


## 08-Karnaugh Maps

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### Overview

- Minimum Switching Forms
- Two and Three Variable K-Maps
- Four Variable K-Maps
- Prime Implicants


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### Minimizing Switching Functions

- Cost of implementing switching function is dependent on the number of AND, OR and NOT gates (and inputs) used
- Previously discussed methods
  - Difficult to apply a systematic way of minimizing switching functions
  - Difficult to determine when to stop simplifying
- Karnaugh map (K-map) is a useful tool for switching function minimization

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### K-Maps

- Similar in concept to a truth table
  - Specified for each combination of inputs
  - Example

A B	0	1
0	A = 0 B = 0	A = 1 B = 0
1	A = 0 B = 1	A = 1 B = 1

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### K-Maps

- Example
  - Use K-map to determine an expression for F

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

A B	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	0

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### K-Maps

- Example
  - Use K-map to determine an expression for F

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

A B	0	1
A'B' → 0	1	0
A'B → 1	1	0

$F = A'B' + A'B = A'$

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### K-Maps

- Each 1 indicates a minterm
  - A'B'
  - A'B
- Minterms in adjacent squares can be eliminated since they differ by one variable ( $XY' + XY = X$ )
  - A'

	A		
	B	0	1
0		1	0
1		1	0

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Key concept: arrange the table so that adjacent squares differ only by 1 variable
  - Adjacency applies to a top-and-bottom wrap around

		A		
		BC	0	1
00				
01				
11				
10				

Note placement of 11 before 10

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Example:
  - 011 is adjacent to
    - 001
    - 010
    - 111

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Example:
  - 110 is adjacent to
    - 010
    - 111
    - 100

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- A three variable example:

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

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- What is a Sum of Products expression for F?

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- What is a Sum of Products expression for F?
  - $F = AB'C' + A'BC + A'BC' + ABC'$

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Decimal numbering

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Decimal numbering
  - $F(A,B,C) = \Sigma m(2,3,4,6)$

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Reduction via the K-map
- Identify adjacent 1 terms

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Recall: adjacent terms differ by 1 variable so they can be reduced in the expression

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- $F = AB'C' + A'BC + A'BC' + ABC'$
- Let's start with  $AB'C'$ 
  - This is adjacent to  $ABC'$
- We can combine  $AB'C' + ABC'$  to  $AC'$

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- $F = AC' + A'BC + A'BC'$
- Next consider  $A'BC'$
- Adjacent to:
  - $ABC'$  and  $A'BC$
- We cannot group it with  $ABC'$  since we already grouped  $ABC'$  with  $AB'C'$
- So group  $A'BC'$  with  $A'BC$  to be  $A'B$
- $F = AC' + A'B$
- A more methodical way of doing this is presented later

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Creating a K-Map directly from a Boolean equation
- For a single variable ( $F = A'$ )
- Place a 1 in the four squares with  $A = 0$

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Consider  $F = A' + B'C$
- Place a 1 in the two squares with  $B = 0$  and  $C = 1$

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

redundant

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Consider  $F = A' + B'C + ABC'$
- Place a 1 in the single square with  $A = B = 1$  and  $C = 0$

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

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### Three Variable K-Maps

- Place 0s in the remaining squares
- $F'$  can be found by replacing the 1s with 0s

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

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### Four Variable K-Maps

- As with all K-Maps, adjacent terms need to differ by only one variable
- What should the other rows/columns be?

	AB			
	CD	00		
00				

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### Four Variable K-Maps

- As with all K-Maps, adjacent terms need to differ by only one variable

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### Four Variable K-Maps

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Note the ordering of 11, 10

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### Four Variable K-Maps

- Decimal numbering

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### Four Variable K-Maps

- Creation from a Boolean expression is the same as in a two or three variable K-Map
- Populate the K-map for
  - $F = ACD + A'B + D'$

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### Four Variable K-Maps

- $F = ACD + A'B + D'$
- Place 0s in remaining squares

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### Four Variable K-Maps

- Combination of minterms can be grouped if adjacent
- For a 4 variable K-map:
  - Groups of 16: 1 (all 1s)
  - Groups of 8: single literal
  - Groups of 4: AND of two literals
  - Groups of 2: AND of three literals

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**Four Variable K-Maps**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:

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

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**Four Variable K-Maps**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = AB'CD' +$

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

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**Four Variable K-Maps**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = AB'CD' + A'B'D$

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

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**Four Variable K-Maps**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = AB'CD' + A'B'D + BC'$

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

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**Example**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F =$

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

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**Example**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = C$

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

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**Example**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = C + A'BD$

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

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**Example**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = C + A'BD + B'C'D'$

