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Prime Implicants

- Prime Implicants
 - Essential Prime Implicants
 - Non-essential prime implicants
- Product-of-Sums optimization
- Don't cares

Implicants

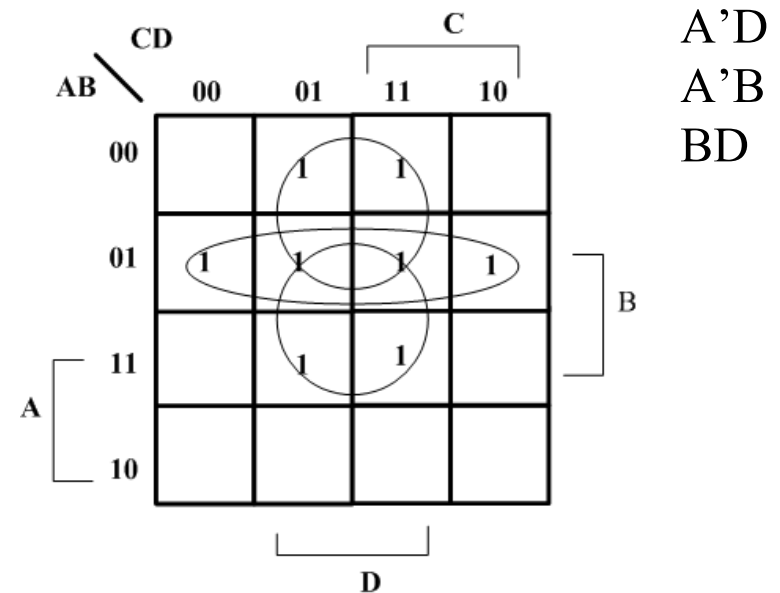
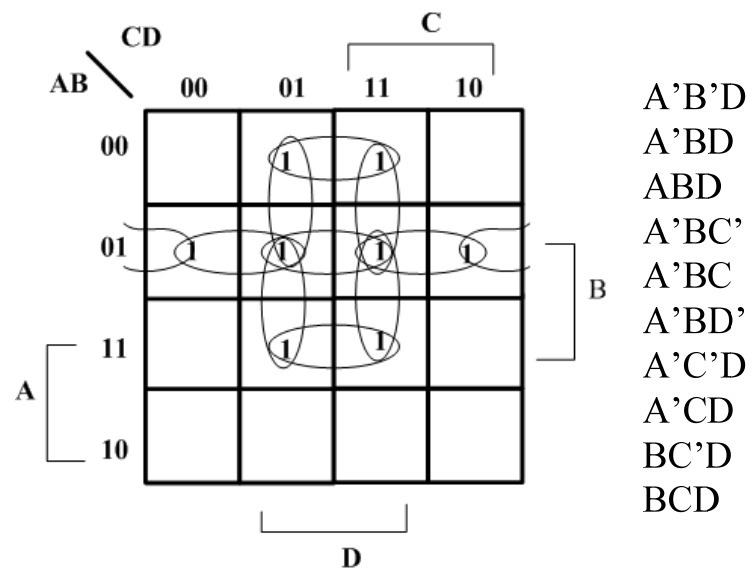
- Must cover all 1s of the function on K-map
 - Each 1 can be used multiple times in generating the terms of the expression
- When you group 1's on a K-map, generating a term, that term is an *implicant* of the function
 - Prime Implicants
 - Essential Prime Implicants

Prime Implicant

- If removal of an any literal from an implicant P results in a product term that is not an implicant of the function, then P is a prime implicant.

Implicants

- Implicants with 2 1s with 4 1s



Some general statements on PI

- A single 1 on a map is a prime implicant if is not adjacent to any other 1 of the function.
- Two adjacent 1s on a map represent a prime implicant, provided that they are not within a rectangle of 4 or more squares containing 1s.
- Four 1's that are an implicant are a prime implicant if they are not within a group of 8.

