

Karnaugh map

Lecture 5

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Introduction

- A **Karnaugh Map (K-map)** is a graphical method used to **simplify Boolean functions** by organizing all possible combinations of variables in a visual grid.
It helps to **minimize logic expressions** without using complex algebraic steps, making digital circuit design more efficient.
Each cell in the map represents a **minterm** (for SOP) or **maxterm** (for POS),.
- **In short:**
K-maps make it easier to find simplified logic equations by grouping 1s or 0s in patterns of

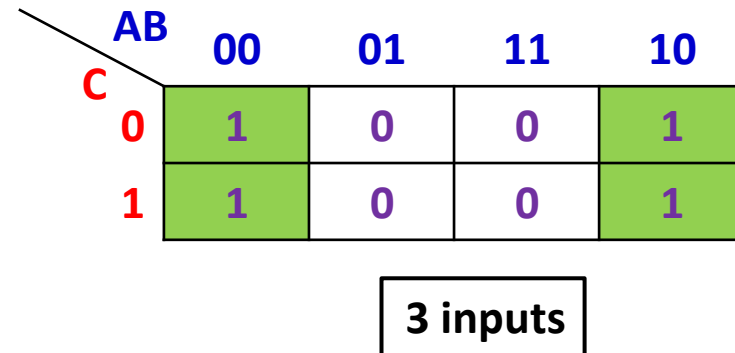
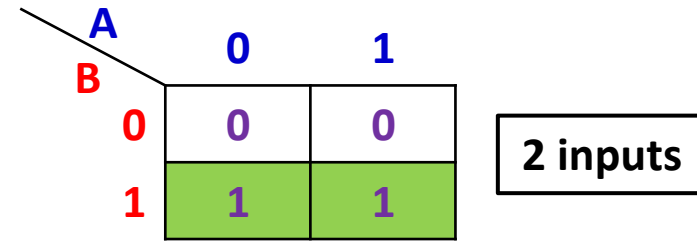
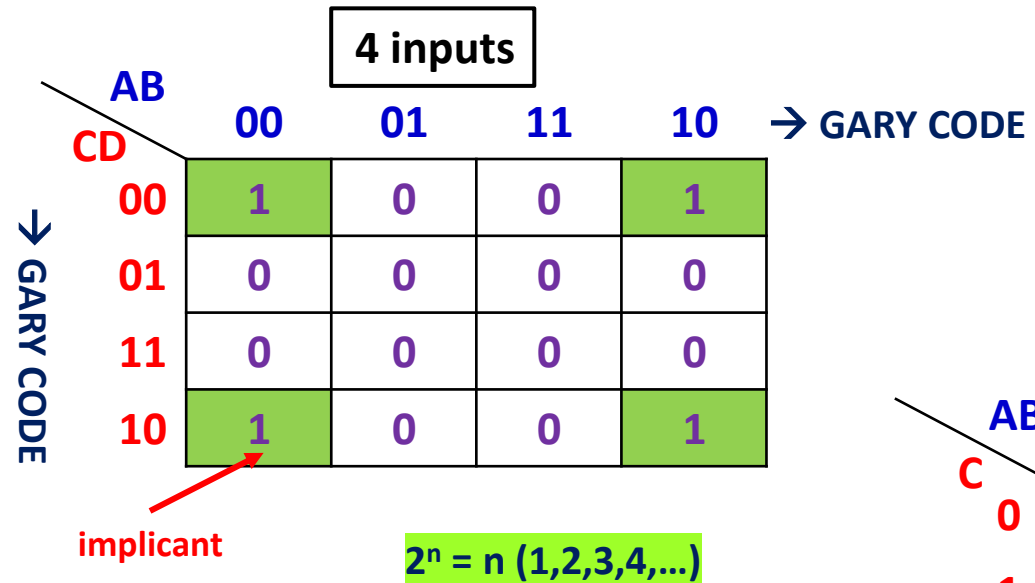
Why Simplification

- - To reduce the number of logic gates.
- - To simplify circuit design.
- - To save cost and power

