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Circuit Simplification: DeMorgan's Theorems



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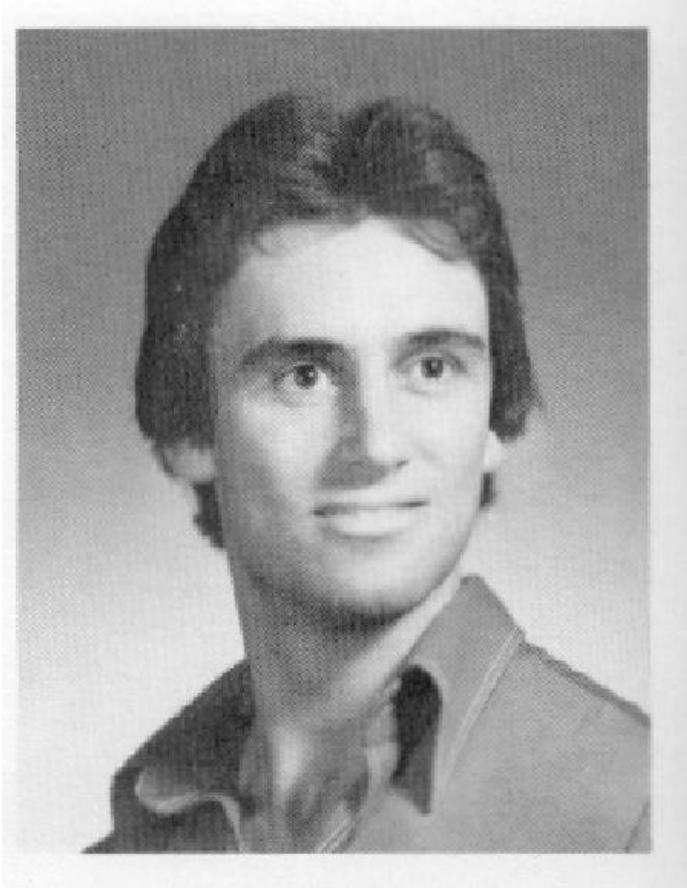
DeMorgan's Theorems are two additional simplification techniques that can be used to simplify Boolean expressions. Again, the simpler the Boolean expression, the simpler the resulting logic.

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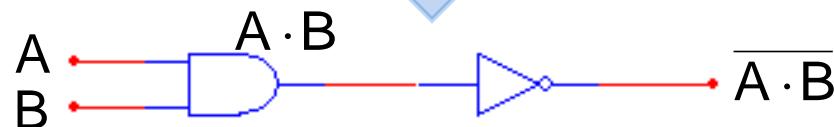


