

**CHAPTER III**

**BOOLEAN ALGEBRA**

- Boolean algebra is a form of algebra that deals with single digit binary values and variables.
- Values and variables can indicate some of the following binary pairs of values:
  - ON / OFF
  - TRUE / FALSE
  - HIGH / LOW
  - CLOSED / OPEN
  - 1 / 0

- Three fundamental operators in Boolean algebra
  - **NOT**: unary operator that complements represented as  $\bar{A}$ ,  $A'$ , or  $\sim A$
  - **AND**: binary operator which performs logical multiplication
    - i.e. **A** ANDed with **B** would be represented as **AB** or **A · B**
  - **OR**: binary operator which performs logical addition
    - i.e. **A** ORed with **B** would be represented as **A + B**

**NOT**

A	$\bar{A}$
0	1
1	0

**AND**

A	B	AB
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

**OR**

A	B	A + B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

# BOOL. OPERATIONS

## BINARY BOOLEAN OPERATORS

- Below is a table showing all possible Boolean functions  $F_N$  given the two-inputs **A** and **B**.

A	B	$F_0$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	$F_4$	$F_5$	$F_6$	$F_7$	$F_8$	$F_9$	$F_{10}$	$F_{11}$	$F_{12}$	$F_{13}$	$F_{14}$	$F_{15}$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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
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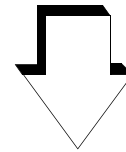
0	AB		A		B	A + B		A + B		$\overline{A + B}$		$\overline{B}$		$\overline{A}$		$\overline{AB}$	1
Null			Inhibition			$A \oplus B$		$A \oplus B$		$\overline{A \oplus B}$		Implication		Implication		Identity	

- Boolean expressions must be evaluated with the following order of operator precedence

- parentheses
- NOT
- AND
- OR

Example:

$$F = \overline{A(\overline{C + \overline{BD}}) + \overline{BC}} \overline{E}$$



$$F = \left( A \left( \overline{C + \overline{BD}} \right) + \overline{BC} \right) \overline{E}$$

The diagram shows the expression with nested brackets and underlines to illustrate the order of operations. The innermost operations are the NOT operations on  $\overline{BD}$  and  $\overline{BC}$ . These are followed by the OR operation  $C + \overline{BD}$ . The result of this OR operation is then ANDed with  $A$ . Finally, the result of this AND operation is ORed with  $\overline{BC}$ . The entire expression inside the large parentheses is then NOTed to produce the final result  $F$ .

- Example 1:

Evaluate the following expression when **A = 1, B = 0, C = 1**

$$F = C + \bar{C}B + B\bar{A}$$

- Solution

$$F = 1 + \bar{1} \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \bar{1} = 1 + 0 + 0 = 1$$

- Example 2:

Evaluate the following expression when **A = 0, B = 0, C = 1, D = 1**

$$F = D(B\bar{C}A + \overline{A\bar{B} + C}) + C$$

- Solution

$$F = 1 \cdot (0 \cdot \bar{1} \cdot 0 + \overline{0 \cdot \bar{0} + 1}) + 1 = 1 \cdot (0 + \bar{1} + 1) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

# BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

## BASIC IDENTITIES

$$X + 0 = X$$

$$X + 1 = 1$$

$$X + X = X$$

$$X + X' = 1$$

$$(X')' = X$$

$$X + Y = Y + X$$

$$X + (Y + Z) = (X + Y) + Z$$

$$X(Y + Z) = XY + XZ$$

$$X + XY = X$$

$$X + X'Y = X + Y$$

$$(X + Y)' = X'Y'$$

$$XY + X'Z + YZ \\ = XY + X'Z$$

$$X \cdot 1 = X$$

$$X \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$X \cdot X = X$$

$$X \cdot X' = 0$$

$$XY = YX$$

$$X(YZ) = (XY)Z$$

$$X + YZ = (X + Y)(X + Z)$$

$$X(X + Y) = X$$

$$X(X' + Y) = XY$$

$$(XY)' = X' + Y'$$

$$(X + Y)(X' + Z)(Y + Z) \\ = (X + Y)(X' + Z)$$

Identity

Idempotent Law

Complement

Involution Law

Commutativity

Associativity

Distributivity

Absorption Law

Simplification

DeMorgan's Law

Consensus Theorem

- **Duality principle:**

- States that a Boolean equation remains valid if we take the dual of the expressions on both sides of the equals sign.
- The dual can be found by interchanging the **AND** and **OR** operators along with also interchanging the **0**'s and **1**'s.
- This is evident with the duals in the basic identities.
  - For instance: DeMorgan's Law can be expressed in two forms

$$(X + Y)' = X'Y'$$



as well as

$$(XY)' = X' + Y'$$





- Example: Simplify the following expression

$$F = BC + B\bar{C} + BA$$

- Simplification

$$F = B(C + \bar{C}) + BA$$

$$F = B \cdot 1 + BA$$

$$F = B(1 + A)$$

$$F = B$$

- Example: Simplify the following expression

$$F = A + \bar{A}B + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}E$$

- Simplification

$$F = A + \bar{A}(B + \bar{B}C + \bar{B}\bar{C}D + \bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}E)$$

$$F = A + B + \bar{B}C + \bar{B}\bar{C}D + \bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}E$$

$$F = A + B + \bar{B}(C + \bar{C}D + \bar{C}\bar{D}E)$$

$$F = A + B + C + \bar{C}D + \bar{C}\bar{D}E$$

$$F = A + B + C + \bar{C}(D + \bar{D}E)$$

$$F = A + B + C + D + \bar{D}E$$

$$F = A + B + C + D + E$$

- Example: Show that the following equality holds

$$\overline{A(\overline{B}\overline{C} + BC)} = \overline{A} + (B + C)(\overline{B} + \overline{C})$$

- Simplification

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{A(\overline{B}\overline{C} + BC)} &= \overline{A} + \overline{(\overline{B}\overline{C} + BC)} \\ &= \overline{A} + (\overline{\overline{B}\overline{C}})(\overline{BC}) \\ &= \overline{A} + (B + C)(\overline{B} + \overline{C})\end{aligned}$$

# STANDARD FORMS

## SOP AND POS

- Boolean expressions can be manipulated into many forms.
- Some standardized forms are required for Boolean expressions to simplify communication of the expressions.

- **Sum-of-products (SOP)**

- Example:

$$F(A, B, C, D) = AB + \bar{B}C\bar{D} + AD$$

- **Products-of-sums (POS)**

- Example:

$$F(A, B, C, D) = (A + B)(\bar{B} + C + \bar{D})(A + D)$$

# STANDARD FORMS

## MINTERMS

- The following table gives the minterms for a **three-input** system

			$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$m_3$	$m_4$	$m_5$	$m_6$	$m_7$
A	B	C	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C$	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}$	$\bar{A}BC$	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}$	$A\bar{B}C$	$AB\bar{C}$	$ABC$
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

# STANDARD FORMS

## SUM OF MINTERMS

- **Sum-of-minterms** standard form expresses the Boolean or switching expression in the form of a **sum of products** using **minterms**.
- For instance, the following Boolean expression using minterms

$$F(A, B, C) = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C$$

could instead be expressed as

$$F(A, B, C) = m_0 + m_1 + m_4 + m_5$$

or more compactly

$$F(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 4, 5) = \text{one-set}(0, 1, 4, 5)$$

Minterms are products, so  
this is called a  
"sum of products" (SOP)

# STANDARD FORMS

## MAXTERMS

- The following table gives the maxterms for a **three-input** system

			$M_0$	$M_1$	$M_2$	$M_3$	$M_4$	$M_5$	$M_6$	$M_7$
			$A + B + C$	$A + \bar{B} + C$	$\bar{A} + B + C$	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + C$				
			$A + B + \bar{C}$	$A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$	$\bar{A} + B + \bar{C}$	$\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C}$				
A	B	C								
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

