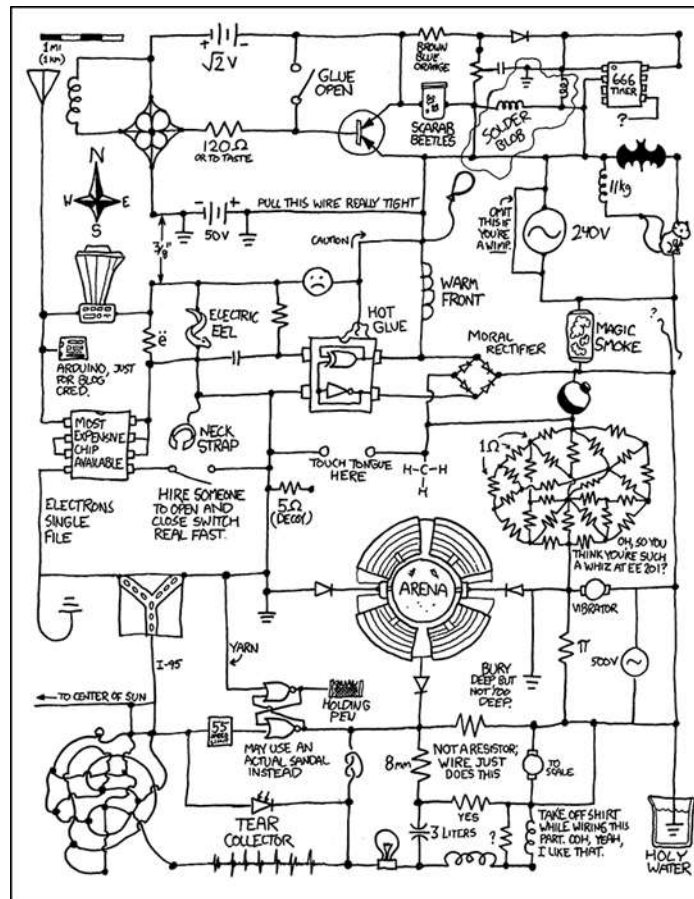


# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

## Lecture 5: DNF, CNF and Predicate Logic



# 1-bit Binary Adder

$A$   
 $+ B$   


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 $S$   
 $(C_{OUT})$

- $0 + 0 = 0$  (with  $C_{OUT} = 0$ )
- $0 + 1 = 1$  (with  $C_{OUT} = 0$ )
- $1 + 0 = 1$  (with  $C_{OUT} = 0$ )
- $1 + 1 = 0$  (with  $C_{OUT} = 1$ )

