

Boolean Constants and Variables

- Boolean algebra is an important tool in describing, analyzing, designing, and implementing digital circuits.
- Boolean algebra allows only two values; 0 and 1.
- Logic 0 can be: false, off, low, no, open switch.
- Logic 1 can be: true, on, high, yes, closed switch.
- Three basic logic operations: OR, AND, and NOT.

Truth Tables A truth table describes the relationship between the input and output of a logic circuit. The number of entries corresponds to the number of inputs. For example a 2 input table would have 2² = 4 entries. A 3 input table would have 2³ = 8 entries.





















- Rules for evaluating a Boolean expression:
 - Perform all inversions of single terms.
 - Perform all operations within parenthesis.
 - Perform AND operation before an OR operation unless parenthesis indicate otherwise.
 - If an expression has a bar over it, perform the operations inside the expression and then invert the result.

Evaluating Logic Circuit Outputs

- Evaluate Boolean expressions by substituting values and performing the indicated operations:
 - A = 0, B = 1, C = 1, and D = 1 $x = \overline{ABC}(\overline{A + D})$ $= \overline{0} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{(0 + 1)}$ $= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{(0 + 1)}$ $= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{(1)}$ $= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0$ = 0

Evaluating Logic Circuit Outputs
Output logic levels can be determined directly from a circuit diagram.
Technicians frequently use this method.
The output of each gate is noted until a final output is found.

Implementing Circuits From Boolean Expressions It is important to be able to draw a logic circuit from a Boolean expression. The expression x = A · B · C could be drawn as a three input AND gate. A more complex example such as y = AC + BC + ABC

could be drawn as two 2-input AND gates and one 3-input AND gate feeding into a 3-input OR gate. Two of the AND gates have inverted inputs.















1. $A + 0 = A$	7. $A \cdot A = A$
2. $A + 1 = 1$	8. $A \cdot A = 0$
$3. A \cdot 0 = 0$	9. $A = A$
$4. A \cdot 1 = A$	10. $A + AB = A$
5. $A + A = A$	11. $A + \overline{AB} = A + B$
6. $A + \overline{A} = 1$	12. $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$



















- To convert a standard symbol to an alternate:
 - Invert each input and output (add an inversion bubble where there are none on the standard symbol, and remove bubbles where they exist on the standard symbol.
 - Change a standard OR gate to and AND gate, or an AND gate to an OR gate.



Alternate Logic-Gate Representations

- The equivalence can be applied to gates with any number of inputs.
- No standard symbols have bubbles on their inputs. All of the alternate symbols do.
- The standard and alternate symbols represent the same physical circuitry.

Alternate Logic-Gate Representations

- Active high an input or output has no inversion bubble.
- Active low an input or output has an inversion bubble.
- An AND gate will produce an active output when all inputs are in their active states.
- An OR gate will produce an active output when any input is in an active state.









- A bar over a signal means asserted (active) low.
- The absence of a bar over a signal means asserted (active) high.