# STANDARD FORMS

## PRODUCT OF MAXTERMS

- **Product-of-maxterms** standard form expresses the Boolean or switching expression in the form of **product of sums** using **maxterms**.
- For instance, the following Boolean expression using maxterms

$$F(A, B, C) = (A + B + \bar{C})(\bar{A} + B + C)(\bar{A} + \bar{B} + \bar{C})$$

could instead be expressed as

$$F(A, B, C) = M_1 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_7$$

or more compactly as

$$F(A, B, C) = \prod M(1, 4, 7) = \text{zero-set}(1, 4, 7)$$



# STANDARD FORMS

MINTERM AND MAXTERM EXP.

- Given an arbitrary Boolean function, such as

$$F(A, B, C) = AB + \bar{B}(\bar{A} + \bar{C})$$

how do we form the canonical form for:

- **sum-of-minterms**

- Expand the Boolean function into a sum of products. Then take each term with a missing variable **X** and **AND** it with **X +  $\bar{X}$** .

- **product-of-maxterms**

- Expand the Boolean function into a product of sums. Then take each factor with a missing variable **X** and **OR** it with  **$X\bar{X}$** .

# STANDARD FORMS

## FORMING SUM OF MINTERMS

- Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(A, B, C) &= AB + \bar{B}(\bar{A} + \bar{C}) = AB + \bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{B}\bar{C} \\
 &= AB(C + \bar{C}) + \bar{A}\bar{B}(C + \bar{C}) + (A + \bar{A})\bar{B}\bar{C} \\
 &= \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + AB\bar{C} + ABC \\
 &= \sum m(0, 1, 4, 6, 7)
 \end{aligned}$$

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	1 ← 0
0	0	1	1 ← 1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1 ← 4
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1 ← 6
1	1	1	1 ← 7

Minterms listed as  
1s in Truth Table

# STANDARD FORMS

## FORMING PROD OF MAXTERMS

- STANDARD FORMS
- PRODUCT OF MAXTERMS
- MINTERM & MAXTERM
- FORM SUM OF MINTERMS

- Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(A, B, C) &= AB + \bar{B}(\bar{A} + \bar{C}) = AB + \bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{B}\bar{C} \\
 &= (A + \bar{B})(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C})(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C}) && \text{(using distributivity)} \\
 &= (A + \bar{B} + C\bar{C})(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C})(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C}) \\
 &= (A + \bar{B} + C)(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C})(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C}) \\
 &= \prod M(2, 3, 5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Maxterms are sums, so this is called a "product of sums" (POS)

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

← 2  
← 3  
← 5

Maxterms listed as 0s in Truth Table

## Full Solution of Maxterm Example

$$F(A,B,C) = AB + \mathbf{B'(A'+C')}$$

Distributivity (OR)  $X(Y+Z) = XY+XZ$

$$AB + \mathbf{A'B'} + \mathbf{B'C'}$$

Distributivity (AND) Identity,  $X + YZ = (X+Y)(X+Z)$

$$(AB + \mathbf{A'}) * (AB + \mathbf{B'}) + \mathbf{B'C'}$$

Simplification Identity,  $X + \mathbf{X'Y} = X + Y$

$$[ (B + \mathbf{A'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'}) ] + \mathbf{B'C'}$$

Distributivity (AND) Identity,  $X = [ (B + \mathbf{A'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'}) ], Y = \mathbf{B'}, Z = \mathbf{C'}$

$$( [ (B + \mathbf{A'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'}) ] + \mathbf{B'} ) * ( [ (B + \mathbf{A'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'}) ] + \mathbf{C'} )$$

Distributivity (AND) Identity on each ANDed term:

$$X = \mathbf{B'} \text{ and } \mathbf{C'} \text{ (respectively) } Y = (B + \mathbf{A'}), Z = (A + \mathbf{B'})$$

$$( (\mathbf{A'} + B + \mathbf{B'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'} + \mathbf{B'}) ) * ( (\mathbf{A'} + B + \mathbf{C'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'} + \mathbf{C'}) )$$

