

[CS M31A FALL 15] MIDTERM EXAM

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- The midterm is closed books and notes. Tablets and smartphone are not allowed.
- You can use calculators and have up to 2 sheets (= 4 pages) of summary notes.
- Please show all your work and write legibly, otherwise no partial credit will be given.
- This should strictly be your own work; any form of collaboration will be penalized.

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Problem	Points	Score
1	15	9
2	15	8
3	10	7
4	15	15
5	10	10
6	15	15
7	20	17
Total	100	78

Problem 1 (15 points)

1. (6 points) Given the following simplification of a boolean expression, identify all right and wrong steps and briefly explain what is wrong for each error.
(For example, (10) → (11) wrong application of the Identity rule, (11) → (12) correct)

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1(w, x, y, z) &= (((w + x + x'y)y + z)' + wx' + y'y) & (1) \\
 &= ((w + x + x'y)y'z' + wx' + y'y) & (2) \\
 &= ((w + x + x'y)y'z' + (w + y')(x' + y))' & (3) \\
 &= ((w + x' + y'y'z' + (w + y')(x' + y))' & (4) \\
 &= (w'xy'y'z' + (w + y')(x' + y))' & (5) \\
 &= (0 + (w + y')(x' + y))' & (6) \\
 &= wy + zy & (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

(1) → (2) **Wrong** DeMorgan's expansion of $((w + x + x'y)y + z)'$.

Whereas $(a + b)'$ is $a'b'$ and is done correctly, $(ab)'$ is $(a' + b')$ and is **NOT** done correctly for $(w + x + x'y)y \leftarrow$ Two are multiplied instead of added.

(2) → (3) Expansion of $wx' + y'$

working backwards

$$(w + y')(x' + y') = wx' + wy' + x'y' + y'y'$$

$$\text{which simplifies to } w(x' + y') + (x' + 1)y' = wx' + wy' + y' = wx' + y'$$

So this is **fine**

(3) → (4) **Wrong** simplification

$x + x'y'$ should be $x + y'$, **not** $x' + y'$

(4) → (5) **Correct** DeMorgan's of $(w + x' + y')$ to $w'xy$

(5) → (6) **Correct** reduction to 0 → y and y' will never happen. (complement)

$$(6) \rightarrow (7) ((w + y')(x' + y'))' = (wx' + y')' = (wx')'y = (w' + x)y$$

$$= w'y + x'y$$

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So this simplification was **WRONG**

(3 points) Obtain the minimal sum of products form for $E_2(w, x, y, z)$ using the identities of Boolean algebra. Show all the steps in your derivation.

$$E_2 = xy' + xzw + yw$$

$$E_2 = xy' + xzw + wy$$

$$= xy' + xzw + wy$$

$$x(wz + y')$$

$$xy' + xwz(y + y') + yw$$

$$x(y' + wz + y')$$

already in minimal SOP form?

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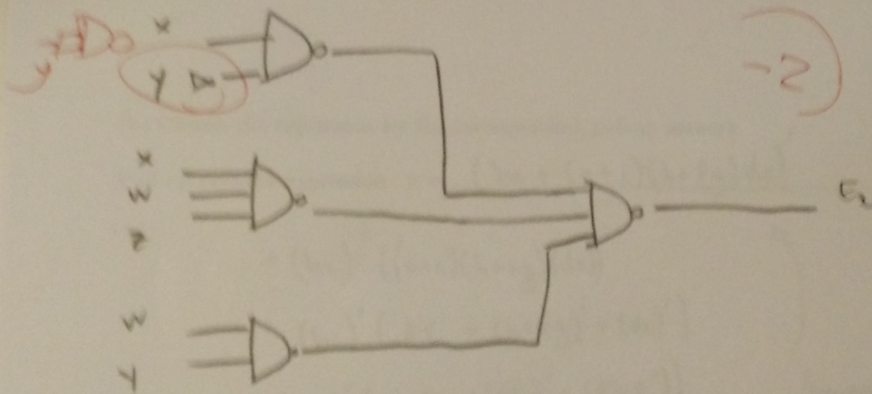
SOP
 $xy' + xzw + yw$

correct

(4)

