

Kernels, Co-kernels  
& Extraction Examples

This handout covers kernels/co-kernels, Brayton/McMullen's theorem,  
& multi-cube & single-cube extraction.  
(these examples were presented in class in a previous lecture.)

we'll start with multi-cube extraction, then later do single-cube extraction.

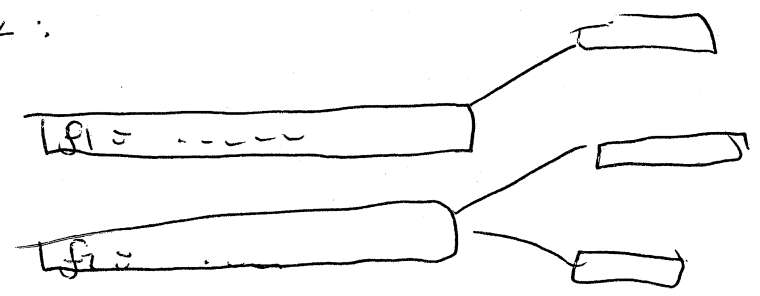
Multi-cube extraction

Ex. #1

we are given 2 local functions:

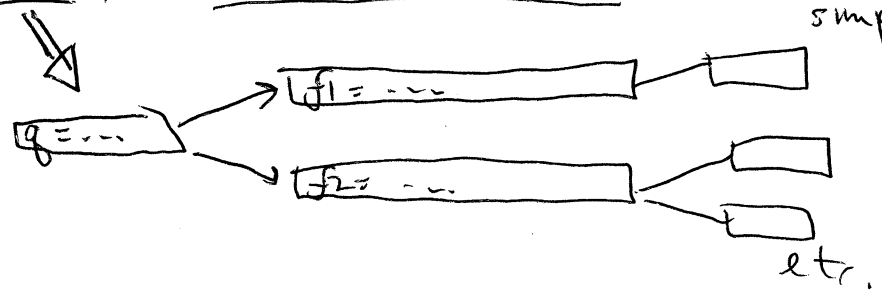
$$f_1 = abcd + abce + abf + ag + hi$$
$$f_2 = cdhk + cejk + hkji + an$$

In our multi-level representation, these are 2 separate nodes in a given logic network:



Our goal:

extract a multi-cube divisor  $q$ , allowing us to simplify nodes  $f_1$  &  $f_2$



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& extraction (cont.)**

multi-cube extraction (cont.)

Compute kernels/co-kernels of  $f_1$  &  $f_2$ :

$f_1 = abcd + abce + abf + ag + hi$

- Co-kernels/Kernels( $f_1$ ):
- $f_1-1)$   $\overbrace{1}^{\text{trivial co-kernel}}$   $\cdot$   $\overbrace{(abcd + abce + abf + ag + hi)}^{\text{trivial kernel} = f}$  (level-3)
  - $f_1-2)$   $\underbrace{a}_{\text{co-kernel}} \cdot \underbrace{(bcd + bce + bf + g)}_{\text{kernel}}$  (level-2)
  - $f_1-3)$   $\underbrace{ab}_{\text{co-kernel}} \cdot \underbrace{(cd + ce + f)}_{\text{kernel}}$  (level-1)
  - $f_1-4)$   $\underbrace{abc}_{\text{co-kernel}} \cdot \underbrace{(d+e)}_{\text{kernel}}$  (level-0)

$f_2 = cdhk + cehk + hkji + an$

- Co-kernels/Kernels( $f_2$ ):
- $f_2-1)$   $\overbrace{1}^{\text{trivial co-kernel}}$   $\cdot$   $\overbrace{(cdhk + cehk + hkji + an)}^{\text{trivial kernel} = f}$  (level-2)
  - $f_2-2)$   $\underbrace{hk}_{\text{co-kernel}} \cdot \underbrace{(cd + ce + ji)}_{\text{kernel}}$  (level-1)
  - $f_2-3)$   $\underbrace{chk}_{\text{co-kernel}} \cdot \underbrace{(d+e)}_{\text{kernel}}$  (level-0)

Now, use Bryant/McMullen's Theorem to find all candidate multi-cube extracted

Method: kernel intersection = find all non-trivial multi-cube kernel intersections (between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ):

- Examples:
- a) kernel  $f_1-3 \cap$  kernel  $f_2-2 = \{cd, ce\} = \boxed{cd+ce}$
  - b) kernel  $f_1-4 \cap$  kernel  $f_2-3 = \{d, e\} = \boxed{d+e}$

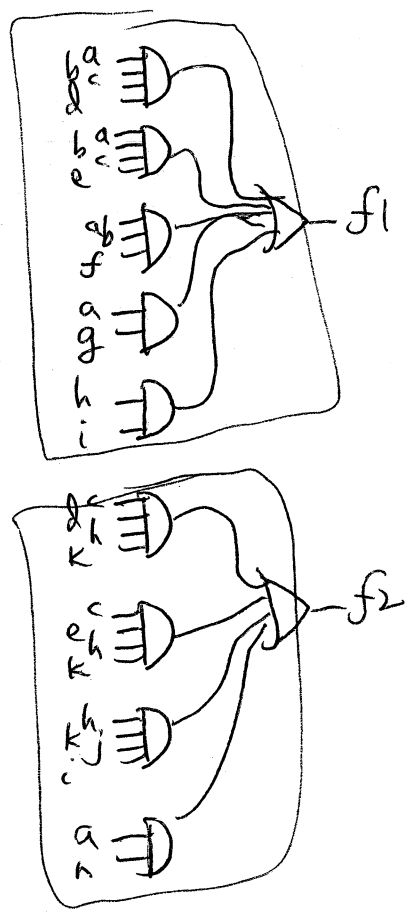
Kernel, Co-Kernel & extraction (cont.)

multi-cube extraction (cont.)

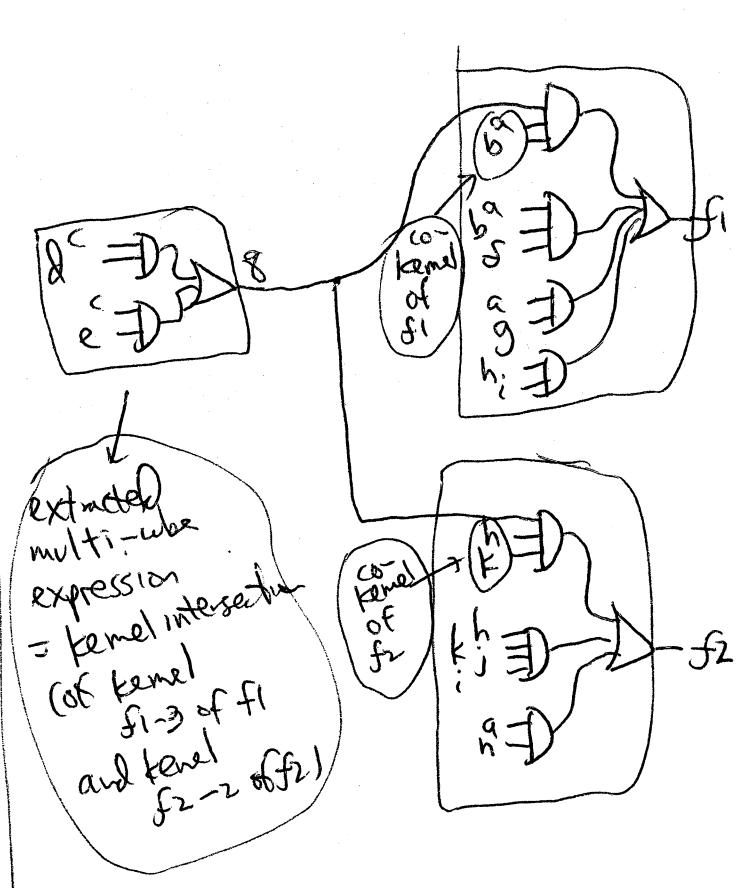
Let's pick  $g = cd + ce$  as our multi-cube divisor. (To be legitimate, this must contain 2 or more cubes - it does -, & contribute to 2 or more local functions - it does  $[f_1, f_2]$ ).

