



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

Minterm, Maxterm,

Canonical SOP, Canonical POS



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# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

- Minterm, Maxterm
- Expressing Boolean function using Minterms, Maxterms
- Canonical SOP, Canonical POS



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

## Minterm, Maxterm



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

## Minterm, Maxterm

### 1. Definition



## ● Minterm

- ☞ An product of literals in which each variable is represented once and only once in either its complemented or uncomplemented form.



## ● Maxterm

- ☞ An sum of literals in which each variable is represented once and only once in either its complemented or uncomplemented form.



# Minterm and Maxterm

- For a switching function, a **literal** is defined as a variable in uncomplemented or complemented form.
  - Example:  $x, x', y, y'$ , etc.
- Consider an  $n$ -variable switching function  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .
  - A product term (that is, an AND operation) of all the  $n$  literals is called a **minterm**.
  - A sum term (that is, an OR operation) of all the  $n$  literals is called a **maxterm**.
- Consider a 3-variable function  $f(A, B, C)$ .
  - Examples of minterm:  $A' \cdot B' \cdot C'$ ,  $A \cdot B' \cdot C$ ,  $A \cdot B \cdot C$ , etc.
  - Examples of maxterm:  $(A + B' + C')$ ,  $(A' + B' + C')$ ,  $(A + B + C)$ , etc.

## Minterms over 2 variables a,b

a **Product term** containing **EVERY variable**

'Exactly once', in Complemented form OR  
UnComplemented form but not both.

Variables

a,b

:  $ab \checkmark$        $ab' \checkmark$        $a'b \checkmark$   
 $a'b' \checkmark$        $a+b \times$        $a \times$   
                         $aa'b \times$

## Maxterms over 2 variables a,b

① 'Sum' term

② Contains Every Variable Exactly once either in Comp. or uncomp form but not both.

Variables : a, b	$a+b$ ✓	$a'+b$ ✓	$ab$ ✗
	$a+b'$ ✓	$a'+b'$ ✓	$a$ ✗ $\underline{a+a'b}$ ✗



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

## Minterm, Maxterm

### 2. An Important Property

### of Minterm, Maxterm



Q:

Consider the following minterm over variables a,b,c:

$$ab'c$$

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 1?



$$a \cdot \bar{b} \cdot c = 1 \rightarrow a=1, b=0, c=1$$

for all other input Combinations :

$$a=1, b=1, c=1 \longrightarrow a b' c = 0$$

$$a=0, b=0, c=1 \longrightarrow a b' c = 0$$

$$a=1, b=1, c=0 \longrightarrow a b' c = 0$$

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$$\boxed{a \cdot \bar{b} \cdot c = 1} \rightarrow \underbrace{a=1, b=0, c=1}$$

for all other input Combinations, it is false.

Since  $\textcircled{ab'c}$  is 1 only for one input combination  $a=1, b=0, c=1$ ; So, we say

$\textcircled{ab'c}$  is the minterm associated with  $a=1, b=0, c=1$  input Combination.



Q:

Consider the following minterm over variables a,b,c:

abc

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 1?



Q:

Consider the following minterm over variables a,b,c:

abc

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 1? → for only

$a=1, b=1, c=1$

← { 1 input  
Combination

minterm:  $a_b_c$

$a_b_c$  is 1 only for  $a=1, b=1, c=1$

for all other input Combinations ;  $a_b_c = 0$

So, we say minterm  $a_b_c$  is associated  
with  $a=1, b=1, c=1$  input Combihation .



Q:

Consider the following minterm over variables a,b,c:

$$a'b'c$$

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 1?



Q:

Consider the following minterm over variables a,b,c:

Associated with

a'b'c

For how many input combinations,

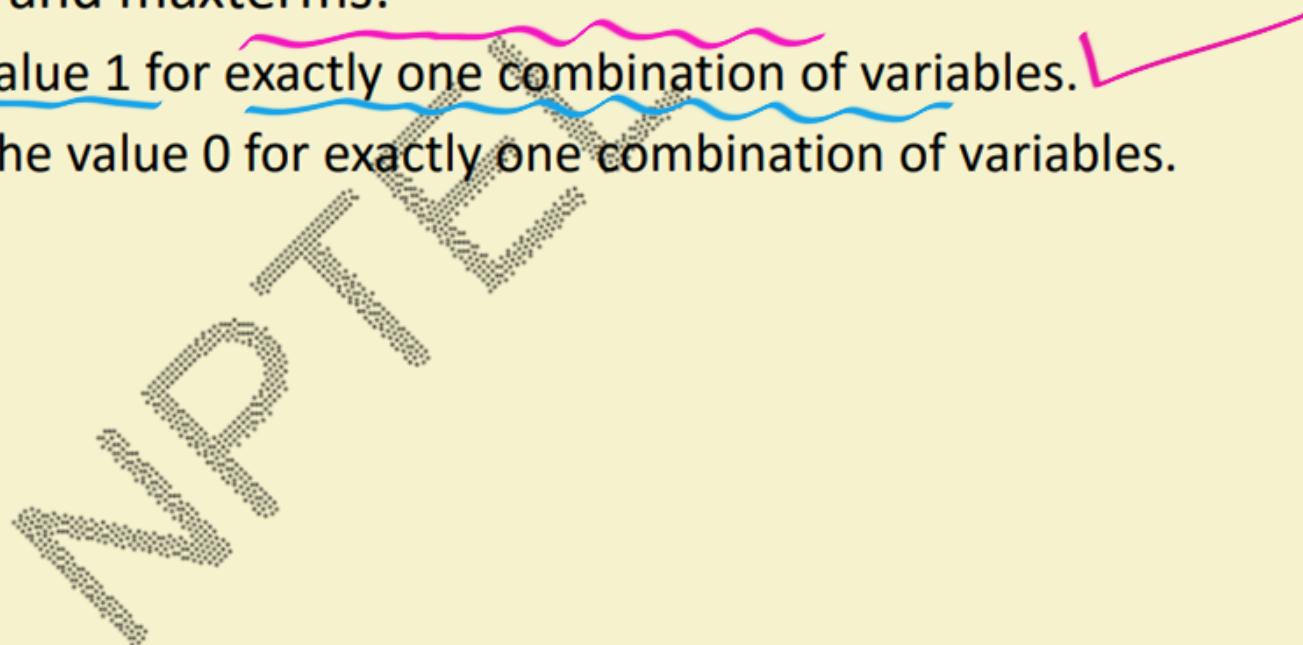
does it become 1?

for only 1  
input Combination

a = 0, b = 0, c = 1



- Properties of minterms and maxterms:
  - A minterm assumes value 1 for exactly one combination of variables.
  - A maxterm assumes the value 0 for exactly one combination of variables.
- Example:



Two Variables:  $a, b \rightarrow 4 \text{ minterms}$

	a	b	minterm $a'b'$	minterm $a'b$	minterm $ab'$	minterm $ab$
0	0	0	1 ✓	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1 ✓	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	1 ✓	0
3	1	1	0	0	0	1 ✓

Two Variables: a, b

	a	b	Associated minterm
0	0	0	$a'b'$
1	0	1	$a'b$
2	1	0	$a'b'$
3	1	1	$ab$

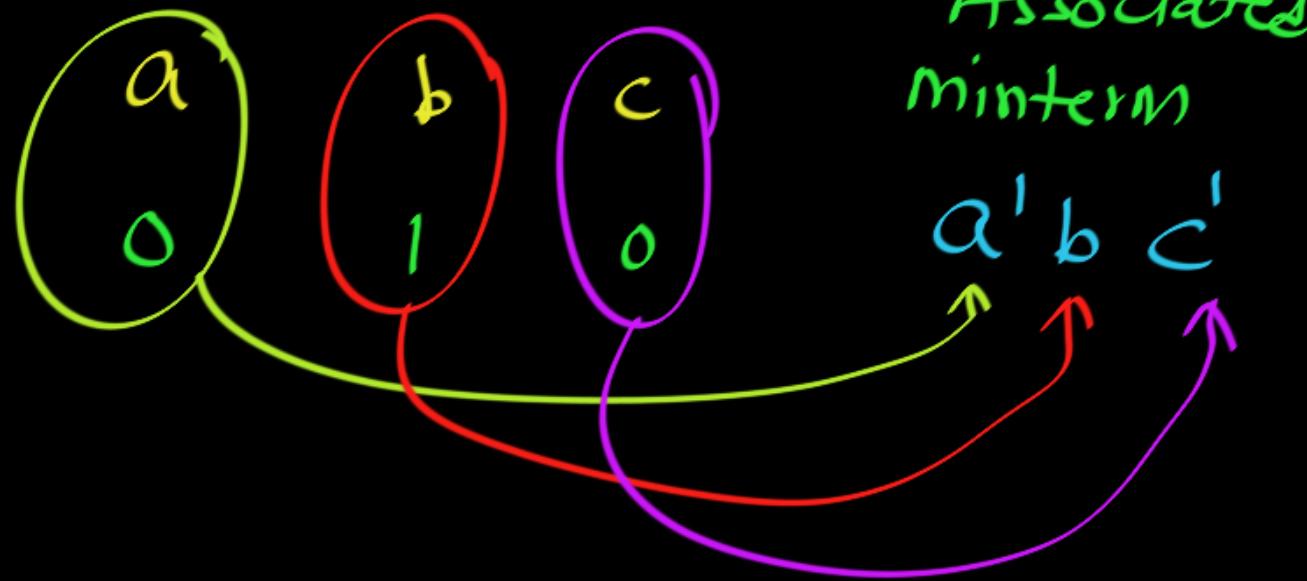
Observation:  
for input combination

$$\underline{a = 0}, \underline{b = 1}$$

Associated minterm

$$\underline{\underline{a'}} \underline{b}$$

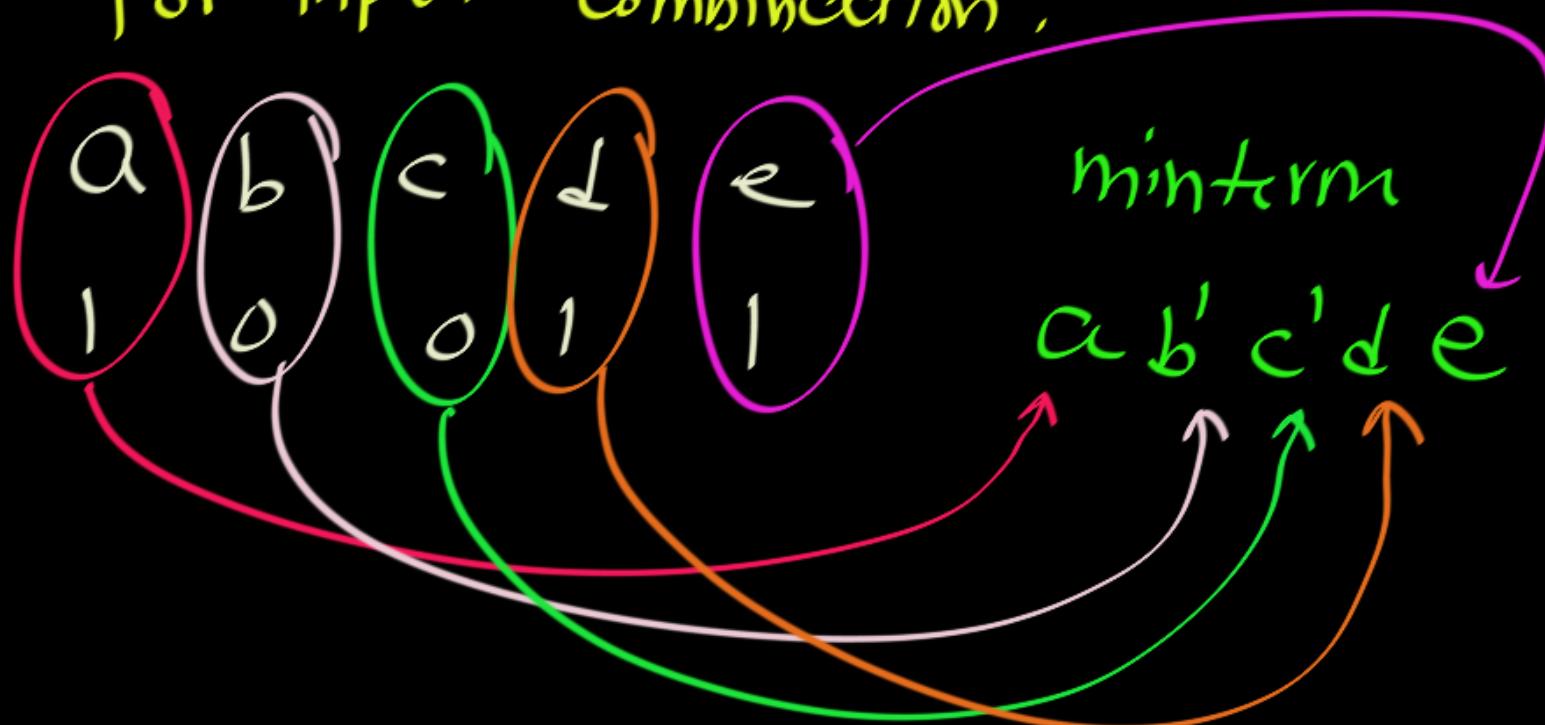
Input Combination:



1      1      0       $a' b c'$

Note:

for input Combination:



Two Variables:  $a, b$

Another Simple Notation  
for minterm

	a	b	Associated minterm
0	0	0	$a'b'$
1	0	1	$a'b$
2	1	0	$a'b'$
3	1	1	$ab$

$m_0$

$m_1$

$m_2$

$m_3$



Q:

Consider the following minterm over 5 variables:

$$a' b c d' e'$$

How to find the Input Combination associated with it?



