

CprE 281: Digital Logic

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Boolean Algebra

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Administrative Stuff

• HW1 is due today

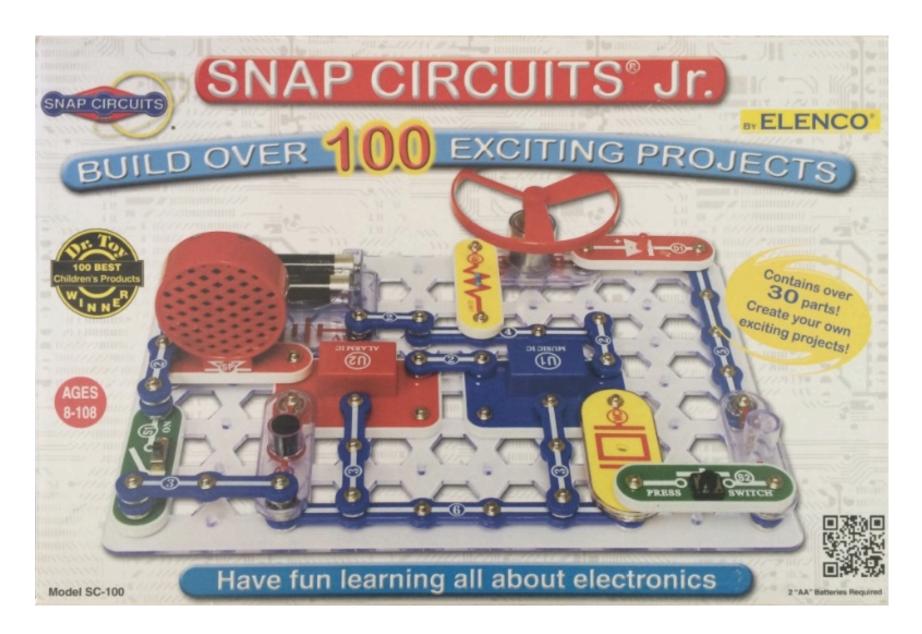
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• HW2 is out

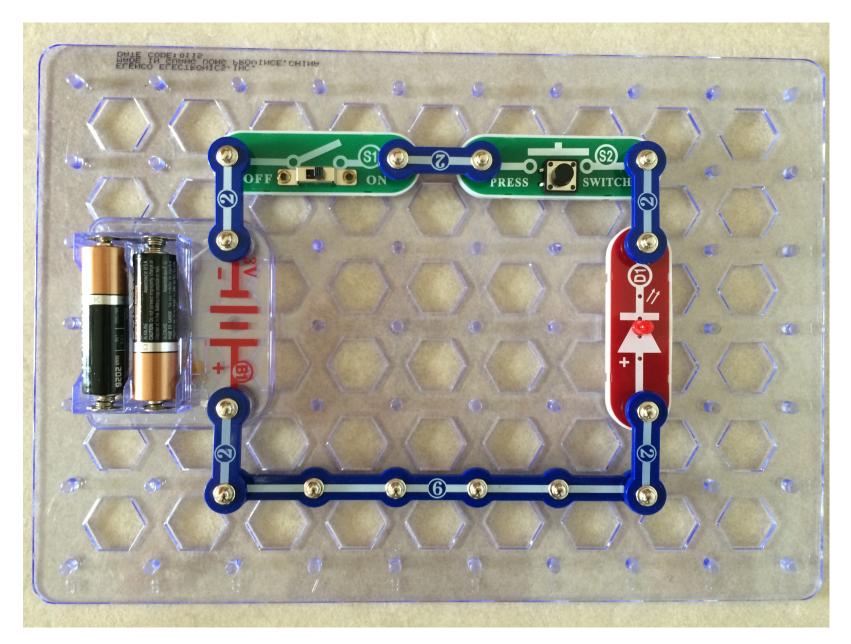
• It is due on Wednesday Sep 8 @ 4pm.

• Submit it on Canvas before the deadline.

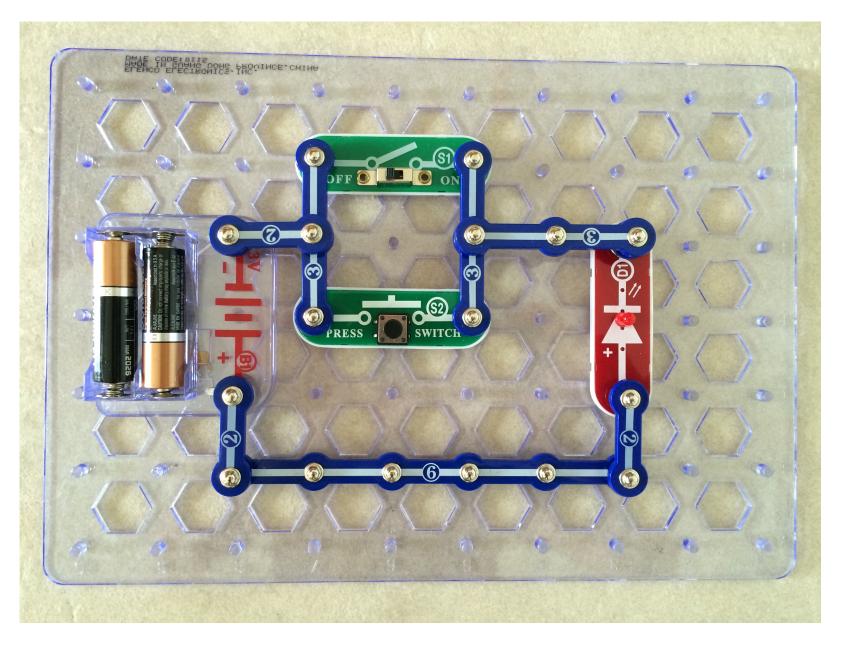
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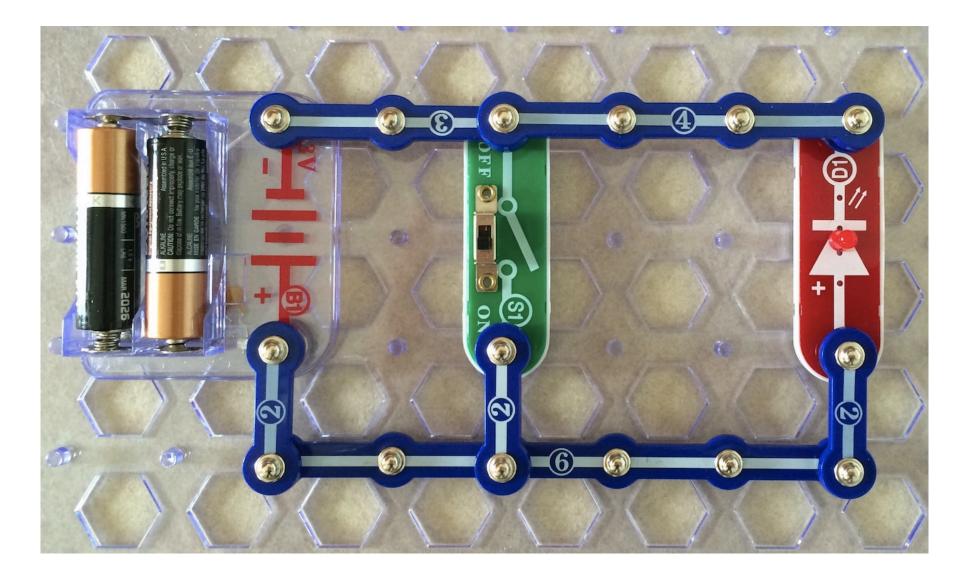
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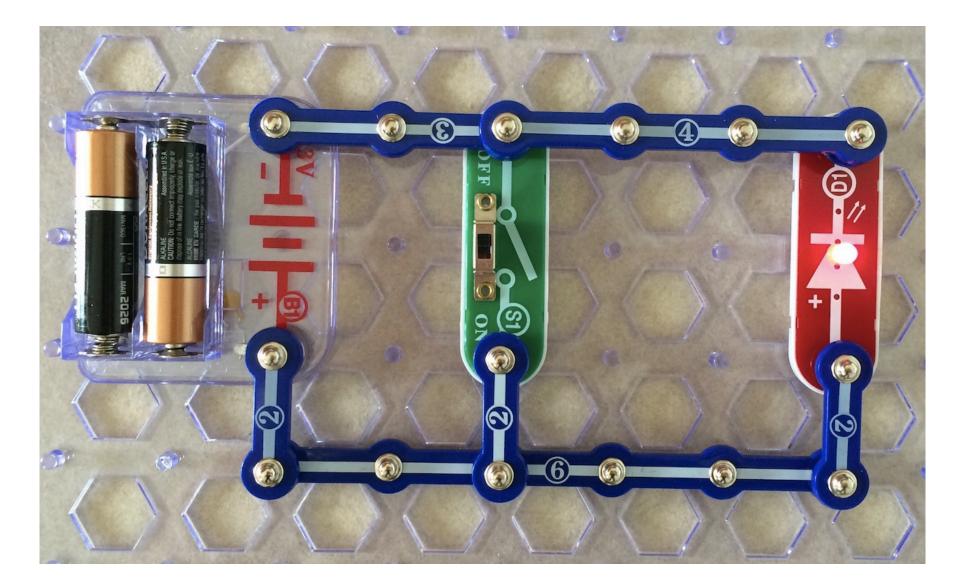
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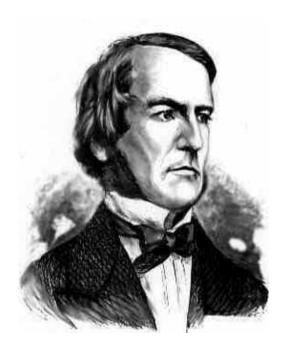
NOT Gate (the switch is ON but the light is OFF)



