

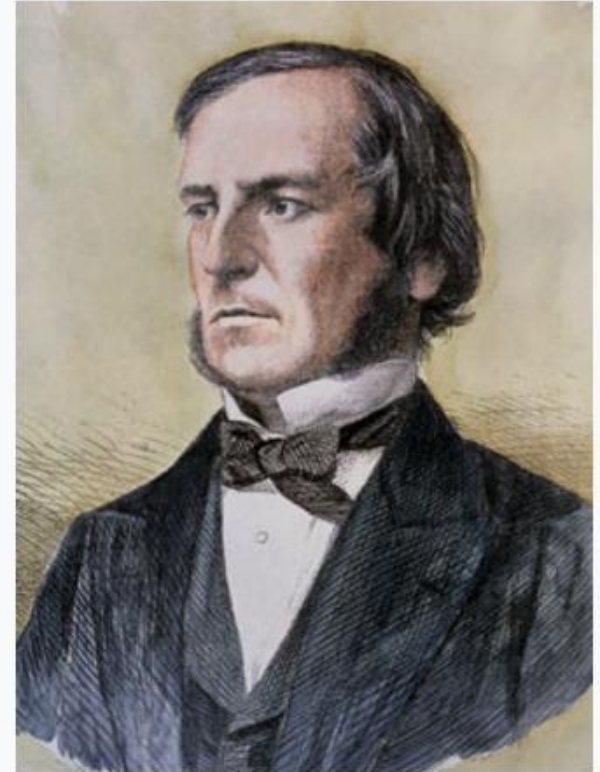
Boolean and POS/SOP

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Boolean algebra

- **George Boole** (/ˈbuːl/; 2 November 1815 – 8 December 1864)
- An English mathematician, educator, philosopher and logician.
- Worked in the fields of differential equations and algebraic logic
- Best known as **the author** of The Laws of Thought (1854) which contains **Boolean algebra**.

George Boole



Boole in about 1860

Boolean Axioms

Number	Axiom	Dual	Name
A1	$B = 0 \text{ if } B \neq 1$	$B = 1 \text{ if } B \neq 0$	Binary Field
A2	$\overline{0} = 1$	$\overline{1} = 0$	NOT
A3	$0 \bullet 0 = 0$	$1 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR
A4	$1 \bullet 1 = 1$	$0 + 0 = 0$	AND/OR
A5	$0 \bullet 1 = 1 \bullet 0 = 0$	$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR

Dual: Replace: \bullet with $+$
 0 with 1

***Do note that Axiom and Dual are not equivalent, but each of them is true.**

Boolean Theorems of One Variable

Number	Theorem	Dual	Name
T1	$B \bullet 1 = B$	$B + 0 = B$	Identity
T2	$B \bullet 0 = 0$	$B + 1 = 1$	Null Element
T3	$B \bullet B = B$	$B + B = B$	Idempotency
T4	$\overline{\overline{B}} = B$		Involution
T5	$B \bullet \overline{B} = 0$	$B + \overline{B} = 1$	Complements

Dual: Replace: \bullet with $+$
 0 with 1

Boolean Theorems of Several Vars

#	Theorem	Dual	Name
T6	$B \bullet C = C \bullet B$	$B + C = C + B$	Commutativity
T7	$(B \bullet C) \bullet D = B \bullet (C \bullet D)$	$(B + C) + D = B + (C + D)$	Associativity
T8	$B \bullet (C + D) = (B \bullet C) + (B \bullet D)$	$B + (C \bullet D) = (B + C) (B + D)$	Distributivity
T9	$B \bullet (B + C) = B$	$B + (B \bullet C) = B$	Covering
T10	$(B \bullet C) + (B \bullet \bar{C}) = B$	$(B + C) \bullet (B + \bar{C}) = B$	Combining
T11	$(B \bullet C) + (\bar{B} \bullet D) + (C \bullet D) = (B \bullet C) + (\bar{B} \bullet D)$	$(B + C) \bullet (\bar{B} + D) \bullet (C + D) = (B + C) \bullet (\bar{B} + D)$	Consensus

Axioms and theorems are useful for *simplifying* equations.

De Morgan's laws

In [electrical and computer engineering](#), De Morgan's laws are commonly written as:

$$\overline{A \cdot B} \equiv \overline{A} + \overline{B}$$

and

$$\overline{A + B} \equiv \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B},$$

where:

- \cdot is a logical AND,
- $+$ is a logical OR,
- the [overbar](#) is the logical NOT of what is underneath the overbar.



Augustus De Morgan
1806–1871

Simplifying an Equation

Reducing an equation to the **fewest number of implicants**, where each implicant has the **fewest literals**

- Implicant: product of literals

$$A \bullet \bar{B} \bullet C, \bar{A} \bullet \bar{C}, B \bullet C$$

- Literal: variable or its complement

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

Simplifying Boolean Equations

Example 1:

$$Y = A \bullet \overline{B} + A \bullet B$$

$$Y = A$$

T10: Combining

or

$$= A \bullet (B + \overline{B}) \quad \text{T8: Distributivity}$$

$$= A \bullet (1) \quad \text{T5': Complements}$$

$$= A \quad \text{T1: Identity}$$

Simplifying Boolean Equations

Example 2:

$$Y = A \bullet B' \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet C + A' \bullet B \bullet C$$

$$= A \bullet B' \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet C + A' \bullet B \bullet C \quad \text{T3': Idempotency}$$

$$= (A \bullet B' \bullet C + A \bullet B \bullet C) + (A \bullet B \bullet C + A' \bullet B \bullet C) \quad \text{T7': Associativity}$$

$$= A \bullet C + B \bullet C \quad \text{T10: Combining}$$

Simplifying Boolean Equations

Example 3:

$$Y = (A + B \bullet C)(A + D \bullet E)$$

Apply T8' first when possible: $W + X \bullet Z = (W + X) \bullet (W + Z)$

Make: $X = B \bullet C$, $Z = D \bullet E$ and rewrite equation

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= (A + X) \bullet (A + Z) && \text{substitution } (X=B \bullet C, Z=D \bullet E) \\ &= A + X \bullet Z && \text{T8': Distributivity} \\ &= A + B \bullet C \bullet D \bullet E && \text{substitution} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= A \bullet A + A \bullet D \bullet E + A \bullet B \bullet C + B \bullet C \bullet D \bullet E && \text{T8: Distributivity} \\ &= A + A \bullet D \bullet E + A \bullet B \bullet C + B \bullet C \bullet D \bullet E && \text{T3: Idempotency} \\ &= A + A \bullet B \bullet C + B \bullet C \bullet D \bullet E && \text{T9': Covering} \\ &= A + B \bullet C \bullet D \bullet E && \text{T9': Covering} \end{aligned}$$

This is called *multiplying out*
an expression to get sum-of-products (SOP) form.

A sidebar: a common mistake

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

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

$$\overline{A \cdot B} + A \cdot B = 1$$

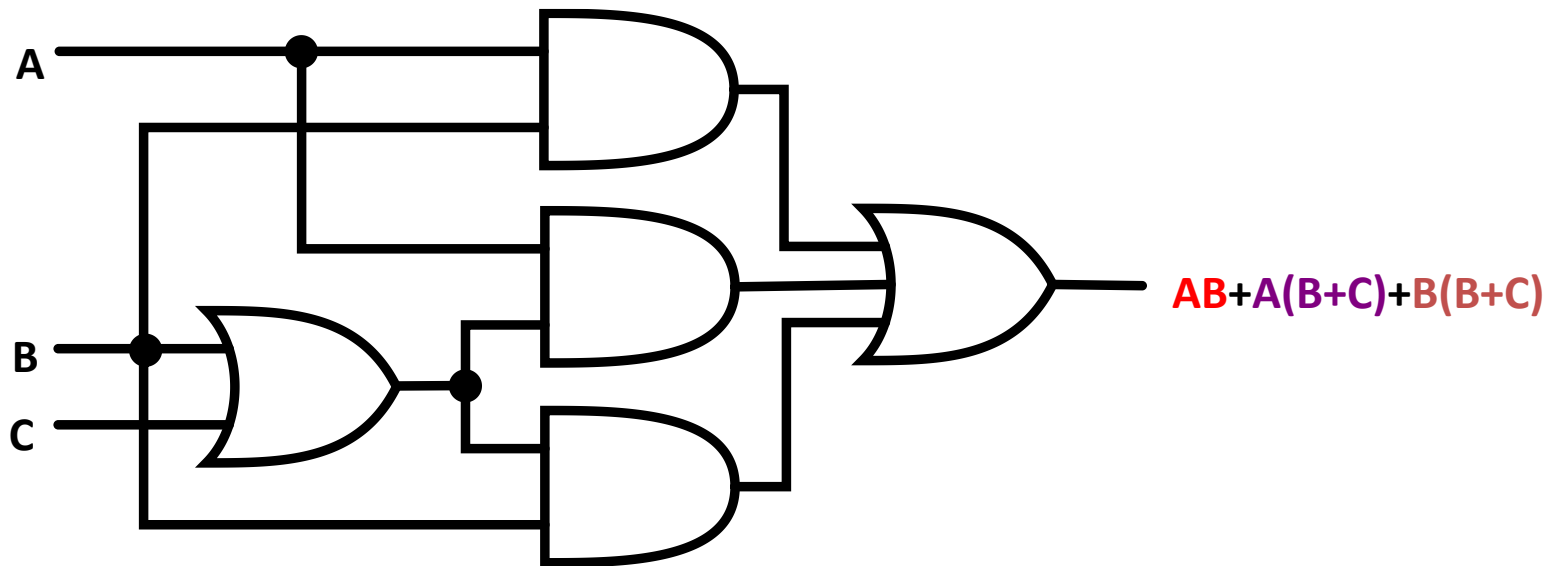
Are they same?

$$\overline{A \cdot B} \quad ??? \quad \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cdot B} \neq \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$$

Boolean AND Logic gates

- A simplified Boolean expression uses the fewest gates possible to implement a given expression.



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

- (distributive law)

- $AB + AB + AC + BB + BC$

- ($BB = B$)

- $AB + AB + AC + \mathbf{B} + BC$

- ($AB + AB = AB$)

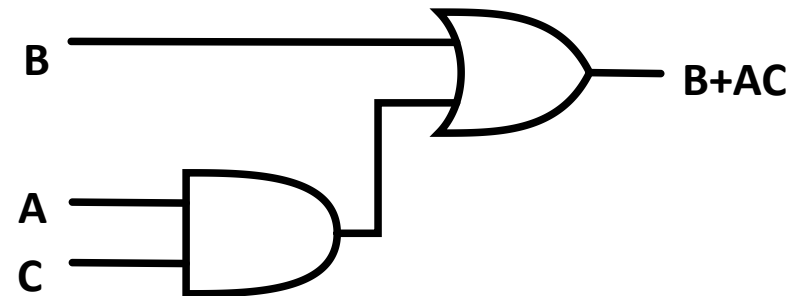
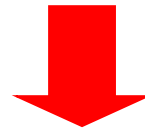
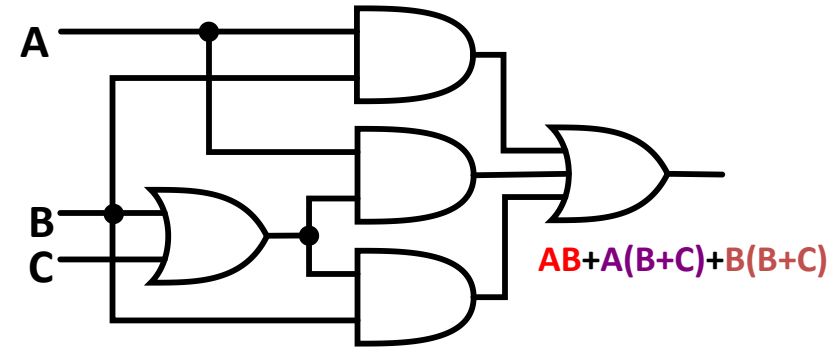
- $\mathbf{AB} + AC + B + BC$

