



THE KARNAUGH MAP

LOGIC MINIMIZATION

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TOPIC OUTLINE

SOP Minimization

POS Minimization



SOP_MINIMIZATION



KARNAUGH MAP

A Karnaugh map is an array of cells in which each cell represents a binary value of the input variables. It provides a systematic method for simplifying Boolean expressions.

3-variable K-map

AB \ C	C	
	0	1
00	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C$
01	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}$	$\bar{A}BC$
11	$AB\bar{C}$	ABC
10	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$A\bar{B}C$



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4-variable K-map

$AB \backslash CD$		00	01	11	10
00	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C\bar{D}$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}CD$	
01	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}D$	$\bar{A}BC\bar{D}$	$\bar{A}BCD$	
11	$AB\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$AB\bar{C}D$	$ABC\bar{D}$	$ABCD$	
10	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}D$	$A\bar{B}C\bar{D}$	$A\bar{B}CD$	



MAPPING A STANDARD SOP EXPRESSION

A 1 is placed on the K-map cell that corresponds to the value of a product term in the expression.

3-variable K-map

$$f = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}BC + AB\bar{C} + ABC$$

000 011 110 111

		C	
		0	1
AB	00	1	
	01		1
	11	1	1
	10		



GROUPING 1s

A group must contain either 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 cells,
which are all **powers of two**.

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

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

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

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

SOP MINIMIZATION

The process that results in an expression containing the fewest possible terms with the fewest possible variables is called minimization.

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

$$f = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + AB + BC$$

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

$$f = \bar{B} + \bar{A}\bar{C} + AC$$

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

$$f = \bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B + A\bar{B}D$$

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

$$f = \bar{D} + B\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C$$

Variables that occur both complemented and uncomplemented within the group are eliminated. These are called contradictory variables.

EXERCISE

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the given standard SOP expression.

Solution

$$f = \sum m(2, 4, 6)$$



EXERCISE

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the given standard SOP expression.

Solution

$$f = \sum m(13, 14, 15)$$



EXERCISE

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the given standard SOP expression.

Solution

$$f = \sum m(5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15)$$



EXERCISE

Map the given table to a Karnaugh map and generate the minimized expression.

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X

Solution

note

X represents “don’t care” term – it can be treated as either 1 or 0.



POS MINIMIZATION



KARNAUGH MAP

3-variable K-map

$AB \backslash C$	0	1
00	$A + B + C$	$A + B + \bar{C}$
01	$A + \bar{B} + C$	$A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$
11	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C$	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$
10	$\bar{A} + B + C$	$\bar{A} + B + \bar{C}$

4-variable K-map

$AB \backslash CD$	00	01	11	10
00	$A + B + C + D$	$A + B + C + \bar{D}$	$A + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D}$	$A + B + \bar{C} + D$
01	$A + \bar{B} + C + D$	$A + \bar{B} + C + \bar{D}$	$A + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + \bar{D}$	$A + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + D$
11	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C + D$	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C + \bar{D}$	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + \bar{D}$	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + D$
10	$\bar{A} + B + C + D$	$\bar{A} + B + C + \bar{D}$	$\bar{A} + B + \bar{C} + \bar{D}$	$\bar{A} + B + \bar{C} + D$



MAPPING A STANDARD POS EXPRESSION

A 0 is placed on the K-map cell that corresponds to the value of a sum term in the expression.

3-variable K-map

$$f = (A + B + C)(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C})(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C)(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C})$$

		000	011	110	111
AB \ C	0	0			
	1		0		
00					
01			0		
11	0	0			
10					



GROUPING 0s

A group must contain either 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 cells,
which are all **powers of two**.

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

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

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

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

POS MINIMIZATION

The process that results in an expression containing the fewest possible terms with the fewest possible variables is called minimization.

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

$$f = (A + B + C)(\bar{A} + \bar{B})$$
$$(\bar{B} + \bar{C})$$

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

$$f = (B)(A + C)(\bar{A} + \bar{C})$$

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

$$f = (A + C)(A + \bar{B})(\bar{A} + B + \bar{D})$$

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

$$f = (D)(\bar{B} + C)(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C})$$

Variables that occur both complemented and uncomplemented within the group are eliminated. These are called contradictory variables.

EXERCISE

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the given standard POS expression.

Solution

$$f = \prod M(0, 1, 3, 5, 7)$$



EXERCISE

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the given standard POS expression.

Solution

$$f = \prod M(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)$$



EXERCISE

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the given standard SOP expression.

$$f = \prod M(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11)$$

Solution



EXERCISE

Map the given table to a Karnaugh map and generate the minimized expression.

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1

<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>f</i>
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X

Solution

note

X represents “don’t care” term – it can be treated as either 1 or 0.



LABORATORY

