

Minterms and Maxterms in Boolean Algebra

Minterms and Maxterms form very basic fundamentals in analysis and designing of digital functions/CKs.

Minterms:- A Product term which contains each of the n-variable in either complemented / non-complemented form.
OR

Each individual term in SOP (Sum of the product) is called as minterm. It can be represented as $\sum m(a, b)$

Maxterm:- A Sum term which contains each of n-variable in either complemented / non-complemented form
OR

Each individual term in POS (Product of Sum) is called as maxterm. It can be represented as $\prod M(a, b)$

for example

for 2-variable fⁿ:-

	A	B	Minterm SOP	Maxterm POS
0	0	0	$\bar{A}\bar{B} \rightarrow m_0$	$A+B \rightarrow M_0$
1	0	1	$\bar{A}B \rightarrow m_1$	$A+\bar{B} \rightarrow M_1$
2	1	0	$A\bar{B} \rightarrow m_2$	$\bar{A}+B \rightarrow M_2$
3	1	1	$AB \rightarrow m_3$	$\bar{A}+\bar{B} \rightarrow M_3$

for three variable A, B, C

	A	B	C	Minterm SOP	Maxterm POS
0	0	0	0	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} \rightarrow m_0$	$A+B+C \rightarrow M_0$
1	0	0	1	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C \rightarrow m_1$	$A+B+\bar{C} \rightarrow M_1$
2	0	1	0	$\bar{A}B\bar{C} \rightarrow m_2$	$A+\bar{B}+C \rightarrow M_2$
3	0	1	1	$\bar{A}BC \rightarrow m_3$	$A+\bar{B}+\bar{C} \rightarrow M_3$
4	1	0	0	$A\bar{B}\bar{C} \rightarrow m_4$	$\bar{A}+B+C \rightarrow M_4$
5	1	0	1	$A\bar{B}C \rightarrow m_5$	$\bar{A}+B+\bar{C} \rightarrow M_5$
6	1	1	0	$AB\bar{C} \rightarrow m_6$	$\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C \rightarrow M_6$
7	1	1	1	$ABC \rightarrow m_7$	$\bar{A}+\bar{B}+\bar{C} \rightarrow M_7$

Variable in Complemented or Uncomplemented form known as LITERAL.

Represent a function in Minterm & Maxterm:-

① Minterm $f(A, B) = AB + \bar{A}B$

1 1	0 1
↓ Binary to decimal ↓	
3 → m_3	1 → m_1

$$f(A, B) = \sum m(1, 3)$$

By this f^n we can generalize the SOP form also

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hly } f(A, B) &= \sum m(1, 3) \\ &= m_1 + m_3 \\ &= 01 + 11 \\ &= \bar{A}B + AB \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{② } f(A, B, C) &= m_2 + m_3 + m_5 \\ &= 010 + 011 + 101 \\ &= \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{③ } f(A, B, C) &= \sum m(0, 1, 4, 5) \\ &= m_0 + m_1 + m_4 + m_5 \\ &= (\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}) + (\bar{A}\bar{B}C) + (A\bar{B}\bar{C}) + (A\bar{B}C) \end{aligned}$$

Maxterm $f(A, B) = (A+B)(\bar{A}+B)$

0 0	1 0
↓	↓
0 (M_0)	2 (M_2)

$$f(A, B) = \prod M[0, 2]$$

POS form $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 0, 0 \\ (A+B) \end{matrix} \right\}$ $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1, 0 \\ (\bar{A}+B) \end{matrix} \right\}$

Can also generalize them.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hly } f(A, B) &= \prod M[0, 2] \\ &= M_0 \cdot M_2 \\ &= (A+B) \cdot (\bar{A}+B) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{② } f(A, B, C) &= M_3 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6 \\ &= 011 \quad 100 \quad 101 \quad 110 \\ &= (A+\bar{B}+\bar{C}) (\bar{A}+B+C) (\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}) (\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{③ } f(A, B, C) &= \prod M[0, 1, 4, 5] \\ &= M_0 \cdot M_1 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_5 \\ &= (A+B+C) (A+B+\bar{C}) (\bar{A}+B+C) (\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}) \end{aligned}$$

