

## Unit 5. Karnaugh Maps

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# Objectives – To Learn

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## Topics introduced in this chapter

- ⇒ Given a function (completely or incompletely specified) of three to five variable, plot it on a Karnaugh map. This function may be given in minterm, maxterm, or algebraic form.
- ⇒ Obtain the minimum sum-of-products or minimum product-of-sums form of a function from the map.
- ⇒ Understand the relation between operations performed using the map and the corresponding algebraic operation.

# Minimum Form of Switching Functions

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

**Do this repeatedly to eliminate 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.**

# Minimum Forms of Switching Functions

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

$$F(a,b,c) = \sum m(0,1,2,5,6,7)$$
$$F = a'b'c' + a'b'c + a'bc' + ab'c + abc' + abc$$
$$= a'b' + b'c + bc' + ab$$

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

# Minimum Forms of Switching Functions

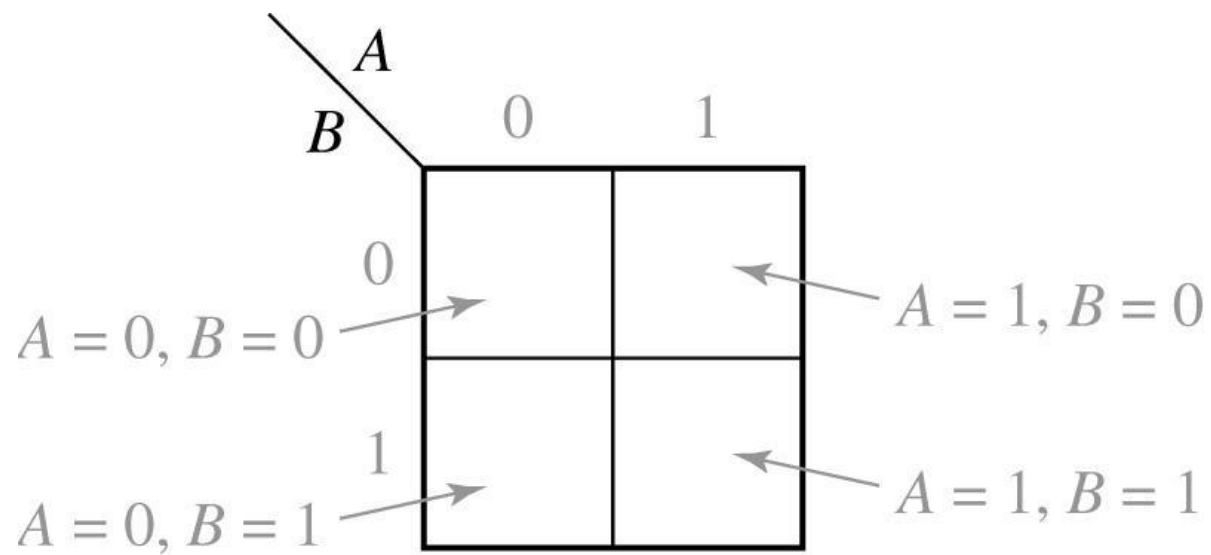
**Example: Find a minimum product-of-sums**

$$\begin{aligned} & (A+B'+C+D')(A+B'+C'+D')(A+B'+C'+D)(A'+B'+C'+D)(A+B+C'+D)(A'+B+C'+D) \\ &= (A+B'+D')(A+B'+C')(B'+C'+D)(B+C'+D) \\ &= (A+B'+D')(A+B'+C')(C'+D) \\ &= (A+B'+D')(C'+D) \end{aligned}$$

**Eliminate by consensus**

# Two-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## A 2-variable Karnaugh Map

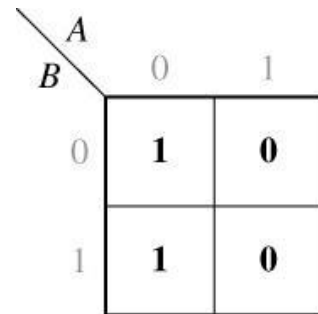


# Two-Variable Karnaugh Maps

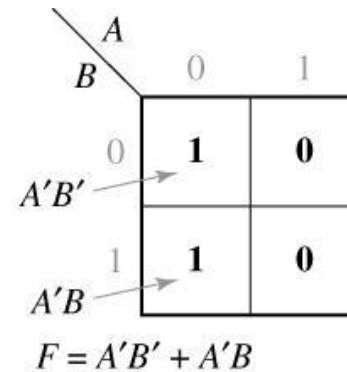
## Truth Table for a function F

A	B	F
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

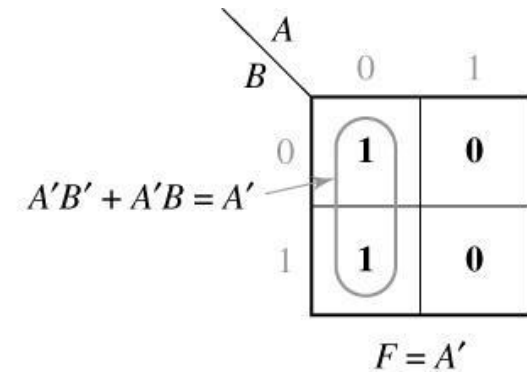
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## 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)

		A	
		0	1
BC	00	0	1
	01	0	0
	11	1	0
	10	1	1
		F	

$ABC = 001, F = 0$  →

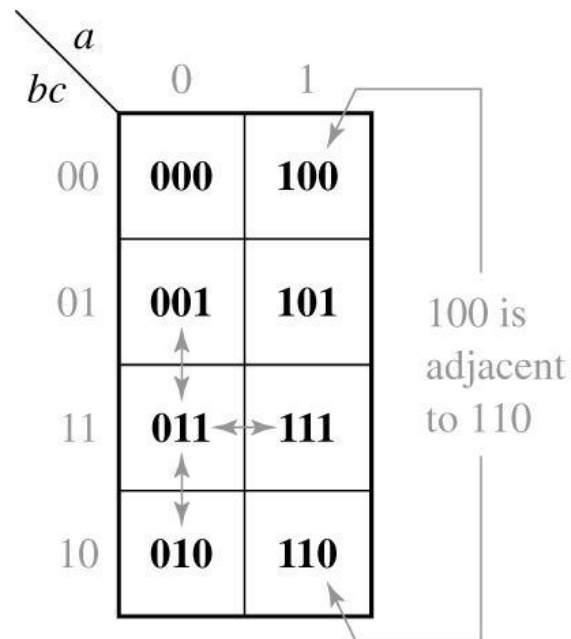
←  $ABC = 110, F = 1$

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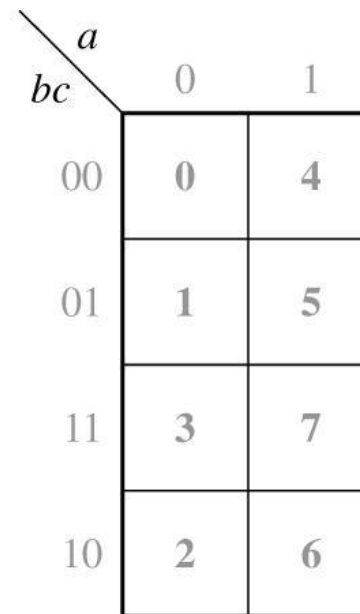


# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

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



(a) Binary notation



(b) Decimal notation

# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

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

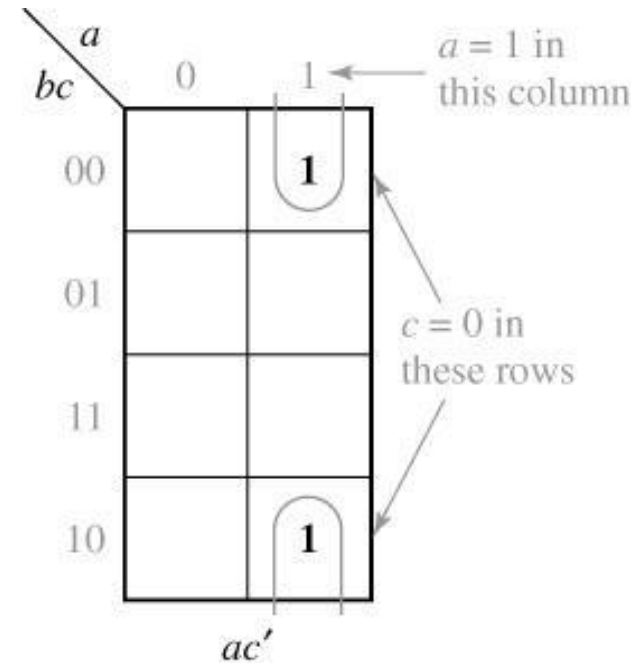
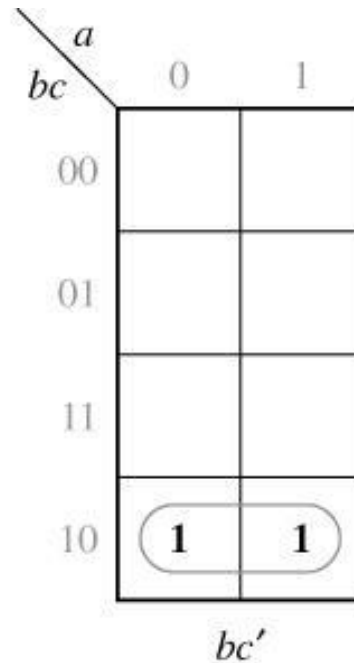
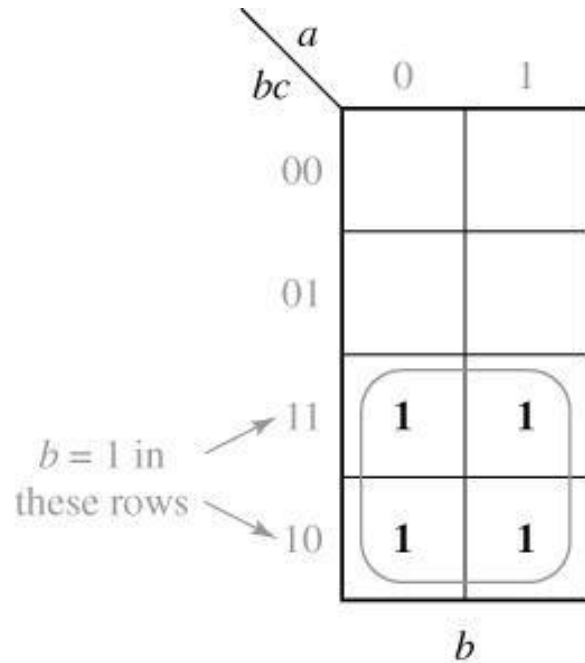
$a \backslash bc$		0	1
00	<b>0</b> 0	<b>0</b> 4	
01	<b>1</b> 1	<b>1</b> 5	
11	<b>1</b> 3	<b>0</b> 7	
10	<b>0</b> 2	<b>0</b> 6	

$$F(a, b, c) = m_1 + m_3 + m_5$$

$$= M_0 M_2 M_4 M_6 M_7$$

# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Karnaugh Maps for Product Terms

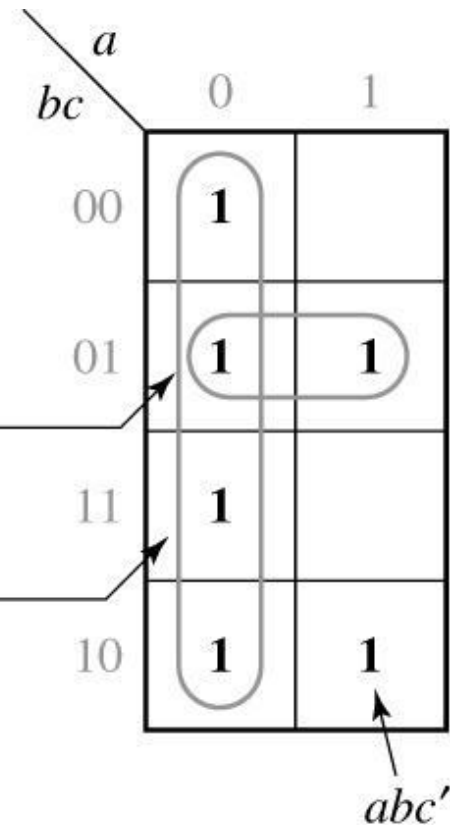


# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## 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  $x + x = x$ .)



# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Simplification of a Three-Variable Function

$a \backslash bc$	0	1
00		
01	1	1
11	1	
10		

$$F = \sum m(1, 3, 5)$$

(a) Plot of minterms

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= a'b'c + a'bc \\ &= a'c \end{aligned}$$

$a \backslash bc$	0	1
00		
01	1	1
11	1	
10		

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

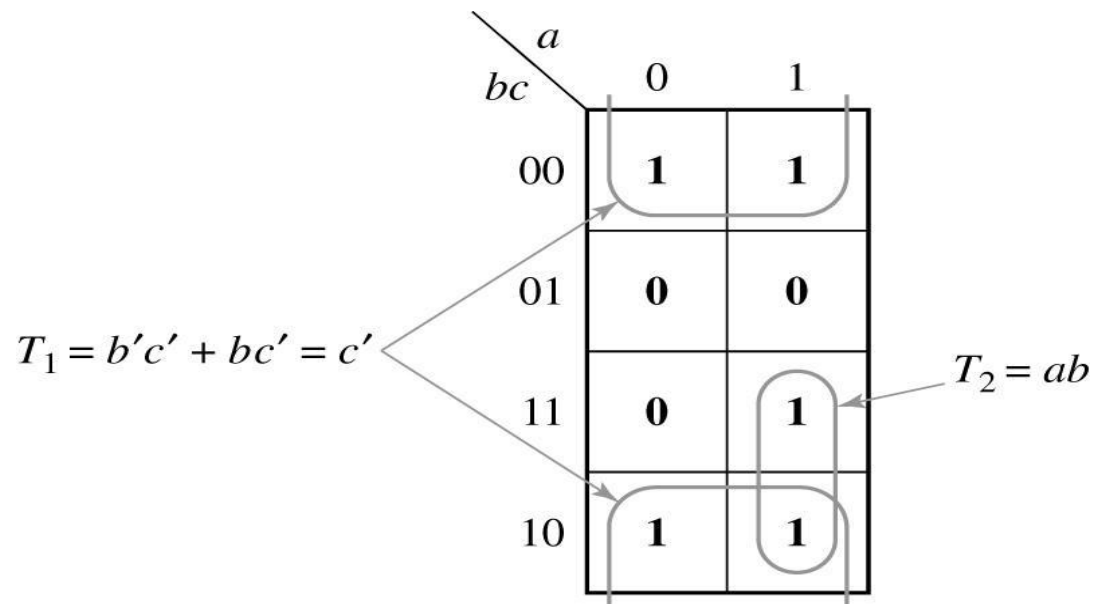
(b) Simplified form of  $F$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= a'b'c + ab'c \\ &= b'c \end{aligned}$$

