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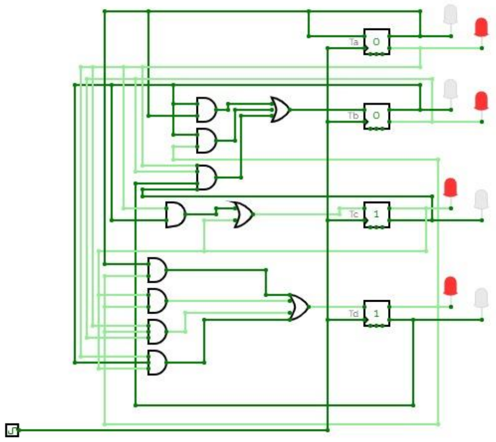
Lecture 4: Boolean Algebra and Logic Simplification



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Chapter Objectives

- Apply the basic laws and rules of Boolean algebra
- Apply DeMorgan's theorems to Boolean expressions
- Describe gate combinations with Boolean expressions
- Evaluate Boolean expressions
- Simplify expressions by using the laws and rules of Boolean algebra
- Convert any Boolean expression into a sum-of-products (SOP) form
- Convert any Boolean expression into a product-of-sums (POS) form
- Relate a Boolean expression to a truth table

Chapter Objectives

- Use a Karnaugh map to simplify Boolean expressions
- Use a Karnaugh map to simplify truth table functions
- Utilize "don't care" conditions to simplify logic functions
- Use the Quine-McCluskey method to simplify Boolean expressions
- Write a VHDL program for simple logic
- Apply Boolean algebra and the Karnaugh map method in an application

1. Boolean Operations and Expressions

- Boolean algebra is the mathematics of digital logic. A basic knowledge of Boolean algebra is indispensable to the study and analysis of logic circuits.
- Variable, complement, and literal are terms used in Boolean algebra.
- A variable is a symbol (usually an italic uppercase letter or word) used to represent an action, a condition, or data. Any single variable can have only a 1 or a 0 value.
- The complement is the inverse of a variable and is indicated by a bar over the variable (overbar).
- A literal is a variable or the complement of a variable.

Boolean Addition

- Boolean addition is equivalent to the OR operation.
- In Boolean algebra, a sum term is a sum of literals.
- In logic circuits, a sum term is produced by an OR operation with no AND operations involved.
- A sum term is equal to 1 when one or more of the literals in the term are 1. A sum term is equal to 0 only if each of the literals is 0.

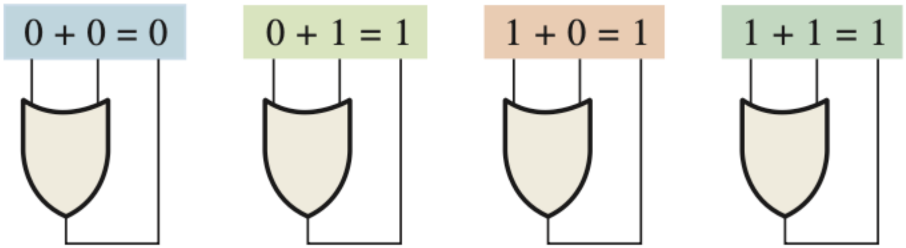

FIGURE 4–1

Boolean Addition

EXAMPLE 4–1

Determine the values of A, B, C, and D that make the sum term $A + \overline{B} + C + \overline{D}$ equal to 0.

Solution

For the sum term to be 0, each of the literals in the term must be 0. Therefore, $A = \mathbf{0}$, $B = \mathbf{1}$ so that $\overline{B} = 0$, $C = \mathbf{0}$, and $D = \mathbf{1}$ so that $\overline{D} = 0$.

$$A + \overline{B} + C + \overline{D} = 0 + \overline{1} + 0 + \overline{1} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

Related Problem*

Determine the values of A and B that make the sum term $\overline{A} + B$ equal to 0.

Boolean Multiplication

- Boolean multiplication is equivalent to the AND operation.
- In Boolean algebra, a product term is the product of literals.
- In logic circuits, a product term is produced by an AND operation with no OR operations involved.
- A product term is equal to 1 only if each of the literals in the term is 1. A product term is equal to 0 when one or more of the literals are 0.

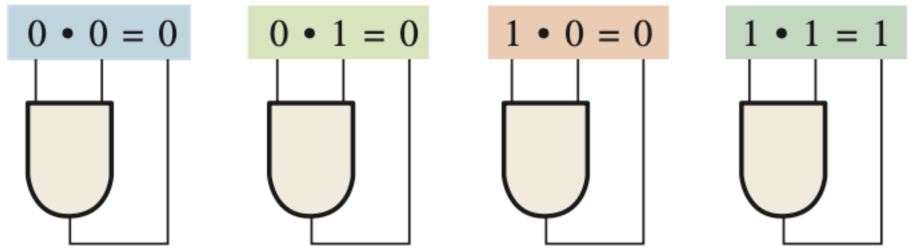

FIGURE 4–2

Boolean Multiplication

EXAMPLE 4–2

Determine the values of A, B, C, and D that make the product term $A\overline{B}C\overline{D}$ equal to 1.

Solution

For the product term to be 1, each of the literals in the term must be 1. Therefore, $A = \mathbf{1}$, $B = \mathbf{0}$ so that $\overline{B} = 1$, $C = \mathbf{1}$, and $D = \mathbf{0}$ so that $\overline{D} = 1$.

$$A\overline{B}C\overline{D} = 1 \cdot \overline{0} \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Related Problem

Determine the values of A and B that make the product term $\overline{A}\,\overline{B}$ equal to 1.

2. Laws and Rules of Boolean Algebra

Laws of Boolean Algebra

- The basic laws of Boolean algebra—the commutative laws for addition and multiplication, the associative laws for addition and multiplication, and the distributive law—are the same as in ordinary algebra.
- Each of the laws is illustrated with two or three variables, but the number of variables is not limited to this.

Commutative laws

- The commutative law of addition for two variables is written as:

$$A + B = B + A$$

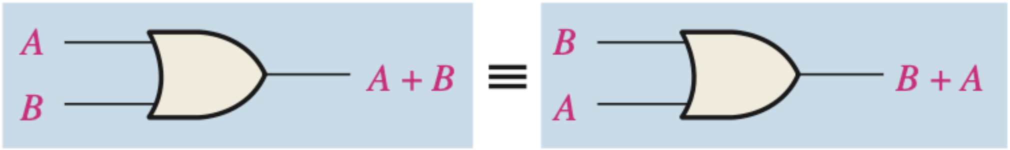

FIGURE 4–3 Application of commutative law of addition.

- The commutative law of multiplication for two variables is written as:

$$AB = BA$$

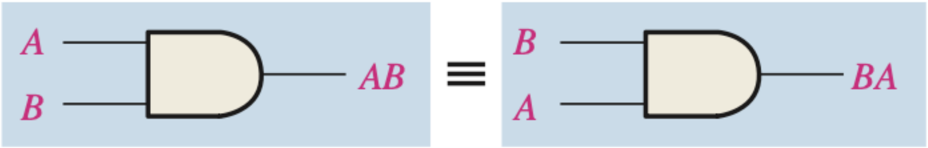

FIGURE 4–4 Application of commutative law of multiplication.

Associative laws

- The associative law of addition is written as follows for three variables:

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

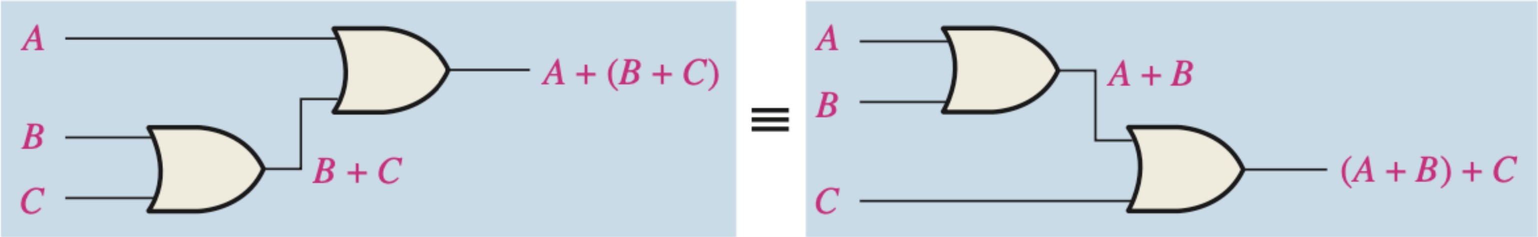

FIGURE 4–5 Application of associative law of addition. Open file F04-05 to verify.

- The associative law of multiplication is written as follows for three variables:

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

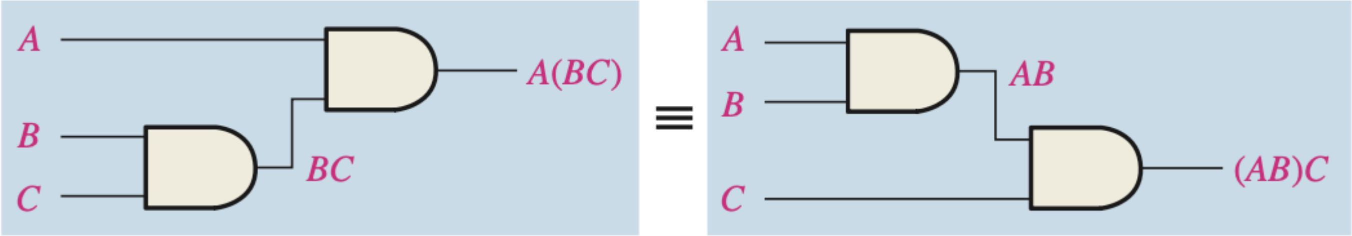

FIGURE 4–6 Application of associative law of multiplication. Open file F04-06 to verify.

Distributive law

- The distributive law is written for three variables as follow:

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

- This law states that ORing two or more variables and then ANDing the result with a single variable is equivalent to ANDing the single variable with each of the two or more variables and then ORing the products.
- The distributive law also expresses the process of factoring in which the common variable

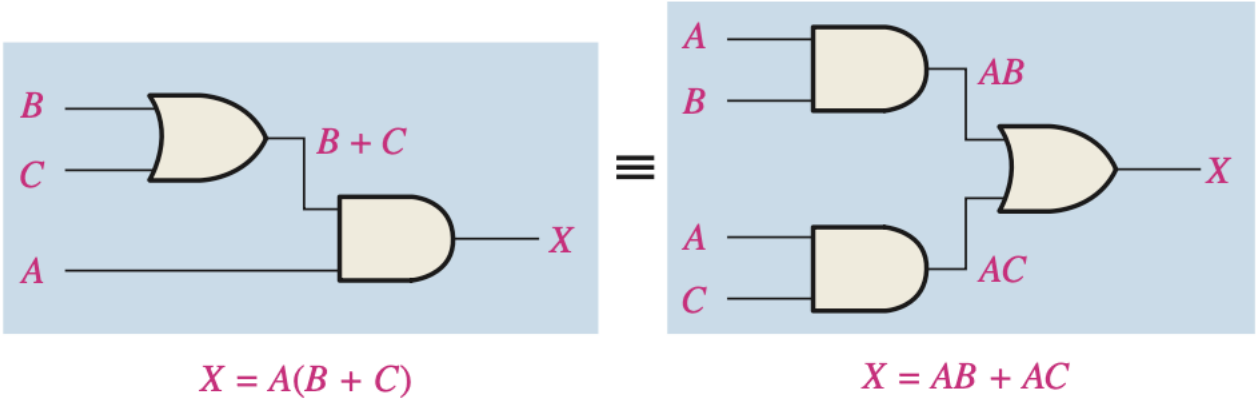

FIGURE 4–7 Application of distributive law. Open file F04-07 to verify.

Rules of Boolean Algebra

TABLE 4–1

Basic rules of Boolean algebra.

1. $A + 0 = A$	**7.** $A \cdot A = A$
2. $A + 1 = 1$	**8.** $A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$
3. $A \cdot 0 = 0$	**9.** $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$
4. $A \cdot 1 = A$	**10.** $A + AB = A$
5. $A + A = A$	**11.** $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$
6. $A + \overline{A} = 1$	**12.** $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$

A, *B*, or *C* can represent a single variable or a combination of variables.

Rule 1: $A + 0 = A$ A variable ORed with 0 is always equal to the variable. If the input variable A is 1, the output variable X is 1, which is equal to A. If A is 0, the output is 0, which is also equal to A. This rule is illustrated in Figure 4–8, where the lower input is fixed at 0.

$X = A + 0 = A$

FIGURE 4–8

Rule 2: $A + 1 = 1$ A variable ORed with 1 is always equal to 1. A 1 on an input to an OR gate produces a 1 on the output, regardless of the value of the variable on the other input. This rule is illustrated in Figure 4–9, where the lower input is fixed at 1.

$X = A + 1 = 1$

FIGURE 4–9

Rule 3: $A \cdot 0 = 0$ A variable ANDed with 0 is always equal to 0. Any time one input to an AND gate is 0, the output is 0, regardless of the value of the variable on the other input. This rule is illustrated in Figure 4–10, where the lower input is fixed at 0.

$X = A \bullet 0 = 0$

FIGURE 4–10

Rule 4: $A \cdot 1 = A$ A variable ANDed with 1 is always equal to the variable. If A is 0, the output of the AND gate is 0. If A is 1, the output of the AND gate is 1 because both inputs are now 1s. This rule is shown in Figure 4–11, where the lower input is fixed at 1.

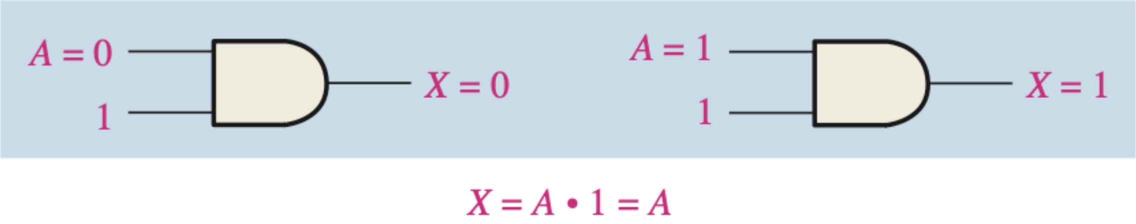

FIGURE 4–11

Rule 5: $A + A = A$ A variable ORed with itself is always equal to the variable. If A is 0, then $0 + 0 = 0$; and if A is 1, then $1 + 1 = 1$. This is shown in Figure 4–12, where both inputs are the same variable.

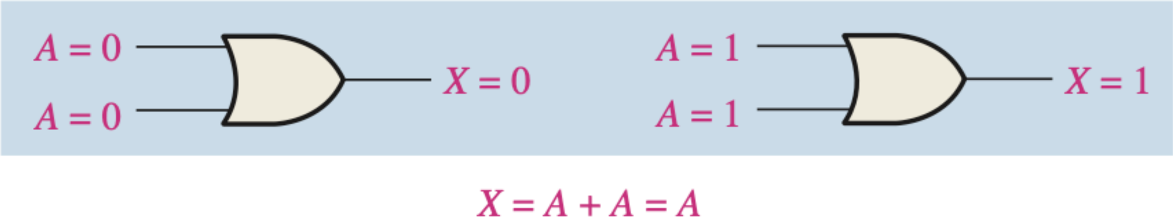

FIGURE 4–12

Rule 6: $A + \bar{A} = 1$ A variable ORed with its complement is always equal to 1. If A is 0, then $0 + \bar{0} = 0 + 1 = 1$. If A is 1, then $1 + \bar{1} = 1 + 0 = 1$. See Figure 4–13, where one input is the complement of the other.

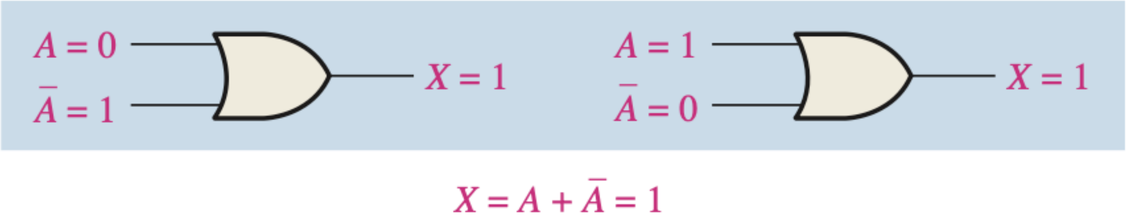

FIGURE 4–13

Rule 7: $A \cdot A = A$ A variable ANDed with itself is always equal to the variable. If $A = 0$, then $0 \cdot 0 = 0$; and if $A = 1$, then $1 \cdot 1 = 1$. Figure 4–14 illustrates this rule.

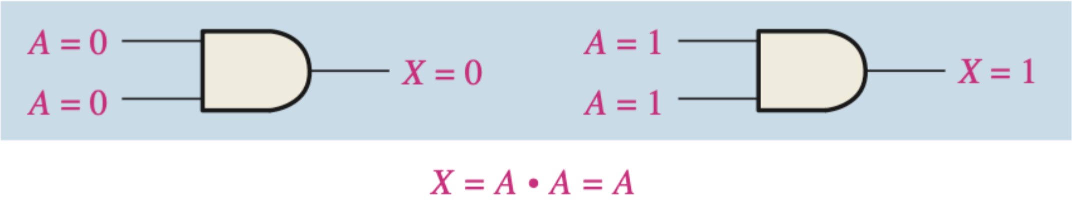

FIGURE 4–14

Rule 8: $A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$ A variable ANDed with its complement is always equal to 0. Either A or $\overline{A}$ will always be 0; and when a 0 is applied to the input of an AND gate, the output will be 0 also. Figure 4–15 illustrates this rule.

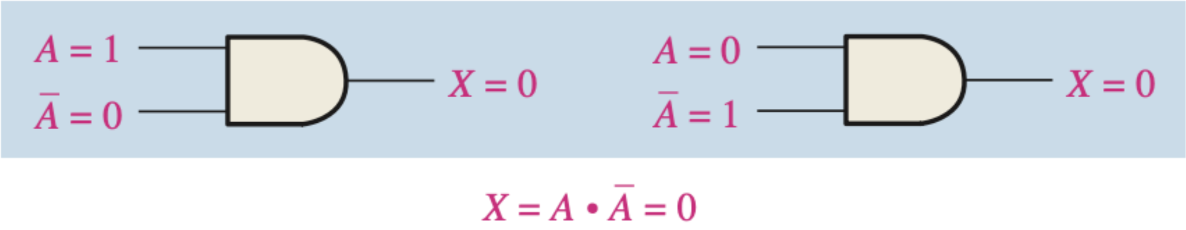

FIGURE 4–15

Rule 9: $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$ The double complement of a variable is always equal to the variable. If you start with the variable A and complement (invert) it once, you get $\overline{A}$. If you then take $\overline{A}$ and complement (invert) it, you get A, which is the original variable. This rule is shown in Figure 4–16 using inverters.

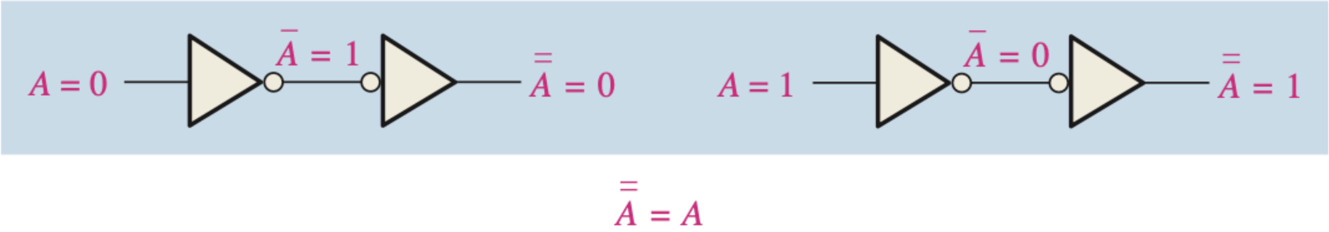

FIGURE 4–16

Rule 10: $A + AB = A$ This rule can be proved by applying the distributive law, rule 2, and rule 4 as follows:

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\begin{aligned}
A + AB = A \cdot 1 + AB = A(1 + B) &\quad \text{Factoring (distributive law)} \\
= A \cdot 1 &\quad \text{Rule 2: } (1 + B) = 1 \\
= A &\quad \text{Rule 4: } A \cdot 1 = A
\end{aligned}
$$

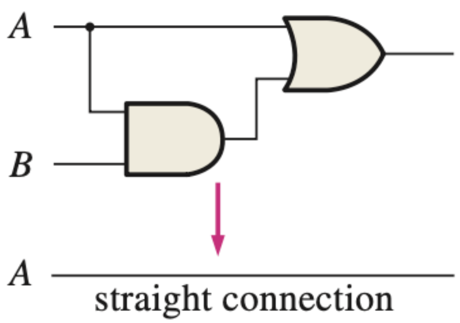
The proof is shown in Table 4–2, which shows the truth table and the resulting logic circuit simplification.

TABLE 4–2

Rule 10: $A + AB = A$. Open file T04-02 to verify.

A	B	AB	$A + AB$
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1

equal



Rule 11: $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$ This rule can be proved as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A + \overline{A}B &= (A + AB) + \overline{A}B && \text{Rule 10: } A = A + AB \\
&= (AA + AB) + \overline{A}B && \text{Rule 7: } A = AA \\
&= AA + AB + A\overline{A} + \overline{A}B && \text{Rule 8: adding } A\overline{A} = 0 \\
&= (A + \overline{A})(A + B) && \text{Factoring} \\
&= 1 \cdot (A + B) && \text{Rule 6: } A + \overline{A} = 1 \\
&= A + B && \text{Rule 4: drop the 1}
\end{aligned}
$$

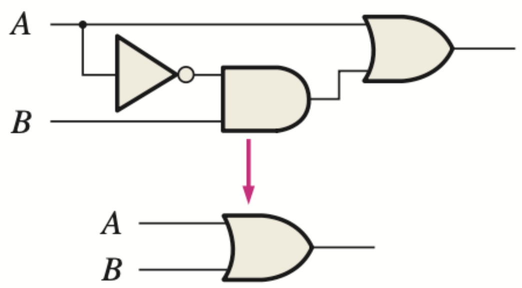
The proof is shown in Table 4–3, which shows the truth table and the resulting logic circuit simplification.

TABLE 4–3

Rule 11: $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$. Open file T04-03 to verify.

A	B	$\overline{A}B$	$A + \overline{A}B$	$A + B$
0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1

equal



Rule 12: $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$ This rule can be proved as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
(A + B)(A + C) &= AA + AC + AB + BC && \text{Distributive law} \\
&= A + AC + AB + BC && \text{Rule 7: } AA = A \\
&= A(1 + C) + AB + BC && \text{Factoring (distributive law)} \\
&= A \cdot 1 + AB + BC && \text{Rule 2: } 1 + C = 1 \\
&= A(1 + B) + BC && \text{Factoring (distributive law)} \\
&= A \cdot 1 + BC && \text{Rule 2: } 1 + B = 1 \\
&= A + BC && \text{Rule 4: } A \cdot 1 = A
\end{aligned}
$$

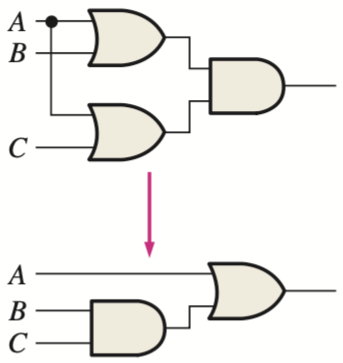
The proof is shown in Table 4–4, which shows the truth table and the resulting logic circuit simplification.

TABLE 4–4

Rule 12: $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$. Open file T04-04 to verify.

A	B	C	$A + B$	$A + C$	$(A + B)(A + C)$	BC	$A + BC$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

equal

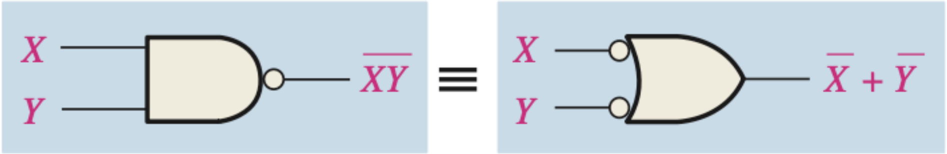


3. DeMorgan’s Theorems

DeMorgan’s first theorem is stated as follows:

- The complement of a product of variables is equal to the sum of the complements of the variables. Or
- The complement of two or more ANDed variables is equivalent to the OR of the complements of the individual variables.
- The formula for expressing this theorem for two variables is:

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



NAND Negative-OR

Inputs		Output	
X	Y	$\overline{XY}$	$\overline{X} + \overline{Y}$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0

3. DeMorgan's Theorems

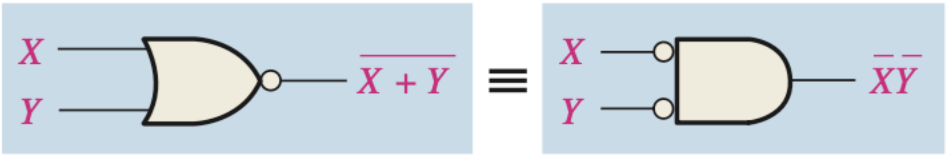
DeMorgan's second theorem is stated as follows:

- The complement of a sum of variables is equal to the product of the complements of the variables. Or

- The complement of two or more ORed variables is equivalent to the AND of the complements of the individual variables.

- The formula for expressing this theorem for two variables is:

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



NOR   Negative-AND

Inputs		Output	
X	Y	$\overline{X + Y}$	$\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0

EXAMPLE 4–3

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to the expressions $\overline{XYZ}$ and $\overline{X + Y + Z}$.

Solution

$$\overline{XYZ} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}$$
$$\overline{X + Y + Z} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$$

Related Problem

Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the expression $\overline{\overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}}$.

EXAMPLE 4–4

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to the expressions $\overline{WXYZ}$ and $\overline{W + X + Y + Z}$.

Solution

$$\overline{WXYZ} = \overline{W} + \overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z}$$
$$\overline{W + X + Y + Z} = \overline{W}\,\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$$

Related Problem

Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the expression $\overline{\overline{W}\,\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}}$.

