

# CSE 311 Lecture 05: Canonical Forms and Predicate Logic

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# **Topics**

#### Boolean algebra

A review of Lecture 04 with another end-to-end example.

#### **Canonical forms**

Standard forms for a Boolean expression.

#### **Predicate logic**

Extending propositional logic with predicates and quantifiers.

# Boolean algebra

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# Boolean algebra is a notation for combinational logic

Think of it as a notation for propositional logic used in circuit design.

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  $\lor$ ,  $\land$ ,  $\neg$ .

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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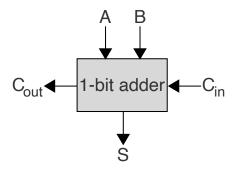
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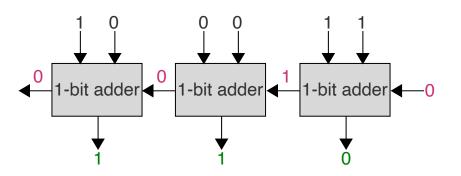
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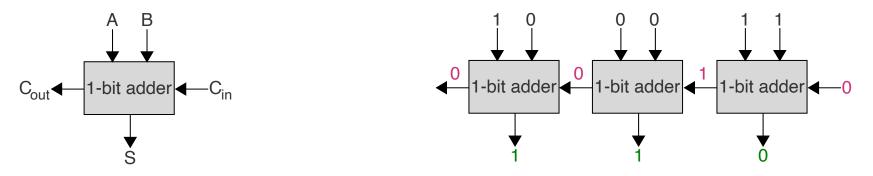


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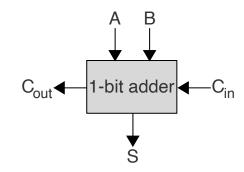
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Let's implement the 1-bit adder circuit!

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- Outputs: S,  $C_{out}$  (sum and carry out)

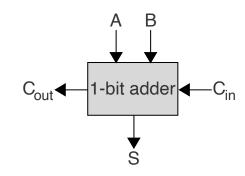


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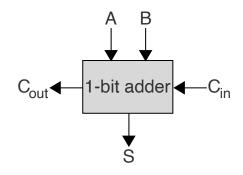


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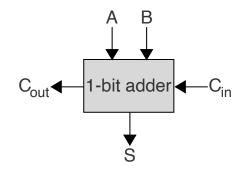
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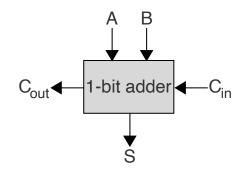


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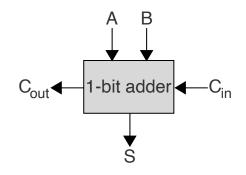


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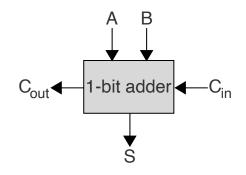


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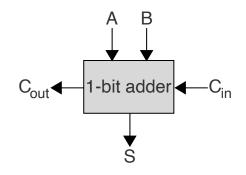


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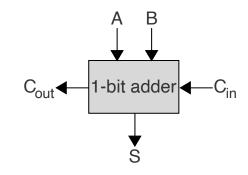


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# Example: apply theorems to simplify the logic

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$$= B \cdot C_{in} \cdot A + B \cdot C_{in} \cdot A' + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C'_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C_{in}$$

$$= B \cdot C_{in} \cdot (A + A') + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C'_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C_{in}$$

$$= B \cdot C_{in} \cdot 1 + A \cdot B' \cdot C_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C'_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C_{in}$$

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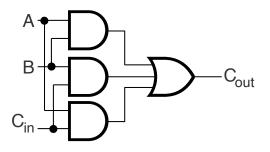
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# Example: map the logic to the available gates

$$C_{out} = B \cdot C_{in} + A \cdot C_{in} + A \cdot B$$



 $C_{out}$  mapped to AND, OR, and NOT gates.

$$S = A' \cdot B' \cdot C_{in} + A' \cdot B \cdot C'_{in} + A \cdot B' \cdot C'_{in} + A \cdot B \cdot C_{in}$$

$$\overset{A}{\underset{C_{\text{in}}}{}} = \overset{B}{\underset{C_{\text{in}}}{}} = S$$

S mapped to an XOR gate:  $S \equiv A \oplus B \oplus C_{in}$ .

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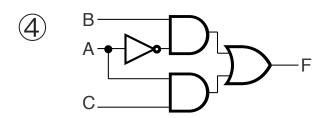
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# **Canonical forms**

Standard forms for a Boolean expression.

# Why do we need canonical forms?

#### A truth table is the unique signature of a Boolean function.

It captures the semantics (meaning) of the function.

#### The same truth table can have many realizations in Boolean algebra.

One function can have many different syntactic representations.

Depends on how good we are at Boolean simplification.

#### Canonical forms are standard form for a Boolean expression.

We all come up with the same expression.

Also used internally by theorem provers.

#### We will cover two useful canonical forms.

Sum-of-products form.

Product-of-sums form.

