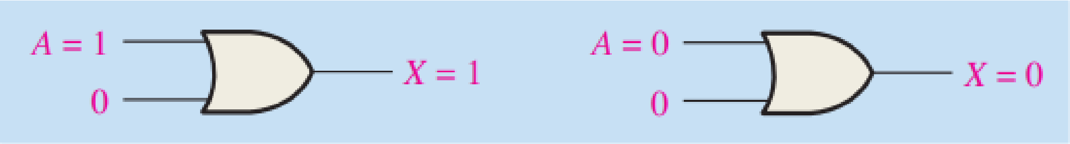
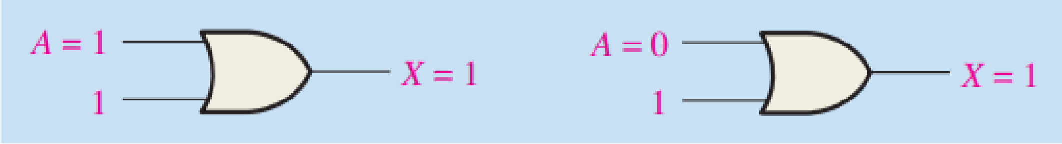
Rule 1: $A + 0 = A$ A variable ORed with 0 is always equal to the variable. If the input variable A is 1, the output variable X is 1, which is equal to A. If A is 0, the output is 0, which is also equal to A. This rule is illustrated in Figure 4–8, where the lower input is fixed at 0.



$X = A + 0 = A$

Rule 2: $A + 1 = 1$ A variable ORed with 1 is always equal to 1. A 1 on an input to an OR gate produces a 1 on the output, regardless of the value of the variable on the other input. This rule is illustrated in Figure 4–9, where the lower input is fixed at 1.



$X = A + 1 = 1$

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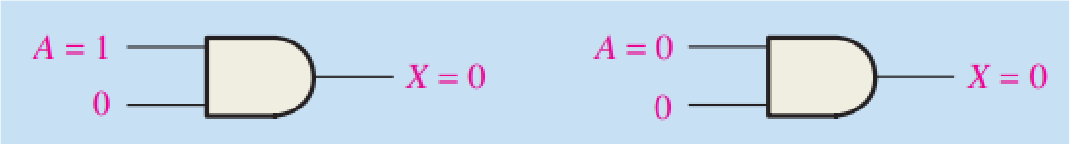
Rule 3: $A \cdot 0 = 0$ A variable ANDed with 0 is always equal to 0. Any time one input to an AND gate is 0, the output is 0, regardless of the value of the variable on the other input. This rule is illustrated in Figure 4–10, where the lower input is fixed at 0.



$X = A \cdot 0 = 0$

Rule 4: $A \cdot 1 = A$ A variable ANDed with 1 is always equal to the variable. If A is 0, the output of the AND gate is 0. If A is 1, the output of the AND gate is 1 because both inputs are now 1s. This rule is shown in Figure 4–11, where the lower input is fixed at 1.

$X = A \cdot 1 = A$

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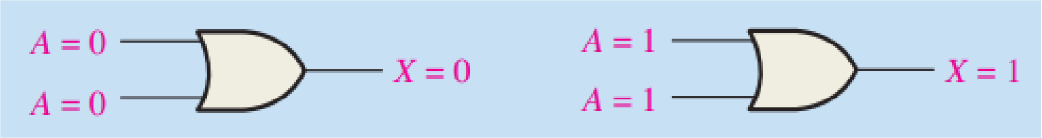
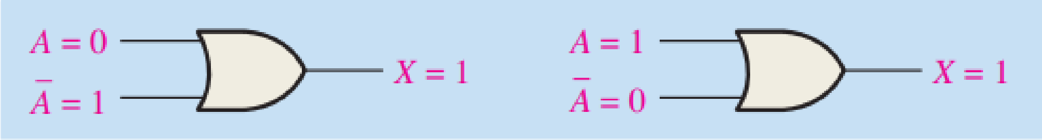
Rule 5: $A + A = A$ A variable ORed with itself is always equal to the variable. If A is 0, then $0 + 0 = 0$; and if A is 1, then $1 + 1 = 1$. This is shown in Figure 4–12, where both inputs are the same variable.