$1 + 1 + 1 = 11$   
 $\underline{CS_{out}}$

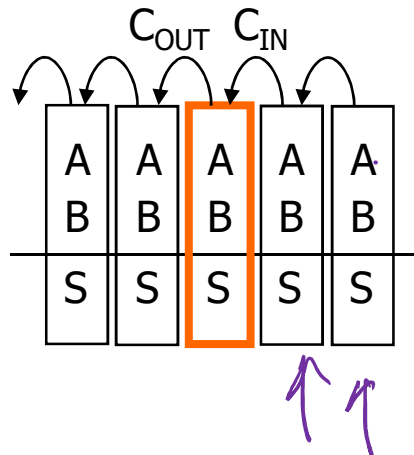
$1 + 1 = 10$

Idea: These are chained together, with a carry-in

$(C_{IN})$   
 $A$   
 $+ B$   


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 $S$   
 $(C_{OUT})$

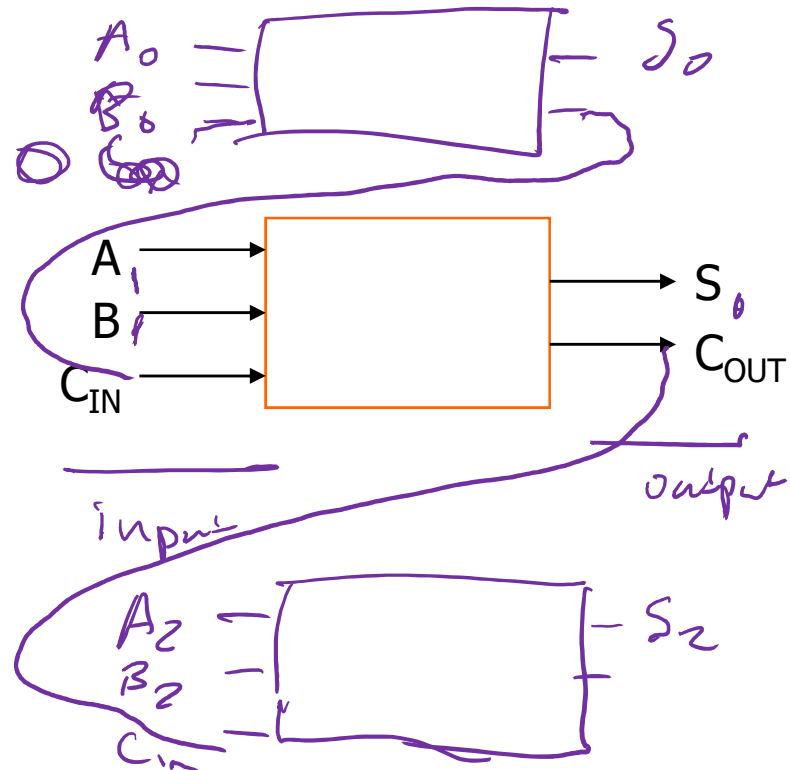
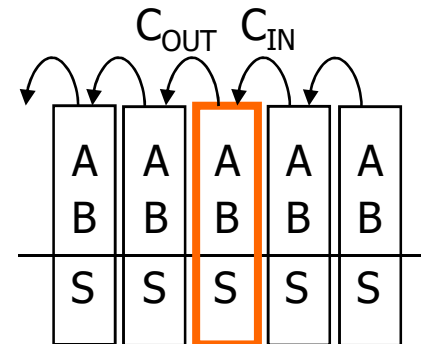


	1	1	0	0
$C_{OUT} C_{IN}$				
A	0	1	1	1
B	0	1	1	0
S	1	1	0	1

# 1-bit Binary Adder

- **Inputs:** A, B, Carry-in
- **Outputs:** Sum, Carry-out

A	B	C <sub>IN</sub>	C <sub>OUT</sub>	S
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	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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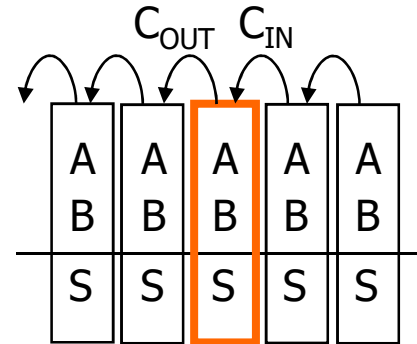
Diagram illustrating the inputs to a 3-input OR gate. The inputs are represented by circles containing the variables  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C_{IN}$ . The inputs are grouped into four rows, each with a blue arrow pointing to it. The inputs are:

- Row 1:  $A' \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN}$  (Inputs  $A'$  and  $B'$  are circled in purple)
- Row 2:  $A' \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$  (Inputs  $A'$  and  $B$  are circled in purple)
- Row 3:  $A \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN}$  (Input  $C_{IN}$  is underlined in purple)
- Row 4:  $A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$  (Inputs  $B$  and  $C_{IN}$  are underlined in purple)

A large blue bracket on the right indicates that these four rows represent the sum of products for the OR gate output.

# 1-bit Binary Adder

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0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	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

Derive an expression for C<sub>OUT</sub>

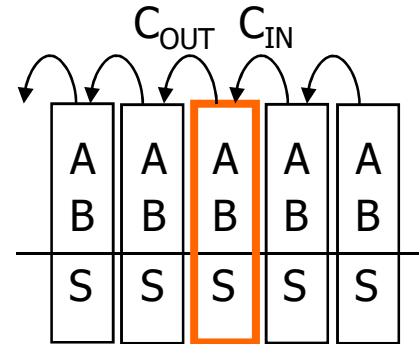
$$C_{OUT} = A' \cdot B \cdot C_{IN} + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN} + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$$

The diagram shows the derivation of the carry-out expression. It starts with the truth table, where the rows where C<sub>OUT</sub> is 1 are highlighted in green. These rows correspond to the minterms: A' · B · C<sub>IN</sub>, A · B' · C<sub>IN</sub>, A · B · C<sub>IN</sub>', and A · B · C<sub>IN</sub>. These minterms are then combined to form the final expression for C<sub>OUT</sub>.

$$S = A' \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN} + A' \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$$

