

State & Finite State Machines

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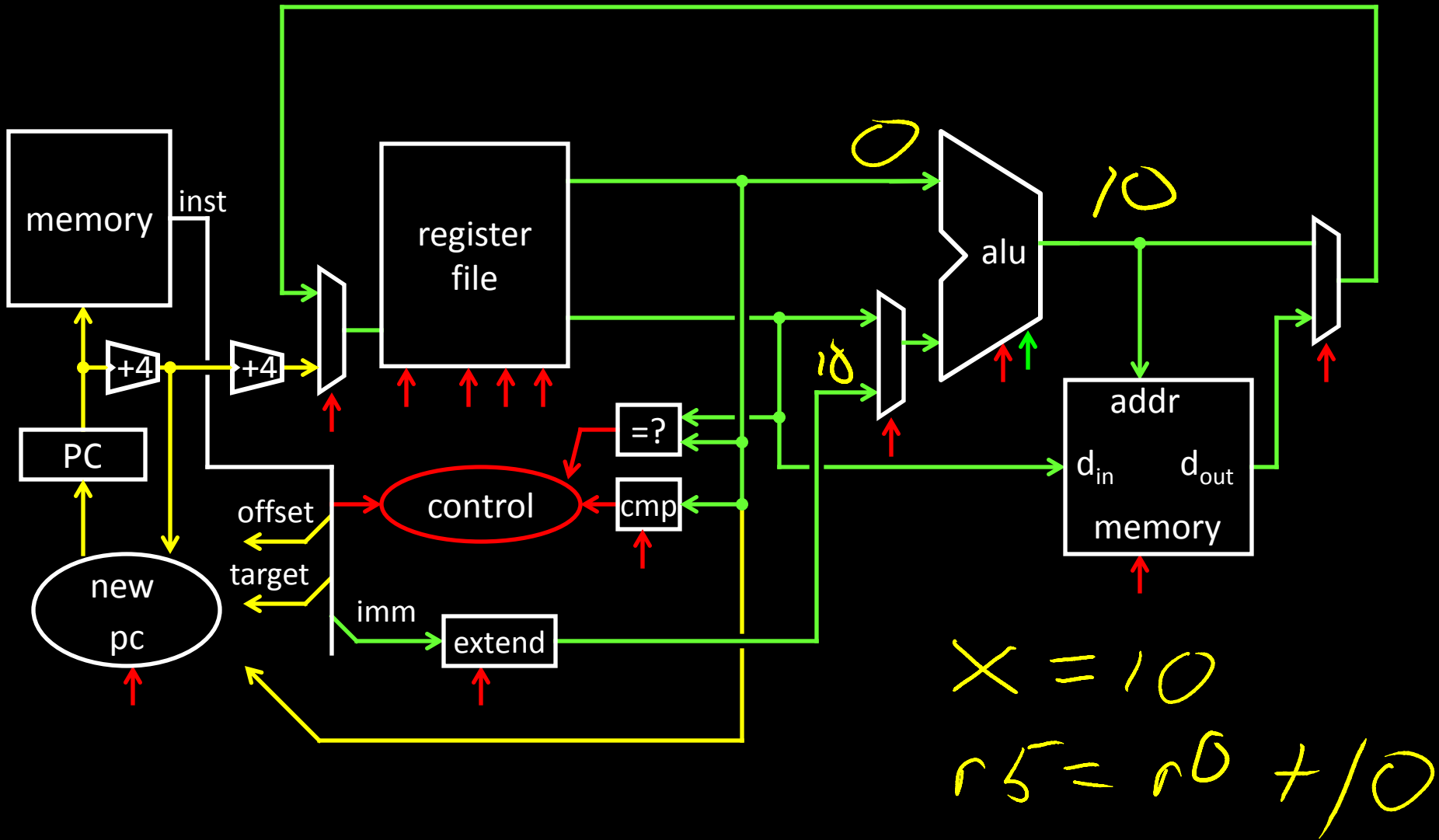
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Big Picture: Building a Processor

