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**Report-**

**ESPRESSO1** is a 2-level logic optimization tool developed by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley. Early versions of the idea were developed at the T.J. Watson Research Labs; the final version of the tool was developed at Berkeley.

Rick Rudell’s Master’s Thesis2 from 1986 is a very complete explanation of the development and software implementation of the tool. ESPRESSO is a hugely successful optimizer: it is the tool that pioneered the reduce-expand-irredundant heuristic, and the ideas are built into most modern logic synthesis systems.

ESPRESSO has many options: you can instruct ESPRESSO “how hard” to work to optimize your logic. However, we will run ESPRESSO in its standard, default mode, which will uffice for our teaching purposes.As we described in lecture, you can start a 2-level optimization problem with a partially specified truth table (TT) with input don’t cares.

Let’s look at a small example of an ESPRESSO input file, shown below. (**Note**: we add the //comments for clarity; but you *cannot* put these comments in the actual ESPRESSO input file! Don’t add these comments! ESPRESSO will not like this!).

**.i 4** // There are 4 inputs

**.o 1** // There is 1 output

// ESPRESSO can optimize several functions at the same time

// These ar **.ilb w x y z** e the names of the inputs

**.ob f** // This is the name of the output

**0-11 1** // One line of the TT. Order does not matter. **“-“** = input don’t care

**01-1 1** // More TT

**1011 1** // More TT

**1111 -** // More TT. We explicitly tell ESPRESSO that **f** is don’t car*e here*.

You do *not* need to explicitly specify every row of the TT. Any row that does not match something in your input file is assumed to have the function(s) output = 0. If you run ESPRESSO on this input, this is what will be produced as output:

**.i 4 /**/ *There are still 4 inputs*

**.o 1** // *There is still 1 output*

**.ilb w x y z** // *These are still the names of the inputs*

**.ob f** // *This is the still the name of the output*

**.p 2** // *The result optimal SOP form has 2 product terms (AND gates)*

**--11 1** // *One product term is:* ***yz***

**01-1 1** // *One product term is:* ***w’xz***

**.e** //*This is the end of the ESPRESSO output file*