

THE FORMULAS OF THE GENERAL REPRODUCTIVE SOLUTION OF AN EQUATION IN BOOLEAN RING WITH UNIT

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Abstract. We explicitly give the formulas of the general reproductive solution of an equation in Boolean ring with unit. In accordance with the equivalence between Boolean algebras and Boolean rings with unit (Theorem 1) we use Vaught's theorem 2 and solve the equation in $\{0, 1\}$. We also use Presić's formula of the general reproductive solution of the equation in the finite set.

We use in this paper the operations $+$ and \times , where $+$ is the operation of Boolean ring and is the addition in the set of natural numbers.

THEOREM 1. [4] *Let $(B, \cup, \cdot, ', 0, 1)$ be a Boolean algebra and n a natural number. A mapping $f : B^n \rightarrow B$ is a Boolean function if and only if it is a polynomial of the ring $(B, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$.*

Definition 1. Let $f : B^n \rightarrow B$ be a Boolean function. The system $\psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)$ of Boolean functions $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n : B^n \rightarrow B$ defines the general reproductive solution of the consistent equation $f(X) = 0$, $(X = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B^n)$ if and only if

$$(1) \quad (\forall X) f(\psi(X)) = 0 \wedge (\forall X)(f(X) = 0 \Rightarrow X = \psi(X)).$$

Definition 2. Horn formulas over language L are defined as follows:

- elementary Horn formulas are defined as the atomic formulas of L and the formulas of the form $F_1 \wedge \dots \wedge F_n \Rightarrow G$, where F_1, \dots, F_n, G are atomic;
- every Horn formula is built from elementary Horn formulas using \wedge, \forall, \exists .

THEOREM 2. (Vaught, see e.g. [2]) *Let H be a Horn sentence in the language L_B of Boolean algebras. If $B_2 \models H$ then $B \models H$.*

COROLLARY. *Let $T = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in B^n$. If $X = \psi(T)$ is the general reproductive solution of the Boolean equation $f(X) = 0$ in B_2 , then $x = \psi(T)$ is the general reproductive solution of $f(X) = 0$ in B .*

Proof. Using Vaught's theorem, because the sentence " $X = \psi(T)$ is the general reproductive solution of $f(X) = 0$ " can be written as Horn sentence

$$(\forall X)f(\psi(X)) = 0 \wedge (\forall X)(f(X) = 0 \Rightarrow \psi(X)).$$

THEOREM 3 (Prešić [3]). *Let $0 \in E$ and $J : S \rightarrow E$, where $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$. Let $J(x) = 0$ be the consistent equation and C_q be a cycle of $q \in S$, i.e. $\{q, C_q(q), C_q^2(q), \dots, C_q^{k-1}(q)\} = S$. Let $*$ and \circ be binary operations on $S \cup E$ satisfying $0 \circ e = e \circ 0 = 0 \circ 0 = 0$, $e \circ e = e$, $0 \circ q = 0$, $e \circ q = q$, $q * 0 = 0 * q = q$, $0 * 0 = 0$ ($q \in S, e \in E$) and let $\bar{}$ and $\overline{}$ be functions from E into E defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= e \quad \text{for } y = 0, & \overline{y} &= 0 \quad \text{for } y = 0, \\ \bar{y} &= 0 \quad \text{for } y \neq 0, & \overline{y} &= e \quad \text{for } y \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then the general reproductive solution of $J(x) = 0$ is defined by the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \bar{J}(q) \circ q * \bar{J}(q) \circ \bar{J}(C_q(q)) \circ C_q(q) * \dots \\ &* \bar{J}(q) \circ \bar{J}(C_q(q)) \circ \dots \circ \bar{J}(C_q^{k-3}(q)) \circ \bar{J}(C_q^{k-2}(q)) \circ C_q^{k-2}(q) * \\ &* \bar{J}(q) \circ \bar{J}(C_q(q)) \circ \dots \circ \bar{J}(C_q^{k-2}(q)) \circ C_q^{k-1}(q). \end{aligned}$$

Definition 3. Let k_1, \dots, k_n be the binary digits of the number

$$k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$$

in the binary numeration, i.e.

$$(k_1 \dots k_n)_2 = (k)_{10} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1\}.$$

If $T = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in B^n$ then

$$T \oplus k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (t_1 + k_1, \dots, t_n + k_n).$$

Example 1. For $n = 4$ we have

$$T \oplus 3 = (t_1 + 0, t_2 + 0, t_3 + 1, t_4 + 1) = (t_1, t_2, t_3 + 1, t_4 + 1),$$

since $(3)_{10} = (0011)_2$.

