

Logic Optimization: Graphical Method

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Function Minimization

- ① Cost/Area
- ② Performance (delay)
- ③ Testability
- ④ Power

SOP / POS / Truth table

Cost \propto (# literals + # product terms)

delay \propto $\left(\max \left\{ \# \text{literals in individual prod. terms} \right\} + \# \text{prod. terms} \right)$

$\min(\# \text{prod. terms})$ — minimize cost & delay

$\min(\# \text{literals})$ — minimize cost

$\min \left(\max \left\{ \# \text{literals in individual prod. terms} \right\} \right)$ — min delay



Function Minimization

① Algebraic Method (Boolean Algebra)

↳ Not SCALABILITY

② Algorithmic Approach

③ Graphical Method (K-Map)

④ Tabular Method (Q.M)

function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

Truth Table \rightarrow Graphical representation.

$$f(a, b) = \bar{a} \bar{b} + a \bar{b} = (\bar{a} + a) \bar{b} = \bar{b}$$

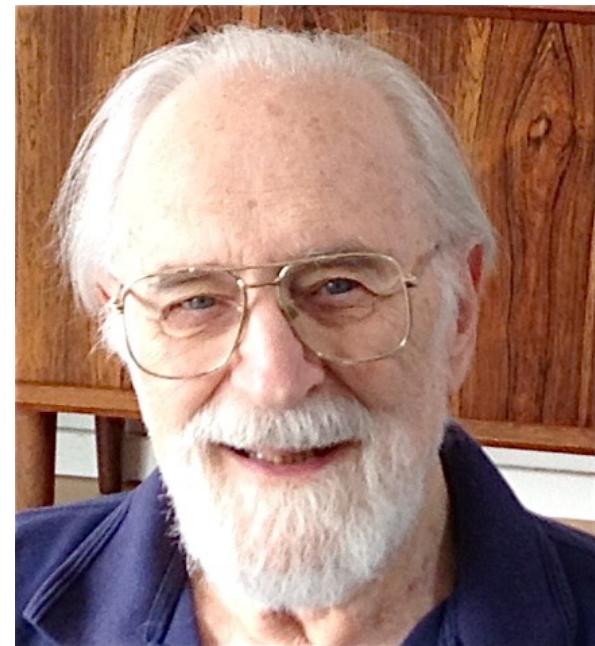
$\bar{b} \rightarrow f(a, b)$



Graphical Method: Karnaugh Map

Maurice Karnaugh

- American Physicist
- Bell Lab (1952 – 66)
- Developed K-Map in 1954



Maurice Karnaugh
Born: 4 October 1924

→ Karnaugh, Maurice (November 1953), "[The Map Method for Synthesis of Combinational Logic Circuits](#)". [Transactions of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Part I: Communication and Electronics](#). 72(5): 593–599



Function Minimization: K-Map

| | | $f(a) =$ |
|-----|--------|----------|
| a | $f(a)$ | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 0 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 0 1 |

| a | 0 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | | |

$$f = a$$

| a | 0 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | | |

$$\bar{a} + a = 1$$

pair
 $f = 1$

$$f(a, b)$$

| a | b | $f(a, b)$ |
|-----|-----|-----------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

0-implicant

$$\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}b$$

$$f = (\bar{a} + b)\bar{b}$$

$$f = \bar{b}$$

| a | 0 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|
| b | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

pair

$f \neq$

| a | 0 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|
| b | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |

pair
 $f = \bar{b}$

| a | 0 | 1 |
|-----|---|---|
| b | 0 | 1 |
| 00 | 1 | 0 |
| 01 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 1 |
| 10 | 1 | 0 |

