

Tabulation Method

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from beyond 6 variables

- As no. of variables increases, K-map is not practically possible because it is impossible to select best outputs.
- Tabulation Solve this difficulty.
It is step by step procedure that is guaranteed to produce simplified standard form expression for a function.
- Suitable for mechanical computation.
- first formulated by Quine and later improved by McCluskey.

* It consists of two parts

(I) find all terms that are candidate for to be included in simplified function

These terms are called Prime Implicants.

(II) Choose among the prime implicants, those terms that ~~not~~ give an expression with the least number of literals.

* How to determine Prime Implicants.

- It uses repeatedly $A + \bar{A} = 1$

' $A = 1$ ', ' $\bar{A} = 0$ ', absence of variable by '-'

Step-1 :- find the min terms, if not given, from the expression

2. Compose each min term (in binary) with every other min term (next). If two min term differ in only one variable then combine them. Put — (dash) against eliminated variable.

eg) Listing two minterms for $f(A, B, C, D)$

A B C D

1 1 1 0

1 1 1 1

Can Combine
differ in only one
digit position

A B C D

0 0 1 0

1 1 1 1

1 1 1 0

(Put - dash
sign.)

Can't be combined because
differ in more than one digit
position.

- Number of 1's in a term referred to as
its ex.

eg) $f(A, B, C, D)$

$0 = 0 \rightarrow 0, 0, 0, 0$ 0000 Index 0

$0 = 0 \rightarrow 0, 0, 0, 0$ 0000 Index 1

$1 = 1 \rightarrow 1, 0, 0, 0$ 1000 Index 2

$1 = 1 \rightarrow 1, 1, 0, 0$ 1100 Index 3

$1 = 1 \rightarrow 1, 1, 1, 0$ 1110 Index 4

The sum of all minterms is 1

- The necessary condition for combining two terms is that the index of the two term must differ by one logic variable which must also be the same.
- ✓ means one term has been combined with other term
- dash indicates missing variable (eliminated during matching)
- Any unticked term in any list must be included in the final expression (except from the last list)

Problem-1

Prob Simplify the following boolean function by using tabulation method.

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To make the things easier change the function in to binary notations with index and decimal value

$$F = \sum(0, 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15)$$

$$F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(0000, 0001, 0010, 1000,$$

$$\text{Index value} - (0, 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15)$$

$$\text{decimal value} \quad \sum(0, 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15)$$

first list value $\Sigma (0, 1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15)$

i	d	A B C D				Second List				Third List			
		A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
0	0	0	0	0	0	0, 1	0	0	0	0, 2, 8, 10	—	0	0
					✓	0, 2	0	0	—	0, 8, 12, 10	—	0	0
						0, 8	—	0	0	0, 10, 11, 14, 15	1	—	1
					✓	2, 10	—	0	1	10, 11, 14, 15	1	—	1
						8, 10	1	0	—	10, 14, 11, 15	1	—	1
					✓	10, 11	1	0	1	10, 14, 11, 15	1	—	1
						10, 14	—	1	0	11, 15	1	—	1
					✓	11, 15	1	—	1	14, 15	1	1	—
						14, 15	1	1	1	—			
3					✓								
4		15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1

for the given example, the sum of prime implicants gives the minimized function in SOP form

$$F = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{B}\bar{D} + AC$$

$$F = \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{x}\bar{z}\bar{w} + wy$$

Now compare it with k-maps

$wx\bar{y}\bar{z}$	00	01	11	10	$\bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{z}$
$w\bar{x}y\bar{z}$	1	0	1	0	$\bar{x}\bar{z}$
$w\bar{x}y\bar{z}$	0	1	0	1	$\bar{x}z$
$w\bar{x}y\bar{z}$	1	0	0	1	$x\bar{z}$
$w\bar{x}y\bar{z}$	0	1	1	1	xz

$$F = \bar{x}\bar{z} + wy + \bar{w}\bar{x}\bar{y}$$

In some cases the sum of prime implicants does not necessarily form the expression with minimum no of terms.

