

# Digital Design ECSE108L



$f(A, B, C)$

Minterms

Maxterm

#	A	B	C
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0
3	0	1	1
4	1	0	0
5	1	0	1
6	1	1	0
7	1	1	1

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

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

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

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

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$$A + B + C$$

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

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

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

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## Canonical Sum of Minterms

$$F(A, B, C) = \sum_m(0, 1, 3, 5)$$

$$F = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} + \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C$$



# Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP)

(Canonical Sum of minterms)

$$F = \sum_m (0, 1, 2, 6)$$

$$F = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} + \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + \bar{A} B \bar{C} + A B \bar{C}$$

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

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

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

Sum-of-product  
SOP



## Canonical Product of Maxterm

$$F(A, B, C) = \prod_M (0, 1, 4, 5)$$

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



# Standard Product-of-Sums (POS)

$$F(A, B, C) = \prod_m (0, 1, 2, 6)$$

Canonical product of  
maxterm.

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

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

Don't  
care terms

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

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

$$= \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} + B \bar{C}$$

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

POS



# Standard Forms

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- **Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP) form:** equations are written as an OR of AND terms
- **Standard Product-of-Sums (POS) form:** equations are written as an AND of OR terms

- **Examples:**

- SOP:  $A B C + \bar{A} \bar{B} C + B$
- POS:  $(A + B) \cdot (A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) \cdot C$

- These “mixed” forms are **neither SOP nor POS**

- $(A B + C) (A + C)$
- $A B C + A C (A + B)$



# Standard Sum-of-Products (SOP)

- A Simplification Example:

- $F(A, B, C) = \Sigma m(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$

- Writing the minterm expression:

→  $F = \overline{A} \overline{B} C + A \overline{B} \overline{C} + A \overline{B} C + A B \overline{C} + A B C$

- Simplifying:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \overline{A} \overline{B} C + \overline{A} \overline{B} (\overline{C} + C) + A \overline{B} (C + \overline{C}) \\ &= \overline{A} \overline{B} C + \overline{A} \overline{B} + A \overline{B} = \overline{A} \overline{B} C + A \overline{B} \\ &= \boxed{A + \overline{B} C} \leftarrow \text{SOP} \end{aligned}$$

- Simplified F contains 3 literals compared to 15 in minterm F

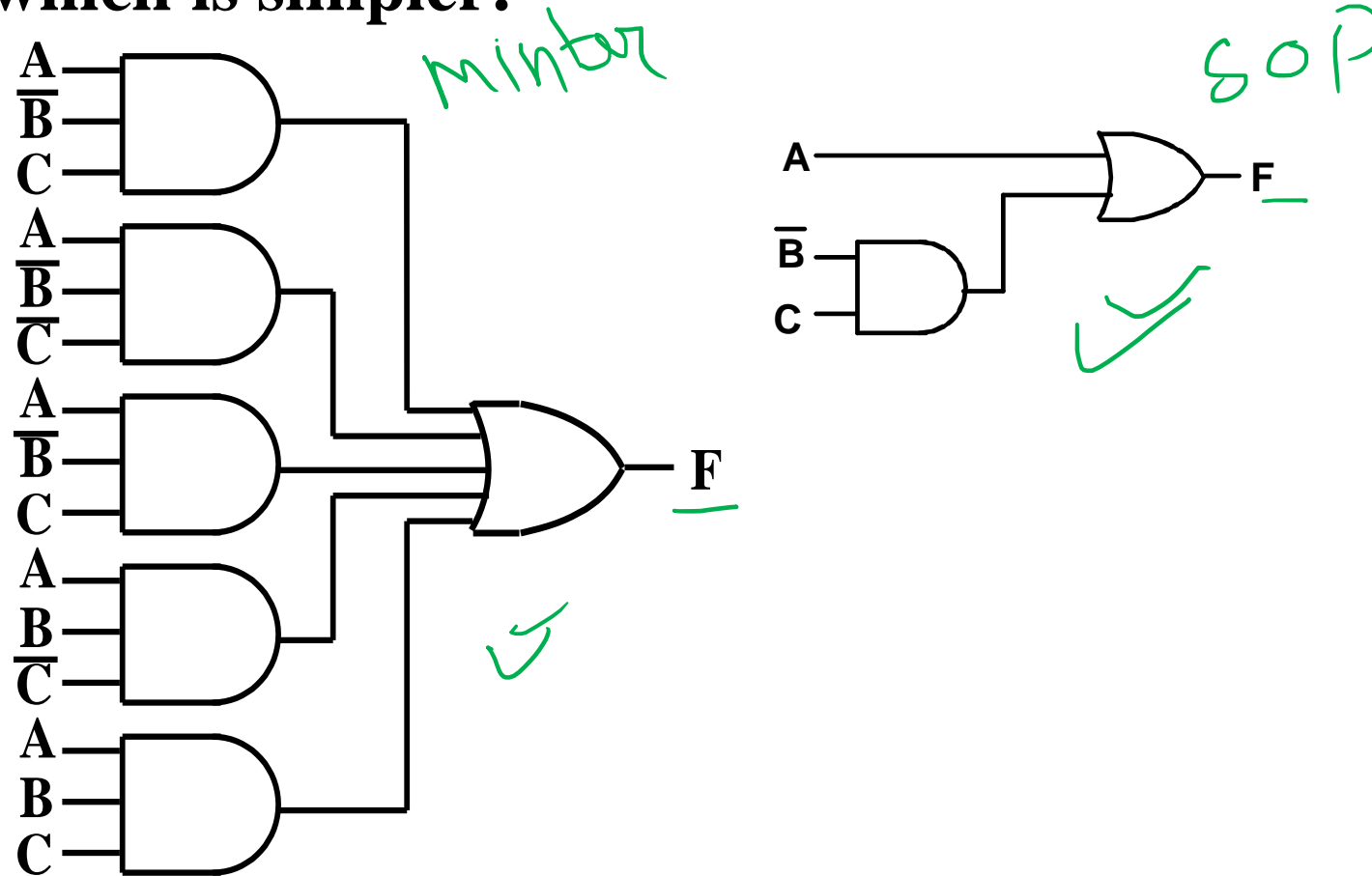
$$\begin{aligned} x + \overline{x}y \\ = x + y \end{aligned}$$





