### CHAPTER 5

### KARNAUGH MAPS



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## Objectives

- 1. Given a function (completely or in completely specified) of three to five variable, plot it on a Karnaugh map.

  The function may be given in minterm, maxterm, or algebraic form.
- 2. Determine the essential prime implicants of a function from a map.
- 3. Obtain the minimum sum-of-products or minimum product-of-sums form of a function from the map.
- 4. Determine all of the prime implicants of a function from a map.
- 5. Understand the relation between operations performed using the map and the corresponding algebraic operation.

## 5.1 Minimum Forms of Switching Functions

1. Combine terms by using XY'+XY=X

Do this repeatedly to eliminates as many literals as possible.

A given term may be used more than once because X + X = X

2. Eliminate redundant terms by using the consensus theorems.

## 5.1 Minimum Forms of Switching Functions

#### **Example: Find a minimum sum-of-products**

$$F(a,b,c) = \sum m(0,1,2,5,6,7)$$

$$F = a'b'c' + a'b'c + a'bc' + abc' + abc' + abc'$$

$$= a'b' + b'c + bc' + ab$$

$$F = a'b'c' + a'b'c + a'bc' + abc' + abc' + abc$$

$$= a'b' + bc' + ac$$

## 5.1 Minimum Forms of Switching Functions

#### **Example: Find a minimum product-of-sums**

$$(A+B'+C+D')(A+B'+C'+D')(A+B'+C'+D)(A'+B'+C'+D)(A'+B+C'+D)$$

$$= (A+B'+D') \quad (A+B'+C') \quad (B'+C'+D)$$

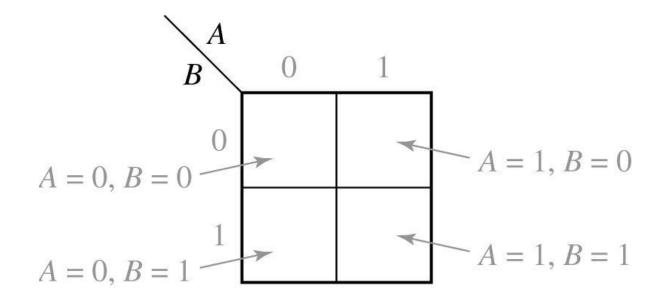
$$= (A+B'+D') \quad (A+B'+C') \quad (C'+D)$$

$$= (A+B'+D')(C'+D)$$
Eliminate by consensus

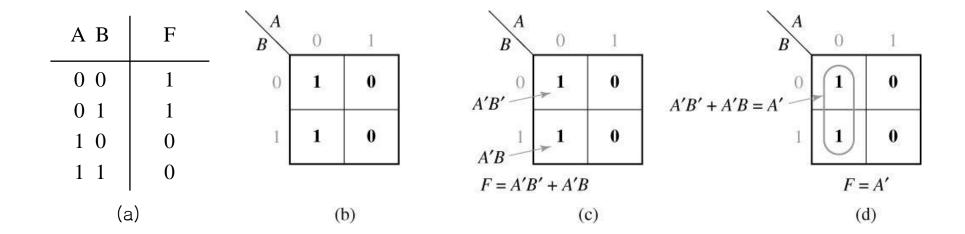
# 5.2 Karnaugh Maps

- Simplification using algebraic rules can be impossible, difficult, tedious
- Two-dimensional truth-table.
- Karnaugh maps can be used up to
  - 6 variables

#### 2-variable Karnaugh Map

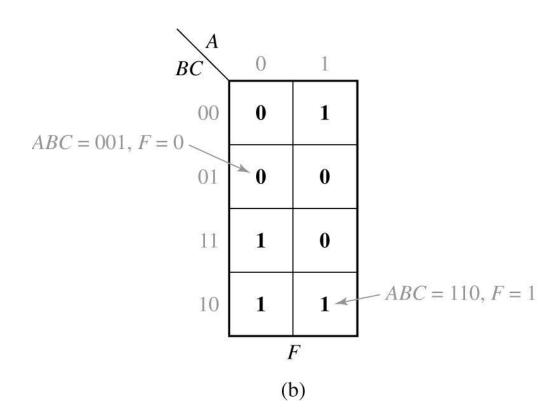


#### Truth Table for a function F

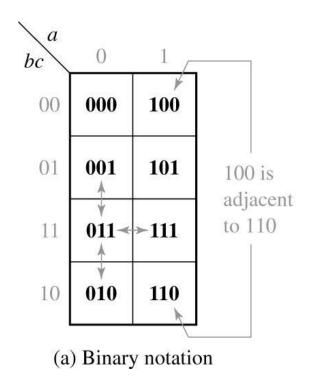


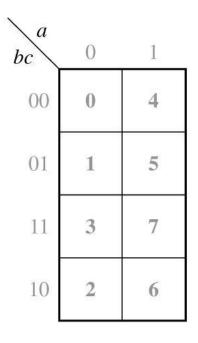
#### Truth Table and Karnaugh Map for Three-Variable Function

| A B C | F |  |  |  |
|-------|---|--|--|--|
| 0 0 0 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 0 0 1 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 0 1 0 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 0 1 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 1 0 0 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 1 0 1 | 0 |  |  |  |
| 1 1 0 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 1 1 1 | 0 |  |  |  |
| (a)   |   |  |  |  |



