



CHAPTER 5

KARNAUGH MAPS

Truth table for NOT

X	F
0	1
1	0

0	1
1	0

F

1	0
0	1

F

x	
0	1
1	0

F

		A	
		0	1
B	0	00	10
	1	01	11

(a)

		A	
		0	1
B	0	0	0
	1	0	1

(b)

Figure 5.1 (a) Two-variable Karnaugh map.

(b) Karnaugh map for AB.

AB	
00	0 ₀
01	0 ₁
11	1 ₃
10	0 ₂

	00	01	11	10
	0 ₀	0 ₁	1 ₃	0 ₂

	11	10	00	01
	1 ₀	0 ₁	0 ₃	0 ₂

AB		00	01	11	10
C	0	000	010	110	100
	1	001	011	111	101

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

Figure 5.2 Three-variable Karnaugh maps.

AB		00	01	11	10
C	0			110	
	1	001		111	

A	BC			
	00	01	11	10
0		001		
1			111	110

Figure 5.3 Two different 3-variable Karnaugh maps.

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

(a)

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

(b)

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

(c)

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

(d)

Figure 5.4 Karnaugh maps for the truth table in Table 4.3.

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

Figure 5.5 Four-variable Karnaugh map.

AB		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	0	0
	01	0	1	1	0
	11	1	1	1	0
	10	1	0	1	1

Figure 5.6 Karnaugh map for $F = \Sigma m(0, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15)$

A = 0					A = 1				
DE \ BC	BC				BC				DE
	00	01	11	10	00	01	11	10	
00	0	4	12	8	16	20	28	24	00
01	1	5	13	9	17	21	29	25	01
11	3	7	15	11	19	23	31	27	11
10	2	6	14	10	18	22	30	26	10

Figure 5.7 Five-variable Karnaugh map.

5.2 Prime Implicant

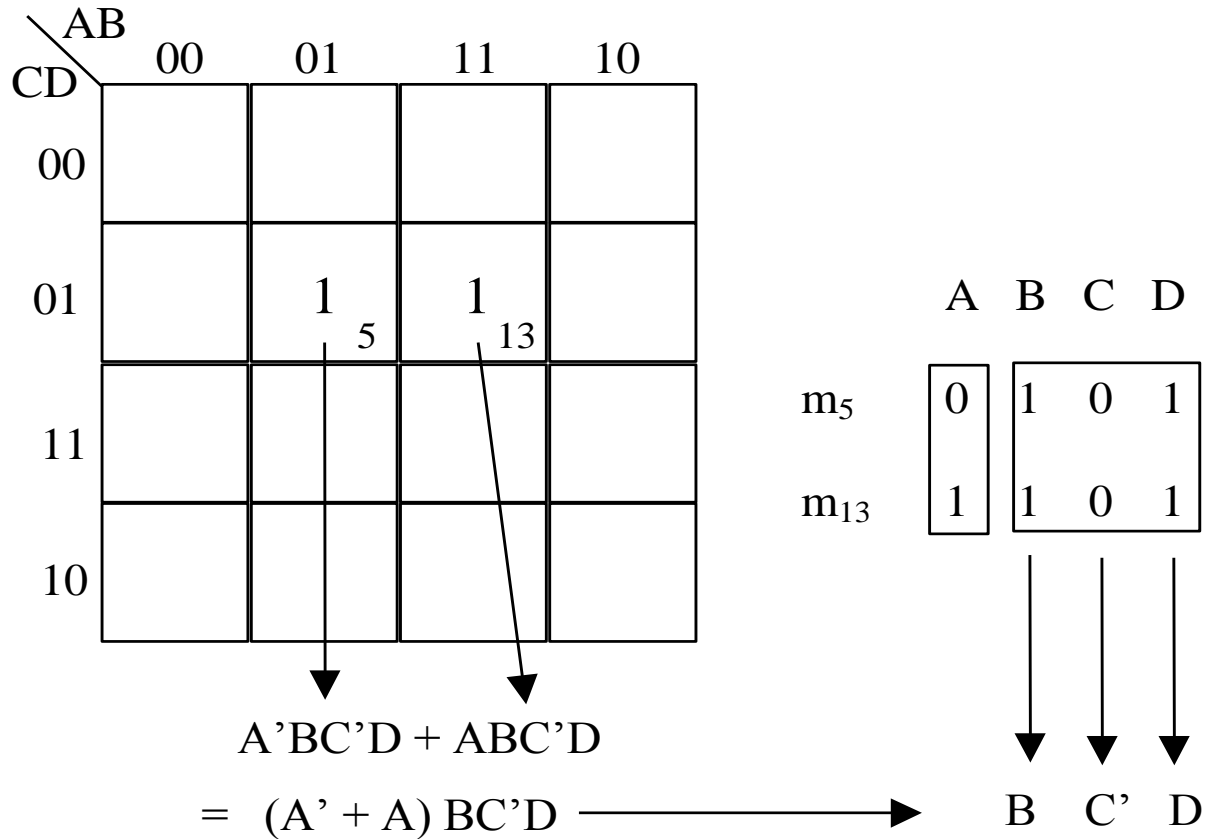


Figure 5.8 Two logically adjacent minterms.

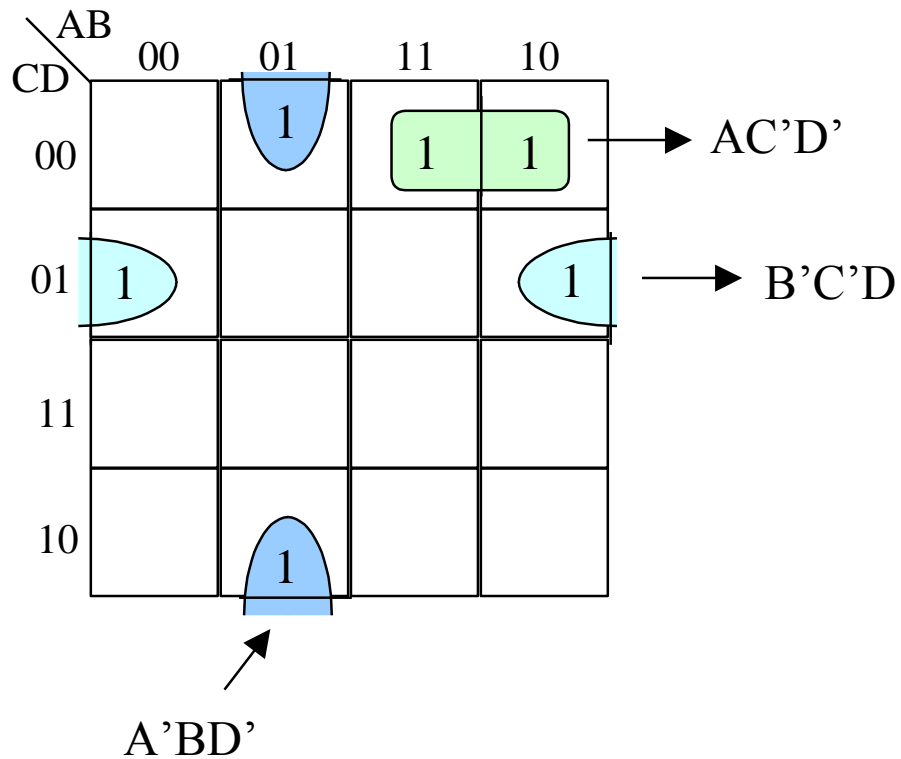
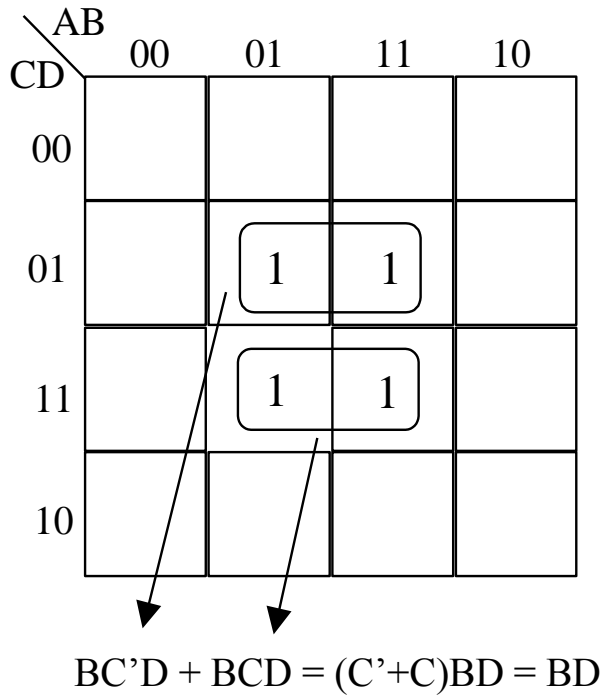
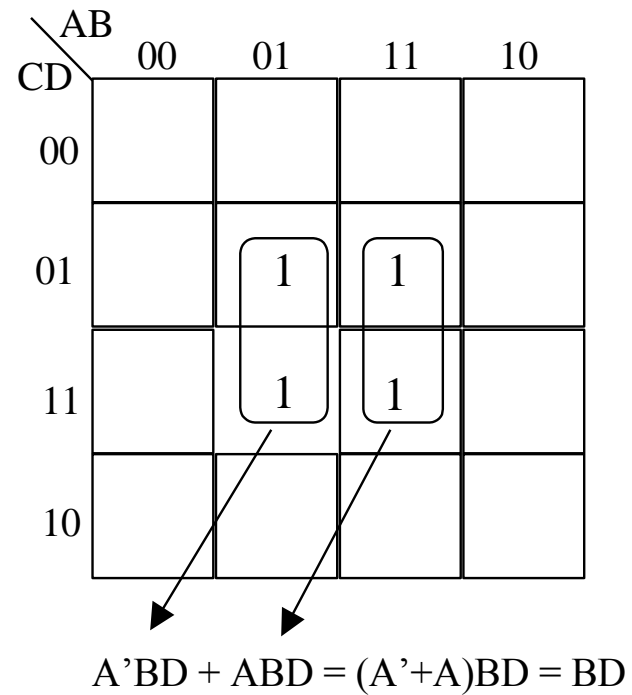


Figure 5.9 Examples of 1-cubes.



(a)



(b)

Figure 5.10 Formation of a 2-cube from two 1-cubes.