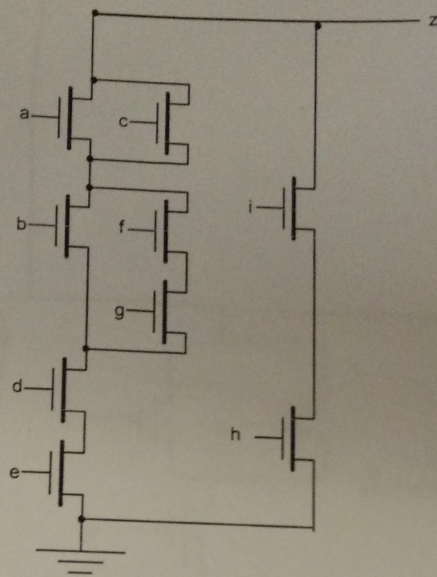
3. (4 points) Using the expression obtained for E_2 from the previous step, obtain the NAND network that uses ONLY NAND gates. Inverted inputs are not available, and no constant inputs are allowed.

Recall NAND-NAND is seen as AND-OR



Problem 2 (15 points)

The following pull-down network is part of a complex CMOS gate that we want to implement.



1. (8 points) (a) Write the expression for the pull-down network.

Pull-down network expression : $z' = \underline{hi + (a+c)(b+fg)(d)(e)}$

- (b) Obtain the expression for the corresponding pull-up network.

