Chapter 4 Examples

Boolean Laws

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

DeMorgan’s Theorem

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.

Stated another way,

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

$$\overline{XY} = \overline{X} + \overline{Y} \qquad \text{Equation 4–6}$$

DeMorgan's Theorem

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.

Stated another way,

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

$$\overline{X + Y} = \overline{X}\,\overline{Y} \qquad \text{Equation 4–7}$$

Example

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.

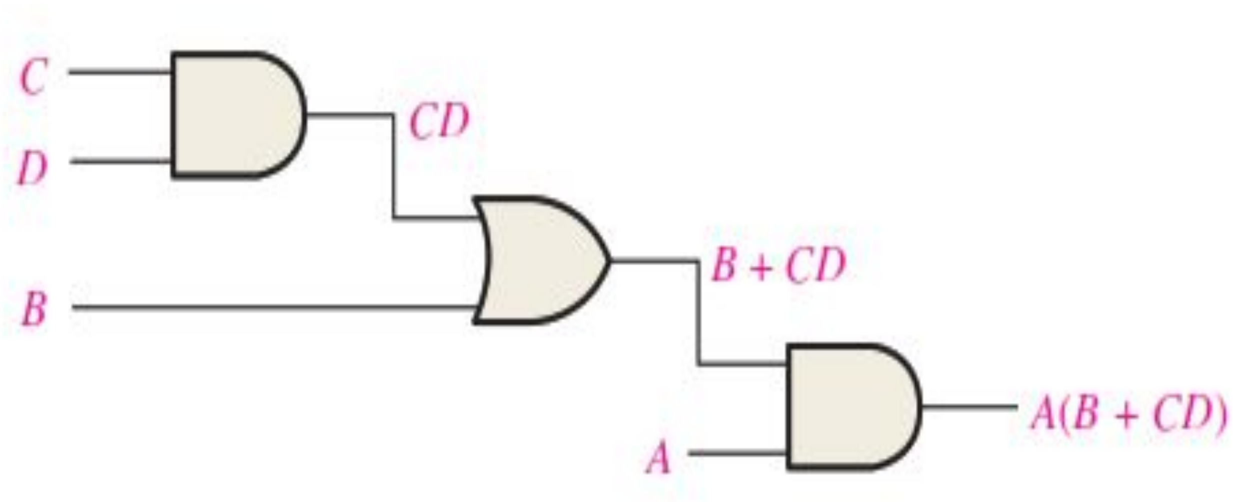
$$(A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D(\overline{E + \overline{F}})}) = (A + B\overline{C})(\overline{D} + (\overline{\overline{E + \overline{F}}}))$$

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

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

Boolean Analysis of Logical Circuit

- How to write Boolean expression of logical circuit



Truth Table of Pervious Circuit

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

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.