Q:

Consider the following minterm over 5 variables:

How to find the Input Combination associated with it?

$a' b c d' e'$

$a = 0 ; b = 1 ; c = 1 ; d = 0 ; e = 0$



## Minterms

For a function of  $n$  variables, a product term in which each of the  $n$  variables appears once is called a *minterm*. The variables may appear in a minterm either in uncomplemented or complemented form. For a given row of the truth table, the minterm is formed by including  $x_i$  if  $x_i = 1$  and by including  $\bar{x}_i$  if  $x_i = 0$ .



Source:

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Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Toronto

# Minterms

Each row has a unique minterm

X	Y	Minterm	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}$	$\bar{X}Y$	$X\bar{Y}$	$XY$
0	0	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}$	1	0	0	0
0	1	$\bar{X}Y$	0	1	0	0
1	0	$X\bar{Y}$	0	0	1	0
1	1	$XY$	0	0	0	1

The minterm is the product term that is 1 for only its row



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over variables a,b,c:

$$a + b' + c$$

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 0?



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over variables a,b,c:

$$a + b' + c$$

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 0? →

for only 1  
input  
Combination

Variables:  $a, b, c$

maxterm:  $a + b' + c$

$$a + b' + c = 0 \longrightarrow a = 0, b = 1, c = 0$$

for all other input Combinations,  $a + b' + c$  is 1.  
So, since maxterm  $a + b' + c$  is 0 for unique Combination  $a=0, b=1, c=0$ ; So we say maxterm  $a + b' + c$  is Associated with this input.



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over variables a,b,c:

$$a + b + c$$

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 0?



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over variables a,b,c:

Associated with  $\rightarrow a + b + c$

For how many input combinations,  
does it become 0?

$$a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$$

→ for only  
1 input  
combination



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over variables a,b,c:

Associated with

$$a' + b' + c$$

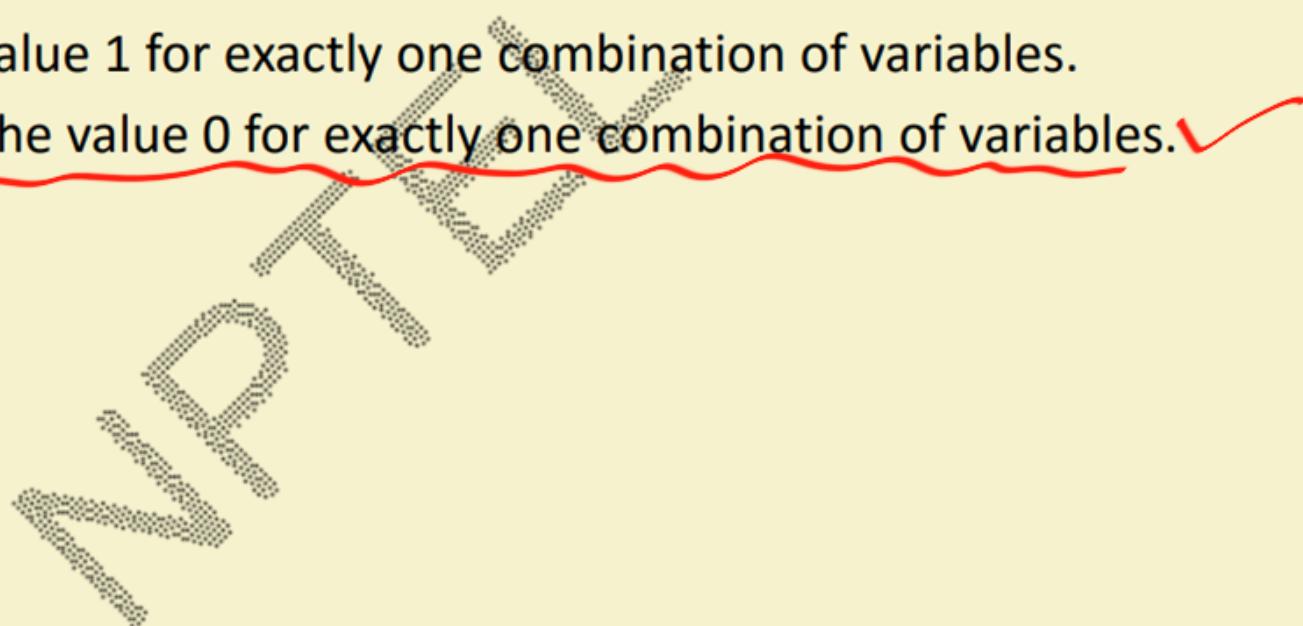
For how many input combinations,  
does it become 0?

$$a = 1, b = 1, c = 0$$

For only 1.



- Properties of minterms and maxterms:
  - A minterm assumes value 1 for exactly one combination of variables.
  - A maxterm assumes the value 0 for exactly one combination of variables. ✓
- Example:



Two variables  $a, b : \rightarrow \underline{4 \text{ maxterms}}$

	a	b	maxterm	maxterm	maxterm	maxterm
0	0	0	$a+b$	$a+b'$	$a'+b$	$a'+b'$
1	0	1	0 ✓	1	1	1
2	1	0	1	1	0 ✓	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	0 ✓

Two variables  $a, b : \rightarrow \underline{4 \text{ maxterms}}$

Associated  
maxterm

	a	b	maxterm
0	0	0	$a + b$
1	0	1	$a + b'$
2	1	0	$a' + b$
3	1	1	$a' + b'$

Observation:

for  $\underline{a = 0, b = 1}$   
maxterm:  $\underline{a + b'}$

for  $\underline{a = 1, b = 0}$   
maxterm:  $\underline{a' + b}$



Observation:

$a_1 \ a_2$

$V$   
1

$- \ a_n$

Associated  
maxterm

$\dots + V^1 + \dots$

$-$

0

$\dots -$

$\dots + V + \dots$

Two variables  $a, b : \rightarrow \underline{4 \text{ maxterms}}$

Associated  
maxterm

Another simple  
Notation for maxterm

	a	b	Associated maxterm	<u>Another simple Notation for maxterm</u>
0	0	0	$a + b$	$M_0$
1	0	1	$a + b'$	$M_1$
2	1	0	$a' + b$	$M_2$
3	1	1	$a' + b'$	$M_3$



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over 5 variables:

$$\alpha' + b' + c' + d' + e'$$

How to find the Input Combination associated with it?



Q:

Consider the following maxterm over 5 variables:

$$\overline{a} + \overline{b'} + \overline{c} + \overline{d} + \overline{e'}$$

How to find the Input Combination associated with it?

$$a=0 \quad b=1 \quad c=0 \quad d=0 \quad e=1$$

$$a + b' + c' + d + e' \xrightarrow[\text{input combination}]{\text{Associated}} \begin{array}{l} \text{Unique combination} \\ \text{for which} \\ \text{this becomes } 0. \end{array}$$
$$a + b' + c' + d + e' = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{l} a=0, b=1, c=1, d=0 \\ e=1 \end{array}$$



# Digital Logic





- For Minterms:
  - “1” means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
  - “0” means the variable is “Complemented”.
- For Maxterms:
  - “0” means the variable is “Not Complemented” and
  - “1” means the variable is “Complemented”.

# Maxterms

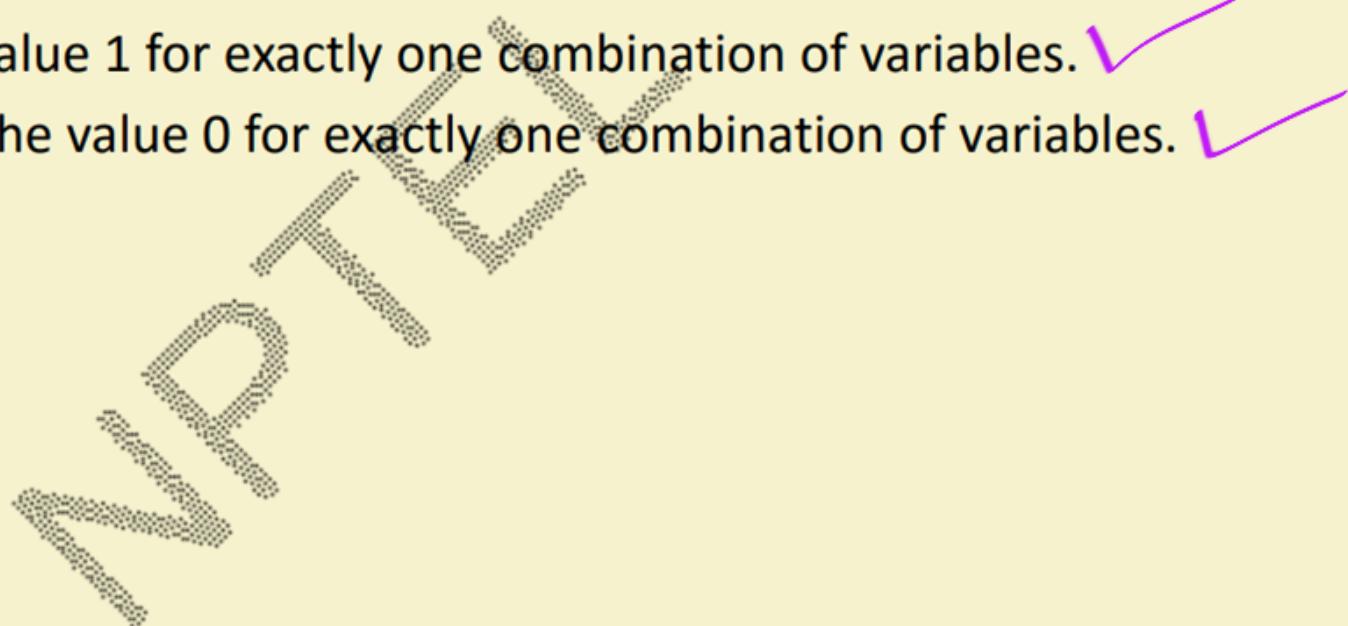
Each row has a unique maxterm

X	Y	Maxterm	$X+Y$	$X+\bar{Y}$	$\bar{X}+Y$	$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}$
0	0	$X+Y$	0	1	1	1
0	1	$X+\bar{Y}$	1	0	1	1
1	0	$\bar{X}+Y$	1	1	0	1
1	1	$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}$	1	1	1	0

The maxterm is the sum term that is 1 for only its row



- Properties of minterms and maxterms:
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  - A maxterm assumes the value 0 for exactly one combination of variables. ✓
- Example:





# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

## Minterm, Maxterm

### 3. Short Notation

## for Minterm, Maxterm



# Short Notation for Minterms:

Variables a,b,c

	a	b	c	minterm
3	0	1	1	$a'b'c = m_3$
6	1	1	0	$a'b'c' = m_6$
7	1	1	1	$a'b'c = m_7$

$m_i$

# Short Notation for Maxterms:

Variables a,b,c

$M_i$

	a	b	c
3	0	1	1
5	1	0	1
6	1	1	0
7	1	1	1

Max term

$$a + b' + c' = M_3$$

$$a' + b + c' = M_5$$

$$a' + b' + c = M_6$$

$$a' + b' + c' = M_7$$

sum term

**Table 2.3***Minterms and Maxterms for Three Binary Variables*

			Minterms		Maxterms	
x	y	z	Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	$m_0$	$x + y + z$	$M_0$
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	$m_1$	$x + y + z'$	$M_1$
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	$m_2$	$x + y' + z$	$M_2$
0	1	1	$x'yz$	$m_3$	$x + y' + z'$	$M_3$
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	$m_4$	$x' + y + z$	$M_4$
1	0	1	$xy'z$	$m_5$	$x' + y + z'$	$M_5$
1	1	0	$xyz'$	$m_6$	$x' + y' + z$	$M_6$
1	1	1	$xyz$	$m_7$	$x' + y' + z'$	$M_7$



TAKE CARE when using  
Short Notation ( $m_i$ ,  $M_i$ )  
for Minterms/Maxterms



TAKE CARE when using  
Short Notation  $(m_i, M_i)$   
for Minterms/Maxterms

Depends on Agreed  
order of variables.



