

# CSEE 3827: Fundamentals of Computer Systems

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Standard Forms and Simplification with Karnaugh Maps

# Agenda (M&K 2.3-2.5)

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- Standard Forms
  - Product-of-Sums (PoS)
  - Sum-of-Products (SoP)
    - converting between
  - Min-terms and Max-terms
- Simplification via Karnaugh Maps (K-maps)
  - 2, 3, and 4 variable
  - Implicants, Prime Implicants, Essential Prime Implicants
  - Using K-maps to reduce
  - PoS form
  - Don't Care Conditions

# Standard Forms

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- There are many ways to express a boolean expression

$$\begin{aligned}F &= XYZ + XYZ + XZ \\ &= XY(Z + Z) + XZ \\ &= XY + XZ\end{aligned}$$

- It is useful to have a standard or canonical way
- Derived from truth table
- Generally not the simplest form

# Two principle standard forms

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- Sum-of-products (SOP)
- Product-of-sums (POS)

# Product and sum terms

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- Product term: logical AND of literals (e.g.,  $X\bar{Y}Z$ )
- Sum term: logical OR of literals (e.g.,  $A + \bar{B} + C$ )

# PoS & SoP

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- Sum of products (SoP): OR of ANDs

$$\text{e.g., } F = \bar{Y} + \bar{X}Y\bar{Z} + XY$$

- Product of sums (PoS): AND of ORs

$$\text{e.g., } G = X(\bar{Y} + Z)(X + Y + \bar{Z})$$

# Converting from PoS (or any form) to SoP

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*Just multiply through and simplify, e.g.,*

$$\begin{aligned}G &= X(Y + Z)(X + Y + Z) \\&= XYX + XYY + XYZ + XZX + XZY + XZZ \\&= XY + XY + XYZ + XZ + XZY + XZ \\&= XY + XZ\end{aligned}$$

# Converting from SoP to PoS

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*Complement, multiply through, complement via DeMorgan, e.g.,*

Note:  $X' = \overline{X}$

$$F = Y'Z' + XY'Z + XYZ'$$

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

$$= YZ + X'Y + X'Z \quad (\text{after lots of simplification})$$

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



# Minterms

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*e.g., Minterms for 3 variables A,B,C*

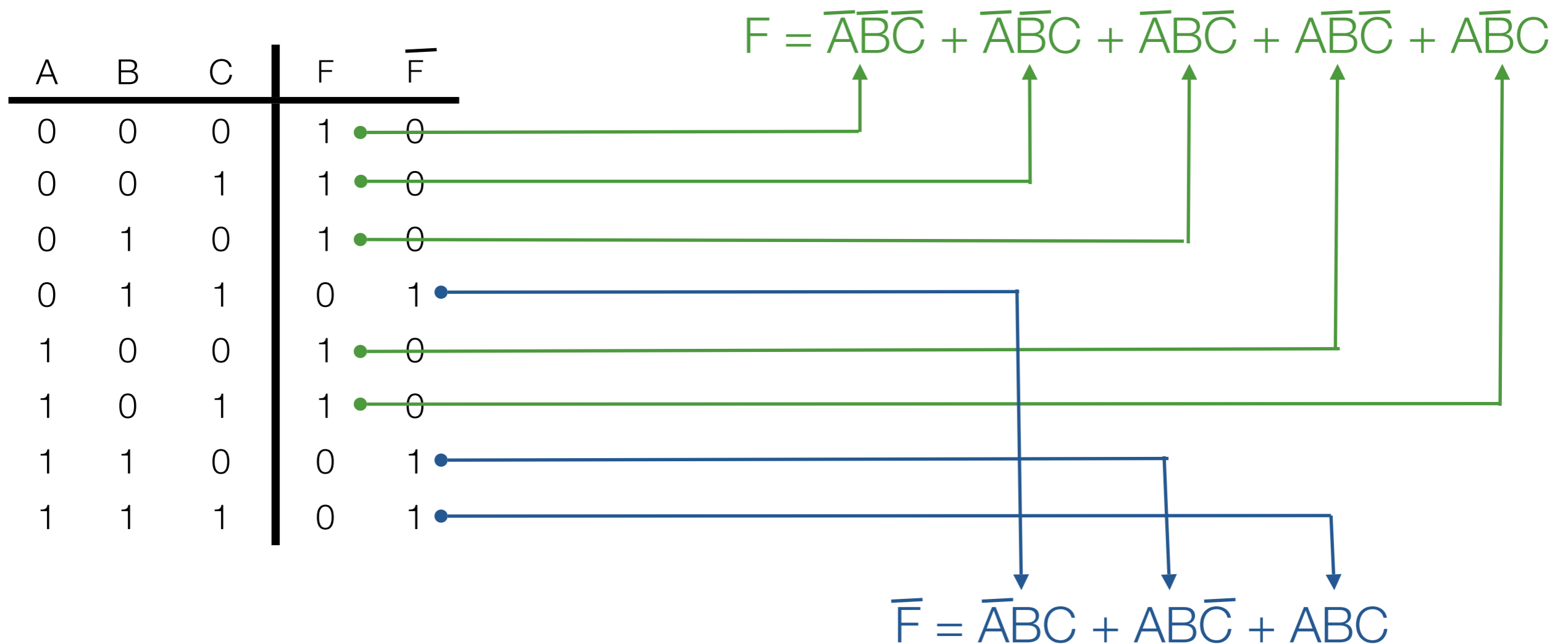
A	B	C	minterm	
0	0	0	m0	$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$
0	0	1	m1	$\bar{A}\bar{B}C$
0	1	0	m2	$\bar{A}B\bar{C}$
0	1	1	m3	$\bar{A}BC$
1	0	0	m4	$A\bar{B}\bar{C}$
1	0	1	m5	$A\bar{B}C$
1	1	0	m6	$AB\bar{C}$
1	1	1	m7	$ABC$

- A product term in which all variables appear once, either complemented or uncomplemented (i.e., an entry in the truth table).
- Each minterm evaluates to 1 for exactly one variable assignment, 0 for all others.
- Denoted by  $mX$  where  $X$  corresponds to the variable assignment for which  $mX = 1$ .

# Minterms to describe a function

sometimes also called a **minterm expansion** or **disjunctive normal form (DNF)**

This "term" is TRUE when  
A=0,B=1,C=0



# Sum of minterms form

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*The logical OR of all minterms for which  $F = 1$ .*

A	B	C	minterm	F
0	0	0	m0 $\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$	0
0	0	1	m1 $\bar{A}\bar{B}C$	1
0	1	0	m2 $\bar{A}B\bar{C}$	1
0	1	1	m3 $\bar{A}BC$	1
1	0	0	m4 $A\bar{B}\bar{C}$	0
1	0	1	m5 $A\bar{B}C$	0
1	1	0	m6 $AB\bar{C}$	0
1	1	1	m7 $ABC$	0

$$\begin{aligned}F &= \bar{A}\bar{B}C + \bar{A}B\bar{C} + \bar{A}BC \\ &= m1 + m2 + m3 \\ &= \sum m(1,2,3)\end{aligned}$$

# Minterm form cont'd

*(variables appear once in each minterm)*

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$	minterm
0	0	0	1	0	m0 $\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}$
0	0	1	1	0	m1 $\bar{A}\bar{B}C$
0	1	0	1	0	m2 $\bar{A}B\bar{C}$
0	1	1	0	1	m3 $\bar{A}BC$
1	0	0	1	0	m4 $A\bar{B}\bar{C}$
1	0	1	1	0	m5 $A\bar{B}C$
1	1	0	0	1	m6 $AB\bar{C}$
1	1	1	0	1	m7 $ABC$