Applying DeMorgan's Theorems

The following procedure illustrates the application of DeMorgan's theorems and Boolean algebra to the specific expression

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

Step 1: Identify the terms to which you can apply DeMorgan's theorems, and think of each term as a single variable. Let $\overline{A + B\overline{C}} = X$ and $D(\overline{E + \overline{F}}) = Y$.

Step 2: Since $\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$,

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

Step 3: Use rule 9 ($\overline{\overline{A}} = A$) to cancel the double bars over the left term (this is not part of DeMorgan's theorem).

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

Step 4: Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the second term.

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

Step 5: Use rule 9 ($\overline{\overline{A}} = A$) to cancel the double bars over the $E + \overline{F}$ part of the term.

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

EXAMPLE 4–5

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to each of the following expressions:

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

(b) $\overline{ABC + DEF}$

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

Solution

(a) Let $A + B + C = X$ and $D = Y$. The expression $\overline{(A + B + C)D}$ is of the form $\overline{XY} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y}$ and can be rewritten as

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

Next, apply DeMorgan's theorem to the term $\overline{A + B + C}$.

$$\overline{A + B + C} + \overline{D} = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + \overline{D}$$

(b) Let $ABC = X$ and $DEF = Y$. The expression $\overline{ABC + DEF}$ is of the form $\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}$ and can be rewritten as

$$\overline{ABC + DEF} = (\overline{ABC})(\overline{DEF})$$

Next, apply DeMorgan's theorem to each of the terms $\overline{ABC}$ and $\overline{DEF}$.

$$(\overline{ABC})(\overline{DEF}) = (\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C})(\overline{D} + \overline{E} + \overline{F})$$

(c) Let $A\overline{B} = X$, $\overline{C}D = Y$, and $EF = Z$. The expression $\overline{A\overline{B} + \overline{C}D + EF}$ is of the form $\overline{X + Y + Z} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$ and can be rewritten as

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

Next, apply DeMorgan's theorem to each of the terms $\overline{A\overline{B}}$, $\overline{\overline{C}D}$, and $\overline{EF}$.

$$(\overline{A\overline{B}})(\overline{\overline{C}D})(\overline{EF}) = (\overline{A} + B)(C + \overline{D})(\overline{E} + \overline{F})$$

Related Problem

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to the expression $\overline{\overline{ABC} + D + E}$.

EXAMPLE 4–6

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to each expression:

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

(b) $\overline{(\overline{A} + B) + CD}$

(c) $\overline{(A + B)\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + E + \overline{F}}$

Solution

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

(b) $\overline{(\overline{A} + B) + CD} = (\overline{\overline{A} + B})\overline{CD} = (\overline{\overline{A}}\,\overline{B})(\overline{C} + \overline{D}) = A\overline{B}(\overline{C} + \overline{D})$

(c) $\overline{(A + B)\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + E + \overline{F}} = (\overline{(A + B)\overline{C}\,\overline{D}})(\overline{E + \overline{F}}) = (\overline{A}\,\overline{B} + C + D)\overline{E}F$

Related Problem

Apply DeMorgan's theorems to the expression $\overline{\overline{AB}(C + \overline{D}) + E}$.

EXAMPLE 4–7

The Boolean expression for an exclusive-OR gate is $A\overline{B} + \overline{A}B$. With this as a starting point, use DeMorgan's theorems and any other rules or laws that are applicable to develop an expression for the exclusive-NOR gate.

Solution

Start by complementing the exclusive-OR expression and then applying DeMorgan's theorems as follows:

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

Next, apply the distributive law and rule 8 ($A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$).

$$(\overline{A} + B)(A + \overline{B}) = \overline{A}A + \overline{A}\,\overline{B} + AB + B\overline{B} = \overline{A}\,\overline{B} + AB$$

The final expression for the XNOR is $\overline{A}\,\overline{B} + AB$. Note that this expression equals 1 any time both variables are 0s or both variables are 1s.

Related Problem

Starting with the expression for a 4-input NAND gate, use DeMorgan's theorems to develop an expression for a 4-input negative-OR gate.

4. Boolean Analysis of Logic Circuits

Boolean Expression for a Logic Circuit

- The expression for the left-most AND gate with inputs C and D is CD.
- The output of the left-most AND gate is one of the inputs to the OR gate and B is the other input. Therefore, the expression for the OR gate is B + CD.
- The output of the OR gate is one of the inputs to the right-most AND gate and A is the other input. Therefore, the expression for this AND gate is A(B + CD), which is the final output expression for the entire circuit.

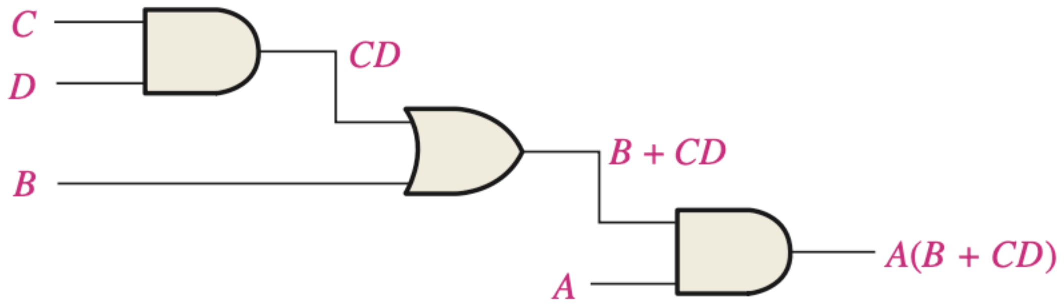


FIGURE 4–18 A combinational logic circuit showing the development of the Boolean expression for the output.

Constructing a Truth Table for a Logic Circuit

Evaluating the expression

- To evaluate the expression A(B + CD), first find the values of the variables that make the expression equal to 1, using the rules for Boolean addition and multiplication.
- The expression A(B + CD) = 1 when A = 1 and B = 1 regardless of the values of C and D or when A = 1 and C = 1 and D = 1 regardless of the value of B. The expression A(B + CD) = 0 for all other value combinations of the variables.

Putting the results in truth table Form

- The first step is to list the sixteen input variable combinations of 1s and 0s in a binary sequence.
- Next, place a 1 in the output column for each combination of input variables that was determined in the evaluation.
- Finally, place a 0 in the output column for all other combinations of input variables.

Constructing a Truth Table for a Logic Circuit

TABLE 4–5

Truth table for the logic circuit in Figure 4–18.

Inputs				Output
A	B	C	D	$A(B + CD)$
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1

5. Logic Simplification Using Boolean Algebra

EXAMPLE 4–9

Using Boolean algebra techniques, simplify this expression:

$$AB + A(B + C) + B(B + C)$$

Solution

The following is not necessarily the only approach.

Step 1: Apply the distributive law to the second and third terms in the expression, as follows:

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

Step 2: Apply rule 7 ($BB = B$) to the fourth term.

$$AB + AB + AC + B + BC$$

Step 3: Apply rule 5 ($AB + AB = AB$) to the first two terms.

$$AB + AC + B + BC$$

Step 4: Apply rule 10 ($B + BC = B$) to the last two terms.

$$AB + AC + B$$

Step 5: Apply rule 10 ($AB + B = B$) to the first and third terms.

$$B + AC$$

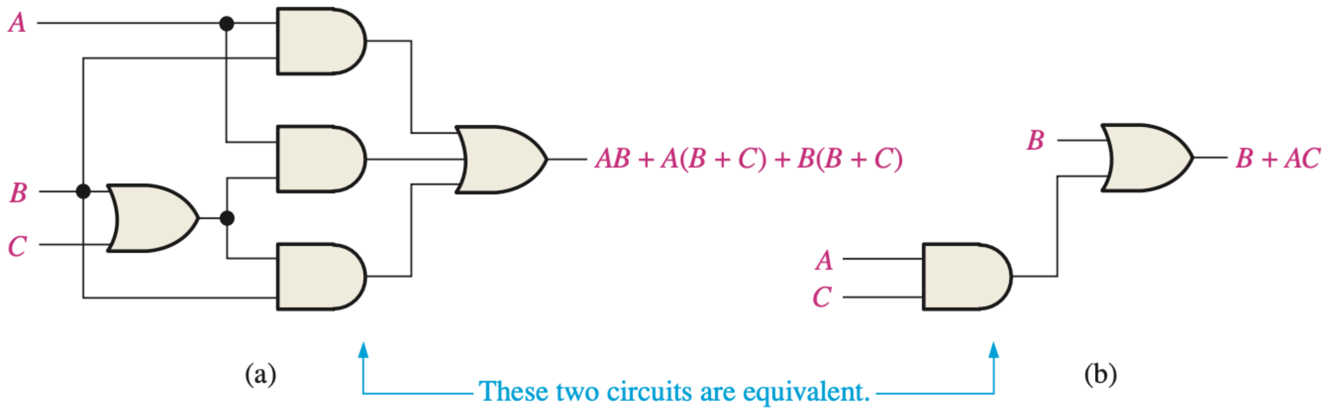


FIGURE 4–20 Gate circuits for Example 4–9. Open file F04-20 to verify equivalency.

Related Problem

Simplify the Boolean expression $A\overline{B} + A(\overline{B + C}) + B(\overline{B + C})$.

EXAMPLE 4–10

Simplify the following Boolean expression:

$$[A\overline{B}(C + BD) + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}]C$$

Note that brackets and parentheses mean the same thing: the term inside is multiplied (ANDed) with the term outside.

Solution

Step 1: Apply the distributive law to the terms within the brackets.

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

Step 2: Apply rule 8 ($\overline{B}B = 0$) to the second term within the parentheses.

$$(A\overline{B}C + A \cdot 0 \cdot D + \overline{A}\,\overline{B})C$$

Step 3: Apply rule 3 ($A \cdot 0 \cdot D = 0$) to the second term within the parentheses.

$$(A\overline{B}C + 0 + \overline{A}\,\overline{B})C$$

Step 4: Apply rule 1 (drop the 0) within the parentheses.

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

Step 5: Apply the distributive law.

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

Step 6: Apply rule 7 ($CC = C$) to the first term.

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

EXAMPLE 4–10

Simplify the following Boolean expression:

$$[A\overline{B}(C + BD) + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}]C$$

Note that brackets and parentheses mean the same thing: the term inside is multiplied (ANDed) with the term outside.

Step 7: Factor out $\overline{B}C$.

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

Step 8: Apply rule 6 ($A + \overline{A} = 1$).

$$\overline{B}C \cdot 1$$

Step 9: Apply rule 4 (drop the 1).

$$\overline{B}C$$

Related Problem

Simplify the Boolean expression $[A\overline{B}(C + \overline{BD}) + \overline{AB}]CD$.

EXAMPLE 4–11

Simplify the following Boolean expression:

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

Solution

Step 1: Factor BC out of the first and last terms.

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

Step 2: Apply rule 6 ($\overline{A} + A = 1$) to the term in parentheses, and factor $A\overline{B}$ from the second and last terms.

$$BC \cdot 1 + A\overline{B}(\overline{C} + C) + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$$

Step 3: Apply rule 4 (drop the 1) to the first term and rule 6 ($\overline{C} + C = 1$) to the term in parentheses.

$$BC + A\overline{B} \cdot 1 + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$$

Step 4: Apply rule 4 (drop the 1) to the second term.

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

Step 5: Factor $\overline{B}$ from the second and third terms.

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

Step 6: Apply rule 11 ($A + \overline{A}\,\overline{C} = A + \overline{C}$) to the term in parentheses.

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

Step 7: Use the distributive and commutative laws to get the following expression:

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

Related Problem

Simplify the Boolean expression $AB\overline{C} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C + \overline{A}BC + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$.

EXAMPLE 4–12

Simplify the following Boolean expression:

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

Solution

Step 1: Apply DeMorgan's theorem to the first term.

$$(\overline{AB})(\overline{AC}) + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C$$

Step 2: Apply DeMorgan's theorem to each term in parentheses.

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

Step 3: Apply the distributive law to the two terms in parentheses.

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

Step 4: Apply rule 7 ($\overline{A}\,\overline{A} = \overline{A}$) to the first term, and apply rule 10 [$\overline{A}\,\overline{B} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}(1 + C) = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}$] to the third and last terms.

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

Step 5: Apply rule 10 [$\overline{A} + \overline{A}\,\overline{C} = \overline{A}(1 + \overline{C}) = \overline{A}$] to the first and second terms.

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

Step 6: Apply rule 10 [$\overline{A} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B} = \overline{A}(1 + \overline{B}) = \overline{A}$] to the first and second terms.

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

Related Problem

Simplify the Boolean expression $\overline{AB} + \overline{AC} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$.

6. Standard Forms of Boolean Expressions

The Sum-of-Products (SOP) Form

- When two or more product terms are summed by Boolean addition, the resulting expression is a sum-of-products (SOP).

- An SOP expression can be implemented with one OR gate and two or more AND gates.

$$AB + ABC$$

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

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

Domain of a Boolean Expression

The **domain** of a general Boolean expression is the set of variables contained in the expression in either complemented or uncomplemented form.

AND/OR Implementation of an SOP Expression

- Implementing an SOP expression simply requires ORing the outputs of two or more AND gates.
- A product term is produced by an AND operation, and the sum (addition) of two or more product terms is produced by an OR operation.
- Therefore, an SOP expression can be implemented by AND-OR logic in which the outputs of a number (equal to the number of product terms in the expression) of AND gates connect to the inputs of an OR gate.