# 1-bit Binary Adder

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- **Outputs:** Sum, Carry-out



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0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	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

$$S = A' \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN} + A' \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$$

$$C_{OUT} = A' \cdot B \cdot C_{IN} + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN} + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$$

# Apply Theorems to Simplify Expressions

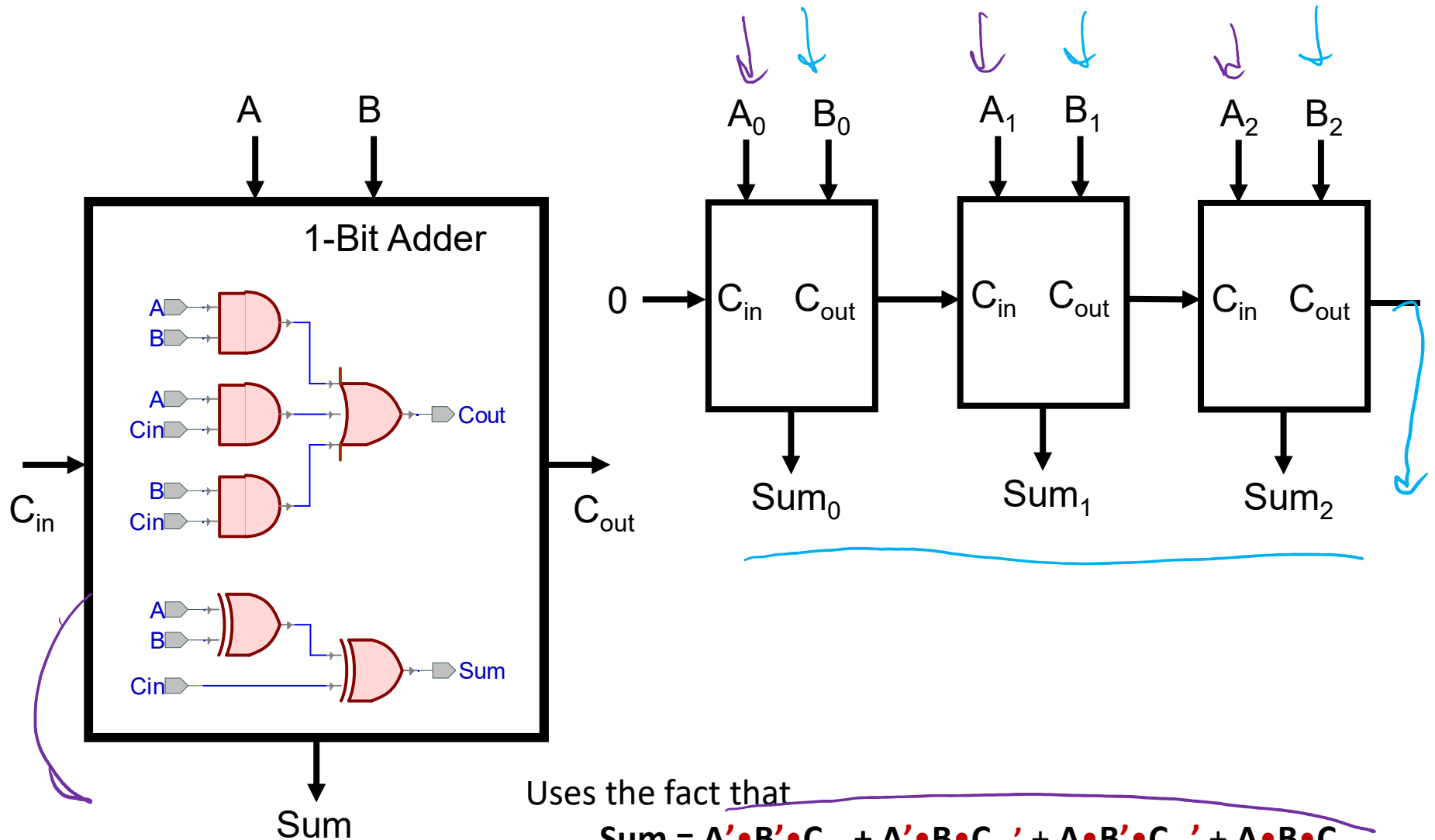
The theorems of Boolean algebra can simplify expressions