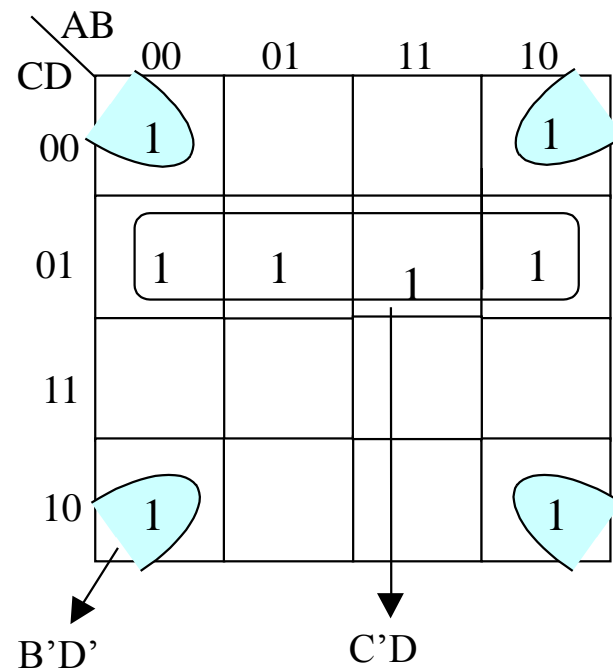
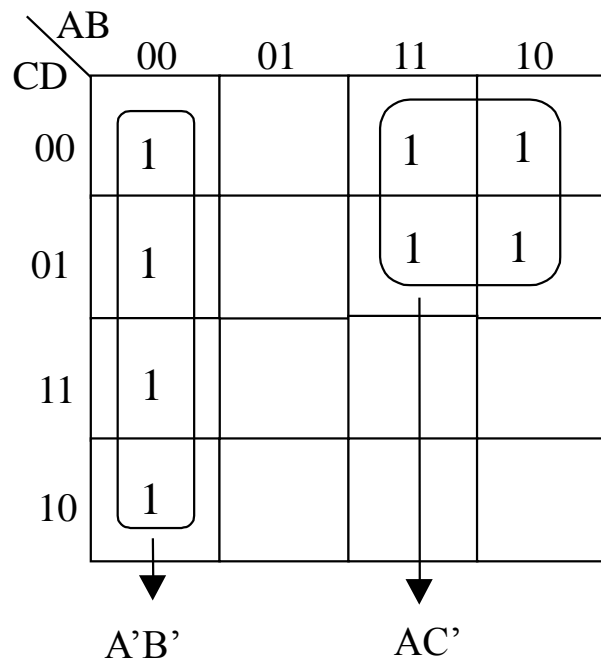


Figure 5.11 More examples of 2-cubes.

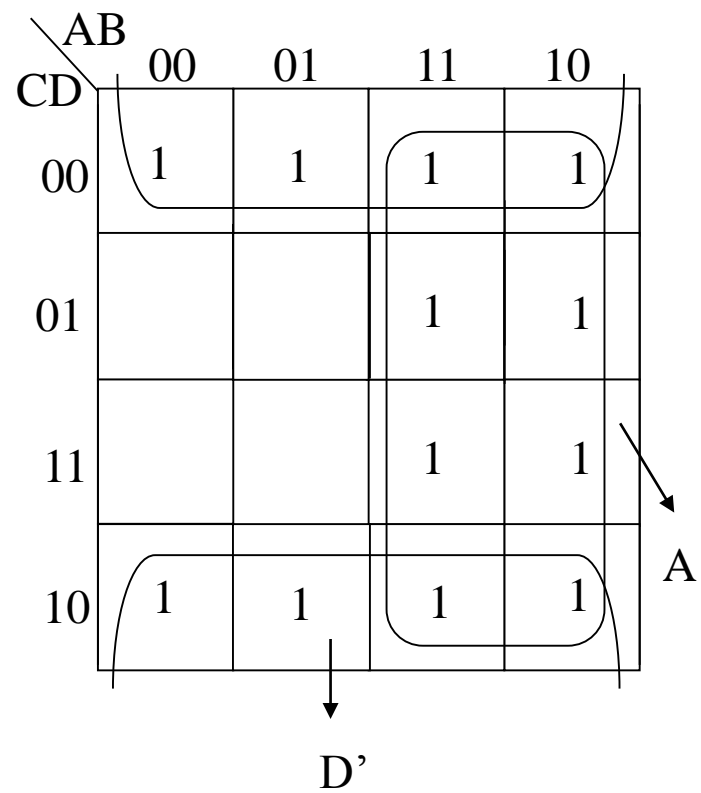
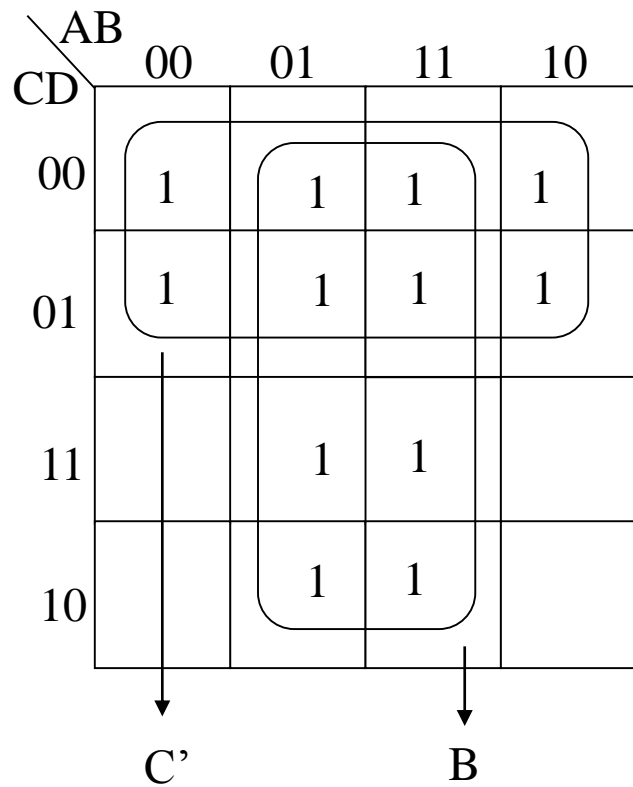



Figure 5.12 Examples of 3-cubes.



Definition 5.1: A **j-cube** is a grouping of 2^j logically adjacent 1-cells on a K-map for an n - variable function which can be combined to form a product of $(n-j)$ literals.
 j is a positive integer, $0 \leq j \leq n$.

Note that a minterm is a 0-cube. A 0-cube is different from a 0-cell.

Definition 5.2: An **implicant** is a cube of any order.

Definition 5.3: A j -cube is called a **prime implicant** if it cannot combine with another j -cube to form a $(j+1)$ -cube.

Definition 5.4: If a 1-cell can exist in one and only one prime implicant, it is called a **distinguished 1-cell**.

Definition 5.5: A prime implicant is called an **essential prime implicant** if it includes at least one distinguished 1-cell.

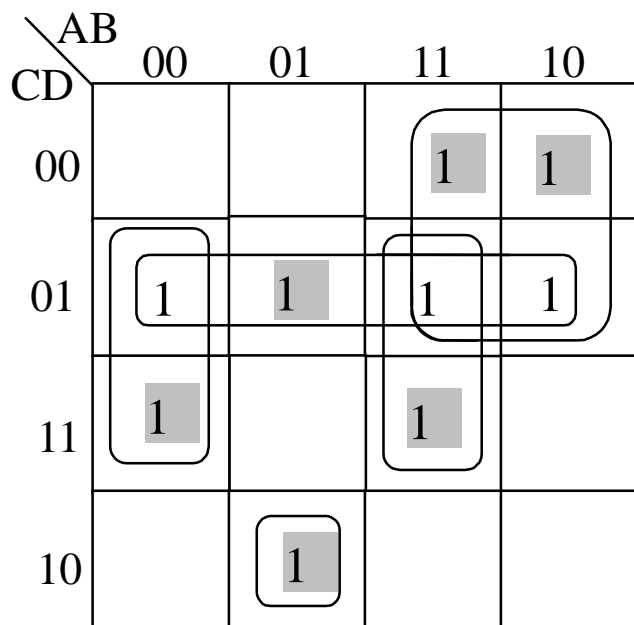
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00			1	1
01	1	1	1	1
11	1		1	
10		1		

(a)

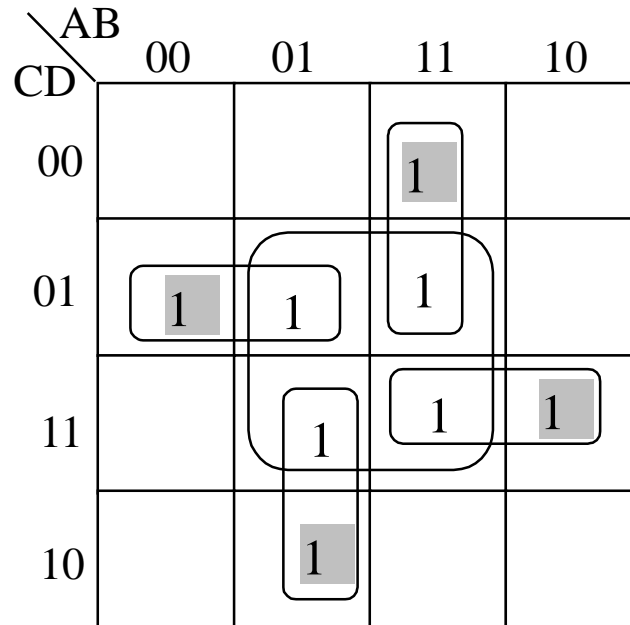
AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00			1	
01	1	1	1	
11		1	1	1
10		1		

(b)

Figure 5.13 Examples of prime implicants.



(a)



(b)

Prime implicants

(a) $A'BCD'$, $A'B'D$, ABD , $C'D$, AC'

(b) $A'C'D$, $A'BC$, ACD , ABC' , BD

Essential Prime implicants

(a) $A'BCD'$, $A'B'D$, ABD , $C'D$, AC'

(b) $A'C'D$, $A'BC$, ACD , ABC'

Figure 5.13 Examples of prime implicants.