Example-2

~~Ex~~ Determine the prime implicants of the function

Soln

$$f(w,x,y,z) = \sum_m(1,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,15)$$

Binary = $\sum(0001, 0100, 0110, 0111, 1000, 1001,$

Index value = $\sum(1, 2, 3, 4)$

first list

	w	x	y	z
①	1	0	0	0
	4	0	1	0
	8	1	0	0
	6	0	1	1
②	9	1	0	0
	10	1	0	1
③	7	0	1	1
	11	1	0	1
④	15	1	1	1

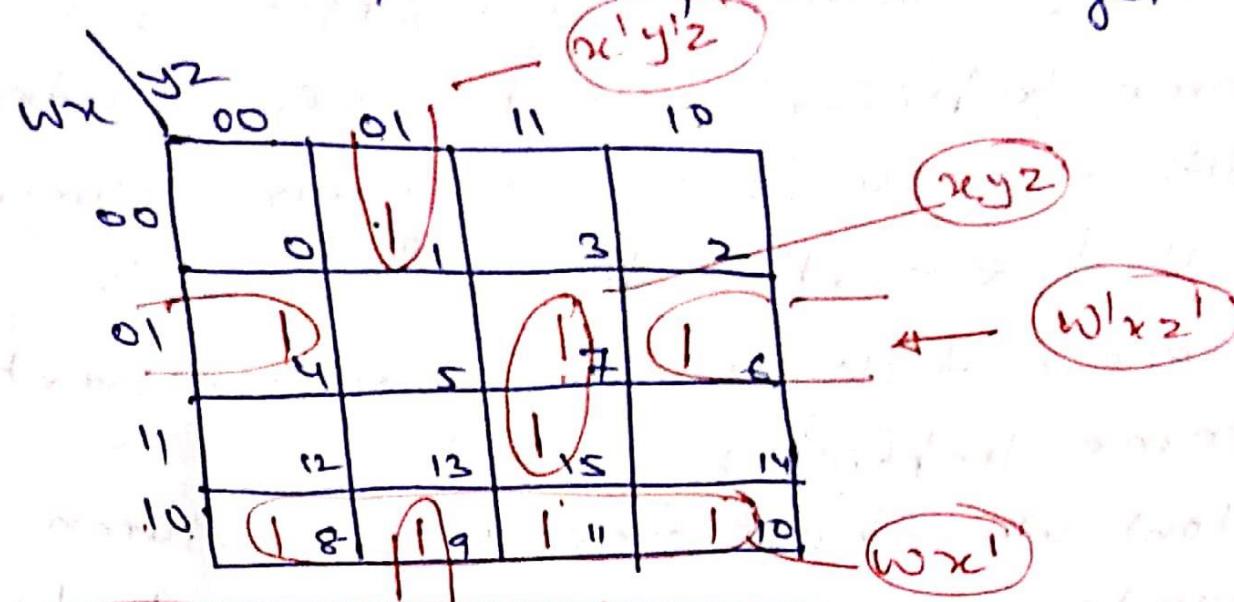
	w	x	y	z
1,9	-	0	0	1
4,6	0	1	-	0
8,9	1	0	0	-
8,10	1	0	-	0

	w	x	y	z
6,7	0	1	1	-
9,11	1	0	-	1
10,11	1	0	1	-

	w	x	y	z
7,15	-	1	1	1
11,15	1	2	1	1

$$\begin{aligned}
 F = & x'y'z + w'xz + w'x'y + xy'z + wy'z \\
 & + wx'z
 \end{aligned}$$

But if we try to form the K map and reduce the same expression we get



$$f = w'x'y'z + w'xyz + w'xz' + wx'$$

- It consists of four prime implicants out of six derived by tabular method
- So we have to select the prime implicants those give minimized function.

Selection of prime Implicants

- Generate a prime implicant table
- In this table each prime implicant is represented in a row and each min term in a column.
- Cores are placed in each row to show the composition of minterms that make the prime implicant

	1	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	15
1, 9 - $\bar{x}\bar{y}z$	*					*			
4, 6 - $\bar{w}xz\bar{z}$		x	x						
6, 7 - $\bar{w}\bar{z}y$				x		x			
7, 15 - $\bar{x}yz$					x				
11, 15 - wyz								x	x
8, 9, 10, 11 - $w\bar{z}v$		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Again that we select \times only one
Essential prime implicants

- first scan the table ~~and~~ to find the columns containing only a single cross.
 - prime implicants that cover minterms with a single cross in their column are called essential prime implicants.
- Now we check the each column whose minterm is covered by the selected essential prime implicants.

e.g.) $\bar{x}\bar{y}z$ covers 1, 9 so place ✓
 $\bar{w}x\bar{z}$ covers 4, 8, 6 so place ✓
 $w\bar{x}$ covers 8, 9, 10, 11 so place ✓

Selected essential prime implicants covers all the minterms of the function except 7 and 15.

