



CSC 220: Computer Organization

Unit 3

Simplification of Logic Function

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Overview

- Minimal Sum of Product (MSP)
- K-Map Simplification Procedure
 - Two Variable K-Map
 - Three Variable K-Map
 - Four Variable K-Map
- Don't Care Condition
- Examples

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Overview

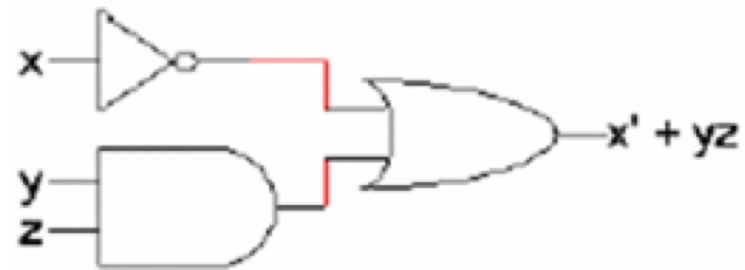
- **Complexity** of a logic circuit is directly related to the algebraic expression.
- To obtain the simplest implementation for a given function, use: **Karnaugh map**, or **K-map**.
- **What is a K-map?**
 - a graphical representation of a Boolean function
 - a reorganized version of the truth table
 - lead directly to minimum cost two-level circuits composed of AND and OR gates.

Minimum Sum-of-Products

Minimum sum-of-products is a sum of product terms which has:

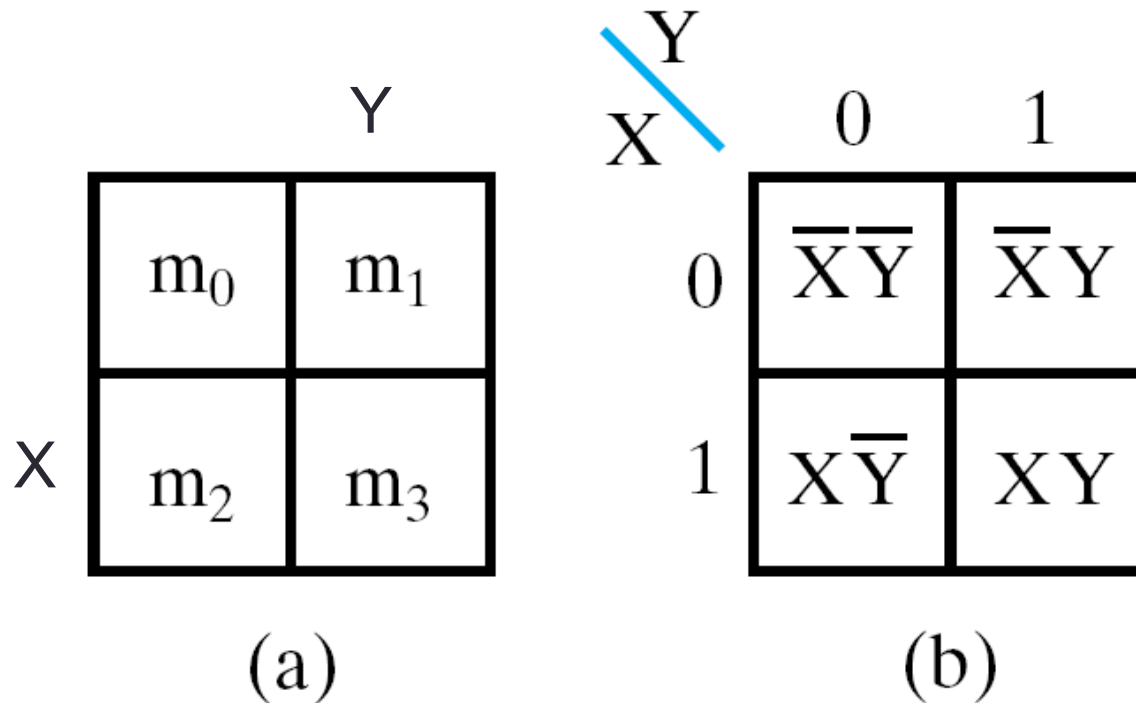
- a minimum number of **terms**
- a minimum number of **literals**
- **Why do we care?**
 - corresponds to a minimum two-level gate circuit which has (a) a minimum number of **gates** and (b) a minimum number of **gate inputs**

$$x'y' + yz + x'y = x' + yz$$



Two-Variable Maps

- The map is a diagram made up of squares, each **square** representing one **row** of a truth table, or correspondingly, one minterm of a single output function.



Every 2 *adjacent* cells differ in the value of 1 variable only.

Two-Variable Maps

- Example:

TABLE 2-12

Two-Variable Function $F(A, B)$

A	B	F
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1



Algebraically:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= A'B' + A'B + AB \\ &= A'(B' + B) + AB \\ &= A' + AB \\ &= (A' + A)(A' + B) \\ &= 1 \cdot (A' + B) \\ &= A' + B \end{aligned}$$



