

## Combinational logic

- Logic functions, truth tables, and switches
  - NOT, AND, OR, NAND, NOR, XOR, . . .
  - minimal set
- Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra
  - proofs by re-writing
  - proofs by perfect induction
- Gate logic
  - networks of Boolean functions
  - time behavior
- Canonical forms
  - two-level
  - incompletely specified functions
- Simplification
  - Boolean cubes and Karnaugh maps
  - two-level simplification

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## Possible logic functions of two variables

- There are 16 possible functions of 2 input variables:
  - in general, there are  $2^{(2^n)}$  functions of  $n$  inputs



X	Y	16 possible functions (F0-F15)															
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

Labels for functions (F0-F15) from left to right:

- 0: X and Y
- X
- Y
- X xor Y
- X or Y
- X nor Y
- X = Y
- not Y
- not X
- X nand Y
- not (X and Y)
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## Cost of different logic functions

- Different functions are easier or harder to implement
  - each has a cost associated with the number of switches needed
  - 0 (F0) and 1 (F15): require 0 switches, directly connect output to low/high
  - X (F3) and Y (F5): require 0 switches, output is one of inputs
  - X' (F12) and Y' (F10): require 2 switches for "inverter" or NOT-gate
  - X nor Y (F4) and X nand Y (F14): require 4 switches
  - X or Y (F7) and X and Y (F1): require 6 switches
  - $X = Y$  (F9) and  $X \oplus Y$  (F6): require 16 switches
  
- thus, because NOT, NOR, and NAND are the cheapest they are the functions we implement the most in practice

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## Minimal set of functions

- Can we implement all logic functions from NOT, NOR, and NAND?
  - For example, implementing  $X \text{ and } Y$  is the same as implementing  $\text{not} (X \text{ nand } Y)$
- In fact, we can do it with only NOR or only NAND
  - NOT is just a NAND or a NOR with both inputs tied together

$X$	$Y$	$X \text{ nor } Y$		$X$	$Y$	$X \text{ nand } Y$
0	0	1		0	0	1
1	1	0		1	1	0

- and NAND and NOR are "duals", that is, its easy to implement one using the other
  - $X \text{ nand } Y \equiv \text{not} ( (\text{not } X) \text{ nor } (\text{not } Y) )$
  - $X \text{ nor } Y \equiv \text{not} ( (\text{not } X) \text{ nand } (\text{not } Y) )$
  
- But lets not move too fast . . .
  - lets look at the mathematical foundation of logic

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## An algebraic structure

- An algebraic structure consists of
  - a set of elements  $B$
  - binary operations  $\{ +, \cdot \}$
  - and a unary operation  $\{ ' \}$
  - such that the following axioms hold:
    1. the set  $B$  contains at least two elements,  $a, b$ , such that  $a \neq b$
    2. closure:  $a + b$  is in  $B$                        $a \cdot b$  is in  $B$
    3. commutativity:  $a + b = b + a$                        $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
    4. associativity:  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$                        $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
    5. identity:  $a + 0 = a$                        $a \cdot 1 = a$
    6. distributivity:  $a + (b \cdot c) = (a + b) \cdot (a + c)$                        $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$
    7. complementarity:  $a + a' = 1$                        $a \cdot a' = 0$

## Boolean algebra

- Boolean algebra
  - $B = \{0, 1\}$
  - $+$  is logical OR,  $\cdot$  is logical AND
  - $'$  is logical NOT
- All algebraic axioms hold

## Logic functions and Boolean algebra

- Any logic function that can be expressed as a truth table can be written as an expression in Boolean algebra using the operators: ', +, and •

X	Y	X • Y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

X	Y	X'	X' • Y
0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0

X	Y	X'	Y'	X • Y	X' • Y'	(X • Y) + (X' • Y')
0	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	1

$$(X \bullet Y) + (X' \bullet Y') \equiv X = Y$$

Boolean expression that is true when the variables X and Y have the same value and false, otherwise

X, Y are Boolean algebra variables

## Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra

- identity
  - $X + 0 = X$
  - $X \bullet 1 = X$
- null
  - $X + 1 = 1$
  - $X \bullet 0 = 0$
- idempotency:
  - $X + X = X$
  - $X \bullet X = X$
- involution:
  - $(X')' = X$
- complementarity:
  - $X + X' = 1$
  - $X \bullet X' = 0$
- commutativity:
  - $X + Y = Y + X$
  - $X \bullet Y = Y \bullet X$
- associativity:
  - $(X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z)$
  - $(X \bullet Y) \bullet Z = X \bullet (Y \bullet Z)$

## Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra (cont'd)

- distributivity:  
8.  $X \cdot (Y + Z) = (X \cdot Y) + (X \cdot Z)$     8D.  $X + (Y \cdot Z) = (X + Y) \cdot (X + Z)$
- uniting:  
9.  $X \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X$     9D.  $(X + Y) \cdot (X + Y') = X$
- absorption:  
10.  $X + X \cdot Y = X$     10D.  $X \cdot (X + Y) = X$   
11.  $(X + Y') \cdot Y = X \cdot Y$     11D.  $(X \cdot Y') + Y = X + Y$
- factoring:  
12.  $(X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z) =$   
     $X \cdot Z + X' \cdot Y$     16D.  $X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z =$   
     $(X + Z) \cdot (X' + Y)$
- consensus:  
13.  $(X \cdot Y) + (Y \cdot Z) + (X' \cdot Z) =$   
     $X \cdot Y + X' \cdot Z$     17D.  $(X + Y) \cdot (Y + Z) \cdot (X' + Z) =$   
     $(X + Y) \cdot (X' + Z)$

## Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra (cont')

- de Morgan's:  
14.  $(X + Y + \dots)' = X' \cdot Y' \cdot \dots$     12D.  $(X \cdot Y \cdot \dots)' = X' + Y' + \dots$
- generalized de Morgan's:  
15.  $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, 0, 1, +, \cdot) = f(X_1', X_2', \dots, X_n', 1, 0, \cdot, +)$
- establishes relationship between  $\cdot$  and  $+$

## Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra (cont')

- Duality
  - a dual of a Boolean expression is derived by replacing
    - by +, + by •, 0 by 1, and 1 by 0, and leaving variables unchanged
  - any theorem that can be proven is thus also proven for its dual!
  - a meta-theorem (a theorem about theorems)
- duality:
  - 16.  $X + Y + \dots \Leftrightarrow X \cdot Y \cdot \dots$
- generalized duality:
  - 17.  $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, 0, 1, +, \cdot) \Leftrightarrow f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, 1, 0, \cdot, +)$
- Different than deMorgan's Law
  - this is a statement about theorems
  - this is not a way to manipulate (re-write) expressions

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## Proving theorems (rewriting)

- Using the axioms of Boolean algebra:
  - e.g., prove the theorem:  $X \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X$ 
    - distributivity (8)  $X \cdot Y + X \cdot Y' = X \cdot (Y + Y')$
    - complementarity (5)  $X \cdot (Y + Y') = X \cdot (1)$
    - identity (1D)  $X \cdot (1) = X \Rightarrow$
  - e.g., prove the theorem:  $X + X \cdot Y = X$ 
    - identity (1D)  $X + X \cdot Y = X \cdot 1 + X \cdot Y$
    - distributivity (8)  $X \cdot 1 + X \cdot Y = X \cdot (1 + Y)$
    - identity (2)  $X \cdot (1 + Y) = X \cdot (1)$
    - identity (1D)  $X \cdot (1) = X \Rightarrow$

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## Proving theorems (perfect induction)

- Using perfect induction (complete truth table):
  - e.g., de Morgan's:

$(X + Y)' = X' \cdot Y'$	$X$	$Y$	$X'$	$Y'$	$(X + Y)'$	$X' \cdot Y'$
NOR is equivalent to AND with inputs complemented	0	0	1	1	1	1
	0	1	1	0	0	0
	1	0	0	1	0	0
	1	1	0	0	0	0

$(X \cdot Y)' = X' + Y'$	$X$	$Y$	$X'$	$Y'$	$(X \cdot Y)'$	$X' + Y'$
NAND is equivalent to OR with inputs complemented	0	0	1	1	1	1
	0	1	1	0	1	1
	1	0	0	1	1	1
	1	1	0	0	0	0

## A simple example

- 1-bit binary adder
  - inputs: A, B, Carry-in
  - outputs: Sum, Carry-out



A	B	Cin	S	Cout
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
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$$S = A' B' Cin + A' B Cin' + A B' Cin' + A B Cin$$

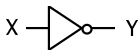


$$Cout = A' B Cin + A B' Cin + A B Cin' + A B Cin$$

## Apply the theorems to simplify expressions

- The theorems of Boolean algebra can simplify Boolean expressions
  - e.g., full adder's carry-out function (same rules apply to any function)



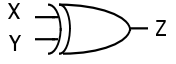
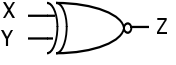
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cout} &= A' B C_{in} + A B' C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
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 &= A' B C_{in} + A B C_{in} + A B' C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
 &= (A' + A) B C_{in} + A B' C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
 &= (1) B C_{in} + A B' C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
 &= B C_{in} + A B' C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} + A B C_{in} \\
 &= B C_{in} + A B' C_{in} + A B C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
 &= B C_{in} + A (B' + B) C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
 &= B C_{in} + A (1) C_{in} + A B C_{in}' + A B C_{in} \\
 &= B C_{in} + A C_{in} + A B (C_{in}' + C_{in}) \\
 &= B C_{in} + A C_{in} + A B (1) \\
 &= B C_{in} + A C_{in} + A B
 \end{aligned}$$

## From Boolean expressions to logic gates

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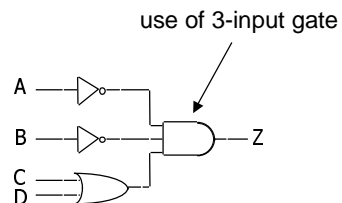
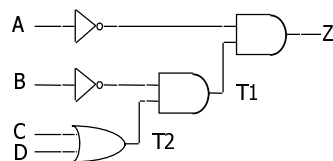
## From Boolean expressions to logic gates (cont'd)

- More than one way to map expressions to gates

■ e.g.,  $Z = A' \cdot B' \cdot (C + D) = (A' \cdot (B' \cdot (C + D)))$

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$$\frac{\quad}{T1}$$



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## Which realization is best?