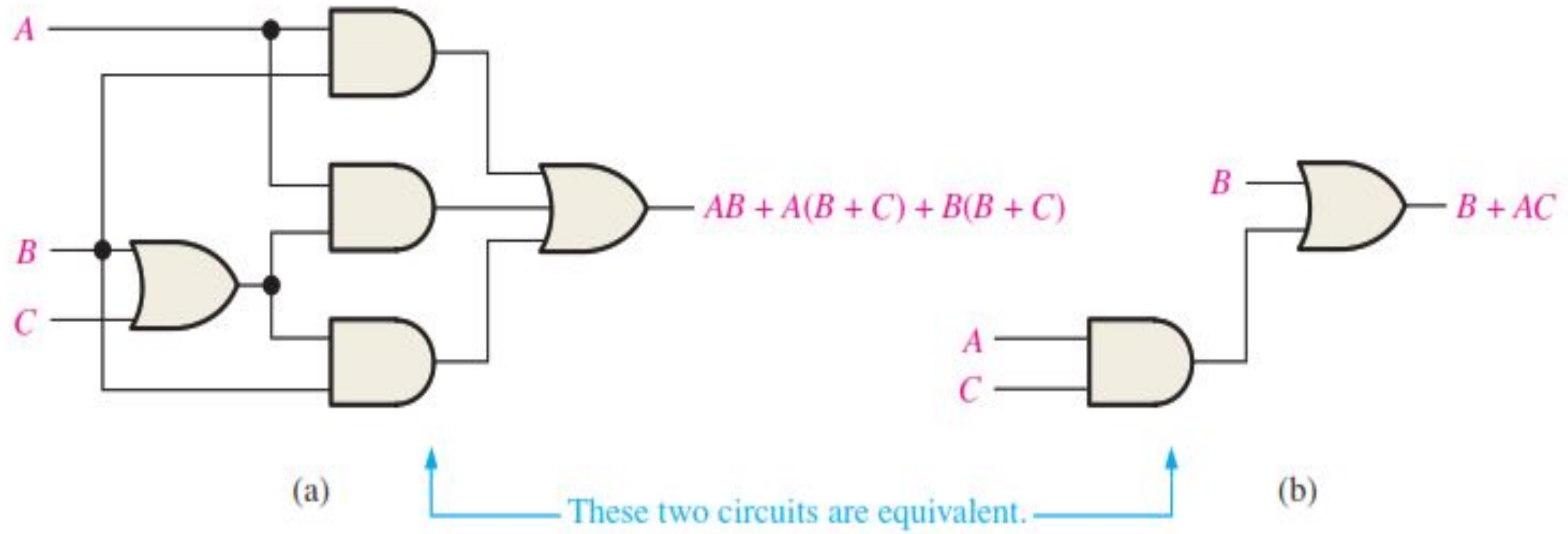
$$B + AC$$

At this point the expression is simplified as much as possible. Once you gain experience in applying Boolean algebra, you can often combine many individual steps.

Related Problem

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

Logical Circuit After Simplification



Boolean Simplification Example

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.

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

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 $[AB(C + \overline{BD}) + \overline{AB}]CD$.

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:

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

Solution

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

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

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

Sum of Product (SOP)

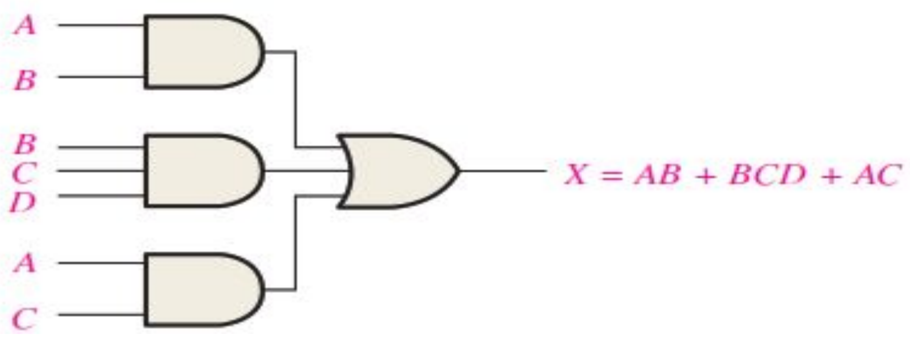
A product term was defined in Section 4–1 as a term consisting of the product (Boolean multiplication) of literals (variables or their complements). When two or more product terms are summed by Boolean addition, the resulting expression is a **sum-of-products (SOP)**. Some examples are

$$AB + ABC$$

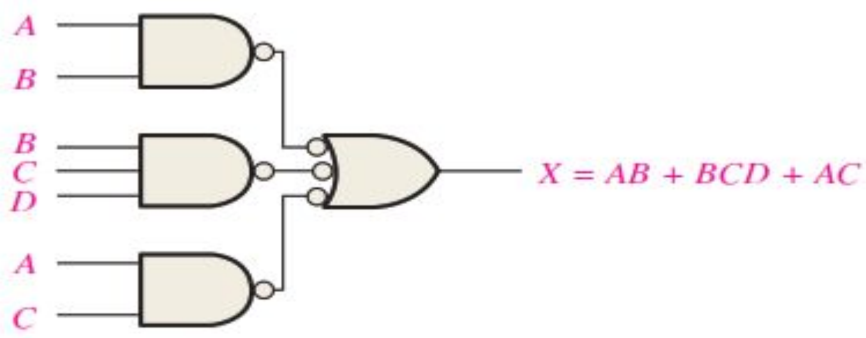
$$ABC + CDE + \overline{B}C\overline{D}$$

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

AND/OR Implementation of an SOP Expression



NAND/NAND Implementation of an SOP Expression



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.

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 un complemented form. In converting a product term to standard form, the number of product terms is doubled for each missing variable, as Example 4–15 shows.

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. For example, the product term $A\overline{B}C\overline{D}$ is equal to 1 when $A = 1$, $B = 0$, $C = 1$, $D = 0$, as shown below, and is 0 for all other combinations of values for the variables.