K-Map

	B	
A	m_0	m_1
	m_2	m_3



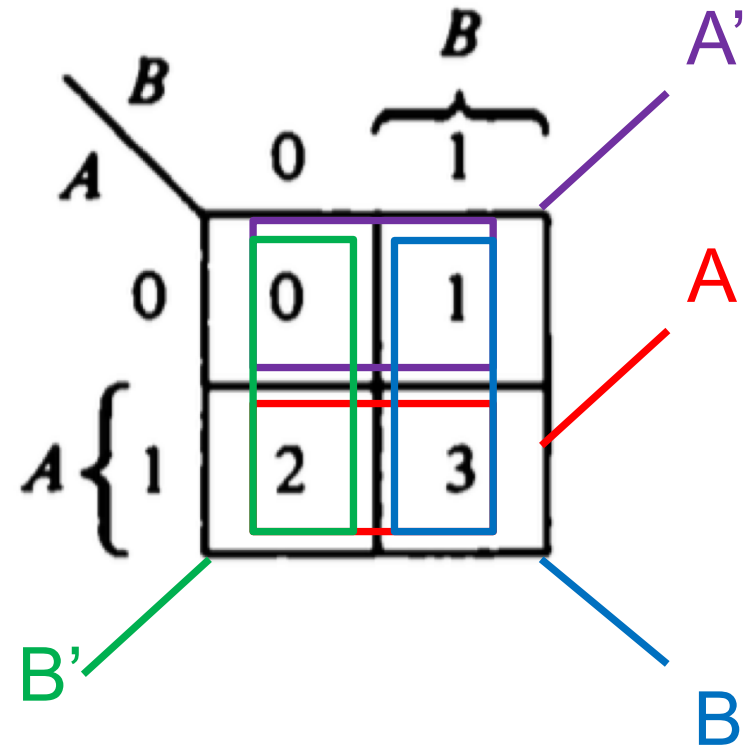
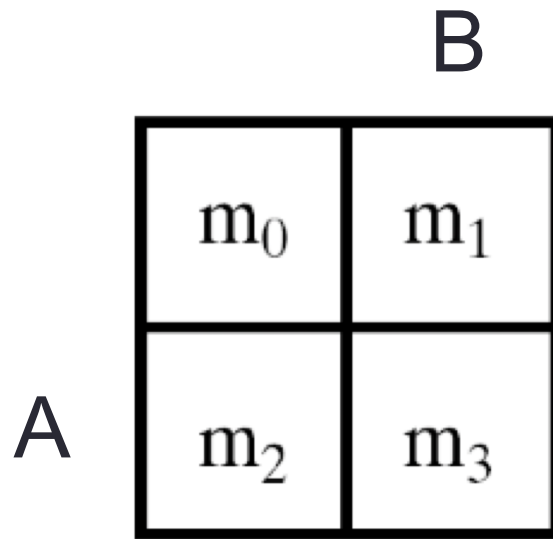
	B	
A	1	1
		1



$$F = \overline{A} + B$$

Two-Variable Maps

- whenever we have **two squares** sharing edges that are minterms of a function, these squares can be combined to form a product term with **one less variable**.



Three-Variable Maps

X \ YZ				
	00	01	11	10
0	m_0	m_1	m_3	m_2
1	m_4	m_5	m_7	m_6

X \ YZ				
	00	01	Y	
X	0	1	11	10
	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}Z$	$\bar{X}YZ$	$\bar{X}Y\bar{Z}$
1	$X\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$	$X\bar{Y}Z$	XYZ	$XY\bar{Z}$
Z				

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Three-Variable Maps

- Example:**

Simplify the Boolean function $F(A, B, C) = \sum m(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$

