Logic Synthesis and Verification

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Two-Level Logic Minimization (2/2)

Reading:

Logic Synthesis in a Nutshell

Section 3 (§3.1-§3.2)

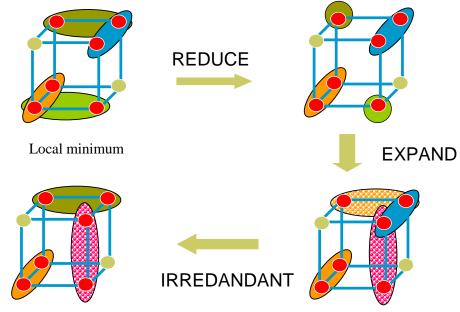
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Heuristic Two-Level Logic Minimization ESPRESSO

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  F \leftarrow EXPAND(F,R)
  F \leftarrow IRREDUNDANT(F,D)
                                                         G \leftarrow EXPAND(G,R)
  E \leftarrow ESSENTIAL\_PRIMES(F,D)
                                                         F \leftarrow IRREDUNDANT(F+G,D)
  F \leftarrow F-E; D \leftarrow D+E
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  do{
                                                       }while fewer terms in F
     do{
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                                                      LOWER_OUTPUT(F,D)
        F \leftarrow EXPAND(F,R)
                                                      RAISE_INPUTS(F,R)
        F \leftarrow IRREDUNDANT(F,D)
                                                      error \leftarrow (F_{old} \not\subset F) or (F \not\subset F_{old} + D)
     }while fewer terms in F
                                                      return (F,error)
                                                   }
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Heuristic Two-Level Logic Minimization ESPRESSO

Illustration



Local minimum

Problem:

Given a cover of cubes C for some incompletely specified function (f,d,r), find a minimum subset of cubes $S \subseteq C$ that is also a cover, i.e.

$$f \subseteq \sum_{c \in S} c \subseteq f + d$$

■ Idea 1:

We are going to create a function g(y) and a new set of variables $y = \{y_i\}$, one for each cube c_i . A minterm in the y-space will indicate a subset of the cubes $\{c_i\}$.

Example

$$y = (0,1,1,0,1,0)$$
, i.e. $y_1'y_2y_3y_4'y_5y_6'$, represents $\{c_2,c_3,c_5\}$

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□ Idea 2:

Create g(y) so that it is the function such that:

$$g(y^*) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{y^*_i=1}^{\infty} C_i$$
 is a cover

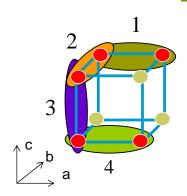
i.e. $g(y^*) = 1$ if and only if $\{c_i \mid y^*_i = 1\}$ is a cover.

□ Note: g(y) can be made positive unate (monotone increasing) in all its variables.

■ Example

$$f = bc + \overline{a}c + \overline{a}\overline{b} + \overline{b}\overline{c}$$

$$g(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = y_1 y_4 (y_2 + y_3)$$



Note:

We want a minimum subset of cubes that covers f, that is, the largest prime of g (least literals).

Consider g': it is monotone decreasing in y (i.e. negative unate in y) e.g.

$$\overline{g}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \overline{y}_1 + \overline{y}_4 + \overline{y}_2 \overline{y}_3$$

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- Example
 - Create a Boolean matrix B for g':

$$f = bc + \overline{a}c + \overline{a}\overline{b} + \overline{b}\overline{c}$$
$$\overline{g}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \overline{y}_1 + \overline{y}_4 + \overline{y}_2\overline{y}_3$$

- Recall a minimal column cover of B is a prime of g = (g')'
- We want a *minimum* column cover of B ■ E.g., $\{1,2,4\} \Rightarrow y_1 y_2 y_4$ (cubes 1,2,4) $\Rightarrow \{bc, a'c, b'c'\}$

- \square Deriving g'(y)
 - Modify tautology algorithm:

 $F = \text{cover of } \mathfrak{I} = (f, d, r)$

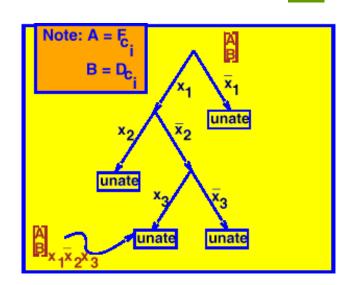
D = cover of d

Pick a cube c_i ∈ F

(Note: $c_i \subseteq F \Leftrightarrow F_{c_i} \equiv 1$)

