

Introduction to Logic

Propositional Logic

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Multiple Logics

→ Propositional Logic (logical operators)

If raining and cold, then wet.

Relational Logic (variables and quantifiers)

If abby likes x , then bess likes x .

Functional Logic (functional terms)

$\{a, b\}$ is a subset of $\{a, b, c\}$.

Example

If Mary loves Pat, then Mary loves Quincy.

If it is Monday, then Mary loves Pat or Quincy.

If it is Monday, does Mary love Quincy?

If it is Monday, does Mary love Pat?

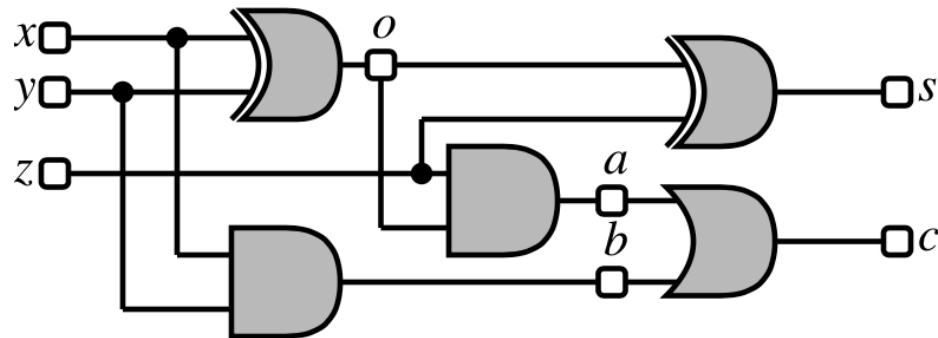
Example

Victor has been murdered, and Art, Bob, and Carl are suspects. Art says he did not do it. He says that Bob was the victim's friend but that Carl hated the victim. Bob says he was out of town the day of the murder, and besides he didn't even know the guy. Carl says he is innocent and he saw Art and Bob with the victim just before the murder. You can assume that everyone is telling the truth - except for the murderer.

Whodunnit? (Answer: Bob)

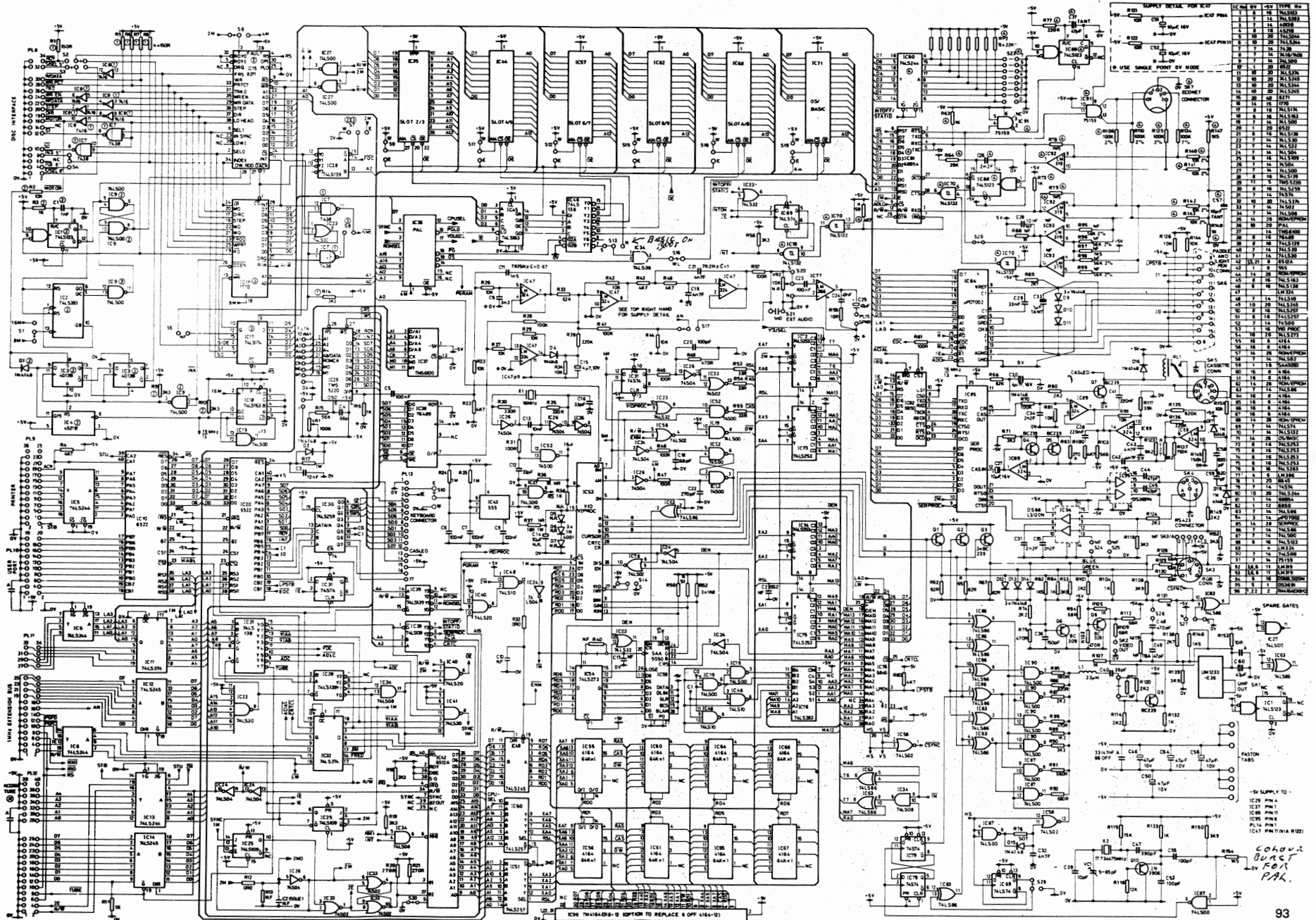
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Digital Circuits



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Digital Circuits Example



PCB circuit diagram

Programme

Basics

syntactically legal sentences

meaning of syntactically legal sentences

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find truth values of complex sentences.

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Syntax

Propositional Sentences

Proposition Constants

express simple facts about the world

In English - *It is raining.*

In our language - *raining*

Compound Sentences

express relationships between sentences

In English - *It is raining **or** it is snowing.*

In our language - *raining \vee snowing*

Proposition Constants

By convention (in this course), proposition constants are written as strings of letters, digits, and underscores ("_") beginning with a lower case letter.

Examples:

raining

rAiNiNg

raining_or_snowing

Non-Examples:

Raining

324567

raining-or-snowing

Compound Sentences (part I)

Negations:

$(\neg \textit{raining})$

The argument of a negation is called the *target*.

Conjunctions:

$(\textit{raining} \wedge \textit{snowing})$

The arguments of a conjunction are called *conjuncts*.

Disjunctions:

$(\textit{raining} \vee \textit{snowing})$

The arguments of a disjunction are called *disjuncts*.