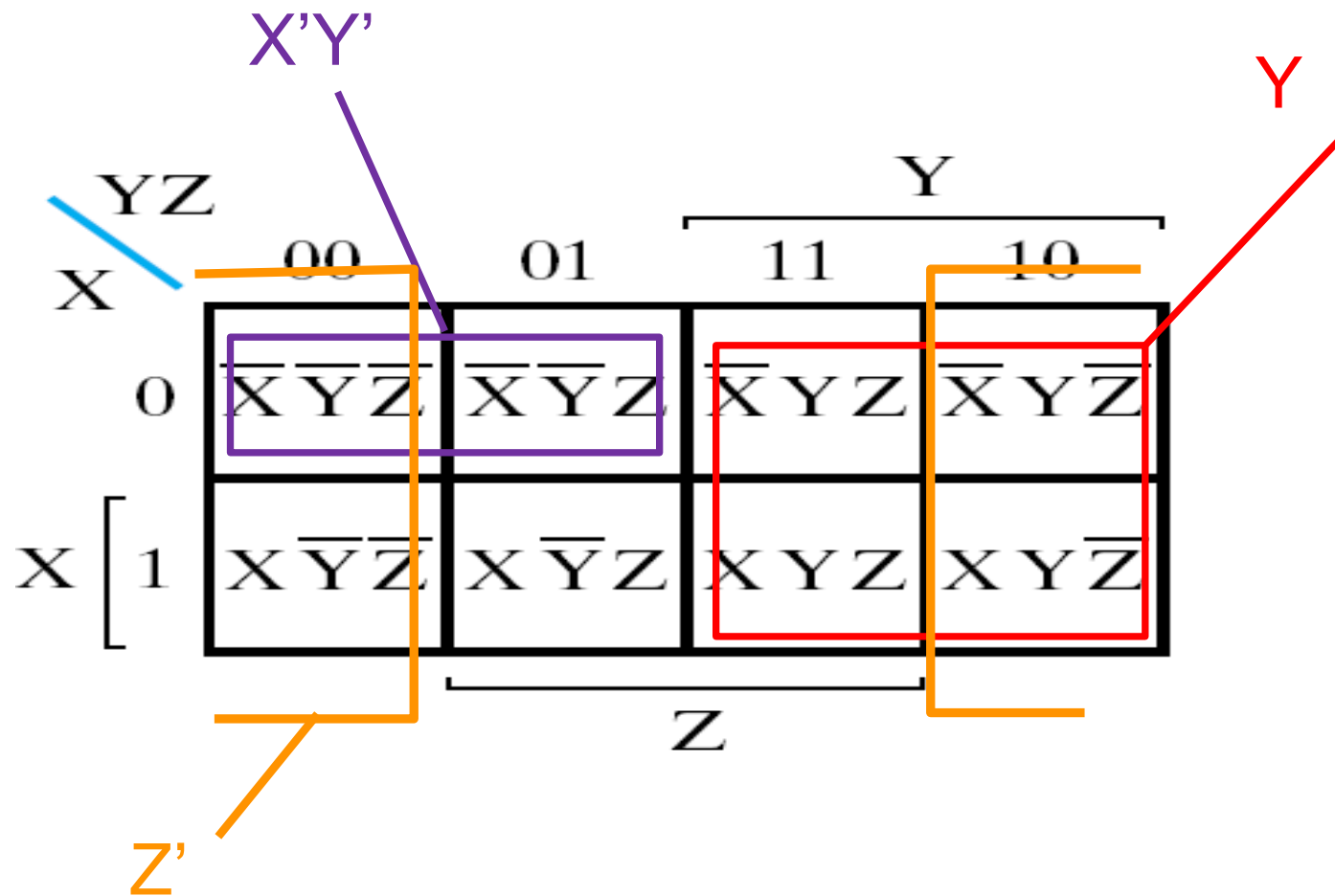
K-Map

		B	
A	m_0	m_1	m_3
	m_4	m_5	m_7
		C	

		B	
A	1	1	1
	1	1	
		C	

$$F = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$$

Three-Variable Maps



Combining Squares

Groupings to select product-terms must be:

- Rectangular in shape
- In powers of twos (1, 2, 4, 8, etc.)
- Always select largest possible groupings of minterms (i.e. prime implicants)
- Eliminate redundant groupings

Combining Squares

- Groups may not include any cell containing a **zero**

A \ B	0	1
0	0	
1	1	

WRONG X

A \ B	0	1
0	0	
1	1	1

RIGHT ✓

- Groups may be horizontal or vertical, but not diagonal.

A \ B	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

WRONG X

A \ B	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

RIGHT ✓

Combining Squares

- Groups must contain 1, 2, 4, 8, or in general 2^n cells.
That is if $n = 1$, a group will contain two 1's since $2^1 = 2$.
If $n = 2$, a group will contain four 1's since $2^2 = 4$.

A \ B	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0

Group of 2

RIGHT ✓

AB \ C	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0

Group of 3

WRONG ✗

A \ B	0	1
0	1	1
1	1	1

Group of 4

RIGHT ✓

AB \ C	00	01	11	10
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1

Group of 5

WRONG ✗

Combining Squares

- Each group should be as large as possible.

AB \ C	00	01	11	10
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1

RIGHT ✓

AB \ C	00	01	11	10
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1

WRONG ✗

(Note that no Boolean laws broken, but not sufficiently minimal)

- Each cell containing a **one** must be in at least one group.

AB \ C	00	01	11	10
0	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	1

Group I

Group II

1 present in at least one group.

Combining Squares

- Groups may overlap.

AB					
C		00	01	11	10
	0	1	1	1	1
	1	0	0	1	1

Groups overlapping. ✓

RIGHT ✓

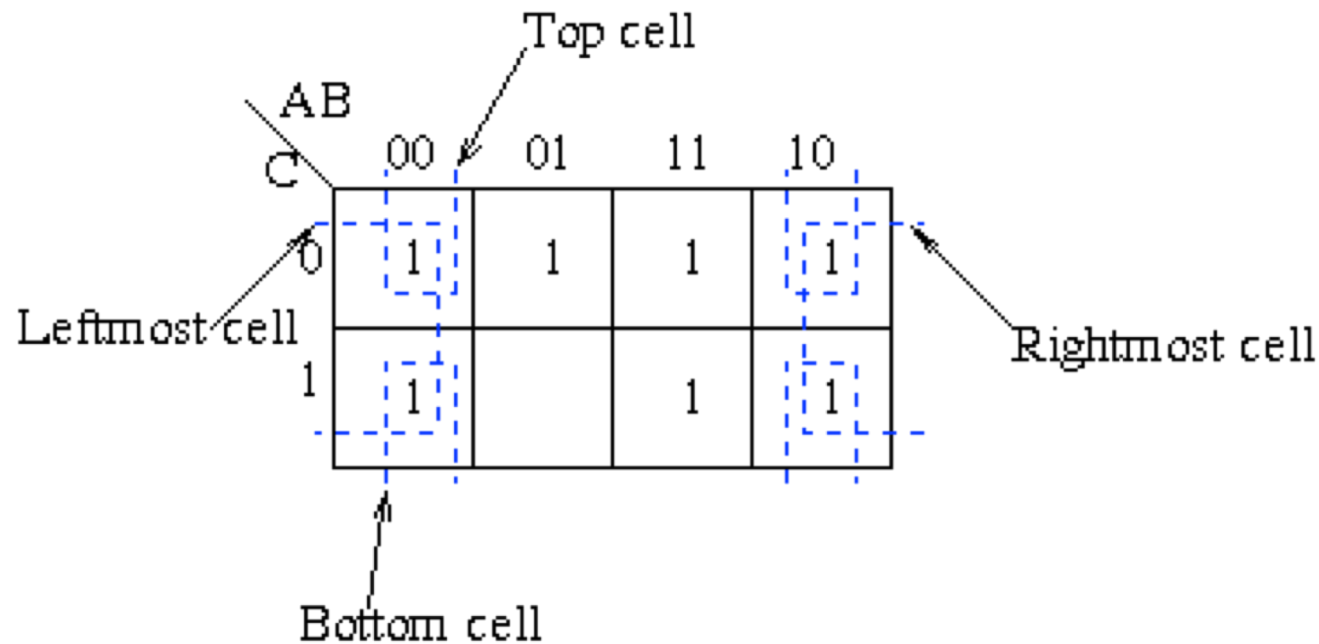
AB					
C		00	01	11	10
	0	1	1	1	1
	1	0	0	1	1

Groups not overlapping. ✗

WRONG ✗

Combining Squares

- Groups may wrap around the table. The leftmost cell in a row may be grouped with the rightmost cell and the top cell in a column may be grouped with the bottom cell.



Combining Squares

- There should be as few groups as possible, as long as this does not contradict any of the previous rules.

