



Boolean Algebra

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Outline

- **Set, Relations, and Functions**
- **Partial Orders**
- **Boolean Functions**
- **Don't Care Conditions**
- **Incomplete Specifications**



$v \in V$ Element v is a **member** of set V

$v \notin V$ Element v is not a member of set V

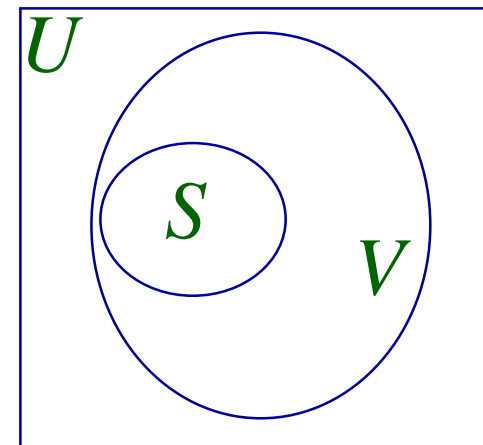
$|V|$ **Cardinality** (number of members) of set V

$S \subseteq V$ Set S is a **subset** of V

\emptyset The **empty set** (a member of all sets)

S' The **complement** of set S

U The **universe**: $S' = U - S$



- Inclusion (\subset)
- Proper Inclusion (\subsetneq)
- Complementation
- Intersection (\cap)
- Union (\cup)
- Difference



$$2^V = \{S \mid S \subseteq V\}$$

2^V

The **power set** of set V (the set of all subsets of set V)

$$|2^V| = 2^{|V|}$$

The cardinality of a power set is a power of 2



$$V = \{0,1,2\}$$

3-member set

$$2^V = \{\emptyset,$$

1 subset with 0 members

$$\{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\},$$

3 subsets with 1 members

$$\{0,1\}, \{0,2\}, \{1,2\},$$

3 subsets with 2 members

$$\{0,1,2\}\}$$

1 subset with 3 members

$$|2^V| = 2^{|V|} = 2^3 = 8$$

Power sets are **Boolean Algebras**



The **Cartesian Product** of sets A and B is denoted $A \times B$

Suppose $A = \{0,1,2\}$, $B = \{a,b\}$, then

$$A \times B = \{(0,a), (0,b), (1,a), (1,b), (2,a), (2,b)\}$$

$A = \{0,1,2\}$ Set A is unordered

$(1,b)$ $()$ denotes Ordered Set

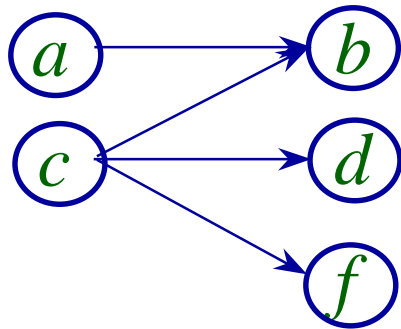


- The **Cartesian Product** of sets A and B is denoted $A \times B$
- $A \times B$ consists of all possible ordered pairs (a,b) such that $a \in A$ and $b \in B$
- A subset $R \subseteq A \times B$ is called a **Binary Relation**
- Graphs, Matrices, and Boolean Algebras can be viewed as binary relations



$$E = \{ab, cb, cd, cf\} \subseteq A \times B$$

$$A = \{a, c\} \quad B = \{b, d, f\}$$



	b	d	f
a	1	0	0
c	1	1	1

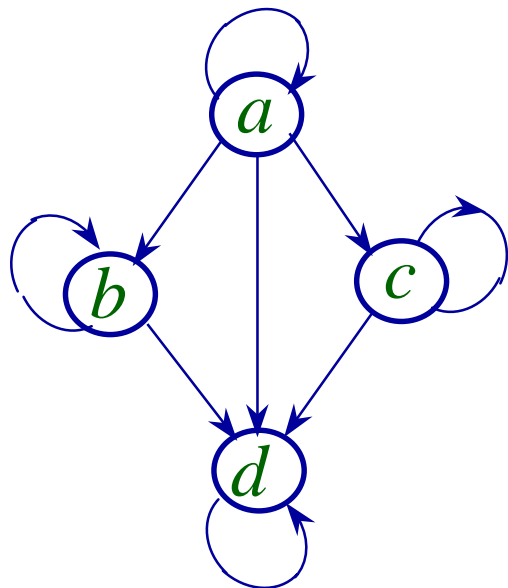
Bipartite Graph

Rectangular Matrix



$$E = \{ab, ac, ad, bd, cd\} \cup \{aa, bb, cc, dd\} \subseteq V \times V$$

$$V = \{a, b, c, d\}$$



Directed Graph

a	1	1	1	1
b	0	1	0	1
c	0	0	1	1
d	0	0	0	1

Square Matrix

- A binary relation $R \subseteq V \times V$ can be
 - reflexive, and/or
 - transitive, and/or
 - symmetric, and/or
 - antisymmetric
- We illustrate these properties on the next few slides



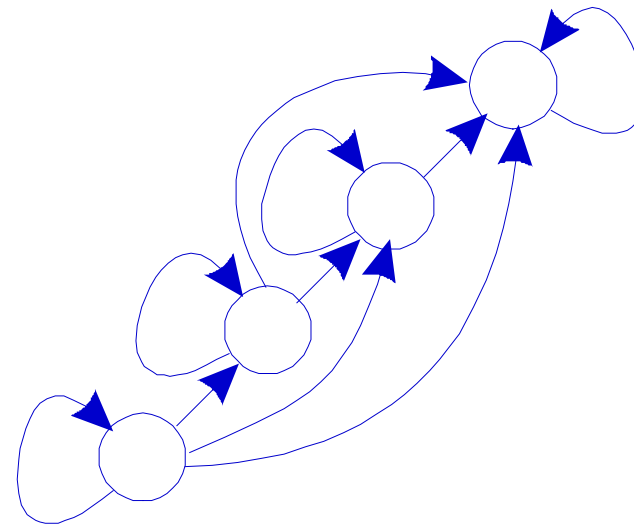
If $R \subseteq A \times B$, we say that A is the **domain** of the relation R , and that B is the **range**.

If $(a, b) \in R$, we say that the pair is in the relation R , or aRb .



$$\leq \subseteq A^2 = \{1,2,3,4\}^2$$

	1	2	3	4
1	\leq	\leq	\leq	\leq
2		\leq	\leq	\leq
3			\leq	\leq
4				\leq



Graph View



Example: "Less than or Equal"

$$A = B = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\},$$

$$R \subseteq A \times B = "\leq"$$

	0	1	2	3	
0	\leq	\leq	\leq	\leq	\dots
1	0	\leq	\leq	\leq	
2	0	0	\leq	\leq	
3	0	0	0	\leq	
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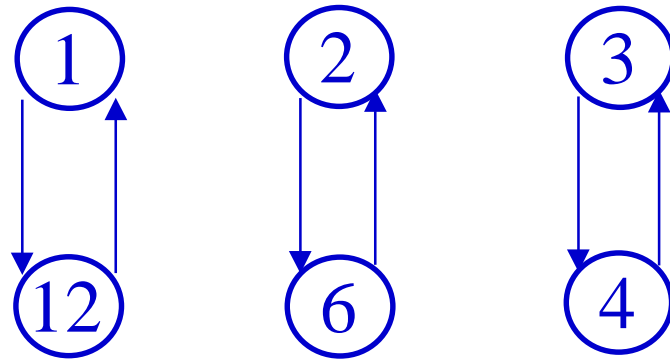


Example: “a times b = 12”

$$V = \{0,1,2,\dots\},$$

$$R \subseteq V \times V = \{(u,v) \mid u \times v = 12\}$$

$$R = \{(1,12), (2,6), (3,4), (4,3), (6,2), (12,1)\}$$



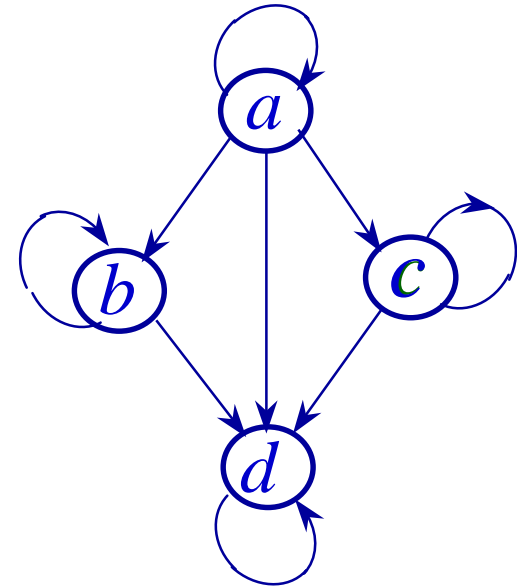
Reflexive Binary Relations

$$R \subseteq V \times V$$

$$v \in V \Rightarrow vRv$$

A binary relation $R \subseteq V \times V$ is reflexive if and only if $(v, v) \in R$ for every vertex $v \in V$

$$V = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

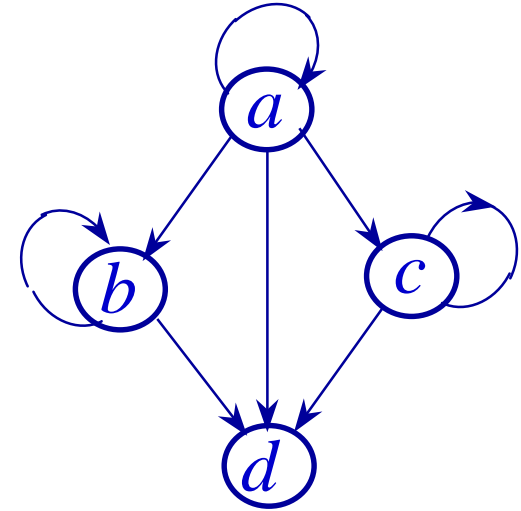


$$\begin{array}{l} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R \subseteq V \times V$$

$$\exists v \in V \ni \neg vRv$$

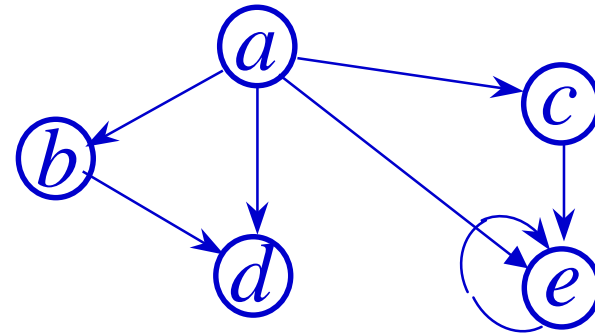
$$V = \{a, b, c, d\}$$



Non-Reflexivity implies that there exists $v \in V$ such that $(v, v) \notin R$. Here d is such a v .

$$\begin{array}{l} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $u, v, w \in V$, and uRv ,
and vRw , then uRw .

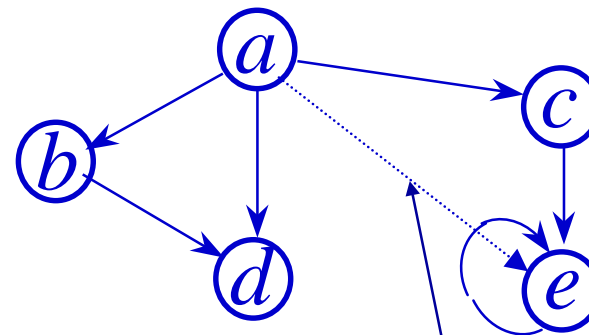


A binary relation is transitive if and only if every (u, v, w) path is triangulated by a direct (u, w) edge.

This is the case here, so R is transitive.

$$R \subseteq V \times V$$

$\exists u, v, w \in V$, such that
 uRv, vRw , but $\neg uRw$



A binary relation is not transitive if there exists a path from u to w , through v that is not triangulated by a direct (u, w) edge

Here (a, c, e) is such a path.

