

Boolean Algebra

Steps to Solution (SOP)

1. From the problem statement a truth table is formed. The problem may be expressed in words, waveforms, tables, Boolean expressions, or as a circuit. The problem statement must specify (a) the number of inputs, and (b) the desired output for all input conditions. With this information in hand the problem is synthesized into a set of input and corresponding output conditions in tabular form (a truth table).
2. A column is added to the truth table and named product terms. For each row whose output is 1, a product term is formed from the input columns.
3. A sum-of-products (SOP) expression is built from these product terms.
4. The algebraic expression is simplified.
5. The answer is checked.
6. A logical circuit is designed.

Boolean Operators

INPUT		OUTPUT			
		NOT	OR	AND	<i>Logical Operators</i>
x	y	\bar{x} or x'	$x+y$	xy	<i>Traditional Representation</i>
		$\sim x$	x/y	$x\&y$	<i>Bitwise HDL Verilog</i>
0	0	1	0	0	
0	1		1	0	
1	0	0	1	0	
1	1		1	1	

Basic Laws and Theorems of Boolean Algebra

Law		Dual (D)	
1	$\overline{\bar{x}} = x$		Involution
	OR Laws	AND Laws	
2	$x + 0 = x$	$x \cdot 1 = x$	Identity element under addition is 0 and under multiplication it is 1
3	$x + 1 = 1$	$x \cdot 0 = 0$	Dominance
4	$x + x = x$	$x \cdot x = x$	Idempotent
5	$x + \bar{x} = 1$	$x \cdot \bar{x} = 0$	Complements
	Commutative		
6	$x + y = y + x$	$x \cdot y = y \cdot x$	
	Associative		
7	$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$	$x(yz) = (xy)z$	
	Distributive		
8	$x(y + z) = xy + xz$	$x + yz = (x + y)(x + z)$	
	Simplification		
9	$x + xy = x$	$x(x + y) = x$	Absorption
10	$x + \bar{x}y = x + y$	$x(\bar{x} + y) = xy$	Degenerate-Reflect Law
	De Morgan's		
11	$\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$	$\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$	

ASCII Code

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0101	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
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