

# Unit 6

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## Quine-McClusky Method



# Outline

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- Determination of prime implicants
- The prime implicant chart
- Petrick's method
- Simplification of incompletely specified functions



## Overview (1/2)

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- A systematic simplification procedure
- **Input:** minterm expansion  
**Output:** a minimum sum of products  
**Step:**
  - 1. **Generate all prime implicants**  
Eliminate as many literals as possible from each term by **systematically** applying the theorem  
 $XY + XY' = X$
  - 2. **Find the minimum solution**  
Use a **prime implicant chart** to select a minimum set of prime implicants which contain a minimum number of literals

## Overview (2/2)

- **Example:**  $F(a,b,c) = a'b'c' + ab'c' + ab'c + abc$

**All implicants:**

$a'b'c', ab'c', ab'c, abc, ab', b'c', ac$

**Prime implicants:**

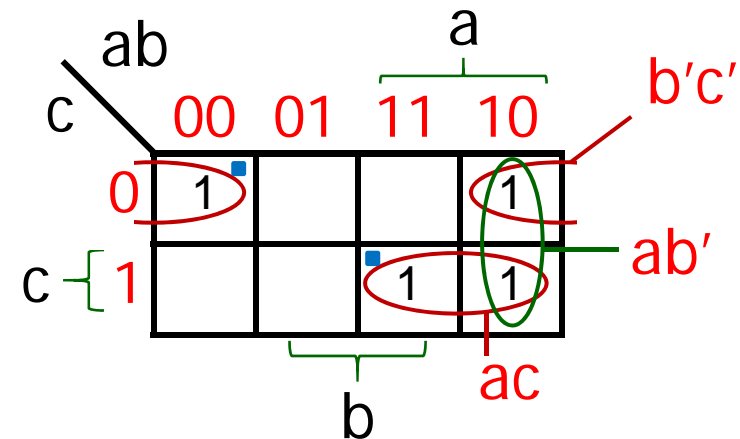
$ab', b'c', ac$

**Essential prime implicants:**

$b'c', ac$

**Minimum sum of products:**

$F(a,b,c) = b'c' + ac$



# Determination of Prime Implicants (1/5)

- **Example:** Find **all** of the prime implicants of the function

$$f(a,b,c,d) = \sum m(0,1,2,5,6,7,8,9,10,14)$$

	Column I	Column II	Column III
group 0	<u>0</u> 0000	0, 1    000-	0, 1, 8, 9    -00-
group 1	1    0001	0, 2    00-0	0, 2, 8, 10    -0-0
	2    0010	<u>0, 8</u> -000	<del>0, 8, 1, 9</del> -00-
	<u>8</u> 1000	1, 5    0-01	<del>0, 8, 2, 10</del> -0-0
group 2	5    0101	1, 9    -001	2, 6, 10, 14    --10
	6    0110	2, 6    0-10	<u>2, 10, 6, 14</u> -10
	9    1001	2, 10    -010	
	<u>10</u> 1010	8, 9    100-	
group 3	7    0111	<u>8, 10</u> 10-0	
	<u>14</u> 1110	5, 7    01-1	
		6, 7    011-	
		6, 14    -110	
		<u>10, 14</u> 1-10	

# Determination of Prime Implicants (2/5)



	Column I	Column II	Column III
group 0	<u>0</u> <u>0000</u> ✓	0, 1    000- ✓	0, 1, 8, 9    -00- <b>P4</b>
group 1	1    0001 ✓	0, 2    00-0 ✓	0, 2, 8, 10    -0-0 <b>P5</b>
	2    0010 ✓	<u>0, 8</u> <u>-000</u> ✓	<del>0, 8, 1, 9</del> <del>00</del>
	<u>8</u> <u>1000</u> ✓	1, 5    0-01 <b>P1</b>	<del>0, 8, 2, 10</del> <del>0-0</del>
group 2	5    0101 ✓	1, 9    -001 ✓	2, 6, 10, 14    --10 <b>P6</b>
	6    0110 ✓	2, 6    0-10 ✓	<del>2, 10, 6, 14</del> <del>10</del>
	9    1001 ✓	2, 10    -010 ✓	
	<u>10</u> <u>1010</u> ✓	8, 9    100- ✓	
group 3	7    0111 ✓	<u>8, 10</u> <u>10-0</u> ✓	
	<u>14</u> <u>1110</u> ✓	5, 7    01-1 <b>P2</b>	
		6, 7    011- <b>P3</b>	
		6, 14    -110 ✓	
		<u>10, 14</u> <u>1-10</u> ✓	