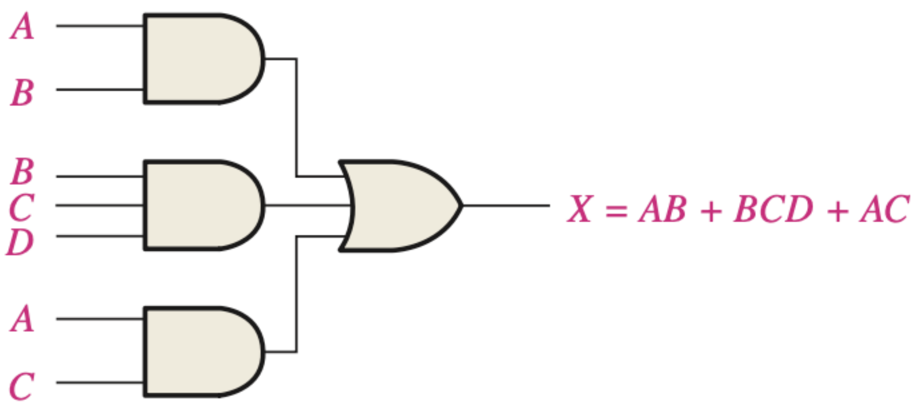


FIGURE 4–22 Implementation of the SOP expression $AB + BCD + AC$.

NAND/NAND Implementation of an SOP Expression

- NAND gates can be used to implement an SOP expression. By using only NAND gates, an AND/OR function can be accomplished, as illustrated in Figure 4–23.
- The first level of NAND gates feed into a NAND gate that acts as a negative-OR gate.
- The NAND and negative-OR inversions cancel and the result is effectively an AND/OR circuit.

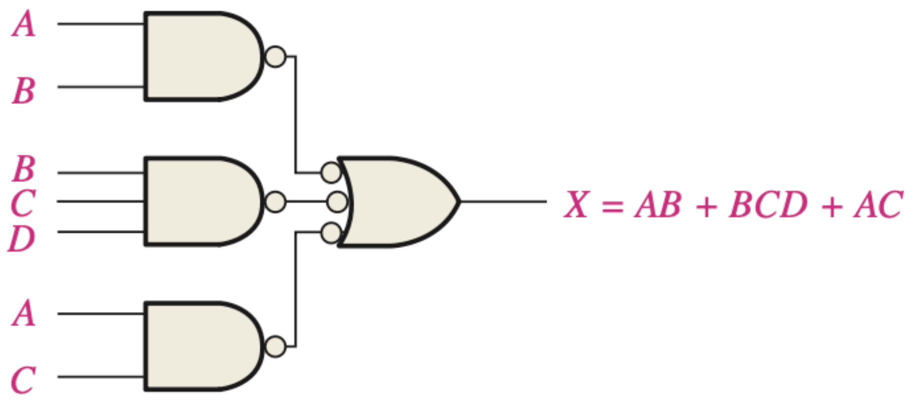


FIGURE 4–23 This NAND/NAND implementation is equivalent to the AND/OR in Figure 4–22.

Conversion of a General Expression to SOP Form

- Any logic expression can be changed into SOP form by applying Boolean algebra techniques.
- For example, the expression A(B + CD) can be converted to SOP form by applying the distributive law: **A(B + CD) = AB + ACD**

EXAMPLE 4–14

Convert each of the following Boolean expressions to SOP form:

(a) $AB + B(CD + EF)$ **(b)** $(A + B)(B + C + D)$ **(c)** $\overline{\overline{(A + B)} + C}$

Solution

(a) $AB + B(CD + EF) = AB + BCD + BEF$

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

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

Related Problem

Convert $\overline{A}B\overline{C} + (A + \overline{B})(B + \overline{C} + A\overline{B})$ to SOP form.

The Standard SOP Form

- So far, you have seen SOP expressions in which some of the product terms do not contain all of the variables in the domain of the expression.

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

Converting Product Terms to Standard Sop

- Step 1: Multiply each nonstandard product term by a term made up of the sum of a missing variable and its complement. This results in two product terms. As you know, you can multiply anything by 1 without changing its value.

- Step 2: Repeat Step 1 until all resulting product terms contain all variables in the domain in either complemented or uncomplemented form. In converting a product term to standard form, the number of product terms is doubled for each missing variable.

EXAMPLE 4–15

Convert the following Boolean expression into standard SOP form:

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

Solution

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

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

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:

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

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

The third term, $AB\overline{C}D$, is already in standard form. The complete standard SOP form of the original expression is as follows:

$$A\overline{B}C + \overline{A}\,\overline{B} + AB\overline{C}D = A\overline{B}CD + A\overline{B}C\overline{D} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}CD + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C\overline{D} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + AB\overline{C}D$$

Related Problem

Convert the expression $W\overline{X}Y + \overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + WX\overline{Y}$ to standard SOP form.

Binary Representation of a Standard Product Term

- A standard product term is equal to 1 for only one combination of variable values.

$$A\overline{B}C\overline{D} = 1 \cdot \overline{0} \cdot 1 \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

- An SOP expression is equal to 1 only if one or more of the product terms in the expression is equal to 1.

EXAMPLE 4–16

Determine the binary values for which the following standard SOP expression is equal to 1:

$$ABCD + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D}$$

Solution

The term $ABCD$ is equal to 1 when $A = 1$, $B = 1$, $C = 1$, and $D = 1$.

$$ABCD = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Binary Representation of a Standard Product Term

The term $A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D$ is equal to 1 when $A = 1$, $B = 0$, $C = 0$, and $D = 1$.

$$A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D = 1 \cdot \overline{0} \cdot \overline{0} \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

The term $\overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D}$ is equal to 1 when $A = 0$, $B = 0$, $C = 0$, and $D = 0$.

$$\overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D} = \overline{0} \cdot \overline{0} \cdot \overline{0} \cdot \overline{0} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

The SOP expression equals 1 when any or all of the three product terms is 1.

Related Problem

Determine the binary values for which the following SOP expression is equal to 1:

$$\overline{X}YZ + X\overline{Y}Z + XY\overline{Z} + \overline{X}Y\overline{Z} + XYZ$$

Is this a standard SOP expression?

The Product-of-Sums (POS) Form

- When two or more sum terms are multiplied, the resulting expression is a product-of-sums (POS).

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

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

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

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

Implementation of a POS Expression

- Implementing a POS expression simply requires ANDing the outputs of two or more OR gates.

- A sum term is produced by an OR operation, and the product of two or more sum terms is produced by an AND operation.

- Therefore, a POS expression can be implemented by logic in which the outputs of a number (equal to the number of sum terms in the expression) of OR gates connect to the inputs of an AND gate, as Figure 4–24 shows for the expression (A + B)(B + C + D)(A + C). The output X of the AND gate equals the POS expression.

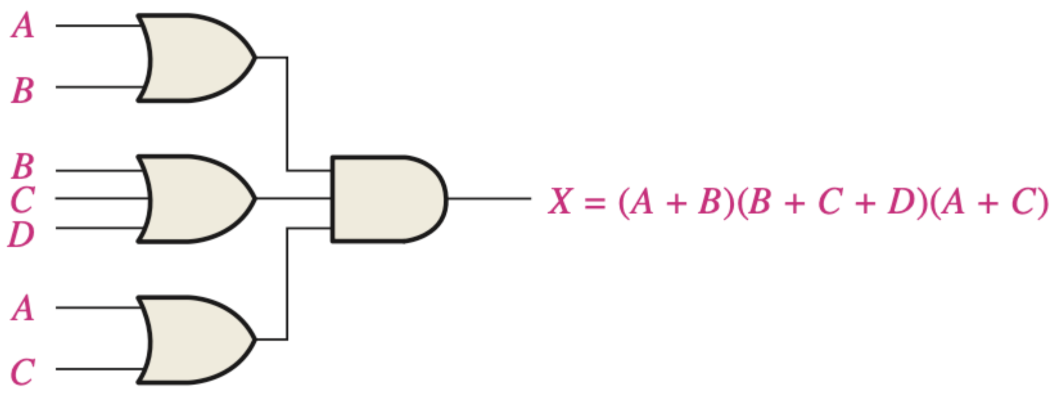


FIGURE 4–24 Implementation of the POS expression $(A + B)(B + C + D)(A + C)$.

The Standard POS Form

- So far, you have seen POS expressions in which some of the sum terms do not contain all of the variables in the domain of the expression.

- A standard POS expression is one in which all the variables in the domain appear in each sum term in the expression. For example, $(\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C} + \overline{D})(A + \overline{B} + C + D)(A + B + \overline{C} + D)$

Converting a Sum Term to Standard POS

- Step 1: Add to each nonstandard product term a term made up of the product of the missing variable and its complement. This results in two sum terms. As you know, you can add 0 to anything without changing its value.

- Step 2: Apply rule 12 from Table 4–1: A + BC = (A + B)(A + C).

- Step 3: Repeat Step 1 until all resulting sum terms contain all variables in the domainin either complemented or uncomplemented form.

EXAMPLE 4–17

Convert the following Boolean expression into standard POS form:

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

Solution

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

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

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

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

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

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

Related Problem

Convert the expression $(A + \overline{B})(B + C)$ to standard POS form.

Binary Representation of a Standard Sum Term

- A standard sum term is equal to 0 for only one combination of variable values.

$$A + \overline{B} + C + \overline{D} = 0 + \overline{1} + 0 + \overline{1} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

- A POS expression is equal to 0 only if one or more of the sum terms in the expres- sion is equal to 0.

EXAMPLE 4–18

Determine the binary values of the variables for which the following standard POS expression is equal to 0:

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

Binary Representation of a Standard Sum Term

Solution

The term $A + B + C + D$ is equal to 0 when $A = 0$, $B = 0$, $C = 0$, and $D = 0$.

$$A + B + C + D = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

The term $A + \overline{B} + \overline{C} + D$ is equal to 0 when $A = 0$, $B = 1$, $C = 1$, and $D = 0$.

$$A + \overline{B} + \overline{C} + D = 0 + \overline{1} + \overline{1} + 0 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

The term $\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C} + \overline{D}$ is equal to 0 when $A = 1$, $B = 1$, $C = 1$, and $D = 1$.

$$\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C} + \overline{D} = \overline{1} + \overline{1} + \overline{1} + \overline{1} = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

The POS expression equals 0 when any of the three sum terms equals 0.

Related Problem

Determine the binary values for which the following POS expression is equal to 0:

$$(X + \overline{Y} + Z)(\overline{X} + Y + Z)(X + Y + \overline{Z})(\overline{X} + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z})(X + \overline{Y} + \overline{Z})$$

Is this a standard POS expression?

Converting Standard SOP to Standard POS

The binary values of the product terms in a given standard SOP expression are not present in the equivalent standard POS expression. Also, the binary values that are not represented in the SOP expression are present in the equivalent POS expression.

- Step 1: Evaluate each product term in the SOP expression. That is, determine the binary numbers that represent the product terms.
- Step 2: Determine all of the binary numbers not included in the evaluation in Step 1.
- Step 3: Write the equivalent sum term for each binary number from Step 2 and express in POS form.

Using a similar procedure, you can go from POS to SOP.

EXAMPLE 4–19

Convert the following SOP expression to an equivalent POS expression:

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

Solution

The evaluation is as follows:

$$000 + 010 + 011 + 101 + 111$$

Since there are three variables in the domain of this expression, there are a total of eight (2^3) possible combinations. The SOP expression contains five of these combinations, so the POS must contain the other three which are 001, 100, and 110. Remember, these are the binary values that make the sum term 0. The equivalent POS expression is

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

Related Problem

Verify that the SOP and POS expressions in this example are equivalent by substituting binary values into each.

Converting SOP Expressions to Truth Table Format

- The first step in constructing a truth table is to list all possible combinations of binary values of the variables in the expression.
- Next, convert the SOP expression to standard form if it is not already.
- Finally, place a 1 in the output column (X) for each binary value that makes the standard SOP expression a 1 and place a 0 for all the remaining binary values.

EXAMPLE 4–20

Develop a truth table for the standard SOP expression $\overline{A}\,\overline{B}C + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + ABC$.

Solution

There are three variables in the domain, so there are eight possible combinations of binary values of the variables as listed in the left three columns of Table 4–6. The binary values that make the product terms in the expressions equal to 1 are

TABLE 4–6

Inputs			Output	
A	B	C	X	Product Term
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

$\overline{A}\,\overline{B}C$: 001; $A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$: 100; and ABC: 111. For each of these binary values, place a 1 in the output column as shown in the table. For each of the remaining binary combinations, place a 0 in the output column.

Related Problem

Create a truth table for the standard SOP expression $\overline{A}B\overline{C} + A\overline{B}C$.

Converting POS Expressions to Truth Table Format

- To construct a truth table from a POS expression, list all the possible combinations of binary values of the variables just as was done for the SOP expression.
- Next, convert the POS expression to standard form if it is not already.
- Finally, place a 0 in the output column (X) for each binary value that makes the expression a 0 and place a 1 for all the remaining binary values. .