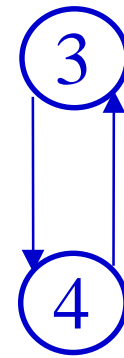
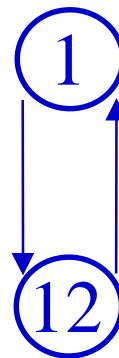
Edge (a, e) is missing

$$R \subseteq V \times V$$

$$(u, v) \in R \Rightarrow (v, u) \in R$$

$$(uRv \Rightarrow vRu)$$

A binary relation is symmetric if and only if every (u, v) edge is reciprocated by a (v, u) edge

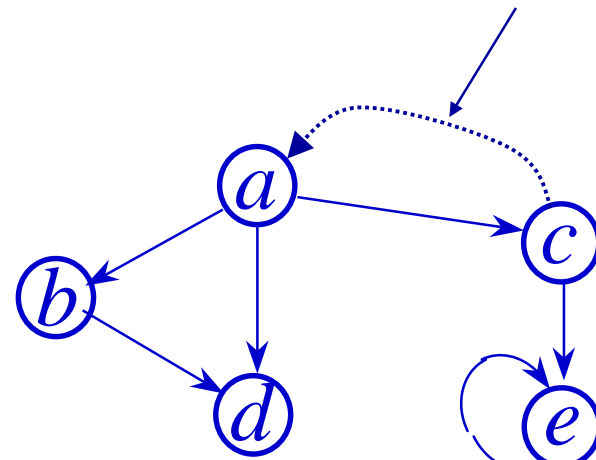


$$R \subseteq V \times V$$

$\exists (u, v) \in R$ such that $(v, u) \notin R$

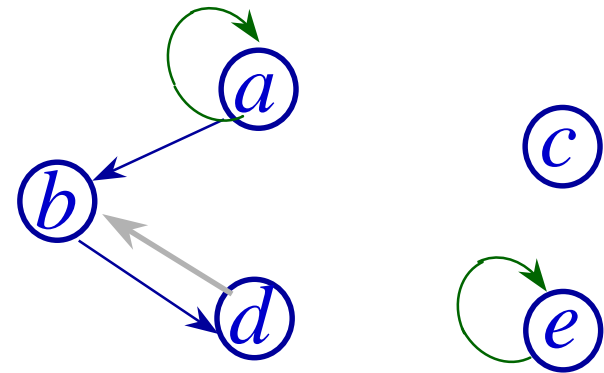
A binary relation is non-symmetric if there exists an edge (u, v) **not reciprocated** by an edge (v, u)

Edge (c, a) is missing



$$\forall (u, v) \in R, (uRv, vRu) \Rightarrow (v = u)$$

A binary relation is anti-symmetric if and only if no (u, v) edge is reciprocated by a (v, u) edge $v = u$



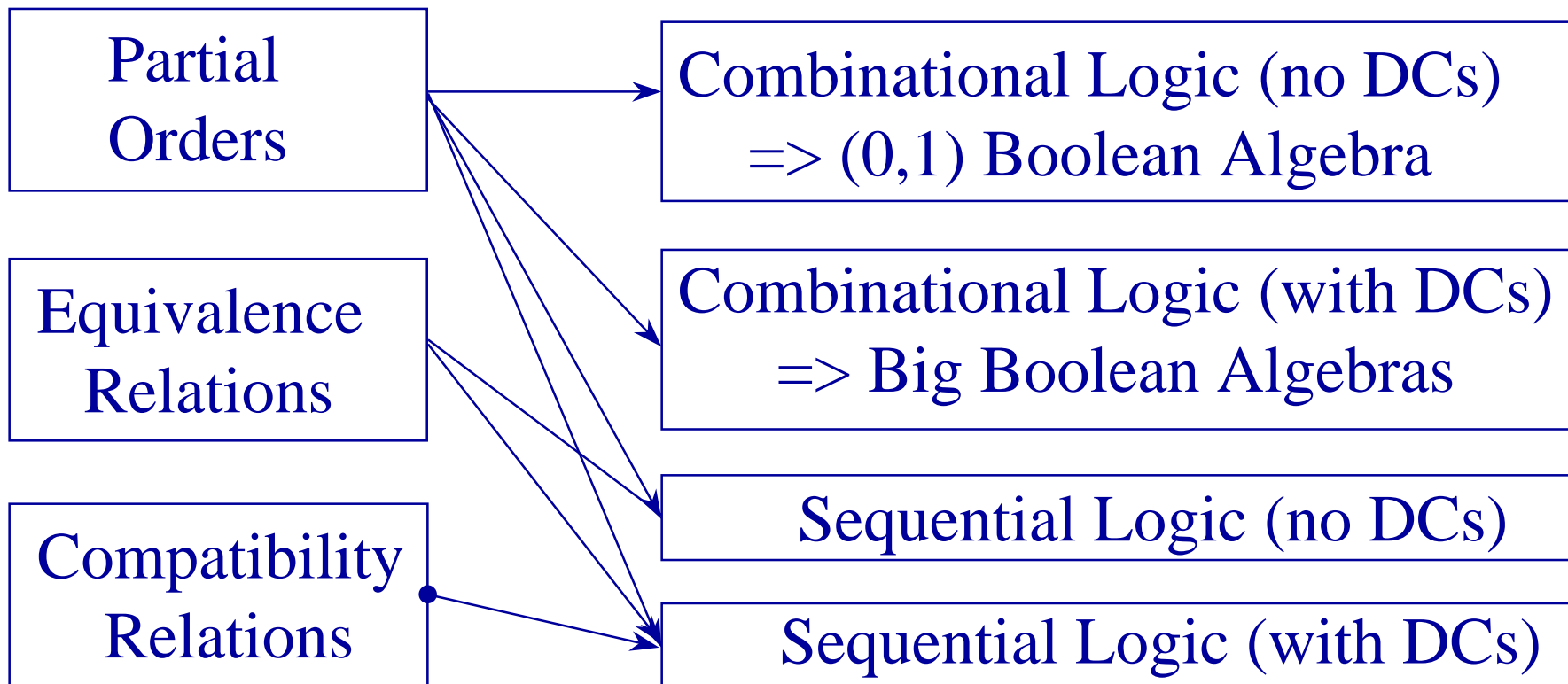
Not antisymmetric if any such edge is reciprocated :
here $b \rightarrow d, d \rightarrow b$

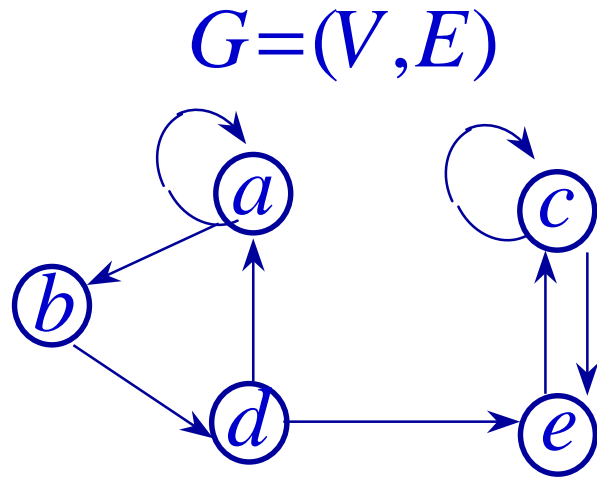
- A function f are binary relations from set A (called the domain) to B (called the range)
- But, it is required that each a in A be associated with **exactly 1** b in B
- For functions, it cannot be true that both (a,b) in R and (a,c) in R , b different from c



The Binary Relation of Relations to Synthesis/Verification

*DC=don't care





$$a \xrightarrow{*} \{a,b,c,d,e\}$$

$$b \xrightarrow{*} \{c,d,e\}$$

$$c \xrightarrow{*} \{c,e\}$$

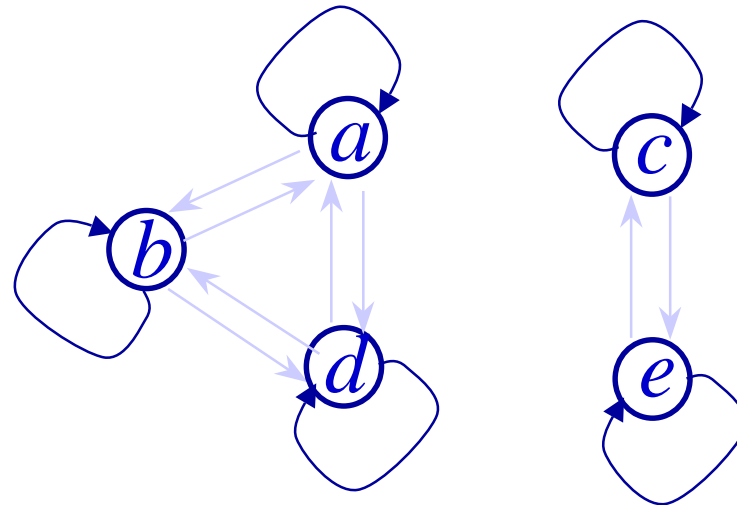
$$d \xrightarrow{*} \{c,e\}$$

$$e \xrightarrow{*} \{c,e\}$$

This graph defines path relation

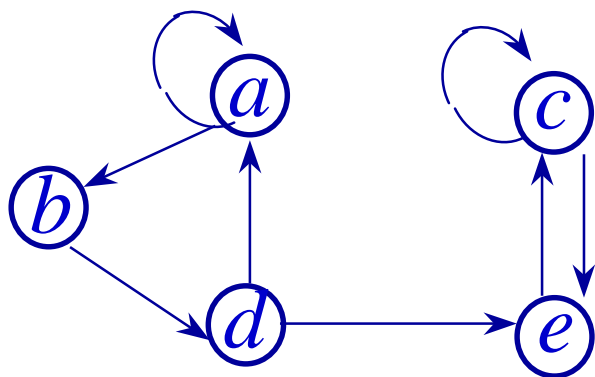
Relation $\xrightarrow{*}$ is sometimes called “Reachability”





Note R is reflexive, **symmetric**, and transitive

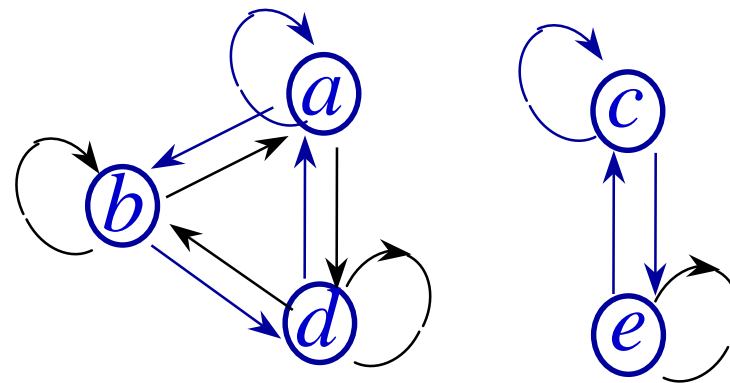
$$G=(V,E)$$



This graph defines path relation $\xrightarrow{*}$

NOT an equivalence relation: E

$$R=\{(u,v)|v\xrightarrow{*}u, u\xrightarrow{*}v\}$$
$$G=(V,R)$$

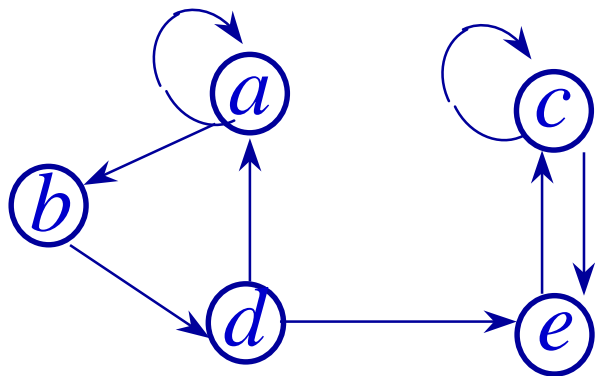


This graph defines R

An equivalence relation: R

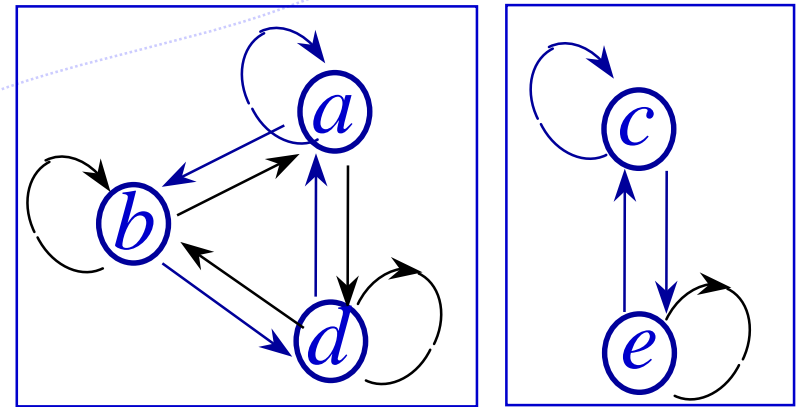
The Cycle Relation

$$G=(V,E)$$



This graph defines path relation $\xrightarrow{*}$

$$C=\{(u,v)|v\xrightarrow{*}u\}$$
$$G=(V,R)$$



These are called the “Strongly Connected Components” of G

- Given any set B a **partition** of B is a set of subsets $B_i \subseteq B$ with two properties
 - $B_i \cap B_j = \phi$ for all $i \neq j$
 - $\cup_i B_i = B$
- Given two partitions P^1 and P^2 of a set S , P^1 is a **refinement** of P^2 if each block B^1_i of P^1 is a subset of some block of π_2



