



CprE 281: Digital Logic

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Karnaugh Maps

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- **HW4 is out**
- **It is due on Monday Sep 19 @ 4 pm**
- **It is posted on the class web page**
- **I also sent you an e-mail with the link.**

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- **Homework Solutions are posted on BlackBoard**

Quick Review

Do You Still Remember This Boolean Algebra Theorem?

$$14a. \quad \mathbf{x \cdot y + x \cdot \bar{y} = x}$$

Combining

$$14b. \quad \mathbf{(x + y) \cdot (x + \bar{y}) = x}$$

Let's prove 14.a

x	y	$\mathbf{x \cdot y + x \cdot \bar{y} = x}$
0	0	
0	1	
1	0	
1	1	

Let's prove 14.a

x	y	$\mathbf{x \cdot y + x \cdot \bar{y} = x}$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Let's prove 14.a

x	y	$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x}$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	1

Let's prove 14.a

x	y	$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x}$
0	0	0 0 0
0	1	0 0 0
1	0	0 1 1
1	1	1 1 0

Let's prove 14.a

x	y	$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x}$
0	0	0 0 0 0
0	1	0 0 0 0
1	0	0 1 1 1
1	1	1 1 0 1

Let's prove 14.a

x	y	$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{x}$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	1
1	1	1

They are equal.

Motivation

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

**An approach for simplifying
logic expressions**

**How do we guarantee we
have reached minimum SOP/
POS representation?**

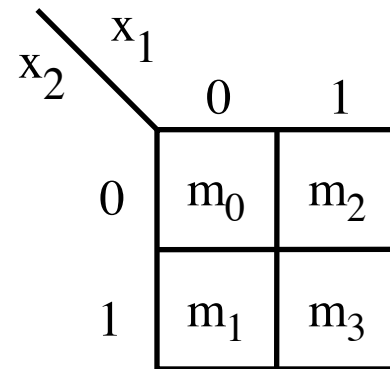
Two-Variable K-Map

Karnaugh Map (K-map)

- View the function in a visual form
- Same information as truth table
- Easier to group minterms

x_1	x_2	
0	0	m_0
0	1	m_1
1	0	m_2
1	1	m_3

(a) Truth table



(b) Karnaugh map

Minterms

x_1	x_2	
0	0	m_0
0	1	m_1
1	0	m_2
1	1	m_3

x_1	x_2	m_0	m_1	m_2	m_3
0	0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	1

Minterm Example

x_1	x_2	
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

x_1	x_2	m_0	m_1	m_2	m_3	$m_1 + m_3$
0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	1

Minterm Example

x_1	x_2	
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

x_1	x_2	m_0	m_1	m_2	m_3	$m_1 + m_3$
0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	1

$$\bar{x}_1 x_2 + x_1 x_2 = x_2$$

Grouping Example

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	0	0

m_0

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	0	0
	1	1	0

m_1

Grouping Example

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		1	0
1		0	0

m_0

+

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		0	0
1		1	0

m_1

=

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		1	0
1		1	0

$m_0 + m_1$

Grouping Example

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	0	0

m_0

+

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	0	0
	1	1	0

m_1

=

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	1	0

$m_0 + m_1$

Grouping Example

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	0	0

m_0

$\bar{x}_1\bar{x}_2$

+

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	0	0
	1	1	0

m_1

\bar{x}_1x_2

=

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	1	0

$m_0 + m_1$

\bar{x}_1

Property 14a (Combining)

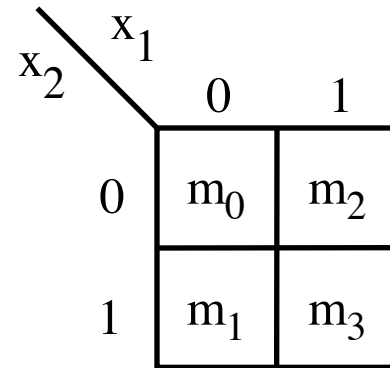
Grouping Rules

- **Group “1”s with rectangles**
- **Both sides a power of 2:**
 - **1x1, 1x2, 2x1, 2x2, 1x4, 4x1, 2x4, 4x2, 4x4**
- **Can use the same minterm more than once**
- **Can wrap around the edges of the map**
- **Some rules in selecting groups:**
 - **Try to use as few groups as possible to cover all “1”s.**
 - **For each group, try to make it as large as you can (i.e., if you can use a 2x2, don't use a 2x1 even if that is enough).**

Two-Variable K-map

x_1	x_2	
0	0	m_0
0	1	m_1
1	0	m_2
1	1	m_3

(a) Truth table



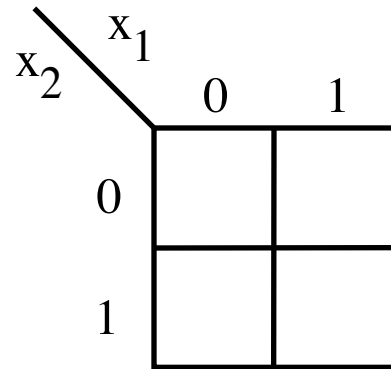
(b) Karnaugh map

Step-By-Step Example

x_1	x_2	
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

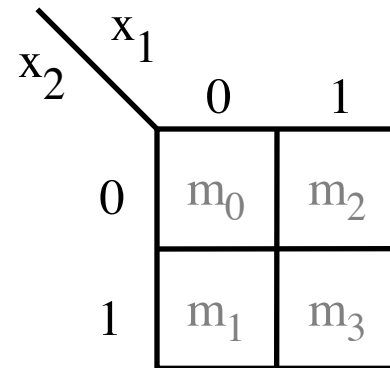
1. Draw The Map

x_1	x_2	
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1



2. Fill The Map

	x_1	x_2	
m_0	0	0	1
m_1	0	1	1
m_2	1	0	0
m_3	1	1	1



2. Fill The Map

	x_1	x_2	
m_0	0	0	1
m_1	0	1	1
m_2	1	0	0
m_3	1	1	1

x_2	x_1	0	1
0		1	0
1		1	1

3. Group

	x_1	x_2	
m_0	0	0	1
m_1	0	1	1
m_2	1	0	0
m_3	1	1	1

$x_2 \backslash x_1$	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	1

3. Group

	x_1	x_2	
m_0	0	0	1
m_1	0	1	1
m_2	1	0	0
m_3	1	1	1

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
1	1	1	1

3. Group

	x_1	x_2	
m_0	0	0	1
m_1	0	1	1
m_2	1	0	0
m_3	1	1	1

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
1	1	1	1

4. Write The Expression

x_1	x_2	
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

$x_2 \backslash x_1$	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	1

4. Write The Expression

x_1	x_2	
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

$x_2 \backslash x_1$	0	1
0	1	0
1	1	1

$$\bar{x}_1 + x_2$$

Writing The Expression

- Find which variable is constant

		x_1	
	x_2		
		0	1
0		1	0
1		1	0

\bar{x}_1 is constant

Writing The Expression

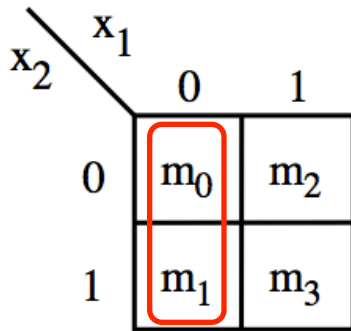
- Find which variable is constant

		x_1	
	x_2		
		0	1
0		0	1
1		0	1

x_1 is constant

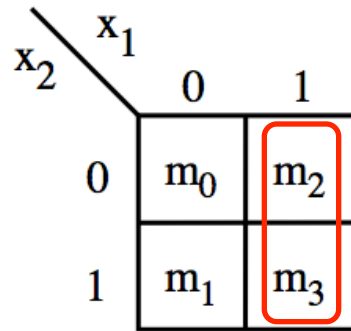
These are all valid groupings

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	m_0	m_2
	1	m_1	m_3



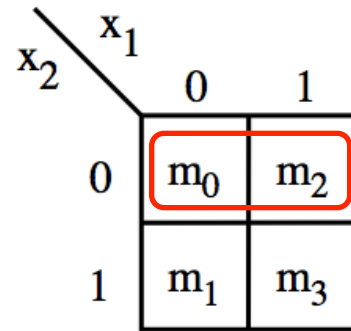
A 2x2 Karnaugh map for variables x_1 and x_2 . The columns are labeled 0 and 1 for x_1 , and the rows are labeled 0 and 1 for x_2 . The cells contain m_0 , m_2 , m_1 , and m_3 respectively. Red boxes highlight the cells m_0 and m_1 , representing a valid grouping.