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

In this case, the product term has a binary value of 1010 (decimal ten).

Remember, a product term is implemented with an AND gate whose output is 1 only if each of its inputs is 1. Inverters are used to produce the complements of the variables as required.

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 $D = 1$.

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

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

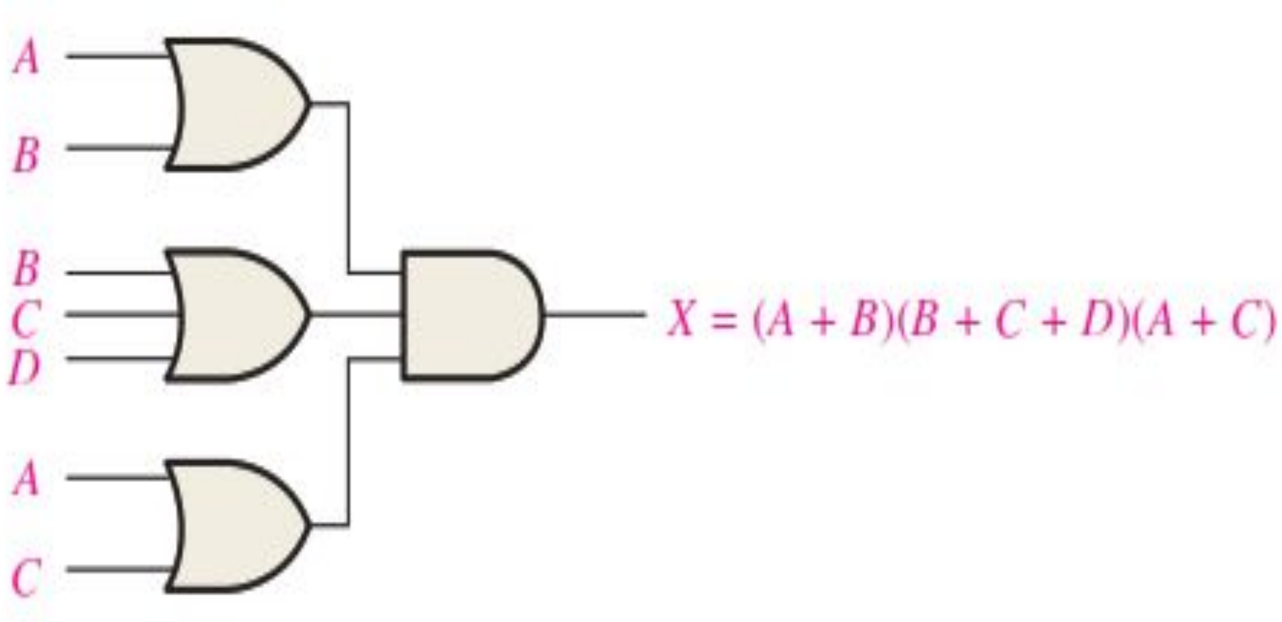
A sum term was defined in Section 4–1 as a term consisting of the sum (Boolean addition) of literals (variables or their complements). When two or more sum terms are multiplied, the resulting expression is a **product-of-sums (POS)**. Some examples are

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

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

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

Implementation of a POS Expression



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. For example, the expression

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

has a domain made up of the variables A, B, C, and D. Notice that the complete set of variables in the domain is not represented in the first two terms of the expression; that is, D or $\overline{D}$ is missing from the first term and C or $\overline{C}$ is missing from the second term.

A *standard POS expression* is one in which *all* the variables in the domain appear in each sum term in the expression. For example,

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

is a standard POS expression. Any nonstandard POS expression (referred to simply as POS) can be converted to the standard form using Boolean algebra.

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 domain in either complemented or un complemented 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. For example, the sum term $A + \overline{B} + C + \overline{D}$ is 0 when $A = 0$, $B = 1$, $C = 0$, and $D = 1$, as shown below, and is 1 for all other combinations of values for the variables.

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

In this case, the sum term has a binary value of 0101 (decimal 5). Remember, a sum term is implemented with an OR gate whose output is 0 only if each of its inputs is 0. Inverters are used to produce the complements of the variables as required.

A POS expression is equal to 0 only if one or more of the sum terms in the expression 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:

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

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

- 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.

