CSE140 Midterm 1, Section A, Tuesday April 24, 2018

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All the Best!
1 True or False

Circle your choice of true or false. Use one sentence to explain your choice.

1. For Boolean algebra, given an equation \( a + b = a \), we can deduce that \( b = 0 \). (4pts)
   True False
   Explanation:

2. In Boolean algebra, given the theorem that \( a + 1 = 1 \), we can derive from duality that \( a' \cdot 0 = 0 \) but not \( a \cdot 0 = 0 \). (4pts)
   True False
   Explanation:

3. For a four input switching function, i.e. \( f(a, b, c, d) \) and its corresponding K-map, the number of essential prime implicants may not be larger than 8. (4pts)
   True False
   Explanation:

4. Shannon’s expansion has \( f(x, y, z) = (x' + f(0, y, z)) \cdot (x + f(1, y, z)) \). (4pts)
   True False
   Explanation:

5. \( \{\text{AND, OR}\} \) is a universal set of gates. (4pts)
   True False
   Explanation:

6. \( \{ f(a, b) = a' + b' \} \) is a universal set of gates. (4pts)
   True False
   Explanation:
2 Consensus Theorem Application

2.1 List all consensuses between the pair(s) of product terms in the following sum of products expressions.

1. \( a'b' + a'c + bc \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

2. \( ab'cd + abde' + a'c'e \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

3. \( abcd + d'd + efg \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

4. \( ab'cd + a'de + bde' \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

2.2 List all consensuses of the pair(s) of sum terms in the following product of sums expressions.

1. \( (a' + b')(a' + c')(b + c') \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

2. \( (a + b' + c')(a + c + e)(a' + c + d) \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

3. \( (a+b'+c+d)(a+c+d+e)(a'+c+d) \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.

4. \( (a+b+c)(a+d')(a+b'+e)(a'+c+d) \): Consensus(es) ________________________________.
3 Karnaugh Map: Sum of Products Expressions

Use Karnaugh map to simplify function

\[ f(a, b, c, d) = \sum m(0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15) + \sum d(6, 10, 11). \]

List all possible minimal sum of products expressions. Write the switching function. No need for the logic diagram (20pts).
4  Karnaugh Map: Product of Sums Expressions

Use Karnaugh map to simplify function

\[ f(a, b, c) = \sum m(0, 2, 5) + \sum d(3, 6). \]

List all possible minimal product of sums expressions. Write the switching function. No need for the logic diagram (20pts).
5 Other Types of Gates

Consider the function $f(x, y)$ where $\oplus$ is an Exclusive OR operator and the priority of the operators is AND (first), Exclusive OR and OR (last):

$$f(x, y) = x'y' \oplus xy' \oplus (x + y) \oplus (x' + y') \oplus y'.$$

Simplify the function into a minimal sum of products expression using switching function techniques e.g. Shannon’s expansion. Show your derivation (20pts).