$X = A + A = A$

Rule 6: $A + \bar{A} = 1$ A variable ORed with its complement is always equal to 1. If A is 0, then $0 + \bar{0} = 0 + 1 = 1$. If A is 1, then $1 + \bar{1} = 1 + 0 = 1$. See Figure 4–13, where one input is the complement of the other.



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

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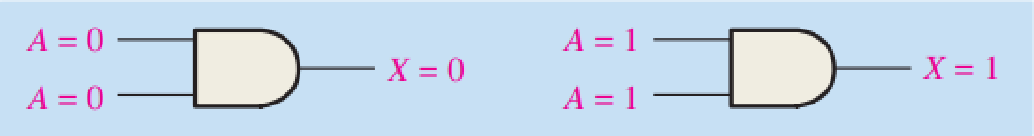
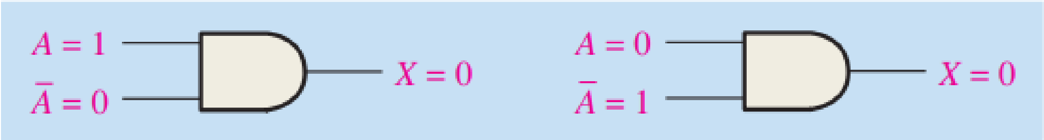
Rule 7: $A \cdot A = A$ A variable ANDed with itself is always equal to the variable. If $A = 0$, then $0 \cdot 0 = 0$; and if $A = 1$, then $1 \cdot 1 = 1$. Figure 4–14 illustrates this rule.



$X = A \bullet A = A$

Rule 8: $A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$ A variable ANDed with its complement is always equal to 0. Either A or $\bar{A}$ will always be 0; and when a 0 is applied to the input of an AND gate, the output will be 0 also. Figure 4–15 illustrates this rule.



$X = A \bullet \bar{A} = 0$

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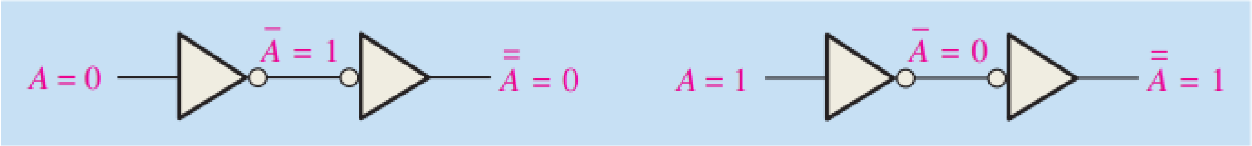
Rule 9: $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$ The double complement of a variable is always equal to the variable. If you start with the variable A and complement (invert) it once, you get $\overline{A}$. If you then take $\overline{A}$ and complement (invert) it, you get A, which is the original variable. This rule is shown in Figure 4–16 using inverters.



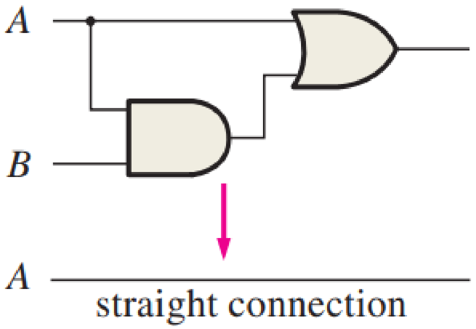
$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$

Rule 10: $A + AB = A$ This rule can be proved by applying the distributive law, rule 2, and rule 4 as follows:

$A + AB = A \cdot 1 + AB = A(1 + B)$	Factoring (distributive law)
$= A \cdot 1$	Rule 2: $(1 + B) = 1$
$= A$	Rule 4: $A \cdot 1 = A$

A	B	AB	$A + AB$
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1

equal



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Rule 11: $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$ This rule can be proved as follows:

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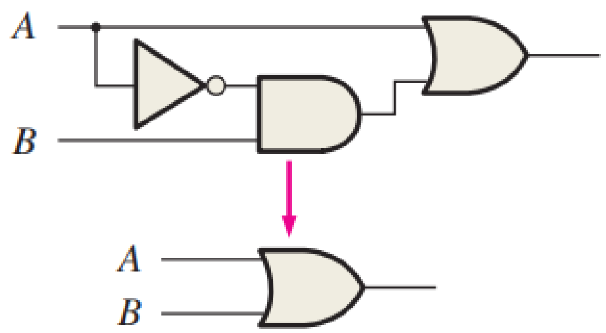
\begin{aligned}
A + \overline{A}B &= (A + AB) + \overline{A}B && \text{Rule 10: } A = A + AB \\
&= (AA + AB) + \overline{A}B && \text{Rule 7: } A = AA \\
&= AA + AB + A\overline{A} + \overline{A}B && \text{Rule 8: adding } A\overline{A} = 0 \\
&= (A + \overline{A})(A + B) && \text{Factoring} \\
&= 1 \cdot (A + B) && \text{Rule 6: } A + \overline{A} = 1 \\
&= A + B && \text{Rule 4: drop the 1}
\end{aligned}
$$

A	B	$\overline{A}B$	$A + \overline{A}B$	$A + B$
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1

equal



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Rule 12: $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$ This rule can be proved as follows:

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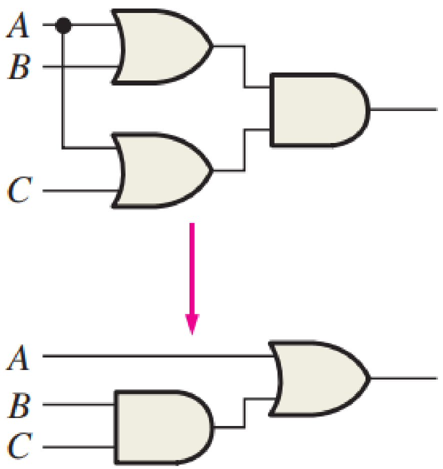
\begin{aligned}
(A + B)(A + C) &= AA + AC + AB + BC && \text{Distributive law} \\
&= A + AC + AB + BC && \text{Rule 7: } AA = A \\
&= A(1 + C) + AB + BC && \text{Factoring (distributive law)} \\
&= A \cdot 1 + AB + BC && \text{Rule 2: } 1 + C = 1 \\
&= A(1 + B) + BC && \text{Factoring (distributive law)} \\
&= A \cdot 1 + BC && \text{Rule 2: } 1 + B = 1 \\
&= A + BC && \text{Rule 4: } A \cdot 1 = A
\end{aligned}
$$

A	B	C	$A + B$	$A + C$	$(A + B)(A + C)$	BC	$A + BC$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

equal



Laws and Rules of Boolean Algebra

Example:

Simplify the expression :

$$y = A\bar{B}D + A\bar{B}\bar{D}$$

<u>solution:</u>

$$y = A\bar{B}(D + \bar{D}) = A\bar{B}.1 = A\bar{B}$$

Example:

Simplify the expression :

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

<u>solution:</u>

$$z = \bar{A}.A + \bar{A}.B + B.A + B.B$$

$$= 0 + B(\bar{A} + A) + B$$

$$= 0 + B + B = B$$

$$\therefore z = B$$

DeMorgan's Theorems

- **DeMorgan, a mathematician who proposed two theorems that are an important part of Boolean algebra. In practical terms, DeMorgan's theorems provide mathematical verification of the equivalency of the NAND and negative-OR gates and the equivalency of the NOR and negative-AND gates.**

