COL 215 ASSIGNMENT 1

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Approach:

We divided the problem statement into 2 parts and dealt with them separately as follows;

Part 1: Identifying top left and bottom right corners of the region described using the given term.

- Firstly we identify the number of Boolean variables involved in the K-map which is equal to the length of the *term* parameter.
- We know that 2<term<4 and hence we make 3 separate case for term = 2, 3, or 4.
- First we try to find the Y coordinate. For 2 variables it will depend only on the 1st member in term. For 3 or 4 variables it will depend on the 1st and 2nd members.
- Each member in term can take 3 values: 0, 1, and None. Thus for the case of 2 variables we have 3 separate subcases while for 3 or 4 variables, we can have 3*3 = 9 subcases.
- Each subcase corresponds to a specific value of Y for the top left and bottom right corners, which are assigned to the variables y_start and y_end respectively.
- A similar algorithm is implemented for finding the X coordinates which are assigned to the variables x_start and x_end.

Part 2: Checking the region described by the start and end coordinates for legality.

- On the basis of the start and end coordinates, the coordinates of all the squares in the region are determined
- This is not very straightforward as the region may be discontinuous, that is it may go over some edge.
- These coordinates are then used to get the values in those squares
- All these values are then checked, if any 0 is present, the region is declared illegal

Test Cases:

- 1. For 2 variable K-Map [[1, 'x'], [0, 1]]
 - a. Term = [None, None], Output = ((0, 0), (1, 1), False)
 - b. Term = [1,1], Output = ((1, 1), (1, 1), True)
 - c. Term=[0, None], Output = ((0, 0), (1, 0), False)

- 2. For 3 variable K-Map [[1, 'x', 0, 1], ['x', 1, 0, 'x']]
 - a. Term=[None,0,None], Output= ((0, 3), (1, 0), True)
 - b. Term=[None, None, None], Output= ((0, 0),(1, 3), False)
 - c. Term=[0,1,0], Output= ((0, 1), (0, 1), True)
- 3. For 4 variable K-Map [[1, 0, 'x', 0], [1, 1, 1, 0], [1, 'x', 'x', 0], [1, 0, 1, 0]]
 - a. Term=[None,0,None,0], Output= ((3, 3),(0, 0), False)
 - b. Term=[None,None,None,0], Output= ((3, 0),(0, 3), False)
 - c. Term=[1,1,0,0], Output= ((0, 2),(0, 2), True)
 - d. Term=[None, None, None, None], Output= ((0, 0),(3, 3), False)