

# MAXTERMS

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## Maxterms (OR terms or Sum terms):

A literal or the logical sum (OR) of multiple literals within the logic system.

Eg:  $X \quad X'+Y \quad X+(Y+Z) \quad A'+B+C$

If the value of a variable is **1**, then its **complement is added** else the variable is added as it is.

If  $A=0, B=1, C=1$ , then maxterm is  $A+B'+C'$

Maxterms can also be written as **M** with a **subscript which is decimal equivalent** of given input combination.

Eg:  $A+B'+C'$  can be written as  $M_3$

Given that each binary variable may appear normal (A) or complemented (A'), there are  $2^n$  **maxterms for n variables**.

Eg: 3 variables (A,B&C) produce  $2^3=8$  maxterms

Variables			Sum terms	Maxterm
A	B	C		$M_i$
0	0	0	$A + B + C$	$M_0$
0	0	1	$A + B + C'$	$M_1$
0	1	0	$A + B' + C$	$M_2$
0	1	1	$A + B' + C'$	$M_3$
1	0	0	$A' + B + C$	$M_4$
1	0	1	$A' + B + C'$	$M_5$
1	1	0	$A' + B' + C$	$M_6$
1	1	1	$A' + B' + C'$	$M_7$

## 1 Products-of-Sum (POS) Expression

- also called as **Conjunctive Normal Form**
- when two or more **sum terms are logically multiplied**
- 2-level OR-AND circuit
- $F(x, y, z) = (x+y)(x+z)(y+z)$

## 2 Canonical Products-of-Sum (POS) Expression

- when a Boolean expression is represented purely as product of maxterms and every variable in the domain must appear in each term.
- Eg:  $F = (X'+Y+Z).(X+Y'+Z')$

Can also be represented as  
 $F = \Pi(3,4)$

## POS & STANDARD POS

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## PRODUCTS-OF-SUM (POS) FORM

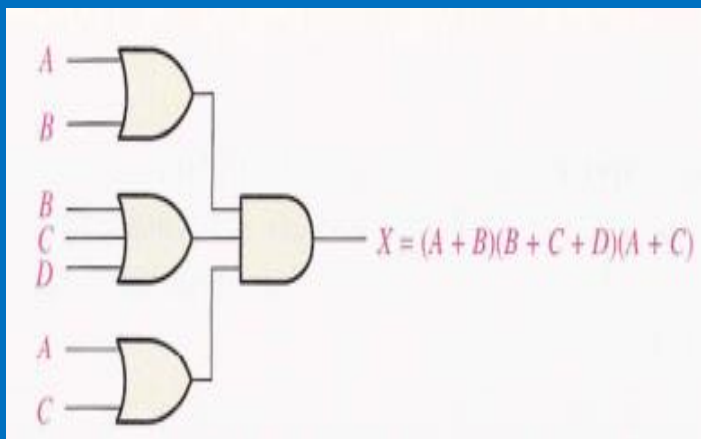
- Two or more sum terms are logically multiplied
- Eg:  $(A+B) \cdot (A+B+C) \quad A' \cdot (A'+B+C)$
- In POS expression, a single overbar cannot extend over more than one variable; however, more than one variable in a term can have an overbar. Eg: a POS expression can have the term  $A'+B'+C'$  but not  $(A+B+C)'$
- In Standard POS expression, all the variables in the domain must appear in each sum term in the expression.

## PRODUCTS-OF-SUM (POS) FORM

### OR/AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POS FORM

POS can be implemented using **2-level OR-AND** circuit

Implementation of the POS expression  $(A + B)(B + C + D)(A + C)$ .



# PRODUCTS-OF-SUM (POS) FORM

## Maxterms:

1 - complements (X')

0 - true value (X)

## POS Expression from Truth Table

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1. For a given expression, prepare a truth table for all possible combinations of inputs.
2. Take the product of all the maxterms which produces LOW output.

Express the POS form of the Boolean function  $F(A,B,C)$  for the truth table given:

Inputs			Output	Maxterms
A	B	C	X	$M_n$
0	0	0	0	$m_0 = A+B+C$
0	0	1	1	$m_1 = A+B+C'$
0	1	0	1	$m_2 = A+B'+C$
0	1	1	0	$m_3 = A+B'+C'$
1	0	0	0	$m_4 = A'+B+C$
1	0	1	0	$m_5 = A'+B+C'$
1	1	0	1	$m_6 = A'+B'+C$
1	1	1	1	$m_7 = A'+B'+C'$

$$F = (A+B+C) \cdot (A+B'+C') \cdot (A'+B+C) \cdot (A'+B+C')$$

# PRODUCTS-OF-SUM (POS) FORM

## ALGEBRAIC METHOD

## Algebraic Method for Maxterm expansion

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1. Simplify the given expression using appropriate theorems/rules.
2. Convert the given expression in POS form by applying the rule:  $X+YZ = (X+Y) \cdot (X+Z)$
3. In each term, if any variable is missing, add that term with (missingterm . missingterm')
4. Simplify the expression until we get POS terms
5. Remove all the duplicates

