

CS2100

Recitation 7

Boolean Algebra, Circuit Design, Simplification

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Who is this?



$$F = \sum m(1,2,3,5,7)$$

$$= A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A' \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
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0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
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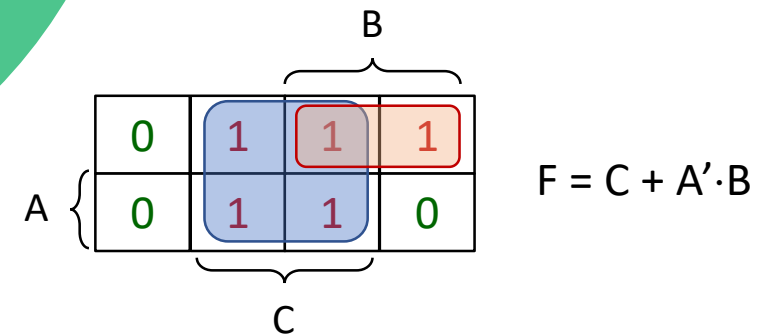
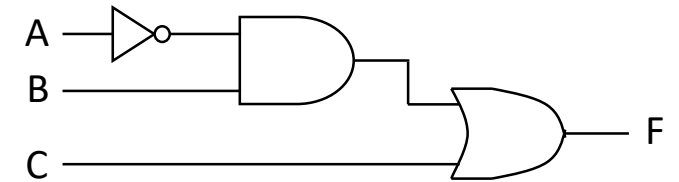
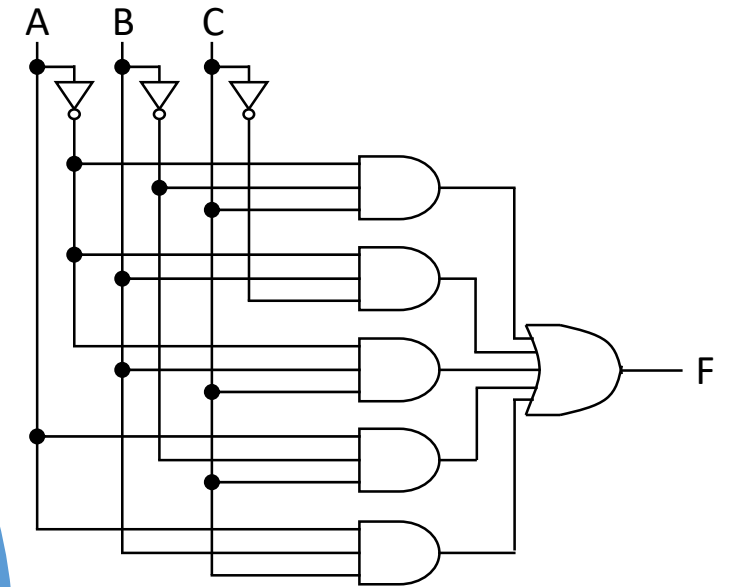
$$F = A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A' \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

$$= C + A' \cdot B$$

Boolean
Algebra

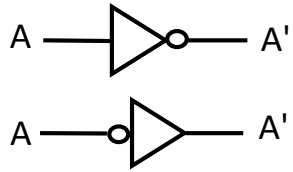
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NOT (')

A	A'
0	1
1	0



Inverter =
NOT gate

AND (·)

A	B	A · B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



OR (+)

A	B	A + B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1



0 = FALSE; 1 = TRUE

Order of precedence:
NOT > AND > OR

Examples:

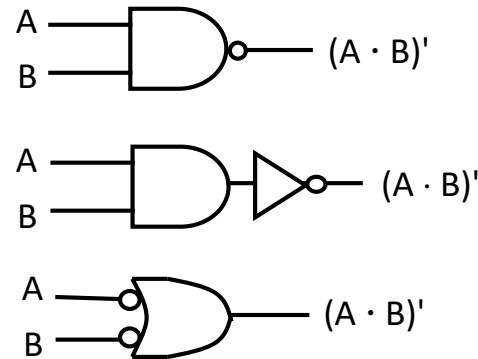
- $A \cdot B + C = (A \cdot B) + C$
- $X + Y' = X + (Y')$
- $P + Q' \cdot R = P + ((Q') \cdot R)$

Parentheses to overwrite precedence. Examples:

- $A \cdot (B + C)$ [without parenthesis $\rightarrow (A \cdot B) + C$]
- $(P + Q)' \cdot R$ [without parenthesis $\rightarrow P + ((Q') \cdot R)$]

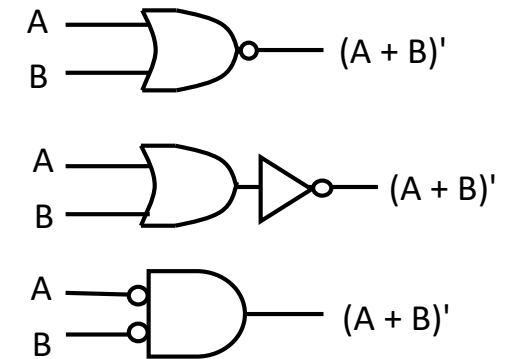
NAND

A	B	(A · B)'
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



NOR

A	B	(A + B)'
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0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

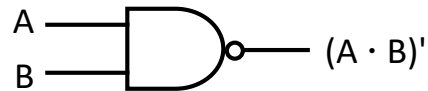


Universal Gates

- The set {AND,OR,NOT} is a **complete set of logic**, ie. any Boolean function can be implemented using these 3 operations.
- {NAND} is also a **complete set of logic**. So is {NOR}.

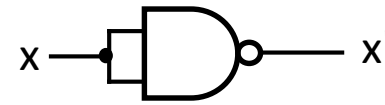
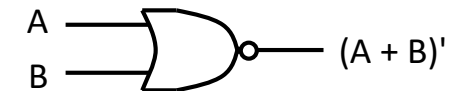
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A	B	$(A \cdot B)'$
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1	0	1
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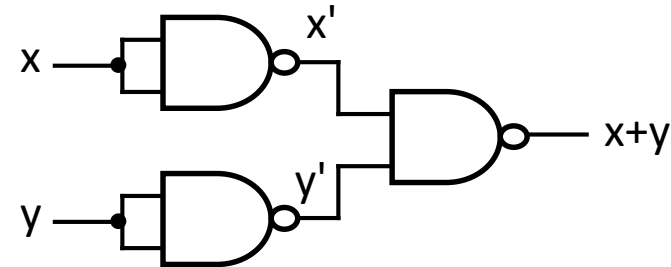
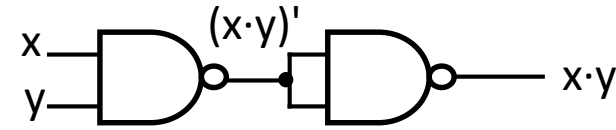


NOR

A	B	$(A + B)'$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0



Creating NOT, AND and OR from NAND gates.



XOR/XNOR Gates

- Two other gates – XOR and XNOR – are useful for applications such as parity bit generation.

OR (+)

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



XOR (\oplus)

A	B	$A \oplus B$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



XNOR (\odot)

A	B	$A \odot B$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



AND (\cdot)

A	B	$A \cdot B$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



- For AND operations, must include the AND operator \cdot (instead of omitting it)
 - Example: Write $A \cdot B$ instead of just AB
 - Why? Writing AB could mean that it is a 2-bit value.

Laws/theorems of Boolean Algebra (CS2100)

Identity laws

$$A+0 = 0+A = A$$

$$A \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot A = A$$

Inverse/complement laws

$$A+A' = A'+A = 1$$

$$A \cdot A' = A' \cdot A = 0$$

Commutative laws

$$A+B = B+A$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

Associative laws

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

$$A \cdot B \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

Distributive laws

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

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

Duality

Given a Boolean equality that is true, if the **AND/OR** operators and identity elements **0/1** in the equality are interchanged, the new equality is also true.

Idempotency

$$X+X = X$$

$$X \cdot X = X$$

One element / Zero element

$$X+1 = 1+X = 1$$

$$X \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot X = 0$$

Involution

$$(X')' = X$$

Absorption 1

$$X+(X \cdot Y) = X$$

$$X \cdot (X+Y) = X$$

Absorption 2

$$X+(X' \cdot Y) = X+Y$$

$$X \cdot (X'+Y) = X \cdot Y$$

DeMorgans' (can be generalised to > 2 variables)

$$(X+Y)' = X' \cdot Y'$$

$$(X \cdot Y)' = X'+Y'$$

Consensus

$$X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z + Y \cdot Z \\ = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$$

$$(X+Y) \cdot (X'+Z) \cdot (Y+Z) \\ = (X+Y) \cdot (X'+Z)$$

Boolean Algebra: Standard Forms

Why should we know the different forms?

Because of their practical value.

- A numerical value can be written in different forms.

$$\text{Eg: } 12.34 = 1.234 \times 10 = 0.01234 \times 10^3 = 1234 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{617}{50}$$

- Likewise, a Boolean expression can be written in different forms.