Compound Sentences (part II)

Implications:

(raining \Rightarrow cloudy)

The left argument of an implication is the *antecedent*.

The right argument is the *consequent*.

Biconditionals:

(cloudy \Leftrightarrow raining)

Nested Compound Sentences

$(\neg \textit{raining})$

$(\textit{raining} \wedge \textit{snowing})$

$(\textit{raining} \vee \textit{snowing})$

$(\textit{raining} \Rightarrow \textit{cloudy})$

$(\textit{cloudy} \Leftrightarrow \textit{raining})$

$\neg(\textit{raining} \wedge \textit{snowing})$

$((\textit{raining} \wedge \textit{snowing}) \Rightarrow \textit{cloudy})$

$(\textit{cloudy} \Rightarrow (\textit{raining} \wedge \textit{snowing}))$

$((\textit{cloudy} \wedge \textit{wet}) \Leftrightarrow (\textit{raining} \vee \textit{snowing}))$

$(\neg \textit{raining} \Rightarrow (\textit{cloudy} \Rightarrow \textit{snowing}))$

Parentheses Removal

Dropping Parentheses is good:

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p \wedge q$$

But it can lead to ambiguities:

$$((p \vee q) \wedge r) \rightarrow p \vee q \wedge r$$

$$(p \vee (q \wedge r)) \rightarrow p \vee q \wedge r$$

Precedence

Parentheses can be dropped when the structure of an expression can be determined by precedence.

\neg
 \wedge
 \vee
 \Rightarrow
 \Leftrightarrow

An operand surrounded by operators associates with operator of higher precedence.

$$\neg p \vee q \rightarrow ((\neg p) \vee q)$$

$$p \vee q \wedge r \rightarrow (p \vee (q \wedge r))$$

$$p \wedge q \Rightarrow r \rightarrow ((p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r)$$

$$p \Rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow r \rightarrow ((p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow r)$$

Precedence (continued)

If surrounded by occurrences of \wedge or \vee , the operand associates with the operator to the left.

$$p \wedge q \wedge r \rightarrow ((p \wedge q) \wedge r)$$

$$p \vee q \vee r \rightarrow ((p \vee q) \vee r)$$

If surrounded by two occurrences of \Rightarrow or \Leftrightarrow , the operand associates with the operator to the right.

$$p \Rightarrow q \Rightarrow r \rightarrow (p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r))$$

$$p \Leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow r \rightarrow (p \Leftrightarrow (q \Leftrightarrow r))$$

Useful Definitions

A propositional vocabulary is a set of proposition constants.

Given a propositional vocabulary, a *propositional sentence* is either

- (1) a proposition constant or
- (2) a compound sentence.

A propositional language is the set of all propositional sentences that can be formed from a propositional vocabulary.

Semantics

Propositional Interpretation

A *propositional interpretation* is an association between the propositional constants in a propositional language and the values T or F.

$$p \xrightarrow{i} T$$

$$q \xrightarrow{i} F$$

$$r \xrightarrow{i} T$$

$$p^i = T$$

$$q^i = F$$

$$r^i = T$$

We sometimes write 1 and 0 in place of T and F.

$$p^i = 1$$

$$q^i = 0$$

$$r^i = 1$$

Sentential Interpretation

A *sentential interpretation* is an association between the sentences in a propositional language and truth values.

$$p^i = \text{T}$$

$$q^i = \text{F}$$

$$r^i = \text{T}$$

$$(p \vee q)^i = \text{T}$$

$$(\neg q \vee r)^i = \text{T}$$

$$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee r))^i = \text{T}$$

NB: Each distinct propositional interpretation gives rise to a unique sentential interpretation due to operator semantics.

Semantics of Negations

A *negation* is true if and only if the target is false.

ϕ	$\neg\phi$
T	F
F	T

For example, if the interpretation of p is F, then the interpretation of $\neg p$ is T.

For example, if the interpretation of $(p \wedge q)$ is T, then the interpretation of $\neg(p \wedge q)$ is F.

Semantics of Conjunctions

A *conjunction* is true if and only if both conjuncts are true.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \wedge \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

For example, if the interpretation of p is true and q is true, then $(p \wedge q)$ is true.

Semantics of Disjunctions

A *disjunction* is true if and only if at least one of the disjuncts is true.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \vee \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

The type of disjunction here is called *inclusive or*. This contrasts with *exclusive or*, which says that a disjunction is true if and only if an *odd number* of disjuncts are true.

Semantics of Biconditionals

A *biconditional* is true if and only if the truth values of its two constituents are the same.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Semantics of Implications

An *implication* is true if and only if the antecedent is false *or* the consequent is true.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

The semantics of implication here is called *material implication*.

What Choice Do We Have?

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \wedge \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

ϕ	ψ	ψ
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	F

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Implications and Biconditionals

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

ϕ	ψ	$\psi \Rightarrow \phi$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	F
F	F	T

$\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$ is true if and only if $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ and $\psi \Rightarrow \phi$ are true.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Counterfactuals

An *implication* is true if and only if the antecedent is false or the consequent is true.

ϕ	ψ	$\phi \Rightarrow \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

A *counterfactual* is an implication in which the antecedent is false.

Counterfactuals are Weird

A *counterfactual* is an implication in which the antecedent is false.

NB: Counterfactuals are always *true!* The truth value of the consequent does not matter.

Examples:

It is raining \Rightarrow I am a billionaire

It is raining \Rightarrow I am a pauper

Shakespeare is alive \Rightarrow Shakespeare is dead

$2+2=5 \Rightarrow 2+2=7$

Evaluation

Evaluation

Interpretation i :

$$p^i = T$$

$$q^i = T$$

$$r^i = F$$

Compound Sentence

$$(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee r)$$

$$(T \vee T) \wedge (\neg T \vee F)$$

$$(T \vee T) \wedge (F \vee F)$$

$$T \quad \wedge \quad F$$

$$F$$

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$$T \quad \wedge \quad T$$

$$T$$

Evaluation

Interpretation i :

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$$q^i = F$$

$$r^i = T$$

Compound Sentence

$$(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg q \wedge r)$$

$$(T \wedge F) \vee (\neg F \wedge T)$$

$$(T \wedge F) \vee (T \wedge T)$$

$$F \quad \vee \quad T$$

$$T$$

Satisfaction

Evaluation versus Satisfaction

Evaluation:

$$\begin{array}{l} p^i = \text{T} \\ q^i = \text{F} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} (p \vee q)^i = \text{T} \\ (\neg q)^i = \text{T} \end{array}$$

Satisfaction:

$$\begin{array}{l} (p \vee q)^i = \text{T} \\ (\neg q)^i = \text{T} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} p^i = \text{T} \\ q^i = \text{F} \end{array}$$

Multiple Interpretations

Logic does not prescribe which interpretation is “correct”. In the absence of additional information, one interpretation is as good as another.