# Sum-of-products canonical form

#### Also known as ...

Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF) Minterm Expansion

#### To convert a truth table to sum-of-products:

- 1 Read the rows with true (1) output.
- ② Convert to Boolean algebra.
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A	В	C	F	1	2
0	0	0	0		
0	0	1	0		
0	1	0	1	010	
0	1	1	1	011	
1	0	0	0		
1	0	1	1	101	
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# Sum-of-products canonical form: properties

#### **Product term (or minterm)**

Conjunction of *literals*, which are variables or their negations.

Represents an input combination for which output is true.

Each variable appears exactly once, true or negated (but not both).

A	$\boldsymbol{B}$	$\boldsymbol{C}$	F	minterms
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	0	
0	1	0	1	A'BC'
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F in canonical form

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

canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form

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

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Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

**Maxterm Expansion** 

- 1 Read the rows with false (0) output.
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A	В	C	F	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	000		
0	0	1	0	001		
0	1	0	1			
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1	0	0	0	100		
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0	1	1	1			
1	0	0	0	100	011	A'+B+C
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$$(4) F = (A + B + C)(A + B + C')$$
$$(A' + B + C)(A' + B' + C)$$

# Product-of-sums canonical form: why does it work?

#### What we know ...

(F')' = F by Involution.

How to get a **minterm** expansion for F'.

A	В	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
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**Using Involution and DeMorgan Laws** 

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

# Product-of-sums canonical form: properties

#### Sum term (or maxterm)

Disjunction of *literals*, which are variables or their negations.

Represents an input combination for which output is false.

Each variable appears exactly once, true or negated (but not both).

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# F in canonical form

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#### canonical form $\neq$ minimal form

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

$$= (A + B + CC')(A' + C + BB')$$

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

# **Predicate logic**

Extending propositional logic with predicates and quantifiers.

# Predicate logic versus propositional logic

## **Propositional logic**

"If Garfield is an orange cat and likes lasagna, then he has black stripes."



## **Predicate logic**

"All positive integers x, y, z satisfy  $x^3 + y^3 \neq z^3$ ."

Propositional logic lets us express complex propositions in terms of their constituent parts (atomic propositions) joined by connectives. Predicate logic lets us express how propositions depend on the objects they mention.

# Key notions in predicate logic

### **Syntax**

Predicate logic extends propositional logic with two key constructs: *predicates* and *quantifiers*  $(\exists, \forall)$ .

#### **Semantics**

We define the meaning of formulas in predicate logic with respect to a *domain of discourse*.



## **Predicates**

Predicate is a function that returns a truth value.

```
Cat(x) ::= "x is a cat"

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

HasTaken(x, y) ::= "student x has taken course y"

LessThan(x, y) ::= "x < y"

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

GreaterThan5(x) ::= "x > 5"

HasNChars(s, n) ::= "string s has length n"
```

Predicates can have varying arity (numbers of arguments).

To give meaning to predicates in a formula, we define a set of objects that those predicates can take as input.

This set of objects is called the *domain of discourse* for a formula.

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

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"students and courses" or "university entities" or ...
```



# **Quantifiers**

Quantifiers let us talk about all or some objects in the domain.

 $\forall x. P(x)$ 

P(x) is true for every x in the domain.

Read as "for all x, P(x)".

Called the universal quantifier.

 $\exists x. P(x)$ 

**There is** an x in the domain for which P(x) is true.

Read as "there exists x, P(x)".

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```
\exists x. \, \text{Even}(x)
```

$$\forall x. \operatorname{Odd}(x)$$

$$\forall x$$
. Even( $x$ )  $\vee$  Odd( $x$ )

$$\exists x. \, \text{Even}(x) \land \, \text{Odd}(x)$$

$$\forall x$$
. Greater( $x + 1, x$ )

 $\exists x. \, \text{Even}(x) \land \text{Prime}(x)$ 

#### **Predicate definitions**

#### **Domain of discourse**

Positive integers

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

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

# Predicate logic to English: natural translations

#### Translate the following statements to English

 $\forall x. \exists y. Greater(y, x)$ 

There is no greatest positive integer.

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

There is no least positive integer.

 $\forall x. \exists y. Greater(y, x) \land Prime(y)$ 

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

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

Every prime number is 2 or odd.

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

There exist prime numbers that differ by two.

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# **English to predicate logic**

"Orange cats like lasagna."

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# **English to predicate logic**

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# **English to predicate logic: translation hints**

### "Orange cats like lasagna."

 $\forall x. ((\text{Orange}(x) \land \text{Cat}(x)) \rightarrow \text{LikesLasagna}(x))$ 

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

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

## "Some orange cats don't like lasagna."

 $\exists x. ((\operatorname{Orange}(x) \wedge \operatorname{Cat}(x)) \wedge \neg \operatorname{LikesLasagna}(x))$ 

"Some" means "there exists".

When restricting to a smaller domain in an "exists", use conjunction.

When putting predicates together, like orange cats, use conjunction.

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# Summary

Canonical forms are standard form for a Boolean expression.

Sum-of-products form.

Product-of-sums form.

Predicate logic adds predicates and quantifiers to propositional logic.

Predicate is a function that returns a truth value.

Quantifiers let us talk about *all*  $(\forall)$  or *some*  $(\exists)$  objects in the domain.

The domain of discourse is the set of objects over which the predicates and quantifiers in a formula are evaluated.