Definition 4. Let $(k_1 \dots k_n)_2 = (k)_{10} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ and $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} k_Q &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} k_{q_1} \dots k_{q_s}, \quad \text{where } Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_s\} \subset N \\ D(k) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \mid k_i = 1 \wedge i \in N\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $k_\emptyset = 1$, because $\prod_{x \in \emptyset} x = 1$.

PROPOSITION. Let $f : B^n \rightarrow B$ be a Boolean function and $\sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} t_i$ be the canonical polinomial form of the function f , where $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Then

$$f(T \oplus k) = \sum_{R \subset N} \left(\sum_{S \subset R} a_S \prod_{h \in S/R} k_h \right) \prod_{j \in R} t_j$$

where $(k_1 \dots k_n)_2 = (k)_{10} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} f(T \oplus k) &= \sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} (t_i + k_i) = \\ &= \sum_{S \subset N} a_S \left(\sum_{R \subset S} \prod_{j \in R} t_j \prod_{h \in S/R} k_h \right) = \\ &= \sum_{R \subset N} \left(\sum_{S \subset R} a_S \prod_{h \in S/R} k_h \right) \prod_{j \in R} t_j. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA. Let $f(T) = \sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} t_i$ be the canonical polinomial form of Boolean function $f : B^n \rightarrow B$. Then

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} &f(T)f(T \oplus 1)f(T \oplus 2) \dots f(T \oplus p) = \\ &= \sum_{V \subset N} \left(\sum_{V \subset \cup_{i=0}^p S_i} a_{S_0} a_{S_1} \dots a_{S_p} \sum_p 1 \right) \prod_{j \in V} t_j \end{aligned}$$

for $p \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 2\}$, where \sum_p means the sum over all $(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_p) \in N^{p \times 1}$ satisfying the conditions

- (a) $L_j \subset S_j \cap D(j)$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, p$
- (b) $\cup_{i=0}^p (S_i \setminus L_i) = V$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &f(T)f(T \oplus 1)f(T \oplus 2) \dots f(T \oplus p) = \\ &= \left(\sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} t_i \right) \left(\sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} (t_i + 1_i) \right) \dots \left(\sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} (t_i + p_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_{S_0, S_1, \dots, S_p \subset N} a_{S_0} \prod_{i \in S_0} t_i a_{S_1} \prod_{i \in S_1} (t_i + 1_i) \dots a_{S_p} \prod_{i \in S_p} (t_i + p_i) \\ &= \sum_{S_0, S_1, \dots, S_p \subset N} a_{S_0} a_{S_1} \dots a_{S_p} \sum_{V \subset \cup_{i=0}^p S_i} \left(\sum_{pp} 0_{L_0} 1_{L_1} \dots p_{L_p} \right) \prod_{j \in V} t_j \end{aligned}$$

$(\sum_{pp}$ means the sum over all $(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_p) \in N^{p \times 1}$ satisfying the conditions

