

## CS4350: Logic in computer Science

### Normal Forms

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### Logical Operators

$\vee$	- Disjunction	Do we need all these?
$\wedge$	- Conjunction	
$\neg$	- Negation	
$\rightarrow$	- Implication	$A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$
$\oplus$	- Exclusive or	$A \oplus B \equiv (A \wedge \neg B) \vee (\neg A \wedge B)$
$\leftrightarrow$	- Biconditional	$A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$
$\uparrow$	- Nand	$A \uparrow B \equiv \neg (A \wedge B)$
$\downarrow$	- Nor	$A \downarrow B \equiv \neg (A \vee B)$

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## Logical Operators

- There are two nullary Boolean operators, 1, which is interpreted as true, and 0, which is interpreted as false.
- There are 4 unary operators:
  - $f_1(x) = 0$ ;  $f_2(x) = 1$ ;  $f_3(x) = x$ ; and  $f_4(x) = \neg x$ .
- There are 16 binary Boolean operators:
  - $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \oplus, \leftrightarrow, \uparrow$ , and  $\downarrow$  are some of them.
- There are 64 trinary Boolean operators:
  - $\text{ite}(x, y, z) = \text{if } x \text{ then } y \text{ else } z$  is one of them
  - $\text{ite}(x, y, z) \equiv x \wedge y \vee \neg x \wedge z$
- How many n-ary Boolean operators?  $2^{2^n}$

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## Functionally Sufficient

- A set of logical operators is called **(functionally) sufficient** if every formula is logically equivalent to a formula involving only this set of logical operators.
- $\wedge, \vee$ , and  $\neg$  form a sufficient set of operators.
- Are there other sufficient sets?
- YES, because  $A \wedge B \equiv \neg (\neg A \vee \neg B)$ , we may drop  $\wedge$  and leave  $\vee$  and  $\neg$  as one.

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## Functionally Sufficient

- $\{ \vee, \neg \}$  is sufficient.
- $\{ \wedge, \neg \}$  is sufficient.
- $\{ \text{ite}, 0, 1 \}$  is sufficient:
  - $\neg x \equiv \text{ite}(x, 0, 1)$
  - $x \wedge y \equiv \text{ite}(x, \text{ite}(y, 1, 0), 0)$
- ITE operator can implement any two variable logic function. There are 16 such functions corresponding to all subsets of  $B^2$ :

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## ITE Operator: $\text{ite}(f, g, h) = fg + \overline{f}h$

Output of  $\text{ite}(x, y)$  on (0,0), (0,1), (1,0), and (1,1)

$y = \text{ite}(y, 1, 0)$ ;  $\overline{y} = \text{ite}(y, 0, 1)$

Subset	Name	Expression	Equivalent Form
0000	constant 0	0	0
0001	AND(x, y)	$x \wedge y$	$\text{ite}(x, y, 0)$
0010	$x > y$	$x \wedge \neg y$	$\text{ite}(x, y, 0)$
0011	1 <sup>st</sup> projection	x	$\text{ite}(x, 1, 0)$
0100	$x < y$	$\neg x \wedge y$	$\text{ite}(x, 0, y)$
0101	2 <sup>nd</sup> projection	y	$\text{ite}(y, 1, 0)$
0110	XOR(x, y)	$x \oplus y$	$\text{ite}(x, \overline{y}, y)$
0111	OR(x, y)	$x \vee y$	$\text{ite}(x, 1, y)$
1000	NOR(x, y)	$x \downarrow y$	$\text{ite}(x, 0, \overline{y})$
1001	EQ(x, y)	$x \leftrightarrow y$	$\text{ite}(x, y, \overline{y})$
1010	NOT(y)	$\neg y$	$\text{ite}(y, 0, 1)$
1011	$x \geq y$	$x \vee \neg y$	$\text{ite}(x, 1, \overline{y})$
1100	NOT(x)	$\neg x$	$\text{ite}(x, 0, 1)$
1101	$x \leq y$	$\neg x \vee y$	$\text{ite}(x, y, 1)$
1110	NAND(x, y)	$x \uparrow y$	$\text{ite}(x, \overline{y}, 1)$
1111	constant 1	1	1

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Are  $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$   
and  $(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$  equivalent?