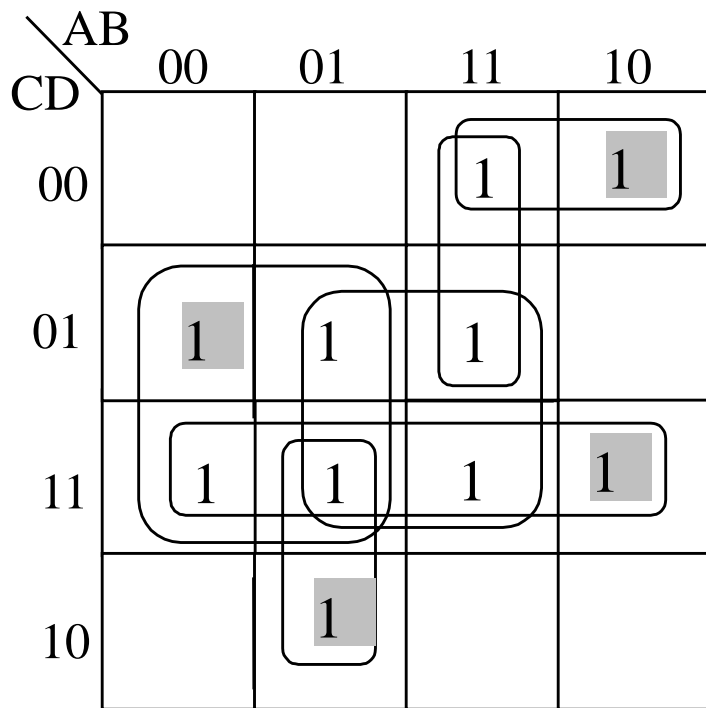
AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00			1	1
01	1	1	1	
11	1	1	1	1
10		1		

(c)

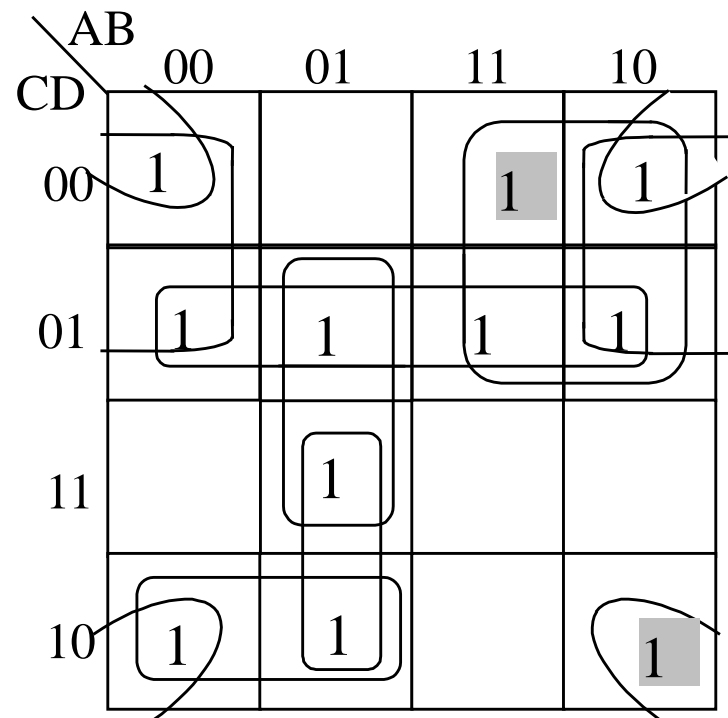
AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	1		1	1
01	1	1	1	1
11		1		
10	1	1		1

(d)

Figure 5.13 Examples of prime implicants.



(c)



(d)

Figure 5.13 Examples of prime implicants.

Prime implicants (c) $A'BC$, ABC' , $AC'D'$, $A'D$, BD , CD

(d) $A'CD'$, $A'BC$, $A'BD$, $B'D'$, $B'C'$, $C'D$, AC'

Essential prime implicants (c) $A'BC$, $AC'D'$, $A'D$, CD

(d) $B'D'$, AC'

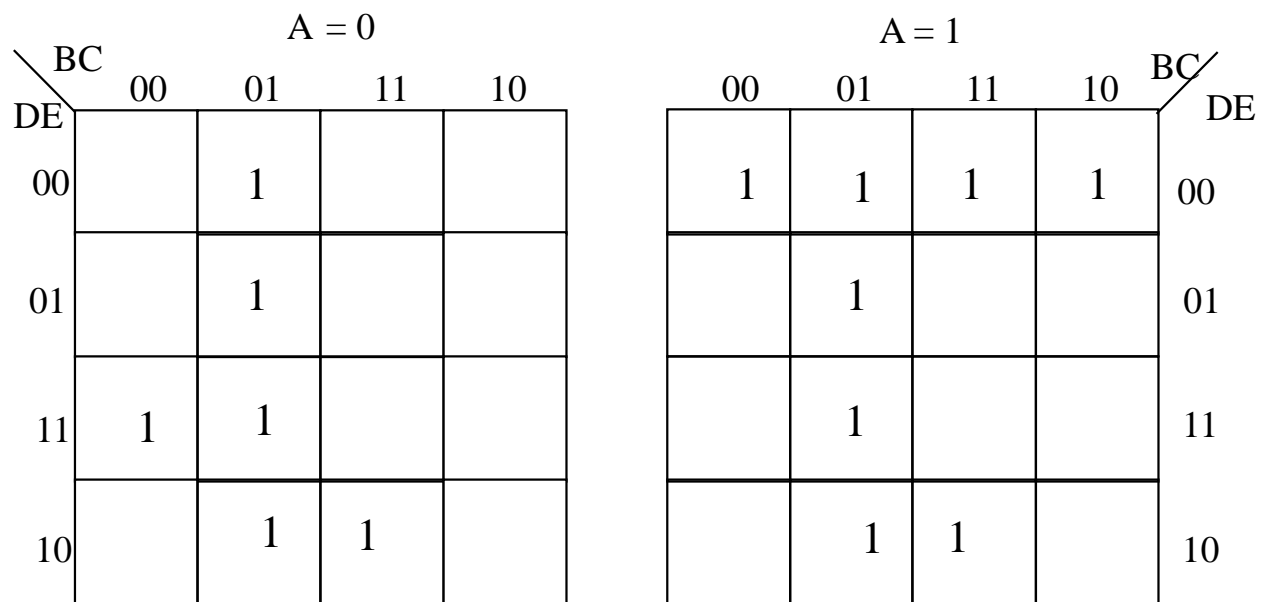


Figure 5.14 Examples of prime implicants on a 5-variable K-map.

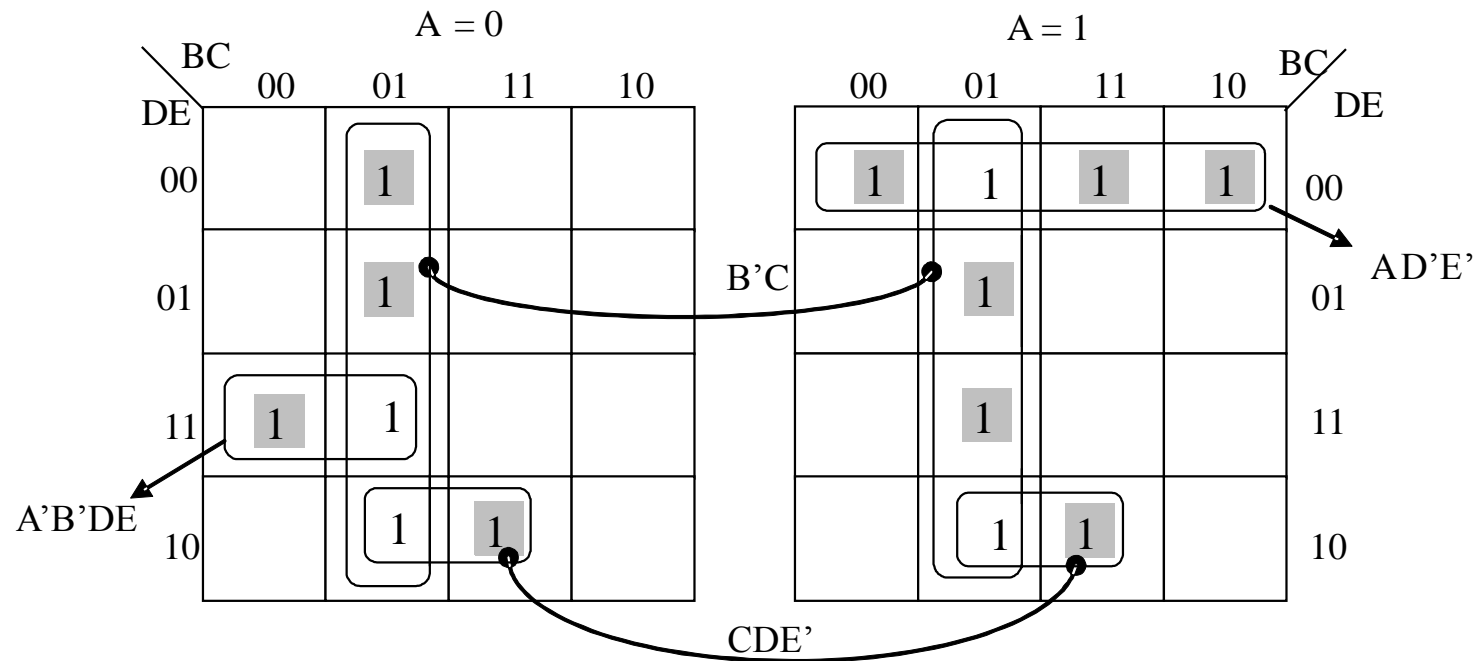
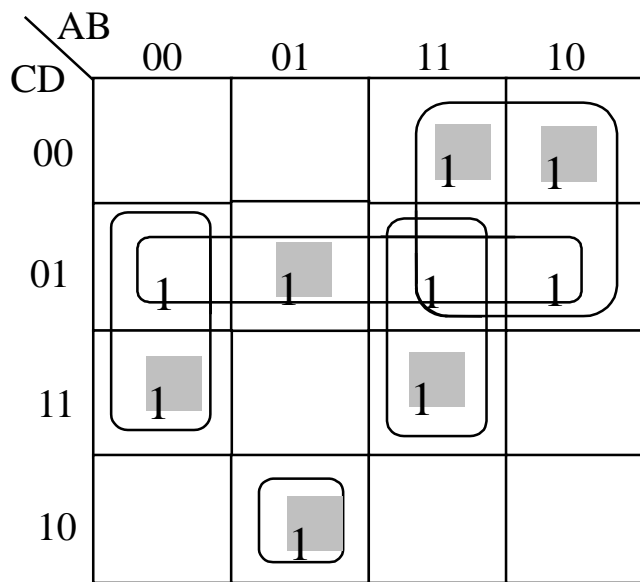


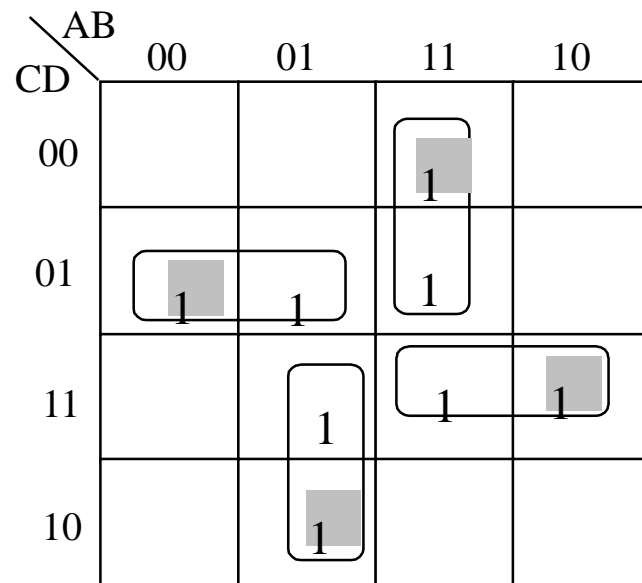
Figure 5.14 Examples of prime implicants on a 5-variable K-map.

5.3 Simplest Sum-of-Products Expression

- (i) Select all the essential prime implicants.
- (ii) Select a minimum number of secondary essential prime implicants with a minimum number of literals for all the 1-cells not covered by the essential prime implicants.



