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# Logic and Computer Design Fundamentals

## Chapter 2 – Combinational Logic Circuits

### Part 4 – Standard Form of Algebraic Representation

# Overview

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- **Recall Part 3 – Algebraic Manipulation**
  - Review of algebraic manipulation
  - Additional Trick for applying all identities
- **Part 4 – Standard Form of Algebraic Representation**
  - Minterms and Maxterms
  - Index Representation of Minterms and Maxterms
  - Sum-of-Minterm (SOM) Representations
  - Product-of-Maxterm (POM) Representations

# Recall Part 3: Algebraic Manipulation

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How to simplify the Boolean algebra?

# Algebraic Manipulation: Basic Identities

An algebraic structure defined on a set of at least two elements, together with three traditional binary operators: Or, And, Not (denoted  $+$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ) that satisfies the following basic identities:

1.  $X + 0 = X$

3.  $X + 1 = 1$

5.  $X + X = X$

7.  $X + \bar{X} = 1$

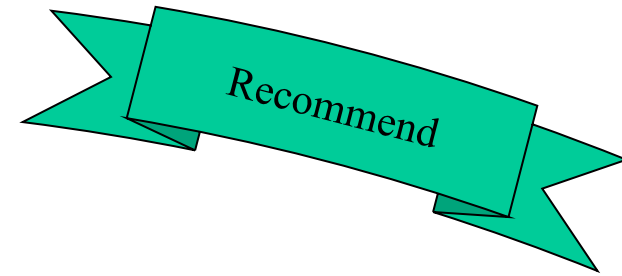
9.  $\bar{\bar{X}} = X$

2.  $X \cdot 1 = X$

4.  $X \cdot 0 = 0$

6.  $X \cdot X = X$

8.  $X \cdot \bar{X} = 0$



10.  $X + Y = Y + X$

12.  $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$

14.  $X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$

16.  $\overline{X + Y} = \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y}$

11.  $XY = YX$

13.  $(XY)Z = X(YZ)$

15.  $X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$

17.  $\overline{X \cdot Y} = \bar{X} + \bar{Y}$

Commutative

Associative

Distributive

DeMorgan's

# Review: Algebraic Manipulation

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- To consider a simplification of the expression by applying some of the identities:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \bar{X}YZ + \bar{X}Y\bar{Z} + XZ \\ &= \bar{X}Y(Z + \bar{Z}) + XZ && \text{by identity 14} \\ &= \bar{X}Y(1) + XZ && \text{by identity 7} \\ &= \bar{X}Y + XZ && \text{by identity 2} \end{aligned}$$

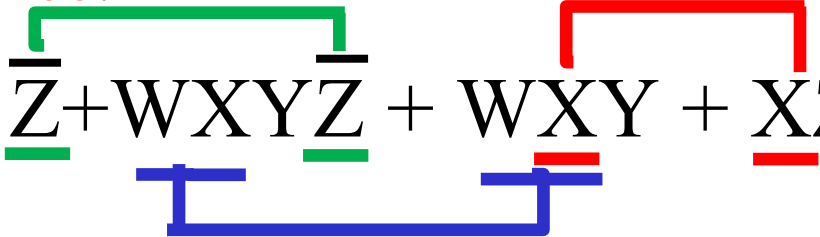
...Simplify to contain the smallest number of **literals** (result variables)

# Useful Trick!



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- First, determine the **most shared (or common) variables**:

$$F = \overline{Z} + WXY\overline{Z} + WXY + XZ$$


From this expression, we have  $X$ ,  $\overline{Z}$  and  $WX$  are shared (or common) variables.

We choose  $WX$  to be the first determination,

Because  $WX$  is the most shared variables.

So, you will apply distributive identity as follows:

$$F = \overline{Z} + WX(Y\overline{Z} + Y) + XZ$$

# Useful Trick!



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- Second, try to eliminate the inverted variables:

$$F = A\bar{B}BC + \bar{A}ABC + BC$$

From this expression, we can remove  $\bar{B}B$  and  $\bar{A}A$   
Because we can apply identity 8 ( $\bar{X}X = 0$ ) to  
eliminate the first and second variable set.