Pull-up network expression : $z = \underline{(hc + (a+c)(b+fg)de)'$

$$= (hc)' ((a+c)(b+fg)(de))'$$

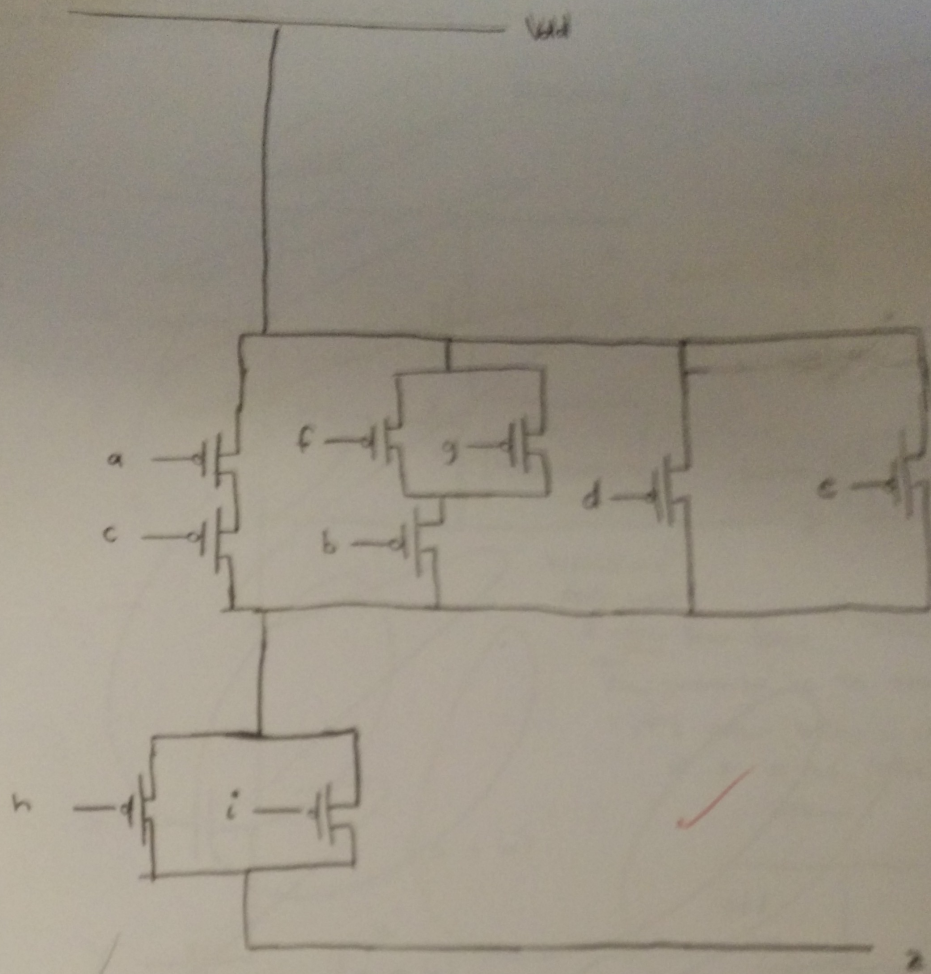
$$= (hc)' (a'c' + (b+fg)' + (de)')$$

$$= (hc)' (a'c' + b'(fg)' + (d'e'))$$

$$= (h'+c')(a'c' + b'(f'+g') + (d'+e'))$$

however this should be equivalent

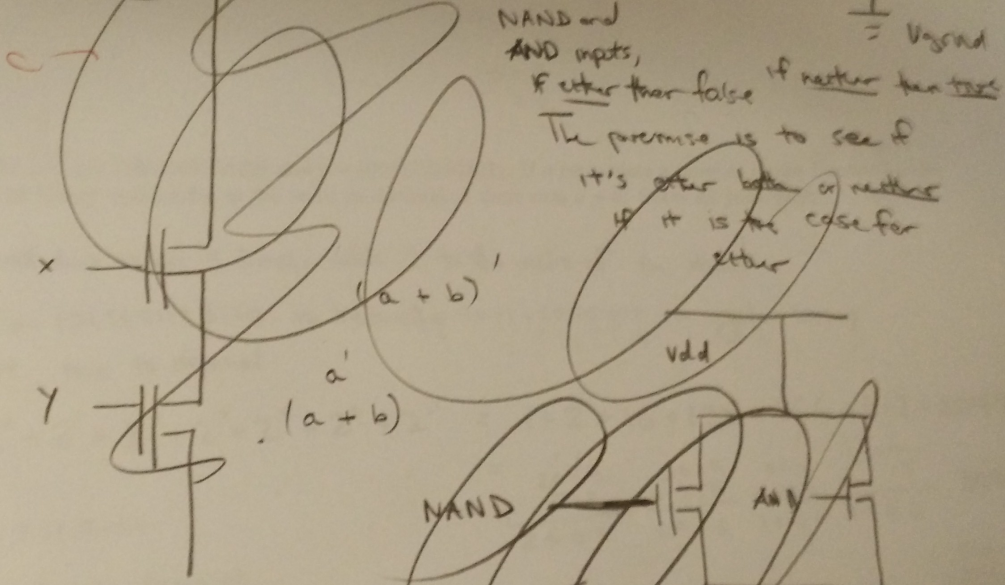
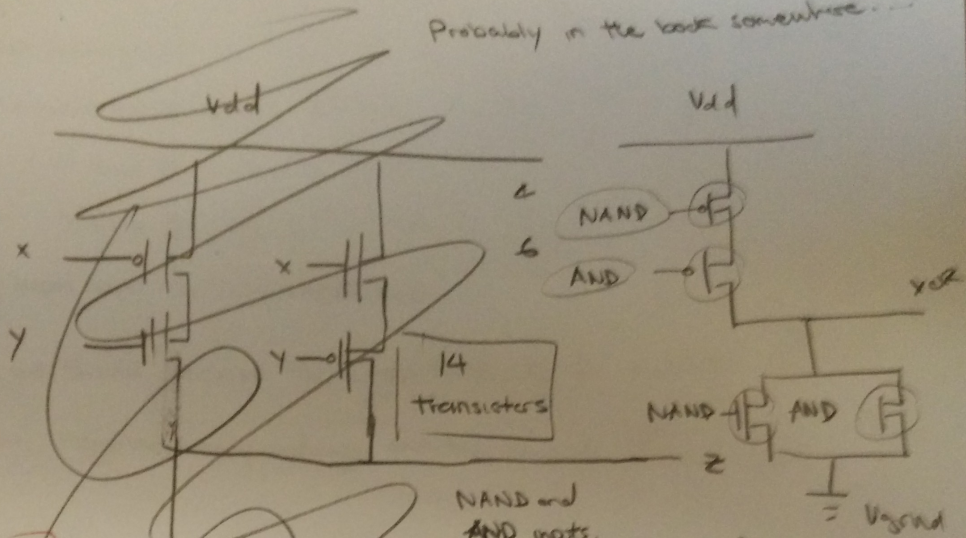
(c) Draw the pull-up network.