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

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

Converting SOP Expressions to Truth Table Format

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

Converting POS Expressions to Truth Table Format

EXAMPLE 4–21

Determine the truth table for the following standard POS expression:

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

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	

Determining Standard Expressions from a Truth Table

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:

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

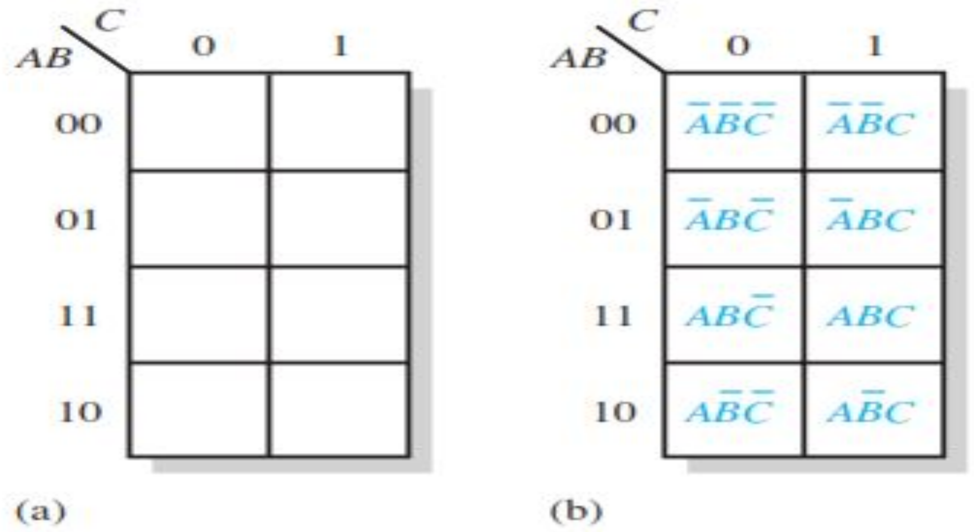
The resulting standard POS expression for the output X is