NOT Gate (the switch is OFF but the light is ON)



Boolean Algebra



• An algebraic structure consists of

- a set of elements {0, 1}
- binary operators {+, •}
- and a unary operator { ' } or { } or { ~ }
- Introduced by George Boole in 1854

George Boole 1815-1864

- An effective means of describing circuits built with switches
- A powerful tool that can be used for designing and analyzing logic circuits

Axioms of Boolean Algebra

1a.	$0 \bullet 0 = 0$
1b.	1 + 1 = 1
2a.	$1 \cdot 1 = 1$
2b.	0 + 0 = 0
3a.	$0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$
3b.	1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1
4a.	If x=0, then $\overline{x} = 1$
4b.	If $x=1$, then $\overline{x} = 0$

Single-Variable Theorems

5a.	$\mathbf{x} \bullet 0 = 0$
5b.	x + 1 = 1
6a.	$x \cdot 1 = x$
6b.	$\mathbf{x} + 0 = \mathbf{x}$
7a.	$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$
7b.	x + x = x
8a.	$x \cdot \overline{x} = 0$
8b.	$x + \overline{x} = 1$
9.	$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{x}$

Two- and Three-Variable Properties

10a.	$\mathbf{x} \bullet \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} \bullet \mathbf{x}$	Commutative
1 0 b.	$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$	
11a.	$x \bullet (y \bullet z) = (x \bullet y) \bullet z$	Associative
11b.	x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z	
12a.	$x \bullet (y + z) = x \bullet y + x \bullet z$	Distributive
12b.	$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z})$	
13a.	$x + x \bullet y = x$	Absorption
13b.	$\mathbf{x} \bullet (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}$	

Two- and Three-Variable Properties

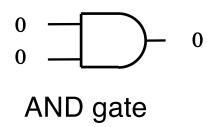
14a.	$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x}$	Combining
14b.	$(x + y) \bullet (x + \overline{y}) = x$	
15a.	$\overline{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} = \overline{\mathbf{x}} + \overline{\mathbf{y}}$	DeMorgan's
1041		
15b.	$\overline{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}} = \overline{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{y}}$	theorem
16a.	$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{\overline{x}} \bullet \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$	
16b.	$\mathbf{x} \bullet (\mathbf{\overline{x}} + \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x} \bullet \mathbf{y}$	
17a.	$x \bullet y + y \bullet z + \overline{x} \bullet z = x \bullet y + \overline{x} \bullet z$	Consensus
17b.	$(x+y) \bullet (y+z) \bullet (\overline{x}+z) = (x+y) \bullet (\overline{x}+z)$	

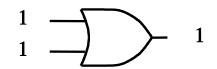
Now, let's prove all of these

The First Four are Axioms (i.e., they don't require a proof) 1a. $0 \cdot 0 = 0$ 1b. 1 + 1 = 12a. $1 \cdot 1 = 1$ 2b. 0 + 0 = 03a. $0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$ 3b. 1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 14a. If x=0, then $\overline{x} = 1$ 4b. If x=1, then $\overline{x} = 0$

But here are some other ways to think about them

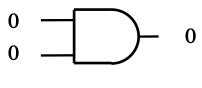
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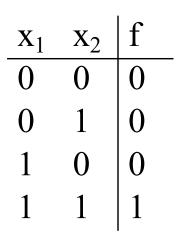


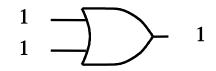
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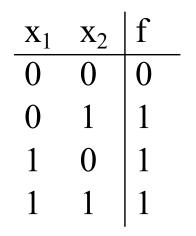


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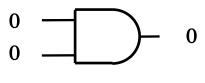




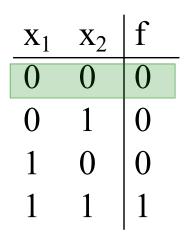
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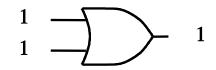


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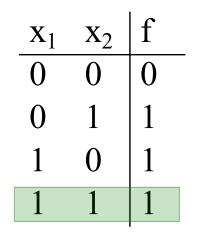


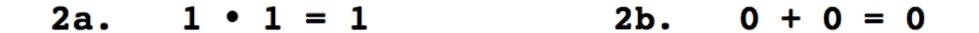
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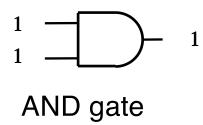


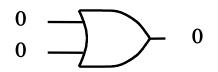


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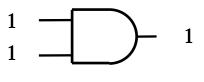