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

# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

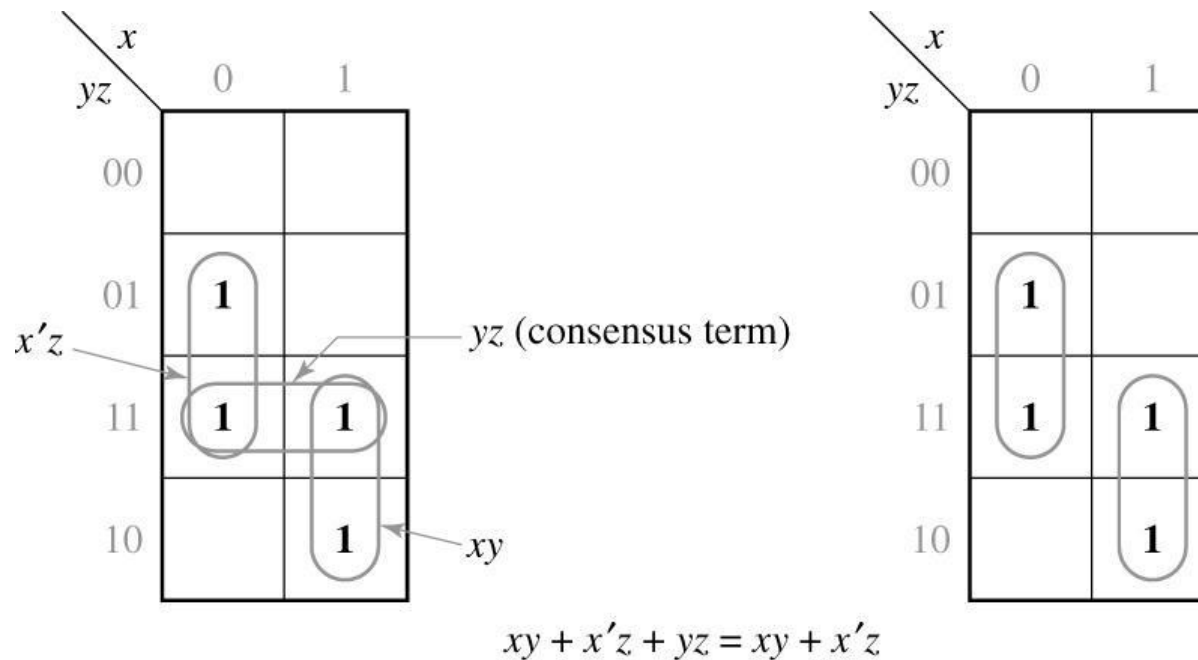
## Simplification of a Three-Variable Function



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

# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Karnaugh Maps Which Illustrate the Consensus Theorem

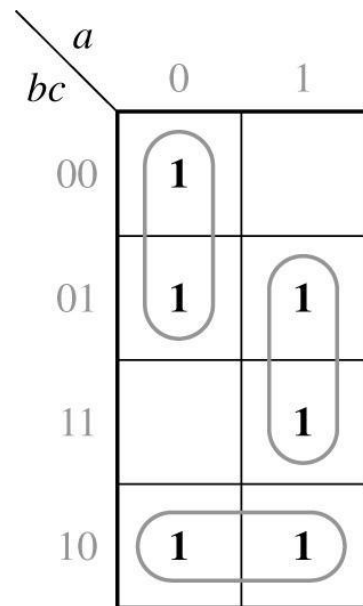


Consensus term is redundant

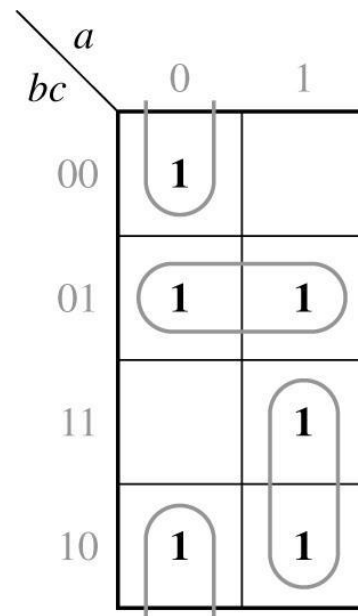
# Three-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Function with Two Minimal Forms

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



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



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



# Four-Variable Karnaugh Maps

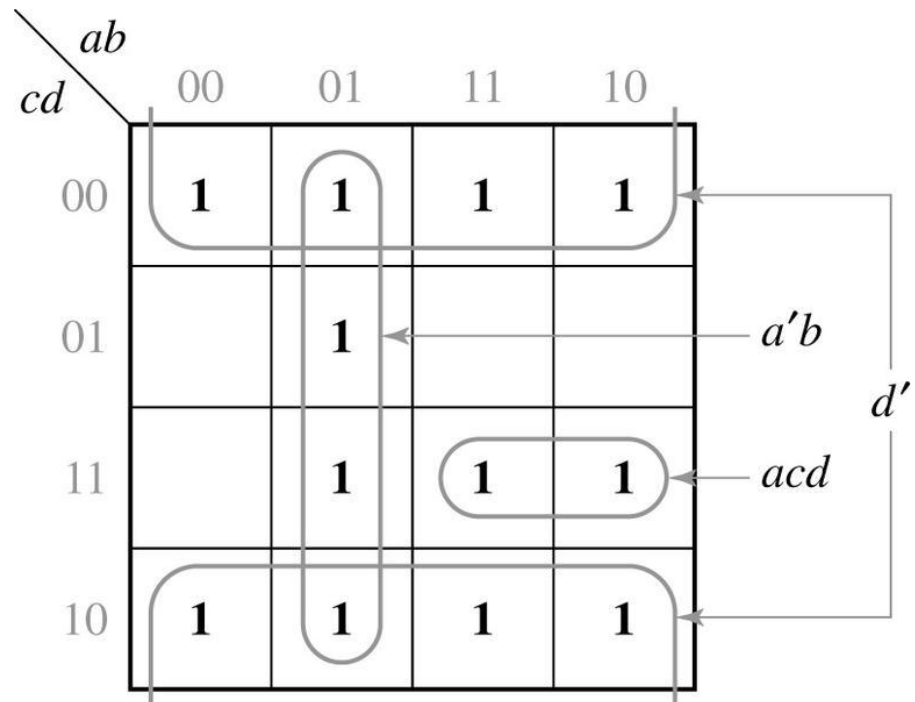
## Location of Minterms on Four-Variable Karnaugh Map

