

Example 3.1

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|-----------|-----|-----------|--------------------------|
| $F(x, y)$ | $=$ | $xy + xy$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | xy | Idempotent Law – OR Form |
| | | | $x + x = x$ |

Example 3.2 Given the function $F(x, y, z) = x'yz + x'yz' + xz$, we simplify as follows

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| $F(x, y, z)$ | $=$ | $x'yz + x'yz' + xz$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | $x'y(z + z') + xz$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $x'y(1) + xz$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $x'y + xz$ | Identity Law – AND Form |

Example 3.3 Given the function $F(x, y, z) = y + (xy)'$, we simplify as follows

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|--------------|-----|---------------|------------------------------------|
| $F(x, y, z)$ | $=$ | $y + (xy)'$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | $y + x' + y'$ | DeMorgan's Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $y + y' + x'$ | Commutative Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $1 + x'$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | 1 | Null (or Dominance) Law – OR Form |

Example 3.4 Given the function $F(x, y, z) = (xy)'(x' + y)(y' + y)$, we simplify as follows

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $F(x, y, z)$ | $=$ | $(xy)'(x' + y)(y' + y)$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | $(xy)'(x' + y)(1)$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $(xy)'(x' + y)$ | Identity Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $(x' + y')(x' + y)$ | DeMorgan's Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $x' + y'y$ | Distributive Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $x' + 0$ | Inverse Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | x' | Identity Law – OR Form |

Practice Given the function $F(x, y, z) = y(x' + (x + y)')$, we simplify as follows

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| $F(x, y, z)$ | $=$ | $y(x' + (x + y)')$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | | |
| | $=$ | | |
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| | $=$ | | |

Practice Given the function $F(x, y, z) = y(x' + (x + y)')$, we simplify as follows

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| $F(x, y, z) = y(x' + (x + y)')$ | Original Statement |
| $= y(x' + x'y')$ | DeMorgan's Law – OR Form |
| $= y(x'(1 + y'))$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| $= y(x'(1))$ | Null (or Dominance) Law – OR Form |
| $= y(x')$ | Identity Law – AND Form |
| $= x'y$ | Commutative Law – AND Form |

Trickier Example 3.5 Given the function $F(x, y, z) = x'(x + y) + (y + x)(x + y')$, we simplify as follows

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $F(x, y, z)$ | $=$ | $x'(x + y) + (y + x)(x + y')$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | $x'(x + y) + (x + y)(x + y')$ | Commutative Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $x'(x + y) + (x + yy')$ | Distributive Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $x'(x + y) + (x + 0)$ | Inverse Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $x'(x + y) + x$ | Identity Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $x'x + x'y + x$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $0 + x'y + x$ | Inverse Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $x'y + x$ | Identity Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $x + x'y$ | Commutative Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $(x + x')(x + y)$ | Distributive Law – AND Form |
| | $=$ | $(1)(x + y)$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| | $=$ | $x + y$ | Identity Law – AND Form |

Practice Given the function $F(x, y, z) = xy'z + x(y + z')' + xy'z'$, we simplify as follows

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| $F(x, y, z)$ | $=$ | $xy'z + x(y + z')' + xy'z'$ | Original Statement |
| | $=$ | | |
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| | $=$ | | |
| | $=$ | | |

Practice Given the function $F(x, y, z) = xy'z + x(y + z')' + xy'z'$, we simplify as follows

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| $F(x, y, z) = xy'z + x(y + z')' + xy'z'$ | Original Statement |
| $= xy'z + xy'z' + x(y + z')'$ | Commutative Law – OR Form |
| $= xy'(z + z') + x(y + z')'$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| $= xy'(1) + x(y + z')'$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| $= xy' + x(y + z')'$ | Identity Law – AND Form |
| $= xy' + x(y'z)$ | DeMorgan's Law – OR Form |
| $= xy'(1 + z)$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| $= xy'(1)$ | Null (or Dominance) Law – OR Form |
| $= xy'$ | Identity Law – AND Form |

Trickier Example 3.6 Given the function $F(x, y, z) = xy + x'z + yz$, we simplify as follows

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| $F(x, y, z) = xy + x'z + yz$ | Original Statement |
| $= xy + x'z + yz(1)$ | Identity Law – AND Form |
| $= xy + x'z + yz(x + x')$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| $= xy + x'z + (yz)x + (yz)x'$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| $= xy + x'z + x(yz) + x'(yz)$ | Commutative Law – AND Form (twice) |
| $= xy + x'z + x(yz) + x'(zy)$ | Commutative Law – AND Form |
| $= xy + x'z + (xy)z + (x'z)y$ | Associative Law – AND Form (twice) |
| $= xy + (xy)z + x'z + (x'z)y$ | Commutative Law – OR Form |
| $= xy(1 + z) + x'z(1 + y)$ | Distributive Law – OR Form (twice) |
| $= xy(1) + x'z(1)$ | Null (or Dominance) Law – OR Form (twice) |
| $= xy + x'z$ | Identity Law – AND Form (twice) |

Example 3.7 Prove that $(x + y)(x' + y) = y$.

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| $(x + y)(x' + y) = xx' + xy + yx' + yy$ | Distributive Law – OR Form (twice) |
| $= 0 + xy + yx' + yy$ | Inverse Law – AND Form |
| $= 0 + xy + yx' + y$ | Idempotent Law – AND Form |
| $= xy + yx' + y$ | Identity Law – OR Form |
| $= yx + yx' + y$ | Commutative Law – AND Form |
| $= y(x + x') + y$ | Distributive Law – OR Form |
| $= y(1) + y$ | Inverse Law – OR Form |
| $= y + y$ | Identity Law – AND Form |
| $= y$ | Idempotent Law – OR Form |

Prove DeMorgan's Law – OR Form $(x + y)' = x'y'$ by means of a truth table.

1. Create column titles – setting up the proof. There are four (4) rows, one for each of the possible combinations for the values of x and y .

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
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2. Fill in values for y .

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | | | | | | |

3. Fill in complementary values for y' .

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| | 0 | | | | | | 1 |
| | 1 | | | | | | 0 |
| | 0 | | | | | | 1 |
| | 1 | | | | | | 0 |

4. Fill in values for x so that each row has a unique combination of x and y and so that all combinations are listed.

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| 0 | 0 | | | | | | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | | | | | | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | | | | | | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | | | | | | 0 |

5. Fill in complementary values for x' .

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| 0 | 0 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | | | | | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | | | | | 0 | 0 |

6. Compute values for $x + y$.

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 0 | 0 |

7. Compute values for $(x + y)'$.

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |

8. Compute values for $x'y'$.

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |

9. Note that for every combination of x and y – that is all possible values of x and y that $(x + y)' = x'y'$.

| x | y | $x + y$ | $(x + y)'$ | $=$ | $x'y'$ | x' | y' |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------|------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |