

**COE 561, Term 111**  
**Digital System Design and Synthesis**

**HW# 2 Solution**

**Q.1.** Consider the function  $F(A,B,C,D)$  with the following ON-set and DC-set:

$$F^{ON} = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15)$$

$$F^{DC} = \sum m(1, 11)$$

Apply the EXPAND procedure on the given cover using Espresso heuristics and show the obtained expanded cover. Compare your solution with the result obtained by ESPRESSO tool.

**Q.2.** Consider the function  $F(A, B, C, D)$  with **ON-SET**= $\sum m(0, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15)$  and **DC-SET**= $\sum m(1, 3, 9, 14)$ .

(i) A cover of the function is given by  $F = C' + BD$ . **Reduce** the cube  $C'$  using Theorem 7.4.1.

(ii) Use Corollary 7.4.1 to check if the implicant **BD** is an **essential** prime implicant.

**Q.3.** Consider the following cover of a function  $F(A,B,C,D)$

$$F = \overline{A}\overline{B} + \overline{A}D + \overline{B}\overline{D} + BCD + ABC + ACD\overline{D}$$

(i) Determine the relatively essential set of cubes,  $E^f$ .

(ii) Determine the totally redundant,  $R^t$ , and partially redundant,  $R^p$ , sets of cubes.

(iii) Find a subset of  $R^p$  that, together with  $E^f$ , covers the function by solving a covering problem.

(iv) Compare your solution with the result obtained by ESPRESSO tool.

HW#2 Solution

$$Q1. F^{ON} = \sum m(0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15)$$

$$F^{DC} = \sum m(1, 11)$$

$$F^{off} = \bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}d + ab\bar{c}\bar{d} + \bar{a}bc\bar{d}$$

We first compute the weights of the ON-set:

$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	a	b	c	d	weight
$\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	10	10	10	10	23
$\bar{a}\bar{b}cd$	10	10	01	01	21
$\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}$	10	10	01	10	22
$\bar{a}b\bar{c}\bar{d}$	10	01	10	10	24
$\bar{a}b\bar{c}d$	10	01	10	01	23
$\bar{a}bcd$	10	01	01	01	22
$ab\bar{c}\bar{d}$	01	01	10	10	23
$ab\bar{c}d$	01	01	10	01	22
$abcd$	01	01	01	01	21
$a\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}$	01	10	10	10	22
$a\bar{b}c\bar{d}$	01	10	01	10	21
	65	56	65	65	

We have 3 cubes with the same low weight (21), so we can select any one of them. Let us select the minterm  $\bar{a}\bar{b}cd$  similar to what is selected by Espresso.

- Expand  $a\bar{b}c\bar{d}$ :

$$\text{Free} = \{1, 4, 5, 8\}$$

Since there is no column with all 0's in  $F^{\text{off}}$ , no column can always be raised.

Intersection with the off-set implies that column 4 can't be raised  $\Rightarrow$  Free =  $\{1, 5, 8\}$  and over expanded cube =  $\bar{b}$ .

We only need to check  $\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}$ ,  $\bar{a}\bar{b}cd$ ,  $\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}$  and  $\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}$  for being feasibly covered.

$$\text{Supercube}(\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}, \bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}) = \bar{b}\bar{d} \text{ (feasible)}$$

$$\text{Supercube}(\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}, \bar{a}\bar{b}cd) = \bar{b}c \text{ (feasible)}$$

$$\text{Supercube}(\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}, \bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}) = \bar{b}c\bar{d} \text{ (feasible)}$$

$$\text{Supercube}(\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}, \bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}) = \bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{d} \text{ (feasible)}$$

We select  $\bar{b}\bar{d}$  as it covers more cubes

Free =  $\{8\}$  which can't be raised.

Thus, we get the expanded cube  $\bar{b}\bar{d}$  and the cubes  $\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}$ ,  $\bar{a}\bar{b}cd$  and  $\bar{a}\bar{b}c\bar{d}$  are removed from the cover.

- Expand  $\bar{a}\bar{b}cd$ :

$$\text{Free} = \{2, 4, 5, 7\}$$

Intersection with the off-set implies that none of the columns can't be raised.

Thus, overexpanded cube = 1 and we need to check all remaining cubes for being feasibly covered.

Supercube  $(\bar{a}\bar{b}cd, \bar{a}b\bar{c}\bar{d}) = \bar{a}$  (not feasible)  
 Supercube  $(\bar{a}\bar{b}cd, \bar{a}b\bar{c}d) = \bar{a}d$  (feasible)  
 Supercube  $(\bar{a}\bar{b}cd, \bar{a}b\bar{c}d) = \bar{a}cd$  (feasible)  
 Supercube  $(\bar{a}\bar{b}cd, ab\bar{c}\bar{d}) = 1$  (not feasible)  
 Supercube  $(\bar{a}\bar{b}cd, ab\bar{c}d) = d$  (not feasible)  
 Supercube  $(\bar{a}\bar{b}cd, abcd) = cd$  (feasible)

Either  $\bar{a}d$  or  $cd$  can be selected as they cover the same cubes. Let us select  $cd$ .

