

DIGITAL DESIGN

CS/ECE/EEE/INSTR F215

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GATE LEVEL MINIMIZATION

Karnaugh Map or K-Map method

K-Map

A	B	0	1
		A'B'	A'B
0			
1	B	0	1
		AB'	AB
1			

A	B	0	1
		m ₀	m ₁
0			
1	B	0	1
		m ₂	m ₃
1			

A	B	0	1
		0	1
0			
1	B	2	3
1			

A	B	0	1
		00	01
0			
1	B	10	11
1			

Examples of simplification

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

$F = AB$

A	B	0	1
			1
0			
1	B		1
1			

$F = A'B + AB = B$

A	B	0	1
0			
1	B	1	1
1			

$F = AB' + AB = A$

A	B	0	1
0		1	
1	B	1	
1			

$F = A'B' + AB' = B'$

$F = A'B' + AB' + AB$

A	B	0	1
		1	
0			
1	B	1	1
1			

$F = A + B'$

Three variable K-map

A	BC	00	01	11	10
		A'B'C'	A'B'C	A'BC	A'BC'
0					
1	BC	AB'C'	AB'C	ABC	ABC'
1					

A	BC	00	01	11	10
		000	001	011	010
0					
1	BC	100	101	111	110
1					

Three variable K-map

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0			1	1
1	1	1		

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0	1	1		
1	1	1		

Three variable K-map

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0	1	1	1	1
1				

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0	1	1	1	
1	1	1		

Three variable K-map

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0			1	
1	1		1	1

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0	1		1	1
1	1			1

Three variable K-map

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0		1		1
1	1		1	

BC	00	01	11	10
A				
0	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

Four Variable K-map

CD	00	01	11	10
AB				
00	0	1	3	2
01	4	5	7	6
11	12	13	15	14
10	8	9	11	10

Four Variable K-map

CD	00	01	11	10
AB				
00	0	1	3	2
01	4	5	7	6
11	12	13	15	14
10	8	9	11	10

0000	1100
0001	1101
0011	1111
0010	1110
0110	1010
0111	1011
0101	1001
0100	1000

K-map simplification

- Pair – Group of 2 adjacent minterms - eliminates 1 variable
- Quad – Group of 4 adjacent minterms - eliminates 2 variables
- Octet – Group of 8 adjacent minterms - eliminates 3 variables
- Redundant group – Is the one in which all the elements of the group are covered by some other group.

Simplify – $F = y' + w'z' + xz'$
 $F(w,x,y,z) = \sum(0,1,2,4,5,6,8,9,12,13,14)$

wx \ yz	00	01	11	10
00	1	1		1
01	1	1		1
11	1	1		1
10	1	1		

Simplify –

$$F = B'D' + B'C' + A'CD'$$

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

For simplification

- Prime implicants – A product term obtained by combining the maximum possible number of adjacent squares in the map.
- Essential prime implicant – If a minterm in the square is covered by only one prime implicant, that prime implicant is termed as "Essential".

Simplify –

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \sum(0,2,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,13,15)$$