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

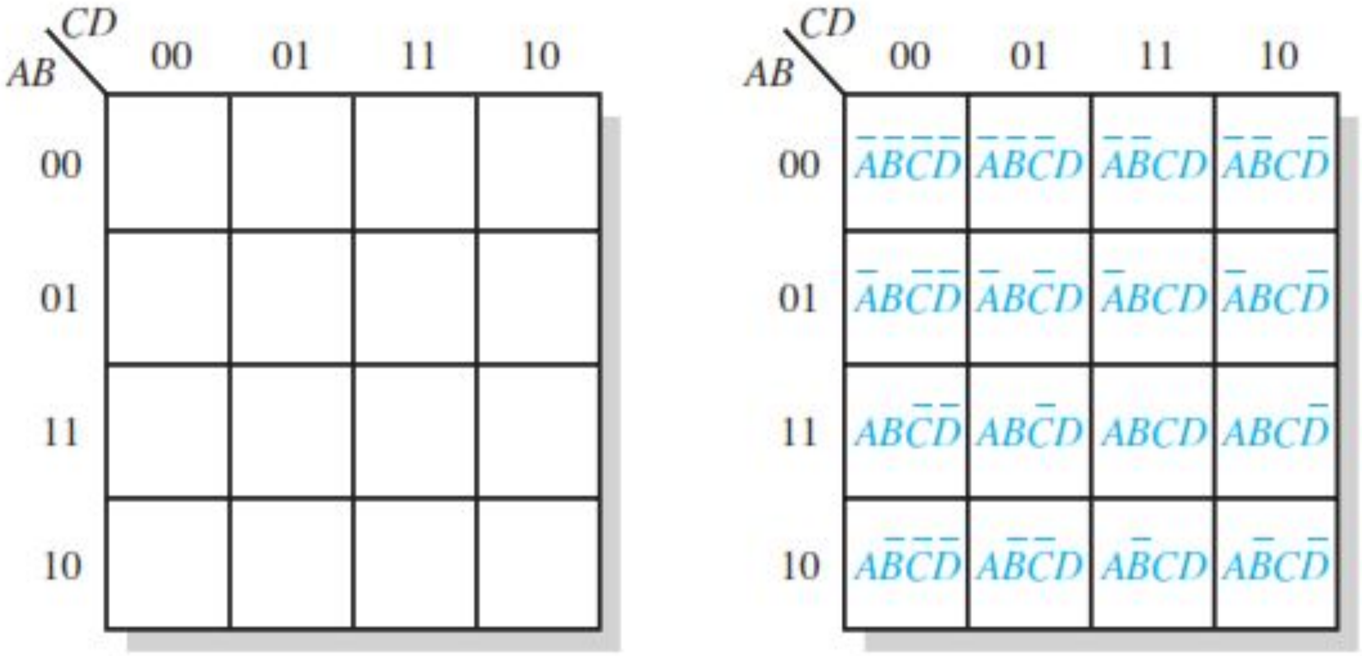
The Karnaugh Map

- 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. Instead of being organized into columns and rows like a truth table, the Karnaugh map is an array of cells in which each cell represents a binary value of the input variables. The cells are arranged in a way so that simplification of a given expression is simply a matter of properly grouping the cells. Karnaugh maps can be used for expressions with two, three, four, and five variables, but we will discuss only 3-variable and 4-variable situations to illustrate the principles.

The 3-Variable Karnaugh Map



The 4-Variable Karnaugh Map



(a) (b)

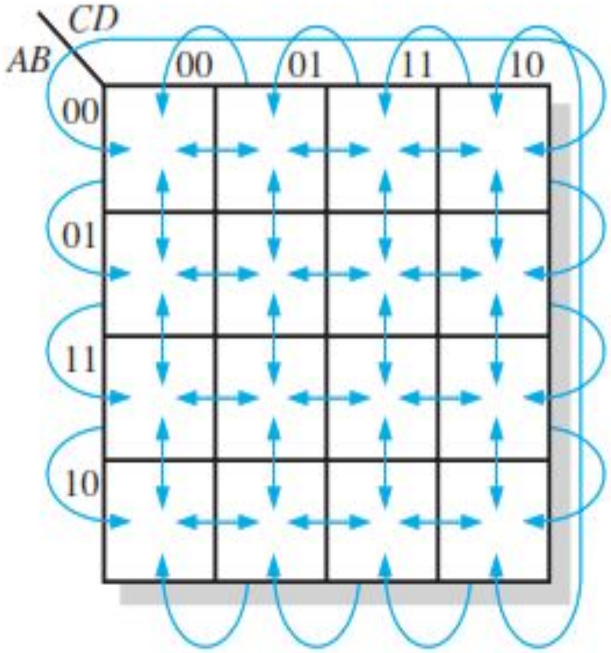
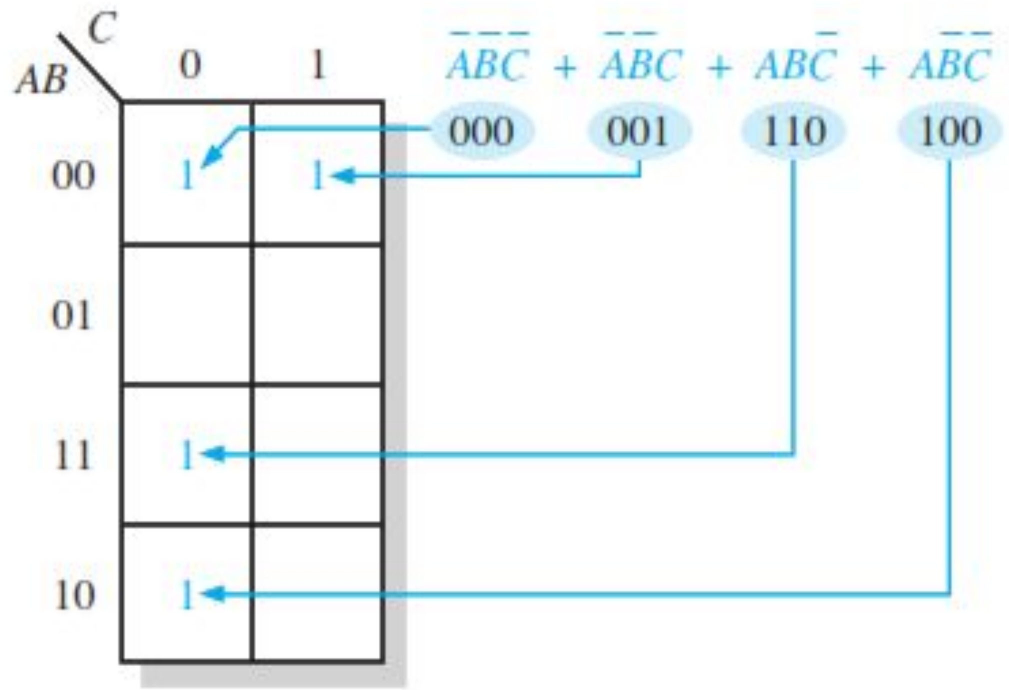


FIGURE 4–27 Adjacent cells on a Karnaugh map are those that differ by only one variable. Arrows point between adjacent cells.