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

$$= m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_4 + m_5$$

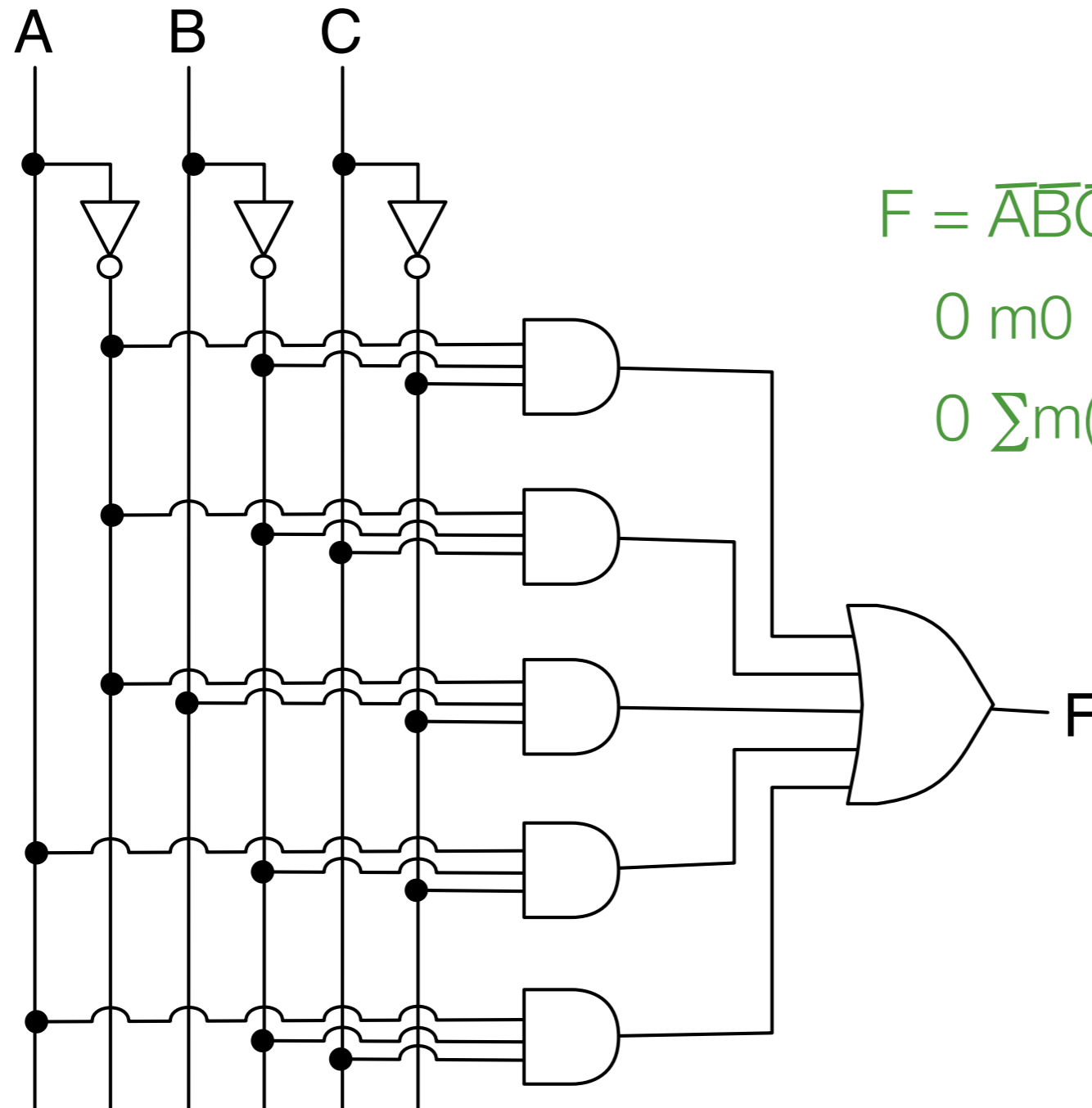
$$= \sum m(0,1,2,4,5)$$

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

$$= m_3 + m_6 + m_7$$

$$= \sum m(3,6,7)$$

# Minterms as a circuit



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

$$= m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_4 + m_5$$

$$= \sum m(1,0,2,4,5)$$

*Standard form is  
not minimal form!*

# Maxterms

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A	B	C	maxterm	
0	0	0	M0	$A+B+C$
0	0	1	M1	$A+B+\bar{C}$
0	1	0	M2	$A+\bar{B}+C$
0	1	1	M3	$A+\bar{B}+\bar{C}$
1	0	0	M4	$\bar{A}+B+C$
1	0	1	M5	$\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}$
1	1	0	M6	$\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C$
1	1	1	M7	$\bar{A}+\bar{B}+\bar{C}$

- A sum term in which all variables appear once, either complemented or uncomplemented.
- Each maxterm evaluates to 0 for exactly one variable assignment, 1 for all others.
- Denoted by MX where X corresponds to the variable assignment for which  $MX = 0$ .

# Maxterm description of a function

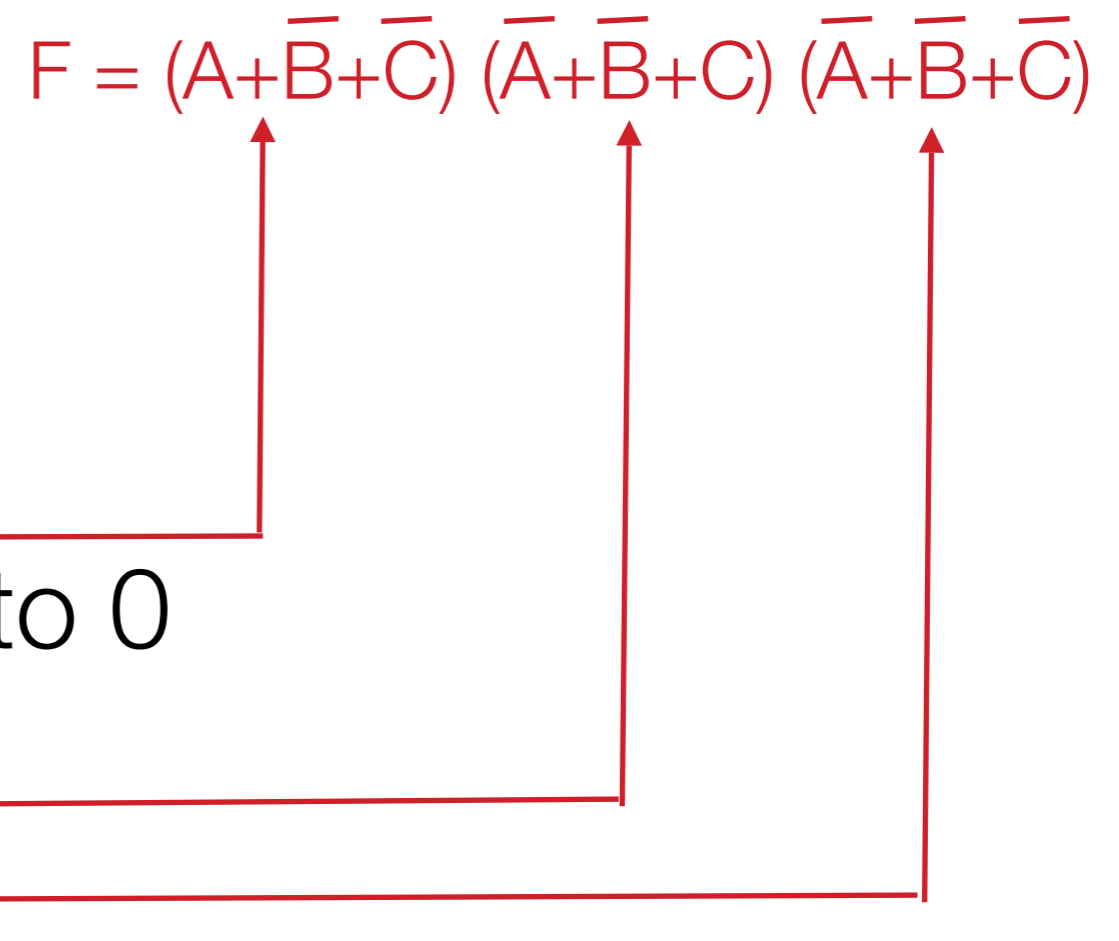
sometimes also called a **maxterm expansion** or **conjunctive normal form (CNF)**

This "term" is FALSE when  
 $A=1, B=1, C=0$

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

A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1

Force to 0



# Product of maxterms form

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The logical AND of all maxterms for which  $F = 0$ .

A	B	C	maxterm	F
0	0	0	M0 $A+B+C$	0
0	0	1	M1 $A+B+\bar{C}$	1
0	1	0	M2 $A+\bar{B}+C$	1
0	1	1	M3 $A+\bar{B}+\bar{C}$	1
1	0	0	M4 $\bar{A}+B+C$	0
1	0	1	M5 $\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}$	0
1	1	0	M6 $\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C$	0
1	1	1	M7 $\bar{A}+\bar{B}+\bar{C}$	0

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (A+B+C) (\bar{A}+B+C) (\bar{A}+B+\bar{C}) (\bar{A}+\bar{B}+C) (\bar{A}+\bar{B}+\bar{C}) \\ &= (M0) (M4) (M5) (M6) (M7) \\ &= \prod M(0,4,5,6,7) \end{aligned}$$



# One final example

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A	B	C	F	$\bar{F}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	1

F

$\bar{F}$

Minterms  
(SOP)

Maxterms  
(POS)