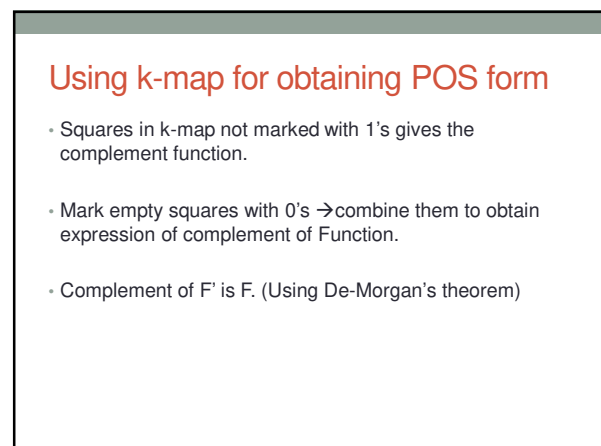
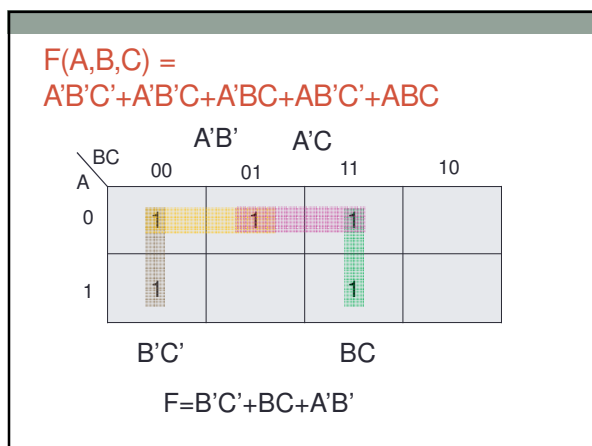
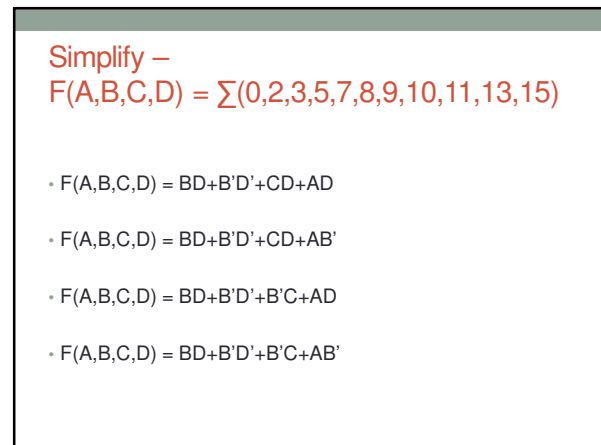
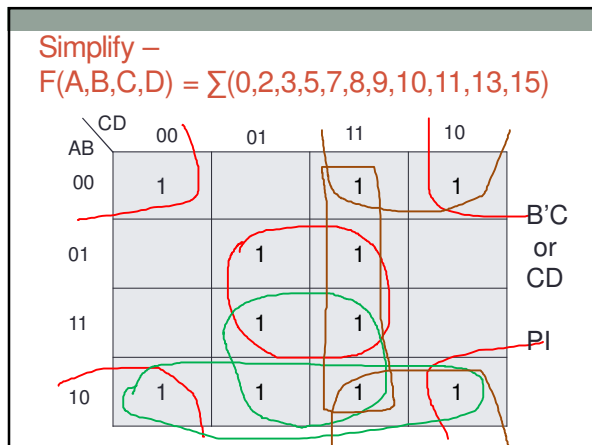
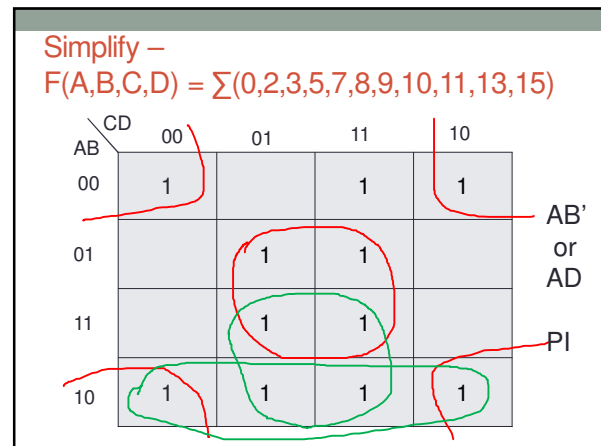
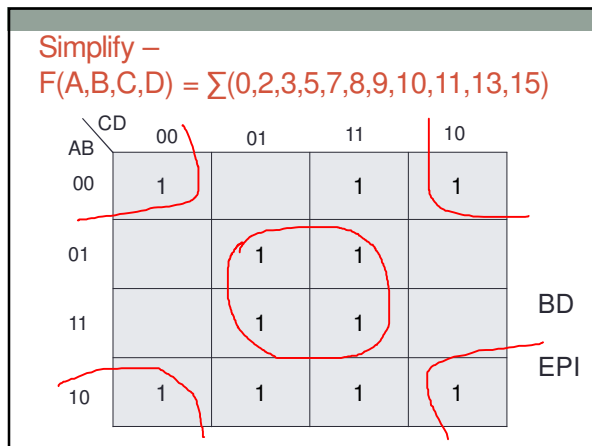
AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	1		1	1
01		1	1	
11		1	1	
10	1	1	1	1