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	m_0	m_2
	1	m_1	m_3



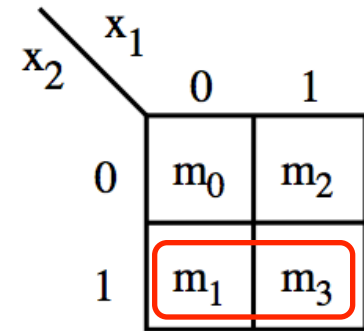
A 2x2 Karnaugh map for variables x_1 and x_2 . The columns are labeled 0 and 1 for x_1 , and the rows are labeled 0 and 1 for x_2 . The cells contain m_0 , m_2 , m_1 , and m_3 respectively. Red boxes highlight the cells m_2 and m_3 , representing a valid grouping.

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	m_0	m_2
	1	m_1	m_3



A 2x2 Karnaugh map for variables x_1 and x_2 . The columns are labeled 0 and 1 for x_1 , and the rows are labeled 0 and 1 for x_2 . The cells contain m_0 , m_2 , m_1 , and m_3 respectively. Red boxes highlight the cells m_0 and m_2 , representing a valid grouping.

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	m_0	m_2
	1	m_1	m_3



A 2x2 Karnaugh map for variables x_1 and x_2 . The columns are labeled 0 and 1 for x_1 , and the rows are labeled 0 and 1 for x_2 . The cells contain m_0 , m_2 , m_1 , and m_3 respectively. Red boxes highlight the cells m_1 and m_3 , representing a valid grouping.

These are also valid

	x_1		
x_2		0	1
0		m_0	m_2
1		m_1	m_3

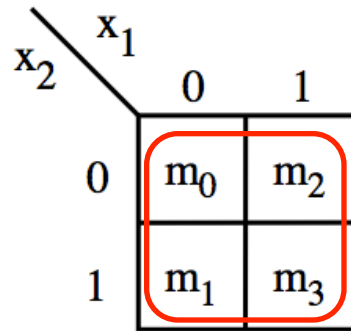
	x_1		
x_2		0	1
0		m_0	m_2
1		m_1	m_3

	x_1		
x_2		0	1
0		m_0	m_2
1		m_1	m_3

	x_1		
x_2		0	1
0		m_0	m_2
1		m_1	m_3

But try to use larger rectangles if possible.

This one is valid too



In this case the result is the constant function 1.

Why are these two not valid?

	x_1		
x_2		0	1
0		m_0	m_2
1		m_1	m_3

	x_1		
x_2		0	1
0		m_0	m_2
1		m_1	m_3

Let's Find Out

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		1	0
1		0	0

m_0

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		0	0
1		0	1

m_3

Let's Find Out

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		1	0
1		0	0

m_0

+

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		0	0
1		0	1

m_3

=

	x_1	0	1
x_2			
0		1	0
1		0	1

$m_0 + m_3$

Let's Find Out

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	0	0

m_0

+

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	0	0
	1	0	1

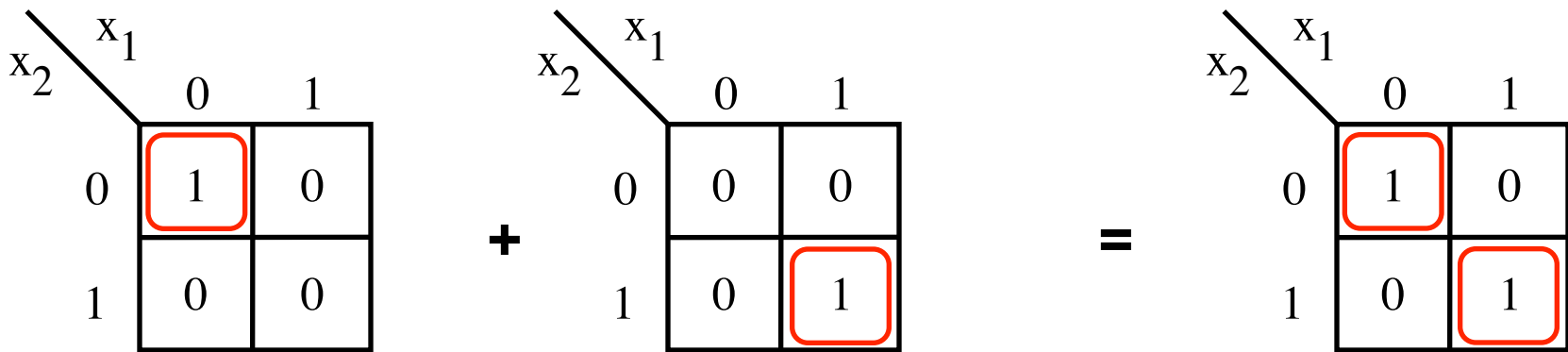
m_3

=

	x_1	0	1
x_2	0	1	0
	1	0	1

$m_0 + m_3$

Let's Find Out



m_0

+

m_3

=

$m_0 + m_3$

$\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2$

+

$x_1 x_2$

=

$\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2 + x_1 x_2$

We can't use Property 14a here. This can't be simplified.

Three-Variable K-Map

Location of three-variable minterms

x_1	x_2	x_3	
0	0	0	m_0
0	0	1	m_1
0	1	0	m_2
0	1	1	m_3
1	0	0	m_4
1	0	1	m_5
1	1	0	m_6
1	1	1	m_7

(a) Truth table

		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

(b) Karnaugh map

Location of three-variable minterms

x_1	x_2	x_3	
0	0	0	m_0
0	0	1	m_1
0	1	0	m_2
0	1	1	m_3
1	0	0	m_4
1	0	1	m_5
1	1	0	m_6
1	1	1	m_7

(a) Truth table

		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

(b) Karnaugh map

Notice the placement of

- **Variables**
- **Binary pair values**
- **Minterms**

Gray Code

- **Sequence of binary codes**
- **Vary by only 1 bit**

	000
	001
00	011
01	010
11	110
10	111
	101
	100

Gray Code & K-map

	s	x_1	x_2
m_0	0	0	0
m_1	0	0	1
m_2	0	1	0
m_3	0	1	1
m_4	1	0	0
m_5	1	0	1
m_6	1	1	0
m_7	1	1	1

		$s x_1$			
		00	01	11	10
x_2	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

Gray Code & K-map

	s	x_1	x_2
m_0	0	0	0
m_1	0	0	1
m_2	0	1	0
m_3	0	1	1
m_4	1	0	0
m_5	1	0	1
m_6	1	1	0
m_7	1	1	1

		$s x_1$			
		00	01	11	10
x_2	0	000	010	110	100
	1	001	011	111	101

Adjacency Rules

		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

adjacent
columns



These are valid groupings

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

These are valid groupings

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

These are valid groupings

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

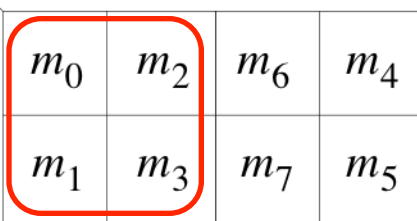
x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

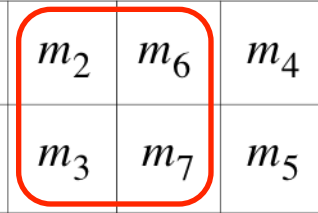
x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

These are valid groupings

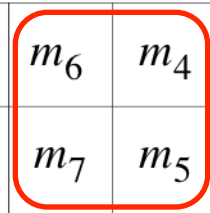
x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5



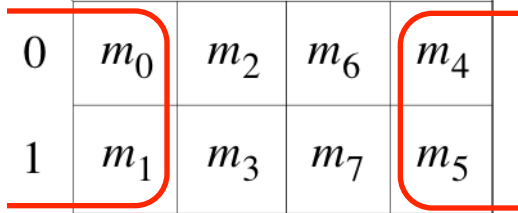
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0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5



x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5



x_3 \ x_1x_2	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5



These are valid groupings

		x_1x_2			
x_3		00	01	11	10
0		m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1		m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

		x_1x_2			
x_3		00	01	11	10
0		m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
1		m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

This is a valid grouping

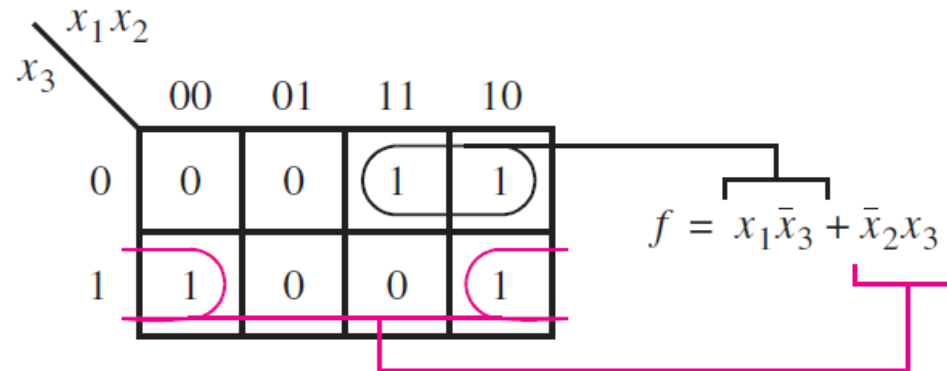
		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