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

# Four-Variable Karnaugh Maps

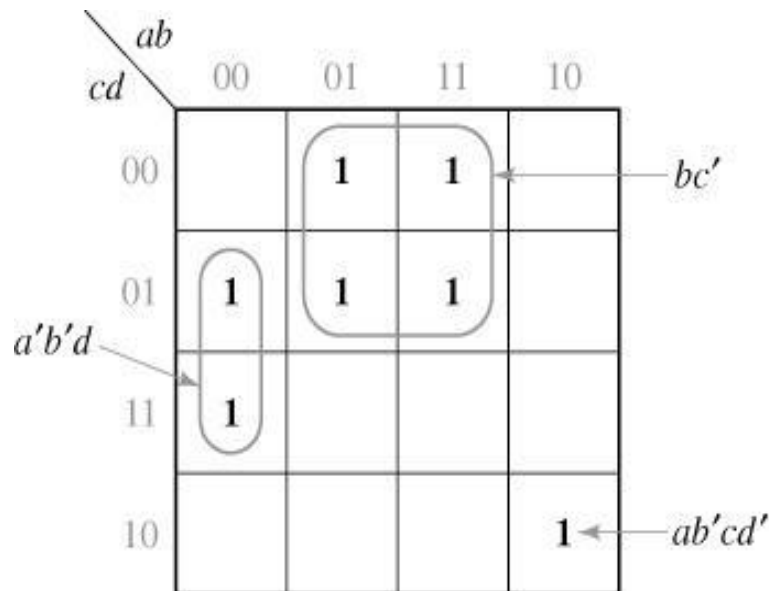
Plot of  $acd + a'b + d'$

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

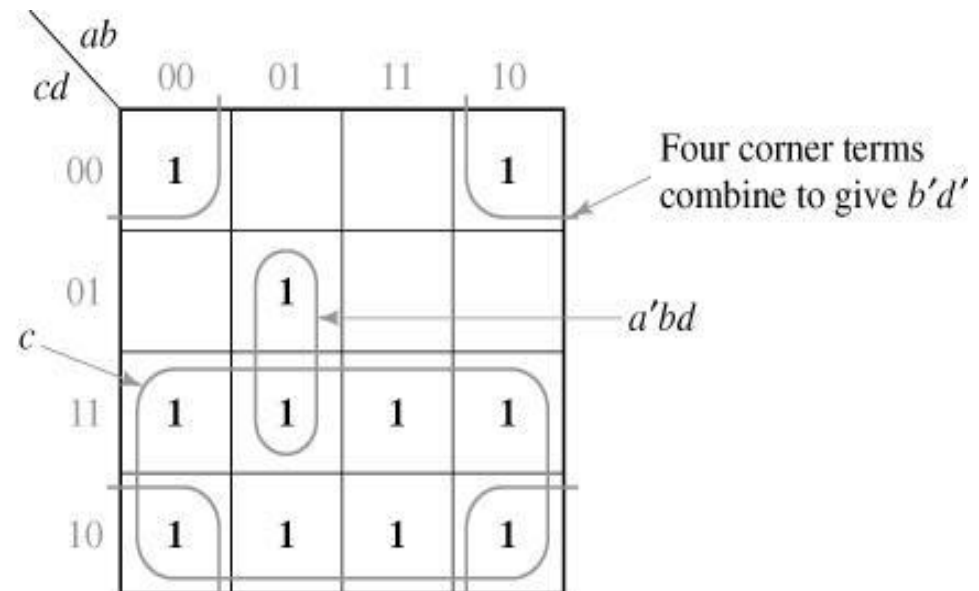


# Four-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Simplification of Four-Variable Functions



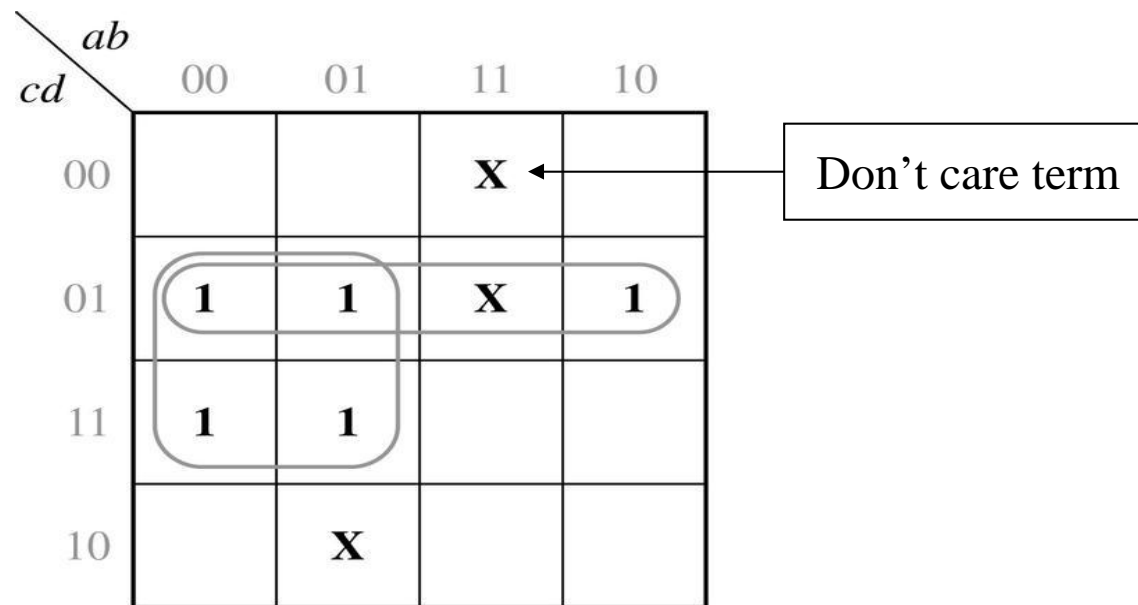
(a)



(b)

# Four-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Simplification of an Incompletely Specified Function



$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum m(1, 3, 5, 7, 9) + \sum d(6, 12, 13) \\ &= a'd + c'd \end{aligned}$$

# Four-Variable Karnaugh Maps

Figure 5-14

1's of  $f$

$$f = x'z' + wyz + w'y'z' + x'y$$

0's of  $f$

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

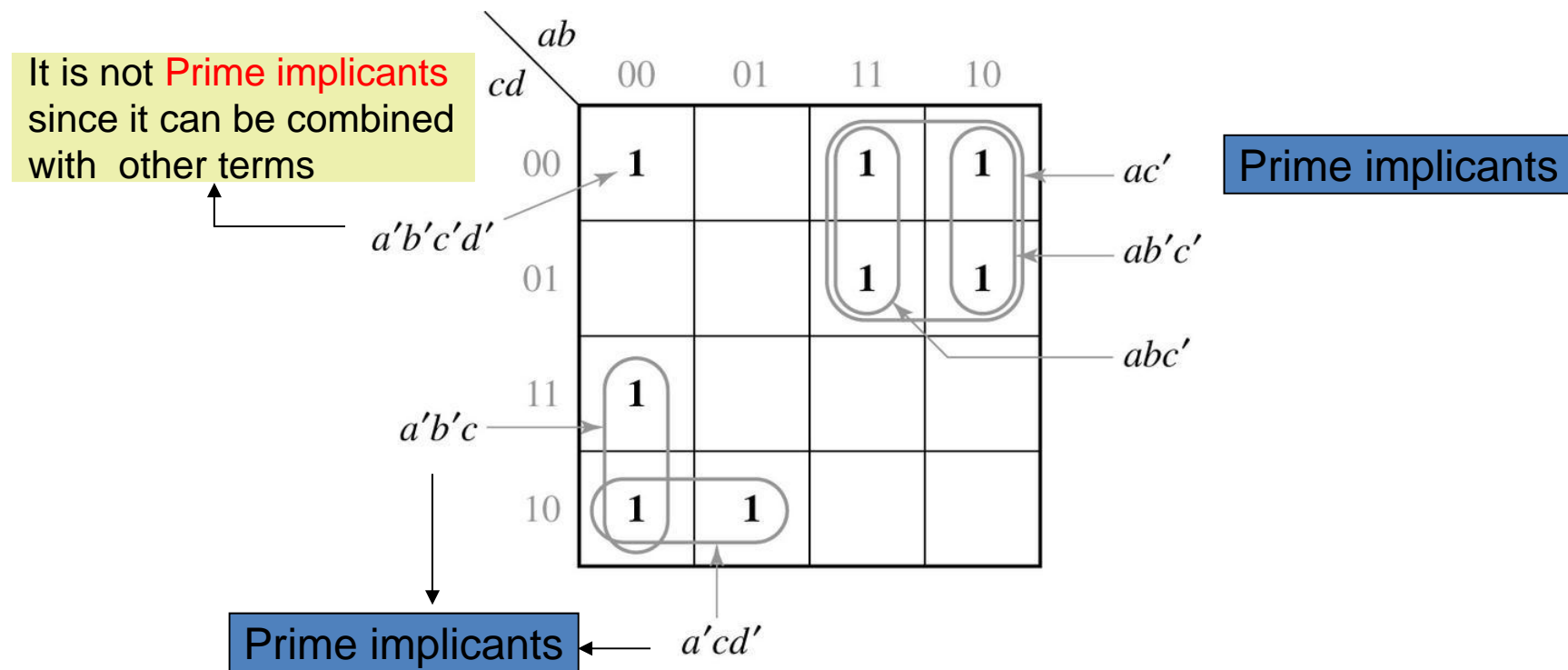
$f = (y + z')(w' + x' + z)(w + x' + y')$   
minimum product of sum for  $f$

