Don't Cares and Universal Gates

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Don't Cares



1. Observability Don't Cares:

For which settings of x, y does the output of U1 "not matter" for the final output of the circuit?

When y = 1, the output of U1 does not matter, since the output of U3 will always be 0.

2. Satisfiability Don't Cares:

Which setting of the input wires to U1 cannot occur?

Top wire = 0 and bottom wire = 1 can never occur, since top wire is x, bottom wire is xy.

Universal Gates

1. Prove that the 3-input gate $f(x, y, z) = x\overline{y}z + x + y\overline{z}$ is universal.

$$Not(x) = f(0,1,x) OR(x,y) = f(x,y,0) AND(x,y) = f(0,x,\overline{y}) = f(0,x,f(0,1,y))$$