Some invalid groupings

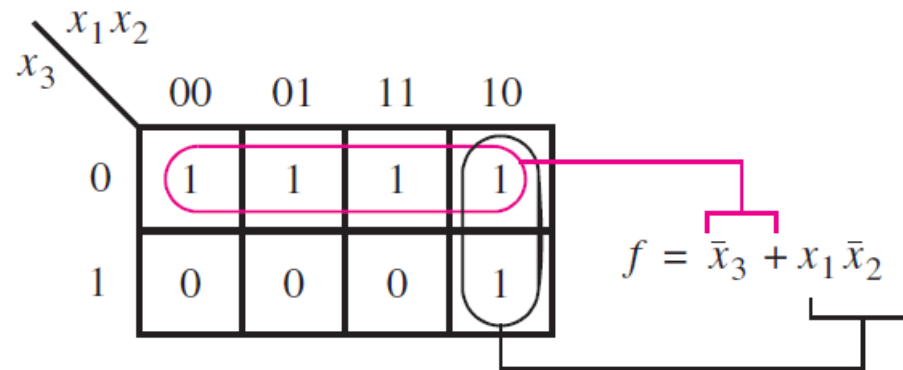
		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

Examples of three-variable Karnaugh maps



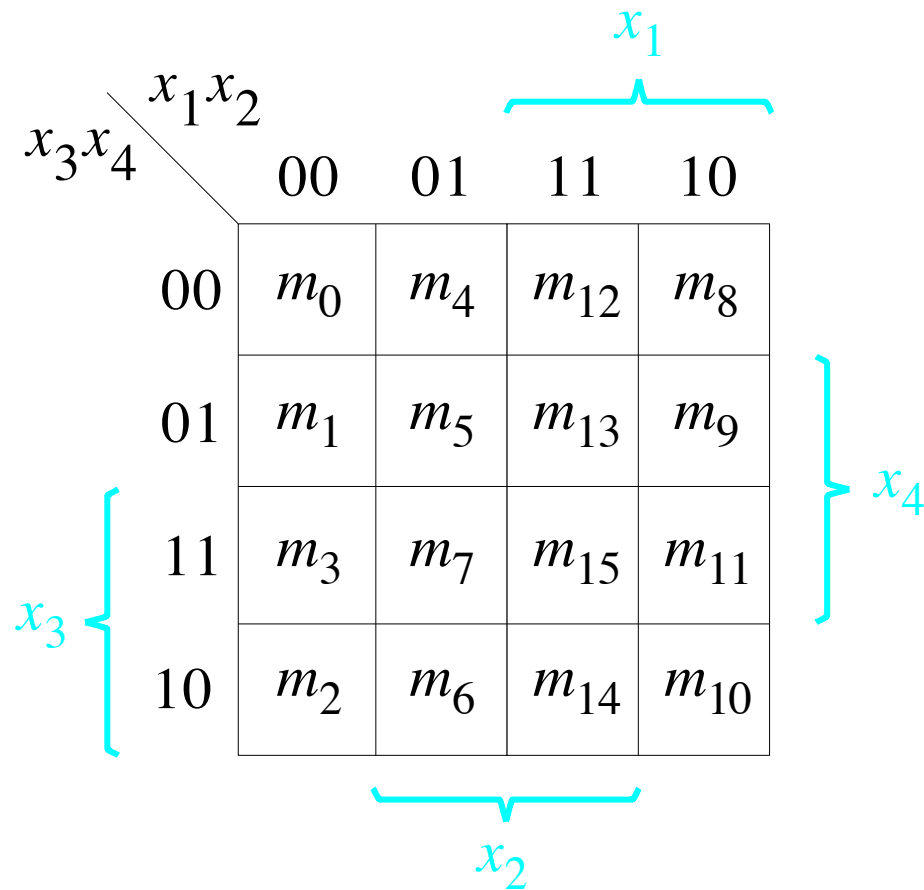
(a) The function of Figure 2.23



(b) The function of Figure 2.48

Four-Variable K-Map

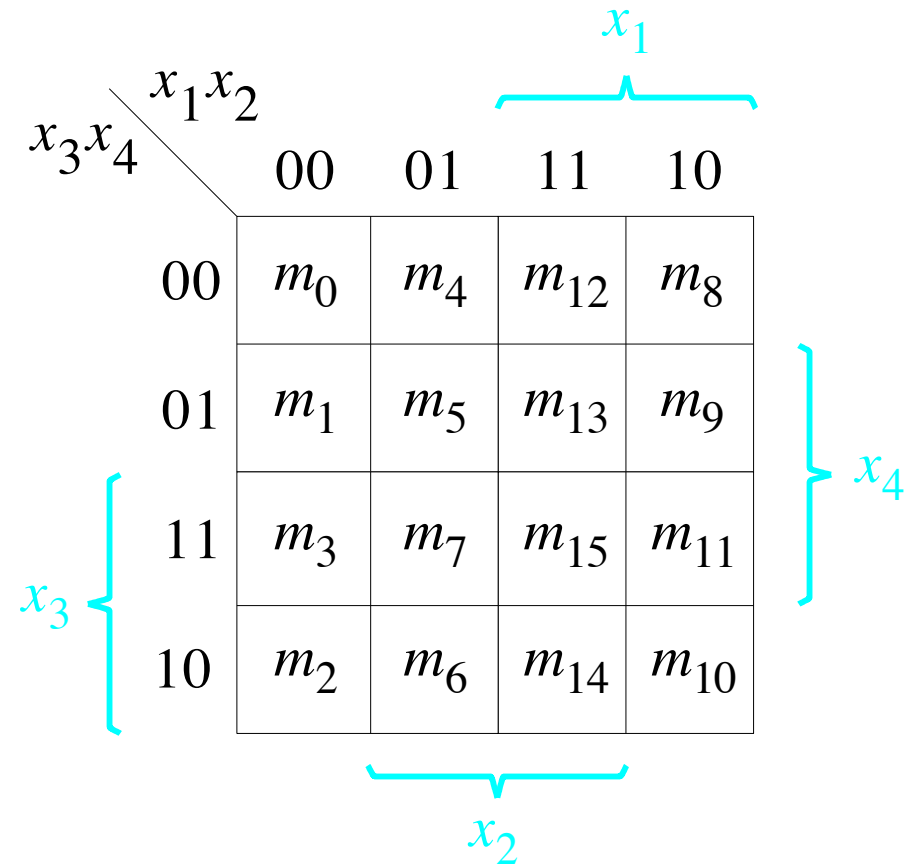
A four-variable Karnaugh map



[Figure 2.53 from the textbook]

A four-variable Karnaugh map

x1	x2	x3	x4	
0	0	0	0	m0
0	0	0	1	m1
0	0	1	0	m2
0	0	1	1	m3
0	1	0	0	m4
0	1	0	1	m5
0	1	1	0	m6
0	1	1	1	m7
1	0	0	0	m8
1	0	0	1	m9
1	0	1	0	m10
1	0	1	1	m11
1	1	0	0	m12
1	1	0	1	m13
1	1	1	0	m14
1	1	1	1	m15



Adjacency Rules

		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
x_3	0	m_0	m_2	m_6	m_4
	1	m_1	m_3	m_7	m_5

