

Outline

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Boolean Algebra

Boolean algebra allows us to apply provable mathematical principles to help us design logical circuits

An algebraic structure defined on a set of at least two elements $B=\{0, 1\}$, together with three binary operators (denoted $+$, \cdot and $'$) that satisfies the following basic identities:

Properties of Boolean Algebra

Closure: The structure is closed with respect to the operator $+$, \cdot , $'$

Postulate: 1. closure: the structure is closed with respect to the operator $+$, \cdot , $'$

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| 2. | (a) $X + 0 = X$ | (b) $X \cdot 1 = X$ | identity |
| 3. | (a) $X + Y = Y + X$ | (b) $XY = YX$ | Commutative |
| 4. | (a) $X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$ | (b) $X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$ | Distributive |
| 5. | (a) $X + X' = 1$ | (b) $X \cdot X' = 0$ | Complement |

Theorem:

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| 1. | (a) $X + X = X$ | (b) $X \cdot X = X$ | |
| 2. | (a) $X + 1 = 1$ | (b) $X \cdot 0 = 0$ | |
| 3. | (a) $(X')' = X$ | | |
| 4. | (a) $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$ | (b) $(XY)Z = X(YZ)$ | Associative |
| 5. | (a) $(X + Y)' = X' \cdot Y'$ | (b) $(X \cdot Y)' = X' + Y'$ | DeMorgan |
| 6. | (a) $X + XY = X$ | (b) $X(X + Y) = X$ | absorption |

Boolean Functions

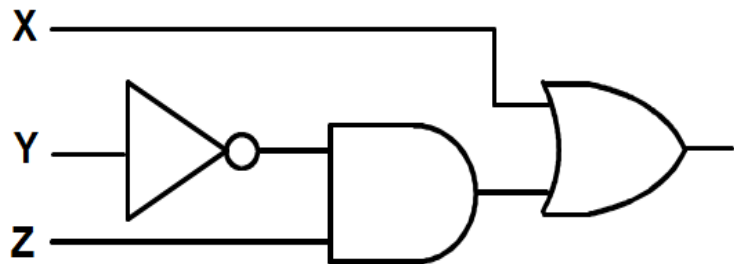
Truth Table

X Y Z	$F = X + Y' \cdot Z$
0 0 0	0
0 0 1	1
0 1 0	0
0 1 1	0
1 0 0	1
1 0 1	1
1 1 0	1
1 1 1	1

Equation

$$F = X + Y'Z$$

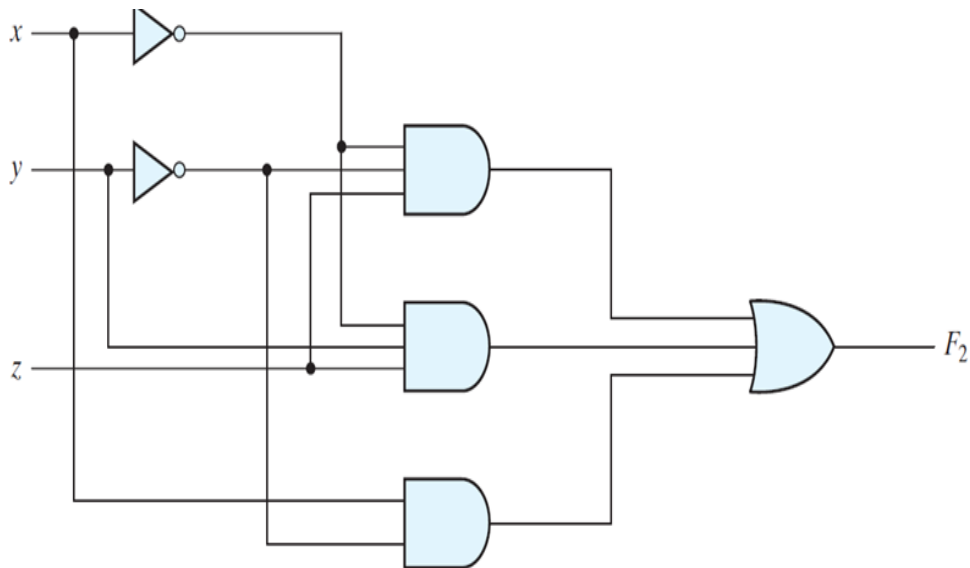
Logic Diagram



- Boolean function described by an algebraic expression consists of binary variables, 0, 1 and logic operation symbols.
- Boolean equations, truth tables and logic diagrams describe the same function!
- Truth tables are unique; expressions and logic diagrams are **not**. This gives flexibility in implementing functions.