- Eg: A Boolean function $F(A,B,C)$ is given as $A \cdot B + A' \cdot C + A' \cdot B'$

- Then $F(A,B,C) = A \cdot B + A' \cdot C + A' \cdot B'$
 $= A \cdot B + B \cdot C + A' \cdot B'$

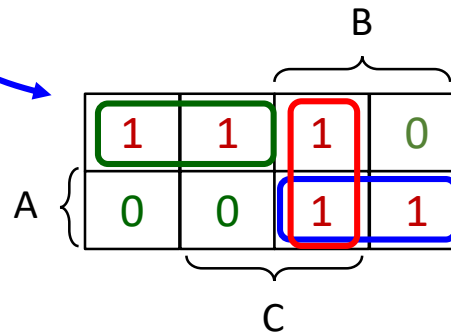
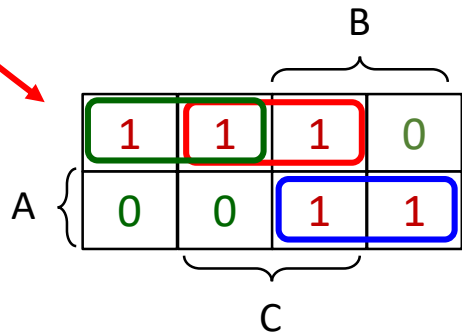
Sum-of-products (SOP) expression

$$= A \cdot B + B \cdot (A' + C)$$

$$= A' \cdot B' \cdot C' + A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C' + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

$$= m_0 + m_1 + m_3 + m_6 + m_7$$

Sum-of-minterms expression



Definitions! (Let's do it the CS1231S way!)

Literal

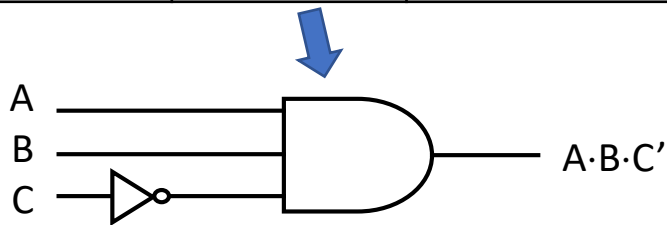
- A Boolean variable on its own or in its complemented form
- Examples:

x	x'	y	A'
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Product term

- A single literal or a logical product (AND) of several literals
- Examples:

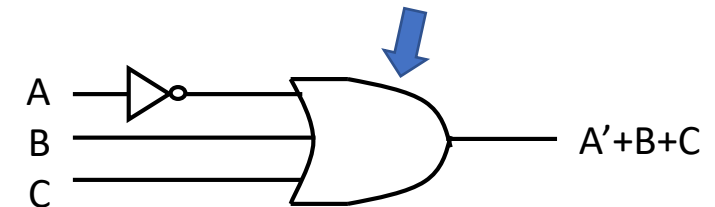
x	$x \cdot y \cdot z'$	$A' \cdot B$	$A \cdot B \cdot C'$	$d \cdot g' \cdot v \cdot w$
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Sum term

- A single literal or a logical sum (OR) of several literals
- Examples:

y'	$x + y' + z$	$A + B$	$A' + B + C$	$c + d + h' + j$
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Sum term

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Sum-of-Products (SOP) expression

- A product term or a logical sum (OR) of several product terms
- Examples:

x
$x + y \cdot z'$
$x \cdot y' + x' \cdot y \cdot z$
$A \cdot B + A' \cdot B'$
$A + B' \cdot C + A \cdot C' + C \cdot D$

Product-of-Sums (POS) expression

- A sum term or a logical product (AND) of several sum terms
- Examples:

x'
$x \cdot (y + z')$
$(x + y') \cdot (x' + y + z)$
$(A + B) \cdot (A' + B')$
$(A + B + C) \cdot D' \cdot (B' + D + E')$



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POS expression

- A sum term or a logical product (AND) of several sum terms

Put a tick ✓ or cross ✗

	<i>Expression</i>	<i>SOP?</i>	<i>POS?</i>
(1)	$A' \cdot B + A \cdot B'$	✓	✗
(2)	$(X + Y') \cdot (X' + Y) \cdot (X' + Z')$	✗	✓
(3)	$(B + D \cdot E) \cdot A \cdot C'$	✗	✗
(4)	$P + Q' + R'$	✓	✓
(5)	$W \cdot X' \cdot Y' \cdot Z$	✓	✓
(6)	$W \cdot X' \cdot Y + V \cdot (X \cdot Z + W')$	✗	✗

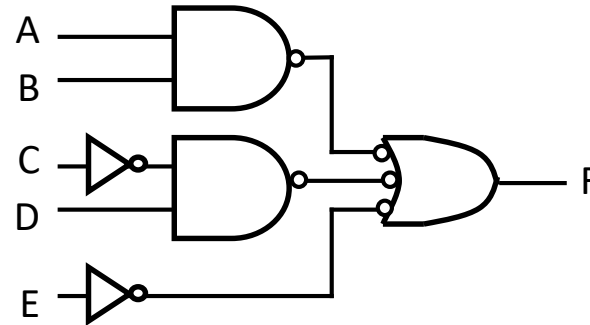
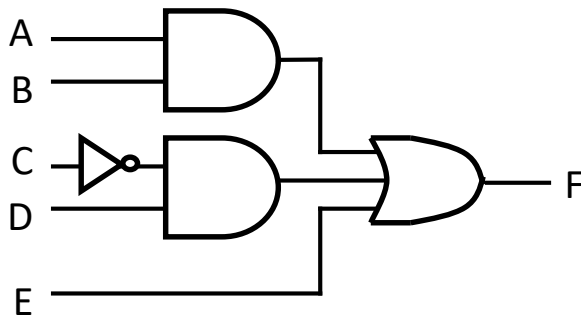
Why SOP and POS?

- An **SOP expression** can be easily implemented using a **2-level AND-OR circuit**, or a **2-level NAND circuit**.

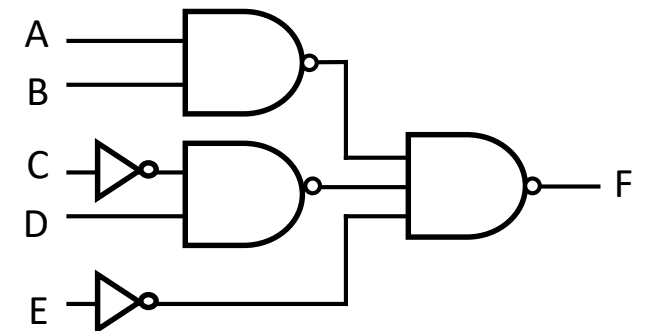
(Likewise, a **POS expression** can be easily implemented using a **2-level OR-AND circuit**, or a **2-level NOR circuit**.)

- Example: $F = A \cdot B + C' \cdot D + E$

2-level AND-OR circuit



2-level NAND circuit



Minterms and Maxterms

- A **minterm** of n variables is a product term that contains n literals from all the variables.
- A **maxterm** of n variables is a sum term that contains n literals from all the variables.
- Examples: On 2 variables x and y

minterms

$x' \cdot y'$	$= m0$
$x' \cdot y$	$= m1$
$x \cdot y'$	$= m2$
$x \cdot y$	$= m3$

Function $F(x,y)$

maxterms

$M0 =$	$x+y$
$M1 =$	$x+y'$
$M2 =$	$x'+y$
$M3 =$	$x'+y'$

- In general, with n variables we have up to 2^n minterms and 2^n maxterms.
- Note that m_x and M_x are complement of each other (eg: $m2 = M2'$)

Minterms and Maxterms



- Ability to convert minterms and maxterms from its Boolean expression to its notation (and vice versa) is important.
- Test yourself with the following quiz, assuming that you are given a Boolean function F on 4 variables A, B, C, D , i.e. $F(A,B,C,D)$.

	<i>Minterm</i>	<i>Number notation</i>
(1)	$A' \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D$	m3
(2)	$A \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D'$	m10
(3)	$A \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D$	m11
(4)	$A \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D'$	m14
(5)	$A \cdot B' \cdot C' \cdot D$	m9

	<i>Maxterm</i>	<i>Number notation</i>
(1)	$A+B+C'+D'$	M3
(2)	$A'+B'+C+D'$	M13
(3)	$A+B+C+D$	M0
(4)	$A+B+C'+D$	M2
(5)	$A'+B+C+D'$	M9

Sum-of-minterms and Product-of-maxterms

- Canonical/normal form: a unique form of representation.
 - Sum-of-minterms expression** = Canonical sum-of-products expression
 - Product-of-maxterms expression** = Canonical product-of-sums expression

Sum-of-minterms:
Pick minterms where the
function values are 1.

$$F1 = x \cdot y \cdot z' = m6$$

$$\begin{aligned} F2 &= x' \cdot y' \cdot z + x \cdot y' \cdot z' + x \cdot y' \cdot z + x \cdot y \cdot z' + x \cdot y \cdot z \\ &= m1 + m4 + m5 + m6 + m7 \\ &= \Sigma m(1,4,5,6,7) \text{ or } \Sigma m(1,4-7) \end{aligned}$$

x	y	z	F1	F2	F3
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	1	0

$$\begin{aligned} F3 &= x' \cdot y' \cdot z + x' \cdot y \cdot z + x \cdot y' \cdot z' + x \cdot y' \cdot z \\ &= m1 + m3 + m4 + m5 \\ &= \Sigma m(1,3,4,5) \text{ or } \Sigma m(1,3-5) \end{aligned}$$

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Product-of-maxterms:
Pick maxterms where the
function values are 0.

$$\begin{aligned} F2 &= (x+y+z) \cdot (x+y'+z) \cdot (x+y'+z') \\ &= M0 \cdot M2 \cdot M3 = \prod M(0,2,3) \end{aligned}$$

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0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
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1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	1	0

Conversion between Sum-of-minterms and Product-of-maxterms

- Very easy!
- Example: Given $F2(x,y,z) = \sum m(1,4,5,6,7)$

x	y	z	F2	F2'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

Product-of-maxterms expression

$$F2(x,y,z) = \prod M(0,2,3)$$

Why?

- $F2' = m_0 + m_2 + m_3$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} F2 &= (m_0 + m_2 + m_3)' \\ &= m_0' \cdot m_2' \cdot m_3' \text{ (by DeMorgan's)} \\ &= M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_3 \text{ (as } m_x' = M_x) \end{aligned}$$

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Sum-of-minterms expression

$$= m_0 + m_1 + m_3 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$= M_2 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_5$$

Product-of-maxterms expression

$$= (A + B' + C) \cdot (A' + B + C) \cdot (A' + B + C')$$

$$= (A + B' + C) \cdot (A' + B)$$

Product-of-sums (POS) expression

From an earlier slide:

Logic Trainer Labs! Starting next week.