□ Do the following for each cube $c_i \subseteq F$:

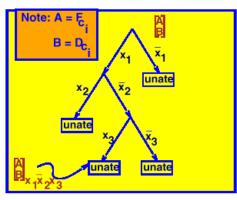
$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} F_{C_i} \\ D_{C_i} \end{bmatrix}$$



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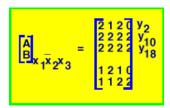
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- \square Deriving g'(y)
 - 1. All leaves must be tautologies
 - g' means how can we make it not a tautology
 - Must exactly delete all rows of all -'s that are not part of D
 - 3. Each row came from some row of A/B
 - Each row of A is associated with some cube of F
 - 5. Each cube of B is associated with some cube of D
 - Don't need to know which, and cannot delete its rows
 - Rows that must be deleted are written as a cube
 - E.g. $y_1y_2y_7 \Rightarrow$ delete rows 1,3,7 of F



- \square Deriving g'(y)
 - Example

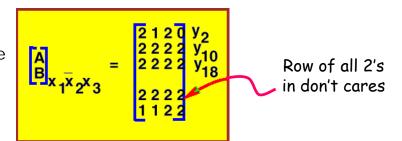
Suppose unate leaf is in subspace $x_1x_2x_3$: Thus we write down: $\overline{y_{10}}, \overline{y_{18}}$ (actually, $\overline{y_i}$ must be one of $\overline{y_{10}}, \overline{y_{18}}$). Thus, F is not a cover if we leave out cubes c_{10} , c_{18} .



Unate leaf

Note:

If a row of all 2's is in don't cares, then there is no way not to have tautology at that leaf.



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 \square Deriving g'(y)

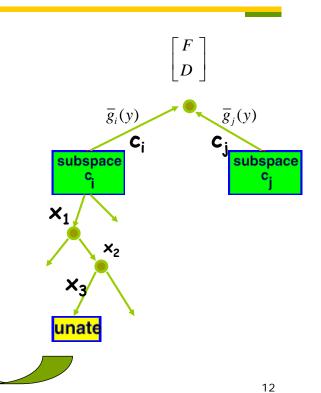
$$\overline{g}(y) = \overline{g}_i(y) + \overline{g}_j(y) + \cdots$$



$$\overline{g}_i(y) = \overline{y}_{10}\overline{y}_{18} + \cdots$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{A} \\ \vec{B} \end{bmatrix}_{X_{1} = X_{2} = X_{3}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & y_{2} & y_{10} & y_{10} & y_{18} & y_{18$$



Summary

- 1. Convert g'(y) into a Boolean matrix B
 - \square Note that g(y) is unate
- 2. Find a minimum column cover of B
 - E.g., if $y_1y_3y_{18}$ is a minimum column cover, then the set of cubes $\{c_1, c_3, c_{18}\}$ is a minimum sub-cover of $\{c_i \mid i=1,...,k\}$. (Recall that a minimal column cover of B is a prime of g(y), and g(y) gives all possible sub-covers of F).
- Note: We are just doing tautology in constructing g'(y), so unate reduction is applicable

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ T & F^* \end{bmatrix}$$

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Summary

■ In Q-M, we want a maximum prime of g(y)

All primes

$$\mathsf{B} = \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Minterms} \\ \mathsf{of} \ f \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 1011010 \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ B \cong \overline{g} \ (y) = \overline{y}_1 \overline{y}_3 \overline{y}_4 \overline{y}_6 + \cdots$$

Note: A row of B says if we leave out primes $\{p_1, p_3, p_4, p_6\}$, then we cease to have a cover

■ So basically, the only difference between Q-M and IRREDUNDANT is that for the latter, we just constructed a g'(y) where we did not consider all primes, but only those in some cover: $F = \{c_1, c_3, ..., c_k\}$

\square F \leftarrow EXPAND(F,R)