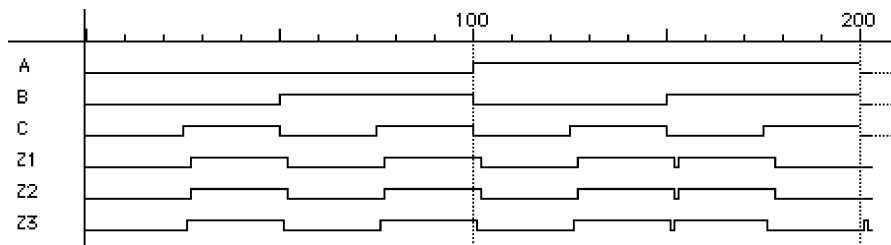
- Reduce number of inputs
  - ┆ literal: input variable (complemented or not)
    - ┆ can approximate cost of logic gate as 2 transistors per literal
    - ┆ why not count inverters?
  - ┆ fewer literals means less transistors
    - ┆ smaller circuits
  - ┆ fewer inputs implies faster gates
    - ┆ gates are smaller and thus also faster
  - ┆ fan-ins (# of gate inputs) are limited in some technologies
- Reduce number of gates
  - ┆ fewer gates (and the packages they come in) means smaller circuits
    - ┆ directly influences manufacturing costs

## Which is the best realization? (cont'd)

- Reduce number of levels of gates
  - ┆ fewer level of gates implies reduced signal propagation delays
  - ┆ minimum delay configuration typically requires more gates
    - ┆ wider, less deep circuits
- How do we explore tradeoffs between increased circuit delay and size?
  - ┆ automated tools to generate different solutions
  - ┆ logic minimization: reduce number of gates and complexity
  - ┆ logic optimization: reduction while trading off against delay

## Are all realizations equivalent?

- Under the same input stimuli, the three alternative implementations have almost the same waveform behavior
  - delays are different
  - glitches (hazards) may arise
  - variations due to differences in number of gate levels and structure
- The three implementations are functionally equivalent



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## Implementing Boolean functions

- Technology independent
  - canonical forms
  - two-level forms
  - multi-level forms
- Technology choices
  - packages of a few gates
  - regular logic
  - two-level programmable logic
  - multi-level programmable logic

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## Canonical forms

- Truth table is the unique signature of a Boolean function
- Many alternative gate realizations may have the same truth table
- Canonical forms
  - standard forms for a Boolean expression
  - provides a unique algebraic signature

## Sum-of-products canonical forms

- Also known as disjunctive normal form
- Also known as minterm expansion

					$F = 001 \quad 011 \quad 101 \quad 110 \quad 111$
					$F = A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC$
A	B	C	F	F'	
0	0	0	0	1	
0	0	1	1	0	
0	1	0	0	1	
0	1	1	1	0	
1	0	0	0	1	
1	0	1	1	0	
1	1	0	1	0	
1	1	1	1	0	

$F' = A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C'$

## Sum-of-products canonical form (cont'd)

- Product term (or minterm)
  - ANDed product of literals – input combination for which output is true
  - each variable appears exactly once, in true or inverted form (but not both)

A	B	C	minterms	
0	0	0	A'B'C'	m0
0	0	1	A'B'C	m1
0	1	0	A'BC'	m2
0	1	1	A'BC	m3
1	0	0	AB'C'	m4
1	0	1	AB'C	m5
1	1	0	ABC'	m6
1	1	1	ABC	m7

F in canonical form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(A, B, C) &= \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7) \\
 &= m1 + m3 + m5 + m6 + m7 \\
 &= A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC
 \end{aligned}$$

canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(A, B, C) &= A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC \\
 &= (A'B' + A'B + AB' + AB)C + ABC' \\
 &= ((A' + A)(B' + B))C + ABC' \\
 &= C + ABC' \\
 &= ABC' + C \\
 &= AB + C
 \end{aligned}$$

short-hand notation for minterms of 3 variables

## Product-of-sums canonical form

- Also known as conjunctive normal form
- Also known as maxterm expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \begin{matrix} 000 & 010 & 100 \\ (A + B + C) & (A + B' + C) & (A' + B + C) \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

A	B	C	F	F'
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

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

## Product-of-sums canonical form (cont'd)

- Sum term (or maxterm)
  - ORed sum of literals – input combination for which output is false
  - each variable appears exactly once, in true or inverted form (but not both)

A	B	C	maxterms	
0	0	0	A+B+C	M0
0	0	1	A+B+C'	M1
0	1	0	A+B'+C	M2
0	1	1	A+B'+C'	M3
1	0	0	A'+B+C	M4
1	0	1	A'+B+C'	M5
1	1	0	A'+B'+C	M6
1	1	1	A'+B'+C'	M7