Ques: ① $f(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 6)$

② $f(A, B, C) = \prod M(1, 4, 5, 7)$

③ $f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(1, 2, 9, 13, 14)$

Minimal to Canonical form Conversion (SOP)

Ques.

$$f = \bar{A} + \bar{B} \bar{C}$$

$$= \bar{A} \cdot 1 + \bar{B} \bar{C} \cdot 1$$

$$= \bar{A}(B + \bar{B}) + \bar{B} \bar{C}(A + \bar{A})$$

$$= \bar{A}B \cdot 1 + \bar{A}\bar{B} \cdot 1 + \bar{B} \bar{C}A + \bar{B} \bar{C}\bar{A}$$

$$= \bar{A}B(C + \bar{C}) + \bar{A}\bar{B}(C + \bar{C}) + \bar{B} \bar{C}A + \bar{B} \bar{C}\bar{A}$$

$$= \bar{A}BC + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \underline{\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}} + \bar{B} \bar{C}A + \underline{\bar{B} \bar{C}\bar{A}}$$

$$= \bar{A}BC + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$$

$$= \begin{matrix} (3) & (2) & (1) & (4) & (0) \end{matrix} \quad \left[\because A+A=A \right]$$

Decimal equivalent
to Binary

$$f = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 4) \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 4)} \right\} \underline{\underline{\text{minterm}}}$$
$$= m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + m_4$$

$$f = \pi M(5, 6, 7) \quad \left. \vphantom{\pi M(5, 6, 7)} \right\} \underline{\underline{\text{Maxterm}}}$$
$$= M_5 \cdot M_6 \cdot M_7$$

Minimal to Canonical form Conversion for POS :-

Ques. $f = (A+B+\bar{C})(\bar{A}+C)$

$$= (A+B+\bar{C})(\bar{A}+B+C)(\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C)$$

$$\left[\because (\bar{A}+C) = \bar{A}+C+B\bar{B} \right. \\ \left. = (\bar{A}+C+B)(\bar{A}+C+\bar{B}) \text{ by Distributed Law} \right]$$

$$= (A+B+\bar{C})(\bar{A}+B+C)(\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C)$$

$$= \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$f = \pi M(1, 4, 6)$$

KARNAUGH MAP

K-MAP Representation of logic functions:-

It is a graphical technique for simplifying or reducing a function used for any no. of variables.

Disadvantage:- It has no unique solⁿ

- # In n variable K-map there are 2^n cells
- # The ordering of variable is done in such a way that only one variable changes at a time b/w adjacent cells.
- # Overlapping and rolling the map is possible.
- # Top-bottom, first & last columns are taken as continuous

2-variable Map:-

$2^n = 2^2 = 4$ minterms \therefore map consists 4 cells

A \ B	0	1
0	00 (0)	01 (1)
1	10 (2)	11 (3)

3-variable Map:- $2^3 = 8$

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	3	2
1	4	5	7	6

AB \ C	0	1
00	0	1
01	2	3
11	6	7
10	4	5

4-variable Map:-

$2^4 = 16$ cells

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

5-Variable Map

$$2^5 = 32$$

AB \ CDE	000	001	011	010	110	111	101	100
00	0	1	3	2	6	7	5	4
01	8	9	11	10	14	15	13	12
11	24	25	27	26	30	31	29	28
10	16	17	19	18	22	23	21	20

Implicants:- The group of 1's is always called implicants

Prime Implicants:- The largest possible group of 1's

Essential Prime Implicant:- It is single 1 which can't be combined in any other way

Ques:- $f(A, B, C) = \sum m(1, 3, 5, 7)$
 \downarrow
 SOP

① Find out no. of variables. $n = 3 \{A, B, C\}$

② No. of cells = $2^n = 2^3 = 8$

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	1	3
1	4	1	1	6

Implicants.

$$f = I$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f = C}$$

Ques:- 2

$$f(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 4, 7)$$

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
	0	1	3	2
0	1	1		1
1	1		1	
	4	5	7	6