Interpretation i

$$p^i = T$$

$$q^i = F$$

$$r^i = T$$

Interpretation j

$$p^j = F$$

$$q^j = F$$

$$r^j = T$$

Examples:

Different days of the week

Different locations

Beliefs of different people

Truth Tables

A *truth table* is a table of all possible interpretations for the propositional constants in a language.

p	q	r
T	T	T
T	T	F
T	F	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	T	F
F	F	T
F	F	F

One column per constant.

One row per interpretation.

For a language with n constants, there are 2^n interpretations.

Truth Table Method

Method to find all propositional interpretations that satisfy a given set of sentences:

- (1) Form a truth table for the propositional constants.
- (2) For each sentence in the set and each row in the truth table, check whether the row satisfies the sentence. If not, cross out the row.
- (3) Any row remaining satisfies all sentences in the set.
(Note that there might be more than one.)

Are these sentences satisfiable?

$$q \Rightarrow r$$

$$p \Rightarrow q \wedge r$$

$$\neg r$$

Satisfaction Example

$$p \Rightarrow q \wedge r$$

<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>
T	T	T
T	T	F
T	F	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	T	F
F	F	T
F	F	F

Satisfaction Example

$$q \Rightarrow r$$

<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>
T	T	T
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$$p \Rightarrow q \wedge r$$

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Satisfaction Example

$$q \Rightarrow r$$

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F	F	F

$$p \Rightarrow q \wedge r$$

<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>
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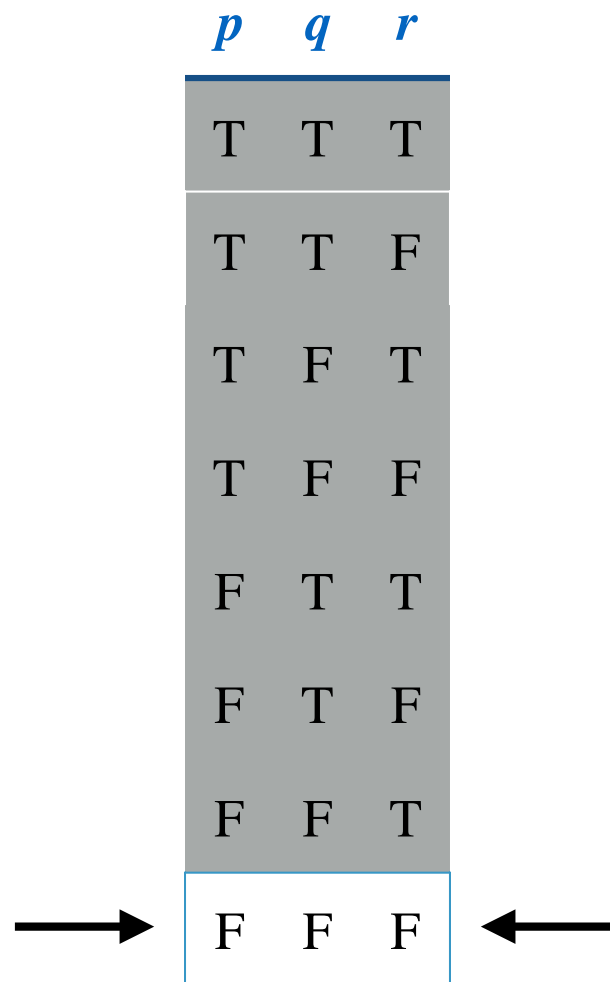
$$\neg r$$

<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>
T	T	T
T	T	F
T	F	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	T	F
F	F	T
F	F	F

Satisfaction Example

$$\{q \Rightarrow r, p \Rightarrow q \wedge r, \neg r\}$$

<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>
T	T	T
T	T	F
T	F	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	T	F
F	F	T
F	F	F



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Equivalence Editor

Stickel

Clausal Form Converter

Wegman

Unifier

Babbage

Truth Table Generator

Boole

Truth Table Comparator

Clarke

Logic Grid Editor

Russell

Constraint Satisfier

Herbrand

Sentence Analyzer

Hilbert

Hilbert-style Proof Editor

Fitch

Fitch-style Proof Editor

Robinson

Resolution Proof Editor

Babbage

Show Instructions

Premises:

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q=>r  
p => q&r  
~r
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Truth Table

Constants			Premises		
q	r	p	q => r	p => q & r	~r
1	1	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	1

Interleaved Generation and Checking

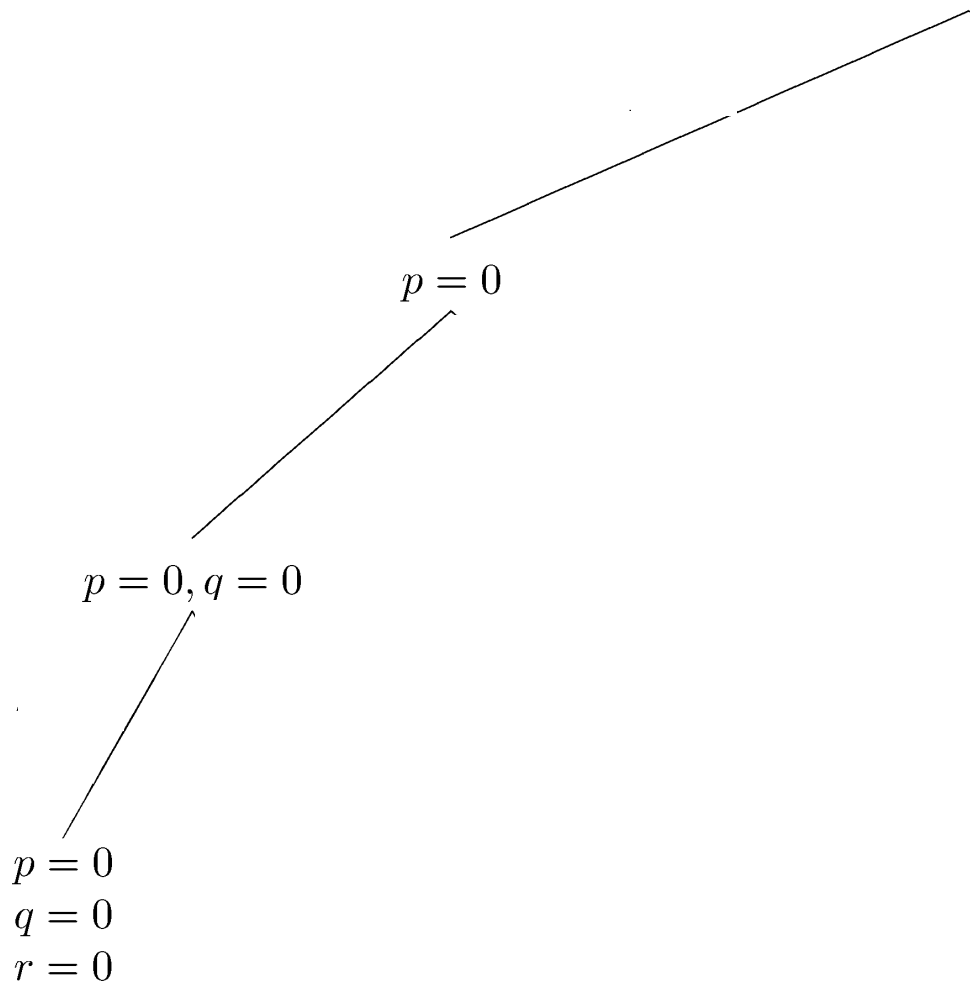
Generation then Evaluation

$$\{p \vee q, p \vee \neg q, \neg p \vee q, \neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r, \neg p \vee r\}$$