# Short Notation for Minterms:

Variables y, s, b

Which is Ambiguous??

CLASSES

•  $s'y$

•  $m_3$

# Short Notation for Minterms:

Variables y, s, b

Which is Ambiguous??

Depends on  
the Agreed  
order of  
variables

- $s'yb$
- $m_3$

"Never" any  
Ambiguity

If

Agreed order of variables } then  $m_3 = ?$

$$f(s, b, y)$$

Order

Given order

If

Agreed order of variables then  $m_3 = ?$

$$\begin{array}{c} b \quad s \quad y \\ \hline f(b, s, y) \end{array}$$

Order

Given order

b	s	y	$m_3$
3	0	1	1
$b'sy$			

By Default, Agreed order of Variables is the "Alphabetical order".

In Question:

$f(c, b, a)$  Given them

$c, b, a$

$a, b, c$



order

# Standard Order

- Minterms and maxterms are designated with a subscript
- The subscript is a number, corresponding to a binary pattern
- The bits in the pattern represent the complemented or normal state of each variable listed in a standard order.
- All variables will be present in a minterm or maxterm and will be listed in the same order (usually alphabetically)
- Example: For variables a, b, c:
  - Maxterms:  $(a + b + \bar{c})$ ,  $(a + b + c)$
  - Terms:  $(b + a + c)$ ,  $a\bar{c}b$ , and  $(c + b + a)$  are NOT in standard order.
  - Minterms:  $a\bar{b}\bar{c}$ ,  $abc$ ,  $a\bar{b}\bar{c}$
  - Terms:  $(a + c)$ ,  $\bar{b}c$ , and  $(\bar{a} + b)$  do not contain all variables

# Index Example in Three Variables

- Example: (for three variables)
- Assume the variables are called X, Y, and Z.
- The standard order is X, then Y, then Z.
- The Index 0 (base 10) = 000 (base 2) for three variables.  
All three variables are complemented for minterm 0 ( $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}$ ) and no variables are complemented for Maxterm 0 ( $X, Y, Z$ ).
  - Minterm 0, called  $m_0$  is  $\bar{X}.\bar{Y}.\bar{Z}$
  - Maxterm 0, called  $M_0$  is  $(X + Y + Z)$
  - Minterm 6 ?
  - Maxterm 6 ?

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– Maxterm 0, called  $M_0$  is  $(X + Y + Z)$

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– Maxterm 6 ?

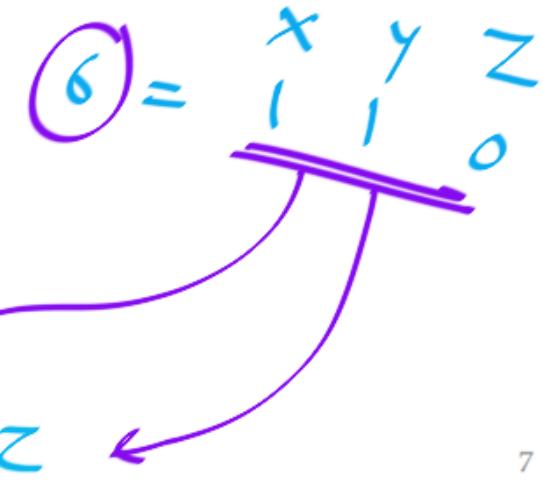
$$m_6 = xyz'$$

$$M_6 = x' + y' + z$$

Product term

sum term

Canonical & Standard Forms



# Index Examples – Four Variables

Index	Binary	Minterm	Maxterm
i	Pattern	$m_i$	$M_i$
0	0000	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$a+b+c+d$
1	0001	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}d$	?
3	0011	?	$a+b+\bar{c}+\bar{d}$
5	0101	$\bar{a}b\bar{c}d$	$a+\bar{b}+c+\bar{d}$
7	0111	?	$a+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d}$
10	1010	$a\bar{b}c\bar{d}$	$\bar{a}+b+\bar{c}+d$
13	1101	$a b \bar{c} d$	?
15	1111	$a b c d$	$\bar{a}+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d}$

# Index Examples – Four Variables

Index   Binary   Minterm   Maxterm

i	Pattern	$m_i$	$M_i$
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0	0000	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	$a+b+c+d$
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1	<u>0001</u>	$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}d$	? $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ $a+b+c+d'$
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3	0011	?	$a+b+\bar{c}+\bar{d}$
---	------	---	-----------------------

5	0101	$\bar{a}b\bar{c}d$	$a+\bar{b}+c+\bar{d}$
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7	0111	?	$a+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d}$
---	------	---	-----------------------------

10	1010	$a\bar{b}c\bar{d}$	$\bar{a}+b+\bar{c}+d$
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13	1101	$a b \bar{c} d$	?
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15	1111	$a b c d$	$\bar{a}+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d}$
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$a' b' c' d$

$a' b c d$



# Boolean Algebra :

# Minterm, Maxterm Relationship

x	y	z	minterm	maxterm
0	0	0	$x'y'z' = m_0$	$x+y+z = M_0$

$$\overline{m_0} = M_0$$

$$\overline{x'y'z'} = x+y+z$$

$$\overline{m_i} = M_i$$

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1	1	0	$xyz'$	$m_6$	$x' + y' + z$	$M_6$
1	1	1	$xyz$	$m_7$	$x' + y' + z'$	$M_7$

# Minterm and Maxterm Relationship

- Review: DeMorgan's Theorem  
 $\overline{x \cdot y} = \overline{x} + \overline{y}$  and  $\overline{x + y} = \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}$
- Two-variable example:  
 $M_2 = \overline{x} + y$  and  $m_2 = x \cdot \overline{y}$   
Thus  $M_2$  is the complement of  $m_2$  and vice-versa.
- Since DeMorgan's Theorem holds for  $n$  variables,  
the above holds for terms of  $n$  variables
- giving:  
 $M_i = \overline{m_i}$  and  $m_i = \overline{M_i}$   
Thus  $M_i$  is the complement of  $m_i$ .

# Function Tables for Both

- Minterms of 2 variables

x y	$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$m_3$
0 0	1	0	0	0
0 1	0	1	0	0
1 0	0	0	1	0
1 1	0	0	0	1

- Maxterms of 2 variables

x y	$M_0$	$M_1$	$M_2$	$M_3$
0 0	0	1	1	1
0 1	1	0	1	1
1 0	1	1	0	1
1 1	1	1	1	0

- Each column in the maxterm function table is the complement of the column in the minterm function table since  $M_i$  is the complement of  $m_i$ .



Q:

For n variables, how many minterms are there??

- A. Exactly  $2^n$
- B. At Most  $2^n$
- C. At Least  $2^n$
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Very Common misconception: for minterm, function value should be 1.



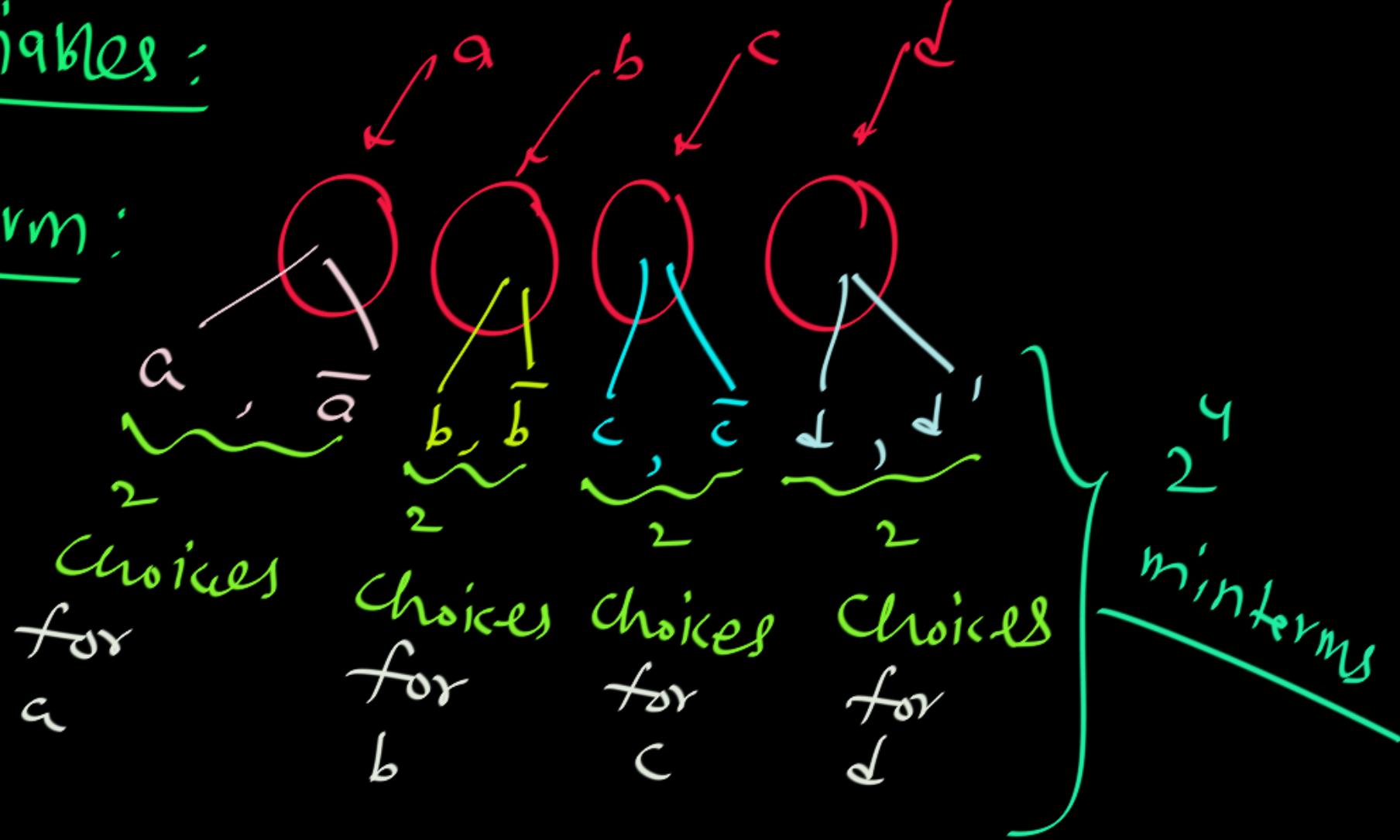
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Exactly  $2^n$  maxterms