- **Partial Orders (Includes Lattices, Boolean Algebras)**
 - Reflexive
 - Transitive
 - Antisymmetric

- **Compatibility Relations**
 - Reflexive
 - Not Transitive--Almost an equivalence relation
 - Symmetric



- A **function** f from A to B written $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a rule that associates exactly one element of B to each element of A
 - A relation from A to B is a function if it is right-unique and if every element of A appears in one pair of the relation
 - A is called the domain of the function
 - B is called the co-domain (range)
- If $y=f(x) : A \rightarrow B$, y is **image** of x
 - Given a domain subset $C \subseteq A$
$$\text{IMG}(f,C) = \{ y \in B \mid \exists x \in C \ni y = f(x) \}$$
 - **preimage** of C under f
$$\text{PRE}(f,C) = \{ x \in A \mid \exists y \in C \ni y = f(x) \}$$
- A function f is **one-to-one (injective)** if $x \neq y$ implies $f(x) \neq f(y)$
- A function f is **onto (surjective)** if for every $y \in B$, there exists an element $x \in A$, such that $f(x) = y$



- The pair (V, \leq) is called an **algebraic system**
- V is a set, called the **carrier** of the system
- \leq is a relation on $V \times V = V^2$
(\subseteq , \Rightarrow are similar to \leq)
- This algebraic system is called a **partially ordered set**, or **poset** for short



- A **poset** has two operations, \bullet and $+$, called **meet** and **join** (like **AND** and **OR**)
- Sometimes written $(V, \leq, \cdot, +)$ or $(V^2, \leq, \cdot, +)$ even $(V, \cdot, +)$, since \leq is implied

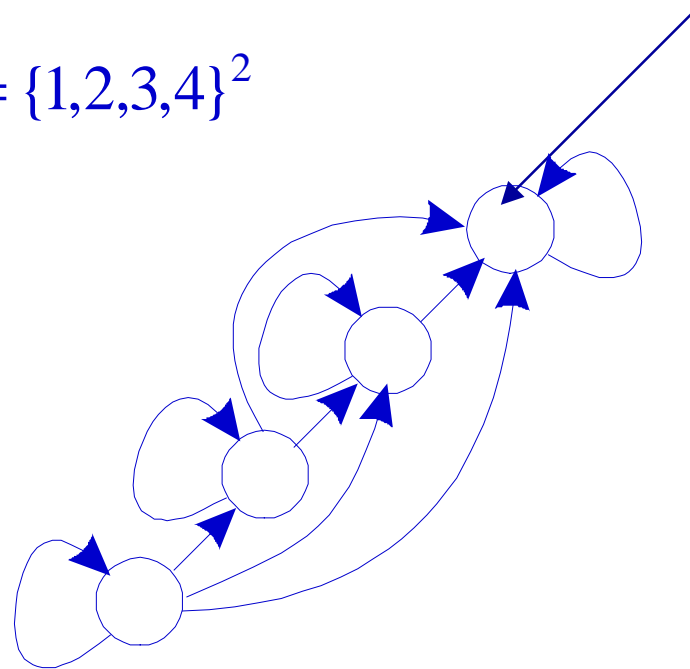


Integers (Totally Ordered):

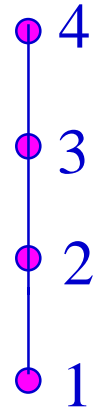
$$\leq \subseteq A^2 = \{1,2,3,4\}^2$$

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Matrix View



Graph View



Hasse Diagram

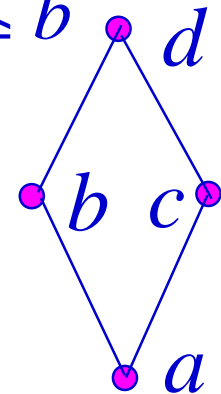
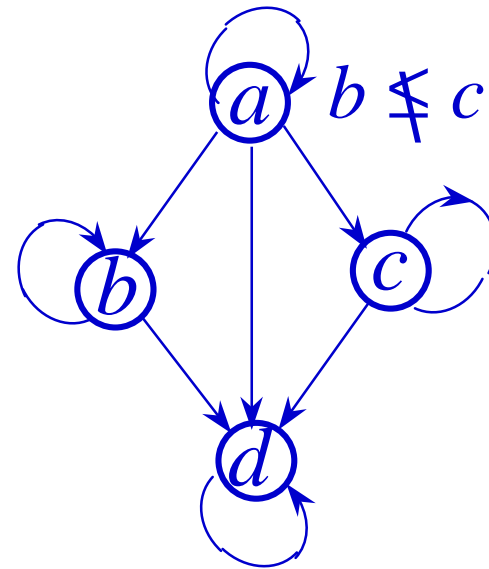
Hasse Diagram obtained deleting arrowheads and redundant edges



$(V, \leq, \cdot, +)$

$V = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$\leq = \{(a, a), (a, b), (a, c), (a, d),$
 $(b, b), (b, d),$
 $(c, c), (c, d), (d, d)\}$



Relation \leq

Hasse Diagram

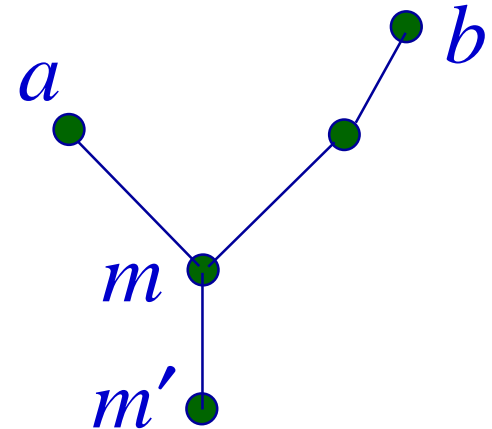
\leq : distance from top

\leq is reflexive, antisymmetric,
and transitive: a **partial order**



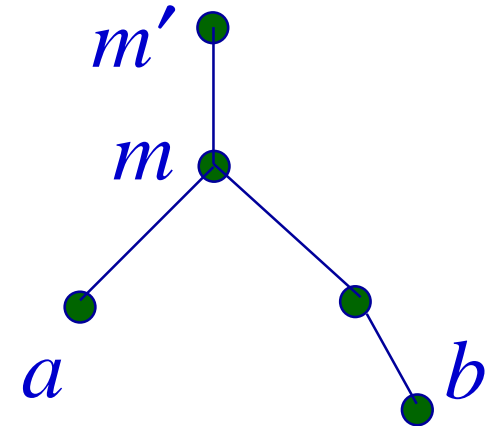
An element m of a poset P is a **lower bound** of elements a and b of P , if $m \leq a$ and $m \leq b$.

m is the **greatest lower bound** or **meet** of elements a and b if m is a lower bound of a and b and, for any m' such that $m' \leq a$ and also $m' \leq b$, $m' \leq m$.

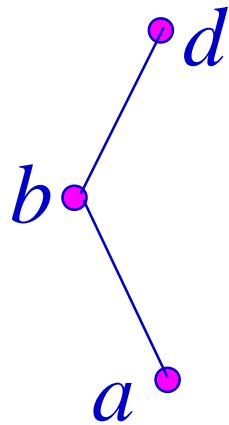


An element m of a poset P is a **upper bound** of elements a and b of P , if $a \leq m$ and $b \leq m$.

m is the **least upper bound** or **join** of elements a and b if m is an upper bound of a and b and, for any m' such that $a \leq m'$ and also $b \leq m'$, $m \leq m'$.

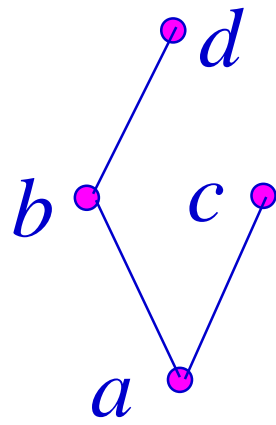


posets:



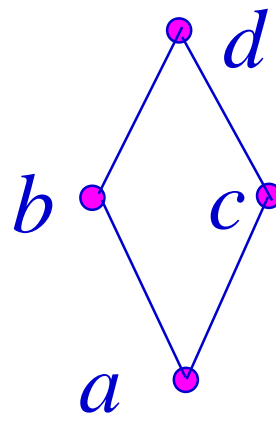
$$a \cdot b = a$$

$$a + b = b$$



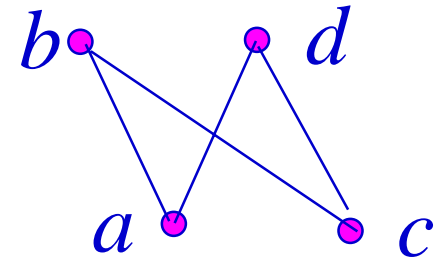
$$c \cdot b = a$$

$$c + b = ?$$



$$c \cdot b = a$$

$$c + b = d$$



$$c \cdot a = ?$$

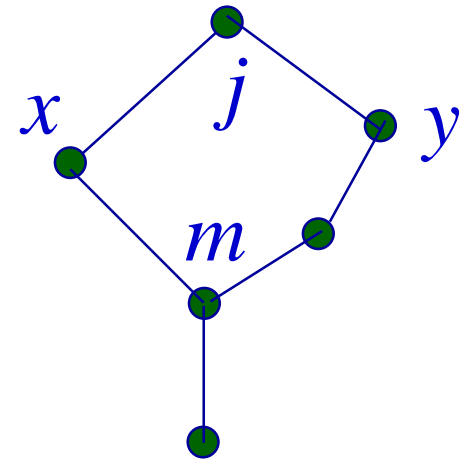
$$d + b = ?$$

Theorem 3.2.1 If x and y have a greatest lower bound (meet), then

$$x \geq x \cdot y$$

Similarly, if x and y have a least upper bound (join), then

$$x \leq x + y$$

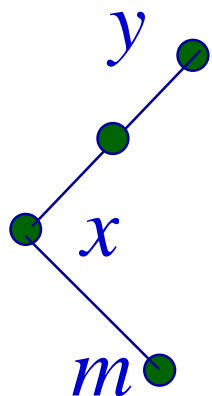


Proof: Since meet exists, $x \geq x \cdot y$ by definition. Also, since join exists, $x \leq x + y$ by definition.

Theorem 3.2.2 $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \cdot y = x$

Proof (\Rightarrow): This means assume $x \leq y$.

- x is a lower bound of x and y (by Def.)
- x is also the meet of x and y



Proof: by contradiction. Suppose $x \neq x \cdot y$. Then $\exists m \neq x$ **such that** $x \leq m$ where $m = x \cdot y$. But since m was a lower bound of x and y , $m \leq x$ as well. Thus $m = x$, by the anti-symmetry of posets.