F in canonical form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(A, B, C) &= \prod M(0,2,4) \\
 &= M0 \cdot M2 \cdot M4 \\
 &= (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C)
 \end{aligned}$$

canonical form  $\neq$  minimal form

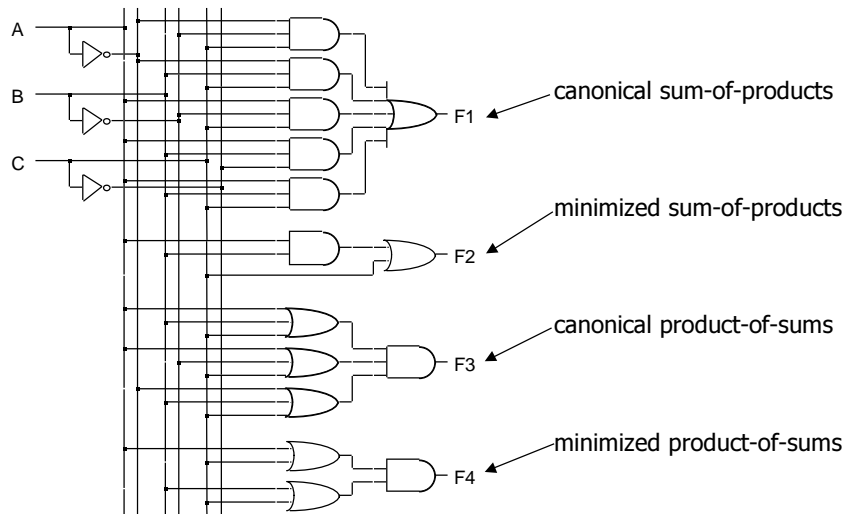
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 &\quad (A + B + C) (A' + B + C) \\
 &= (A + C) (B + C)
 \end{aligned}$$

short-hand notation for maxterms of 3 variables

## S-o-P, P-o-S, and de Morgan's theorem

- Sum-of-products
  - $F' = A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C'$
- Apply de Morgan's
  - $(F')' = (A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C')'$
  - $F = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C)$
- Product-of-sums
  - $F' = (A + B + C') (A + B' + C') (A' + B + C') (A' + B' + C) (A' + B' + C')$
- Apply de Morgan's
  - $(F')' = ((A + B + C')(A + B' + C')(A' + B + C')(A' + B' + C)(A' + B' + C'))'$
  - $F = A'B'C' + A'BC' + AB'C' + ABC' + ABC$

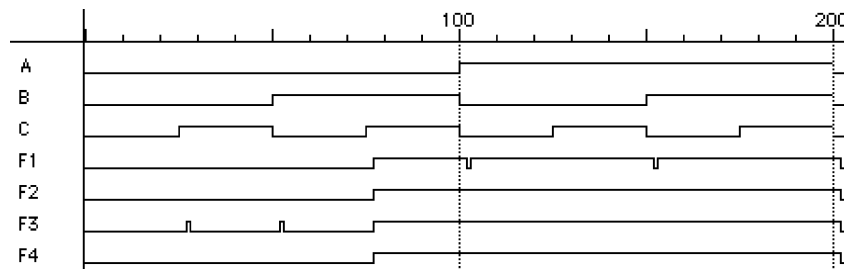
## Four alternative two-level implementations of $F = AB + C$



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## Waveforms for the four alternatives

- Waveforms are essentially identical
  - except for timing hazards (glitches)
  - delays almost identical (modeled as a delay per level, not type of gate or number of inputs to gate)



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## Mapping between canonical forms

- Minterm to maxterm conversion
  - ┆ use maxterms whose indices do not appear in minterm expansion
  - ┆ e.g.,  $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7) = \Pi M(0,2,4)$
- Maxterm to minterm conversion
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- Minterm expansion of  $F$  to minterm expansion of  $F'$ 
  - ┆ use minterms whose indices do not appear
  - ┆ e.g.,  $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(1,3,5,6,7)$        $F'(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(0,2,4)$
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## Incompletely specified functions

- Example: binary coded decimal increment by 1
  - ┆ BCD digits encode the decimal digits 0 – 9 in the bit patterns 0000 – 1001

A	B	C	D	W	X	Y	Z
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	X	X	X	X
1	0	1	1	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	1	X	X	X	X
1	1	1	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X

off-set of W  
 on-set of W  
 don't care (DC) set of W

these inputs patterns should never be encountered in practice – **"don't care"** about associated output values, can be exploited in minimization

## Notation for incompletely specified functions

- Don't cares and canonical forms
  - ┆ so far, only represented on-set
  - ┆ also represent don't-care-set
  - ┆ need two of the three sets (on-set, off-set, dc-set)
  
- Canonical representations of the BCD increment by 1 function:
  - ┆  $Z = m_0 + m_2 + m_4 + m_6 + m_8 + d_{10} + d_{11} + d_{12} + d_{13} + d_{14} + d_{15}$
  - ┆  $Z = \Sigma [ m(0,2,4,6,8) + d(10,11,12,13,14,15) ]$
  
  - ┆  $Z = M_1 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_7 \cdot M_9 \cdot D_{10} \cdot D_{11} \cdot D_{12} \cdot D_{13} \cdot D_{14} \cdot D_{15}$
  - ┆  $Z = \Pi [ M(1,3,5,7,9) \cdot D(10,11,12,13,14,15) ]$