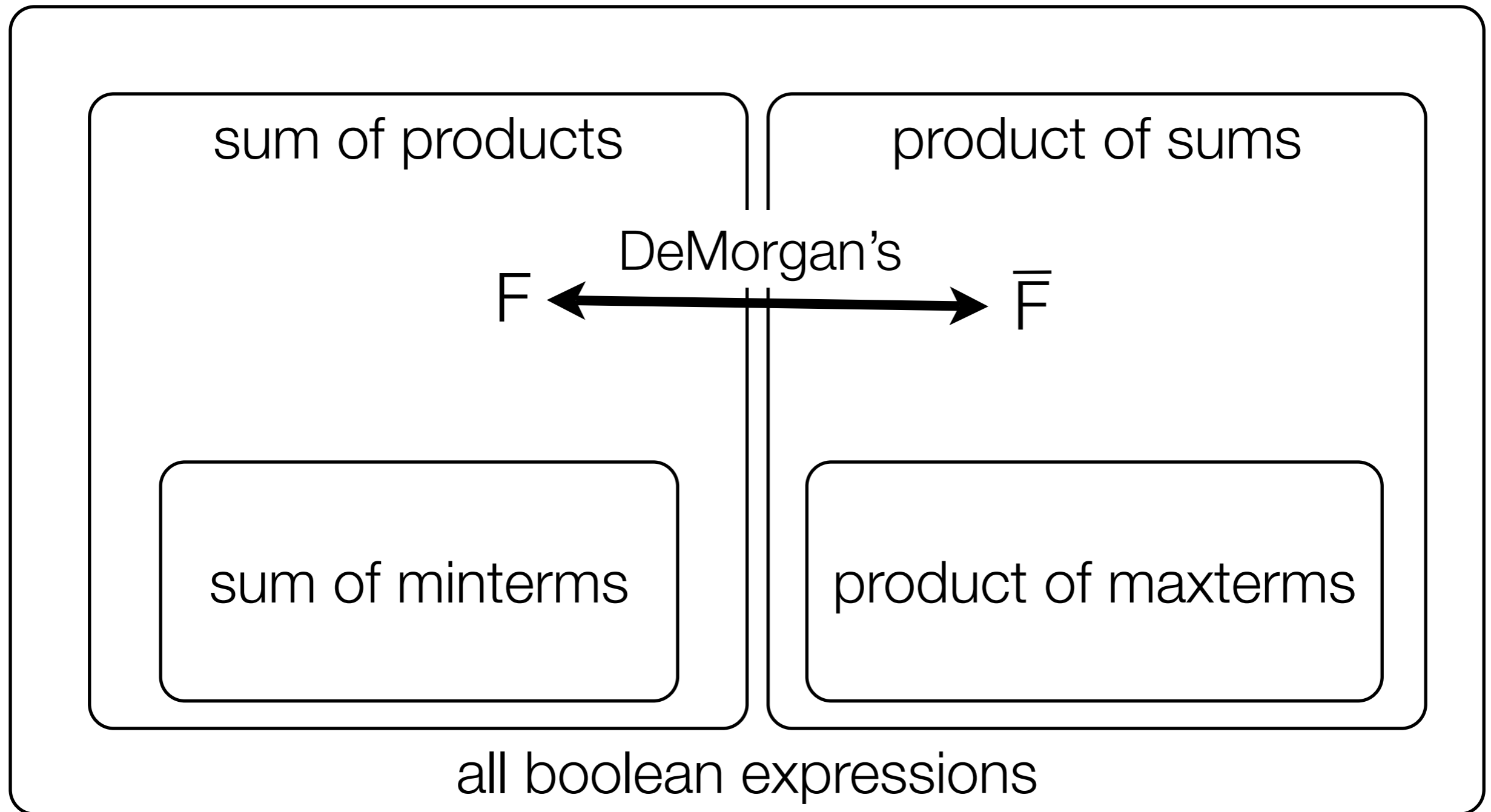

# Summary of Minterms and Maxterms

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	$F$	$\bar{F}$
Minterms (SOP)	$\sum m(F = 1)$	$\sum m(F = 0)$
Maxterms (POS)	$\prod M(F = 0)$	$\prod M(F = 1)$

# Relations between standard forms

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# Simplification with Karnaugh Maps

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# Cost criteria

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- Literal cost: the number of literals in an expression
- Gate-input cost: the literal cost + all terms with more than one literal + (optionally) the number of distinct, complemented single literals

Roughly proportional to the number of transistors and wires in an AND/OR/NOT circuits. Does not apply, to more complex gates, for example XOR.

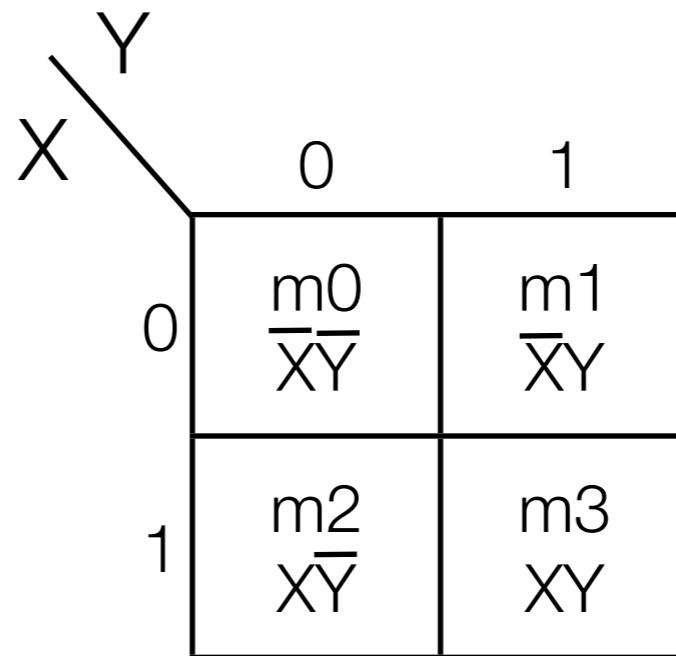
	Literal cost	Gate-input cost
$G = \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D} + ABCD$	8	$8 + 2 + (4)$
$G = (\bar{A}+B)(\bar{B}+C)(\bar{C}+D)(\bar{D}+A)$	8	$8 + 5 + (4)$

# Karnaugh maps (a.k.a., K-maps)

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- All functions can be expressed with a map
- There is one square in the map for each minterm in a function's truth table

X	Y	F
0	0	m0
0	1	m1
1	0	m2
1	1	m3



# Karnaugh maps express functions

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- Fill out table with value of a function

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

X \ Y	0	1
0		
1		

# Simplification using a k-map

- Whenever two squares share an edge and both are 1, those two terms can be combined to form a single term with one less variable

