# Introduction to Finite State Machines 

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## THIS IS WHAT LEARNING LOGIC GATES FEELS LIKE

## SEE, YOU JUST CONNECT THIS 12 INPUT REVERSE FLIP-FLOP TO THE CONTROLLED TWO-THIRDS ADDER, WHICH RESETS THE LATCHES IN THE NOT-NAND RELAY ARRAY, THEN LOOP BACK TO ODD-NUMBER INPUTS AND REVERSE ALL YOUR SWITCHES!



## Administrative

- Lab \#8
- On Thursday
- Due next week on Wednesday
- Paper copy


## Administrative

- The Last 3 Weeks of CS 64:

| Date | L\# | Topic | Lab | Lab Due |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/26 | 14 | Combinatorial Logic, Sequential Logic 1 | 7 (CL+SL) | Wed. 3/6 |
| 2/28 | 15 | Sequential Logic 2 |  |  |
| 3/5 | 16 | FSM 1 | 8 (FSM) | Wed. 3/13 |
| 3/7 | 17 | FSM 2 |  |  |
| 3/12 | 18 | Digital Logic Review | 9 (Ethics) | Fri. 3/15 |
| 3/14 | 19 | CS Ethics \& Impact Final Exam Review |  |  |

## Lecture Outline

- Finite State Machines
- Moore vs. Mealy types
- State Diagrams
- Figuring out a circuit for a FSM

If a combinational logic circuit is an implementation of a Boolean function,
then a sequential logic circuit can be considered an implementation of a finite state machine.

## Finite State Machines (FSM)

- A State = An output or collection of outputs of a digital "machine"
- A Machine = A computational entity that predictably works based on one or more input conditions and yields a logical output
- A Finite State Machine: An abstract machine that can be in exactly one of a finite number of states at any given time


## Finite State Machines (FSM)

- The FSM can change from one state to another in response to some external inputs
- The change from one state to another is called a transition.

- An FSM is defined by a list of its states, its initial state, and the conditions for each transition.


## Example of a Simple FSM:

 The Turnstile
initial state

## State Transition Table

| Current <br> State | Input | Next <br> State | Output |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Locked | Coin | Unlocked | Unlocks the turnstile so that the customer can push through. |

## Example of a Simple FSM:

 The TurnstileThis is called a state diagram

initial state

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| Locked | Coin | Unlocked | Unlocks the turnstile so that the customer can push through. |
| Locked | Push | Locked | Nothing - you're locked! :) |
| Unlocked | Coin | Unlocked | Nothing - you just wasted a coin! :) |
| Unlocked | Push | Locked | When the customer has pushed through, locks the turnstile. |

## General Form of FSMs



## Example

Output-to-input feedback


$$
\mathbf{Q}^{*}=\mathrm{Q}_{0} \cdot \mathrm{~A}
$$

(read as: the next-state of $\mathbf{Q}$ will be $\mathrm{Q}_{0} . \mathrm{A}$ )
i.e. On the next rising edge of the clock, the output of the $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{FF}\left(\mathrm{Q}^{*}\right)$ will become the previous value of $Q\left(Q_{0}\right)$ AND the value of input $A$

## FSM Types

## There are $\mathbf{2}$ types/models of FSMs:

- Moore machine
- Output is function of present state only
- Mealy machine
- Output is function of present state and present input


## Moore Machine

Output is function of present state only


## Example of a Moore Machine (with 1 state)

Output is function of present state only


$$
Z=\left(Q^{*}+B\right)=\left(Q_{0} \cdot A+B\right)
$$

On the next rising edge of the clock, the output of the entire circuit $(Z)$ will become
(the previous value of $Q\left(Q_{0}\right)$ AND the value of input $A$ ) NOR B

NOTE: CLK is NOWHERE IN THE EQUATION!!!

## Mealy Machine

## Output is function of present state and present input



## Example of a Mealy Machine (with 1 state)

Output is function of present state and present input


On the next rising edge of the clock, the output of the entire circuit (Z) will become ...etc...

## Example of a Moore Machine

## WASHER_DRYER

- Let's "build" a sequential logic FSM that acts as a controller to a simplistic washer/dryer machine
- This machine takes in various inputs in its operation (we'll only focus on the following sensor-based ones):

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Coin is in (vs it isn't in)
Soap is present (vs it's used up)
Clothes are still wet (vs clothes are dry)
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- This machine also issues 1 output while running:
"Done" indicator


## Machine Design

- We want this machine to have 4 distinct states that we go from one to the next in this sequence:

1. Initial State

- Where we are when we are waiting to start the wash

2. Wash

- Where we wash with soap and water

3. Dry

- Where we dry the clothes

4. Done

## Combining the Inputs

Coin is in (vs it isn't in)
Soap is no longer detected (vs it's still there)
Clothes are now dry (vs clothes are still wet)

- Let's create a variable called GTNS (i.e. Go To Next State)
- GTNS is 1 if any of the following is true:
- Coin is in
- Soap is no longer detected
- Clothes are now dry
- I assume that these 3 inputs to be mutually exclusive