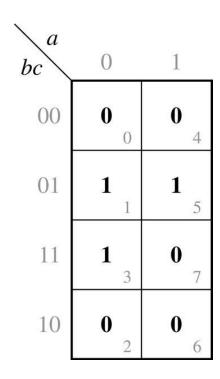
#### Location of Minterms on a Three-Variable Karnaugh Map





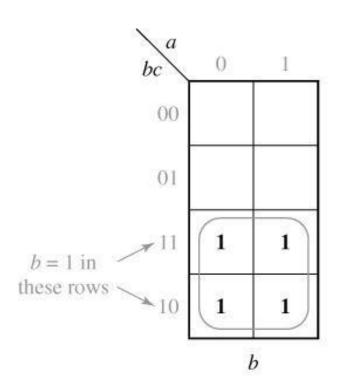
(b) Decimal notation

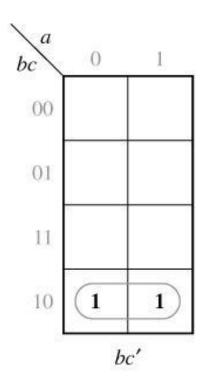
Karnaugh Map of F(a, b, c) =  $\sum$  m(1, 3, 5) =  $\prod$  (0, 2, 4, 6, 7)

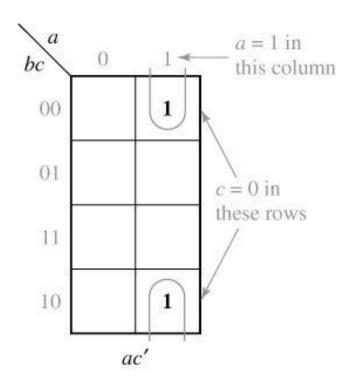


$$F(a,b,c) = m_1 + m_3 + m_5$$
$$= M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_6 \cdot M_7$$

#### **Karnaugh Maps for Product Terms**



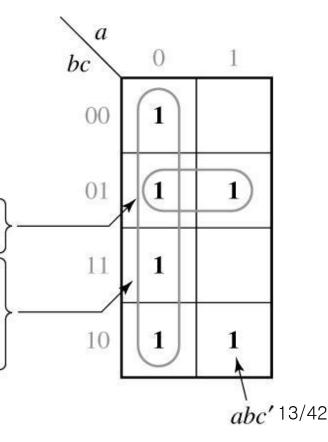




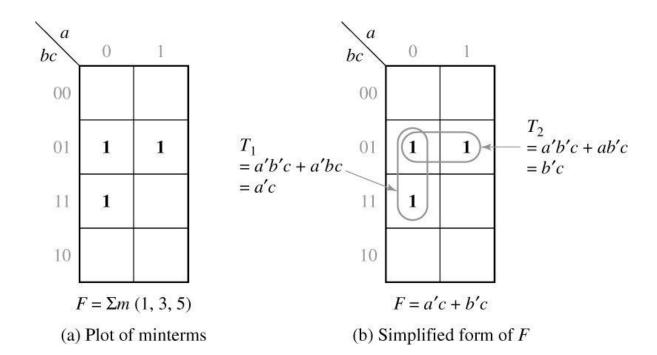
#### **Given Function**

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

- 1. The term abc' is 1 when a = 1 and bc = 10, so we place a 1 in the square which corresponds to the a = 1 column and the bc = 10 row of the map.
- 2. The term b'c is 1 when bc = 01, so we place 1's in both squares of the bc = 01 row of the map.
- 3. The term a' is 1 when a = 0, so we place 1's in all the squares of the a = 0 column of the map. (Note: Since there already is a 1 in the abc = 001 square, we do not have to place a second 1 there because x + x = x.)