AB C		00	01	11	10
		0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	
1	0	0	1	1	

RIGHT ✓

AB C		00	01	11	10
		0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1

WRONG ✗

Simplification

Four steps in K-map simplifications

1. Start with a sum of minterms or truth table.

$$x'y'z' + x'y'z + xyz + xyz'$$

2. Plot the minterms on a Karnaugh map.

			y	
	1	1	0	0
x	0	0	1	1
	z			

3. Find rectangular groups of minterms whose sizes are powers of two. Be sure to include all the minterms in at least one group!

			y	
	1	1	0	0
x	0	0	1	1
	z			

4. Reduce each group to one product term.

$$x'y' + xy$$

Example

- Here is the K-map for $f(x,y,z) = m_1 + m_3 + m_5 + m_6$, with all groups shown.
 - The magenta and green groups overlap, which makes each of them as large as possible.
 - Minterm m_6 is in a group all by its lonesome.

		Y	
X			
		Z	

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x	0	1	0	1
		z		

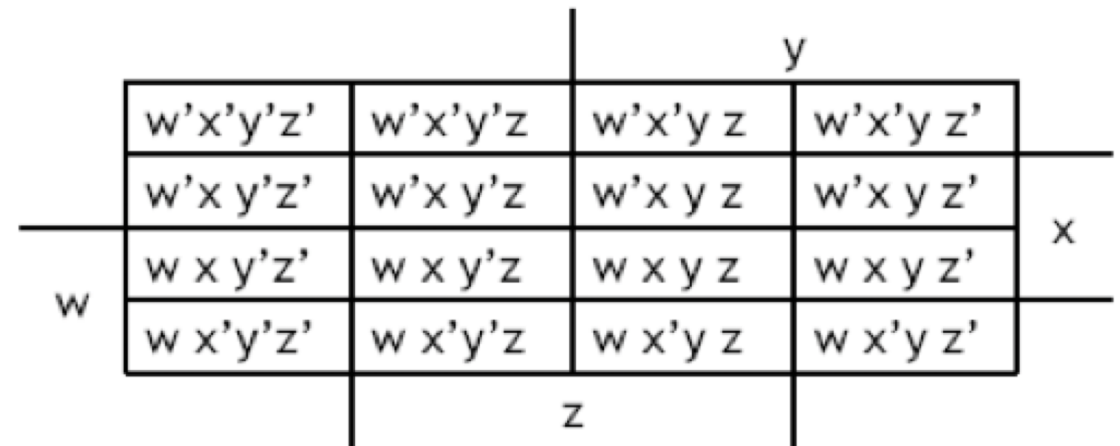
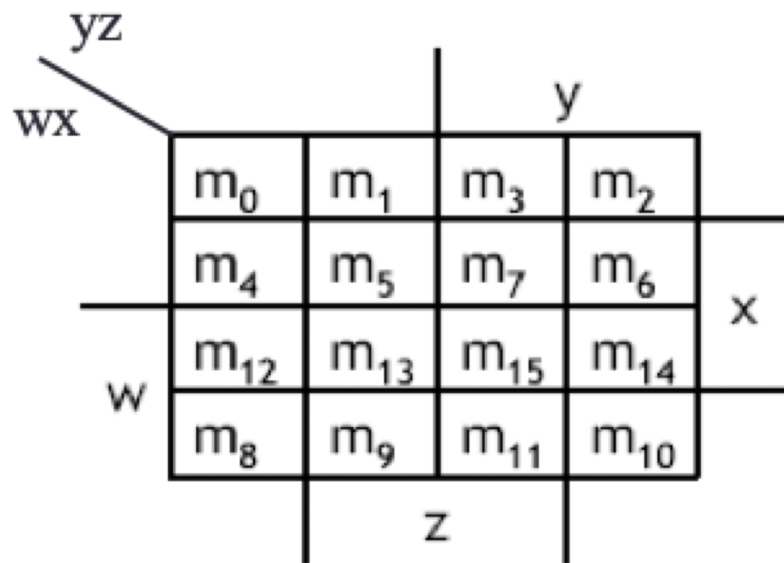
MSP

Minimal Sum of Product

- The final MSP here is $x'z + y'z + xyz'$.

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Four-Variable Maps



Four-Variable Maps

- Let's say we want to simplify $m_0 + m_2 + m_5 + m_8 + m_{10} + m_{13}$

		y		
	m_0	m_1	m_3	m_2
	m_4	m_5	m_7	m_6
	m_{12}	m_{13}	m_{15}	m_{14}
w	m_8	m_9	m_{11}	m_{10}
	z			
			x	