Free =  $\{5, 7\}$  which both can't be raised.

Thus, the expanded cube is  $cd$ , and the cubes  $\bar{a}\bar{b}cd$  and  $abcd$  are removed.

The next cube selected with lowest weight is  $ab\bar{c}\bar{d}$ .

- Expand  $ab\bar{c}\bar{d}$ :

Free =  $\{1, 3, 6, 7\}$

Intersection with the off-set implies that column 3 can't be raised  $\Rightarrow$  Free =  $\{1, 6, 7\}$  and the overexpanded cube =  $b$ .

We consider the cubes  $\bar{a}b\bar{c}\bar{d}$ ,  $\bar{a}b\bar{c}d$  and  $ab\bar{c}\bar{d}$  for being feasibly covered.

Supercube  $(ab\bar{c}\bar{d}, \bar{a}b\bar{c}\bar{d}) = b\bar{c}$  (feasible)  
 Supercube  $(ab\bar{c}\bar{d}, \bar{a}b\bar{c}d) = b\bar{c}d$  (feasible)  
 Supercube  $(ab\bar{c}\bar{d}, ab\bar{c}\bar{d}) = ab\bar{c}$  (feasible)

$b\bar{c}$  is selected as it covers more cubes.

Free =  $\{6\}$  which can't be raised.

Thus, the cube is expanded to  $b\bar{c}$ .

The expanded cover =  $\bar{b}\bar{d} + cd + b\bar{c}$  which is the same cover obtained by Espresso.

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# espresso -d -t -Dexpand hw2q1.pla
# UC Berkeley, Espresso Version #2.3, Release date 01/31/88
.olb y
# READ      Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=11(11) in=44 out=11 tot=55
# COMPL     Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=2(2) in=7 out=2 tot=9
# PLA is hw2q1.pla with 4 inputs and 1 outputs
# ON-set cost is c=11(11) in=44 out=11 tot=55
# OFF-set cost is c=2(2) in=7 out=2 tot=9
# DC-set cost is c=2(2) in=8 out=2 tot=10
EXPAND: 1010 1 (covered 3)
EXPAND: 0011 1 (covered 2)
EXPAND: 1101 1 (covered 3)
# EXPAND    Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=3(0) in=6 out=3 tot=9
# READ      1 call(s) for 0.00 sec ( 0.0%)
# COMPL     1 call(s) for 0.00 sec ( 0.0%)
# EXPAND    1 call(s) for 0.00 sec ( 0.0%)
# expand     Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=3(0) in=6 out=3 tot=9
.i 4
.o 1
.ilb a b c d
.p 3
-0-0 1
--11 1
-10- 1
.e
# WRITE     Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=3(0) in=6 out=3 tot=9
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$$Q2. \quad F^{ON} = \sum m(0, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15)$$

$$F^{DC} = \sum m(1, 3, 9, 14)$$

$$(i) \quad F = \bar{C} + BD$$

Reduce the cube  $\bar{C}$ :

$$Q = BD + \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D + \bar{A}\bar{B}CD + AB\bar{C}\bar{D} + A\bar{B}\bar{C}$$

$$Q_{\bar{C}} = BD + \bar{A}\bar{B}D + A\bar{B}D$$

$$= \bar{B}\bar{D} [0] + \bar{B}D [1] + B\bar{D} [0] + BD [1]$$

$$\bar{Q}_{\bar{C}} = \bar{B}\bar{D} + B\bar{D}$$

$$SC(\bar{Q}_{\bar{C}}) = \bar{D}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{C} \wedge SC(\bar{Q}_{\bar{C}}) = \bar{C}\bar{D}$$

Thus, the cube  $\bar{C}$  is reduced to  $\bar{C}\bar{D}$ .

(ii) BD check for Essential Prime Implicant:

$$\alpha = BD$$

$$G = \{\bar{C}, \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D, \bar{A}\bar{B}CD, AB\bar{C}\bar{D}, A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}\}$$

$$G \# \alpha = \{\bar{B}\bar{C}, \bar{C}\bar{D}, \bar{A}\bar{B}\bar{C}D, \bar{A}\bar{B}CD, AB\bar{C}\bar{D}, A\bar{B}\bar{C}\bar{D}\}$$

$$H = \text{Consensus}(G \# \alpha, \alpha) = \{\bar{C}\bar{D}, B\bar{C}, \bar{A}\bar{C}\bar{D}, \bar{A}CD, ABC, A\bar{C}\bar{D}\}$$

$$H \cup DC = \{\bar{C}D, B\bar{C}, \bar{A}C\bar{D}, \bar{A}C\bar{D}, ABC, A\bar{C}D\}$$

$$\{H \cup DC\}_x = \{\bar{C}, \bar{C}, \bar{A}\bar{C}, \bar{A}C, AC, A\bar{C}\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Tautology

Thus, the prime implicant  $BD$  is not an essential prime implicant.