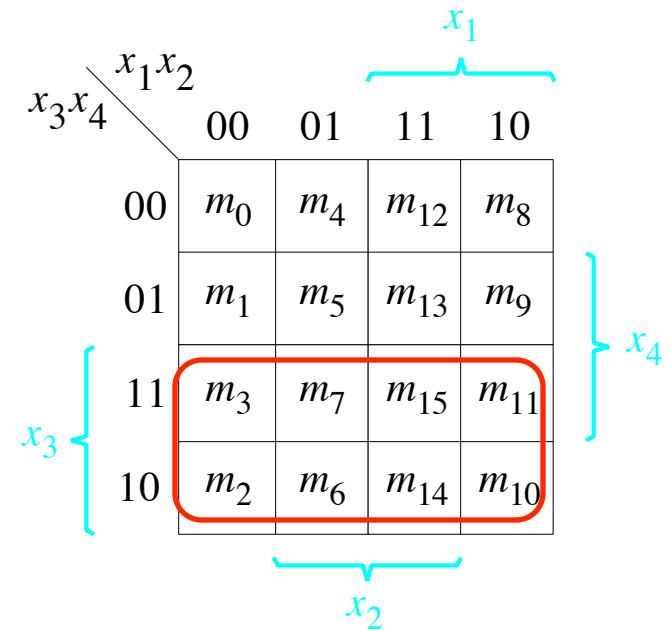
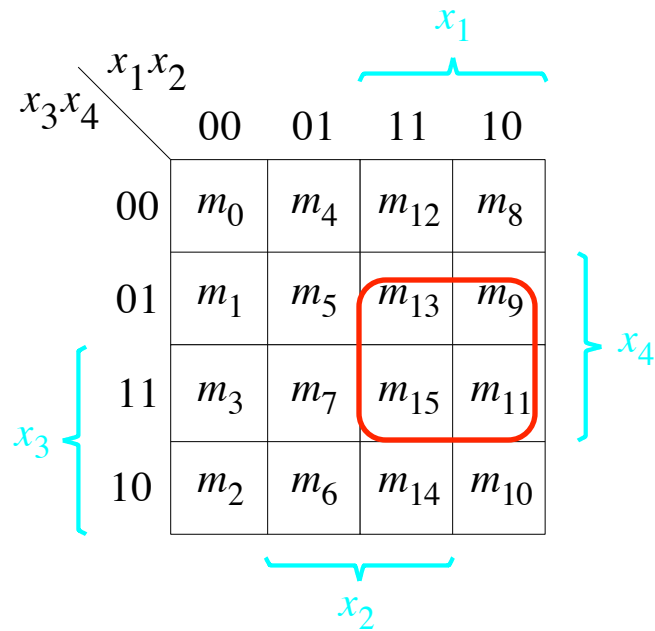
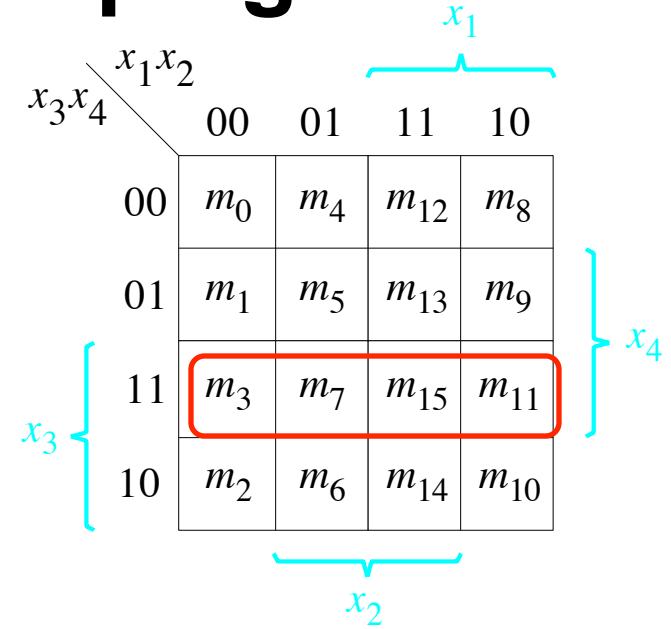
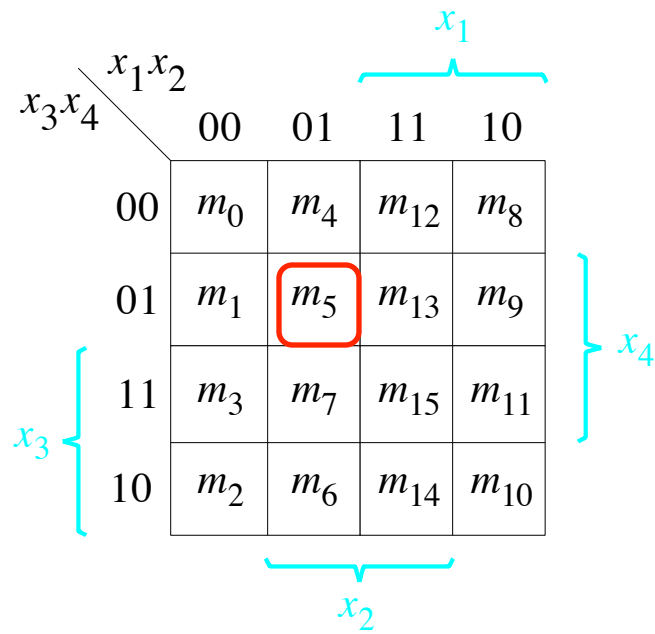
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		x_1x_2			
		00	01	11	10
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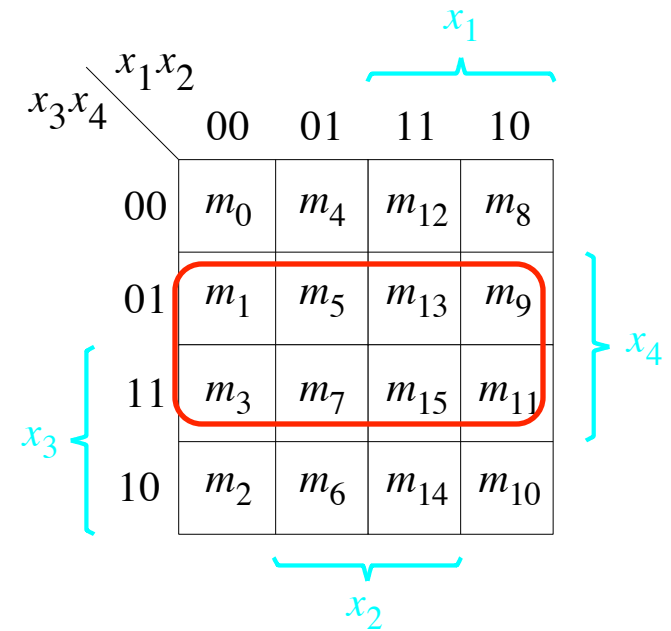
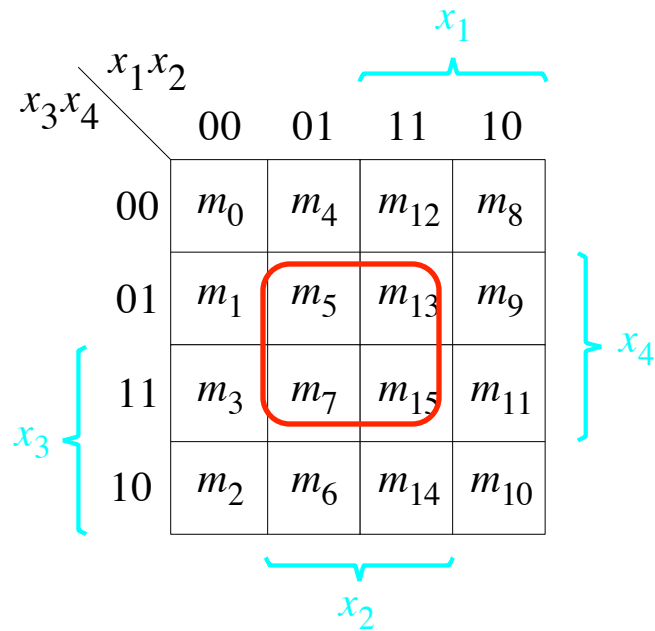
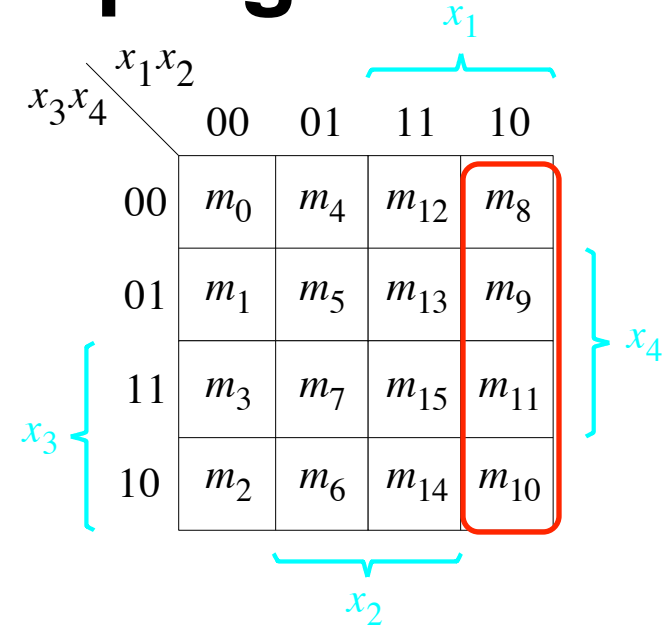
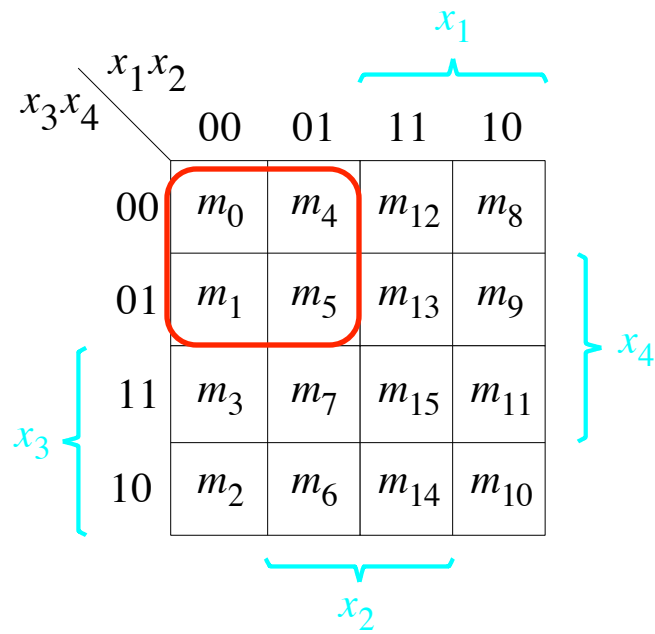