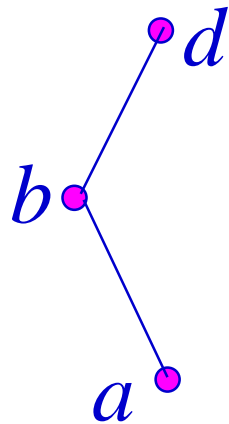
Proof (\Leftarrow): From Definition of meet



- If all pairs of elements of a poset are comparable, then the set is **totally ordered**
- If every non-empty subset of a totally ordered set has a smallest element, then the set is **well-ordered**
 - e.g.) Natural numbers
- **Mathematical Induction**
 - Given, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, propositions $P(n)$, if
 - ↳ $P(0)$ is true
 - ↳ for all $n > 0$, if $P(n-1)$ is true then $P(n)$ is true
 - then, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $P(n)$ is true

- **Lattice**: a **poset** with both meet and join for every pair of elements of the carrier set
- **Boolean Algebra**: a **distributed** and **complemented** lattice
- Every lattice has a **unique minimum** element and a **unique maximum** element

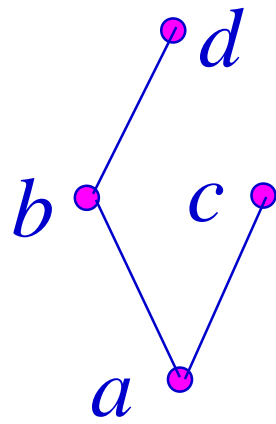




$$a \cdot b = a$$

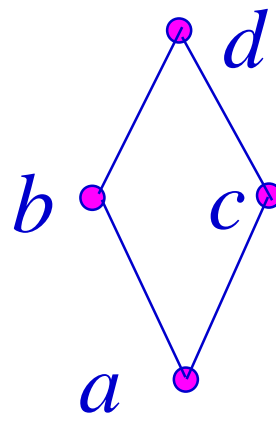
$$a + b = b$$

(lattice)



$$c \cdot b = a$$

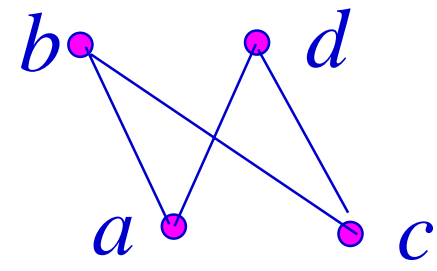
$$c + b = ?$$



$$c \cdot b = a$$

$$c + b = d$$

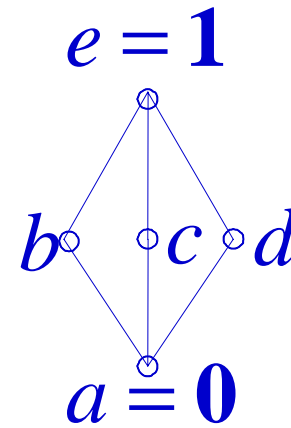
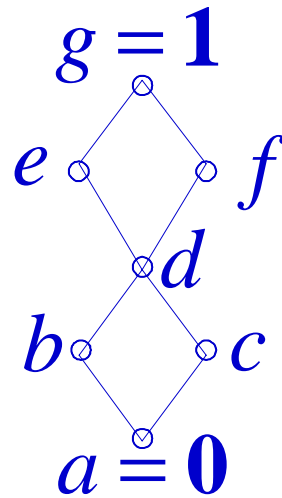
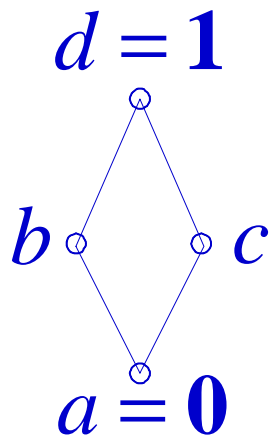
(lattice)



$$c \cdot a = ?$$

$$d + b = ?$$

(Boolean algebra)



- “**There Exists** a v in set V ” is denoted by $\exists v \in V$

- The following are equivalent:

$$a \Leftrightarrow b \quad (ab + a'b')$$

$$a \Rightarrow b \text{ and } a \Leftarrow b \quad ((a' + b)(a + b'))$$

a is true if and only if b is true

- Does $(a' + b)(a + b')$ make sense in a poset?

No--**Complement** is defined for lattices but not for posets



Meet, Join, Unique maximum (1), minimum (0) element are always defined

Idempotent: $x + x = x$ $x \cdot x = x$

Commutative: $x + y = y + x$ $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$

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

Absorptive: $x \cdot (x + y) = x$ $x + (x \cdot y) = x$

Absorptive properties are fundamental to optimization



Every lattice identity is transformed into another identity by interchanging:

- $+$ and \cdot
- \leq and \geq
- $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$

Example: $x \cdot (x + y) = x \rightarrow x + (x \cdot y) = x$

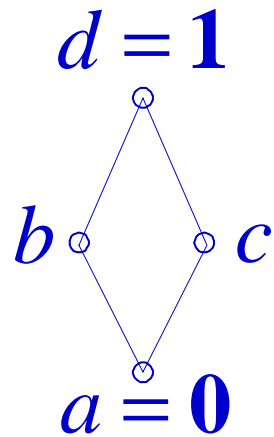
Complementation

- If $x+y=1$ and $xy=0$ then x is the complement of y and vice versa
- A lattice is complemented if all elements have a complement



Complemented?

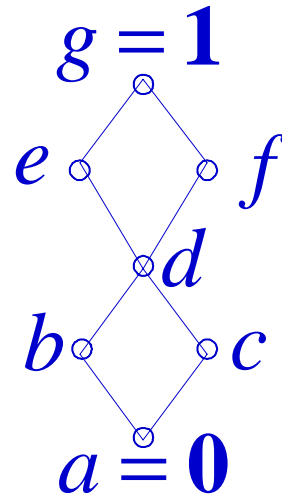
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$$b \cdot c = a = 0$$

$$b + c = d = 1$$

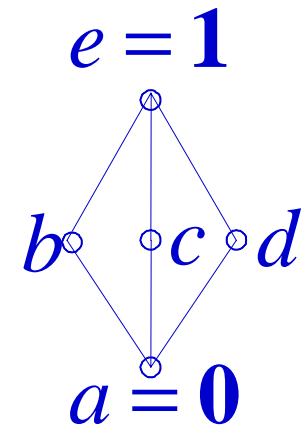
no



$$b \cdot c = a = 0$$

$$b + c = d \neq 1$$

yes



$$b \cdot c = a = 0$$

$$b + c = e = 1$$

Semi-distributivity:

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

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

Proof :

1. $x \cdot y \leq x$ (def. of meet)
2. $x \cdot y \leq y \leq y + z$ (def. of meet, join)
3. $x \cdot y \leq x \cdot (y + z)$ (def. of meet)
4. $x \cdot z \leq x \cdot (y + z)$ (mutatis mutandis: $y \leftrightarrow z$)
5. $x \cdot (y + z) \geq (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$ (def. of join)



- **Boolean Algebras** have **full** distributivity:

$$x \cdot (y + z) \stackrel{=}{=} (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$$

$$x + (y \cdot z) \stackrel{=}{=} (x + y) \cdot (x + z)$$

- **Boolean Algebras** are complemented. That is,

$$x = y' \Rightarrow (x \cdot y = \mathbf{0}) \text{ and } (x + y = \mathbf{1})$$

must hold for every x in the carrier of the **poset**

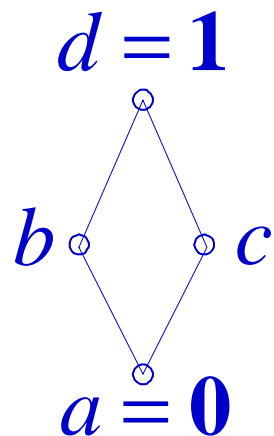
- A complemented, distributive lattice is a Boolean lattice or Boolean algebra
 - Idempotent $x+x=x$ $xx=x$
 - Commutative $x+y=y+x$ $xy = yx$
 - Associative $x+(y+z)=(x+y)+z$ $x(yz) = (xy)z$
 - Absorptive $x(x+y)=x$ $x+(xy) = x$
 - Distributive $x+(yz)=(x+y)(x+z)$ $x(y+z) = xy +xz$
 - Existence of the complement



Are these Lattices Boolean Algebras?

Complemented and distributed?

yes



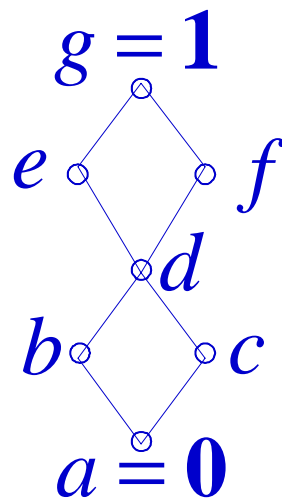
$$b \cdot c = a = 0$$

$$b + c = d = 1$$

$$a(b + c) =$$

$$a \cdot b + a \cdot c = a = 0$$

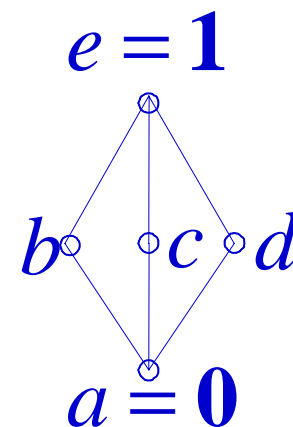
no



$$b \cdot c = a = 0$$

$$b + c = d \neq 1$$

no



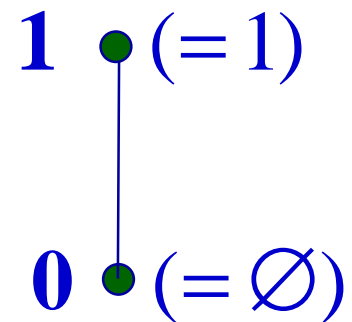
$$b \cdot (c + d) = b \geq$$

$$(b \cdot c) + (b \cdot d) = a$$

- Every poset which is a Boolean Algebra has a power of 2 elements in its carrier
- All Boolean Algebras are isomorphic to the power set of the carrier.

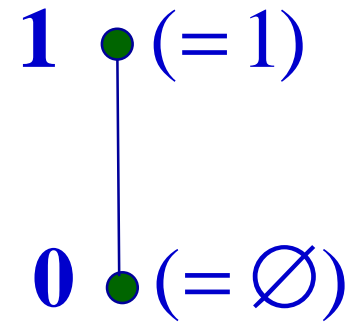
Example:

$$V = \{1\}, 2^V = \{\emptyset, 1\} = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}$$



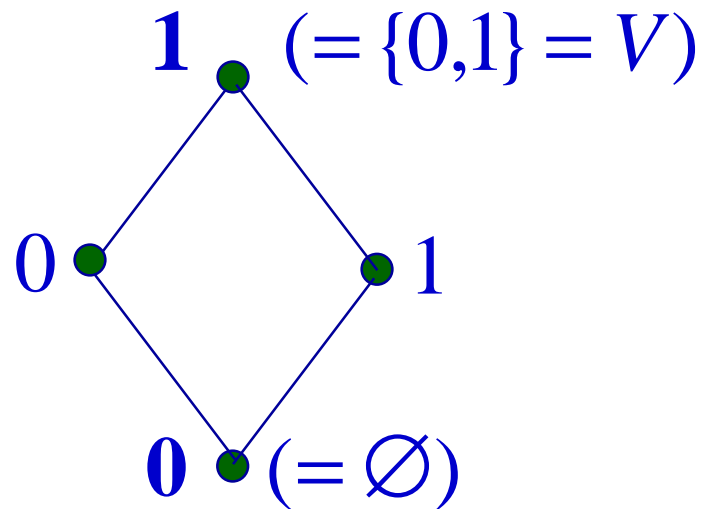
Examples of Boolean Algebras

$$V = \{1\}, 2^V = \{\emptyset, 1\} = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}$$



1-cube

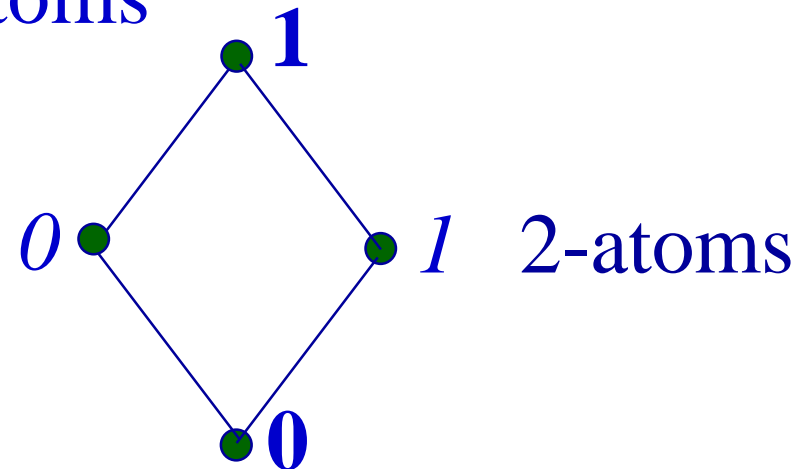
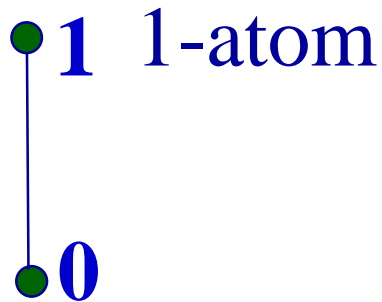
$$V = \{0, 1\}, \\ 2^V = \{\emptyset, 0, 1, \{0, 1\}\} \\ = \{\mathbf{0}, 0, 1, \mathbf{1}\}$$



2-cube

- A Boolean Algebra is a Distributive, Complemented Lattice
- The minimal non-zero elements of a Boolean Algebra are called “atoms”

$$|V| = 2^n \iff n \text{ atoms}$$



Can a Boolean Algebra have 0 atoms?