p	q	r	$p \vee q$	$p \vee \neg q$	$\neg p \vee q$	$\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r$	$\neg p \vee r$	Δ
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
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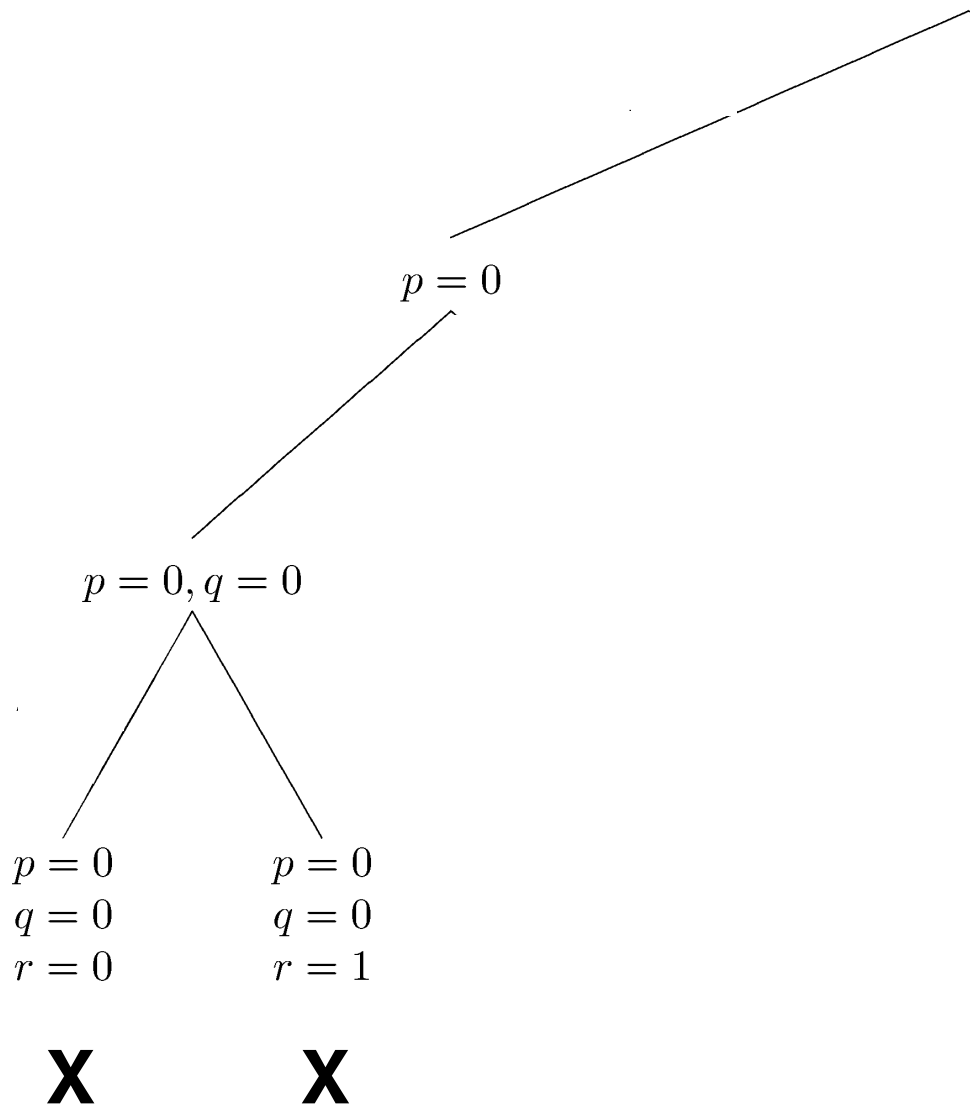
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X