- Problem: Take a cube c and make it prime by removing literals
- Greedy way: (uses D and not R)
 - \square Remove literal l_i from c (results in, say c*)
 - □ Test if $c^* \subseteq f+d$ (i.e. test if $(f+d)_{c^*} \equiv 1$)
 - Repeat, removing valid literals in order found
- Better way: (uses R and not D)
 - Want to see all possible ways to remove maximal subset of literals
 - □ Idea: Create a function g(y) such that g(y)=1 iff literals $\{l_i \mid y_i=0\}$ can be removed (or $\{l_i \mid y_i=1\}$ is a subset of literals such that if kept in c, will still make $c^* \subseteq f+d$, i.e. $c^* \land r \equiv 0$)

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Main idea

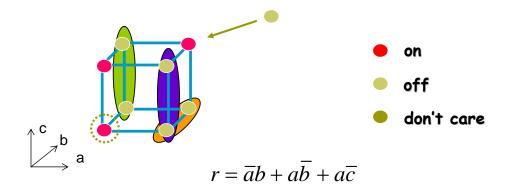
Outline:

- 1. Expand one cube, c_i, at a time
- 2. Build "blocking" matrix $B = B^{c_i}$
- See which other cubes c_j can be feasibly covered using B
- Choose expansion (literals to be removed) to cover most other c_i

Note: $\bullet g(y)$ is monotone increasing

- $B \cong \overline{g}(y)$ is easily built if we have R, a cover of r.
- We do not need all of *R*. (reduced offset)

Reduced offset



Make r unate by adding (1,1,1) to offset. Then the new offset $R_{\text{new}} = a + b \cong g'(y)$. This is simpler and easier to deal with.

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- \square Blocking matrix B (for some cube c)
 - Given $R = \{r_i\}$, a cover of r. [$\Im = (f, d, r)$]

$$B_{ij} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} l_j \in c \text{ and } \bar{l}_j \in r_i \\ \bar{l}_j \in c \text{ and } l_j \in r_i \end{cases}$$

B: rows indexed by offset cubes, columns indexed by literals of c

- What does row *i* of B say?
 - □ It says that if literals $\{j \mid B_{ij} = 1\}$ are removed from c, then $c^* \wedge r_i \neq 0$, i.e., $B_{ij} = 1$ is one reason why c is orthogonal to offset cube r_i
 - □ Thus B $\rightarrow g'(y) = y_1'y_3'y_{10}' + \cdots$ gives all ways that literals of c can be removed to get $c^* \not\subset f+d$ (i.e. $c^* \land r \neq 0$)

■Example

$$c = ab\overline{d}$$

$$r_i = \overline{a}bd\overline{e}$$

$$y_1 y_2 y_3 \propto a, b, \overline{d}$$

$$y_1 = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{keep } a$$

 $y_2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{keep } b$
 $y_3 = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{keep } d$
 $(B_i) = 101 = \overline{y}_1 \overline{y}_3 + ... = \overline{g}_i(y)$

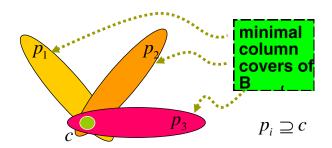
- Suppose g(y)=1
 - \square If $y_1 = 1$, we keep literal a in cube c.
 - \square B_i means do not keep literals 1 and 3 of c (implies that subsequent c^* is not an implicant)
 - If literals 1, 3 are removed we get $c \rightarrow c^* = b$. But $c^* \land r_i \neq 0$: $b \land a'bde' = a'bde' \neq 0$. So b is not an implicant.

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■ Example (cont'd)

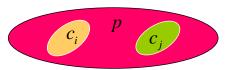
- Thus all minimal column covers ($\cong g(y)$) of B are the minimal subsets of literals of c that must be kept to ensure that $c^* \subseteq f + d$ (i.e. $c^* \land r_i = 0$)
- Thus each minimal column cover is a prime p that covers c, i.e. $p \supseteq c$



■ Expanding c_i $F = \{ c_i \}, \Im = (f, d, r) \ f \subseteq F \subseteq f + d$

 \bigcirc : Why do we want to expand c_i ?

A: To cover some other c_i's



O: Can we cover c_i?