		Y	0	1
X	0		0	1
	1		1	1

$$F = \bar{X}Y + X\bar{Y} + XY$$

		Y	0	1
X	0		0	1
	1		1	1

$$F = Y + X\bar{Y}$$

		Y	0	1
X	0		0	1
	1		1	1

$$F = X + \bar{X}Y$$

		Y	0	1
X	0		0	1
	1		1	1

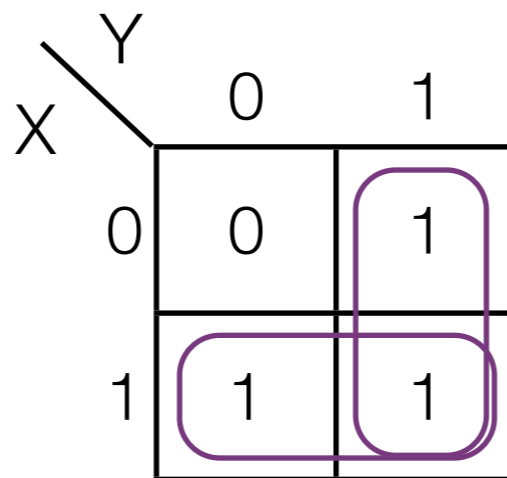
$$F = X + Y$$



# Simplification using a k-map (2)

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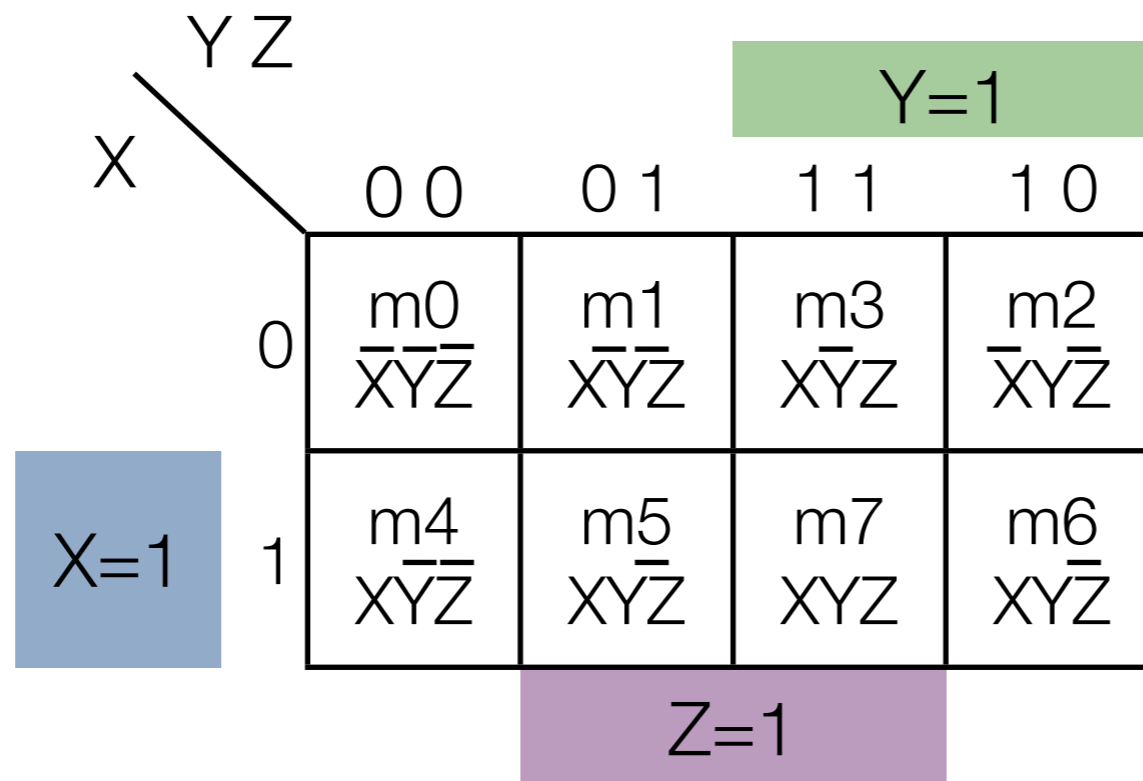
- Circle contiguous groups of 1s (circle sizes must be a power of 2)
- There is a correspondence between circles on a k-map and terms in a function expression
- The bigger the circle, the simpler the term
- Add circles (and terms) until all 1s on the k-map are circled



$$F = X + Y$$

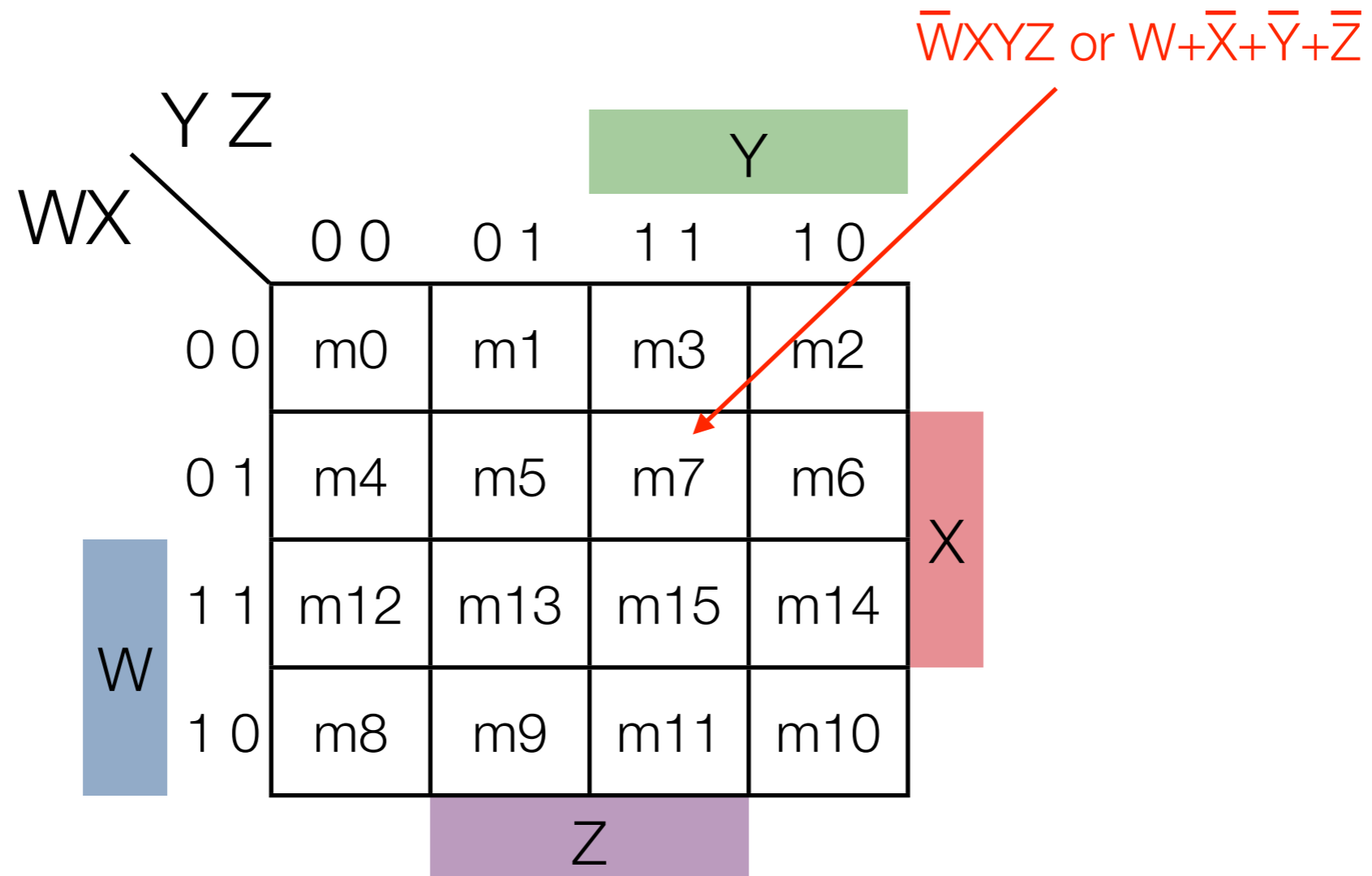
# 3-variable Karnaugh maps

- Use gray ordering on edges with multiple variables
- Gray encoding: order of values such that only one bit changes at a time
- Two minterms are considered adjacent if they differ in only one variable (this means maps “wrap”)