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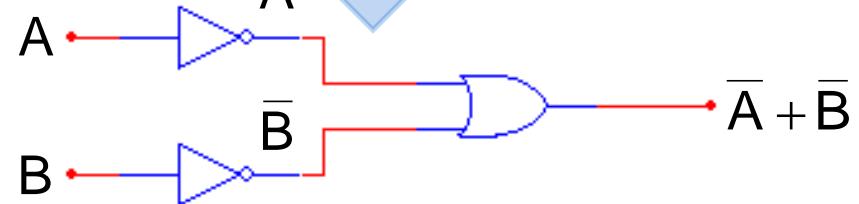
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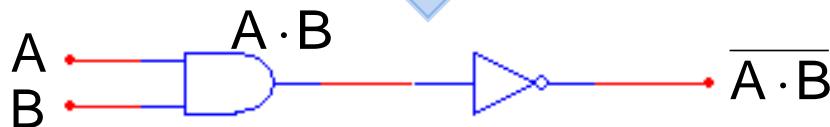
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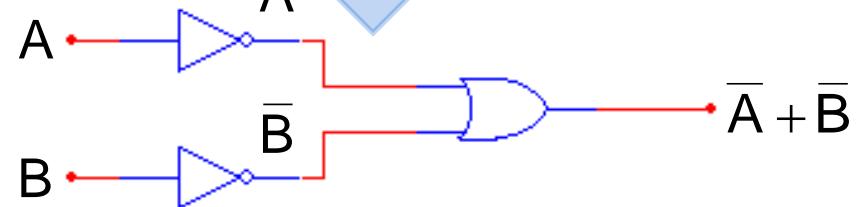
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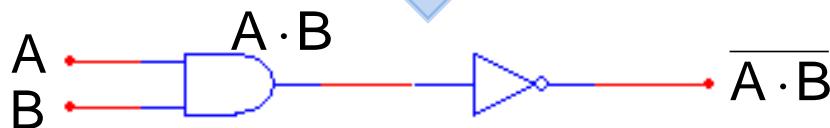
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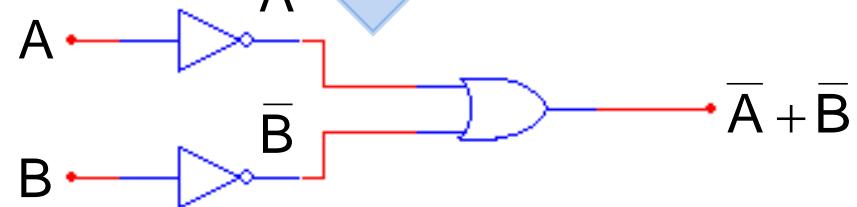
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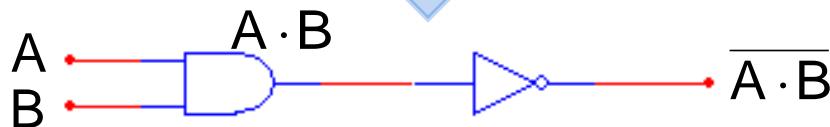
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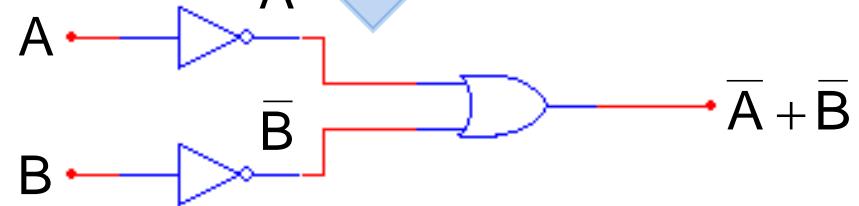
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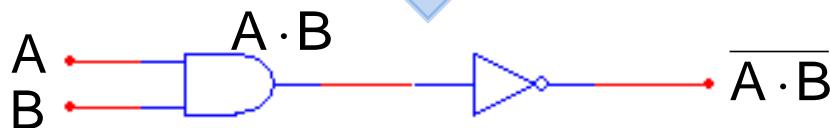
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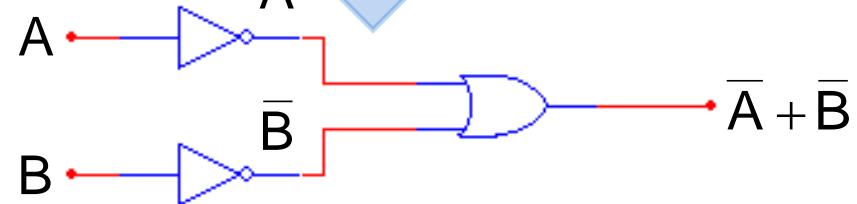
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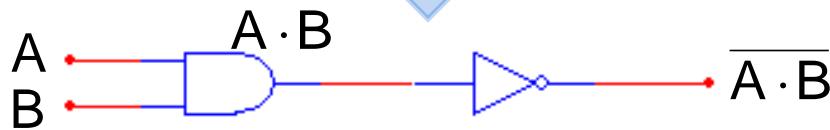
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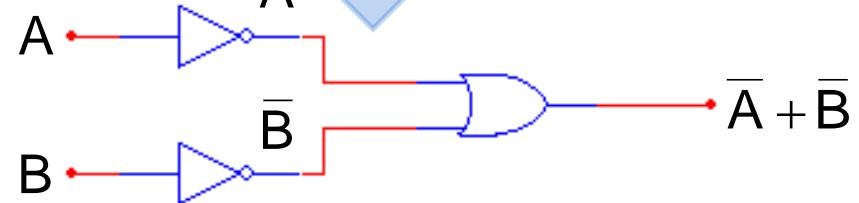
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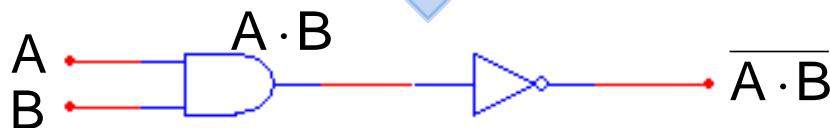
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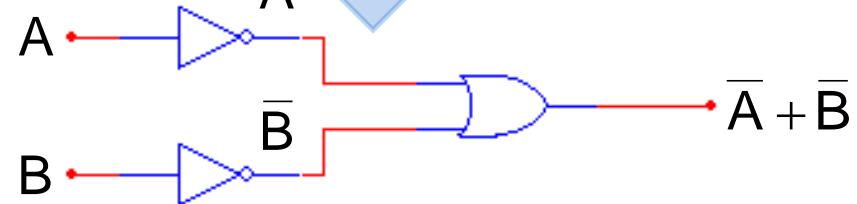
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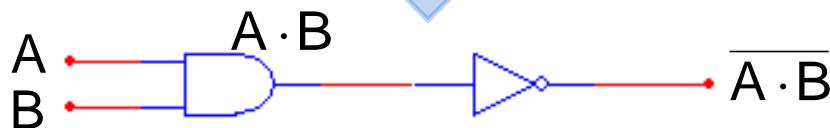
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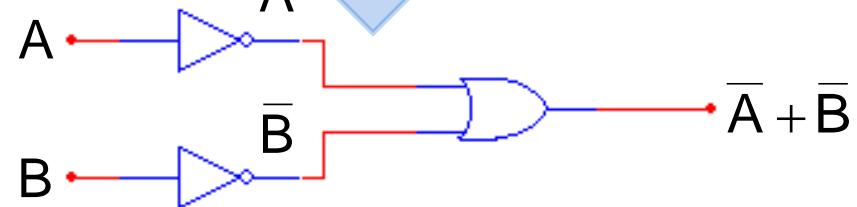
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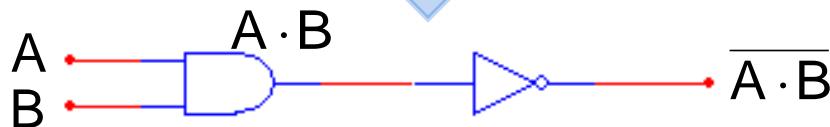
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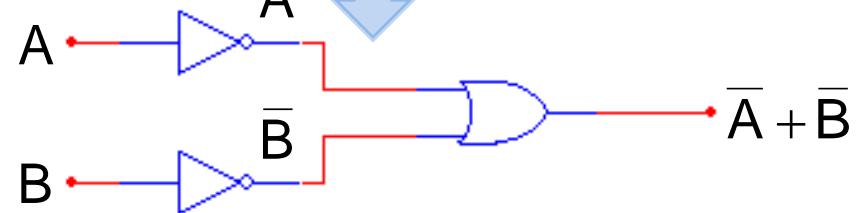
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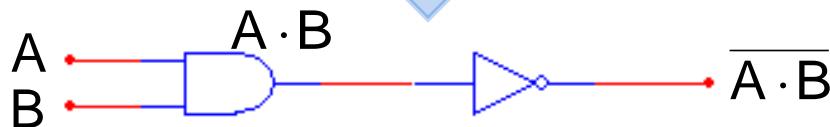
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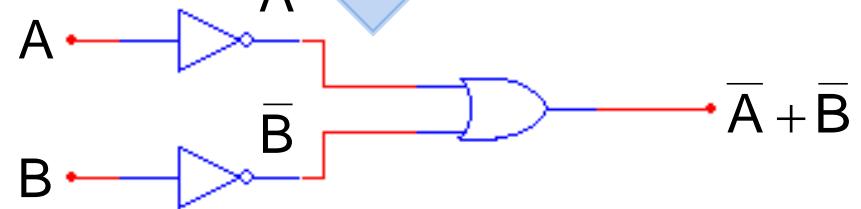
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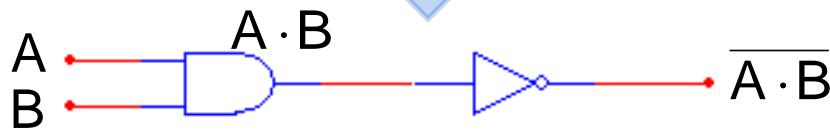
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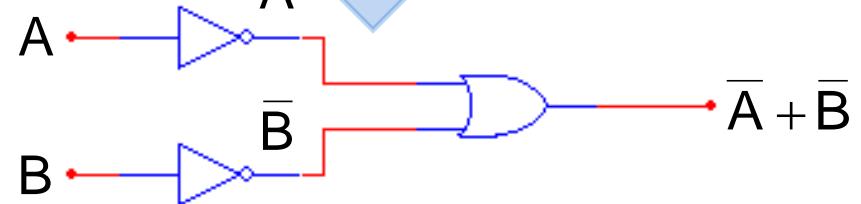
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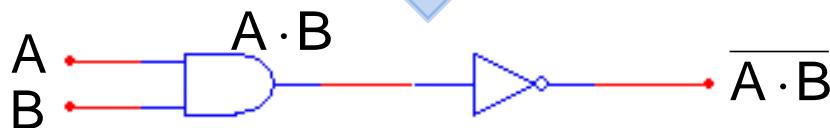
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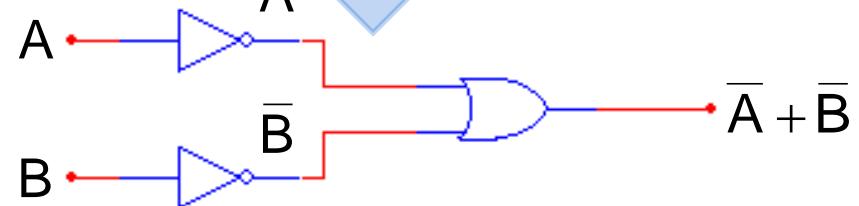
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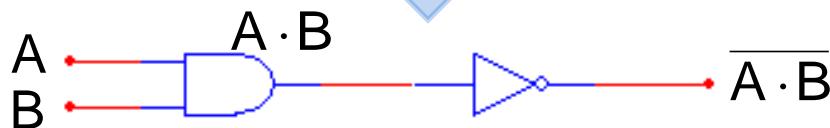
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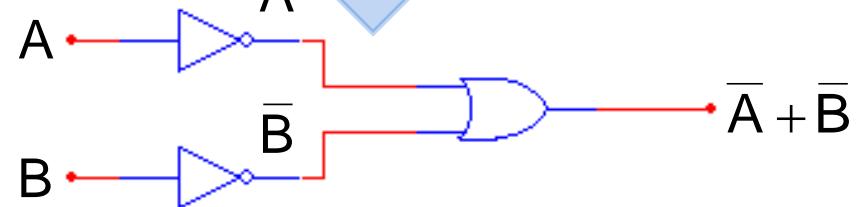
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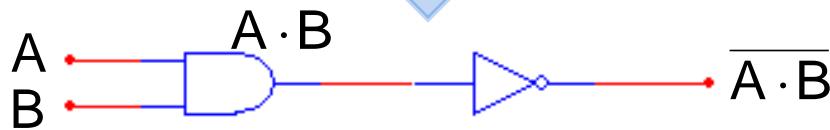
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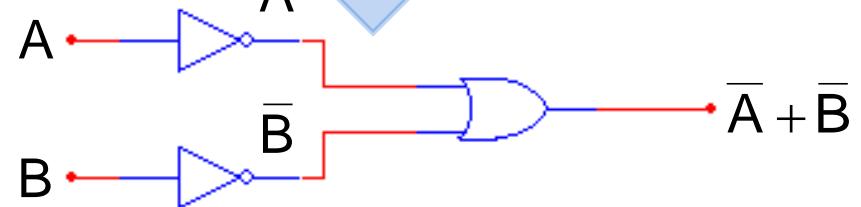
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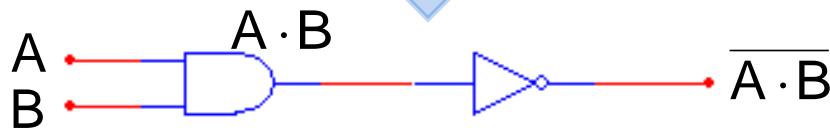
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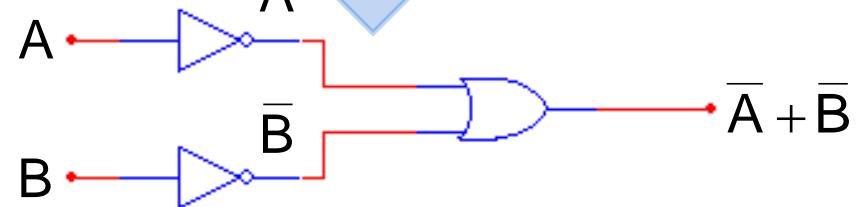
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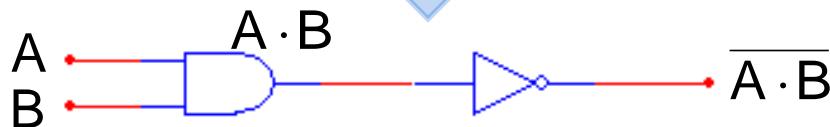
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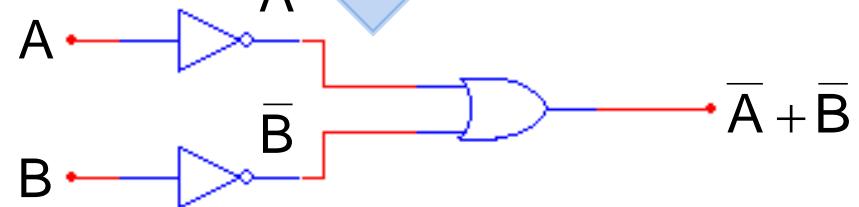
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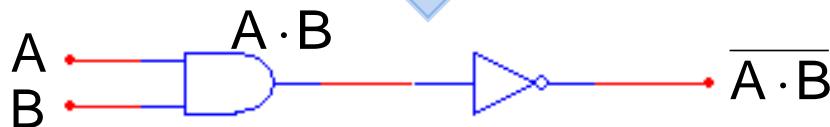
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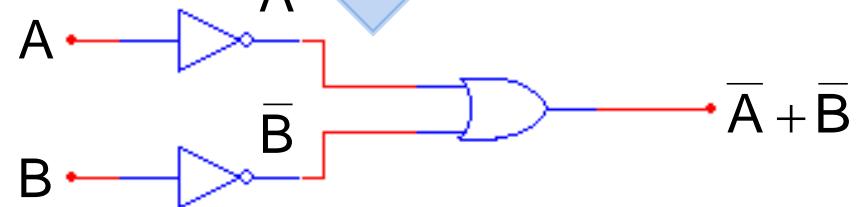
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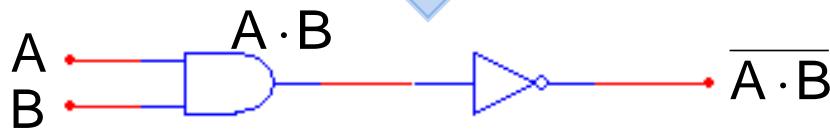
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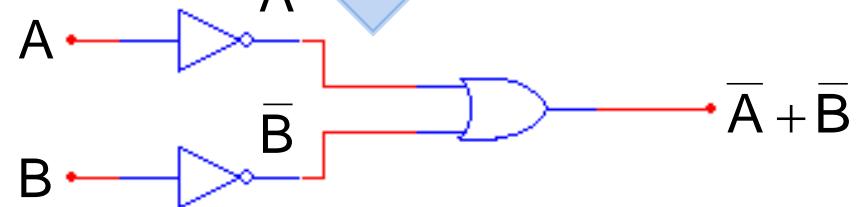
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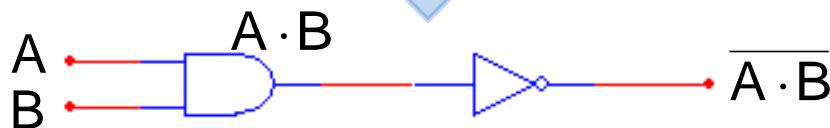
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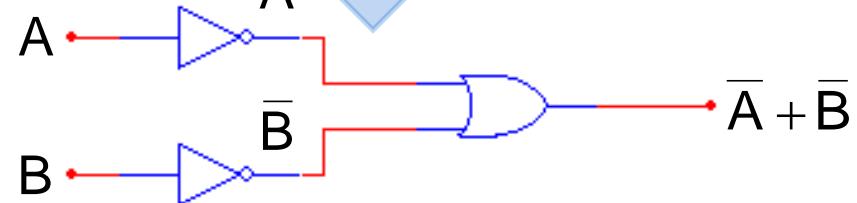
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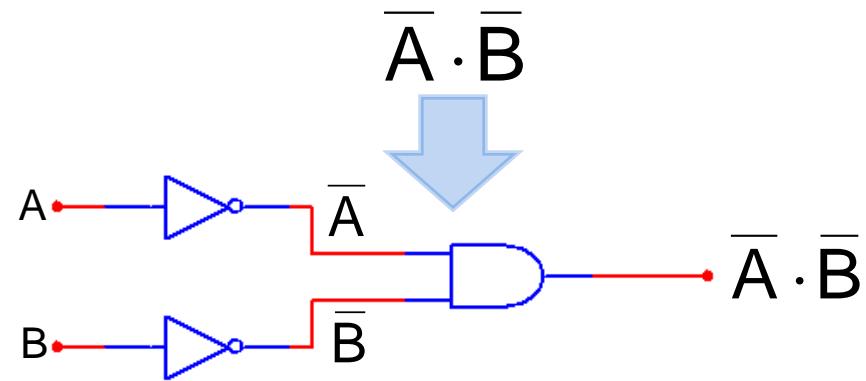
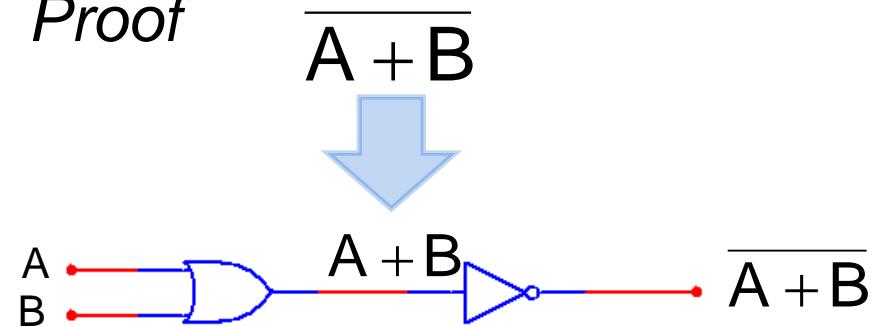
The truth-tables are equal; therefore, the Boolean equations must be equal!



