Gate-level Minimization

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Gate-level minimization

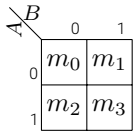
- The complexity of digital logic gates to implement a Boolean function is directly related to the complexity of algebraic expression.
- Gate-level minimization is the design task of finding an optimal gate-level implementation of Boolean functions describing a digital circuit.
  - Difficult by hand for more than few inputs.
  - Typically by computer, need to understand the underlying principle.

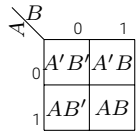
The map method

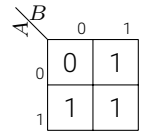
- The map method, first proposed by Veitch and slightly improvised by Karnaugh, provides a simple, straightforward procedure for the simplification of Boolean functions.
  - Called *Karnaugh map*.
- The map is a diagram consisting of *square*s. For n variables on a Karnaugh map there are 2^n numbers of squares. 2^n个格子
  - Each square or cell represents one of the minterms.
  - Since any Boolean function can be expressed as a sum of minterms, it is possible to recognize a Boolean function graphically in the map from the area enclosed by those squares whose minterms appear in the function.

Two-variable K-map

- A two-variable system can form four minterms







- The two-variable Karnaugh map is a useful way to represent any of the 16 Boolean functions.
  - Example:

$$A + B = A(B + B') + B(A + A')$$
$$= AB + AB' + AB + A'B = AB + AB' + A'B$$

  - So the squares corresponding to AB, AB', and $A'B$ are marked with 1.

Three-variable K-map

- Since there are eight minterms for three variables, the map consists of eight cells or squares.
  - Minterms are arranged, not according to the binary sequence, but according to the sequence similar to the gray code.
  - **Between two consecutive rows or columns, only one single variable changes its logic value from 0 to 1 or from 1 to 0.**

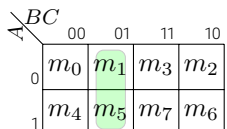
连续两行或两列只能改变一个数位上的数

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_1	m_3	m_2
1	m_4	m_5	m_7	m_6

Three-variable K-map

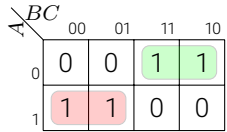
- To understand the usefulness of the map for simplifying the Boolean functions, we must observe the basic properties of the adjacent squares.
  - Any two adjacent squares in the Karnaugh map differ by only one variable, which is complemented in one square and uncomplemented in one of the adjacent squares.
  - The sum of two minterms can be simplified to a single AND term consisting of a less number of literals.
  - $m_1 + m_5 = A'B'C + AB'C = (A' + A)B'C = B'C$

在 karnaugh 映射中，任何两个相邻的正方形只相差一个变量，该变量在一个正方形中互补，在另一个正方形中不互补。



Three-variable K-map

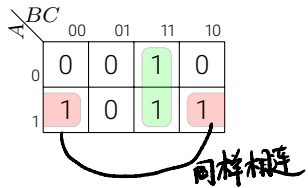
- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = A'BC + A'BC' + AB'C' + AB'C$.



- The first row: $A'BC + A'BC' = A'B$.
- The second row: $AB'C' + AB'C = AB'$.
- $F = A'B + AB'$.

Three-variable K-map

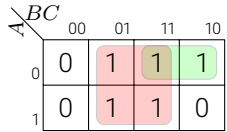
- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = A'BC + AB'C' + ABC + ABC'$.



- The third column: $A'BC + ABC = BC$.
- The second row: $AB'C' + ABC' = AC'$.
- $F = BC + AC'$.

Three-variable K-map

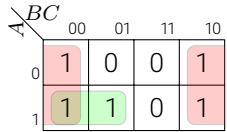
- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = \sum(1, 2, 3, 5, 7)$.



- $F = C + A'B$.

Three-variable K-map

- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = \sum(0, 2, 4, 5, 6)$.



- $F = C' + AB'$.