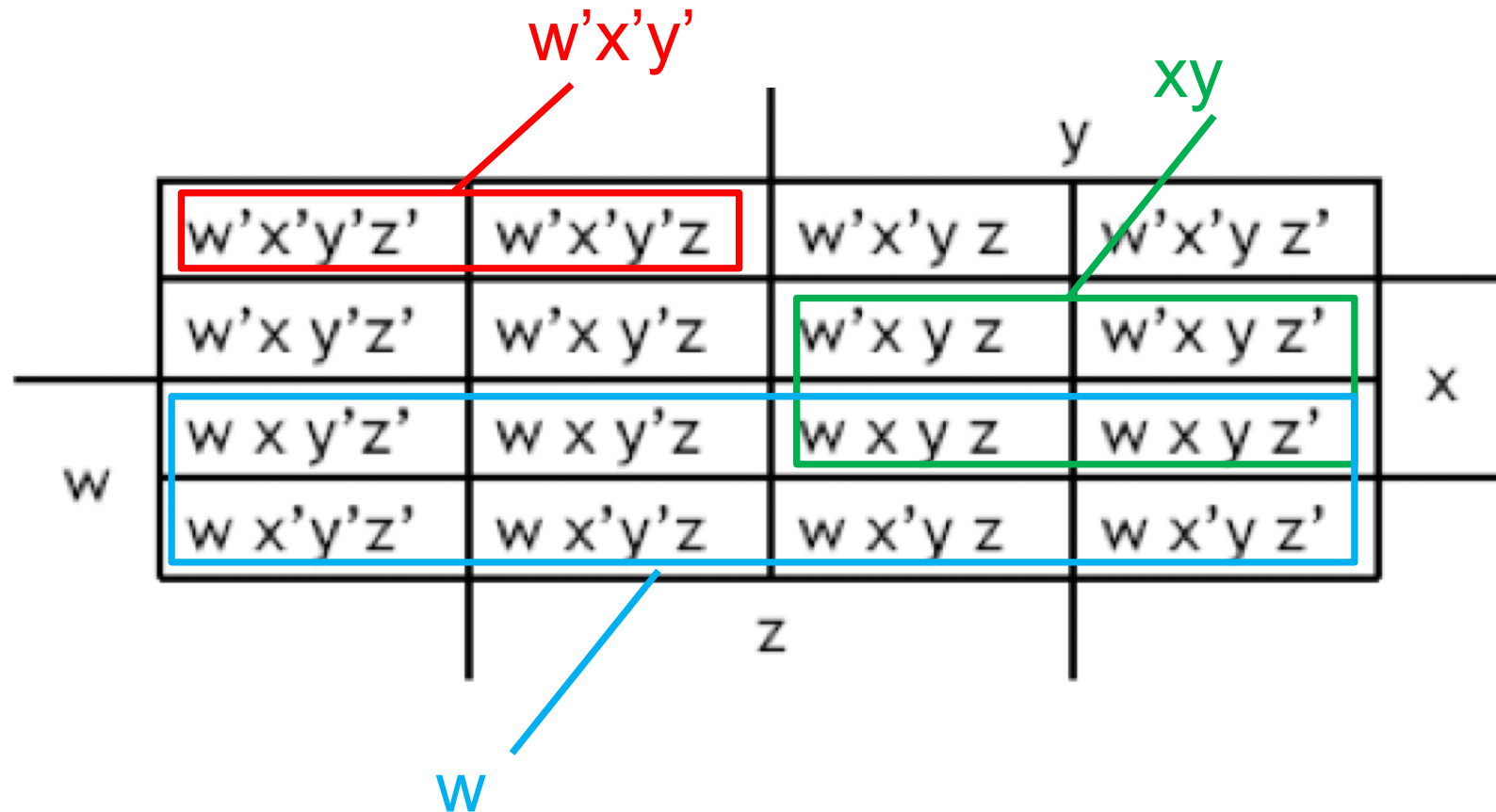
		y		
	1	0	0	1
	0	1	0	0
	0	1	0	0
w	1	0	0	1
	z			
			x	

Example 6

- The following groups result in the minimal sum of products $x'z' + xy'z$.

		y		
	1	0	0	1
	0	1	0	0
	0	1	0	0
w	1	0	0	1
	z			
			x	

Four-Variable Maps



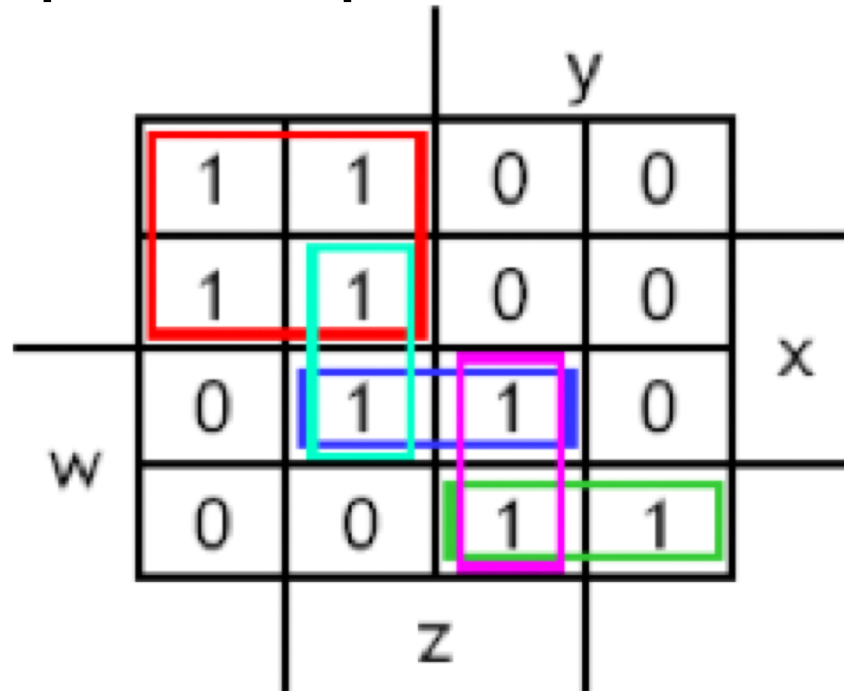
Map Manipulation

- *Implicant*: A product term that has the value 1 for all minterms of the product term.
 - all rectangles on a map made up of squares containing 1s correspond to implicants.

Map Manipulation

Prime Implicant: is a product term obtained by combining the *maximum* possible number of adjacent squares in the map into a rectangle with the number of squares a power of 2.

