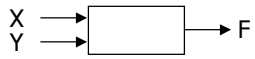
## Combinational logic

- 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



## 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

0, X and Y, X, Y, X xor Y, X or Y, X nor Y / not (X or Y), X = Y, not Y, not X, X nand Y / not (X and Y), 1

## 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



## Minimal set of functions

- Can we implement all logic functions from NOT, NOR, and NAND?
  - For example, implementing X and Y
    is the same as implementing not (X 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 nor Y |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

| X | Y | X nand Y |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

  - and NAND and NOR are "duals",
    that is, its easy to implement one using the other

    X nand Y ≡ not ( (not X) nor (not Y) )
    X nor Y ≡ not ( (not X) nand (not Y) )

- But lets not move too fast . . .
  - lets look at the mathematical foundation of logic

## An algebraic structure

- An algebraic structure consists of
  - a set of elements B
  - binary operations { + , • }
  - and a unary operation { ' }
  - such that the following axioms hold:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. the set B contains at least two elements, a, b, such that a ° b | | |
| 2. closure: | a + b is in B | a • b is in B |
| 3. commutativity: | a + b = b + a | a • b = b • a |
| 4. associativity: | a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c | a • (b • c) = (a • b) • c |
| 5. identity: | a + 0 = a | a • 1 = a |
| 6. distributivity: | a + (b • c) = (a + b) • (a + c) | a • (b + c) = (a • b) + (a • c) |
| 7. complementarity: | a + a' = 1 | a • a' = 0 |



## Boolean algebra

- Boolean algebra
  - B = {0, 1}
  - + is logical OR, • 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 • Y ) + ( X' • Y' ) ≡ 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
  1. X + 0 = X — 1D. X • 1 = X
- null
  2. X + 1 = 1 — 2D. X • 0 = 0
- idempotency:
  3. X + X = X — 3D. X • X = X
- involution:
  4. (X')' = X
- complementarity:
  5. X + X' = 1 — 5D. X • X' = 0
- commutativity:
  6. X + Y = Y + X — 6D. X • Y = Y • X
- associativity:
  7. (X + Y) + Z = X + (Y + Z) — 7D. (X • Y) • Z = X • (Y • Z)

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

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



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

- de Morgan's:
  - 14. $(X + Y + \ldots)' = X' \bullet Y' \bullet \ldots$ 12D. $(X \bullet Y \bullet \ldots)' = X' + Y' + \ldots$
- generalized de Morgan's:
  - 15. $f'(X1,X2,\ldots,Xn,0,1,+,\bullet) = f(X1',X2',\ldots,Xn',1,0,\bullet,+)$
- establishes relationship between • 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. $X + Y + \ldots \Leftrightarrow X \bullet Y \bullet \ldots$
- generalized duality:
  17. $f(X1,X2,\ldots,Xn,0,1,+,\bullet) \Leftrightarrow f(X1,X2,\ldots,Xn,1,0,\bullet,+)$
- Different than deMorgan's Law
  - this is a statement about theorems
  - this is not a way to manipulate (re-write) expressions



## Proving theorems (rewriting)

- Using the axioms of Boolean algebra:
  - e.g., prove the theorem: $X \bullet Y + X \bullet Y' = X$

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| distributivity (8) | $X \bullet Y + X \bullet Y'$ | = | $X \bullet (Y + Y')$ |
| complementarity (5) | $X \bullet (Y + Y')$ | = | $X \bullet (1)$ |
| identity (1D) | $X \bullet (1)$ | = | X ➨ |

  - e.g., prove the theorem: $X + X \bullet Y = X$

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| identity (1D) | $X + X \bullet Y$ | = | $X \bullet 1 + X \bullet Y$ |
| distributivity (8) | $X \bullet 1 + X \bullet Y$ | = | $X \bullet (1 + Y)$ |
| identity (2) | $X \bullet (1 + Y)$ | = | $X \bullet (1)$ |
| identity (1D) | $X \bullet (1)$ | = | X ➨ |

## Proving theorems (perfect induction)

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

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

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

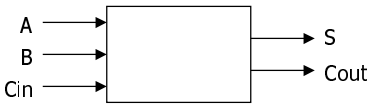
$(X \bullet Y)' = X' + Y'$
NAND is equivalent to OR with inputs complemented

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

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)