(These two minterms must be selected included by selection of one or more prime implicants)

In this example prime implicant ~~wyz~~ ^{wyz} covers both minterm 7 & 15 so

minimized function is

$$F = \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{w}x\bar{z} + w\bar{x} + wxyz$$

- Tabulation method can also be adapted to give a simplified exp in pos. form.
- We have to start with the complement of the function by taking 0's as the initial list of minterms. The list contains those minterms not included in the original function which are numerically equal to maxterms of the function.
- The tabulation method commences with the 0's of the function and terminates with a simplified expression in SOP of the complement of function. By taking complement again, we obtain the simplified POS expression.

We use don't care when prime implicants are determined but do not use don't care terms when prime implicants table is setup because don't care terms not have to be covered by selected prime implicants.

→ Reason for not including don't care terms in prime implicants table

Example-3

① find the minimal expression for
 $(P, Q, R, S) f = \prod M(2, 3, 8, 12, 13) \cdot d(10, 14)$
Soln Using Tabulation method.

Step 1

$$\prod M(0010, 0011, 1000, 1100, 1101) \\ \cdot d(1010, 1100)$$

Index value

These uses $\overline{0} - A$, $\overline{1} - \overline{A}$

write the term in sum form

	Step 1				
	P	Q	R	S	
①	2	0	0	1	0 ✓
	8	1	0	0	0 ✓
	3	0	0	1	1 ✓
②	10	1	0	1	0 ✓
	12	1	1	0	0 ✓
③	13	1	1	0	1 ✓
	44	1	1	1	0 ✓

Prime imp.

	Step 2			
	P	Q	R	S
2, 3	0	0	1	—
2, 10	—	0	1	0
8, 10	1	0	0	0 ✓
8, 12	1	—	0	0 ✓

	Step 3			
	P	Q	R	S
8, 12, 10, 14	—	—	0	0

except last

Note

- Do not use don't care when prime implicant Table is formed

Prime Implicants | Table is formed
on chart

	2	3	8	12	13
2, 3	*	*			
2, 10	*	*			
12, 13	*			*	*
8, 10, 12, 14	P $\bar{Q} R V$	$\bar{Q} R \bar{S}$	$P Q \bar{R} V$	$P \bar{S}$	V

Col. Contain only one single conts

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \bar{P} \bar{Q} R + P \bar{Q} \bar{R} + P \bar{S} \\
 &= (A + B + C)(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C) (\bar{A} + D)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example-4

① minimize the following expression using tabular method / Quine McCluskey method

$$Y = \Sigma m(0, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13)$$

→ find binary equivalent of each minterms
 $\{0000, 0010, 0011, 0100, 0111, 1000, 1010, 1100, 1101\}$

→ find index value of each minterm in binary

$$\sum (0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13)$$

Step 1				Step 2				Step 3					
i	d	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	8	10
1	2	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	1	3	6, 7
2	8	1	0	0	0	2	6	0	-1	0	2	6, 37	0 - 1 -
3	10	1	0	1	0	2	10	-	0	1	0	10	0 - 1 -
4	12	1	1	0	0	3	7	0	-	1	1	11	1
5	13	1	1	0	1	6, 7	0	1	1	-	1	13	0 - 1 -
6	7	0	1	1	1	12, 13	1	1	0	-	1	13	0 - 1 -
7	13	1	1	0	1								

- So all unticked minterms will form the
- Candidates for the minimized exp
- Then prepare the prime implicant table

3. Check only one x column and put 1 in front of minterm

$\bar{A} \bar{C} \bar{D}$,
 $\bar{B} \bar{D} + \bar{A} \bar{C}$,

$\bar{A} \bar{B} \bar{C}$

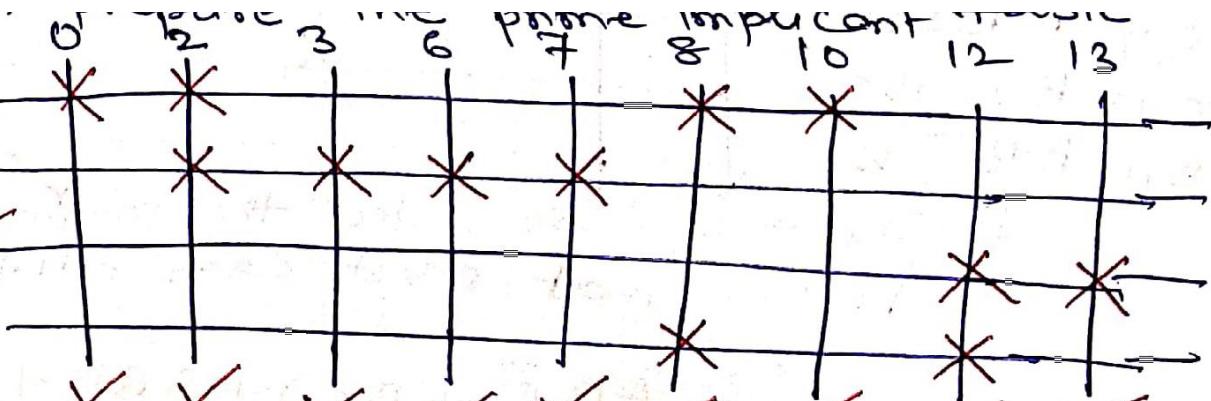
$$0, 2, 8, 10 \quad \bar{B}\bar{D} \quad \checkmark$$