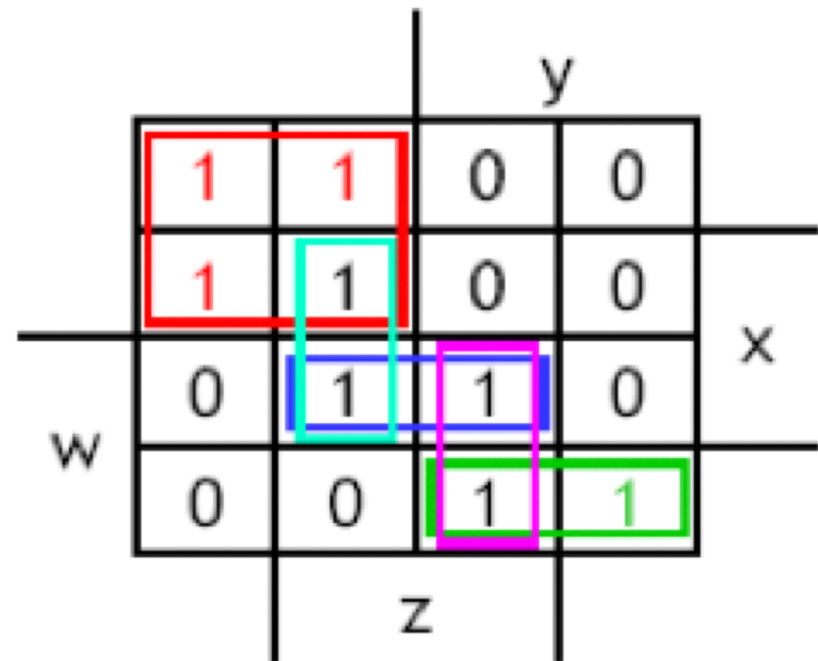
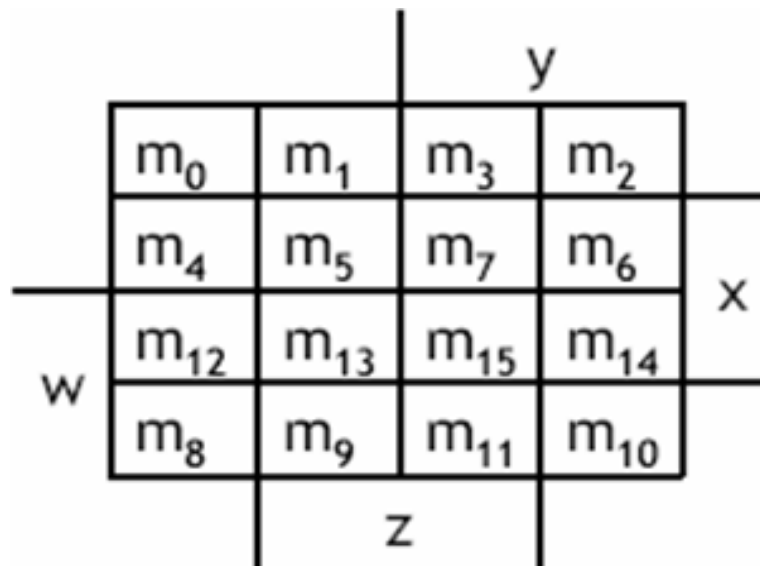
- Example: All prime implicants are marked



Map Manipulation

Essential Prime Implicant: *If a minterm of a function is included in only one prime implicant.*

- **Example:** red and green groups are essential



Don't Cares in K-Maps

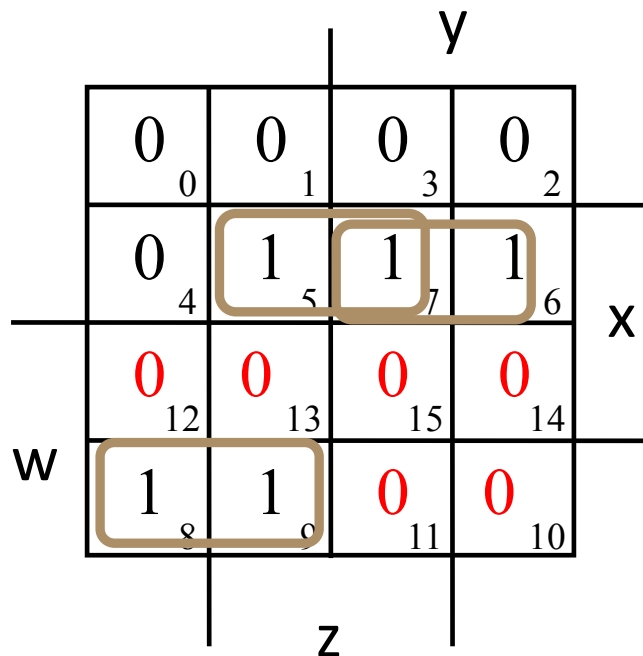
- There are times when we don't care what a function outputs—some input combinations might never occur, or some outputs may have no effect.
- We can express these situations with **don't care conditions**, denoted with **X** in truth table rows.
- An expression for this function has two parts.
 - One part includes the function's minterms.
 - Another describes the don't care conditions.

$$f(x,y,z) = m_3, \quad d(x,y,z) = m_2 + m_4 + m_5$$

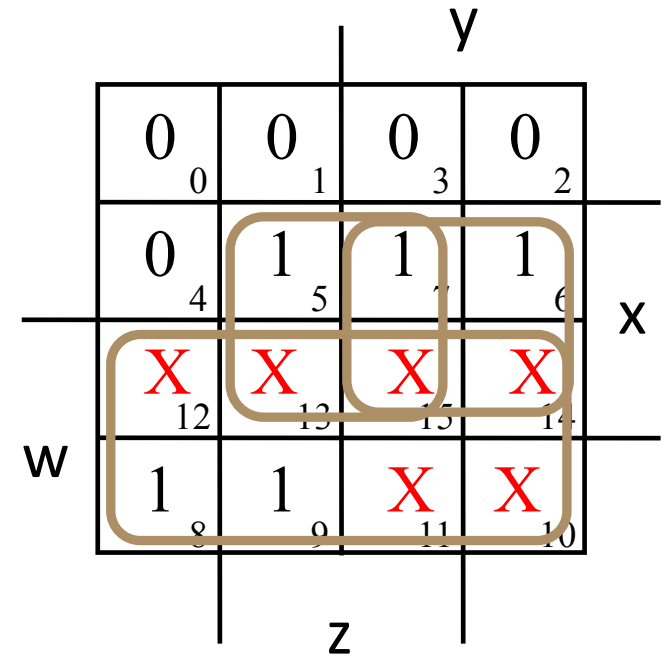
- Circuits *always* output 0 or 1; there is no value called "X". Instead, the Xs just indicate cases where both 0 or 1 would be acceptable outputs.