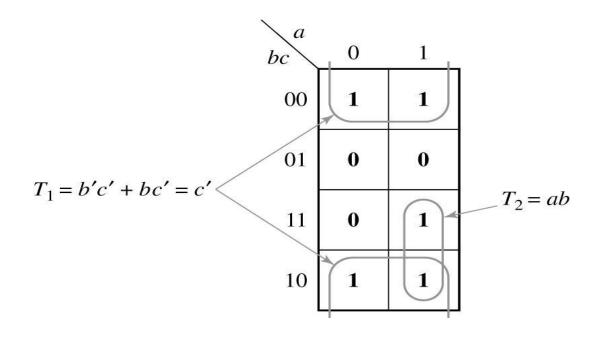


#### Simplification of a Three-Variable Function



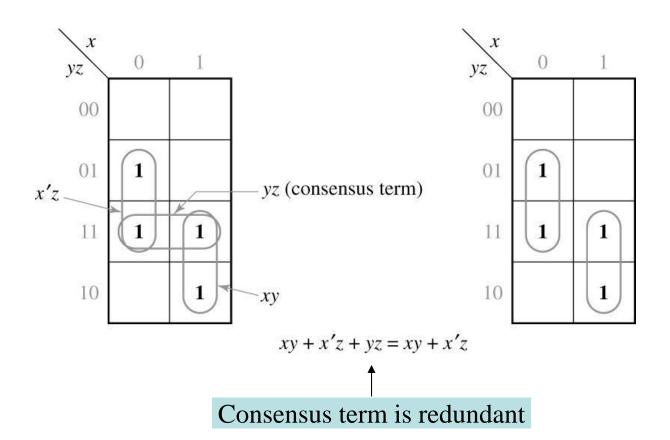
$$F = T_1 + T_2 = a'c + b'c$$

#### **Complement of Map in Figure 5-6(a)**



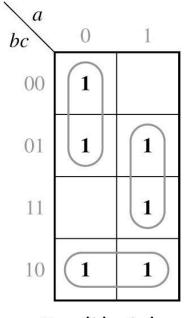
$$F = T_1 + T_2 = c' + ab$$

#### Karnaugh Maps Which Illustrate the Consensus Theorem

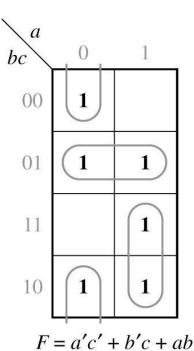


#### **Function with Two Minimal Forms**

$$F = \sum m(0,1,2,5,6,7)$$



$$F = a'b' + bc' + ac$$

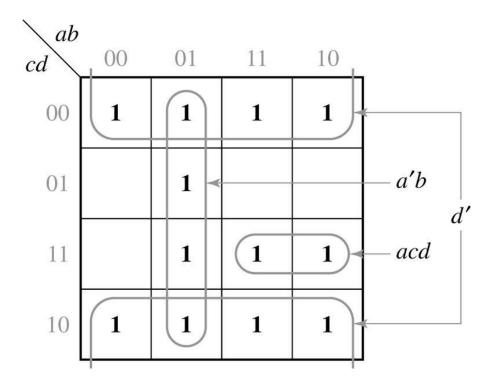


#### **Location of Minterms on Four-Variable Karnaugh Map**

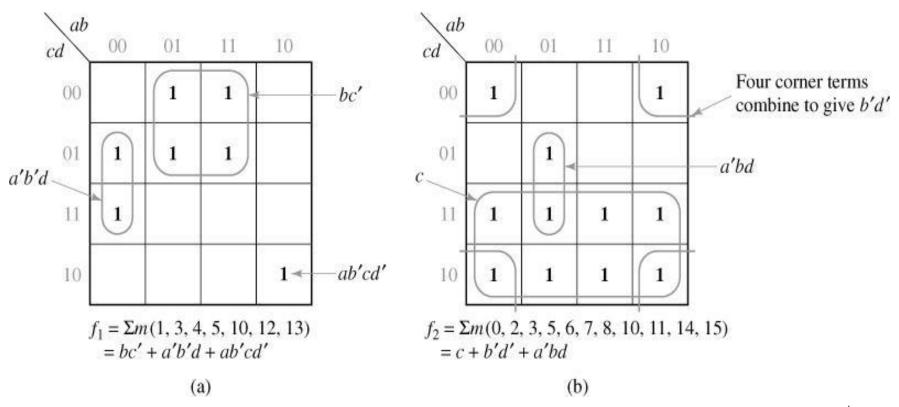
| CD $AB$ | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
|---------|----|----|----|----|
| 00      | 0  | 4  | 12 | 8  |
| 01      | 1  | 5  | 13 | 9  |
| 11      | 3  | 7  | 15 | 11 |
| 10      | 2  | 6  | 14 | 10 |