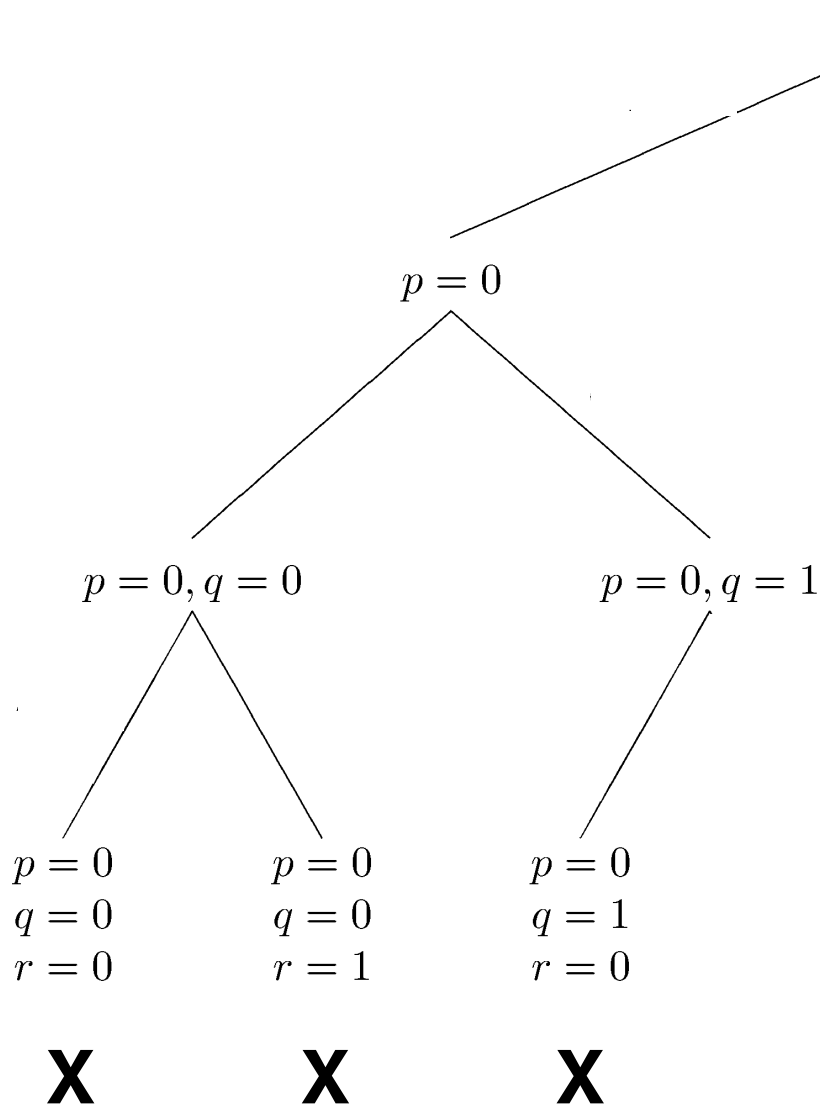
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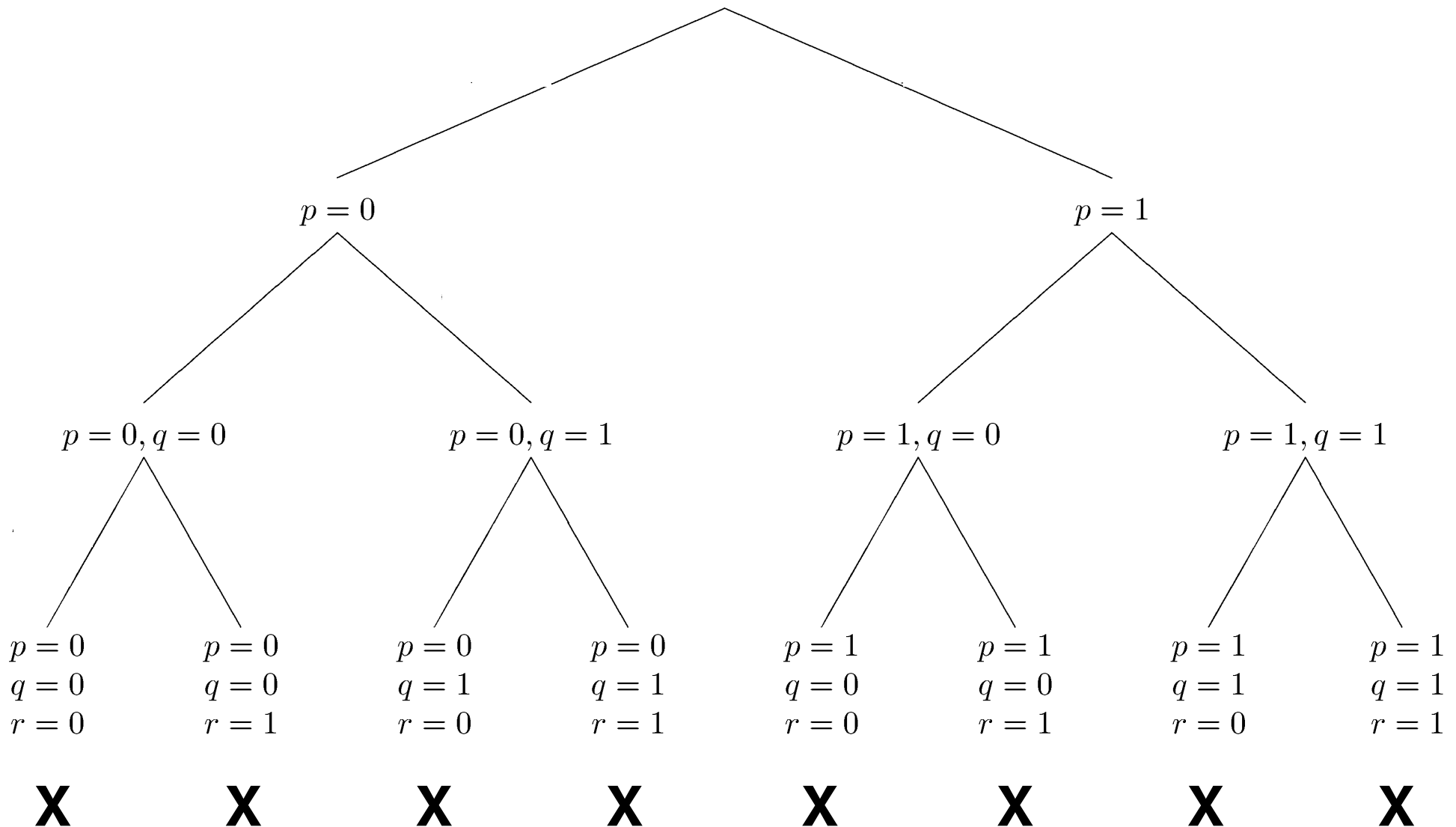
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Intermediate State Checking

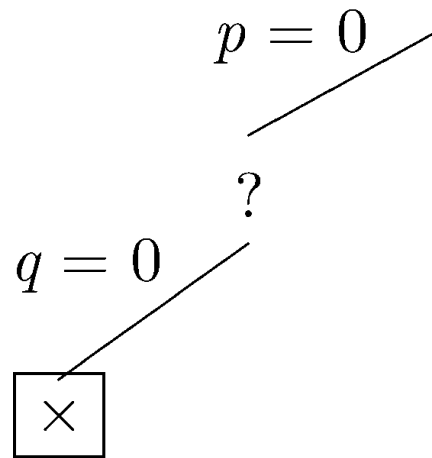
$\{p \vee q, p \vee \neg q, \neg p \vee q, \neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r, \neg p \vee r\}$