So, the solution is

$$F = BC$$

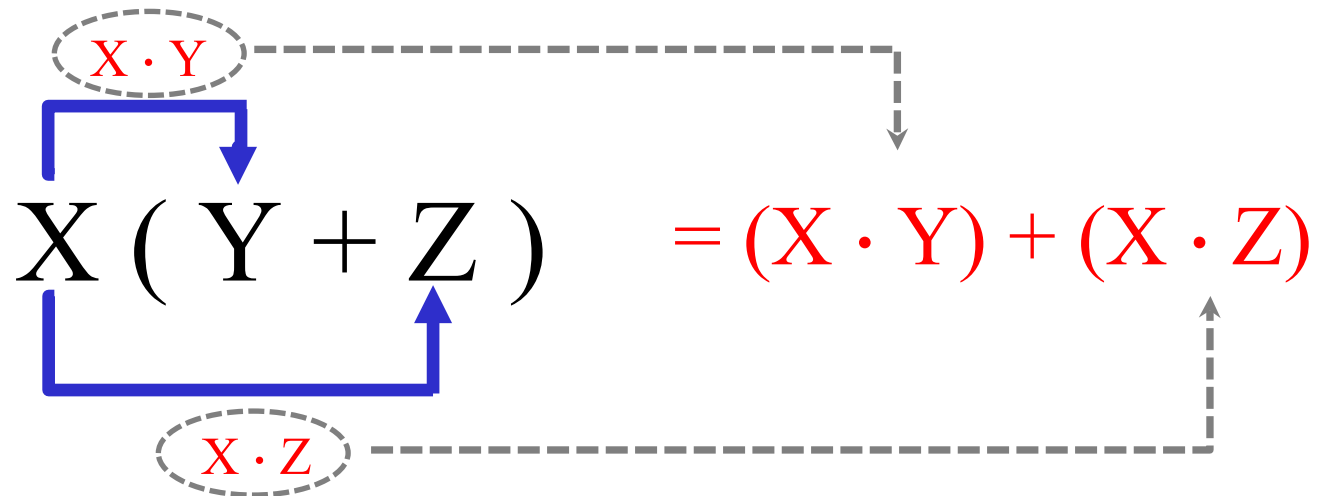
# Useful Trick! Distributive Pattern

Distributive identities 14 and 15 are most frequently used:

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**Identity 14**:  $X(Y+Z) = XY + XZ$

Pattern



How to apply this trick?

given algebra is  $F = \overline{A}BC + ABC$

Solution

Step1: Extract **shared variables**  $\rightarrow BC$

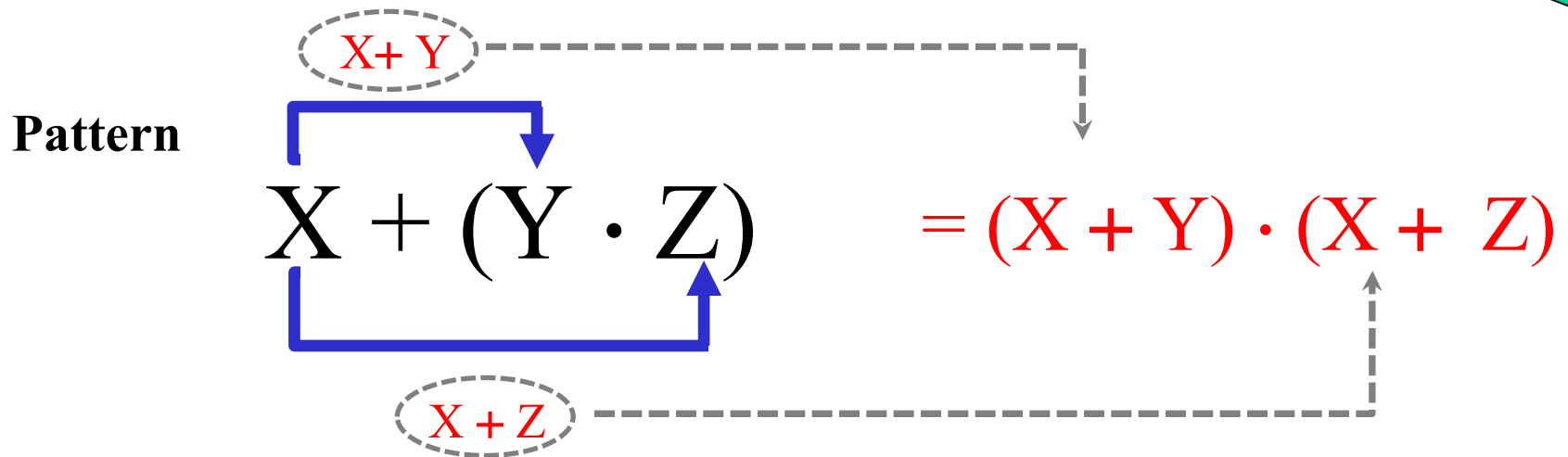
Step2: Determine functions, you will get  $\rightarrow BC (\overline{A}+A)$



# Useful Trick! Distributive Pattern

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**Identity 15**:  $X + (YZ) = (X + Y)(X + Z)$