# AND/OR Two-level Implementation of SOP Expression

- The two implementations for  $F$  are shown below – it is quite apparent which is simpler!



# Circuit Optimization

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- **Goal: To obtain the simplest implementation for a given function**
- **Optimization is a more formal approach to simplification that is performed using a specific procedure or algorithm**
- **Optimization requires a cost criterion to measure the simplicity of a circuit**
- **Distinct cost criteria we will use:**
  - Literal cost (L) ✓
  - Gate input cost (G)
  - Gate input cost with NOTs (GN)



# Literal Cost

- **Literal** – a variable or its complement
- **Literal cost** – the number of literal appearances in a Boolean expression corresponding to the logic circuit diagram

- **Examples:**

- $F = BD + A\bar{B}C + A\bar{C}\bar{D}$  ←

$$L = 8$$

- $F = BD + A\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{D} + AB\bar{C}$

$$L = 11$$

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

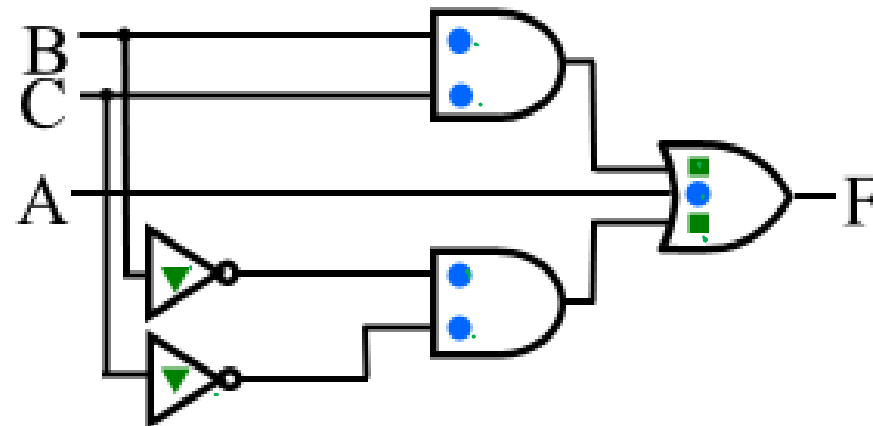
$$L = 10$$

- Which solution is best?