- (c) $L_j \subset S_j$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, p$

- (d) $\cup_{i=0}^p (S_i \setminus L_i) = V$
 $= \sum_{V \subset N} \sum_{V \subset \cup_{i=0}^p S_i} a_{S_0} \dots a_{S_p} (\sum_{pp} 0_{L_0} 1_{L_1} \dots p_{L_p}) \prod_{j \in V} t_j$
 $0_{L_0} 1_{L_1} \dots p_{L_p} = 1$ if and only if
(e) $L_j \subset D(j), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, p$

so we get (2), because the conditions (c) and (e) are equivalent to (a). \square

THEOREM 4. *Let $f(X) = \sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} x_i$ be the canonical polynomial form of Boolean function $f : B^n \rightarrow B$. Let*

$$(3) \quad \sum_{S \subset N} a_S \prod_{i \in S} x_i = 0$$

be the consistent equation. The formulas

$$(4) \quad x_i = t_i + \sum_{V \subset N} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{2^n-2} C(V, k) (k_i + (k \times 1)_i) \right) \prod_{j \in V} t_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

are the general reproductive solution of the equation (3) where

$$(5) \quad C(V, k) = \sum_{\cup_{q=0}^k S_q \supset V} a_{S_0} a_{S_1} \dots a_{S_k} \sum_k 1$$

and \sum_k is the sum over all $(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_k) \in N^{k \times 1}$ satisfying the conditions

- (i) $L_j \subset S_j \cup D(j) \quad (j = 0, 1, \dots, k)$
(ii) $\cup_{i=0}^k (S_i \setminus L_i) = V$.

Proof. In accordance with Theorem 1 and Corollary it is sufficient to prove the theorem in B_2 . We form the cycle for all $T = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$ in the following way

$$T, T \oplus 1, T \oplus 2, \dots, T \oplus (2^n - 1).$$

It is obvious that

$$\{T, T \oplus 1, T \oplus 2, \dots, T \oplus (2^n - 1)\} = \{0, 1\}^n$$

for arbitrary $T \in \{0, 1\}^n$.

Introducing

$$\bar{y} = y \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\bar{y}} = y + 1$$

we get, by Theorem 2, the general reproductive solutions of the equation (3) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} X = & (f(T) + 1)T + f(T)(f(T \oplus 1) + 1)(T \oplus 1) + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1)(f(T \oplus 2) + 1)(T \oplus 2) + \dots + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))(f(T \oplus (2^n - 2)) + 1)(T \oplus (2^n - 2)) \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))f(T \oplus (2^n - 2))(T \oplus (2^n - 1)) \end{aligned}$$

or in the scalar form

$$\begin{aligned} x_i = & (f(T) + 1)t_i + f(T)(f(T \oplus 1) + 1)(t_i + l_i) + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1)(f(T \oplus 2) + 1)(t_i + 2_i) + \dots + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))(f(T \oplus (2^n - 2)) + 1)(t_i + (2^n - 2)_i) + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 2))f(T \oplus (2^n - 2))(t_i + (2^n - 1)_i) \\ & (i = 1, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} x_i = & t_i(f(T) + 1 + f(T)(f(T \oplus 1) + 1) + f(T)f(T \oplus 1)(f(T \oplus 2) + 1) + \dots \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))(f(T \oplus (2^n - 2)) + 1) + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))f(T \oplus (2^n - 2))) = \\ = & f(T)(f(T \oplus 1) + 1)1_i + f(T)f(T \oplus 1)(f(T \oplus 2) + 1)2_i + \dots + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))(f(T \oplus (2^n - 2)) + 1)(2^n - 2)_i + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))f(T \oplus (2^n - 2))(2^n - 2)_i, \\ & (i = 1, \dots, n). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying and using the equality $a + a = 0$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} x_i = & t_i + f(T)1_i + f(T)f(T)f(T \oplus 1)(1_i + 2_i) + \dots + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 3))((2^n - 3)_i + (2^n - 2)_i) + \\ & + f(T)f(T \oplus 1) \dots f(T \oplus (2^n - 2))((2^n - 2)_i + (2^n - 1)_i), \\ & (i = 1, \dots, n). \end{aligned}$$

The last equalities can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} x_i = & t_i + \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-2} \left(\prod_{m=0}^k f(T \oplus m) \right) (k_i + (k \times 1)_i), \\ & (i = 1, \dots, n). \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma we can write

$$\prod_{m=0}^k f(T \oplus m) = \sum_{V \subset N} C(V, k) \prod_{j \in V} t_j$$

where $C(V, k)$ is given by (5). Hence

$$x_i = t_i + \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-2} \left(\sum_{V \subset N} C(V, k) \prod_{j \in V} t_j \right) (k_i + (k \times 1)_i),$$

i.e.

$$x_i = t_i + \sum_{V \subset N} \left(\sum_{V \subset N} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{2^n-2} C(V, k) (k_i + (k \times 1)_i) \right) \right) \prod_{j \in V} t_j. \quad \square$$

Example 2. Solve the equation $a_{12}x_1x_2 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_0 = 0$.