# PRODUCTS-OF-SUM (POS) FORM

## ALGEBRAIC METHOD

Convert the following Boolean expression into standard POS form:

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

*Solution* The domain of this POS expression is  $A, B, C, D$ . Take one term at a time. The first term,  $A + \bar{B} + C$ , is missing variable  $D$  or  $\bar{D}$ , so add  $D\bar{D}$  and apply rule 12 as follows:

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

The second term,  $\bar{B} + C + \bar{D}$ , is missing variable  $A$  or  $\bar{A}$ , so add  $A\bar{A}$  and apply rule 12 as follows:

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

The third term,  $A + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + D$ , is already in standard form. The standard POS form of the original expression is as follows:

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

# PRODUCTS-OF-SUM (POS) FORM

Exercises:

1. Convert  $F(X,Y,Z) = \Pi(0,2,5)$
2. Convert  $F(A,B,C,D) = \Pi(0,9,12,15)$

## Shorthand Maxterm Notation

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If  $F = \Pi(0,1,4,5,7)$ , this specifies that output  $F$  is product of 0<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> maxterms.

I.e  $F = M_0 \cdot M_1 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_7$

$$M_0 \rightarrow 000 \rightarrow X + Y + Z$$

$$M_1 \rightarrow 001 \rightarrow X + Y + Z'$$

$$M_4 \rightarrow 100 \rightarrow X' + Y + Z$$

$$M_5 \rightarrow 101 \rightarrow X' + Y + Z'$$

$$M_7 \rightarrow 111 \rightarrow X' + Y' + Z'$$

$$F = (X+Y+Z) \cdot (X + Y + Z') \cdot (X' + Y + Z) \cdot (X' + Y + Z') \cdot (X' + Y' + Z')$$

## CONVERSION BETWEEN CANONICAL FORMS

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### Complement of a function

The Complement of a function expressed as the sum of minterms equals the sum of minterms **missing** from the original function. This is because the original function is expressed by those minterms that make the function equal to 1, while its complement is a 1 for those minterms for which the function is a 0.

$$\text{Eg: } F(A,B,C) = \Sigma(1,4,5,6,7) = m_1+m_4+m_5+m_6+m_7$$

has a complement that can be expressed as  $F'(A,B,C) = \Sigma(0,2,3) = m_0+m_2+m_3$

## CONVERSION BETWEEN CANONICAL FORMS

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### Standard SOP to Standard POS

$F(A,B,C) = \Sigma(1,4,5,6,7) = m_1+m_4+m_5+m_6+m_7$  has a complement that can be expressed as

$$F'(A,B,C) = \Sigma(0,2,3) = m_0+m_2+m_3$$

To convert from one canonical form to another, **interchange the symbol and list those numbers missing from the original form.**

If we take the complement of  $F'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F'' &= (m_0+m_2+m_3)' \\ &= (m_0)' \cdot (m_2)' \cdot (m_3)' \\ &= M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \\ &= \Pi(0,2,3) \end{aligned}$$

$$M_i = m_i'$$

**Exercise:**

$F(X,Y,Z) = \Pi(0,2,4,5)$  is in POS form, find its SOP?

# CONVERSION BETWEEN CANONICAL FORMS

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## Standard SOP to Standard POS

Convert the SOP expression to an equivalent POS expression:  $A'B'C' + A'BC' + A'BC + AB'C + ABC$

**Solution:** The given SOP Expression contains the terms

$$A'B'C' + A'BC' + A'BC + AB'C + ABC$$

000    010    011    101    111

$m_0$      $m_2$      $m_3$      $m_5$      $m_7$

Since there are three variables in the domain of the given expression, there are total of  $2^3$  possible combinations. The given SOP expression contains 5 of these combinations, so the POS must contain the other 3 which are 001( $m_1$ ), 100( $m_4$ ), 110( $m_6$ )

So the equivalent POS expression is  $F = (A+B+C') \cdot (A'+B+C) \cdot (A'+B'+C)$

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# CONVERSION BETWEEN CANONICAL FORMS

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## Standard SOP to Standard POS

Identify each of the following expression as SOP, Standard SOP, POS or Standard POS.