EXAMPLE 4–21

Determine the truth table for the following standard POS expression:

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

Solution

There are three variables in the domain and the eight possible binary values are listed in the left three columns of Table 4–7. The binary values that make the sum terms in the expression equal to 0 are $A + B + C$: 000; $A + \overline{B} + C$: 010; $A + \overline{B} + \overline{C}$: 011; $\overline{A} + B + \overline{C}$: 101; and $\overline{A} + \overline{B} + C$: 110. For each of these binary values, place a 0 in the output column as shown in the table. For each of the remaining binary combinations, place a 1 in the output column.

TABLE 4–7

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

Notice that the truth table in this example is the same as the one in Example 4–20. This means that the SOP expression in the previous example and the POS expression in this example are equivalent.

Related Problem

Develop a truth table for the following standard POS expression:

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

Determining Standard Expressions from a Truth Table

- To determine the standard SOP expression represented by a truth table, list the binary values of the input variables for which the output is 1. Convert each binary value to the corresponding product term by replacing each 1 with the corresponding variable and each 0 with the corresponding variable complement.

$$1010 \longrightarrow A\overline{B}C\overline{D}$$

- To determine the standard POS expression represented by a truth table, list the binary values for which the output is 0. Convert each binary value to the corresponding sum term by replacing each 1 with the corresponding variable complement and each 0 with the corresponding variable.

$$1001 \longrightarrow \overline{A} + B + C + \overline{D}$$

EXAMPLE 4–22

From the truth table in Table 4–8, determine the standard SOP expression and the equivalent standard POS expression.

TABLE 4–8

Inputs			Output
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

Solution

There are four 1s in the output column and the corresponding binary values are 011, 100, 110, and 111. Convert these binary values to product terms as follows:

$$011 \longrightarrow \overline{A}BC$$
$$100 \longrightarrow A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$$
$$110 \longrightarrow AB\overline{C}$$
$$111 \longrightarrow ABC$$

The resulting standard SOP expression for the output X is

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

For the POS expression, the output is 0 for binary values 000, 001, 010, and 101. Convert these binary values to sum terms as follows:

$$000 \longrightarrow A + B + C$$
$$001 \longrightarrow A + B + \overline{C}$$
$$010 \longrightarrow A + \overline{B} + C$$
$$101 \longrightarrow \overline{A} + B + \overline{C}$$

The resulting standard POS expression for the output X is

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

8. The Karnaugh Map

- A Karnaugh map provides a systematic method for simplifying Boolean expressions and, if properly used, will produce the simplest SOP or POS expression possible, known as the minimum expression.

- A Karnaugh map is similar to a truth table because it presents all of the possible values of input variables and the resulting output for each value.

- The number of cells in a Karnaugh map, as well as the number of rows in a truth table, is equal to the total number of possible input variable combinations. For three variables, the number of cells is $2^3 = 8$. For four variables, the number of cells is $2^4 = 16$.

The purpose of a Karnaugh map is to simplify a Boolean expression.

The 3-Variable Karnaugh Map

- The 3-variable Karnaugh map is an array of eight cells, as shown in Figure 4–25(a).
- Binary values of A and B are along the left side (notice the sequence) and the values of C are across the top. The value of a given cell is the binary values of A and B at the left in the same row combined with the value of C at the top in the same column.
- Figure 4–25(b) shows the standard product terms that are represented by each cell in the Karnaugh map.

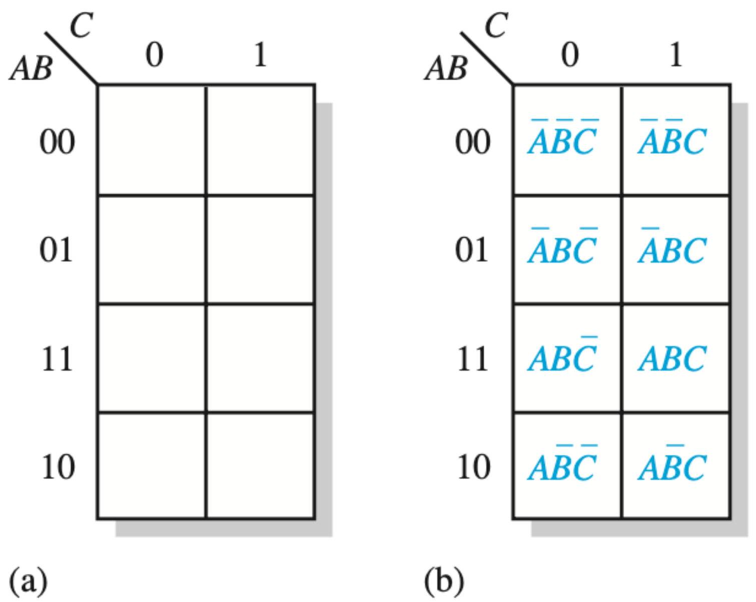


FIGURE 4–25 A 3-variable Karnaugh map showing Boolean product terms for each cell.

The 4-Variable Karnaugh Map

- The 4-variable Karnaugh map is an array of sixteen cells, as shown in Figure 4–26(a).
- Binary values of A and B are along the left side and the values of C and D are across the top. The value of a given cell is the binary values of A and B at the left in the same row combined with the binary values of C and D at the top in the same column.
- Figure 4–26(b) shows the standard product terms that are represented by each cell in the 4-variable Karnaugh map.

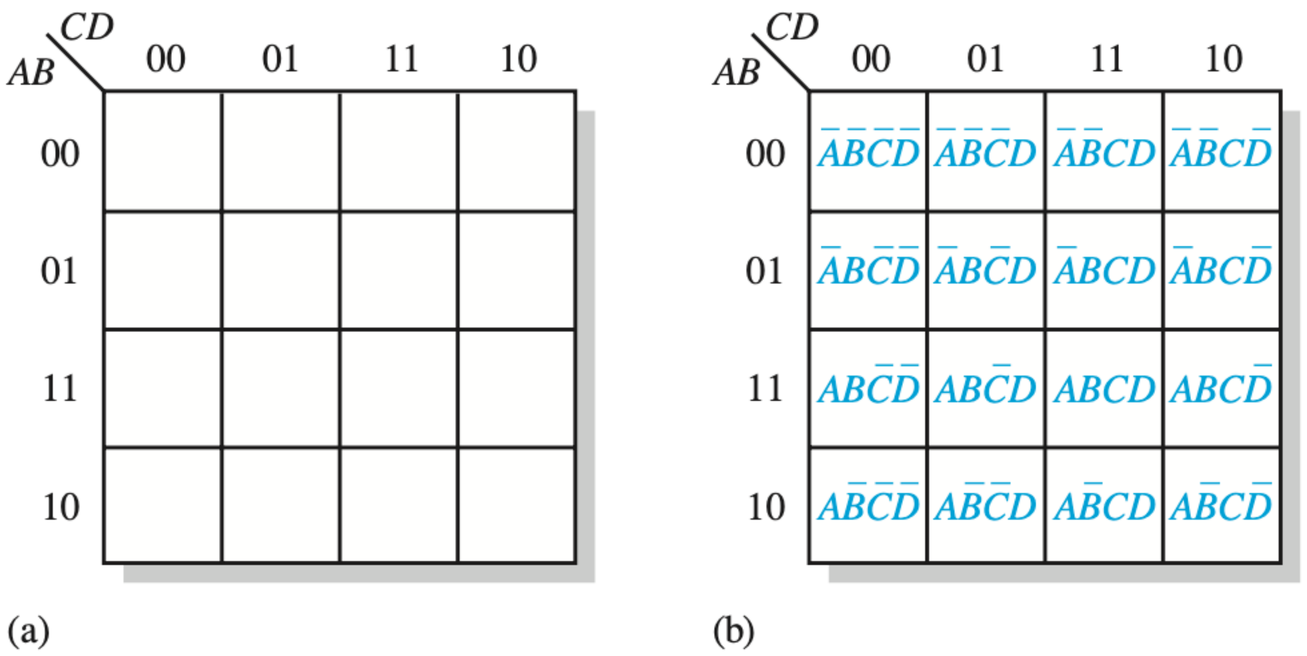


FIGURE 4–26 A 4-variable Karnaugh map.

Cell Adjacency

- The cells in a Karnaugh map are arranged so that there is only a single-variable change between adjacent cells. *Adjacency is defined by a single-variable change.*
- Physically, each cell is adjacent to the cells that are immediately next to it on any of its four sides. A cell is not adjacent to the cells that diagonally touch any of its corners.
- Also, the cells in the top row are adjacent to the corresponding cells in the bottom row and. he cells in the outer left column are adjacent to the corresponding cells in the outer right column. This is called "wrap-around" adjacency.

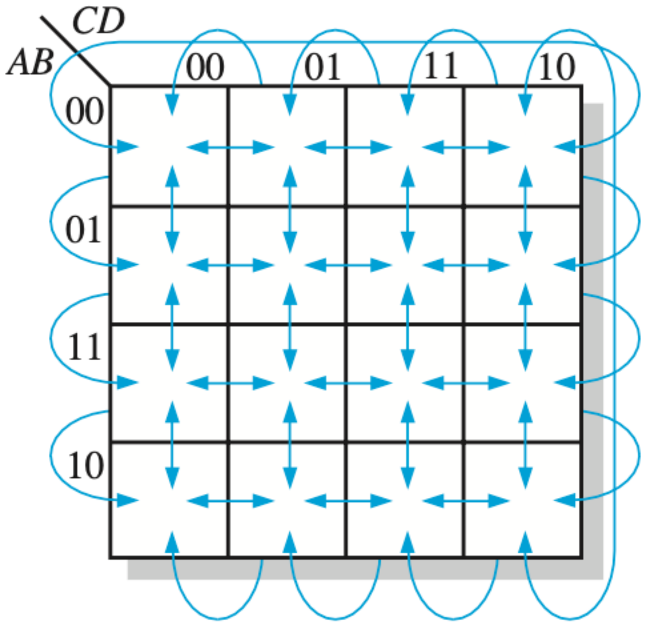


FIGURE 4–27 Adjacent cells on a Karnaugh map are those that differ by only one variable. Arrows point between adjacent cells.

9. Karnaugh Map SOP Minimization

Mapping a Standard SOP Expression

- For an SOP expression in standard form, a 1 is placed on the Karnaugh map for each product term in the expression. Each 1 is placed in a cell corresponding to the value of a product term.

- Step 1: Determine the binary value of each product term in the standard SOP expression. After some practice, you can usually do the evaluation of terms mentally.

- Step 2: As each product term is evaluated, place a 1 on the Karnaugh map in the cell having the same value as the product term.

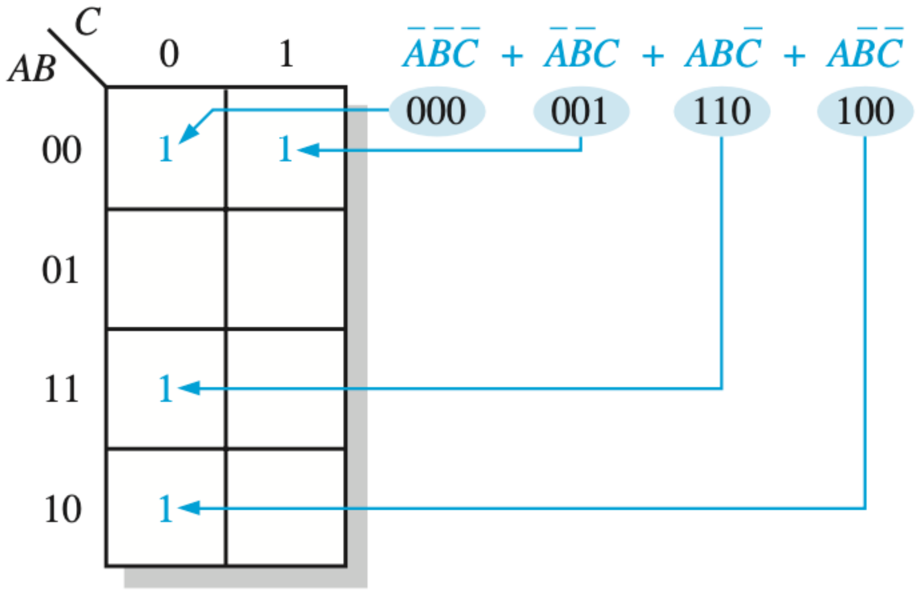


FIGURE 4–28 Example of mapping a standard SOP expression.

EXAMPLE 4–23

Map the following standard SOP expression on a Karnaugh map:

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

Solution

Evaluate the expression as shown below. Place a 1 on the 3-variable Karnaugh map in Figure 4–29 for each standard product term in the expression.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C & + & \overline{A}B\overline{C} & + & AB\overline{C} & + & ABC \\ 001 & & 010 & & 110 & & 111 \end{array}$$

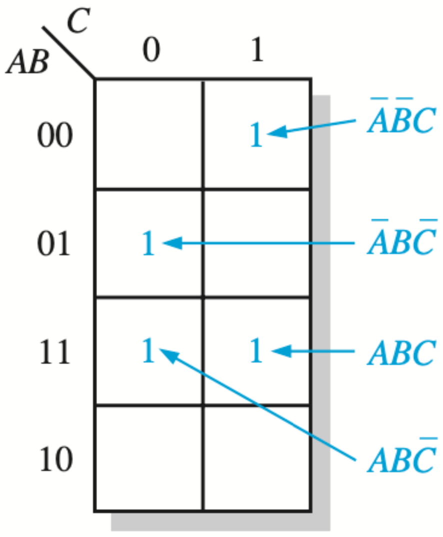


FIGURE 4–29

Related Problem

Map the standard SOP expression $\overline{A}BC + A\overline{B}C + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$ on a Karnaugh map.