x	y	z	f(x,y,z)
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	X
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	X
1	0	1	X
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

Don't Cares in K-Maps



$$F = wx'y' + w'xz + w'xy$$

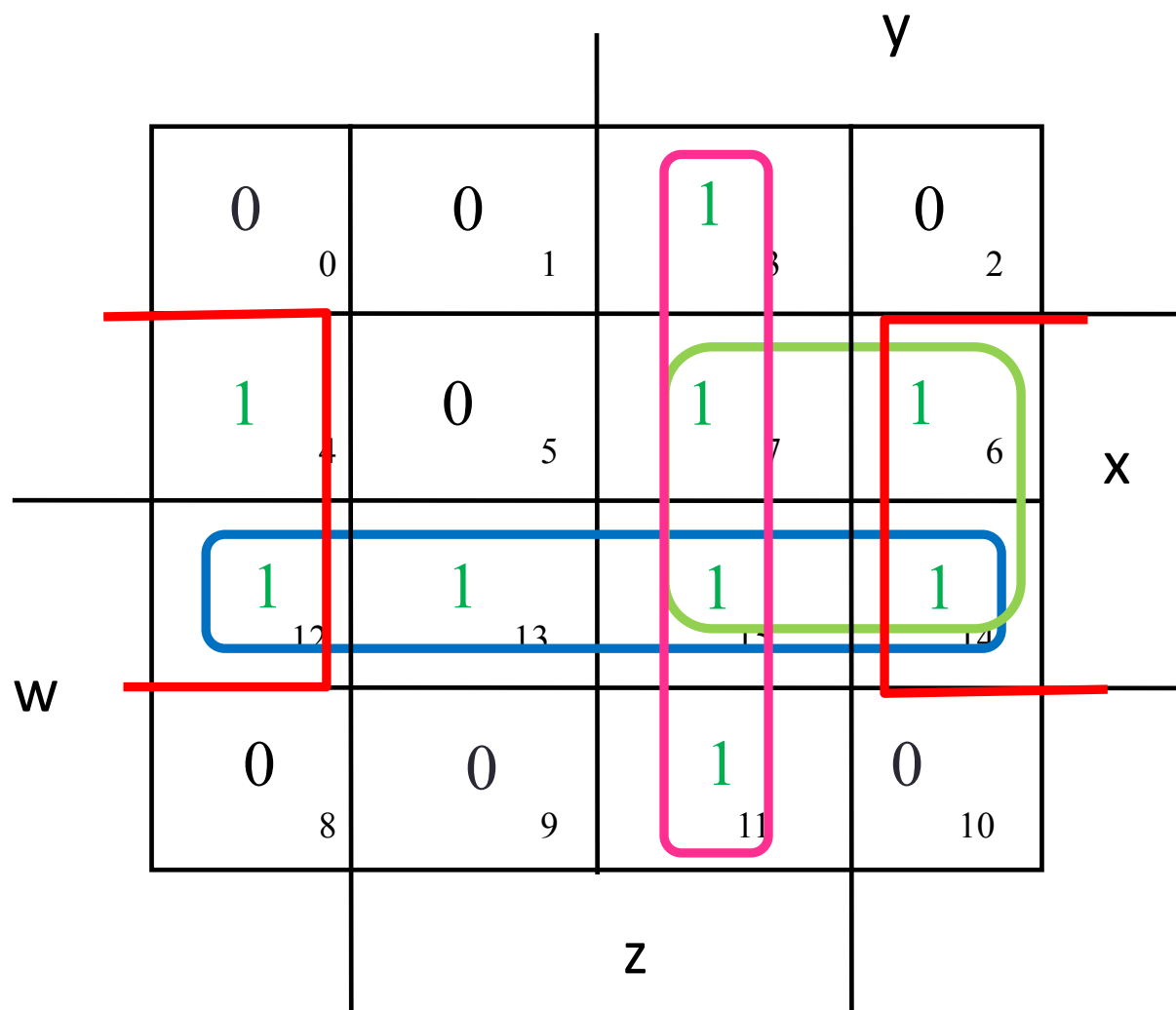


$$F = w + xz + xy$$

Practice K-map 2

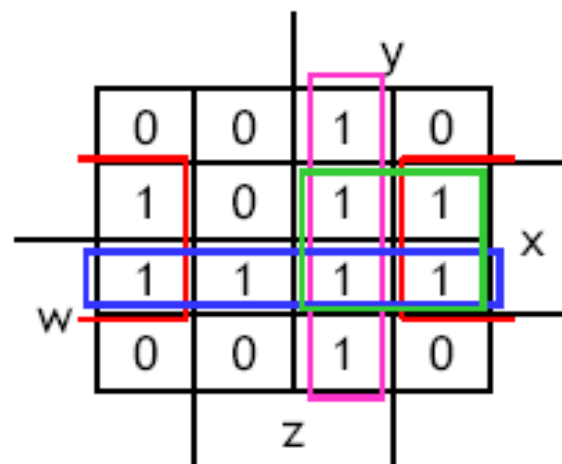
- Simplify the following K-map.

			y	
	0	0	1	0
	1	0	1	1
	1	1	1	1
w	0	0	1	0
		z		



Solutions for practice K-map 2

- Simplify the following K-map.