$p = 0$
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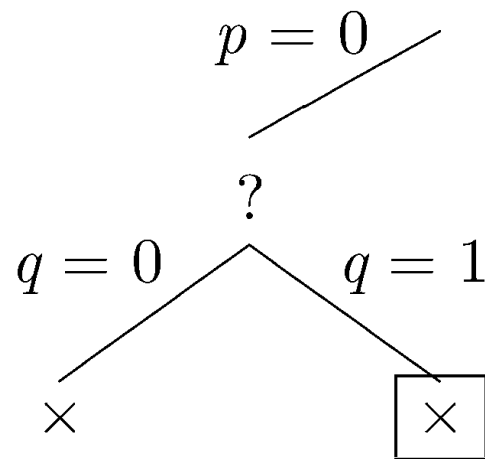
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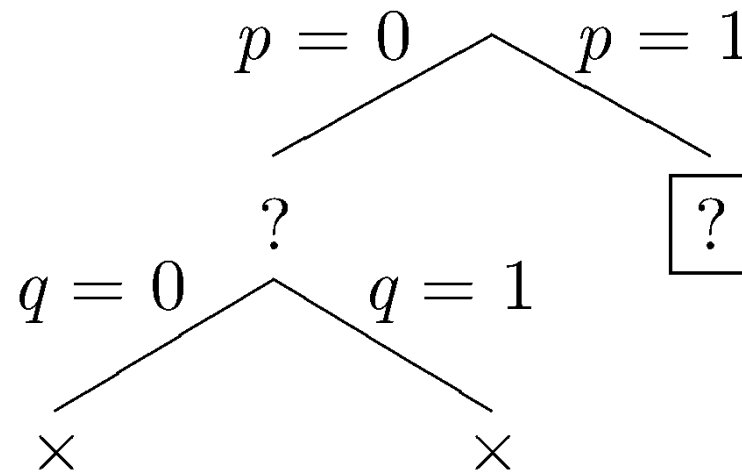
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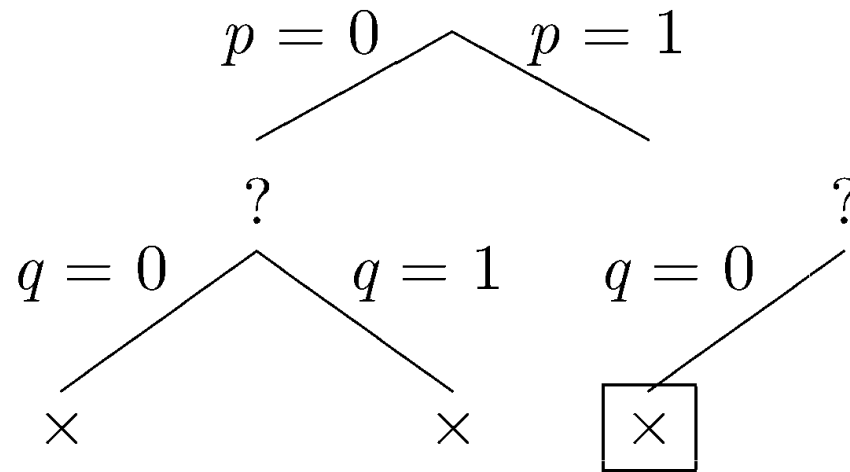
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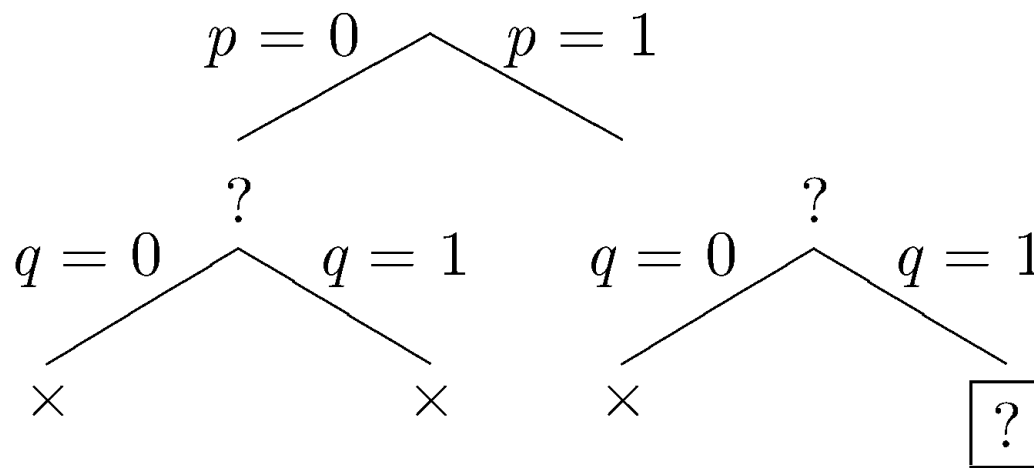
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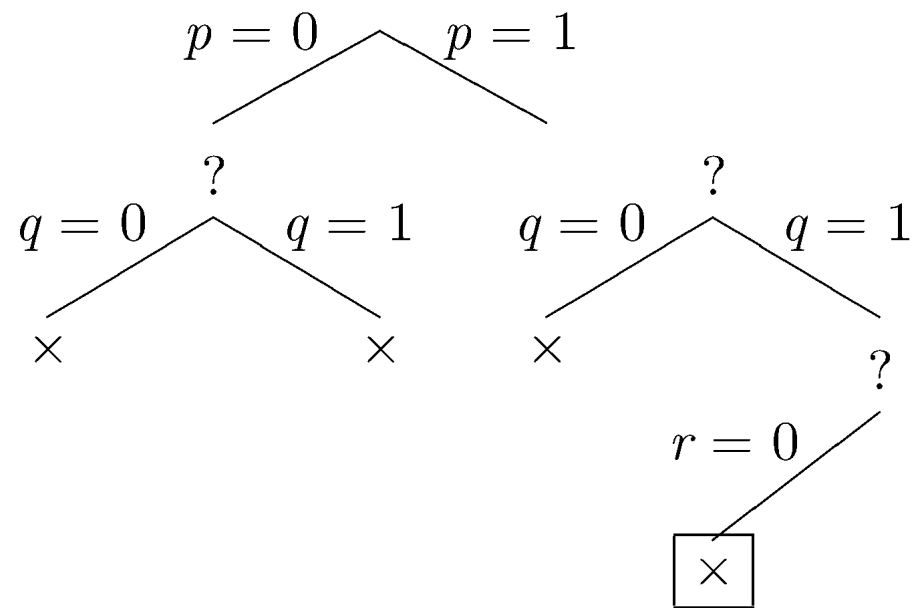
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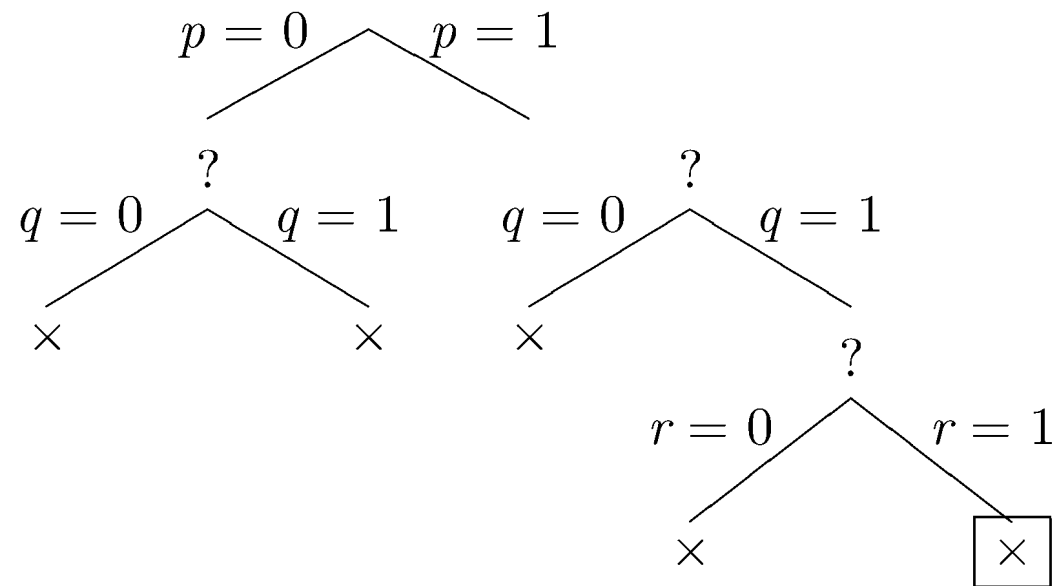
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Simplification and Unit Propagation