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

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**Example**

- Write the reduced Boolean Expression for:
- $F = C + A'BD + B'D'$

We can reduce further if we use the corners

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

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**K-Maps with Don't Cares**

- X: Don't Care terms
- Select value for X in order to simplify the expression

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

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**K-Maps with Don't Cares**

- $F = A'D + C'D$

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

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**PoS Using K-Maps**

- Procedure for finding PoS from a K-Map
  - Find  $F'$
  - Complement the SoP of  $F'$  to find F in PoS form

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### PoS Using K-Maps

- Find  $F'$  by grouping 0s of the K-Map
  - $F' = Y'Z + WXZ' + W'XY$

WX \ YZ	00	01	11	10
00	1	1	0	1
01	0	0	0	0
11	1	0	1	1
10	1	0	0	1

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### PoS Using K-Maps

- Complement the SoP of  $F'$  to find  $F$  in PoS form
  - $F' = Y'Z + WXZ' + W'XY$
  - $(F')' = (Y'Z + WXZ' + W'XY)'$ 
    - Use DeMorgan's Law
  - $F = (Y + Z')(W' + X' + Z)(W + X' + Y')$

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### Prime Implicants

- Implicant: any single 1 or group of 1s that can be combined together
- Prime Implicant: a product term that cannot be combined with another term to eliminate a variable
- An SoP expression cannot be minimal if it contains a term that is not a prime implicant
- Need to find all prime implicants to make a minimal SoP expression

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### Prime Implicants

- Prime Implicants:  $AC'$ ,  $A'B'C$ ,  $A'CD'$

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

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### Prime Implicants

- $A'B'C'D'$  is not a prime implicant because it can be grouped with  $A'B'CD'$  or  $AB'C'D'$ 
  - but  $A'B'D'$  and  $B'C'D'$  are prime implicants

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

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### Prime Implicants

- $ABC'$  is not a prime implicant because it can be combined with  $AC'$  to eliminate  $AB'C'$

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

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### Prime Implicants

- A single 1 can only be a prime implicant if there are no adjacent 1s
- Two adjacent 1s can only be a prime implicant if there are not part of a group of four 1s
- Four adjacent 1s can only be a prime implicant if they are not part of a group of eight 1s
- etc

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### Prime Implicants

- Goal: find the minimum number of prime implicants that cover all 1s on a K-map

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### Prime Implicants

- Find all the prime implicants

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

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### Prime Implicants

- Find all the prime implicants

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

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### Prime Implicants

- Six prime implicants:  $BC'$ ,  $AB$ ,  $A'B'D$ ,  $AC$ ,  $A'C'D$ ,  $B'CD$
- $F = BC' + AB + A'B'D + AC + A'C'D + B'CD$  is valid, but not minimal
- How can we cover all 1s using the least number of prime implicants?

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### Prime Implicants

- How can we cover all 1s using the least number of prime implicants?

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- $F = A'B'D + BC' + AC$

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- Need to develop a systematic method of selecting the minimal amount of prime implicants
- Essential Prime Implicants*: a minterm that is covered by only one prime implicant
  - It can only be covered by one loop

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**Prime Implicants**

- Choose a 1 that has not been covered
- Find all adjacent 1s and Xs
- Are the chosen 1 and its adjacent 1s and Xs covered by a single term?
  - If yes, the term is essential so loop it, else do not loop it
- All uncovered 1s checked?
  - If no, go to step 1, else
- Find minimum set of prime implicants that cover the remaining 1s on the K-map
- End

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**Prime Implicants**

- "Choose a 1 that has not been covered"
- Since we just started, select any 1
- Better to be methodical, so select  $A'BC'D'$

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- "Find all adjacent 1s and Xs"

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


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**Prime Implicants**

- "Are the chosen 1 and its adjacent 1s and Xs covered by a single term?"
  - No,  $A'C'$  covers a 0 and  $A'B$  does not cover  $A'BC'D'$
  - Not essential

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


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 Prime Implicants

- "All uncovered 1s checked?"
  - No, six 1s remain

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


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 Prime Implicants

- "Choose a 1 that has not been covered"
  - Try  $A'BCD'$

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


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 Prime Implicants

- "Find all adjacent 1s and Xs"

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


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 Prime Implicants

- "Are the chosen 1 and its adjacent 1s and Xs covered by a single term?"
  - Yes,  $A'B$  can be properly used
  - $A'BCD'$  is essential

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


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 Prime Implicants

- "All uncovered 1s checked?"
  - No, four 1s remain

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

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 Prime Implicants

- Now it's your turn. Check to see if  $ABC'D$  is essential

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- Cannot cover the circled terms with one product
- Not essential

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- Check to see if  $AB'CD'$  is essential

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- Can cover the circled terms with one product ( $AB'D'$ )
- It is essential

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- $AB'C'D$  is not essential
- To finish the algorithm: "Find minimum set of prime implicants that cover the remaining 1s on the K-map"

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

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**Prime Implicants**

- Completed algorithm:
  - $F = A'B + AB'D' + AC'D$

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

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**5-Variable K-maps**

- See text for 5-variable K-maps

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