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Cout  = A' B Cin + A B' Cin + A B Cin' + A B Cin
      = A' B Cin  +  A B' Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin  +  A B Cin
      = A' B Cin  +  A B Cin  +  A B' Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin
      = (A' + A) B Cin  +  A B' Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin
      = (1) B Cin  +  A B' Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin
      = B Cin  +  A B' Cin  +A B Cin'  +  A B Cin  +  A B Cin
      = B Cin  +  A B' Cin  +  A B Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin
      = B Cin  +  A (B' + B) Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin
      = B Cin  +  A (1) Cin  +  A B Cin'  +  A B Cin
      = B Cin  +  A Cin  +  A B (Cin' +  Cin)
      = B Cin  +  A Cin  +  A B (1)
      = B Cin  +  A Cin  +  A B
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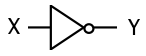
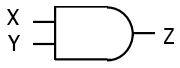
## From Boolean expressions to logic gates

- NOT  X'  $\overline{X}$  ~X



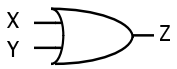

| X | Y |
|---|---|
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 |

- AND  X • Y  XY  X ∧ Y




| X | Y | Z |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

- OR  X + Y  X ∨ Y




| X | Y | Z |
|---|---|---|
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| 0 | 1 | 1 |
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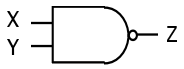
## From Boolean expressions to logic gates (cont'd)

- NAND

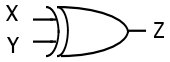



| X | Y | Z |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

- NOR

| X | Y | Z |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

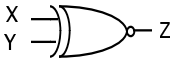
- XOR
  X ⊕ Y




| X | Y | Z |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

X xor Y = X Y' + X' Y
X or Y but not both
("inequality", "difference")

- XNOR
  X = Y



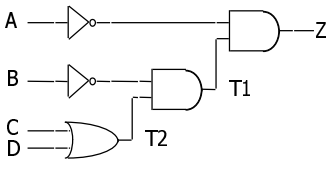

| X | Y | Z |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

X xnor Y = X Y + X' Y'
X and Y are the same
("equality", "coincidence")

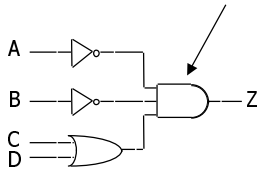


## From Boolean expressions to logic gates (cont'd)

- More than one way to map expressions to gates
  - e.g., $Z = A' \bullet B' \bullet (C + D) = (A' \bullet (B' \bullet \overbrace{(C + D)}^{T2}))$ where T1 = $(B' \bullet T2)$

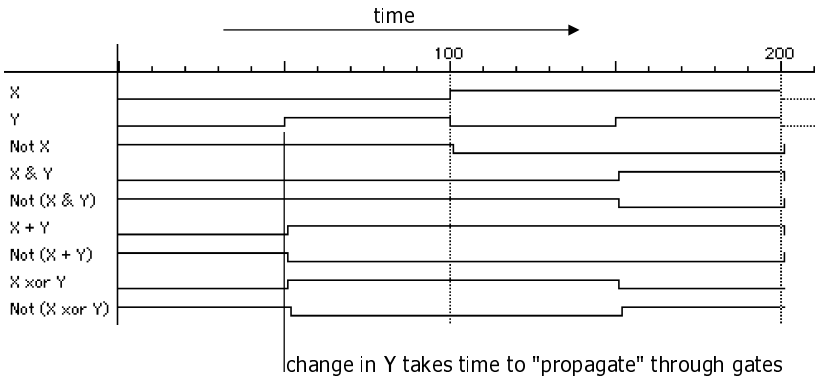



use of 3-input gate



## Waveform view of logic functions

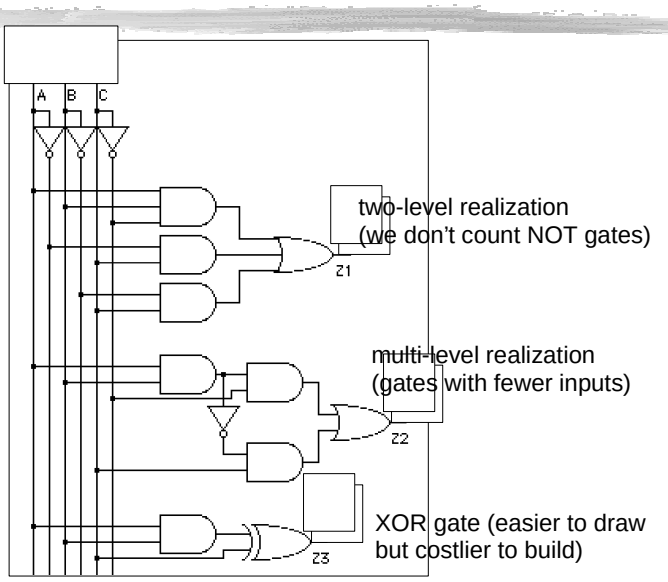
- Just a sideways truth table
  - but note how edges don't line up exactly
  - it takes time for a gate to switch its output!