## Cost Criteria (continued)

- Example 1:  $GN = G + 2 = 9$  ✓
- $F = A + B \cdot C + \overline{B} \cdot \overline{C}$   $L = 5$  ✓
- $G = L + 2 = 7$  ✓

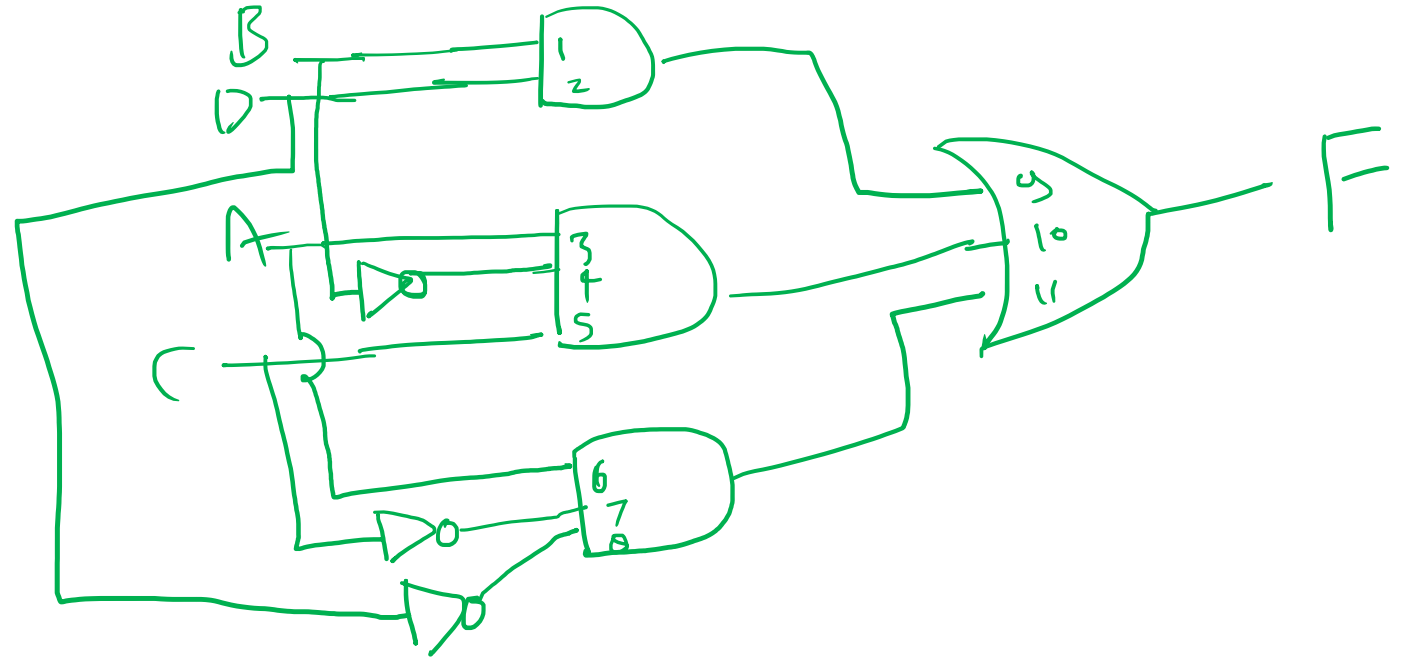


- L (literal count) counts the AND inputs and the single literal OR input.
- G (gate input count) adds the remaining OR gate inputs
- GN (gate input count with NOTs) adds the inverter inputs