1.  $AB + A'BD + A'CD'$
  2.  $(A+B'+C) \cdot (A'+B+C')$
  3.  $A'BC + ABC'$
  4.  $A(A+C')(A+B)$
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# BOOLEAN FUNCTIONS

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## Boolean function or Switching Function:

consists of an algebraic expression formed with binary variables, the constants 0 and 1, the logic operation symbols, parenthesis, and an equal sign.

Eg:  $F(X,Y,Z) = X + Y'Z + 1$

The variable in true or complemented form (eg: X or Z') is called as a **Literal**

**Domain** of a Boolean expression is **set of literals** contained in the expression.

Eg: Domain of  $AB + C$  is A, B, and C



# BOOLEAN FUNCTIONS

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A function can be specified or represented in any of the following ways:

- Truth table
- Logic Circuit
- Boolean expression
- SOP (Sum Of Products)
- POS (Product of Sums)
- Canonical SOP
- Canonical POS

# MINTERMS

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## Minterms (Product terms or AND terms)

They are a literal or the logical product (AND) of multiple literals within the logic system.

Eg:  $X$     $XY$     $XYZ$     $X'YZ'$     $A'BC$

Variables with a value **0** can be represented by **its complement**.

Eg: If  $x=0, y=1, z=0$ , then minterm is  $x' y z'$

Minterms can also be written as **m** with a subscript which is decimal equivalent of given input combination . Eg:  $m_2$

Given that each binary variable may appear normal ( $x$ ) or complemented ( $x'$ ), there are  $2^n$  **minterms for n variables**.

Eg: 2 variables ( $X$  &  $Y$ ) produce  $2^2 = 4$  minterms

x	y	minterm	designation
0	0	$x'y'$	$m_0$
0	1	$x'y$	$m_1$
1	0	$xy'$	$m_2$
1	1	$xy$	$m_3$

x	y	z	minterm	designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	$m_0$
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	$m_1$
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	$m_2$
0	1	1	$x'yz$	$m_3$
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	$m_4$
1	0	1	$xy'z$	$m_5$
1	1	0	$xyz'$	$m_6$
1	1	1	$xyz$	$m_7$

## 1 Sum-of-Products (SOP) Expression

- also called as **Disjunctive Normal Form**
- two or more **product terms** are **logically added** together
- Eg:  $X'.Y + XY'$     $X.Y + Z$     $X + Y$

$$F(x, y, z) = xy + xz + yz$$

## 2 Canonical Sum-of-Products (SOP) Expression

- when a Boolean expression is represented purely as sum of minterms (product terms) and **every variable in the domain must appear in each term**.
- Eg:  $F = AB'C + A'B'C + ABC$

Can also be represented as  $F = \Sigma(1, 5, 7)$

**SOP &  
CANONICAL  
SOP**

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- SOP: Two or more product terms are logically added together.
- Eg:  $AB + ABC + BC + CDE + B'CD' + A + A'BC$
- In SOP expression, a single overbar cannot extend over more than one variable; however, more than one variable in a term can have an overbar.
- Eg: an SOP expression can have the term  $A'B'C'$  but not  $(ABC)'$
- SOP can be implemented using **2-level AND-OR circuit**

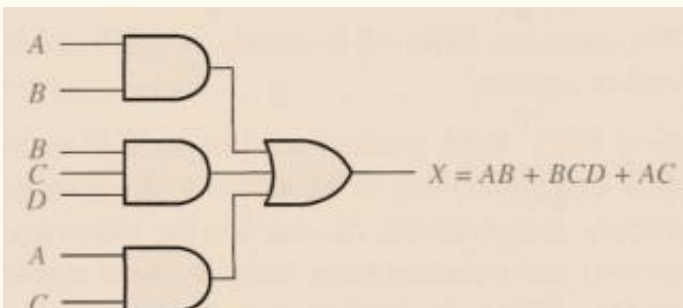
## Sum of Products (SOP) Form

Minterms:

0 - complements ( $X'$ )

1 - true value ( $X$ )

Implementation of the SOP expression  $AB + BCD + AC$ .