## Choosing different realizations of a function

| A | B | C | Z |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |




two-level realization
(we don't count NOT gates)

multi-level realization
(gates with fewer inputs)

XOR gate (easier to draw but costlier to build)

## Which realization is best?

- Reduce number of inputs
  - literal: input variable (complemented or not)
    - can approximate cost of logic gate as 2 transitors 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

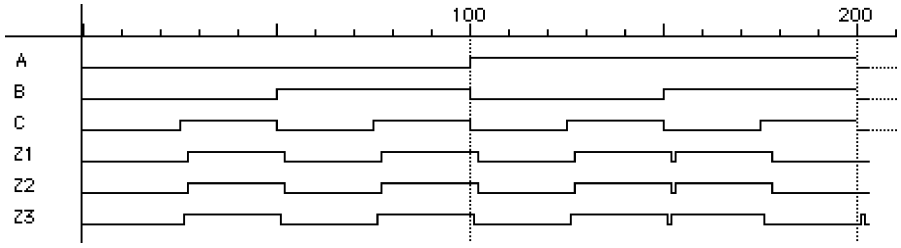


## Which is the best realization? (cont'd)

- 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






## 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

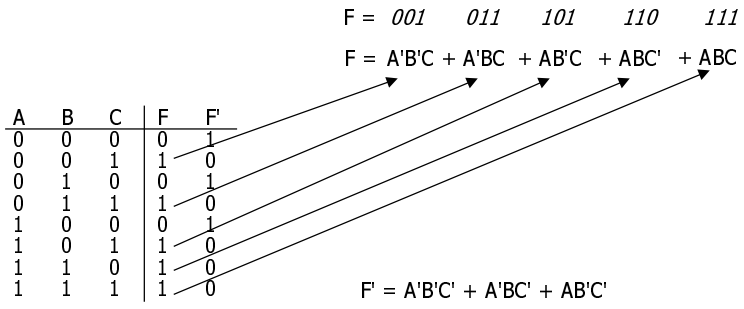
## Canonical forms

- 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



## 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 |

short-hand notation for minterms of 3 variables

F in canonical form:

F(A, B, C) = Σm(1,3,5,6,7)
= m1 + m3 + m5 + m6 + m7
= A'B'C + A'BC + AB'C + ABC' + ABC

canonical form ≠ minimal form

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



## Product-of-sums canonical form

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

F = *000* *010* *100*
F = (A + B + C) (A + B' + C) (A' + B + C)

| 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 |

short-hand notation for maxterms of 3 variables

F in canonical form:

$F(A, B, C) = \Pi M(0,2,4)$
$= M0 \bullet M2 \bullet M4$
$= (A + B + C)(A + B' + C)(A' + B + C)$

