

Digital electronics

Lecture - 3

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de Morgan's Theorem – There are two “de Morgan's” rules or theorems,

Theorem 1 : The complement of two or more variables is equal to the product of the complements of the variables .

This can be written as :

Two separate terms NOR'ed together is the same as the two terms

inverted(Complement) and AND'ed for example:

$$\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} . \bar{B}$$

Theorem 2 : The complement of the product of two or more variables is equal to the sum of the complements of the variables .

This can be written as :

Two separate terms NAND'ed together is the same as the two terms inverted (Complement) and OR'ed for example:

$$\overline{A \cdot B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$$

These two theorems are proved as below.

To prove $\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} . \bar{B}$

Since each variable can have a value either 0 or 1 , the following four cases arise :

(1) when $A = 0 , B = 0 , \overline{A + B} = \overline{0 + 0} = \bar{0} = 1$

and $\bar{A} . \bar{B} = \bar{0} . \bar{0} = 1 . 1 = 1$

Hence $\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} . \bar{B}$

(2) when $A = 0$, $B = 1$, $\overline{A + B} = \overline{0 + 1} = \overline{1} = 0$,

$$\text{and } \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} = \bar{0} \cdot \bar{1} = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \overline{A + B} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$$

(3) when $A = 1$, $B = 0$, $\overline{A + B} = \overline{1 + 0} = \overline{1} = 0$,

$$\text{and } \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} = \bar{1} \cdot \bar{0} = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \overline{A + B} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$$

(4) when $A = 1$, $B = 1$, $\overline{A + B} = \overline{1 + 1} = \overline{1} = 0$,

and $\bar{A} . \bar{B} = \bar{1} . \bar{1} = 0.0 = 0$

Hence $\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} . \bar{B}$

Since in every case L.H.S equals to R.H.S , This theorem is proved .