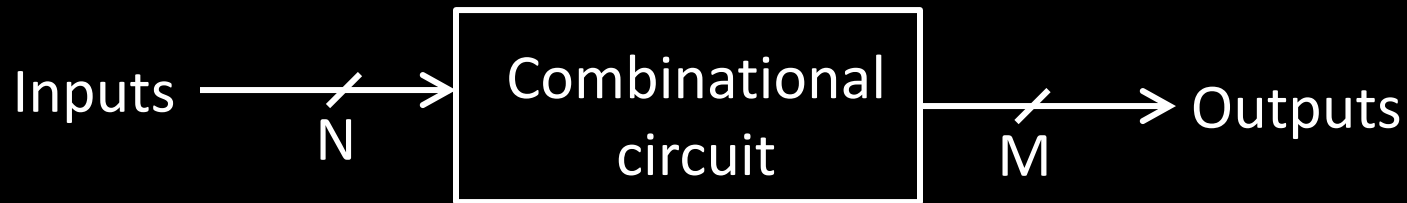


A Single cycle processor

Stateful Components

Until now is combinatorial logic

- Output is computed when inputs are present
- System has no internal state
- Nothing computed in the present can depend on what happened in the past!



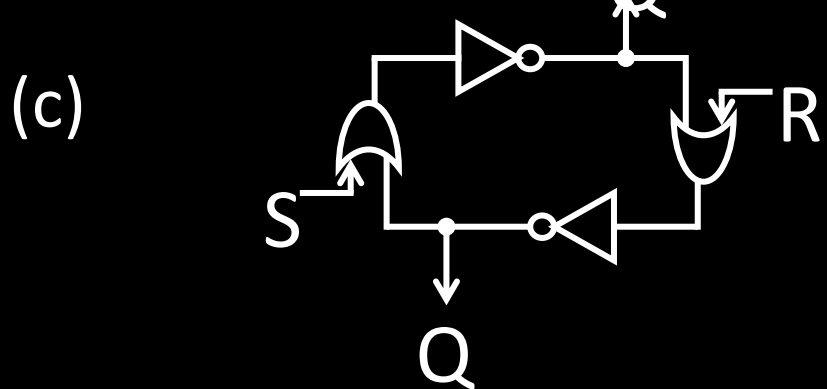
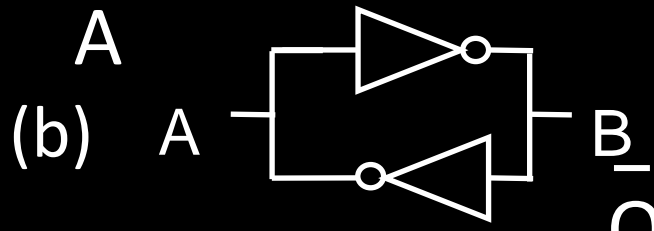
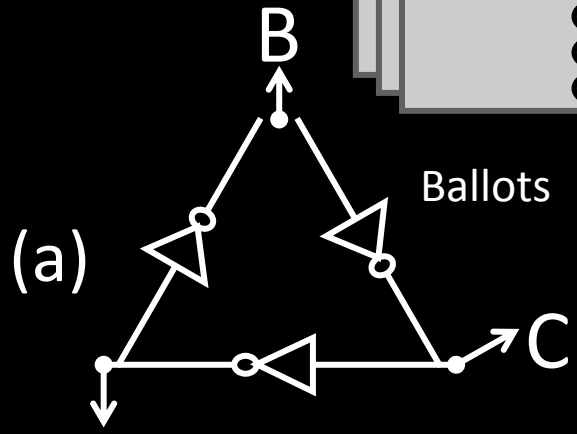
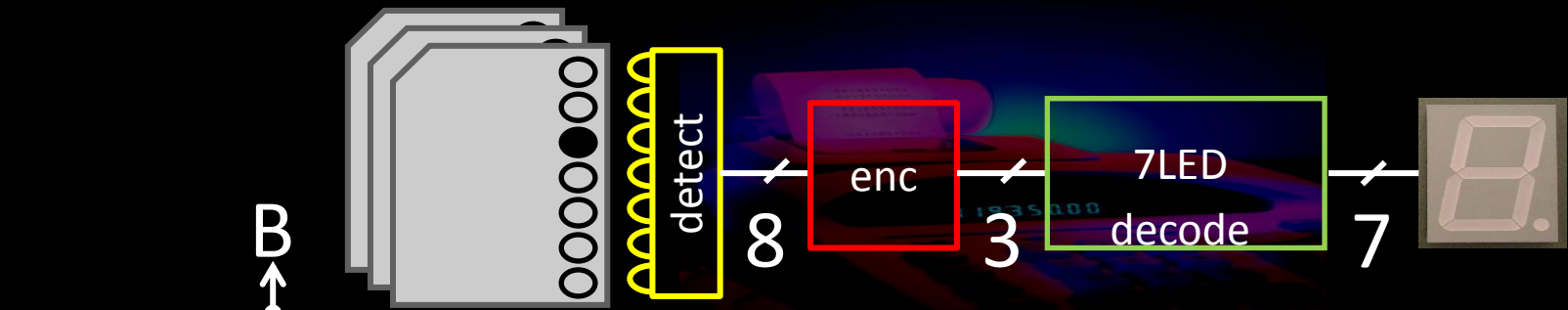
Need a way to record data