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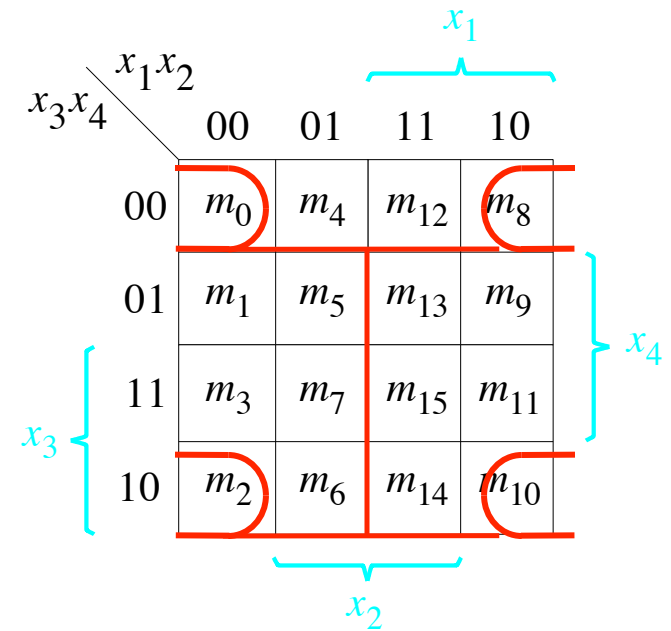
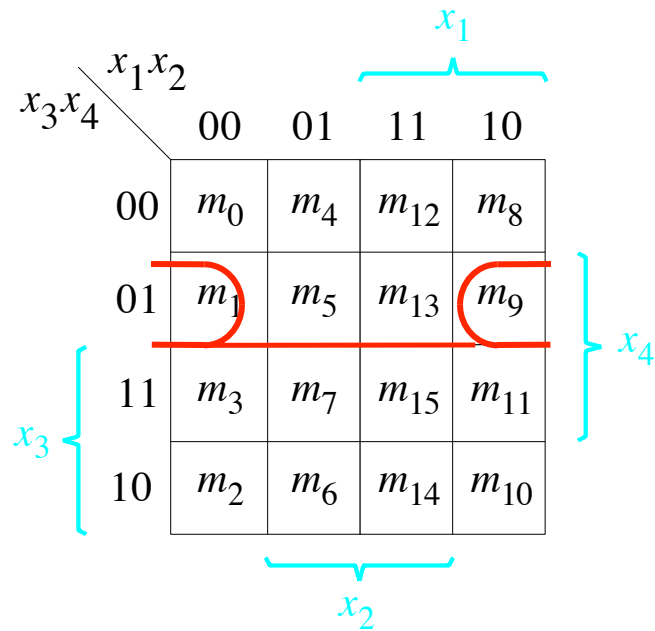
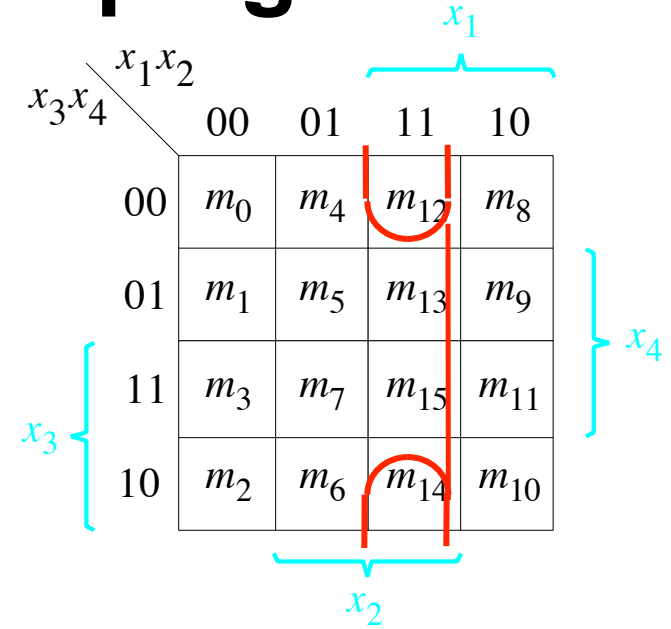
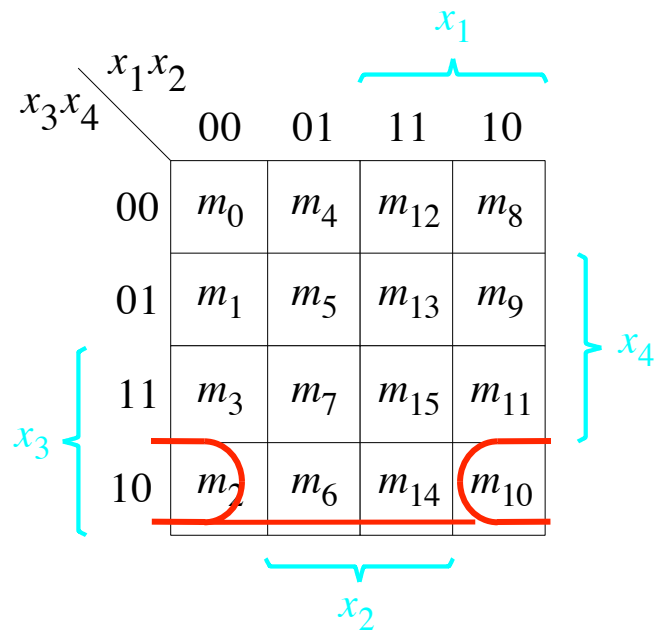
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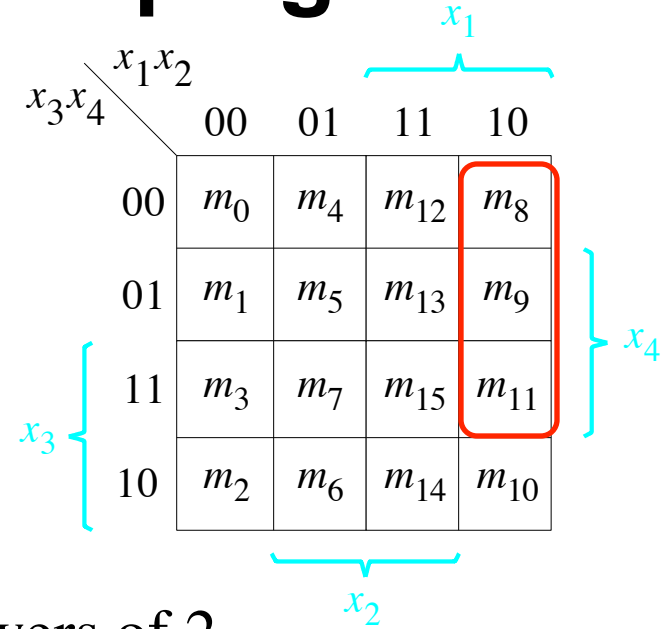
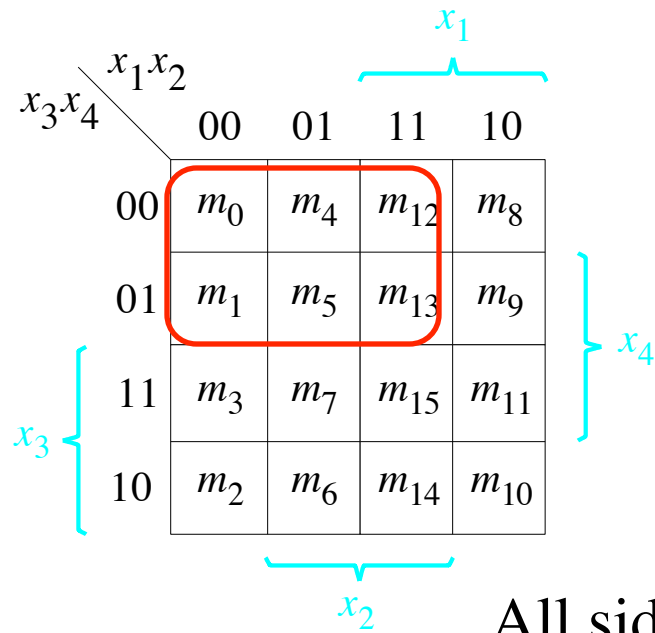
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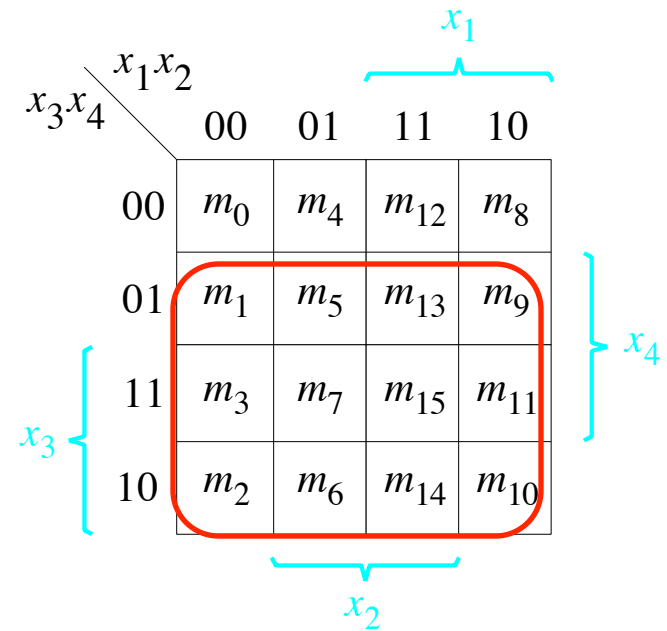
