

# Week 11

## **Boolean Algebra and Logic Simplification**

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# 1- Boolean Operations & Expressions

## Boolean algebra:

- Boolean Algebra is the mathematics of digital systems.
- *Variable, complement, and literal* are terms used in Boolean algebra.
- A variable is a symbol (usually an italic uppercase letter) used to represent a logical quantity. Any single variable can have a “1” or a “0” value.
- The complement is the inverse of a variable and is indicated by a bar over the variable .
- A literal is a variable or the complement of variable.

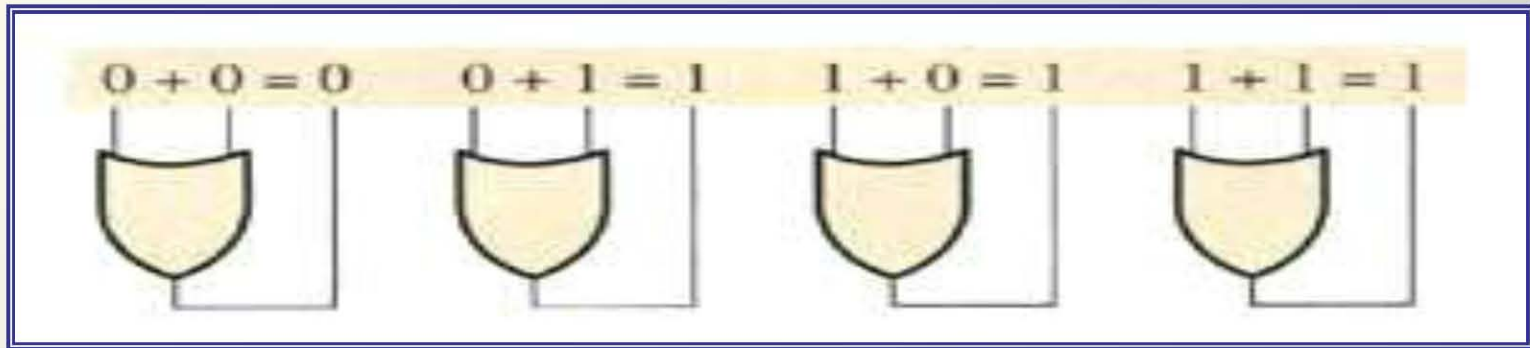
the complement of  $A$  is  $\bar{A}$ . If  $A = 1$ , then  $\bar{A} = 0$ .

**“not A” or “A bar”**

If  $A = 0$ , then  $\bar{A} = 1$ .

## ***Boolean addition :***

Boolean addition is equivalent to the OR operation and the basic rules are illustrated with their relation to the OR gate as follows:



- In Boolean algebra, a **sum term** is a sum of literals.
- In logic circuits, a sum term is produced by an OR operation with no AND operations involved . Examples :

$$A + B, A + \bar{B}, A + B + \bar{C}, \text{ and } \bar{A} + B + C + \bar{D}.$$

## EXAMPLE

Determine the values of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  that make the sum term  $A + \bar{B} + C + \bar{D}$  equal to 0.

## SOLUTION:

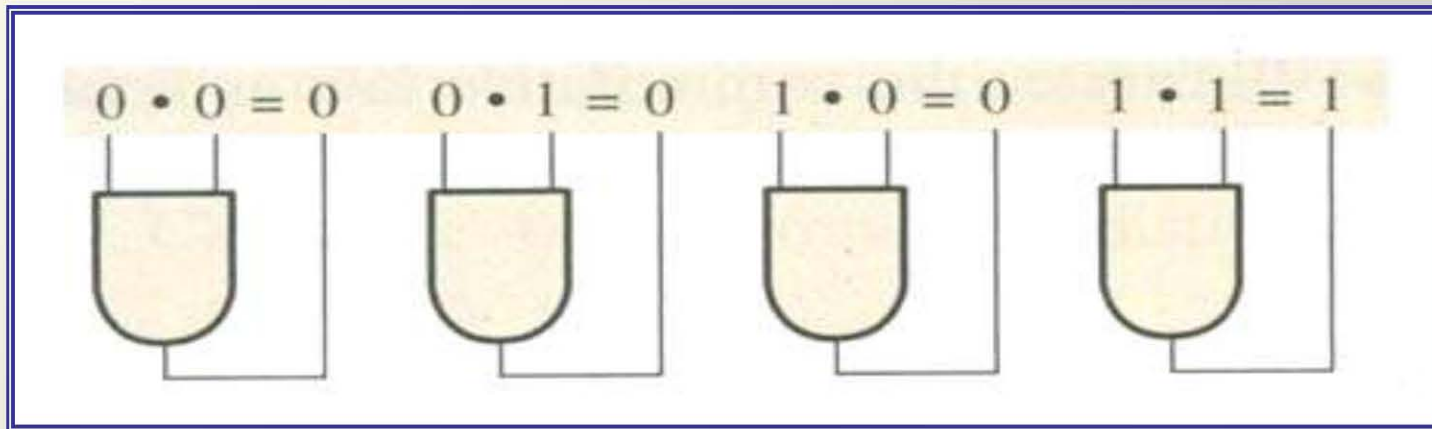
For the sum term to be 0, each of the literals in the term must be 0. Therefore,  $A = 0$ ,  $B = 1$  so that  $\bar{B} = 0$ ,  $C = 0$ , and  $D = 1$  so that  $\bar{D} = 0$ .