Performing the necessary procedure on a digital computer we get

$$\begin{aligned} C(\emptyset, 0) &= a_0, C(\emptyset, 1) = a_0 + a_0a_2, C(\emptyset, 2) = a_0 + a_0a_1 + a_0a_2 + a_0a_1a_2, \\ C(\{1\}, 0) &= a_1, C(\{1\}, 1) = a_1 + a_1a_2 + a_0a_{12} + a_1a_{12}, \\ C(\{1\}, 2) &= a_0a_{12} + a_0a_1a_{12}, \\ C(\{2\}, 0) &= a_2, C(\{2\}, 1) = 0, C(\{2\}, 2) = a_0a_{12} + a_0a_2a_{12} \\ C(\{1, 2\}, 0) &= a_{12}, C(\{1, 2\}, 1) = 0, C(\{1, 2\}, 2) = a_0a_{12} + a_1a_2a_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the formulas (3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= t_i + (C(\emptyset, 0)(0_i + 1_i) + C(\emptyset, 1)(1_i + 2_i) + C(\emptyset, 2)(2_i + 3_i)) \\ &\quad + (C(\{1\}, 0)(0_i + 1_i) + C(\{1\}, 1)(1_i + 2_i) + C(\{1\}, 2)(2_i + 3_i))t_1 \\ &\quad + (C(\{2\}, 0)(0_i + 1_i) + C(\{2\}, 1)(1_i + 2_i) + C(\{2\}, 2)(2_i + 3_i))t_2 \\ &\quad + (C(\{1, 2\}, 0)(0_i + 1_i) + C(\{1, 2\}, 1)(1_i + 2_i) + C(\{1, 2\}, 2)(2_i + 3_i))t_1t_2 \\ &\quad (i = 1, 2) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= t_1 + C(\emptyset, 1) + C(\{1\}, 1)t_1 + C(\{2\}, 1)t_2 + C(\{1, 2\}, 1)t_1t_2 = \\ &= t_1 + a_0 + a_0a_2 + (a_1 + a_1a_2 + a_1a_{12} + a_0a_{12})t_1 = \\ &= a_0 + a_0a_2 + (1 + a_1 + a_2 + a_1a_{12} + a_0a_{12})t_1 \\ x_2 &= t_2 + C(\emptyset, 0) + C(\emptyset, 1) + C(\emptyset, 2) + (C(\{1\}, 0) + C(\{1\}, 1) + C(\{1\}, 2))t_1 + \\ &\quad + (C(\{2\}, 0) + C(\{2\}, 1) + C(\{2\}, 2))t_2 + \\ &\quad + (C(\{1, 2\}, 0) + C(\{1, 2\}, 1) + C(\{1, 2\}, 2))t_1t_2 = \\ &= t_2 + a_0 + a_0 + a_0a_2 + a_0a_1 + a_0a_2 + a_0a_1a_2 + \\ &\quad + (a_1 + a_1 + a_1a_2 + a_0a_{12} + a_1a_{12} + a_0a_{12} + a_0a_1a_{12})t_1 + \\ &\quad + (a_2 + a_0a_{12} + a_0a_2a_{12})t_2 + (a_{12} + a_0a_{12} + a_1a_2a_{12})t_1t_2 = \\ &= a_0 + a_0a_1 + a_0a_1a_2 + (a_1a_2 + a_1a_{12} + a_0a_1a_{12})t_1 + \\ &\quad + (1 + a_2 + a_0a_{12} + a_0a_2a_{12})t_2 + (a_{12} + a_0a_{12} + a_1a_2a_{12})t_1t_2. \end{aligned}$$

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