A: If and only if (SCC = "smallest cube containing" also called "supercube")

equivalent to: $SCC(c_i \cup c_j) \subseteq f + d$

equivalent to: $SCC(c_i \cup c_j) \land r = 0$

literals "conflicting" between c_i , c_j can be removed and

still have an implicant

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■ Expanding c_i

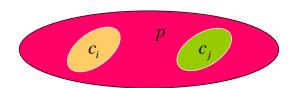
Can check $SCC(c_i, c_j)$ with blocking matrix:

$$c_i = 12012$$

$$c_i = 12120$$

implies that literals 3 and 4 must be removed for c_i^* to cover c_j

Check if columns 3, 4 of B can be removed without causing a row of all 0's



Covering function

- The objective of EXPAND is to expand c_i to cover as many cubes c_j as possible. The blocking function g'(y) = 1 whenever the subset of literals $\{l_i \mid y_i = 1\}$ yields a cube $c^* \not\subset f + d$.
 - \square Note: $c^* = \prod_{(y_j=0)} l_j$
- We now build the covering function h_i , such that: h(y) = 1, whenever the cube $c^* \supseteq c_i$ covers another cube $c_i \subseteq F$
 - \square Note: h(y) is easy to build
 - □ Thus a minterm m of $g(y) \land h(y)$ is such that it gives $c^* \subseteq f + d$ (g(m) = 1) and covers at least one cube (h(m) = 1). In fact every cube $c^*_m \supseteq c_l$ is covered. We seek m which results in the most cubes covered.

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□ Covering function Define h(y) by a set of cubes where $d_k = k^{th}$ cube is:

$$d_{k} = \emptyset \quad \text{if} \quad SCC[c_{j} \cup c_{k}] \not\subset f + d \quad \text{else}$$

$$d_{k}^{j} = \begin{cases} -y_{j} & \text{if} \quad c_{k}^{j} \not\subset c_{j}^{j} \text{ i.e.} \begin{cases} 2 \not\subset 1 \\ 2 \not\subset 0 \\ 0 \not\subset 1 \\ 1 \not\subset 0 \end{cases}$$
2 otherwise

 d_k^{j} : j^{th} literal of k^{th} cube

Every \textbf{d}_k indicates the minimal expansion to cover \textbf{c}_k , that is, which literals that we have to leave out to minimally cover \textbf{c}_k . Essentially $\textbf{d}_k \neq \varnothing$ if cube \textbf{c}_k can be feasibly covered by expanding cube \textbf{c}_i .

Note that $h(y) = d_1 + d_2 + \cdots + d_{|F|-1}$ (one for each cube of F, except c_i) is monotone decreasing.

Covering function

- We want a minterm m of $g(y) \land h(y)$ contained in a maximum number of d_k 's
- In Espresso, we build a Boolean covering matrix C (note that h(y) is negative unate) representing h(y) and solve this problem with greedy heuristics

Note:

$$B \cong \overline{g}(y)$$
 but $C \cong \widetilde{h}(y) \supseteq h(y)$

 $\tilde{h}(y)$ is an over-approximation of h(y), e.g., by removing the $d_k = \emptyset$ rule in the previous slide

$$C = \begin{cases} \dots \\ 010110 \\ 101011 \\ 100101 \\ \dots \end{cases} \qquad B = \begin{cases} \dots \\ 110110 \\ 101010 \\ 101001 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

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Covering function

$$C = \begin{cases} \dots \\ 010110 \\ 101011 \\ 100101 \\ \dots \end{cases} \qquad B = \begin{cases} \dots \\ 110110 \\ 101010 \\ 101001 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

- Want a set of columns such that if eliminated from B and C results in no empty rows of B and a maximum of empty rows in C
- Note: A "1" in C can be interpreted as a reason why c* does not cover c_i

Endgame

- What do we do if $h(y) \equiv 0$?
 - □ This could be important in many hard problems, since it is often the case that $h(y) \equiv 0$
- Some things to try:
 - □Generate largest prime covering c_i
 - □Generate largest prime covering cover most care points of another cube c_k
 - □Coordinate two or more cube expansions, i.e. try to cover another cube by a combination of several other cube expansions

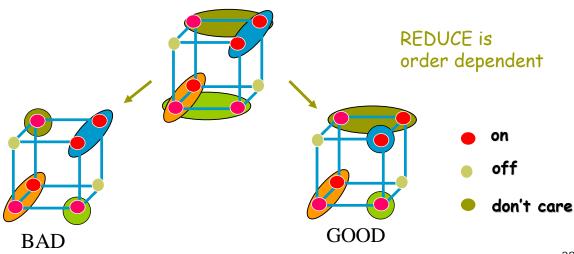
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□ Problem:

Given a cover F and $c \in F$, find the smallest cube $\underline{c} \subseteq c$ such that $F \setminus \{c\} + \{\underline{c}\}$ is still a cover

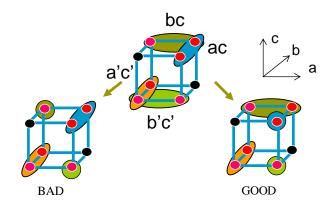
■ c is called the maximally reduced cube of c



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Example

$$F = ac + bc + \overline{b}\overline{c} + \overline{ac}$$



Two orders:

- 1. REDUCE $\left(F = \left\{ac, bc, \overline{b}\overline{c}, \overline{a}\overline{c}\right\}\right) = a\overline{b}c + bc + a\overline{b}\overline{c} + \overline{a}\overline{c}$
- 2. REDUCE $\left(F = \left\{bc, \overline{b}\overline{c}, ac, \overline{a}\overline{c}\right\}\right) = \overline{a}bc + ac + a\overline{b}\overline{c} + \overline{a}\overline{c}$
- REDUCE is order dependent!

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ESPRESSO REDUCE

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Algorithm REDUCE(F,D) {
F \leftarrow ORDER(F)
for(1 \le j \le |F|) \{
\underline{c}_{j} \leftarrow MAX\_REDUCE(c,F,D)
F \leftarrow (F \cup \{\underline{c}_{j}\}) \setminus \{c_{j}\}
}
return F
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■ Main Idea: Make a prime not a prime but still maintain cover:

$$\{c_1, \ldots, c_i, \ldots, c_k\} \rightarrow \{c_1, \ldots, c_{i-1}, \underline{c}_i, c_{i+1}, \ldots, c_k\}$$
But
$$f \subseteq \sum_{i=0}^{i-1} c_j + \underline{c}_i + \sum_{i=i+1}^{k} c_j \subseteq f + d$$

- To get out of a local minimum (prime and irredundant is local minimum)
- After reduce, have non-primes and can expand again in different directions
 - ☐ Since EXPAND is "smart", it may know best direction

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$$F = \{c_1, c_2, ..., c_k\}$$
, $D = \{d_1, ..., d_m\}$
(F and D are covers of an incompletely specified function and a completely specified function, respectively.)

$$F(i) = (F + D) \setminus \{ c_i \}$$

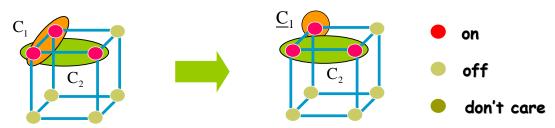
= \{ c_1, c_2, ..., c_{i-1}, c_{i+1}, ..., c_k, d_1, ..., d_m \}

■ Reduced cube:

 \underline{c}_{i} = smallest cube containing $(c_{i} \cap \overline{F}(i))$

- Note that c_i ∩ F(i) is the set of points uniquely covered by c_i (and not by any other c_i or D).
- Thus, $\underline{c_i}$ is the smallest cube containing the minterms of c_i which are not in F(i).

- □ SCC: "smallest cube containing", i.e., supercube
- □ SCCC: "smallest cube containing complement"



$$\underline{c}_{i} = SCC(c_{i} \cap \overline{F(i)})$$

$$= SCC(c_{i} \overline{F_{c_{i}}(i)})$$

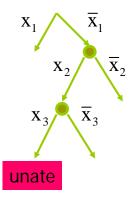
$$= c_{i}SCC(\overline{F_{c_{i}}(i)})$$

$$= c_{i}SCC(F_{c_{i}}(i))$$

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- SCCC computation
 - Unate recursive paradigm
 - □ Select most binate variable
 - Cofactor until unate leaf



What is SCCC (unate cover)?