		$wx$			
		00	01	11	10
$yz$	00	1	1	0	1
	01	0	0	0	0
	11	1	0	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1

# Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants (EPI)

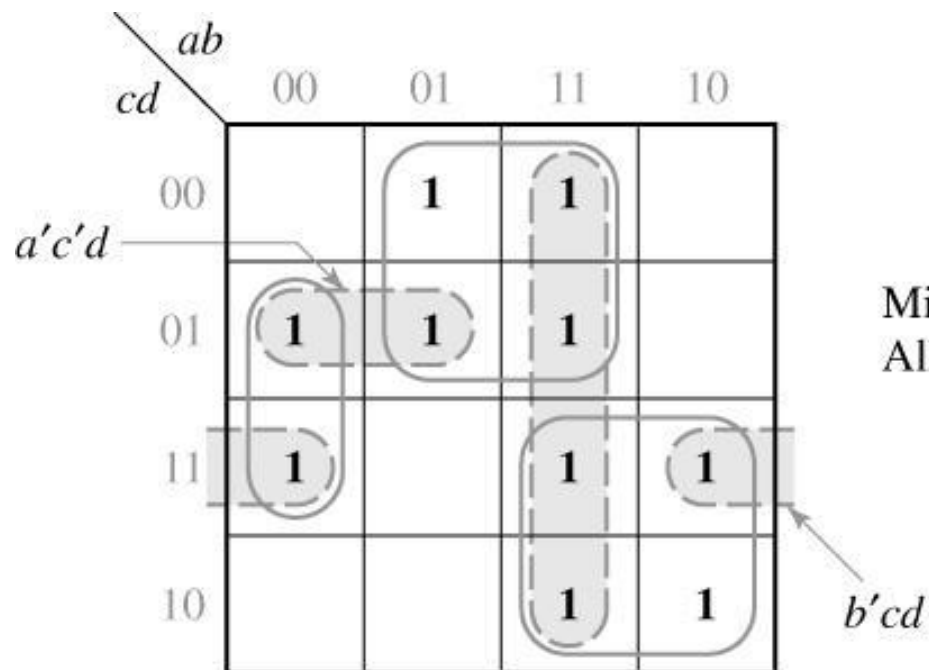
- **Implicants of  $F$** : Any single '1' or any group of '1's which can be combined together on a Map

- **prime implicants of  $F$** : A product term if it can not be combined with other terms to eliminate variable  $\rightarrow ac', a'b'c, a'cd'$



# Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants (EPI)

## Determination of All Prime Implicants

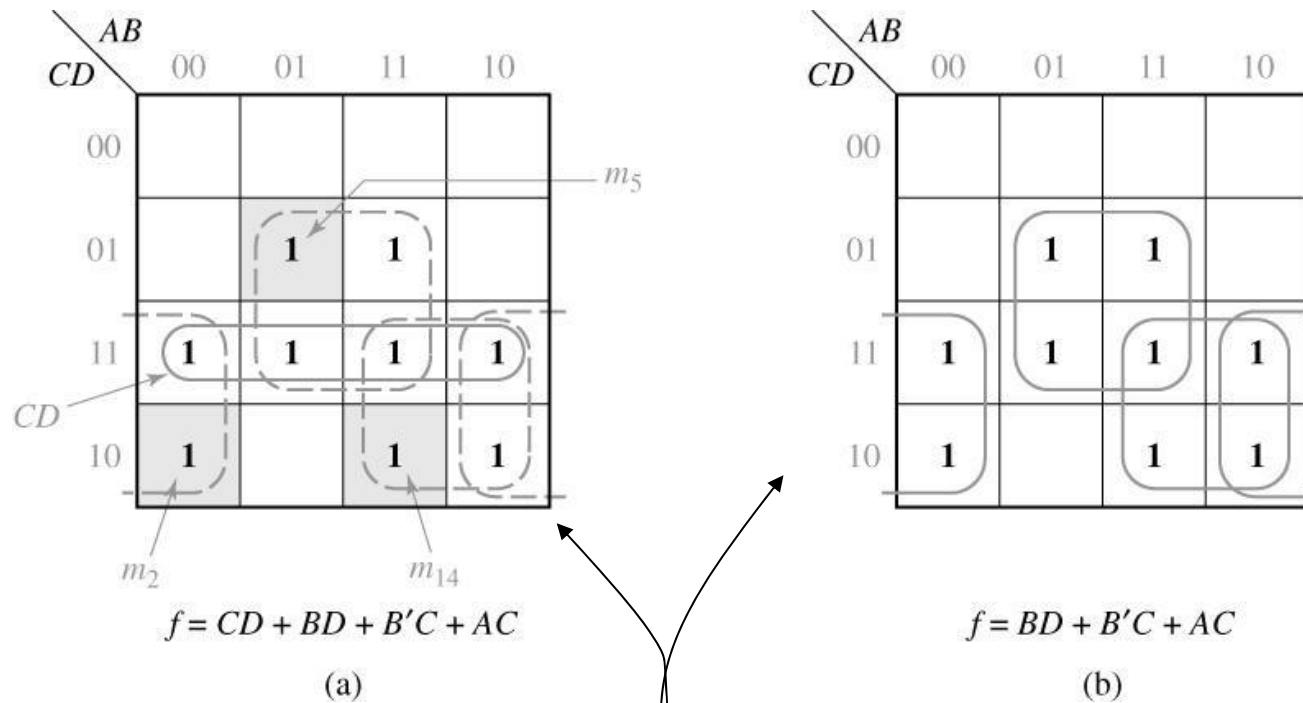


Minimum solution:  $F = a'b'd + bc' + ac$

All prime implicants:  $a'b'd, bc', ac, a'c'd, ab, b'cd$

# Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants (EPI)

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.