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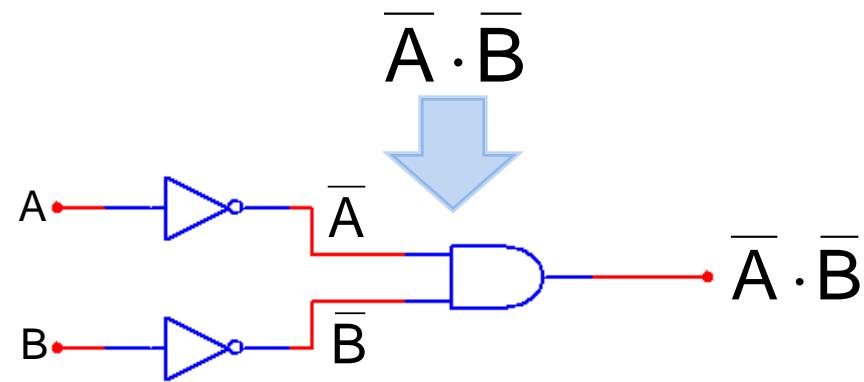
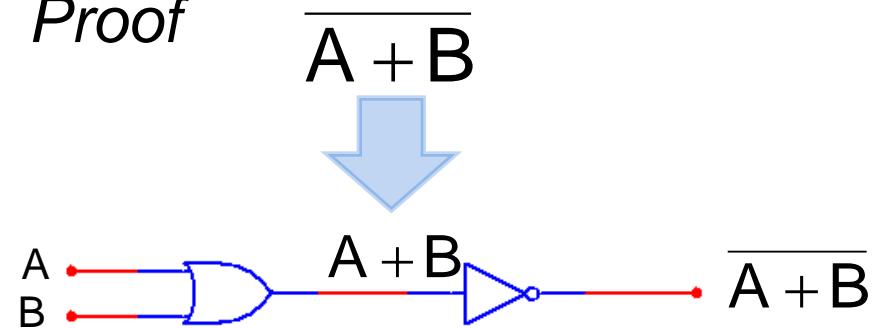


