Lecture 5 Karnaugh Maps

- Algebraic procedures:
 - Difficult to apply in a systematic way.
 - Difficult to tell when you have arrived at a minimum solution.
- Karnaugh map (K-map) can be used to minimize functions of up to 6 variables.
 - K-map is directly applied to twolevel networks composed of AND and OR gates.
 - Sum-of-products, (SOP)
 - Product-of-sum, (POS).

Minimum SOP

- It has a minimum no. of terms.
 - That is, it has a minimum number of gates.
- It has a minimum no. of gate inputs.
 - That is, minimum no. of literals.
 - Each term in the minimum SOP is a prime implicant, i.e., it cannot be combined with others.
- It may not be unique.
 - Depend on the order in which terms are combined or eliminated.

Minimum SOP

• Example: vertical input scheme



Figure 3.2.5 IC logic circuit designs for a minimum SOP form of a function using a vertical input scheme: (a) without fan-in reduction, (b) with fan-in reduction.

Minimum POS

- It has a minimum no. factors.
- It has a minimum no. of literals.
- It may not be unique.
 - Use (X+Y) (X+Y') = X
 - Use (X+C) (X'+D)(C+D) = (X+C)(X'+D) to eliminate term.

Minimum POS

• Example: Vertical input scheme



Figure 3.2.7 IC logic circuit design for a minimum POS form of a function using a vertical input scheme.

2-Variable K-map

- Place 1s and 0s from the truth table in the K-map.
- Each square of 1s = minterms.
- Minterms in adjacent squares can be combined since they differ in only one variable. Use XY' + XY = X.



3-Variable K-map

- Note BC is listed in the order of 00, 01, 11, 10. (Gray code)
- Minterms in adjacent squares that differ in only one variable can be combined using XY' + XY = X.



Location of Minterms

– Adjacent terms in 3-variable K map.



(a) Binary notation



K Map Example

- K-map of F(a,b,c) = $\sum m(1,3,5)$ = $\prod M(0,2,4,6,7)$



Karnaugh Map of $F(a, b, c) = \sum m(1, 3, 5) = \prod M(0, 2, 4, 6, 7)$

Place Product Terms on K Map

- Example
 - Place b, bc' and ac' in the 3-variable K map.



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More Example

Exercise. Plot f(a, b, c) = abc' + b'c + a' into the K-map.

f(a, b, c) = abc' + b'c + a'

we would plot the map as follows:

- 1. The term abc' is 1 when a = 1 and bc = 10, so we place a 1 in the square which corresponds to the a = 1 column and the bc = 10 row of the map.
- 2. The term b'c is 1 when bc = 01, so we place 1's in both squares of the bc = 01 row of the map.)
- 3. The term a' is 1 when a = 0, so we place 1's in all the squares of the a = 0 column of the map. (*Note:* since there already is a 1 in the abc = 001 square, we do not have to place a second) 1 there because x + x = x.)



Simplication Example

- Exercise. Simplify: $F(a,b,c) = \sum m(1,3,5)$
 - Procedure: place minterms into map.
 - Select adjacent 1's in group of two 1's or four 1's etc.
 - Kick off x and x'.



More Example

– The complement of F

• Using four 1's to eliminate two variables.



Redundant Terms

- If a term is covered by two other terms, that term is redundant. That is, it is a consensus term.
- Example: yz is the redundant.



More Than Two Minimum Solutions

• $F = \sum m(0,1,2,5,6,7)$



4-Variable K Map

- Each minterm is adjacent to 4 terms with which it can combine.
 - 0, 8 are adjacent squares
 - 0, 2 are adjacent squares, etc.
 - 1, 4, 13, 7 are adjacent to 5.



Plot a 4-variable Expression

• F(a,b,c,d) = acd + a'b + d' acd = 1 if a=1, c=1, d=1



Simplification Example

- Minterms are combined in groups of 2,
 4, or 8 to eliminate 1, 2, 3 variables.
- Corner terms.



Simplification with Don't Care

• Don't care "x" is covered if it helps. Otherwise leave it along.



