

# Boolean Algebra, Axioms and Rules

$\mathcal{B}(+, \cdot, \neg)$  is a Boolean Algebra, if axioms I) through V) hold.

## 1 Axioms

I) Associativity:  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ , likewise for  $\cdot$ .

II) Commutativity:  $a + b = b + a$ , likewise for  $\cdot$ .

III) Distributivity:  $a + bc = (a + b)(a + c)$ ,  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ .

IV) Absorption:  $a + ab = a$ ,  $a(a + b) = a$ .

V) Inverse/Complements:  $0, 1 \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $a + \bar{a} = 1$ ,  $a\bar{a} = 0$ ,

## 2 Rules

1.  $a + 0 = a$

2.  $a \cdot 1 = a$

3.  $a \cdot a = a$

4.  $a + a = a$

5.  $a + 1 = 1$

6.  $a \cdot 0 = 0$

7.  $\bar{0} = 1$

8.  $\bar{1} = 0$

9. uniqueness of the inverse  $ax = 0$  and  $a + x = 1 \implies x = \bar{a}$

10.  $\bar{\bar{a}} = a$

11.  $\overline{ab} = \bar{a} + \bar{b}$  (DeMorgan)

12.  $\overline{\bar{a} + \bar{b}} = a \cdot b$  (DeMorgan)

13.  $a + \bar{a}b = a + b$