

## Selected Problems II

- Problem 1) Given a set of  $S = \{1, 2, 5, 10\}$ , we define
- $\forall a, b \in S, a + b \triangleq$  the smallest common factor of  $a$  and  $b$
- $a \cdot b \triangleq$  the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$
- $a' \triangleq 10/a$
- Show that the algebraic system of  $\{S, +, \cdot, '\}$  establishes a general Boolean algebra.
  - Consider the following Boolean function
$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1'(5x_2' + x_2) + x_2(2x_1' + x_1)$$
Derive the canonical form of sum of minterms representation for  $f(x_1, x_2)$ .
  - Derive the canonical form of product of maxterms representation for  $f(x_1, x_2)$ .
  - Derive the Reed-Müller canonical form of representation for  $f(x_1, x_2)$ .

Solution.

a. i. Commutative property justified as follows

$$(1,2) : \begin{array}{l} 1+2=2 \\ 2+1=2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot 2 = 1 \\ 2 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(1,5) : \begin{array}{l} 1+5=5 \\ 5+1=5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot 5 = 1 \\ 5 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(1,10) : \begin{array}{l} 1+10=10 \\ 10+1=10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \\ 10 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(2,5) : \begin{array}{l} 2+5=10 \\ 5+2=10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot 5 = 1 \\ 5 \cdot 2 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(2,10) : \begin{array}{l} 2+10=10 \\ 10+2=10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot 10 = 1 \rightarrow 2 \\ 10 \cdot 2 = 1 \rightarrow 2 \end{array}$$

$$(5,10) : \begin{array}{l} 5+10=10 \\ 10+5=10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 5 \cdot 10 = 5 \\ 10 \cdot 5 = 5 \end{array}$$

ii. Associative property justified as follows

$$(1,2,5) : \begin{array}{l} 1+(2+5) = 1+10 = 10 \\ (1+2)+5 = 2+5 = 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (2 \cdot 5) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \\ (1 \cdot 2) \cdot 5 = 1 \cdot 5 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(1,2,10) : \begin{array}{l} 1+(2+10) = 1+10 = 10 \\ (1+2)+10 = 2+10 = 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (2 \cdot 10) = 1 \cdot 2 = 1 \\ (1 \cdot 2) \cdot 10 = 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(1,5,10) : \begin{array}{l} 1+(5+10) = 1+10 = 10 \\ (1+5)+10 = 5+10 = 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (5 \cdot 10) = 1 \cdot 5 = 1 \\ (1 \cdot 5) \cdot 10 = 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(2,5,10) : \begin{array}{l} 2+(5+10) = 2+10 = 10 \\ (2+5)+10 = 10+10 = 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot (5 \cdot 10) = 2 \cdot 5 = 1 \\ (2 \cdot 5) \cdot 10 = 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \end{array}$$

iii. Distributive property justified as follows

$$(1,2,5) : \begin{array}{l} 1+2 \cdot 5 = 1+1=1 \\ (1+2) \cdot (1+5) = \underset{2 \cdot 5}{\underbrace{1 \cdot 1}} = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (2+5) = 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \\ 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 5 = 1+1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(1,2,10) : \begin{array}{l} 1+2 \cdot 10 = 1+2 = 2 \\ (1+2) \cdot (1+10) = 2 \cdot 10 = 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (2+10) = 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \\ 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 10 = 1+1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(1,5,10) : \begin{array}{l} 1+5 \cdot 10 = 1+5 = 5 \\ (1+5) \cdot (1+10) = 5 \cdot 10 = 5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot (5+10) = 1 \cdot 10 = 1 \\ 1 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 10 = 1+1 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$(2,5,10) : \begin{array}{l} 2+5 \cdot 10 = 2+5 = 10 \\ (2+5) \cdot (2+10) = 10 \cdot 10 = 10 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 \cdot (5+10) = 2 \cdot 10 = 2 \\ 2 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 10 = 1+2 = 2 \end{array}$$

iv. identity element  $\equiv 10$

$$1+10 = 10+1 = 10 ; 1 \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$2+10 = 10+2 = 10 ; 2 \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 2 = 2$$

$$5+10 = 10+5 = 10 ; 5 \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 5 = 5$$

$$10+10 = 10 ; 10 \cdot 10 = 10$$

v. zero element  $\equiv 1$

$$1+1 = 1 ; 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$2+1 = 1+2 = 2 ; 1 \cdot 2 = 2 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$5+1 = 1+5 = 5 ; 1 \cdot 5 = 5 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$10+1 = 1+10 = 10 ; 1 \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 1 = 1$$

vi.

$$1' = 10/1 = 10, 10+1 = 1+10 = 10, 10 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 10 = 1$$

$$2' = 10/2 = 5, 5+2 = 2+5 = 10, 5 \cdot 2 = 2 \cdot 5 = 1$$

$$5' = 10/5 = 2, 2+5 = 5+2 = 10, 2 \cdot 5 = 5 \cdot 2 = 1$$

$$10' = 10/10 = 1, 1+10 = 10+1 = 10, 1 \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Hence ;