$$(h' + i')(a'c' + b'(f' + g') + (d' + e'))$$

2. (7 points) Draw a CMOS network that implements $f(x,y) = xy' + x'y$ (2-input XOR). x' and y' are not available as inputs. Do not use transmission gates. How many transistors does your solution have? OPTIONAL: If you find another solution with fewer transistors, you get 3 extra points. Show your reduced design and explain why it works.

Probably in the book somewhere...



Problem 3 (10 points)

1. (5 points) A 12-bit vector represents a set of positive integers $\{0, \dots, N\}$. Which of the following coding alternatives

(a) BCD $\rightarrow ?$ \times -1

(b) 2421 code (a decimal code) $\rightarrow 2^{12} - 1 \rightarrow 999$ \checkmark $---$ 3 dec digits

(c) Excess-3 code (a decimal code) $\rightarrow \cancel{2^{12} - 1} \rightarrow 999$ \checkmark $+2$

(d) Octal \rightarrow base 8 $\rightarrow 8^{12} - 1$

(e) Binary \rightarrow base 2 $\rightarrow 2^{12} - 1$ \times

provides the largest range? Why? (Give N for each case).

Octal should because the largest value, 12 1's would be $8^3 - 1$

Worst regular binary codings and this transf \times

$$0-3 \quad \begin{matrix} 110 \\ + 011 \\ \hline 1001 \end{matrix}$$

2. (5 points) Let $a = (101110010110)$ and $b = (001110110101)$. If a represents a number in the Excess-3 code and b in the binary code, what is the value in decimal of their sum $a + b$? Show all your work.

recall that excess 3 simply adds 3 to the value of the item.

So $a = 101110010110$ is actually 10111001011 in regular binary
convert this to decimal

$$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^4 + 2^7 + 2^8 + 2^9 + 2^{10} = 1 + 2 + 16 + 128 + 256 + 512 + 2048$$

$$= \begin{array}{r} 2048 \\ + 512 \\ \hline 2560 \\ + 256 \\ \hline 2816 \\ + 128 \\ \hline 2944 \\ + 19 \\ \hline 3063 \end{array}$$

b is 001110110101

convert this to decimal.

$$2^0 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^5 + 2^7 + 2^8 + 2^9 = 1 + 4 + 16 + 32 + 128 + 256 + 512$$

$$= \begin{array}{r} 21 \\ + 160 \\ \hline 181 \\ + 768 \\ \hline 949 \end{array}$$

$a + b = 949 + 3063$ \times

$= \boxed{4012}$

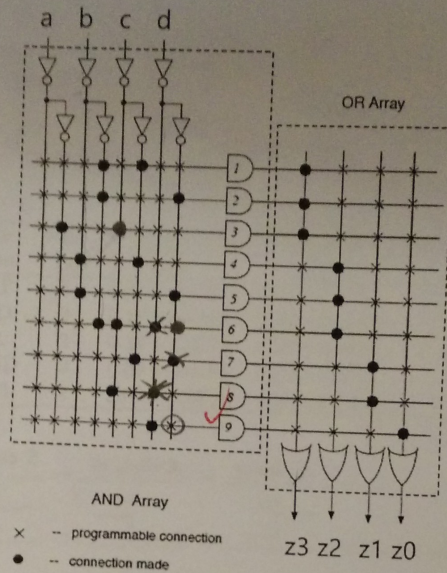
$$\begin{array}{r} 3063 \\ + 949 \\ \hline 4012 \end{array}$$

Problem 4 (15 points)

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We would like to verify that the PLA implementation shown here implements the following switching functions:

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= bc + bd + ac' \\ z_2 &= b'c + b'd + bc'd \\ z_1 &= 1 \\ z_0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



1. (7 points) Analyze the PLA shown above and show the output expressions.