Need a way to build **stateful** circuits

Need a state-holding device

Finite State Machines

How can we store *and* change values?

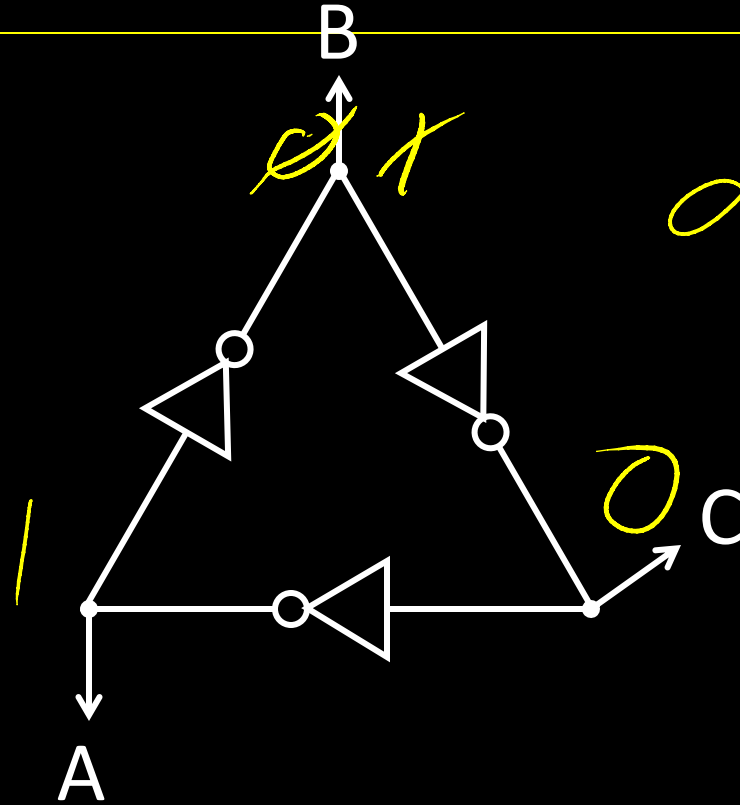


How do we create
vote counter
machine

(d) All the above

(e) None

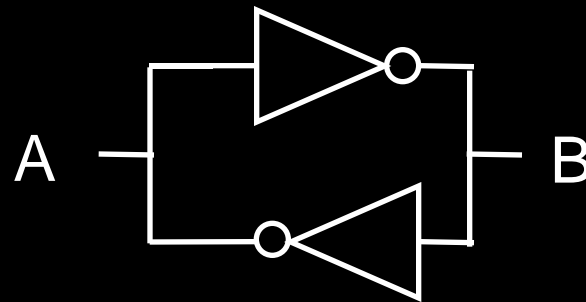
Unstable Devices



doesn't work

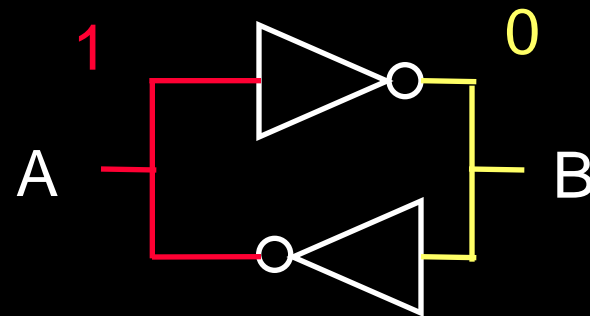
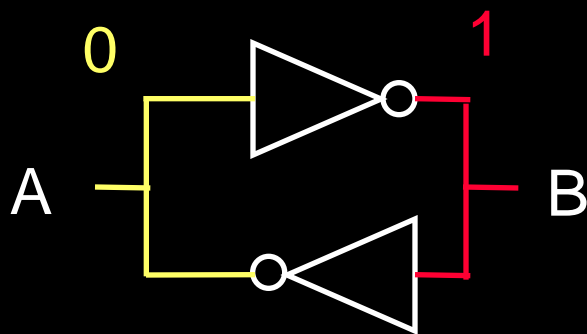
Bistable Devices

- Stable and unstable equilibria?



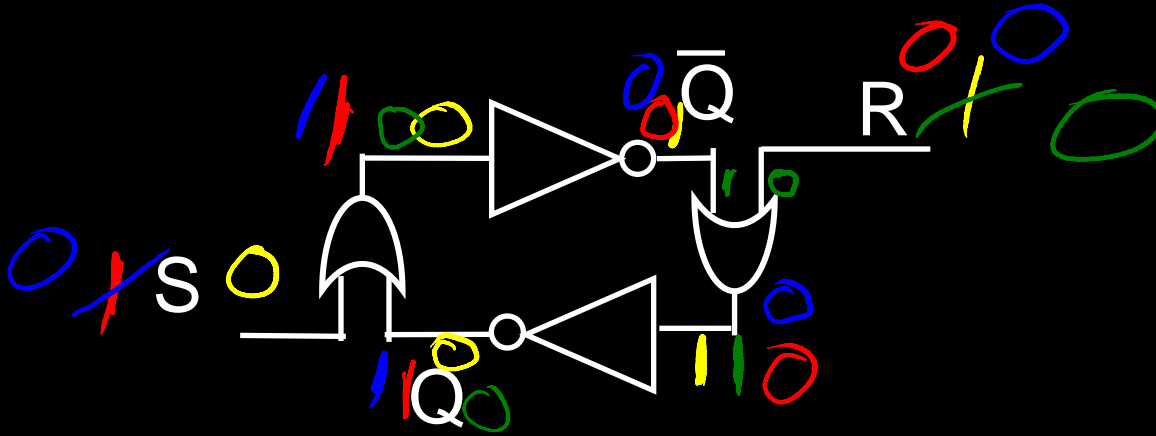
A Simple Device

- In stable state, $\bar{A} = B$



- How do we change the state?

