

Simplification

- Fewer logic gates = cheaper, use less power, faster.

Algebraic Simplification:

- Minimise no. of **literals**, and no. of **terms**.
- Sometimes conflicting
- requires good algebraic manipulation skills.
- eg.

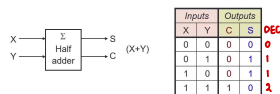
Example 1: Simplify $(x+y) \cdot (x+y') \cdot (x'+z)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x+y) \cdot (x+y') \cdot (x'+z) \\
 &= (x \cdot x + x \cdot y' + x \cdot y + y \cdot y') \cdot (x'+z) \quad (\text{distributivity}) \\
 &= (x + x \cdot y' + x \cdot y + y \cdot y') \cdot (x'+z) \quad (\text{idempotency}) \\
 &= (x + x \cdot (y' + y) + y \cdot y') \cdot (x'+z) \quad (\text{distributivity}) \\
 &= (x + x \cdot (1) + 0) \cdot (x'+z) \quad (\text{complement}) \\
 &= (x + x) \cdot (x'+z) \quad (\text{identity}) \\
 &= x \cdot (x'+z) \quad (\text{idempotency}) \\
 &= x \cdot x' + x \cdot z \quad (\text{distributivity}) \\
 &= 0 + x \cdot z \quad (\text{complement}) \\
 &= x \cdot z \quad (\text{identity})
 \end{aligned}$$

no. of literals reduced from 6 to 2.

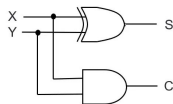
Half adder

- A circuit that adds 2 single bits (X, Y) to produce a result of 2 bits (C, S)



$$\begin{aligned}
 C &= X \cdot Y \\
 S &= X' \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' \\
 &= X \oplus Y
 \end{aligned}$$

} Sum of minterms.

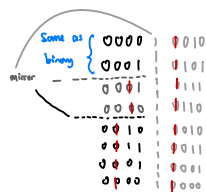


Gray Code. (Reflected Binary Code)

- Unweighted (not arithmetic)
- Only a single bit change
- not restricted to decimal digits: n bits $\rightarrow 2^n$ values.
- error detection
- no duplicate codes.

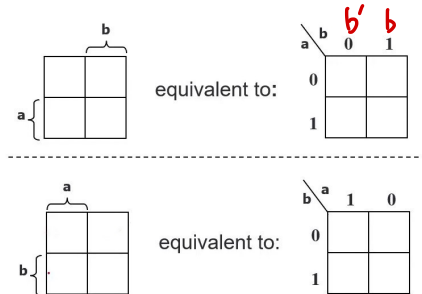
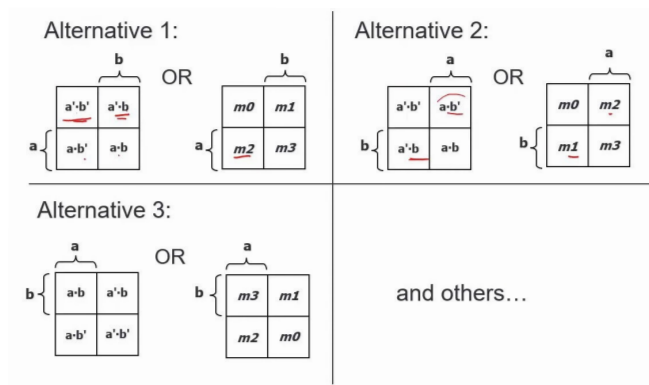
| Decimal | Binary | Gray Code | Decimal | Binary | Gray code |
|---------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|
| 0 | 0000 | 0000 | 8 | 1000 | 1100 |
| 1 | 0001 | 0001 | 9 | 1001 | 1101 |
| 2 | 0010 | 0011 | 10 | 1010 | 1111 |
| 3 | 0011 | 0010 | 11 | 1011 | 1110 |
| 4 | 0100 | 0110 | 12 | 1100 | 1010 |
| 5 | 0101 | 0111 | 13 | 1101 | 1011 |
| 6 | 0110 | 0101 | 14 | 1110 | 1001 |
| 7 | 0111 | 0100 | 15 | 1111 | 1000 |

- Algorithm for Standard Gray code Sequence:



k-maps.

- Systematic method to obtain simplified sum-of-products (SOP) expressions.
- Fewest possible product terms and literals
- Easy to use.
- Limited to 5/6 variables.
- A matrix of squares - each square represents a **minterm**
 - 2 adj. sqs. rep. minterms that differ by exactly **one literal**.