NO!

$$A = \{a, b, c\}$$

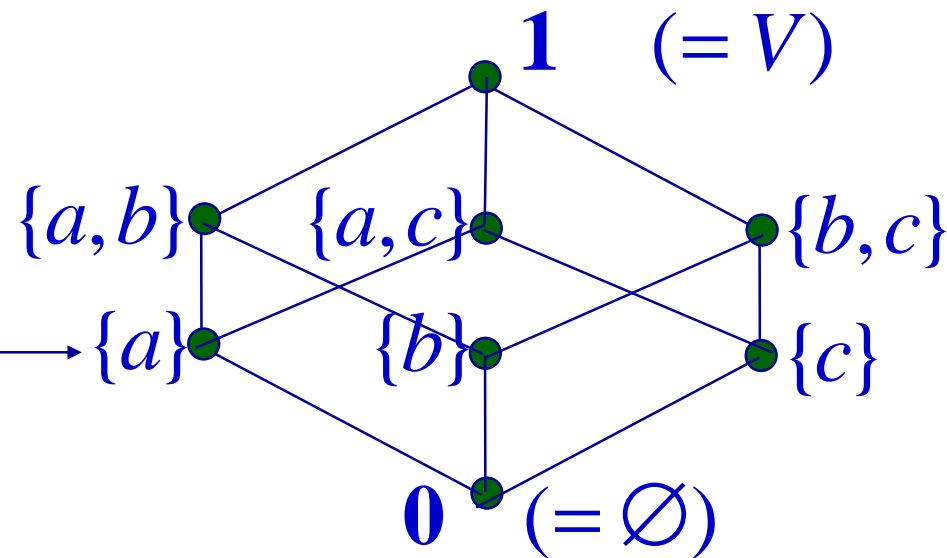
$$V = 2^A$$

$$= \{A,$$

$$\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\},$$

$$a, b, c, \leftarrow 3 \text{ atoms} \rightarrow$$

$$\emptyset\}$$



Examples of Boolean Algebras

$n = |A| = 4$ atoms, $n + 1 = 5$ levels, $2^n = 16$ elts

$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}$$

$$V = 2^A$$

Level 4--1 elt*	$\{A,$	C_4^4
Level 3--4 elts	$\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\},$	C_3^4
Level 2--6 elts	$\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}$	C_2^4
Level 1--4 elts	$\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}$	C_1^4
Level 0--1 elts	\emptyset	C_0^4

* "elt" = element



Theorem 3.2.6 Complementation is unique.

proof: Suppose x' and y are both complements of x ($x + y = \mathbf{1}$, $xy = \mathbf{0}$). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y(x + x') = x'y + xy = x'y \\ &= x'y + x'x = x'(y + x) = x' \end{aligned}$$

Note we used distributivity. Similarly, we have

Theorem 3.2.7 (Involution): $(x')' = x$

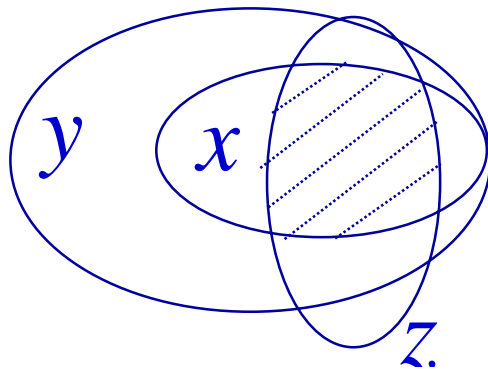


- $x + x'y = x+y$
- $x(x'+y) = xy$



$$x \leq y \Leftrightarrow xz \leq yz$$

Proof: By Theorem 3.2.2, $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x = xy$, so we get $xz = xyz = xyzz = (xz)(yz)$. Note we used idempotence, commutativity, and associativity. Then we use Theorem 3.2.2 again to prove the lemma.



$$xz \leq yz \cong xz \subseteq yz$$

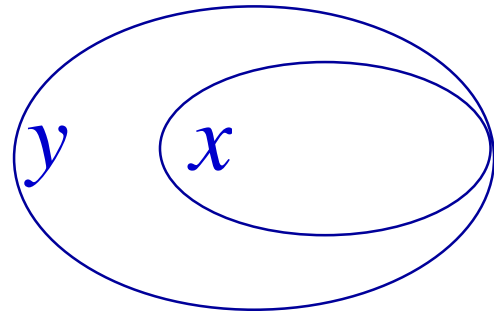
Every Boolean Algebra identity is transformed into another valid identity by interchanging:

- $+$ and \cdot
- \leq and \geq
- $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$
- $()'$ and $()$ This rule not valid for lattices

Example: $xx' = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow x' + x = \mathbf{1}$



$$\begin{aligned}x \leq y &\Leftrightarrow xy' = \mathbf{0} \\ &\Leftrightarrow x' + y = \mathbf{1}\end{aligned}$$



Proof: By the isotone property we have

$$x \leq y \Leftrightarrow xy' \leq yy' \Leftrightarrow xy' \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow xy' = \mathbf{0}$$

The second identity follows by duality.

DeMorgan's Laws

$$(x + y)' = x'y'$$

$$(xy)' = x' + y'$$

Consensus

$$xy + x'z + yz = xy + x'z$$

$$(x + y)(x' + z)(y + z) = (x + y)(x' + z)$$



$$1. a'bc + abd + bcd = abc + a'bd$$

$$3. abe + bce + bde + ac' d'$$

$$= abe + be(c + d) + a(c + d)'$$

$$= be(c + d) + a(c + d)'$$

$$= bce + bde + ac' d'$$

Note use of

DeMorgan's Law



5. Is wrong. Replace by

$$a'c'd + b'c'd + acd + bcd$$

$$= (a'bd) + a'c'd + b'c'd + acd + bcd$$

$$= a'bd + b'c'd + acd$$

- **Uphill Move:** Note addition of redundant consensus term enables deletion of two other terms by consensus
- This avoids local minima--a crucial part of the logic minimization paradigm



Ordinary functions of 1 variable:

$$f(x): D \mapsto R \Leftrightarrow f \subseteq D \times R$$

Ordinary functions of 2 real variables:

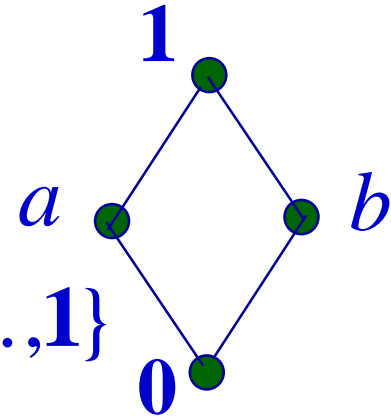
$$f(x, y): D_x \times D_y \mapsto R \Leftrightarrow f \subseteq (D_x \times D_y) \times R$$



Boolean functions of n variables:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n): B^n \mapsto B, \quad B = \{0, \dots, 1\}$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \subseteq (B \times \dots \times B) \times B$$



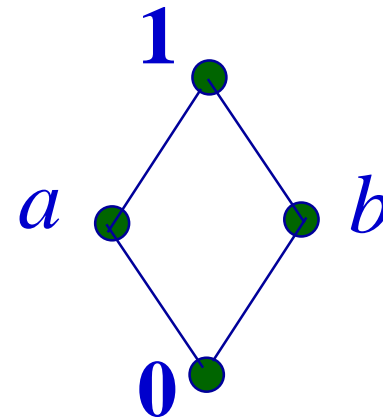
Boolean Formulae: Meets and Joins of Variables and Constants

$$F_1 = 0$$

$$F_2 = x_1x_2' + x_1'x_2$$

$$F_3 = x_1x_1x_2' + x_1'x_2$$

$$F_3 = ax_1 + b ???$$



$$B = \{\mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{1}\}$$

- The elements of B are Boolean formulae.
- Each variable x_1, \dots, x_n is a Boolean formula.
- If g and h are Boolean formulae, then so are
 - $g + h$
 - $g \cdot h$
 - g'
- A string is a Boolean formula if and only if it derives from finitely many applications of these rules.



$$B = \{0, a, b, 1\}$$

Truth Table for $f: B^2 \mapsto B$

x_1	0000	aaaa	bbbb	1111
x_2	0ab1	0ab1	0ab1	0ab1
$F = x_1 + x_2$	0ab1	aa11	b1b1	1111
$G = x_1 + x_1'x_2$	0ab1	aa11	b1b1	1111



$$B = \{\mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{1}\}$$

- $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$ is a Boolean function
- $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = e \in B$ is also
- If g and h are Boolean, functions then so are
 - $g + h$
 - $g \cdot h$
 - g'
- A function is Boolean if and only if it derives from finitely many applications of these rules.



Positive Cofactor WRT x_1 : $f_{x_1} = f(\mathbf{1}, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Negative Cofactor WRT x_1 : $f_{x_1'} = f(\mathbf{0}, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Note: prime denotes complement

$$f_{x_1} = f(\mathbf{1}, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_{x_1=1}$$

$$f_{x_1'} = f(\mathbf{0}, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_{x_1=0}$$

Positive Cofactor WRT x_1 : $f_{x_1} = f(\mathbf{1}, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Negative Cofactor WRT x_1 : $f_{x_1'} = f(\mathbf{0}, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Example:

$$f = abc'd + a'cd' + bc$$

$$f_a = bc'd + bc$$

$$f_{a'} = cd' + bc$$

This term drops out when \boxed{a} is replaced by $\boxed{1}$

This term is unaffected

$$B = \{\mathbf{0}, a, b, \mathbf{1}\}, \quad f(x): B^n \mapsto B$$

$$f_{x_1=a} = f(a, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f_{x_1} = f(\mathbf{1}, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Example:

$$f = ax_1' + bx_2$$

$$f_{x_1=a} = aa' + bx_2 = \mathbf{0} + bx_2 = bx_2$$



$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_i f_{x_i} + x'_i f_{x'_i} = [x_i + f_{x'_i}] \cdot [x'_i + f_{x_i}]$$

Example: $f = ax'_1 + bx_2,$

$$f_{x_1} = a\mathbf{0} + bx_2 = bx_2, \quad f_{x'_1} = a\mathbf{1} + bx_2 = a + bx_2$$

Sum form: $f = x_1(bx_2) + x'_1(a + bx_2)$

Product form: $f = [x_1 + (a + bx_2)] \cdot [x'_1 + (bx_2)]$



- In the previous slide a and b were constants, and the x_1, \dots, x_n were variables.
- But we can also use letters like a and b as variables, without explicitly stating what the elements of the Boolean Algebra are.



$$f = abc'd + a'cd' + bc$$

$$f_a = bc'd + bc$$

$$f_{a'} = cd' + bc$$

$$f = af_a + a'f_{a'} = a(bc'd + bc) + a'(cd' + bc)$$

$$f = abc'd + a'cd' + bc$$

$$f = [a + f_{a'}][a' + f_a]$$

$$= [a + (cd' + bc)][a' + (bc'd + bc)]$$

$$= aa' + a(bc'd + bc) + a'(cd' + bc) +$$

$$(cd' + bc)(bc'd + bc)$$

$$= abc'd + a'cd' + bcd' + bc$$

$$= abc'd + a'cd' + bc$$

Note application
of absorptive law



The minterm canonical form is a canonical, or standard way of representing functions. From p100, $f = x + y' + z$ is represented by millions of distinct Boolean formulas, but just 1 minterm canonical form. Note

$$f = x + y' + z = (x'y'z)'$$

Thus some texts refer to f as $\{0,1,3,4,5,6,7\}$

$$f = x'y'z' + x'y'z + x'yz + xy'z + \dots$$

(0, 1, 3, 4, ...)