EXAMPLE 4–24

Map the following standard SOP expression on a Karnaugh map:

$$\overline{A}\,\overline{B}CD + \overline{A}B\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + AB\overline{C}D + ABCD + AB\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D + A\overline{B}C\overline{D}$$

Solution

Evaluate the expression as shown below. Place a 1 on the 4-variable Karnaugh map in Figure 4–30 for each standard product term in the expression.

$$\underset{0011}{\overline{A}\,\overline{B}CD} + \underset{0100}{\overline{A}B\overline{C}\,\overline{D}} + \underset{1101}{AB\overline{C}D} + \underset{1111}{ABCD} + \underset{1100}{AB\overline{C}\,\overline{D}} + \underset{0001}{\overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D} + \underset{1010}{A\overline{B}C\overline{D}}$$

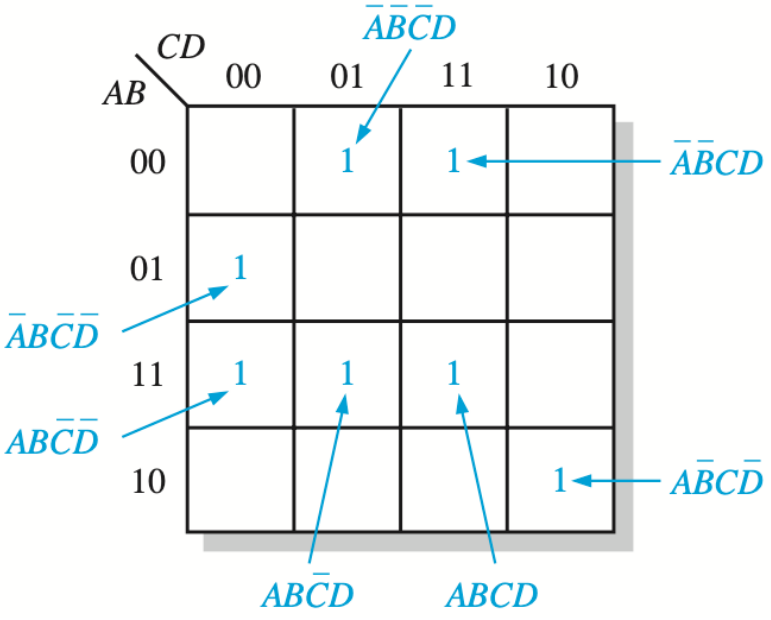


FIGURE 4–30

Related Problem

Map the following standard SOP expression on a Karnaugh map:

$$\overline{A}BC\overline{D} + ABC\overline{D} + AB\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + ABCD$$

Mapping a Nonstandard SOP Expression

EXAMPLE 4–25

Map the following SOP expression on a Karnaugh map: $\overline{A} + A\overline{B} + AB\overline{C}$.

Solution

The SOP expression is obviously not in standard form because each product term does not have three variables. The first term is missing two variables, the second term is missing one variable, and the third term is standard. First expand the terms numerically as follows:

$\overline{A}$	$+ A\overline{B}$	$+ AB\overline{C}$
000	100	110
001	101	
010		
011		

Map each of the resulting binary values by placing a 1 in the appropriate cell of the 3-variable Karnaugh map in Figure 4–31.

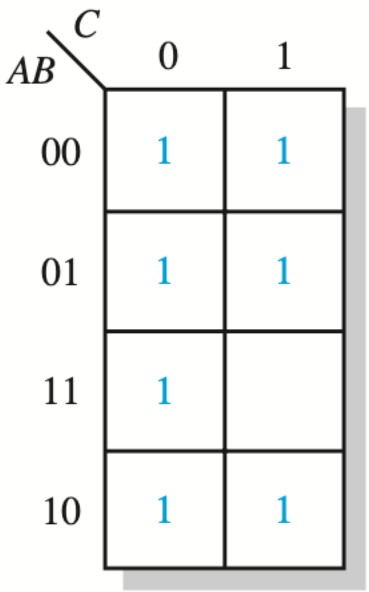


FIGURE 4–31

Related Problem

Map the SOP expression $BC + \overline{A}\,\overline{C}$ on a Karnaugh map.

EXAMPLE 4–26

Map the following SOP expression on a Karnaugh map:

$$\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + A\overline{B} + AB\overline{C} + A\overline{B}C\overline{D} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D + A\overline{B}CD$$

Solution

The SOP expression is obviously not in standard form because each product term does not have four variables. The first and second terms are both missing two variables, the third term is missing one variable, and the rest of the terms are standard. First expand the terms by including all combinations of the missing variables numerically as follows:

$\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$	+	$A\overline{B}$	+	$AB\overline{C}$	+	$A\overline{B}C\overline{D}$	+	$\overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D$	+	$A\overline{B}CD$
0000		1000		1100		1010		0001		1011
0001		1001		1101						
1000		1010								
1001		1011								

Map each of the resulting binary values by placing a 1 in the appropriate cell of the 4-variable Karnaugh map in Figure 4–32. Notice that some of the values in the expanded expression are redundant.

AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	1	1		
01				
11	1	1		
10	1	1	1	1

FIGURE 4–32

Karnaugh Map Simplification of SOP Expressions

Grouping the 1s

You can group 1s on the Karnaugh map according to the following rules by enclosing those adjacent cells containing 1s. The goal is to maximize the size of the groups and to minimize the number of groups.

- A group must contain either 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 cells, which are all powers of two. In the case of a 3-variable map, $2^3 = 8$ cells is the maximum group.
- Each cell in a group must be adjacent to one or more cells in that same group, but all cells in the group do not have to be adjacent to each other.
- Always include the largest possible number of 1s in a group in accordance with rule 1.
- Each 1 on the map must be included in at least one group. The 1s already in a group can be included in another group as long as the overlapping groups include noncommon 1s.

EXAMPLE 4–27

Group the 1s in each of the Karnaugh maps in Figure 4–33.

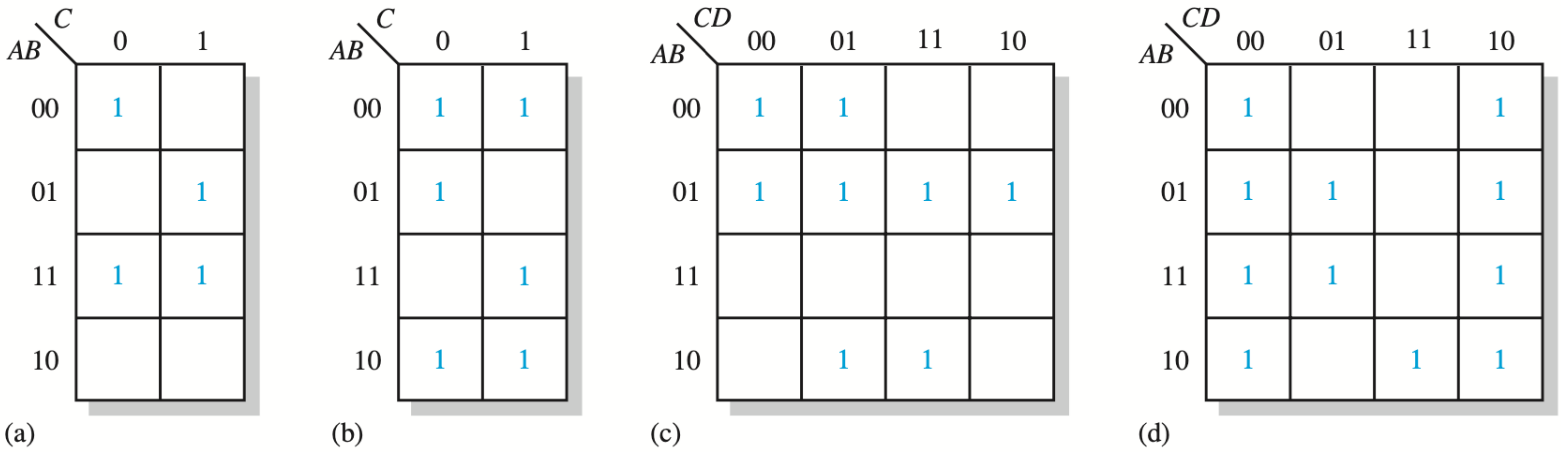


FIGURE 4–33

Solution

The groupings are shown in Figure 4–34. In some cases, there may be more than one way to group the 1s to form maximum groupings.

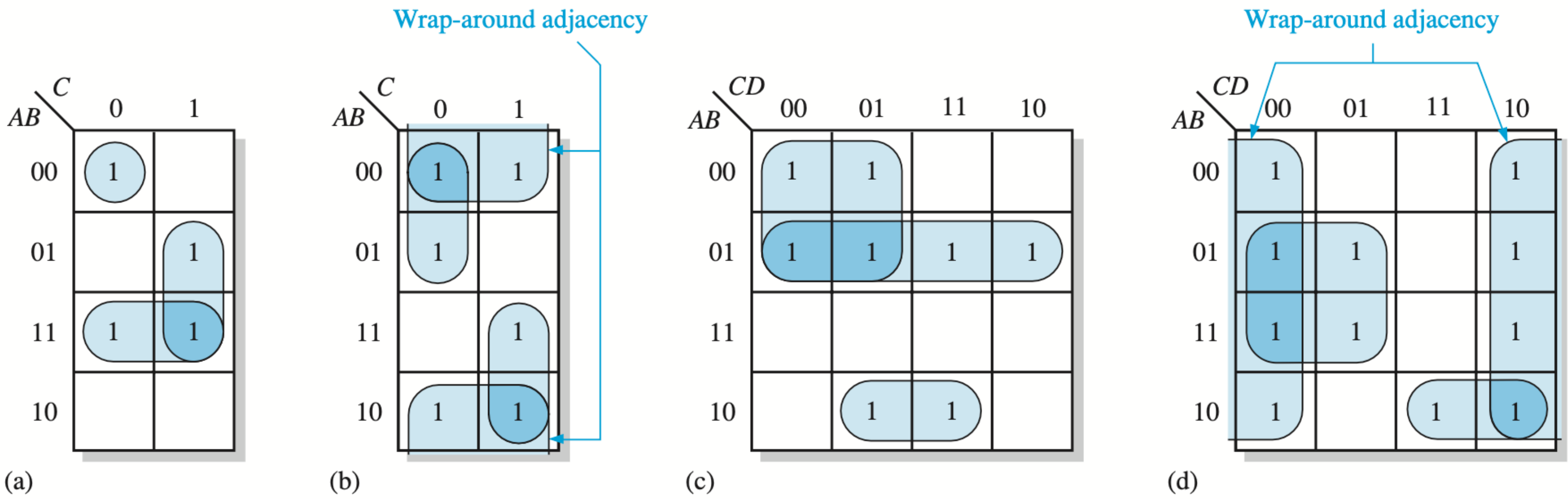


FIGURE 4–34

Determining the Minimum SOP Expression from the Map

When all the 1s representing the standard product terms in an expression are properly mapped and grouped, the process of determining the resulting minimum SOP expression begins. The following rules are applied to find the minimum product terms and the minimum SOP expression:

- Groupthecellsthathave1s.Eachgroupofcellscontaining1screatesoneproduct term composed of all variables that occur in only one form (either uncomplemented or complemented) within the group. Variables that occur both uncomplemented and complemented within the group are eliminated. These are called contradictory variables.

- Determine the minimum product term for each group.

- When all the minimum product terms are derived from the Karnaugh map, they are summed to form the minimum SOP expression.

(a) For a 3-variable map:
- **(1)** A 1-cell group yields a 3-variable product term
- **(2)** A 2-cell group yields a 2-variable product term
- **(3)** A 4-cell group yields a 1-variable term
- **(4)** An 8-cell group yields a value of 1 for the expression

(b) For a 4-variable map:
- **(1)** A 1-cell group yields a 4-variable product term
- **(2)** A 2-cell group yields a 3-variable product term
- **(3)** A 4-cell group yields a 2-variable product term
- **(4)** An 8-cell group yields a 1-variable term
- **(5)** A 16-cell group yields a value of 1 for the expression

EXAMPLE 4–28

Determine the product terms for the Karnaugh map in Figure 4–35 and write the resulting minimum SOP expression.

