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Logic simplification (Boolean theorem) & (Demorgan's theorem):

Boolean theorem

Name	AND form	OR form
Identity law	$1A = A$	$0 + A = A$
Null law	$0A = 0$	$1 + A = 1$
Idempotent law	$AA = A$	$A + A = A$
Inverse law	$A\bar{A} = 0$	$A + \bar{A} = 1$
Commutative law	$AB = BA$	$A + B = B + A$
Associative law	$(AB)C = A(BC)$	$(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$
Distributive law	$A + BC = (A + B)(A + C)$	$A(B + C) = AB + AC$
Absorption law	$A(A + B) = A$	$A + AB = A$
De Morgan's law	$\overline{AB} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$	$\overline{A + B} = \bar{A}\bar{B}$

Demorgan's theorem

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Boolean Algebra simplification is not that difficult to understand if you realise that the use of the symbols or signs of: "**+**" and "**.**" represent the operation of logical functions.

- Logical functions test whether a **condition** or state is either *TRUE* or *FALSE* but not both at the same time. So depending on the result of that test, a digital circuit can then decide to do one thing or another.
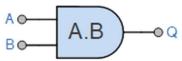
As we saw in the **Laws of Boolean Algebra** tutorial, that Boolean algebra is the mathematics of logic and that the application of various switching theory rules can be applied to simplify long or complex switching algebra notation, and which can also be applied to logic gates and basic digital circuits.

let's first remind ourselves of a few basic symbols, meanings and laws relating to the three main functions of: **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT**.

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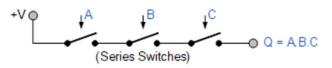
The Logic AND Operation

The Boolean expression of A and B is equivalent to A*B. The AND operator is commonly denoted by a single dot or full stop symbol, (.). This gives us the Boolean expression of: A.B, or simple AB.

2-input Logic AND Gate

Then it is clear that the logical AND function is used to compare two or more input conditions and returns TRUE only if all of the conditions occur together. The logical AND operation and Boolean expression of A.B.C can be shown in switching algebra as being:
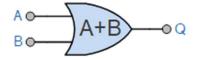
Series (AND) Switching Representation

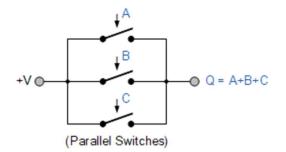

(Series Switches)

The Logic OR Operation

the Boolean expression of A or B is equivalent to A+B. The OR operator is commonly denoted by a plus sign, (+) giving us the Boolean expression of: A+B.

The 2-input Logic OR Gate

Then it is clear that the logical OR function is used to compare two or more input conditions and returns TRUE only if either one of the conditions occurs. The logical OR operation of addition represents a parallel connection with the order in which the switches are connected in parallel being unimportant as it can extend to any number of parallel-connected switches. So our Boolean expression of A+B+C can be shown in switching algebra as being:
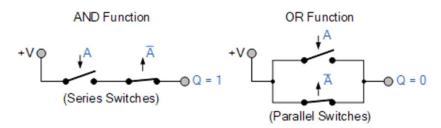
Parallel (OR) Switching Representation

(Parallel Switches)

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The Logic NOT Operation

The logical NOT operation is simply an inversion or complementation function of a Boolean value and is not considered as a separate variable. The *NOT function* is so called because its output state is "NOT" the same as its input state, (hence its name as an inverter).

This means that if switch A is open, A means that the switch is closed. In other words, the Boolean expression for a NOT function is the output is "0" if the input is "1" and the output is "1" if the input is "0".

NOT Representation

AND Function   OR Function

+V○   A   Ā   +V○   A

────○ Q = 1   ────○ Q = 0
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                                              (Parallel Switches)

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