## SOP FORM

AND/OR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
OF SOP FORM

### EXERCISES

1.  $AB + A'C + BD$
2.  $AB'C + AB + AC$

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- Any logic expression can be changed into SOP form by applying Boolean algebra techniques.
- Eg:  $A(B+CD)$  can be converted into SOP form by applying the distributive law as  $AB + ACD$
- Exercises:
  1. Convert  $(A+B)(B+C+D)$
  2. Convert  $A'BC' + (A+B')(B+C'+AB')$

## CONVERSION OF A GENERAL EXPRESSION TO SOP FORM

- In **standard SOP expression**, all the variables in the domain must appear in each product term in the expression.
- Two methods to **generate standard (Canonical) SOP terms**
  - Using Truth table
  - Using algebraic method

## STANDARD SOP FORM (CANONICAL SOP)

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### Algebraic Method for Minterm expansion

1. Convert the given expression in SOP form
2. In each term, if any variable is missing, multiply that term with (missingterm +missingterm') factor.
3. Expand the expression
4. Remove the duplicates

#### Example:

Convert  $F=X+Y$  to minterms

$$F = X + Y = X.1 + Y.1$$

$$= X.(Y+Y') + Y.(X+X')$$

$$= XY + XY' + XY + X'Y$$

$$= XY + XY' + X'Y$$

## SOP FORM

## EXAMPLE- ALGEBRAIC METHOD

Convert the following Boolean expression into standard SOP form:

$$\overline{A}BC + \overline{A}\overline{B} + ABCD$$

The domain of this SOP expression is  $A, B, C, D$ . Take one term at a time. The first term,  $\overline{A}BC$ , is missing variable  $D$  or  $\overline{D}$ , so multiply the first term by  $D + \overline{D}$  as follows:

$$\overline{A}BC = \overline{A}BC(D + \overline{D}) = \overline{A}BCD + \overline{A}BC\overline{D}$$

In this case, two standard product terms are the result.

The second term,  $\overline{A}\overline{B}$ , is missing variables  $C$  or  $\overline{C}$  and  $D$  or  $\overline{D}$ , so first multiply the second term by  $C + \overline{C}$  as follows:

$$\overline{A}\overline{B} = \overline{A}\overline{B}(C + \overline{C}) = \overline{A}\overline{B}C + \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}$$

The two resulting terms are missing variable  $D$  or  $\overline{D}$ , so multiply both terms by  $D + \overline{D}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{A}\overline{B}C &= \overline{A}\overline{B}C(D + \overline{D}) = \overline{A}\overline{B}CD + \overline{A}\overline{B}C\overline{D} \\ \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C} &= \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}(D + \overline{D}) = \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}D + \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D}\end{aligned}$$

In this case, four standard product terms are the result.

The third term,  $ABCD$ , is already in standard form. The complete standard SOP form of the original expression is as follows:

$$\overline{A}BCD + \overline{A}BC\overline{D} + \overline{A}\overline{B}CD + \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}D + \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D} + ABCD$$

## SOP FORM

### EXAMPLE- ALGEBRAIC METHOD

#### EXERCISES

1.  $AB' + A'C + A'$
2.  $ABC + A'B' + C$

### SOP Expression from Truth Table

1. For a given expression, prepare a truth table for all possible combinations of inputs.
2. Add all the minterms which produces HIGH output.

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

$$\begin{aligned}F &= A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC \\ &= \Sigma(3,5,6,7)\end{aligned}$$

## SOP FORM

Minterms:

0 - complements (X')

1 - true value (X)

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A Boolean function F defined on 3 variables – A, B & C is 1 iff odd number of one inputs. Draw the truth table for the function and express it in canonical SOP form.

**Hint:** The output Z is one only for odd number of one inputs. Draw the truth table and then add all the minterms corresponding to the high output

$$F = A'B'C + A'BC' + AB'C' + ABC$$

$$= \Sigma(1,2,4,7)$$

Input			Output
A	B	C	Z
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

## SOP FORM

Minterms:

0 - complements (X')

1 - true value (X)

## EXAMPLE- TRUTH TABLE METHOD

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### Shorthand Minterm Notation

1. First of all, copy original terms
2. Substitute 0's for complements and 1's for true letters.
3. Express the decimal equivalent as subscript of m.

#### Example:

Find the minterm designation of  $X Y' Z'$

Copy original term -  $X Y' Z'$

Substitute 1's & 0's - 1 0 0

Decimal Equivalent of 100 is 4, Thus  $X Y' Z' = m_4$

## SOP FORM

### Example

A B C' D'

1 1 0 0

$m_{12}$

### Converting Shorthand Notation to minterms

1. Find binary equivalent of decimal subscript
2. For every 1's write the variable as it is and for 0's write variable's complemented form.

#### Example:

Convert  $F = \Sigma(0,1,2,5)$  into canonical SOP form

$$F = m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_5$$

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$$X'Y'Z' + X'Y'Z + X'YZ' + XY'Z$$

## SOP FORM

### EXERCISES

1.  $F = m_3 + m_4 + m_5$

2.  $F = \Sigma(7,12,15)$