Idempotent and Identity – drop  $(\mathbf{A'} + B + \mathbf{B'})$ , is always 1,  $X+X'=1$ ,  $X+1=1$ ,  $X*1=X$  also  $X+X=X$

$$(A + \mathbf{B'}) * (\mathbf{A'} + B + \mathbf{C'}) * (A + \mathbf{B'} + \mathbf{C'})$$

Expand  $(A + \mathbf{B'}) = (A + B' + CC')$  since  $CC'=0$ ,  $X+0=X$

$$(A + \mathbf{B'}) = (A + \mathbf{B'} + C) * (A + \mathbf{B'} + \mathbf{C'})$$

$$F(A,B,C) = (A + \mathbf{B'} + C) (A + \mathbf{B'} + \mathbf{C'}) (\mathbf{A'} + B + \mathbf{C'}) \text{ where } (A + \mathbf{B'} + \mathbf{C'}) \text{ was duplicated, } X+X=X.$$

Maxterms (**1** where A,B, or C is **complemented** in a term): 010, 011, 101 = 2, 3, 5

## General Rule for Expanding SOP or POS to Maxterms or Minterms

If a term is missing one variable, it expands to two minterms or maxterms.

If a term is missing two variables, it expands to four minterms or maxterms.

If a term is missing N variables, it expands to  $2^N$  minterms or maxterms.

Examples for **F(A,B,C,D)** - replicate incomplete term with every possible combination of complemented and non-complemented missing variables:

### Minterms

$$ABC = ABCD + ABCD'$$

$$AB = ABCD + ABCD' + ABC'D + ABC'D'$$

$$A = ABCD + ABCD' + ABC'D + ABC'D' + AB'CD + AB'CD' + AB'C'D + AB'C'D'$$

### Maxterms

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

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

$$A = (A+B+C+D) (A+B+C+D') (A+B+C'+D) (A+B+C'+D')* \\ (A + B'+C+D) (A + B'+C+D') (A + B'+C'+D) (A + B'+C'+D')$$

# STANDARD FORMS

## CONVERTING MIN AND MAX

- Converting between sum-of-minterms and product-of-maxterms
- The two are complementary, as seen by the truth tables.
- To convert interchange the  $\sum$  and  $\prod$  , then use missing terms.
  - Example: The example from the previous slides

$$F(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 4, 6, 7)$$

$$F'(A,B,C) = \text{SUM } m(2,3,5)$$

is re-expressed as

$$F(A, B, C) = \prod M(2, 3, 5)$$

$$F'(A,B,C) = \text{PI } M(0,1,4,6,7)$$

where the numbers 2, 3, and 5 were missing from the minterm representation.

# **SIMPLIFICATION**

## **KARNAUGH MAPS**

- Often it is desired to simplify a Boolean function. A quick graphical approach is to use Karnaugh maps.

