

Minterms and Maxterm

- Minterms:
 - Each fundamental product in the SOP form is called as minterms.
 - Each individual term in the **Standard** or **Canonical** SOP form is called as minterm

Example :

- Calculate the minterms forms for the given table

$$F(A B C) = \overline{A} \overline{B} \overline{C} + \overline{A} \overline{B} C + \overline{A} B \overline{C} + \overline{A} B C + A \overline{B} \overline{C}$$

$$= m_2 \quad m_4 \quad m_5 \quad m_6 \quad m_7$$

$$F(A B C) = \sum m(2, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

| A | B | C | F | minterms Abbreviation |
|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | m ₀ |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | m ₁ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | m ₂ |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | m ₃ |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | m ₄ |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | m ₅ |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | m ₆ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | m ₇ |

- Maxterms:
 - Each fundamental sum in the POS form is called as maxterms.
 - Each individual term in the **Standard** or **Canonical** POS form is called as minterm

Example :

- Calculate the minterms forms for the given table

$$F(A B C) = (A + B + C) \quad (A + B + C) \quad (A + B + C)$$

m_0
 m_1
 m_3

| A | B | C | F | maxterms Abbreviation |
|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | m_0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | m_1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | m_2 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | m_3 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | m_4 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | m_5 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | m_6 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | m_7 |

- Example:

convert $\overline{A} + \overline{B}$ to standard minterms and draw truth table

Sol :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{A} + \overline{B} &= \overline{A}(1) + (1)\overline{B} \\
 &= \overline{A}(\overline{B} + B) + (\overline{A} + A)\overline{B} \\
 &= \overline{A}\overline{B} + \overline{A}B + A\overline{B} + A\overline{B} \\
 &= \overline{A}\overline{B} + \overline{A}B + A\overline{B}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\overline{A} \overline{B}) = \sum m(0, 1, 2)$$

| A | B | F |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

| A | B | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | |

- Example:

convert $\overline{A} + \overline{B}C$ to standard minterms and draw truth table

Sol :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{A} + \overline{B}C &= \overline{A}(1)(1) + (1)\overline{B}C \\
 &= \overline{A}(\overline{B} + B)(C + \overline{C}) + (\overline{A} + A)\overline{B}C \\
 &= \overline{A}\overline{B}C + \overline{A}B\overline{C} + \overline{A}BC + \overline{A}B\overline{C} + A\overline{B}C + A\overline{B}\overline{C} + AB\overline{C} + ABC
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\overline{A} \overline{B} C) = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 5)$$