

Introduction to Digital Computers - Fall 1997

Assignment No. 1

Course homepage: http://www.eng.tau.ac.il/~guy/Digital_Computers/dc_home.html

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1. Prove that:

$$Q_q(A, B, \Pi) = \frac{P(A, B, \Pi)^{1-q}}{C(A, B)^q}$$

2. Prove that:

(a)

$$eq = \frac{\log P(A, B, \Pi)}{\log(P(A, B, \Pi) \cdot C(A, B))}$$

(b) If $q < eq$ then $Q_{q,B}(\Pi) < Q_{q,A}(\Pi)$.

(c) If $q > eq$ then $Q_{q,B}(\Pi) > Q_{q,A}(\Pi)$.

3. A path in a circuit is a sequence of gates G_0, G_1, \dots, G_p such that an input of gate G_{i+1} is fed from an output of gate G_i . A cycle is a closed path, namely, a path in which $G_0 = G_p$. Prove that a combinational circuit does not contain cycles.

4. Write (on paper) a (recursive) algorithm that is given as input a circuit and outputs whether it is a combinational circuit. If the circuit is a combinational circuit, then the algorithm outputs the ordered sequence of gates in the circuit G_1, G_2, \dots (according to the definition of a combinational circuit).

Prove the correctness of your algorithm.

5. Write (on paper) a (recursive) algorithm that is given as input a combinational circuit and outputs the delay of the circuit. Prove the correctness of your algorithm. (You may use the algorithm from Question 4 as a procedure).