

# ENGG2020 DIGITAL LOGIC AND SYSTEMS

## CHAPTER 3: GATE LEVEL MINIMIZATION

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# MINTERM

- Normal form and complement form
  - A binary variable may appear either in its normal form,  $x$ , or in its complement form,  $x'$
  
- Minterm
  - If there are 2 variables,  $x$  and  $y$ , there are 4 possible combinations:  $x'y'$ ,  $x'y$ ,  $xy'$ ,  $xy$
  - Each of these 4 AND terms is called a minterm, or standard product
  - If there are  $N$  variables, there are  $2^N$  minterms
  - A symbol for each minterm is denoted as  $m_j$ , where the subscript  $j$  denotes the decimal equivalent of the binary number of the minterm designated

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# MAXTERM

- Maxterm
  - If there are 2 variables,  $x$  and  $y$ , there are another 4 possible combinations:  $x+y$ ,  $x+y'$ ,  $x'+y$ ,  $x'+y'$
  - Each of these 4 OR terms is called a maxterm, or standard sum
  - If there are  $N$  variables, there are  $2^N$  maxterms
  - A symbol for each maxterm is denoted as  $M_j$ , where the subscript  $j$  denotes the decimal equivalent of the binary number of the maxterm designated
  
- For minterm, “1” → Normal (True), and “0” → Complement (False)
- For maxterm, “0” → Normal (True), and “1” → Complement (False)
- Therefore,  $m_j$  is the complement of  $M_j$

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# MINTERMS AND MAXTERMS

*Minterms and Maxterms for Three Binary Variables*

x	y	z	Minterms		Maxterms	
			Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	$=111=1$	$x + y + z$	$=0+0+0=0$
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	$m_1$	$x + y + z'$	$M_1$
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	$m_2$	$x + y' + z$	$M_2$
0	1	1	$x'yz$	$m_3$	$x + y' + z'$	$M_3$
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	$m_4$	$x' + y + z$	$M_4$
1	0	1	$xy'z$	$m_5$	$x' + y + z'$	$M_5$
1	1	0	$xyz'$	$m_6$	$x' + y' + z$	$M_6$
1	1	1	$xyz$	$m_7$	$x' + y' + z'$	$M_7$

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## EXAMPLE (MINTERMS & MAXTERMS)

- For example, we have the truth table of the following functions  $f_1$

*Functions of Three Variables*

x	y	z	Function $f_1$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

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## EXAMPLE (MINTERMS & MAXTERMS)

- A Boolean function can be expressed algebraically in terms of either minterms or maxterms

- In term of minterms, we have

- $f_1(x, y, z) = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz$
- $f_1(x, y, z) = m_1 + m_4 + m_7$
- $f_1(x, y, z) = \sum m(1,4,7)$
- $f'_1(x, y, z) = \sum m(0,2,3,5,6)$

Functions of Three Variables			
x	y	z	Function $f_1$
0	0	0	term 0 0
0	0	1	term 1 1
0	1	0	term 2 0
0	1	1	term 3 0
1	0	0	term 4 1
1	0	1	term 5 0
1	1	0	term 6 0
1	1	1	term 7 1

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## EXAMPLE (MINTERMS & MAXTERMS)

- In term of maxterms, we have

- $f_1(x, y, z) = (x + y + z)(x + y' + z)(x + y' + z')(x' + y + z')(x' + y' + z)$
- $f_1(x, y, z) = M_0 M_2 M_3 M_5 M_6$
- $f_1(x, y, z) = \prod M(0,2,3,5,6)$
- $f'_1(x, y, z) = \prod M(1,4,7)$

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1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

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## EXAMPLE OF MINTERM & MAXTERM

- Given a truth table:
- By using Minterm, 1 = True, 0 = False
  - $X = AB' + AB$  sum of product (SOP)
- By using Maxterm, 0 = True, 1 = False
  - $X = (A+B)(A'+B)$  product of sum(POS)
    - If A=0, B=0, X = (0+0)(1+0) = 0
    - If A=0, B=1, X = (0+1)(1+1) = 1
    - If A=1, B=0, X = (1+0)(0+0) = 0
    - If A=1, B=1, X = (1+1)(0+1) = 1

A	B	X
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

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## CANONICAL AND STANDARD FORMS