## Simplification of two-level combinational logic

- Finding a minimal sum of products or product of sums realization
  - ┆ exploit don't care information in the process
- Algebraic simplification
  - ┆ not an algorithmic/systematic procedure
  - ┆ how do you know when the minimum realization has been found?
- Computer-aided design tools
  - ┆ precise solutions require very long computation times, especially for functions with many inputs ( $> 10$ )
  - ┆ heuristic methods employed – "educated guesses" to reduce amount of computation and yield good if not best solutions
- Hand methods still relevant
  - ┆ to understand automatic tools and their strengths and weaknesses
  - ┆ ability to check results (on small examples)

## The uniting theorem

- Key tool to simplification:  $A(B' + B) = A$
- Essence of simplification of two-level logic
  - find two element subsets of the ON-set where only one variable changes its value – this single varying variable can be eliminated and a single product term used to represent both elements

$$F = A'B' + AB' = (A' + A)B' = B'$$

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

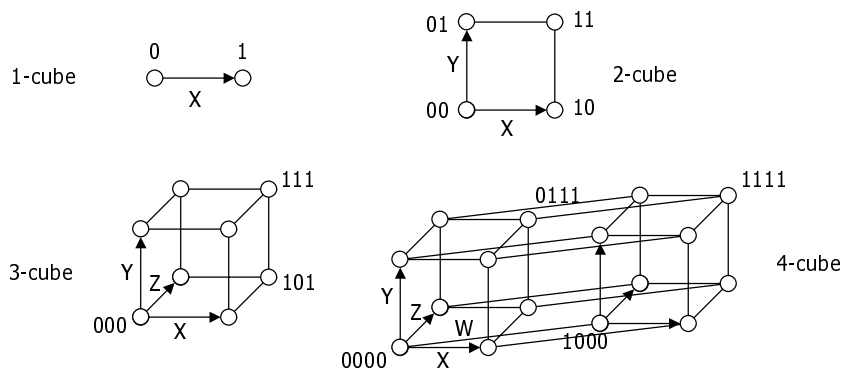
B has the same value in both on-set rows  
 – B remains

A has a different value in the two rows  
 – A is eliminated

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## Boolean cubes

- Visual technique for identifying when the uniting theorem can be applied
- n input variables = n-dimensional "cube"

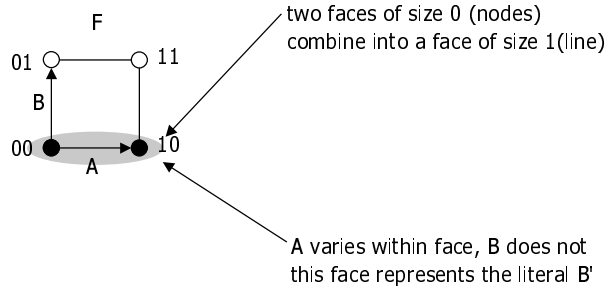


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## Mapping truth tables onto Boolean cubes

- Uniting theorem combines two "faces" of a cube into a larger "face"
- Example:

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

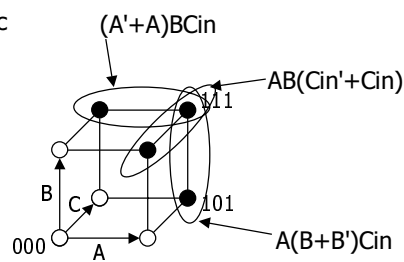


ON-set = solid nodes  
 OFF-set = empty nodes  
 DC-set = x'd nodes

## Three variable example

- Binary full-adder carry-out logic

A	B	Cin	Cout
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

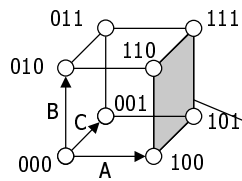


the on-set is completely covered by the combination (OR) of the subcubes of lower dimensionality - note that "111" is covered three times

$$Cout = BCin + AB + ACin$$

## Higher dimensional cubes

- Sub-cubes of higher dimension than 2



$$F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(4,5,6,7)$$

on-set forms a square  
i.e., a cube of dimension 2

*represents an expression in one variable  
i.e., 3 dimensions - 2 dimensions*

A is asserted (true) and unchanged  
B and C vary

This subcube represents the  
literal A

## m-dimensional cubes in a n-dimensional Boolean space

- In a 3-cube (three variables):
  - a 0-cube, i.e., a single node, yields a term in 3 literals
  - a 1-cube, i.e., a line of two nodes, yields a term in 2 literals
  - a 2-cube, i.e., a plane of four nodes, yields a term in 1 literal
  - a 3-cube, i.e., a cube of eight nodes, yields a constant term "1"
- In general,
  - an m-subcube within an n-cube ( $m < n$ ) yields a term with  $n - m$  literals

## Karnaugh maps

- Flat map of Boolean cube
  - wrap-around at edges
  - hard to draw and visualize for more than 4 dimensions
  - virtually impossible for more than 6 dimensions
- Alternative to truth-tables to help visualize adjacencies
  - guide to applying the uniting theorem
  - on-set elements with only one variable changing value are adjacent unlike the situation in a linear truth-table