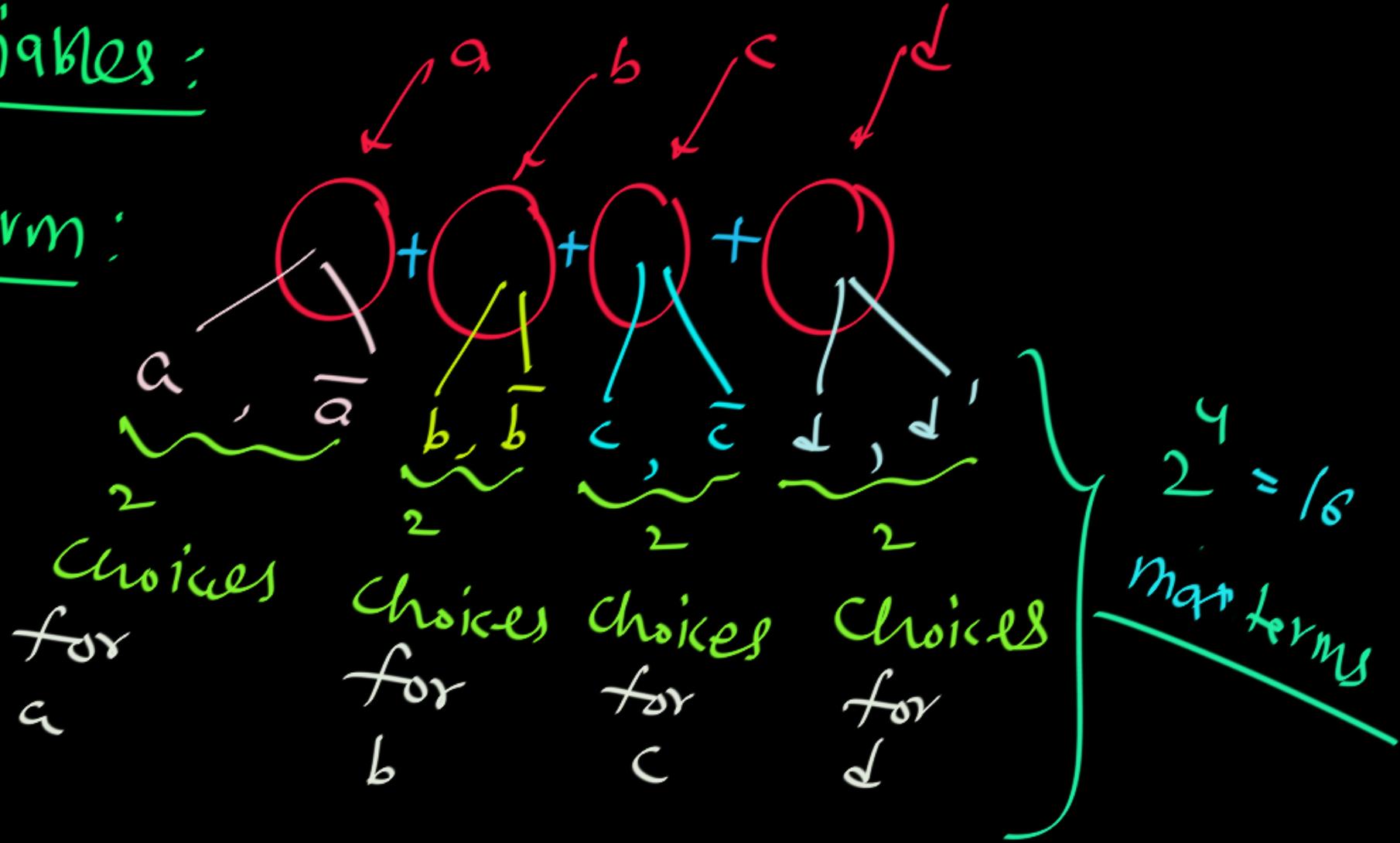
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minterm:



4 Variables:

Maxterm:



# Minterms and Maxterms (1/2)

- A **minterm** of  $n$  variables is a product term that contains  $n$  literals from **all** the variables.  
Example: On 2 variables  $x$  and  $y$ , the minterms are:  
 $x' \cdot y'$ ,  $x' \cdot y$ ,  $x \cdot y'$  and  $x \cdot y$
- A **maxterm** of  $n$  variables is a sum term that contains  $n$  literals from **all** the variables.  
Example: On 2 variables  $x$  and  $y$ , the maxterms are:  
 $x' + y'$ ,  $x' + y$ ,  $x + y'$  and  $x + y$
- In general, with  $n$  variables we have  $2^n$  minterms and  $2^n$  maxterms.

A binary variable may appear either in its normal form ( $x$ ) or in its complement form ( $x'$ ). Now consider two binary variables  $x$  and  $y$  combined with an AND operation. Since each variable may appear in either form, there are four possible combinations:  $x'y'$ ,  $x'y$ ,  $xy'$ , and  $xy$ . Each of these four AND terms is called a *minterm*, or a *standard product*. In a similar manner,  $n$  variables can be combined to form  $2^n$  minterms. The  $2^n$  different minterms may be determined by a method similar to the one shown in Table 2.3 for three variables. The binary numbers from 0 to  $2^n - 1$  are listed under the  $n$  variables. Each minterm is obtained from an AND term of the  $n$  variables, with each variable being primed if the corresponding bit of the binary number is a 0 and unprimed if a 1. A symbol for each minterm is also shown in the table and is of the form  $m_j$ , where the subscript  $j$  denotes the decimal equivalent of the binary number of the minterm designated.

In a similar fashion,  $n$  variables forming an OR term, with each variable being primed or unprimed, provide  $2^n$  possible combinations, called *maxterms*, or *standard sums*. The eight maxterms for three variables, together with their symbolic designations, are listed in Table 2.3. Any  $2^n$  maxterms for  $n$  variables may be determined similarly. It is important to note that (1) each maxterm is obtained from an OR term of the  $n$  variables, with each variable being unprimed if the corresponding bit is a 0 and primed if a 1, and (2) each maxterm is the complement of its corresponding minterm and vice versa.



3.) Which of the following is a minterm for boolean function  $f(x, y, z)$ ?

a.)  $xy$

b.)  
 $xyz$

c.)  
 $x\bar{y}$

d.)  $x+y+z$



3.) Which of the following is a minterm for boolean function  $f(x, y, z)$ ?

- a.)  $xy$  → Product term, but not minterm ( $z/\bar{z}$  missing)
- b.)  $xyz$
- c.)  $x\bar{y}$
- d.)  $x+y+z$  → a sum term, not product term



3.) Which of the following is a **maxterm** for boolean function  $f(x, y, z)$ ?

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 $xyz$

c.)  
 $x\bar{y}$

d.)  $\checkmark x+y+z$

maxterm



# Definitions

- Literals  $x_i$  or  $x_i'$
- Product Term  $x_2x_1', x_0$
- Sum Term  $x_2 + x_1' + x_0$
- Minterm of n variables: A product of n literals in which every variable appears **exactly** once.
- Maxterm of n variables: A sum of n literals in which every variable appears **exactly** once.



# Minterm

- A minterm of  $n$  variables = product of  $n$  literals in which each variable appears exactly once either in T or F form, but not in both. (Also known as a standard product term)



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

## Expressing Boolean Functions

using Minterms, Maxterms



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

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## Expressing Boolean Functions

### using Minterms

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

minterms	x	y	z	Function $f_1$
$x'y'z'$	0	0	0	0 → $f_1$ is 0 for m <sub>0</sub>
$x'y'z$	0	0	1	1
$x'y z'$	0	1	0	0 → $f_1$ is 0 for m <sub>2</sub>
$x'y z$	0	1	1	0
$x'y'z'$	1	0	0	1 → $f_1$ is 1 for m <sub>3</sub>
$x'y'z$	1	0	1	0
$x'y z'$	1	1	0	0
$x'y z$	1	1	1	1 → $f_1$ is 1 for m <sub>7</sub>

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

Maxterms

$x + y + z$

$x' + y + z'$

$x + y' + z$

$x + y' + z'$

$x' + y + z$

$x' + y + z'$

$x' + y' + z$

$x' + y' + z'$

Maxterms	x	y	z	Function $f_1$
$x + y + z$	0	0	0	0 → $f_1$
$x' + y + z'$	0	0	1	1
$x + y' + z$	0	1	0	0 → $f_1$ is 0 for $M_0$
$x + y' + z'$	0	1	1	0
$x' + y + z$	1	0	0	1 → $f_1$ is 1 for $M_1$
$x' + y + z'$	1	0	1	0
$x' + y' + z$	1	1	0	0
$x' + y' + z'$	1	1	1	1 → $f_1$ is 1 for $M_7$



# Any Boolean Function:

is True for some minterms

is false for other minterms



# Any Boolean Function:

is True for some minterms

↳ True-minterms

is false for other minterms

↳ 1 - minterms

↳ false - minterms

↳ 0 - minterms



# Any Boolean Function:

is True for some **max** terms

is false for other **max** terms



# Any Boolean Function:

is True for some max terms

1

True-maxterms (1-max terms)

is false for other max terms

0

false-maxterms  
0 - maxterms



- For a given switching function, and for given values of the input variables,
  - All the minterms that have the value 1 are called **true minterms**. *1-minterms*
  - All the minterms that have the value 0 are called **false minterms**. *0-minterms*
  - All the maxterms that have the value 1 are called **true maxterms**. *1-maxterms*
  - All the maxterms that have the value 0 are called **false maxterms**. *0-maxterms*
- Example:
  - $f(x, y, z) = x'y + xy'z \rightarrow$  True minterms are:  $x'y.z'$ ,  $x'y.z$ ,  $x.y.z$

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**Table 2.4**  
*Functions of Three Variables*

$m_0$	$x$	$y$	$z$	Function $f_1$
$M_0$	0	0	0	0
	0	0	1	1
	0	1	0	0
	0	1	1	0
$M_q$	1	0	0	1
	1	0	1	0
	1	1	0	0
	1	1	1	1

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

x	y	z	Function $f_1$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

for  $f_1$ :

~~l-minterms~~  
~~(True-minterms)~~

$m_1 = \bar{x}y'z$

$m_4 = x'y'z'$

$m_7 = xyz$

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

x	y	z	Function $f_1$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

For  $f_1$ ,  
~~0 - minterme  
 (False - Minterms)~~  
 $m_0 = xyz'$   
 $m_2 = x'y'z'$   
 $m_3 = x'y'z$   
 $m_5 = xy'z$   
 $m_6 = x'yz'$

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

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0	0	0	0
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0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

for  $f_1$   
 1 - maxterms  
 (True-maxterms)  
 $M_x = x + y + z'$   
 $M_y = x' + y + z$   
 $M_z = x' + y' + z'$

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

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0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

for  $f_1$ ,  
 0 - Maxterms  
 (False-Maxterms)  
 $M_0, M_2, M_3, M_5, M_6$  } 0 - Maxterms.



Express a boolean function

using Minterms:

f:

min term	a	b	$f(a,b)$
$a'b'$	0	0	0
$a'b$	0	1	1
$ab'$	1	0	1
$ab$	1	1	1

Express f using

minterms :

f is 1

iff

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a=0, b=1 \\ a=1, b=0 \\ a=1, b=1 \end{array} \right\}$$

OR

OR



f

min term	a	b	$f(a,b)$
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$a'b$	0	1	1
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$ab$	1	1	1

Express f using

minterms :

f is 1

iff

$\{a'b', ab', ab\}$

OR

OR

SL:

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$a'b'$	0	0	0
$a'b$	0	1	1
$ab'$	1	0	1
$ab$	1	1	1

min terms

Express  $f$  using

minterms :

$$f = a'b + ab' + ab$$

$f$  can be expressed  
as a summation of  
its minterms.

Note:

Any boolean function  $f$  can be expressed as a summation (or) of "those minterms" for which  $f=1$ .



# Expressing Boolean Functions using Minterms:

A Boolean function can be expressed algebraically from a given truth table by forming a minterm for each combination of the variables that produces a 1 in the function and then taking the OR of all those terms. For example, the function  $f_1$  in Table 2.4 is determined by expressing the combinations 001, 100, and 111 as  $x'y'z$ ,  $xy'z'$ , and  $xyz$ , respectively. Since each one of these minterms results in  $f_1 = 1$ , we have

$$f_1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$$

Source: Morris Mano, Digital Logic

## Sum of Minterms

Previously, we stated that, for  $n$  binary variables, one can obtain  $2^n$  distinct minterms and that any Boolean function can be expressed as a sum of minterms. **The minterms whose sum defines the Boolean function are those which give the 1's of the function in a**

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**truth table.** Since the function can be either 1 or 0 for each minterm, and since there are

**Source: Morris Mano, Digital Logic**





## 3.5 Canonical Forms

In general, the unique algebraic expression for any Boolean function can be obtained from its truth table by using an OR operator to combine all minterms for which the function is equal to 1.

A **minterm**, denoted as  $m_i$ , where  $0 \leq i < 2^n$ , is a product (AND) of the  $n$  variables in which each variable is complemented if the value assigned to it is 0, and uncomplemented if it is 1.