All of the prime implicants:

$$P1 = \{1,5\} = 0-01 = a'c'd$$

$$P2 = \{5,7\} = 01-1 = a'bd$$

$$P3 = \{6,7\} = 011- = a'bc$$

$$P4 = \{0,1,8,9\} = -00- = b'c'$$

$$P5 = \{0,2,8,10\} = -0-0 = b'd'$$

$$P6 = \{2,6,10,14\} = --10 = cd'$$

# Determination of Prime Implicants (3/5)

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- Find *all* of the prime implicants
  - (1) Represent each minterm by a **binary code**
  - (2) Find the **decimal number** for each binary code
  - (3) Define the **number of 1's in binary number** as the *index* of the number.
    - (3-1) **Group** all the binary numbers of the **same index** into a group
    - (3-2) **List** all the groups in a column in the **index ascending order**
    - (3-3) Within each group, the binary number are listed in the **ascending order of their decimal-number equivalent**

# Determination of Prime Implicants (4/5)

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- (4) **Start** with the terms in the set of **lowest index**; compare them with those, if any, in the set whose index is 1 greater, and *eliminate all redundant variables* by  $XY+XY'=X$
- (5) **Check off** all the terms *that entered into the combinations*. **The ones that are left are prime implicants**
- (6) Repeat step (4) and (5) until no further reduction is possible



# Determination of Prime Implicants (5/5)



$$f = a'c'd + a'bd + a'bc + cd' + b'd' + b'c'$$

$(1, 5) \quad (5, 7) \quad (6, 7) \quad (2, 6, 10, 14) \quad (0, 2, 8, 10) \quad (0, 1, 8, 9)$

**P1          P2          P3          P4          P5          P6**

**Minimum form ???**

$$f = a'bd + cd' + b'c'$$

# The Prime Implicant Chart (1/7)

- Example:

Prime Implicant Table

			0	1	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	14
(0, 1, 8, 9)	$b'c'$	$P6$	×	×					×	⊗		
(0, 2, 8, 10)	$b'd'$	$P5$	×		×				×		×	
(2, 6, 10, 14)	$cd'$	$P4$			×		×				×	⊗
(1, 5)	$a'c'd$	$P1$		×		×						
(5, 7)	$a'bd$	$P2$				×		×				
(6, 7)	$a'bc$	$P3$					×	×				

# The Prime Implicant Chart (2/7)

Prime Implicant Table

			0	1	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	14
<del>(0, 1, 8, 9)*</del>	<del><math>b'c'</math></del>	<del><math>P6^*</math></del>	<del>×</del>	<del>×</del>					<del>×</del>	<del>⊗</del>		
(0, 2, 8, 10)	$b'd'$	$P5$	×		×				×		×	
<del>(2, 6, 10, 14)*</del>	<del><math>cd'</math></del>	<del><math>P4^*</math></del>			×		×				×	⊗
(1, 5)	$a'c'd$	$P1$		×		×						
(5, 7)	$a'bd$	$P2$				×		×				
(6, 7)	$a'bc$	$P3$					×	×				

			5	7
(1, 5)	$a'c'd$	$P1$	×	
<del>(5, 7)</del>	<del><math>a'bd</math></del>	<del><math>P2</math></del>	<del>×</del>	<del>×</del>
(6, 7)	$a'bc$	$P3$		×

No secondary essential term.