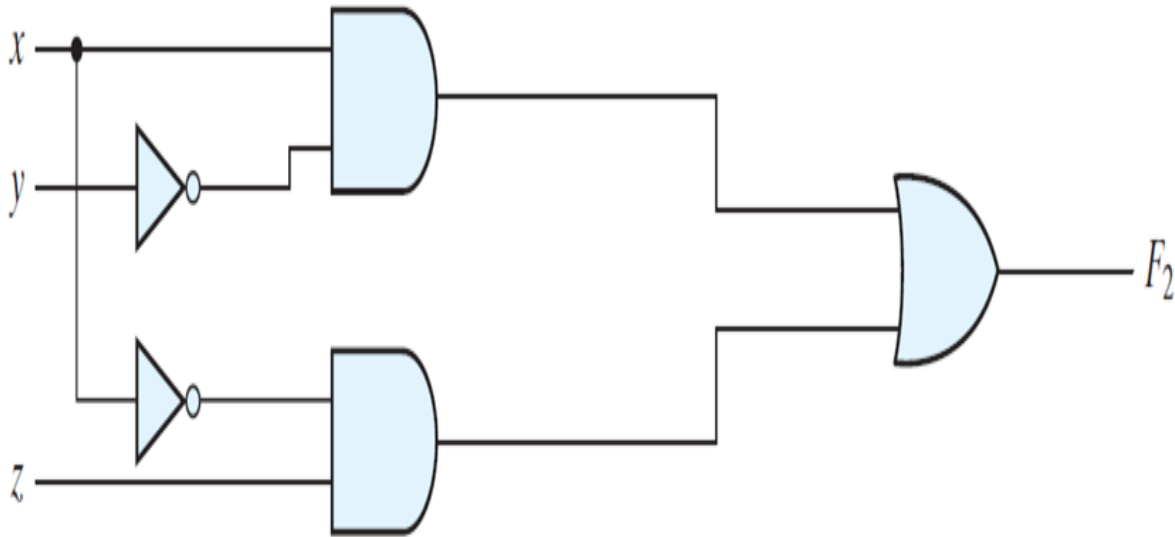
Boolean Functions

$$F_2 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy'$$



Boolean Functions

$$F_2 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy' = x'z(y' + y) + xy' = x'z + xy'$$



By manipulating a boolean expression, obtain a simpler expression and thus reduce the number of gates and the number of inputs (reduce the cost of a circuit)

Expression Simplification

- Each **term** requires a gate.
- **Literal**: a single variable within a term, in complemented or uncomplemented form.

$$F_2 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy' \quad (3 \text{ terms, } 8 \text{ literal})$$

$$F_2 = x'y'z + x'yz + xy' = x'z + xy' \quad (2 \text{ terms, } 4 \text{ literal})$$

- Simplify to contain the smallest number of literals (complemented and uncomplemented variables):
 $(x+y)(x+y')$

FUNCTION EXAMPLE

Functions of Three Variables

x	y	z	Function f_1	Function f_2
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

- $f_1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz$

$$= (x+y+z)(x+y'+z)(x+y'+z')(x'+y+z')(x'+y'+z)$$

- $f_2 = x'yz + xy'z + xyz' + xyz$

$$= (x+y+z)(x+y+z')(x+y'+z)(x'+y+z)$$

Minterm Function Example

Example: $f1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz$

x y z	index	$x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz = f1$					
0 0 0	0	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
0 0 1	1	1	+	0	+	0	= 1
0 1 0	2	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
0 1 1	3	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 0 0	4	0	+	1	+	0	= 1
1 0 1	5	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 1 0	6	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 1 1	7	0	+	0	+	1	= 1

Maxterm Function Example

- **Example:** Implement f_1 in maxterms:

$$f_1 = (x+y+z)(x+y'+z)(x+y'+z')(x'+y+z')(x'+y'+z)$$

x y z	i	$x+y+z$	\cdot	$x+y'+z$	\cdot	$x+y'+z'$	\cdot	$x'+y+z'$	\cdot	$x'+y'+z$	$=$	<u>f₁</u>
0 0 0	0	0	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	$=$	0
0 0 1	1	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	$=$	1
0 1 0	2	1	\cdot	0	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	$=$	0
0 1 1	3	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	0	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	$=$	0
1 0 0	4	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	$=$	0
1 0 1	5	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	0	\cdot	1	$=$	0
1 1 0	6	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	0	$=$	0
1 1 1	7	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	\cdot	1	$=$	1