-the set  $\{S, +, \cdot, '\}$  establishes a general Boolean algebra

b.  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1'(5x_2' + x_2') + x_2(2x_1' + x_1')$

$$= 5x_1'x_2' + x_1'x_2 + 2x_1'x_2 + x_1'x_2$$
$$= f(0,0)m_0 + f(0,1)m_1 + f(1,0)m_2 + f(1,1)m_3$$

$$0 \equiv 1, 1 \equiv 10$$

$$f(0,0) \equiv f(1,1) = 5 \cdot 1' \cdot 1' + 1' \cdot 1' + 2 \cdot 1' \cdot 1 + 1' \cdot 1$$
$$= 5 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 + 10 \cdot 10 + 2 \cdot 10 \cdot 1 + 10 \cdot 1$$
$$= 5 + 10 + 1 + 10 = 10$$

$$f(0,1) \equiv f(1,10) = 5 \cdot 1' \cdot 10' + 1' \cdot 10' + 2 \cdot 1' \cdot 10 + 1' \cdot 10$$
$$= 5 \cdot 10 \cdot 1 + 10 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 + 10 \cdot 10$$
$$= 1 + 1 + 2 + 10 = 10$$

$$f(1,0) \equiv f(10,1) = 5 \cdot 10' \cdot 1' + 10' \cdot 1' + 2 \cdot 10' \cdot 1 + 10' \cdot 1$$
$$= 5 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 10 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1$$
$$= 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$f(1,1) \equiv f(10,10) = 5 \cdot 10' \cdot 10' + 10' \cdot 10' + 2 \cdot 10' \cdot 10 + 10' \cdot 10$$
$$= 5 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 10$$
$$= 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 10 \cdot \overbrace{x_1' x_2'}^{1} + 10 \cdot \overbrace{x_1' x_2}^{1} + \overbrace{1 \cdot x_1 x_2'}^{1} + \overbrace{1 \cdot \overbrace{x_1 x_2}^{1}}^{1}$$

$$= x_1' x_2' + x_1' x_2 \quad \text{SOM form}$$

c.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2) &= [ \overbrace{10 + x_1 + x_2}^{10} ] \cdot [ \overbrace{10 + x_1 + x_2'}^{10} ] \\ &\quad \cdot [ 1 + x_1' + x_2 ] \cdot [ 1 + x_1' + x_2' ] \\ &= 10 \cdot 10 \cdot [ x_1' + x_2 ] [ x_1' + x_2' ] \\ &= (x_1' + x_2) (x_1' + x_2') \quad \text{POM form} \end{aligned}$$

d.

$$f(x_1, x_2) = a_0 \oplus a_1 x_1 \oplus a_2 x_2 \oplus a_3 x_1 x_2$$

$$f(0,0) = a_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0,0) \equiv f(1,1) &= 1' \cdot 1' + 1 \cdot 1 = 10 \cdot 10 + 10 \cdot 1 \\ &= 10 + 1 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 10$$

$$f(1,0) = a_0 \oplus a_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1,0) \equiv f(10,1) &= 10 \cdot 1' + 10' \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 1 + 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= a_0 \oplus f(10,1) = 10 \oplus 1 \\ &= 10 \cdot 1' + 10' \cdot 1 = 10 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 10 + 1 = 10 \quad \Rightarrow a_1 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(0,1) = a_0 \oplus a_2$$

$$f(0,1) \equiv f(1,10) = 1 \cdot 10' + 1' \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 1 + 10 \cdot 10 \\ = 1 + 10 = 10$$

$$a_2 = a_0 \oplus f(1,10) = 10 \oplus 10 \\ = 10 \cdot 10' + 10' \cdot 10 = 10 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 10 \\ = 1 + 1 = 1 \Rightarrow a_2 = 1$$

$$f(1,1) = a_0 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_3$$

$$f(1,1) \equiv f(10,10) = 10 \cdot 10' + 10' \cdot 10 = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 10 \\ = 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$\underbrace{10 \oplus 10 \oplus 1 \oplus a_3}_{} = 1 \\ \underbrace{1 \oplus 1 \oplus a_3}_{} = 1 \\ \underbrace{1 \oplus a_3}_{} = 1 \Rightarrow a_3 = 1 \oplus 1 = 1$$

Hence ;

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 10 \oplus 10 \cdot x_1 \oplus 1 \cdot x_2 \oplus 1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Reed-Müller} \\ \text{form} \end{array}$$

$$= 10 \oplus x_1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \\ = 10 \oplus x_1 \oplus 1 \\ = 10 \oplus x_1 \\ = x_1 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{shown to be} \\ \text{simplifiable} \end{array} \right]$$