Karnaugh Map SOP Minimization

- Mapping a Standard SOP Expression
- 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.



C
AB
0
1
00
01
11
10
$\overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C + AB\overline{C} + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$
000
001
110
100

Example

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.

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

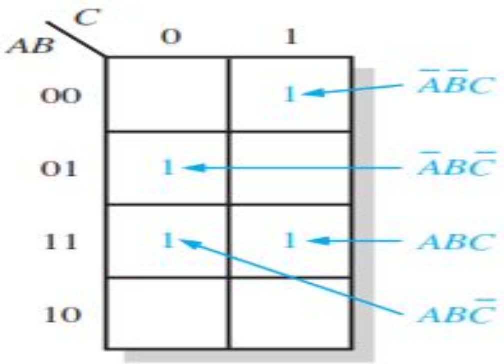


FIGURE 4–29

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.

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

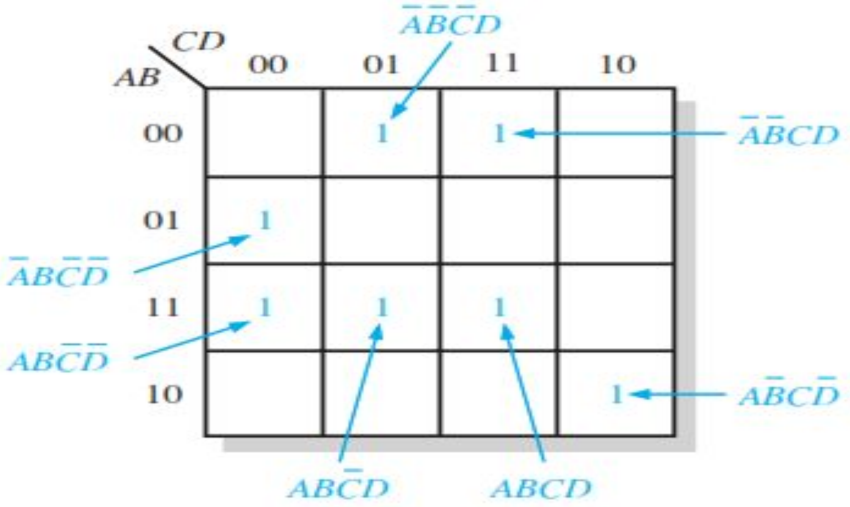


FIGURE 4–30

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.

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

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

Related Problem

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

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Always include the largest possible number of 1s in a group in accordance with rule 1.
4. 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.

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

(a)

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

(b)

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

(c)

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

(d)

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.