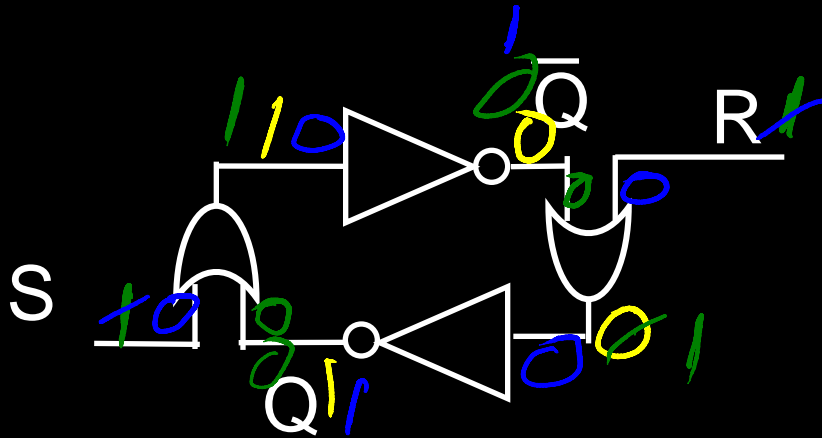
SR Latch



S	R	Q	\bar{Q}
0	0	Q	\bar{Q}
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1		

