Key Points

- terminology logic gates, logic circuits, combinatorial logic circuit, feedback loop, disjunctive normal form
- processes / algorithms
 - building a logic circuit from a proposition
 - constructing a proposition from a logic circuit
 - using boolean algebra to simplify circuits
- theorems
 - every compound proposition is computed by a logic circuit with one output wire
 - every combinatorial logic circuit with one output computes the value of some compound proposition
 - it is possible to build a proposition with only Λ, V, ¬ and in disjunctive normal form for any truth table where at least one of the output values is true
- applications to computers

Constructing Circuits From Propositions

- algorithm
 - if the proposition contains operators other than Λ , V, \neg , convert the proposition to a logically equivalent one using only Λ , V, \neg
 - determine the *main operator* the one that is applied last
 - add the corresponding logic gate to the circuit
 - repeat the last two steps for each of the compound propositions joined by this main operator, connecting their outputs to the inputs of this main operator
 - create one input for each propositional variable and connect them to the appropriate inputs

a) $A \wedge (B \vee \neg C)$ c) $(p \vee q \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r)$

b) $(p \land q) \land \neg (p \land \neg q)$ d) $\neg (A \land (B \lor C)) \lor (B \land \neg A)$

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Logic Circuits

• *logic gates* are electronic components that compute values of simple propositions



- input and output wires can be in one of two states (on, off), which corresponds to the boolean values $\mathbb{T},\,\mathbb{F}$
- logic circuits are built from connecting inputs and outputs of logic gates to each other



Constructing Circuits From Propositions





Simplifying Circuits

also be alert to the possibility of reusing outputs from gates



Simplifying Circuits

- algorithm
 - convert the circuit to propositional logic
 - use boolean algebra to simplify the proposition
 - construct the circuit corresponding to the simplified proposition



Theorems

- every compound proposition is computed by a logic circuit with one output wire
- rationale

 apply the algorithm for converting propositions into circuits

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Combinatorial Logic Circuits

- a combinatorial logic circuit has no feedback loops
- a feedback loop occurs when an output of a gate is connected back to an input of the same gate



 circuits with feedback loops do not compute compound propositions, but they are important for computer memories



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- a compound proposition is in *disjunctive normal form* if
 - it is a disjunction of conjunctions of simple terms, and
 disjunction = v, conjunction = A, simple term = p or ¬p
 - each propositional variable occurs at most once in each conjunction, and
 - occurs as either p or $\neg p$, but not both
 - each conjunction occurs at most once in the disjunction
 no repeats



Theorems

- every combinatorial logic circuit with one output computes the value of some compound proposition
- rationale
 - each wire represents the value of some proposition
 - the proposition represented by an output wire consists of the propositions represented by the input wires, joined by the logical operation corresponding to the gate



Theorems

 [theorem 1.3] it is possible to build a proposition with only ∧, v, ¬ and in disjunctive normal form for any truth table where at least one of the output values is T



Theorems

- [theorem 1.3] it is possible to build a proposition with only *n*, v, ¬ and in disjunctive normal form for any truth table where at least one of the output values is true
 - what if all of the output values are false?



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this is a contradiction – not really useful to express

workaround: accept $\mathbb F$ as a proposition in disjunctive normal form

Half Adder the corresponding truth table for adding two 1-bit numbers 1) 2) 3) B Sum Carry 0 0 1 1 0 0 + Õ +1 ...+0 +1 0 10 0 0 1 the definition propositions corresponding to the truth table A 0sum bit SUM BO $(\neg A \land B) \lor (A \land \neg B)$ $\equiv A \oplus B$ corresponding carry bit circuit (A ∧ B) (half adder) https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/halfadder https://www.elprocus.com/half-adder.and-full-adder/ https://delightkylinux.wordpress.com/2014/09/17/binary-lesson-9-binary-addition/ CPSC 229: Foundations of Computation • Spring 2024 47

Applications to Computers

Why use logic circuits in computers?

- on, off can be interpreted as 1, 0
- numbers can be represented in binary

0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
27	2 ⁶	2 ⁵	2 ⁴	2 ³	2 ²	2 ¹	2 ⁰
x128	x64	x32	x16	x8	x4	x2	x1
64 + 4 + 2							
70							

- arithmetic can be performed on numbers
 - can create truth tables which correspond to arithmetic involving binary numbers
 - theorem 1.3 means a logic circuit can be constructed for those truth tables
 - actually carrying out that process may only be practical for small circuits, but the goal of the proof is that it is possible

Full Adder

 after the first (rightmost) column, each column involves adding three bits

 the current bit from each number (A and B), plus the carry bit from the column to the right (Cin)





Adders

- string *n* full adders together to add *n*-bit numbers
- e.g. 2-bit adder A1 A0 + B1 B0 = S1 S0