Comments from many past semesters' students:

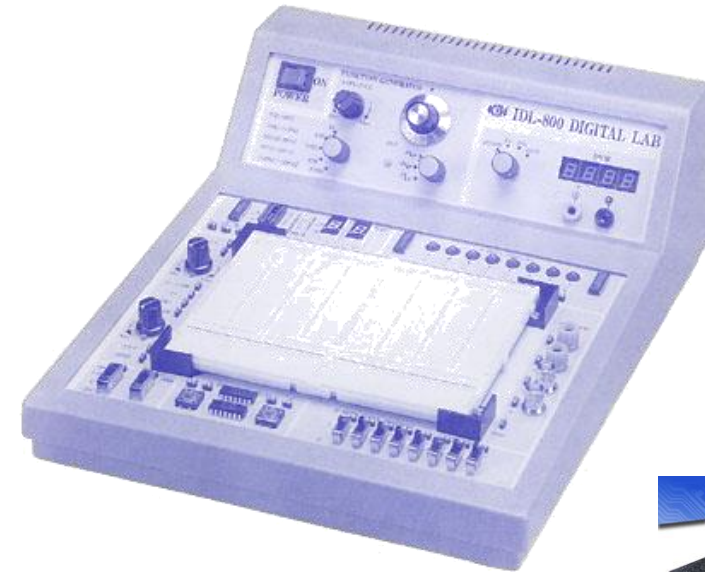
Logic trainer labs are the most fun thing about CS2100!

Lab 6: Intro to Logic Trainer

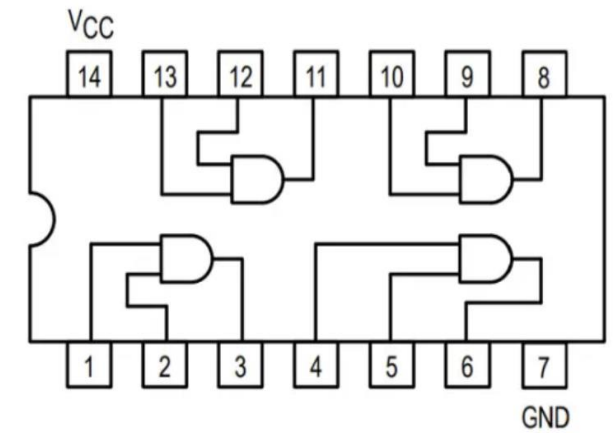
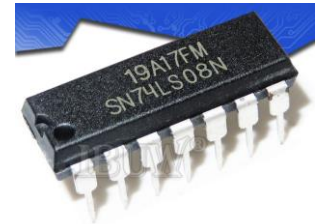
- **Please be punctual.**
- Your labTA will show you a demo.
- No report submission.
- Attendance 5 marks.

IC chips:

- Inverter: 74LS04
- 2-input AND: 74LS08
- 2-input OR: 74LS32
- 2-input NAND: 74LS00
- 2-input NOR: 74LS02



Logic Trainer



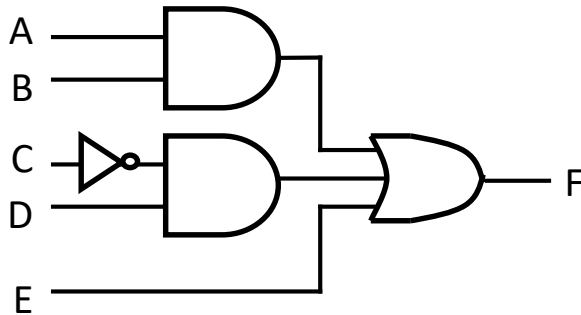
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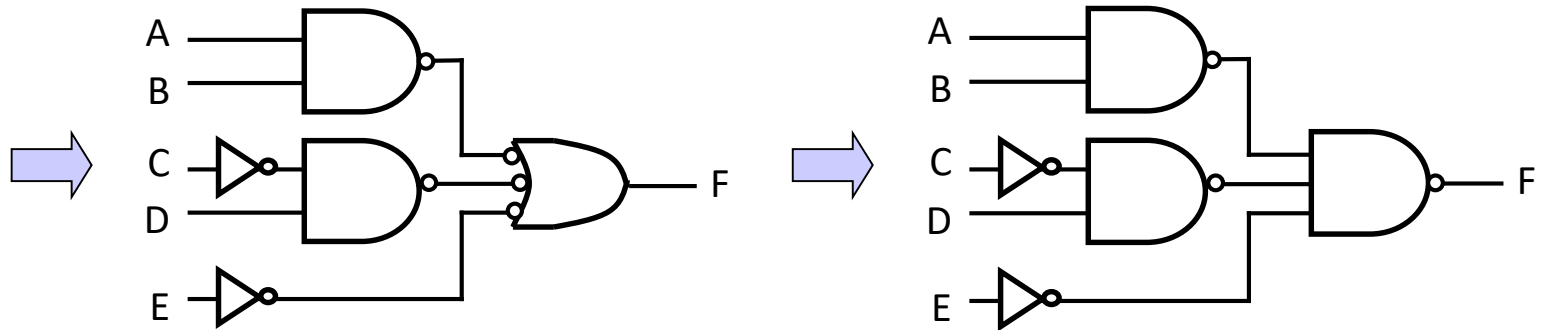
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2-level AND-OR circuit



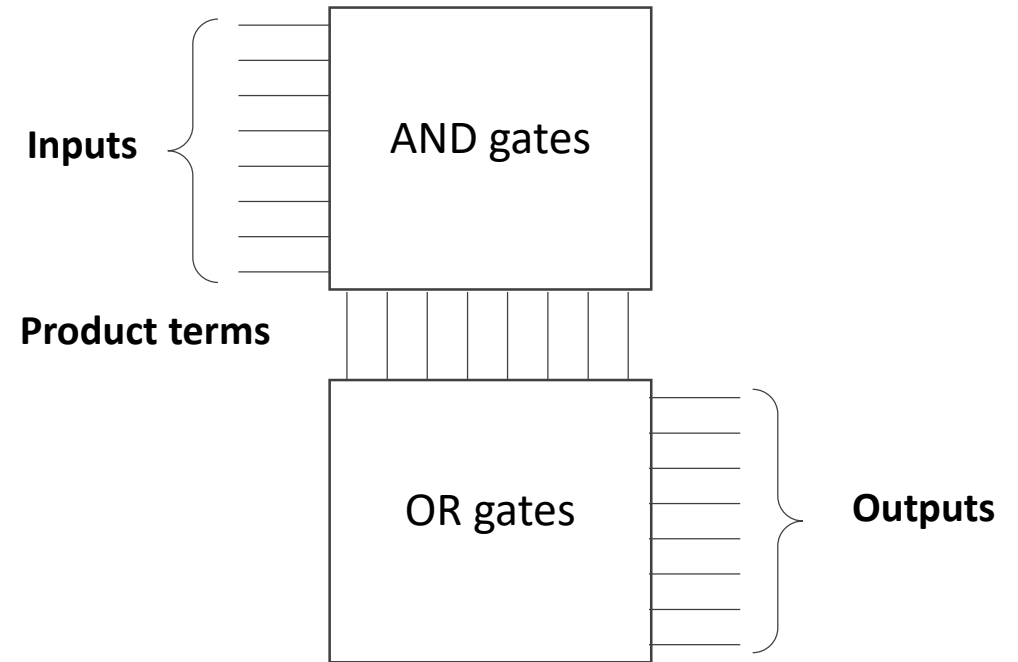
Recall this earlier slide?

2-level NAND circuit



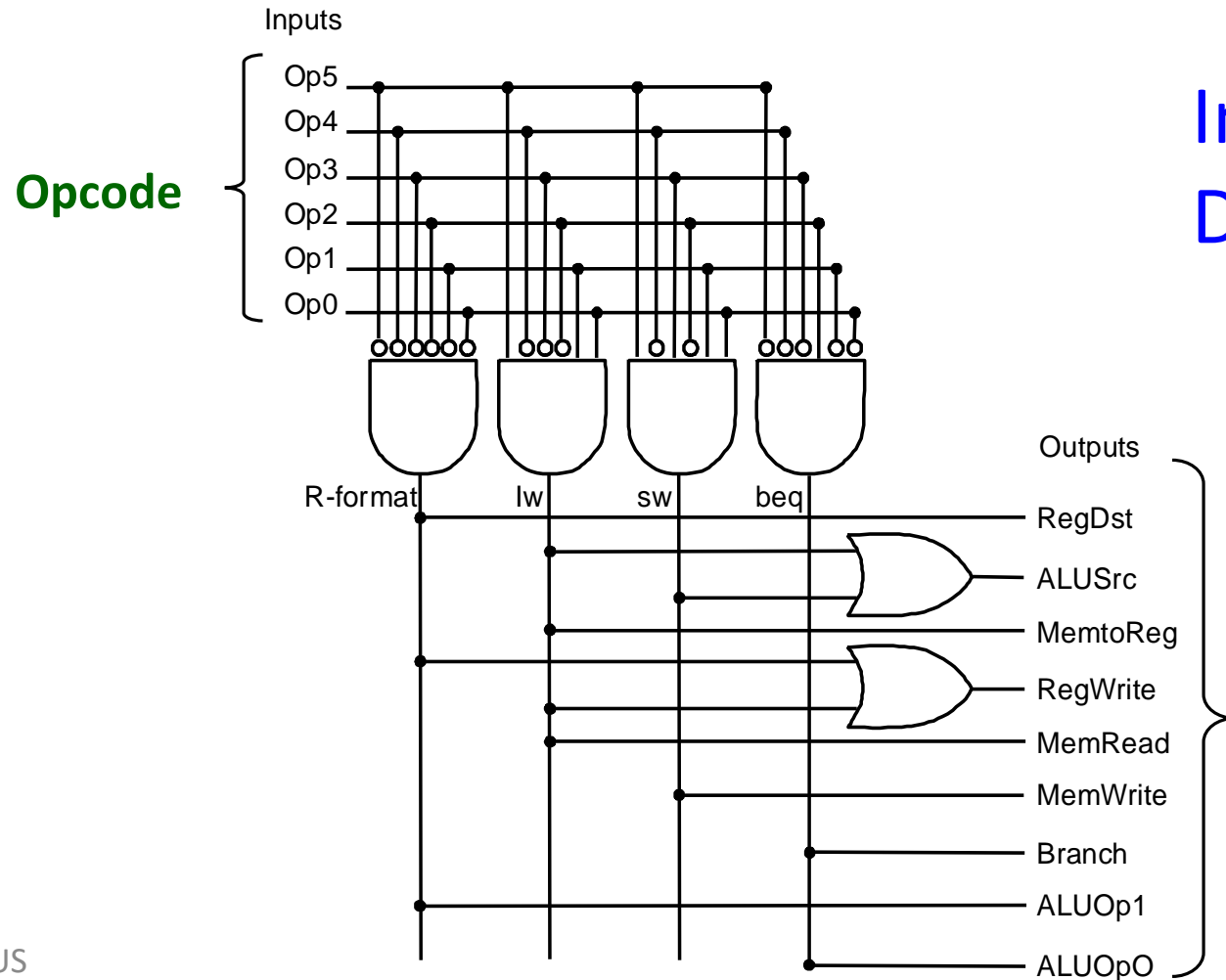
Programmable Array Logic (PLA)