Simplify –

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \sum(0,2,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,13,15)$$

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

B'D'
EPI



Ex. $F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma(0,1,2,5,8,9,10)$

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

Handwritten annotations: A red vertical loop covers cells (0,2), (1,2), (2,2), (3,2) labeled 'CD'. A green horizontal loop covers cells (0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1) labeled 'BD'. A purple horizontal loop covers cells (0,2), (0,3), (1,2), (1,3) labeled 'AB'.

Map-Entered Variable (MEV) Or Variable Entered Mapping (VEM)

- Allows smaller map to handle greater number of variables.
- In K-map, for n variables, it requires $2^n = m$ squares.
- In MEV, map dimensions can be compressed.
- In K-map, each square represents a minterm, maxterm or a don't care term.
- In MEV, K-map cell is permitted to contain single variable (x) or a complete switching expression ($xy' + z$).

$P = f(a,b,c) = \Sigma(0,1,4,5,7)$

BC \ A	00	01	11	10
0	1	1		
1	1	1	1	

$F = B' + AC$

Variable c -MEV

MEV	Std.	A	B	C	P	P
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	2	0	1	0	0	0
1	3	0	1	1	0	0
2	4	1	0	0	1	1
2	5	1	0	1	1	1
3	6	1	1	0	0	0
3	7	1	1	1	1	1

Handwritten annotations: Red loops group (0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1) and (2,0), (2,1), (3,0), (3,1). Blue loops group (1,2), (1,3), (2,2), (2,3). Green loops group (2,4), (2,5), (3,4), (3,5).

For a simplified function from MEV K-map

- Determine the EPI's consisting of only 1's along with any don't care terms that may exist. (cover all 1's)
- Consider the 1's as don't care terms once step 1 is completed, because all 1's have been covered.
- Group all identical MEV terms with 1's or don't care terms to maximize the MEV EPI size.
- Determine the MEV EPIs by reading k-map in normal fashion, then AND the MEV variable with remaining k-map variable.

B \ A	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	C

Handwritten annotations: A red loop covers cells (0,0), (1,0) labeled 'B'. A green loop covers cells (1,0), (1,1) labeled 'AC'. The final expression is $F = B' + AC$.

$P = f(w,x,y,z) = \Sigma(2,4,5,10,11,14) + D(7,8,9,12,13,15)$

WX \ YZ	00	01	11	10
00	0	0	0	1
01	1	1	X	0
11	X	X	X	1
10	X	X	1	1

Handwritten annotations: $x'y'$ (orange), w (red), $x'yz'$ (blue).

MEV	Std	W	X	Y	Z	O/p	o/p
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
1	2	0	0	1	0	1	Z'
1	3	0	0	1	1	0	
2	4	0	1	0	0	1	1
2	5	0	1	0	1	1	
3	6	0	1	1	0	0	0
3	7	0	1	1	1	X	
4	8	1	0	0	0	X	X
4	9	1	0	0	1	X	
5	10	1	0	1	0	1	1
5	11	1	0	1	1	1	
6	12	1	1	0	0	X	
6	13	1	1	0	1	X	X
7	14	1	1	1	0	1	
7	15	1	1	1	1	X	1

W \ XY	00	01	11	10
0	0	Z'	0	1
1	X	1	1	X

$F = w + xy' + x'yz'$

$P = f(a,b,c,d) = \Sigma(2,9,10,11,13,14,15)$

MEV	Std	W	X	Y	Z	O/p	o/p
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
1	2	0	0	1	0	1	Z'
1	3	0	0	1	1	0	
2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	5	0	1	0	1	0	
3	6	0	1	1	0	0	0
3	7	0	1	1	1	0	
4	8	1	0	0	0	0	Z
4	9	1	0	0	1	1	
5	10	1	0	1	0	1	1
5	11	1	0	1	1	1	
6	12	1	1	0	0	0	Z
6	13	1	1	0	1	1	
7	14	1	1	1	0	1	
7	15	1	1	1	1	1	1

