



# 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.


# Equivalence and proofs

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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  $(A \leftrightarrow B) \equiv \text{T}$  have the same meaning.

  
tautology

**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.

# Example: show tautology with a **truth table** and proof

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (q \vee p)$$

A truth table for  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (q \vee p) \equiv \top$ .

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$	$q \vee p$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (q \vee p)$
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# Truth tables versus proofs

Proofs are not smaller than truth tables where there are a few propositional variables.

But proofs are usually much smaller when there are many variables.

We can extend the proof method to reason about richer logics for which truth tables don't apply.

Theorem provers use a combination of search (truth tables) and deduction (proofs) to automate equivalence checking.



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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  $a, b, c \in B$ :

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$$a \cdot b \in B$$

## Commutativity

$$a + b = b + a$$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

## Associativity

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

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## 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

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$$a \cdot a = a$$

## Involution

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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** ...

```
public class Sessions {  
  
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# From code to combinational logic ...

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How many bits for each input/output?

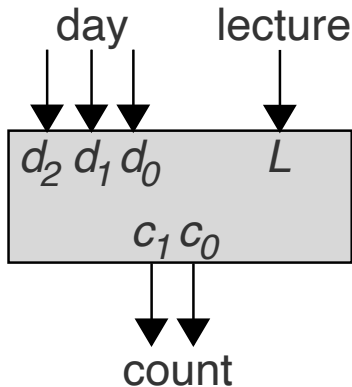
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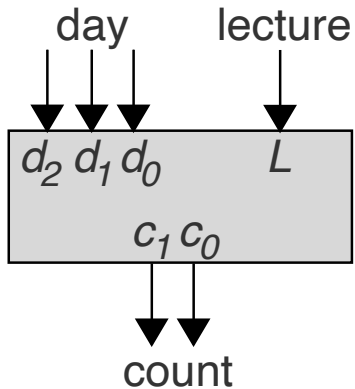
How many bits for each input/output?

- **Inputs:** 3 bits for day of the week, 1 bit for the lecture flag.
- **Output:** 2 bits for the number of sessions left.



# From code to combinational logic via a truth table

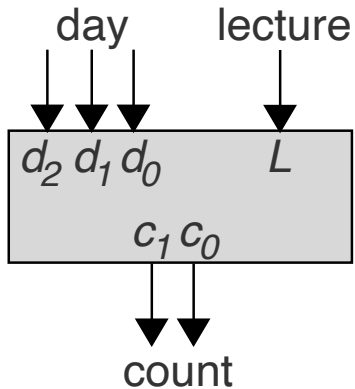
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MON	001	1	
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TUE	010	1	
WED	011	0	
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THU	100	0	
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FRI	101	0	
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# From code to combinational logic via a **truth table**

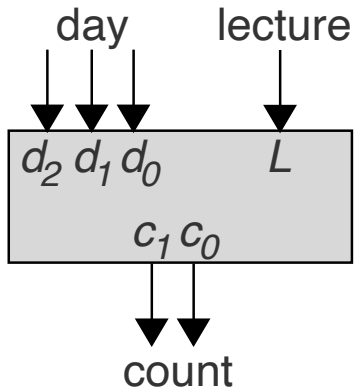
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Day	$d_2 d_1 d_0$	$L$	$c_1 c_0$
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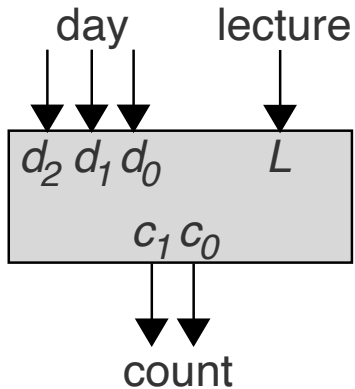


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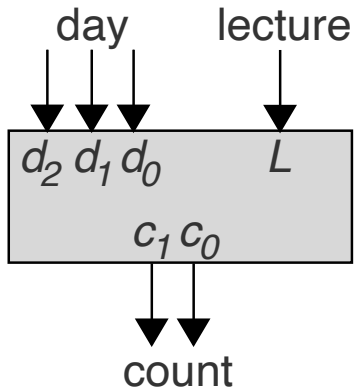
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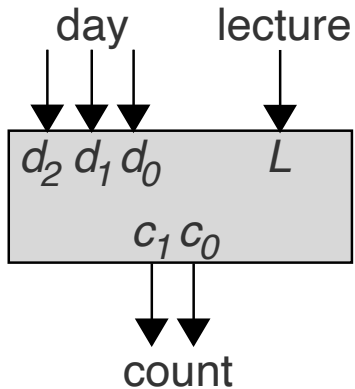
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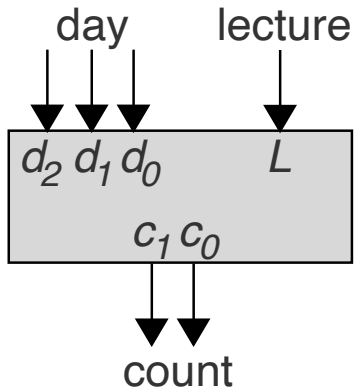
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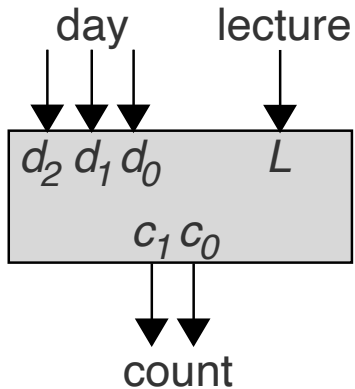
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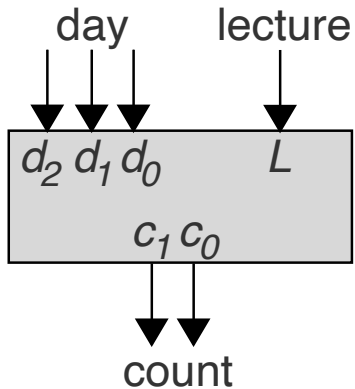
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# From code to **combinational logic** via a truth table: $c_1$

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MON	001	0	01
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To find an expression for  $c_1$ , look at the rows where  $c_1 = 1$ .

- $d_2d_1d_0 == 000 \ \&\& \ L == 1$
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Split up the bits of the day to get a formula for each row.

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- $d_2 == 0 \ \&\& \ d_1 == 1 \ \&\& \ d_0 == 0 \ \&\& \ L == 1$
- $d_2 == 0 \ \&\& \ d_1 == 1 \ \&\& \ d_0 == 1 \ \&\& \ L == 1$



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<b>MON</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
TUE	010	0	01