- ($B + BC = B$)

- $AB + AC + \mathbf{B}$

- ($AB + B = B$)

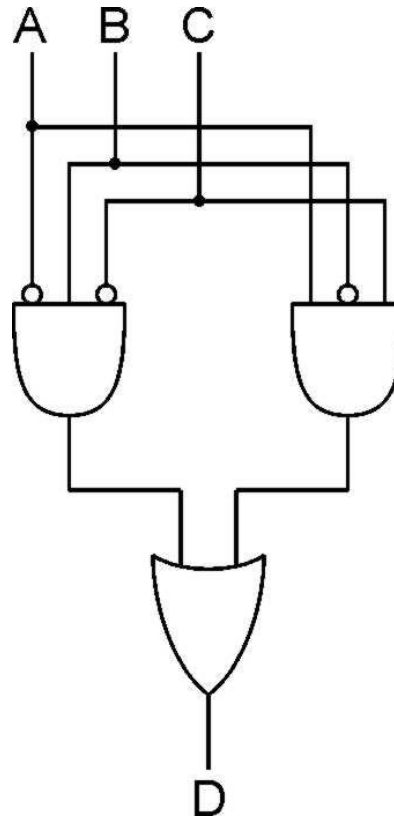
- $\mathbf{B} + AC$



POS/SOP

- Can implement ANY truth table with AND, OR, NOT.

A	B	C	D
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0



- AND combinations that yield a "1" in the truth table.
- OR the results of the AND gates.

Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

- All Boolean expressions, regardless of their form, can be converted into either of two standard forms:
 - The sum-of-products (SOP) form
 - The product-of-sums (POS) form

Sum-of-Products (SOP)

The Sum-of-Products (SOP) Form

- Two or more product terms are summed by Boolean addition.

- Examples:

$$AB + ABC$$

$$ABC + CDE + \overline{B}C\overline{D}$$

$$\overline{A}B + \overline{A}B\overline{C} + AC$$

- Also:

$$A + \overline{A}\overline{B}C + BCD$$

- In an SOP form, a single overbar cannot extend over more than one variable; however, more than one variable in a term can have an overbar:

- example: $\overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}$ is OK!

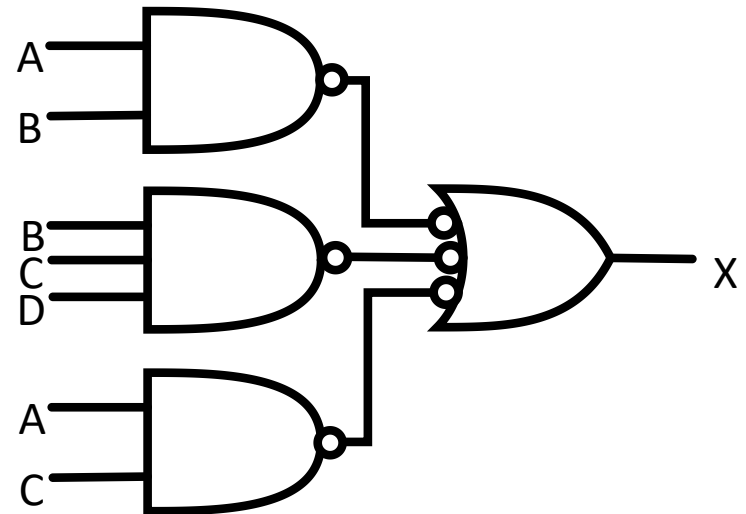
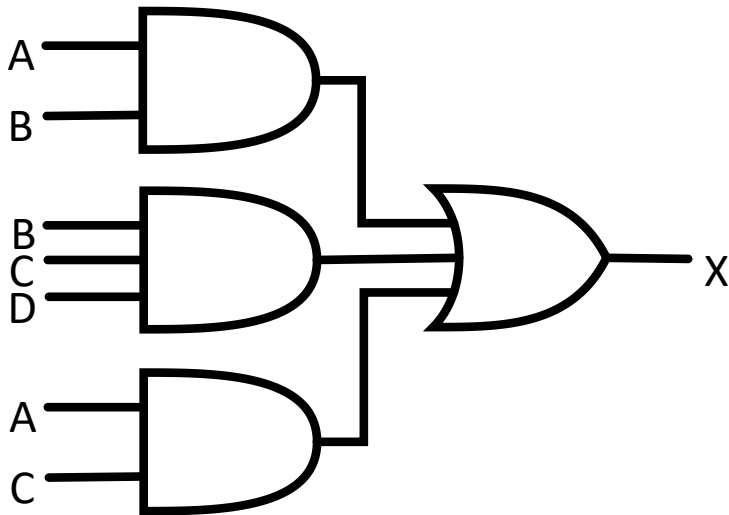
- But not: \overline{ABC}

Boolean OK

Implementation of an SOP

$$X = AB + BCD + AC$$

- AND/OR implementation
- NAND/NAND implementation



The Standard SOP Form

- A **standard SOP expression** is one in which *all* the variables in the domain appear in each product term in the expression.

– Example:

$$A\overline{B}CD + \overline{A}\overline{B}C\overline{D} + ABC\overline{C}\overline{D}$$

- Standard SOP expressions are important in:
 - Constructing truth tables
 - The Karnaugh map simplification method

Converting Product Terms to Standard SOP

- Convert the following Boolean expression into standard SOP form:

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

Product-of-Sums (POS)

The Product-of-Sums (POS) Form

- Two or more sum terms are multiplied:

- Examples:

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

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

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

- Also:

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

- In a POS form, a single overbar cannot extend over more than one variable; however, more than one variable in a term can have an overbar:

- example: $\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$ is OK!