Plot of acd + ab + d

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



#### **Simplification of Four-Variable Functions**



#### Simplification of an Incompletely Specified Function

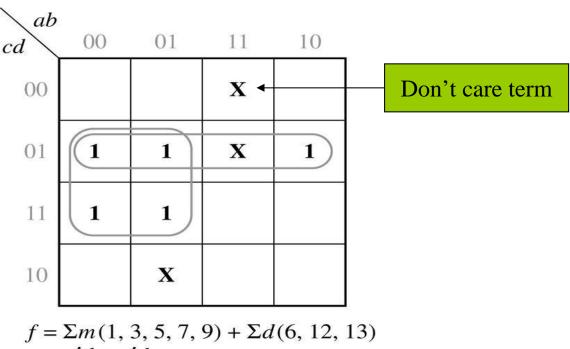


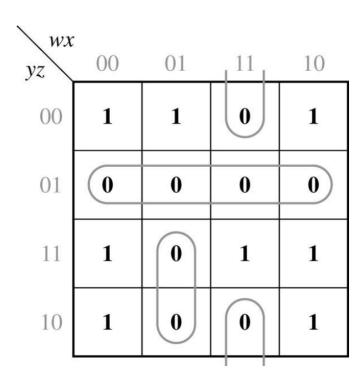
Figure 5-14

1's of 
$$f$$
  
 $f = x'z' + wyz + w'y'z' + x'y$ 

0's of 
$$f$$
  

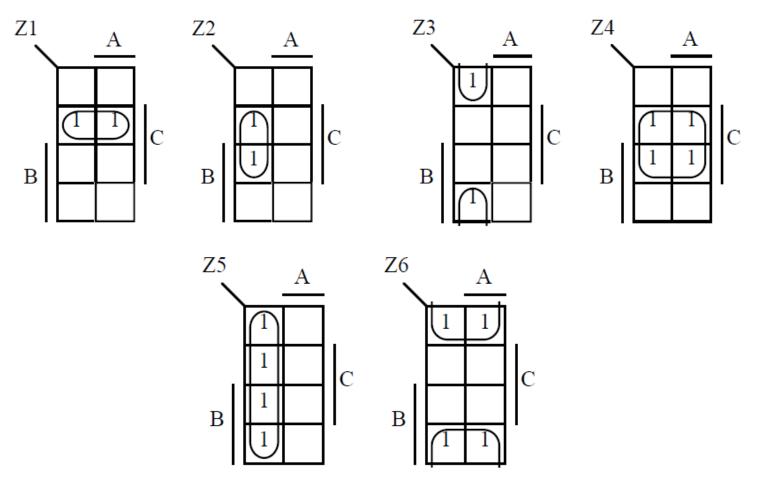
$$f' = y'z + wxz' + w'xy$$

$$f = (y + z')(w' + x' + z)(w + x' + y')$$
  
minimum product of sums for  $f$ 



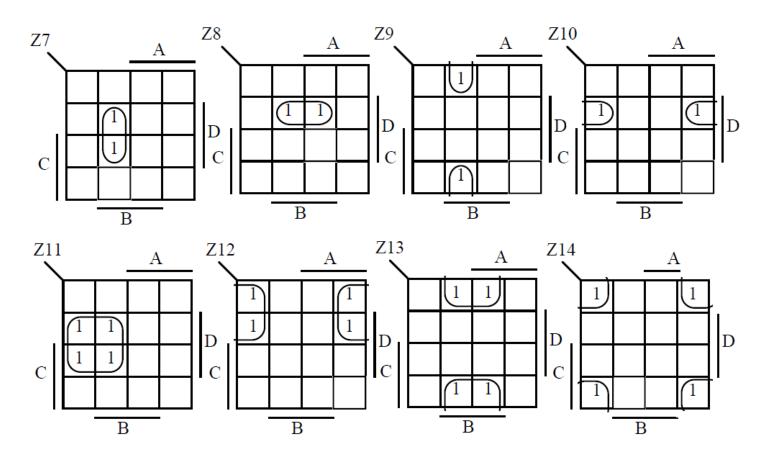
# Basic Karnaugh Map Groupings

#### For Three-Variable Maps



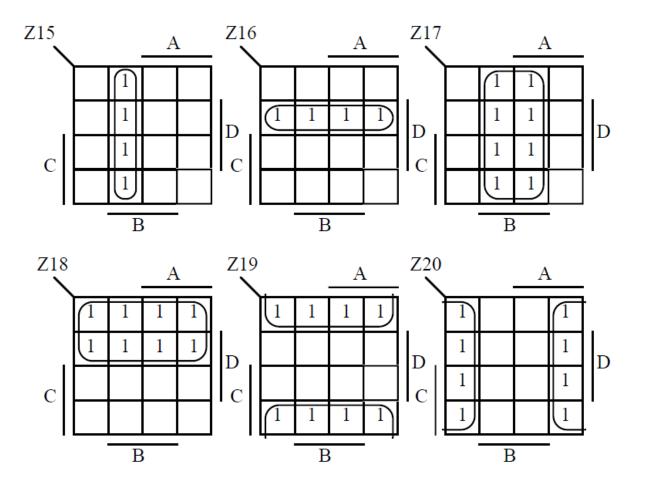
# Basic Karnaugh Map Groupings

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# Basic Karnaugh Map Groupings

