



Digital Systems- ITC131

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Lecture 04: Boolean Algebra – part2

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Explanatory Example

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0	0	0
0	1	0
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Canonical Forms

- There are Two methods to form Boolean functions from truth table:

1) Sum of minterms

2) Product of maxterms

which called **canonical forms**.

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What is Minterm?

- **Minterms** are **AND** terms with every variable present in either true or complemented form (**standard product term**)
- Given that each binary variable may appear normal (e.g., x) or complemented (e.g., x'), there are 2^n minterms for n variables.
- **Example:** Two variables (X and Y) produce $2^2 = 4$ combinations:
 - (both normal)
 - (X normal, Y complemented)
 - (X complemented, Y normal)
 - (both complemented)
- Thus there are four minterms of two variables.

What is Maxterm?

- **Maxterms** are OR terms with every variable in true or complemented form. (standard sum term)
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3 variables Minterm?

Minterm (standard product term)

- Each combination in truth table corresponds to a minterm.
- 3 variables can form 2^3 minterm.
- An AND term that contains all literals.
 - **Primed** (complemented) if corresponding bit is 0.
 - **Unprimed** (not complemented) if corresponding bit is 1.
- Minterms are in the form m_i
- (what is i ?) $\rightarrow$ index

x	y	z	Minterms	
			Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	m_0
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	m_1
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	m_2
0	1	1	$x'yz$	m_3
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	m_4
1	0	1	$xy'z$	m_5
1	1	0	xyz'	m_6
1	1	1	xyz	m_7

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x	y	z	Minterms		Maxterms	
			Term	Designation	Term	Designation
0	0	0	$x'y'z'$	m_0	$x + y + z$	M_0
0	0	1	$x'y'z$	m_1	$x + y + z'$	M_1
0	1	0	$x'yz'$	m_2	$x + y' + z$	M_2
0	1	1	$x'yz$	m_3	$x + y' + z'$	M_3
1	0	0	$xy'z'$	m_4	$x' + y + z$	M_4
1	0	1	$xy'z$	m_5	$x' + y + z'$	M_5
1	1	0	xyz'	m_6	$x' + y' + z$	M_6
1	1	1	xyz	m_7	$x' + y' + z'$	M_7

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M and m Relationship

□ Each maxterm is the complement of its corresponding minterm, and **vice versa**

- $m_n' = M_n$ and Vice Versa

- For example:

- $000 = X' Y' Z' \rightarrow m_0 \rightarrow m_0' = (X' Y' Z')' = X + Y + Z = M_0$
- $001 = X' Y' Z \rightarrow m_1 \rightarrow m_1' = (X' Y' Z)' = X + Y + Z' = M_1$
- $010 = X' Y Z' \rightarrow m_2 \rightarrow m_2' = (X' Y Z')' = X + Y' + Z = M_2$
- $011 = X' Y Z \rightarrow m_3 \rightarrow m_3' = (X' Y Z)' = X + Y' + Z' = M_3$
- $100 = X Y' Z' \rightarrow m_4 \rightarrow m_4' = (X Y' Z')' = X' + Y + Z = M_4$
- $101 = X Y' Z \rightarrow m_5 \rightarrow m_5' = (X Y' Z)' = X' + Y + Z' = M_5$
- $110 = X Y Z' \rightarrow m_6 \rightarrow m_6' = (X Y Z')' = X' + Y' + Z = M_6$
- $111 = X Y Z \rightarrow m_7 \rightarrow m_7' = (X Y Z)' = X' + Y' + Z' = M_7$

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Minterm/Maxterm- Four Variables

Index	Binary	Minterm	Maxterm
i	abcd	m_i	M_i
0	0000	$a' b' c' d'$	$a+b+c+d$
1	0001	$a' b' c' d$	$a+b+c+d'$
3	0011		
5	0101		
7	0111		
10	1010		
13	1101		
15	1111		

Canonical Forms

- A Boolean function expressed algebraically can be written in two ways **canonical** form.
- **Canonical forms** express all binary variables in every product (AND) or sum (OR) term of the Boolean function. There are two types of canonical form: **Sum of Minterms and Product of Maxterms**

Canonical Forms - SoM

Sum of Minterms (SoM)

- Given a truth table, a Boolean function can be expressed as sum of minterms by:
 - Forming a minterm for each combination of the variables that produces a 1 in the function and then taking the OR of all terms.

