

# Digital System Design

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## Syllabus

- Digital system in general;
- Simplification of logic circuits;
- Combinational circuit design;
- Design using programmable logic circuits such as ROM, PLA, PAL and GAL
- Design of synchronous sequential circuit;
- Algorithmic state machine;
- Design of asynchronous sequential circuit;
- Hardware Description Language VHDL .

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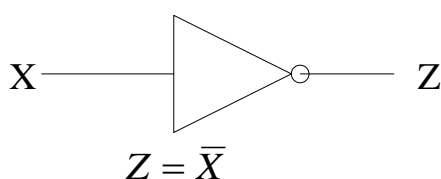
## Digital System

Digital design is concerned with the design of digital electronic circuits. The subject is also known by other names such as *logic design*, *switching circuits*, *digital logic*, and *digital systems*. Digital circuits are employed in the design of systems of digital computers, electronic calculators, digital control devices, digital communication equipments, and many other applications that required electronic digital hardware.

## Basic elements of the digital systems

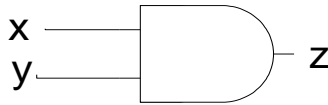
The basic elements of any digital system are *logic gates*. These gates are:

### 1- NOT gate (inverter)



Truth table	
X	Z
0	1
1	0

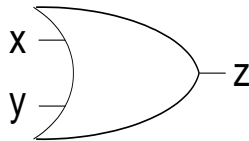
## 2- **AND** gate (multiplication)



$$Z = X \cdot Y$$

Truth table		
X	Y	Z
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

## 3- **OR** gate (sum)

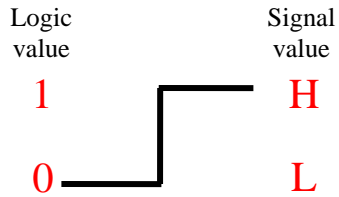


$$Z = X + Y$$

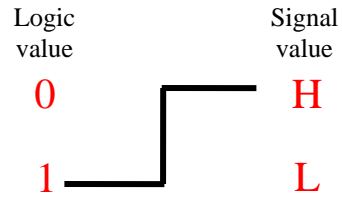
Truth table		
X	Y	Z
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

## **Positive and negative logic**

There are two choices for logic-level assignment. Choosing the high-level **H** to represent logic-1 defines a **positive logic** system. Choosing the low-level **L** to represent logic-1 defines a **negative logic** system.



a) Positive logic



b) Negative logic

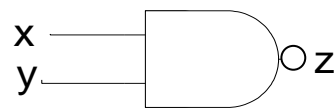
**Example:**

Truth table		
X	Y	Z
L	L	H
L	H	H
H	L	H
H	H	L



a) if we use *positive logic* system

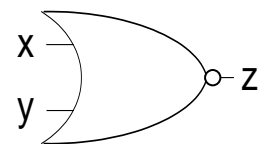
Truth table		
X	Y	Z
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



**NAND gate**

b) if we use *negative logic* system

Truth table		
X	Y	Z
1	1	0
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1



**NOR gate**

# Simplification of logic circuits

Logic circuits can be simplified using one or combination of the following methods

- 1) Boolean algebra
- 2) Karnaugh mapping
- 3) Tabular method

## ***Boolean algebra***

Like "normal" algebra, Boolean algebra uses alphabetical letters to denote variables. Unlike "normal" algebra, though, Boolean variables are always CAPITAL letters, never lower-case. Because they are allowed to possess only one of two possible values, either 1 or 0, each and every variable has a complement: the opposite of its value. For example, if variable "A" has a value of 0, then the complement of A has a value of 1. Boolean notation uses a bar above the variable character to denote complementation.

## ***Basic Boolean identities:***

a) Additive (equivalent to OR logic function)

- 1)  $A + 0 = A$
- 2)  $A + 1 = 1$
- 3)  $A + \bar{A} = 1$
- 4)  $A + A = A$

b) Multiplicative (equivalent to AND logic function)

- 1)  $A \cdot 1 = A$
- 2)  $A \cdot 0 = 0$
- 3)  $A \cdot A = A$
- 4)  $A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$

c) Double complement

$$\overline{\bar{A}} = A$$

## ***Basic Boolean algebraic properties:***

- 1)  $A + B = B + A$  (*commutative property of addition*)
- 2)  $A \cdot B = B \cdot A$  (*commutative property of multiplication*)
- 3)  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$  (*associative property of addition*)
- 4)  $A(B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B)C$  (*associative property of multiplication*)

5)  $A(B+C) = A \cdot B + A \cdot C$  (*distributive property*)

**Boolean rules are**

- 1)  $A + AB = A$
- 2)  $A + \bar{A}B = A + B$
- 3)  $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

**DeMorgan's Theorems**

A mathematician named DeMorgan developed a pair of important rules regarding group complementation in Boolean algebra.