- A programmable integrated circuit – implements circuits for sum-of-products (SOP) expressions.
- **2 stages**
 - AND gates = product terms
 - OR gates = outputs
- Connections between inputs and the planes can be ‘burned’.



	Opcode					
	Op5	Op4	Op3	Op2	Op1	Op0
R-type	0	0	0	0	0	0
lw	1	0	0	0	1	1
sw	1	0	1	0	1	1
beq	0	0	0	1	0	0

	RegDst	ALUSrc	MemToReg	Reg Write	Mem Read	Mem Write	Branch	ALUOp	
								op1	op0
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sw	X	1	X	0	0	1	0	0	0
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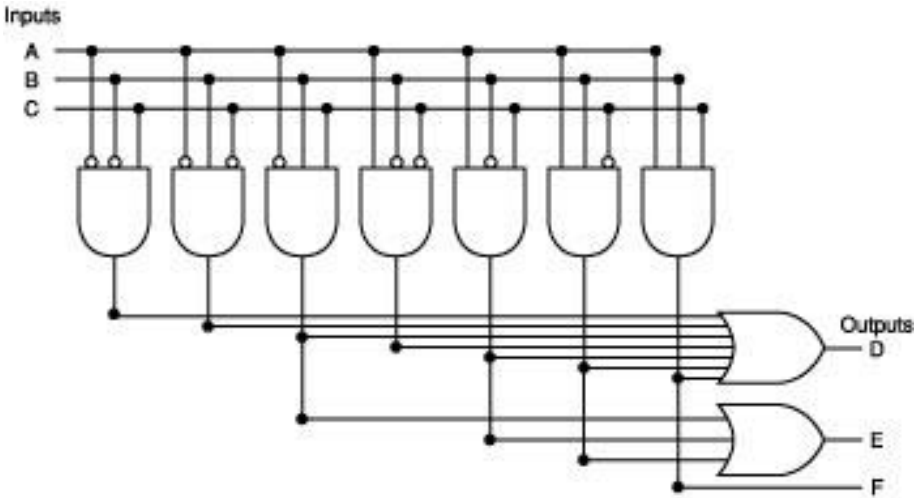


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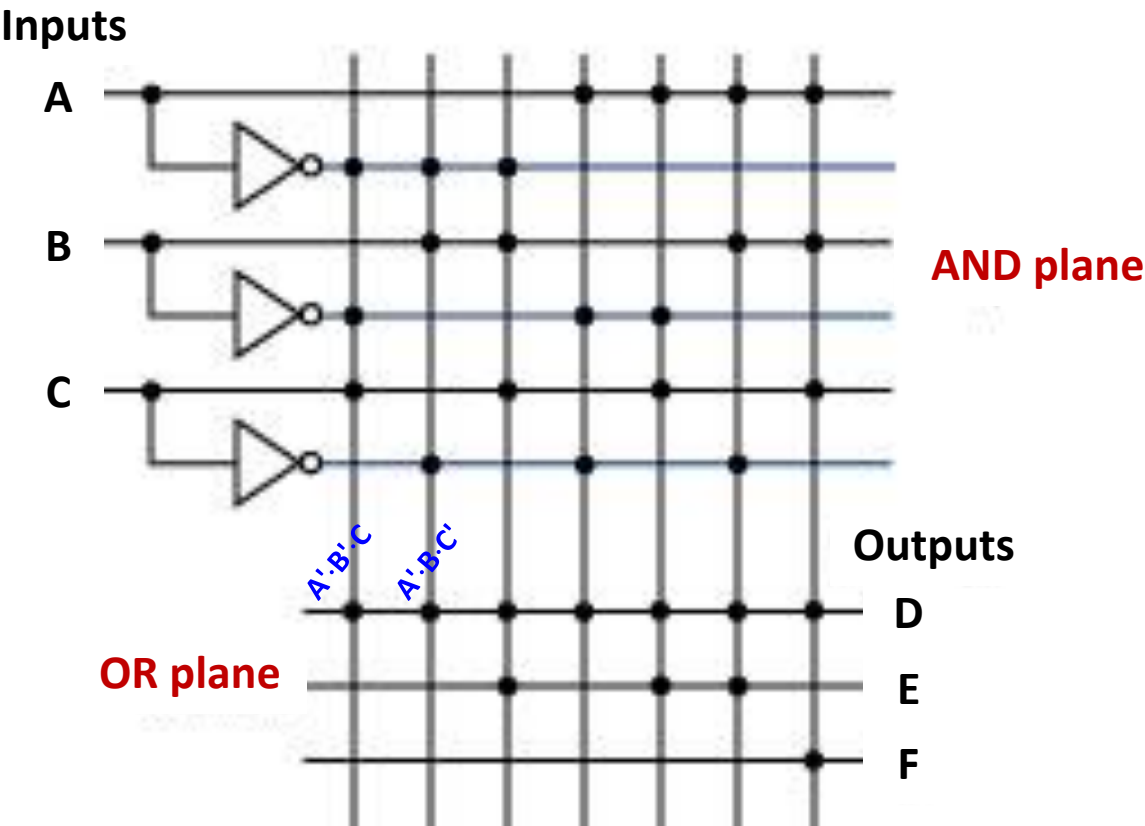
Control Signals

Programmable Array Logic (PLA): Example

Inputs			Outputs		
A	B	C	D	E	F
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	1



- Simplified representation



Simplification

K-Maps

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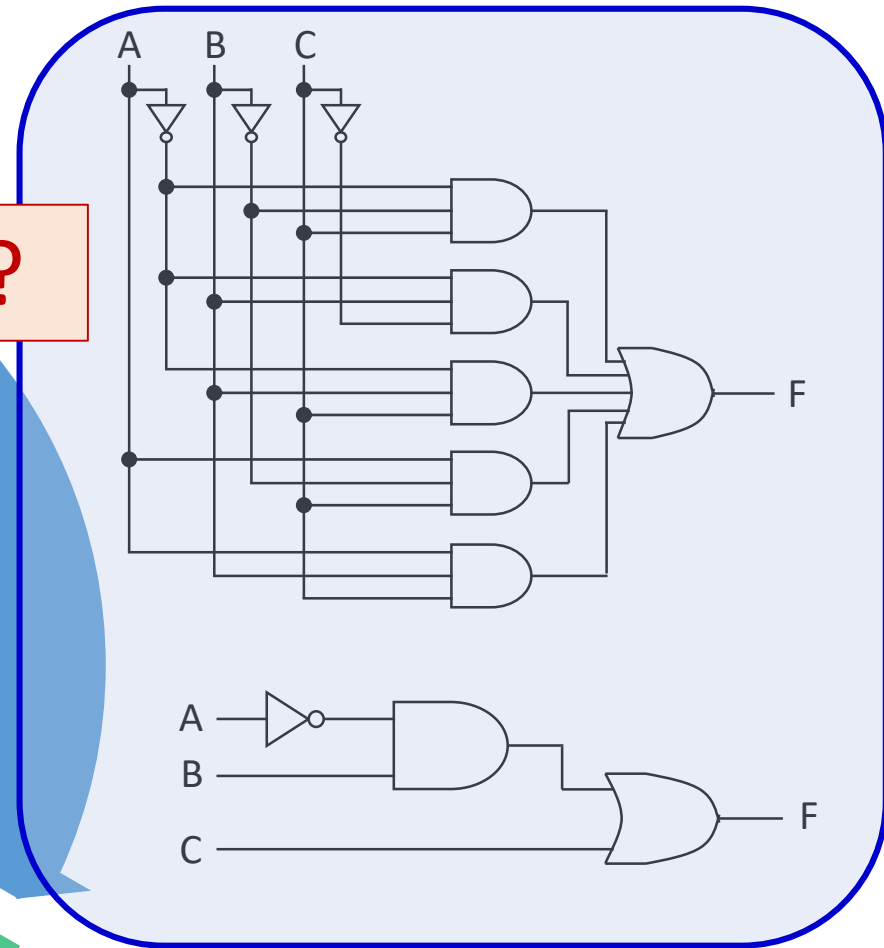
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Why simplification?