canonical form ≠ minimal form

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

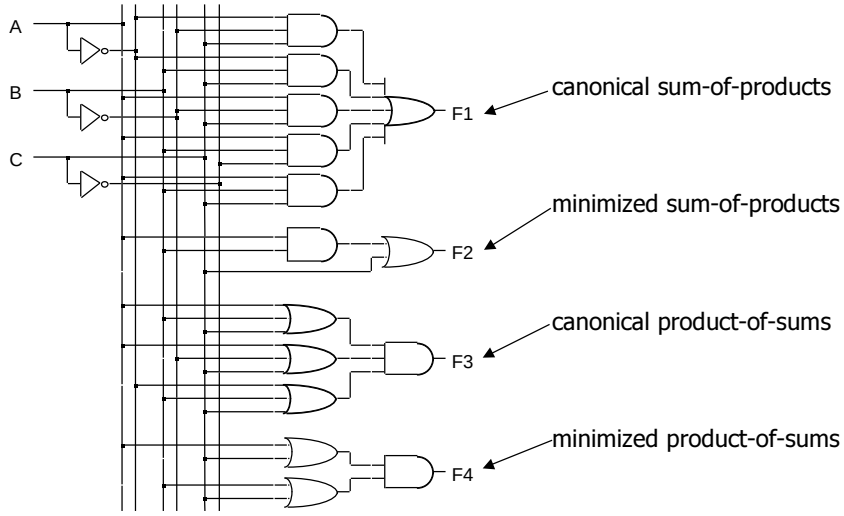


## S-o-P, P-o-S, and de Morgan's theorem

- 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

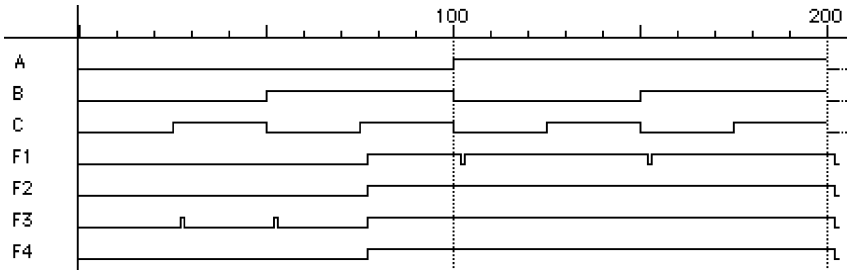
## Four alternative two-level implementations of F = AB + C






## 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)



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



## Incompleteley 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 = m0 + m2 + m4 + m6 + m8 + d10 + d11 + d12 + d13 + d14 + d15
  - Z = $\Sigma$ [ m(0,2,4,6,8) + d(10,11,12,13,14,15) ]
  - Z = M1 • M3 • M5 • M7 • M9 • D10 • D11 • D12 • D13 • D14 • D15
  - Z = $\Pi$ [ M(1,3,5,7,9) • D(10,11,12,13,14,15) ]



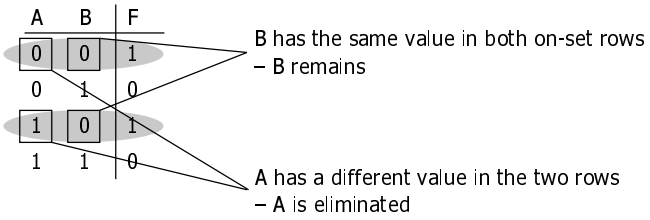
## Simplification of two-level combinational logic

- 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

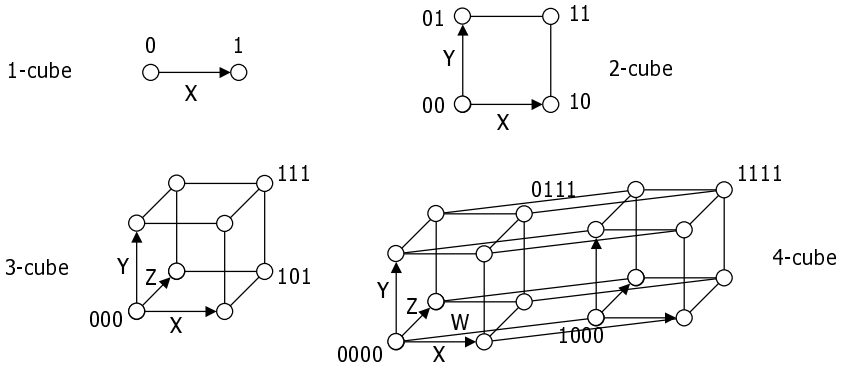
F = A'B'+AB' = (A'+A)B' = B'






## Boolean cubes

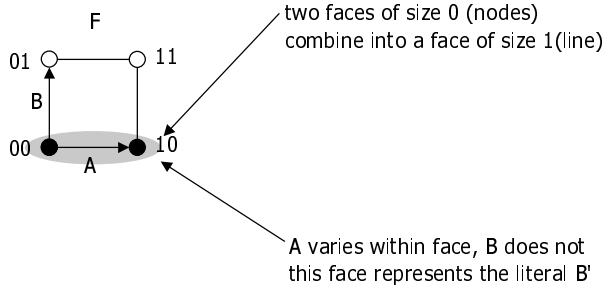
- Visual technique for indentifying when the uniting theorem can be applied
- n input variables = n-dimensional "cube"