Groupings: I (00, 10), II (01, 11), III (00, 01), IV (11, 10)

$$F = I + II + III + IV$$

$$\overline{B}\overline{C} + \overline{A}\overline{B} + \overline{A}\overline{C} + BC A$$

Ques:- 3

$$f(A, B, C) = \sum m(1, 3, 6, 7)$$

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
	0	1	3	2
0		1	1	
1			1	1
	4	5	7	6

Groupings: I (11, 10), II (01, 11), III (11, 10) (Redundant)

$$F = I + II + III$$

$$AB + \overline{A}C + BC$$

neglect
 \therefore By Redundant theorem (Each variable repeated 2 times keep the variable in comp. & neglect others.)

Ques:- 4

$$f(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 5, 6, 7)$$

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
	0	1	3	2
0	1	1		
1			1	1
	4	5	7	6

Groupings: I (00, 10), II (01, 11), III (11, 10)

$$f = I + II + III$$

$$= AB + \overline{A}\overline{B} + AC$$

Ques:- 5

$$f(A, B, C) = \sum m(2, 3, 4, 5) + \sum d(6, 7)$$

A \ BC	00	01	11	10
	0	1	3	2
0			1	1
1	1	1	X	X
	4	5	7	6

Groupings: I (11, 10), II (01, 11)

$$f = I + II$$

$$= \overline{A}B + A\overline{B}$$

Consider Don't care (X) to reduce the function by taking max. variable

A \ Bc	00	01	11	10	
0			1	1	Quad 1
1	1	1	1	1	Quad 2

$$f = \text{Quad 1} + \text{Quad 2}$$

$$f = B + A \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Ques: $f = A + \bar{B}C$ Find the no. of minterms in Canonical.

$$f = A + \bar{B}C$$

$$= A \cdot 1 + \bar{B}C \cdot 1$$

$$= A(B + \bar{B}) + \bar{B}C(A + \bar{A})$$

$$= AB \cdot 1 + A\bar{B} \cdot 1 + \bar{B}CA + \bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{A}$$

$$= AB(C + \bar{C}) + A\bar{B}(C + \bar{C}) + A\bar{B}C + \bar{A}\bar{B}C$$

$$= ABC + AB\bar{C} + \underline{A\bar{B}C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \underline{\bar{A}\bar{B}C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$$

$$= ABC + AB\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$$

So, no. of minterms $\rightarrow 5$

Ques: Simplify the following Boolean expression using K-map.

$$f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)$$

Soln

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

$$2^4 = 16$$

$$f = B + A$$

or

$$f = \underline{\underline{A + B}}$$

Ques!:- Simplify $f(A, B, C) = \bar{A}BC + B\bar{C} + AB\bar{C} + ABC$

Using K-Map in SOP & POS form.

Soln

$\backslash BC$	$\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$\bar{B}C$	BC	$B\bar{C}$
\bar{A}			1	1
A		1		1

Groupings: I (cells 3, 4), II (cells 4, 5), III (cell 2)

$$f = I + II + III$$

$$= B\bar{A} + B\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C \rightarrow \text{SOP}$$

$$f = \sum m(2, 3, 5, 6)$$

$$f = \prod M[0, 1, 4, 7] \rightarrow \text{POS}$$

$\backslash BC$	$\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$\bar{B}C$	BC	$B\bar{C}$
\bar{A}	0	0		
A	0		0	

Groupings: I (cells 0, 1), II (cells 0, 4), III (cell 3)

$$\bar{f} = I + II + III$$

$$\bar{f} = \bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C$$

$$\bar{f} = \overline{\bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C}$$

$$\therefore f = (A+B) \cdot (B+C) + (\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C})$$

[Using De-Morgan's Law]

Ques!:- $f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15)$

$\backslash CD$	00	01	11	10
00	1	1		1
01		1	1	
11		1	1	
10	1			1

Groupings: I (cells 0, 1, 2, 3), II (cells 1, 5, 7, 3), III (cells 0, 4, 8), IV (cells 2, 6, 10), V (cells 12, 13, 15), VI (cells 8, 9, 10, 11)

$$f = I + II + III$$

$$= \bar{D}B + \bar{C}D + \bar{D}B$$