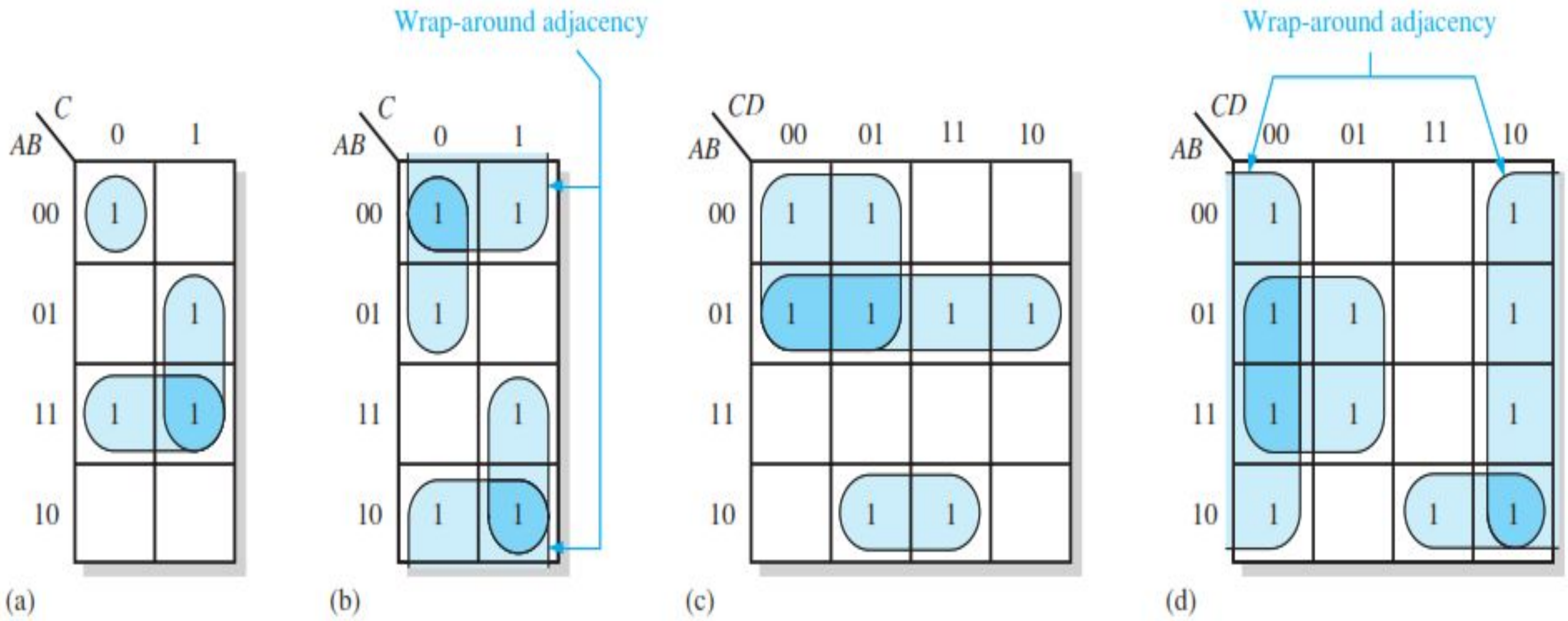


FIGURE 4–34

Determining the Minimum SOP Expression from the Map

1. Group the cells that have 1s. Each group of cells containing 1s creates one product 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.*
2. Determine the minimum product term for each group.
   (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
3. When all the minimum product terms are derived from the Karnaugh map, they are summed to form the minimum SOP expression.