Note the circuit structure before & after multi-cube extraction:

Before multi-cube extraction:



After multi-cube extraction:



extracted multi-cube expression = kernel intersection (of kernel  $f_1=3$  of  $f_1$  and kernel  $f_2=2$  of  $f_2$ )

Kernels, Co-kernels  
& extraction  
(cont.)

Next, we'll do a single-cube extraction example, re-using <sup>local</sup> functions  $f_2$  but also with a new local function  $f_3$ .

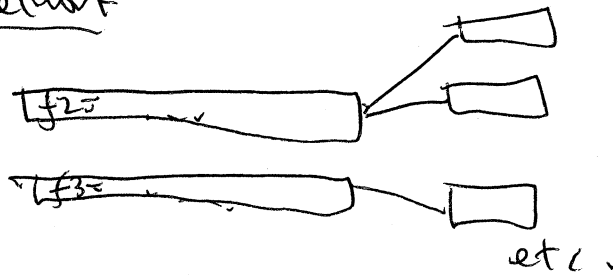
single-cube extraction

Ex. #2 We are given 2 local functions:

(same as before)

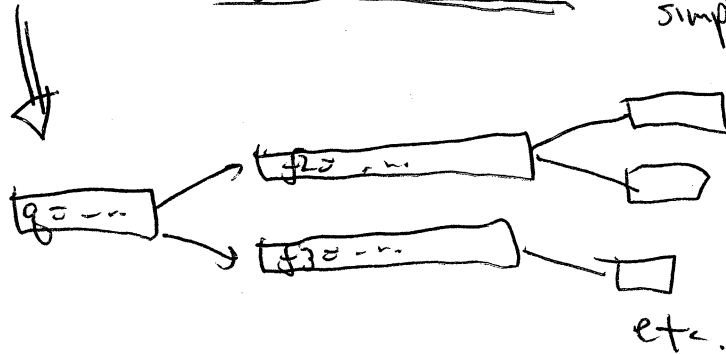
$$f_2 = cdhk + cek + hkji + tan$$
$$f_3 = abchi + cdhi + gchi + j$$

In our multi-level representation, these are 2 separate nodes in a given logic network:



Our goal:

extract a single-cube divisor  $g$ , allowing us to simplify nodes  $f_2$  &  $f_3$



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Single-cube extraction (cont.)

Compute kernels/co-kernels of  $f_2 + f_3$ :

Co-kernels / Kernels ( $f_2$ ):  $\langle \text{see p. 2} \rangle$

$f_2-1)$	$\overline{1}$	•	$(cdhk + cehk + hkji + an)$
$f_2-2)$	$\overline{hk}$	•	$(cd + ce + ji)$
$f_2-3)$	$\overline{chk}$	•	$(d + e)$

Co-kernels / Kernels ( $f_3$ ):

$f_3-1)$	$\overline{1}$	•	$(abchi + cdhi + gchi + j)$
$f_3-2)$	$\overline{chi}$	•	$(ab + d + g)$

Now use a variant of Brayton/McMillen's theorem to find all candidate single-cube extracted divisors.

Method: co-kernel intersection = find all non-trivial (single-cube) co-kernel intersections (between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ):