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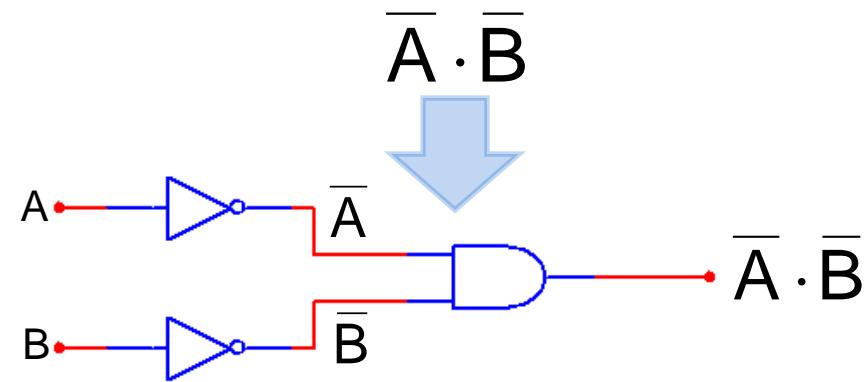
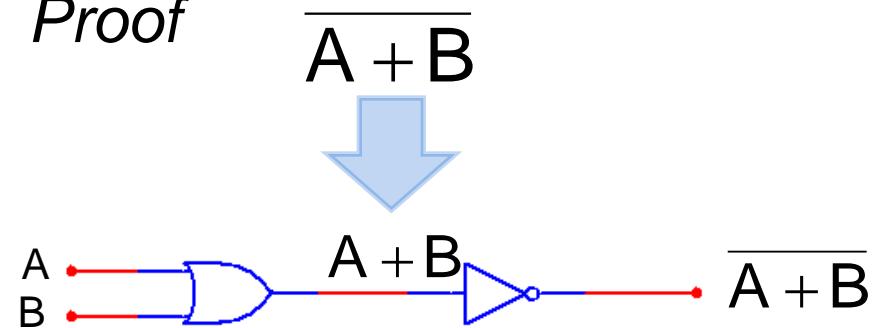


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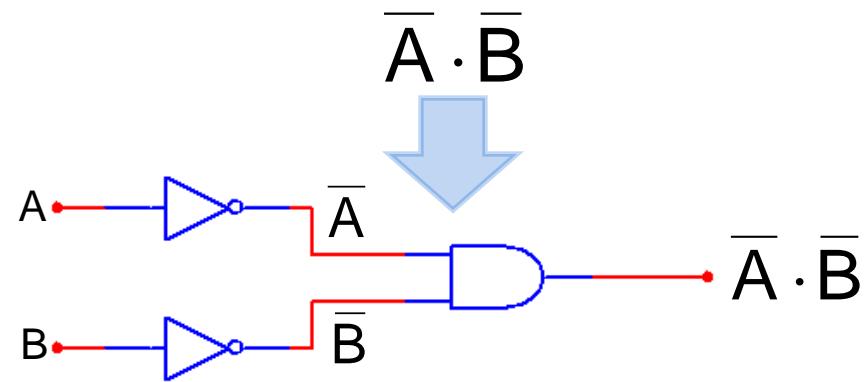
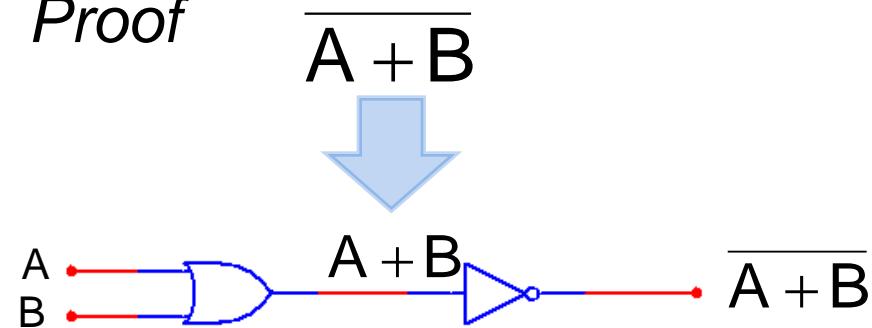


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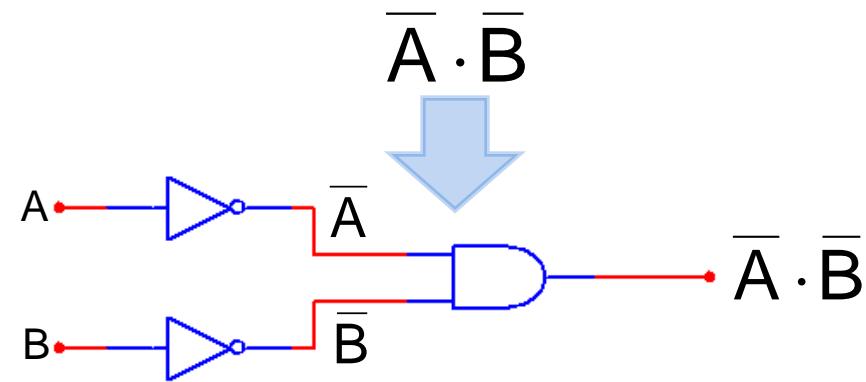
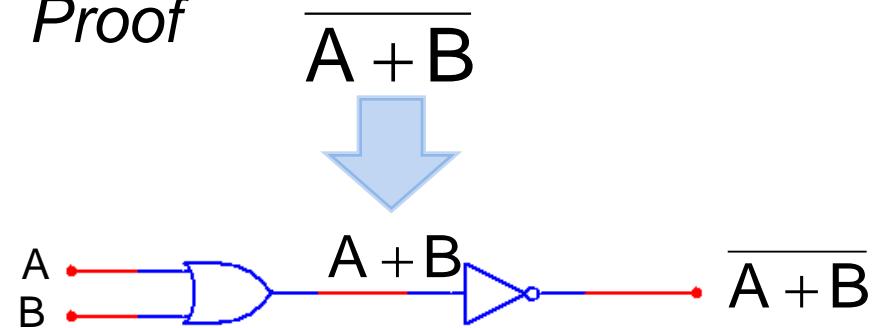


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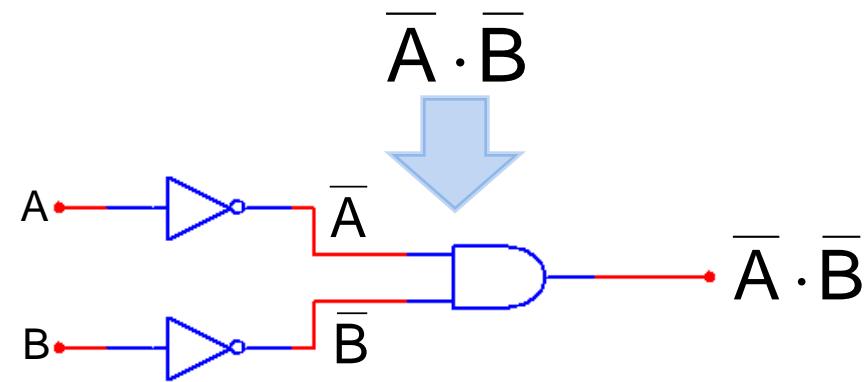
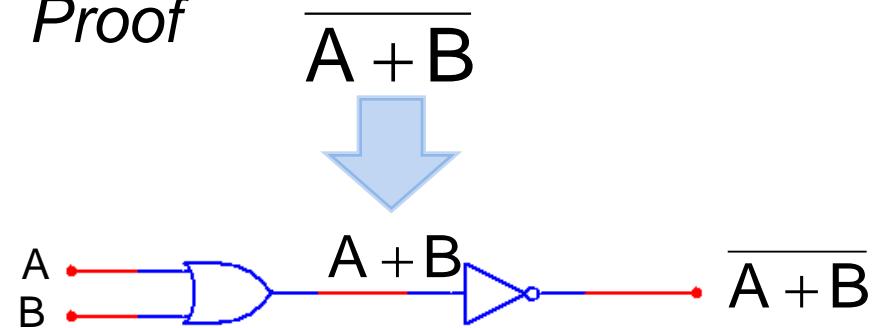