DeMorgan's theorem may be thought of in terms of breaking a long bar symbol. When a long bar is broken, the operation directly underneath the break changes from addition to multiplication, or vice versa, and the broken bar pieces remain over the individual variables.

**DeMorgan's Theorems**



**Boolean rules for simplification**

Boolean algebra finds its most practical use in the simplification of logic circuits. If we translate a logic circuit's function into symbolic (Boolean) form, and apply certain algebraic rules to the resulting equation to reduce the number of terms and/or arithmetic operations, the simplified equation may be translated back into circuit form for a logic circuit performing the same function with fewer components. If equivalent function may be achieved with fewer components, the result will be increased reliability and decreased cost of manufacture.

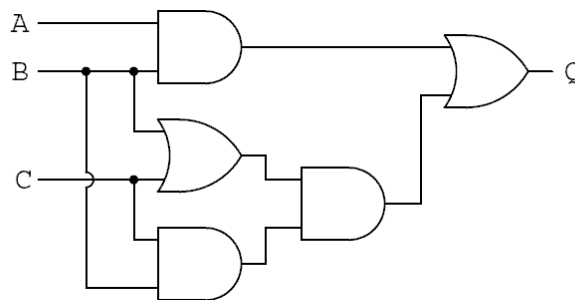
### ***Steps for simplifying logic circuits***

***Step 1:*** Convert the logic circuit to a Boolean expression. Label each gate output with a Boolean sub-expression corresponding to the gates' input signals, until a final expression is reached at the last gate;

***Step 2 :*** simplify Boolean expression, obtained from first step, using basic rules and properties of the Boolean algebra;

***Step 3:*** convert simplified Boolean expression to a logic circuit. Evaluate the expression using standard order of operations: multiplication before addition, and operations within parentheses before anything else.

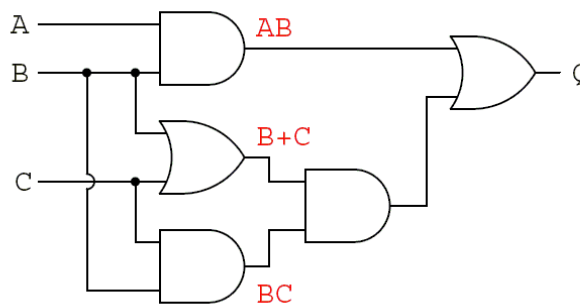
**Example:** simplify the following logic circuit



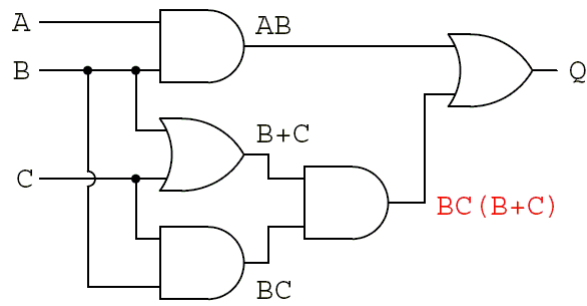
**Solution:**

**Step 1:**

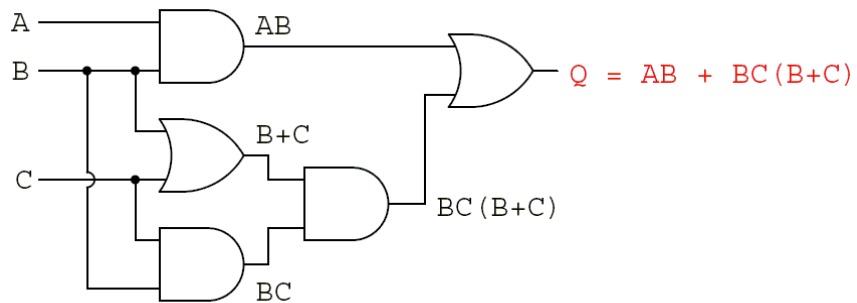
a)



b)



c)



Step 2:

$$\begin{aligned} & AB + BC(B + C) \\ & \quad \downarrow \text{Distributing terms} \\ & AB + BBC + BCC \\ & \quad \downarrow \text{Applying identity } AA = A \\ & \quad \quad \text{to 2nd and 3rd terms} \\ & AB + BC + BC \\ & \quad \downarrow \text{Applying identity } A + A = A \\ & \quad \quad \text{to 2nd and 3rd terms} \\ & AB + BC \\ & \quad \downarrow \text{Factoring B out of terms} \\ & B(A + C) \end{aligned}$$

Step 3:

