

# Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra

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- identity
  1.  $X + 0 = X$
  - 1D.  $X \cdot 1 = X$
- null
  2.  $X + 1 = 1$
  - 2D.  $X \cdot 0 = 0$
- idempotency:
  3.  $X + X = X$
  - 3D.  $X \cdot X = X$
- involution:
  4.  $(X')' = X$
- complementarity:
  5.  $X + X' = 1$
  - 5D.  $X \cdot X' = 0$
- commutativity:
  6.  $X + Y = Y + X$
  - 6D.  $X \cdot Y = Y \cdot X$
- associativity:
  7.  $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$
  - 7D.  $(X \cdot Y) \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y \cdot Z)$

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- distributivity:
  - 8.  $X \cdot (Y + Z) = (X \cdot Y) + (X \cdot Z)$     8D.  $X + (Y \cdot Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (X + Z)$
- uniting:
  - 9.  $X \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X$     9D.  $(X + Y) \cdot (X + Y') = X$
- absorption:
  - 10.  $X + X \cdot Y = X$     10D.  $X \cdot (X + Y) = X$
  - 11.  $(X + Y') \cdot Y = X \cdot Y$     11D.  $(X \cdot Y') + Y = X + Y$
- factoring:
  - 12.  $(X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z) = X \cdot Z + X' \cdot Y$     12D.  $X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z = (X + Z) \cdot (X' + Y)$
- consensus:
  - 13.  $(X \cdot Y) + (Y \cdot Z) + (X' \cdot Z) = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$     13D.  $(X + Y) \cdot (Y + Z) \cdot (X' + Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z)$

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• de Morgan's:

$$14. (X + Y + \dots)' = X' \cdot Y' \cdot \dots \quad 14D. (X \cdot Y \cdot \dots)' = X' + Y' + \dots$$

- generalized de Morgan's:  
15.  $f'(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, 0, 1, +, \bullet) = f(X_1', X_2', \dots, X_n', 1, 0, \bullet, +)$
- establishes relationship between  $\bullet$  and  $+$

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- Duality
  - a dual of a Boolean expression is derived by replacing
    - by +, + by •, 0 by 1, and 1 by 0, and leaving variables unchanged
  - any theorem that can be proven is thus also proven for its dual!
  - a meta-theorem (a theorem about theorems)
- duality:
  - 16.  $X + Y + \dots \Leftrightarrow X \cdot Y \cdot \dots$
- generalized duality:
  - 17.  $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, 0, 1, +, \cdot) \Leftrightarrow f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, 1, 0, \cdot, +)$
- Different than deMorgan's Law
  - this is a statement about theorems
  - this is not a way to manipulate (re-write) expressions

# Activity

- Prove the following using the laws of Boolean algebra:
  - $(X \cdot Y) + (Y \cdot Z) + (X' \cdot Z) = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$