Canonical Forms - SoM

Example:

Given the truth table, express f_1 as SoM

$$f_1 = x'y'z + xy'z' + xyz \leftarrow \text{SoM Form}$$

$$= m_1 + m_4 + m_7$$

$$f_1(x,y,z) = \Sigma(m_1, m_4, m_7) \leftarrow \text{Shorthand SoM Form}$$

x	y	z	Function f_1
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1 $x'y'z$
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1 $xy'z'$
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1 xyz

- Exercise1:

- Example: Find $F_1 = m_0 + m_1 + m_6 + m_7$

- $F = x' y' z' + x' y' z + x y z' + x y z$

X	Y	Z	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

- Exercise 2:

- $F(A, B, C, D) = m_2 + m_9 + m_{11} + m_{14}$

- $F(A, B, C, D) = A'B'CD' + AB'C'D + AB'CD + ABCD'$

Product of Maxterms (PoM)

- Given a truth table, a Boolean function can be expressed as product of maxterms by:
- Forming a **maxterm** for each combination of the variables that produces a 0 in the function and then taking the AND of all those terms.
- Forming **minterms** of the complement of the function and then take the complement.

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Canonical Forms - PoM

Example

Given the truth table, express F1 as PoM

$$\begin{aligned}
 f1 &= (x+y+z)(x+y'+z)(x+y'+z') \\
 &\quad (x'+y+z')(x'+y'+z) \\
 &= M_0. M_2. M_3 .M_5. M_6 \leftarrow \text{PoM Form}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f1(x,y,z) &= \prod(M_0, M_2, M_3, M_5, M_6) \leftarrow \\
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1	0	1	0	M_5
1	1	0	0	M_6
1	1	1	1	M_7

- Exercise1:
- Example: Find $F_1 = M_3 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6$
- $F_1 = (X+Y'+Z') \cdot (X'+Y+Z') \cdot (X'+Y'+Z)$

X	Y	Z	F
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

- Exercise 2:
- $F(A, B, C, D) = M_3 \cdot M_8 \cdot M_{11} \cdot M_{14}$
- $F(A, B, C, D) = (A+B+C'+D') \cdot (A'+B+C+D) \cdot (A'+B+C'+D') \cdot (A'+B'+C'+D)$

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Canonical Forms-SoM

Example

Express $F = A+B'C$ as a sum of minterms.

1) Algebraically

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= A+B'C \\
 &= A(B+B') + B'C = AB + AB' + B'C \\
 &= AB(C+C') + AB'(C+C') + (A+A')B'C \\
 &= ABC + ABC' + AB'C + AB'C' + A'B'C
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Using TT

- Build the truth table
 - Choose the minterms where F equals to 1.
 - Sum them together.

$$= m_1 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$F = \Sigma(1, 4, 5, 6, 7)$$

Truth Table for $F = A + B'C$

A	B	C	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1 A'B'C
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1 AB'C'
1	0	1	1 AB'C
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1	1	1	1 ABC

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Truth Table for $F = A + B'C$

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

A'B'C

AB'C'

AB'C

AB'C'

ABC

Conversion Between Canonical Forms

- To convert from one canonical form to another, **interchange** the Symbols Σ and Π and **list missing numbers** from the original form.
- Example:** Consider the function $F = xy + x'z$
 - $F(x, y, z) = \Sigma(1, 3, 6, 7) \rightarrow \text{SoM}$
 - $F(x, y, z) = \Pi(0, 2, 4, 5) \rightarrow \text{PoM}$

x	y	z	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

Function Complements ... cont..

- The complement of a function expressed as a sum of minterms is constructed by selecting the minterms missing in the sum-of-minterms canonical forms.
- Alternatively, the complement of a function expressed by a Sum of Minterms form is simply the Product of Maxterms with the same indices.
- **Example:** Given $F(X,Y,Z) = \sum 1,3,5,7$
- $F'(X,Y,Z) = \sum 0,2,4,6$
- $F'(X,Y,Z) = \prod 1,3,5,7$

Function Complements

- The complement of a function expressed as a product of **Maxterms** is constructed by selecting the **Maxterms** missing in the maxterm canonical forms.
- Alternatively, the complement of a function expressed by a product of **Maxterms** form is simply the sum of **Minterms** with the same indices.
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- $F'(X,Y,Z) = \sum 1,3,5,7$

Standard Forms

- In both canonical forms, each minterm or maxterm must contain, by definition, **all the variables**, either complemented or uncomplemented.
- Another way to express Boolean functions is in **standard** form. Where the terms that form the function may contain any number of literals.
- There are two types of standard forms:
 - **Sum of Products (SoP):**
 - a Boolean expression containing AND terms, called **product terms**.
 - The sum denotes the **Oring** of these terms. Example: $F_1 = y' + xy + x'yz'$
 - Represented by a group of AND gates followed by a single OR gate