(a)



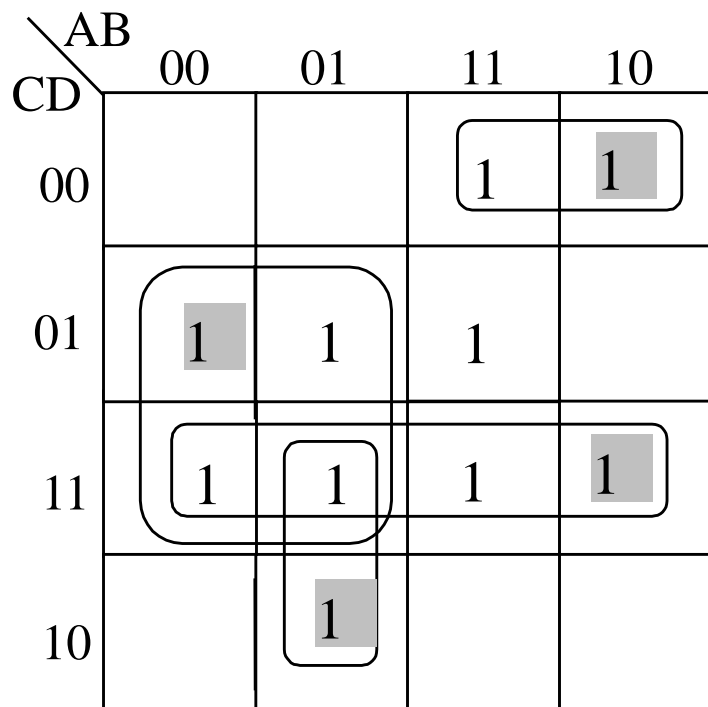
(b)

Essential Prime implicants (a) $A'BCD'$, $A'B'D$, ABD , $C'D$, AC'
 (b) $A'C'D$, $A'BC$, ACD , ABC'

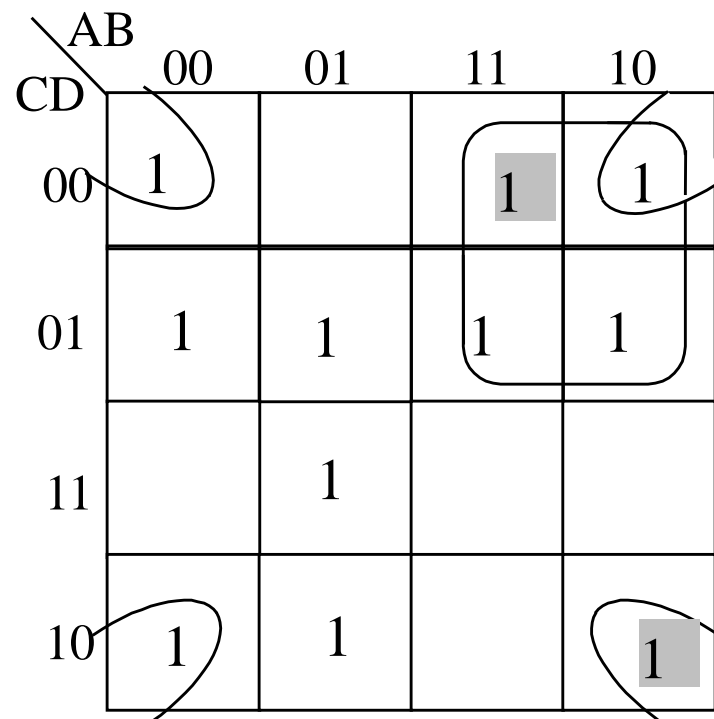
Simplest sum-of-products

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

(b) $F = A'C'D + A'BC + ACD + ABC'$



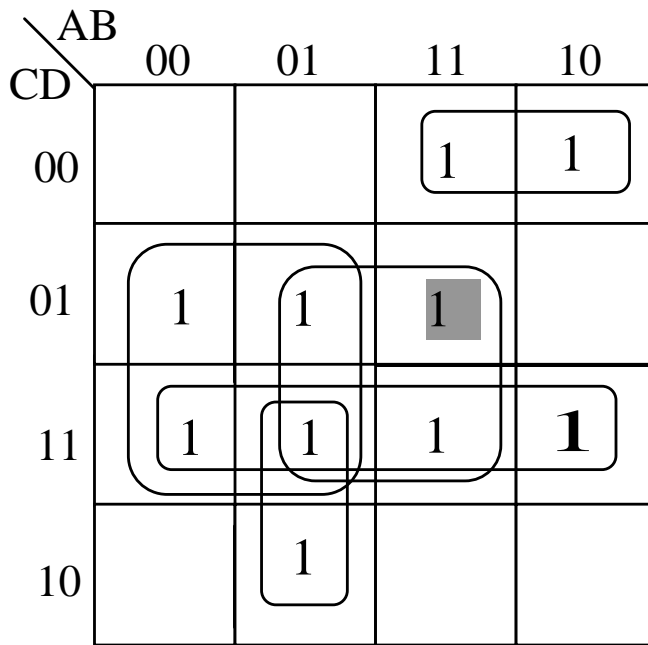
(c)



(d)

Figure 5.13 Examples of prime implicants.

Essential prime implicants (c) $A'BC$, $AC'D'$, $A'D$, CD
 (d) $B'D'$, AC'

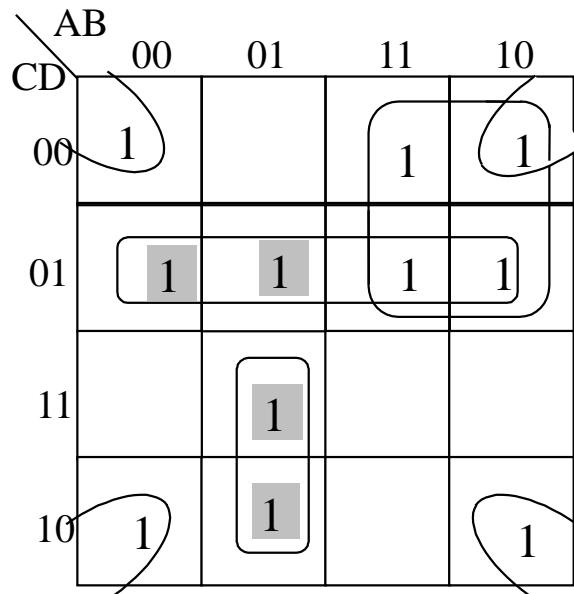


Essential prime implicants
 $A'BC$, $AC'D'$, $A'D$, CD

Figure 5.15(a) From Figure 5.13(c)

Simplest sum-of-products

$$F = A'BC + AC'D' + A'D + CD + BD$$



Essential prime implicants
 $B'D'$, AC'

Figure 5.15 (b) From Figure 5.13 (d)

Simplest Sum-of-products

$$F = B'D' + AC' + C'D + A'BC$$

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

Figure 5.16 K-map for Example 5.1.

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

Figure 5.17 K-map for Example 5.2

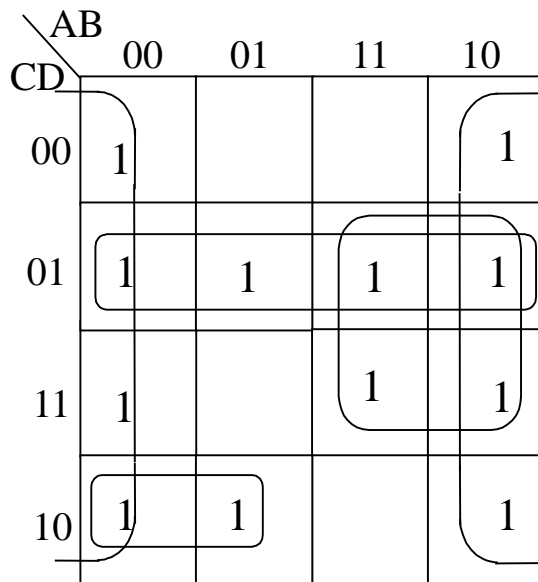


Figure 5.16 K-map for Example 5.1.

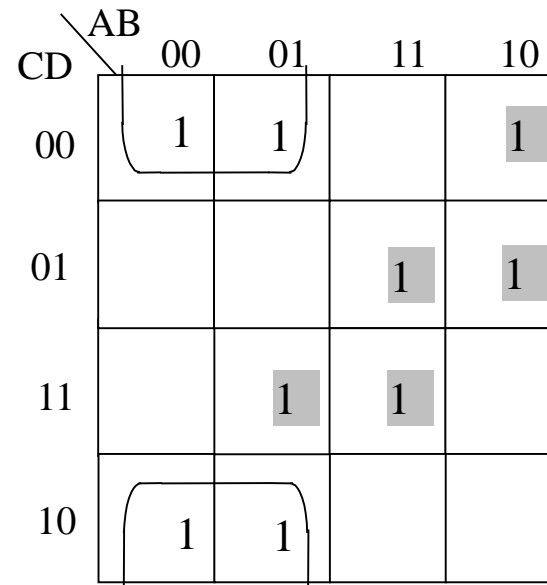


Figure 5.17 K-map for Example 5.2

Example 5.1

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

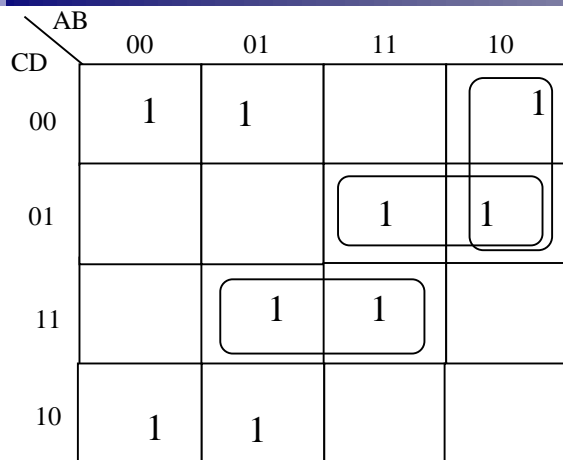
Example 5.2

$$(a) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{A'BC} + \underline{ABD} + \underline{AB'C'}$$

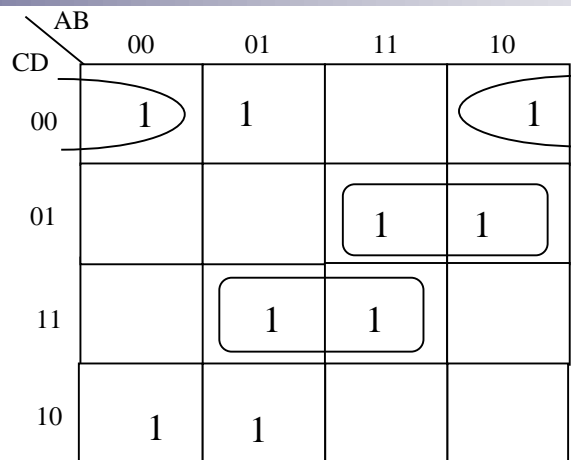
$$(b) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{BCD} + \underline{ABD} + \underline{AB'C'}$$

$$(c) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{BCD} + \underline{AC'D} + \underline{AB'C'}$$