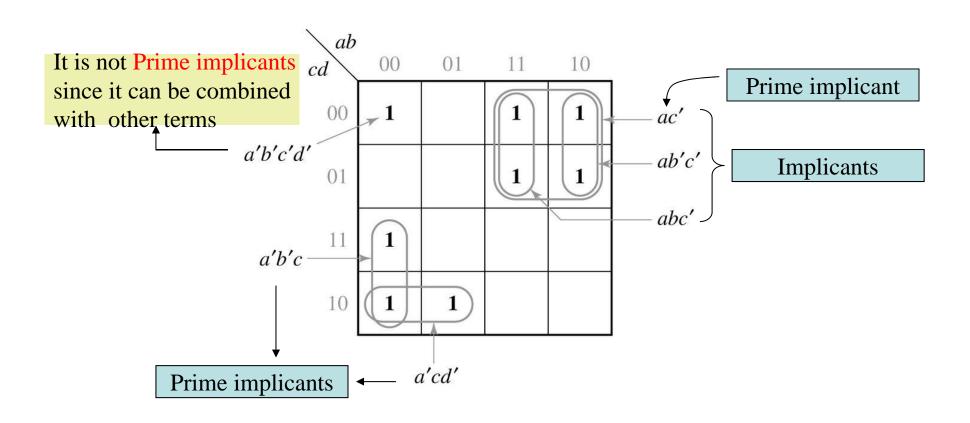
#### For Four-Variable Maps



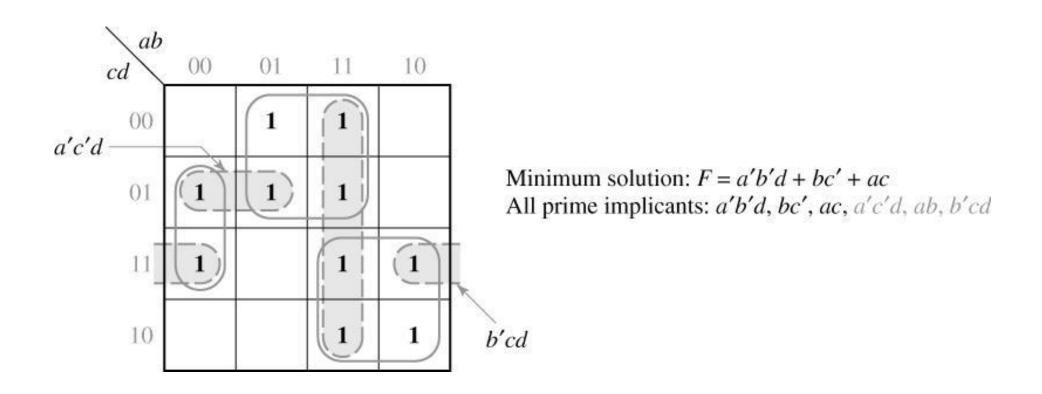
- Implicants of F: Any single '1' or any group of "1's which can be combined together on a Map  $\rightarrow$  each grouping of any size is thus an implicant
- Prime Implicants of F: A product term if it can not be combined with other terms to eliminate variable  $\rightarrow$  a largest possible grouping
- Essential Prime Implicants of F: A prime implicant that is the ONLY cover for some 1's on the map (essential is relative to a particular minterm)
- → always look for E.P.I. first in simplication

#### **Simplification Procedure**

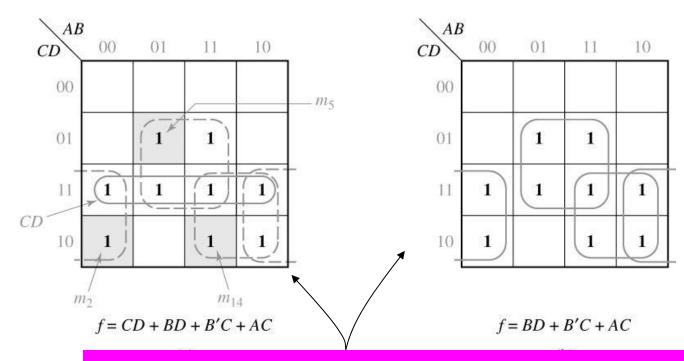
- Step 1) Identify those groupings that are maximal
- Step 2) Use the fewest possible number of maximal groupings