	A	
B	0	1
0	0	1
1	0	0

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

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## Karnaugh maps (cont'd)

- Numbering scheme based on Gray-code
  - e.g., 00, 01, 11, 10
  - only a single bit changes in code for adjacent map cells

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

	A	
C	0	1
0	0	1
1	0	1

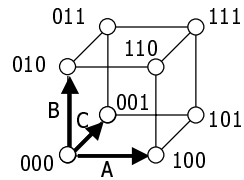
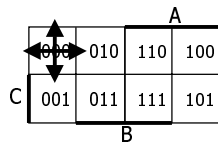
	A	
C	0	1
0	0	1
1	0	1

$$13 = 1101 = ABC'D$$

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## Adjacencies in Karnaugh maps

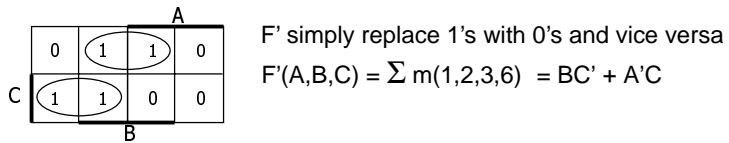
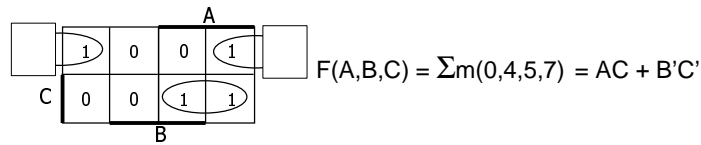
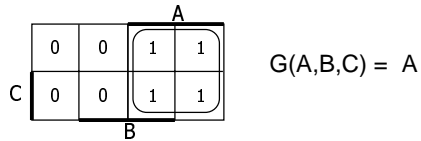
- Wrap from first to last column
- Wrap top row to bottom row



## Karnaugh map examples

- $F =$   $B'$
  - $C_{out} =$   $AB + AC_{in} + BC_{in}$
  - $f(A,B,C) = \sum m(0,4,6,7)$   $AC + B'C' + AB'$
- obtain the complement of the function by covering 0s with subcubes

## More Karnaugh map examples

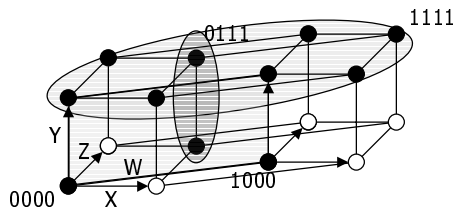
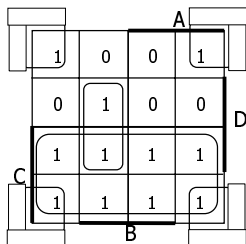


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## Karnaugh map: 4-variable example

■  $F(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(0,2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,14,15)$

$F = C + A'BD + B'D'$



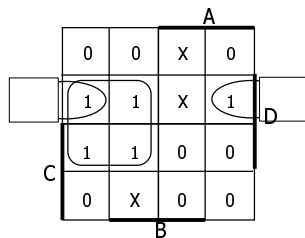
find the smallest number of the largest possible subcubes to cover the ON-set  
 (fewer terms with fewer inputs per term)

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## Karnaugh maps: don't cares

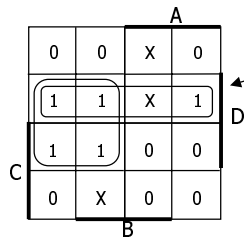
- $f(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(1,3,5,7,9) + d(6,12,13)$ 
  - without don't cares
  - $f = A'D + B'C'D$



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## Karnaugh maps: don't cares (cont'd)

- $f(A,B,C,D) = \sum m(1,3,5,7,9) + d(6,12,13)$ 
  - $f = A'D + B'C'D$  without don't cares
  - $f = A'D + C'D$  with don't cares

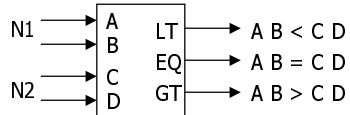


by using don't care as a "1"  
a 2-cube can be formed  
rather than a 1-cube to cover  
this node

don't cares can be treated as  
1s or 0s  
depending on which is more  
advantageous

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## Design example: two-bit comparator

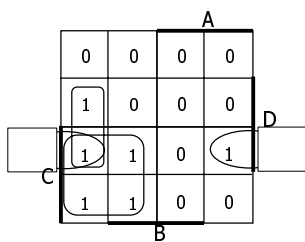


block diagram  
and  
truth table

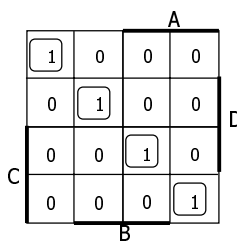
A	B	C	D	LT	EQ	GT
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		0	1	1	0	0
		1	0	1	0	0
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0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		0	1	0	1	0
		1	0	1	0	0
		1	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		0	1	0	0	1
		1	0	0	1	0
		1	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	1
		0	1	0	0	1
		1	0	0	0	1
		1	1	0	1	0

we'll need a 4-variable Karnaugh map  
for each of the 3 output functions

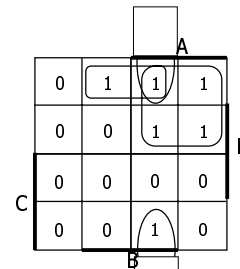
## Design example: two-bit comparator (cont'd)