$\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$	
$\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q)$	DeMorgan
$\equiv \neg p \wedge (\neg \neg p \vee \neg q)$	DeMorgan
$\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$	Double Negation
$\equiv (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	Distribution
$\equiv (p \wedge \neg p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	Commutative
$\equiv 0 \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	And Contradiction
$\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	Identity

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## Normal Form

- So  $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$  and  $(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$  are equivalent, even though both are expressed with only  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\neg$ .
- It is still hard to tell without doing a proof.
- What we need is a standard format of a formula that uses a small set of operators.
- This unique representation is called a *Normal Form*.

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## Normal Forms

A restricted set of formulas such that other equivalent formulas can be converted to.

- NNF: Negation Normal Form
  - Use  $\{\neg, \vee, \wedge\}$
- CNF: Conjunctive Normal Form
  - Use  $\{\neg, \vee, \wedge\}$
- DNF: Disjunctive Normal Form
  - Use  $\{\neg, \vee, \wedge\}$
- INF: ITE Normal Form
  - Use  $\{\text{ite}, 0, 1\}$

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## Negation Normal Form

- A *literal* is either a propositional variable (*positive literal*) or the negation of a propositional variable (*negative literal*).
- A formula is in *negation normal form (NNF)* if the negation symbol appears only in literals.
- Example:
  - $\neg p \wedge \neg q, (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$  are in NNF.
  - $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$  is not in NNF.

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## Obtaining NNF

- Use the following relations to get rid of  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\oplus$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\uparrow$ , and  $\downarrow$ :
  - $A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$
  - $A \oplus B \equiv (A \wedge \neg B) \vee (\neg A \wedge B)$
  - $A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (\neg A \vee B) \wedge (\neg B \vee A)$
  - $A \uparrow B \equiv \neg (A \wedge B)$
  - $A \downarrow B \equiv \neg (A \vee B)$
- Use De Morgan's Laws to push  $\neg$  down:
  - $\neg (A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$
  - $\neg (A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$

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## Obtaining NNF

- Simplify formulas with the following axioms:
 

• $p \vee 1 \equiv 1$	• $\neg 0 \equiv 1$
• $p \wedge 0 \equiv 0$	• $\neg 1 \equiv 0$
• $p \vee 0 \equiv p$	• $\neg \neg p \equiv p$
• $p \wedge 1 \equiv p$	• $p \vee \neg p \equiv 1$
• $p \vee p \equiv p$	• $p \wedge \neg p \equiv 0$
• $p \wedge p \equiv p$	
• $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$	• $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$
• $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	• $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$

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## Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

- A **disjunction** of literals is called a **clause**.
  - Duplicate literals are removed from a clause
- A CNF is a **conjunction** of **disjunctions** of literals (product of sums (POS))
  - Duplicate clauses are removed from CNF

Example:

- $\neg p \wedge \neg q, \neg p \vee \neg q \vee r$  are in CNF.
- $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$  is not in CNF.

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## Obtaining CNF

- At first, convert the formula in NNF.
- Use the distribution law to push  $\vee$  down:
  - $X \vee (A \wedge B) \equiv (X \vee A) \wedge (X \vee B)$
  - $(A \wedge B) \vee X \equiv (X \vee A) \wedge (X \vee B)$
- Simplify formulas as we do for NNF
- **Theorem:** Every formula has an equivalent formula in CNF.