## 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 |



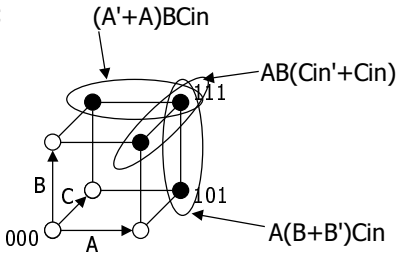

ON-set = solid nodes
OFF-set = empty nodes
DC-set = x'd nodes



## 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 |

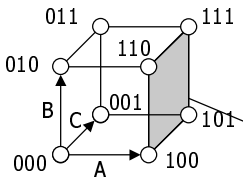



the on-set is completely covered by the combination (OR) of the subcubes of lower dimensionality - note that "111" is covered three times

Cout = BCin+AB+ACin

## Higher dimensional cubes

- Sub-cubes of higher dimension than 2




F(A,B,C) = Σm(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

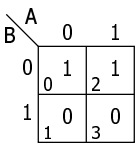


## m-dimensional cubes in a n-dimensional Boolean space

- 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

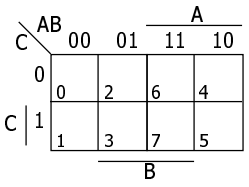


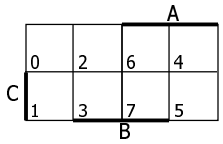

| A | B | F |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |

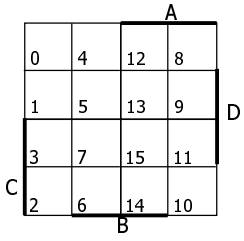


## Karnaugh maps (cont'd)

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



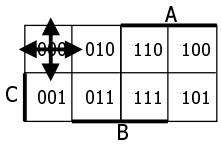



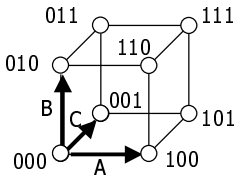




13 = 1101 = ABC'D

## Adjacencies in Karnaugh maps

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

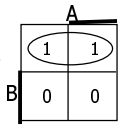


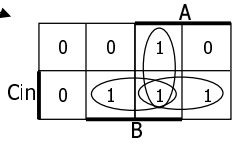



## Karnaugh map examples

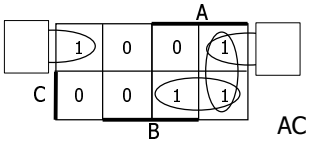
- F =
- Cout =
- f(A,B,C) = Σm(0,4,6,7)




B′



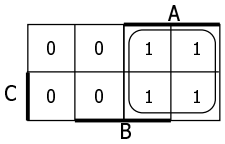

AB+ ACin + BCin



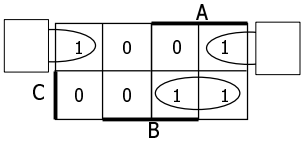

AC + B′C′ + ~~AB′~~

obtain the complement of the function by covering 0s with subcubes

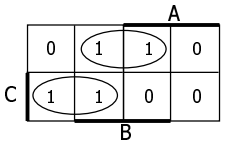
## More Karnaugh map examples




G(A,B,C) = A




F(A,B,C) = $\Sigma$m(0,4,5,7) = AC + B'C'




F' simply replace 1's with 0's and vice versa

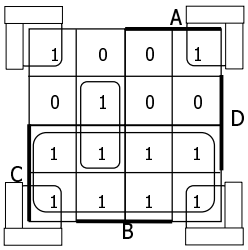
F'(A,B,C) = $\Sigma$ m(1,2,3,6) = BC' + A'C

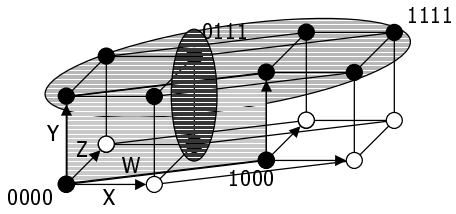


## Karnaugh map: 4-variable example

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

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

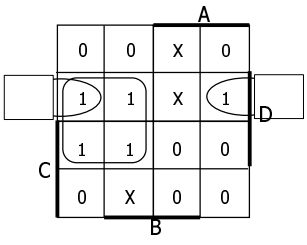



find the smallest number of the largest possible subcubes to cover the ON-set
(fewer terms with fewer inputs per term)