$$2, 3, 6, 7 \quad \bar{A}C \quad \checkmark$$

$$12, 13 \quad A\bar{B}\bar{C} \quad \checkmark$$

$$8, 12 \quad A\bar{C}\bar{D}$$

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



If any column remaining unticked then we must include that in minimized expression of Select minimum no of primes that cover all the minterms.

Example-5

Simplify the following function using Quine-McCluskey method

$$T(A, B, C, D) = \prod_m (1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15) \quad \text{in SOP form}$$

Binary -

Binary of all minterms/min terms

$$\sum_m (0, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13)$$

Index value
 0000, 0010, 0011, 0101, 0111, 1000, 1100, 11

$$\sum_m (0, 1, 2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3)$$

Step 3

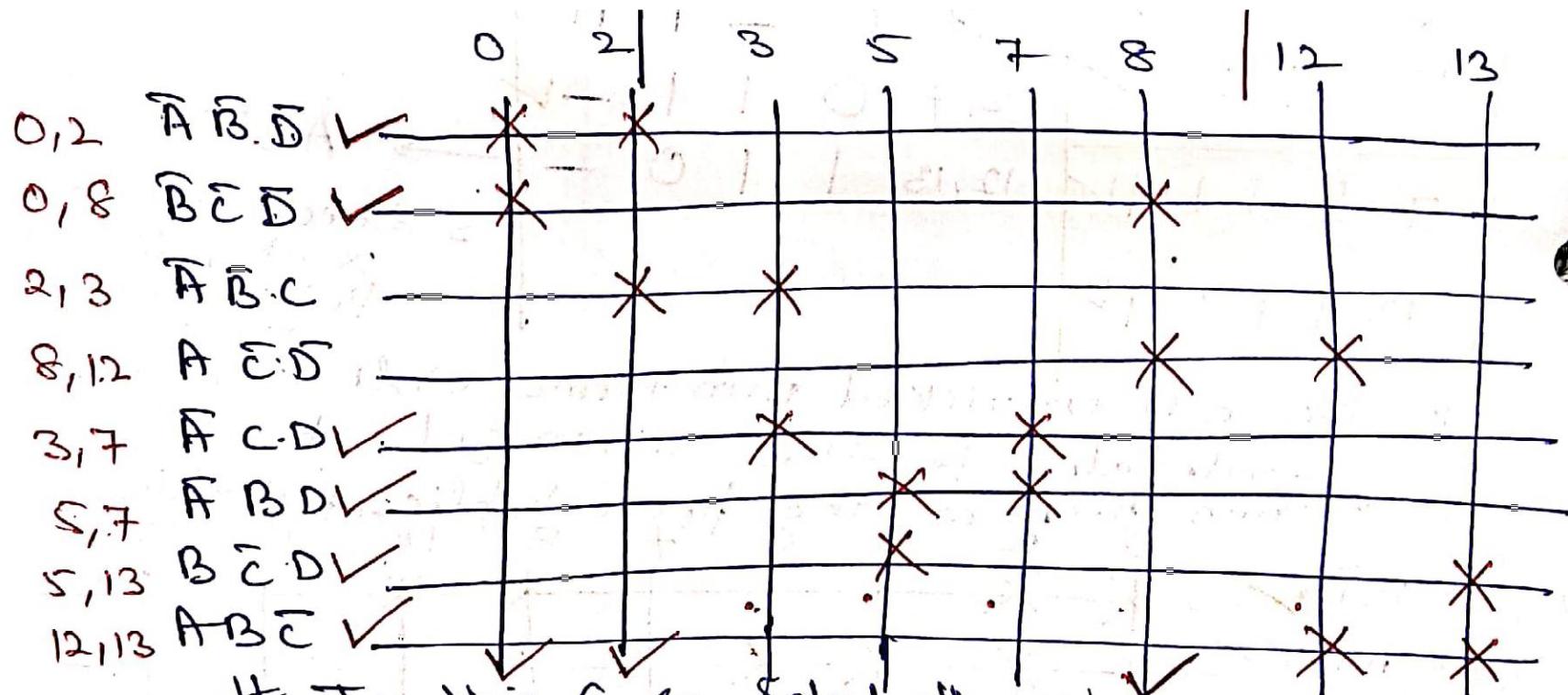
		Step 1			
	d	A	B	C	D
0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0	1
8	1	0	0	0	1