- Set-Reset (S-R) Latch
- Stores a value Q and its complement

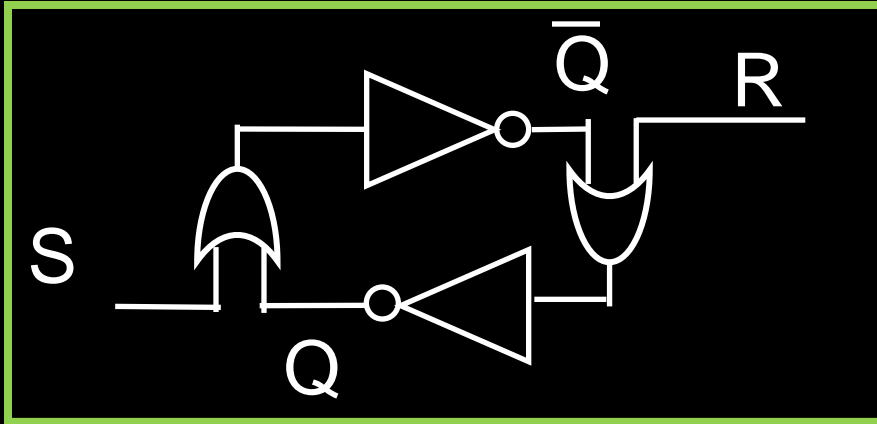
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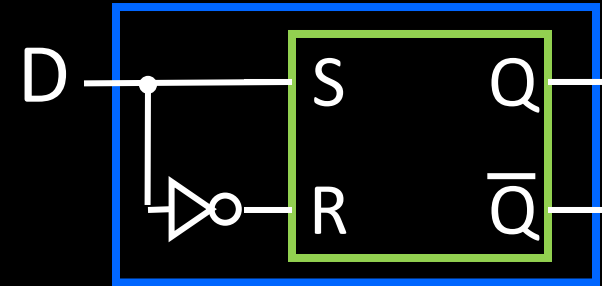
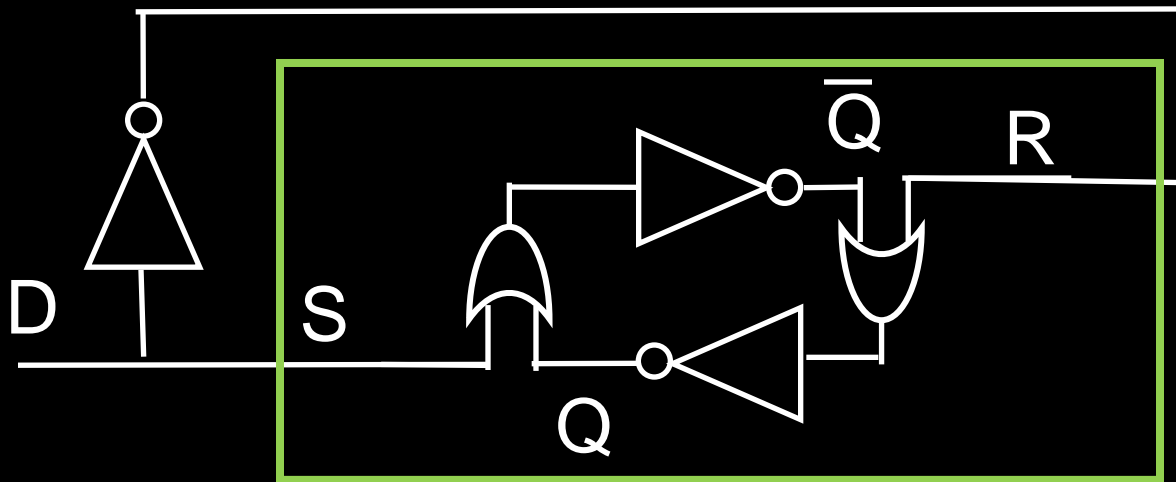
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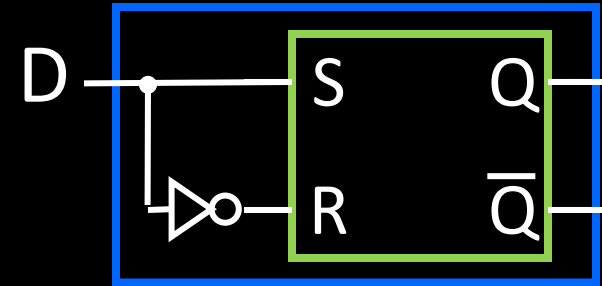