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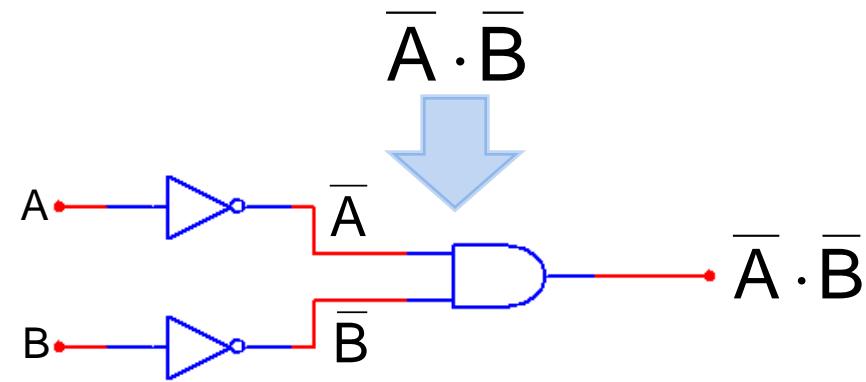
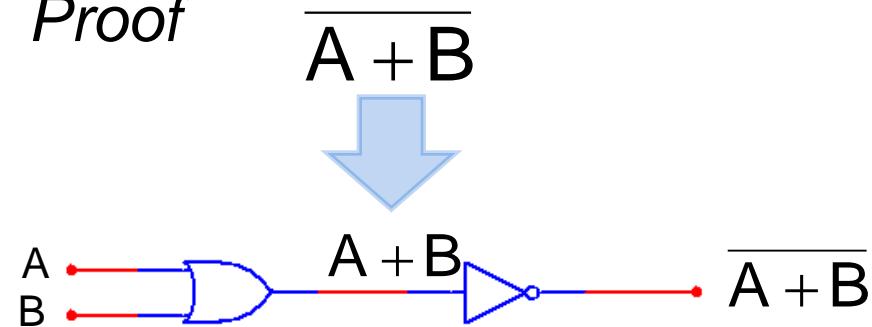


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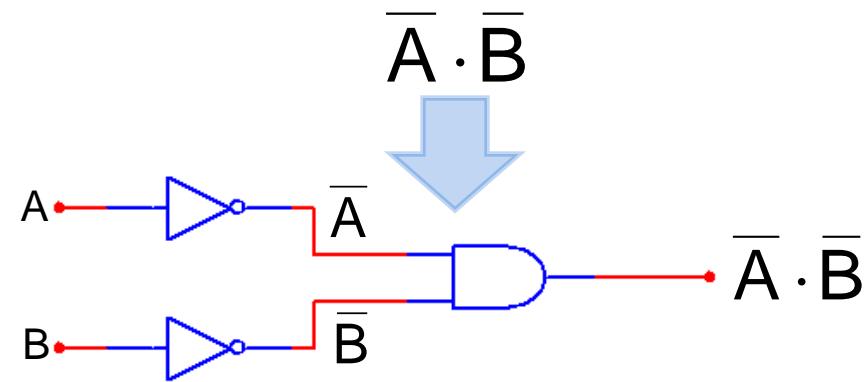
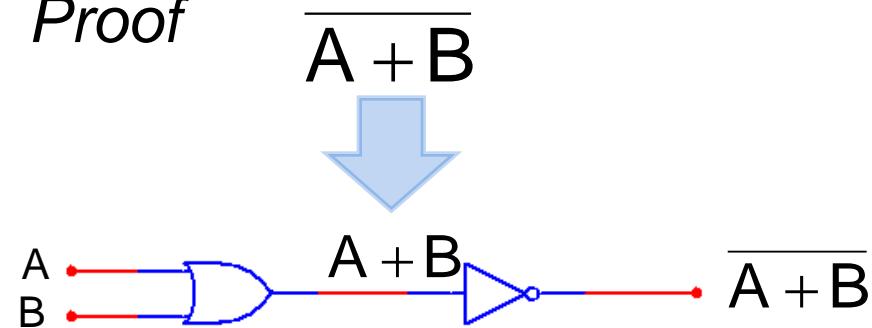


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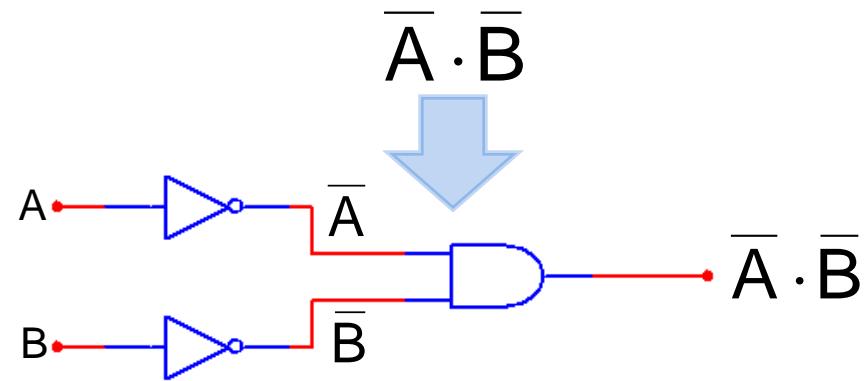
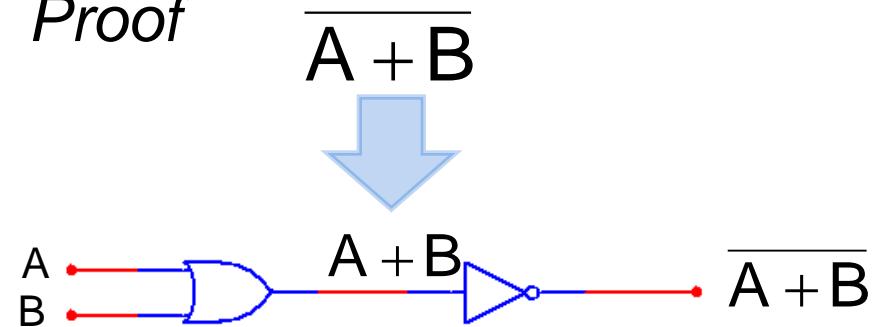


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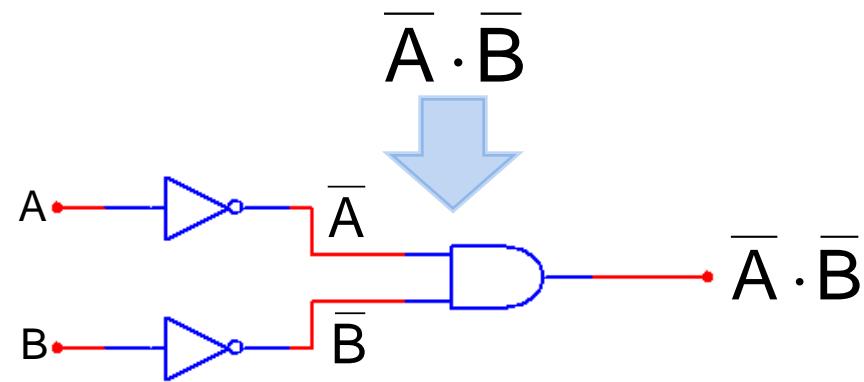
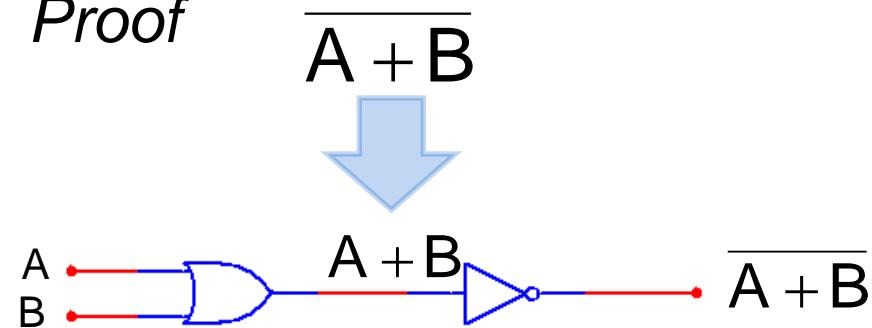