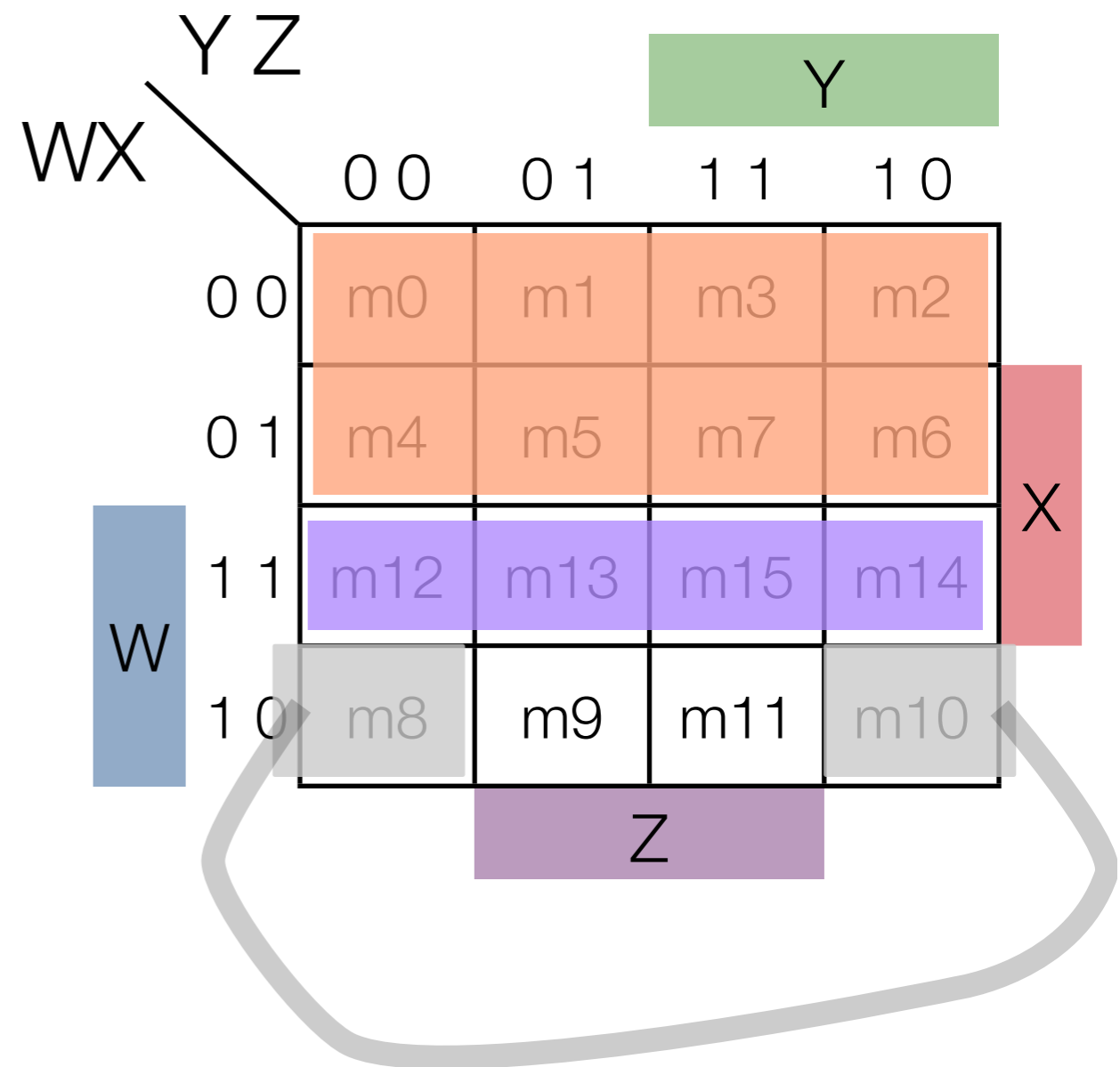
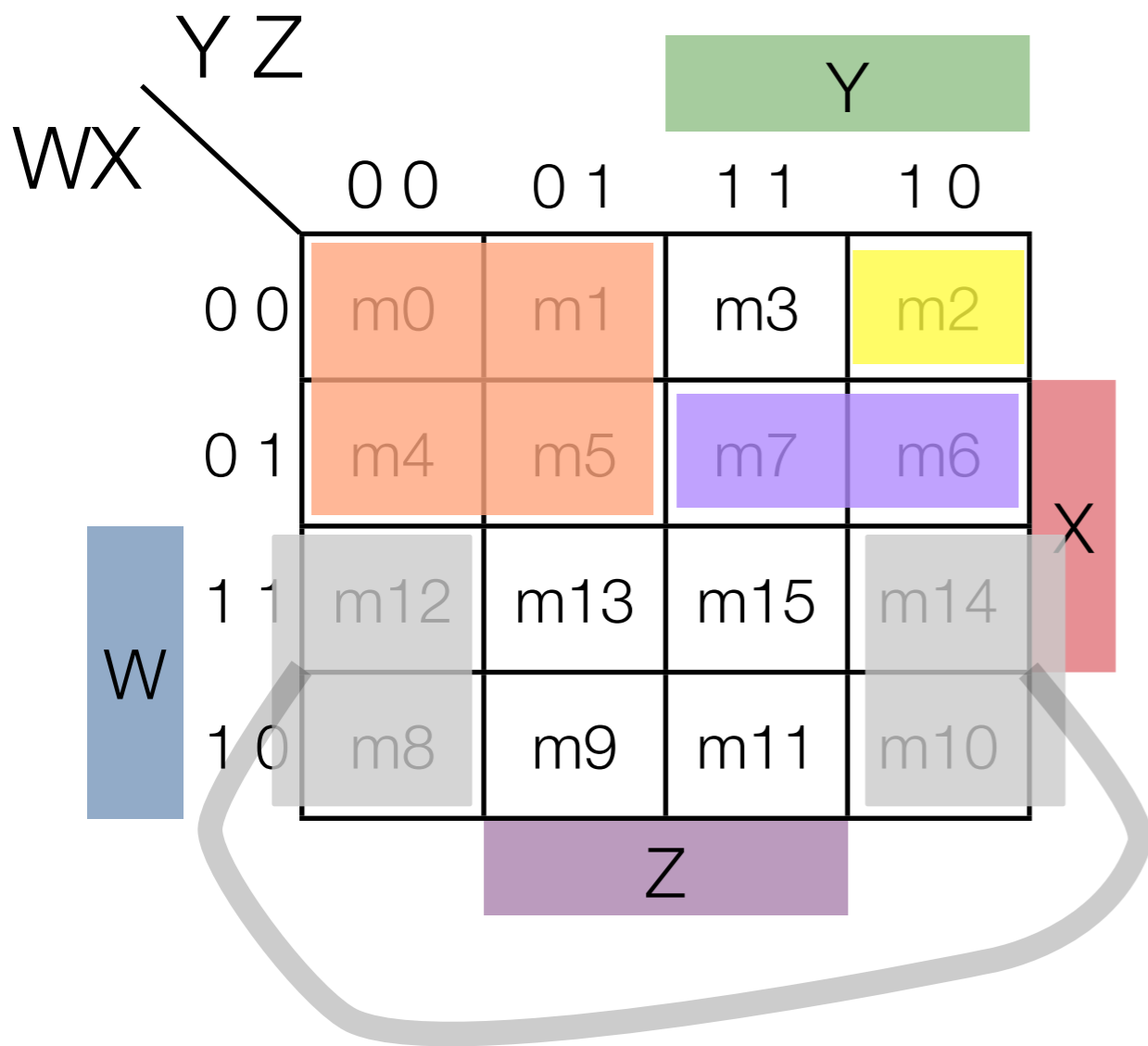
# 4-variable Karnaugh maps

*Extension of 3-variable maps*



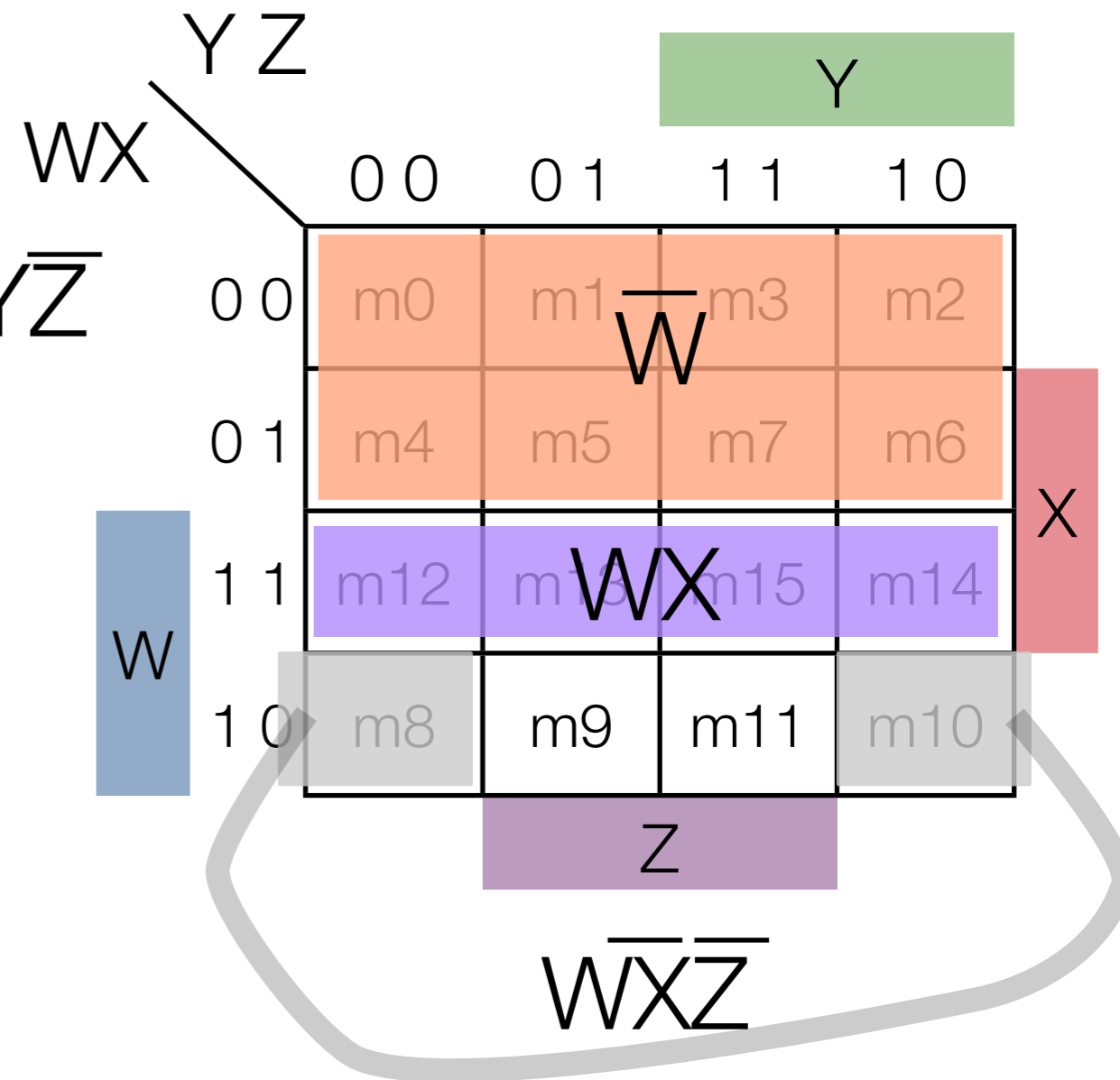
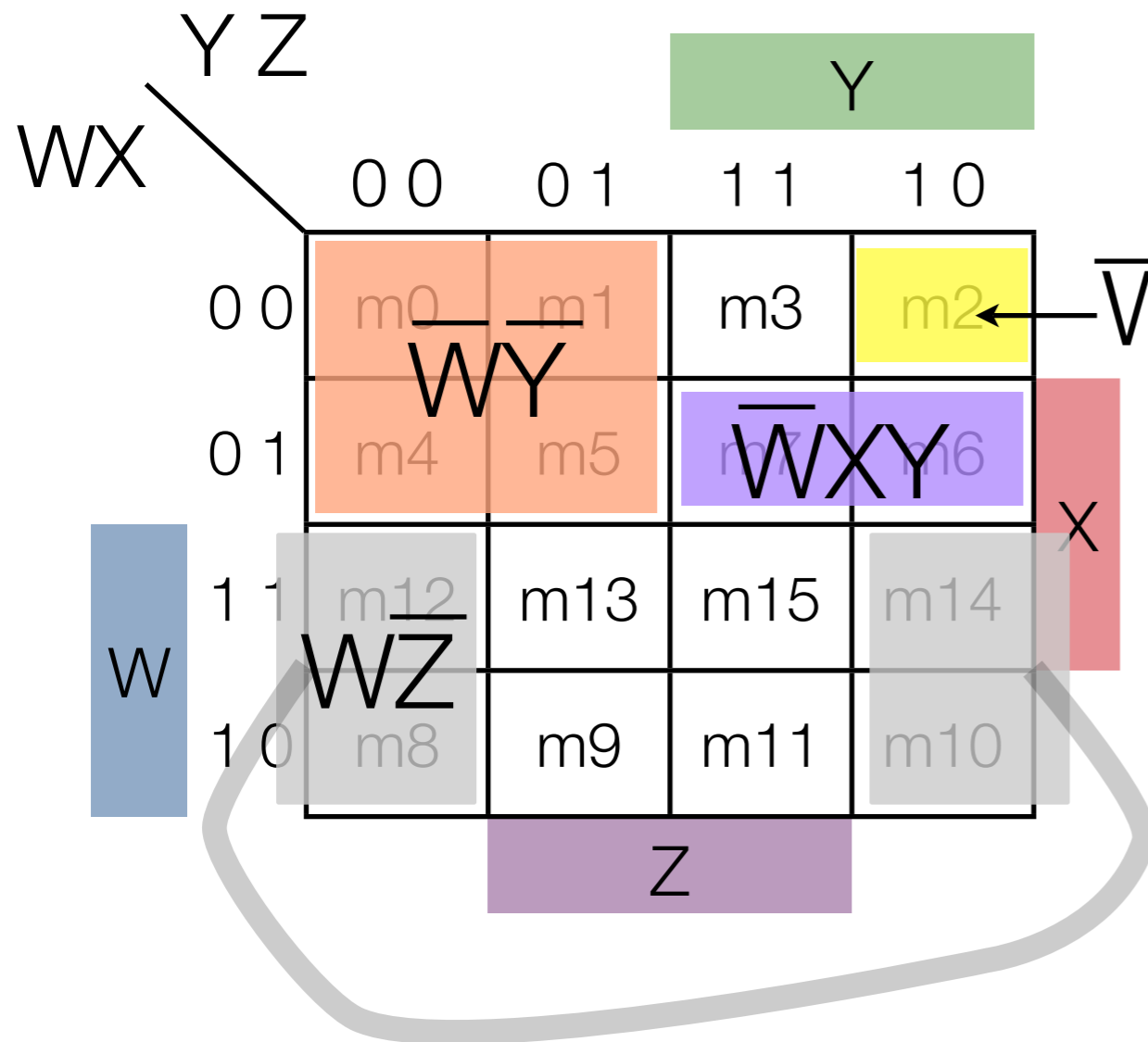
# Implicants

