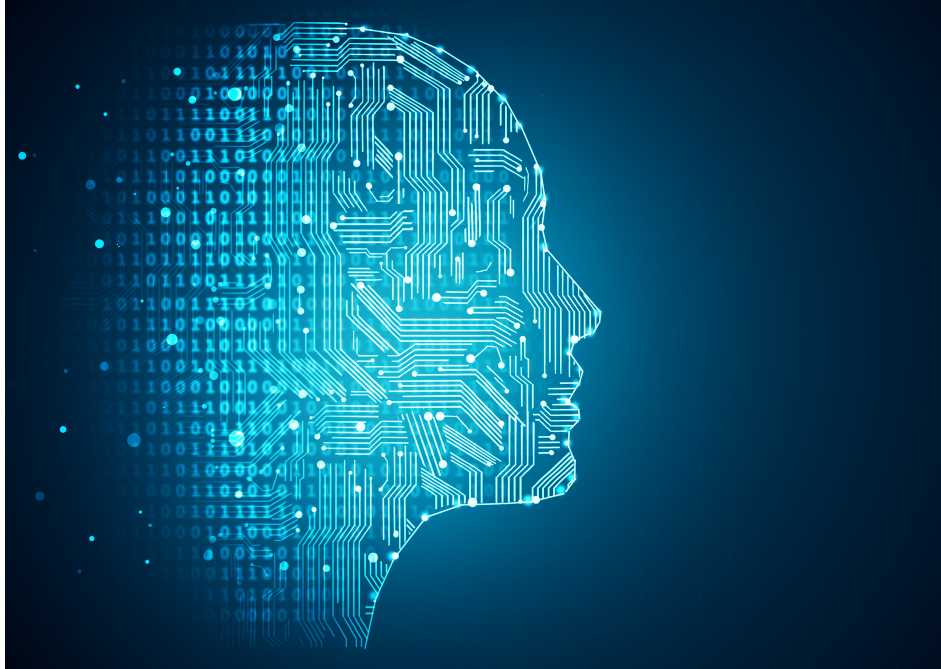


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Topic 2: Boolean algebra

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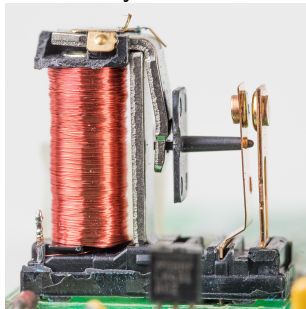
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Introduction: "0/1"

Babbage's punched cards

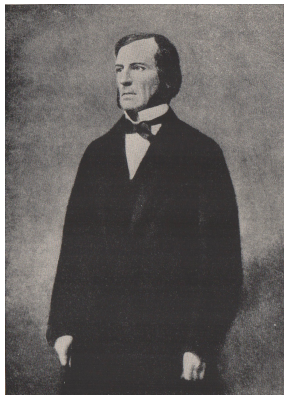


Basic relay device



George Boole (1815-1864)

- 1844: "On a general method in analysis"; gold prize in mathematics from Royal Society
- logical system: "An Investigation of the Laws of Thought on Which are Founded the Mathematical Theories of Logic and Probabilities" → "algebra of logic"



Victor Shestakov (1907-1987)

- Moscow State University (1934)
- theory of electric switches based on Boolean logic
- algebraic logic model for 2-, 3-, 4-poles switches

Claude Shannon (1916-2001)

- "father of information theory"
- MIT
- thesis on theory of electrical circuits based on Boolean algebra

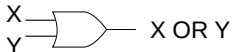
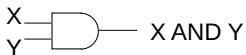
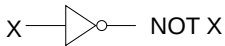
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Fundamentals

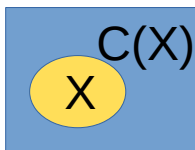
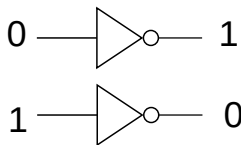
- binary logic: "tertium non datur": law of excluded middle
- symbolism: 0: FALSE, 1: TRUE
- *variables*: stand for one of the two possible values, are usually represented by letters (or strings)
- *operators*: nary functions of variables, usually unary or binary

- variables: X, Y
- negation: **NOT**, $\neg X$
- conjunction: **AND**, $X \wedge Y$
- disjunction: **OR**, $X \vee Y$



Equivalence with sets and number operations

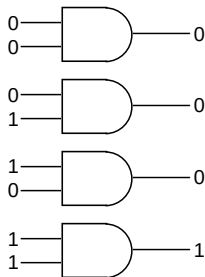
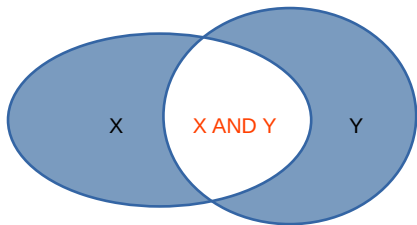
- negation: $\neg X \equiv \bar{X} \equiv C(X)$



Equivalence with sets and number operations

- conjunction:

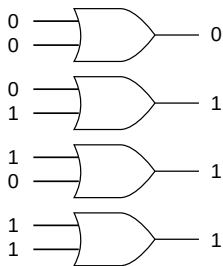
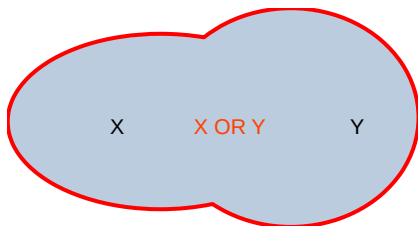
$$X \wedge Y \equiv X \cdot Y \equiv X \cap Y$$



