

Limitation of Boolean algebra in simplification of Boolean expression.

$$\begin{aligned} f(A, B, C) &= \sum m(0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7) \\ &= \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C + ABC \\ &= \bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B + A\bar{B} + AC \quad \text{--- (i)} \end{aligned}$$

The expression which is not possible to simplify any more further is called an irredundant or irreducible expression.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C + ABC \\ &= \bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{B}\bar{C} + BC + AC \quad \text{--- (ii)} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= \overline{A}\overline{C} + BC + A\overline{B} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

exp (i), (ii) and (iii) are irredundant expression
where expression (iii) is minimal expression.

- Minimal expression is the expression which must contain minimum number of terms and each term with minimum no. of literals.
- The given function may be having more than one form of an irredundant expression.
- All irredundant expression may not be minimal.
- Minimal expression may not be unique.

To overcome these problem we use some systematic approach or methods for simplification of expression:

→ K-Map

→ Quine Mc clusky Method

K-Map :-

K-Map is an alternative way of writing truth table.

Truth Table $\leftrightarrow 2^n$ rows

k-map $\leftrightarrow 2^n$ cells

$f(A, B)$

	\bar{B}	B
\bar{A}	0	1
A	1	0

	\bar{A}	A
\bar{B}	0	1
B	1	0

$f(x, y, z)$

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

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

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

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

$$f(A, B, C, D)$$

\swarrow CD \nearrow	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

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

In the K-map if any two cell products are differ in only one-variable, such two cells are said to be adjacent cell.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\rightarrow \bar{A}B \\ 3 &\rightarrow AB \end{aligned}$$

$$(cell\ 1 \leftrightarrow cell\ 3)$$

$$(5, 6, 7, 8)$$

NOTE:- In a funcⁿ of n variable any reference cell i , the no. of adjacent cells are n .

$$f(A, B) = \sum m(0, 2, 3)$$

\swarrow B \nearrow	\bar{B}	B
\bar{A} 0	0	1
A 1	2	3

2 cells

4 cells

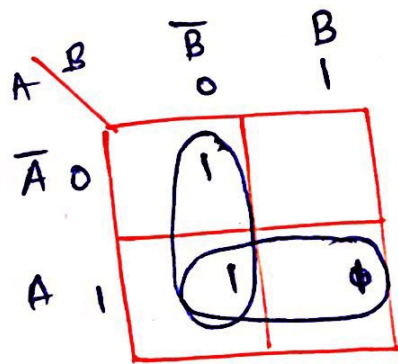
8 cells

2^m cells

subcube

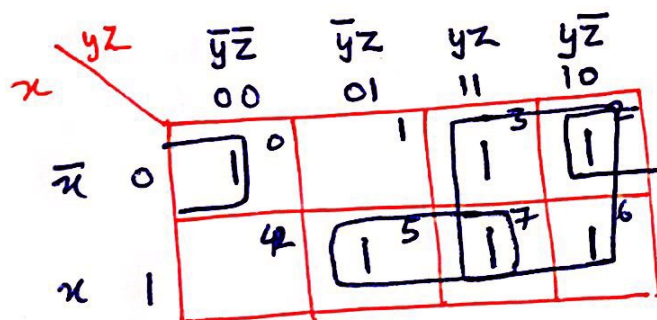
It is possible to group 2 cells if and only those two cells are adjacent to each other.

whatever the variables which are common in on the total subcubes only those variables are present in the product representation of the subcubes.