$$f = \bar{b}$$

Implicant

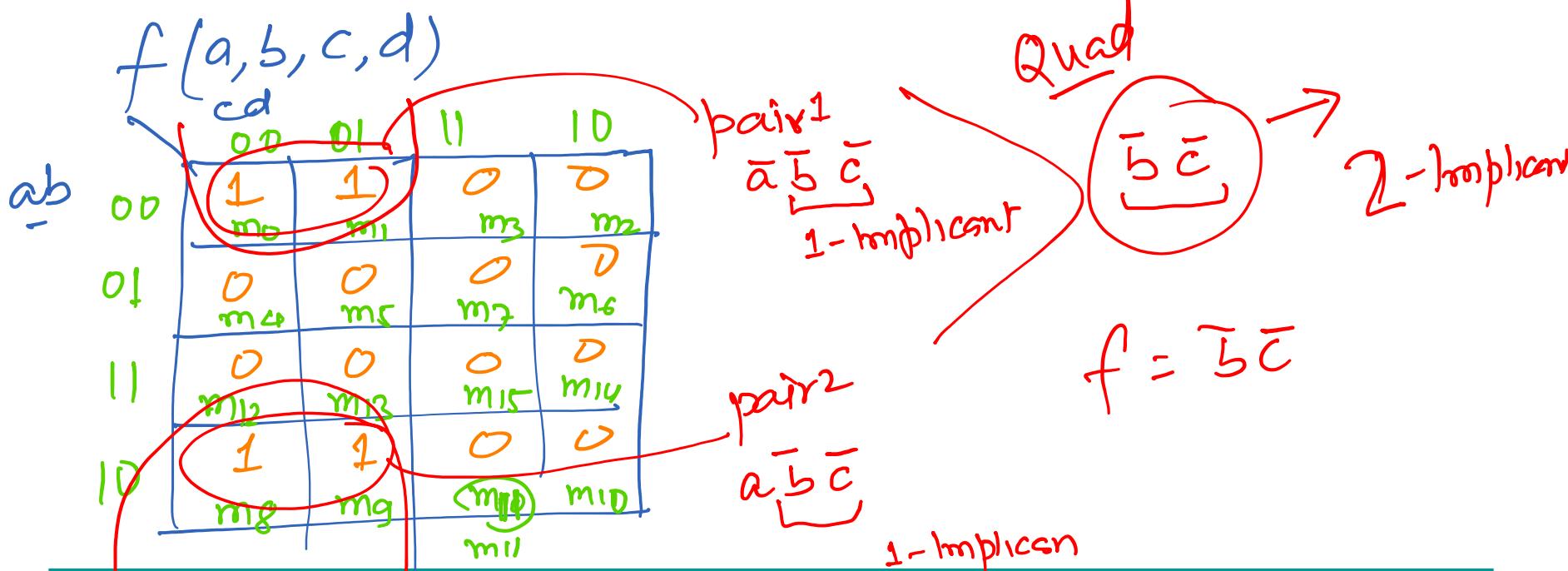
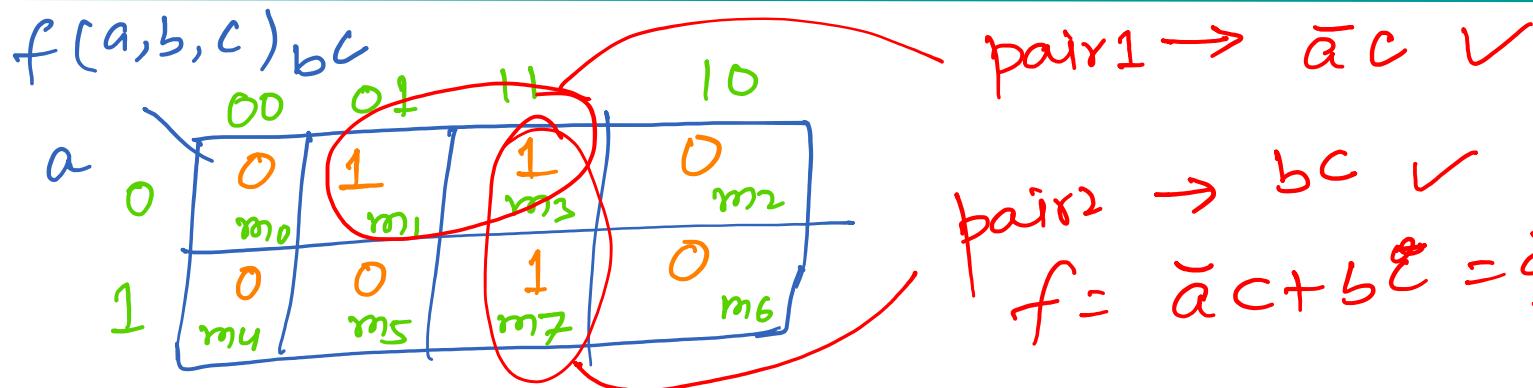
1-implicant

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Function Minimization: K-Map



Function Minimization: K-Map

2-terms →
2 (0-implicants)

pair :
(1-implicant)

2 pairs →
(4@ terms)

Quad.
(2-implicant)

2 Quads → Octet
(2-implicant)

(3-implicant)

Prime
Implicant

longest implicant
(Cover largest
no. of Min terms)

Objective = Min (# Prime Implicants)



Function Minimization: K-Map

m-implicant

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
n-variable.

literals in implicant = $\frac{n-m}{\text{---}} \uparrow$



Thank You