**2-variable  
Karnaugh map**

		B	
		0	1
A	0	0	0
	1	0	1

$$F = AB$$

**3-variable  
Karnaugh map**

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

$$F = AB + C$$

**4-variable  
Karnaugh map**

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

$$F = AB + \bar{C}D$$

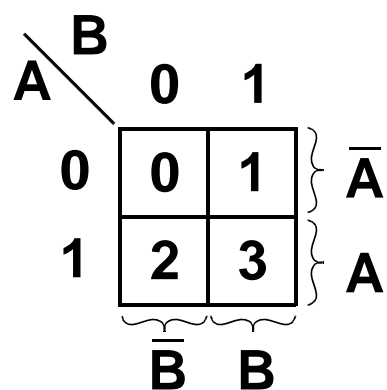
# SIMPLIFICATION

## KARNAUGH MAP ORDERING

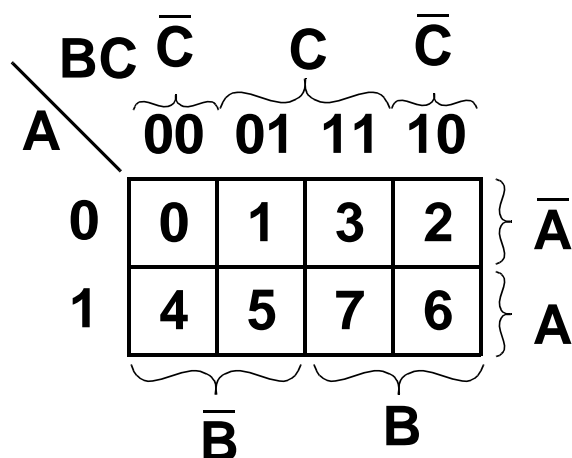
- STANDARD FORMS
- SIMPLIFICATION
- KARNAUGH MAPS

- Notice that the ordering of cells in the map are such that moving from one cell to an adjacent cell only changes one variable.

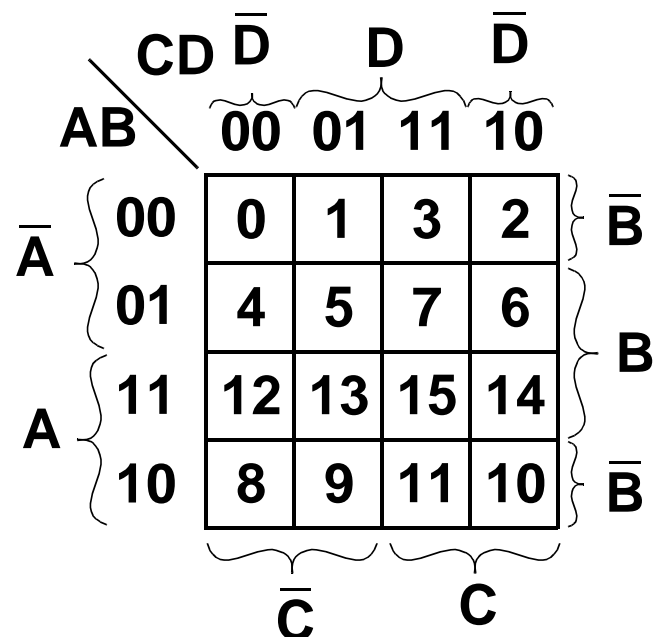
**2-variable  
Karnaugh map**



**3-variable  
Karnaugh map**



**4-variable  
Karnaugh map**



- This ordering allows for grouping of minterms/maxterms for simplification.



# SIMPLIFICATION

## IMPLICANTS

- **Implicant**
  - Bubble covering only 1's (size of bubble must be a power of 2).
- **Prime implicant**
  - Bubble that is expanded as big as possible (but increases in size by powers of 2).
- **Essential prime implicant**
  - Bubble that contains a 1 covered only by itself and no other prime implicant bubble.
- **Non-essential prime implicant**
  - All contained 1's can be covered by another prime implicant bubble.

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

- **Procedure for finding the SOP from a Karnaugh map**
  - Step 1: Form the 2-, 3-, or 4-variable Karnaugh map as appropriate for the Boolean function.
  - Step 2: Identify all essential prime implicants for 1's in the Karnaugh map.
  - Step 3: Identify non-essential prime implicants to cover remaining 1's in the Karnaugh map (not covered in step 2).
  - Step 4: For each essential implicant and selected non-essential prime implicants (that cover all 1's), determine the corresponding product term.
  - Step 5: Form a sum-of-products with all product terms from previous step.