$$Y = A + \bar{B}$$

Eg:- $f(x, y, z) = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7)$



$$f = y + \bar{x}z + xz$$

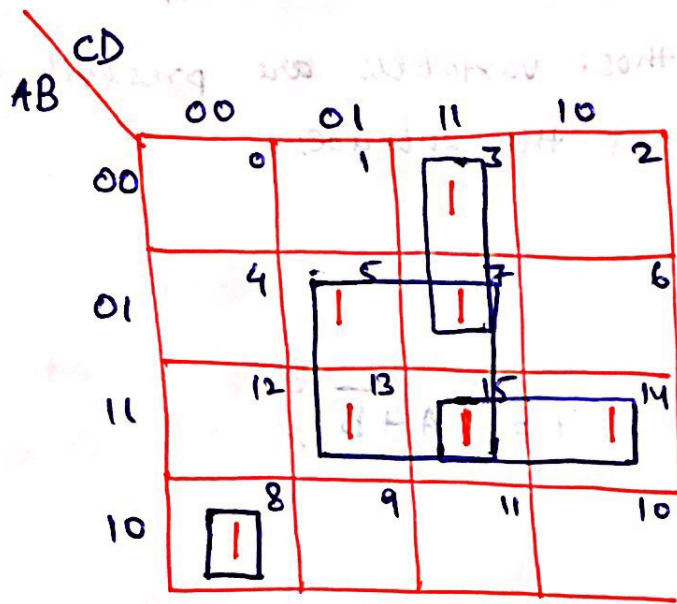
Steps:-

- (i) Identify all independent cells
- (ii) Mark all possible 2 cell subcubes such that there should not be part of any larger size subcubes

(iii) Mark all possible 4-cell subcubes such that they should not be part of any larger size subcubes.

Eg:- Write minimal SOP expression for the function:

$$f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15)$$



$$Y = \underline{AB\bar{C}\bar{D} + BD + ACD + ABC}$$

Q. In funcⁿ of n variables, consider a possible sub-cube 2^m cells. The subcube product is represented with how many number of literals.

$$\text{Number of variables eliminated} = m$$

$$\text{so, variables in product of subcube} = (n - m)$$

Subcube	2^m	elements
2-cell	1	1
4-cell	2	2
8-cell	3	3
2^m -cells	m	m

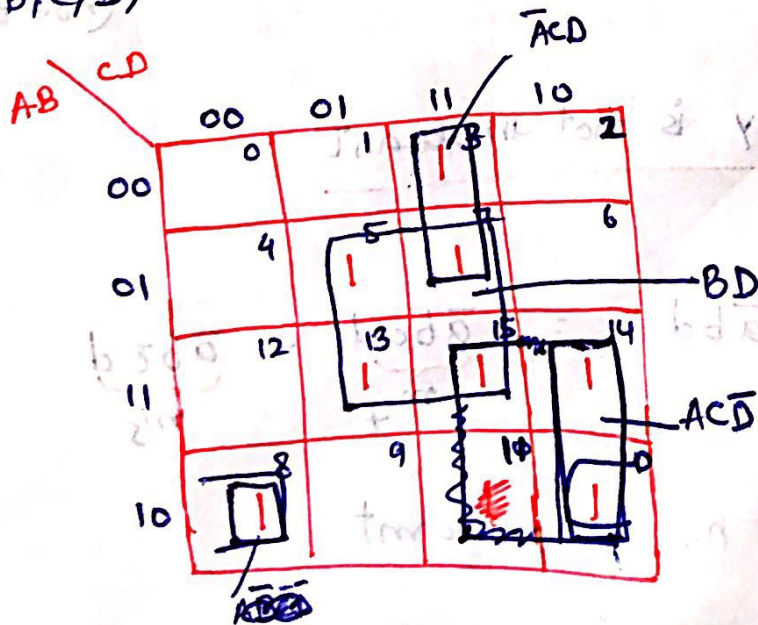
A subcube 2^m cells is possible if and only in that subcube for every cell m no. of cells must be adjacent cells.