- Standard Sum-Of-Products (SOP) forms
  - Equations are written as AND terms summed with OR operators
  - $F = xyz + xy' + z'$
- Standard Product-Of-Sums (POS) forms
  - Equations are written as OR terms multiplied with AND operators
  - $F = (x + y + z)(x + y')(z')$
- Canonical forms, e.g.
  - Sum of minterms:  $F = xyz + xy'z + x'y'z'$
  - Product of maxterms:  $F = (x + y + z)(x + y' + z)(x' + y + z')$
- Mixed forms is neither SOP nor POS, e.g.
  - $F = (xy + z)(x + y'z) + (x'y + z')$

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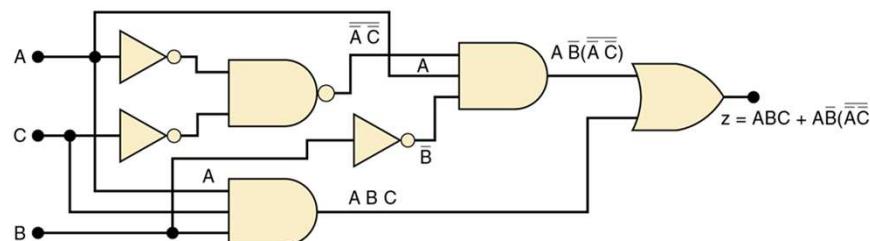
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# GATE LEVEL MINIMIZATION



## SIMPLIFYING A LOGIC CIRCUIT

- Simplify the logic circuit below:

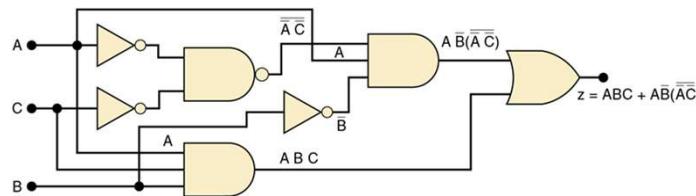


$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= ABC + AB(\bar{A} + \bar{C}) && [\text{theorem (17)}] \\
 &= ABC + AB(A + C) && [\text{cancel double inversions}] \\
 &= ABC + A\bar{B}A + A\bar{B}C && [\text{multiply out}] \\
 &= ABC + A\bar{B} + A\bar{B}C && [A \cdot A = A]
 \end{aligned}$$

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# SIMPLIFYING A LOGIC CIRCUIT

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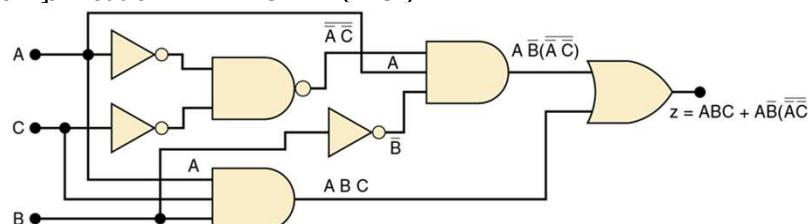


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 &= ABC + A\bar{B}A + \bar{A}BC && [\text{multiply out}] \\
 &= ABC + AB + A\bar{B}C && [A \cdot A = A] \\
 z &= AC(B + \bar{B}) + AB \\
 z &= AC(1) + AB \\
 z &= AC + AB
 \end{aligned}$$

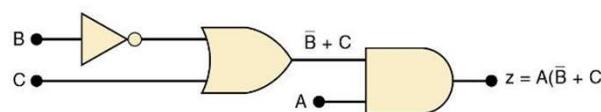
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# SIMPLIFYING A LOGIC CIRCUIT

- Before simplification:  $z = ABC + AB'(A'C')'$



- After simplification:  $z = A(C+B')$



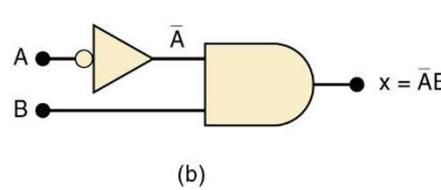
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# SIMPLIFYING A LOGIC CIRCUIT

- Step 1: setup its truth table, figure (a)
- Step 2: write an AND term for each row where output is 1
- Step 3: combine the AND terms in SOP form
- Step 4: **simplify the expression by Boolean algebra, if possible**
- Step 5: implement the simplified circuit, figure (b)

A	B	x
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	0

(a)



(b)

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## EXAMPLE (SIMPLIFICATION)

- Simplify a logic circuit with the following truth table

Truth table.

A	B	C	x
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

AND terms for each case where output is 1.