Example: only one! =

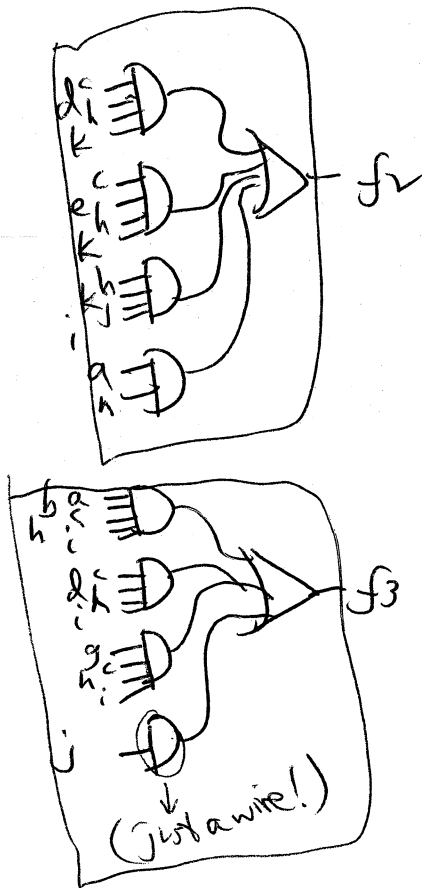
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Co-kernel } f_2-3 \cap \text{co-kernel } f_3-2 \\ & = chk \cap chi = \boxed{ch} \end{aligned}$$

Kernel, co-kernel,  
 extraction (cont.)

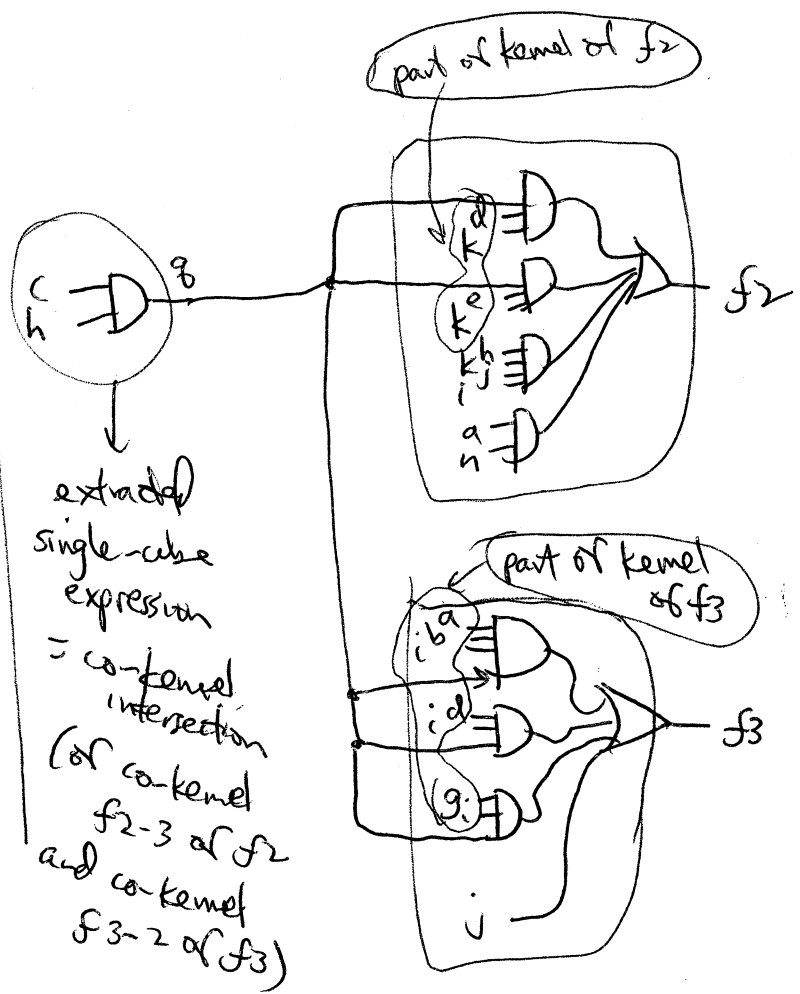
Single-kube extraction (cont.)

Note the circuit structure before/after single-kube extraction.  
 (In this case, the intersected co-kernel is extracted, while for  
 multi-kube extraction on p. 3 the intersected kernel is extracted!)

Before single-kube extraction:



After single-kube extraction:



extracted  
 single-kube  
 expression  
 = co-kernel  
 intersection  
 (of co-kernel  
 f2-3 of f2  
 and co-kernel  
 f3-2 of f3)