How to apply this trick?

given algebra is  $F = (\overline{A} + BC)(A + BC)$

Solution

Step1: Extract **shared variables**  $\rightarrow BC$

Step2: Determine functions, you will get  $\rightarrow BC + (\overline{A} \cdot A)$

# Useful Trick! Distributive Pattern

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## Applied Trick for Identity 15:

$$(A+B)(C+D) = ?$$

Pattern

$$(A + B)(C + D) = AC + AD + BC + BD$$

# Example

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$$F = (A + C)(AD + A\bar{D}) + AC + C$$

Solution

$$= (A + C)A(D + \bar{D}) + AC + C \quad \text{identity 14}$$

$$= (A + C)A + AC + C \quad \text{identity 7}$$

$$= AA + AC + AC + C \quad \text{identity 14}$$

$$= A(1 + C + C) + C \quad \text{or } A + C(A + A + 1) \quad \text{identity 14}$$

$$= A + C \quad \text{identity 3}$$

# Part 4

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## Standard Form of Algebraic Representation

# Related Topics

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- **Minterms and Maxterms**
- **Index Representation of Minterms and Maxterms**
- **Sum-of-Minterm (SOM) Representations**
- **Product-of-Maxterm (POM) Representations**

# Minterms

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- Minterms are **AND terms** with every variable present in either true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g.,  $x$ ) or complemented (e.g.,  $\overline{x}$ ), there are  $2^n$  minterms for  $n$  variables.
- Example: Two variables ( $X$  and  $Y$ ) produce  $2 \times 2 = 4$  combinations:
  - $XY$  (both normal)
  - $X\overline{Y}$  ( $X$  normal,  $Y$  complemented)
  - $\overline{X}Y$  ( $X$  complemented,  $Y$  normal)
  - $\overline{X}\overline{Y}$  (both complemented)
- Thus there are four minterms of two variables.

# Maxterms

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- Maxterms are **OR terms** with every variable in true or complemented form.
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g.,  $x$ ) or complemented (e.g.,  $\bar{x}$ ), there are  $2^n$  maxterms for  $n$  variables.
- Example: Two variables ( $X$  and  $Y$ ) produce  $2 \times 2 = 4$  combinations:

$X + Y$  (both normal)

$X + \bar{Y}$  ( $x$  normal,  $y$  complemented)

$\bar{X} + Y$  ( $x$  complemented,  $y$  normal)

$\bar{X} + \bar{Y}$  (both complemented)

# Index of Maxterms and Minterms

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- **Examples: Two variable minterms and maxterms.**

Index	Minterm	Maxterm
0	$\bar{x} \bar{y}$	$x + y$
1	$\bar{x} y$	$x + \bar{y}$
2	$x \bar{y}$	$\bar{x} + y$
3	$x y$	$\bar{x} + \bar{y}$

- **The index above is important for describing which variables in the terms are true and which are complemented.**



# Purpose of the Index

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- The index for the minterm or maxterm, expressed as a binary number, is used to determine whether the variable is shown in the true form or complemented form.
- For Minterms (AND):
  - “1” (or T) means the variable is “Not Complemented”
  - “0” (or F) means the variable is “Complemented”.
- For Maxterms (OR):
  - “0” (or F) means the variable is “Not Complemented”
  - “1” (or T) means the variable is “Complemented”.

# Index Example for Three Variables

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- **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 ?  $XYZ$**
  - **Maxterm 6 ?  $\bar{X} + \bar{Y} + Z$**

# Index Examples – Four Variables

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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	$ab\bar{c}d$	?
15	1111	$abcd$	$\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} + \bar{d}$

$$a + b + c + \bar{d}$$

$$\bar{a} \bar{b} c d$$

$$\bar{a} b c d$$

$$\bar{a} + \bar{b} + c + \bar{d}$$

# Minterm and Maxterm Relationship

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- Review: DeMorgan's Theorem

$$\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y} \text{ and } \overline{x + y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}$$

- Two-variable example:

$$M_2 = \bar{x} + y \text{ and } m_2 = x \cdot \bar{y}$$

Thus  $M_2$  is the complement of  $m_2$ .

- Since DeMorgan's Theorem holds for  $n$  variables, the above holds for terms of  $n$  variables
- giving:

$$M_i = \overline{m_i} \text{ and } m_i = \overline{M_i}$$

Thus  $M_i$  is the complement of  $m_i$ .