**Implicant:** a product term, which, viewed in a K-Map is a  $2^i \times 2^j$  size “rectangle” (possibly wrapping around) where  $i=0,1,2, j=0,1,2$



# Implicants

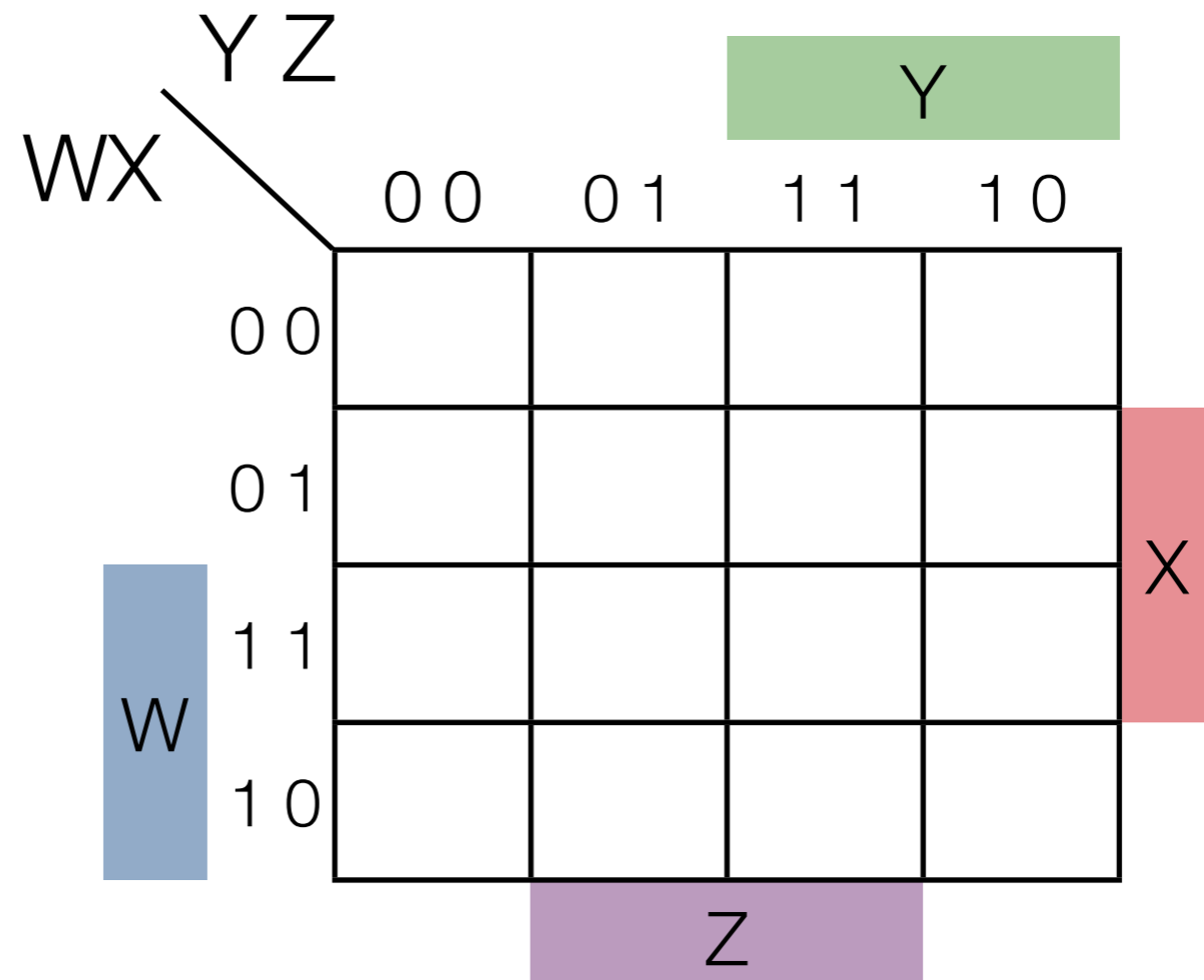
- **Implicant:** a product term, which, viewed in a K-Map is a  $2^i \times 2^j$  size “rectangle” (possibly wrapping around) where  $i=0,1,2$ ,  $j=0,1,2$



