CSE 311 Lecture 04: Boolean Algebra

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Topics

Equivalence and proofs

A brief review of Lecture 03.

Boolean algebra

A notation for combinational circuits.

Simplification and proofs

Optimizing circuits and proving theorems.

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Equivalence via truth tables and proofs

$A \equiv B$ is an **assertion** that two propositions A and B have the same truth values in all possible cases.

$A \equiv B$ and $\underbrace{(A \leftrightarrow B) \equiv \top}_{\text{tautology}}$ have the same meaning.

Checking equivalence has many real-world applications.

Verification, optimization, and more!

There are two ways to check equivalence of propositional formulas.

Brute-force: compare their truth tables.

Proof-based: apply equivalences to transform one into the other.

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We call these types of digital circuits *combinational logic circuits*. There are other kinds of digital circuits (called *sequential circuits*) but we'll focus on combinational circuits in this course.

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Boolean operations satisfy the following axioms for any $a, b, c \in B$:

Closure

$a + b \in B$

$a \cdot b \in B$

Commutativity

$a + b = b + a$

$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

Associativity

$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$

$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

Distributivity

$a + (b \cdot c) = (a + b) \cdot (a + c)$

$a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$

Identity

$a + 0 = a$

$a \cdot 1 = a$

Complementarity

$a + a' = 1$

$a \cdot a' = 0$

Null

$a + 1 = 1$

$a \cdot 0 = 0$

Idempotency

$a + a = a$

$a \cdot a = a$

Involution

$(a')' = a$

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Here are some examples of the function's input/output behavior:

- Input: (`Wednesday`, `Lecture`), Output: 2
- Input: (`Monday`, `Section`), Output: 1

How would you implement this function in Java?

From spec to code …

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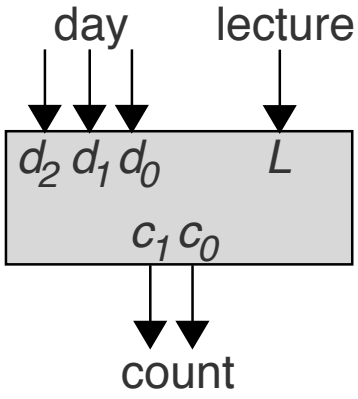
- **Output**: 2 bits for the number of sessions left.



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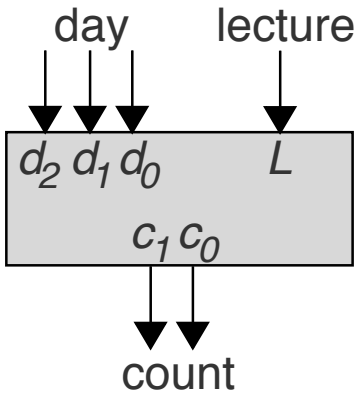

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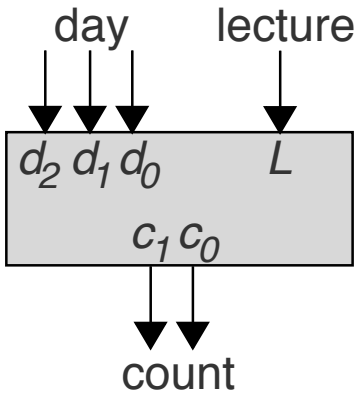

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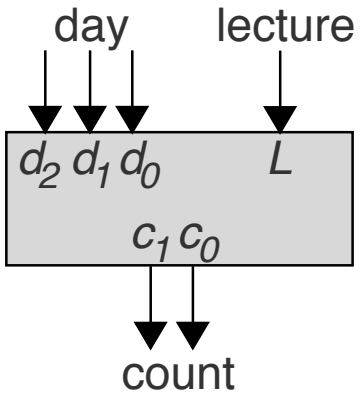

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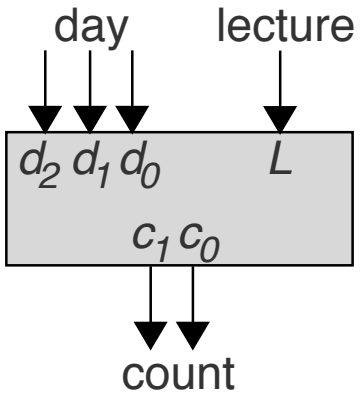

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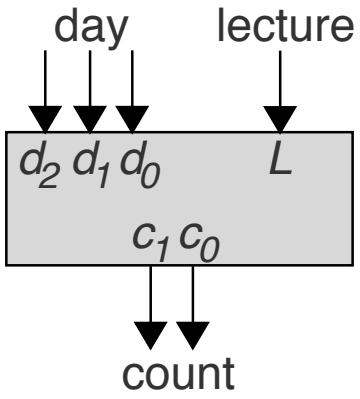

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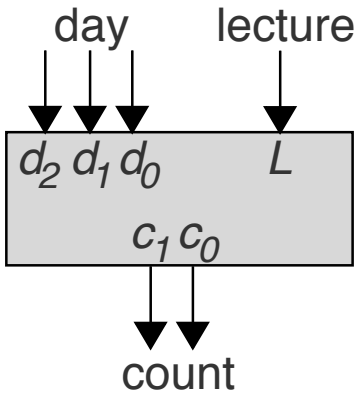

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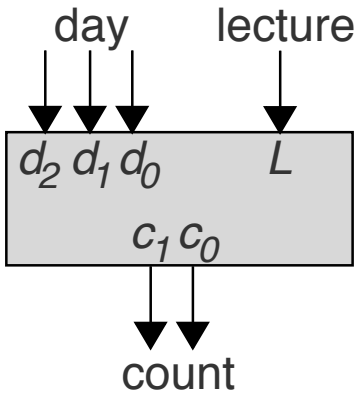