Implicant:- all covering and prime implicants

If a product h is covered by the given function f , then the product h is said to be implicant for the function f .

$$h \rightarrow f$$

$$\text{let } f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15)$$



$$Y = \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C} + A\overline{C}\overline{D} + \overline{A}C\overline{D} + BD$$

Q. For the above funcⁿ which of the given product list are implicants.

$$h_x = abc \quad \checkmark$$

$$h_y = \overline{a}bc \quad \times$$

$$h_z = \overline{a}bd \quad \checkmark$$

$$h_x = abc(d + \overline{d}) = \underbrace{abcd}_{m_{15}} + \underbrace{abc\overline{d}}_{m_{14}}$$

m_{15} and m_{14} are present in functⁿ f

so, h_x is implicant

$$h_y = \overline{a}bc(d + \overline{d}) = \underbrace{\overline{a}bcd}_{m_7} + \underbrace{\overline{a}bc\overline{d}}_{m_6}$$

(not present)

h_y is not implicant

$$h_z = \overline{a}bd = \underbrace{\overline{a}bcd}_{m_7} + \underbrace{\overline{a}b\overline{c}d}_{m_5}$$

h_z is implicant

Prime implicants :-

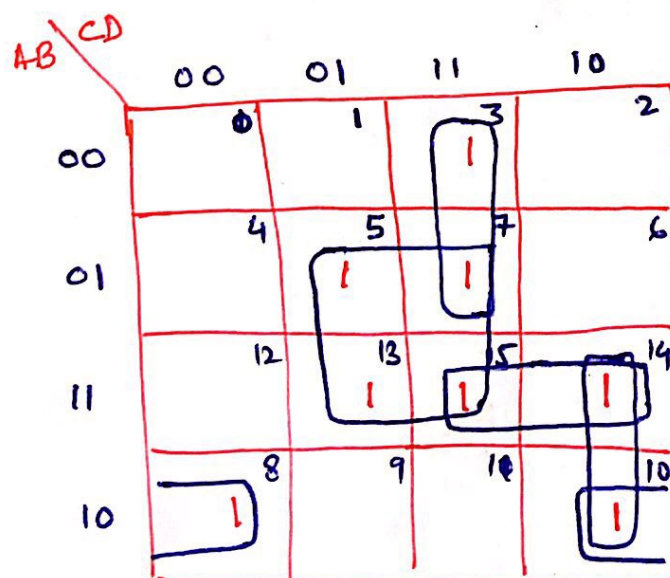
Prime implicant is a smallest possible product term, removing any ^{one} of the literal from which it is not possible.

- Q. $h_1 = BD$ ✓
 $h_2 = \overline{A}CD$ ✓
 $h_3 = A\overline{B}\overline{D}$ ✓
 $h_4 = A\overline{C}\overline{D}$ ✓
 $h_5 = ABC$ ✓
 $h_6 = \overline{B}\overline{C}D$ ✗
 $h_7 = ABD$ ✗

For the given funcⁿ $f(A, B, C, D)$
 $= \sum m(3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15)$ from
the given product list h_1 to h_7 ,
how many products are prime
-implicants.

Q. For the given funcⁿ $f(A, B, C, D)$ no. of prime
implicants 5.

$$f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15)$$



Number of prime implicants for the given number are equal to no. of all possible largest size subcubes in the K-Map.

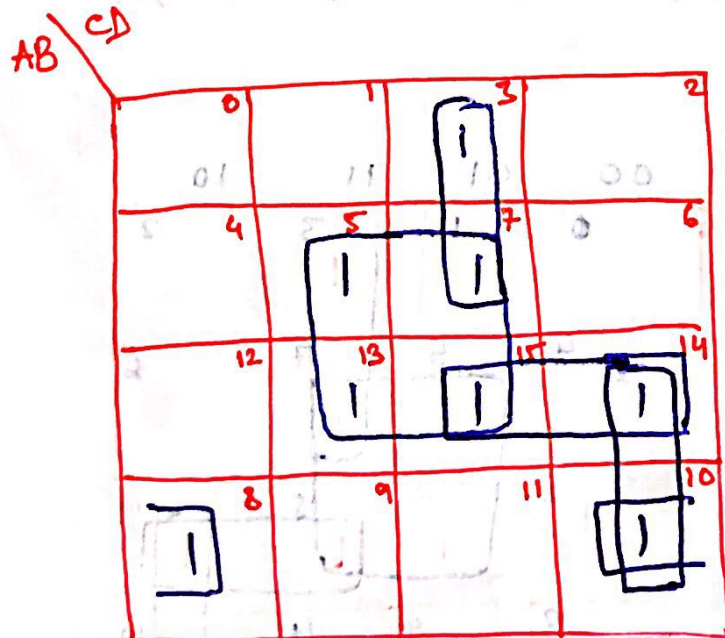
For minimal expression, prime implicants are needed only.