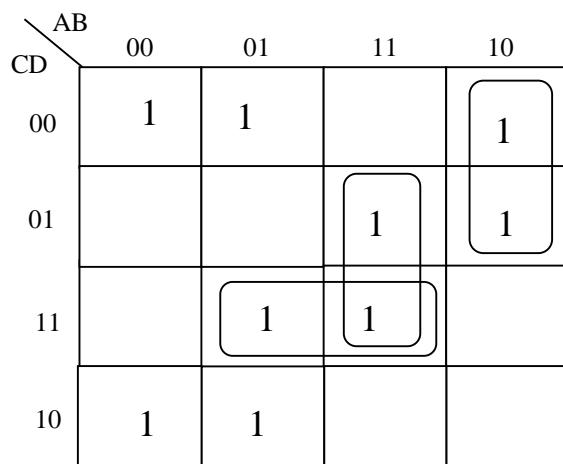
$$(d) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{BCD} + \underline{AC'D} + \underline{B'C'D'}$$



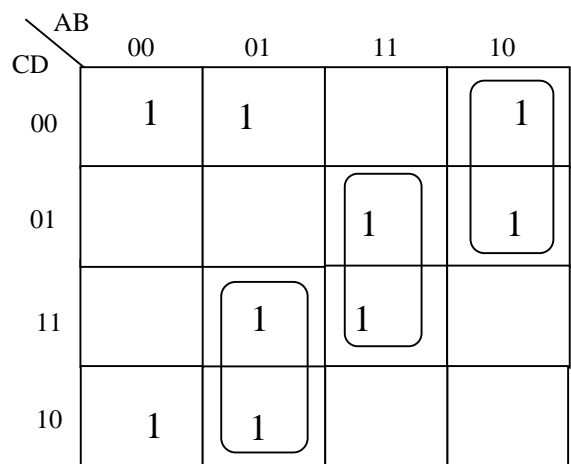
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Figure 5.18 Selections of secondary essential prime implicants for Example 5.2

Example 5.2

$$(a) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{A'BC} + \underline{ABD} + \underline{AB'C'}$$

$$(b) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{BCD} + \underline{ABD} + \underline{AB'C'}$$

$$(c) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{BCD} + \underline{AC'D} + \underline{AB'C'}$$

$$(d) F(A,B,C,D) = A'D' + \underline{BCD} + \underline{AC'D} + \underline{B'C'D'}$$

❖ Example 5.3

A = 0					A = 1				
DE	BC				BC				DE
	00	01	11	10	00	01	11	10	
00		1	1			1	1		00
01	1	1	1			1			01
11		1	1		1	1		1	11
10									10

Figure 5.19 K-map for Example 5.3.

❖ Example 5.3

$$F(A,B,C,D,E) = A'B'D'E + A'CE + ACDE + B'CE' + B'CE$$

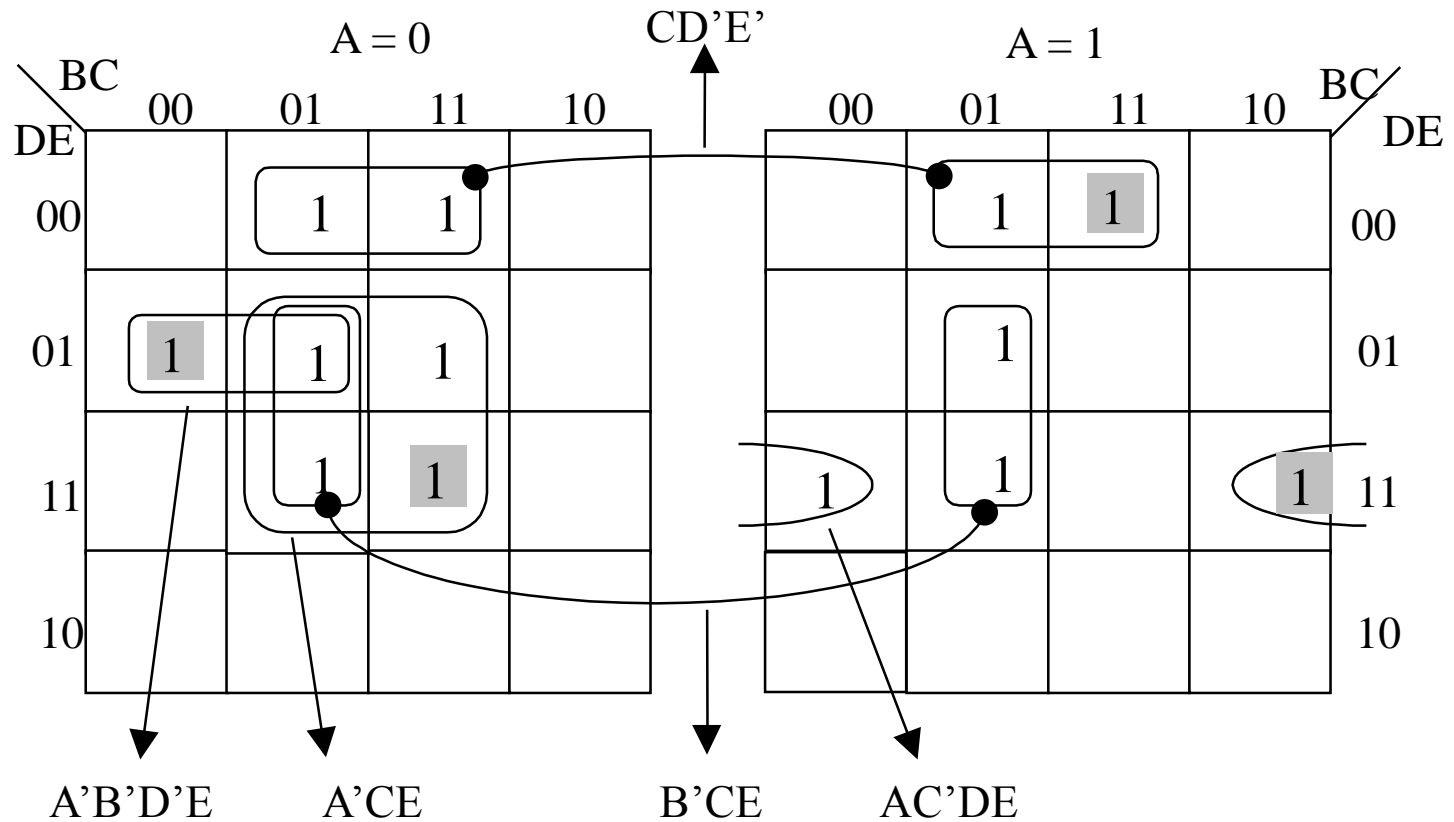


Figure 5.19 K-map for Example 5.3.

5.4 Simplest Product-of-Sums Expressions

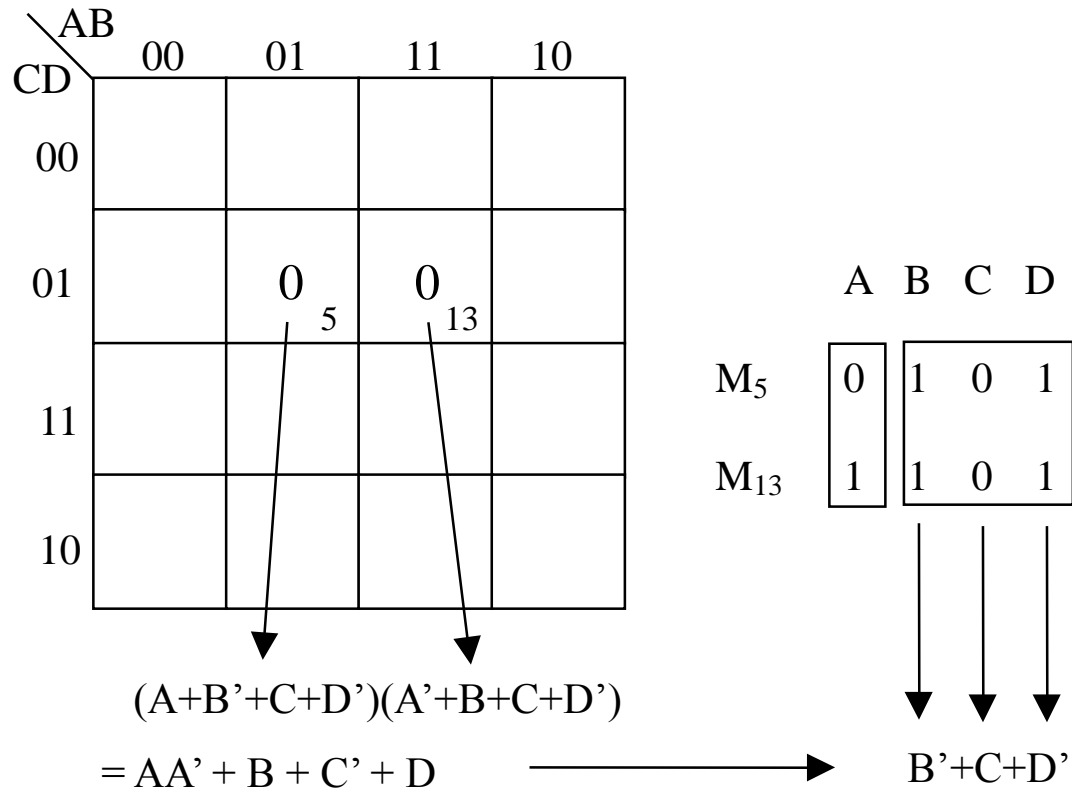


Figure 5.20 Logically adjacent maxterms.

Example 5.4

AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00			0	
01		0	0	
11		0	0	
10	0	0	0	0

(a)

AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	0			0
01	0	0	0	0
11		0		
10		0	0	0

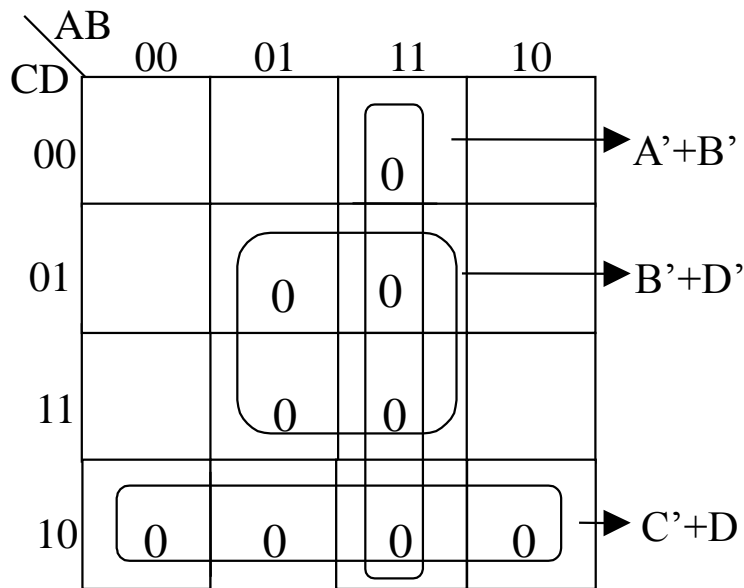
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Figure 5.21 Karnaugh maps for Example 5.4.