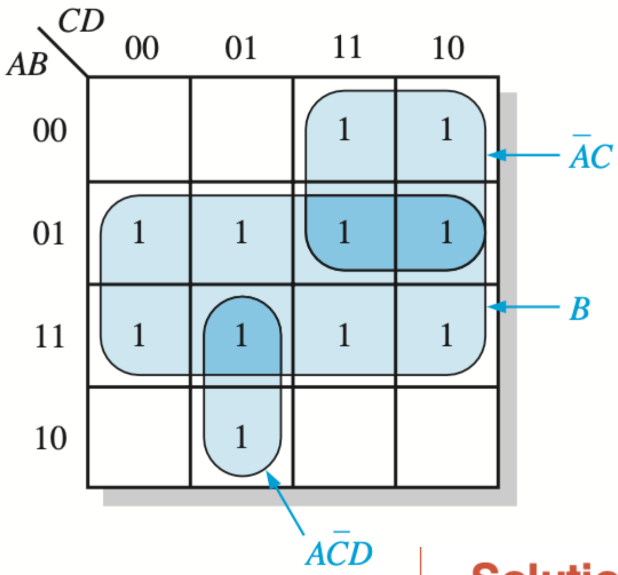


FIGURE 4–35

Solution

Eliminate variables that are in a grouping in both complemented and uncomplemented forms. In Figure 4–35, the product term for the 8-cell group is B because the cells within that group contain both A and $\bar{A}$, C and $\bar{C}$, and D and $\bar{D}$, which are eliminated. The 4-cell group contains B, $\bar{B}$, D, and $\bar{D}$, leaving the variables $\bar{A}$ and C, which form the product term $\bar{A}C$. The 2-cell group contains B and $\bar{B}$, leaving variables A, $\bar{C}$, and D which form the product term $A\bar{C}D$. Notice how overlapping is used to maximize the size of the groups. The resulting minimum SOP expression is the sum of these product terms:

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

EXAMPLE 4–29

Determine the product terms for each of the Karnaugh maps in Figure 4–36 and write the resulting minimum SOP expression.

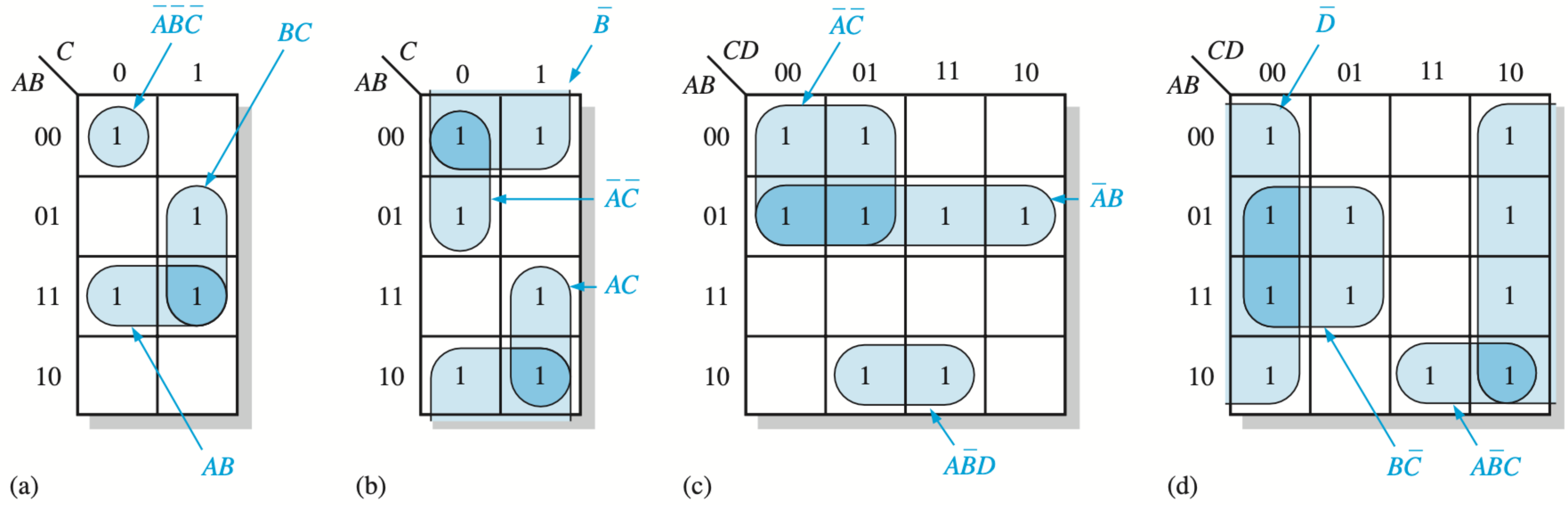


FIGURE 4–36

Solution

The resulting minimum product term for each group is shown in Figure 4–36. The minimum SOP expressions for each of the Karnaugh maps in the figure are

(a) $AB + BC + \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}$

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

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

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

EXAMPLE 4–30

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the following standard SOP expression:

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

Solution

The binary values of the expression are

$$101 + 011 + 001 + 000 + 100$$

Map the standard SOP expression and group the cells as shown in Figure 4–37.

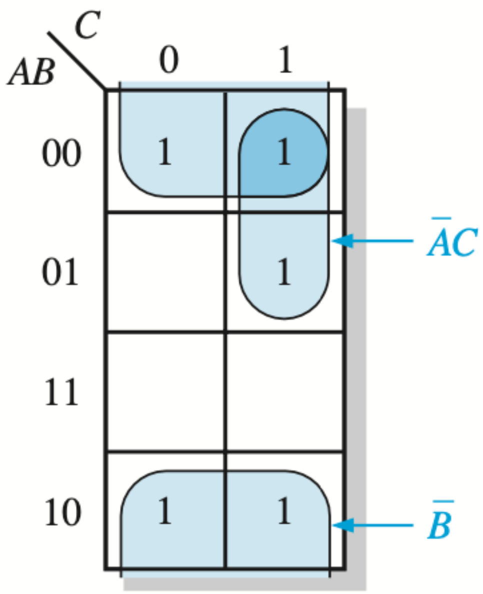


FIGURE 4–37

Notice the "wrap around" 4-cell group that includes the top row and the bottom row of 1s. The remaining 1 is absorbed in an overlapping group of two cells. The group of four 1s produces a single variable term, $\overline{B}$. This is determined by observing that within the group, $\overline{B}$ is the only variable that does not change from cell to cell. The group of two 1s produces a 2-variable term $\overline{A}C$. This is determined by observing that within the group, $\overline{A}$ and C do not change from one cell to the next. The product term for each group is shown. The resulting minimum SOP expression is

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

Keep in mind that this minimum expression is equivalent to the original standard expression.

EXAMPLE 4–31

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the following SOP expression:

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

Solution

The first term $\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D}$ must be expanded into $A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D}$ and $\overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D}$ to get the standard SOP expression, which is then mapped; the cells are grouped as shown in Figure 4–38.

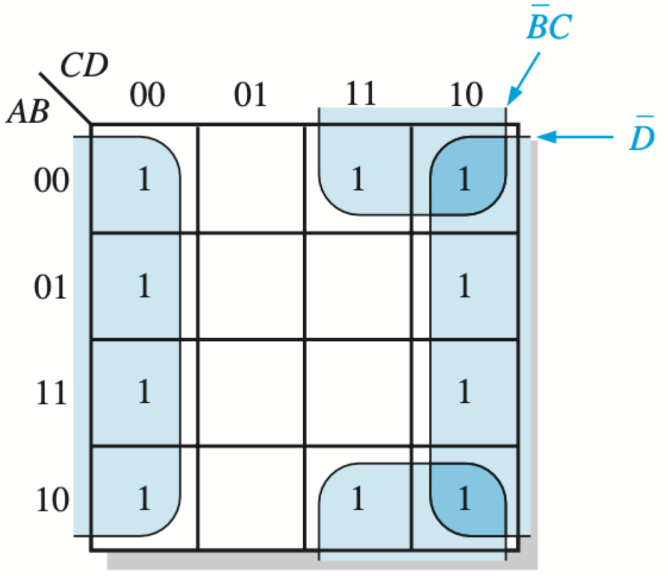


FIGURE 4–38

Notice that both groups exhibit “wrap around” adjacency. The group of eight is formed because the cells in the outer columns are adjacent. The group of four is formed to pick up the remaining two 1s because the top and bottom cells are adjacent. The product term for each group is shown. The resulting minimum SOP expression is

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

Keep in mind that this minimum expression is equivalent to the original standard expression.

Related Problem

Use a Karnaugh map to simplify the following SOP expression:

$$\overline{W}\,\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z} + W\overline{X}YZ + W\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}Z + \overline{W}YZ + W\overline{X}\,\overline{Y}\,\overline{Z}$$

Mapping Directly from a Truth Table

$$X = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + AB\overline{C} + ABC$$

Inputs A	B	C	Output X
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

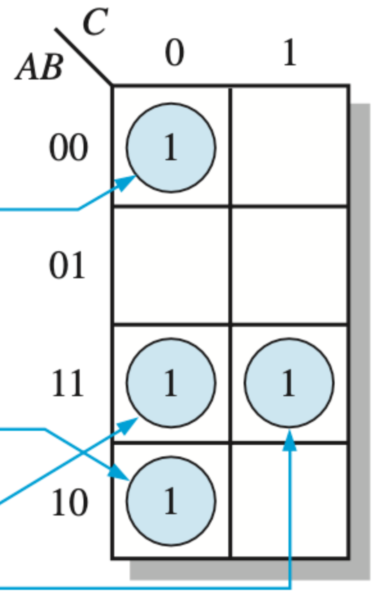


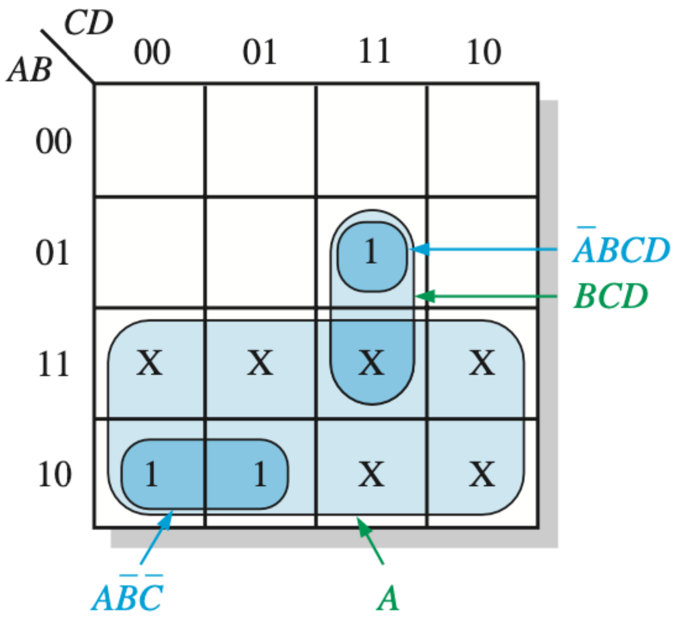
FIGURE 4–39 Example of mapping directly from a truth table to a Karnaugh map.

“Don’t Care” Conditions

Inputs				Output
A	B	C	D	Y
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	X
1	0	1	1	X
1	1	0	0	X
1	1	0	1	X
1	1	1	0	X
1	1	1	1	X

Don’t cares

(a) Truth table



(b) Without “don’t cares” $Y = A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}BCD$
With “don’t cares” $Y = A + BCD$

FIGURE 4–40 Example of the use of “don’t care” conditions to simplify an expression.

EXAMPLE 4–32

In a 7-segment display, each of the seven segments is activated for various digits. For example, segment *a* is activated for the digits 0, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, as illustrated in Figure 4–41. Since each digit can be represented by a BCD code, derive an SOP expression for segment *a* using the variables *ABCD* and then minimize the expression using a Karnaugh map.

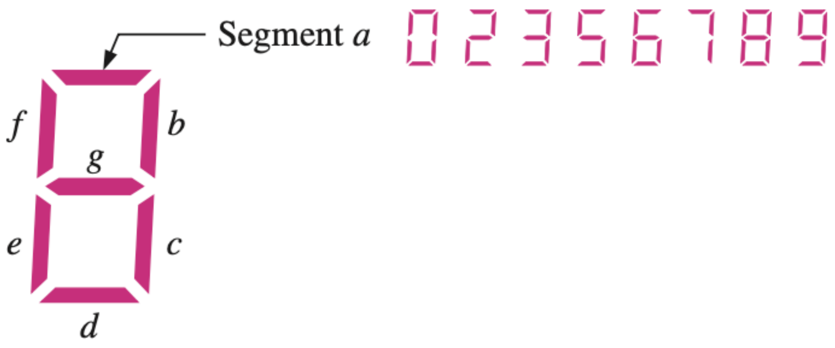


FIGURE 4–41 7-segment display.

Solution

The expression for segment *a* is

$$a = \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C\overline{D} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}CD + \overline{A}B\overline{C}D + \overline{A}BC\overline{D} + \overline{A}BCD + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}\,\overline{D} + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}D$$

Each term in the expression represents one of the digits in which segment *a* is used. The Karnaugh map minimization is shown in Figure 4–42. X's (don't cares) are entered for those states that do not occur in the BCD code.

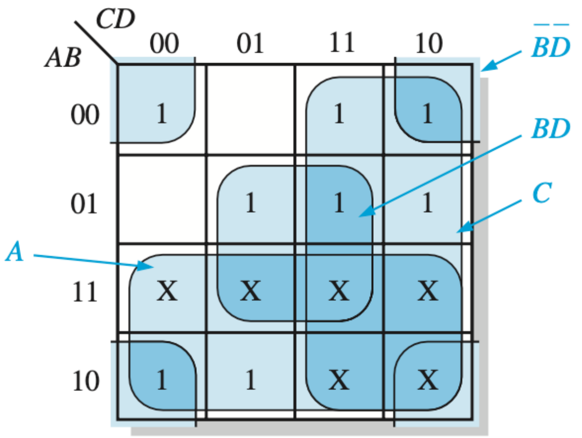


FIGURE 4–42

From the Karnaugh map, the minimized expression for segment *a* is

$$a = A + C + BD + \overline{B}\,\overline{D}$$

10. Karnaugh Map POS Minimization

Mapping a Standard POS Expression

- For a POS expression in standard form, a 0 is placed on the Karnaugh map for each sum term in the expression. Each 0 is placed in a cell corresponding to the value of a sum term.