 $f = \Sigma m(1, 3, 5, 7, 9) + \Sigma d(6, 12, 13)$ = a'd + c'd

Get a Minimum POS Using K Map

Cover 0's to get simplified POS.
We want 0 in each term.

f = x'z' + wyz + w'y'z' + x'y

First, the 1's of f are plotted in Fig. 5–14. Then, from the 0's,

$$f' = y'z + wxz' + w'xy$$

and the minimum product of sums for f is

$$f = (y + z')(w' + x' + z)(w + x' + y')$$



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Determination of Minimum Expressions Using Essential Prime Implicants

- Definitions:
 - Implicants: An implicant of a function
 F is a single element of the on set (1) or
 any group of elements that can be
 combined together in a K-map.
 - **Prime Implicants**: An implicant that cannot be combined with another to eliminate a literal.
 - Essential Prime Implicants: If a particular element of the on-set is covered by a single prime implicant. That implicant is called an essential prime implicant.
- All essential primes must be part of the minimized expression.

Implicant of F

- Implicant
 - Any single 1 or any group of 1's
- Prime implicant
 - An implicant that can not be combined with another term to eliminate a variable.
 - a'b'c, a'cd', ac' are prime implicant.
 - a'b'c'd' is not (combined with a'b'cd').
 abc' and ab'c' are not.



Prime Implicant

- A single 1 which is not adjacent to any other 1's.
- Two adjacent 1's which are not contained in a group of four 1's. And so on.
 - Shaded loops are also prime implicants, but not part of the minimum solution.
 - a'c'd and b'cd are already covered by other group. So we do not need them.



Essential Prime Implicants for Minimum SOP

- If CD is chosen first, then f has 4 terms. We don't need CD since it is covered by other group. CD is not a essential prime implicant.
- m2 is essential prime implicant since it is covered only be one prime implicant. So does m5, and m14. We need them in the answer.



Rule of Thumb

- Look at all squares adjacent to a minterm.
 - If the given minterm and all of the 1's adjacent to it are covered by a single term, then that term is an essential prime implicant
 - But if it is covered by more than two prime implicant, we can not tell whether this term is essential or not.
 - The solution is A'C' + A'B'D' +ACD + (A'BD or BCD).



Note: 1's shaded in blue are covered by only one prime implicant. All other 1's are covered by at least two prime implicants.

Flow Chart



Example

• Find the 1 that is covered by only one term first (Do not share with other circle).



5-Variable K Map

- Use two 4-variable map to form a 5variable K map (16 + 16 = 32)(A,B,C,D,E)
 - A' in the bottom layer
 - A in the top layer.



These 8 terms combine to give BD' (B from last two columns and D' from top two rows; A is eliminated since 4 terms are in the top layer and 4 in the bottom).

These 4 terms (2 from top layer and 2 from bottom) combine to give CDE (C from the middle two columns and DE from the row).

These 2 terms in the top layer combine to give AB'DE'.

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5 Neighbors

• Same plane and above or under



Example: 5-variables

Ans: F = A'B'D' + ABE' + ACD + A'BCE + {AB'C or B'CD'}
- P1 + P2 + P3 + P4 + AB'C or B'CD'



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One More

- F = B'C'D' + B'C'E + A'C'D' + A'BCD + ABDE + {C'D'E or AC'E}
- (17,19,25,27 = AC'E), (1,9,17,25 = C'D'E)



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Simplification Using Map-Entered Variables

- Extend K-map for more variables.

- When E appears in a square, if E = 1, then the corresponding minterm is present in the function G.
- G (A,B,C,D,E,F) = $m_0 + m_2 + m_3 + Em_5 + Em_7 + Fm_9 + m_{11} + m_{15} + (don't care terms)$



Map-Entered Variable

- F(A,B,C,D) = A'B'C + A'BC + A'BC'D + ABCD + (AB'C), (don't care)
 - Choose D as a map-entered variable.
 - When D = 0, F = A'C (Fig. a)
 - When D = 1, F = C + A'B (Fig. b)
 - two 1's are changed to x's since they are covered in Fig. a.
- F = A'C + D(C+A'B) = A'C + CD + A'BD



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General View for Map-Entered Variable Method

- Given a map with variables P1, P2 etc, entered into some of the squares, the minimum SOP form of F is as follows:
- $F = MS0 + P1 MS1 + P2MS2 + \dots$ where
 - MS0 is minimum sum obtained by setting P1 = P2 .. =0
 - MS1 is minimum sum obtained by setting P1 = 1, Pj = 0 ($j \neq 1$), and replacing all 1's on the map with don't cares.
 - Previously, G = A'B' + ACD + EA'D + FAD.