$$A + \bar{B} + C + \bar{D} = 0 + \bar{1} + 0 + \bar{1} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$



## ***Boolean multiplication:***

**Boolean Multiplication** is equivalent to the **AND** operation and the basic rules are illustrated with their relation to the **AND** gate as follows:



- ❖ In Boolean algebra, a product term is the product of literals.
- ❖ In logic circuits, a product term is produced by an **AND** operation with no **OR** operations involved.

Example :

Determine the values of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  that make the product term  $\overline{A}\overline{B}C\overline{D}$  equal to 1.

Solution :

For the product term to be 1, each of the literals in the term must be 1. Therefore,  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$  so that  $\overline{B} = 1$ ,  $C = 1$ , and  $D = 0$  so that  $\overline{D} = 1$ .

$$\overline{A}\overline{B}C\overline{D} = 1 \cdot \overline{0} \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Determine the values of  $A$  and  $B$  that make the product term  $\overline{A}\overline{B}$  equal to 1.



## 2- Laws and Rules of Boolean Algebra

### 2-1 Laws Boolean Algebra

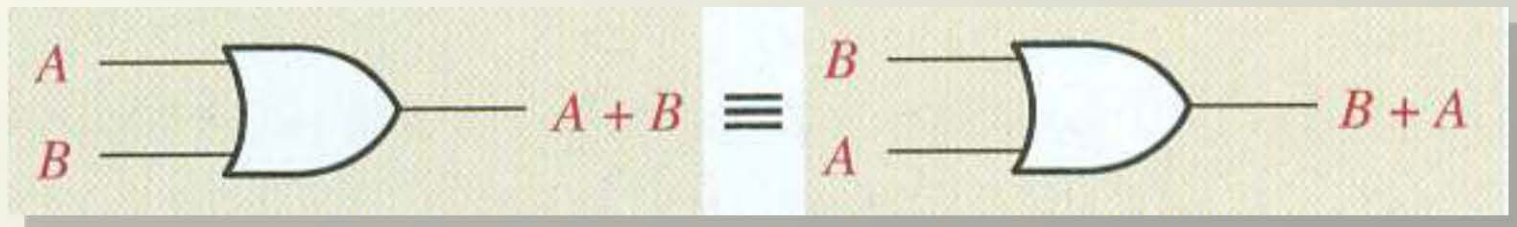
- Commutative Laws
- Associative Laws
- Distributive Law

