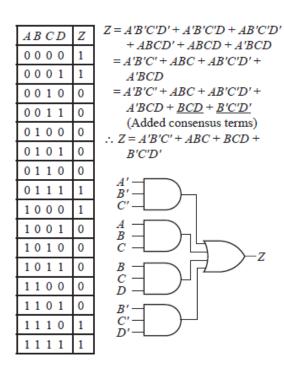
## **Homework Unit 4 Solutions**

A combinational logic circuit has four inputs (A, B, C, and D) and one output Z. The output is 1 iff the input has three consecutive 0's or three consecutive 1's. For example, if A=1, B=0, C=0, and D=0, then Z=1, but if A=0, B=1, C=0, and D=0, then Z=0. Design the circuit using one four-input OR gate and four three-input AND gates.

Sol.)



2. Given  $F_1 = \prod M(0, 4, 5, 6)$  and  $F_2 = \prod M(0, 4, 7)$ , find the maxterm expansion for  $F_1$   $F_2$ . State a general rule for finding the maxterm expansion of  $F_1$   $F_2$  given the maxterm expansions of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Prove your answer by using the general form of the maxterm expansion.

Sol.)  $F_1$   $F_2 = \prod M(0, 4, 5, 6, 7)$ . General rule:  $F_1$   $F_2$  is the product of all maxterms that are not present in either  $F_1$  or  $F_2$ .

Proof: Let 
$$F_1 = \prod (a_i + M_i)$$
;  $F_2 = \prod (b_j + M_j)$ ;  

$$F_1 F_2 = \prod (a_i + M_i) \prod (b_j + M_j) = (a_0 + M_0) (b_0 + M_0) (a_1 + M_1) (b_1 + M_1) \cdots$$

$$= (a_0 b_0 + M_0) (a_1 b_1 + M_1) (a_2 b_2 + M_2) \cdots = \prod (a_i b_j + M_i)$$

Maxterm  $M_i$  is present in  $F_1$   $F_2$  iff  $a_ib_i = 0$ , i.e., if either  $a_i = 0$  or  $b_i = 0$ . Maxterm  $M_i$  is present in  $F_1$  iff  $a_i = 0$ . Maxterm  $M_i$  is present in  $F_2$  iff  $b_i = 0$ . Therefore, maxterm  $M_i$  is present in  $F_1$   $F_2$ 

iff it is present in  $F_1$  or  $F_2$ .

3. Given f(a, b, c) = a (b+c').

Sol.) 
$$f(a,b,c) = a (b+c') = ab+ac' = ab(c+c') + a(b+b')c' = abc + abc' + abc' + ab'c'.$$
  
=  $abc + abc' + ab'c' = m_7 + m_6 + m_4.$ 

(a) Express f as a minterm expansion (use m-notation).

Sol.) 
$$f = \sum m(4, 6, 7)$$

(b) Express f as a maxterm expansion (use M-notation).

Sol.) 
$$f = \prod M(0, 1, 2, 3, 5)$$

(c) Express f' as a minterm expansion (use m-notation).

Sol.) 
$$f' = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 5)$$

(d) Express f' as a maxterm expansion (use M-notation).

Sol.) 
$$f' = \prod M(4, 6, 7)$$

4. (a) If  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are minterms of n variables, prove that  $m_1 + m_2 = m_1 \oplus m_2$ .

Sol.) 
$$m_1 + m_2 = m_1(m_2' + m_2) + (m_1' + m_1) m_2 = m_1 m_2' + m_1 m_2 + m_1' m_2$$

But 
$$m_1 m_2 = 0$$
, so  $m_1 + m_2 = m_1 m_2' + m_1' m_2 = m_1 \oplus m_2$ .

- (b) Prove that any switching function can be written as the exclusive OR sum of products where each product does not contain a complemented literal. (*Hint*: Start with the function written as a sum of minterms and use part (a).)
- Sol.) Using part (a), any function can be written as the exclusive OR sum of its minterms. However, if a product contains a complemented literal, it can be written as the exclusive OR sum of two products without a complemented literal by using

$$x'p = (x \oplus 1)p = xp \oplus p.$$

By repeated application of the preceding relationship, all complemented literals can be removed from the products.