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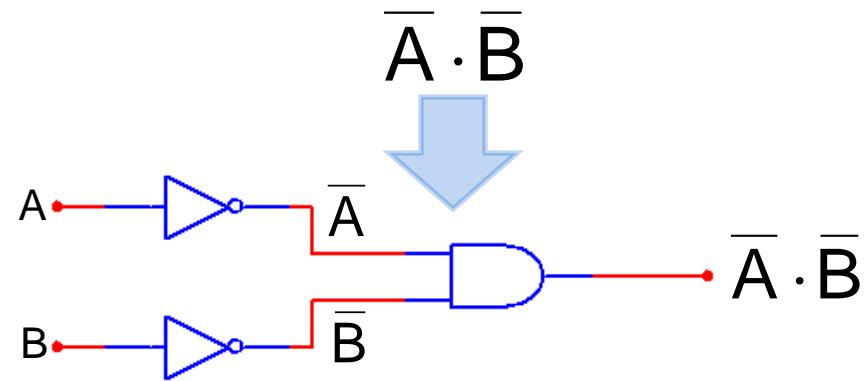
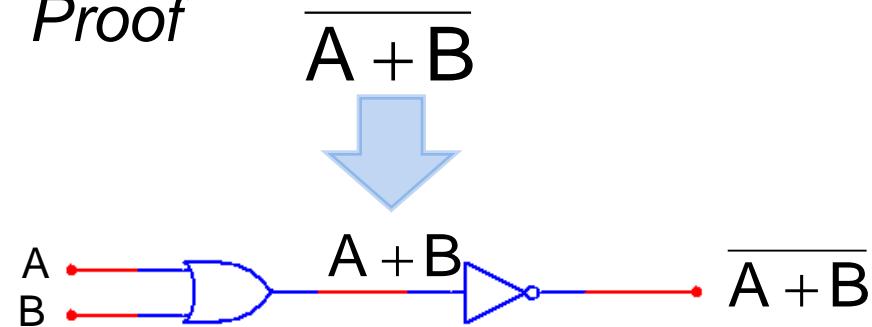


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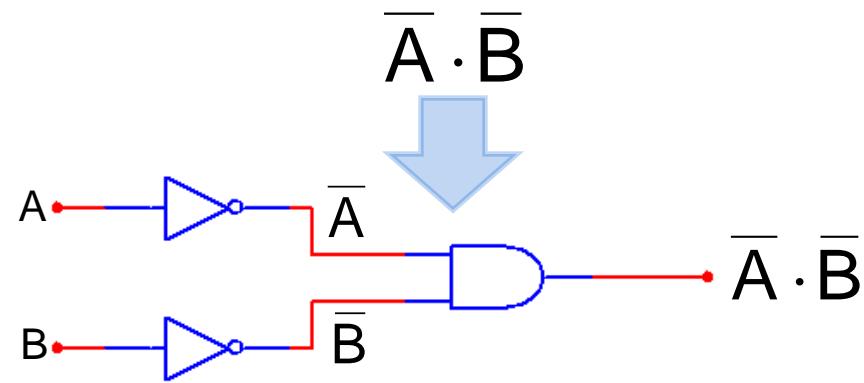
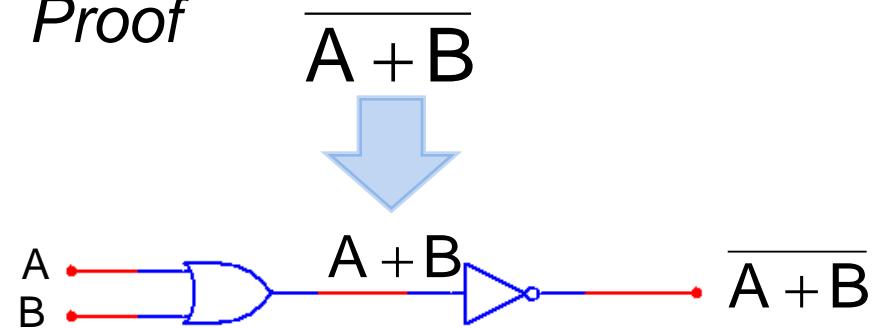


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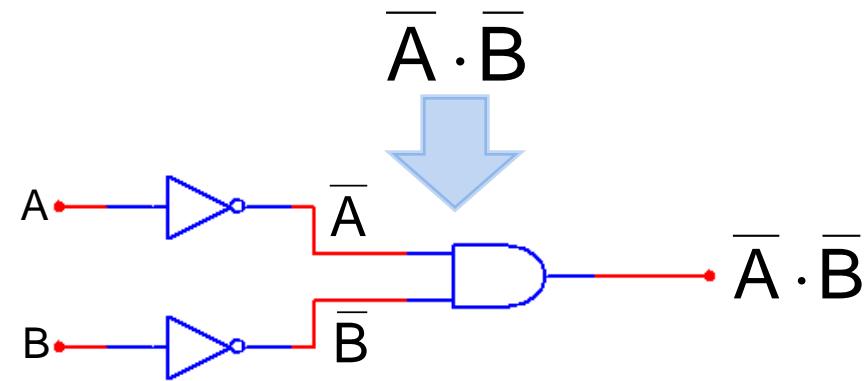
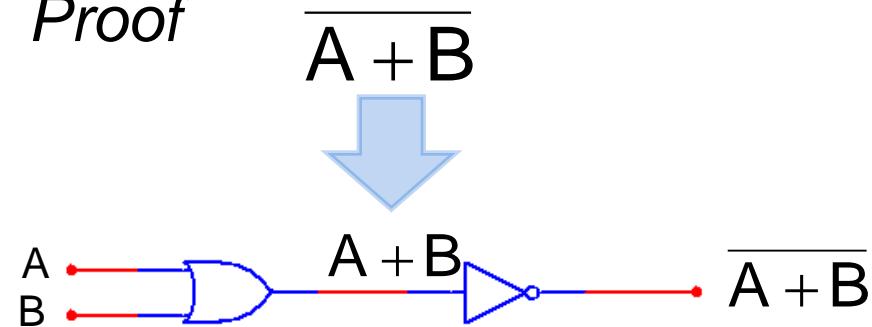


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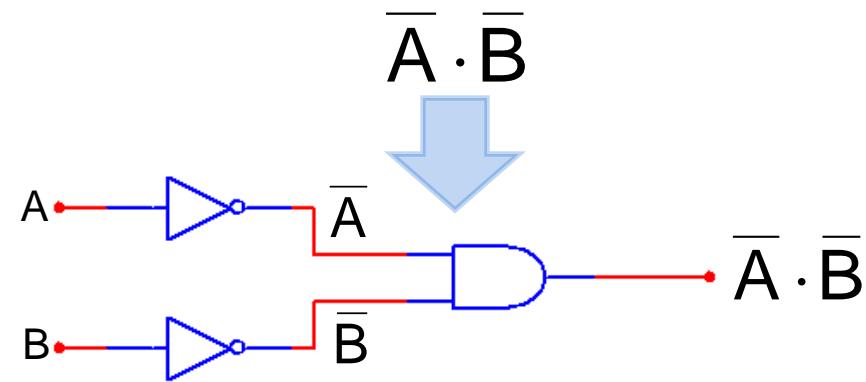
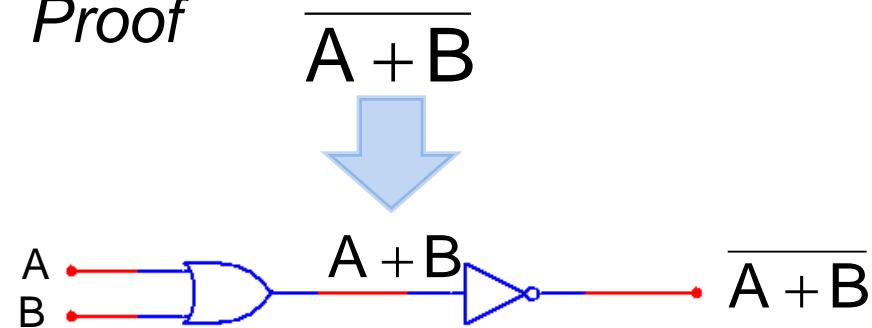