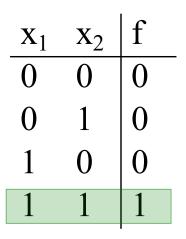
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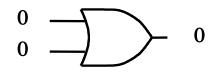
2a. $1 \cdot 1 = 1$

2b. 0 + 0 = 0

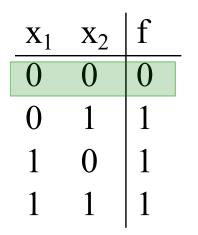


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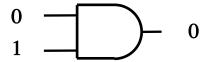




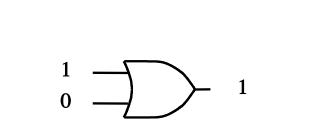
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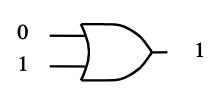
3a.
$$0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$
 3b. $1 + 0 = 0 + 1$





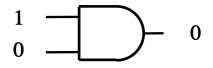


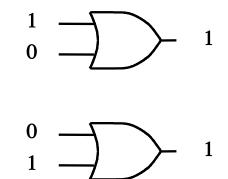
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3a.
$$0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow 0$

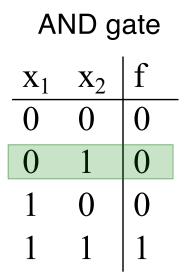




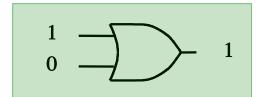
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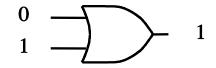
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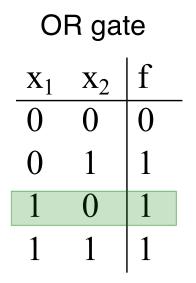
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3b.
$$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

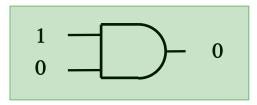


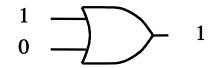


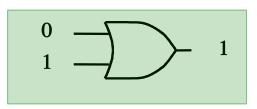


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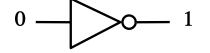
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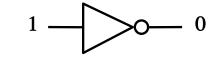




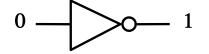


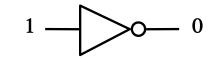
4a. If x=0, then
$$\overline{x} = 1$$
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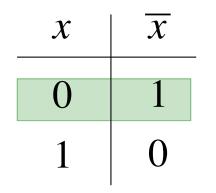


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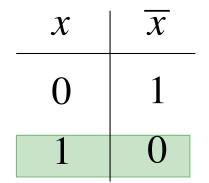




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Single-Variable Theorems

5a.	$\mathbf{x} \bullet 0 = 0$
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8a.	$x \cdot \overline{x} = 0$
8b.	$x + \overline{x} = 1$
9.	$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{x}$

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 // axiom 3a

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, then we have

ii) If x = 1, then we have

1+1 = 1 // axiom 1b

6a. $x \cdot 1 = x$

The Boolean variable x can have only two possible values: 0 or 1. Let's look at each case separately.

i) If
$$x = 0$$
, then we have

$$0 \cdot 1 = 0$$
 // axiom 3a

ii) If x = 1, then we have

1 • 1 = 1 // axiom 2a

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6b. x + 0 = x

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8a. $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{\overline{x}} = \mathbf{0}$

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$$x = 1$$
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 // axiom 3a

8a. $x \cdot \bar{x} = 0$

i) If
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, then we have

ii) If
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8b. $x + \overline{x} = 1$

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$$x = 0$$
, then we have

// axiom 3b

ii) If x = 1, then we have

9.
$$\overline{x} = x$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{x}} = 1$$
 // axiom 4a

let
$$y = \overline{x} = 1$$
, then we have

 $\overline{y} = 0$ // axiom 4b

Therefore,

 $\frac{1}{x} = x$ (when x =0)

9.
$$\overline{x} = x$$

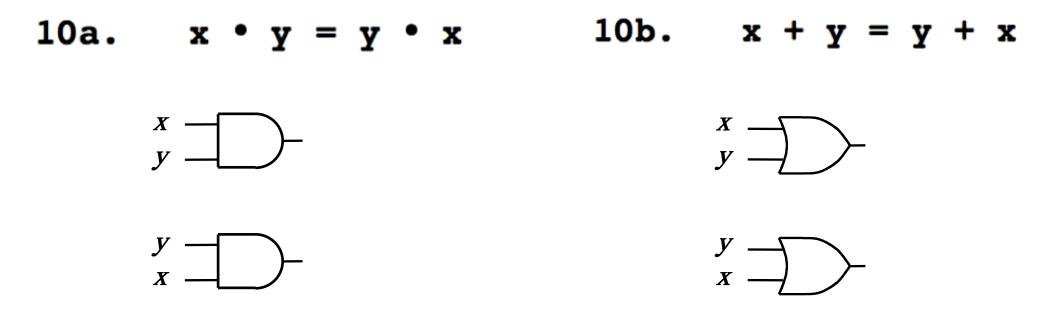
$$\overline{x} = 0$$
 // axiom 4b

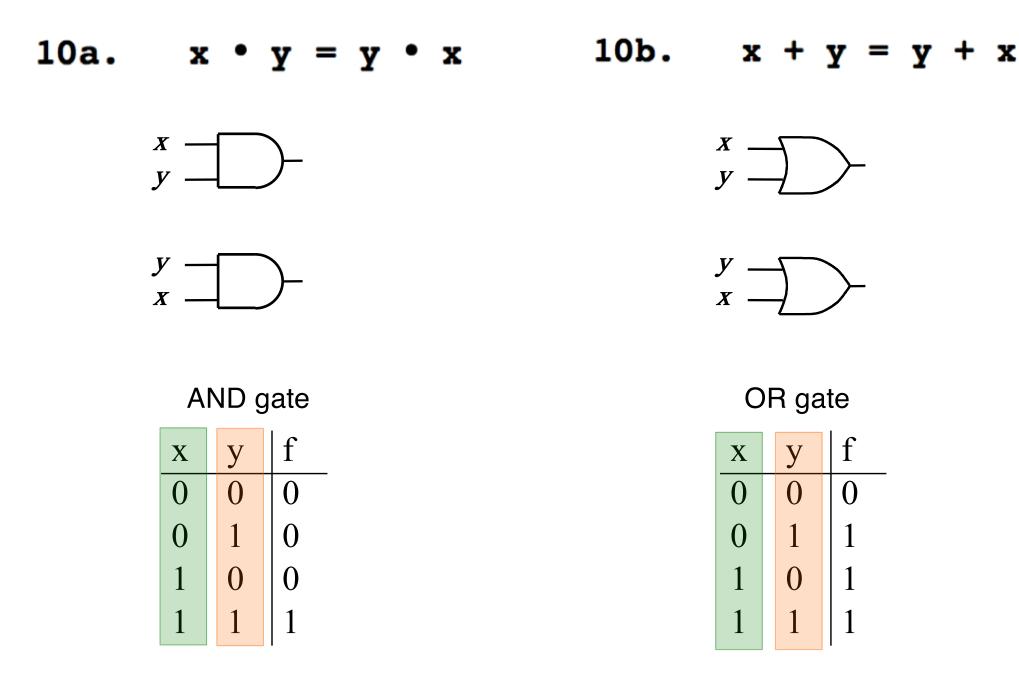
let
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The order of the inputs does not matter.

