

# Simplifying Logic Circuit

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## Objectives:

1. Deriving of Logical expression from truth tables
2. Logical Expression simplification methods
  - 2.1. Algebraic manipulation
  - 2.2. Karnaugh map (K-map)

## ① Deriving of Logical expression from truth tables

### Definitions:

- literal: non-complemented or complemented version of a variable ( $A$  or  $\bar{A}$ )
- product term: A series of literals related to one another through the AND operator (example:  $A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C$ )
- Sum term: A series of literals related to one another through the OR operator. (EX:  $A + B + \bar{C}$ )
- SOP: (sum-of-products) form:

the logic-circuit simplification require the logic expression to be in SOP form, for example:

$$AB + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C} + \bar{C}\bar{D} : \Rightarrow$$

- POS form (product-of-sum):

this form sometimes used in logic circuit, example:

$$(A+C) \cdot (C+\bar{D}) \cdot (\bar{B}+C).$$

The methods of circuit simplification and design that will be used are based on the SOP form.

### - Canonical and standard form

- product terms that consist of the variables of function are called "canonical product terms" or "minterms".

The term  $ABC$  is a minterm in a three variable logic function, but will be a non-minterm in a four variable logic function.

- Sum terms which contain all the variables of a Boolean function are called "canonical sum terms" or "maxterms".

• Example:  $A + \bar{B} + C \rightarrow$  max term in a three variable logic function.

- For two variables A and B, there are  $2^2$  four combinations:  $\bar{A}\bar{B}$ ,  $\bar{A}B$ ,  $A\bar{B}$ ,  $AB$  called minterm or standard product.

| A | B |                  |
|---|---|------------------|
| 0 | 0 | $\bar{A}\bar{B}$ |
| 0 | 1 | $\bar{A}B$       |
| 1 | 0 | $A\bar{B}$       |
| 1 | 1 | $AB$             |

- For n variables there are  $2^n$  minterms.

Example: Minterms for 3 variables:

| A | B | C | Minterm                 | Designation | Maxterm                   | Designation |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | $\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$ | $m_0$       | $A+B+C$                   | $M_0$       |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | $\bar{A}\bar{B}C$       | $m_1$       | $A+B+\bar{C}$             | $M_1$       |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | $\bar{A}B\bar{C}$       | $m_2$       | $A+\bar{B}+C$             | $M_2$       |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | $\bar{A}BC$             | $m_3$       | $A+\bar{B}+\bar{C}$       | $M_3$       |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | $A\bar{B}\bar{C}$       | $m_4$       | $\bar{A}+B+C$             | $M_4$       |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | $A\bar{B}C$             | $m_5$       | $\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}$       | $M_5$       |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | $AB\bar{C}$             | $m_6$       | $\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C$       | $M_6$       |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | $ABC$                   | $m_7$       | $\bar{A}+\bar{B}+\bar{C}$ | $M_7$       |

Two important properties:

- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a sum of minterms.
- Any Boolean function can be expressed as a product of maxterms.

Example: majority function: (for 3 variables)

output is one whenever majority of inputs is 1

Final Expression:

$$F = \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}C + AB\bar{C} + ABC$$

| A | B | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |

SOP form  
 Four product terms, because there are 4 rows with a 1 output  
 $F = \bar{A}BC + A\bar{B}C + AB\bar{C} + ABC$

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|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |

• pos form :

four sum terms, 4 rows with 0 output

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

### Derivation of logical expression from truth tables " Summary "

- Sum-of-product (SOP) form.
- product-of-sums (POS) form.

#### - SOP form :

- write an AND term for each input combination that produces a 1 output.
- write the variable if its value is 1, Complement otherwise
- OR the AND terms to get the final expression

#### - pos form :

Dual of the SOP form.

## 2. Logical Expression Simplification Methods :

Two basic methods :

1. Algebraic manipulation : use Boolean Laws to simplify the expression : ( difficult to use and don't know if you have the simplified form.

2. Karnaugh map (K-map) method

- Graphical method,
- ease to use
- Can be used to simplify logical expressions with a few variables.

### Algebraic manipulation : ⇒

Example 1 : Design a logic circuit that has three inputs, A, B and C and whose output will be High only when a majority of the input are High. ( complete Design procedure )

Solution

Step 1: set up the truth table  
" see previous section"

Step 2: write the AND term for each case where the output is a 1: ( see previous section)

Step 3: write the sum-of-products expression for the output

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

Step 4: simplify the output expression.

- find the common term(s): ABC - common term.
- use the common term (ABC) to factor with other terms.