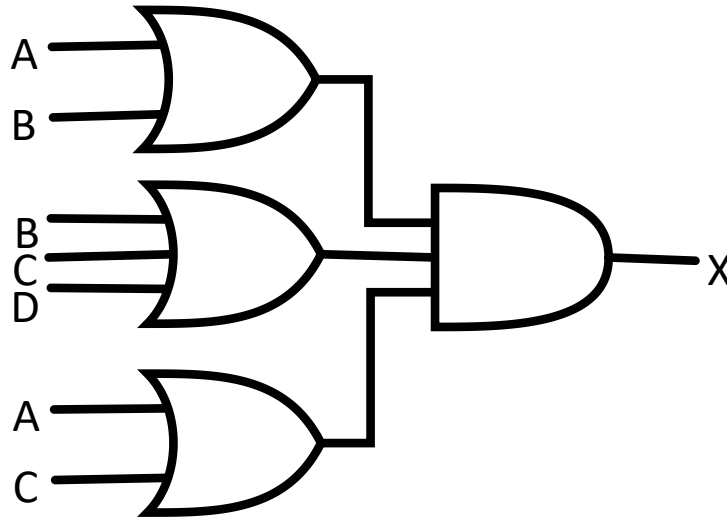
- But not: $\overline{A + B + C}$

Boolean OK

Implementation of a POS

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

- OR/AND implementation



The Standard POS Form

- A **standard** POS expression is one in which *all* the variables in the domain appear in each sum term in the expression.
 - Example: $(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C} + \bar{D})(A + \bar{B} + C + D)(A + B + \bar{C} + D)$
- Standard POS expressions are important in:
 - Constructing truth tables
 - The Karnaugh map simplification method

Converting a Sum Term to Standard POS (example)

- Convert the following Boolean expression into standard POS form:

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

SOP/POS conversion

Converting SOP Expressions to Truth Table Format

- Develop a truth table for the standard SOP expression

$$\overline{A}\overline{B}C + A\overline{B}\overline{C} + ABC$$

Inputs			Output	Product Term
A	B	C	X	
0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	1	$\overline{A}\overline{B}C$
0	1	0	0	
0	1	1	0	
1	0	0	1	$A\overline{B}\overline{C}$
1	0	1	0	
1	1	0	0	
1	1	1	1	ABC

Converting POS Expressions to Truth Table Format

- Develop a truth table for the standard SOP expression

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

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

Inputs			Output	Sum Term
A	B	C	X	
0	0	0	0	$(A + B + C)$
0	0	1	1	
0	1	0	0	$(A + \bar{B} + C)$
0	1	1	0	$(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C})$
1	0	0	1	
1	0	1	0	$(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C})$
1	1	0	0	$(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C)$
1	1	1	1	

Determining Standard Expression from a Truth Table (example)

I / P			O / P
A	B	C	X
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

- There are four 1s in the output and the corresponding binary value are 011, 100, 110, and 111.

$$011 \rightarrow \bar{A}BC$$

$$100 \rightarrow A\bar{B}\bar{C}$$

$$110 \rightarrow AB\bar{C}$$

$$111 \rightarrow ABC$$

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

- There are four 0s in the output and the corresponding binary value are 000, 001, 010, and 101.

$$000 \rightarrow A + B + C$$

$$001 \rightarrow A + B + \bar{C}$$

$$010 \rightarrow A + \bar{B} + C$$

$$101 \rightarrow \bar{A} + B + \bar{C}$$

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

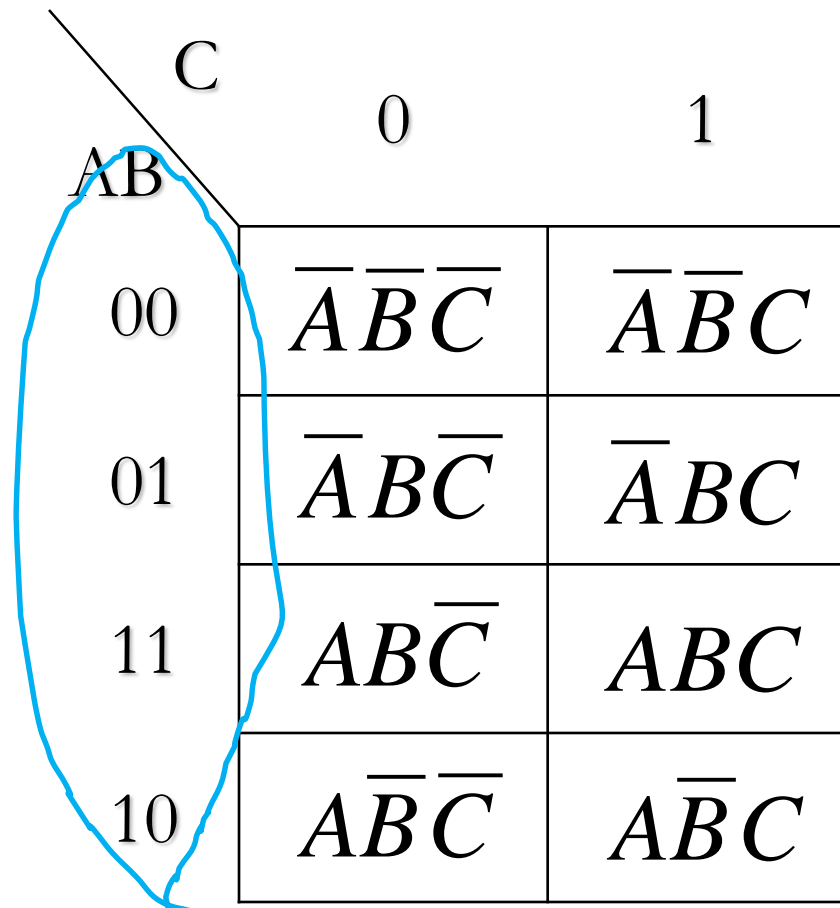
The Karnaugh Map

What is K-Map

- An array of cells in which each cell represents a binary value of the input variables.
- Simplification of a given expression is simply a matter of properly **grouping the cells**.
- K-maps can be used for expressions with 2+ variables: 3 and 4 variables will be discussed to illustrate the principles.