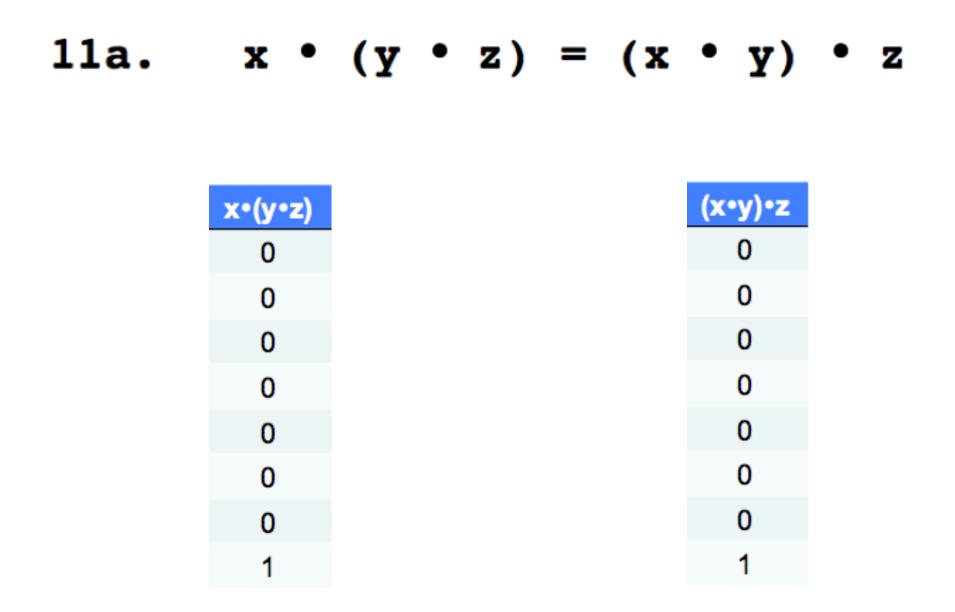
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0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
1	0	1			
1	1	0			
1	1	1			

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1	1	1	1	1	1

X	У	z	х•у	Z	(x•y)•z
0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1

Truth table for the right-hand side



These two are identical, which concludes the proof.

11b. x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z

X	У	Z	X	y + z	x+(y+z)
0	0	0			
0	0	1			
0	1	0			
0	1	1			
1	0	0			
1	0	1			
1	1	0			
1	1	1			

11b. x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z

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0	0	0	0	0	
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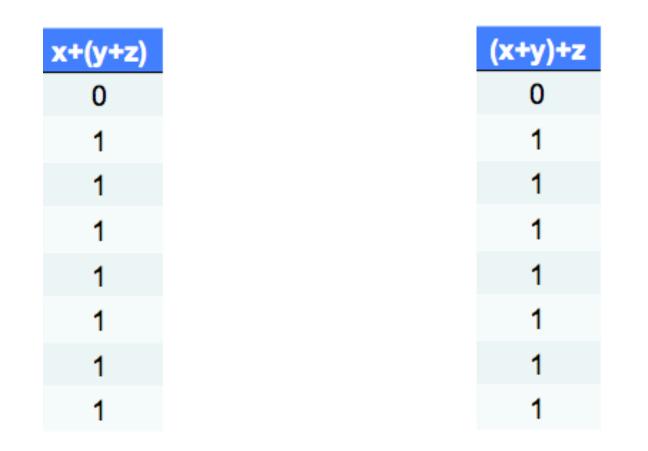
Truth table for the left-hand side

11b. x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z

X	У	Z	x + y	z	(x+y)+z
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0	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
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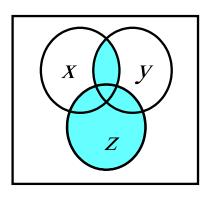
Truth table for the right-hand side

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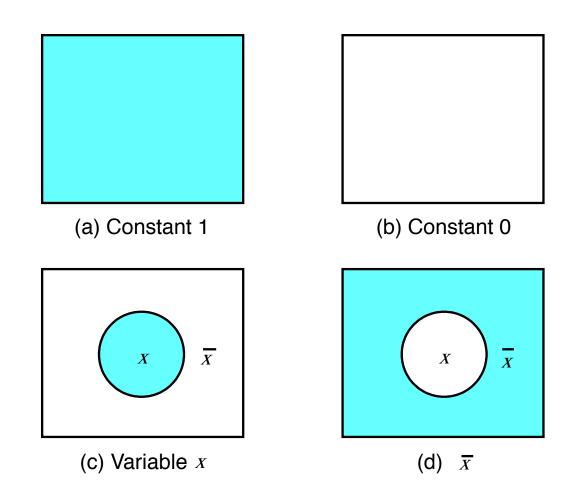
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The Venn Diagram Representation



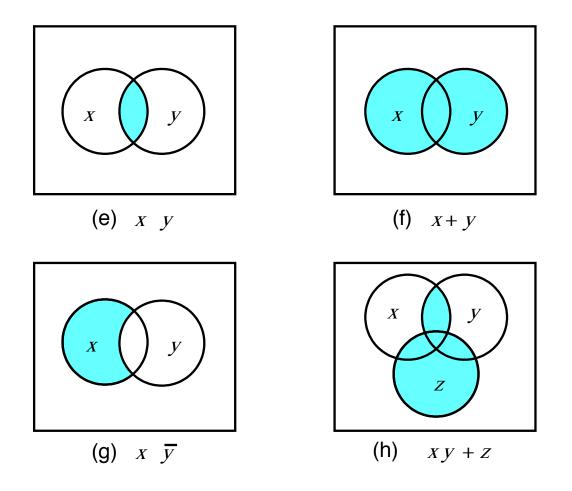
XY + Z

Venn Diagram Basics



[Figure 2.14 from the textbook]

Venn Diagram Basics



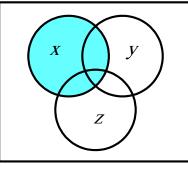
[Figure 2.14 from the textbook]

Let's Prove the Distributive Properties

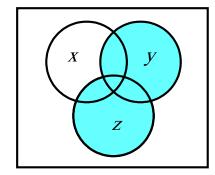
12a. $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$ 12b. $x + y \cdot z = (x + y) \cdot (x + z)$

12a.