**1-minterms** = minterms for which the function  $F = 1$ .

**0-minterms** = minterms for which the function  $F = 0$ .

Any Boolean function can be expressed as a sum (OR) of its **1-minterms**. A shorthand notation:

$$F(\text{list of variables}) = \Sigma(\text{list of 1-minterm indices})$$



$$f = \sum_m (f=1)$$

OR

minterms



$$f = \sum_m (f=1)$$

**Table 2.4**  
*Functions of Three Variables*

x	y	z	Function $f_1$	Function $f_2$
0	0	0	0	0
—	0	1	1 ✓	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
—	1	0	1 ✓	0
1	0	1	0	1
—	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
—	1	1	1 ✓	1

$\sum_m(1, 4, 7)$

$$f_1 = \bar{x}\bar{y}z + \bar{x}y\bar{z} + xy\bar{z} = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$$

**Table 2.4**  
*Functions of Three Variables*

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0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
—	0	1	1	1 ✓
1	0	0	1	0
—	1	0	0	1 ✓
—	1	0	0	1 ✓
—	1	1	1	1 ✓

 $x'y'z$  $xy'z$  $xyz'$ 

Similarly, it may be easily verified that

$$f_2 = x'yz + xy'z + xyz' + xyz = m_3 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$\Sigma_m(3, 5, 6, 7)$$

MisConception:

a	b	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Correct Concept:

minterm: a "product term" containing all variables.

a $a'$	b $b'$	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

These minterms are used to express f.

$$f = a'b + ab' = \sum_m(1, 2)$$

## Representations of Logic Functions

Generalized Truth table for 3 variables:

Row	X	Y	Z	F	Minterm	Maxterm
0	0	0	0	F(0,0,0)	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X + Y + Z$
1	0	0	1	F(0,0,1)	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X + Y + Z'$
2	0	1	0	F(0,1,0)	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X + Y' + Z$
3	1	1	1	F(0,1,1)	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X + Y' + Z'$
4	1	0	0	F(1,0,0)	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X' + Y + Z$
5	1	0	1	F(1,0,1)	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X' + Y + Z'$
6	1	1	0	F(1,1,0)	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X' + Y' + Z$
7	1	1	1	F(1,1,1)	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X' + Y' + Z'$

$F = \sum$  ~~those~~ minterms for which  $F=1$ .

minterm 7

maxterm 7

'Canonical sum' of a logic function: sum of minterms for which  $F=1$ .  
 'Canonical product': product of maxterms for which  $F=0$

e.g. if  $F=1$  for rows 0,3,4,6,7, then  $F = \sum_{X,Y,Z} (0,3,4,6,7) = \prod_{X,Y,Z} (1,2,5)$

'minterm list' or 'on-set'

'maxterm list' or 'off-set'

## Representations of Logic Functions

Generalized Truth table for 3 variables:

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0	0	0	0	$F(0,0,0)$	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X+Y+Z$
1	0	0	1	$F(0,0,1)$	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X+Y+Z'$
2	0	1	0	$F(0,1,0)$	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X+Y'+Z$
3	1	1	1	$F(0,1,1)$	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X+Y'+Z'$
4	1	0	0	$F(1,0,0)$	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X'+Y+Z$
5	1	0	1	$F(1,0,1)$	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X'+Y+Z'$
6	1	1	0	$F(1,1,0)$	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X'+Y'+Z$
7	1	1	1	$F(1,1,1)$	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X'+Y'+Z'$

↑                           ↑  
minterm 7               maxterm 7

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e.g. if F=1 for rows 0,3,4,6,7, then  $F = \sum_{X,Y,Z} (0,3,4,6,7) = \prod_{X,Y,Z} (1,2,5)$

'minterm list' or 'on-set'      'maxterm list' or 'off-set'



## Conclusion :

To express  $f$  :

$f = \text{summation (OR) of those}$   
 $\text{minterms for which } f=1.$



"Minterms of a function:"

from function  $f$  point of view:

To express  $f$ , "those minterms are used for which  $f = 1$ ".

These minterms are called

"minterms of function  $f$ "



# Minterms of a function:

- We can implement any function by "ORing" the minterms corresponding to "1" entries in the function table. These are called the minterms of the function.

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If we say that a product is a minterm of a function we are saying that it is both a minterm, and an implicant of the function.

function value is 1.

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If we say that a product is a *minterm of a function* we are saying that it is both a minterm, and an implicant of the function.



Conclusion:

$$f(a, b, c)$$

If I say  $m_3, m_6, m_7$  are the  
minterms of  $f$  then it implicitly  
means  $f = 1$  for  $m_3, m_6, m_7$   
&  $f = 0$  for other minterms.

**Table 2.4**  
*Functions of Three Variables*

x	y	z	Function $f_1$	Function $f_2$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
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minterms  
of  $f_1$ :

$m_1, m_4, m_7$

minterms  
of  $f_2$  =  
 $m_3, m_5, m_6,$   
 $m_7$

Similarly, it may be easily verified that

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## Minterms of a function:

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for  $m_1, m_2, m_5 \rightarrow f = 1 \}$

for other minterms  $\rightarrow f = 0 \}$

4.) A boolean function with two variables are defined in the table below. The Boolean expression for the function specified in the table is a sum of minterms. The minterms for which rows are included in sum?

x	y	f(x, y)	Row #
0	0	0	1
0	1	1	2
1	0	0	3
1	1	1	4

- a.) 1, 2, 4
- b.) 2,3
- c.) 2, 4
- d.) 3, 4



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Row No.

	x	y	f(x, y)
1	0	0	0
2	0	1	1
3	1	0	0
4	1	1	1

a.) 1, 2, 4

b.) 2, 3

c.) 2, 4

d.) 3, 4

$f$  can be expressed as sum of minterms, which minterms? For those minterms, for which minterms  $f = 1$

$f = m_1 + m_3$

$f = \sum_m (1, 3)$



## Conclusion:

### Expressing Boolean Functions using Minterms:

A Boolean function can be expressed algebraically from a given truth table by forming a minterm for each combination of the variables that produces a 1 in the function and then taking the OR of all those terms. For example, the function  $f_1$  in Table 2.4 is determined by expressing the combinations 001, 100, and 111 as  $x'y'z$ ,  $xy'z'$ , and  $xyz$ , respectively. Since each one of these minterms results in  $f_1 = 1$ , we have

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0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

 $x'y'z'$  $xy'z'$  $xyz$ 

OR

$$f_1 = \sum_{m_1} (1, 4, 7)$$

$$f_1 = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$$

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1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

 $x'y'z$  $xy'z$  $xyz'$  $xyz$ 

$$f_2 = \sum m(3, 5, 6, 7)$$

$$f_2 = m_3 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

Similarly, it may be easily verified that

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2	0	1	0	F(0,1,0)	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X + Y' + Z$
3	1	1	1	F(0,1,1)	$X' \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X + Y' + Z'$
4	1	0	0	F(1,0,0)	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X' + Y + Z$
5	1	0	1	F(1,0,1)	$X \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	$X' + Y + Z'$
6	1	1	0	F(1,1,0)	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z'$	$X' + Y' + Z$
7	1	1	1	F(1,1,1)	$X \cdot Y \cdot Z$	$X' + Y' + Z'$

$$F = \sum_m (f=1)$$

minterm 7

maxterm 7

'Canonical sum' of a logic function: sum of minterms for which F=1.

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e.g. if F=1 for rows 0,3,4,6,7, then  $F = \sum_{X,Y,Z}(0,3,4,6,7) = \prod_{X,Y,Z}(1,2,5)$

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A	B	C	S	Co
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
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$$S = \Sigma (1, 2, 4, 7)$$

$$Co = \Sigma (3, 5, 6, 7)$$

$$S = \sum_m (1, 2, 4, 7)$$

# Canonical Sum-of-Products Form

- From the truth table, identify all the true minterms.
  - Corresponding to rows for which the output function is 1.

- Take the sum of all the minterms.

- Example for the full adder:

$$S = A'B'C + A'B'C' + A.B'C' + A.B'C$$

$$Co = A.B.C' + A'.B.C + A.B'.C + A.B.C$$

- We can write down the canonical s-o-p expressions in a compact way by noting down the decimal equivalents of the input combinations:

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2	0	1	0	0
3	0	1	1	0
4	1	0	0	1
5	1	0	1	1
6	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	1	1

$$\begin{aligned} F &= A + B'C \\ A = 1, & \quad f_{z_1} \\ B' = 1, C = 0, & \quad f_{z_2} \\ B' = 1, C = 1, & \quad f_{z_3} \\ B = 0, C = 0, & \quad f_{z_4} \\ B = 0, C = 1, & \quad f_{z_5} \end{aligned}$$



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	0	1	0	0
	0	1	1	0
	1	0	0	1
	1	0	1	1
	1	1	0	0
	1	1	1	1

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= A + B'C \\
 &= \sum_m (1, 4, 5, 6, 7) \\
 &= m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7 \\
 &= A'B'C' + A'B'C + A'BC' + ABC + BC
 \end{aligned}$$



Note:

for any function  $f$ :

Sum of minterms is called

Canonical sum of product form of  $f$ .



for f :

Canonical SOP = Sum of minterms

= min term expansion =  $\sum_m (f=1)$



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When a Boolean function is in its sum-of-minterms form, it is sometimes convenient to express the function in the following brief notation:

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

$\varphi$ : for 2 variables:

How many minterms?

exactly 4.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ab \\ a'b \\ ab' \\ a'b' \end{array} \right\}$

$a, b$

No Function  
is Given

Product term  
Containing all Variables.

Q: If function is Given :

	a	b	f
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
2	1	0	0
3	1	1	1

$f = 0$  for minterms  $m_0, m_2$

$f = 1$  for minterms  $m_1, m_3$

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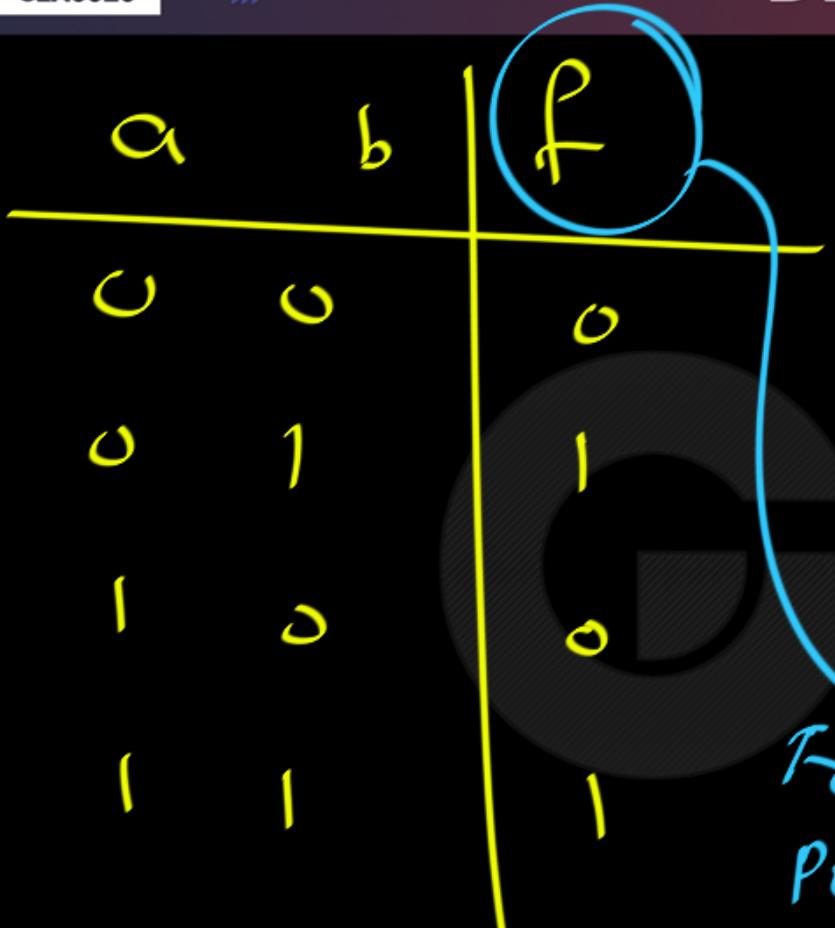
To express f these minterms used.

Q: If function is Given :

a	b	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

To express  $f$ , minterms  $m_1, m_3$  are used

"minterms of  $f$ "



From f  
Point  
of view

$m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3$

$m_1, m_3$

are

minterms.

are called

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# Digital Logic

a	b	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

f is 1

iff

$a = 0, b = 1$

$\text{OR}$   
 $a = 1, b = 1$



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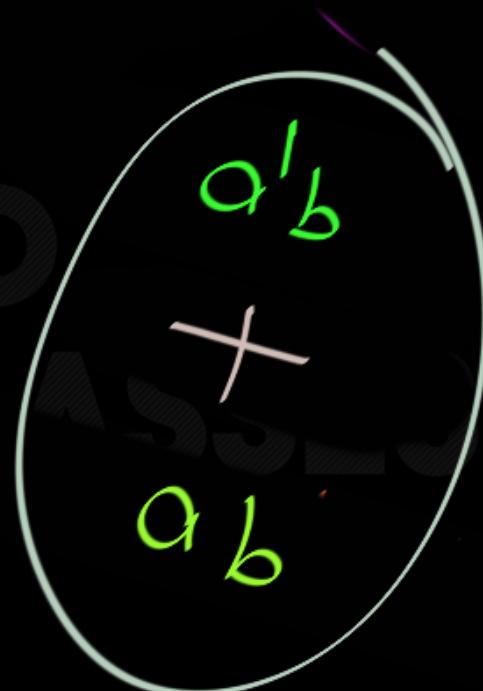
$a' b$

OR

$a \oplus b$

a	b	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

$$\underline{f} =$$





## Conclusion:

Any boolean function  $f$  can be expressed as summation (or) of those minterms for which  $f = 1$



## Conclusion:

$$f = \sum_m (f=1) \checkmark$$

These minterms for which  $f = 1$

are called "minterms of  $f$ ".