# 1- Laws Boolean Algebra

## *1- Commutative Laws :*

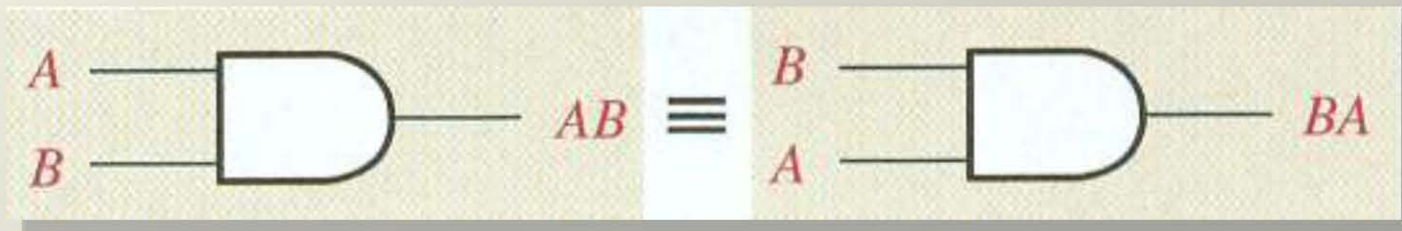
**For addition**

$$\mathbf{A + B = B + A}$$



**For Multiplication**

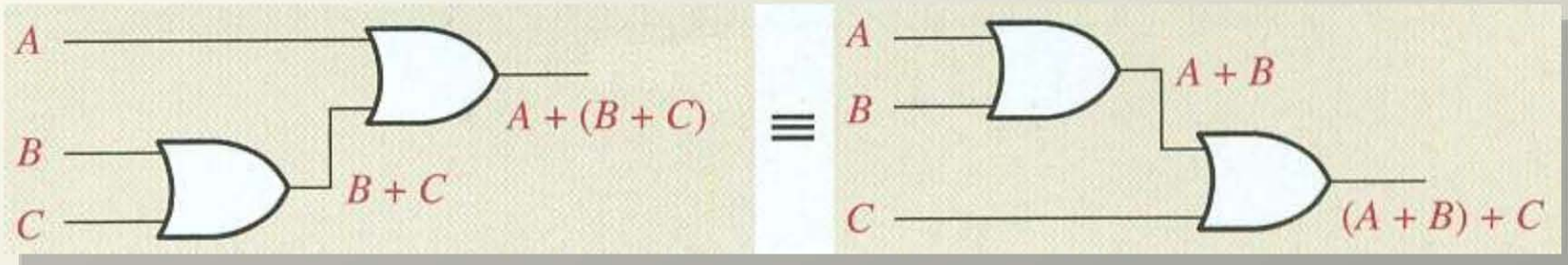
$$\mathbf{A B = B A}$$



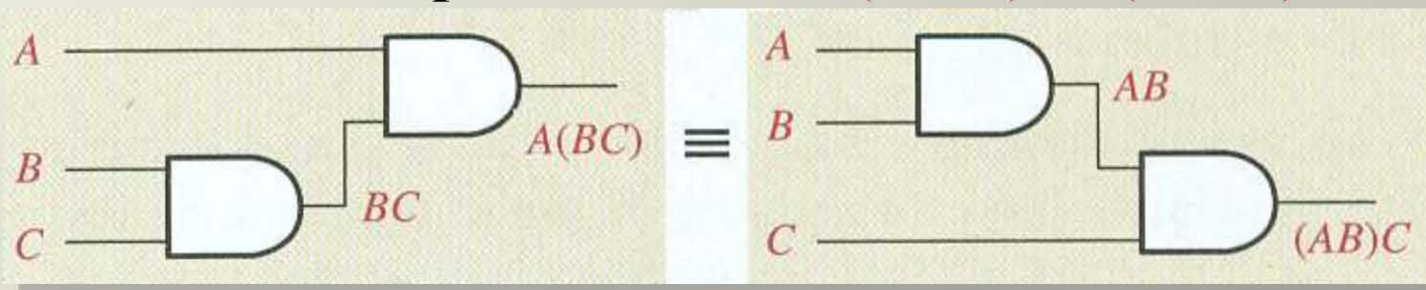
# Laws Boolean Algebra (cont.)