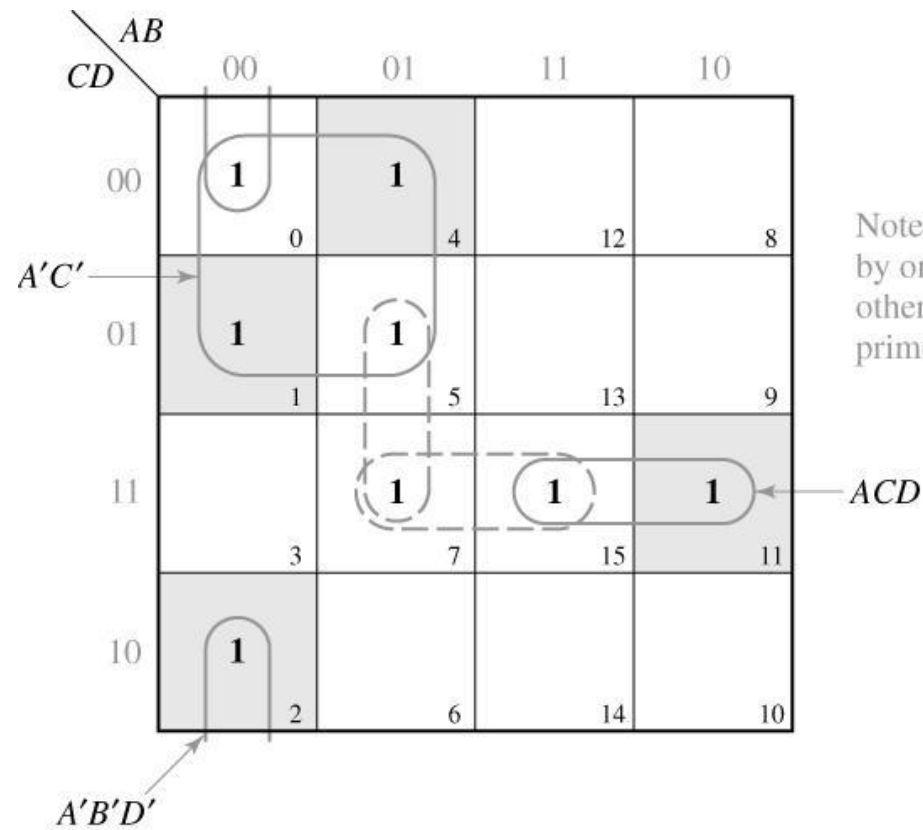


- $CD$  is not needed to cover for minimum expression
- $B'C$ ,  $AC$ ,  $BD$  are “essential” prime implicants
- $CD$  is not an “essential” prime implicants



# Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants (EPI)

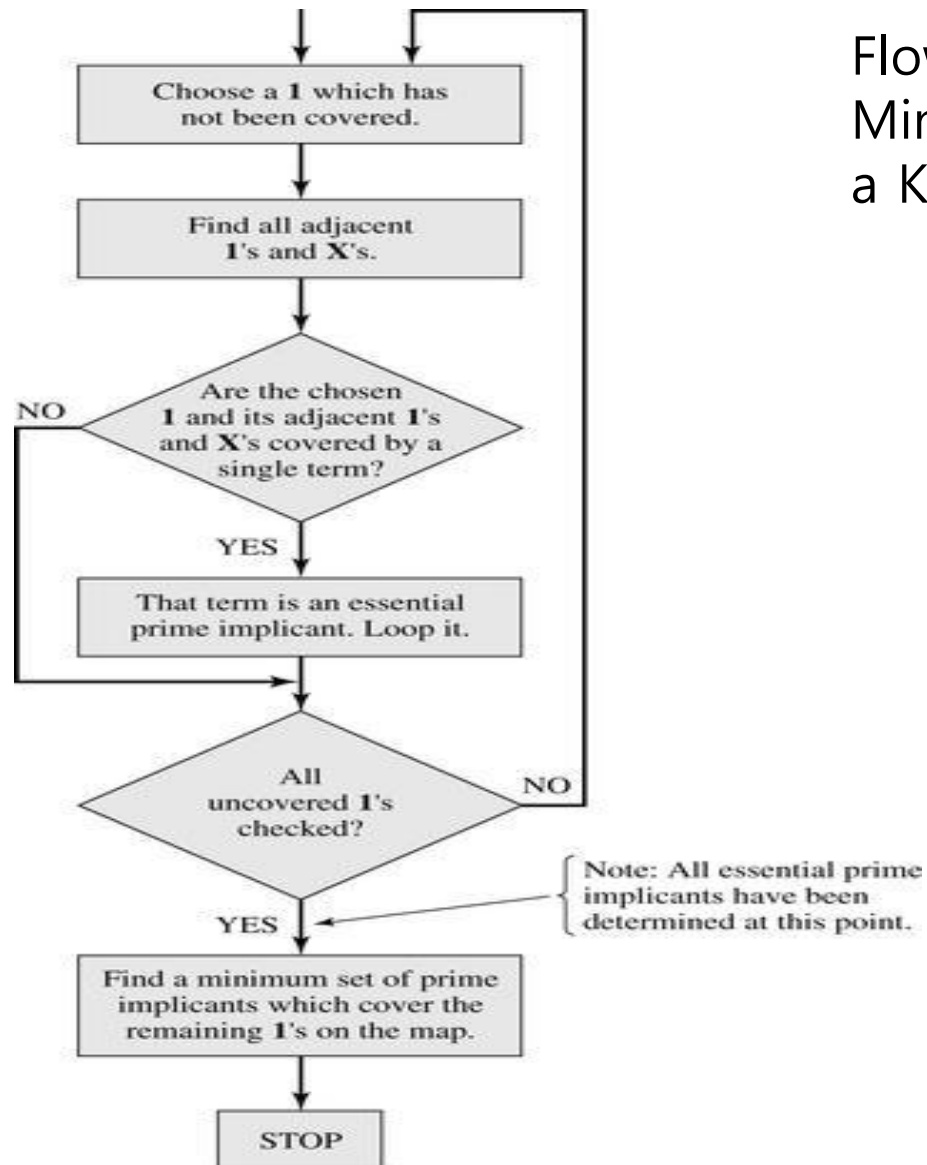
1. First, find essential prime implicants
2. If minterms are not covered by essential prime implicants only, more prime implicants must be added to form minimum expression.



Note: 1's shaded in blue are covered by only one prime implicant. All other 1's are covered by at least two prime implicants.

$$A'C' + A'B'D' + ACD + \begin{cases} A'BD \\ \text{or} \\ BCD \end{cases}$$

# Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants (EPI)



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

# Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants (EPI)