Boolean
Algebra

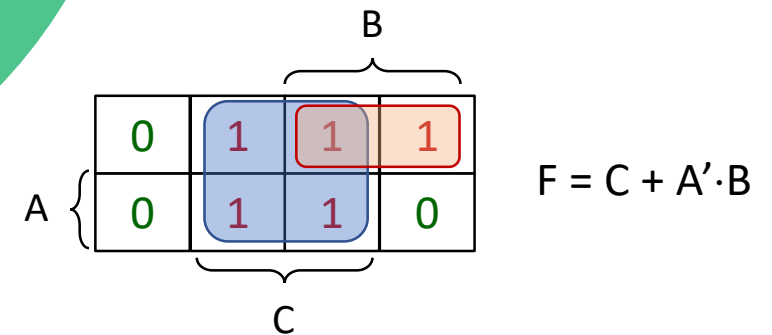
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Circuits

Simplification



$$F = A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A' \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

$$= C + A' \cdot B$$



Laws/theorems of Boolean Algebra (CS2100)

Identity laws

$$A+0 = 0+A = A$$

$$A \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot A = A$$

Inverse/complement laws

$$A+A' = A'+A = 1$$

$$A \cdot A' = A' \cdot A = 0$$

Commutative laws

$$A+B = B+A$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

Associative laws

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

$$A \cdot B \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$

Distributive laws

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

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

Recall this earlier slide?

$$X+X = X$$

$$X \cdot X = X$$

One element / Zero element

$$X+1 = 1+X = 1$$

$$X \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot X = 0$$

Involution

$$(X')' = X$$

Absorption 1

$$X+(X \cdot Y) = X$$

$$X \cdot (X+Y) = X$$

Absorption 2

$$X+(X' \cdot Y) = X+Y$$

$$X \cdot (X'+Y) = X \cdot Y$$

DeMorgans' (can be generalised to > 2 variables)

$$(X+Y)' = X' \cdot Y'$$

$$(X \cdot Y)' = X'+Y'$$

Consensus

$$X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z + Y \cdot Z \\ = X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$$

$$(X+Y) \cdot (X'+Z) \cdot (Y+Z) \\ = (X+Y) \cdot (X'+Z)$$

Duality

Given a Boolean equality that is true, if the **AND/OR** operators and identity elements **0/1** in the equality are interchanged, the new equality is also true.

Algebraic Simplification

- Example: Find the simplified SOP expression of
 $F(a,b,c,d) = a \cdot b \cdot c + a \cdot b \cdot d + a' \cdot b \cdot c' + c \cdot d + b \cdot d'$

$$\begin{aligned} & a \cdot b \cdot c + \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot d} + a' \cdot b \cdot c' + c \cdot d + \mathbf{b \cdot d'} \\ &= a \cdot b \cdot c + \mathbf{a \cdot b} + \mathbf{a' \cdot b \cdot c'} + c \cdot d + b \cdot d' \quad (\text{absorption 2}) \\ &= \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot c} + \mathbf{a \cdot b} + b \cdot c' + c \cdot d + b \cdot d' \quad (\text{absorption 2}) \\ &= a \cdot b + \mathbf{b \cdot c'} + c \cdot d + \mathbf{b \cdot d'} \quad (\text{absorption 1}) \\ &= a \cdot b + c \cdot d + b \cdot (\mathbf{c' + d'}) \quad (\text{distributivity}) \\ &= a \cdot b + \mathbf{c \cdot d} + \mathbf{b \cdot (c \cdot d)'} \quad (\text{DeMorgan's}) \\ &= \mathbf{a \cdot b} + c \cdot d + \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{absorption 2}) \\ &= b + c \cdot d \quad (\text{absorption 1}) \end{aligned}$$

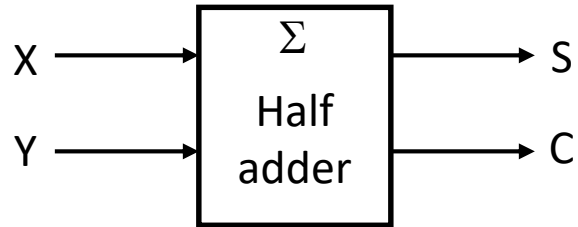
$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot d} + \mathbf{b \cdot d'} \\ &= \mathbf{b \cdot (a \cdot d + d')} \\ &= \mathbf{b \cdot (a + d')} \\ &= \mathbf{a \cdot b} + \mathbf{b \cdot d'} \end{aligned}$$

Number of literals reduced from 13 to 3.

Absorption 1: $X + X \cdot Y = X$
Absorption 2: $X + X' \cdot Y = X + Y$

Half Adder

- **Half adder** is a circuit that adds 2 single bits (X, Y) to produce a result of 2 bits (C, S).
- The **black-box representation** and **truth table** for half adder are shown below.



Inputs		Outputs	
X	Y	C	S
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

- In canonical form (sum-of-minterms):

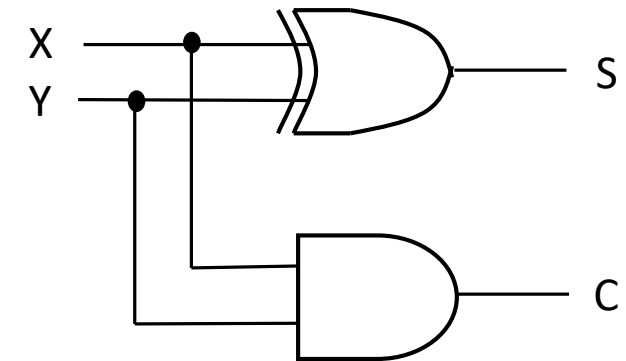
- $C = X \cdot Y$

- $S = X' \cdot Y + X \cdot Y'$

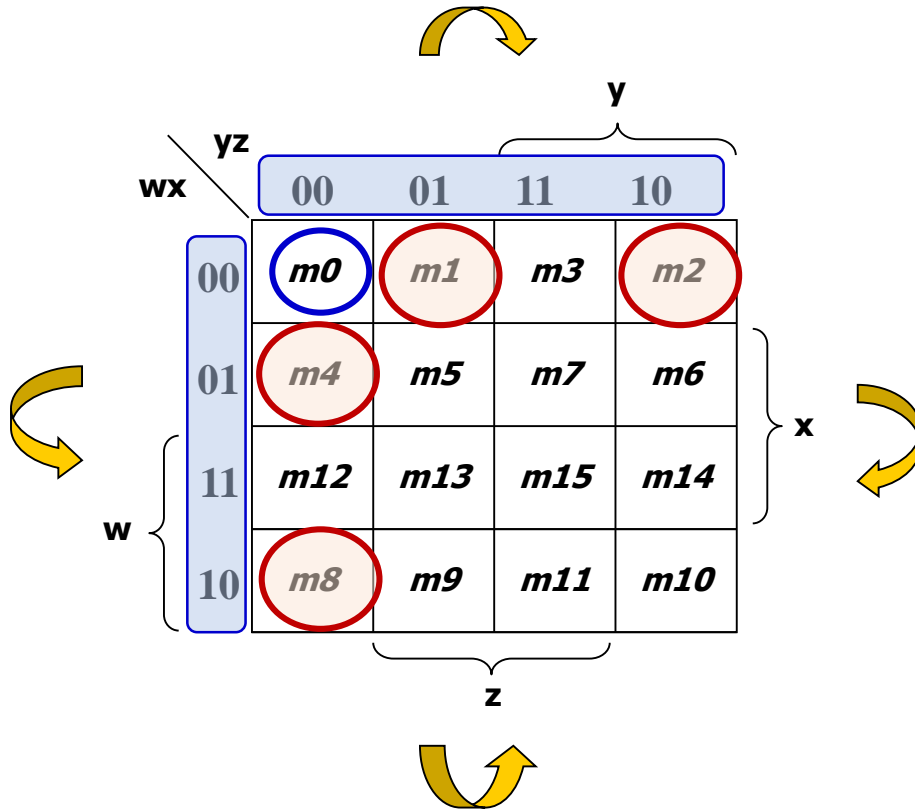
- Output S can be simplified further (though no longer in SOP form):

- $S = X' \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X \oplus Y$

- Implementation of a half adder



4-Variable Karnaugh-Map (K-map)



- Rows and columns in **Gray code sequence** (next value differs from the current value by 1 bit): eg: 00 → 01 → 11 → 10 and back to 00.
- There are 2 wrap-arounds.
- Every cell has 4 neighbours.
 - Neighbours of minterm m_x are those that differ by one literals from m_x .
 - Examples: The cell corresponding to minterm m_0 has neighbours m_1 , m_2 , m_4 and m_8 . The minterm m_{14} has neighbours m_6 , m_{15} , m_{10} and m_{12} .

In general, an n -variable K-map has 2^n cells and each minterm has n neighbours.

How to use K-maps

Unifying Theorem
(complement law)

$$A' + A = 1$$

- Two minterms that differ by one literal can be merged into a product term.
- Eg: 4 variables A,B,C,D
 - $m_{10} + m_{14} = A \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D' + A \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D' = A \cdot (B' + B) \cdot C \cdot D' = A \cdot C \cdot D'$
 - $m_2 + m_3 + m_{10} + m_{11} = A' \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D' + A' \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D + A \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D' + A \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot D$
 $= A' \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot (D' + D) + A \cdot B' \cdot C \cdot (D' + D) = A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B' \cdot C = (A' + A) \cdot B' \cdot C = B' \cdot C$
- Minterms that differ by one literal will appear as neighbours on the K-map (due to the Gray code sequence arrangement).