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

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## Expressing Boolean Functions

### using Maxterms

**Table 2.4**  
**Functions of Three Variables**

	x	y	z	Function $f_1$
$x + y + z$	0	0	0	0
$x + y + z'$	0	0	1	1 ✓
	0	1	0	0
	0	1	1	0
$x' + y + z$	1	0	0	1 ✓
	1	0	1	0
$x' + y' + z$	1	1	0	0
	1	1	1	1 ✓

$f_1 = 1$  for  
 which minterms :  
 $M_1, M_4, M_7$

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	0	1	0	0 ✓
	0	1	1	0 ✓
$m_2 + y' + z$	1	0	0	1
	1	0	1	0 ✓
$m_3 + y' + z'$	1	1	0	0
	1	1	1	1 ✓

$f_1 = 0$  for  
 which  
 minterms :  
 $m_0, m_2,$   
 $m_3, m_5,$   
 $m_6$



# Any Boolean Function:

is True for some maxterms

is false for other maxterms



- For a given switching function, and for given values of the input variables,
  - All the minterms that have the value 1 are called **true minterms**.
  - All the minterms that have the value 0 are called **false minterms**.
  - All the maxterms that have the value 1 are called **true maxterms**.
  - All the maxterms that have the value 0 are called **false maxterms**.
- Example:
  - $f(x, y, z) = x'y + xy'z \rightarrow$  True minterms are:  $x'y.z'$ ,  $x'y.z$ ,  $x.y.z$

Source: NPTEL, Prof. I.Sengupta, IITKGP

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1	1	0	0 ✓
1	1	1	1

O-Maxterm  
C-Maxterm  
M<sub>0</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>, M<sub>3</sub>,  
M<sub>5</sub>, M<sub>6</sub>



How to Express a function f using  
maxterms?



How to Express a function  $f$  using  
maxterms?

$f$  can be expressed as a  
Product (AND) of those maxterms  
for which  $f = 0$ .

# Expressing Boolean Functions using Maxterms:

Product (AND)

$$f = \prod M (f=0)$$

maxterms

Those maxterms  
for which  
 $f=0$ .

# Maxterms (2)

- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a product (AND) of its 0-maxterms:

$$F(\text{list of variables}) = \prod(\text{list of 0-maxterm indices})$$

Example:

Row Numbers	Variable Values	Function Values	
	x    y    z	$F_1$	$F_1'$
0	0    0    0	0	1
1	0    0    1	0	1
2	0    1    0	0	1
3	0    1    1	1	0
4	1    0    0	0	1
5	1    0    1	1	0
6	1    1    0	1	0
7	1    1    1	1	0

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_1(x, y, z) &= \Pi(0, 1, 2, 4) \\
 &= M_0 M_1 M_2 M_4 \\
 &= (x + y + z)(x + y + z')(x + y' + z)(x' + y + z) \\
 F_1'(x, y, z) &= \Pi(3, 5, 6, 7) \\
 &= M_3 M_5 M_6 M_7 \\
 &= (x + y' + z')(x' + y + z')(x' + y' + z)(x' + y' + z')
 \end{aligned}$$

Equation Table



# Expressing Boolean Functions using Maxterms:

These examples demonstrate a second property of Boolean algebra: Any Boolean function can be expressed as a product of maxterms (with “product” meaning the ANDing of terms). The procedure for obtaining the product of maxterms directly from the truth table is as follows: Form a maxterm for each combination of the variables that produces a 0 in the function, and then form the AND of all those maxterms. **Boolean functions expressed as a sum of minterms or product of maxterms are said to be in *canonical form*.**

Source: Morris Mano

# Expressing Boolean Functions using Maxterms:

## Canonical Product-of-Sums Form

- From the truth table, identify all the false maxterms. (0-maxterms)
  - Corresponding to rows for which the output function is 0.
  - For each false maxterm, form a sum term where a variable will appear in uncomplemented (complemented) form if it has value 0 (1) in the row.
  - Product of all 0-maxterms. ✓

Source: NPTEL, Prof. I.Sengupta, IITKGP

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A **maxterm**, denoted as  $M_i$ , where  $0 \leq i < 2^n$ , is a sum (OR) of the  $n$  variables (literals) in which each variable is complemented if the value assigned to it is 1, and uncomplemented if it is 0.

**1-maxterms** = maxterms for which the function  $F = 1$ .

**0-maxterms** = maxterms for which the function  $F = 0$ .

Any Boolean function can be expressed as a product (AND) of its **0-maxterms**. A shorthand notation:

$$F(\text{list of variables}) = \prod (\text{list of 0-maxterm indices})$$

**Table 2.4**  
*Functions of Three Variables*

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0	0	0	0 ✓	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0 ✓	0
0	1	1	0 ✓	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0 ✓	1
1	1	0	0 ✓	1
1	1	1	1	1

Express  
 $f_1$  using  
maxterms.

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= \\ M_0 M_2 M_3 M_5 M_6 \\ &= \\ &\prod_m (0, 2, 3, 5, 6) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_1 = \sum_m (1, 4, 7) = \prod_m (0, 2, 3, 5, 6)$$



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$f_2 =$

$m_0 m_1 m_2 m_4$

$= \prod_m (0, 1, 2, 4)$

$$f_2 = \prod_m (0, 1, 2, 4) = \sum_m (3, 5, 6, 7)$$

Express  
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Maxterms.



Note:

we can Express any boolean function  $f$   
Using minterms as well as Using Maxterms.

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$$f = \sum_m (f=1)$$

→ Just focus on  
where  $f=1$ .

Note:

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using maxterms.

$$f = \prod_m (f=0)$$

Note:

we can Express

Using minterms

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OR

any boolean function  $f$

as well as

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$$= \prod_m (f=0)$$

AND

using Maxterms.

So; Two Representations of  
Same function  $f$ :

$$\sum_m (f=1) = \text{Sum of minterms} = \text{Canonical SOP form}$$

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Canonical sum of product = sum of minterms

Canonical product of sum = product of maxterms

## Representations of Logic Functions

Generalized Truth table for 3 variables:

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0	0	0	0	F(0,0,0)	$X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z'$	$X+Y+Z$
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$$f = \overline{\pi} M_3 (f=0)$$

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# Maxterms of a function:

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- We can implement any function by "ORing" the minterms corresponding to "1" entries in the function table. These are called the minterms of the function.

 We can implement any function by "ANDing" the maxterms corresponding to "0" entries in the function table. These are called the maxterms of the function.

- This gives us two canonical forms:
  - Sum of Minterms (SOM)
  - Product of Maxterms (POM)

for stating any Boolean function.

If I say  $m_0, m_4, m_6$  are  
maxterms of f then it implicitly

means:  $f = 0$  for  $m_0, m_4, m_6$   
 $f = 1$  for other maxterms.

Maxterms  
of  
 $f_1$ :

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1	1	0	0 ✓	1
1	1	1	1	1

Maxterms  
of  
 $f_2$ :

$m_0, m_1, m_2,$   
 $m_4$



# Conclusion:

Expressing Boolean Functions using Maxterms:

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— Product of these 0-maxterms -



# Digital Logic

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1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

$$S = \prod (0, 3, 5, 6)$$

$$Co = \prod (0, 1, 2, 4)$$

$$S = \prod_m (0, 3, 5, 6)$$

$$S = \sum_m (1, 2, 4, 7)$$

$$Co = \sum_m (3, 5, 6, 7)$$



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minterm 7

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# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

## Canonical SOP

## Canonical POS

# Some Definitions

- The **canonical sum of products (CSOP)** form of an expression refers to rewriting the expression as a sum of minterms.
  - Examples for 3-variables:  $\bar{a}bc + abc$  is a CSOP expression;  $\bar{a}b + c$  is not.
- The **canonical product of sums (CPOS)** form of an expression refers to rewriting the expression as a product of maxterms.
  - Examples for 3-variables:  $(\bar{a}+b+c)(a+b+c)$  is a CPOS expression;  $(\bar{a}+b)c$  is not.
- There is a close correspondence between the truth table and minterms and maxterms.



Q: for any boolean function  $f$ ;

Is CSOP unique?

Is CPOS unique?

Q: for any boolean function  $f$ ;

Is Csop unique?  $\rightarrow$  Yes

Is Cpos Unique?  $\rightarrow$  Yes.

$$\boxed{\text{Csop} = \sum_m (f=1)}$$

Unique expression

$$\text{Cpos} = \prod_m (f=0) \rightarrow \underline{\text{unique expression}}$$



# Canonical Forms

- Two canonical forms:
  - ◆ Sum-of-minterms
  - ◆ Product-of-maxterms
- Canonical forms are unique.



Any function f has

① Unique CSOP ✓

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② Unique CPUS ✓

# Sum-of-minterms and Product-of-maxterms

Two mechanical ways to translate a function's truth table into an expression:

X	Y	Minterm	Maxterm	F
0	0	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}$	$X+Y$	0
0	1	$\bar{X}Y$	$X+\bar{Y}$	1
1	0	$X\bar{Y}$	$\bar{X}+Y$	1
1	1	$XY$	$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}$	0

The sum of the minterms where the function is 1:

*SOP form of F*  $F = \underline{\bar{X}Y + X\bar{Y}}$   $\rightarrow$  *C SOP*

The product of the maxterms where the function is 0:

*POM form of F*  $F = \underline{(X+Y)(\bar{X}+\bar{Y})}$   $\rightarrow$  *C POM*

# Minterms and Maxterms: Another Example

The minterm and maxterm representation of functions may look very different:

X	Y	<b>Minterm</b>	<b>Maxterm</b>	F
0	0	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}$	$X+Y$	0
0	1	$\bar{X}Y$	$X+\bar{Y}$	1
1	0	$X\bar{Y}$	$\bar{X}+Y$	1
1	1	$XY$	$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}$	1

The sum of the minterms where the function is 1:

*Csop*

$$F = \bar{X}Y + X\bar{Y} + XY$$

*Csop (unique)*

The product of the maxterms where the function is 0:

*Cpos*

$$F = X + Y$$

*Cpos (unique)*



# Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

Canonical SOP Vs SOP

Canonical POS Vs POS

a	b	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

for f:

CSOP:  $\sum$  min terms =

$$a'b + ab' + ab$$

CSOP ✓ SOP

SOP Form

$$(a+b)$$

CSOP X

SOP

VS

CSOP

sum

of

minterms

Sum of Product terms

$f = a + b \Rightarrow$  Not sum of minterm  
But it is SOP.  
a minterm? No.

for f :

Is SOP unique? No

Absorption  
Law

$$x + xy = x$$

Is CSOP unique? Yes.

$$f = \underbrace{a+b}_{SOP \vee} = \underbrace{\cancel{a} + \cancel{ab} + b}_{\begin{matrix} SOP \vee \\ CSOP X \end{matrix}} = \underbrace{a + ab + b + bb}_{\begin{matrix} SOP \vee \\ CSOP X \end{matrix}}$$

for  $f = a+b \rightarrow$  How many sop expressions possible )  
=  $a+b+bb$   
=  $a+b+bb+bbb$   
 $= \boxed{a + aa + b + bb}$   
= -  
= -  
= -  
many sop expressions

for  $f = a + b$  sum of minterms



$$= m_1 + m_2 + m_3$$

$$= \sum_m (1, 2, 3) = [a'b + ab' + ab]$$

a	b	f
0	0	0 ✓
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

for f :

Cpos :  $\prod$

$a + b$

$a + b$  sum term  
max terms

$a + b$

Pos? Yes.  $(a + b)$

Cpos ✓

$f = a + b$   $\rightarrow \underline{\text{Not unique}}$

Pos expressions of  $f$ :  $(a+b)$  ✓

$(\underline{a+b}), (\underline{a+b})$  ✓

$(\underline{a+b}), (\underline{a+q^1})$  ✓

a	b	f
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Same

SOP Also

C<sub>SOP</sub> → unique.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= \boxed{xyz + xyz' + xy'z + xy'z'} \rightarrow \text{CSOP form} \\ &= xy(z + z') + xy'(z + z') \rightarrow \text{Neither SOP, NOR POS} \\ &= xy + xy' \\ &= x(y + y') \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$\checkmark$  POS  
SOP X