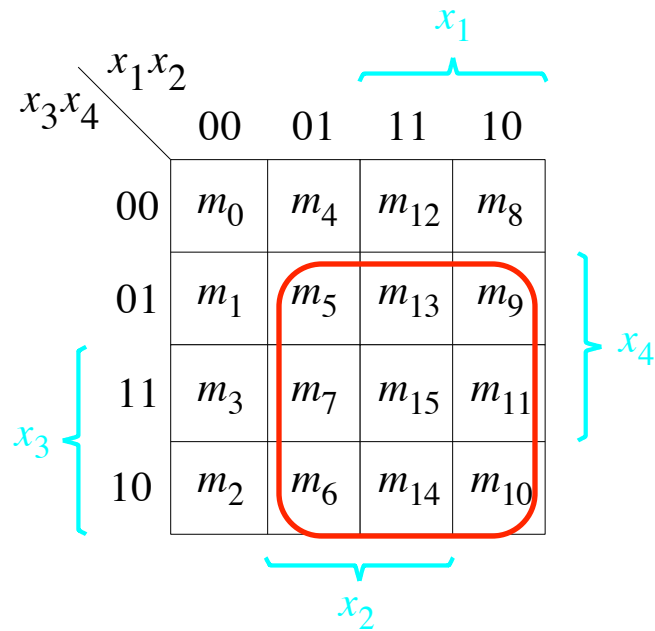
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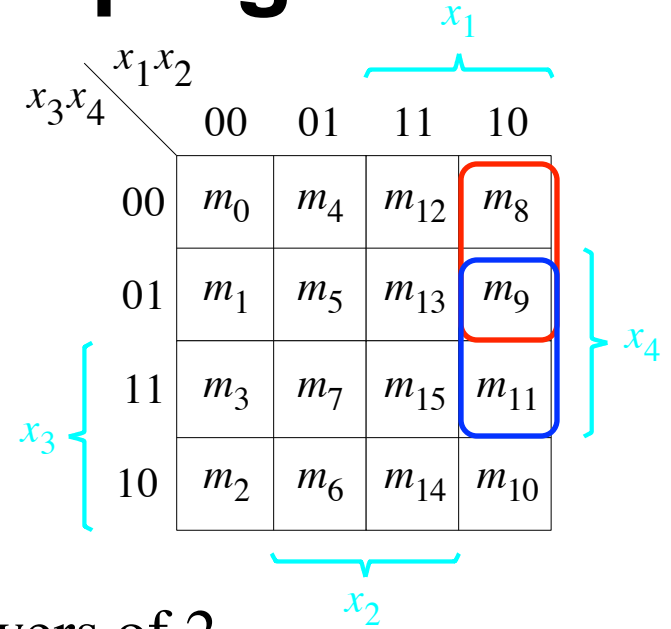
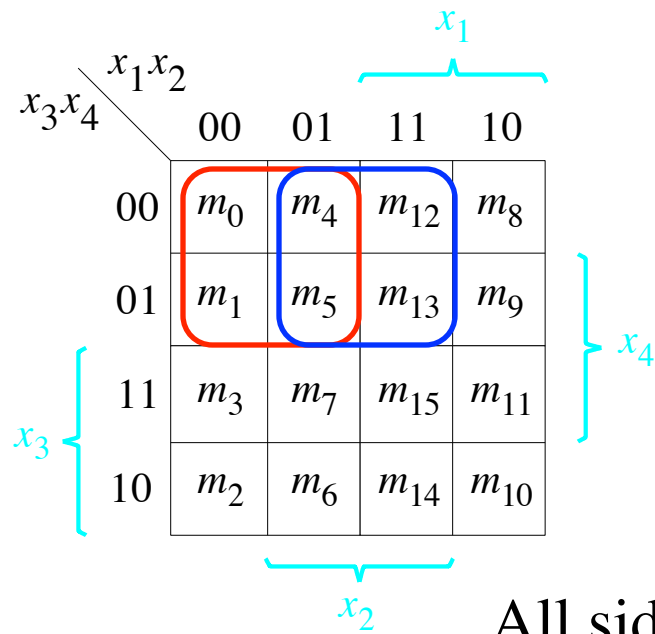
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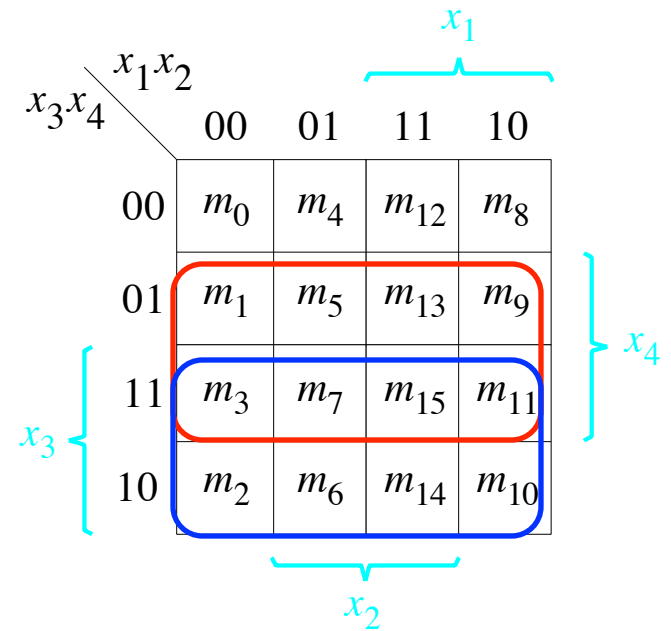
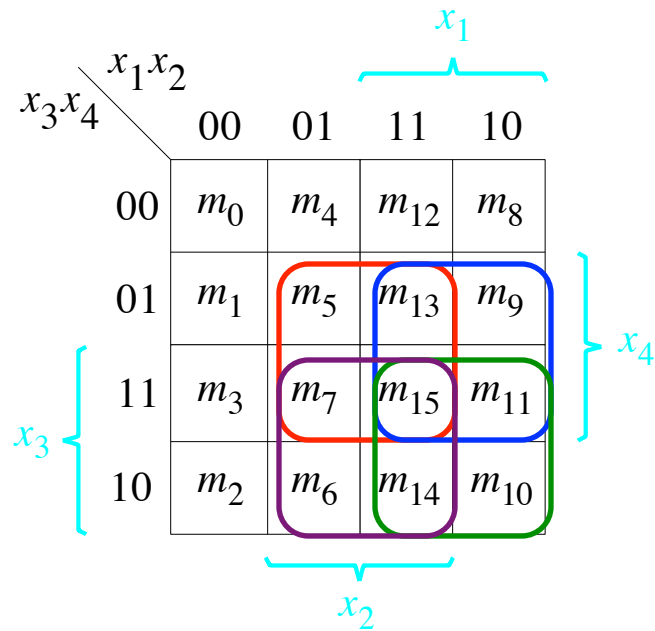
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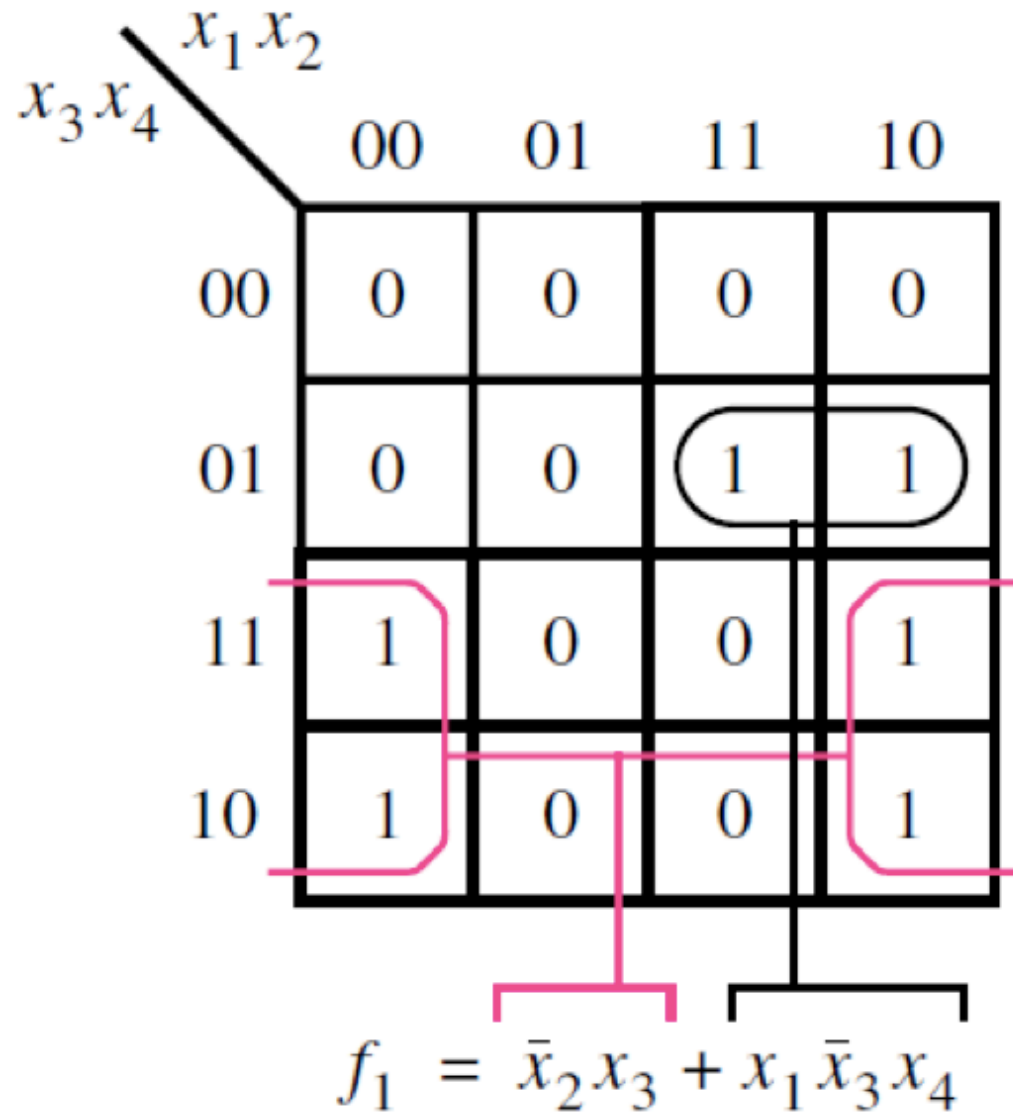
Some **valid** Groupings