Essential Prime Implicant

- A prime implicant that contains a 1 that is not covered by any other prime implicant of the function is an essential prime implicant.
- *IT MUST BE INCLUDED IN ANY MINIMAL REPRESENTATION OF THE FUNCTION.*

Karnaugh Map Examples

In the following examples the distinguished 1-cells are marked in the upper left corner of the cell with an asterisk (*). The essential prime implicants are circled in **blue**, the prime implicants are circled in **black**, and the non-essential prime implicants included in the minimal sum are shown in **red**.

Example 1

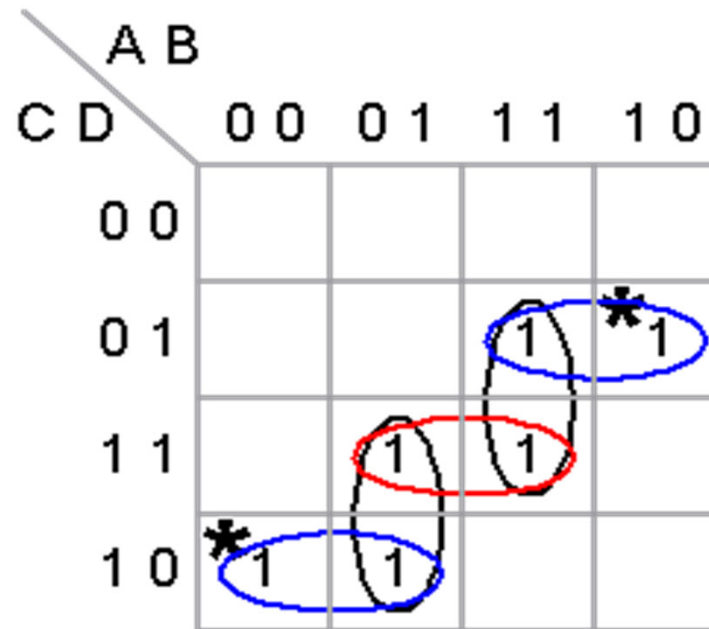
Prime Implicants: 5

Distinguished 1-Cells: 2

Essential Prime Implicants: 2

Minimal Sums: 1

$$Y = A'CD' + AC'D + BCD$$



Example 2

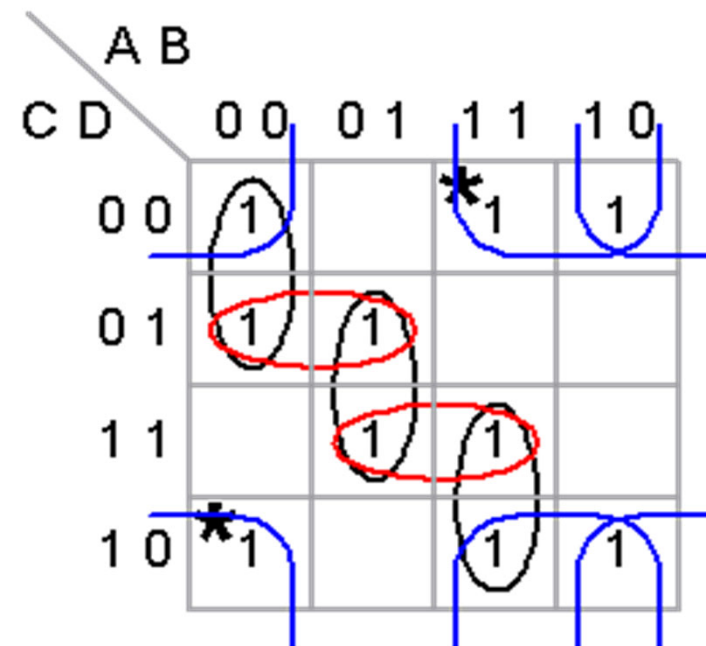
Prime Implicants: 7

Distinguished 1-Cells: 2