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## Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)

- A **conjunction** of literals is called a **minterm** (or **product**).
  - Duplicate literals are removed from a minterm
- A DNF is a **disjunction** of **conjunctions** of literals (sum of products (SOP))
  - Duplicate minterms are removed from DNF

Example:

- $\neg p \wedge \neg q, (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$  are in DNF.
- $(\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge r$  is not in DNF.

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## Obtaining DNF

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- Use the distribution law to push  $\vee$  down:
  - $X \wedge (A \vee B) \equiv (X \wedge A) \vee (X \wedge B)$
  - $(A \vee B) \wedge X \equiv (X \wedge A) \vee (X \wedge B)$
- Simplify formulas as we do for NNF
- **Theorem:** Every formula has an equivalent formula in DNF.

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## Full CNF and Full DNF

- A CNF is a *full CNF* if every clause contains every variable exactly once.
  - If a clause  $C$  does not contain  $y$ , replace  $C$  by
 
$$(C \vee y) \wedge (C \vee \neg y)$$
- A DNF is a *full DNF* if every minterm contains every variable exactly once.
  - If a minterm  $A$  does not contain  $y$ , replace  $A$  by
 
$$(A \wedge y) \vee (A \wedge \neg y)$$

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## Normal Form vs Canonical Form

- A *canonical form* is a normal form which has a unique representation for all equivalent formulas.
- Advantage: Easy to tell equivalent formulas.
- To show  $A$  is valid, check if  $A$ 's canonical form is 1.
- CNF and DNF are not canonical forms:
 
$$(p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee \neg r)$$

$$(p \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge \neg r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) \vee (q \wedge \neg r)$$
- Full CNF and Full DNF are canonical forms (up to the associativity and commutativity of  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ ).

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## Get Full DNF & CNF from Truth Table

- Truth table is popular for defining Boolean functions.

a	b	c	out	minterms	clauses	
0	0	0	0	$m_0 = \bar{a} \bar{b} \bar{c}$	$M_0 = a + b + c$	
0	0	1	1	$m_1 = \bar{a} \bar{b} c$	$M_1 = a + b + \bar{c}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>i</math> in <math>m_i</math> and <math>M_i</math> is the decimal value of <math>abc</math> (in binary)</li> </ul>
0	1	0	0	$m_2 = \bar{a} b \bar{c}$	$M_2 = a + \bar{b} + c$	
0	1	1	1	$m_3 = \bar{a} b c$	$M_3 = a + \bar{b} + \bar{c}$	
1	0	0	0	$m_4 = a \bar{b} \bar{c}$	$M_4 = \bar{a} + b + c$	
1	0	1	1	$m_5 = a \bar{b} c$	$M_5 = \bar{a} + b + \bar{c}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\neg m_i \equiv M_i</math></li> </ul>
1	1	0	0	$m_6 = a b \bar{c}$	$M_6 = \bar{a} + \bar{b} + c$	
1	1	1	1	$m_7 = a b c$	$M_7 = \bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c}$	

- DNF  $f_1 = \bar{a} \bar{b} c + \bar{a} b c + a \bar{b} c = m_1 + m_3 + m_5 + m_7$
- CNF  $f_2 = (a + b + c)(a + \bar{b} + c)(\bar{a} + b + c)(\bar{a} + \bar{b} + c) = M_0 M_2 M_4 M_6$

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## Get Full DNF & CNF from Truth Table

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- CNF  $f_2 = (a + b + c)(a + \bar{b} + c)(\bar{a} + b + c)(\bar{a} + \bar{b} + c) = M_0 M_2 M_4 M_6$
- Do  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  define the same function?
- YES.
- $\neg f_1 = m_0 + m_2 + m_4 + m_6$ 
  - $(0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0)$  are models of  $\neg f_1$ ; not models of  $f_1$ .
- $f_1 = \neg \neg f_1 = \neg (m_0 + m_2 + m_4 + m_6) = M_0 M_2 M_4 M_6 = f_2$  because  $\neg m_i \equiv M_i$

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## Method 2: Obtain Full CNF

- Construct a truth table for the formula.
- Use each non-model interpretation in the table to construct a clause.
  - If a variable is true, use the negative literal of this variable in the clause
  - If a variable is false, use the variable in the clause
- Connect the clauses with  $\wedge$ 's.