# SIMPLIFICATION

EXAMPLE FOR SOP (1)

SOP: SUM OF PRODUCTS

- SIMPLIFICATION
- KARNAUGH MAP ORDER
- IMPLICANTS
- PROCEDURE FOR SOP

- Simplify the following Boolean function

$$F(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 4, 5) = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + A\bar{B}C$$

- Solution:

		<b>BC</b>			
		00	01	11	10
<b>A</b>	0	1	1	0	0
	1	1	1	0	0

*zero-set(2, 3, 6, 7)*

*one-set(0, 1, 4, 5)*

- The essential prime implicants are  $\bar{B}$ .
- There are no non-essential prime implicants.
- The sum-of-products solution is  $F = \bar{B}$ .

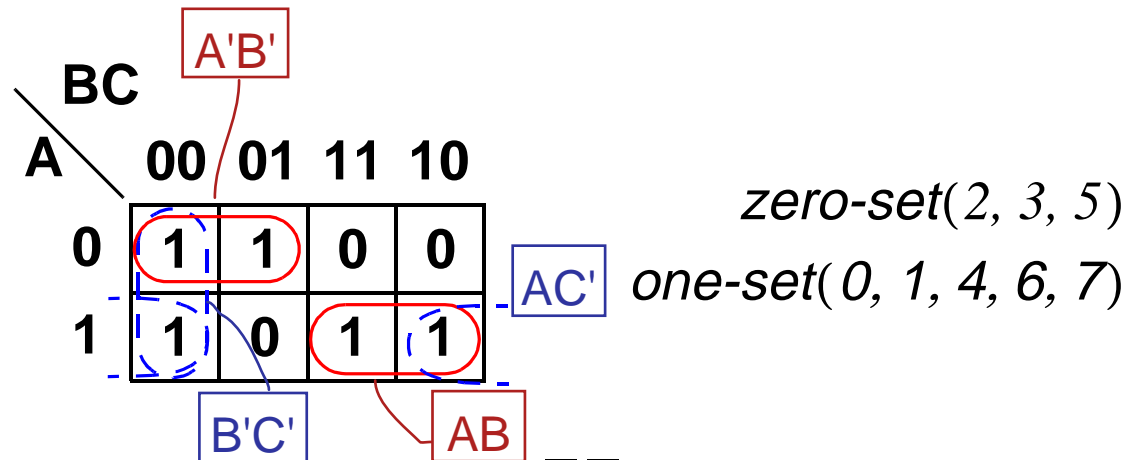
# SIMPLIFICATION

## EXAMPLE FOR SOP (2) SOP: SUM OF PRODUCTS

- Simplify the following Boolean function

$$F(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 4, 6, 7) = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}\bar{C} + AB\bar{C} + ABC$$

- Solution:



- The essential prime implicants are  $\bar{A}\bar{B}$  and  $AB$ .
- The non-essential prime implicants are  $\bar{B}\bar{C}$  or  $A\bar{C}$ .
- The sum-of-products solution is

$$F = AB + \bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{B}\bar{C} \text{ or } F = AB + \bar{A}\bar{B} + A\bar{C}.$$

# SIMPLIFICATION

## PROCEDURE FOR POS POS: PRODUCT OF SUMS

- **Procedure for finding the SOP from a Karnaugh map**
  - Step 1: Form the 2-, 3-, or 4-variable Karnaugh map as appropriate for the Boolean function.
  - Step 2: Identify all essential prime implicants for **0**'s in the Karnaugh map
  - Step 3: Identify non-essential prime implicants to cover remaining **0**'s in the Karnaugh map.
  - Step 4: For each essential and the selected non-essential prime implicants from each set, determine the corresponding sum term.
  - Step 5: Form a product-of-sums with all sum terms from previous step.

# SIMPLIFICATION

EXAMPLE FOR POS (1)  
POS: PRODUCT OF SUMS

- SIMPLIFICATION
- PROCEDURE FOR SOP
- EXAMPLE FOR SOP
- PROCEDURE FOR POS

- Simplify the following Boolean function

$$F(A, B, C) = \prod M(2, 3, 5) = (A + \bar{B} + C)(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C})(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C})$$

- Solution:

		<b>BC</b>			
	<b>A</b>				
		00	01	11	10
0		1	1	0	0
1		1	0	1	1

*zero-set(2, 3, 5)*

*one-set(0, 1, 4, 6, 7)*

- The essential prime implicants are  $\bar{A} + B + \bar{C}$  and  $A + \bar{B}$ .
- There are no non-essential prime implicants.
- The product-of-sums solution is  $F = (A + \bar{B})(\bar{A} + B + \bar{C})$ .