Include the essential prime implicants in the minimal sum;

The minimal sum is:

$$f(a,b,c,d) = b'c' + cd' + a'bd$$

## The Prime Implicant Chart (3/7)

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- Construct the **Prime Implicant Table** (Chart) and find the **Essential Prime Implicants** of the function
  - (1) Construct the prime implicant table
    - (1-1) Each **column** carries a **decimal number** at the top which correspond to the one of the *minterm* in the given function
    - (1-2) The column are assigned by such a number in *ascending order*
    - (1-3) Each **row** corresponds to one of the **prime implicants**, P1, P2, ...



## The Prime Implicant Chart (4/7)

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- (2) Make a **cross** under each decimal number that is a term contained in the prime implicant represented by that row
- (3) Find *all* the **columns** *that contain a single cross* and circle them; place an asterisk \* at the left of those rows in which you circle a cross

The rows marked with an asterisk are the essential prime implicants

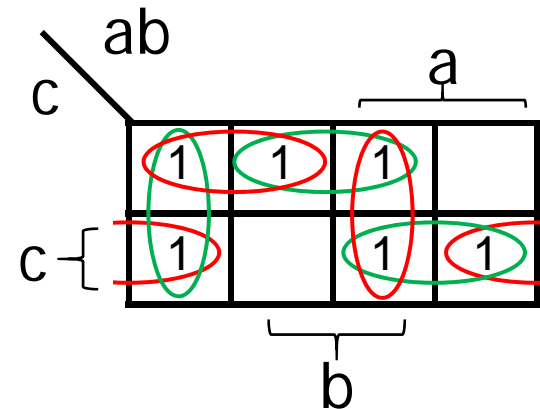
# The Prime Implicant Chart (5/7)

- Example with a **cyclic** prime implicant table

**Sol:** Find all of the prime implicants

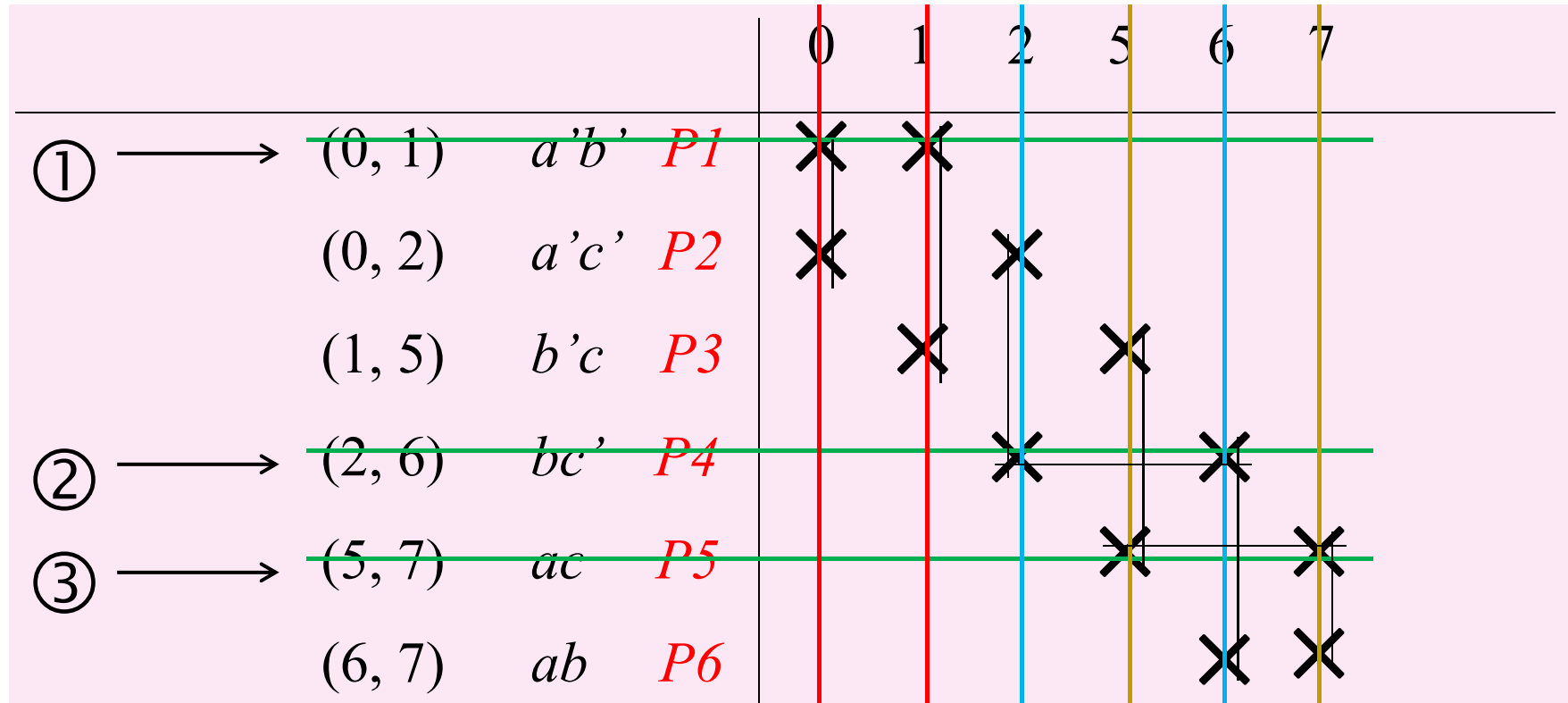
$$F = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)$$

