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Minterm: A minterm is a product (AND) of all variables in the function; in direct or Complemented form. A minterm has the property that it is equal to one exactly one row of the truth table.

Each minterm :- is for only one combination of values of the variables otherwise 0

Maxterm: a maxterm of n variables is a sum of the variables in which each appears exactly once in true or Complemented form.

Function Tables for Both:

- **Minterms of
2 variables**

x y	m_0	m_1	m_2	m_3
00	1	0	0	0
01	0	1	0	0
10	0	0	1	0
11	0	0	0	1

- **Maxterms of
2 variables**

x y	M_0	M_1	M_2	M_3
00	0	1	1	1
01	1	0	1	1
10	1	1	0	1
11	1	1	1	0

- Each column in the maxterm function table is the complement of the column in the minterm function table since M_i is the complement of m_i .