		Step 2			
	d	A	B	C	D
0, 2	0	0	0	0	0
0, 8	1	0	0	0	0
2, 3	0	0	0	1	1
2, 8, 12	1	—	0	0	0

NIL

		Step 3			
	d	A	B	C	D
3	0	0	1	1	1
5	0	1	0	1	1
12	1	1	0	0	1

		Step 4			
	d	A	B	C	D
7	0	1	1	1	1
13	1	1	0	1	1



In this Case Select the minimum number of prime that must cover all the min terms,

SOP \rightarrow F_{min}

$$= AB'C + B'C'D + A'BD + A'CD + B'C'D'$$

POS \rightarrow $(\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C)(\bar{B}+C+\bar{D})+(\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{D})$

STEP 1 - EXAMPLE

$$f^{on} = \{m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3, m_5, m_8, m_{10}, m_{11}, m_{13}, m_{15}\} = \sum (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15)$$

Minterm	Cube			
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
8	1	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	1
5	0	1	0	1
10	1	0	1	0
11	1	0	1	1
13	1	1	0	1
15	1	1	1	1

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1	0 0 0 1
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3	0 0 1 1
5	0 1 0 1
10	1 0 1 0
11	1 0 1 1
13	1 1 0 1
15	1 1 1 1

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Minterm	Cube
0,1	0 0 0 -
0,2	0 0 - 0
0,8	- 0 0 0
1,3	0 0 - 1
1,5	0 - 0 1
2,3	0 0 1 -
2,10	- 0 1 0
8,10	1 0 - 0
3,11	- 0 1 1
5,13	- 1 0 1
10,11	1 0 1 -
11,15	1 - 1 1
13,15	1 1 - 1

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Minterm	Cube
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15	1 1 1 1

✓

Minterm	Cube
0,1	0 0 0 -
0,2	0 0 - 0
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1,3	0 0 - 1
1,5	0 - 0 1
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2,10	- 0 1 0
8,10	1 0 - 0
3,11	- 0 1 1
5,13	- 1 0 1
10,11	1 0 1 -
11,15	1 - 1 1
13,15	1 1 - 1

✓

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0,8,2,10	- 0 - 0
2,3,10,11	- 0 1 -

✓

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Minterm	Cube	
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3	0 0 1 1	✓
5	0 1 0 1	✓
10	1 0 1 0	✓
11	1 0 1 1	✓
13	1 1 0 1	✓
15	1 1 1 1	✓

Minterm	Cube
0,1	0 0 0 -
0,2	0 0 - 0
0,8	- 0 0 0
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2,3	0 0 1 -
2,10	- 0 1 0
8,10	1 0 - 0
3,11	- 0 1 1
5,13	- 1 0 1
10,11	1 0 1 -
11,15	1 - 1 1
13,15	1 1 - 1

Minterm	Cube
0,1,2,3	0 0 - -
0,8,2,10	- 0 - 0
2,3,10,11	- 0 1 -

PI=A
PI=C
PI=B

PI=D

PI=E

PI=F

PI=G

Question: Can this be done on a CCM? How modified?

$$f^{on} = \{A,B,C,D,E,F,G\} = \{00--, -01-, -0-0, 0-01, -101, 1-11, 11-1\}$$

STEP 2 – Construct Cover Table

- PIs Along Vertical Axis (in order of # of literals)
- Minterms Along Horizontal Axis

	0	1	2	3	5	8	10	11	13	15
A	x	x	x	x						
B			x	x			x	x		
C	x		x			x	x			
D		x			x					
E					x				x	
F							x			x
G								x	x	x

NOTE: Table 4.2 in book is incomplete

Questions

1. Explain Quine-McCluskey Method.
2. How to program QM Method in CCM?
3. Methods to solve Covering Problem.
4. Possible Applications of Covering.
5. Reduction of Covering to Petrick Function.
6. Merging Operator.