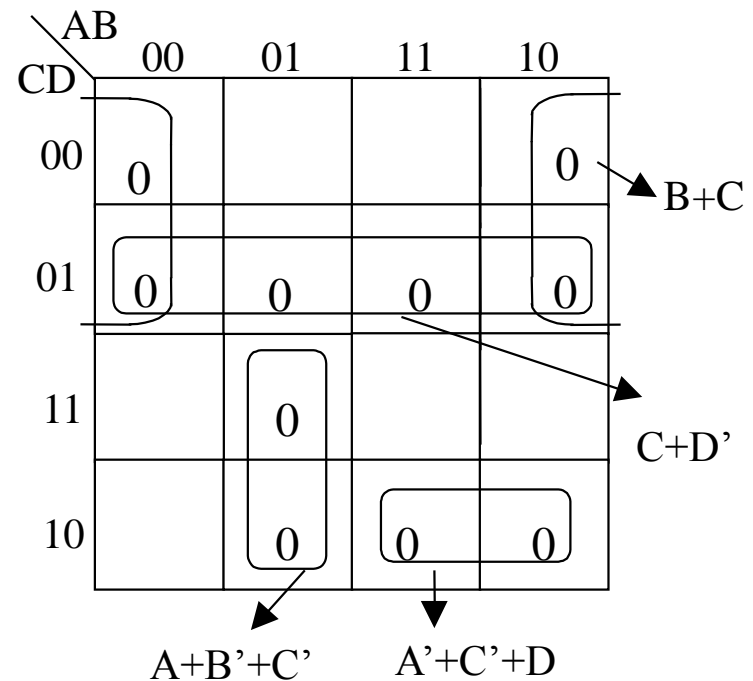
❖ Example 5.4

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

(b) $F(A,B,C,D) = (B + C) (C + D') \underline{(A + B' + C')} \underline{(A' + C' + D)}$



(a)



(b)

Figure 5.21 Karnaugh maps for Example 5.4.

❖ Example 5.5

A = 0					A = 1				
DE	BC				BC				DE
	00	01	11	10	00	01	11	10	
00		0				0			00
01		0				0			01
11	0	0		0		0	0	0	11
10		0	0	0		0	0	0	10

Figure 5.22 Karnaugh map for Example 5.5.

❖ Example 5.5

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

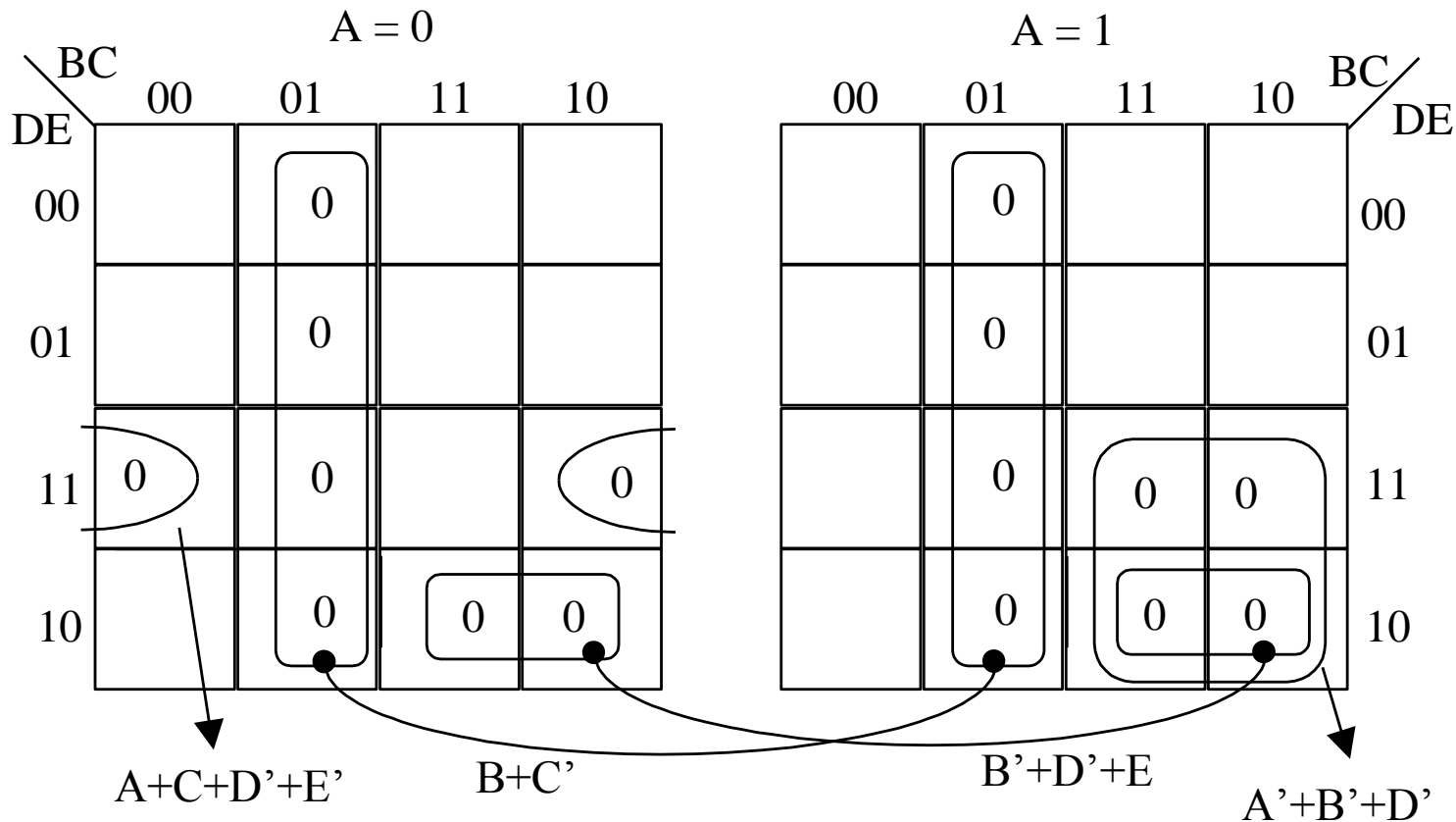



Figure 5.22 Karnaugh map for Example 5.5.



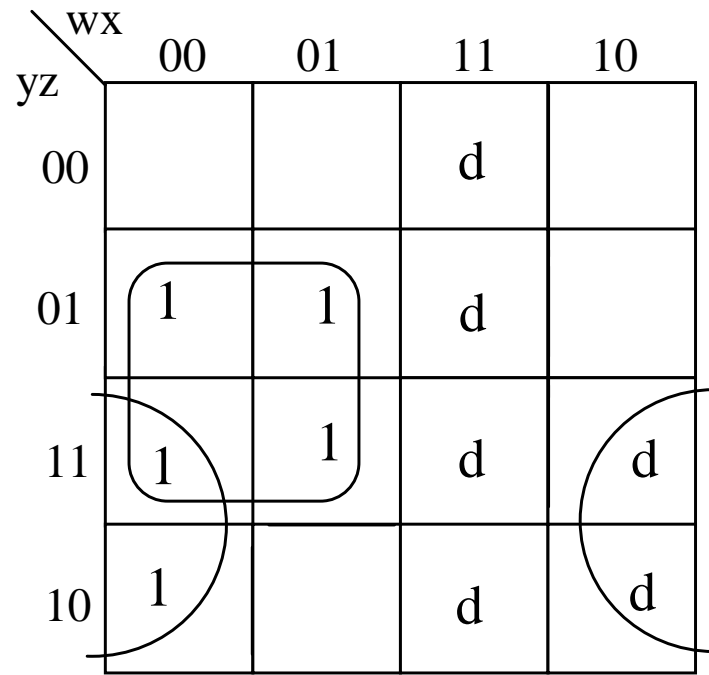
5.5 Minimization of Incompletely Specified Functions

- (1) Do not consider a don't-care term to be a distinguished cell. A don't care term is a distinguished cell if it can be included in only one prime implicant (or implicate).
- (2) Always include don't-care terms with 1-cells or 0-cells to form a higher order cube or larger grouping.



		wx			
		00	01	11	10
yz	00			d	
	01	1	1	d	
	11	1	1	d	d
	10	1		d	d

Figure 5.23 Karnaugh map for the verification of the function in Table 4.8.



	wx	00	01	11	10
yz	00			d	
	01	1	1	d	
	11	1	1	d	d
	10	1		d	d

Figure 5.23 Karnaugh map for the verification of the function in Table 4.8.

Example 5.5

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

(a)

CD \ AB	AB			
	00	01	11	10
00		d	0	0
01		0	0	
11	d	0	0	d
10	0		d	0

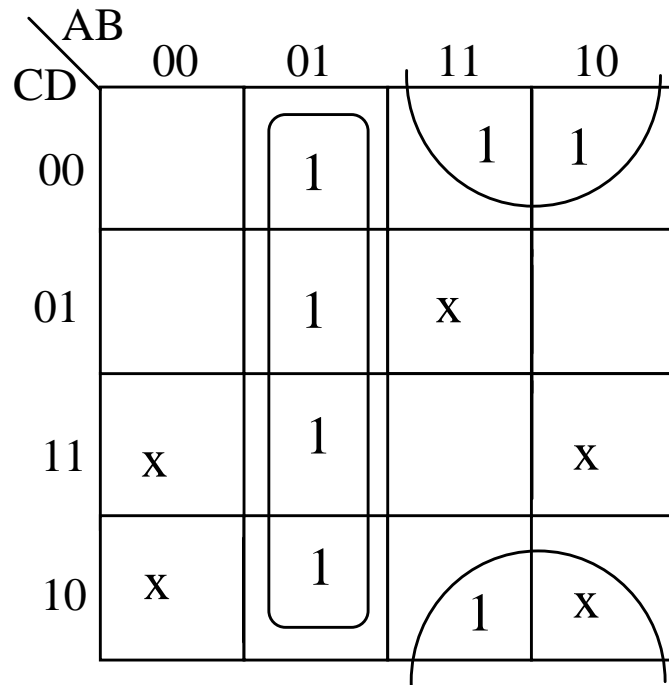
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Figure 5.24 Karnaugh maps for Example 5.6.