Essential Prime Implicants: 2

Minimal Sums: 1

$$Y = B'D' + AD' + A'C'D + BCD$$



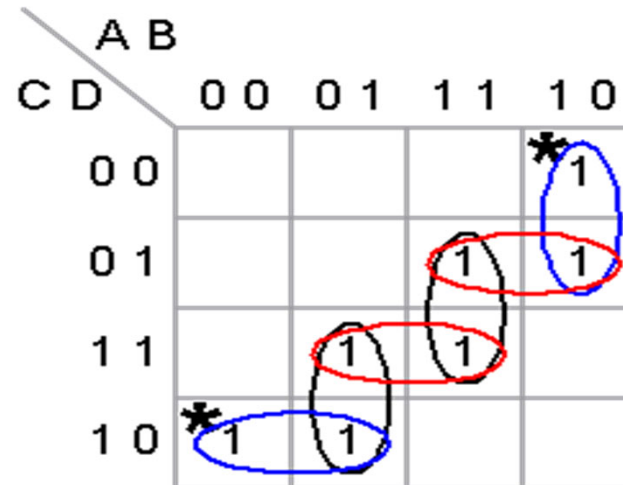
Example 3

Prime Implicants: 6

Distinguished 1-Cells: 2

Essential Prime Implicants: 2

Minimal Sums: 3



$$Y = AB'C' + A'CD' + AC'D + BCD$$

$$Y = AB'C' + A'CD' + ABD + A'BC$$

$$= AB'C' + A'CD' + ABD + BCD$$

Example 4

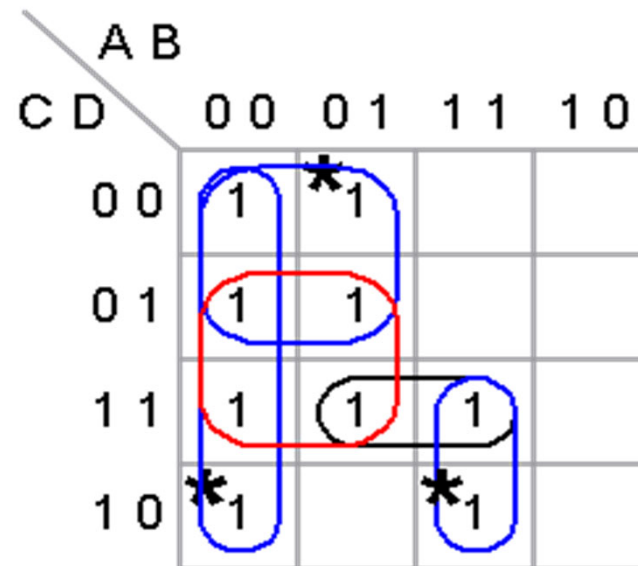
Prime Implicants: 5

Distinguished 1-Cells: 3

Essential Prime Implicants: 3

Minimal Sums: 1

$$Y = A'B' + A'C' + ABC + A'D$$



Example 5

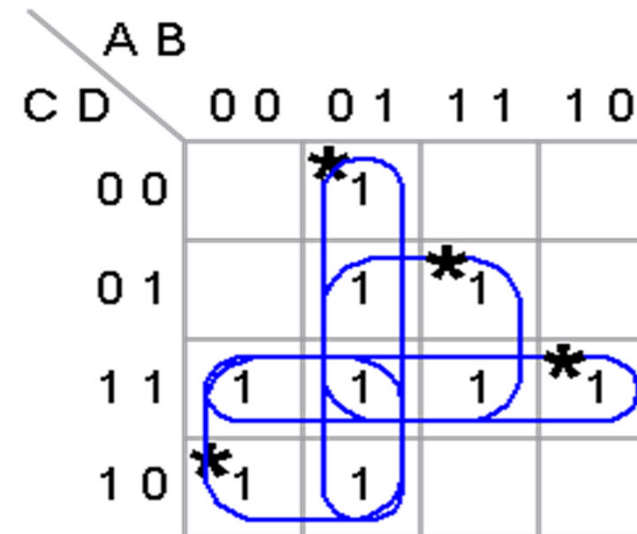
Prime Implicants: 4

Distinguished 1-Cells: 4

Essential Prime Implicants: 4

Minimal Sums: 1

$$Y = A'C + A'B + BD + CD$$



Prime Implicants: 8

Distinguished 1-Cells: 0

Essential Prime Implicants: 0

Minimal Sums: 2

$$Y = A'B'C + A'BD + ABC' + AB'D$$

$$Y = B'CD' + A'CD + BC'D + AC'D$$