Four-variable K-map

- Similar to the method used for two-variable and three-variable Karnaugh maps, four-variable Karnaugh maps may be constructed with 16 squares consisting of 16 minterms.

AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	m_0	m_1	m_3	m_2
01	m_4	m_5	m_7	m_6
11	m_{12}	m_{13}	m_{15}	m_{14}
10	m_8	m_9	m_{11}	m_{10}

Four-variable K-map

- Two, four, or eight adjacent squares can be combined to reduce the number of literals in a function. 两个，四个，八个可以组合在一起.
- The squares of the top and bottom rows as well as leftmost and rightmost columns may be combined. 左，右， 顶部与底部可以组合
  - When two adjacent squares are combined, it is called a *pair* and represents a term with three literals. 3
  - Four adjacent squares, when combined, are called a *quad* and its number of literals is two. 2
  - If eight adjacent squares are combined, it is called an *octet* and represents a term with one literal. 1
  - If, in the case all sixteen squares can be combined, the function will be reduced to 1.

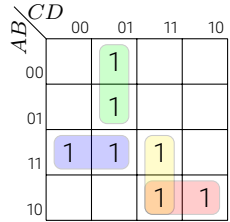
两个相邻：Pair

四个相邻：quad

八个相邻：octet

Four-variable K-map

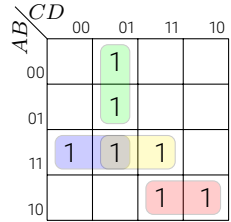
- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = m_1 + m_5 + m_{10} + m_{11} + m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{15}$.
  - $A'B'C'D + A'BC'D = A'C'D$,
  - $ABC'D' + ABC'D = ABC'$,
- $F = A'C'D + ABC' + ACD + AB'C$.
- This reduced expression is not a unique one.
  - If pairs are formed in different ways, the simplified expression will be different.



简化方式不同，简化结果也不同

Four-variable K-map

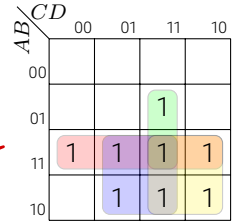
- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = m_1 + m_5 + m_{10} + m_{11} + m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{15}$.
- $F = A'C'D + ABC' + ABD + AB'C$.



Four-variable K-map

- Example: Simplify the Boolean function $F = \sum(7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)$.
- $F = AB + AC + AD + BCD$.

用最少的Group，每个Group尽可能big



Four-variable K-map

- Example: Plot the logical expression $F(A,B,C,D) = ABCD + AB'C'D' + AB'C + AB$ on a four-variable Karnaugh map.

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\begin{aligned}
& F(A,B,C,D) \\
&= ABCD + AB'C'D' + AB'C + AB \\
&= ABCD + AB'C'D' + AB'C(D+D') \\
&\quad + AB(C+C')(D+D') \\
&= \dots \\
&= \sum(8,10,11,12,13,14,15) \\
&= AB + AC + AD'
\end{aligned}
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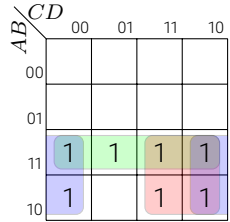
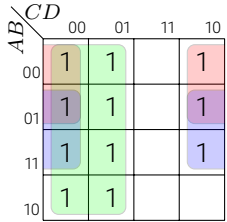


Four-variable K-map

- Simplify the expression $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14)$.