K-map for LT



K-map for EQ



K-map for GT

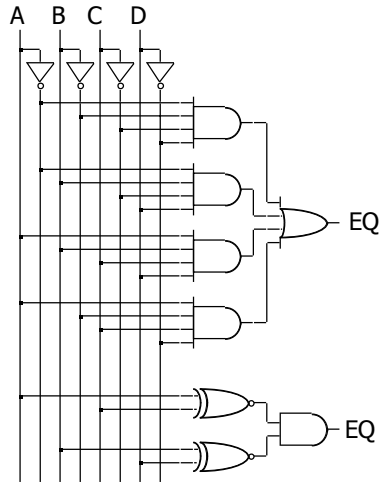
$$LT = A' B' D + A' C + B' C D$$

$$EQ = A' B' C' D' + A' B' C' D + A B C D + A B' C D' = (A \text{ xnor } C) \cdot (B \text{ xnor } D)$$

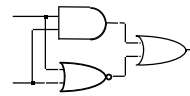
$$GT = B C' D' + A C' + A B D'$$

LT and GT are similar (flip A/C and B/D)

## Design example: two-bit comparator (cont'd)

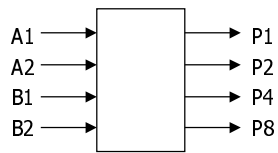


two alternative implementations of EQ with and without XOR



XNOR is implemented with at least 3 simple gates

## Design example: 2x2-bit multiplier

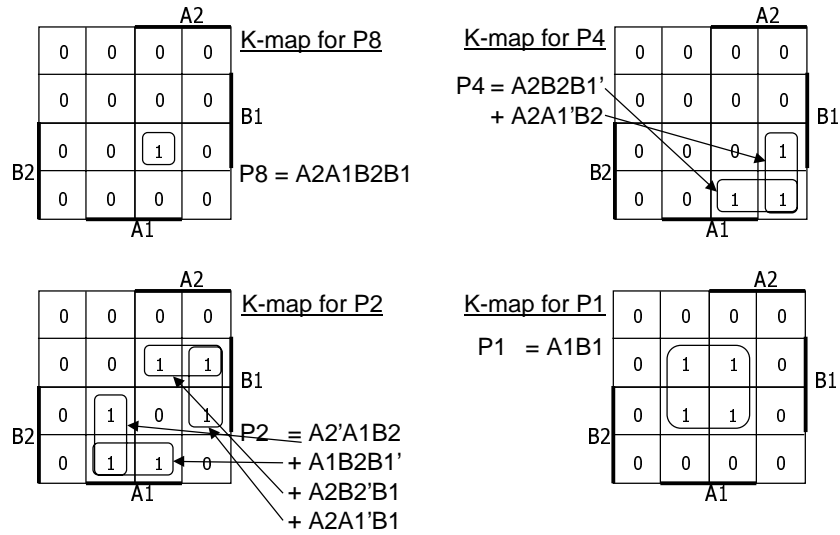


block diagram and truth table

A2	A1	B2	B1	P8	P4	P2	P1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	1	0	0	0	0
		1	0	0	0	0	0
		1	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	1	0	0	0	1
		1	0	0	0	1	0
		1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	1	0	0	1	0
		1	0	0	1	0	0
		1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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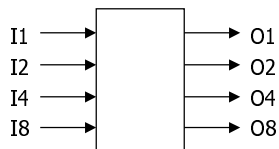
4-variable K-map for each of the 4 output functions

## Design example: 2x2-bit multiplier (cont'd)



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## Design example: BCD increment by 1



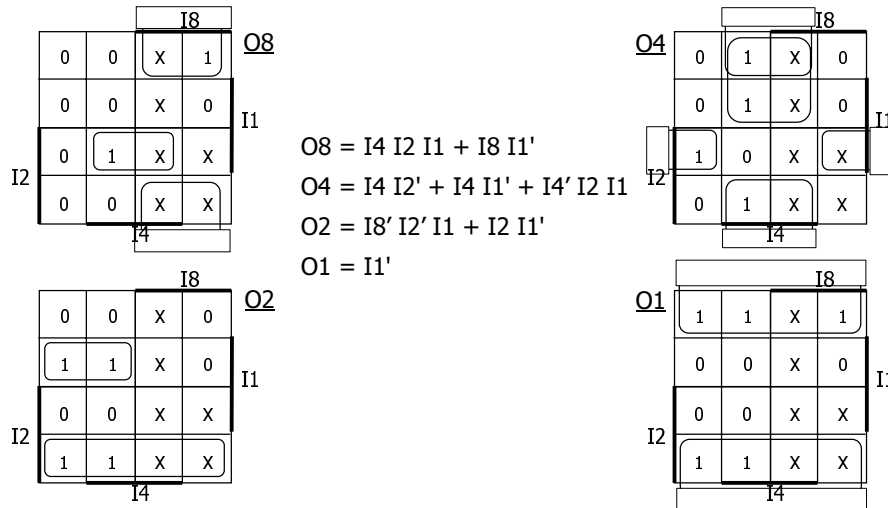
block diagram  
and  
truth table

I8	I4	I2	I1	O8	O4	O2	O1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	X	X	X
1	0	1	1	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	1	X	X	X	X
1	1	1	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X