- K-map for a function is filled by putting:
 - "1" in the square that corresponds to a minterm of the function.
 - "0" otherwise

Another way of drawing a truth-table.

eg. Half adder

| | | |
|----|----|---|
| | b' | b |
| a' | 0 | 0 |
| a | 0 | 1 |

$C = a \cdot b$

| | | |
|----|----|---|
| | b' | b |
| a' | 0 | 1 |
| a | 1 | 0 |

$S = a \cdot b' + a' \cdot b$

eg. 3 variables

| | | | | | |
|---|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | b | | | |
| | | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| a | 0 | a'b'c' | a'b'c | a'b.c | a'b.c' |
| | 1 | a'b.c' | a'b.c | a.b.c | a.b.c' |

OR

| | | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| | | b | | | |
| | | m0 | m1 | m2 | m3 |
| a | 0 | m4 | m5 | m6 | m7 |

ensure that minterms of adjacent cells differ by only one literal. (i.e. graycode sequence)

| abc | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | m0 | m1 | m3 | m2 |
| 1 | m4 | m5 | m7 | m6 |

* There is wrap-around in the K-map

∴ every cell in an n -variable K-map has n adjacent neighbours.

qns: Sometimes need to do "Simplification"

i.e. $A(x,y,z) = x \cdot y + y \cdot z' + x' \cdot y' \cdot z$

$x \cdot y \cdot z' + x \cdot y \cdot z$ inside y but outside z region
 Overlapped region.

eg. 4 variables.

| wx \ yz | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 00 | m0 | m1 | m3 | m2 |
| 01 | m4 | m5 | m7 | m6 |
| 11 | m12 | m13 | m15 | m14 |
| 10 | m8 | m9 | m11 | m10 |

eg. 5 variables = 2 4 variables kmap

| wx \ yz | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 00 | m0 | m1 | m3 | m2 |
| 01 | m4 | m5 | m7 | m6 |
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$v \cdot w' \cdot x' \cdot y' \cdot z'$
 10000

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| $a' \cdot b'$ | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| cd \ ef | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| 00 | m0 | m1 | m3 | m2 |
| 01 | m4 | m5 | m7 | m6 |
| 11 | m12 | m13 | m15 | m14 |
| 10 | m8 | m9 | m11 | m10 |

| $a' \cdot b$ | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ef \ cd | 10 | 11 | 01 | 00 |
| 00 | m18 | m19 | m17 | m16 |
| 01 | m22 | m23 | m21 | m20 |
| 11 | m30 | m31 | m29 | m28 |
| 10 | m26 | m27 | m25 | m24 |

| $a \cdot b'$ | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| cd \ ef | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| 10 | m40 | m41 | m43 | m42 |
| 11 | m44 | m45 | m47 | m46 |
| 01 | m36 | m37 | m39 | m38 |
| 00 | m32 | m33 | m35 | m34 |

| $a \cdot b$ | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ef \ cd | 10 | 11 | 01 | 00 |
| 10 | m58 | m59 | m57 | m56 |
| 11 | m62 | m63 | m61 | m60 |
| 01 | m54 | m55 | m53 | m52 |
| 00 | m50 | m51 | m49 | m48 |

• How to use K-maps?

• Unifying Theorem: $A + A' = 1$ (aka complement law)

• each cell containing a "1" corresponds to a minterm of a given function F where the output is 1.

look for valid grouping of adjacent cells containing "1" then corresponds to a **simpler product term** of F .

↳ size in powers of 2.

bigger group = simpler product term \Rightarrow eliminating some variables. 2ⁿ cell eliminates n variables

∴ group as many cell as possible

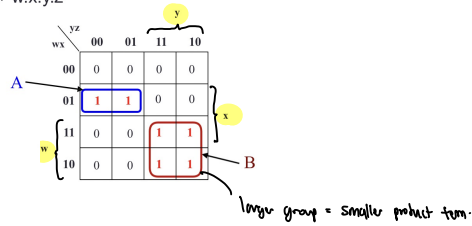
• Select as few groups as possible to cover all the cells (minterms) of the function.

⇒ shorter product terms, smaller no. of product terms.

$$A = w' \cdot x \cdot y' \cdot z' + w' \cdot x \cdot y' \cdot z = w' \cdot x \cdot y' \cdot (z' + z) = w' \cdot x \cdot y' \quad \text{— inside } z, \text{ but outside } w \text{ and } y.$$

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

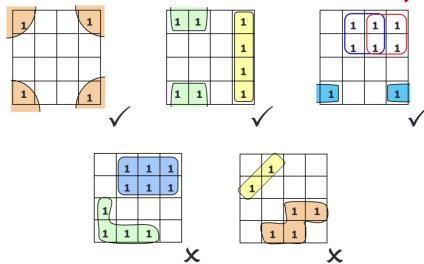
— inside w and y .



$$\therefore F(w,x,y,z) = A + B$$

$$= w' \cdot x \cdot y' + w \cdot y \quad \text{ (Simplified Sum of product (SOP)) }$$

• Valid groupings



note: groups are in powers of 2

i.e. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16...

• K-map must have function in Sum-of-minterms form.