$\rightarrow \bar{A}BC$   
 $\rightarrow A\bar{B}C$   
 $\rightarrow AB\bar{C}$   
 $\rightarrow ABC$

SOP expression for the output:

$$x = \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}C + AB\bar{C} + ABC$$

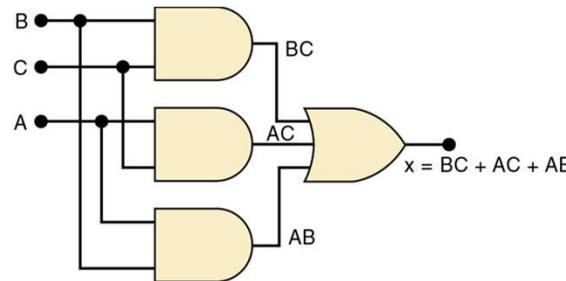
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## EXAMPLE (SIMPLIFICATION)

- Design a logic circuit with three inputs, A, B, and C.

A	B	C	X
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

$$x = BC + AC + AB$$



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## SIMPLIFYING A BOOLEAN EXPRESSION

- Simplify the Boolean function,  $F(A, B, C) = \sum m(0,2,3,4,5,7)$
- Calculation 1:
$$\begin{aligned} F &= \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + ABC \\ &= \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + ABC + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} \\ &= \overline{AC}(B + \overline{B}) + BC(A + \overline{A}) + A\overline{B}(\overline{C} + C) \\ &= \overline{AC} + BC + A\overline{B} \end{aligned}$$
- Calculation 2:
$$\begin{aligned} F &= \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + ABC \\ &= \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + A\overline{B}\overline{C} + ABC \\ &= \overline{BC}(\overline{A} + A) + \overline{AB}(C + \overline{C}) + AC(B + \overline{B}) \\ &= \overline{BC} + \overline{AB} + AC \end{aligned}$$
- Both calculations are correct and having the same numbers of terms, is there any systematic way to simplify it?

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## KARNAUGH MAP METHOD

- K-map method is a **graphical method** of simplifying logic equations or truth tables
- Theoretically, it can be used for any number of input variables, but **practically limited** to 5 or 6 variables
- For 2 input variables,  $x$  and  $y$

$m_0$	$m_1$
$m_2$	$m_3$

(a)

$x \backslash y$

	0	1
0	$m_0$ $x'y'$	$m_1$ $x'y$
1	$m_2$ $xy'$	$m_3$ $xy$

(b)

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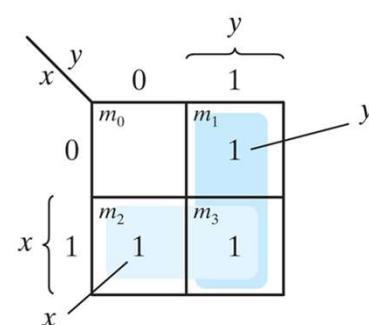
## 2-VARIABLE K-MAP

- For the following expressions, we have the K-maps below:

- (a)  $xy$
- (b)  $x+y$

$x \backslash y$

	0	1
0	$m_0$	$m_1$
1	$m_2$	$m_3$

(a)  $xy$ (b)  $x + y$ 

$m_1 m_3 \rightarrow y$   
 $m_2 m_3 \rightarrow x$   
 so  $x + y$   
 or  
 $m_1 m_3 \rightarrow y$   
 $m_2 \rightarrow xy'$   
 so  $xy' + y = y + xy'$   
 note:  $x+x' = x$ ,  $y=y$   
 so  $y+xy' = y+x=xy$

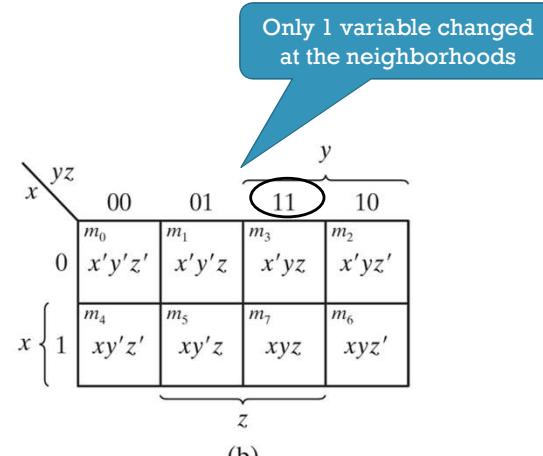
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## 3-VARIABLE K-MAP