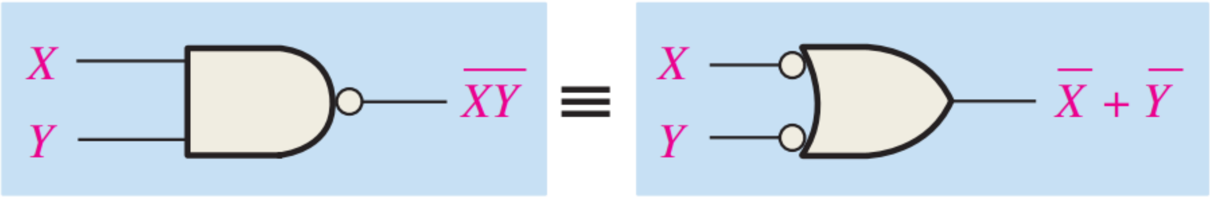
DeMorgan's first theorem is stated as follows:

$$\overline{XY} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y}$$

DeMorgan's second theorem is stated as follows:

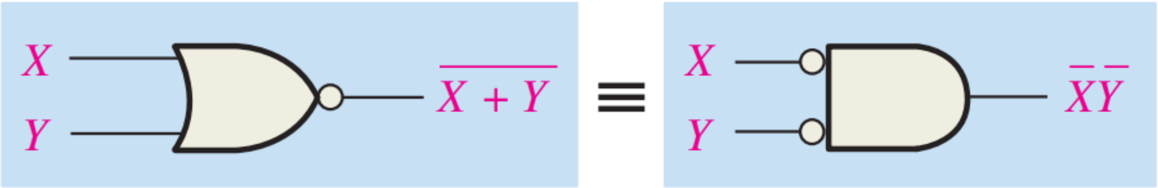
$$\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$$

DeMorgan's Theorems



NAND Negative-OR

Inputs		Output	
X	Y	$\overline{XY}$	$\overline{X} + \overline{Y}$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0



NOR Negative-AND

Inputs		Output	
X	Y	$\overline{X + Y}$	$\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0

DeMorgan's Theorems

EXAMPLE 4–3

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to the expressions $\overline{XYZ}$ and $\overline{X + Y + Z}$.

Solution

$$\overline{XYZ} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}$$
$$\overline{X + Y + Z} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$$

Related Problem

Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the expression $\overline{\overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}}$.

EXAMPLE 4–4

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to the expressions $\overline{WXYZ}$ and $\overline{W + X + Y + Z}$.

Solution

$$\overline{WXYZ} = \overline{W} + \overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}$$
$$\overline{W + X + Y + Z} = \overline{W}\,\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$$

Related Problem

Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the expression $\overline{\overline{W}\,\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}}$.

DeMorgan's Theorems

Applying DeMorgan's Theorems

The following procedure illustrates the application of DeMorgan's theorems and Boolean algebra to the specific expression

$$\overline{\overline{A + B\overline{C}} + D(\overline{E + \overline{F}})}$$

Step 1: Identify the terms to which you can apply DeMorgan's theorems, and think of each term as a single variable. Let $\overline{A + B\overline{C}} = X$ and $D(\overline{E + \overline{F}}) = Y$.

Step 2: Since $\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$,

$$\overline{(\overline{A + B\overline{C}}) + (D(\overline{E + \overline{F}}))} = (\overline{\overline{A + B\overline{C}}})(\overline{D(\overline{E + \overline{F}})})$$

Step 3: Use rule 9 ($\overline{\overline{A}} = A$) to cancel the double bars over the left term (this is not part of DeMorgan's theorem).

$$(\overline{\overline{A + B\overline{C}}})(\overline{D(\overline{E + \overline{F}})}) = (A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D(\overline{E + \overline{F}})})$$

Step 4: Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the second term.

$$(A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D(\overline{E + \overline{F}})}) = (A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D} + (\overline{\overline{E + \overline{F}}}))$$

Step 5: Use rule 9 ($\overline{\overline{A}} = A$) to cancel the double bars over the $E + \overline{F}$ part of the term.

$$(A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D} + \overline{\overline{E + \overline{F}}}) = (A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D} + E + \overline{F})$$

The following three examples will further illustrate how to use DeMorgan's theorems.