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### How to find Full CNF of $(p \vee q) \rightarrow \neg r$

p	q	r	$(p \vee q)$	$\neg r$	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow \neg r$
1	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	1

There are 3 no-model interpretations: 3 clauses.

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

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## Method 2: Obtain Full DNF

- Construct a truth table for the formula.
- Use each model in the truth table to construct a minterm
  - If the variable is true, use the variable in the minterm
  - If a variable is false, use the negative literal of the variable in the minterm
- Connect the minterms with  $\vee$ 's.

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### How to find Full DNF of $(p \vee q) \rightarrow \neg r$

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

There are 5 models, so there are 5 minterms

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

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## Dual of NNFs

- Dual of a NNF formula is another formula where  $\wedge$  is replaced by  $\vee$  and  $\vee$  is replaced by  $\wedge$  and the sign of literals are changed.
  - $\text{dual}(p) = \neg p$  if  $p$  is a positive literal
  - $\text{dual}(\neg p) = p$  if  $p$  is a negative literal
  - $\text{dual}(A \vee B) = \text{dual}(A) \wedge \text{dual}(B)$
  - $\text{dual}(A \wedge B) = \text{dual}(A) \vee \text{dual}(B)$
- **Example:**  $\text{dual}(\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r) = p \wedge q \wedge \neg r$
- **Theorem:** If  $A$  is in NNF, then  $\text{dual}(A)$  is in NNF and  $\text{dual}(A) \equiv \neg A$ .
- Proof: Induction on the structure of  $A$  and use DeMorgan's laws.

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## Obtain Full DNF from Full CNF

- If  $A$  is in CNF, then  $\text{dual}(A)$  is in DNF and vice versa.
- If we have a method to obtain full CNF, we may obtain the full DNF of  $A$  from the full CNF of  $\neg A$ .
- If  $B$  is a full CNF equivalent to  $\neg A$ , then  $\text{dual}(B)$  is a full DNF of  $A$ .
- If  $B$  is a full DNF equivalent to  $\neg A$ , then  $\text{dual}(B)$  is a full CNF of  $A$ .

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## Binary Decision Diagrams (BDD)

- Compact data structure for propositional logic, using only ite, 0, and 1.
  - can represents sets of objects (states) encoded as Boolean functions
- Canonical Form
  - reduced ordered BDDs (ROBDD) are canonical
  - Important tool for circuit verification
  - Can display as a directed graph.

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## Binary Decision Diagrams (BDD)

- Let + denote  $\vee$ ,  $x'$  denote  $\neg x$ , product denote  $\wedge$  (often omitted)
- Let  $f_x$  and  $f_{x'}$  denote  $f[x \leftarrow 1]$  and  $f[x \leftarrow 0]$
- Based on recursive Shannon expansion
 
$$f = x \wedge f_x \vee \neg x \wedge f_{\neg x} = x f_x + x' f_{x'}$$
- Equivalently,  $f = \text{ite}(x, f_x, f_{x'})$
- $\text{ite}(x, y, z)$  stands for “if x then y else z”

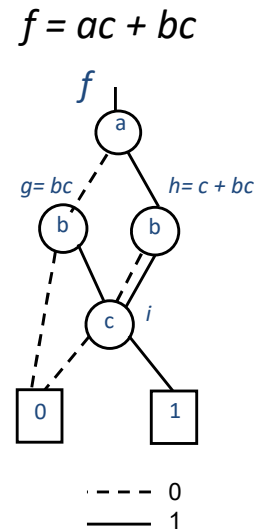
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## Shannon Expansion $\rightarrow$ BDD