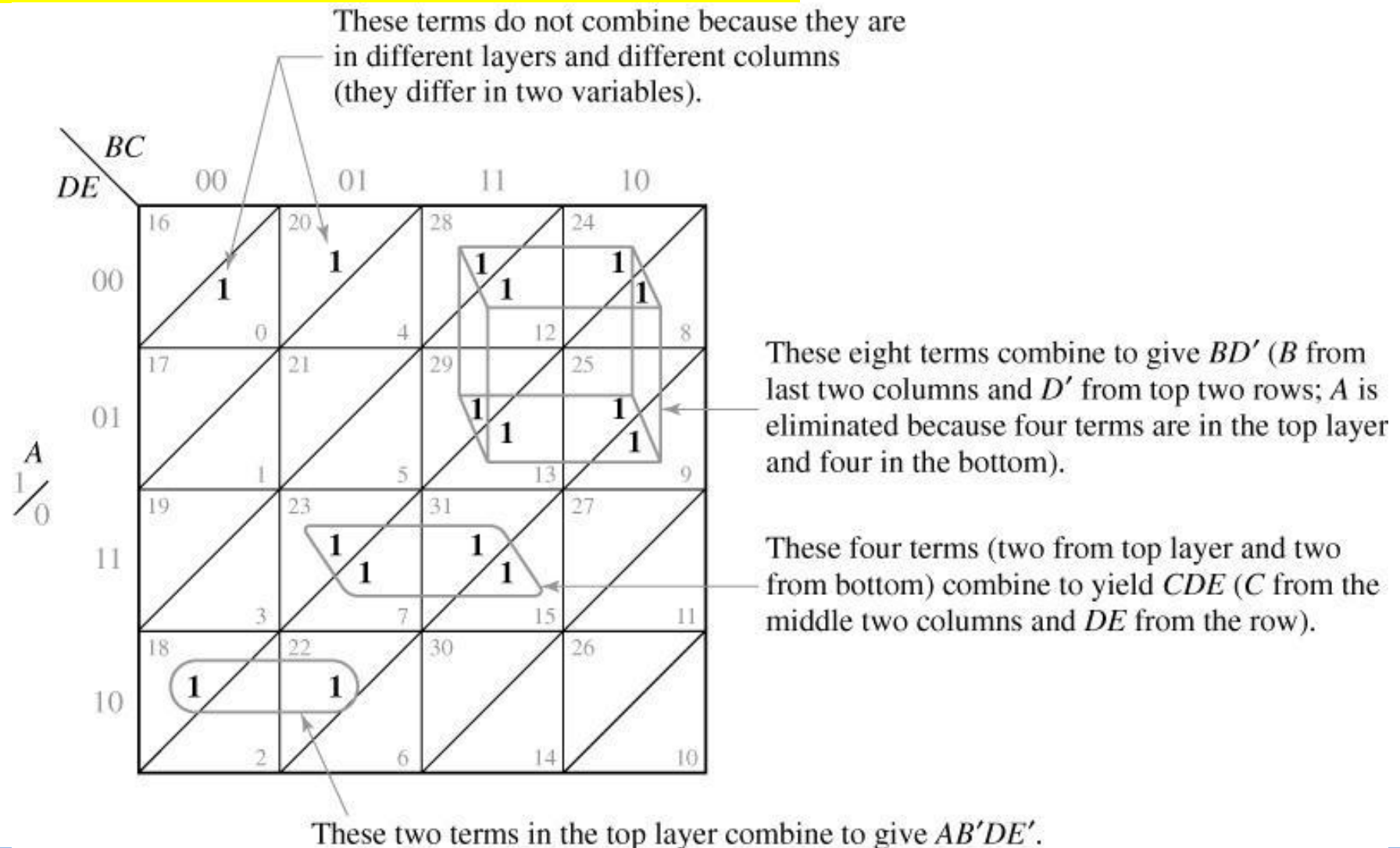
- 1)  $A'B$  covers  $I_6$  and its adjacent  $\rightarrow$  essential PI
- 2)  $AB'D'$  covers  $I_{10}$  and its adjacent  $\rightarrow$  essential PI
- 3)  $AC'D$  is chosen for minimal cover  $\rightarrow AC'D$  is not an essential PI

$\begin{array}{c} AB \\ \diagdown \\ CD \end{array}$		$AB$			
		00	01	11	10
00	$X_0$	1 <sub>4</sub>			1 <sub>8</sub>
01			1 <sub>5</sub>	1 <sub>13</sub>	1 <sub>9</sub>
11			$X_7$	$X_{15}$	
10			1 <sub>6</sub>		1 <sub>10</sub>

Shaded 1's are covered by only one prime implicant.

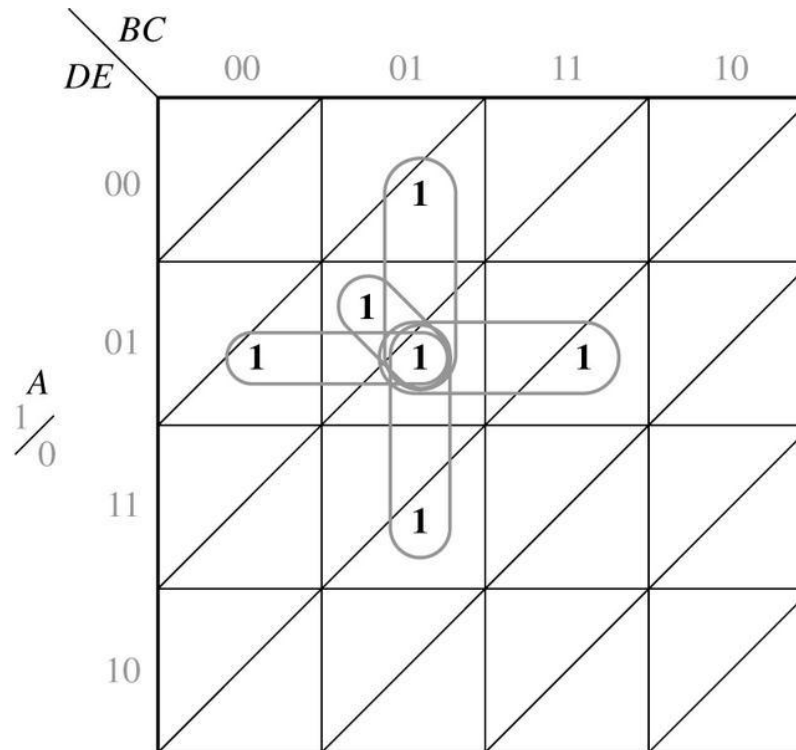
# Five-Variable Karnaugh Maps

## Five-Variable Karnaugh Map



# Five-Variable Karnaugh Maps

Figure 5-22

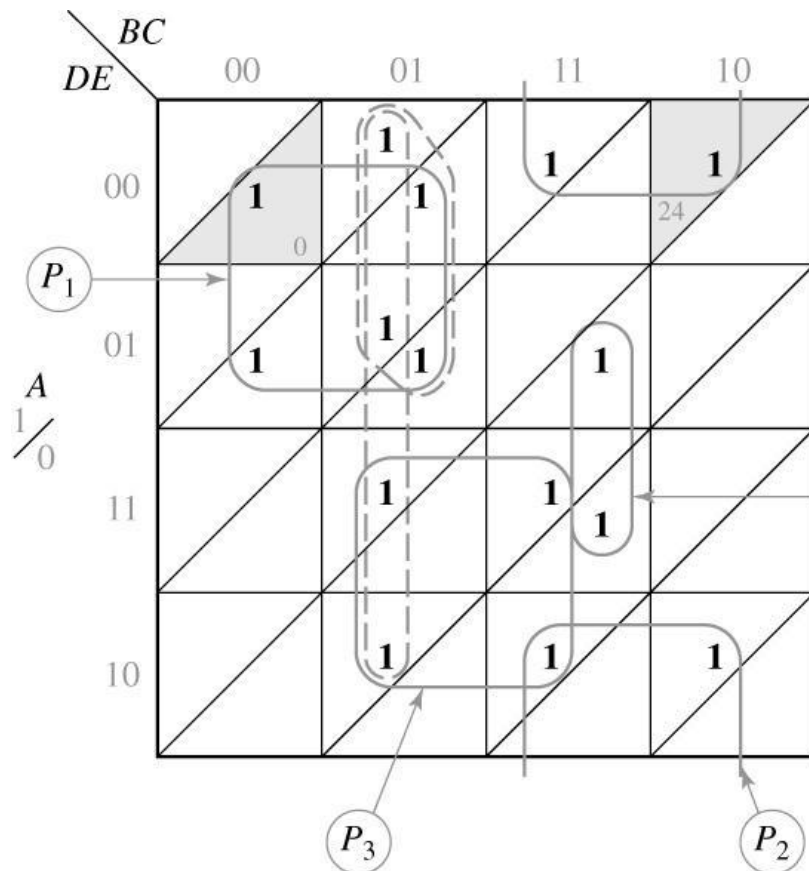


- ◆ Each term can be adjacent to exactly five other terms:
  - ❖ four in the same layer
  - ❖ one in the other layer