## 2- Associative Laws:

For addition  $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$



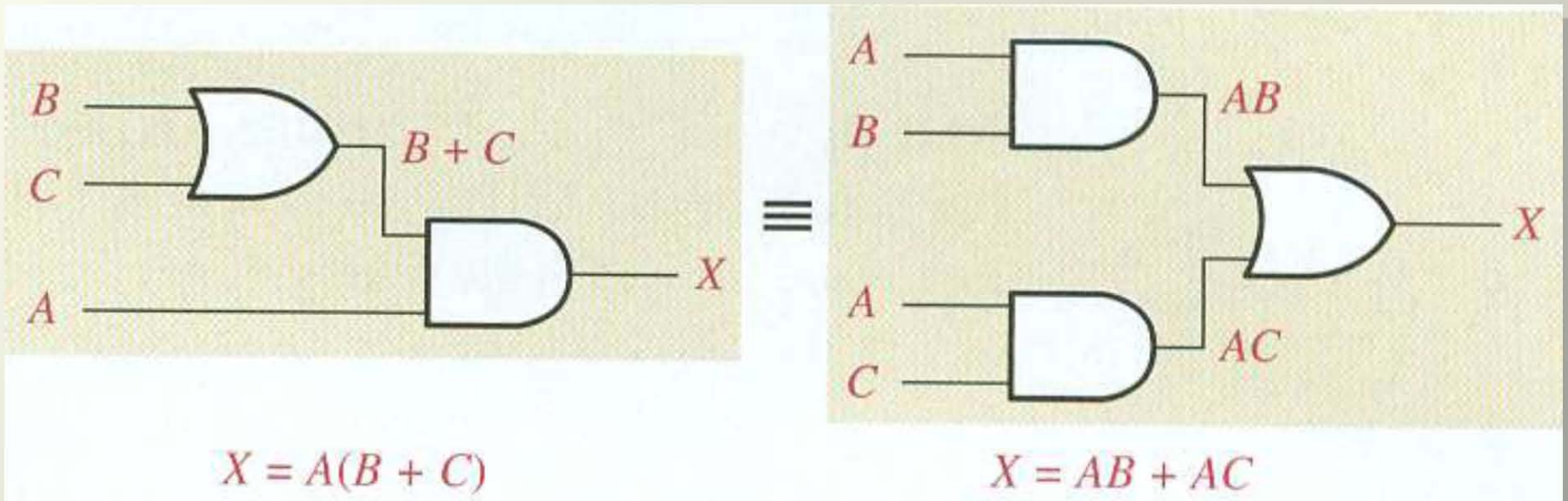
For Multiplication  $A (B C) = (A B) C$



## Laws Boolean Algebra (cont.)

### 3- Distributive Law :

$$A(B + C) = AB + AC$$





## 2- Rules of Boolean Algebra

1.  $A + 0 = A$

2.  $A + 1 = 1$

3.  $A \cdot 0 = 0$

4.  $A \cdot 1 = A$

5.  $A + A = A$

6.  $A + \bar{A} = 1$

7.  $A \cdot A = A$

8.  $A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$

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

10.  $A + AB = A$

11.  $A + \bar{A}B = A + B$

12.  $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

## Rules of Boolean Algebra (cont.)

- Rule 10:  $A + AB = A \ggg A(1+B) = A$

A	B	AB	A + AB
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1

↑ equal ↑

A	B	X	A	B	X
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1

AND Truth Table OR Truth Table



## Rules of Boolean Algebra (cont.)

- Rule 11:  $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

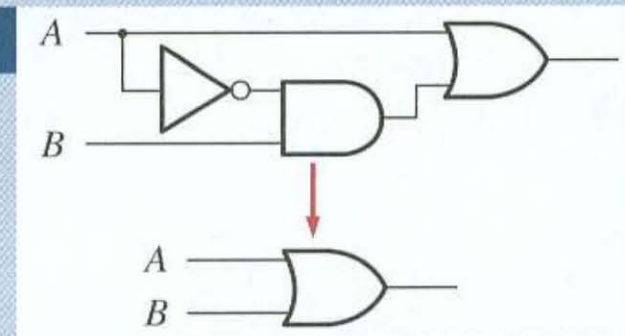
AND Truth Table

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

OR Truth Table

A	B	$\overline{A}B$	$A + \overline{A}B$	$A + B$
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1

↑ equal ↑



**RULE 11:**  $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$  This rule can be proved as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A + \overline{A}B &= (A + AB) + \overline{A}B \\
 &= (AA + AB) + \overline{A}B \\
 &= AA + AB + A\overline{A} + \overline{A}B \\
 &= (A + \overline{A})(A + B) \\
 &= 1 \cdot (A + B) \\
 &= A + B
 \end{aligned}$$

Rule 10:  $A = A + AB$

Rule 7:  $A = AA$

Rule 8: adding  $A\overline{A} = 0$

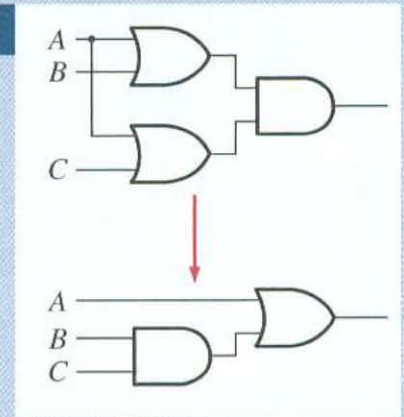
Factoring

Rule 6:  $A + \overline{A} = 1$

Rule 4: drop the 1

- Rule 12:  $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

A	B	C	A + B	A + C	$(A + B)(A + C)$	BC	A + BC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



↑ equal ↑

**Rule 12.**  $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$  This rule can be proved as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A + B)(A + C) &= AA + AC + AB + BC \\
 &= A + AC + AB + BC \\
 &= A(1 + C) + AB + BC \\
 &= A \cdot 1 + AB + BC \\
 &= A(1 + B) + BC \\
 &= A \cdot 1 + BC \\
 &= A + BC
 \end{aligned}$$

Distributive law

Rule 7:  $AA = A$

Factoring (distributive law)

Rule 2:  $1 + C = 1$

Factoring (distributive law)

Rule 2:  $1 + B = 1$

Rule 4:  $A \cdot 1 = A$