W \ XY	00	01	11	10
0	0	Z'	0	0
1	Z	1	1	Z

W \ XY	00	01	11	10
0	0	Z'	0	0
1	Z	1	1	Z

WY

W \ XY	00	01	11	10
0	0	Z'	0	0
1	Z	1	1	Z

WY

WZ

$x'y'z'$

W \ XY	00	01	11	10
0	0	Z'	0	0
1	Z	1	1	Z

WY

WZ

$P = f(x,y,z) = \Sigma(0,4,5,7)$

x \ yz	00	01	11	10
0	1			
1	1	1	1	

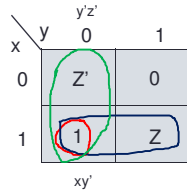
$P = f(x,y,z) = \Sigma(0,4,5,7)$

x \ yz	00	01	11	10
0	1			
1	1	1	1	

F = $y'z' + xz$

Variable Z - MEV

MEV	Std.	X	Y	Z	o/p	o/p
0	0	0	0	0	1	
0	1	0	0	1	0	Z'
1	2	0	1	0	0	
1	3	0	1	1	0	0
2	4	1	0	0	1	
2	5	1	0	1	1	1
3	6	1	1	0	0	
3	7	1	1	1	1	Z



Note – Always covering 1's by themselves or in combination with don't care terms may lead to non-optimal solutions.

$$F = y'z' + xz$$

Quine-McCluskey method (QM)

- Suitable for computer solution
- Uses Tabular method

QM Method

$$D = f(a, b, c, d) = \Sigma (0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15)$$

$$D = f(a, b, c, d) = \Sigma (0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15)$$

Index	Decimal Number	Binary representation			
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1
	2	0	0	1	0
	8	1	0	0	0
2	3	0	0	1	1
	6	0	1	1	0
	9	1	0	0	1
3	7	0	1	1	1
	14	1	1	1	0
4	15	1	1	1	1

0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
8	1	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	1
6	0	1	1	0
9	1	0	0	1
7	0	1	1	1
14	1	1	1	0
15	1	1	1	1

(0,1)	0	0	0	-
(0,2)	0	0	-	0
(0,8)	-	0	0	0
(1,3)	0	0	-	1
(1,9)	-	0	0	1
(2,3)	0	0	1	-
(2,6)	0	-	1	0
(8,9)	1	0	0	-
(3,7)	0	-	1	1
(6,7)	0	1	1	-
(6,14)	-	1	1	0
(7,15)	-	1	1	1
(14,15)	1	1	1	-

(0,1)	0	0	0	-
(0,2)	0	0	-	0
(0,8)	-	0	0	0
(1,3)	0	0	-	1
(1,9)	-	0	0	1
(2,3)	0	0	1	-
(2,6)	0	-	1	0
(8,9)	1	0	0	-
(3,7)	0	-	1	1
(6,7)	0	1	1	-
(6,14)	-	1	1	0
(7,15)	-	1	1	1
(14,15)	1	1	1	-

(0,1,2,3)	0	0	-	-
(0,1,8,9)	-	0	0	-
(2,3,6,7)	0	-	1	-
(6,7,14,15)	-	1	1	-

PI	0	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	14	15
a'b'	x	x	x	x						
b'c'	x	x					x	x		
a'c			x	x	x	x				
b c					x	x			x	x

PI	0	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	14	15
a'b'	x	x	x	x						
b'c'	x	x					⊗	⊗		
a'c			x	x	x	x				
b c					x	x			⊗	⊗

PI	0	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	14	15
a'b'	x	x	x	x						
b'c'	x	x					⊗	⊗		
a'c			x	x	x	x				
b c					x	x			⊗	⊗

$f(a, b, c, d) = b'c' + bc + a'c$