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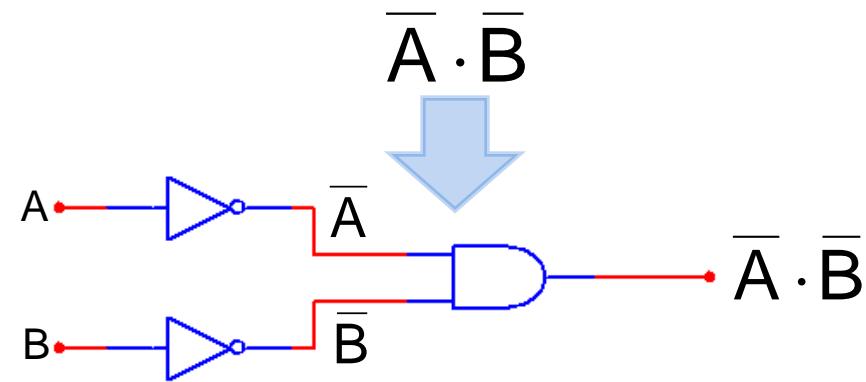
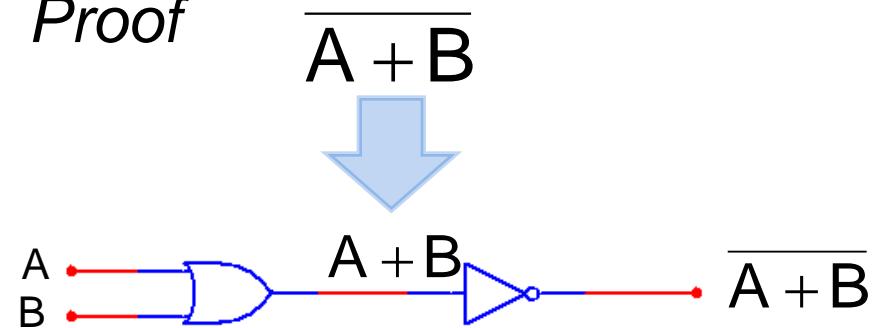


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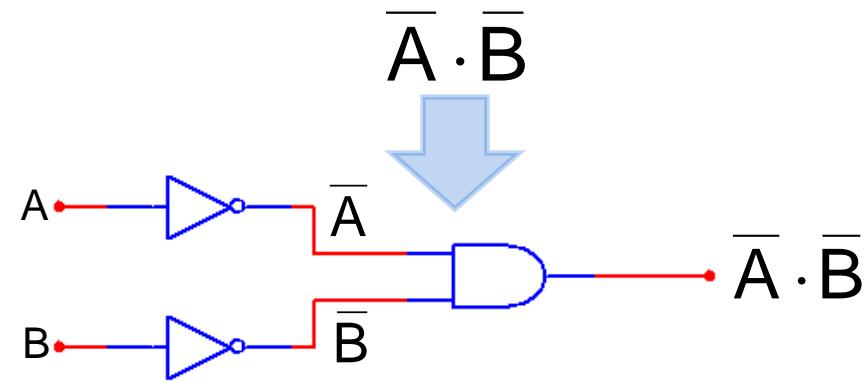
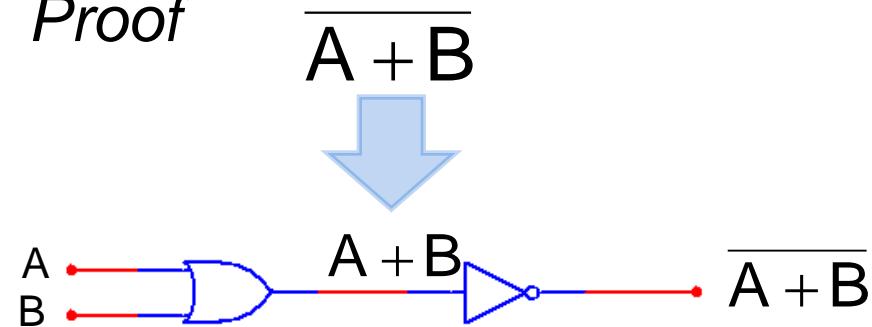


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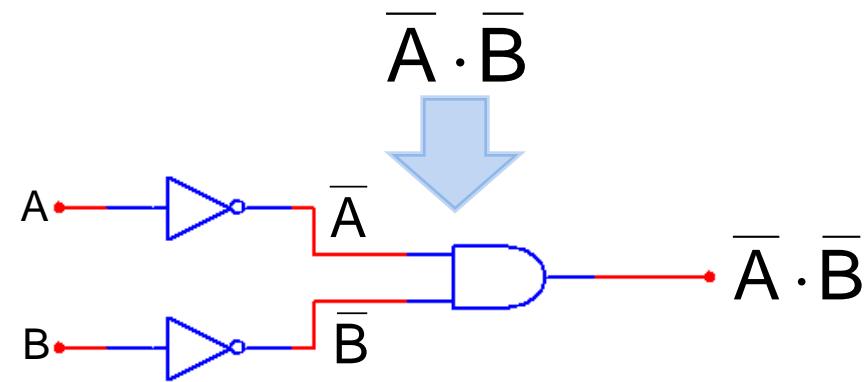
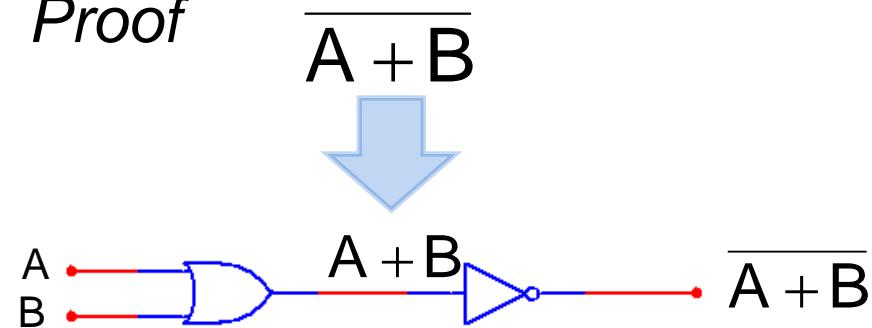


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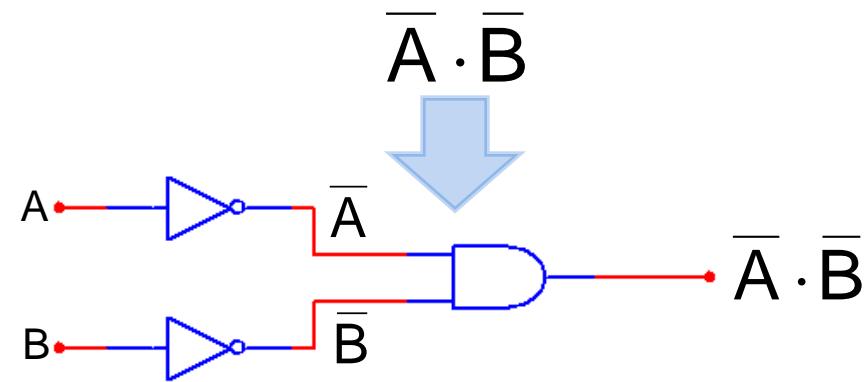
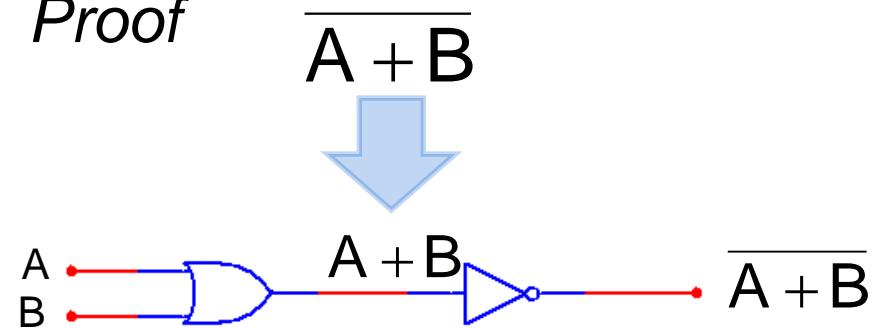