Note: bigger rectangles = fewer literals

# 4-variable Karnaugh map example

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



# Implicant terminology

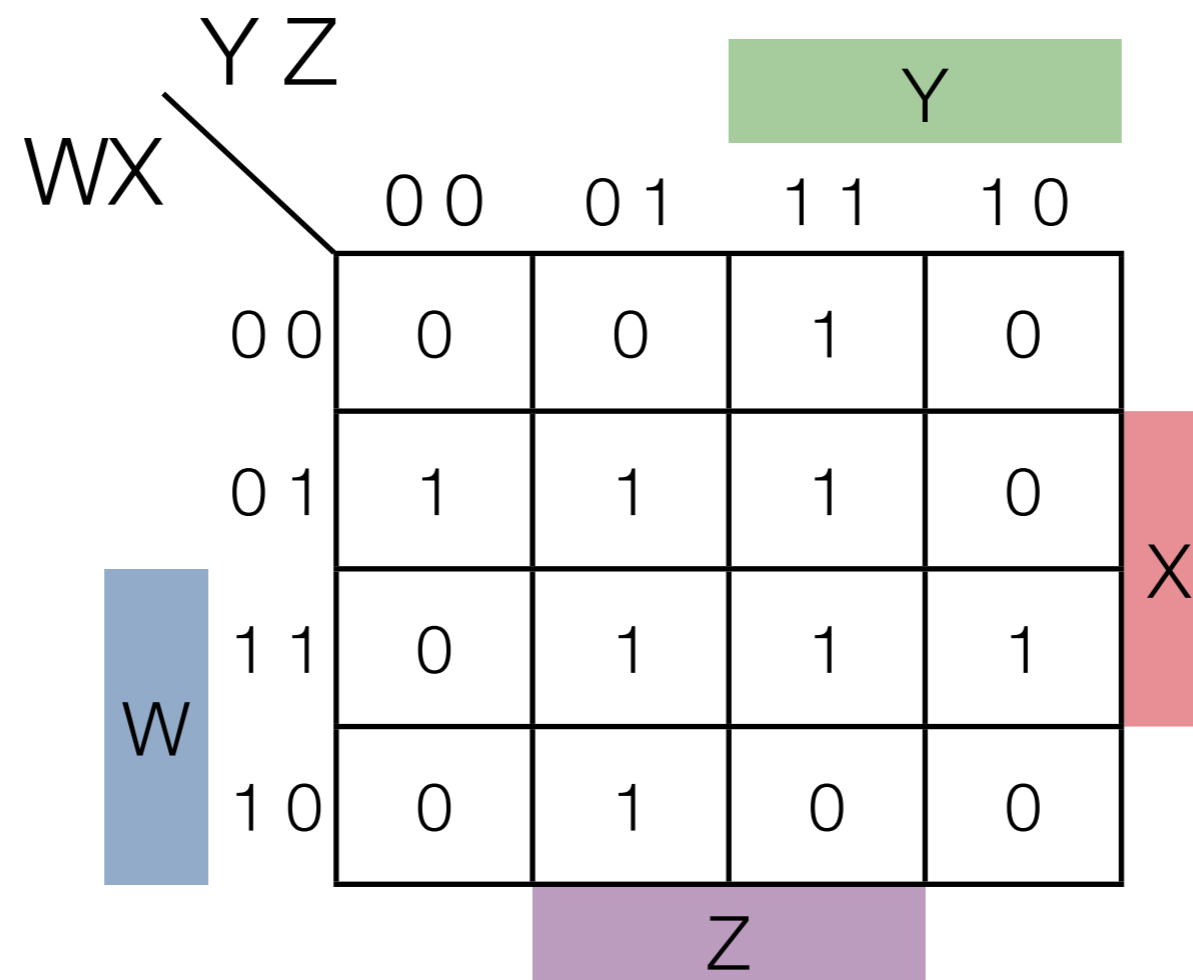
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- **implicant:** a product term, which, viewed in a K-Map is a  $2^i \times 2^j$  size “rectangle” (possibly wrapping around) where  $i=0,1,2$ ,  $j=0,1,2$
- **prime implicant:** An implicant not contained within another implicant.
- **essential prime implicant:** a **prime implicant** that is the **only prime implicant** to cover some minterm.

# 4-variable Karnaugh maps (3)

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- List all of the prime implicants for this function
- Is any of them an essential prime implicant?
- What is a simplified expression for this function?





# Using K-maps to build simplified circuits

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- Step 1: Identify all PIs and essential PIs
- Step 2: Include all Essential PIs in the circuit (Why?)
- Step 3: If any 1-valued minterms are uncovered by EPIs, choose PIs that are “big” and do a good job covering

1	1	1	0
0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1

1	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1

# Design example : 2-bit multiplier

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$a_1$	$a_0$	$b_1$	$b_0$	$z_3$	$z_2$	$z_1$	$z_0$
0	0	0	0				
0	0	0	1				
0	0	1	0				
0	0	1	1				
0	1	0	0				
0	1	0	1				
0	1	1	0				
0	1	1	1				
1	0	0	0				
1	0	0	1				
1	0	1	0				
1	0	1	1				
1	1	0	0				
1	1	0	1				
1	1	1	0				
1	1	1	1				

*two 2-bit #'s multiplied together to give a 4-bit solution*

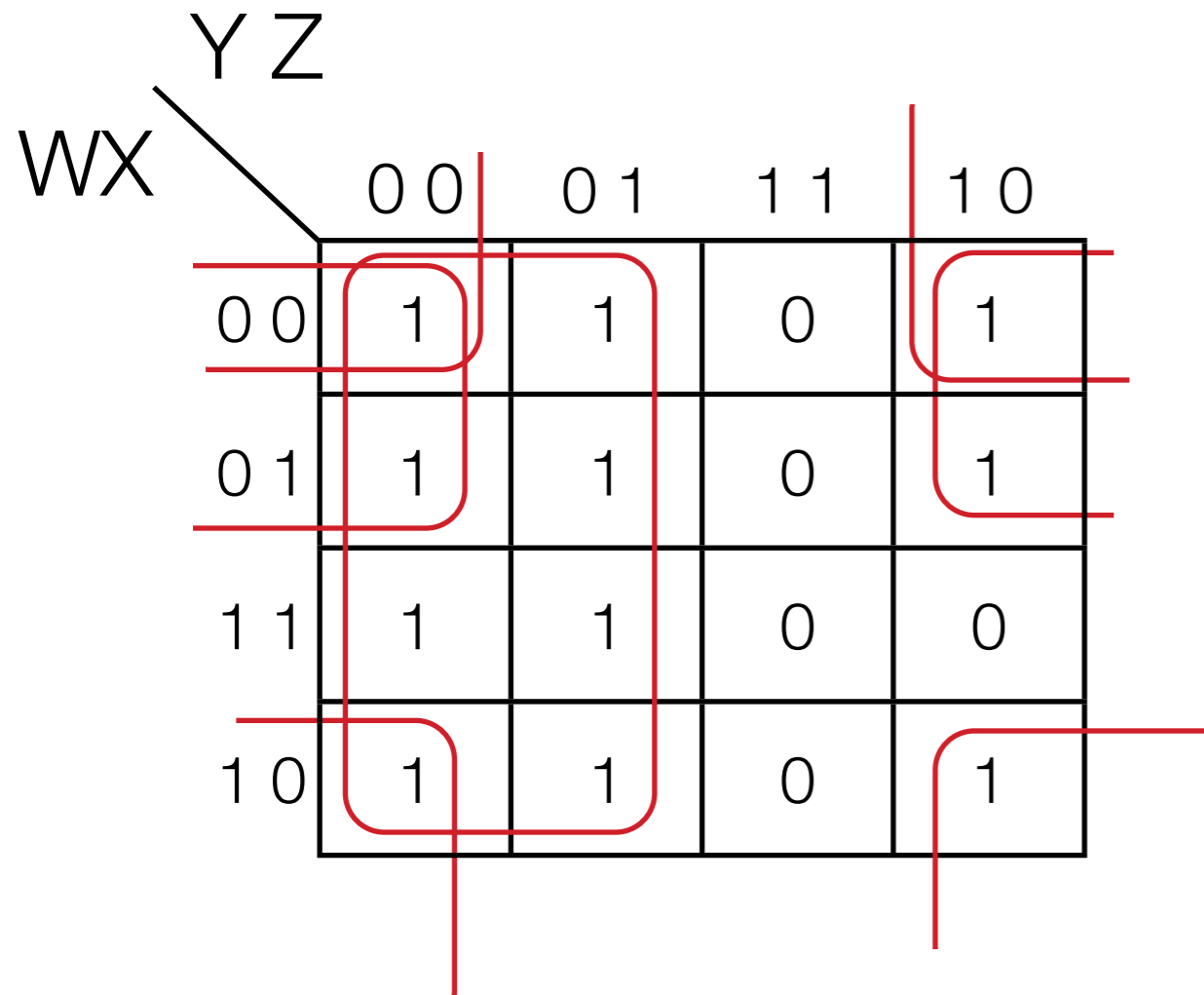
*e.g.,  $a_1a_0 = 10$ ,  $b_1b_0 = 11$ ,  $z_3z_2z_1z_0 = 0110$*