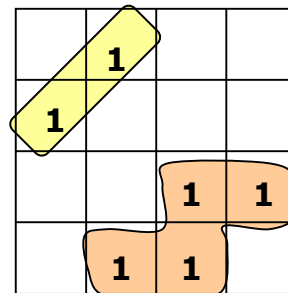
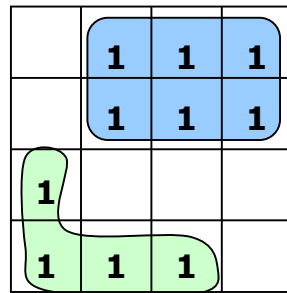
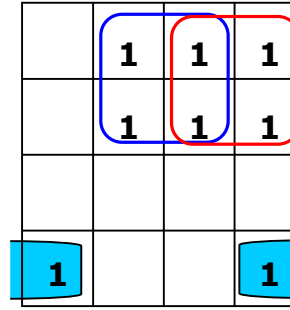
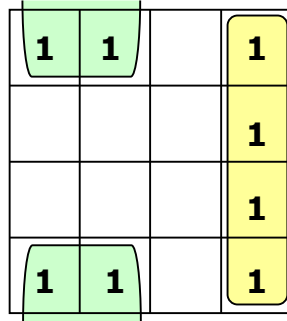
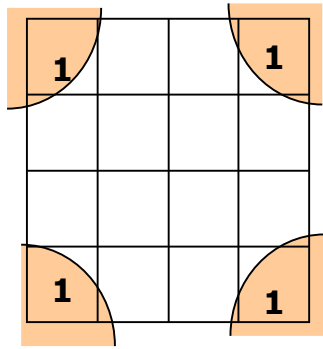
		C			
		D			
A	AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
	00	m_0	m_1	m_3	m_2
B	01	m_4	m_5	m_7	m_6
	11	m_{12}	m_{13}	m_{15}	m_{14}
	10	m_8	m_9	m_{11}	m_{10}

How to use K-maps

- In a K-map, each cell containing a '1' corresponds to a minterm of the given function F where the output is 1.
- Each valid grouping of adjacent cells containing '1' then corresponds to a **simpler product term** of F .
 - A group must have size in **powers of two**: 1, 2, 4, 8, ...
 - Grouping 2 adjacent cells eliminates 1 variable from the product term; grouping 4 cells eliminates 2 variables; grouping 8 cells eliminates 3 variables, and so on. In general, grouping 2^n cells eliminates n variables.
- **Group as many cells as possible**
 - The larger the group, the shorter is the resulting product term.
- **Select as few groups as possible to cover all the cells (minterms) of the function**
 - The fewer the groups, the fewer is the number of product terms in the simplified SOP expression.

How to use K-maps

- Examples of valid and invalid groupings.



For illustration purpose here, unfilled cells are 0s. In practice, you need to fill in **all cells** with either 0 or 1 (or don't care – we will cover that later.)

K-maps: Prime Implicants (PIs) and Essential PIs (EPIs)

$$\begin{aligned} F &= A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A' \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C \\ &= C + A' \cdot B \end{aligned}$$

- To get the **simplest SOP expression** from a K-map, you need to obtain:
 - Minimum number of literals per product term (i.e. the **shortest product terms**); and
 - Minimum number of product terms.

By finding **all** the biggest groupings (PIs) on the K-maps

By removing redundant PIs.

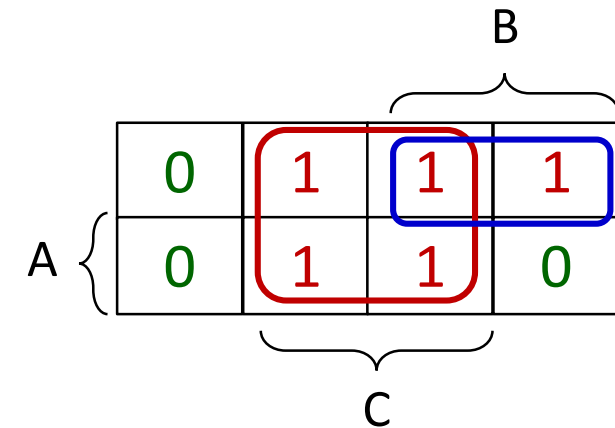
However, it might be hard to find the redundant PIs. Instead we identify the **EPIs** among the PIs.

K-maps: Prime Implicants (PIs) and Essential PIs (EPIs)

$$F(A,B,C) = A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A' \cdot B \cdot C + A \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

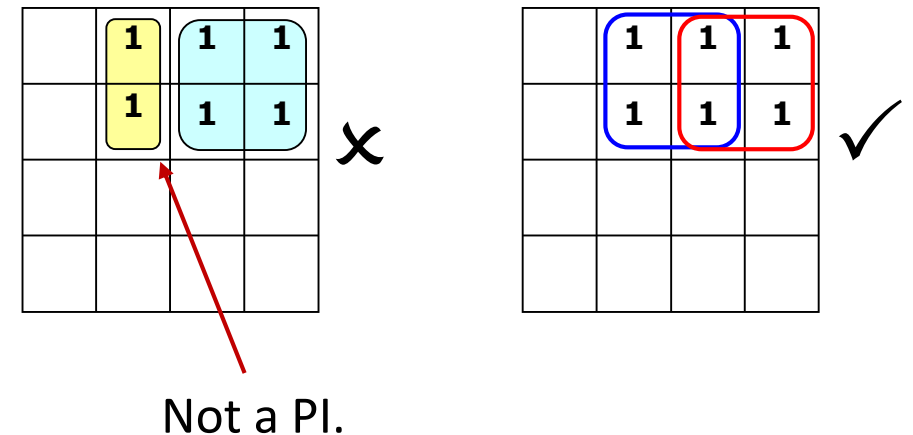
Implicants

- A product term that could be used to cover some minterms of the function.
- Implicants on this K-map: $A' \cdot B' \cdot C$, $A' \cdot B \cdot C'$, $A' \cdot B \cdot C$, $A \cdot B' \cdot C$, $A \cdot B \cdot C$, $A' \cdot C$, $A' \cdot B$, $A \cdot C$, $B' \cdot C$, $B \cdot C$, and C .



Prime Implicants

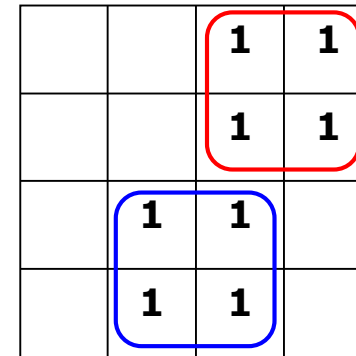
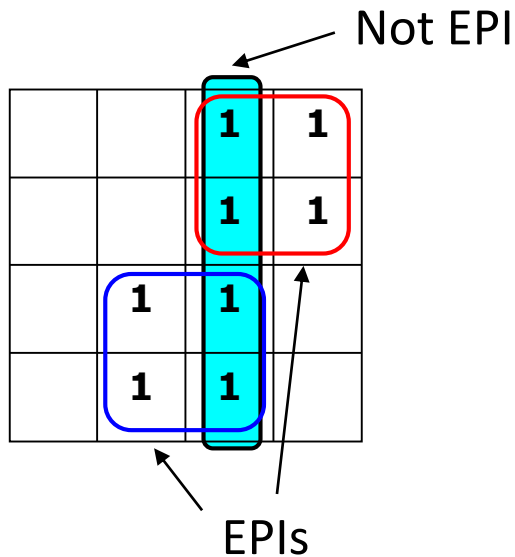
- A product term obtained by combining the **largest number of neighbouring minterms**.
- PIs on this K-map: C and $A' \cdot B$.
- Always look for PIs on a K-map.



K-maps: Prime Implicants (PIs) and Essential PIs (EPIs)

Essential Prime Implicants

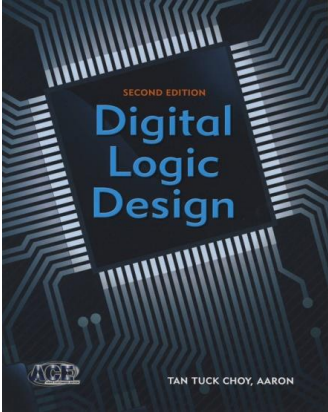
- A prime implicant that includes at least one minterm in it that is not covered by any other prime implicant.



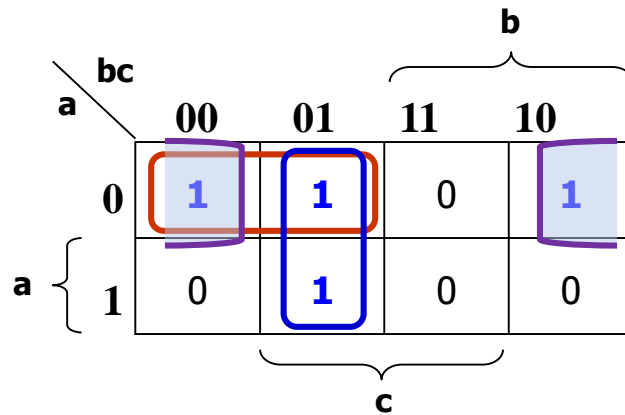
Solution

K-maps: Prime Implicants (PIs) and Essential PIs (EPIs)

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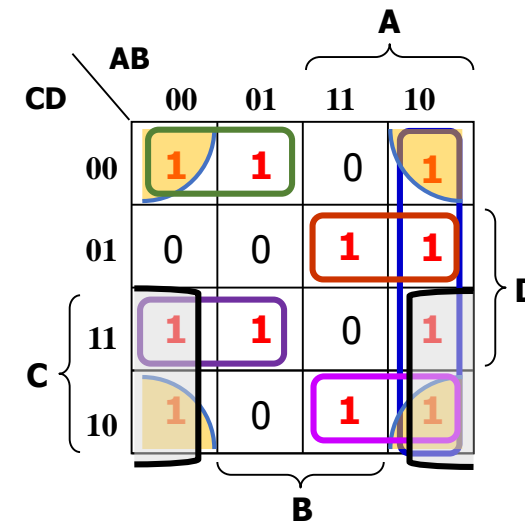


Identify the PIs and EPIs of the K-maps below.