– e.g., full adder's carry-out function

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cout} &= A' B \text{Cin} + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= A' B \text{Cin} + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + \boxed{A B \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}} \\&= A' B \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= (A' + A) B \text{Cin} + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= (1) B \text{Cin} + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= \boxed{B \text{Cin}} + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + \boxed{A B \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}} \\&= B \text{Cin} + A B' \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= B \text{Cin} + A (B' + B) \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= B \text{Cin} + A (1) \text{Cin} + A B \text{Cin}' + A B \text{Cin} \\&= B \text{Cin} + A \text{Cin} + A B (\text{Cin}' + \text{Cin}) \\&= B \text{Cin} + A \text{Cin} + A B (1) \\&= B \text{Cin} + A \text{Cin} + A B\end{aligned}$$

adding extra terms  
creates new factoring  
opportunities

# A 2-bit Ripple-Carry Adder



Uses the fact that

$$\text{Sum} = A' \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN} + A' \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{IN}' + A \cdot B \cdot C_{IN}$$

is equivalent to  $\text{Sum} = (A \oplus B) \oplus C_{IN}$



# Mapping Truth Tables to Logic Gates

Given a truth table:

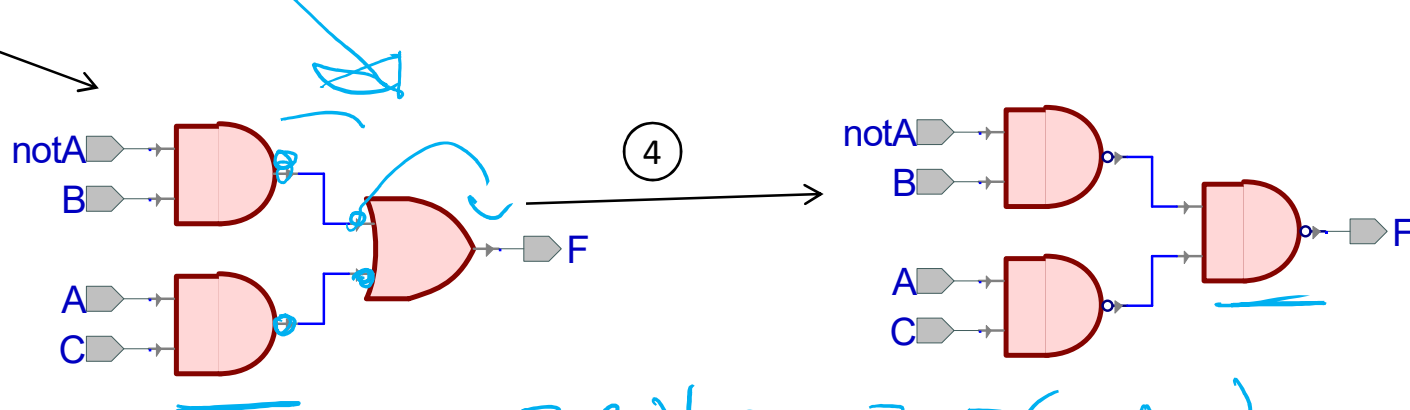
1. Write the Boolean expression
2. Minimize the Boolean expression
3. Draw as gates
4. Map to available gates

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

$$F = A'BC' + A'BC + AB'C + ABC$$

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

$$= A'B + AC$$



$$\neg p \vee \neg q \equiv \neg(p \wedge q)$$

# Canonical Forms

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- **Truth table is the unique signature of a Boolean Function**
- **The same truth table can have many gate realizations**
  - We've seen this already
  - Depends on how good we are at Boolean simplification
- **Canonical forms**
  - Standard forms for a Boolean expression
  - We all come up with the same expression