Q3.  $F = \bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{A}D + \bar{B}\bar{D} + BCD + ABC + A\bar{C}D$

(1) Relatively essential set  $E^r$ :

- check  $\bar{A}\bar{B}$ :

$$\{\bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, BCD, ABC, A\bar{C}D\}_{\bar{A}\bar{B}}$$

$$= \{D, \bar{D}, 0, 0, 0\} = \text{Tautology} \Rightarrow \text{Not Rel. Ess.}$$

- check  $\bar{A}D$ :

$$\{\bar{A}\bar{B}, \bar{B}\bar{D}, BCD, ABC, A\bar{C}D\}_{\bar{A}D}$$

$$= \{\bar{B}, 0, BC, 0, 0\} = \text{Not Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Rel. Ess.}$$

- check  $\bar{B}\bar{D}$ :

$$\{\bar{A}\bar{B}, \bar{A}D, BCD, ABC, A\bar{C}D\}_{\bar{B}\bar{D}}$$

$$= \{\bar{A}, 0, 0, 0, AC\} = \text{Not Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Rel. Ess.}$$

- check  $BCD$ :

$$\{\bar{A}\bar{B}, \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, ABC, A\bar{C}D\}_{BCD}$$

$$= \{0, \bar{A}, 0, A, 0\} = \text{Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Not Rel. Ess.}$$

- check ABC:

$$\{\bar{A}\bar{B}, \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, BCD, AC\bar{D}\}_{ABC} \\ = \{0, 0, 0, D, \bar{D}\} = \text{Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Not Rel. Ess.}$$

- check AC\bar{D}:

$$\{\bar{A}\bar{B}, \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, BCD, ABC\}_{AC\bar{D}} \\ = \{0, 0, \bar{B}, 0, B\} = \text{Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Not Rel. Ess.}$$

Thus,  $E^r = \{\bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}\}$ .

(ii) Totally redundant set  $R^t$ :

- check  $\bar{A}\bar{B}$ :

$$\{\bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}\}_{\bar{A}\bar{B}} = \{D, \bar{D}\} = \text{Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Totally Red.}$$

- check BCD:

$$\{\bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}\}_{BCD} = \{\bar{A}, 0\} = \text{Not Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Part. Red.}$$

- check ABC:

$$\{\bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}\}_{ABC} = \{0, 0\} = \text{Not Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Part. Red.}$$

- check AC\bar{D}:

$$\{\bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}\}_{AC\bar{D}} = \{0, \bar{B}\} = \text{Not Taut.} \Rightarrow \text{Part. Red.}$$

Thus,  $R^t = \{\bar{A}\bar{B}\}$ ,  $R^p = \{BCD, ABC, AC\bar{D}\}$ .



(iii) First, we find coverage relations:

- BCD:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, ABC, AC\bar{D} \}_{BCD} \\ & = \{ \bar{A}, 0, A, 0 \} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{added row } (1, 1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

- ABC:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, BCD, AC\bar{D} \}_{ABC} \\ & = \{ 0, 0, D, \bar{D} \} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{added row } (1, 1, 0) \\ & \Rightarrow \text{added row } (0, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

- AC $\bar{D}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, BCD, ABC \}_{AC\bar{D}} \\ & = \{ 0, \bar{B}, 0, B \} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{added row } (0, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Covering Matrix:

	BCD	ABC	AC $\bar{D}$
BCD	1	1	0
ABC	$\begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 1 \\ 1 \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases}$
AC $\bar{D}$	0	1	1

Thus, ABC is selected and the minimal cover is  $\{ \bar{A}D, \bar{B}\bar{D}, ABC \}$ .

This is the same result obtained by Espresso.

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# espresso -Dirred -t -d hw2q3.pla
# UC Berkeley, Espresso Version #2.3, Release date 01/31/88
.olb y
# READ      Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=6(6) in=15 out=6 tot=21
# COMPL     Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=0(0) in=0 out=0 tot=0
# PLA is hw2q3.pla with 4 inputs and 1 outputs
# ON-set cost is c=6(6) in=15 out=6 tot=21
# OFF-set cost is c=0(0) in=0 out=0 tot=0
# DC-set cost is c=0(0) in=0 out=0 tot=0
# IRRED: F=6 E=2 R=4 Rt=1 Rp=3 Rc=1 Final=3 Bound=0
# IRRED     Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=3(3) in=7 out=3 tot=10
# READ      1 call(s) for 0.00 sec ( 0.0%)
# COMPL     1 call(s) for 0.00 sec ( 0.0%)
# IRRED     1 call(s) for 0.00 sec ( 0.0%)
# irred Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=3(3) in=7 out=3 tot=10
.i 4
.o 1
.ilb a b c d
.p 3
0--1 1
-0-0 1
111- 1
.e
# WRITE     Time was 0.00 sec, cost is c=3(3) in=7 out=3 tot=10
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