- $g = f_{a'} = f(a=0) = bc$
- $h = f_a = f(a=1) = c + bc$
- $g_{b'} = (bc)_{|b=0} = 0$
- $g_b = (bc)_{|b=1} = c$
- $h_{b'} = (c+bc)_{|b=0} = c$
- $h_b = (c+bc)_{|b=1} = c$

$$f = \text{ite}(a, h, g), \quad g = \text{ite}(b, i, 0), \\ h = \text{ite}(b, i, i), \quad i = \text{ite}(c, 1, 0)$$



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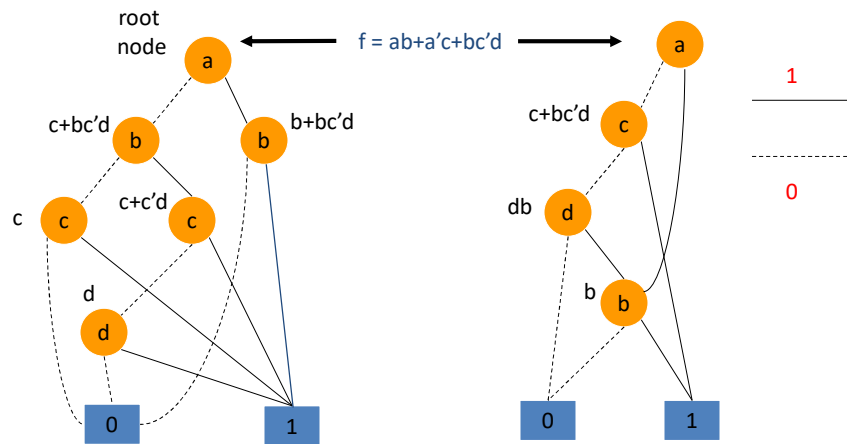
## BDDs

- Directed acyclic graph (DAG): one root node, two terminals 0, 1; each node has two children, and a variable.
- **Reduced:**
  - any node with two identical children is removed
  - two nodes with isomorphic BDD's are merged
- **Ordered:**
  - Splitting variables always follow the **same order along all paths**

$$x_{i_1} > x_{i_2} > x_{i_3} > \dots > x_{i_n}$$

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## Example: Variable Orders

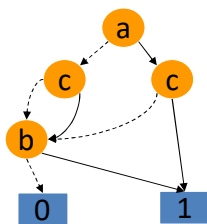


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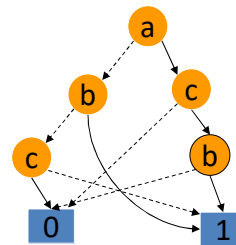
## OBDD

**Ordered BDD (OBDD):** Input variables are ordered - each path from root to sink visits nodes with labels (**variables**) in descending order.

ordered  
order = a,c,b



Not ordered



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## ROBDD

### Reduced Ordered BDD (ROBDD)

Reduction rules:

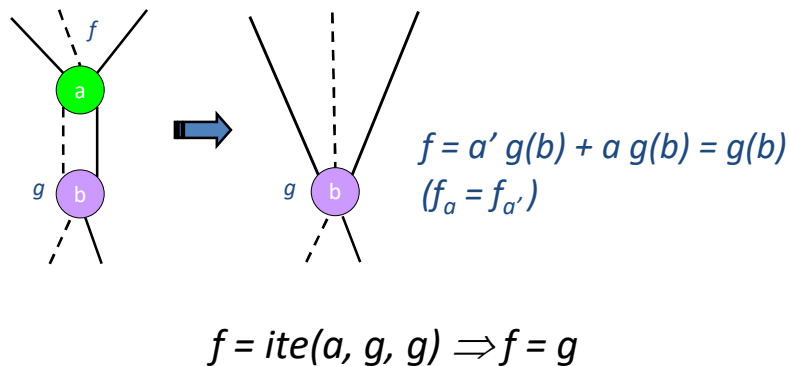
1. if the two children of a node are the **same**, the node is eliminated: replace  $\text{ite}(v, f, f)$  by  $f$ .
2. two nodes have **isomorphic** graphs  $\Rightarrow$  replace by one by the other

These two rules make ROBDD as a canonical form, so that each node represents a distinct logic function.