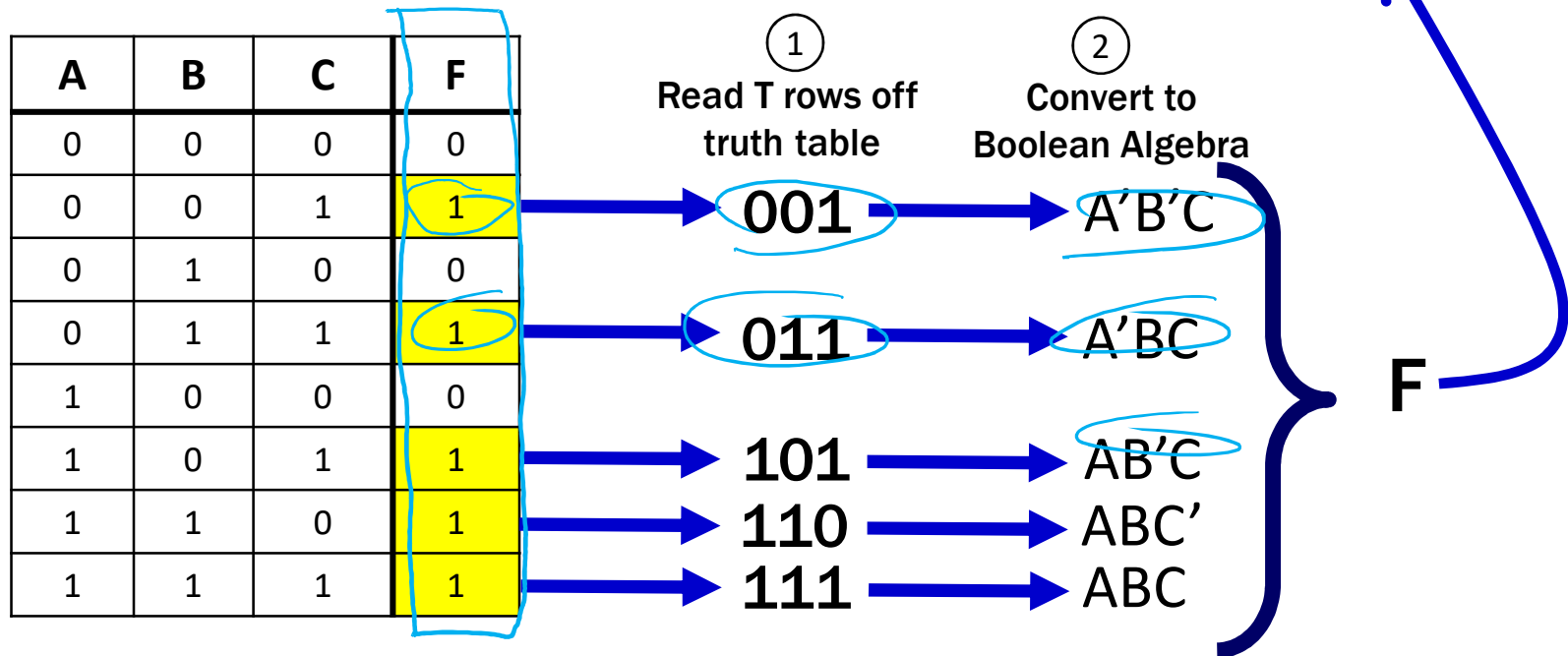
# Sum-of-Products Canonical Form

- AKA **Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)**
- AKA **Minterm Expansion**

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Add the minterms together

$$F = A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC$$



# Sum-of-Products Canonical Form

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## Product term (or minterm)

- ANDed product of literals – input combination for which output is true
- each variable appears exactly once, true or inverted (but not both)

A	B	C	minterms
0	0	0	$A'B'C'$
0	0	1	$A'B'C$
0	1	0	$A'BC'$
0	1	1	$A'BC$
1	0	0	$AB'C'$
1	0	1	$AB'C$
1	1	0	$ABC'$
1	1	1	$ABC$

F in canonical form:

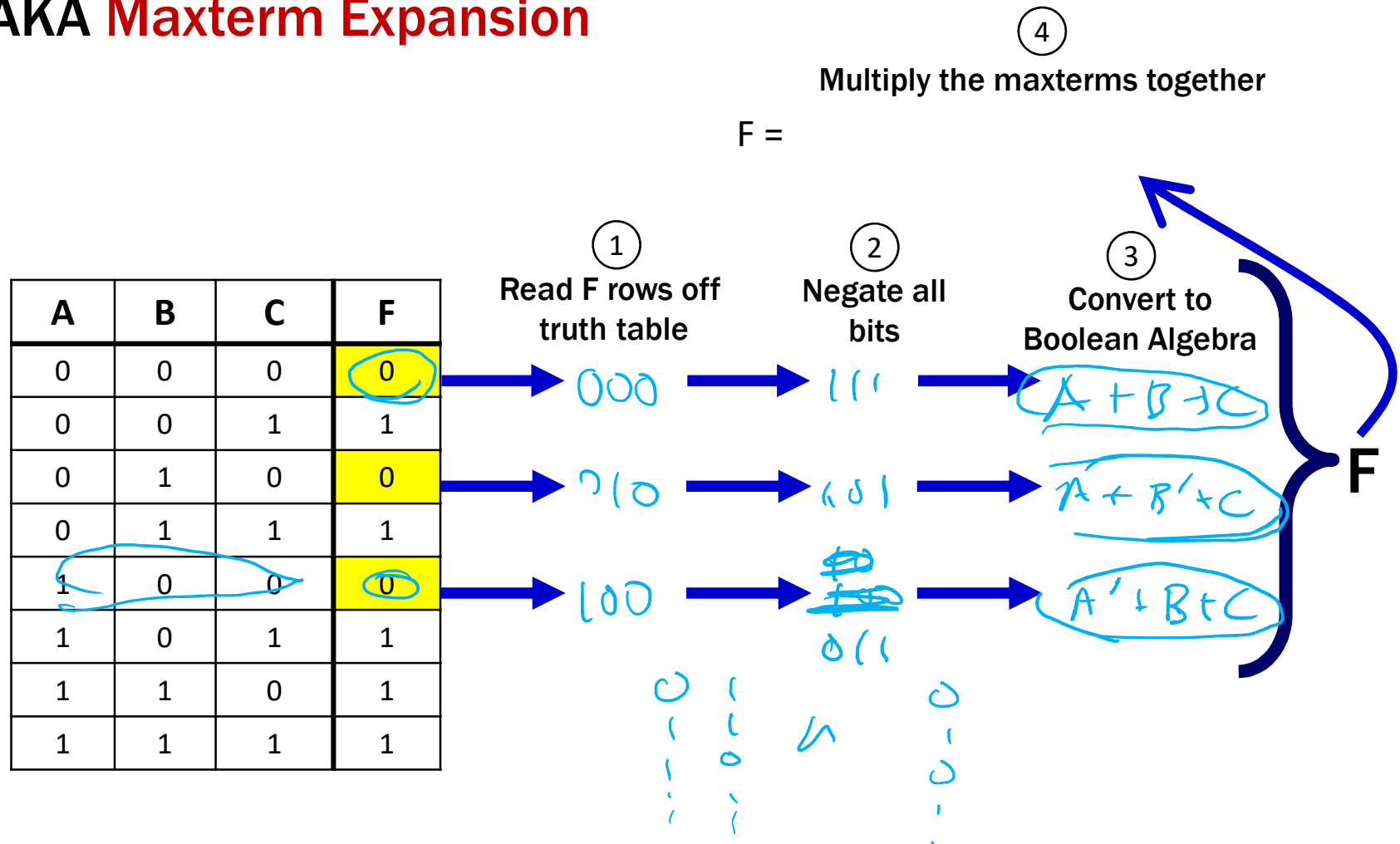
$$F(A, B, C) = \underline{A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC}$$

canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C) &= A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC + ABC' \\ &= (A'B' + A'B + AB' + AB)C + ABC' \\ &= ((A' + A)(B' + B))C + ABC' \\ &= C + ABC' \\ &= ABC' + C \\ &= \underline{AB + C} \end{aligned}$$

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# Product-of-Sums Canonical Form

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④ Multiply the maxterms together

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

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

① Read F rows off truth table

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② Negate all bits

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③ Convert to Boolean Algebra

$A + B + C$

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$A + B' + C$

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011

$A' + B + C$

F

~~A'BC'~~  
A'BC'

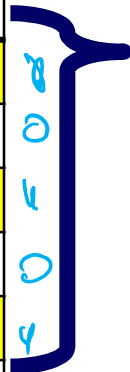
# Product-of-Sums: Why does this procedure work?

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## Useful Facts:

- We know  $(F')' = F$
- We know how to get a minterm expansion for  $F'$

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Taking the complement of both sides...

$$(F')' = (A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C')'$$

And using DeMorgan/Comp....

$$F = (A'B'C')' \cdot (A'BC')' \cdot (AB'C')'$$

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



# Product-of-Sums Canonical Form

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Sum term (or maxterm)


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**F in canonical form:**

$$F(A, B, C) = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C)$$

**canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form**

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C) &= (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C) \\ &= (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) \\ &\quad (A + B + C) (A' + B + C) \\ &= (A + C) (B + C) \end{aligned}$$


# Predicate Logic

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- **Propositional Logic**

“If you take the high road and I take the low road then I’ll arrive in Scotland before you.”

- **Predicate Logic**

“All positive integers  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  satisfy  $x^3 + y^3 \neq z^3$ .”