K-map Layouts

- - 2-variable: 4 cells
- - 3-variable: 8 cells
- - 4-variable: 16 cells

Karnaugh map



Simplification Steps

- 1. Draw K-map
- 2. Fill cells with 1's or 0
- 3. Group adjacent 1's (1,2,4,8,...)
- 4. Write the simplified equation

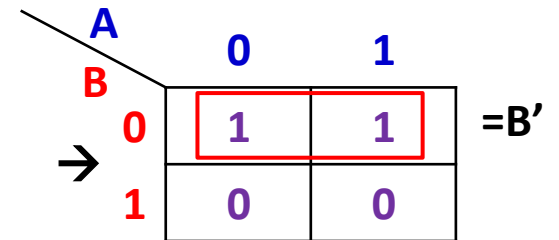
Two Variables

➤ Apply the Karnaugh map to the following table:

A.

A	B	F
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	0

$$\begin{aligned} & 1. F = A'B' + AB' \\ \rightarrow & F(A,B) = \sum(0,2) \end{aligned}$$



$$F = B'$$

Two Variables

➤ Apply the Karnaugh map to the following table:

B.

A	B	F
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

$$\begin{aligned} &1. F = A'B' + A'B \\ \rightarrow &F(A,B) = \sum(0,1) \end{aligned}$$

		A	
		0	1
B	0	1	0
	1	1	0

= A'

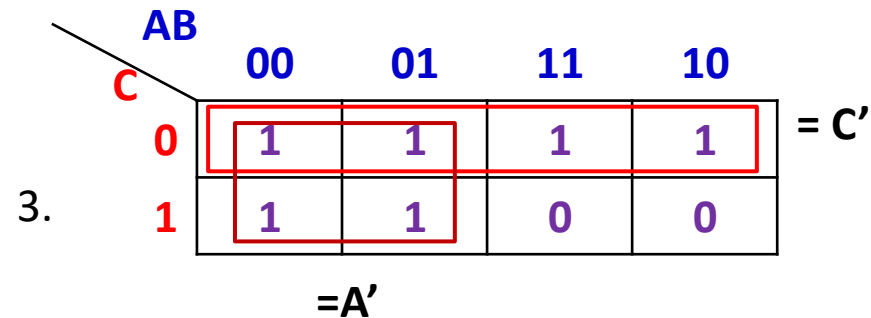
$$F = A'$$

Three Variables

➤ Apply the Karnaugh map to the following table:

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

→ 1. $F = A'B'C' + A'B'C + A'BC' + A'BC + AB'C' + ABC'$ →
 2. $F(A,B,C) = \sum(0,1,2,3,4,6)$



$F = A' + C'$

four Variables

Apply the Karnaugh map to the following table: ➤

A	B	C	D	F
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0

$$1. F = A'B'C'D' + A'B'CD' + A'BC'D + AB'C'D' + AB'C'D + AB'CD' + ABC'D$$



$$2. F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(0,2,5,8,9,10,13)$$

3.

		AB				
		00	01	11	10	AB'C'
CD	00	1	0	0	1	BC'D
	01	0	1	1	1	
	11	0	0	0	0	
	10	1	0	0	1	
	B'D'					F = BC'D + B'D' + AB'C'

Exercise

➤ Apply the Karnaugh map to the following table:

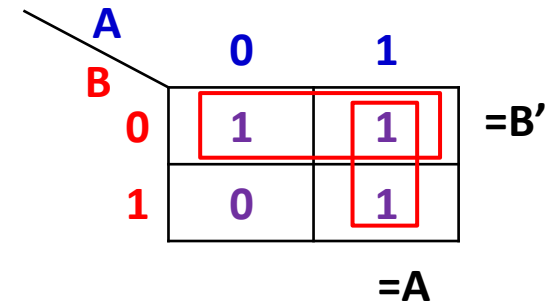
A	B	F
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	1

Answer

➤ Apply the Karnaugh map to the following table:

A	B	F
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	1

$$1. F = A'B' + AB' + AB$$
$$F(A, B) = \sum (0, 2, 3)$$



$$F = A'B' + AB' + AB = A + B'$$

So $F = A + B'$