Simplification

Constraints

$$p \vee q$$

$$p \vee \sim q$$

$$\sim p \vee q$$

$$\sim p \vee \sim q \vee \sim r$$

$$\sim p \vee r$$

Simplification

Given $p = 1$

Original	Simplified
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$$p \vee q$$

-

$$p \vee \sim q$$

-

$$\sim p \vee q$$

q

$$\sim p \vee \sim q \vee \sim r$$

$$\sim q \vee \sim r$$

$$\sim p \vee r$$

r

Unit Propagation

Given $p = 1, q = 1$

Original

Simplified

$$p \vee q$$

-

$$p \vee \sim q$$

-

$$\sim p \vee q$$

-

$$\sim p \vee \sim q \vee \sim r$$

$\sim r$

$$\sim p \vee r$$

r

Simplification

Given $p = 1, q = 1, r = 1$

Original

Simplified

$$p \vee q$$

-

$$p \vee \sim q$$

-

$$\sim p \vee q$$

-

$$\sim p \vee \sim q \vee \sim r$$

X

$$\sim p \vee r$$

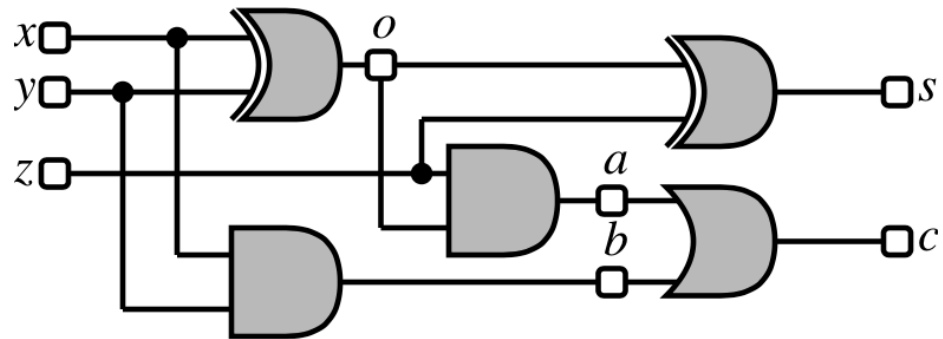
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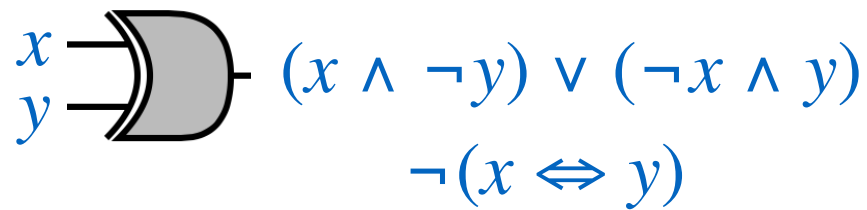
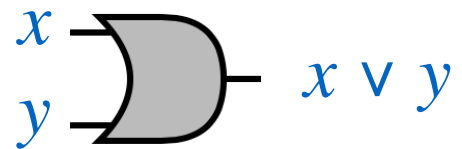
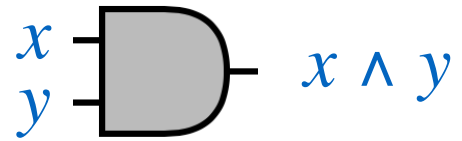
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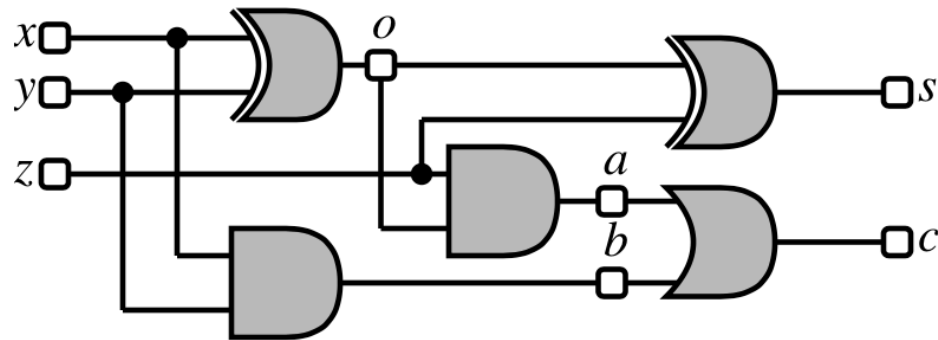
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Gates



Example



$$o: (x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y)$$

$$b: x \wedge y$$

$$a: z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y))$$

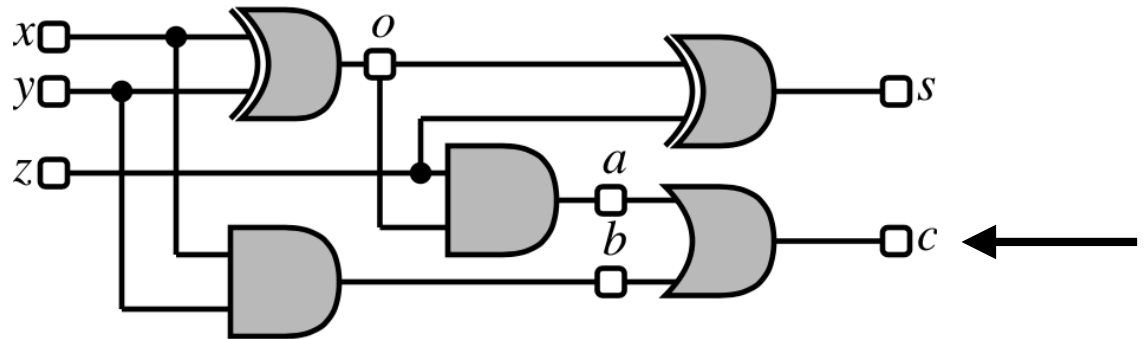
$$c: (z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y))) \vee (x \wedge y)$$

Evaluation Example

$$x^i = 1$$

$$y^i = 0$$

$$z^i = 1$$



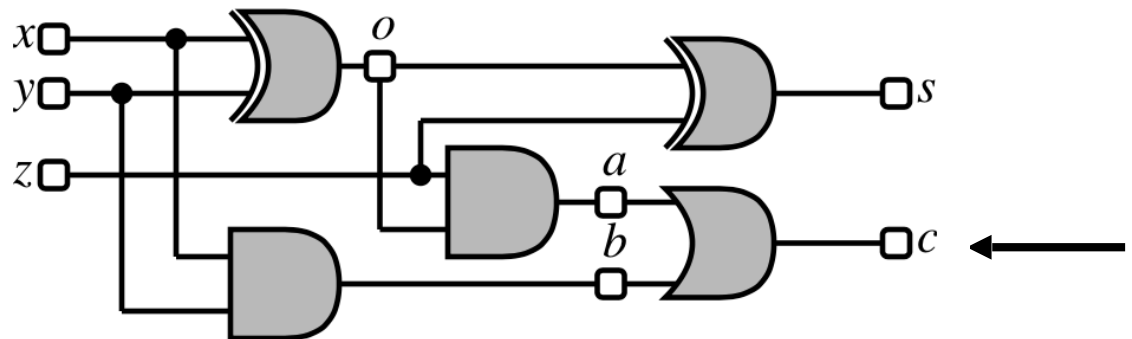
$$[(z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y)))] \vee (x \wedge y) \text{ }^i = ?$$