# Predicate Logic

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- **Propositional Logic**

- Allows us to analyze complex propositions in terms of their simpler constituent parts (a.k.a. atomic propositions) joined by connectives

- **Predicate Logic**

- Lets us analyze them at a deeper level by expressing how those propositions depend on the objects they are talking about

# Predicate Logic

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Adds two key notions to propositional logic

- Predicates
- Quantifiers



# Predicates

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## Predicate

- A function that returns a truth value, e.g.,

$\text{Cat}(x) ::= \text{"x is a cat"}$

$\text{Prime}(x) ::= \text{"x is prime"}$

$\text{HasTaken}(x, y) ::= \text{"student x has taken course y"}$

$\text{LessThan}(x, y) ::= \text{"x < y"}$

$\text{Sum}(x, y, z) ::= \text{"x + y = z"}$

$\text{GreaterThan5}(x) ::= \text{"x > 5"}$

$\text{HasNChars}(s, n) ::= \text{"string s has length n"}$

**Predicates can have varying numbers of arguments and input types.**

# Domain of Discourse

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For each of the following, what might the domain be?

(1) “x is a cat”, “x barks”, “x ruined my couch”

*pets, mammals*

(2) “x is prime”, “ $x = 0$ ”, “ $x < 0$ ”, “x is a power of two”

*numbers, integers*

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*students + courses*

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“mammals” or “sentient beings” or “cats and dogs” or ...

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“numbers” or “integers” or “integers greater than 5” or ...

(3) “student x has taken course y” “x is a pre-req for z”

“students and courses” or “university entities” or ...

# Quantifiers

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We use *quantifiers* to talk about collections of objects.

$$\forall x P(x)$$

$\forall x P(x)$  P(x) is true **for every** x in the domain  
read as “**for all x, P of x**”



$$\exists x P(x)$$

$\exists x P(x)$  **There is** an x in the domain for which P(x) is true  
read as “**there exists x, P of x**”



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	<u>{1, 3, -1, -27}</u>	Integers	Odd Integers
• $\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$	True	False	True
• $\forall x \text{ LessThan4}(x)$	True	False	False

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**Examples:** Are these true? It depends on the domain. For example:

- $\exists x \text{ Odd}(x)$

- $\exists x \text{ LessThan4}(x)$

$\{1, 3, -1, -27\}$	Integers	Positive Multiples of 5
True	True	True
True	True	False

# Statements with Quantifiers

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Just like with propositional logic, we need to define variables (this time **predicates**) before we do anything else. We must also now define a **domain of discourse** before doing anything else.

<b>Domain of Discourse</b>
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Positive Integers
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Predicate Definitions
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Even(x) ::= "x is even"	Greater(x, y) ::= "x > y"
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Odd(x) ::= "x is odd"	Equal(x, y) ::= "x = y"
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Prime(x) ::= "x is prime"	Sum(x, y, z) ::= "x + y = z"
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# Statements with Quantifiers

**Domain of Discourse**

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Determine the truth values of each of these statements:

$\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$

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$\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$

F

$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$

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$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$

F

$\forall x \text{ Greater}(x+1, x)$

T

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

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Determine the truth values of each of these statements:

$\exists x \text{ Even}(x)$

**T** e.g. 2, 4, 6, ...

$\forall x \text{ Odd}(x)$

**F** e.g. 2, 4, 6, ...

$\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \vee \text{Odd}(x))$

**T** every integer is either even or odd

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Odd}(x))$

**F** no integer is both even and odd

$\forall x \text{ Greater}(x+1, x)$

**T** adding 1 makes a bigger number

$\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

**T** Even(2) is true and Prime(2) is true

# Statements with Quantifiers

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**Domain of Discourse**

Positive Integers

**Predicate Definitions**

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Odd(x) ::= "x is odd"

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Translate the following statements to English

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

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$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$



# Statements with Quantifiers (Literal Translations)

**Domain of Discourse**

Positive Integers

## Predicate Definitions

Even(x) ::= "x is even"

Greater(x, y) ::= "x > y"

Odd(x) ::= "x is odd"

Equal(x, y) ::= "x = y"

Prime(x) ::= "x is prime"

Sum(x, y, z) ::= "x + y = z"

Translate the following statements to English

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

For every positive integer x, there is a positive integer y, such that  $y > x$ .

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For every positive integer x, there is a positive integer y, such that  $x > y$ .