- 3-variable K-map

$m_0$	$m_1$	( $m_3$ )	$m_2$
$m_4$	$m_5$	( $m_7$ )	$m_6$

(a)



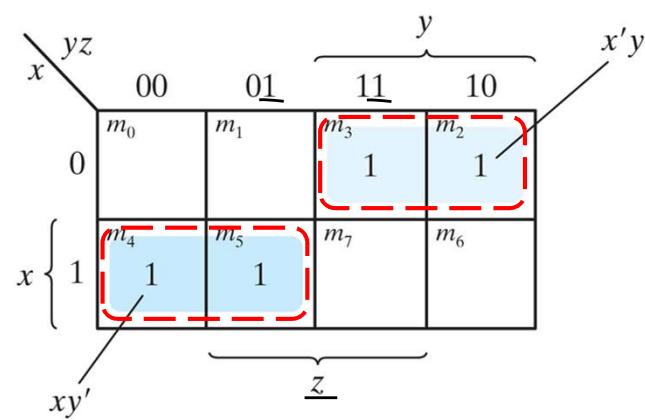
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## EXAMPLE (3-VARIABLE K-MAP)

- Simplify  $F(x, y, z) = \sum(2, 3, 4, 5)$



- Ans:  $F(x, y, z) = x'y + xy'$

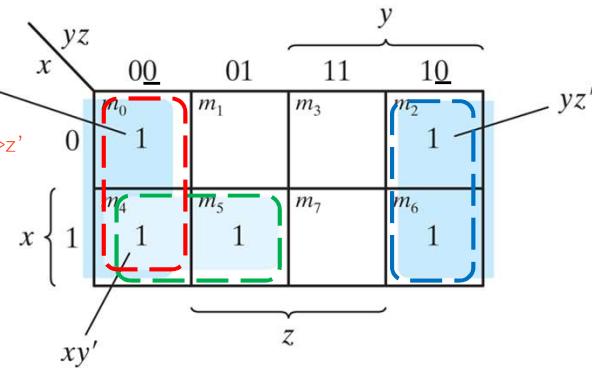
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## EXAMPLE (3-VARIABLE K-MAP)

- Simplify  $F(x, y, z) = \sum(0, 2, 4, 5, 6)$

red and blue region can be grouped  $\rightarrow z'$

larger group, term is more simple  
so  $m_4m_5$  group  $\rightarrow xy'$



- Ans:  $F(x, y, z) = y'z' + yz' + xy' = z' + xy'$

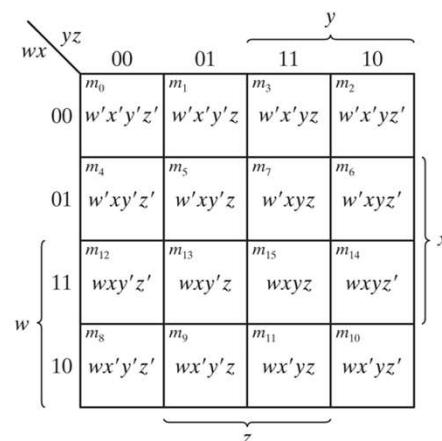
$$\text{Note: } y'z' + yz' = z'$$

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## 4-VARIABLE K-MAP

$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_3$	$m_2$
$m_4$	$m_5$	$m_7$	$m_6$
$m_{12}$	$m_{13}$	$m_{15}$	$m_{14}$
$m_8$	$m_9$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$

(a)



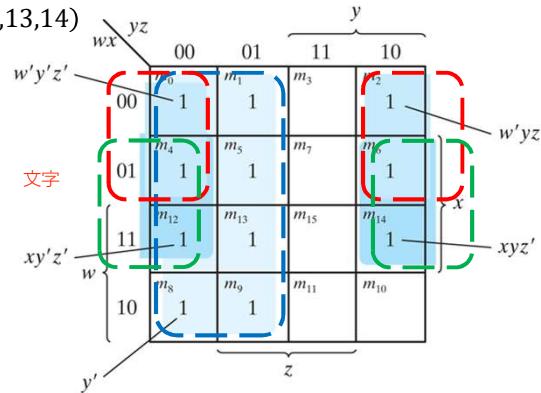
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## EXAMPLE (4-VARIABLE K-MAP)