- Step 1: Determine the binary value of each sum term in the standard POS expression. This is the binary value that makes the term equal to 0.

- Step 2: As each sum term is evaluated, place a 0 on the Karnaugh map in the corresponding cell.

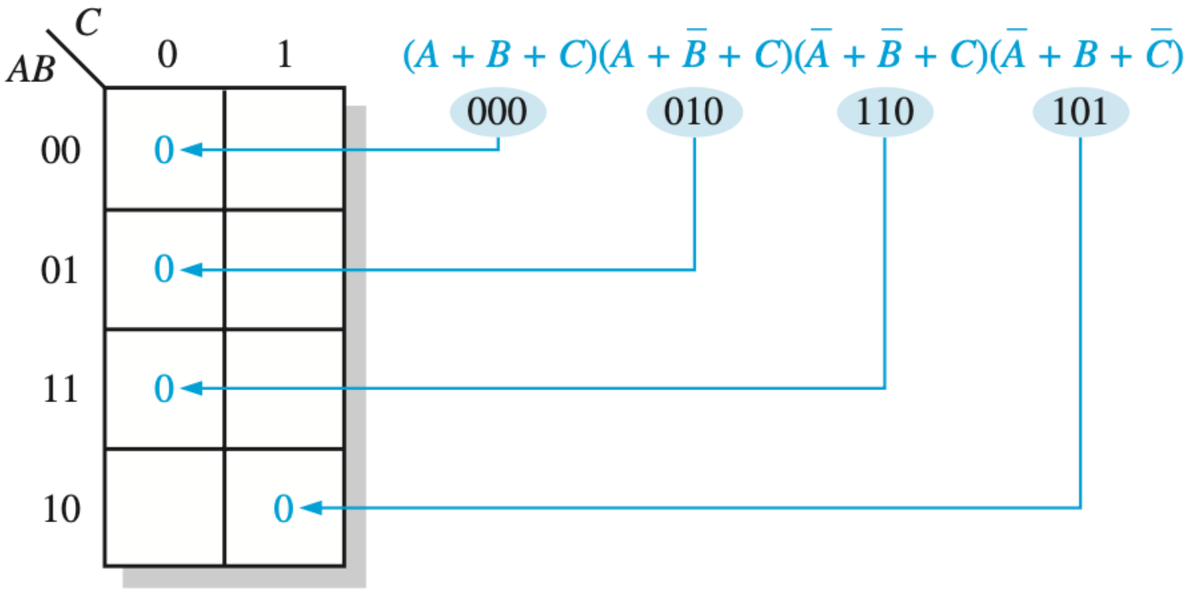


FIGURE 4–43 Example of mapping a standard POS expression.

EXAMPLE 4–33

Map the following standard POS expression on a Karnaugh map:

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

Solution

Evaluate the expression as shown below and place a 0 on the 4-variable Karnaugh map in Figure 4–44 for each standard sum term in the expression.

$$\underbrace{(\overline{A} + \overline{B} + C + D)}_{1100}\underbrace{(\overline{A} + B + \overline{C} + \overline{D})}_{1011}\underbrace{(A + B + \overline{C} + D)}_{0010}\underbrace{(\overline{A} + \overline{B} + \overline{C} + \overline{D})}_{1111}\underbrace{(A + B + \overline{C} + \overline{D})}_{0011}$$

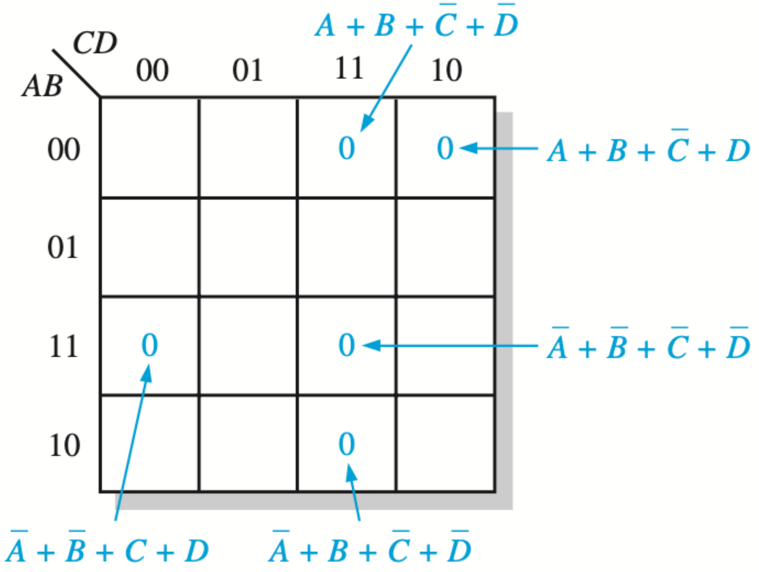


FIGURE 4–44

Related Problem

Map the following standard POS expression on a Karnaugh map:

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

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EXAMPLE 4–34

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the following standard POS expression:

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

Also, derive the equivalent SOP expression.

Solution

The combinations of binary values of the expression are

$$(0 + 0 + 0)(0 + 0 + 1)(0 + 1 + 0)(0 + 1 + 1)(1 + 1 + 0)$$

Map the standard POS expression and group the cells as shown in Figure 4–45.

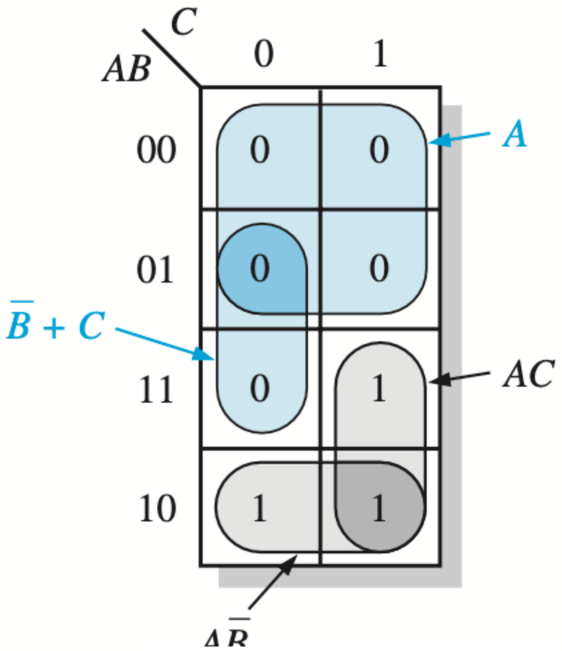

FIGURE 4–45

Notice how the 0 in the 110 cell is included into a 2-cell group by utilizing the 0 in the 4-cell group. The sum term for each blue group is shown in the figure and the resulting minimum POS expression is

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

Keep in mind that this minimum POS expression is equivalent to the original standard POS expression.

Grouping the 1s as shown by the gray areas yields an SOP expression that is equivalent to grouping the 0s.

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

EXAMPLE 4–35

Use a Karnaugh map to minimize the following POS expression:

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

Solution

The first term must be expanded into $\overline{A} + B + C + D$ and $A + B + C + D$ to get a standard POS expression, which is then mapped; and the cells are grouped as shown in Figure 4–46. The sum term for each group is shown and the resulting minimum POS expression is

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

Keep in mind that this minimum POS expression is equivalent to the original standard POS expression.

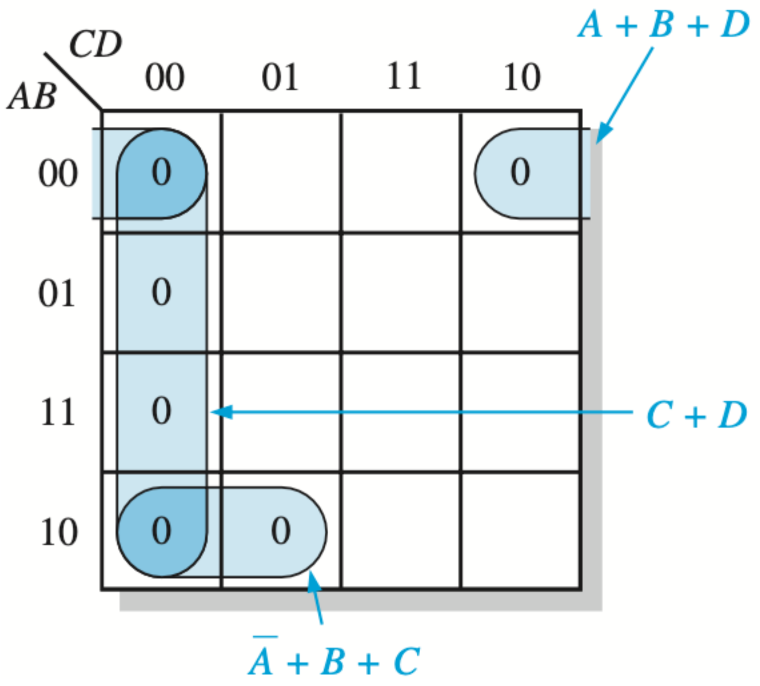

FIGURE 4–46

Related Problem

Use a Karnaugh map to simplify the following POS expression:

$$(W + \overline{X} + Y + \overline{Z})(W + X + Y + Z)(W + \overline{X} + \overline{Y} + Z)(\overline{W} + \overline{X} + Z)$$

Converting Between POS and SOP Using the Karnaugh Map

EXAMPLE 4–36

Using a Karnaugh map, convert the following standard POS expression into a minimum POS expression, a standard SOP expression, and a minimum SOP expression.

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

Solution

The 0s for the standard POS expression are mapped and grouped to obtain the minimum POS expression in Figure 4–47(a). In Figure 4–47(b), 1s are added to the cells that do not contain 0s. From each cell containing a 1, a standard product term is obtained as indicated. These product terms form the standard SOP expression. In Figure 4–47(c), the 1s are grouped and a minimum SOP expression is obtained.

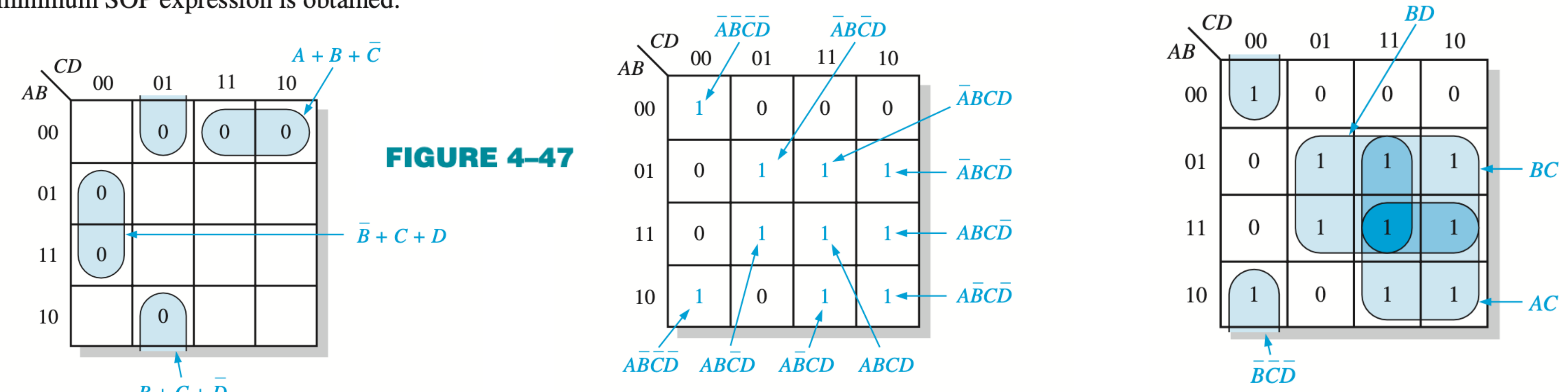

FIGURE 4–47

(a) Minimum POS: $(A + B + C)(\overline{B} + \overline{C} + D)(B + C + \overline{D})$

(b) Standard SOP:
$\overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D} + \overline{A}B\overline{C}D + \overline{A}BCD + \overline{A}BC\overline{D} + ABC\overline{D} + A\overline{B}C\overline{D} + A\overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D} + AB\overline{C}D + A\overline{B}CD + ABCD$

(c) Minimum SOP: $AC + BC + BD + \overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{D}$

THE END

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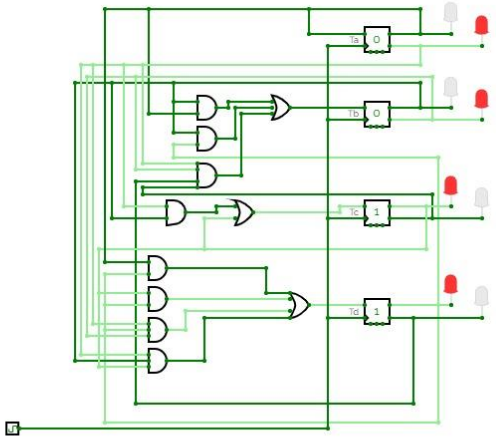

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