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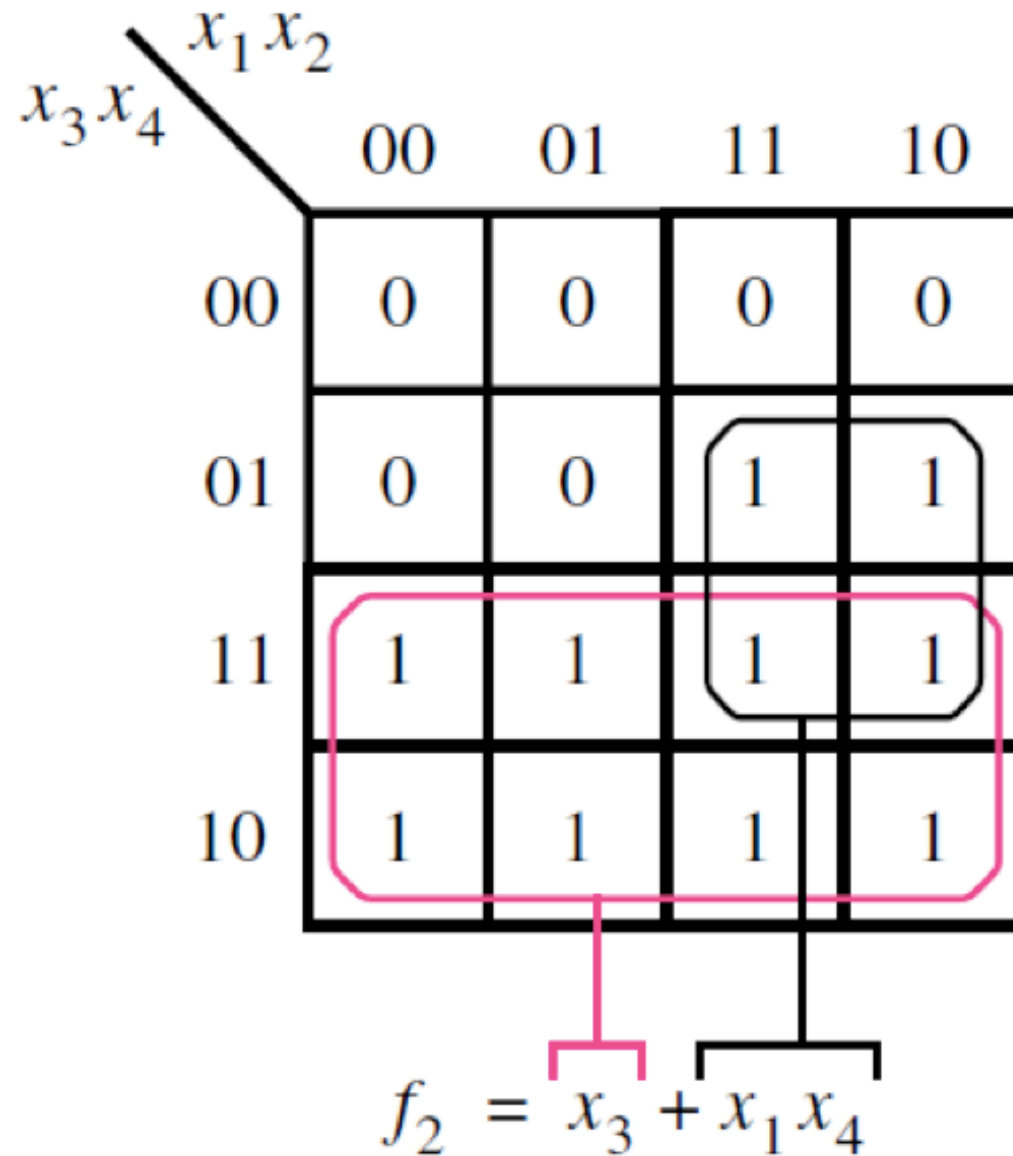