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## BDD Reduction Rules -1

1. Eliminate *redundant* nodes  
(with both edges pointing to same node)



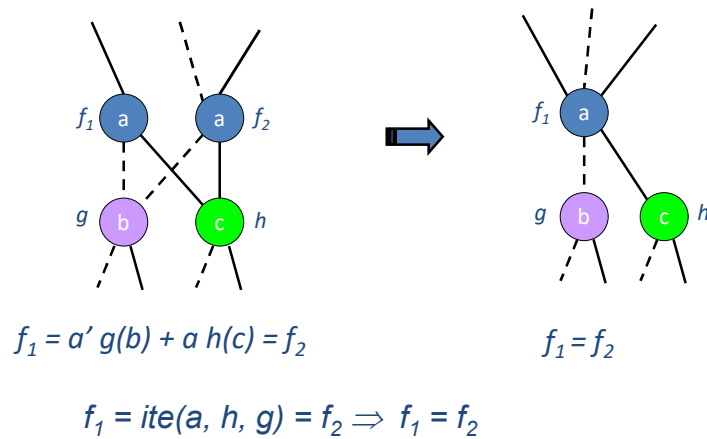
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## BDD Reduction Rules -2

### 2. Merge duplicate nodes (*isomorphic subgraphs*)

- Nodes must be unique



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## BDD Construction from Truth Table

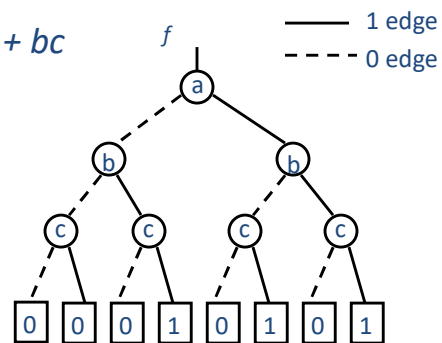
- A slow method for getting a Reduced Ordered BDD

a b c f

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

Truth table

$$f = ac + bc$$

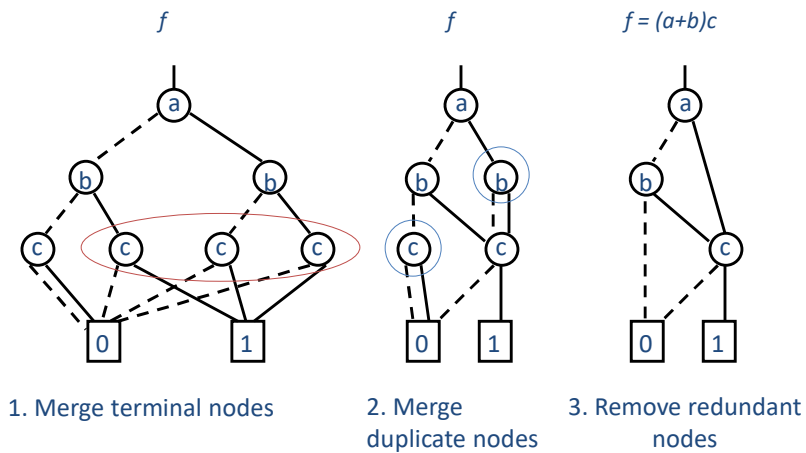


Decision tree

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## BDD Construction – cont'd



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## Recursive Construction of ITE