#### **Determination of All Prime Implicants**

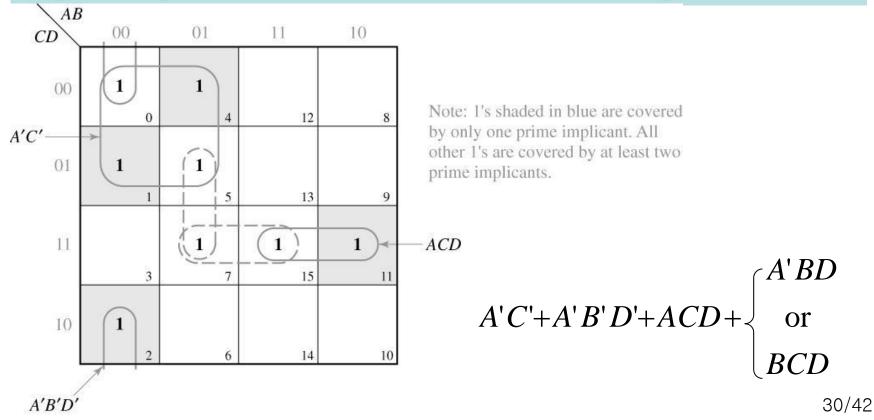


Because all of the prime implicants of a function are generally not needed in forming the minimum sum of products, selecting prime implicants is needed.

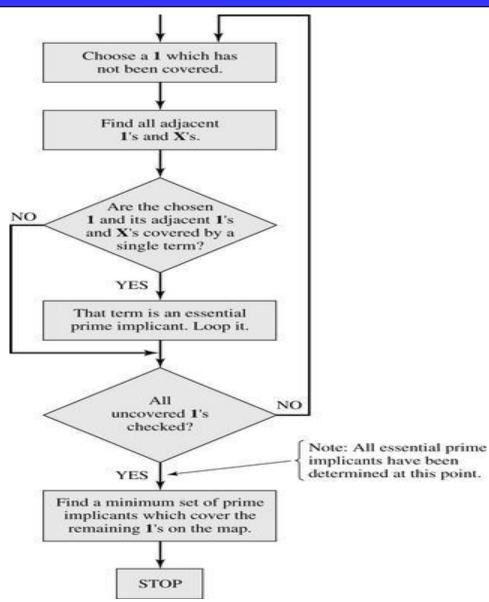


- CD is not needed to cover for minimum expression
- -B'C, AC, BD are "essential" prime implicants
- CD is not an "essential" prime implicant

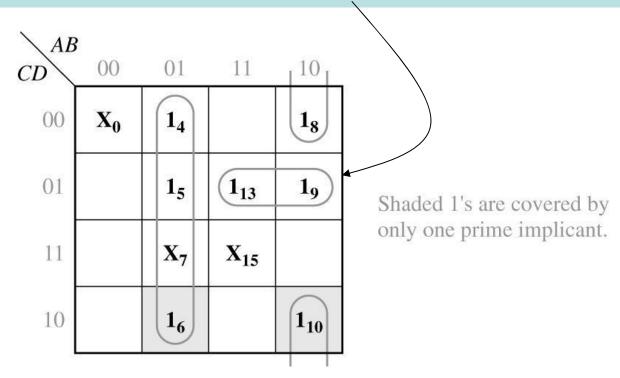
- 1. First, find essential prime implicants
- 2. If minterms are not covered by essential prime implicants only, more prime implicants must be added to form minimum expression.



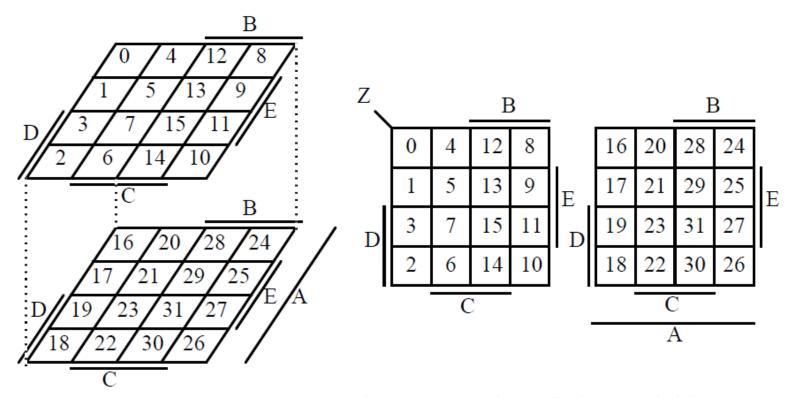
Flowchart for Determining a Minimum Sum of Products Using a Karnaugh Map



- 1) A'B covers  $I_6$  and its adjacent  $\rightarrow$  essential PI
- 2) AB'D' covers  $I_{10}$  and its adjacent  $\rightarrow$  essential PI
- 3) AC'D is chosen for minimal cover  $\rightarrow AC'D$  is not an essential PI