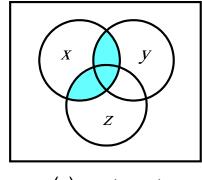
 $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$



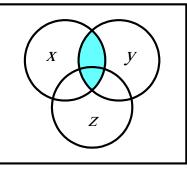
(a) x



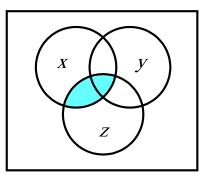
(b)
$$y + z$$



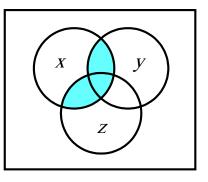
(C) X (y+Z)



(d) *x y*



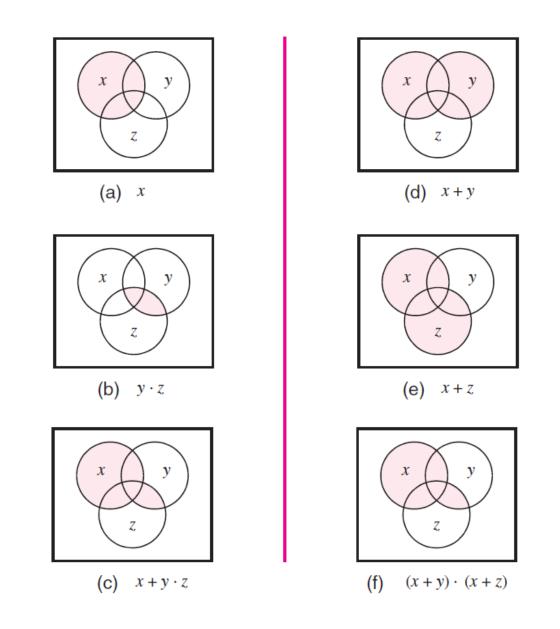
(e) *x z*



(f) XY + XZ

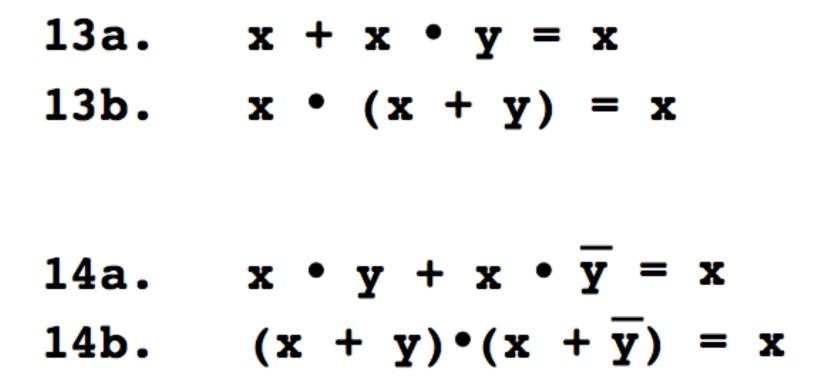
[Figure 2.15 from the textbook]

12b. $x + y \cdot z = (x + y) \cdot (x + z)$

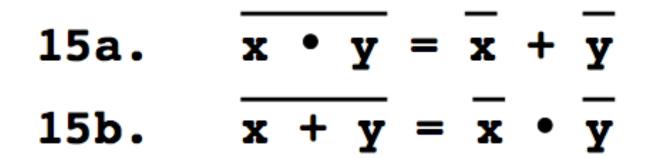


[Figure 2.17 from the textbook]

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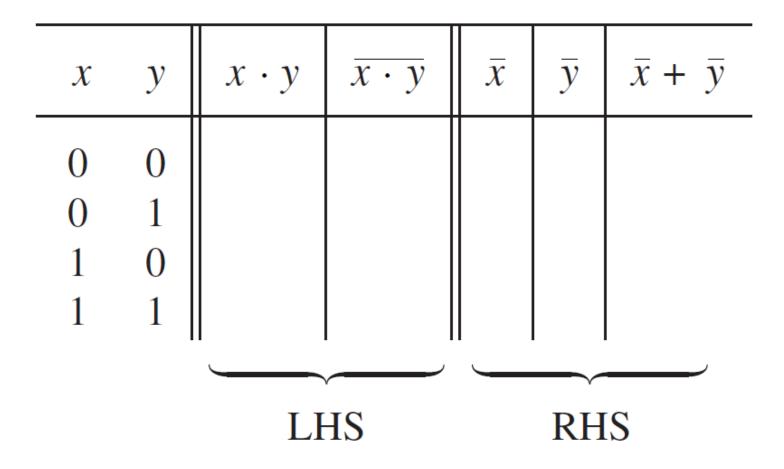
DeMorgan's Theorem



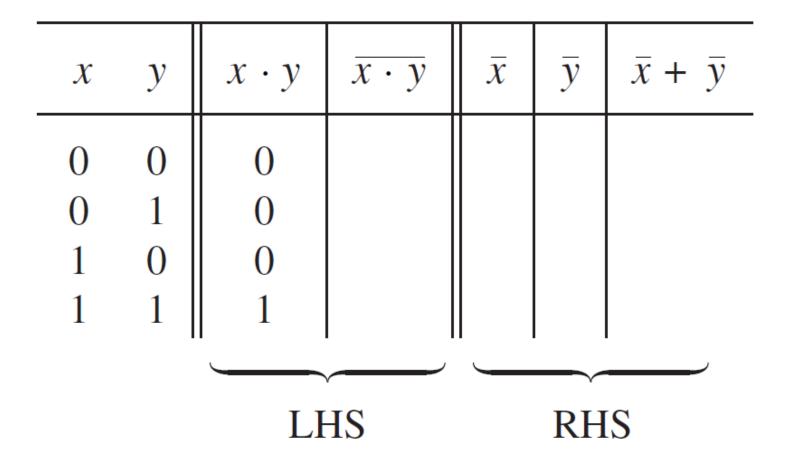
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$$\overline{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} = \overline{\mathbf{x}} + \overline{\mathbf{y}}$$

[Figure 2.13 from the textbook]