# Function Tables for 2 variables

## ■ Minterms of 2 variables

x y	m <sub>0</sub>	m <sub>1</sub>	m <sub>2</sub>	m <sub>3</sub>	
0 0	1	0	0	0	$\overline{X}\overline{Y}$
0 1	0	1	0	0	$\overline{X}Y$
1 0	0	0	1	0	$X\overline{Y}$
1 1	0	0	0	1	$XY$

## Maxterms of 2 variables

x y	M <sub>0</sub>	M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	
0 0	0	1	1	1	$X+Y$
0 1	1	0	1	1	$X+\overline{Y}$
1 0	1	1	0	1	$\overline{X}+Y$
1 1	1	1	1	0	$\overline{X}+\overline{Y}$

- 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  $m_i$ .

# Minterms for 3 Variables

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X	Y	Z	Product term	Symbol	m <sub>0</sub>	m <sub>1</sub>	m <sub>2</sub>	m <sub>3</sub>	m <sub>4</sub>	m <sub>5</sub>	m <sub>6</sub>	m <sub>7</sub>
0	0	0	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$	m <sub>0</sub>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}Z$	m <sub>1</sub>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	$\bar{X}Y\bar{Z}$	m <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	$\bar{X}YZ$	m <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	$X\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$	m <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	$X\bar{Y}Z$	m <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	$XY\bar{Z}$	m <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	$XYZ$	m <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

# Maxterms for 3 Variables

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X	Y	Z	Product term	Symbol	M <sub>0</sub>	M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>5</sub>	M <sub>6</sub>	M <sub>7</sub>
0	0	0	$X+Y+Z$	M <sub>0</sub>	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	$X+Y+\bar{Z}$	M <sub>1</sub>	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	$X+\bar{Y}+Z$	M <sub>2</sub>	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	$X+\bar{Y}+\bar{Z}$	M <sub>3</sub>	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	$\bar{X}+Y+Z$	M <sub>4</sub>	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	$\bar{X}+Y+\bar{Z}$	M <sub>5</sub>	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}+Z$	M <sub>6</sub>	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	$\bar{X}+\bar{Y}+\bar{Z}$	M <sub>7</sub>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

# Minterm Function Example

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■ **Example:** Find  $F_1 = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$

■  $F_1 = \bar{x} \bar{y} z + x \bar{y} \bar{z} + x y z$  ← Solution

Method



x y z	index	$m_1 + m_4 + m_7 = F_1$				
0 0 0	0	0	+	0	+	0 = 0
0 0 1	1	1	+	0	+	0 = 1
0 1 0	2	0	+	0	+	0 = 0
0 1 1	3	0	+	0	+	0 = 0
1 0 0	4	0	+	1	+	0 = 1
1 0 1	5	0	+	0	+	0 = 0
1 1 0	6	0	+	0	+	0 = 0
1 1 1	7	0	+	0	+	1 = 1



# Maxterm Function Example

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- Example: Implement F1 in maxterms:

$$F_1 = M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6$$

$$F_1 = (x + y + z) \cdot (x + \bar{y} + z) \cdot (x + \bar{y} + \bar{z}) \cdot (\bar{x} + y + \bar{z}) \cdot (\bar{x} + \bar{y} + z)$$

x y z	i	$M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6 = F_1$
0 0 0	0	$0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
0 0 1	1	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
0 1 0	2	$1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
0 1 1	3	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 0$
1 0 0	4	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
1 0 1	5	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 = 0$
1 1 0	6	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 0 = 0$
1 1 1	7	$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$

# Canonical Sum of Minterms

- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a **Sum of Minterms (SOM)**.
  - For the function table, the minterms used are the terms corresponding to the 1's
  - For expressions, expand all terms first to explicitly list all minterms. Do this by “**ANDing**” any term missing a variable  $v$  with a term  $(v + \bar{v})$ .
- Example: Implement  $F = x + \bar{x} \bar{y}$  as a sum of minterms.

First expand terms:  $F = x(y + \bar{y}) + \bar{x} \bar{y}$

Then distribute terms:  $F = xy + x\bar{y} + \bar{x} \bar{y}$

Express as sum of minterms:  $F = m_3 + m_2 + m_0$

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# Shorthand SOM Form



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- From the previous example, we started with:

$$F = X + \overline{X} \overline{Y}$$

- We ended up with:

$$F = m_0 + m_2 + m_3$$

- This can be denoted in the **formal shorthand**:

$$F(X,Y) = \sum_m(0,2,3)$$

- Note that we explicitly show the standard variables in order and drop the “m” designators.