## What's Going to Happen? 1/2

- We start at an "Initial" state whenever we start up the machine
- Let's also assume this stage is when you'd put in the soap and clothes
- Once input "Coin is in" is 1, GTNS is now 1
- This event triggers leaving the current state to go to the next state
- This is followed by the next state, "Wash"
- "Coin inserted" is now 0 at this point (so GTNS goes back to 0 )
- While soap is still present, GTNS goes back to 0
- When the input "Soap is no longer present" goes to 1 , GTNS goes to 1
- This event triggers leaving the current state to go to the next state


## What's Going to Happen? 2/2

- This is followed by the next state, "Dry"
- This new state sets an output that triggers a timer
- The input "Soap is no longer present" goes to 0 , so GTNS is 0 also
- While the input "Clothes are now dry" is 0 , GTNS remains at 0 too
- When the input "Clothes are now dry" is 1, GTNS changes to 1
- This event triggers leaving the current state to go to the next state
- This is followed by the next and last state, "Done"
- When you're here, you go back to the "initial" state
- No inputs to consider: you do move this regardless

State Diagram for Washer-Dryer Machine

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GTNS = COIN_IN + NO_SOAP + CLTHS_DRY
```



## Unconditional Transitions

- Sometimes the transition is unconditional
- Does not depend on any input - it just happens
- We then diagram this as a " 1 " (for "always does this")



## Representing The States

- How many bits do I need to represent all the states in this Washer-Dryer Machine?
- There are 4 unique states (including "init")
- So, 2 bits
- If my state machine will be built using a memory circuit (most likely, a D-FF), how many of these should I have?

| State | S1 | s0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Initial | 0 | 0 |
| Wash | 0 | 1 |
| Rinse | 1 | 0 |
| Dry | 1 | 1 |

- 2 bits $=2$ D-FFs
- There is another scheme to do this called "One Hot Method".
- More on this later...


## Example of a Moore Machine 2

## DETECT_1101

- Let's build a sequential logic FSM that always detects a specific serial sequence of bits: 1101
- We'll start at an "Initial" state (SO)
- We'll first look for a 1. We'll call that "State 1" (S1)
- Don't go to S 1 if all we find is a $\mathbf{0}$ !
- We'll then keep looking for another 1 . We'll call that "State 11" (S2)


## Example of a Moore Machine 2

## DETECT_1101

- Then... a 0. We'll call that "State 110" (S3)
- Then another 1. We'll call that "State 1101 " $(S 4)$ - this will also output a FOUND signal
- We will always be detecting "1101" (it doesn't end) So, as SOON as S4 is done, we keep looking for 1 s or 0 s
- Example: if the input stream is 111101110101101000011111011011 we detect "1101" at $\hat{\text { t }}$ 仑े $\hat{\text { t }}$


## State Diagram 2



## Representing The States

- How many bits do I need to represent all the states in this "Detect 1101" Machine?
- There are 5 unique states (including "init")
- So, 3 bits
- How many D-FFs should I have to build this machine?

| State | B2 | B1 | B0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Initial | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Found " 1 " | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Found "11" | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Found "110" | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Found "1101" | 1 | 0 | 0 |

-3 bits $=3$ D-FFs

## Designing the Circuit for the FSM

1. We start with a T.T

- Also called a "State Transition Table"

2. Make K-Maps and simplify

- Usually give your answer as a "sum-of-products" form

3. Design the circuit

- Have to use D-FFs to represent the state bits


## 1. The Truth Table (The State Transition Table)

|  | CURRENT STATE |  |  | InPUT(S) | NEXT STATE |  |  | OUTPUT(S) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State | B2 | B1 | B0 | I | B2* | B1* | B0* | FOUND |
| Initial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Found "1" | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Found "11" | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Found "110" | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Found "1101" | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

## 2. K-Maps for B2* and B1*



## 2. K-Map for BO* Output FOUND

- B0* $=$ !B2.!B1.!B0.I + ! B2.B1.!B0.! $I$
B0*

| B2.B1 <br> B0.I | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00 |  | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  |
| 01 | $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |

- FOUND = B2.!B1.!B0
- Note that FOUND does not need a K-Map. It is always " 1 " (i.e. True) when we are in state $S 4$ (i.e. when $\mathrm{B} 2=1, \mathrm{~B} 1=0, \mathrm{~B} 0=0$ )


## 3. Design the Circuit

Note that CLK is the input to ALL the D-FFs' clock inputs. This is a synchronous machine.

Note the use of labels (example: B2 or B0-bar) instead of routing wires all over the place!

Note that I issued both Bn and Bn bar from all the D-FFs - it makes it easier with the labeling and you won't have to use NOT gates!

Note that the sole output (FOUND) does not need a D-FF because it is NOT A STATE BIT!


## YOUR TO-DOs

- Lab 8
- Start on Thursday
- Due back on Wednesday (last week of classes)
- Paper copy - not electronic
-Drop off in the CS64 BOX in HFH $2^{\text {nd }}$ Floor