How many PIs? 3 PIs

How many EPIs? 2 EPIs



How many PIs? 7 PIs

How many EPIs? 4 EPIs

PIs: EPIs:

$B' \cdot D'$ X

$B' \cdot C$ X

$A \cdot B'$ X

$A' \cdot C' \cdot D'$ ✓

$A \cdot C' \cdot D$ ✓

$A' \cdot C \cdot D$ ✓

$A \cdot C \cdot D'$ ✓

Finding simplified SOP expression on K-map

Algorithm

1. Circle all prime implicants on the K-map.
2. Identify and select all essential prime implicants for the cover.
3. Select a minimum subset of the remaining prime implicants to complete the cover, that is, to cover those minterms not covered by the essential prime implicants.

Example #1:

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(2,3,4,5,7,8,10,13,15)$$

		A			
		AB		11	10
CD	00	0	1	0	1
	01	0	1	1	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	1	0	0	1

Brackets in the original image group columns 01 and 11 under 'A', columns 00 and 10 under 'B', and rows 01 and 11 under 'D'.

$$F = B \cdot D + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A \cdot B' \cdot D' + A' \cdot B' \cdot C$$

Find Pls

6 Pls

		A			
		AB		11	10
CD	00	0	1	0	1
	01	0	1	1	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	1	0	0	1

Brackets in the original image group columns 01 and 11 under 'A', columns 00 and 10 under 'B', and rows 01 and 11 under 'D'. Six prime implicants are circled: a green square (minterms 2,3), a blue square (minterms 3,4,5,6), a magenta square (minterms 2,3,6,7), a cyan square (minterms 2,6), a yellow square (minterms 4,10), and a light blue square (minterms 7,11).

Find EPIs

3 EPIs

		A			
		AB		11	10
CD	00	0	1	0	1
	01	0	1	1	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	1	0	0	1

Brackets in the original image group columns 01 and 11 under 'A', columns 00 and 10 under 'B', and rows 01 and 11 under 'D'. Three essential prime implicants are circled: a green square (minterms 2,3), a blue square (minterms 3,4,5,6), and a yellow square (minterms 4,10).

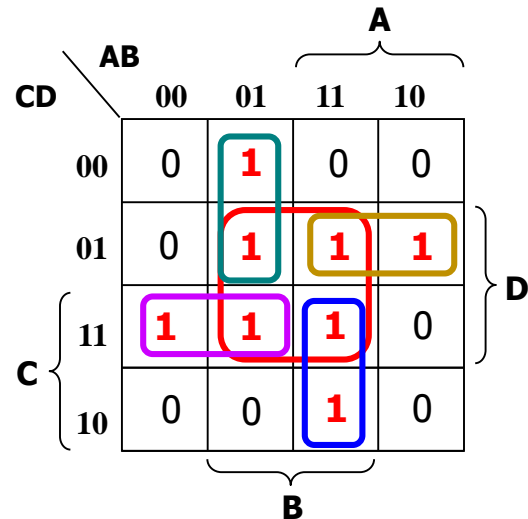
Solution

		A			
		AB		11	10
CD	00	0	1	0	1
	01	0	1	1	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	1	0	0	1

Brackets in the original image group columns 01 and 11 under 'A', columns 00 and 10 under 'B', and rows 01 and 11 under 'D'. The final solution consists of the three essential prime implicants (green, blue, and yellow squares) and one additional prime implicant (cyan square, minterms 2,6) to cover the remaining minterms.

Finding simplified SOP expression on K-map

Find the simplified SOP expression for $G(A,B,C,D)$.



PIs: EPIs:

$B \cdot D$ ✗

$A' \cdot B \cdot C'$ ✓

$A \cdot C' \cdot D$ ✓

$A' \cdot C \cdot D$ ✓

$A \cdot B \cdot C$ ✓

Solution

$$G = A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A \cdot C' \cdot D + A' \cdot C \cdot D + A \cdot B \cdot C$$

Finding simplified POS expression on K-map

We use K-map to find the simplified SOP expression of a function.
What if we want to find the simplified POS expression?

Algorithm: To find simplified POS expression of a Boolean function F

1. Find the simplified SOP expression of F' on the K-map of F .
2. Complement the SOP expression of F' .
3. Resulting expression is the simplified POS expression of F .

Finding simplified POS expression on K-map

1. Find the simplified SOP expression of F' on the K-map of F' .
2. Complement the SOP expression of F' .
3. Resulting expression is the simplified POS expression of F .

Find the simplified POS expression of F :

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(0,1,2,3,5,7,8,9,10,11)$$

Draw K-map of F' :

K-map of F

CD \ AB		A			
		00	01	11	10
C	00	1	0	0	1
	01	1	1	0	1
	11	1	1	0	1
	10	1	0	0	1
		B		D	

K-map of F'

CD \ AB		A			
		00	01	11	10
C	00	0	1	1	0
	01	0	0	1	0
	11	0	0	1	0
	10	0	1	1	0
		B		D	

$$F' = A \cdot B + B \cdot D'$$

Complement both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (A \cdot B + B \cdot D')' \\ &= (A \cdot B)' \cdot (B \cdot D')' \\ &= (A' + B') \cdot (B' + D) \end{aligned}$$

Don't Care Values

Datapath control

	RegDst	ALUSrc	MemTo Reg	Reg Write	Mem Read	Mem Write	Branch	ALUOp	
								op1	op0
R-type	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
lw	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
sw	X	1	X	0	0	1	0	0	0
beq	X	0	X	0	0	0	1	0	1

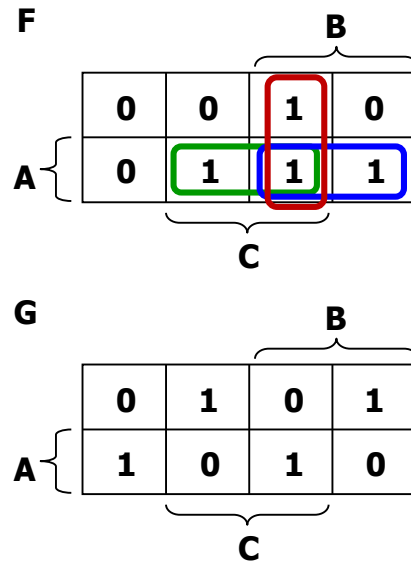
- In certain problems, some outputs are not specified or are invalid. Hence, these outputs can be either '1' or '0'.
- They are called **don't-care conditions**, denoted by X (or d).

K-maps with Don't Care Values

- Example: A circuit takes in a 3-bit value ABC and outputs 2-bit value FG which is the sum of the input bits. **It is also known that inputs 000 and 111 never occur.**

Assuming all inputs are valid.

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

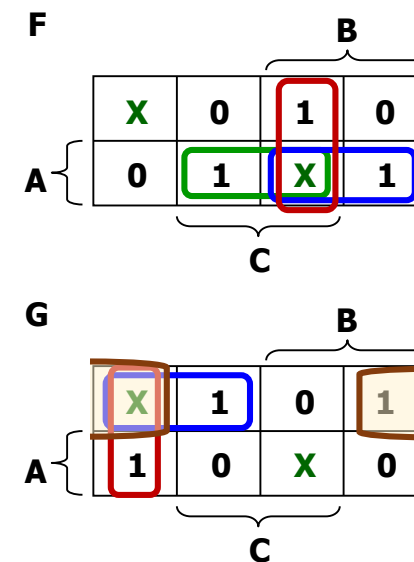


$$F(A,B,C) = \sum m(3,5,6,7) \\ = A \cdot C + A \cdot B + B \cdot C$$

$$G(A,B,C) = \sum m(1,2,4,7) \\ = A \cdot B' \cdot C' + A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C'$$

Don't-cares could be chosen to be either '1' or '0', depending on which choice results in a simpler expression.

Assuming inputs 000 and 111 are invalid.



A	B	C	F	G
0	0	0	X	X
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	X	X

$$F(A,B,C) = \sum m(3,5,6) + \sum d(0,7) \\ = A \cdot C + A \cdot B + B \cdot C$$

$$G(A,B,C) = \sum m(1,2,4) + \sum d(0,7) \\ = B' \cdot C' + A' \cdot B' + A' \cdot C'$$

K-maps with Don't Care Values

- Example #3 (with don't-cares):

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(2,8,10,15) + \sum d(0,1,3,7)$$

- Find the simplified SOP expression for F.

AB		A			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	X	0	0	1
	01	X	0	0	0
C	11	X	X	1	0
	10	1	0	0	1
		B		D	

Do we need this $A' \cdot B'$?

Solution

$$F(A,B,C,D) = B' \cdot D' + B \cdot C \cdot D$$

Finding simplified POS expression with Don't Care Values

- Example #3 (with don't-cares):

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(2,8,10,15) + \sum d(0,1,3,7)$$

- Find the simplified POS expression for F.

$$F'(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(4,5,6,9,11,12,13,14) + \sum d(0,1,3,7)$$

K-map of F'

		A			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	X	1	1	0
	01	X	1	1	1
	11	X	X	0	1
	10	0	1	1	0
		B		D	

$$F' = B \cdot C' + B \cdot D' + B' \cdot D$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (B \cdot C' + B \cdot D' + B' \cdot D)' \\ &= (B' + C) \cdot (B' + D) \cdot (B + D') \end{aligned}$$

Quine McCluskey Method

- K-maps are visualization form of [Quine McCluskey](#) tabulation method.
- Quine McCluskey method is procedural; it works for any number of variables, and it can be programmed.
- However, Quine McCluskey method is very tedious.
- [Lecture #16: Quine McCluskey](#) is for optional reading. Non-examinable. But may help you understand the principle behind K-maps better.