The 3 Variable K-Map

- There are 8 cells as shown:



		C	
		0	1
AB	00	$\overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}$	$\overline{A}\overline{B}C$
	01	$\overline{A}B\overline{C}$	$\overline{A}BC$
	11	$AB\overline{C}$	ABC
	10	$A\overline{B}\overline{C}$	$A\overline{B}C$

Grey Code

Decimal	Binary	Gray	Gray as decimal
0	000	000	0
1	001	001	1
2	010	011	3
3	011	010	2
4	100	110	6
5	101	111	7
6	110	101	5
7	111	100	4

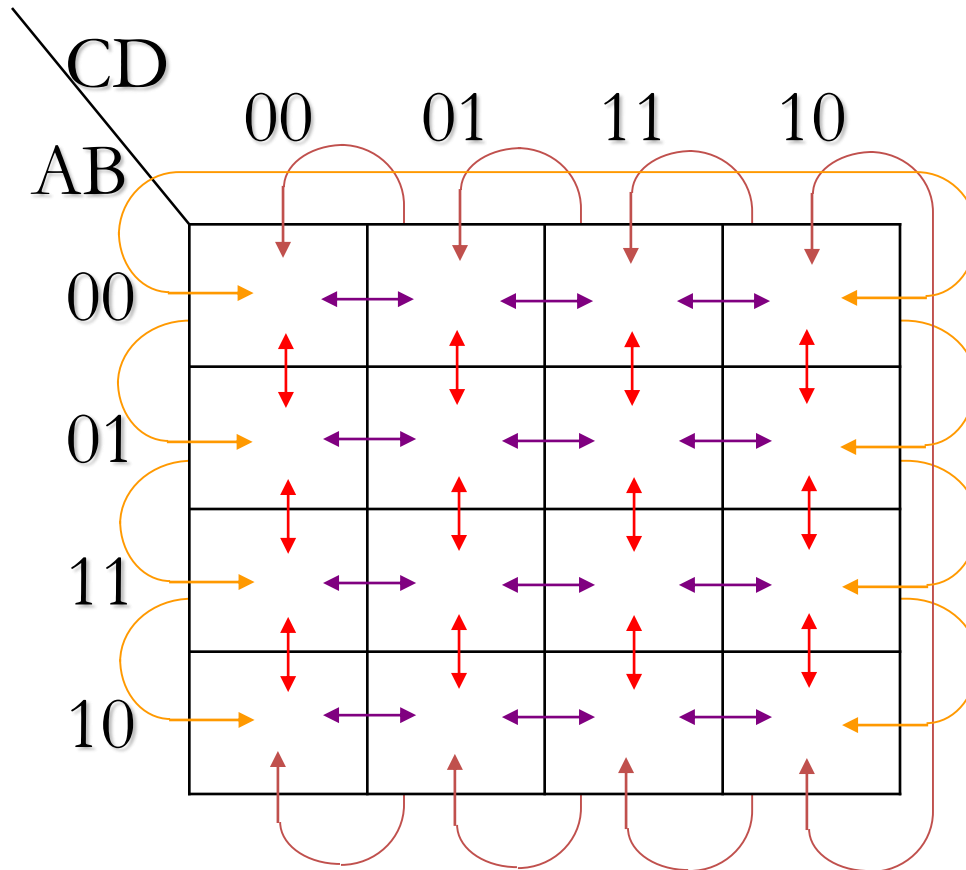
Gray code by bit width

2-bit	4-bit
00	0000
01	0001
11	0011
10	0010
	0110
	0111
3-bit	0101
000	0100
001	1100
011	1101
010	1111
110	1110
111	1010
101	1011
100	1001
	1000

The 4-Variable K-Map

		CD			
		00	01	11	10
AB	00	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}CD$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C\bar{D}$
	01	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}D$	$\bar{A}BCD$	$\bar{A}BC\bar{D}$
	11	$AB\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$AB\bar{C}D$	$ABCD$	$ABC\bar{D}$
	10	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}$	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}D$	$A\bar{B}CD$	$A\bar{B}C\bar{D}$

Cell Adjacency



K-Map SOP Minimization

- The K-Map is used for simplifying Boolean expressions to their minimal form.
- A minimized SOP expression contains the fewest possible terms with fewest possible variables per term.
- Generally, a minimum SOP expression can be implemented with fewer logic gates than a standard expression.

Mapping a Standard SOP Expression (full example)

The expression:

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

000

001

110

100

		C	
		0	1
AB	00	1	1
	01		
	11	1	
	10	1	

Practice $\overline{A}\overline{B}C + \overline{A}B\overline{C} + A\overline{B}\overline{C} + ABC$