**Problem 2)** Express the following function as a sum of minterms and as a product of maxterms:

$$F(A, B, C, D) = B'D + A'D + BD$$

**Solution.** We consider

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C, D) &= (A+A')(B'(C+C'))D + A'(B+B')(C+C')D \\ &\quad + (A+A')B(C+C')D \\ &= AB'CD + AB'C'D + A'B'CD + A'B'C'D \\ &\quad + A'BCD + A'BC'D + A'B'CD + A'B'C'D \\ &\quad + ABCD + ABC'D + A'BCD + A'BC'D \\ &= AB'CD + AB'C'D + A'B'CD + A'B'C'D \\ &\quad + A'BCD + A'BC'D + ABCD + ABC'D \\ &= \sum m(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15) \end{aligned}$$

In a similar manner, we have

$$F'(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= A'B'C'D' + A'B'CD' + A'BC'D' + A'BCD' \\ &\quad + AB'C'D' + AB'CD' + ABC'D' \\ &\quad + ABCD' \end{aligned}$$

Hence;

$$\begin{aligned} F(A, B, C, D) &= (F'(A, B, C, D))' \\ &= (A'B'C'D' + A'B'CD' + A'BC'D' + A'BCD' \\ &\quad + AB'C'D' + AB'CD' + ABC'D' + ABCD')' \\ &= (A+B+C+D) \cdot (A+B+C'+D) \cdot (A+B'+C+D) \\ &\quad \cdot (A+B'+C'+D) \cdot (A'+B+C+D) \cdot (A'+B+C'+D) \\ &\quad \cdot (A'+B'+C+D) \cdot (A'+B'+C'+D) \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3)** Express the complement of the following functions in sum-of-minterms form:

a.  $F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(3,5,9,11,15)$

b.  $F(x,y,z) = \prod M(2,4,5,7)$

**Solution.**

2.  $F'(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(0,1,2,4,6,7,8,10,12,13,14)$

(i) that is, the remaining minterms which do NOT appear in  $F$  belong to  $F'$

3. Note that;

$$\begin{aligned} F(x,y,z) &= \prod M(2,4,5,7) \\ &= \sum m(0,1,3,6) \end{aligned}$$

Hence;

$$F'(x,y,z) = \sum m(2,4,5,7)$$

**Problem 4)** Convert each of the following to the other canonical form:

a.  $F(x,y,z) = \sum m(2,5,6)$

b.  $F(A,B,C,D) = \prod M(0,1,2,4,7,9,12)$

**Solution.**

a.  $F(x,y,z) = \sum m(2,5,6)$

$$= \prod M(0,1,3,4,7)$$

b.  $F(A,B,C,D) = \prod M(0,1,2,4,7,9,12)$

$$= \sum m(3,5,6,8,10,11,13,14,15)$$

**Problem 5)** Convert each of the following expressions into sum of products and product of sums:

$$a. (AB+C)(B+C'D)$$

$$b. x'+x(x+y')(y+z')$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}c. (AB+C)(B+C'D) &= ABB + ABC'D + CB + CC'D \\&= AB + ABC'D + BC \\&= AB \underbrace{(1+C'D)}_1 + BC \\&= AB + BC \quad \text{"Sum of products"} \\&= (A+C)B \quad \text{"Product of sums"}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b. x'+x(x+y')(y+z') &= x'+x(xy+xz'+y'y+y'z') \\&= x'+xx'y+xx'z'+xy'z' \\&= x'+xy+xz'+xy'z' \\&= x'+xy+xz' \underbrace{(1+y')}_1 \\&= x'+xy+xz' \\&= (\underbrace{x'+x}_1)(x'+y)+xz' \\&= x'+y+xz' \\&= (\underbrace{x'+x}_1)(x'+z')+y \\&= x'+y+z'\end{aligned}$$

Sum of products

Product of sums

Problem 6) Write the simplest Boolean equations for the outputs which are defined by the following truth table:

a	b	c	F	S
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0

Solution. We consider sum-of-minterms expression for F :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(a,b,c) &= \sum m(0,3,6,7) \\
 &= a'b'c' + a'b'c + abc' + abc \\
 &= a'b'c' + a'b'c + ab \underbrace{(c' + c)}_1 \\
 &= a'b'c' + a'b'c + ab \\
 &= a'b'c' + (a'c + c)b \\
 &= c'b'c' + \underbrace{(c' + c)}_1(c + c)b \\
 &= a'b'c' + ab + bc
 \end{aligned}$$

- We prefer to derive product-of-maxterms expression for g :

$$g(a,b,c) = \prod M(0,1,7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= (\underbrace{a+b+c}_{\text{c}}) (\underbrace{a+b+c'}_{\text{c'}}) (\underbrace{a'+b'+c'}_{\text{c'}}) \\&= [(a+b) + \underbrace{c \cdot c'}_{\text{c}}] \cdot (a'+b'+c') \\&= (a+b) (a'+b'+c')\end{aligned}$$