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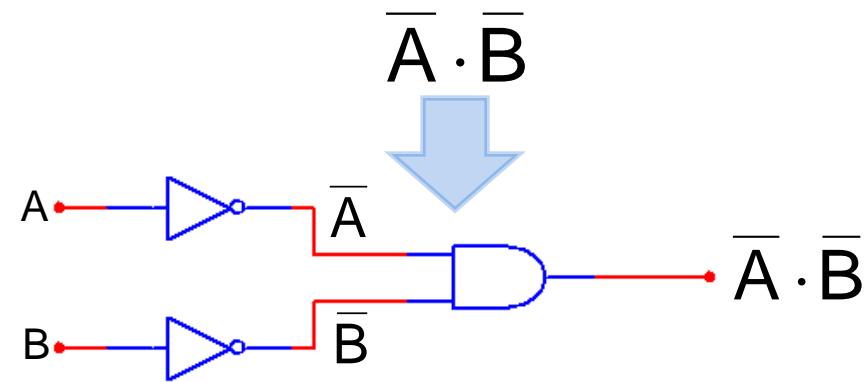
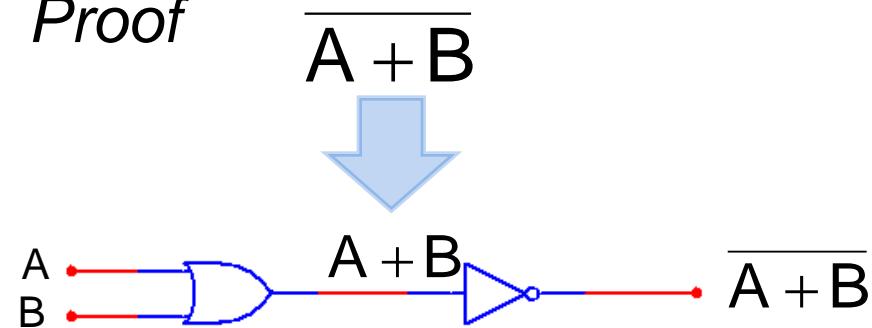


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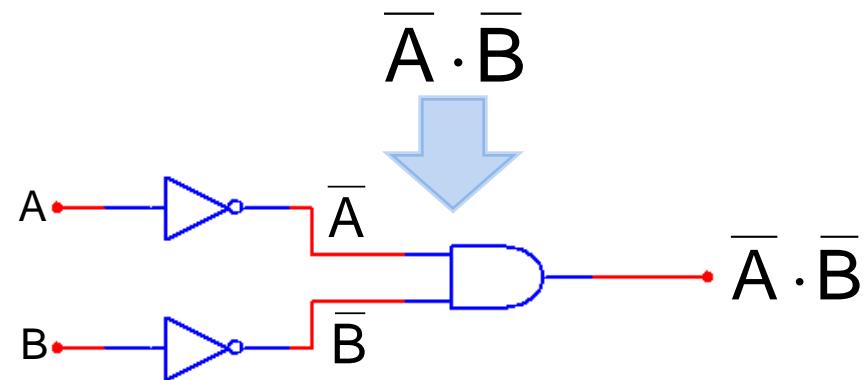
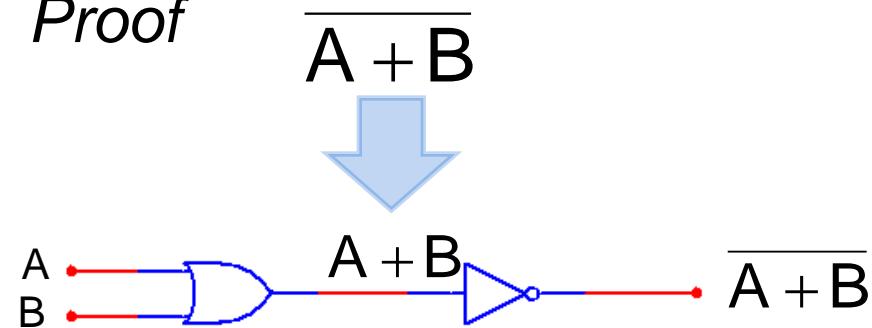


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The truth-tables are equal; therefore, the Boolean equations must be equal!

Summary

Boolean & DeMorgan's Theorems

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$$2) \quad X \cdot 1 = X$$

$$3) \quad X \cdot X = X$$

$$4) \quad X \cdot \bar{X} = 0$$

$$5) \quad X + 0 = X$$

$$6) \quad X + 1 = 1$$

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$$9) \quad \bar{\bar{X}} = X$$

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$$10B) \quad X + Y = Y + X$$

$$11A) \quad X(YZ) = (XY)Z$$

$$11B) \quad X + (Y + Z) = (X + Y) + Z$$

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$$12B) \quad (X + Y)(W + Z) = XW + XZ + YW + YZ$$

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$$13D) \quad \bar{X} + X\bar{Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$$

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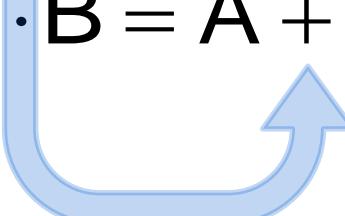
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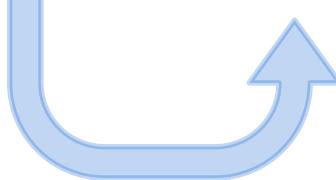
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Simplify the following Boolean expression and note the Boolean or DeMorgan's theorem used at each step. Put the answer in SOP form.

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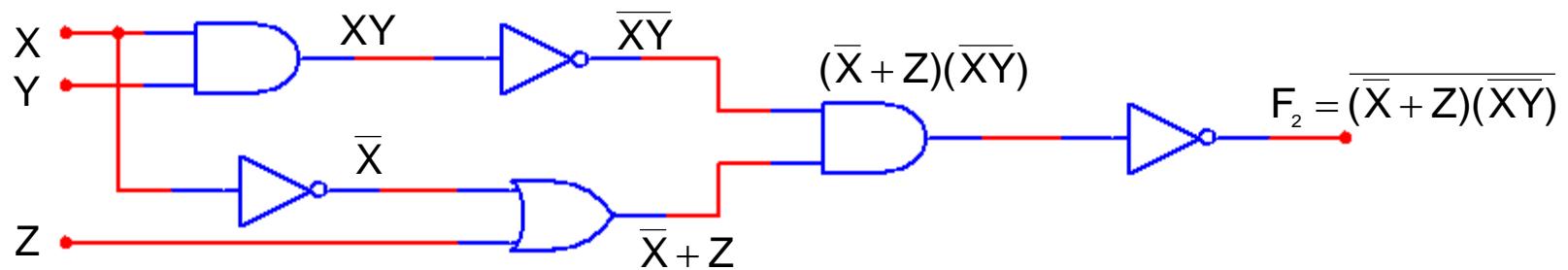
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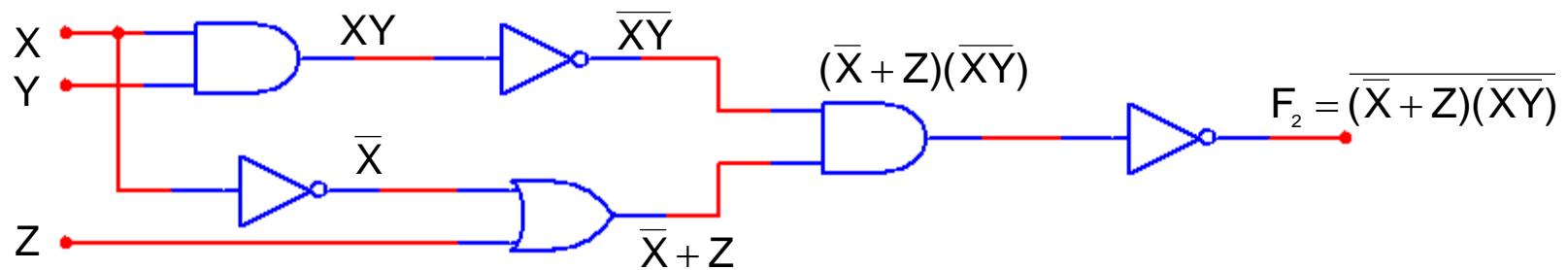
DeMorgan's: Example #2

Take a look at the VERY poorly designed logic circuit shown below. If you were to analyze this circuit to determine the output function F_2 , you would obtain the results shown.



DeMorgan's: Example #2

Simplify the output function F_2 . Be sure to note the Boolean or DeMorgan's theorem used at each step. Put the answer in SOP form.



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