# Five-Variable Karnaugh Maps

Figure 5-23

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



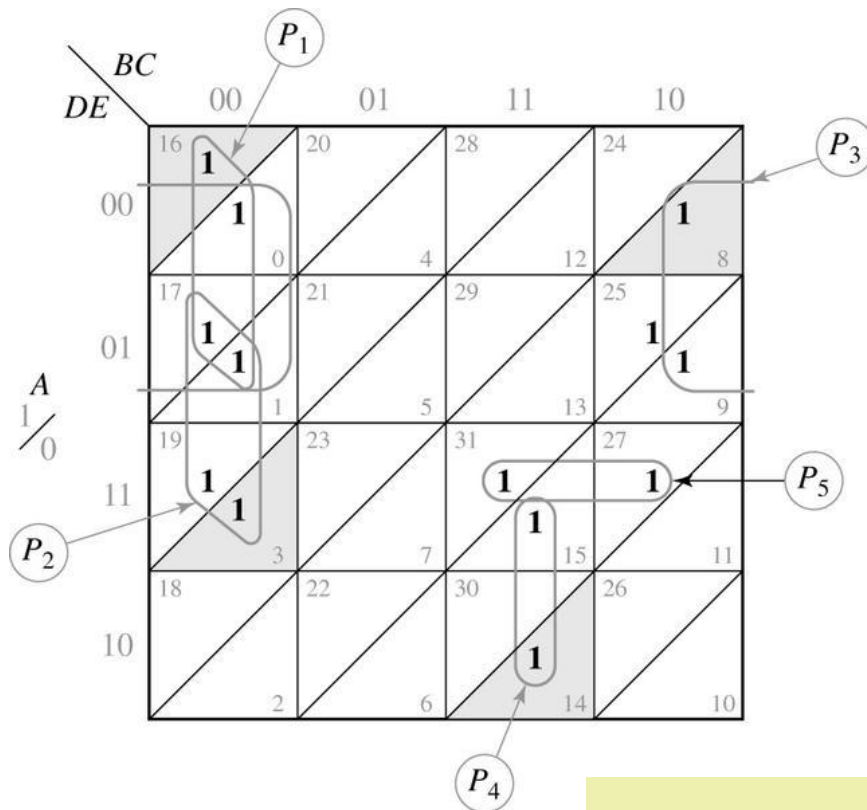
Resulting minimum solution

$$F = \underbrace{A'B'D'}_{P_1} + \underbrace{ABE'}_{P_2} + \underbrace{ACD}_{P_3} + \underbrace{A'BCE}_{P_4} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} AB'C \\ \text{or} \\ B'CD' \end{array} \right\}$$

# Five-Variable Karnaugh Maps

Figure 5-24

$$F(A, B, C, D, E) = \sum m(0,1,3,8,9,14,15,16,17,19,25,27,31)$$



Final solution

$$F = \underbrace{B'C'D'}_{P_1} + \underbrace{B'C'E}_{P_2} + \underbrace{A'C'D'}_{P_3} + \underbrace{A'BCD}_{P_4} + \underbrace{ABDE}_{P_5} + \underbrace{C'D'E}_{AC'E} \quad \text{or}$$

# Other Uses of K-Maps

- ◆ Prove two functions are equal (Fig 5-14)

minterm expansion of  $f$  is  $f = \sum m(0,2,3,4,8,10,11,15)$

maxterm expansion of  $f$  is  $f = \prod M(1,5,6,7,9,12,16,14)$

same

- ◆ Factoring an expression

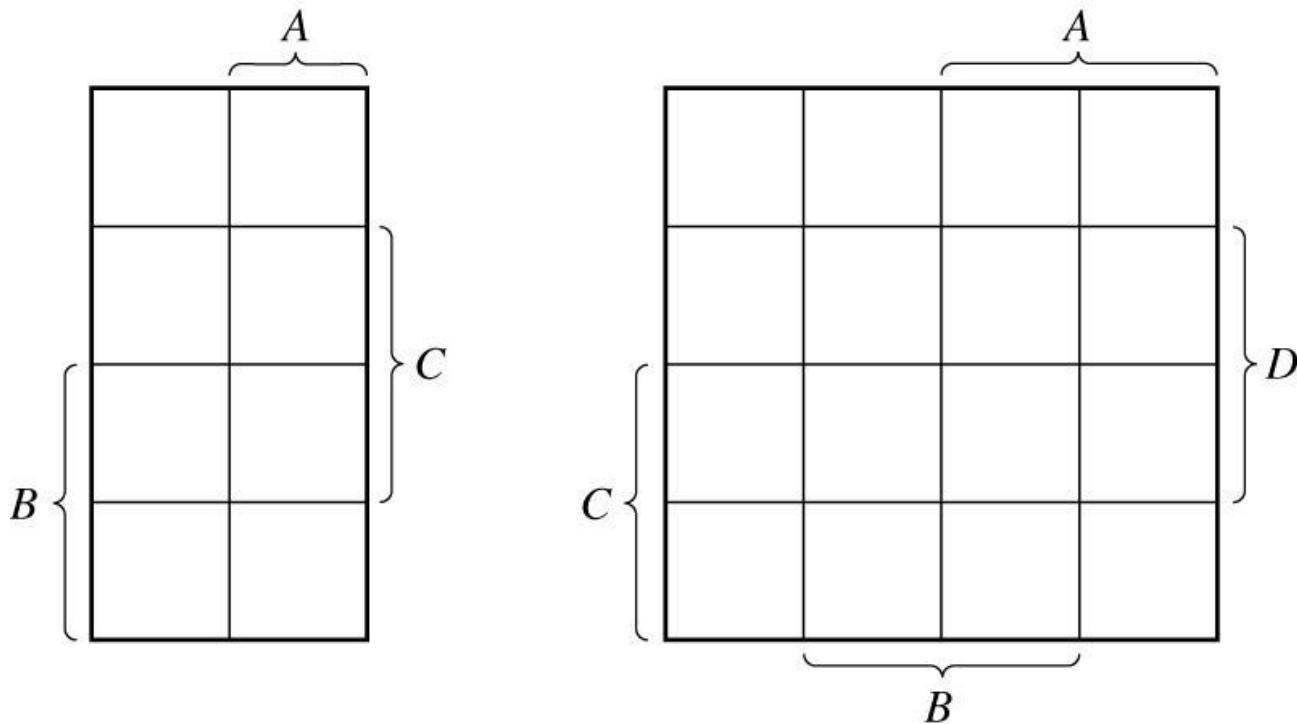
CD \ AB	AB			
	00	01	11	10
00	1			
01	1			
11	1		1	
10			1	1

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



# Other Forms of Karnaugh Maps

- ◆ Veitch Diagrams : useful for plotting functions given in algebraic form



# Two Alternative Forms of 5-Variable K-Maps

(Figure 5-28) Simple Two Maps

Mirror Image Maps