#### Five-Variable Karnaugh Map

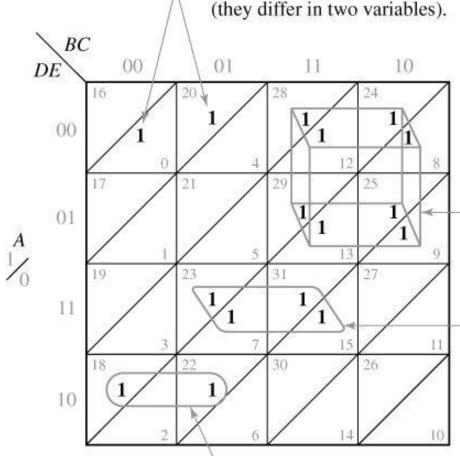


Five-Variable Map Structure

Alternate Version of Five-Variable Map

#### Five-Variable Karnaugh Map

These terms do not combine because they are in different layers and different columns (they differ in two variables).



These eight terms combine to give BD' (B from last two columns and D' from top two rows; A is eliminated because four terms are in the top layer and four in the bottom).

These four terms (two from top layer and two from bottom) combine to yield *CDE* (*C* from the middle two columns and *DE* from the row).

These two terms in the top layer combine to give AB'DE'.

Figure 5-22

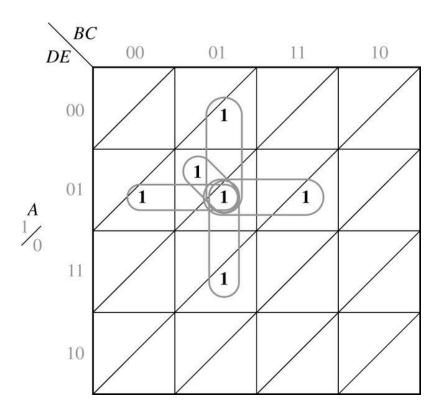
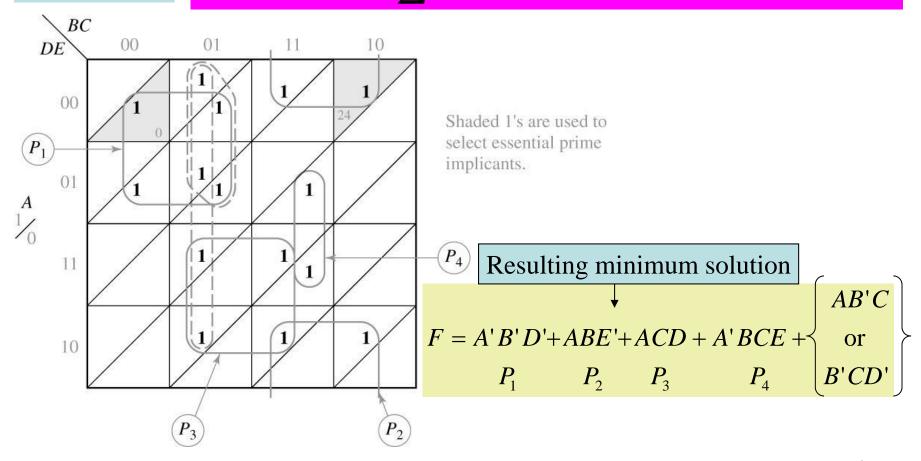
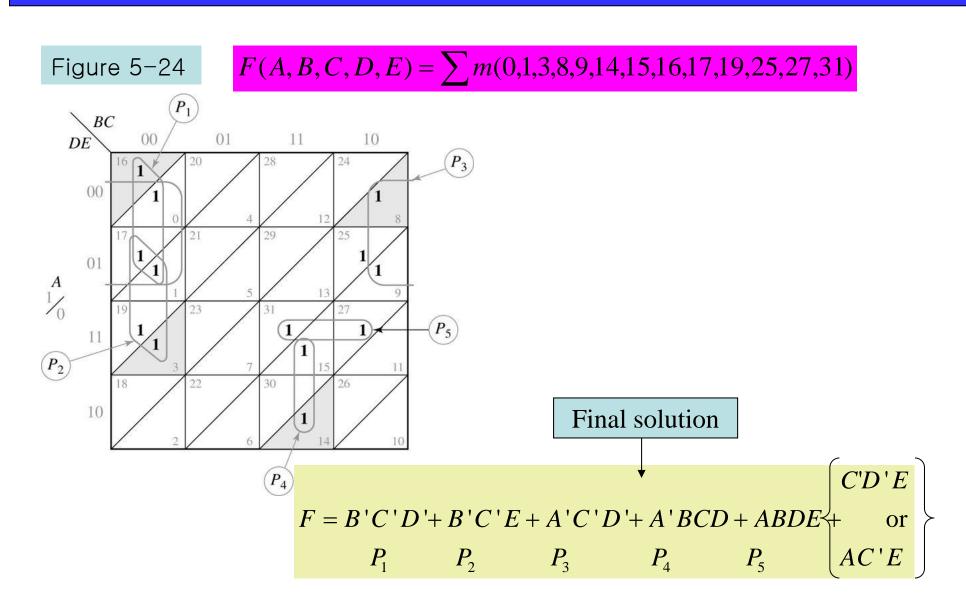