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Standard Forms

- Product of Sums (PoS):
 - A Boolean expression containing OR terms, called sum terms.
 - The product denotes the **Anding** of these terms.
 - Example: $F_2 = x(y' + z)(x' + y + z')$
 - Represented by a group of OR gates followed by a single AND gate

Standard Forms

- **Standard Sum-of-Products (SoP) form:** equations are written as an OR of AND terms
- **Standard Product-of-Sums (PoS) form:** equations are written as an AND of OR terms
- *Examples:*
 - **SOP:** $ABC + A'B'C + B$
 - **POS:** $(A+B).(A+B+C).C$
- These “mixed” forms are neither SOP nor POS
 - $(AB+C)(A+C)$
 - $ABC' + AC(A+B)$

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Canonical(SoM) Vs. Standard (SoP)

What is the difference between SoM and SoP?

$$F(A,B,C) = \Sigma (1,4,5,6,7)$$

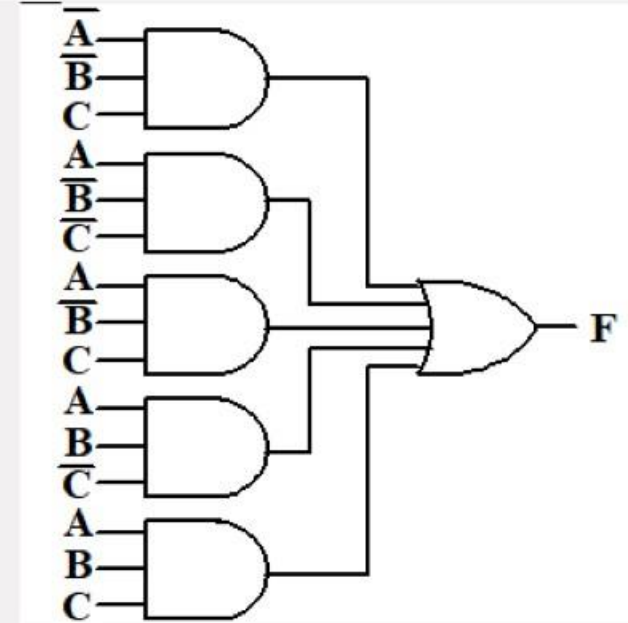
- Writing the minterm expression (SoM):

$$F = A'B'C + AB'C' + AB'C + ABC' + ABC$$

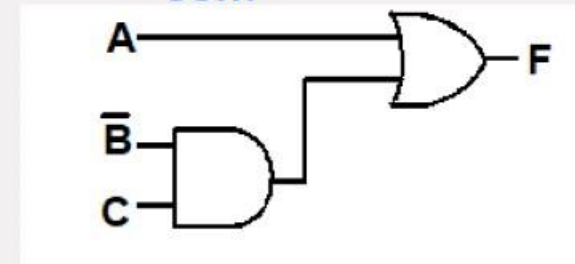
- Simplifying to (SoP):

$$F = B'C + A$$

The two implementations for F are shown here – it is quite apparent which is simpler!



SoM



SoP

SoM and SoP Observations

- The previous examples show that:
 - Simplified F (SoP) contains 3 literals compared to contains 15 in minterm F (SoM)
 - Canonical Forms (Sum-of-minterms), or other standard forms (SoP, PoS) differ in complexity
 - Boolean algebra can be used to manipulate equations into simpler forms.
 - Simpler equations lead to simpler two-level implementations