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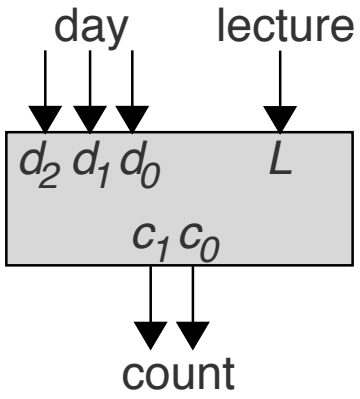

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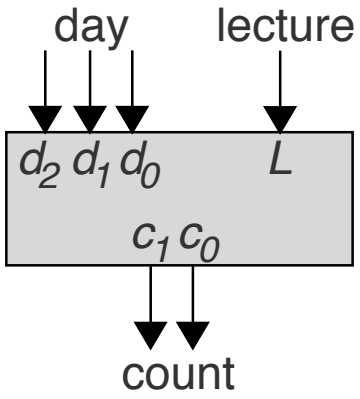

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\end{aligned}
$$

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& d_2 \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0 \cdot L
\end{aligned}
$$

From combinational logic to circuits

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_0 = {} & d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L' + \\
& d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L + \\
& d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0 \cdot L' + \\
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& d_2 \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L + \\
& d_2 \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0 \cdot L
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_1 = {} & d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L + \\
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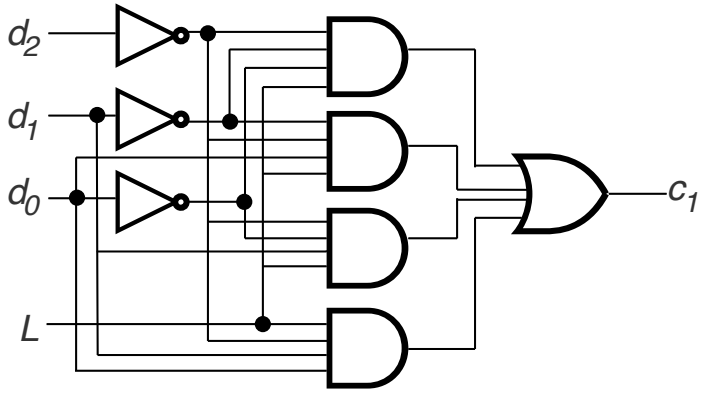
\end{aligned}
$$

Here is c_1 as a circuit …



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Create hardware implementations!

And perform program verification …

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Check that $c_1 \wedge c_0 \rightarrow L \equiv \mathsf{T}$.

$$
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Simplification and proofs

Optimizing circuits and proving theorems.

So far, we've used the basics of Boolean algebra …

Boolean algebra consists of the following elements and operations:

- a set of elements $B = \{0, 1\}$,
- binary operations $\{+, \cdot\}$,
- a unary operation $\{\,'\}$.

These correspond to the truth values $\{\mathsf{F}, \mathsf{T}\}$, and the logical connectives $\vee$, $\wedge$, $\neg$.

Boolean operations satisfy the following axioms for any $a, b, c \in B$:

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Involution

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We can use the basics to prove some useful theorems

Uniting

$$a \cdot b + a \cdot b' = a$$
$$(a + b) \cdot (a + b') = a$$

Absorption

$$a + a \cdot b = a$$
$$a \cdot (a + b) = a$$
$$(a + b') \cdot b = a \cdot b$$
$$(a \cdot b') + b = a + b$$

Factoring

$$(a + b) \cdot (a' + c) = a \cdot c + a' \cdot b$$
$$a \cdot b + a' \cdot c = (a + c) \cdot (a' + b)$$

Consensus

$$(a \cdot b) + (b \cdot c) + (a' \cdot c) = a \cdot b + a' \cdot c$$
$$(a + b) \cdot (b + c) \cdot (a' + c) = (a + b) \cdot (a' + c)$$

DeMorgan's

$$(a + b + \ldots)' = a' \cdot b' \cdot \ldots$$
$$(a \cdot b \cdot \ldots)' = a' + b' + \ldots$$

Example: proving theorems using the axioms

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Example: proving theorems using the axioms

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Example: proving theorems using truth tables

DeMorgan's law

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NOR is equivalent to AND with inputs complemented

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c_1 &= d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L + d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0 \cdot L + d_2' \cdot d_1 \cdot d_0' \cdot L + d_2' \cdot d_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L && \text{(from classesLeft)} \\
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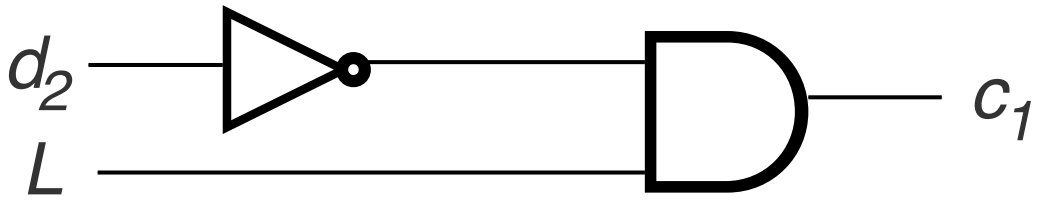
Here is the simplified c_1 circuit …



Summary

Boolean algebra is a notation for combinational circuits.

It consists of elements $\{0, 1\}$ and operations $\{+, \cdot, ' \}$.
The operations satisfy the axioms of Boolean algebra.

We can translate specs to code to logic and to circuits for

faster implementation in hardware, and
program verification.

We can use axioms of Boolean algebra and truth tables to

prove useful theorems, and
simplify and optimize combinational circuits.