Four-variable K-map

- Simplify the expression $F(A,B,C,D) = A'B'C' + B'CD' + A'BCD' + AB'C'$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F(A,B,C,D) \\
&= A'B'C'(D+D') + B'CD'(A+A') \\
&\quad + A'BCD' + AB'C'(D+D') \\
&= A'B'C'D + A'B'C'D' + AB'CD' \\
&\quad + A'B'CD' + A'BCD' + AB'C'D \\
&\quad + AB'C'D' \\
&= \sum(0,1,2,6,8,9,10) \\
&= B'C' + B'D' + A'CD'
\end{aligned}
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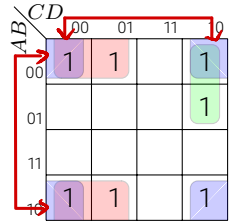
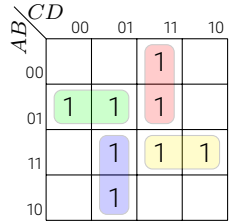


简化时先看四角

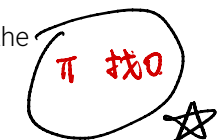
Four-variable K-map

- Simplify the expression
  $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15)$.
  - It may be noted that one quad can also be formed, but it is redundant as the squares contained by the quad are already covered by the pairs which are essential.
- $F = A'BC' + A'CD + AY'D + ABC$.



Four-variable K-map

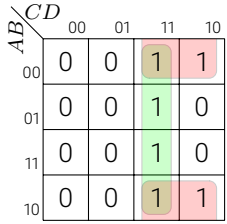
- Simplify the expression $F(A, B, C, D) = \prod(0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14)$.
  - The above expression is given in respect to the maxterms.
  - 0's are to placed instead of 1's at the corresponding maxterm squares.
- $F = C(B' + D)$.



AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	0	0	1	1
01	0	0	1	0
11	0	0	1	0
10	0	0	1	1

Four-variable K-map

- Simplify the expression $F(A, B, C, D) = \prod(0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14)$.
  - The other way to achieve the minimized expression is to consider the 1's of the Karnaugh map.
- $F = CD + B'C = C(B' + D)$.



Five-variable K-map

- Karnaugh maps with more than four variables are not simple to use.
  - The number of cells or squares becomes excessively large and combining the adjacent squares becomes complex.
  - A five-variable Karnaugh map contains 2^5 or 32 cells.

五个以上的元素不再使用卡诺图
单元格太多 不易合并

Prime Implicants

主蕴含项

- A *prime implicant* is a product term obtained by combining the maximum possible number of adjacent squares in the map.
- The prime implicants of a function can be obtained from the map by combining all possible maximum numbers of squares. 组合所有可能的最大方数.
  - If a minterm in a square is covered by only one prime implicant, that prime implicant is said to be *essential*. 如果一个方中的一个极小项只有一个主蕴含项覆盖,这个蕴含项被称为最基本的.
- Gate-level minimization:
  - Determine all essential prime implicants.
  - Find other prime implicants that cover remaining minterms.
  - Logical sum all prime implicants.

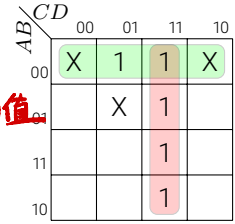
Don’t care conditions

- In practice, Boolean function is not specified for certain combinations of input variables.
  - Input combinations never occur during the process of a normal operation.
  - Those input conditions are guaranteed never to occur.
- Such input combinations are called *don’t-care condition*s.
- These input combinations can be plotted on the Karnaugh map for further simplification.
  - The don’t care conditions are represented by d or X in a K-map.
  - They can be either 1 or 0 upon needed.

Don’t care conditions

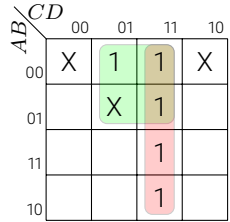
- Simplify the expression $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(1, 3, 7, 11, 15), d = \sum(0, 2, 5)$.
- $F = A'B' + CD$.

可以让X变成
任意你需要的值



Don’t care conditions

- Simplify the expression $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(1, 3, 7, 11, 15), d = \sum(0, 2, 5)$.
- $F = A'D + CD$.



More examples

- Using the Karnaugh map method obtain the minimal sum of the products expression for the function $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(0, 2, 3, 6, 7) + d(8, 10, 11, 15)$.