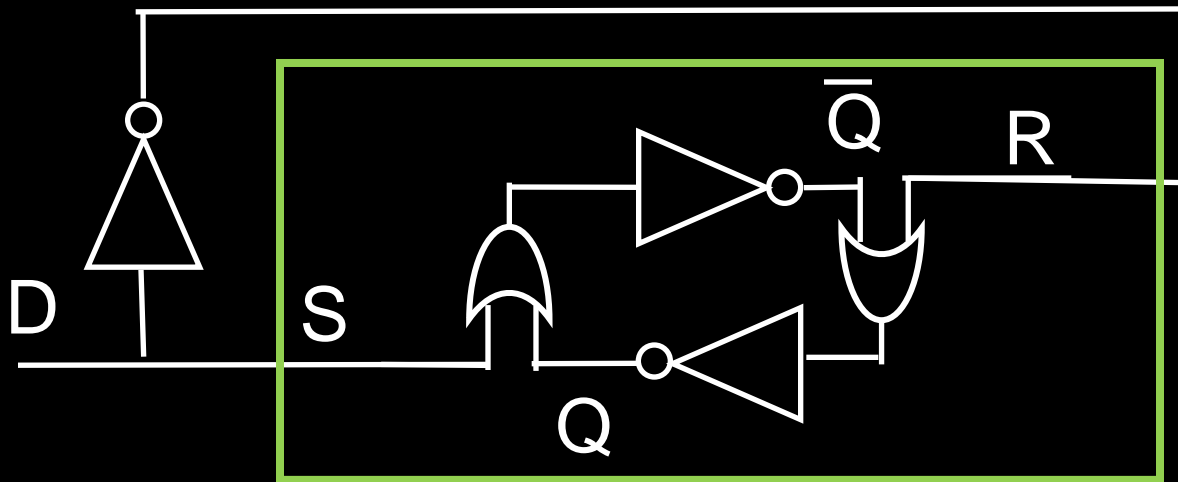
(Unclocked) D Latch



D	Q	\bar{Q}
0	0	1
1	1	0

- Data (D) Latch
 - Easier to use than an SR latch
 - No possibility of entering an undefined state
- When D changes, Q changes
 - ... immediately (...after a delay of 2 Ors and 2 NOTs)
- Need to control when the output changes