# Canonical Product of Maxterms

- Any Boolean Function can be expressed as a **Product of Maxterms (POM)**.
  - For the function table, the maxterms used are the terms corresponding to the 0's.
  - For an expression, expand all terms first to explicitly list all maxterms. Do this by first applying the second distributive law, “**ORing**” terms missing variable  $v$  with a term equal to  $V \cdot \bar{V}$  and then applying the distributive law again.
- Example: Convert to product of maxterms:

Step 1

$$f(x, y, z) = x + \bar{x} \bar{y}$$

Apply the distributive law:

Step 2

$$x + \bar{x} \bar{y} = (x + \bar{x})(x + \bar{y}) = 1 \cdot (x + \bar{y}) = x + \bar{y}$$

Add missing variable  $z$ :

Step 3

$$x + \bar{y} + z \cdot \bar{z} = (x + \bar{y} + z)(x + \bar{y} + \bar{z})$$

Solution

Express as POM:  $f = M_2 \cdot M_3$  or  $\Pi_M(2,3)$

# Shorthand POM Form



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- From the previous example, we started with:

$$F(X,Y,Z) = X + \bar{X} \bar{Y}$$

- We ended up with:

$$F = M_2 + M_3$$

- This can be denoted in the **formal shorthand**:

$$F(X,Y,Z) = \Pi_M(2,3)$$

- Note that we explicitly show the standard variables in order and drop the “M” designators.

# 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
  - $(A B + C) (A + C)$
  - $A B \bar{C} + A C (A + B)$

SOM

POM

**SOP  $\rightarrow$  SOM      POS  $\rightarrow$  POM**

# Useful Trick!



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- In Mathematics

$\Sigma$  represents the process of adding,  
for example,  $1+2+3+4$

- In Digital System (Boolean function)

$\Sigma$  represents the summation of AND  
for example,  $A+(A \cdot B)+(B \cdot C)$

It represents the sum-of-product (SOP)

# Useful Trick!



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- Identity 14 represents Sum-of-Product (SOP)
- Identity 15 represents Product-of-Sum (POS)

	10. $X + Y = Y + X$	11. $XY = YX$	Commutative
	12. $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$	13. $(XY)Z = X(YZ)$	Associative
SOP	14. $X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$	15. $X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$	POS Distributive
	16. $\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X} \cdot \overline{Y}$	17. $\overline{X \cdot Y} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y}$	DeMorgan's

So, if the given expression is SOP form, you can apply identity 15 to convert into POS form!!



# Example 1 (without missing var.)

- Given  $F(X,Y,Z) = \bar{X}(\bar{Y}\bar{Z}+Y\bar{Z}) + X(Y\bar{Z}+YZ)$

Convert the above expression into SOP and list the Minterms of F

Solution

No Missing  
Variables

$$= \bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + \bar{X}Y\bar{Z} + XY\bar{Z} + XYZ$$

SOP Form

Then, determine the index of SOM

$$= m_0 + m_2 + m_6 + m_7$$

Apply Index of SOP

Thus, the solution is

$$= \sum_m(0,2,6,7)$$

List of Minterms

# Example 2 (with missing var.)

- Given  $F(A,B) = A + \bar{A}B$

Convert the above expression into SOP and list the Minterms of F.

## Solution

Assign the missing variables

$$= A(\mathbf{B + \bar{B}}) + \bar{A}B$$

$$= AB + A\bar{B} + \bar{A}B$$

Missing  
Variables B

SOP Form

Then, determine the index of SOM

$$= m_3 + m_2 + m_1$$

Apply Index of SOP

Thus, the solution is

$$= \sum_m(1,2,3)$$

List of Minterms

# Example 3

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Given  $F(A,B,C) = (AC+B)\overline{C} + (B+C)A$

Answer the following questions:

- 1) List the Minterms of function F
- 2) Convert function F into the sum-of-minterms (SOM) algebraic form.
- 3) Simplify function F to expression with minimal literals

# Example 3 (SOP vs POS)

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given } F(A,B,C) &= (AC+B)\bar{C}+(B+C)A \\ &= AC\bar{C}+B\bar{C}+AB+AC \\ &= B\bar{C}+AB+AC \\ &= (A+\bar{A})B\bar{C} + AB(C+\bar{C})+AC(B+\bar{B}) \\ &= AB\bar{C}+\bar{A}B\bar{C}+ABC+AB\bar{C}+ABC+A\bar{B}C \\ &= AB\bar{C}+\bar{A}B\bar{C}+ABC+A\bar{B}C \\ &= m_6+m_2+m_7+m_5\end{aligned}$$

Missing Variables

Answer 2

Thus, the Minterms of F is

$$\sum_m(2,5,6,7)$$

Answer 1

# Example 3 (SOP vs POS)

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$$= AB\bar{C} + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + ABC + A\bar{B}C$$

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

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

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



**Answer 3**