■ Note that for a cube c with at least 2 literals, SCCC(c) is the universe:

cube =
$$01222$$
 \longrightarrow cube = $\frac{12222}{20222}$ Hence, SCCC(cube) = 22222

■ Implies only need to look at 1-literal cubes

■SCCC computation

 \blacksquare SCCC(U) = γ for a unate cover U

Claim

- If unate cover has row of all 2's except one 0, then complement is in x_i , i.e. $y_i = 1$
- If unate cover has row of all 2's except one 1, then complement is in x_i , i.e. $y_i = 0$
- \square Otherwise, in both subspaces, i.e. $\gamma_i = 2$

Finally

$$SCCC(c_1 + c_2 + ... + c_k) = SCC(\overline{c_1}\overline{c_2}...\overline{c_k})$$
$$= SCC(\overline{c_1}) \cap ... \cap SCC(\overline{c_k})$$

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SCCC computation

Example 1:
$$f = a + bc + \overline{d} \Rightarrow \overline{f} = \overline{a}(\overline{b} + \overline{c})d \subseteq \overline{a}d$$

■ Note: 0101 and 0001 are both in f. So SCCC could not have literal b or b.

Note that columns 1 and 5 are essential: they must be in every minimal cover. So $\neg U = x_1 x_5 (...)$. Hence SCCC(U) = $x_1 x_5$

■ SCCC computation Example 2 (cont'd):

The marked columns contain both 0's and 1's. But every prime of $\bar{\bf U}$ contains literals x_1 , x_5

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- ■SCCC computation
 - At unate leaves

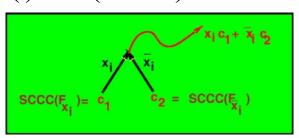
$$n = SCCC(unate) = \emptyset$$
 if row of all 2's

$$\mathbf{n}_{j} = \begin{cases}
x_{j} & \text{if column } j \text{ has a row singleton with a 0 in it} \\
x_{j} & \text{if column } j \text{ has a row singleton with a 1 in it} \\
2 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}$$

■Hence unate leaf is easy!

- SCCC computation
 - Merging
 - We need to produce $SCCC(f) = SCC(x_ic_1 + \bar{x}_ic_2) = \gamma$

$$\gamma = I_1 I_2 \dots I_k
\mathbf{X}_i \in \gamma \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C}_2 = \emptyset
\overline{\mathbf{X}}_i \in \gamma \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C}_1 = \emptyset
I_{j \neq i} \in \gamma \Leftrightarrow (I_j \in \mathbf{C}_1) \wedge (I_j \in \mathbf{C}_2)$$



- \square If $c_1 \wedge c_2 \neq \emptyset$, then $\gamma_i = 2$
 - because minterms with x_i and $\neg x_i$ literals both exist, and thus $(SCC(x_ic_1 + x_ic_2))_i = 2$
- \square If $I_i \notin c_1$ or $I_i \notin c_2$, then $\gamma_i = 2$ (where $I_i = x_i$ or $\neg x_i$)
 - because minterms with x_j and $\neg x_j$ literals both exist
- \square If $I_i \in C_1$ and $\neg I_i \in C_2$, then $\gamma_i = 2$.

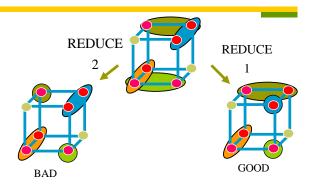
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ESPRESSO LASTGASP

■ Reduce is order dependent: E.g., expand can't do anything with that produced by REDUCE 2.



Maximal Reduce:

$$\underline{c}_{i}^{M} = SCC(c_{i} \cap \overline{F(i)}) = c_{i} \cap SCCC(F(i)_{c_{i}}) \quad \forall i$$

i.e., we reduce all cubes as if each were the first one.

Note:

 $\{\underline{c}_1{}^M,\underline{c}_2{}^M,\dots\}$ is not a cover



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- Now EXPAND, but try to cover only $\underline{c_j}^M$ s.

 We call EXPAND(G,R), where $G = \{\underline{c_1}^M, \underline{c_2}^M, \dots, \underline{c_k}^M\}$
 - If a covering is possible, take the resulting prime:

$$f + d \supseteq p_i \supseteq \underline{c}_i^M \cup \underline{c}_i^M$$

and add to F:

$$\tilde{F} = F \cup \{p_i\}$$

Since F is a cover, so is \widetilde{F} . Now apply IRREDUNDANT on \widetilde{F} .

What about "supergasp"?

Main Idea: Generally, think of ways to throw in a few more primes and then use IRREDUNDANT. If all primes generated, then just Quine-McCluskey