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &\Rightarrow a + bd + bc \\ z_2 &\Rightarrow b'c + b'd + bc'd' \\ z_1 &\Rightarrow cd + c'd' \\ z_0 &\Rightarrow d' \end{aligned}$$

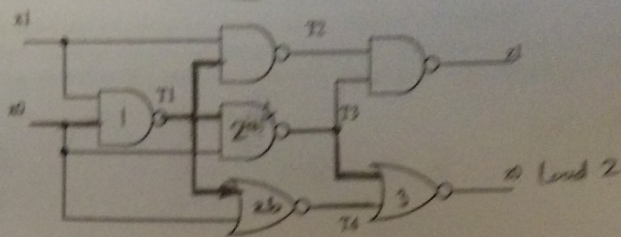
2. (8 points) Is the PLA implementation correct? If not, find errors and show the correct implementation (cross out wrong connections and insert correct ones)

No. change z_0 to $dd' = 0$ z_2 - Change $bc'd'$ to $bc'd$
 change z_1 to $c' + c = 1$ z_3 - change a to ac'

Problem 5 (10 points)

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Calculate the propagation delay $t_{pLH}(z)$ when z changes. Assume that z 's load value is 2. Fill in the blanks below with the appropriate values. You don't need to fill all the blanks.



$$\frac{0.38}{2} = 0.19$$

$$\frac{0.76}{2} = 0.38$$

Gate Type	Fan-in	Propagation Delays (ns)		Load Factor
		t_{pLH}	t_{pHL}	
NOT	1	$0.02 + 0.038L$	$0.05 + 0.017L$	1.0
AND	2	$0.15 + 0.037L$	$0.16 + 0.017L$	1.0
OR	2	$0.12 + 0.037L$	$0.20 + 0.019L$	1.0
NAND	2	$0.05 + 0.038L$	$0.08 + 0.027L$	1.0
NOR	2	$0.06 + 0.075L$	$0.07 + 0.018L$	1.0

2 NAND 2's
is $0.10 + 0.76L$
which is worse than 1 NOR 2

Gate type & Fan-in	NAND 2	NAND 2	NOR 2			
LH / HL						
Output load L	3	2	2			
Prop. Delay	$0.05 + 0.038(3)$	$0.05 + 0.038(2)$	$0.06 + 0.018(2)$	✓		

$0.05 + 0.76$
 $0.06 + 0.75$

↑ worst path only considered

It turns out that taking either z_a or z_b will both result in 0.81, for LH, but for HL, path z_a will produce more load

Problem 6 (15 points)

A gate G is defined by the following expression

$$E(a,b,c,d) = \cancel{a'b'c'd} + \cancel{a'b'cd} + \cancel{a'bc'd} + \cancel{a'bcd}$$

$$d=1 \\ b=0$$

Show that gate G forms a universal set assuming that constants 1 and 0 are available.

Specify a pre-established universal set you are using in the proof, and explicitly show the implementation for each element in the set using gate G with 1 and/or 0 as needed. For example, you can assign $a=0$ and $b=1$ in the expression E.