Overview – Canonical Forms

- **What are Canonical Forms?**
- **Minterms and Maxterms**
- **Index Representation of Minterms and Maxterms**
- **Sum-of-Minterm (SOM) Representations**
- **Product-of-Maxterm (POM) Representations**
- **Conversions between Representations**

Canonical Forms

It is useful to specify Boolean functions in a form that:

- **Allows comparison for equality.**
- **Has a correspondence to the truth tables**

Canonical Forms in common usage:

- **Sum of Minterms (SOM)**
- **Product of Maxterms (POM)**

Minterms

- **Minterms** are **AND** terms with every variable present in either true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., x'), there are 2^n minterms for n variables.
- **Example:** Two variables (X and Y) produce
 $2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations:
XY (both normal)
XY' (X normal, Y complemented)
X'Y (X complemented, Y normal)
X'Y' (both complemented)
- Thus there are four minterms of two variables.

Maxterms

- **Maxterms** are **OR** terms with every variable in true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., x'), there are 2^n maxterms for n variables.
- **Example:** Two variables (X and Y) produce

$2 \times 2 = 4$ combinations:

X+Y (both normal)

X+Y' (x normal, y complemented)

X'+Y (x complemented, y normal)

X'+Y' (both complemented)

MAXTERMS AND MINTERMS

Minterms and Maxterms for Three Binary Variables

Index	x	y	z	Minterms		Maxterms	
				Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	m_0	$x + y + z$	M_0
1	0	0	1	$x'y'z$	m_1	$x + y + z'$	M_1
2	0	1	0	$x'yz'$	m_2	$x + y' + z$	M_2
3	0	1	1	$x'yz$	m_3	$x + y' + z'$	M_3
4	1	0	0	$xy'z'$	m_4	$x' + y + z$	M_4
5	1	0	1	$xy'z$	m_5	$x' + y + z'$	M_5
6	1	1	0	xyz'	m_6	$x' + y' + z$	M_6
7	1	1	1	xyz	m_7	$x' + y' + z'$	M_7

- **Minterms** and **Maxterms** are designated with a subscript
The subscript is a number, corresponding to a binary pattern
The bits in the pattern represent the complemented or normal
- **For Minterms:**
 - “0” means the variable is “Complemented”.
 - “1” means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
- **For Maxterms:**
 - “0” means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
 - “1” means the variable is “Complemented”.

Index Examples – Four Variables

Index i	Binary Pattern	Minterm m_i	Maxterm M_i
0	0000	$a'b'c'd'$	$a+b+c+d$
1	0001	$a'b'c'd$?
3	0011	?	$a+b+c'+d'$
5	0101	$a'bc'd$	$a+b'+c+d'$
7	0111	?	$a+b'+c'+d'$
10	1010	$ab'cd'$	$a'+b+c'+d$
13	1101	$abc'd$?
15	1111	$abcd$	$a'+b'+c'+d'$

Minterm and Maxterm Relationship

Minterms and Maxterms for Three Binary Variables

x	y	z	Minterms		Maxterms	
			Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	m_0	$x + y + z$	M_0
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	m_1	$x + y + z'$	M_1
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	m_2	$x + y' + z$	M_2
0	1	1	$x'yz$	m_3	$x + y' + z'$	M_3
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	m_4	$x' + y + z$	M_4
1	0	1	$xy'z$	m_5	$x' + y + z'$	M_5
1	1	0	xyz'	m_6	$x' + y' + z$	M_6
1	1	1	xyz	m_7	$x' + y' + z'$	M_7

- **Review: DeMorgan's Theorem** $(x+y+z)'=x'y'z'$ and $(xyz)'=x'+y'+z'$

Thus M_i is the complement of m_i and vice-versa.