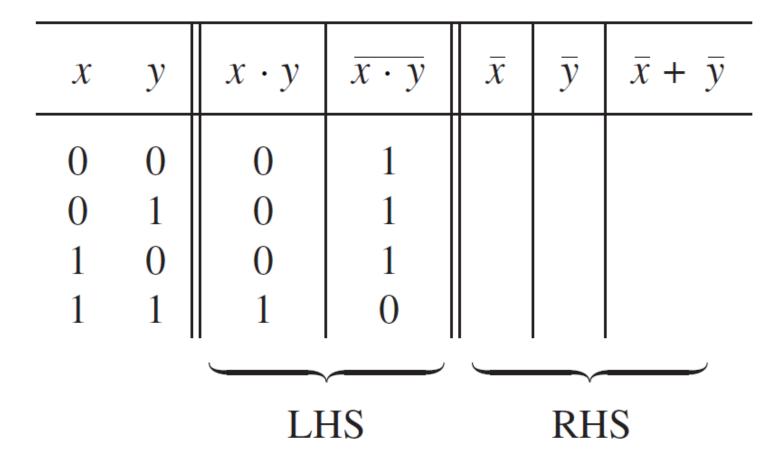
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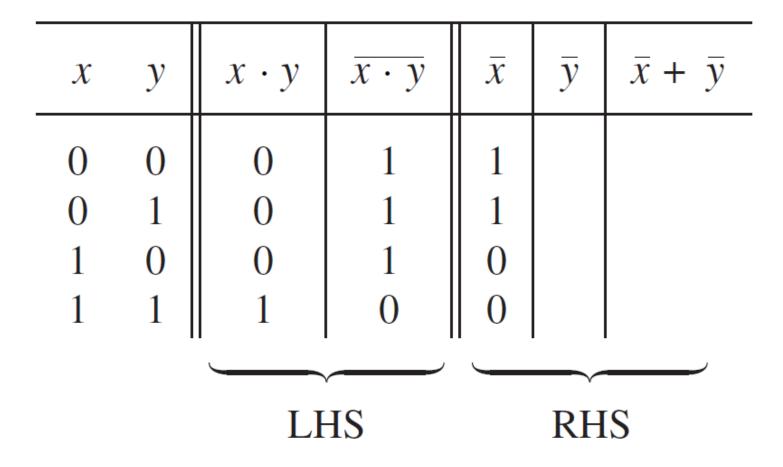
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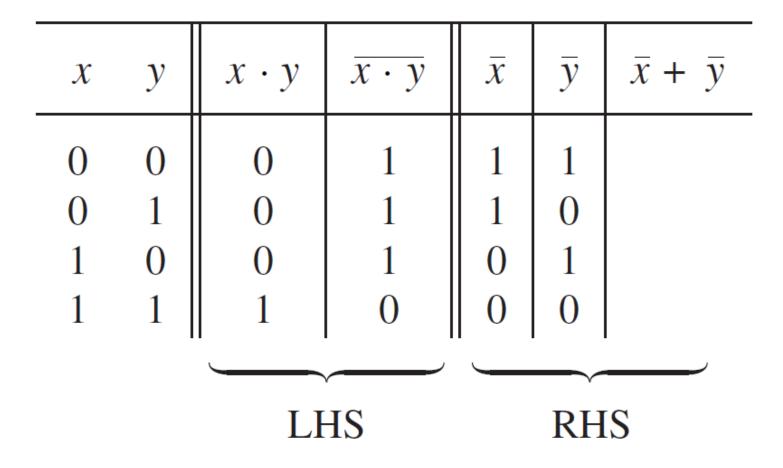
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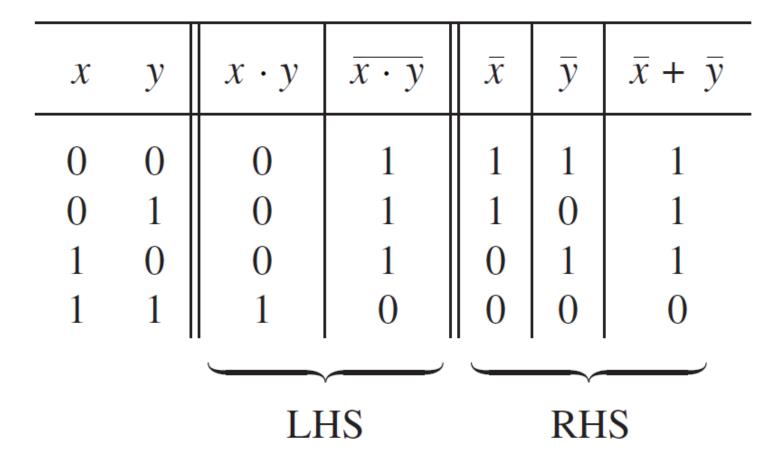
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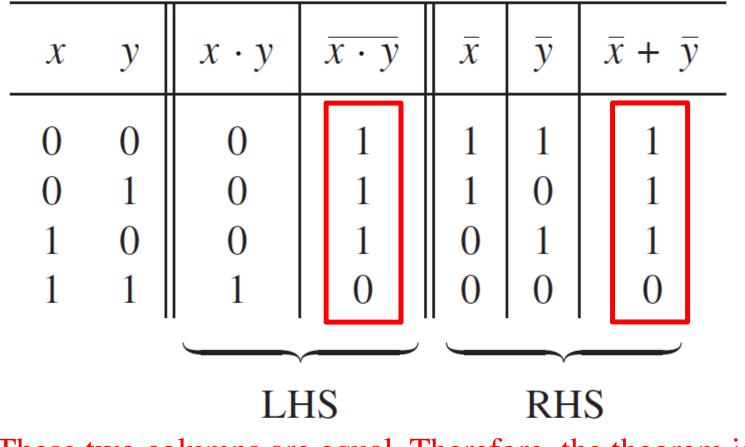
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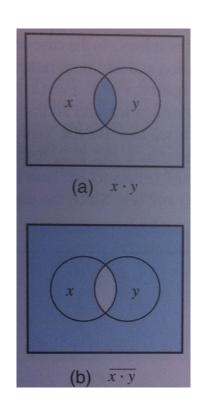
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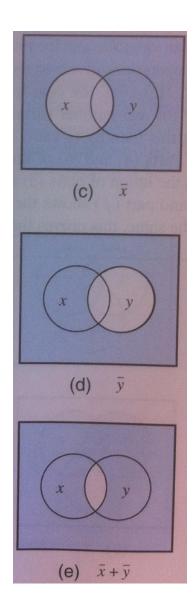


These two columns are equal. Therefore, the theorem is true.

Alternative proof using Venn Diagrams

15a. $\overline{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} = \overline{\mathbf{x}} + \overline{\mathbf{y}}$