EXAMPLE 4–28

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

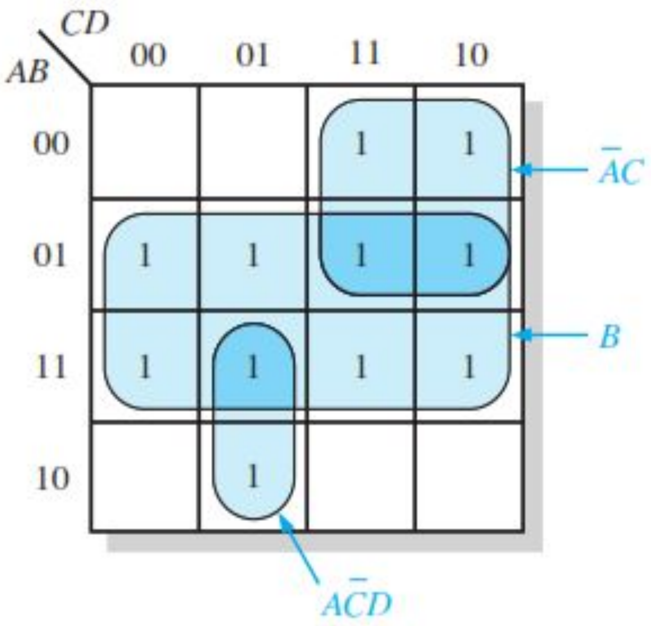


FIGURE 4–35

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

EXAMPLE 4–29

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

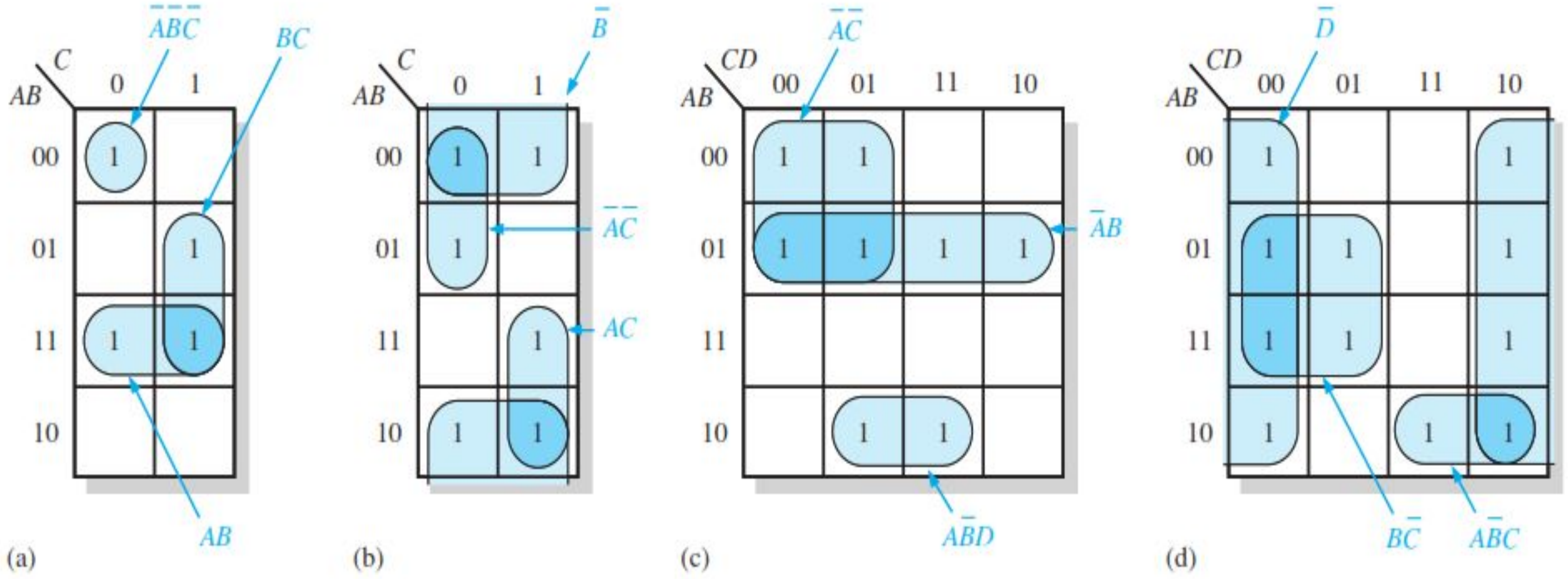


FIGURE 4–36

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:

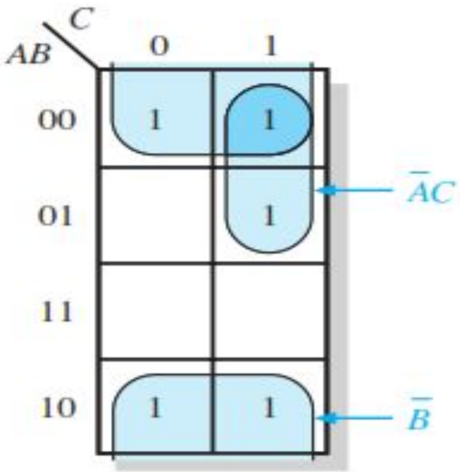
$$A\overline{B}C + \overline{A}BC + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}C + \overline{A}\,\overline{B}\,\overline{C} + A\overline{B}\,\overline{C}$$

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.



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

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.

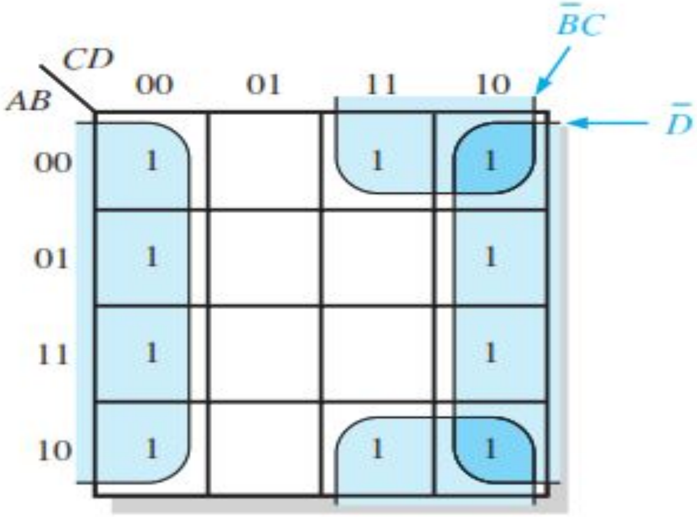


FIGURE 4–38

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

Mapping Directly from a Truth Table

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

Inputs			Output
A	*B*	*C*	*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