- Since DeMorgan's Theorem holds for n variables, the above holds for terms of n variables
- giving: $M_i = m_i'$ and $m_i = M_i'$

Thus M_i is

Observations

Minterms and Maxterms for Three Binary Variables

<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	Minterms		Maxterms	
			Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	m_0	$x + y + z$	M_0
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	m_1	$x + y + z'$	M_1
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	m_2	$x + y' + z$	M_2
0	1	1	$x'yz$	m_3	$x + y' + z'$	M_3
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	m_4	$x' + y + z$	M_4
1	0	1	$xy'z$	m_5	$x' + y + z'$	M_5
1	1	0	xyz'	m_6	$x' + y' + z$	M_6
1	1	1	xyz	m_7	$x' + y' + z'$	M_7

- In the function tables:
 - Each **minterm** has one and only one 1 present in the 2^n terms (a minimum of 1s). All other entries are 0.
 - Each **maxterm** has one and only one 0 present in the 2^n terms. All other entries are 1 (a maximum of 1s).

MINTERM FUNCTION EXAMPLE

Functions of Three Variables

x	y	z	Function f_1	Function f_2
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

- We can implement any function by "ORing" the minterms corresponding to "1" entries in the function table. These are called the minterms of the function.
- $f_1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$
- $f_2 = x'yz + xy'z + xyz' + xyz = m_3 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$

Minterm Function Example

- **Example:** Find $f1 = m1 + m4 + m7$
- $f1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz$

x y z	index	m1 + m4 + m7 = F1					
0 0 0	0	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
0 0 1	1	1	+	0	+	0	= 1
0 1 0	2	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
0 1 1	3	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 0 0	4	0	+	1	+	0	= 1
1 0 1	5	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 1 0	6	0	+	0	+	0	= 0
1 1 1	7	0	+	0	+	1	= 1

MAXTERM FUNCTION EXAMPLE

Functions of Three Variables

x	y	z	Function f_1	Function f_2
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

- We can implement any function by "ANDing" the maxterms corresponding to "0" entries in the function table. These are called the maxterms of the function.

- $f_1 = (x+y+z)(x+y'+z)(x+y'+z')(x'+y+z')(x'+y'+z)$

$$= M_0 M_2 M_3 M_5 M_6$$

- $f_2 = (x+y+z)(x+y+z')(x+y'+z)(x'+y+z)$

$$= M_0 M_1 M_2 M_4$$

Maxterm Function Example

- **Example: Implement f_1 in maxterms:**
- $f_1 = (x+y+z)(x+y'+z)(x+y'+z')(x'+y+z')(x'+y'+z)$
 $= M_0 M_2 M_3 M_5 M_6$

x y z	i	$M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6 = F_1$
0 0 0	0	$0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
0 0 1	1	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
0 1 0	2	$1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
0 1 1	3	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
1 0 0	4	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
1 0 1	5	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 = 0$
1 1 0	6	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 = 0$
1 1 1	7	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$

Conversion Between Forms

To convert between sum-of-minterms and product-of-maxterms form (or vice-versa) we follow these steps:

- Change from products to sums, or vice versa.
 - Swap terms in the list with terms not in the list.
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- Example: Given F as before: $F(x, y, z) = \sum_m(1, 3, 5, 7)$
 - Give the other form of the orig

$$F(x, y, z) = \prod_M(0, 2, 4, 6)$$

Canonical Sum of Minterms

- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a Sum of Minterms (SOM).
 - For the function table, the minterms used are the terms corresponding to the 1's
 - For expressions, expand all terms first to explicitly list all minterms. Do this by “ANDing” any term missing a variable v with a term ($v+v'$)
- Example:

Implement $f=x+x'y'$ as a sum of minterms.

- First expand terms: $f=x(y+y')+x'y'$
- Then distribute terms: $f=xy+xy'+x'y'$
- Express as sum of minterms: $f = m_3 + m_2 + m_0$

Another SOM Example

- **Example:** $F = A + B'C$
- **There are three variables, A, B, and C which we take to be the standard order.**
- **Expanding the terms with missing variables:**
- **Collect terms (removing all but one of duplicate terms):**
- **Express as SOM:**

Shorthand SOM Form

- From the previous example, we started with:

$$F = A + B'C$$

- We ended up with:

$$F = m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

- This can be denoted in the formal shorthand:

$$F(A, B, C) = \Sigma_m(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

- Note that we explicitly show the standard variables in order and drop the “m” designators.