<u>0</u>	<u>000</u>	✓	0, 1	00-	<b>P1</b>
1	001	✓	<u>0, 2</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<b>P2</b>
<u>2</u>	<u>010</u>	✓	1, 5	-01	<b>P3</b>
5	101	✓	<u>2, 6</u>	<u>-10</u>	<b>P4</b>
<u>6</u>	<u>110</u>	✓	5, 7	1-1	<b>P5</b>
7	111	✓	6, 7	11-	<b>P6</b>



# The Prime Implicant Chart (6/7)

Select **P1** first



The minimum sum of products  $F = a'b' + bc' + ac$

# The Prime Implicant Chart (7/7)

Select **P2** first

		0	1	2	5	6	7
(0, 1)	$a'b'$	$P1$	X	X			
(0, 2)	$a'c'$	$P2$	X	X			
(1, 5)	$b'c$	$P3$		X	X		
(2, 6)	$bc'$	$P4$		X		X	
(5, 7)	$ac$	$P5$			X		X
(6, 7)	$ab$	$P6$				X	X

The minimum sum of products  $F = a'c' + b'c + ab$

The minimum sum of product is not unique





## Petrick's Method (1/6)

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- A technique for determining **all** minimum sum-of-products solutions from a prime implicant table
- Before applying Petrick's method, all **essential prime implicants** and minterms they cover should be **removed** from the table

## Petrick's Method (2/6)

- **Example:**  $F = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)$

			0	1	2	5	6	7
$P_1$	(0, 1)	$a'b'$	×	×				
$P_2$	(0, 2)	$a'c'$	×		×			
$P_3$	(1, 5)	$b'c$		×		×		
$P_4$	(2, 6)	$bc'$			×		×	
$P_5$	(5, 7)	$ac$				×		×
$P_6$	(6, 7)	$ab$					×	×

## Petrick's Method (3/6)

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- In order to cover *minterm* 0, we must choose  $P_1$  or  $P_2$ 
  - the expression  $P_1+P_2$  must be true

cover	0	$\Rightarrow$	$P_1+P_2$
	1	$\Rightarrow$	$P_1+P_3$
	2	$\Rightarrow$	$P_2+P_4$
	5	$\Rightarrow$	$P_3+P_5$
	6	$\Rightarrow$	$P_4+P_6$
	7	$\Rightarrow$	$P_5+P_6$