4-variable K-map for each of  
the 4 output functions

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## Design example: BCD increment by 1 (cont'd)



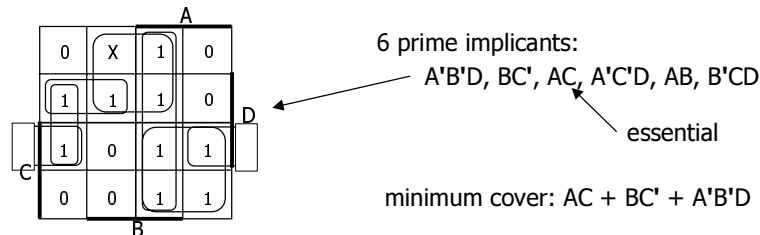
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## Definition of terms for two-level simplification

- Implicant
  - single element of ON-set or DC-set or any group of these elements that can be combined to form a subcube
- Prime implicant
  - implicant that can't be combined with another to form a larger subcube
- Essential prime implicant
  - prime implicant is essential if it alone covers an element of ON-set
  - will participate in ALL possible covers of the ON-set
  - DC-set used to form prime implicants but not to make implicant essential
- Objective:
  - grow implicant into prime implicants (minimize literals per term)
  - cover the ON-set with as few prime implicants as possible (minimize number of product terms)

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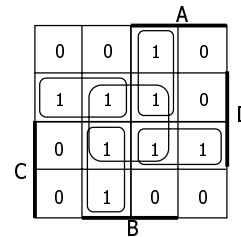
## Examples to illustrate terms



5 prime implicants:  
 $BD$ ,  $ABC'$ ,  $ACD$ ,  $A'BC$ ,  $A'C'D$

essential

minimum cover: 4 essential implicants



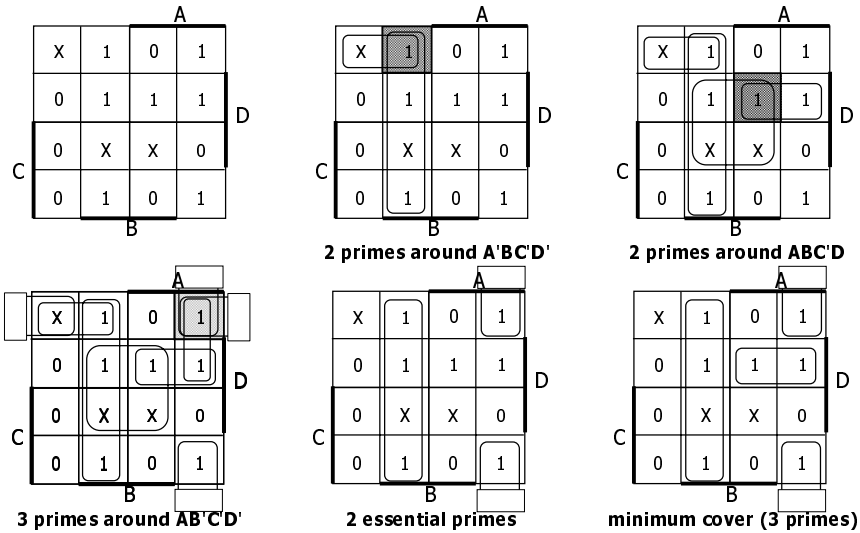
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## Algorithm for two-level simplification

- Algorithm: minimum sum-of-products expression from a Karnaugh map
  - Step 1: choose an element of the ON-set
  - Step 2: find "maximal" groupings of 1s and Xs adjacent to that element
    - ┆ consider top/bottom row, left/right column, and corner adjacencies
    - ┆ this forms prime implicants (number of elements always a power of 2)
  - Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to find all prime implicants
  - Step 3: revisit the 1s in the K-map
    - ┆ if covered by single prime implicant, it is essential, and participates in final cover
    - ┆ 1s covered by essential prime implicant do not need to be revisited
  - Step 4: if there remain 1s not covered by essential prime implicants
    - ┆ select the smallest number of prime implicants that cover the remaining 1s

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## Algorithm for two-level simplification (example)



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## Combinational logic summary

- Logic functions, truth tables, and switches
  - NOT, AND, OR, NAND, NOR, XOR, . . . , minimal set
- Axioms and theorems of Boolean algebra
  - proofs by re-writing and perfect induction
- Gate logic
  - networks of Boolean functions and their time behavior
- Canonical forms
  - two-level and incompletely specified functions
- Simplification
  - two-level simplification
- Later
  - automation of simplification
  - multi-level logic
  - design case studies
  - time behavior

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