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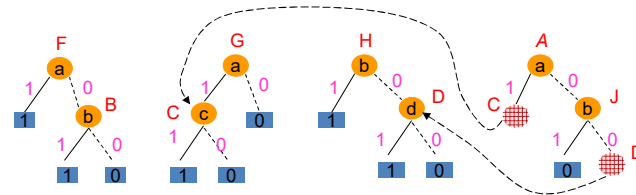
Algorithm ROBDD(A)
  // input: formula A
  // output: the ROBDD node of A
  // a hash table for triples (v, x, y).
  if (vars(A) = {}) return simplify(A)
  v := TOP_VARIABLE(vars(A)) // top variable
  x := ROBDD(f[v ← 1])       // recursive calls
  y := ROBDD(f[v ← 0])
  if (x = y) return x        // reduction
  p := LOOKUP_HASH_TABLE(v, x, y)
  if (p ≠ null) return p     // sharing
  return SAVE_CREATE_NODE(v, x, y)

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## Example: ROBDD(A)



$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \text{ite}(F, G, H) \\
 &= (a, \text{ite}(F_a, G_a, H_a), \text{ite}(F_{\bar{a}}, G_{\bar{a}}, H_{\bar{a}})) \\
 &= (a, \text{ite}(1, C, H), \text{ite}(B, 0, H)) \\
 &= (a, C, (b, \text{ite}(B_b, 0, H_b), \text{ite}(B_{\bar{b}}, 0, H_{\bar{b}}))) \\
 &= (a, C, (b, \text{ite}(1, 0, 1), \text{ite}(0, 0, D))) \\
 &= (a, C, (b, 0, D)) \\
 &= (a, C, J) \quad // \text{ both } J \text{ and } A \text{ are new nodes}
 \end{aligned}$$

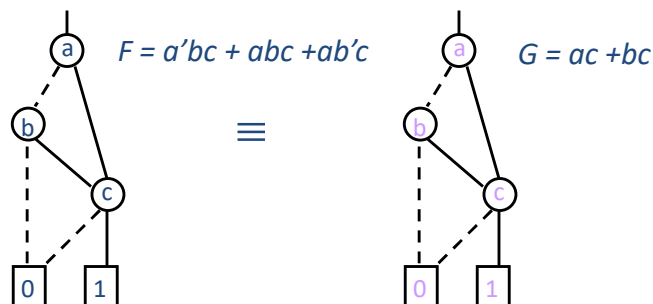
F, G, H, I, J, B, C, D  
are pointers

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## Application to Verification

- Equivalence Checking of *combinational* circuits
- *Canonicity* property of OBDDs:
  - if F and G are equivalent, their OBDDs are identical (for the same ordering of variables)



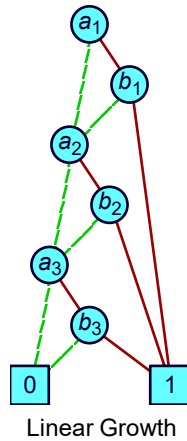
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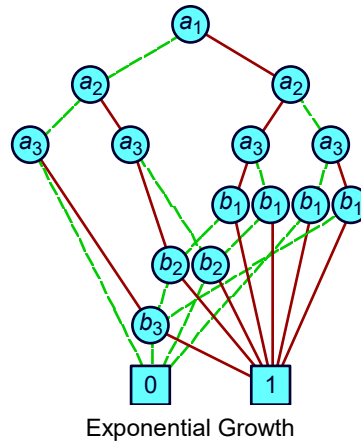
## Effect of Variable Ordering

$$(a_1 \wedge b_1) \vee (a_2 \wedge b_2) \vee (a_3 \wedge b_3)$$

Good Ordering



Bad Ordering



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## Static Variable Ordering

- Variable ordering is computed up-front based on the problem structure
- Works very well for many combinational functions that come from circuits
  - general scheme: control variables first
- Work bad for unstructured problems
  - e.g., using BDDs to represent arbitrary sets
- Lots of research in ordering algorithms
  - simulated annealing, genetic algorithms
  - give better results but extremely costly

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