Canonical Product of Maxterms

- Any Boolean Function can be expressed as a Product of Maxterms (POM).
 - For the function table, the maxterms used are the terms corresponding to the 0's.
 - For an expression, expand all terms first to explicitly list all maxterms. Do this by first applying the second distributive law, “ORing” terms missing variable v with a term equal to $v \cdot v'$ and then applying the distributive law again.
- Example: Convert to product of maxterms:

$$f(x,y,z)=x+x'y'$$

Apply the distributive law:

$$x + x' y' = (x + x') (x + y') = x + y'$$

Add missing variable z:

$$x+y'+z \cdot z'=(x+y'+z)(x+y'+z')$$

Express as POM: $f = M_2 \cdot M_3$

Another POM Example

- Convert to Product of Maxterms:

$$f(x,y,z) = xy + x'z$$

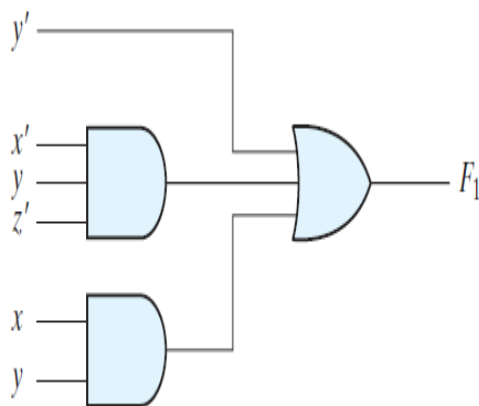
Standard Forms

- Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP) form: equations are written as an **OR of AND** terms
- Standard Product-of-Sums (POS) form: equations are written as an **AND of OR** terms
- Examples:
 - SOP: $ABC + A'B'C + B$
 - POS: $(A + B) \cdot (A + B' + C') \cdot C$
- These “mixed” forms are neither SOP nor POS
- $(A B + C) (A + C)$
- $A B C' + A C (A + B)$

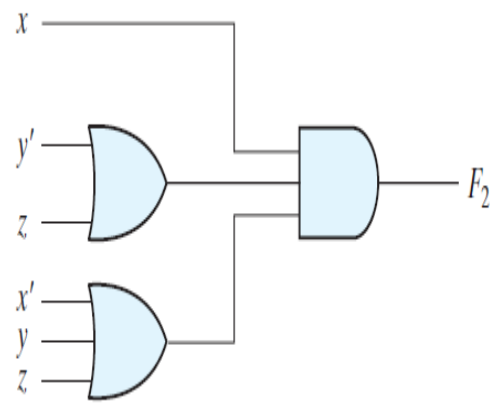
Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP) and Product-of-Sum (POS)

Implementation of SOP (POS) is a two-level network of gates such that:

- **The first level consists of n -input AND (OR) gates, and**
- **The second level is a single OR (AND) gate**



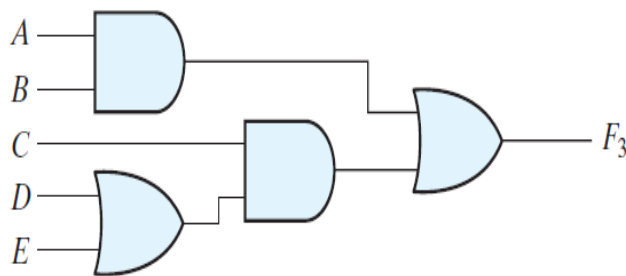
(a) Sum of Products



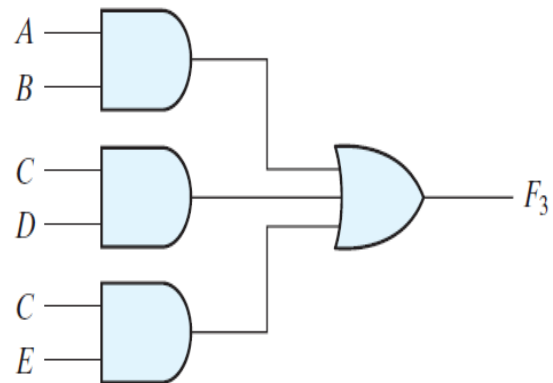
(b) Product of Sums

AND/OR Two-level Implementation of SOP Expression

- A Boolean function maybe expressed in a non standard form: $F=AB+C(D+E)$
- It can be changed to standard form.



(a) $AB + C(D + E)$



(b) $AB + CD + CE$

SOP and POS Observations

The previous examples show that:

- **Canonical Forms (Sum-of-minterms, Product-of-Maxterms), or other standard forms (SOP, POS) differ in complexity**
- **Boolean algebra can be used to manipulate equations into simpler forms.**
- **Simpler equations lead to simpler two-level implementations**

Questions:

- **How can we attain a “simplest” expression?**
- **Is there only one minimum cost circuit?**
- **The next part will deal with these issues.**