• otherwise,

1. Convert it into Sum-of-products (SOP) form.

2. Expand the SOP expression into Sum-of-minterms expression,

or fill in the K-map directly based on the SOP expression.

$$\text{eg } F(A,B,C,D) = A \cdot (C+D)' \cdot (B'+D') + C \cdot (B+C'+A'D)$$

$$= A \cdot (C' \cdot D') \cdot (B'+D') + BC + \cancel{CC'} + A' \cdot C \cdot D$$

$$= \underbrace{A \cdot B' \cdot C' \cdot D'}_{1 \text{ pos}} + \underbrace{A \cdot C' \cdot D'}_{2 \text{ pos}} + \underbrace{BC}_{3 \text{ pos}} + \underbrace{A' \cdot C \cdot D}_{2 \text{ pos}} \rightarrow \text{(no need to convert to Sum-of-minterms form)}$$

Prime Implicants & Essential Prime Implicants.

To find the **Simplest** SOP expression from a K-map,

1. Min no. of **literals per product term**
2. Min no. of **product terms**.

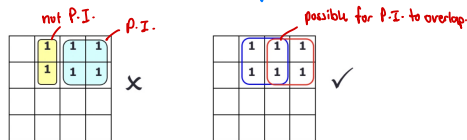
Achieved through K-map via:

1. **Bigger** grouping of minterms (**prime implicants**) where possible.
2. **No redundant** groupings (look for **essential prime implicants**)

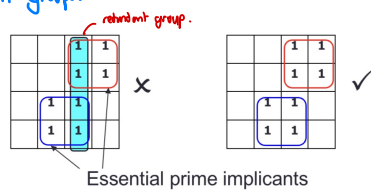
Implicant: a product term that could be used to cover minterms of a function.

Prime implicant: a product term obtained by combining the **maximum possible number** of minterms from adjacent squares in the map.
(i.e. biggest grouping possible)

Always look for prime implicants in a K-map.



No redundant groups.



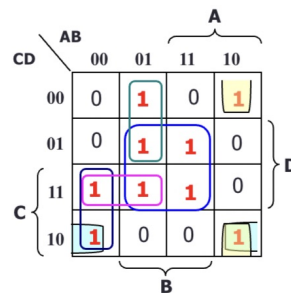
Sometimes its hard to look for redundant group.

Essential prime implicant (EPI): a prime implicant that includes at least one minterm that is **not covered by any other prime implicant**.
put essential groupings first, then the rest.

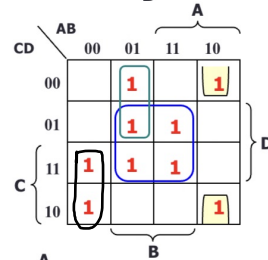
∴ To find Simplified SOP Expression

Algorithm

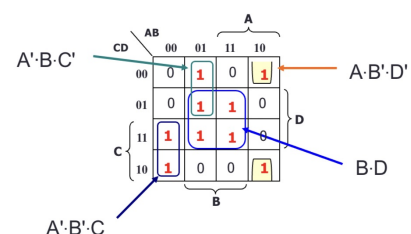
1. Circle **all prime implicants** on the K-map.
2. Identify and select all **essential** prime implicants for the cover.
3. Select a minimum subset of the remaining prime implicants to complete the cover, that is, to cover those minterms not covered by the essential prime implicants.



← All prime implicants



← Essential prime implicants

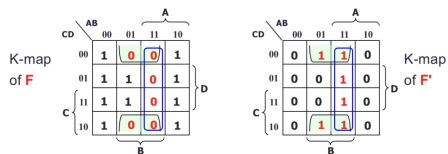


$$F(A,B,C,D) = B \cdot D + A' \cdot B \cdot C' + A \cdot B' \cdot D' + A' \cdot B' \cdot C$$

Simplified Sum of product Expression

Also can find simplified POS Expression from K-map.

→ obtained by grouping maxterms (i.e. 0s) of the function.



∴ SOP of F' :

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

∴ To get POS of F :

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

$$= (B \cdot D')' \cdot (A \cdot B)'$$

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

Don't-care Conditions

In certain problems, Some outputs are not specified or are invalid.

∴ These outputs can either be '1' or '0'

They are called don't-care conditions, denoted by X (or d)

Can be used to help simplify Boolean expression further in K-maps

⇒ could be chosen to be either '1' or '0' ⇒ depending on simplification

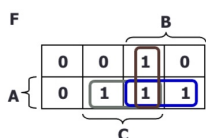
Σd to denote set of don't-care minterms.

Comparison

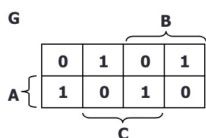
Without don't-cares:

$$F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(3, 5, 6, 7)$$

$$G(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(1, 2, 4, 7)$$



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

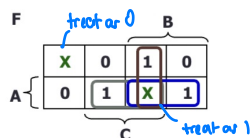


$$F = A \cdot B' \cdot C' + A' \cdot B' \cdot C + A \cdot B \cdot C + A' \cdot B \cdot C'$$

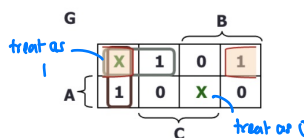
With don't-cares:

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

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



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



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

Shorter

Side note:

half-adders

will never give 1,1 as output.