# SIMPLIFICATION

## EXAMPLE FOR POS (2)

- Simplify the following Boolean function

$$F(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}) = \prod M(0, 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15)$$

- Solution:

- The essential prime implicants

are  $\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{C}} + \overline{\mathbf{D}}$ .

*zero-set(0, 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15)*

*one-set(2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)*

- The non-essential prime implicants

can be  $\mathbf{A} + \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{D}}$  or  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} + \overline{\mathbf{D}}$ .

- The product-of-sums solution can be either

$$F = (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})(\overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{C}} + \overline{\mathbf{D}})(\mathbf{A} + \overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{D}})$$

or

$$F = (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})(\overline{\mathbf{B}} + \overline{\mathbf{C}} + \overline{\mathbf{D}})(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C} + \overline{\mathbf{D}})$$

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

# SIMPLIFICATION

## DON'T-CARE CONDITION

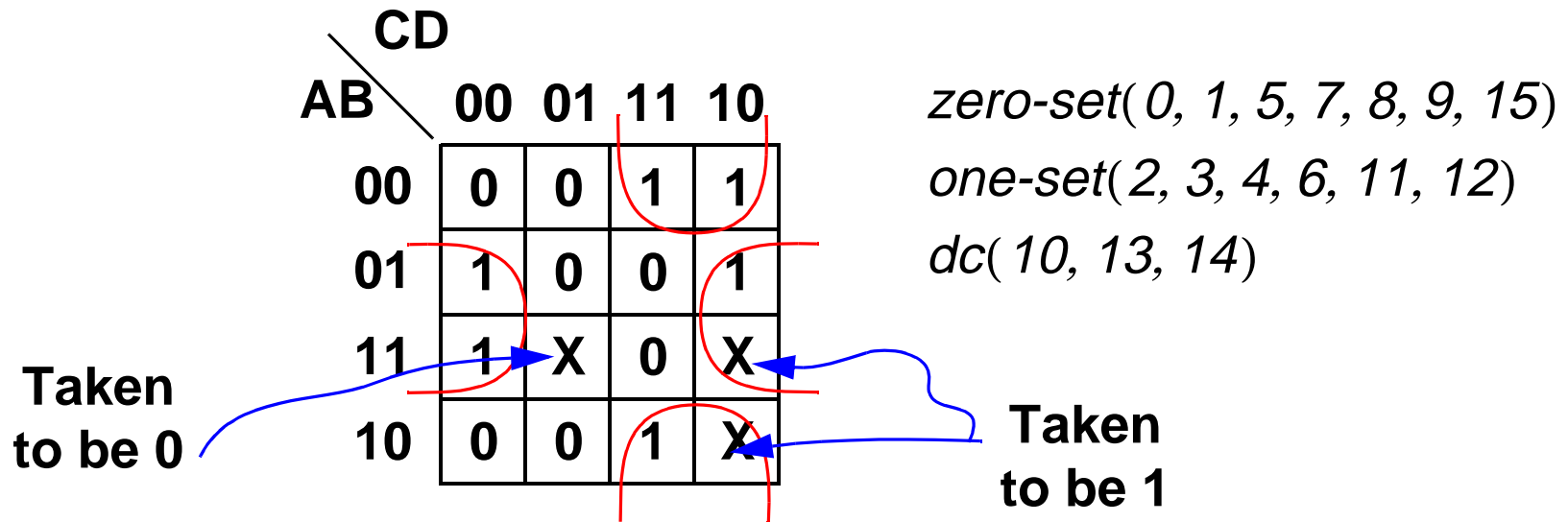
- Switching expressions are sometimes given as **incomplete**, or with **don't-care conditions**.
  - Having don't-care conditions can simplify Boolean expressions and hence simplify the circuit implementation.
  - Along with the *zero-set*( ) and *one-set*( ), we will also have *dc*( ).
  - Don't-cares conditions in Karnaugh maps
    - Don't-cares will be expressed as an "X" or "-" in Karnaugh maps.
    - Don't-cares can be bubbled along with the 1s or 0s depending on what is more convenient and help simplify the resulting expressions.