## Karnaugh maps: don’t cares

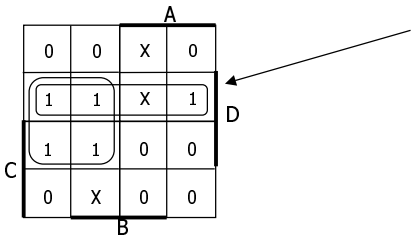
- f(A,B,C,D) = Σ m(1,3,5,7,9) + d(6,12,13)
  - without don't cares
    - f = A’D + B’C’D






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

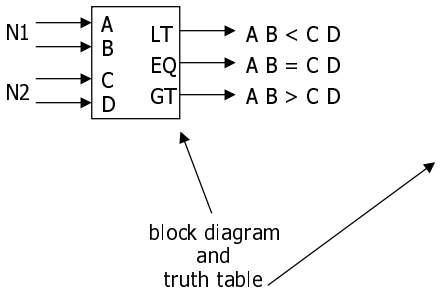
- f(A,B,C,D) = Σ m(1,3,5,7,9) + d(6,12,13)
  - f = A'D + B'C'D — without don't cares
  - f = A'D + C'D — with don't cares




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

## Design example: two-bit comparator



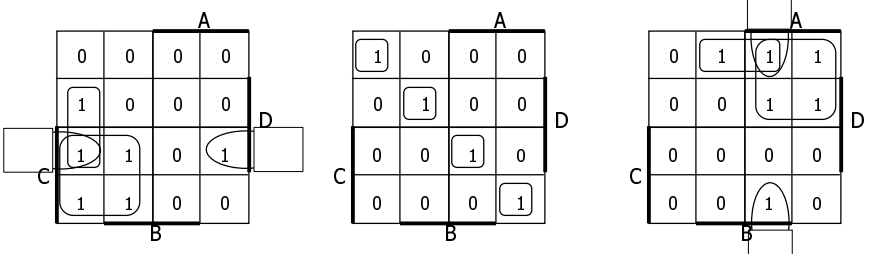

block diagram and truth table

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

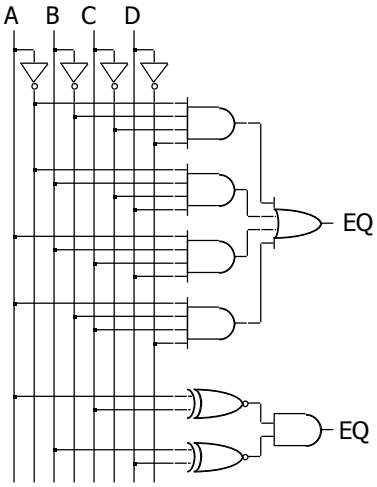
LT = A' B' D + A' C + B' C D

EQ = A' B' C' D' + A' B C' D + A B C D + A B' C D' = (A xnor C) • (B xnor D)

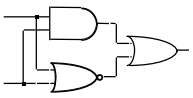
GT = B C' D' + A C' + A B D'

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

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



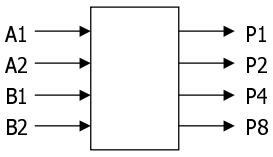

two alternative implementations of EQ with and without XOR



XNOR is implemented with at least 3 simple gates



## Design example: 2x2-bit multiplier

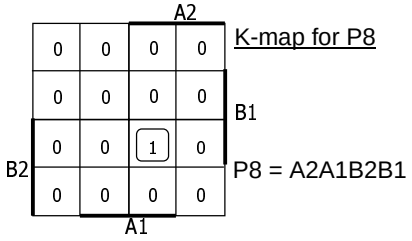



block diagram and truth table

| 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 |
| | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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