	Column I	Column II	Column III
group 0	<u>0 0000</u> ✓	0, 1 000- ✓	0, 1, 8, 9 -00-
group 1 {	<u>1 0001</u> ✓	0, 2 00-0 ✓	0, 2, 8, 10 -0-0
	<u>2 0010</u> ✓	0, 8 -000 ✓	0, 8, 1, 9 -00-
	<u>8 1000</u> ✓	<u>1, 5 0-01</u>	<u>0, 8, 2, 10 -0-0</u>
group 2 {	<u>5 0101</u> ✓	1, 9 -001 ✓	<u>2, 6, 10, 14 -- 10</u>
	<u>6 0110</u> ✓	2, 6 0-10 ✓	<u>2, 10, 6, 14 -- 10</u>
	<u>9 1001</u> ✓	2, 10 -010 ✓	
	<u>10 1010</u> ✓	8, 9 100- ✓	
group 3 {	<u>7 0111</u> ✓	8, 10 10-0 ✓	
	<u>14 1110</u> ✓	<u>5, 7 01-1</u>	
		6, 7 011-	
		6, 14 -110 ✓	
		<u>10, 14 1-10 ✓</u>	

QUIZZES

16: Boolean Algebra Quiz

16: Boolean Algebra Quiz Q1, Q2

Q1. Are the following two Boolean expressions equivalent? Choose YES or NO.

Expression 1: $x' \cdot (y + y' \cdot (z + x \cdot z))' = x' \cdot (y + y' \cdot z)' = x' \cdot (y + z)'$

Expression 2: $x' \cdot (y + z)$

Absorption Theorem 1: $A + A \cdot B = A$

Absorption Theorem 2: $A + A' \cdot B = A + B$

Let $x=0$, $y=0$, $z=0$, then

$$x' \cdot (y+z)' = 1 \cdot (0+0)' = 1$$

$$x' \cdot (y+z) = 1 \cdot (0+0) = 0$$

NO

Q2. Are the following two Boolean expressions equivalent? Choose YES or NO

Expression 1: $x \cdot ((y + y \cdot z) + z)' = x \cdot (y+z)' = x \cdot (y' \cdot z')$

Expression 2: $x \cdot y' \cdot z'$

Absorption Theorem 1: $A + A \cdot B = A$

De Morgan's Theorem: $(A + B)' = A' \cdot B'$

YES

16: Boolean Algebra Quiz Q3

Question 3

Canonical sum of products

= sum of minterms.

1 pts

Complement law: $A + A' = A' + A = 1$

Identity law: $A = A \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot A = A$

We have the following function:

$$f(a, b, c) = b.c + a.b' = (a' + a).b.c + a.b'.(c' + c) = a'.b.c + a.b.c + a.b'.c' + a.b'.c$$

Which of the following products are NOT in the canonical sum of products for f?

Distributive law: $A \cdot (B + C) = (A \cdot B) + (A \cdot C)$

☒ a.b.c

☒ a'.b'.c'

☒ a.b'.c

☒ a'.b.c'

☒ a.b'.c'

16: Boolean Algebra Quiz Q4

Question 4 Canonical product of sums
= product of maxterms.

1 pts

Complement law: $A \cdot A' = A' \cdot A = 0$

Identity law: $A = A + 0 = 0 + A = A$

We have the following function:

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, y, z) &= (x + y') \cdot (y + z) = (x + y' + z' \cdot z) \cdot (x' \cdot x + y + z) \\ &= (x + y' + z') \cdot (x + y' + z) \cdot (x' + y + z) \cdot (x + y + z) \end{aligned}$$

Which of the following sums are NOT in the canonical product of sums for g ?

Distributive law: $A + (B \cdot C) = (A + B) \cdot (A + C)$

☒ $(x' + y' + z)$

☒ $(x + y' + z)$

☒ $(x + y + z)$

☒ $(x' + y + z)$

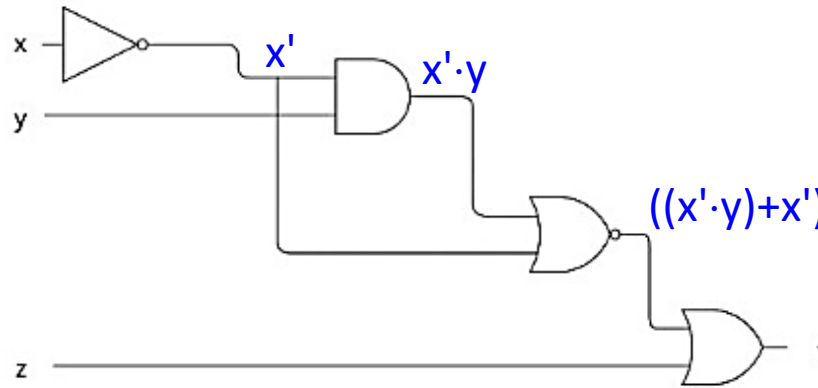
☒ $(x + y' + z')$

QUIZZES

17: Logic Circuit Quiz

17: Logic Circuit Quiz Q1

We are given the circuit below:



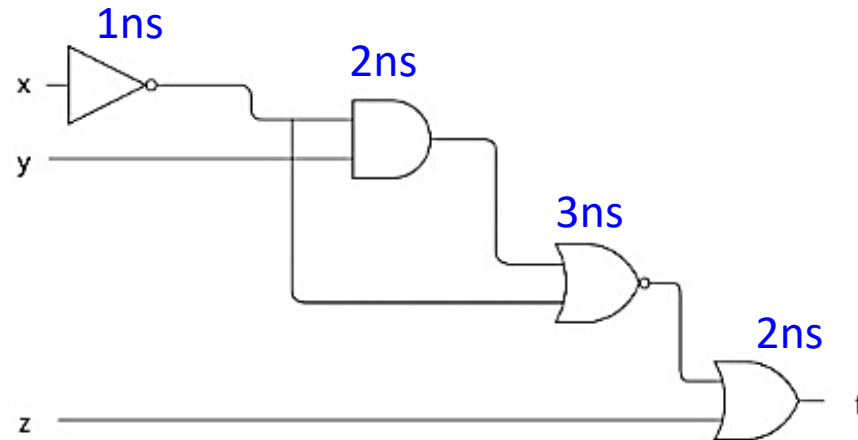
$$((x' \cdot y) + x)' = (x' \cdot y)' \cdot x = (x + y') \cdot x = x$$

Choose the most simplified expression for $f(x, y, z)$

- ☐ $x' \cdot y + x' + z$
- ☒ $x + z$
- ☐ $x' \cdot y + z$
- ☐ $x' + z$
- ☐ $x' \cdot y + z + x'$
- ☐ $x \cdot y + z$

17: Logic Circuit Quiz Q2

We are given the circuit below:



If NOT gates have a propagation delay of 1 ns, AND and OR gates have a propagation delay of 2 ns and NOR gates have a propagation delay of 3 ns, what is the total propagation delay of the circuit above in ns? 1 ns = 1 nanosecond.

8ns

QUIZZES

18: Simplification Quiz

18: Simplification Quiz Q1

Question 1

1 pts

Given the following function:

$$f(x, y, z) = y'.z' + x'.y'.z + x'.y + x.y.z$$

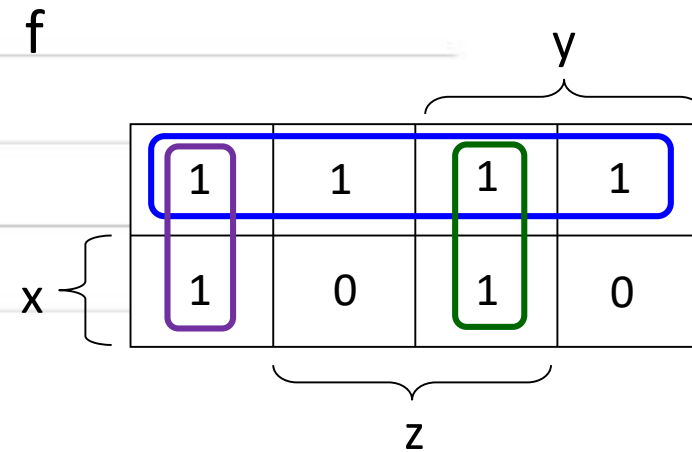
Use K-maps to simplify this expression as much as possible, and choose all the possible simplest SOP expressions here:

☐ $x'.y' + y'.z' + x'.y + y.z$

☐ $x'.z' + y'.z' + y.z + x'.z$

☐ $x' + y.z'$

☒ $x' + y'.z' + y.z$



18: Simplification Quiz Q2

Question 2

Again using the same function:

$$f(x, y, z) = y'.z' + x'.y'.z + x'.y + x.y.z$$

Use K-maps to simplify this expression as much as possible, and choose all the possible simplified POS expressions below:

☒ $(x' + y + z').(x' + y' + z)$

☐ $x.(y + z).(y' + z')$

☐ $x.(y' + z)$

☐ $(x + y).(y + z).(x + y').(y' + z')$

Truth table for function f :

		y	
		1	1
x	1	1	0
	0	1	0
		z	

Truth table for function f' :

		y	
		1	1
x	1	0	0
	0	0	0
		z	

$$f' = x \cdot y' \cdot z + x \cdot y \cdot z'$$

$$f = (x \cdot y' \cdot z + x \cdot y \cdot z')' = (x' + y + z').(x' + y' + z)$$

Too few Quiz questions on K-maps.
More K-maps questions in Tutorial 6
Discussion Questions. Try them out yourself.

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CS2100 Midterm Test on 12 March 2025,
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