$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= x_1' f_{x_1'} + x_1 f_{x_1}$$

$$x_1' x_2' f_{x_1' x_2'} + x_1' x_2 f_{x_1' x_2} + x_1 x_2' f_{x_1 x_2'} + x_1 x_2 f_{x_1 x_2}$$

⋮

$$= x_1' \cdots x_n' f_{x_1' \cdots x_n'} + x_1' \cdots x_{n-1}' x_n f_{x_1' \cdots x_{n-1}' x_n} + \cdots$$

$$+ x_1' x_2 \cdots x_n f_{x_1' x_2 \cdots x_n} + x_1 \cdots x_n f_{x_1 \cdots x_n}$$

n levels of recursive cofactoring
create 2^n constants

These elementary functions
are called minterms



Thus a Boolean function is uniquely determined by its values at the corner points $0 \cdots 0, 0 \cdots 01, \dots, 1 \cdots 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\
 &= x'_1 f_{x'_1} + x_1 f_{x_1} \\
 & \quad x'_1 x'_2 f_{x'_1 x'_2} + x'_1 x_2 f_{x'_1 x_2} + x_1 x'_2 f_{x_1 x'_2} + x_1 x_2 f_{x_1 x_2} \\
 & \quad \vdots \\
 &= x'_1 \cdots x'_n f_{x'_1 \cdots x'_n} + x'_1 \cdots x'_{n-1} x_n f_{x'_1 \cdots x'_{n-1} x_n} + \cdots \\
 & \quad + x'_1 x_2 \cdots x_n f_{x'_1 x_2 \cdots x_n} + x_1 \cdots x_n f_{x_1 \cdots x_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

These 2^n constants are aptly called **discriminants**

$$f: B^2 \mapsto B \quad B = \{\mathbf{0}, a, b, \mathbf{1}\}$$

$$f = ax'_1 + bx_2, \quad f_{x'_1} = a + bx_2, \quad f_{x_1} = bx_2$$

$$= x'_1x'_2a + x'_1x_2(a + b) + x_1x'_2\mathbf{0} + x_1x_2b$$

This function is Boolean (from Boolean Formula)

x_1	0000	aaaa	bbbb	1111
x_2	0ab1	0ab1	0ab1	0ab1
$F = ax'_1 + bx_2$	aa11	00bb	aa11	00bb
$x'_1x'_2a + x'_1x_2 + x_1x_2b$	aa11	00bb	aa11	00bb
	↑↑	↑↑		↑↑

Thus all 16 cofactors match--**not just discriminants**



Now Suppose Truth Table is Given

- Here we change 15th cofactor, but leave the 4 discriminants unchanged
- Since the given function doesn't match at all 16 cofactors, F is **not Boolean**

x_1	0000	aaaa	bbbb	1111
x_2	0ab1	0ab1	0ab1	0ab1
F	aa11	00bb	aa11	001b
$x_1'x_2'a + x_1'x_2 + x_1x_2b$	aa11	00bb	aa11	00bb
	↑↑	↑↑	↑↑	↑↑



Minterms 2-variable functions

$$4 \quad f^{15} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$3 \quad f^{11-14} = x' + y', x' + y, x + y', x + y$$

$$2 \quad f^{5-10} = x', y', x, y, xy' + x'y, xy + x'y'$$

$$1 \quad f^{1-4} = x'y', xy', x'y, xy$$

$$0 \quad f^0 = \mathbf{0}$$

Note that the minterms just depend on the number and names of the variables, independent of the particular Boolean Algebra



The notation $F_n(B)$ means “the Boolean Algebra whose carrier is the set of all n-variable Boolean Functions” which map B into $F_n(B)$: $B^n \mapsto B$ minterms

$$F_n(B): B^n \mapsto B$$

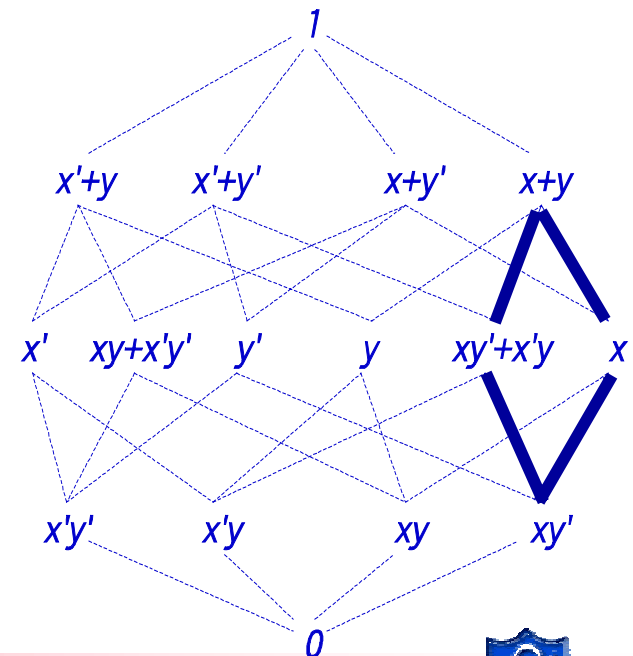
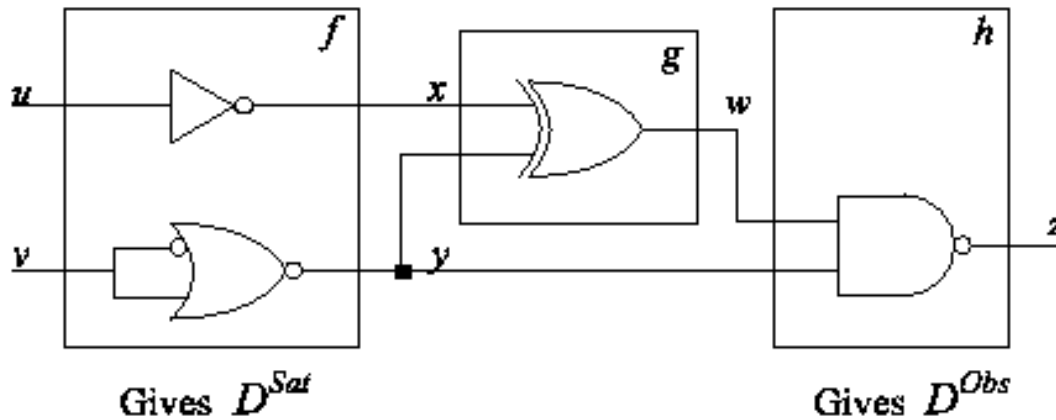
If $B = \{0,1\}$ the atoms of $F_n(B)$ are its n-variable

B is called the “Base Algebra” of the Boolean Function algebra

The atoms of B are called Base Atoms

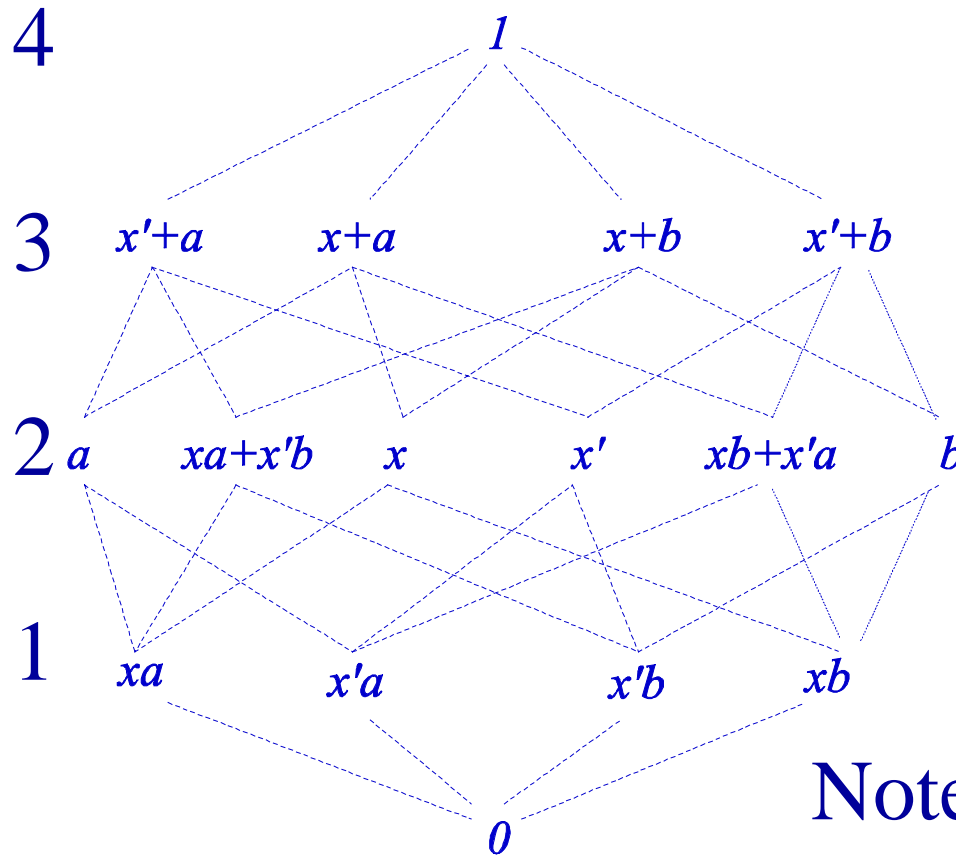


- When you design an optimal circuit, each gate must be optimized with respect to its Don't Cares
- Because of Don't Cares, 4 functions of (x, y) are equivalence preserving replacements for gate g
- Optimal Design: pick best such replacement



$$F_1(\{\mathbf{0}, a, b, \mathbf{1}\})$$

Level (= # of atoms)



atoms of $F_1(\{\mathbf{0}, a, b, \mathbf{1}\})$ are
base atoms · minterms

Each element has 3 Atoms

Each element has 2 Atoms

Each element has 1 Atom

Note: base atoms act like 2
extra literals $a \approx y, a' = b \approx y'$



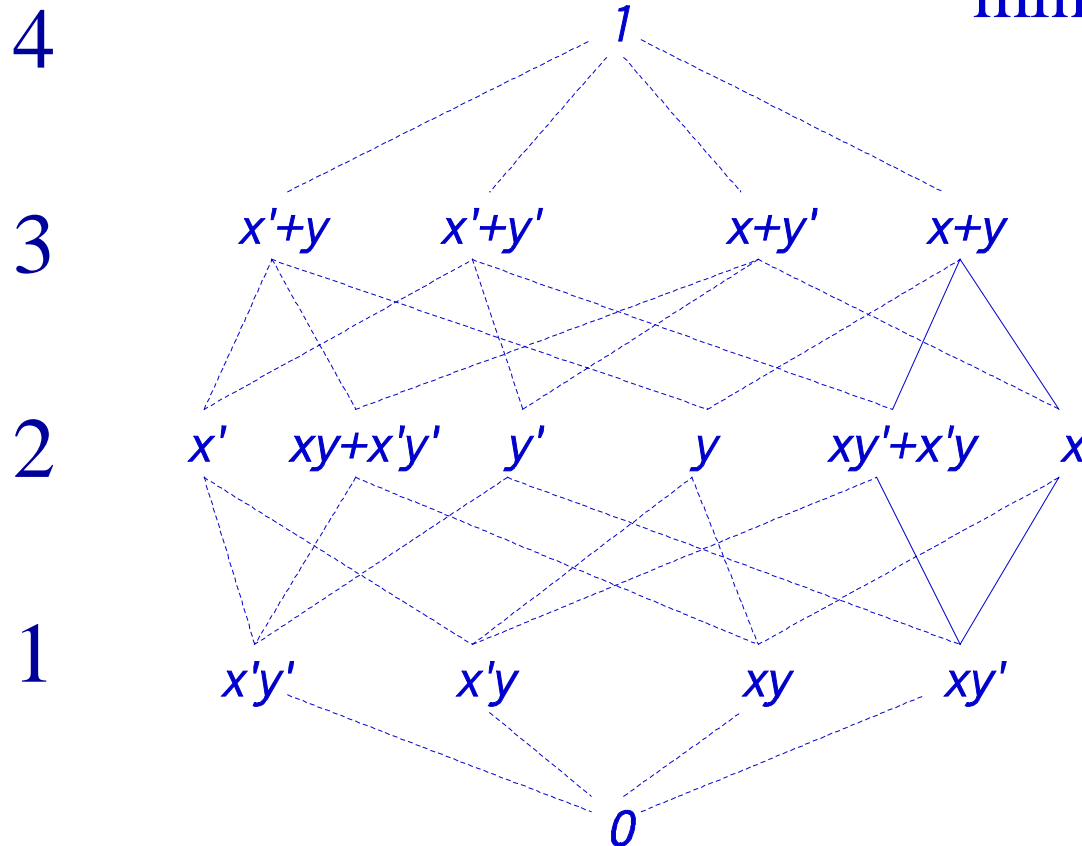
$$F_2(\{0,1\})$$

$$\text{poset: } \{f^0, \dots, f^{15}\}$$

$$f^i \leq f^j \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\text{minterms}(f^i) \subseteq \text{minterms}(f^j)$$

Level (= # of atoms)



3 minterms (3 atoms)

2 minterms (2 atoms)

1 minterm (1 atom)