## Petrick's Method (4/6)

Using  $(X+Y)(X+Z)=X+YZ$  and the distributive law

$$P=(P_1+P_2)(P_1+P_3)(P_2+P_4)(P_3+P_5)(P_4+P_6)(P_5+P_6) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= (P_1+P_2P_3) (P_4+P_2P_6) (P_5+P_3P_6) \\ &= (P_1P_4+P_1P_2P_6+P_2P_3P_4+P_2P_3P_6) (P_5+P_3P_6) \\ &= P_1P_4P_5+ P_1P_2P_5P_6+ P_2P_3P_4P_5+P_2P_3P_5P_6+P_1P_3P_4P_6 \\ &\quad + P_1P_2P_3P_6+ P_2P_3P_4P_6+ P_2P_3P_6 \end{aligned}$$

## Petrick's Method (5/6)

Use  $X + XY = X$  to delete redundant terms from P

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= P_1P_4P_5 + P_1P_2P_5P_6 + P_2P_3P_4P_5 + \underline{P_2P_3P_5P_6} \\
 &\quad + P_1P_3P_4P_6 + P_1\underline{P_2P_3P_6} + \underline{P_2P_3P_4P_6} + \underline{P_2P_3P_6} \\
 &= P_1P_4P_5 + P_1P_2P_5P_6 + P_2P_3P_4P_5 + P_1P_3P_4P_6 + \underline{P_2P_3P_6} \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{cccccc}
 \text{3 implicants} & 4 & & 4 & & 4 & & 3
 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

Two minimum solutions:

$$F = P_1 + P_4 + P_5 = a'b' + bc' + ac$$

$$F = P_2 + P_3 + P_6 = a'c' + b'c + ab$$



## Petrick's Method (6/6)

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- Petrick's Method
  - 1. Label the rows of the table,  $P_1, P_2, \dots$
  - 2. Form a logic function  $P(P_1, P_2, \dots)$ , which is true when all of the minterms in the table have been covered
  - 3. Reduce  $P$  to a minimum sum of products using  $(X+Y)(X+Z)=X+YZ$  and  $X+XY=X$
  - 4. Select one solution that has minimum number of prime implicant, minimum number of literals

## Simplification of Incompletely Specified Functions (1/3)

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- Modify the Quine-McCluskey procedure
  - Finding the Prime Implicants
    - Treat the **don't care terms** as if they were required **minterms**
  - Forming the Prime Implicant Table
    - The don't cares are **not** listed at the top of the table

# Simplification of Incompletely Specified Functions (2/3)



- **Example:** Simplify  $F(A,B,C,D) = \Sigma m(2,3,7,9,11,13) + \Sigma d(1,10,15)$

**Sol:** Treat the **don't cares** (1, 10, 15) as required minterms

●	1	0001 ✓	(1, 3)	00-1 ✓	(1, 3, 9, 11)	-0-1
	2	0010 ✓	(1, 9)	-001 ✓	(2, 3, 10, 11)	-01-
	3	0011 ✓	(2, 3)	001- ✓	(3, 7, 11, 15)	--11
	9	1001 ✓	(2, 10)	-010 ✓	(9, 11, 13, 15)	1--1
●	10	1010 ✓	(3, 7)	0-11 ✓		
	7	0111 ✓	(3, 11)	-011 ✓		
	11	1011 ✓	(9, 11)	10-1 ✓		
	13	1101 ✓	(9, 13)	1-01 ✓		
●	15	1111 ✓	(10, 11)	101- ✓		
			(7, 15)	-111 ✓		
			(11, 15)	1-11 ✓		
			(13, 15)	11-1 ✓		



# Simplification of Incompletely Specified Functions (3/3)



- The don't cares are not listed at the top of the table

	2	3	7	9	11	13
(1, 3, 9, 11)		*		*	*	
*(2, 3, 10, 11)	* (circled)	*			*	
*(3, 7, 11, 15)		*	* (circled)		*	
*(9, 11, 13, 15)				*	*	* (circled)

\*essential prime implicants

$$F = B'C + CD + AD$$