

Karnaugh maps

Karnaugh maps are used to facilitate the simplification of Boolean algebra functions

Expression $A \vee B$					
		A			
		A	A		
B		0	1		
B	0	0	1		
B	1	1	1		

Simplified: The expression is A is true or B is true, $A = 1$ or $B = 1$

Expression $A \vee \neg B$					
		A			
		A	A		
B		0	1		
B	0	1	1		
B	1	0	1		

Simplified: The expression is B is False or A is true, $B = 0$ or $A = 1$

Here we can only put a rectangle around B 0 row and A 1 column. Expression is therefore $B = 0$ or $A = 1$.

We place a rectangle around any pair with two 1's in it. The rectangle's heading e.g. A 1 will give the statement $A = 1$ and the row, say B 1 will give statement $B = 1$. St combined it would be $A = 1$ AND/OR (depending on original expression) $B = 1$

Expression $A \wedge B \vee A \wedge \neg B$					
		A			
		A	A		
B		0	1		
B	0	0	1		
B	1	0	1		

Simplified: The only place a rectangle can be drawn is when A is true and so, expression = A ($A = 1$)

Here we separate the expression by the OR's. We get left side $A \wedge B$ with right side $A \wedge \neg B$. We put each part into the expression.

Expression $\neg C \wedge B \vee A \wedge B \vee C$					
		AB			
		AB	AB	AB	AB
C		00	01	11	10
C	0	0	1	1	0
C	1	1	1	1	1

Simplified : $A \vee B$