Essential Prime implicants :-

It is a prime implicant, ^{it must} ~~which~~ covers at least 1 minterm which is not covered by any other prime implicant.

Q. For the funcⁿ $f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15)$

no. of Essential PI 3.



EPI $h_1 = BD (5, 7, 13, 15)$

EPI $h_2 = \bar{A}CD (3, 7)$

EPI $h_3 = A\bar{B}\bar{D} (8, 10)$

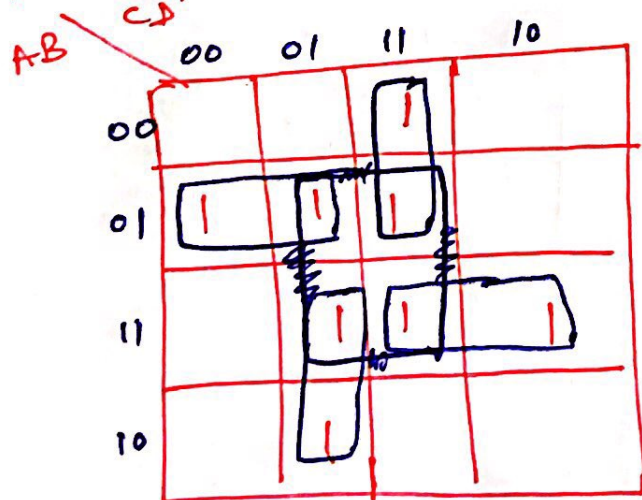
$\times h_4 = A\bar{C}\bar{D} (10, 14)$

$\times h_5 = ABC (14, 15)$

Out of 5 PI only 3 are EPI (h_1, h_2, h_3)

- No. of EPI for the given funcⁿ are equal to no. of all possible larger size subcubes in which atleast 1 cell is without overlapping.
- Essential PI must present in all possible minimal expressions.
- To cover uncovered minterms (i.e not covered by EPI's) use smallest possible PI set (i.e other than EPI's)

Q. Find number of PI, EPI and write all possible minimal expressions.



$PI = 4 + 1 = 5$

$EPI = 4$

$(Y = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}CD + ABC + A\bar{C}\bar{D})$

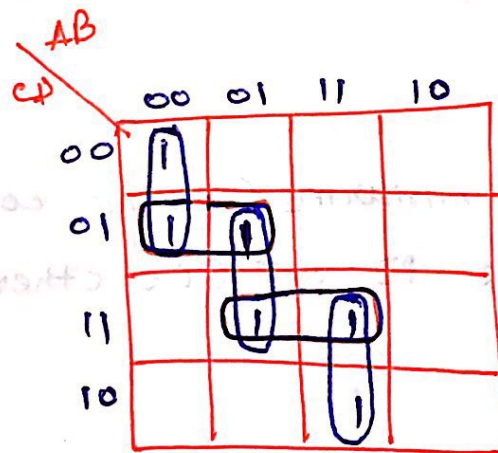
Here EPI covers all the minterms so there is no need to use other PI, Hence here it is a unique minimal form.

NOTE: If funcⁿ having unique minimal form, then the PI which are present in the minimal expression must be a unique EPI.

(a) True

(b) False

Q. Find the number of PI, EPI and write all possible minimal expressions:



EPI = 2 ,

PI = 3 + 2 = 5

EPI $h_1 = \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C}$

$h_2 = \overline{A}\overline{C}D$

$h_3 = \overline{A}BD$

$h_4 = B\overline{C}D$

EPI $h_5 = ABC$

$$Y = \overline{A}\overline{B}\overline{C} + ABC + \overline{A}BD$$