$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

For every positive integer x, there is a pos. int. y such that  $y > x$  and y is prime.

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

For each positive integer x, if x is prime, then  $x = 2$  or x is odd.

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

There exist positive integers x and y such that  $x + 2 = y$  and x and y are prime.

# Statements with Quantifiers (Natural Translations)

**Domain of Discourse**

Positive Integers

## Predicate Definitions

Even(x) ::= "x is even"

Greater(x, y) ::= "x > y"

Odd(x) ::= "x is odd"

Equal(x, y) ::= "x = y"

Prime(x) ::= "x is prime"

Sum(x, y, z) ::= "x + y = z"

Translate the following statements to English

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$

There is no greatest positive integer.

$\forall x \exists y \text{ Greater}(x, y)$

There is no least positive integer.

$\forall x \exists y (\text{Greater}(y, x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

For every positive integer there is a larger number that is prime.

$\forall x (\text{Prime}(x) \rightarrow (\text{Equal}(x, 2) \vee \text{Odd}(x)))$

Every prime number is either 2 or odd.

$\exists x \exists y (\text{Sum}(x, 2, y) \wedge \text{Prime}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(y))$

There exist prime numbers that differ by two."

# English to Predicate Logic

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<b>Domain of Discourse</b>
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Mammals
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<b>Predicate Definitions</b>
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Cat(x) ::= "x is a cat"
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Red(x) ::= "x is red"
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LikesTofu(x) ::= "x likes tofu"
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**"Red cats like tofu"**

**"Some red cats don't like tofu"**

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**Predicate Definitions**

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$\text{Red}(x) ::= \text{"x is red"}$

$\text{LikesTofu}(x) ::= \text{"x likes tofu"}$

**“Red cats like tofu”**

$\forall x ((\text{Red}(x) \wedge \text{Cat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{LikesTofu}(x))$

**“Some red cats don’t like tofu”**

$\exists y ((\text{Red}(y) \wedge \text{Cat}(y)) \wedge \neg \text{LikesTofu}(y))$

# English to Predicate Logic

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Domain of Discourse

Mammals

Predicate Definitions

$\text{Cat}(x) ::= \text{"x is a cat"}$

$\text{Red}(x) ::= \text{"x is red"}$

$\text{LikesTofu}(x) ::= \text{"x likes tofu"}$

When putting two predicates together like this, we use an "and".

**"Red cats like tofu"**

When restricting to a smaller domain in a "for all" we use implication.

When there's no leading quantification, it means "for all".

**"Some red cats don't like tofu"**

When restricting to a smaller domain in an "exists" we use and.

"Some" means "there exists".

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Try your intuition! Which one “feels” right?

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The only choice that ensures exactly one of the statement and its negation is (b).

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**“For every integer there is a larger integer”**

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This one asserts P  
and Q of the *same* x.

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of potentially different x's.

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**Example:**  $\text{NotLargest}(x) \equiv \exists y \text{ Greater}(y, x)$   
 $\equiv \exists z \text{ Greater}(z, x)$

truth value:

doesn't depend on  $y$  or  $z$  “**bound** variables”

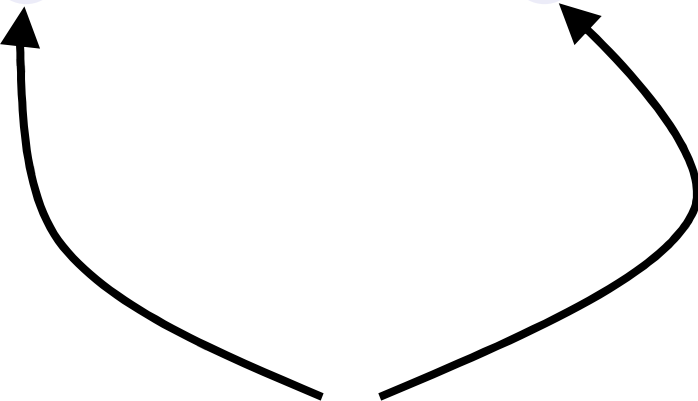
does depend on  $x$  “**free** variable”

**quantifiers only act on free variables** of the formula  
they quantify

$$\forall x (\exists y (P(x, y) \rightarrow \forall x Q(y, x)))$$

# Quantifier “Style”

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This isn't “wrong”, it's just horrible style.  
Don't confuse your reader by using the same  
variable multiple times...there are a lot of letters...