DeMorgan's Theorems

EXAMPLE 4–5

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to each of the following expressions:

(a) $\overline{(A + B + C)D}$

(b) $\overline{ABC + DEF}$

(c) $\overline{A\overline{B} + \overline{C}D + EF}$

Solution

(a) Let $A + B + C = X$ and $D = Y$. The expression $\overline{(A + B + C)D}$ is of the form $\overline{XY} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y}$ and can be rewritten as

$$\overline{(A + B + C)D} = \overline{A + B + C} + \overline{D}$$

Next, apply DeMorgan's theorem to the term $\overline{A + B + C}$.

$$\overline{A + B + C} + \overline{D} = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + \overline{D}$$

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(b) Let $ABC = X$ and $DEF = Y$. The expression $\overline{ABC + DEF}$ is of the form $\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$ and can be rewritten as

$$\overline{ABC + DEF} = (\overline{ABC})(\overline{DEF})$$

Next, apply DeMorgan's theorem to each of the terms $\overline{ABC}$ and $\overline{DEF}$.

$$(\overline{ABC})(\overline{DEF}) = (\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C})(\overline{D} + \overline{E} + \overline{F})$$

(c) Let $A\overline{B} = X$, $\overline{C}D = Y$, and $EF = Z$. The expression $\overline{A\overline{B} + \overline{C}D + EF}$ is of the form $\overline{X + Y + Z} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$ and can be rewritten as

$$\overline{A\overline{B} + \overline{C}D + EF} = (\overline{A\overline{B}})(\overline{\overline{C}D})(\overline{EF})$$

Next, apply DeMorgan's theorem to each of the terms $\overline{A\overline{B}}$, $\overline{\overline{C}D}$, and $\overline{EF}$.

$$(\overline{A\overline{B}})(\overline{\overline{C}D})(\overline{EF}) = (\overline{A} + B)(C + \overline{D})(\overline{E} + \overline{F})$$

DeMorgan’s Theorems

Example:-

Implement a circuit having the output expression:

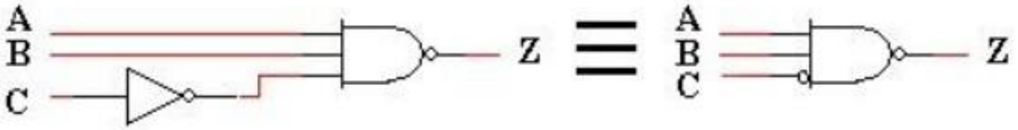
$$Z = \bar{A} + \bar{B} + C$$

Using NAND gate and an inverter.

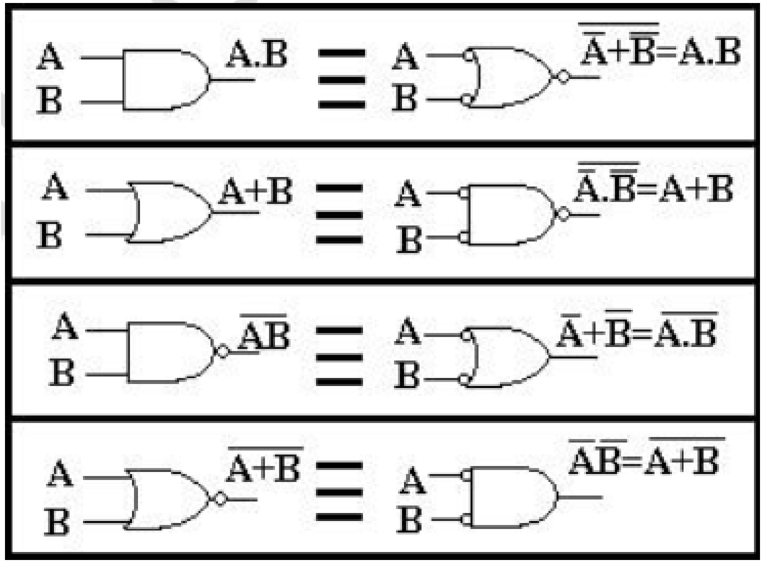
<u>Solution:-</u>

$$Z = \overline{\overline{\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C}}$$

$$= \overline{A.B.\bar{C}}$$



Alternate Logic-Gates Representation



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