		C	
		0	1
AB	00		
	01		
	11		
	10		

Practice

$$\overline{A} + A\overline{B} + AB\overline{C}$$

		C	
		0	1
AB	00		
	01		
	11		
	10		

K-Map Simplification of SOP Expressions

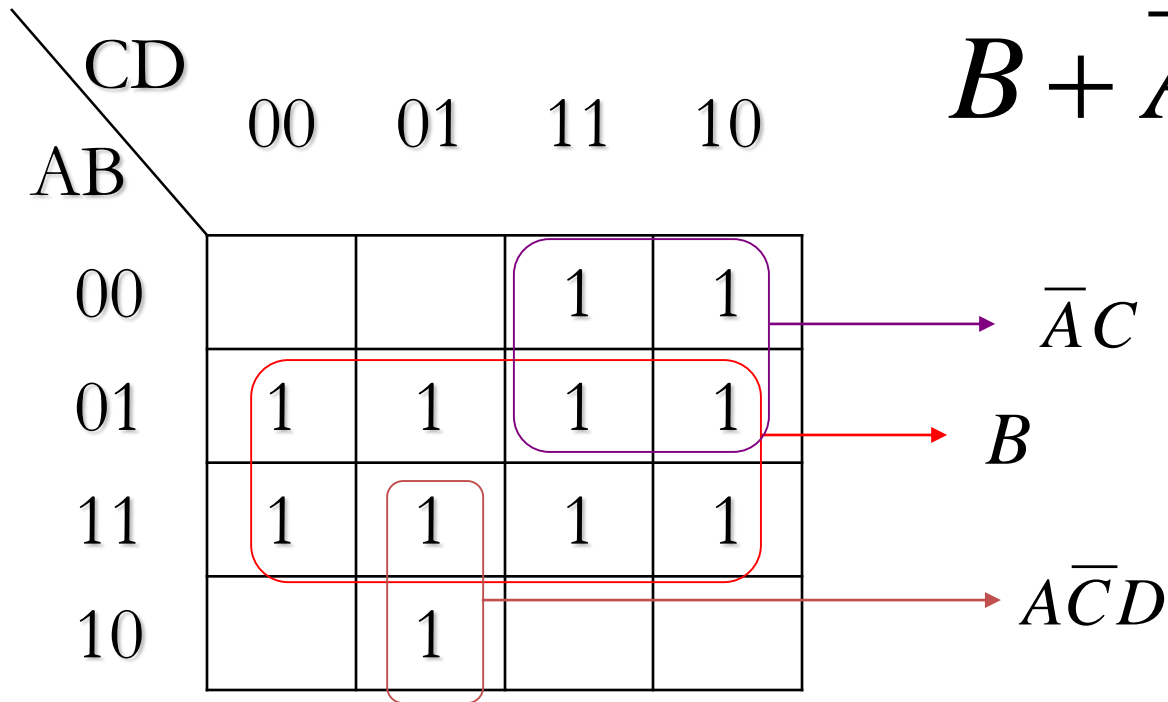
- After an SOP expression has been mapped, we can do the process of *minimization*:
 - Grouping the 1s
 - Determining the minimum SOP expression from the map

Grouping the 1s

AB \ C	C	
	0	1
00	1	
01		1
11	1	1
10		

AB \ C	C	
	0	1
00	1	1
01	1	
11		1
10	1	1

Determining the Minimum SOP Expression from the Map



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

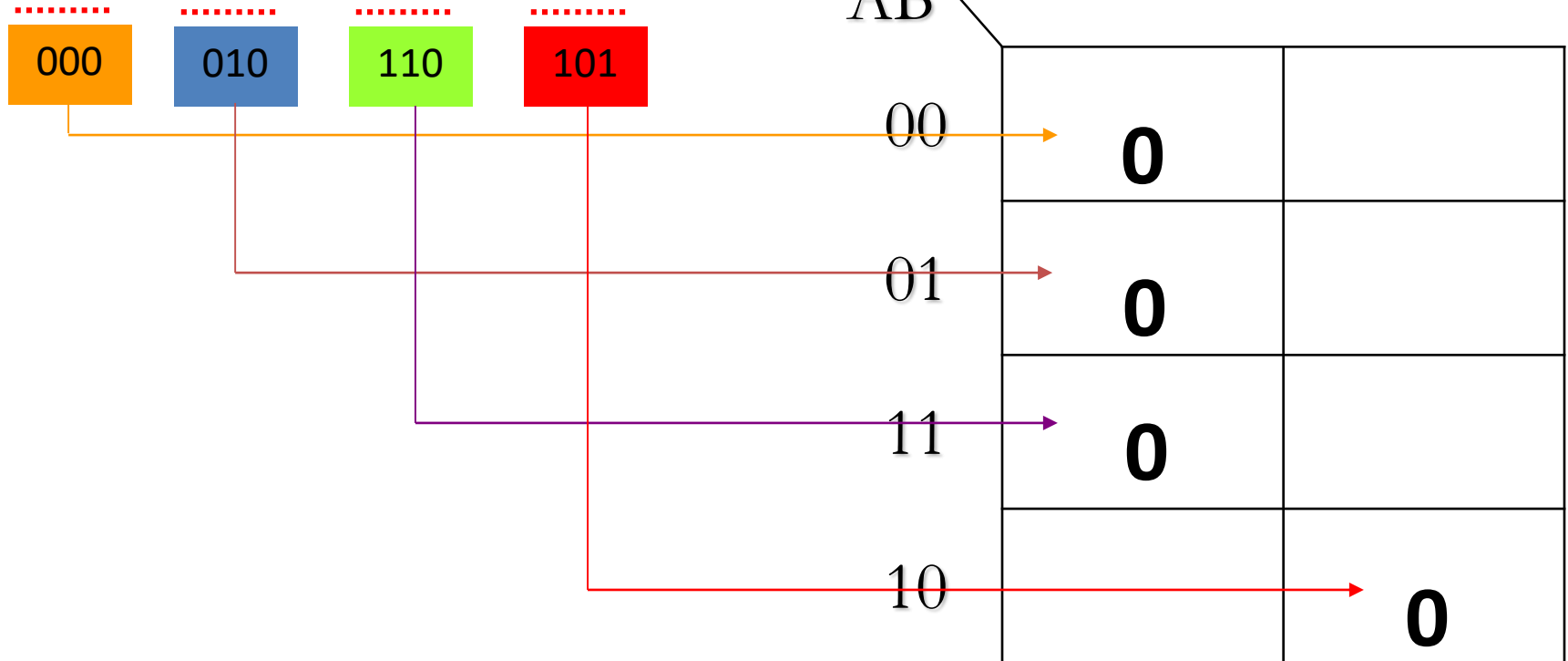
K-Map **POS** Minimization

- The approaches are similar to SOP except that
 - with **POS expression**, 0s representing the standard sum terms placed on the K-map.