SOP, POS

SOP  $\checkmark$   
POS X

# Standard Forms (1)

- Two standard forms
  - ♦ Sum-of-products
  - ♦ Product-of-sums
- Standard forms are not unique.
- Sum-of-products is an OR expression with product terms that may have less literals than minterms

Example:

$$F = xy + x'yz + xy'z$$



## Standard Forms (2)

- Product-of-sums is an AND expression with sum terms that may have less literals than maxterms

Example:

$$F = (x' + y')(x + y' + z')(x' + y + z')$$

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$\varphi$ : Is it Possible for any  
function  $f$  that

$$f = \overline{f} \text{ ?}$$

$\varphi$ : Is it Possible for any

function  $f$  that

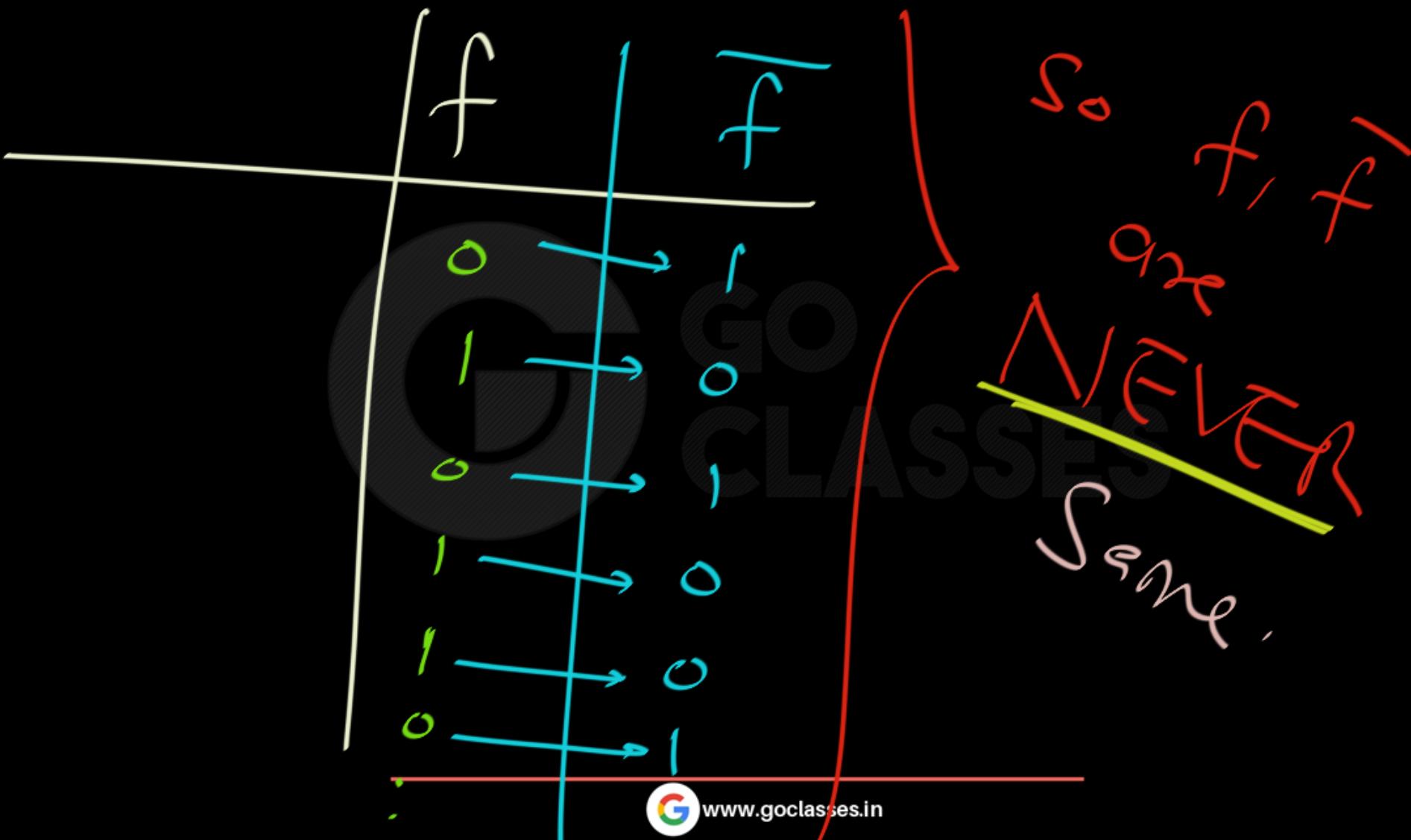
$$f = \overline{f}$$

? No

Can Never happen for any function.



# Digital Logic





$\varphi$ : for f;

Is CSOP Complement of POS!



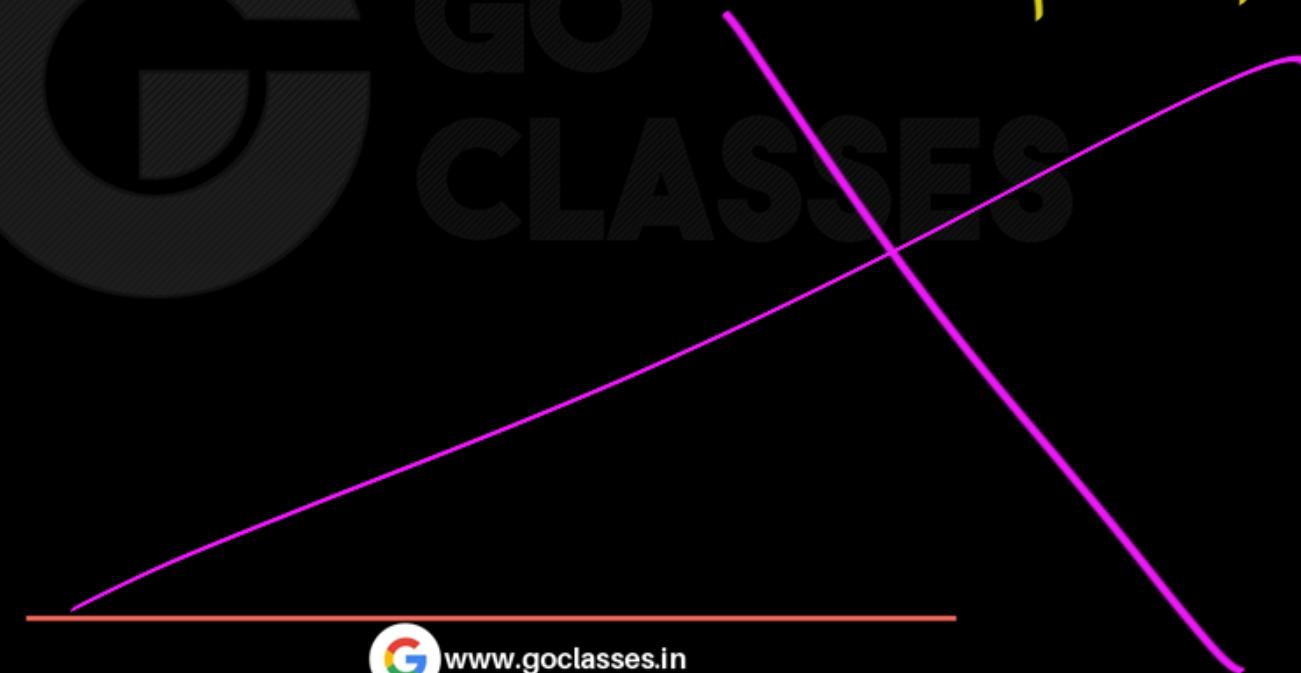
$\varphi$ : for f;

Is C<sub>SOP</sub> Dual of C<sub>POS</sub>?



$\varphi$ : for f;

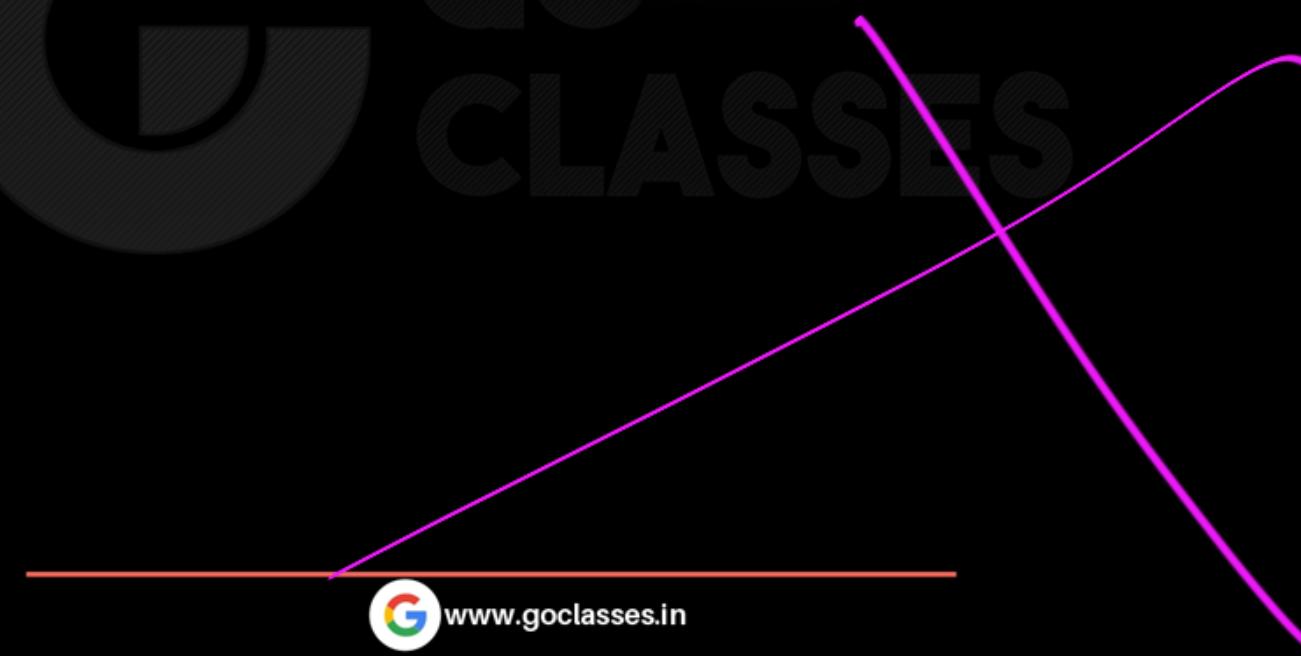
Is CSOP Complement of POS!





$\varphi$ : for f;

Is CSOP Dual of CPOS!





for f ;

Csop

Equivalent of

Cpos.

for any f,

Csop, Cpos, Pos, Sop,

All are Just Different Representations.



Same function can be written  
in many different ways

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Equivalent .



$$\text{EP: } f = a + b$$

Csop of  $f =$

GO  
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Cpos of  $f =$

Dual of  $f =$

Complement of  $f =$

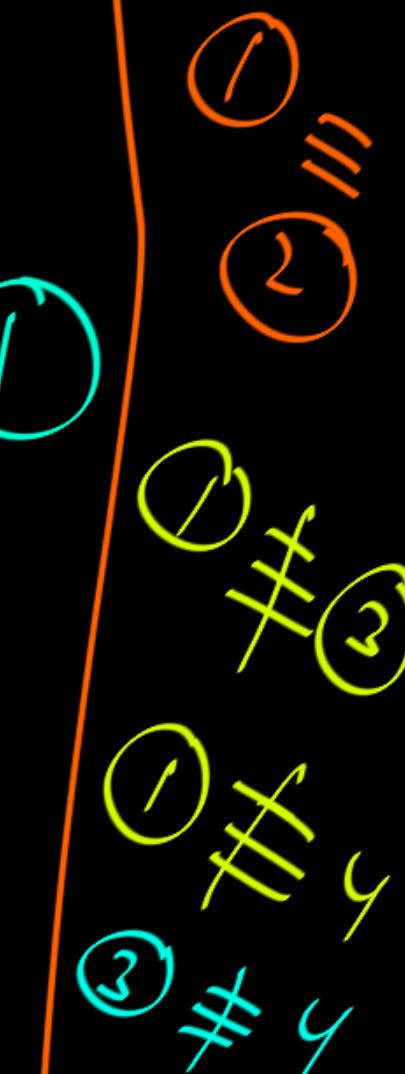
Ex:  $f = a + b$

SOP of  $f = a'b + ab' + ab$

POS of  $f = a + b$

Dual of  $f = ab$

Complement of  $f = a'b'$



$$f = a + b$$

$$\text{Cpos} = a + b$$

$$\text{CSOP} = a'b + ab' + ab$$

Simplify CSOP.

$$a'b + \cancel{ab'} + \cancel{ab} = a'b + a =$$

$$a(b' + b)$$

$$\text{CSOP} = a + b$$

$$x + \gamma y = x + y$$

$$\alpha + \alpha' \beta = \alpha + \beta$$

Note:

CSOP, CPOS, POS, SOP, --- etc  
are just Different ways of writing  
Same function.

$$f = ab$$

(C.S.O.P) =  $a'b$

(P.O.S) =  $(a+b)(a'+b)(a+b')$

Dual =  $\overline{a}+\overline{b}$

~~Equivalent~~

Is C.S.O.P of f  
Dual of P.O.S  
of f? No.