{AND, NOT}

{OR, NOT}

$$a'd'$$

$$c'd + cd \quad d$$

$$\frac{cd + cd' + c'd}{c = c'd}$$

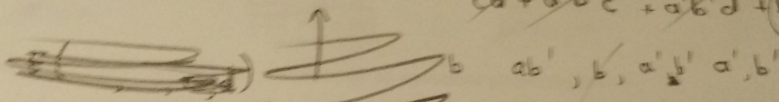
$$a=1 \quad b=b \quad c=0 \quad d=1$$

then this becomes ...

$$E(1, b, 0, 1) = b', \text{ which is a NOT gate.}$$

Now we find an OR or an AND

$$cd + a'b'c' + a'b'd' + \cancel{bcd'} + \cancel{abc'd}$$



$$E(1, b, c, 0)$$

produces AND

$$c(c) =$$

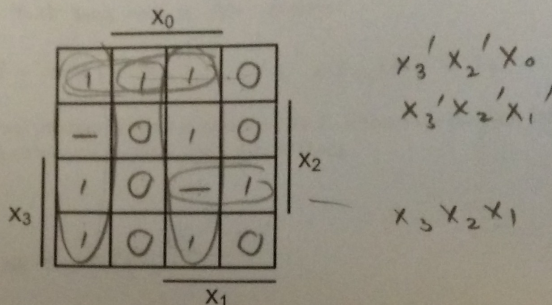
So we have

Problem 7 (20 points)

For the switching function $f(x_3, x_2, x_1, x_0)$, we are given the information below for the dc-set and zero-set.

dc-set = (4, 15)
 zero-set = zero-set of function
 $(x_3 + x_2 + x_1' + x_0)(x_3 + x_2' + x_1 + x_0')(x_3 + x_2' + x_1' + x_0)(x_3' + x_2 + x_1 + x_0')(x_3' + x_2' + x_1 + x_0')$

1. (2 points) Fill out the following K-map.



2. (4 points) Which of the given expressions are prime implicants of the function given above? Circle all that apply. Do not circle implicants that are not prime.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) $x_3 x_1$ | (d) $x_1' x_0'$ | (g) $x_3' x_2' x_0$ | (j) $x_3' x_2 x_1' x_0$ |
| (b) $x_3 x_2'$ | (e) $x_1 x_0$ | (h) $x_3 x_2 x_1$ | (k) $x_3 x_2' x_1 x_0$ |
| (c) $x_3' x_1$ | (f) $x_3' x_2' x_1'$ | (i) $x_3 x_2 x_0'$ | (l) $x_3' x_2 x_1 x_0'$ |

3. (3 points) Write down the complete set of essential prime implicants.

$x_3 x_2 x_1, x_1' x_0', x_1 x_0$

4. (2 points) Write down the minimal sum of products expressions for f . If there are multiple forms of minimal sum of products expressions, you only need to write down one of them.

$x_3 x_2 x_1 + x_1' x_0' + x_1 x_0 + x_3' x_2' x_0$

5. (4 points) Which of the given expressions are prime implicants of the function given above? Circle all that apply. Do not circle implicants that are not prime.

- (a) $(x_3 + x_2' + x_1)$ (d) $(x_3' + x_1 + x_0')$ (g) $(x_2 + x_1' + x_0)$ (j) $(x_3' + x_1')$
 (b) $(x_3' + x_2')$ (e) $(x_3 + x_2' + x_0)$ (h) $(x_3 + x_1 + x_0)$ (k) $(x_3 + x_2 + x_1 + x_0')$
 (c) $(x_2' + x_1 + x_0')$ (f) $(x_3 + x_1' + x_0)$ (i) $(x_3' + x_2' + x_1)$ (l) $(x_3 + x_2' + x_1' + x_0)$

6. (3 points) Write down the complete set of essential prime implicants.

There is an epm that was not in the above.

$x_2' + x_1 + x_0'$ $x_3' + x_1 + x_0'$ $x_3' + x_2 + x_1' + x_0$ $x_3 + x_1' + x_0$

7. (2 points) Write down the minimal product of sums expressions for f . If there are multiple forms of minimal product of sums expressions, you only need to write down one of them.

The minimal POS is all the EPI's

$(x_2' + x_1 + x_0')(x_3' + x_1 + x_0')(x_3' + x_2 + x_1' + x_0)(x_3 + x_1' + x_0)$

$x_3' + x_2 + x_1' + x_0$