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

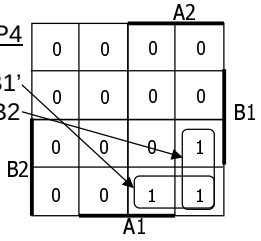


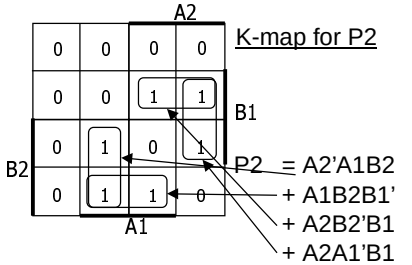

K-map for P8

P8 = A2A1B2B1

K-map for P4

P4 = A2B2B1'
+ A2A1'B2



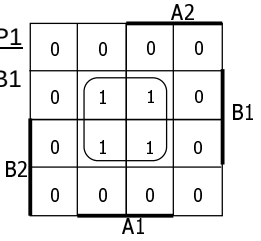




K-map for P2

P2 = A2'A1B2
+ A1B2B1'
+ A2B2'B1
+ A2A1'B1

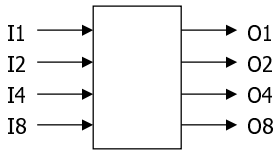
K-map for P1

P1 = A1B1






## Design example: BCD increment by 1

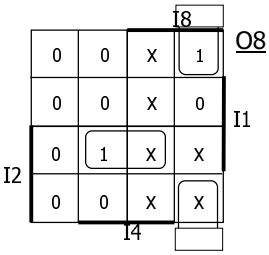



block diagram
and
truth table

| 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 | 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 |

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

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

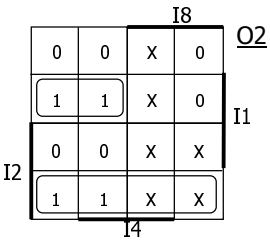


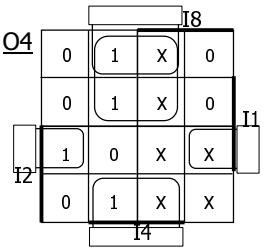

O8 = I4 I2 I1 + I8 I1'

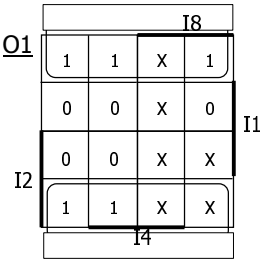
O4 = I4 I2' + I4 I1' + I4' I2 I1

O2 = I8' I2' I1 + I2 I1'

O1 = I1'



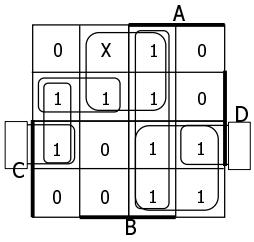






## Definition of terms for two-level simplification

- 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)

## Examples to illustrate terms




6 prime implicants:
A'B'D, BC', AC, A'C'D, AB, B'CD

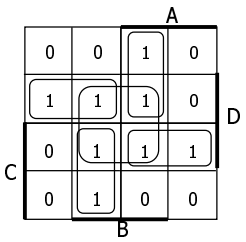
essential

minimum cover: AC + BC' + A'B'D

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

essential

minimum cover: 4 essential implicants

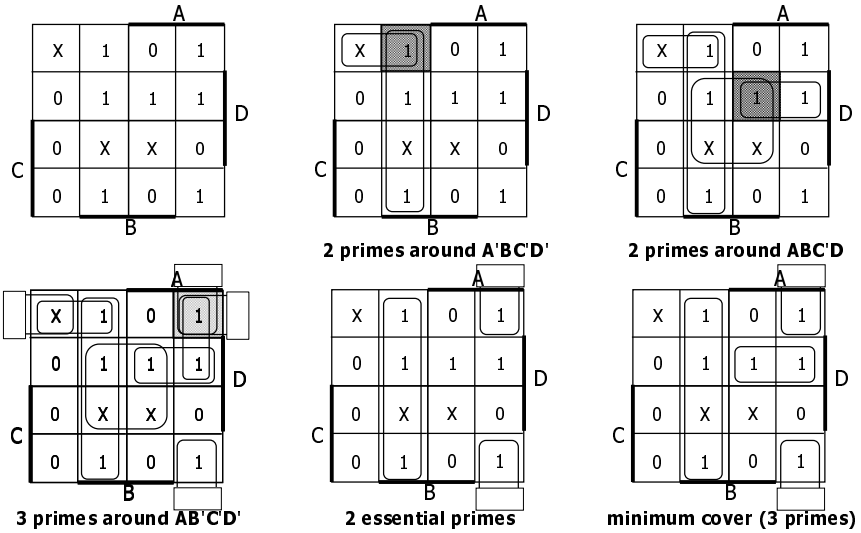





## Algorithm for two-level simplification

- 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

## Algorithm for two-level simplification (example)






## 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