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

Added extra

- factoring the appropriate pairs of terms:

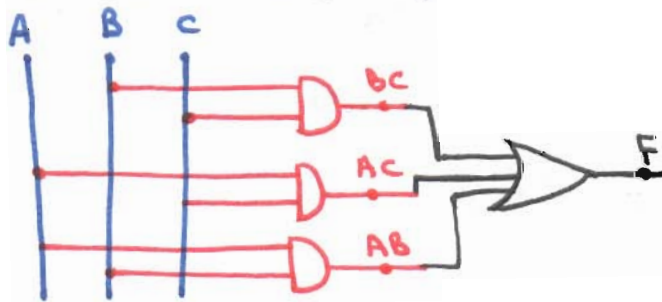
$$F = BC(\bar{A}+A) + AC(B+\bar{B}) + AB(\bar{C}+C)$$

$$F = BC + AC + AB$$

$$\boxed{ABC + ABC + ABC = ABC}$$

$$\boxed{A + \bar{A} = 1}$$

Step 5: Implement the circuit for the final expression



Example 2: Simplify the boolean function

$$F = AB + \bar{A}C + \underline{BC}$$

Solution: → common term

$$F = AB + \bar{A}C + BC \cdot 1$$

$$= AB + \bar{A}C + BC(A + \bar{A})$$

$$= AB + ABC + \bar{A}C + \bar{A}BC$$

$$= AB(1+C) + \bar{A}C(1+B)$$

$$= \underline{AB + \bar{A}C} \text{ the result.}$$

Example 3: Simplify the following Boolean function to a minimum number of literals. (5)

$$X = BC + A\bar{C} + AB + BCD$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= BC(1+D) + A\bar{C} + AB \\ &= BC + A\bar{C} + AB \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Simplify the expression

$$Z = \underline{A\bar{B}\bar{C}} + \underline{A\bar{B}C} + ABC$$

Solution: (The expression is in SOP form)

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \underline{A\bar{B}}(\bar{C} + C) + ABC \\ &= \underline{A\bar{B}}(1) + ABC = \underline{A\bar{B}} + \underline{ABC} \end{aligned}$$

factor A

$$Z = A(\bar{B} + BC) = \underline{\underline{A(\bar{B} + C)}}$$

Example 5: Simplify

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

Solution:

First, use DeMorgan's theorem on the first term

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

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

multiply, we get:

$$Z = \bar{A}CA + \bar{A}C\bar{B} + \bar{A}C\bar{D} + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C$$

$$Z = \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}C\bar{D} + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C$$

Common (BC)

Common (AD)

\* check for the largest common factor between any two or more product terms.

$$Z = \bar{B}C(\underbrace{\bar{A} + A}_{=1}) + \bar{A}\bar{D}(\underbrace{C + B\bar{C}}_{=C+B})$$

we get

$$Z = \bar{B}C + \bar{A}\bar{D}(B+C). \text{ (The result can be obtained with other choices.)}$$

Example 6:

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Find the complement of the following Boolean function

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

Solution: using DeMorgan's Law:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Z} &= \overline{(B\bar{C} + \bar{A}D)(A\bar{B} + C\bar{D})} = \overline{B\bar{C} + \bar{A}D} + \overline{A\bar{B} + C\bar{D}} \\ &= \overline{B\bar{C}} \cdot \overline{\bar{A}D} + \overline{A\bar{B}} \cdot \overline{C\bar{D}} \\ &= (\bar{B} + \bar{\bar{C}}) \cdot (\bar{\bar{A}} + \bar{D}) + (\bar{A} + \bar{\bar{B}}) \cdot (\bar{C} + \bar{\bar{D}}) \\ &= (\bar{B} + C)(A + \bar{D}) + (\bar{A} + B)(\bar{C} + D) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{\bar{A}} = A}$$

It's not in standard form.

Example 7:

Express the following function in a sum of minterms and product of max terms.

$$Z = (AB + C)(B + AC)$$

• Sum of minterms:

multiply, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= ABB + AABC + Bc + Acc = AB + \underline{ABC} + Bc + Ac \\ &= ABC + AB(c + \bar{c}) + Bc(A + \bar{A}) + Ac(B + \bar{B}) \end{aligned}$$

the only minterm in equation

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underline{ABC} + \underline{ABC} + \underline{ABC} + \underline{ABC} + \bar{A}BC \\ &\quad + \underline{ABC} + \bar{A}\bar{B}C \end{aligned}$$

repeated terms

$$\boxed{A + A = A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C + \bar{C} &= 1 \\ B + \bar{B} &= 1 \\ A + \bar{A} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= ABC + \bar{A}BC + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + A\bar{B}C \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &\quad m_7 \quad m_6 \quad m_3 \quad m_5 \end{aligned}$$

So, we can write:

$$Z(A, B, C) = \sum m(3, 5, 6, 7)$$

• sum of max terms

using distributive law

$$\boxed{(A + BC) \Rightarrow (A + B)(A + C)}$$

in the  $Z = (AB + C)(B + AC)$  we get:

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

| A | B | C | min term            | Z |
|---|---|---|---------------------|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | $m_0 \rightarrow 0$ | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | $m_1 \rightarrow 0$ | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | $m_2 \rightarrow 0$ | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | $m_3 \rightarrow 1$ | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | $m_4 \rightarrow 0$ | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | $m_5 \rightarrow 1$ | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | $m_6 \rightarrow 1$ | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | $m_7 \rightarrow 1$ | 1 |

Sum of minterms

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$Z = (A+B)(B+C)(C+A)$   
 we need C (pointing to C in B+C)  
 we need A (pointing to A in C+A)  
 we need B (pointing to B in A+B)

we can write

$$(A+B) = (A+B+0) = (A+B+C\bar{C}) = (A+B+C)(A+B+\bar{C})$$

$$(B+C) = (B+C+0) = (B+C+A)(B+C+\bar{A})$$

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

Substitute all of these terms in Z, we get:

$$Z = (A+B)(B+C)(C+A) = (A+B+C)(A+B+\bar{C})(\cancel{B+C+A})(B+C+\bar{A})(\cancel{C+A+B})(C+A+\bar{B})$$

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

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

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M<sub>0</sub>

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M<sub>1</sub>

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M<sub>4</sub>

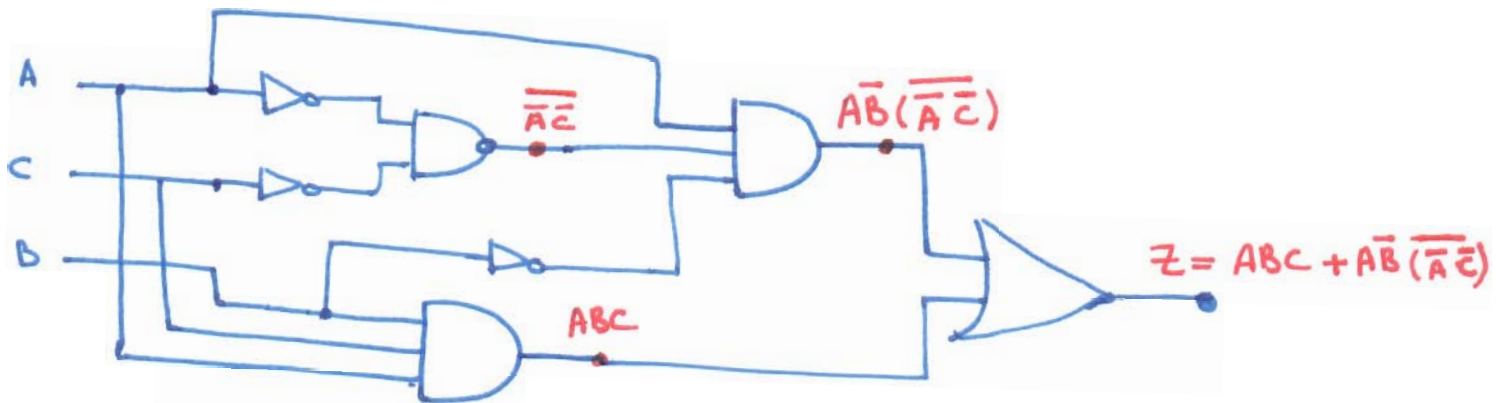
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M<sub>2</sub>

$$Z = M_0 \cdot M_1 \cdot M_4 \cdot M_2$$

| A | B | C | max term       | Z |
|---|---|---|----------------|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | M <sub>0</sub> | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | M <sub>1</sub> | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | M <sub>2</sub> | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | M <sub>3</sub> | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | M <sub>4</sub> | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | M <sub>5</sub> | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | M <sub>6</sub> | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | M <sub>7</sub> | 1 |

Sum of max terms

Example 8: simplify the logic circuit shown in figure.



Solution:

$Z = ABC + A\bar{B} \cdot \overline{(\bar{A}\bar{C})} \Rightarrow$  using DeMorgan's Law and multiply out all terms:

$$Z = ABC + A\bar{B}(\bar{\bar{A}} + \bar{\bar{C}}) \rightarrow \text{"DeMorgan's Law"}$$

$$Z = ABC + A\bar{B}(A + C) \rightarrow \text{"Cancel double inversion"}$$

$$Z = ABC + A\bar{B}A + A\bar{B}C \rightarrow \text{"multiply out"}$$

$$Z = ABC + A\bar{B} + A\bar{B}C \rightarrow \text{"A \cdot A = A"}$$

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SOP form

$$Z = AC(B + \bar{B}) + A\bar{B} \rightarrow \text{"Common terms and factoring"}$$

$$Z = AC \cdot 1 + A\bar{B} = AC + A\bar{B} = A(C + \bar{B})$$