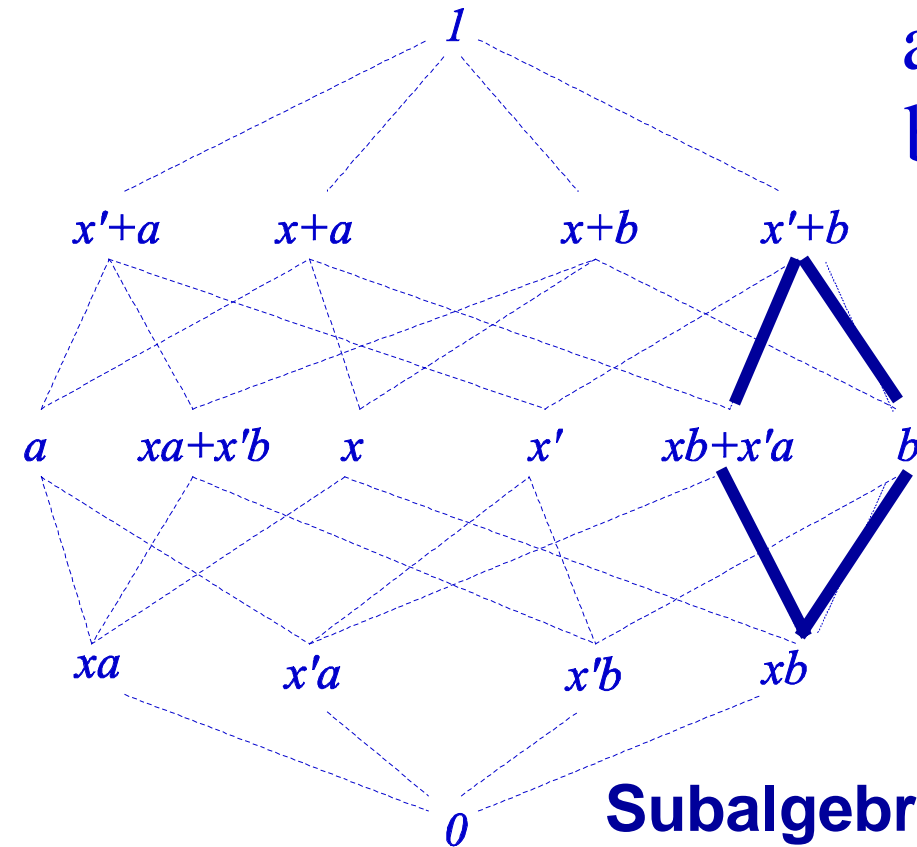
Boolean Algebra $F_1(\{0, a, b, 1\})$ of 1-Variable Functions

atoms of $F_1(\{0, a, b, 1\})$ are base atoms · minterms

3 Atoms

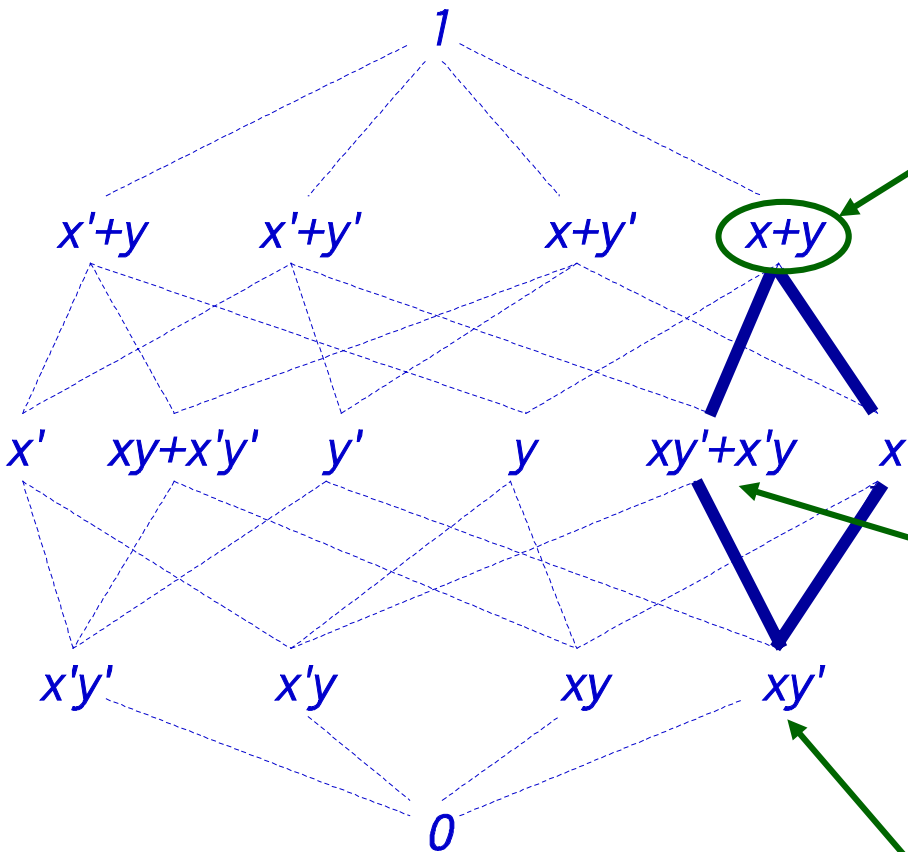
2 Atoms

1 Atom



Subalgebras are incompletely specified Boolean Functions (most important)

Boolean Subalgebra: Interval of 2-Variable Function Lattice

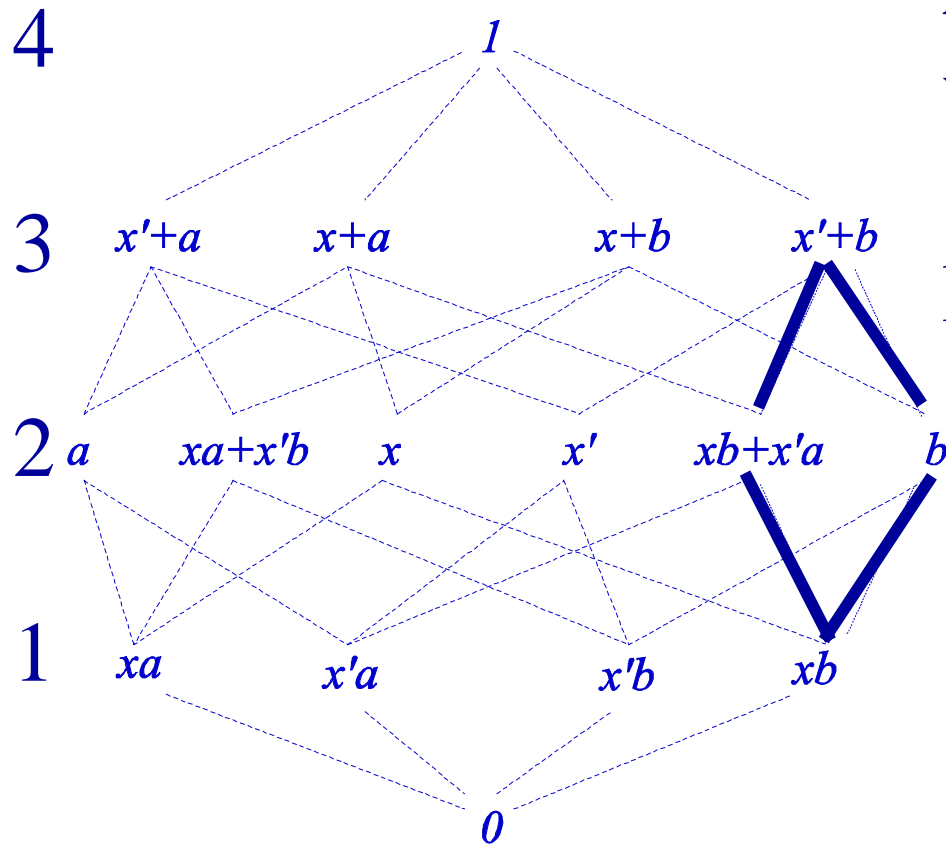


The 3-Atom element $x + y = xy' + xy + x'y$ is **ONE** of subalgebra

2-Atom elements are atoms of subalgebra

1-Atom element xy' is **ZERO** of subalgebra

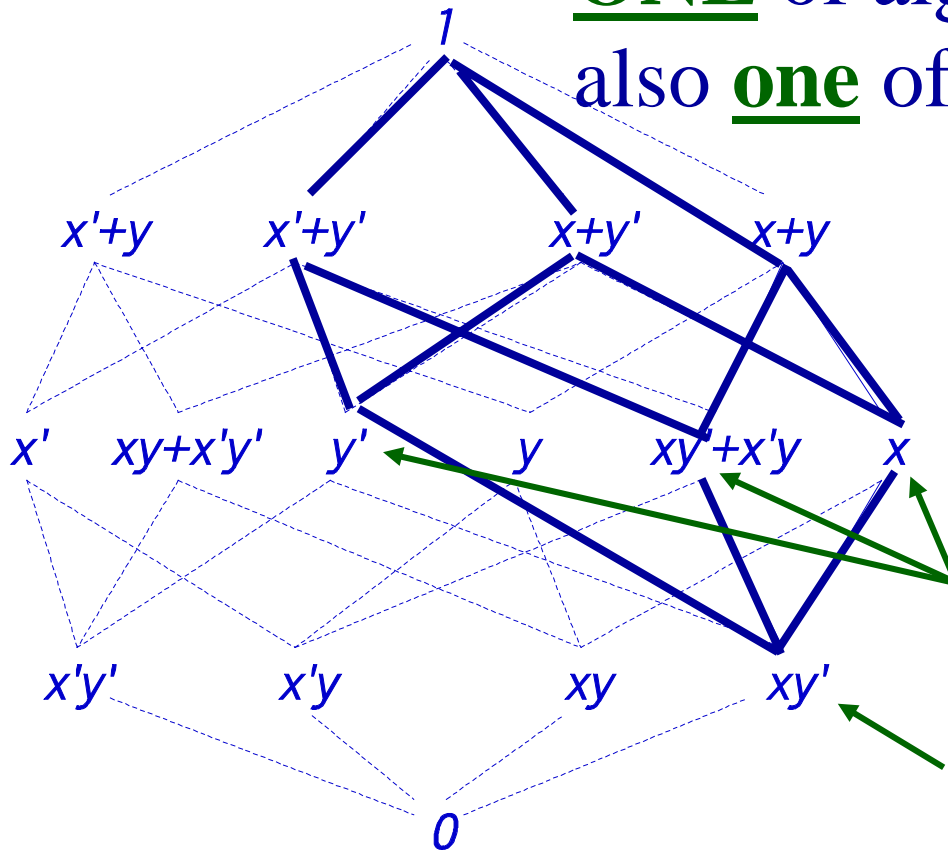
Level (= # of atoms)



An algebra (or subalgebra) with $n + 1$ levels has exactly 2^n elements, because $n + 1$ levels implies n atoms

Interval of 2-Variable Function Lattice

ONE of algebra (4-Atoms) is also one of this subalgebra



2-Atom elements are atoms of subalgebra

1-Atom element is ZERO of subalgebra

- For each of the 2^n minterms, the discriminant can be chosen as any of the $|B|$ elements of B .
- Therefore, the number of elements of $F_n(B)$ is

- **Examples**

$$|B|^{(2^n)} = (2^{|A(B)|})^{(2^n)} = 2^{(|A(B)| \cdot 2^n)}$$

$$B = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}, |A(B)| = 1$$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow |B|^{(2^n)} = 2^{2^2} = 2^4 = 16$$

$$n = 3 \Rightarrow |B|^{(2^n)} = 2^{2^3} = 2^8 = 256$$



- Examples with $B = \{0, a, b, 1\}$, $A(B) = \{a, b\}$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow 2^{(|A(B)| \cdot 2^n)} = 2^{2 \cdot 2^2} = 2^{16}$$

$$n = 3 \Rightarrow 2^{(|A(B)| \cdot 2^n)} = 2^{2 \cdot 2^3} = 2^{32}$$

- Examples with

$$|A(B)| = 4$$

- Note 2(4) base atoms act like 1(2) extra variables

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow 2^{(|A(B)| \cdot 2^n)} = 2^{4 \cdot 2^2} = 2^{32}$$

$$n = 3 \Rightarrow 2^{(|A(B)| \cdot 2^n)} = 2^{4 \cdot 2^3} = 2^{64}$$



A Boolean function f depends on a if and only if $f_a \neq f_{a'}$. Thus

$$\partial f / \partial a = f_a \oplus f_{a'}$$

is called the Boolean Difference, or Sensitivity of f with respect to a



Example:

$$f = abc + a'bc$$

$$\partial f / \partial a = f_a \oplus f_{a'} = (bc) \oplus (bc) = \mathbf{0}$$

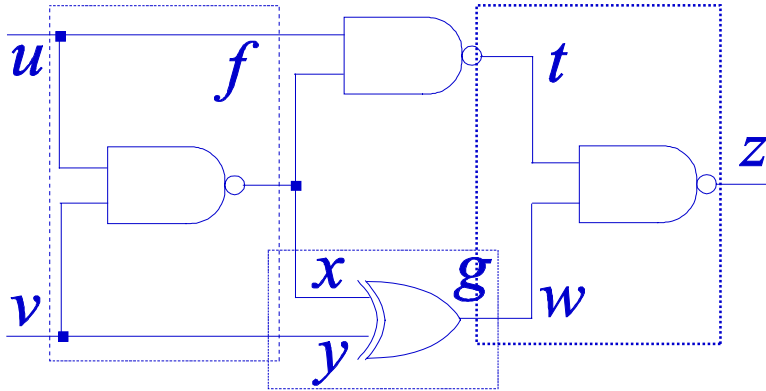
$$\partial f / \partial b = f_b \oplus f_{b'} = (ac) \oplus (a'c) = c$$