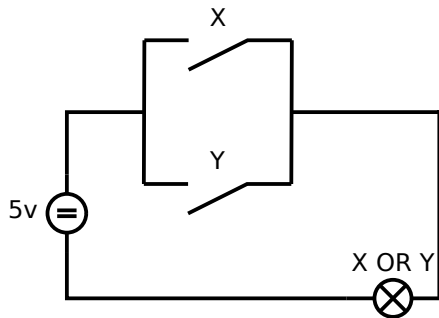
Equivalence with sets and number operations

- disjunction:

$$X \vee Y \equiv X + Y \equiv X \cup Y$$



Example:



- *commutative law:*

$$X \wedge Y = Y \wedge X \text{ or } X \cdot Y = Y \cdot X$$

$$X \vee Y = Y \vee X \text{ or } X + Y = Y + X$$

- in the following we will use the usual algebraic notation, and skip \cdot when not necessary
- *associative law:*

$$(XY)Z = X(YZ)$$

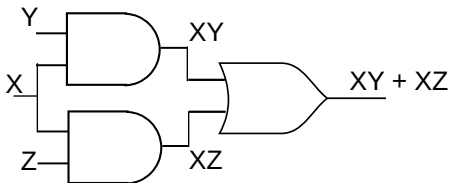
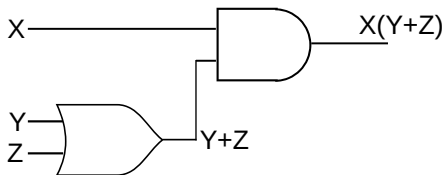
$$(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$$

- *distributive law*

$$X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$$

Example:

$$X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$$



Truth tables for functions (and circuits)

Each logic function is fully described by enumerating all possible inputs and corresponding outputs (2^n values for n distinct inputs/variables).

NOT

X	\overline{X}
0	1
1	0

AND

X	Y	$X \cdot Y$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OR

X	Y	$X + Y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Fundamental laws and theorems

- $\overline{\overline{X}} = X$

- **OR** operations:

$$X + 0 = X$$

$$X + 1 = 1$$

$$X + X = X \text{ (idempotence)}$$

$$X + \overline{X} = 1$$

- **AND** operations:

$$X \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$X \cdot 1 = X$$

$$X \cdot X = X \text{ (idempotence)}$$

$$X \cdot \overline{X} = 0$$

Fundamental laws and theorems

- dual of distributive law:

$$X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}(X + Y)(X + Z) &= XX + XZ + YX + YZ \\ &= X + XZ + YX + YZ && \because XX = X \\ &= X(1 + Z) + YX + YZ \\ &= X + YX + YZ && \because 1 + Z = 1 \\ &= X(1 + Y) + YZ \\ &= X + YZ && \because 1 + Y = 1\end{aligned}$$

Fundamental laws and theorems

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Proof (by brute force approach - truth table):

X	Y	Z	$X + Y$	$X + Z$	YZ	$(X + Y)(X + Z)$	$X + YZ$
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	0	1	1
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Fundamental laws and theorems

- absorption law:

$$X + XY = X$$

$$X(X + Y) = X$$

- identity theorem:

$$X + \bar{X}Y = X + Y$$

$$X(\bar{X} + Y) = XY$$

- De Morgan's theorem:

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

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

Other operators

XOR

"exclusive OR"

X	Y	$X \oplus Y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



NAND

"negated-AND"

X	Y	\overline{XY}
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



NOR

"negated-OR"

X	Y	$\overline{X + Y}$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0



Truth table \longrightarrow function \longrightarrow circuit

Consider the following truth table:

X	Y	Z	$F(X, Y, Z)$
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

What is the corresponding logic function?

Method

Write the function as a sum of products (i.e. disjunction of conjunctions): for each "1" in the function column, take the sum (OR) of the corresponding *fundamental product* (ANDs). Then simplify the expression.

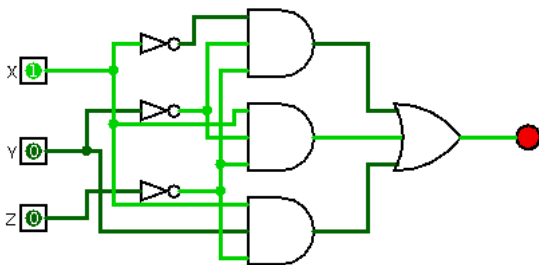
X	Y	Z	$F(X, Y, Z)$	products
0	0	0	1	$\bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z}$
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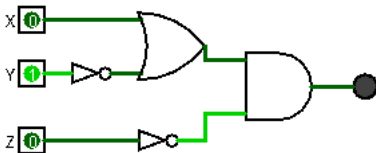
Implementation:

$$F(X, Y, Z) = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z} + X \cdot \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z} + X \cdot Y \cdot \bar{Z}$$



Simplification:

$$\begin{aligned}F(X, Y, Z) &= \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z} + X \cdot \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z} + X \cdot Y \cdot \bar{Z} \\&= (\bar{X} + X) \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z} + X \cdot Y \cdot \bar{Z} \\&= \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Z} + X \cdot Y \cdot \bar{Z} \\&= \bar{Z}(\bar{Y} + XY) \\&= \bar{Z}(X + \bar{Y})\end{aligned}$$



Questions?