Example

$$x^i = 1$$

$$y^i = 0$$

$$z^i = 1$$



$$(z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y))) \vee (x \wedge y)$$

$$(1 \wedge ((1 \wedge \neg 0) \vee (\neg 1 \wedge 0))) \vee (1 \wedge 0)$$

$$(1 \wedge ((1 \wedge 1) \vee (0 \wedge 1))) \vee (1 \wedge 0)$$

$$(1 \wedge (1 \vee 0)) \vee 0$$

$$(1 \wedge 1) \vee 0$$

$$1 \vee 0$$

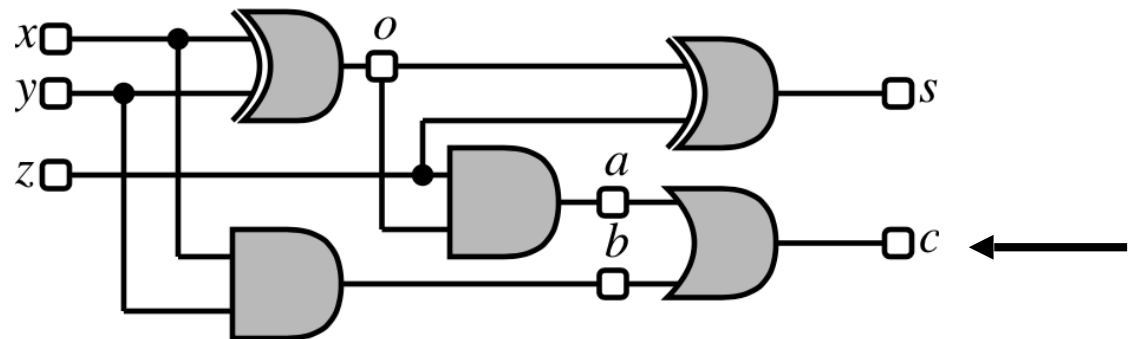
$$1$$

Satisfaction Example

$x^i = ?$

$y^i = ?$

$z^i = ?$



$$((z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y))) \vee (x \wedge y)) \text{ is } 1$$

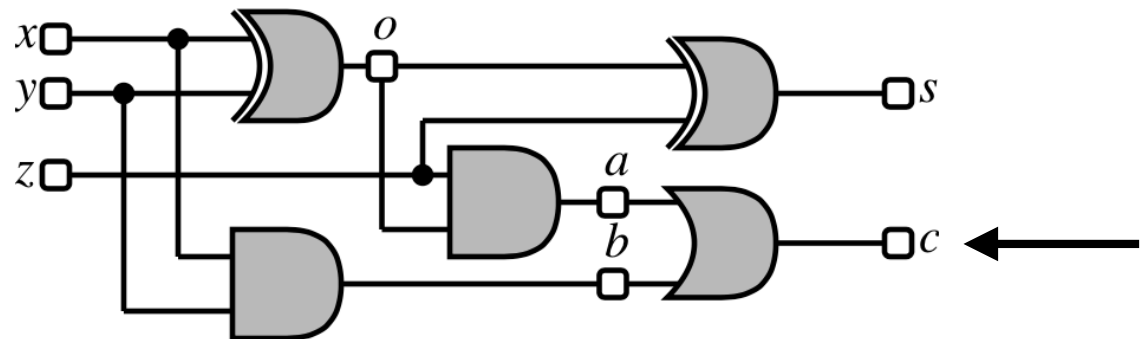
Constants			Premises
z	x	y	$z \& (x \& \sim y \mid \sim x \& y) \mid x \& y$
1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0

Diagnosis Example

$$x^i = 1$$

$$y^i = 0$$

$$z^i = 1$$



Observation:

$$[(z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y))) \vee (x \wedge y)]^i = 0$$

Problem:

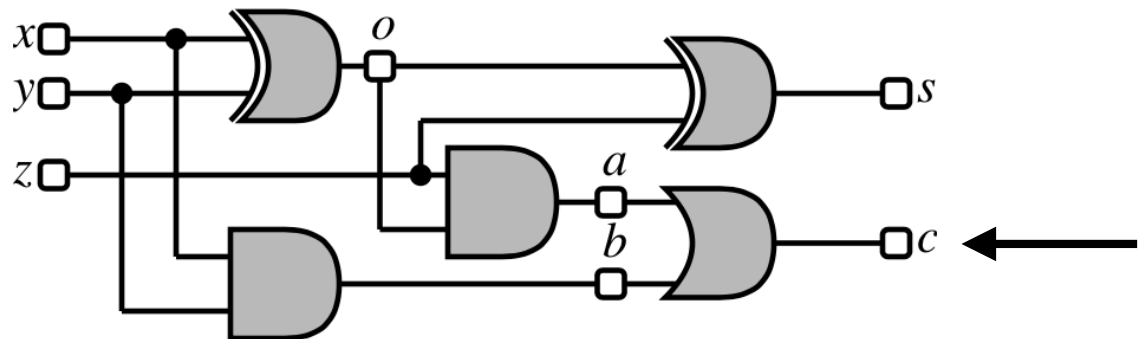
Which gate is malfunctioning?

Testing Example

$x^i = ?$

$y^i = ?$

$z^i = ?$



$$[(z \wedge ((x \wedge \neg y) \vee (\neg x \wedge y))) \vee (x \wedge y)]^i = ?$$

Problem:

How many inputs must one try to determine whether there is a faulty gate? Answer: fewer than 8.

Digital Circuits Extras

Evaluation, Satisfaction, Diagnosis, Testing

<http://intrologic.stanford.edu/extras/circuits.html>

Graphical design and simulation

<https://logic.ly/demo/>

The Big Game

The Big Game

Stanford people always tell the truth, and Berkeley people always lie. Unfortunately, by looking at a person, you cannot tell whether he is from Stanford or Berkeley.

You come to a fork in the road and want to get to the football stadium down one fork. However, you do not know which to take. There is a person standing there. What single question can you ask him to help you decide which fork to take?

Basic Idea

<i>left</i>	<i>su</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
T	T		
T	F		
F	T		
F	F		

Desired Response

<i>left</i>	<i>su</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
T	T		"T"
T	F		"T"
F	T		"F"
F	F		"F"

Desired Response

<i>left</i>	<i>su</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
T	T	T	"T"
T	F	F	"T"
F	T	F	"F"
F	F	T	"F"

The Big Game (solved)

Question: *The left road is the way to the stadium if and only if you are from Stanford. Is that correct?*

$$\textit{left} \Leftrightarrow \textit{su}$$

Let's Be Careful Out There