Note the formula depends on a , but the implied function does not



- An interval $[L, U]$ in a Boolean algebra B is the subset of B defined by $[L, U] = \{ x \in B : L \leq x \leq U \}$
- Satisfiability don't cares
- Observability don't cares





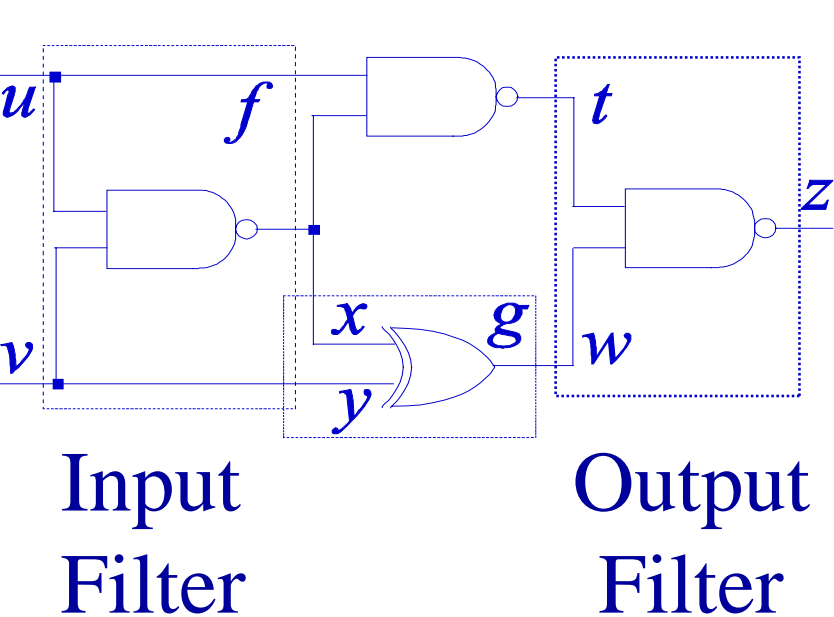
$$D = D^{Obs} + D^{Sat} = x'y'$$

$$L = g - D = gD'$$

$$= (x'y + xy')(x + y) = (x'y + xy') = g$$

$$U = g + D = (x'y + xy') + x'y'$$

$$= x' + y'$$



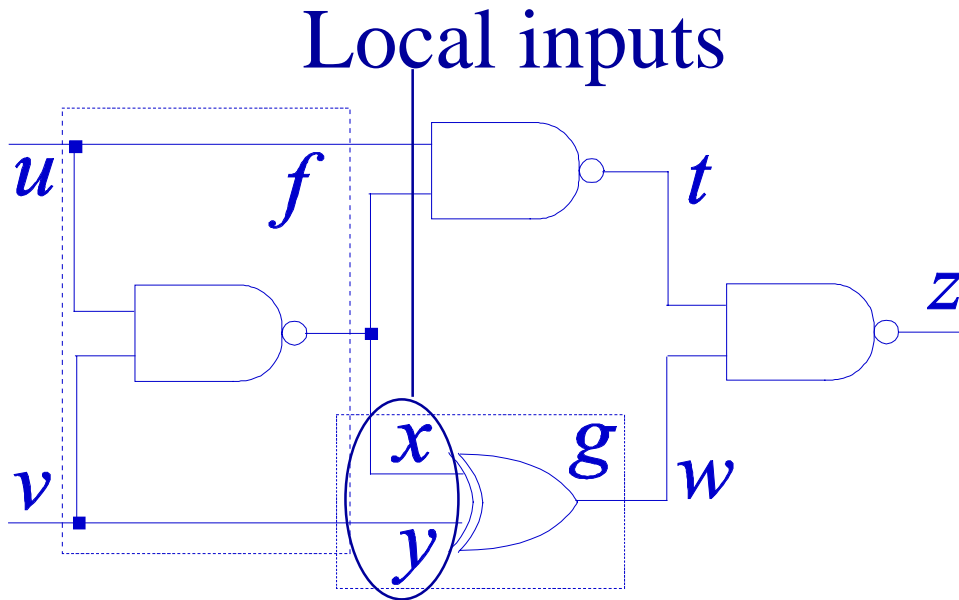
$xy \in D^{Obs}$ if and only if
 $f^x = x, f^y = y \Rightarrow \partial z / \partial w = \mathbf{0}$
 for all possible xy .

$xy \in D^{Sat}$ if and only if local
 input xy never occurs

The complete don't care set for gate g is

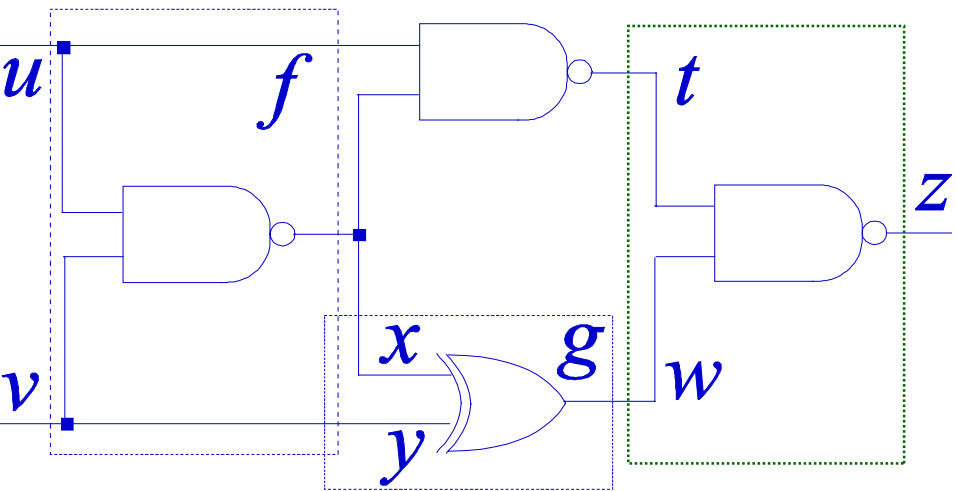
$$D^g = D^{Sat} + D^{Obs}$$





$$x = u' + v', \quad y = v$$
$$(y = 0) \Rightarrow (x = 1)$$

For this circuit, local input combinations $x'y'$ ($x = 0, y = 0$) do not occur. That is, the local minterm $x'y'$ is don't care.



$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= w' + t' \\
 \partial z / \partial w &= z_w \oplus z_{w'} \\
 &= t' \oplus \mathbf{1} \\
 &= t
 \end{aligned}$$

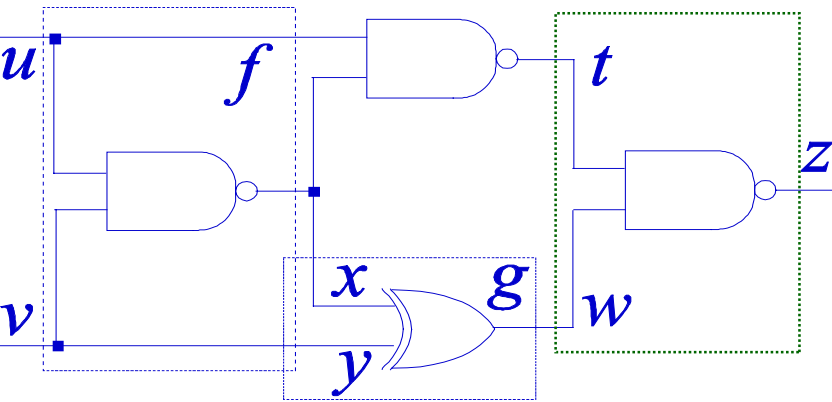
For this circuit, global input combination 10 sets

$$t' = uv' = \mathbf{1}$$

which makes z insensitive to w . However, local input pair 10 (xy') is **NOT** don't care, since $u'v'$ also gives xy' , and in this case $t_{u'v'} = 1$.

Computing ALL Don't Cares

Don't Cares

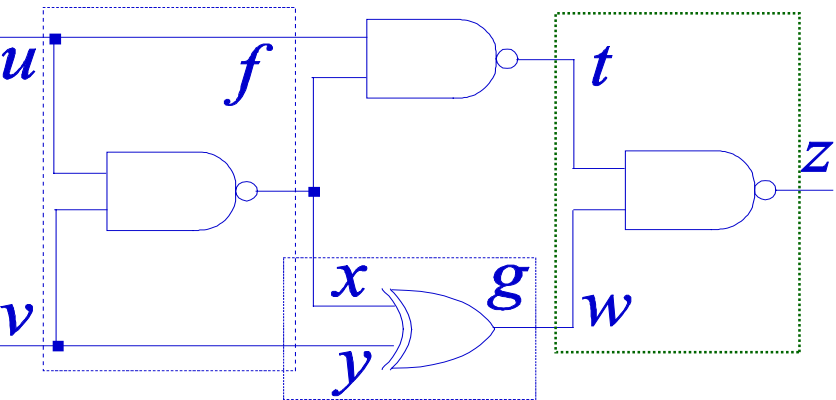


u	v	x	y	w	t	z	$\partial z / \partial w$
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

$xy \in D^{Sat}$ if and only if $f^x(u, v) = x$ and $f^y(u, v) = y$ does not occur for any row u, v in the truth table. Here, $D^{Sat} = x'y'$ (**00** does not occur)

Computing ALL Don't Cares

Don't Cares



Note these differ!

u	v	x	y	w	t	z	$\partial z / \partial w$
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

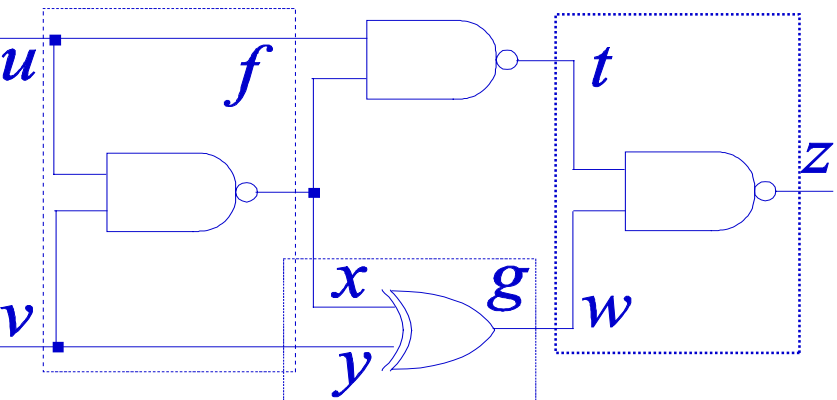
Similarly $xy \in D^{Obs}$ if and only for every row u, v such that $f^x(u, v) = x$ and $f^y(u, v) = y$,

$$\partial z / \partial w = z_w \oplus z_{w'} = \mathbf{0}$$

Here 10 (xy') is **NOT** don't care since $\partial z / \partial w = \mathbf{1}$ in the first row.

Computing ALL Don't Cares

Don't Cares



Note these differ!

u	v	x	y	w	t	z	$\partial z / \partial w$
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

$$D^g = D^{Sat} + D^{Obs} = x'y'$$

$$g = xy' + x'y \quad (+x'y') \rightarrow x' + y'$$

Thus the exclusive OR gate can be replaced by a NAND

Suppose we are given a Boolean Function f and a don't care set D . Then any function in the interval (subalgebra)

$$[f_L, f_U] = [fD', f + D]$$

is an acceptable replacement for f in the environment that produced D . Here fD' is the **0** of the subalgebra and $f + D$ is the **1**.



Suppose we are given a Boolean Function g and a don't care set D . Then the triple

$$(f, d, r)$$

where $f = gD'$, $d = D$, and $r = (f + D)'$ is called an **Incompletely specified function**.

Note $f + d + r = gD' + D + (g + D)' = \mathbf{1}$.