# SIMPLIFICATION

## DON'T-CARE EXAMPLE (1)

- Find the SOP simplification for the following Karnaugh map

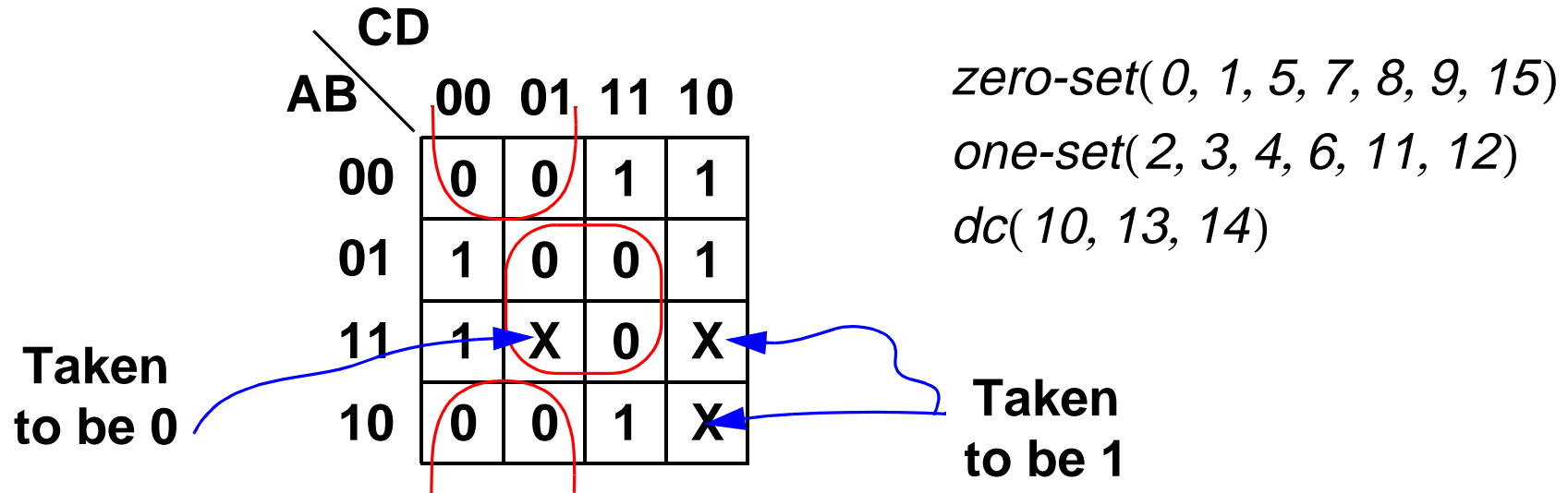


- Solution:
  - The essential prime implicants are  $\mathbf{B\bar{D}}$  and  $\mathbf{\bar{B}C}$ .
  - There are no non-essential prime implicants.
  - The sum-of-products solution is  $\mathbf{F = \bar{B}C + B\bar{D}}$ .

# SIMPLIFICATION

## DON'T-CARE EXAMPLE (2)

- Find the POS simplification for the following Karnaugh map



- Solution:

- The essential prime implicants are  $\mathbf{B + C}$  and  $\mathbf{\bar{B} + \bar{D}}$ .
- There are no non-essential prime implicants.
- The product-of-sums solution is  $\mathbf{F = (B + C)(\bar{B} + \bar{D})}$ .