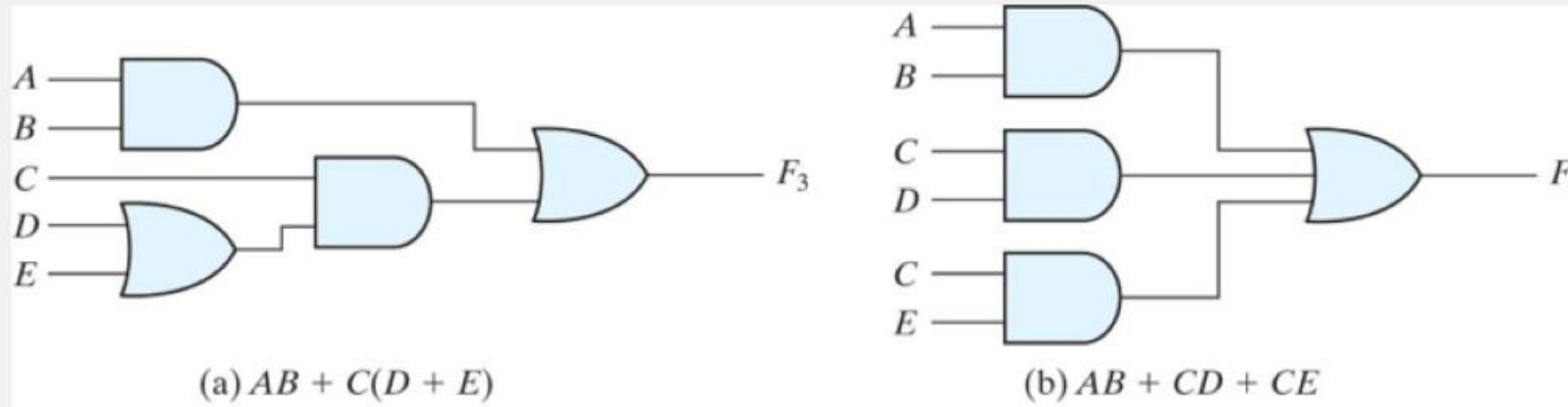
Non standard form

Example:

$$F=AB +C (D+E)$$

- It can be changed to a standard form by using distributive law.

$$F = AB + CD + CE$$



- Exercises

Convert each of the following to the other canonical form:

1. $F(x,y,z) = \Sigma(2,5,6)$

2. $F(A,B,C,D) = \Pi(0,1,2,4, 7, 9,12)$

- Solution:

1. $F(x,y,z) = \Pi(0,1,3,4,7)$

2. $F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma(3,5, 6, 8, 10,11,13,14,15)$

Exercises

- Express the following function as a sum of minterms and as a product of maxterms:

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

- Solution:

- Using Boolean Algebra;

- $F = (A + A'). B'.C + (B + B'). A'.C$

- $F = A.B'.C + A'.B'.C + A'.B.C + A'.B'.C$

- $F = A'.B'.C + A'.B.C + A.B'.C = \sum m_1, m_3, m_5$ (Sum of Minterms)

- $F = \prod M_0, M_2, M_4, M_6, M_7$ (Product of Maxterms)

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

- **Solution:**
- Using Truth Table (TT) :

$$F = \sum m_1, m_3, m_5$$

$$F = \prod M_0, M_2, M_4, M_6, M_7$$

A	B	C	A'	B'	B'.C	A'.C	F
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Exercises

Express the following function as a Product of maxterms and as a sum of minterms:

$$F(X, Y, Z) = (X' + Y)(X + Z)$$

Solution:

Using Boolean algebra

$$F = (x' + y + z.z'). (x + z + y.y')$$

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

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

$$= M_0.M_2.M_4.M_5 = \prod M_0, M_2, M_4, M_5 \text{ (PRODUCT OF Maxterms)}$$

$$= \sum m_1, m_3, m_6, m_7 \text{ (Sum of Minterms)}$$

Exercises

Express the following function as a Product of maxterms and as a sum of minterms:

$$F(X, Y, Z) = (X' + Y)(X + Z)$$

Solution:

- Using Truth Tables (TT)

$$F = \prod M_0, M_2, M_4, M_5$$

$$F = \sum m_1, m_3, m_6, m_7$$

X	Y	Z	X'	(X'+Y)	(X+Z)	F
0	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	1	1

• Exercises:

- Given the function as defined in the truth table, express F using sum of minterms and product of maxterms, and express F' using sum of minterms and product of maxterms.

• Solution

- $F = m_1 + m_3 + m_4$

$$= \Sigma(1, 3, 4)$$

$$= x' y' z + x' y z + x y' z'$$

- $F = M_0 \cdot M_2 \cdot M_5 \cdot M_6 \cdot M_7$

$$= \Pi(0, 2, 5, 6, 7)$$

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

x	y	z	F
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

• Exercises:

- Given the function as defined in the truth table, express F using sum of minterms and product of maxterms, and express F' using sum of minterms and product of maxterms.

• Solution

- F' as sum of 0-minterms:

$$F' = m_0 + m_2 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$= \Sigma(0, 2, 5, 6, 7) = x' y' z' + x' y z' + x y' z + x y z' + x y z$$

x	y	z	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	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1

- F' as product of 1-maxterms:

$$F' = M_1 \cdot M_3 \cdot M_4 = \Pi(1, 3, 4) = (x + y + z') (x + y' + z') (x' + y + z)$$

- Exercises

- Express the following Boolean function in a nonstandard form:

$$F(x,y,z) = x.y + x.z + y.z$$

Solution:

$$F = x y + (x + y) z$$

$$\text{or } = x (y + z) + y z =$$

$$\text{or } = x z + y (x + z)$$

End of Chapter 4