

CSE140 HW1, Due Tu. 1/12/2016 by 11:59PM

1 Introduction

The purpose of this assignment is three-fold. First, it aims to help you practice the application of Boolean Algebra theorems to transform and reduce Boolean expressions. The second goal is to help you learn how to go from the world of Boolean expressions to the world of digital circuits. The final goal is to help you translate a problem described in words to a Boolean algebraic expression. We hope you can think of why each of these exercises is useful when designing digital circuits.

2 Application of Boolean Algebra Theorems

2.1 Prove the following equations using Boolean algebra:

A. $bd + acd' + abc = bd + acd'$

B. $(b + d)(a + c + d')(a + b + c) = (b + d)(a + c + d')$

Are the above equations related to the consensus theorem?

2.2 Prove the above two equations using Shannon's expansion.

3 Boolean Algebra and Implementation

- i. Simplify each of the following two Boolean equations.
- ii. Sketch a reasonably simple combinational circuit implementing the simplified equation.
- iii. Compare the numbers of literals and operators versus the numbers of gates, nets, and pins in the schematic diagrams

A. $a'bc' + a'b'd + a'b'cd' + bc'd + acd + abcd' + ac'd$

B. $(a + b + c + d')(a + b + c + d)(a + b + c')(a' + b + c + d)(a' + c + d')(a' + b + c' + d)$

4 From Problem to Boolean Expression

A majority voting machine inputs five binary bits $(x_4, x_3, x_2, x_1, x_0)$, and outputs $y = 1$ when the majority of the input bits are 1. Otherwise, the output is $y = 0$.

- i. Write the truth table.
- ii. Write the functions in sum-of-products canonical form.
- iii. Write the functions in product-of-sums canonical form.

5 Assignment Turn-in

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