

# Reading 07

## 9.1 Two-level combinational logic simplification

• logic simplification (or logic minimization) means to simplify a Boolean expression before converting the expression to a circuit to yield a smaller circuit.

• Look for  $i(j+j')$  opportunities since  $i(j+j') = i(1) = i$

↳ Ex

$$y = cd + c$$

$$y = cd + c(d+d')$$

$$y = cd + cd + cd' \quad \text{Idempotent Property}$$

$$y = cd + cd'$$

$$y = c(d+d')$$

$$y = c(1)$$

$$y = c$$

• You can do this:

$$\begin{array}{l} ab + a'b + a'b' \\ \curvearrowright \\ ab + a'b + a'b + a'b' \end{array}$$

## 9.2 K-maps: Introduction

- A K-map is a graphical function representation that eases the simplification process for expressions involving a few variables by adjacently placing minterms that differ by exactly one variable.

↳ A K-map is a reoriented truth table.

↳ Ex!:

$$y = a'b' + ab'$$

	b	0	1
a	0		a'b'
	1	ab'	ab

a	b	y
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	0

	b	0	1
a	0	1	0
	1	1	0

- A 1 is placed in cells for function minterms.

- K-maps make it obvious to see  $i(j+j')$  opportunities.

↳ If there are 2 adjacent 1's, the designer can eliminate the differing variable.

↳ Ex!:

	b	0	1
a	0	0	0
	1	1	1

$y = ab' + ab$   
 $y = a$

$ab' + ab$   
 $a(b' + b)$   
 $a(1)$   
 $a$

↳ Ex!:

	b	0	1
a	0	1	1
	1	0	1

$y = ab + a'b + a'b'$   
 $y = a' + b$

$a'b' + a'b$   
 $a'(b' + b)$   
 $a'$

$a'b + ab$   
 $b(a' + a)$   
 $b$

- Rules for simplifying sum-of-minterms with a K-map:

- Rule 1: Cover every 1 at least once using circles. Add the circle's term to the expression.
- Rule 2: Use the fewest and largest circles possible to achieve the simplest expression.

### 9.3 3 and 4 variable K-maps:

• A K-map for 3 variables has 2 variables across the top.

↳ **Ex:**

$$y = ab'c' + ab'c + a'bc + a'bc'$$

just showing  
what minterm  
corresponds to  
what box

	bc	00	01	11	10
a	0		a'b'c	a'bc	
	1	ab'c'		abc	abc'

a	b	c	y
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

	bc	00	01	11	10
a	0	0	0	1	1
	1	1	1	0	0

↳ **Ex** Simplification of 3 variable K-map:

$$y = ab'c' + ab'c + a'bc + a'bc'$$

$$y = ab' + a'b$$

	bc	00	01	11	10	
a	0	0	0	1	1	a'b
	1	1	1	0	0	ab'

$$ab'c' + ab'c$$

$$ab'(c' + c)$$

$$ab'(1)$$

$$ab'$$

$$a'bc + a'bc'$$

$$a'b(c + c')$$

$$a'b(1)$$

$$a'b$$

↳ **Ex**

	bc	00	01	11	10
a	0	1(M)	0	0	1
	1	0	1(P)	0	0

• Purple loop is VALID

• Orange loop is NOT VALID

↳ Ex:

		bc			
		00	01	11	10
a	0	(R) 1	1	0	1(S)
	1	0	(P) 1	1(Q)	0

• Circle P is NOT necessary since both of the ones it contains have already been captured by other circles.

• A circle may encompass four adjacent 1s, removing two variables rather than just one

↳ Ex

		bc			
		00	01	11	10
a	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	1

$$y = ab'c' + ab'c + abc + abc'$$

$$y = a(b'c' + b'c + bc + bc')$$

$$y = a(b'(c' + c) + b(c + c'))$$

$$y = a(b'(1) + b(1))$$

$$y = a(b + b')$$

$$y = a(1)$$

$$y = a$$

		bc			
		00	01	11	10
a	0				
	1	[blue circle]			

		bc			
		00	01	11	10
a	0			[blue circle]	
	1			[blue circle]	

		bc			
		00	01	11	10
a	0	[blue circle]			[blue circle]
	1	[blue circle]			[blue circle]

### 4-variable K-map

↳ Top and bottom rows are adjacent (as are left and right columns). Valid circle sizes are 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 cells.

↳ Ex

		cd			
		00	01	11	10
ab	00	1	0	1	1
	01	0	0	1	0
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	0	1