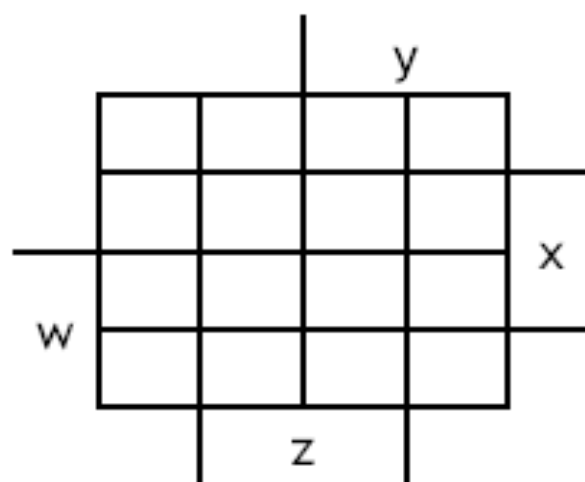


- All prime implicants are circled.
- The essential prime implicants are xz' , wx and yz .
- The MSP is $xz' + wx + yz$. (Including the group xy would be redundant.)

Practice K-map 3

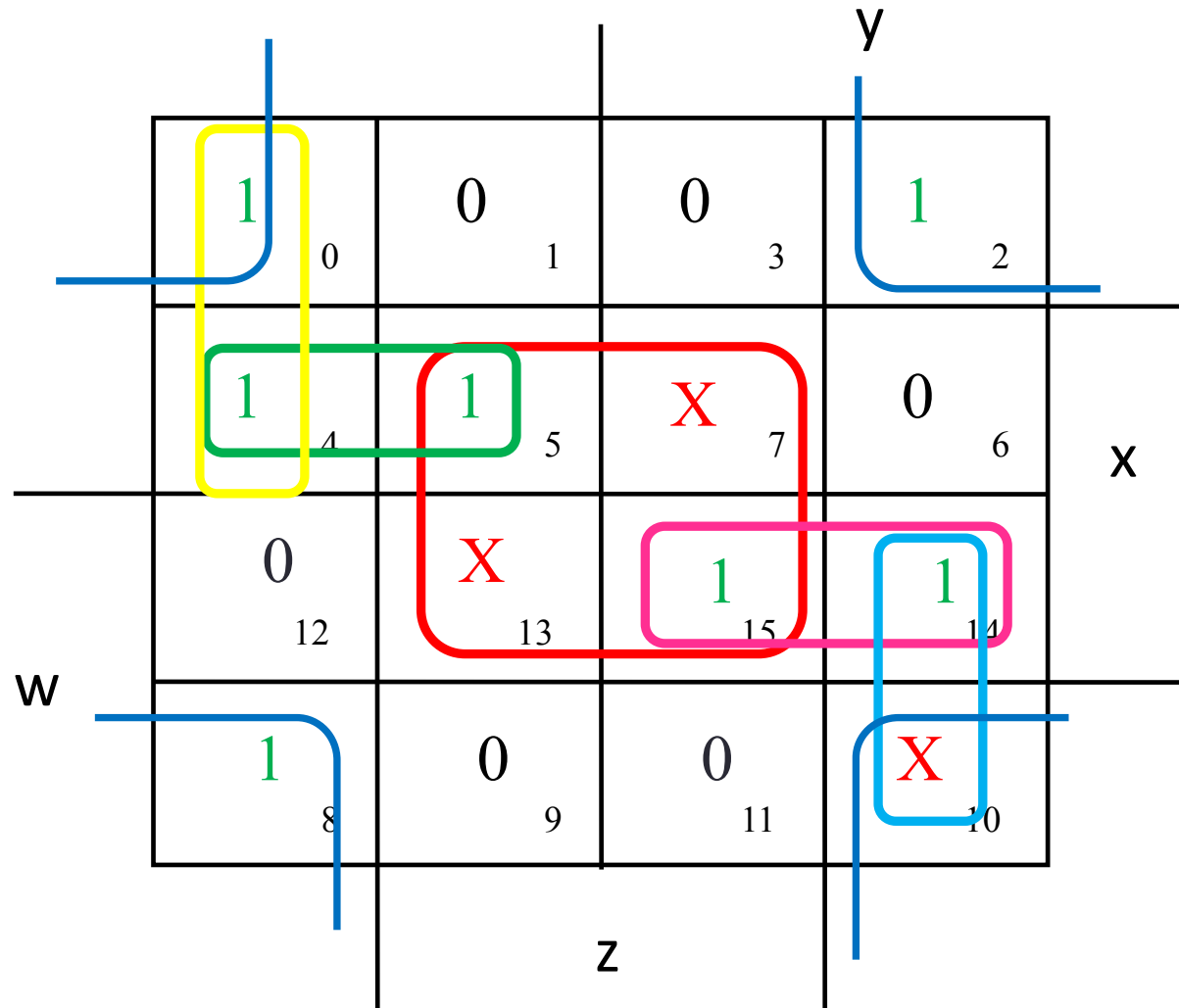
- Find a minimal sum of products for the following.

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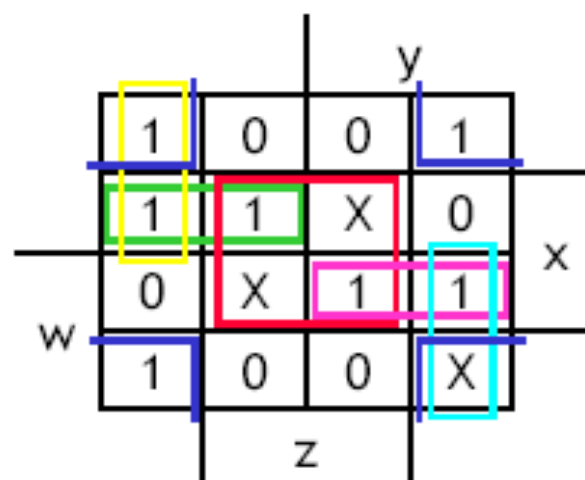
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- All prime implicants are circled. We can treat Xs as 1s if we want, so the red group includes two Xs, and the light blue group includes one X.
- The *only* essential prime implicant is $x'z'$. The red group is not essential because the two minterms in it also appear in other groups.
- The MSP is $x'z' + wxy + w'xy'$. It turns out the red group is redundant; we can cover all of the minterms in the map without it.