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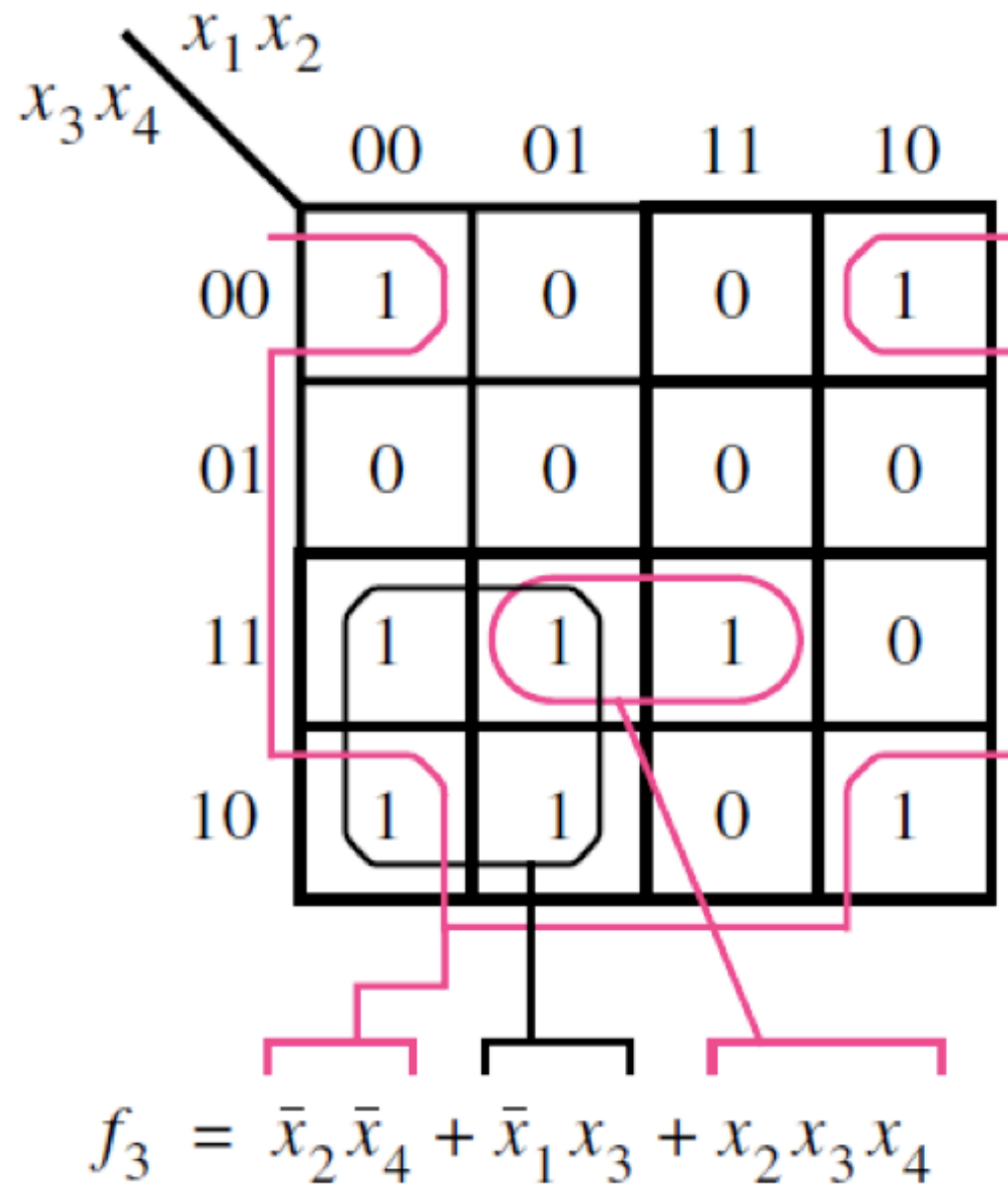
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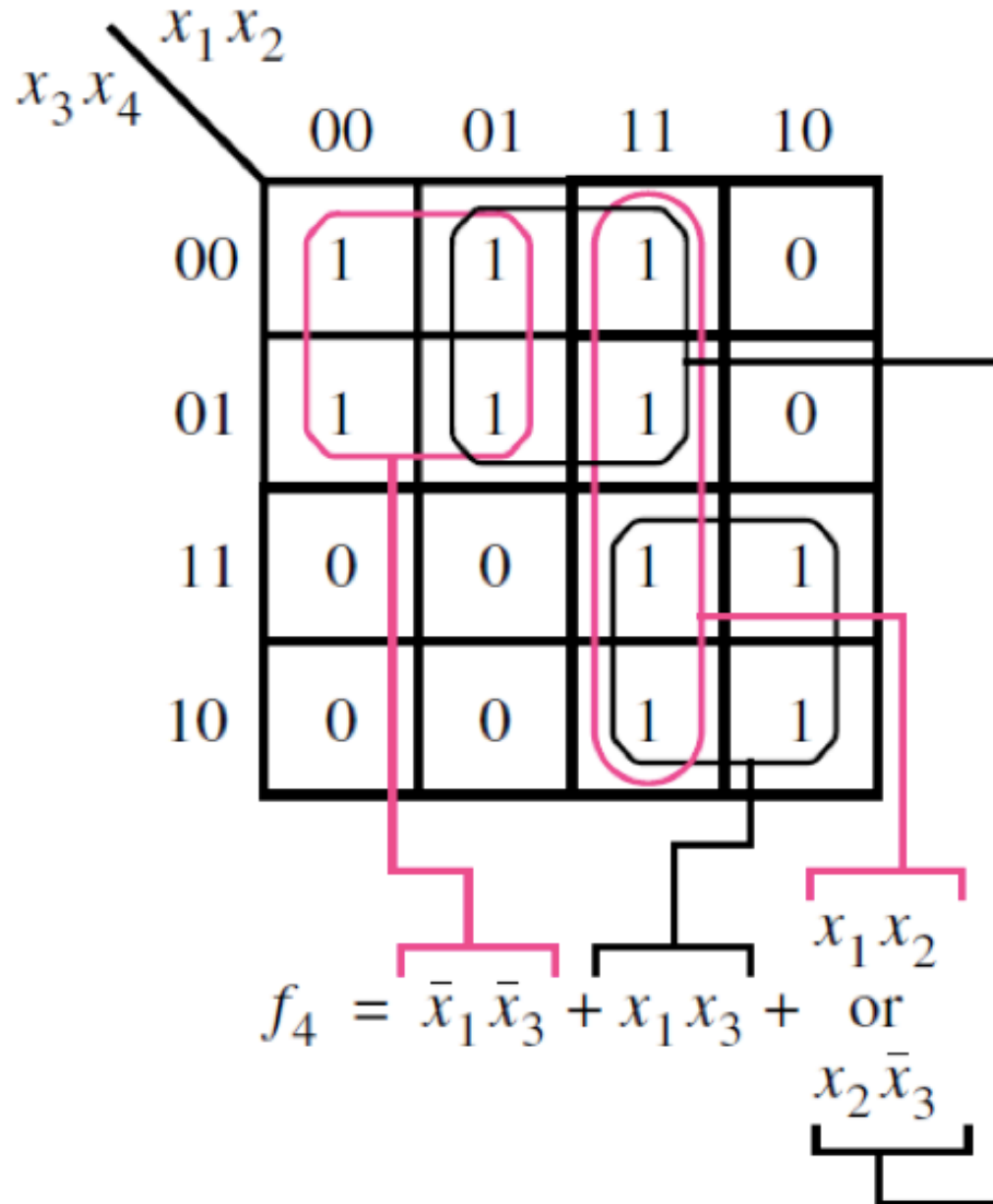
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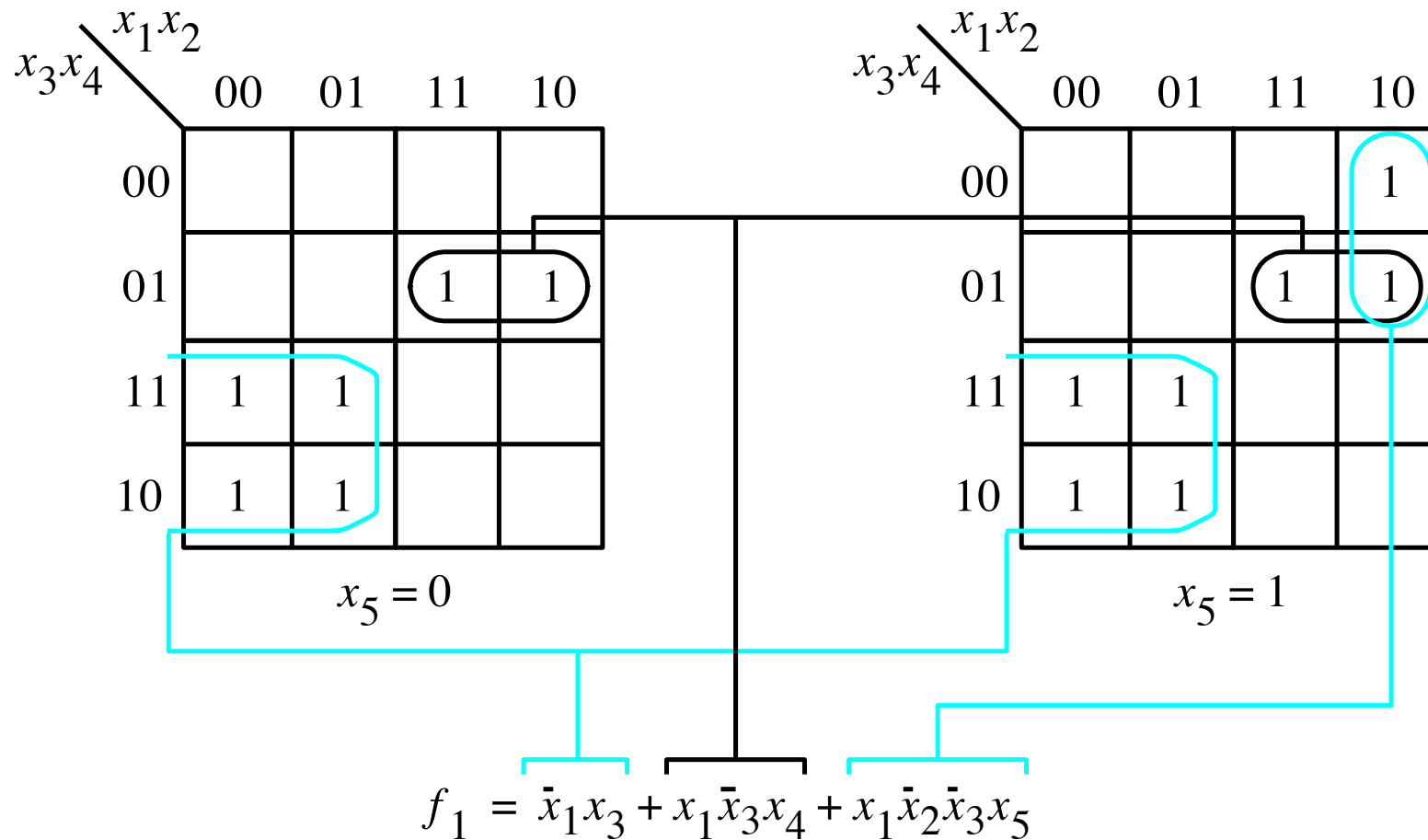
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Five-Variable K-Map

A five-variable Karnaugh map



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Questions?

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