- Simplify  $F(w, x, y, z) = \sum(0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14)$

recall: group term in  $2^n$  times  
 $n=0, 1, 2$



- Ans:  $F(x, y, z) = y' + w'z' + xz'$

SOP

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## EXAMPLE (4-VARIABLE K-MAP TO POS)

- Simplify  $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(0, 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10)$  in POS form

$$F'(A, B, C, D) = \sum(3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)$$

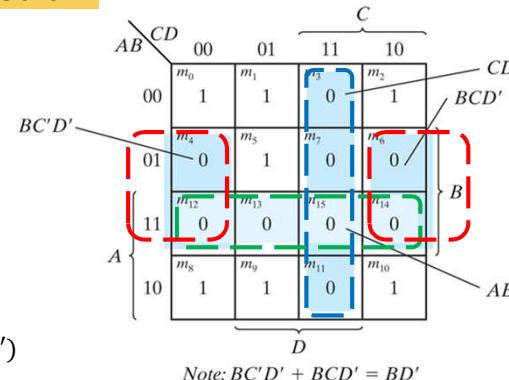
$$F'(A, B, C, D) = BD' + CD + AB$$

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

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

$$\text{Ans: } F(A, B, C, D) = (B' + D)(C' + D')(A' + B')$$



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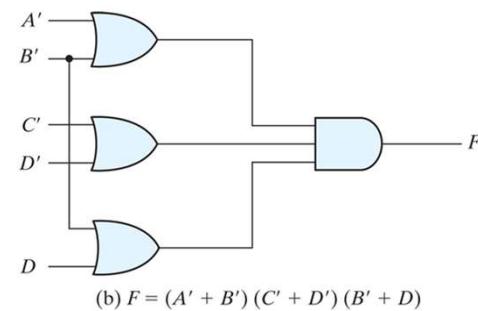
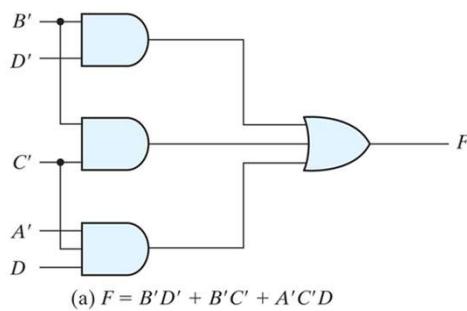
## TWO-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATIONS

- From the previous example,  $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(0,1,2,5,8,9,10)$  can be simplified
  - In SOP form by collecting the 1s as  $F(A, B, C, D) = B'D' + B'C' + A'C'D$
  - In POS form by collecting the 0s as  $F(A, B, C, D) = (B' + D)(C' + D')(A' + B')$
- The implementation of a function in a standard form is said to be a two-level implementation
  - In SOP form, AND gates are connected to a single OR gate
  - In POS form, OR gates are connected to a single AND gate

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## TWO-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATIONS

- (a) In SOP form, AND gates are connected to a single OR gate
- (b) In POS form, OR gates are connected to a single AND gate

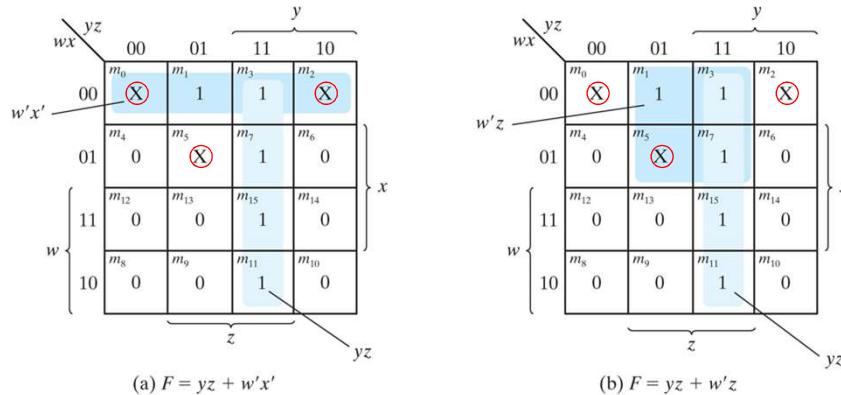


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## EXAMPLE (K-MAP WITH “DON’T CARE”)

- Simplify  $F(w, x, y, z) = \sum(1, 3, 7, 11, 15)$  with  $m_0, m_2$ , and  $m_5$  are “Don’t Care”.