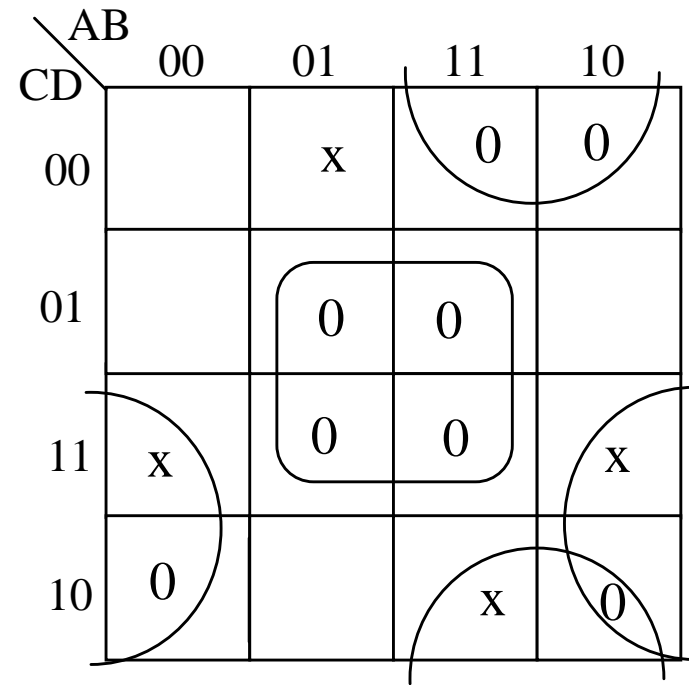
Example 5.5

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

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



(a)



(b)

Figure 5.24 Karnaugh maps for Example 5.6.

5.6 Exclusive-OR and Exclusive-NOR Patterns

$$m_0 + m_5 = A'B'C'D' + A'BC'D = A'C' (B'D' + BD) = A'C' (B \oplus D)' \quad (\text{Pattern 1})$$

$$m_0 + m_{10} = A'B'C'D' + AB'CD' = B'D' (A'C' + AC) = B'D' (A \oplus C)' \quad (\text{Pattern 1})$$

$$m_5 + m_9 = A'BC'D + AB'C'D = C'D (A'B + AB') = C'D (A \oplus B) \quad (\text{Pattern 2})$$

$$m_9 + m_{10} = AB'C'D + AB'CD' = AB' (C'D + CD') = AB' (C \oplus D) \quad (\text{Pattern 3})$$

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

Figure 5.25 Exclusive-OR patterns for 0-cubes.

$$A'B'C' + ABC' = C' (A'B' + AB) = C' (A \oplus B)'$$

(Pattern 2)

$$A'B'C' + AB'C = B' (A'C' + AC) = B' (A \oplus C)'$$

(Pattern 1)

$$ABC' + AB'C = A (BC' + B'C) = A (B \oplus C)$$

(Pattern 1)

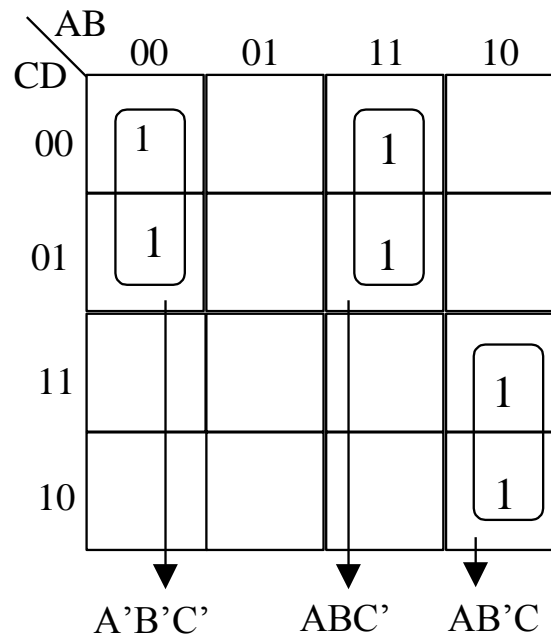


Figure 5.26 Exclusive-OR patterns for 1-cubes.

$$A'B + AB' = (A \oplus B)$$

$$B'D' + BD = (B \oplus D)'$$

(Pattern 2)

(Pattern 1)

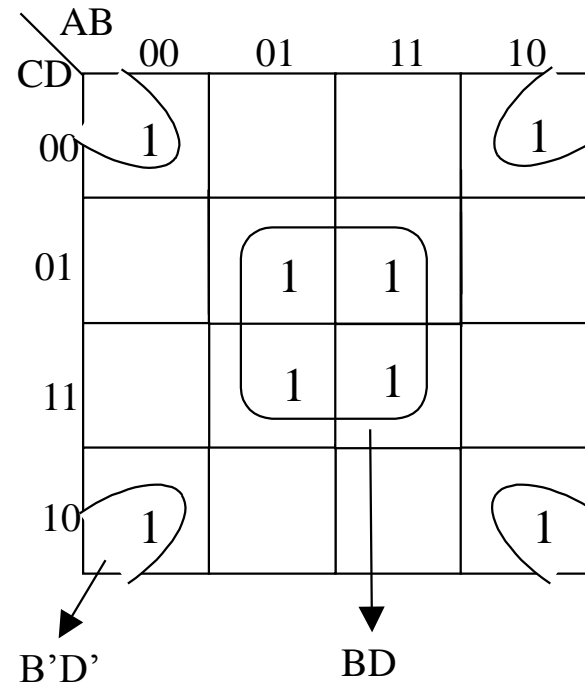
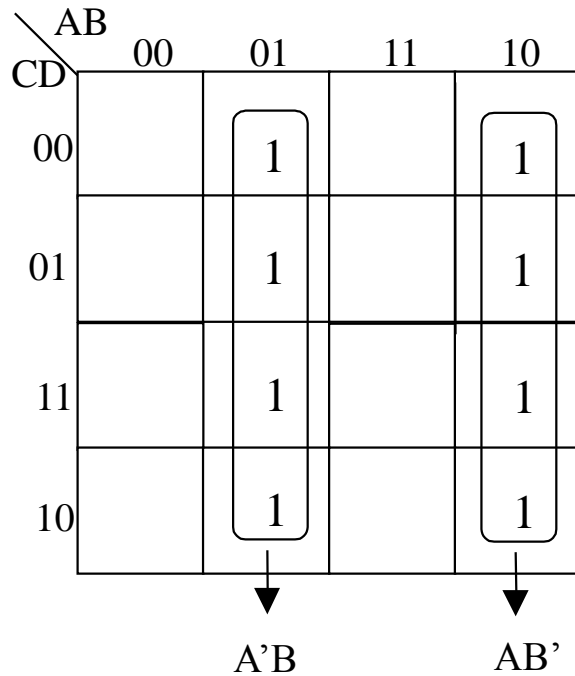


Figure 5.27 Exclusive-OR patterns for 2-cubes.

$$(A' + C + D) (A' + C' + D') = A' + (C + D) (C' + D') = A' + (C \oplus D) \quad (\text{Pattern 3})$$

$$(A + D') (A' + D) = (A \oplus D)'$$

(Pattern 1)

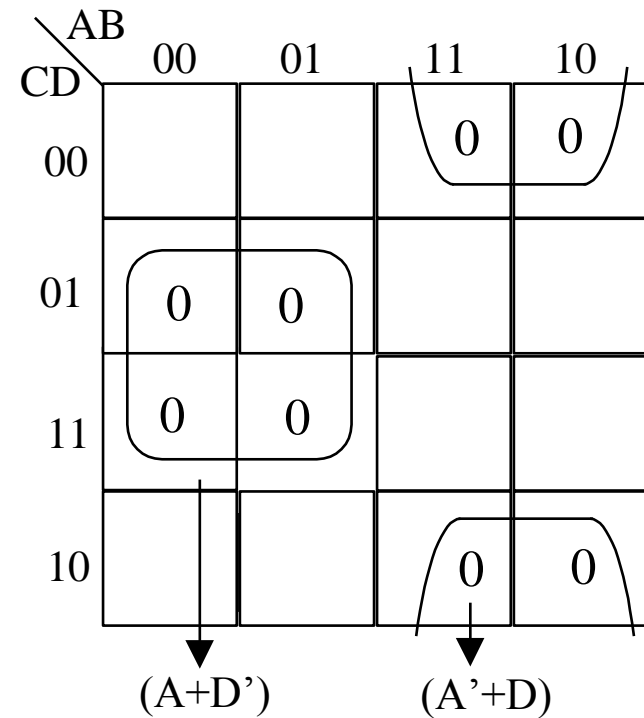
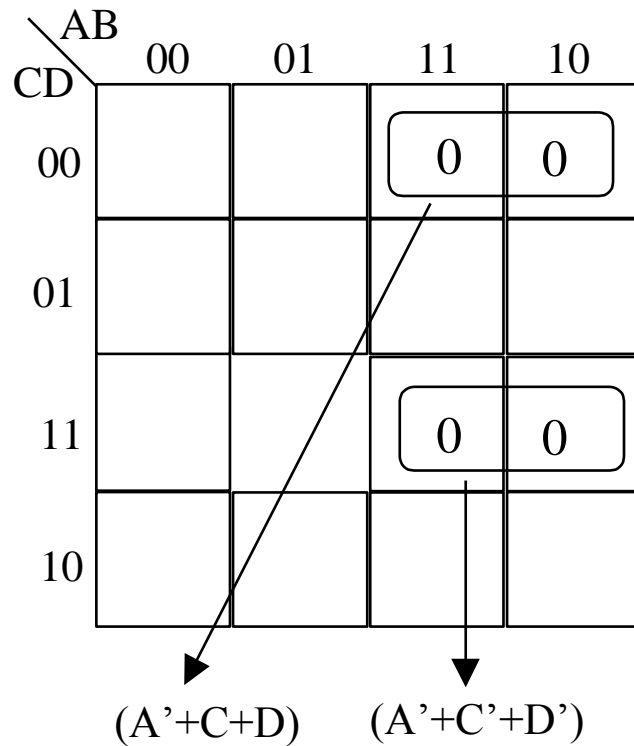


Figure 5.28 Exclusive-OR patterns from 0-cells.

❖ Example 5.7

$$y_0 = F(x_2, x_1, x_0) = \Sigma m(1, 2, 4, 7)$$

$$F(x_2, x_1, x_0) = x_2'x_1'x_0 + x_2'x_1x_0' + x_2x_1'x_0' + x_2x_1x_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_2, x_1, x_0) &= (m_1 + m_2) + (m_4 + m_7) \\ &= (x_2'x_1'x_0 + x_2'x_1x_0') + (x_2x_1'x_0' + x_2x_1x_0) \\ &= x_2'(x_1'x_0 + x_1x_0') + x_2(x_1'x_0' + x_1x_0) \\ &= x_2'(x_1 \oplus x_0) + x_2(x_1 \oplus x_0)' \\ &= x_2 \oplus x_1 \oplus x_0 \end{aligned}$$

$x_2 \ x_1$		00	01	11	10
x_0	0		1		1
	1	1		1	

Figure 5.29 K-map for y_0 in Table 1.2.