Mapping a Standard POS

The expression:

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

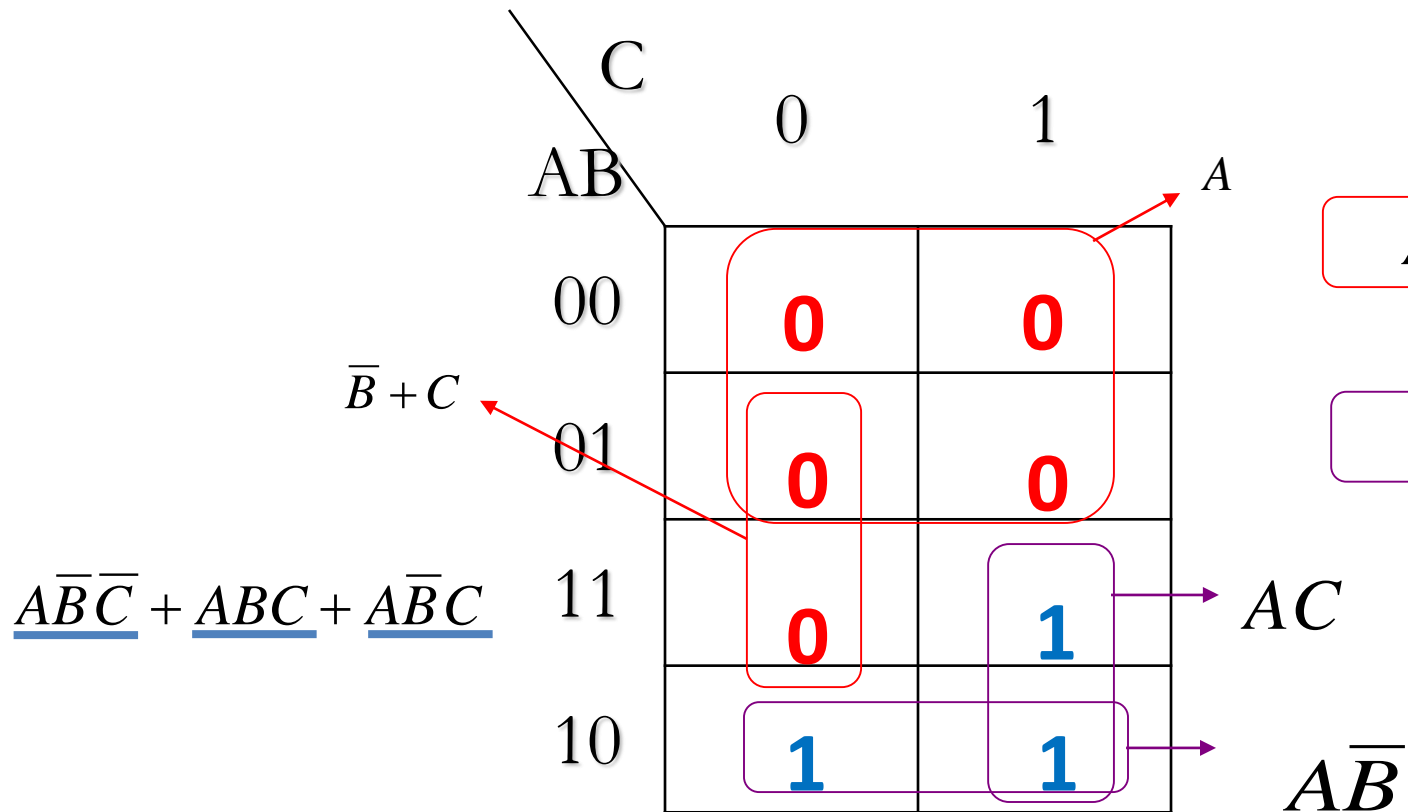


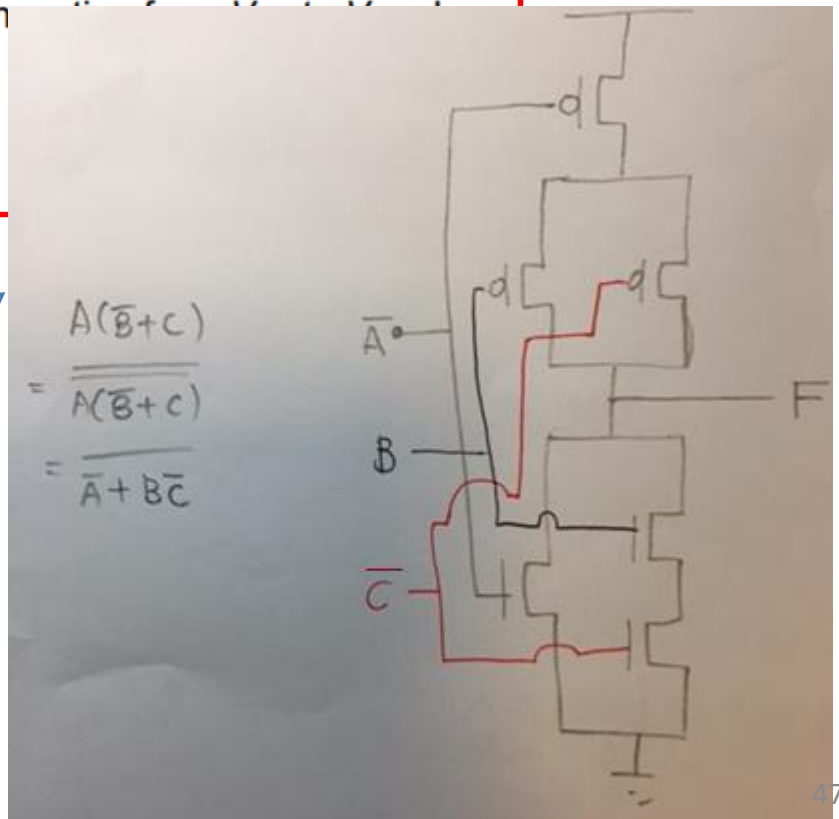
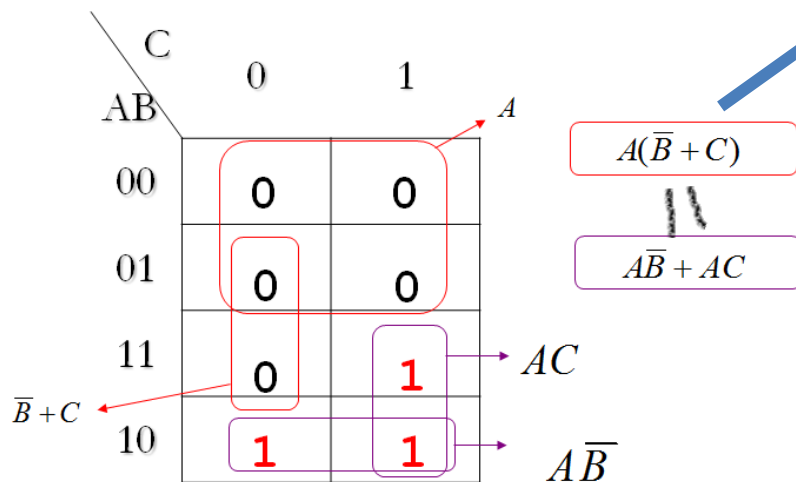
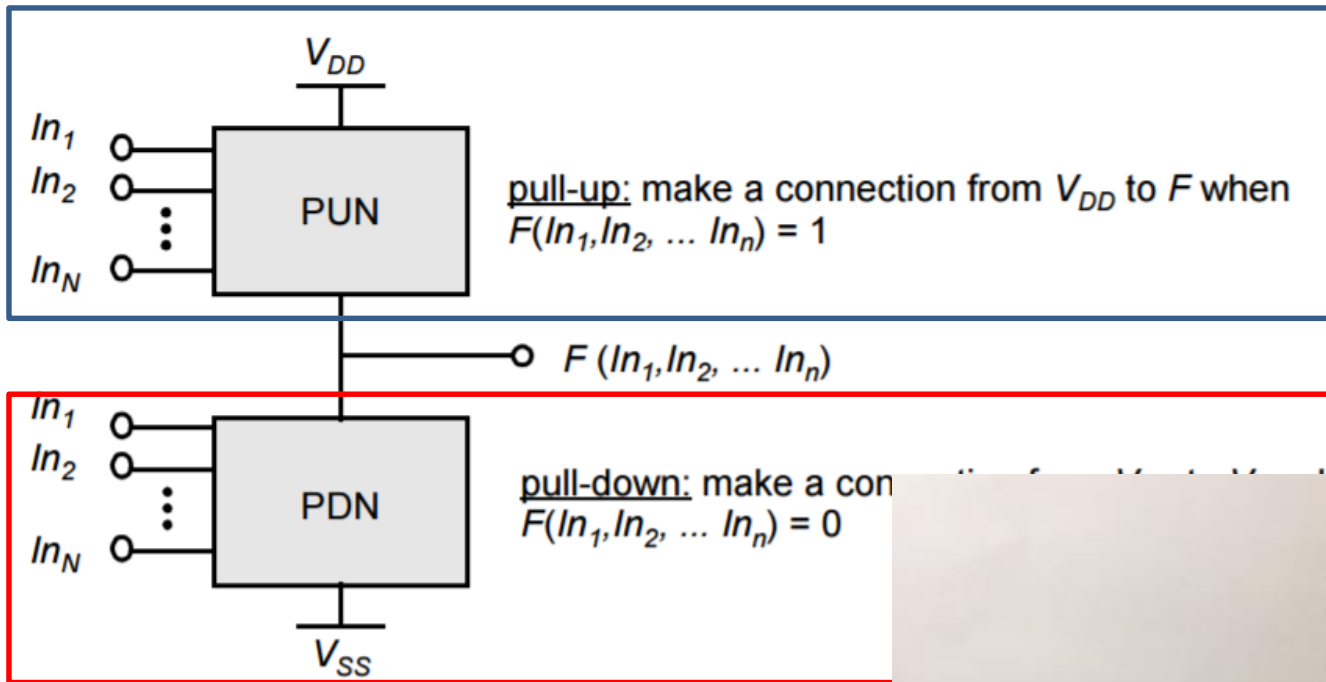
Mapping a Standard POS/SOP

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

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

POS: 000,001,010,011,110 → missing 100,111,101 : SOP





Summary: Standard vs. Non-standard?

1. Non standard SOP 1. Non standard POS

$$A\overline{B} + AC$$

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

2. Convert 1 to Standard SOP

$$\begin{aligned} AB' + AC &= AB'(C + C') + AC(B + B') \\ &= \textcolor{red}{AB'C} + AB'C' + ABC + \textcolor{red}{AB'C} \\ &= AB'C' + ABC + AB'C \end{aligned}$$

3. Standard SOP

$$A\overline{B}\overline{C} + ABC + A\overline{B}C$$

2. Convert 1 to Standard POS

$$\begin{aligned} A(B' + C) &= A(B' + C + A'A) = A(B' + C + A')(B' + C + A) \\ &= (A + BB')(B' + C + A')(B' + C + A) \\ &= (A + B)(A + B')(B' + C + A')(B' + C + A) \\ &= (A + B + CC')(A + B' + CC')(B' + C + A')(B' + C + A) \\ &= (A + B + C)(\textcolor{red}{A + B' + C})(A + B + C')(A + B' + C')(B' + C + A')(\textcolor{red}{B' + C + A}) \\ &= (A + B + C)(A + B + C')(A + B' + C)(A + B' + C')(A' + B' + C) \end{aligned}$$

3. Standard POS

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