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## GUIDELINES OF K-MAP

- Group number of cells in powers of 2
- Group as many cells as possible
- The larger the group, the less number of variables in that term
- Make as few groups as possible to reduce the number of terms

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## EXAMPLE (ALARM DESIGN)

- A manufacturing plant is going to setup an alarm system to monitor a chemical production process
- Sensor inputs include Temperature (T), Pressure (P), Weight (W), and Level (L)
- The process may fail if any one of the following conditions occur:
  - Temperature, Pressure, and Level are high
  - Low Level with high Temperature and Weight
  - Low Level and Temperature with high Pressure
  - Low Level and Weight with high Temperature

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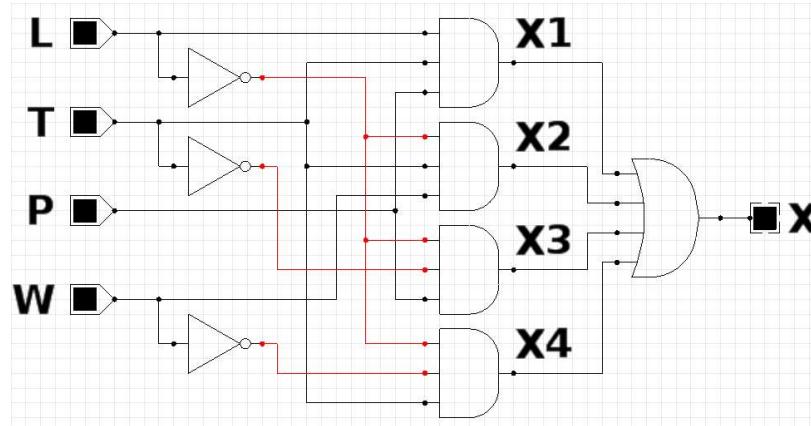
## EXAMPLE (ALARM DESIGN)

- Convert the conditions to Boolean expressions
  - $X_1 = LTP$
  - $X_2 = L'TW$
  - $X_3 = L'T'P$
  - $X_4 = L'W'T$
- The alarm output becomes:
  - $X = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4$
  - $X = LTP + L'TW + L'T'P + L'W'T$

1. Temperature, Pressure, and Level are high
2. Low Level with high Temperature and Weight
3. Low Level and Temperature with high Pressure
4. Low Level and Weight with high Temperature

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## EXAMPLE (ALARM DESIGN)



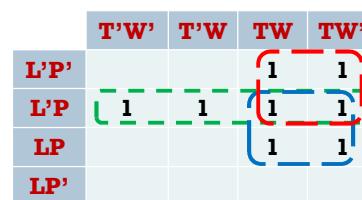
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## EXAMPLE (ALARM DESIGN)

- Let's simplify the circuit/expression,  $X = LTP + L'TW + L'T'P + L'W'T$
- Truth Table

K-map

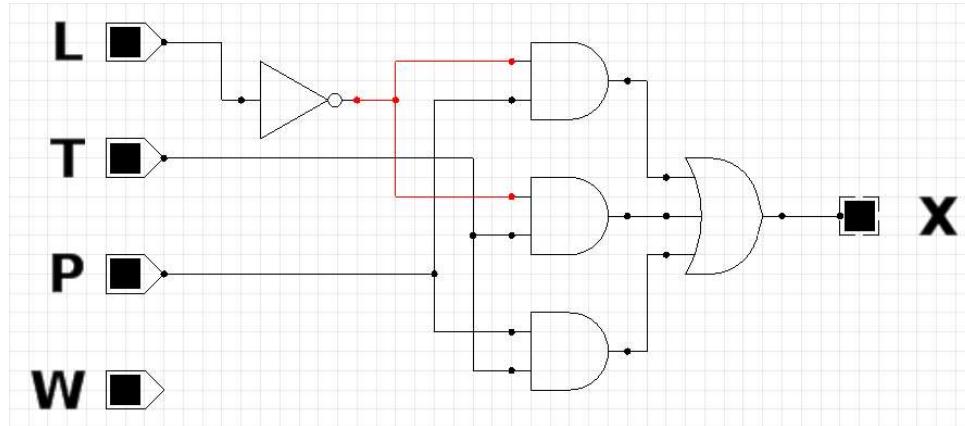
L	P	T	W	X	L	P	T	W	X
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



- Then we have:  $X = L'P + L'T + PT$

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## EXAMPLE (ALARM DESIGN)



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ANY QUESTIONS ?

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