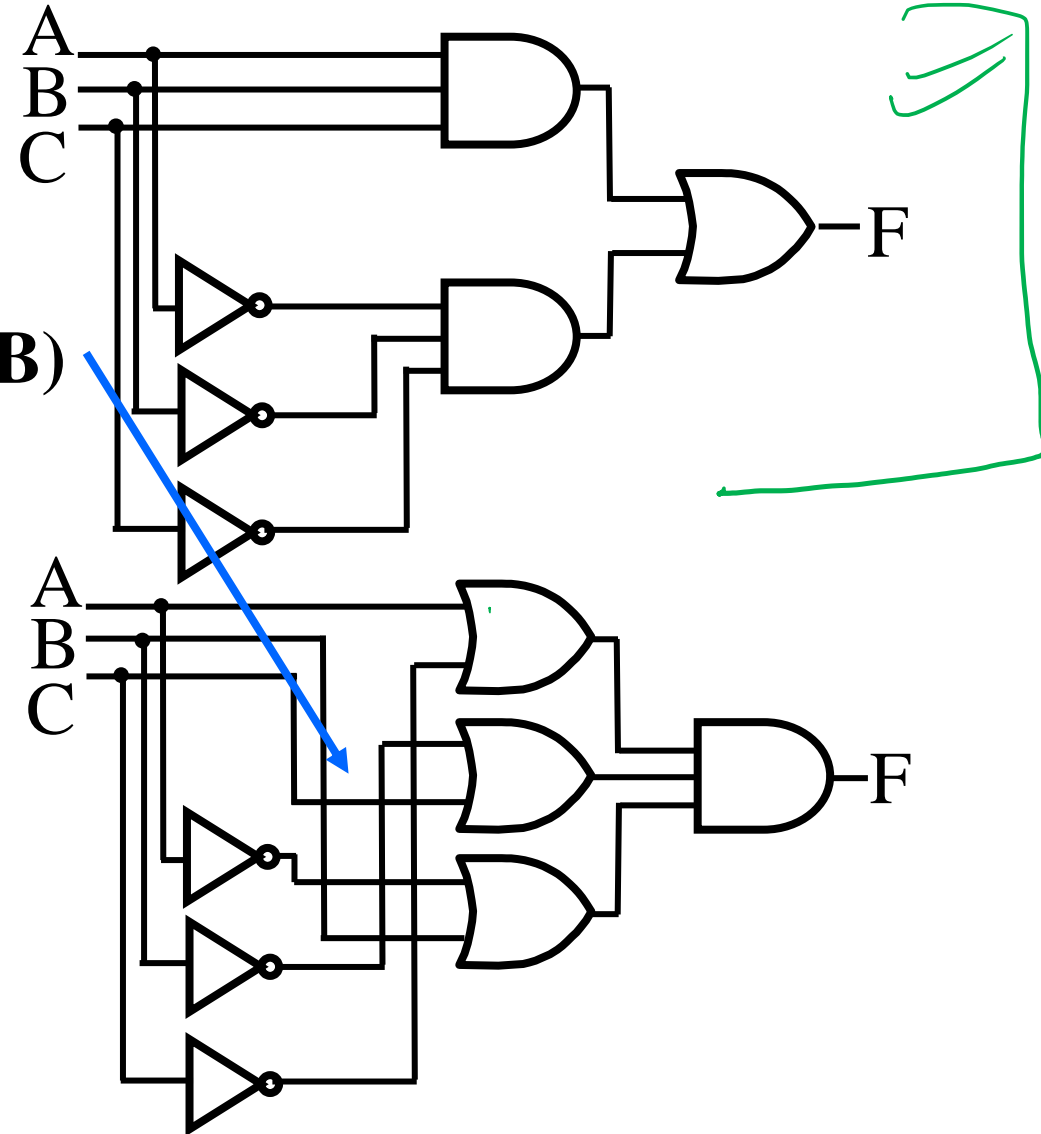
$$F = BD + A B'C + AC'D' \quad - \text{ find L, G, GN}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} L \rightarrow 8 \\ \hline G \rightarrow 11 \\ \hline GN \rightarrow 11 + 3 \\ \hline = 14 \end{array}$$



# Cost Criteria (continued)

- **Example 2:**
- $F = A B C + \bar{A} \bar{B} \bar{C}$
- $L = 6 \quad G = 8 \quad GN = 11$
- $F = (A + \bar{C})(\bar{B} + C)(\bar{A} + B)$
- $L = 6 \quad \underline{G = 9} \quad \underline{GN = 12}$
- Same function and same literal cost
- But first circuit has better gate input count and better gate input count with NOTs
- Select it!



**Simplify -  $F(A,B,C,D) = m_2 + m_3 + m_6 + m_7 + m_{10} + m_{11}$**  ✓

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$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow F &= \underbrace{\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C \cdot \bar{D}} + \underbrace{\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C \cdot D} + \underbrace{\bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C \cdot \bar{D}} + \underbrace{\bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D} + \underbrace{A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C \cdot \bar{D}} + \underbrace{A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C \cdot D} \\ &= \bar{A} \bar{B} C + \bar{A} B C + A \bar{B} C \\ &= \frac{\bar{A} C + A \bar{B} C}{C(\bar{A} + A \bar{B})} \\ &= \frac{C(\bar{A} + \bar{B})}{\boxed{= \bar{A} C + \bar{B} C}} \leftarrow \text{SOP} \end{aligned}$$

$$x + \bar{x}y = x + y$$



# Boolean Function Optimization

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- **Minimizing the gate input (or literal) cost of a (a set of) Boolean equation(s) reduces circuit cost.**
- **We choose gate input cost.**
- **Boolean Algebra and graphical techniques are tools to minimize cost criteria values.**
- **Some important questions:**
  - **When do we stop trying to reduce the cost?** 
  - **Do we know when we have a minimum cost?**
- **Treat optimum or near-optimum cost functions for two-level (SOP and POS) circuits first.**
- **Introduce a graphical technique using Karnaugh maps (K-maps, for short)**