4.3 Expansion of Boolean Functions

Shannon's expansion theorem

$$F(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0) = x_i' F_{x_i=0} + x_i F_{x_i=1} \quad (4.2)$$

where $F_{x_i=0} = F(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i = 0, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0)$ (4.3a)

and $F_{x_i=1} = F(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i = 1, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0)$ (4.3b)

are called sub-functions of F and x_i is called an expansion variable.

x_i	Left-hand-side of (4.2)	Right-hand-side of (4.2)
0	$F(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i = 0, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0) = F_{x_i=0}$	$(0)'F_{x_i=0} + (0)F_{x_i=1} = F_{x_i=0}$
1	$F(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i = 1, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0) = F_{x_i=1}$	$(1)'F_{x_i=0} + (1)F_{x_i=1} = F_{x_i=1}$

Binary Tree

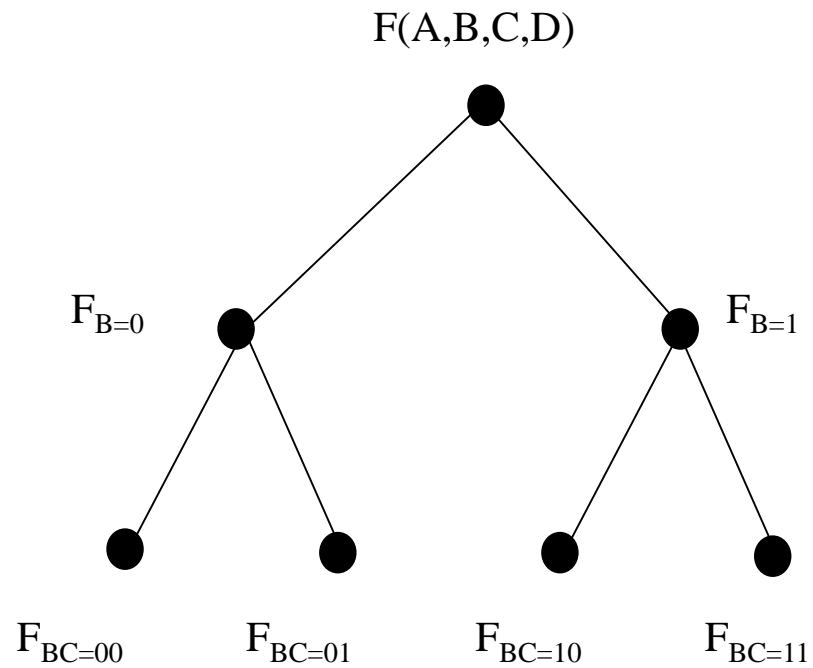


Figure 4.3 A binary tree for the expansion of a Boolean function.

Shannon's expansion theorem

$$F(x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}, \dots, x_{i+1}, x_i, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_2, x_1, x_0) = x_i' F_{x_i=0} + x_i F_{x_i=1} \quad (4.2)$$

$$F(A,B,C,D) = A'B'C + BC' + AC'D + ABD' \quad (4.4)$$

B : expansion variable

$$\begin{aligned} F_{B=0} &= F(A, B=0, C, D) \\ &= A'(0)'C + (0)C' + AC'D + A(0)D' = A'C + AC'D \end{aligned} \quad (4.5a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{B=1} &= F(A, B=1, C, D) \\ &= A'(1)'C + (1)C' + AC'D + A(1)D' = C' + AC'D + AD' = C' + AD \end{aligned} \quad (4.5b)$$

$$F(A,B,C,D) = B'(\underline{A'C + AC'D}) + B(\underline{C' + AD'}) \quad (4.6)$$

$$F(A,B,C,D) = B'(\underline{A'C + AC'D}) + B(\underline{C' + AD'}) \quad (4.6)$$

Sub-functions of $F_{B=0} = A'C + AC'D$ are

$$F_{BC=00} = F(A, B=0, C=0, D) = A'(0) + A(0)'D = AD \quad (4.7a)$$

$$F_{BC=01} = F(A, B=0, C=1, D) = A'(1) + A(1)'D = A' \quad (4.7b)$$

$$F_{B=0} = A'C + AC'D = C'(\underline{AD}) + C(\underline{A'}) \quad (4.8)$$

Sub-functions of $F_{B=1} = C' + AD'$ are

$$F_{BC=10} = F(A, B=1, C=0, D) = (0)' + AD' = 1 \quad (4.9a)$$

$$F_{BC=11} = F(A, B=1, C=1, D) = (1)' + AD' = AD' \quad (4.9b)$$

$$F_{B=1} = C' + AD' = C'(\underline{1}) + C(\underline{AD'}) \quad (4.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(A,B,C,D) &= B'(\underline{A'C + AC'D}) + B(\underline{C' + AD'}) \\ &= B' [C'(\underline{AD}) + C(\underline{A'})] + B [C'(\underline{1}) + C(\underline{AD'})] \\ &= B'C'(\underline{AD}) + B'C(\underline{A'}) + BC'(\underline{1}) + BC(\underline{AD'}) \\ &= B'C' \underline{F_{BC=00}} + B'C \underline{F_{BC=01}} + BC' \underline{F_{BC=10}} + BC \underline{F_{BC=11}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

Sub-Functions

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma m(0, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15) + d(5, 7, 10) \quad (5.1)$$

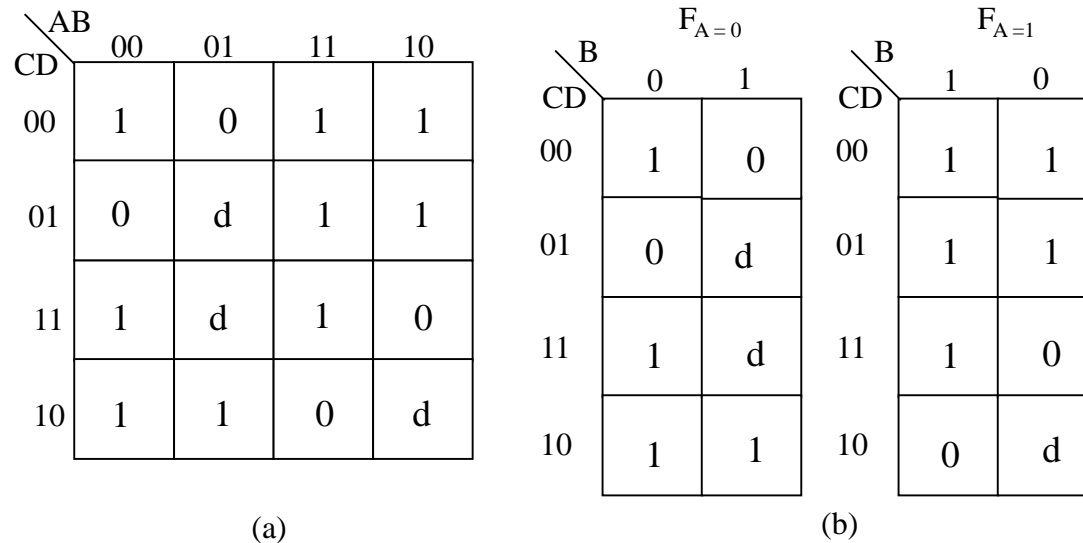


Figure 5.30 (a) K-map of a 4-variable function F . (b) Partition of (a) into two sub-functions with A as expansion variable. (c) Partition of (a) into four sub-functions with A and B as expansion variables. (d) Partition of (a) into four sub-functions with C and D as expansion variables.

AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	1	1
01	0	d	1	1
11	1	d	1	0
10	1	1	0	d

(a)

		$F_{A=0}$				$F_{A=1}$	
		B				B	
		0	1			1	0
CD \ B	00	1	0	CD \ B	00	1	1
	01	0	d		01	1	1
	11	1	d		11	1	0
	10	1	1		10	0	d

(b)

CD	$F_{AB=00}$	$F_{AB=01}$	$F_{AB=11}$	$F_{AB=10}$
00	1	0	1	1
01	0	d	1	1
11	1	d	1	0
10	1	1	0	d

(c)

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AB \ CD	00	01	11	10
00	1	0	1	1
01	0	d	1	1
11	1	d	1	0
10	1	1	0	d

$$F(A,B,C,D) = A'C + BD + AC' + \cancel{A}B'D' \quad (5.2)$$

$$F_{AB=00} = F(A=0, B=0, C, D) = C + D' \quad (5.3a)$$

$$F_{AB=01} = F(A=0, B=1, C, D) = C + D \quad (5.3b)$$

$$F_{AB=10} = F(A=1, B=0, C, D) = C' + D' \quad (5.3c)$$

$$F_{AB=11} = F(A=1, B=1, C, D) = C' + D \quad (5.3d)$$

(a)

	$F_{AB=00}$	$F_{AB=01}$	$F_{AB=11}$	$F_{AB=10}$
CD				
00	1	0	1	1
01	0	d	1	1
11	1	d	1	0
10	1	1	0	d

$$F_{AB=00} = C + D' \quad (5.4a)$$

$$F_{AB=01} = C \quad (5.4b)$$

$$F_{AB=10} = C' \quad (5.4c)$$

$$F_{AB=11} = C' + D \quad (5.4d)$$

(c)

Figure 5.30 (a) K-map of a 4-variable function F. (b) Partition of (a) into two sub-functions with A as expansion variable. (c) Partition of (a) into four sub-functions with A and B as expansion variables. (d) Partition of (a) into four sub-functions with C and D as expansion variables.

		AB			
		00	01	11	10
CD	00	1	0	1	1
	01	0	d	1	1
	11	1	d	1	0
	10	1	1	0	d

(a)

	AB			
	00	01	11	10
$F_{CD=00}$	1	0	1	1
$F_{CD=01}$	0	d	1	1
$F_{CD=11}$	1	d	1	0
$F_{CD=10}$	1	1	0	1

(d)

Figure 5.30 (a) K-map of a 4-variable function F . (b) Partition of (a) into two sub-functions with A as expansion variable. (c) Partition of (a) into four sub-functions with A and B as expansion variables. (d) Partition of (a) into four sub-functions with C and D as expansion variables.

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma m(0, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15) + d(5, 7, 10) \quad (5.1)$$

	$F_{BCD=000}$	$F_{BCD=001}$	$F_{BCD=010}$	$F_{BCD=011}$	$F_{BCD=100}$	$F_{BCD=101}$	$F_{BCD=110}$	$F_{BCD=111}$
A								
0	1 0	0 1	1 2	1 3	0 4	d 5	1 6	d 7
1	1 8	1 9	d 10	0 11	1 12	1 13	0 14	1 15

Figure 5.31 Construction of sub-functions K-maps from mintem list with B, C, and D as expansion variables.

$$F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma m(0, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15) + d(5, 7, 10) \quad (5.1)$$

	$F_{BC=00}$	$F_{BC=01}$	$F_{BC=10}$	$F_{BC=11}$
AD				
00	1 0	1 2	0 4	1 6
01	0 1	1 3	d 5	d 7
11	1 9	0 11	1 13	1 15
10	1 8	d 10	1 12	0 14

Figure 5.32 Construction of sub-function K-maps from mintem list with B and C as expansion variables.