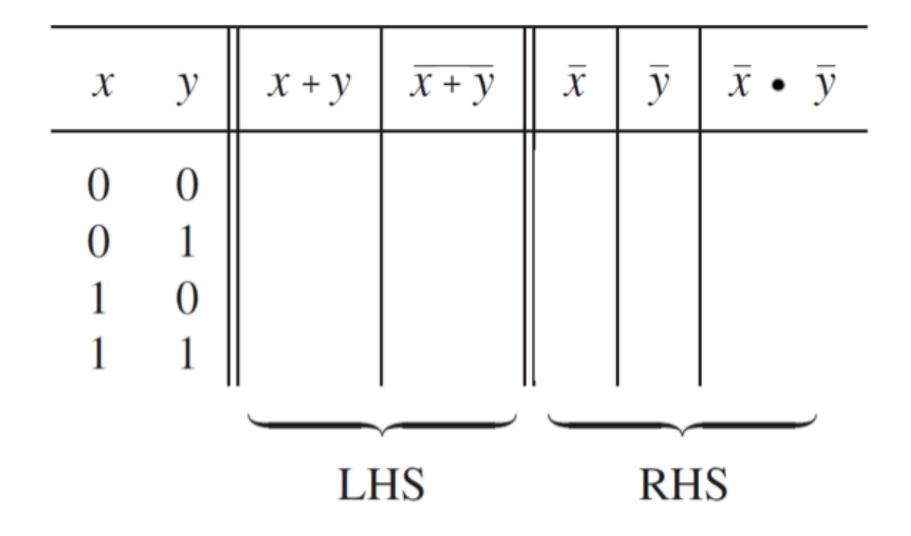




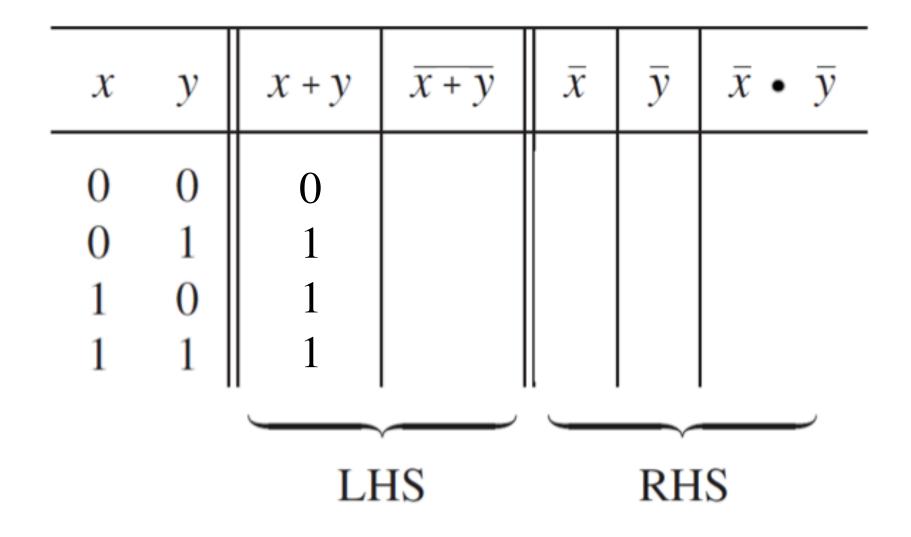
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15b.
$$\overline{x + y} = \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}$$

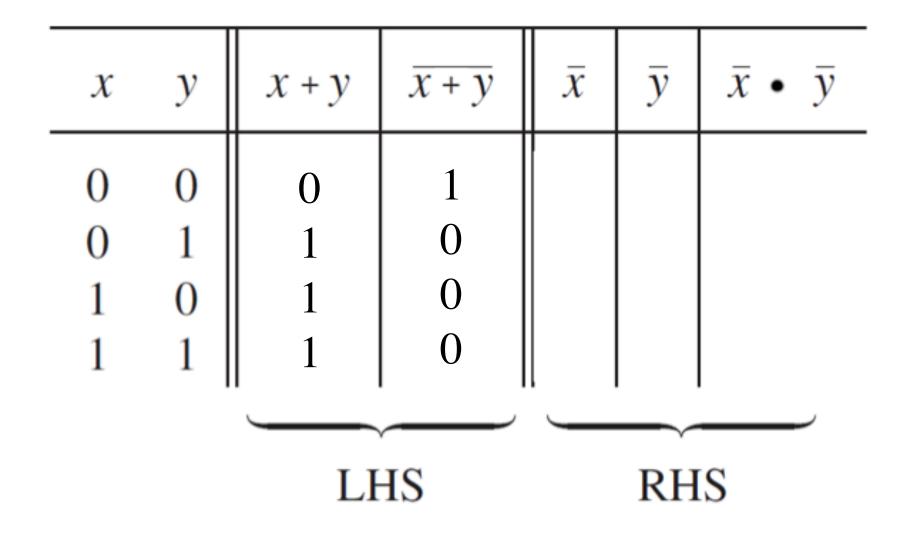
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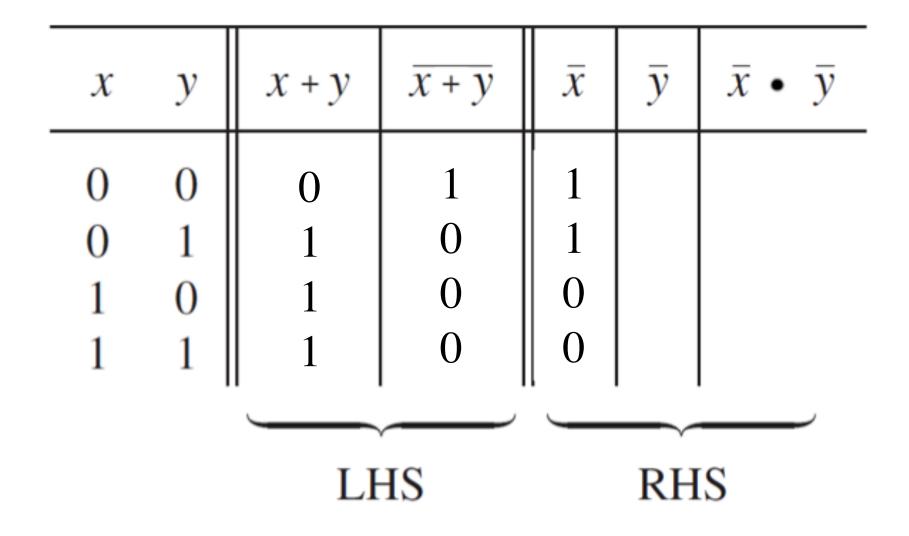
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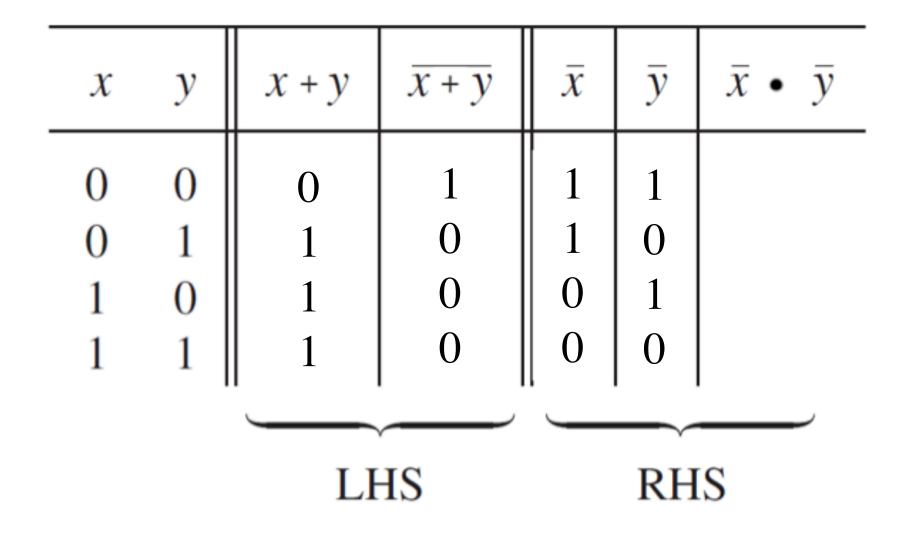
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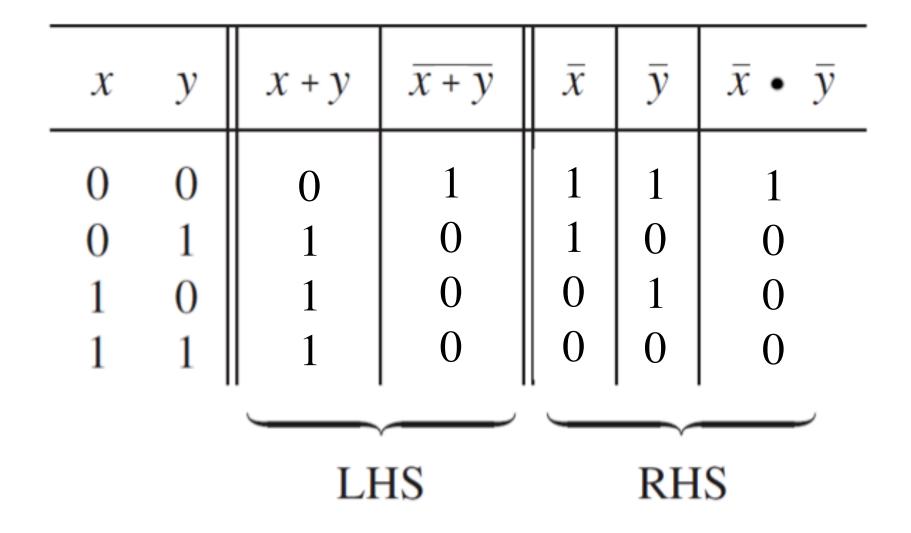
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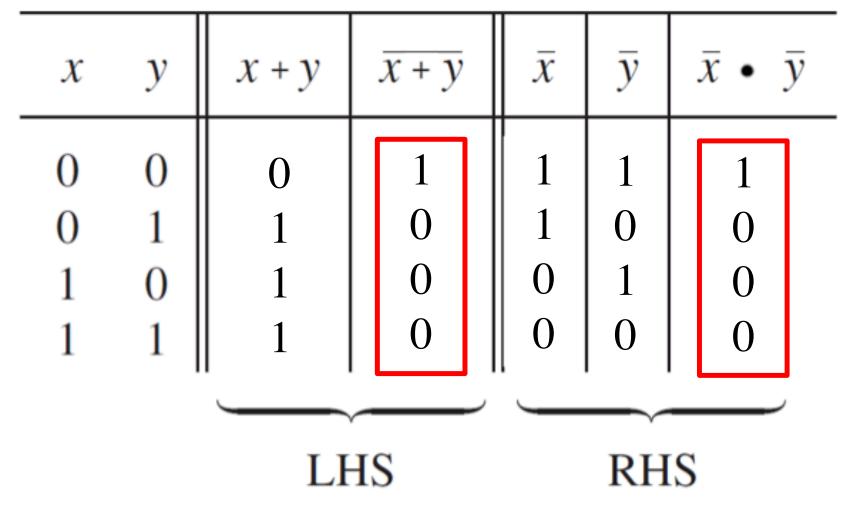