# Sum-of-products form

- sometimes also called *disjunctive normal form (DNF)*

- sometimes also called a *minterm expansion*

*Principle* → *Principle DNF*  
↓ *CSDP*

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1

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

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



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Boolean Algebra  $\equiv$  Propositional logic

SOP

Disjunction of Conjunction

= Disjunctive Normal form  
(DNF)

SOP = DNF

Boolean Algebra  $\equiv$  Propositional logic

Pos

Conjunction of Disjunction

= Conjunctive Normal form  
(CNF)

Pos = CNF

Boolean Alg

Propositional logic

SOP

DNF

PoS

CNF

CSOP

CDNF (Principle DNF)

CPOS

CCNF (Principle CNF)

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$	minterm
0	0	0	1	0	$m_0 \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$
0	0	1	1	0	$m_1 \bar{A}\bar{B}C$
0	1	0	1	0	$m_2 \bar{A}BC$
0	1	1	0	1	$m_3 A\bar{B}C$
1	0	0	1	0	$m_4 A\bar{B}\bar{C}$
1	0	1	1	0	$m_5 A\bar{B}C$
1	1	0	0	1	$m_6 ABC$
1	1	1	0	1	$m_7 ABC$

(variables appear once in each minterm)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}BC + ABC + A\bar{B}C \\
 &= m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_4 + m_5 \\
 &= \sum m(1,0,2,4,5)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{F} &= \bar{A}BC + AB\bar{C} + ABC \\
 &= m_3 + m_6 + m_7 \\
 &= \sum m(3,6,7)
 \end{aligned}$$



Express the Boolean function  $F = xy + x'z$  as a product of maxterms.





Express the Boolean function  $F = xy + x'z$  as a product of maxterms.

$$\begin{aligned}F &= (x + y + z)(x + y' + z)(x' + y + z)(x' + y + z') \\&= M_0M_2M_4M_5\end{aligned}$$

A convenient way to express this function is as follows:

$$F(x, y, z) = \Pi(0, 2, 4, 5)$$

# Product-of-sums form

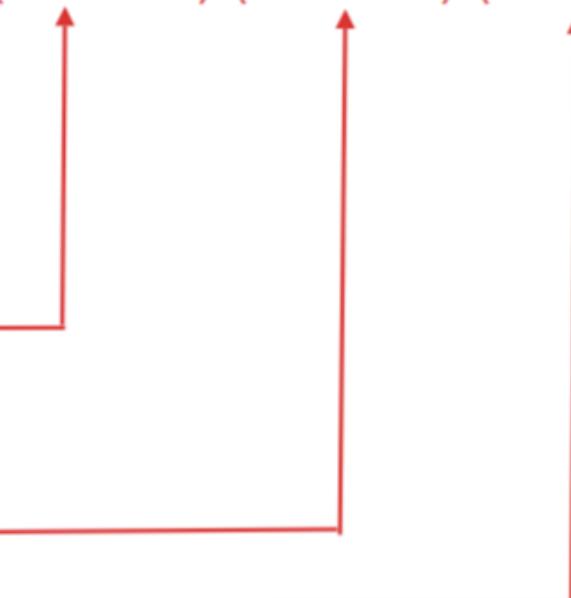
Canonical

- sometimes also called **conjunctive normal form (CNF)**
- sometimes also called a **maxterm expansion**

principle

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1

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



# Product-of-sums form

Canonical

principle

- sometimes also called conjunctive normal form (CNF)

- sometimes also called a maxterm expansion

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1

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

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

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$	maxterm
0	0	0	1	0	M0 A+B+C
0	0	1	1	0	M1 A+B+ $\bar{C}$
0	1	0	1	0	M2 A+ $\bar{B}$ +C
0	1	1	0	1	M3 A+ $\bar{B}$ + $\bar{C}$
1	0	0	1	0	M4 $\bar{A}$ +B+C
1	0	1	1	0	M5 $\bar{A}$ +B+ $\bar{C}$
1	1	0	0	1	M6 $\bar{A}$ + $\bar{B}$ +C
1	1	1	0	1	M7 $\bar{A}$ + $\bar{B}$ + $\bar{C}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= (A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) (\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C) (\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) \\
 &= (M3)(M6)(M7) \\
 &= \prod M(3,6,7)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{F} &= (A+B+C) (A+B+\bar{C}) (A+\bar{B}+C) (\bar{A}+B+C) (\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}) \\
 &= (M0)(M1)(M2)(M4)(M5) \\
 &= \prod M(0,1,2,4,5)
 \end{aligned}$$



# Some Observations:

# Standard Form Example

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

F

 $\bar{F}$ 

Sum of products  
(SOP)

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Product of sums  
(POS)

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# Standard Form Example

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
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1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

Complement of F.

Canonical  
Sum of products  
(SOP)

Canonical  
Product of sums  
(POS)

F	$\bar{F}$
$\sum_m (F=1)$	$\sum_m (\bar{F}=1)$
$\prod_m (F=0)$	$\prod_m (\bar{F}=0)$

# Standard Form Example

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
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1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

Complement of F.

Canonical  
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(POS)

F	$\bar{F}$
$\sum_m (F=1)$	$\sum_m (F=0)$
$\prod_m (F=0)$	$\prod_m (F=1)$

# Standard Form Example

	A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	0
2	0	1	0	0	1
3	0	1	1	1	0
4	1	0	0	0	1
5	1	0	1	1	0
6	1	1	0	1	0
7	1	1	1	0	1

Complement of F.

F

$\bar{F}$

Sum of products  
(SOP)

$$\sum(1, 3, 5, 6)$$

$$\sum(0, 2, 4, 7)$$

Product of sums  
(POS)

$$\prod(0, 2, 4, 7)$$

$$\prod(1, 3, 5, 6)$$



for f :





$$\varphi: f(a, b, c) = \sum(1, 5, 6)$$

= (pos)



$$Q: f(a, b, c) = \sum (1, 5, 6) = \text{sum of minterms}$$

$$= \text{pos} = \overline{\prod (0, 2, 3, 4, 7)}$$

Tell us that  
 $f=1$  for these  
Combinations.

So  $f=0$  for 0, 2, 3, 4, 7

$$\varphi: f(a,b,c) = \pi(1,2,3,5) \\ = \sum ( )$$

$$\varphi: f(a, b, c) = \prod (1, 2, 3, 5) \\ = \sum (0, 4, 6, 7)$$

Tell us that  
 $f=0$  for these  
Combinations / Indexes

So  $f=1$  for  
0, 4, 6, 7

# Standard Form Example

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

F

 $\bar{F}$ 

Sum of products  
(SOP)

$$\sum m(1,3,5,6)$$

$$\sum m(0,2,4,7)$$

Product of sums  
(POS)

$$\prod M(0,2,4,7)$$

$$\prod M(1,3,5,6)$$



for  $f$ :

$$C_{SOP} = \sum (-\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{s}}}}) = \text{sum of minterms}$$

$$C_{POS} = \prod (-\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{s}}}}) = \text{product of maxterms.}$$



for f :

Cpos :

$$\prod ( \quad )$$

: product of  
maxterms

Csop :

$$\sum ( \quad )$$

: sum of  
minterms.



for  $f$ :  $f = \sum (i \dots i \dots i)$

$\bar{f} = \sum (j \dots j \dots j)$



for  $f$ :  $f = \sum ( \dots )$

$\bar{f} = \sum ( \dots )$

$\bar{f} = 1$  for index  $f.s.$

many  
 $f.s$  for index  $f.s$ .



for  $f$ :  $f = \bar{\pi}(\underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad})$

$\bar{f} = \bar{\pi}(\underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad})$



for  $f$ :  $f = \prod_{i \in s} (\underline{\quad})$

$\bar{f} = \prod_{i \notin s} (\underline{\quad})$

$\bar{f} = 0$  for  
index  $i \notin s$



# Summary of SOP and POS

	F	$\bar{F}$
Sum of products (SOP)	$\sum m(F = 1)$	$\sum m(F = 0)$
Product of sums (POS)	$\prod M(F = 0)$	$\prod M(F = 1)$

# Canonical Forms

- Two canonical forms:
  - ◆ Sum-of-minterms
  - ◆ Product-of-maxterms
- Canonical forms are unique.
- Conversion between canonical forms is achieved by:
  - ◆ Exchanging  $\Sigma$  and  $\Pi$
  - ◆ Listing all the missing indices



**Definition:** Any Boolean function that is expressed as a sum of minterms or as a product of maxterms is said to be in its **canonical form**.

To convert from one canonical form to its other **equivalent** form, interchange the symbols  $\Sigma$  and  $\Pi$ , and list the index numbers that were excluded from the original form.

# Standard Form Example

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

F

 $\bar{F}$ 

Sum of products  
(SOP)

$$\sum m(1,3,5,6)$$

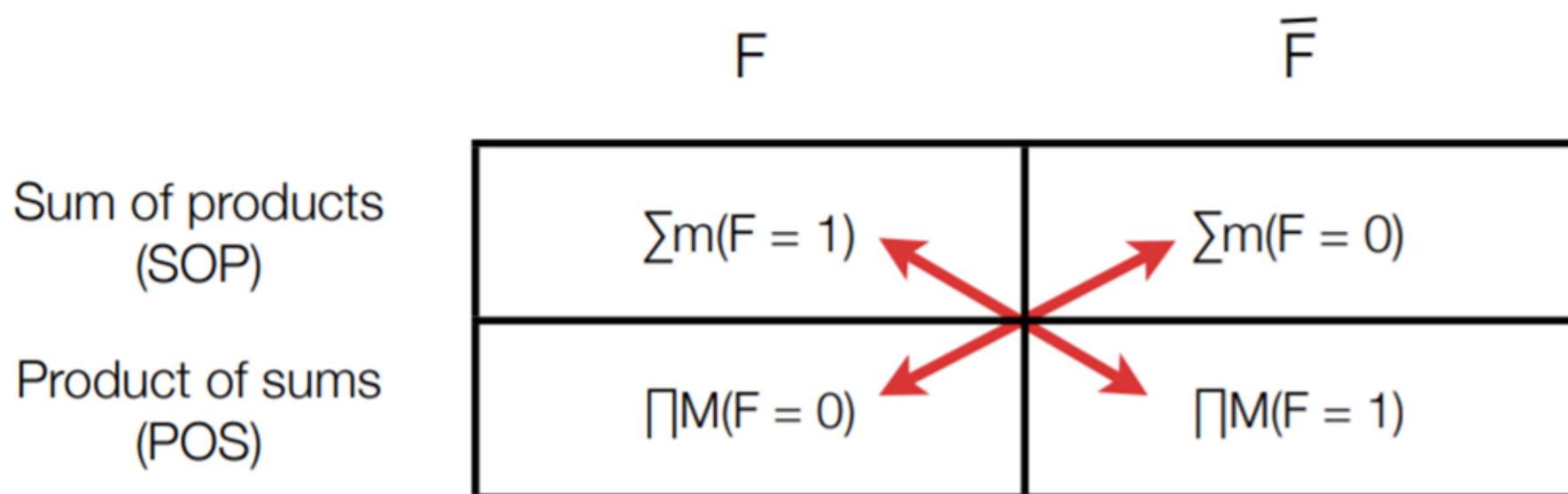
$$\sum m(0,2,4,7)$$

Product of sums  
(POS)

$$\prod M(0,2,4,7)$$

$$\prod M(1,3,5,6)$$

# Converting between canonical forms



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