K-Maps: Complements, PoS, don't care conditions

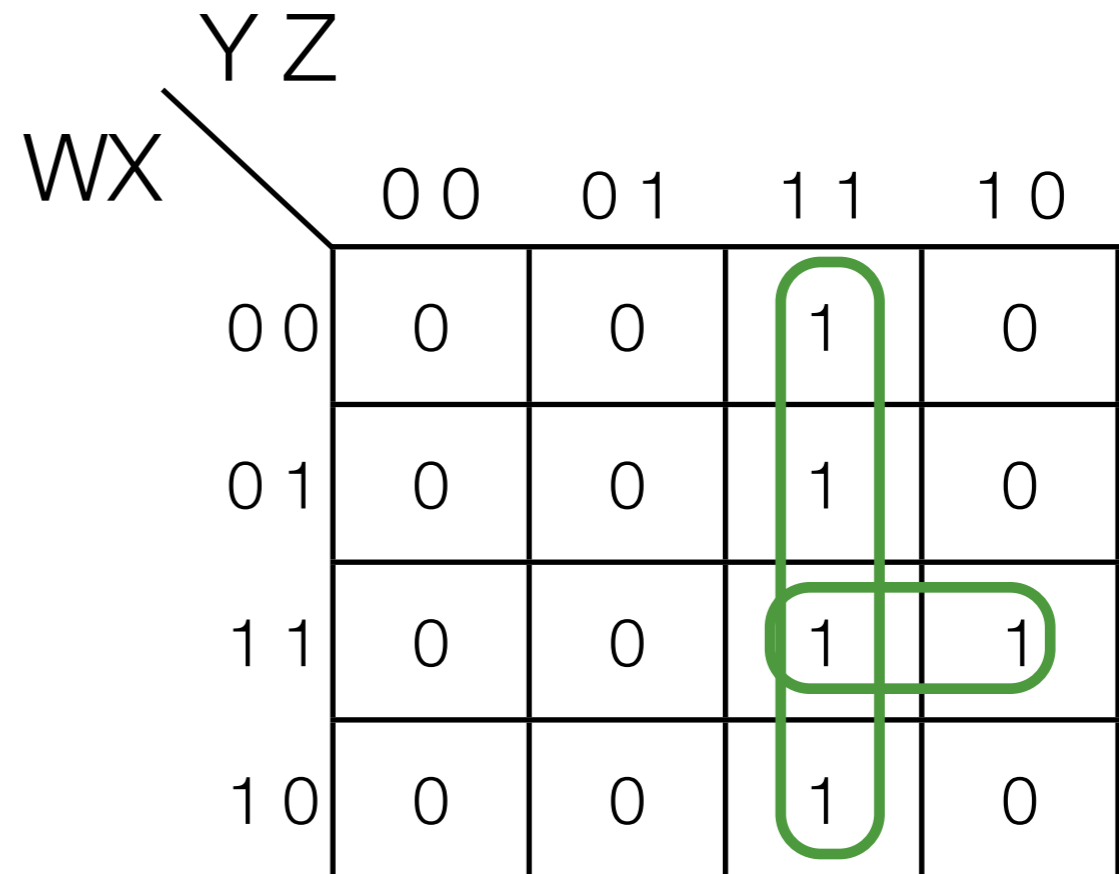
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# Finding $\bar{F}$

Find prime implicants corresponding to the 0s on a k-map



$$F = \bar{Y} + \bar{X}\bar{Z} + \bar{W}\bar{Z}$$



$$\bar{F} = YZ + WXY$$

# PoS expressions from a k-map

Find  $\bar{F}$  as SoP and then apply DeMorgan's

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

$$\bar{F} = YZ + XZ + YX$$

DeMorgan's

$$F = (\bar{Y} + \bar{Z})(\bar{Z} + \bar{X})(\bar{Y} + \bar{X})$$

# Don't care conditions

*There are circumstances in which the value of an output doesn't matter*

- For example, in that 2-bit multiplier, what if we are told that a and b will be non-0? We “don't care” what the output looks like for the input cases that should not occur
- Don't care situations are denoted by an “X” in a truth table and in Karnaugh maps.
- Can also be expressed in minterm form:
- During minimization can be treated as either a 1 or a 0

$$z2 = \sum m(10, 11, 14)$$
$$d2 = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12)$$

a1	a0	b1	b0	z3	z2	z1	z0
0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X
0	0	0	1	X	X	X	X
0	0	1	0	X	X	X	X
0	0	1	1	X	X	X	X
0	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1

# 2-bit multiplier non-0 multiplier

a1	a0	b1	b0	z3	z2	z1	z0
0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X
0	0	0	1	X	X	X	X
0	0	1	0	X	X	X	X
0	0	1	1	X	X	X	X
0	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1

*1's must be covered*  
*0's must not be covered*  
*X's are optionally covered*

				b <sub>0</sub>				
				X	X	X	X	
				X	0	0	0	
				X	0	1	0	
a <sub>1</sub>					X	0	0	0
				b <sub>1</sub>				

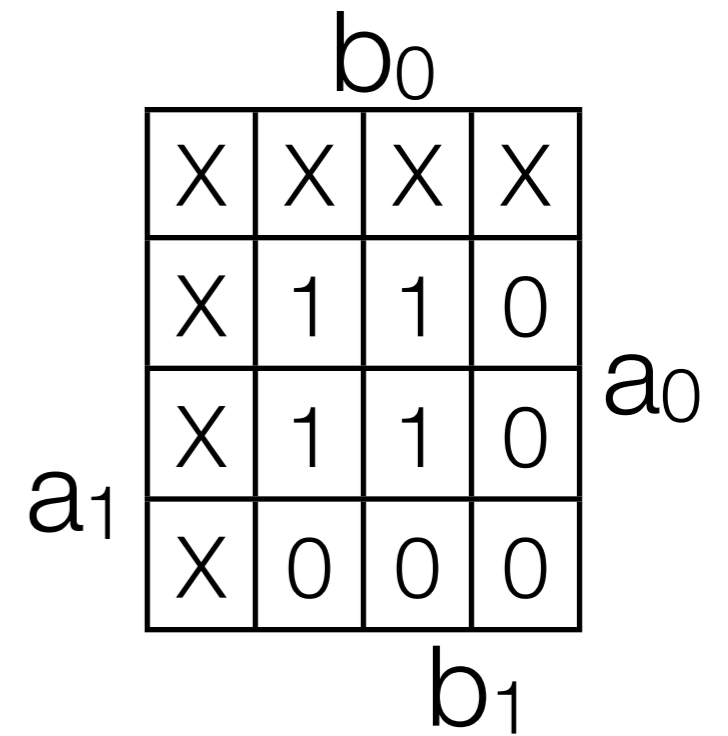
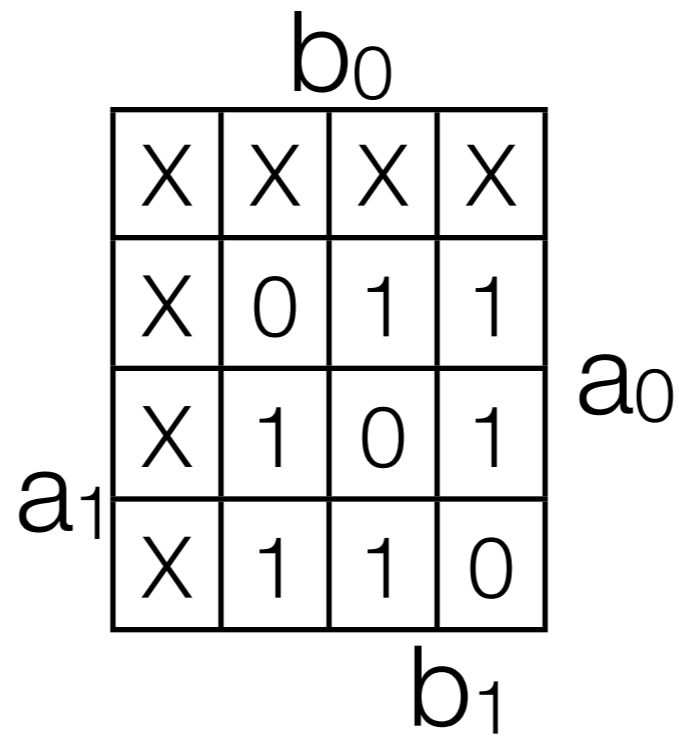
z<sub>3</sub> =

				b <sub>0</sub>				
				X	X	X	X	
				X	0	0	0	
				X	0	0	1	
a <sub>1</sub>					X	0	1	1
				b <sub>1</sub>				

z<sub>2</sub> =

# 2-bit multiplier non-0 multiplier (2)

a1	a0	b1	b0	z3	z2	z1	z0
0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X
0	0	0	1	X	X	X	X
0	0	1	0	X	X	X	X
0	0	1	1	X	X	X	X
0	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	X	X	X	X
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1





# Final thoughts on Don't care conditions

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*Sometimes "don't cares" greatly simplify circuitry*

		D				
		1	X	X	X	
		X	1	X	X	
		0	0	1	X	B
A		0	0	X	1	
						C

$$\bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D} + \bar{A}B\bar{C}D + ABCD + A\bar{B}C\bar{D} \text{ vs. } \bar{A} + C$$