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Translate to Boolean algebra to get an expression for  $c_1$ .

- $d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L$
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# From code to **combinational logic** via a truth table: $c_1$

Day	$d_2 d_1 d_0$	$L$	$c_1 c_0$
SUN	000	0	01
<b>SUN</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
MON	001	0	01
<b>MON</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
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$$c_1 = d'_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L + d'_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L + d'_2 \cdot d_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L + d'_2 \cdot d_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L$$

# From code to **combinational logic** via a truth table: $c_0$

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FRI	101	0	00
FRI	101	1	01
SAT	110	0	00
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$$c_1 = d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L +$$

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$$d_2' \cdot d_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L$$

Now we repeat this process to get  $c_0$ .

$$c_0 =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 & d_2' \cdot d_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L
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$$\begin{aligned}
 c_0 = & d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L' + \\
 & d_2' \cdot d_1' \cdot d_0' \cdot L +
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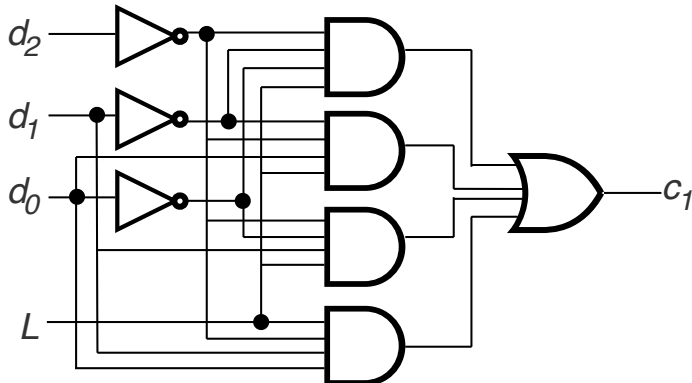
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# From combinational logic to circuits

$$\begin{aligned}c_0 = & d'_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L' + \\ & d'_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L + \\ & d'_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L' + \\ & d'_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L + \\ & d'_2 \cdot d_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L' + \\ & d'_2 \cdot d_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L' + \\ & d_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L' + \\ & d_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d'_0 \cdot L + \\ & d_2 \cdot d'_1 \cdot d_0 \cdot L\end{aligned}$$

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Here is  $c_1$  as a circuit ...



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Create hardware implementations!

And perform program verification ...

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$p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  represent propositions

$c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_0 = 1$ , and  $L = 1$ .

Check that  $p \wedge q \rightarrow r \equiv T$

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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  $\{F, T\}$ , and the logical connectives  $\vee, \wedge, \neg$ .

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

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# 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

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

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# Example: proving theorems using truth tables

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## Closure

$$\begin{aligned}a + b &\in B \\ a \cdot b &\in B\end{aligned}$$

## Commutativity

$$\begin{aligned}a + b &= b + a \\ a \cdot b &= b \cdot a\end{aligned}$$

## Associativity

$$\begin{aligned}a + (b + c) &= (a + b) + c \\ a \cdot (b \cdot c) &= (a \cdot b) \cdot c\end{aligned}$$

## Distributivity

$$\begin{aligned}a + (b \cdot c) &= (a + b) \cdot (a + c) \\ a \cdot (b + c) &= (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)\end{aligned}$$

## Identity

$$\begin{aligned}a + 0 &= a \\ a \cdot 1 &= a\end{aligned}$$

## Complementarity

$$\begin{aligned}a + a' &= 1 \\ a \cdot a' &= 0\end{aligned}$$

## Null

$$\begin{aligned}a + 1 &= 1 \\ a \cdot 0 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

## Idempotency

$$\begin{aligned}a + a &= a \\ a \cdot a &= a\end{aligned}$$

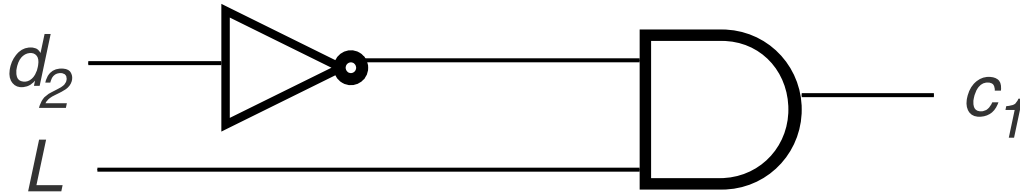
## Involution

$$(a')' = a$$

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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.**