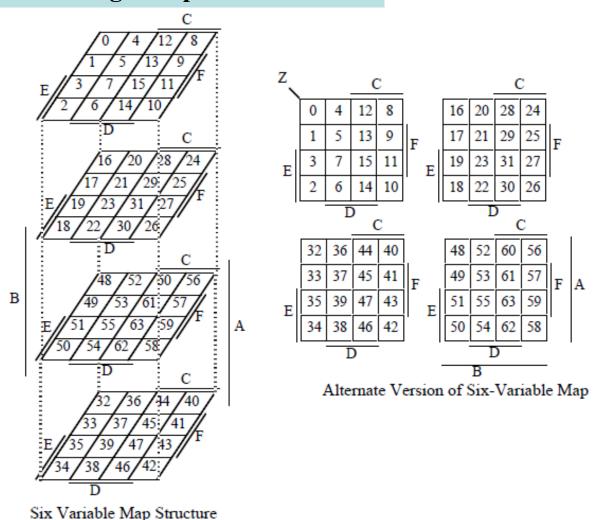
Figure 5-23  $F(A,B,C,D,E) = \sum m(0,1,4,5,13,15,20,21,22,23,24,26,28,30,31)$ 





## Six-Variable Karnaugh Maps

#### Six-Variable Karnaugh Map



## 5.6 Other Uses of Karnaugh Maps

minterm expansion of f is  $f = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15)$ maxterm expansion of f is  $f = \prod M(1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14)$ 

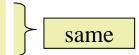
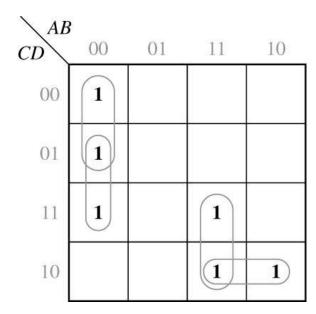


Figure 5-25



$$F = A'B'(C' + D) + AC(B + D')$$

# 5.6 Other Uses of Karnaugh Maps

**Figure 5-26** 

$$F = ABCD + B'CDE + A'B' + BCE'$$

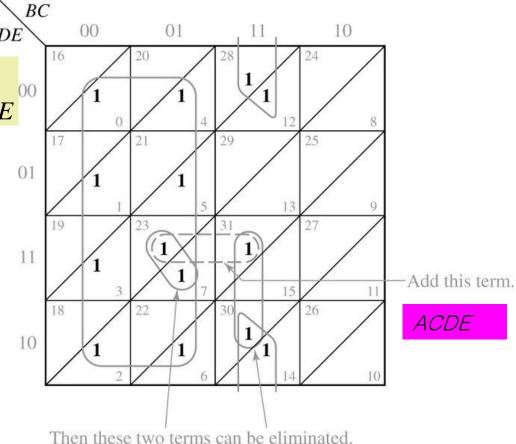
Using the consensus theorem:

$$F = ABCD + B'CDE + A'B' + BCE' + ACDE$$

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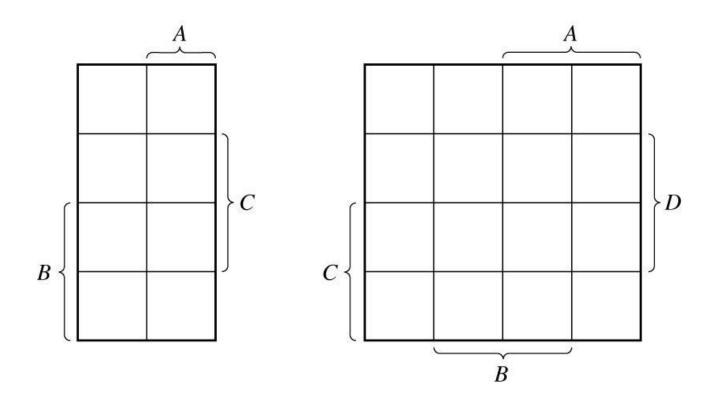
minimum solution:

$$F = A'B' + BCE' + ACDE$$



# 5.7 Other Forms of Karnaugh Maps

#### Figure 5-27. Veitch Diagrams



## 5.7 Other Forms of Karnaugh Maps

#### Figure 5-28. Other Forms of Five-Variable Karnaugh Maps