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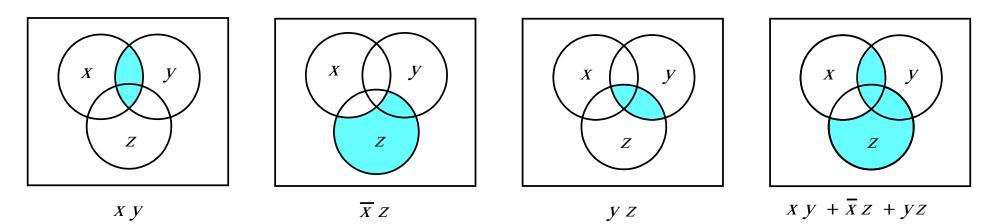
- 16a. $x + \overline{x} \cdot y = x + y$
- 16b. $x \cdot (\overline{x} + y) = x \cdot y$

17a. $x \cdot y + y \cdot z + x \cdot z = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$ 17b. $(x+y) \cdot (y+z) \cdot (\overline{x+z}) = (x+y) \cdot (\overline{x+z})$

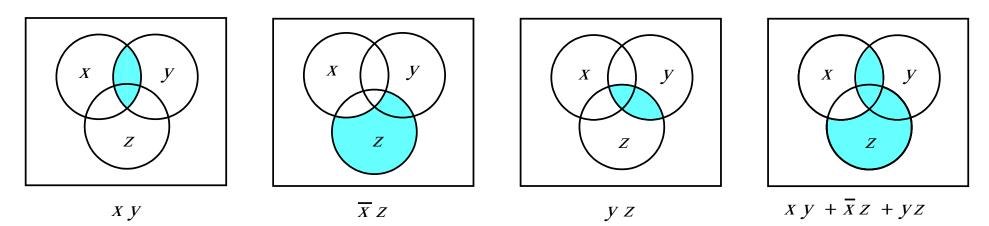
Venn Diagram Example Proof of Property 17a

17a. $x^{\bullet}y + y^{\bullet}z + x^{\bullet}z = x^{\bullet}y + x^{\bullet}z$

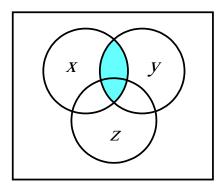
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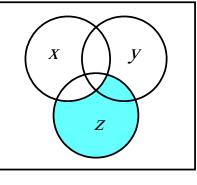
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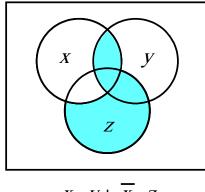
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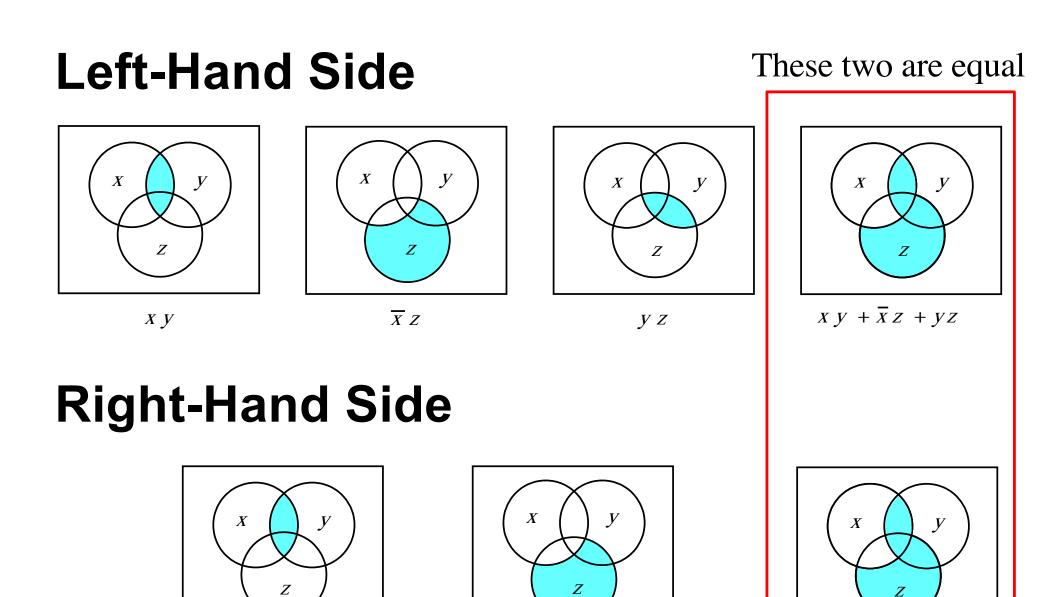






 $x \quad y + \overline{x} \quad z$

[Figure 2.16 from the textbook]



 \overline{X} Z

 $X \quad Y$

 $x y + \overline{x} z$

Questions?

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