(Unclocked) D Latch

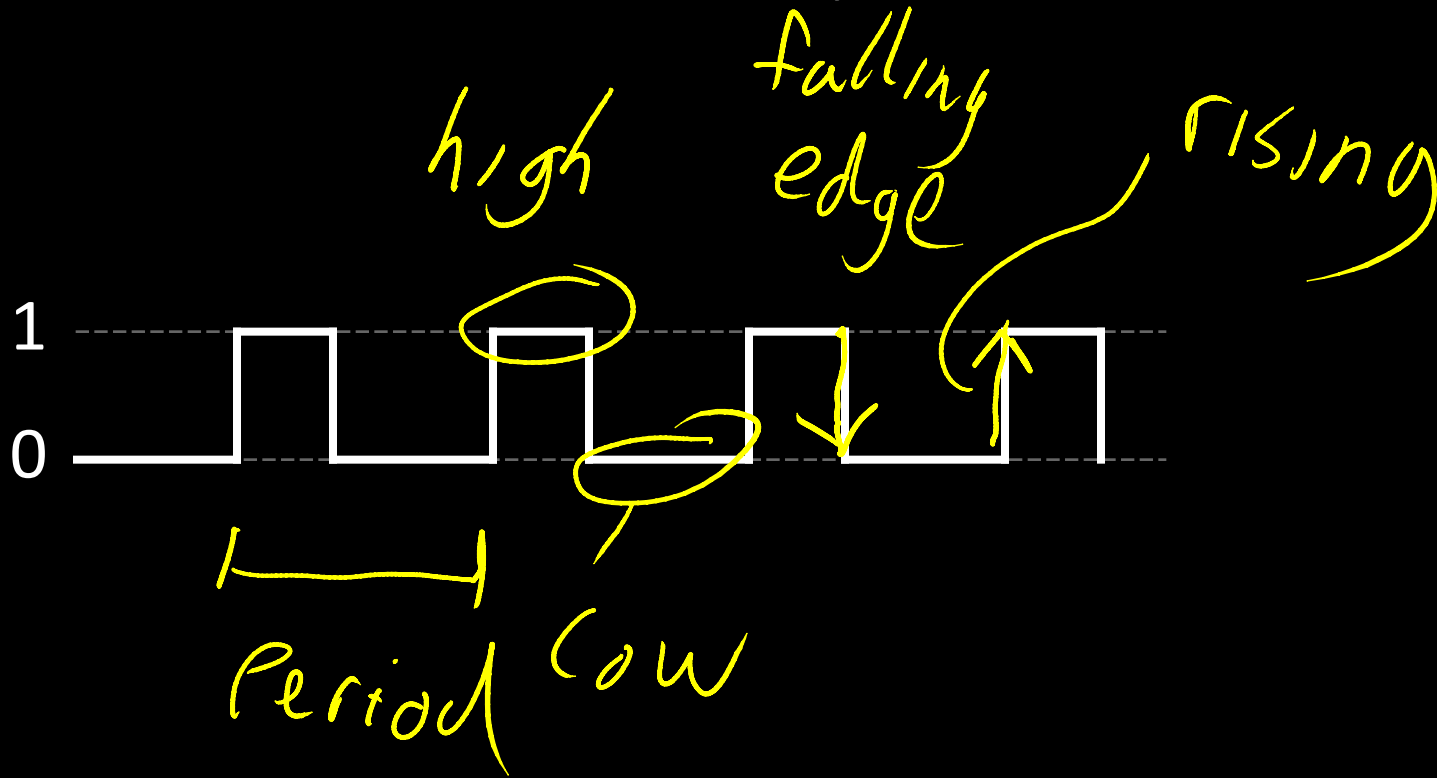


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0	0	1
1	1	0



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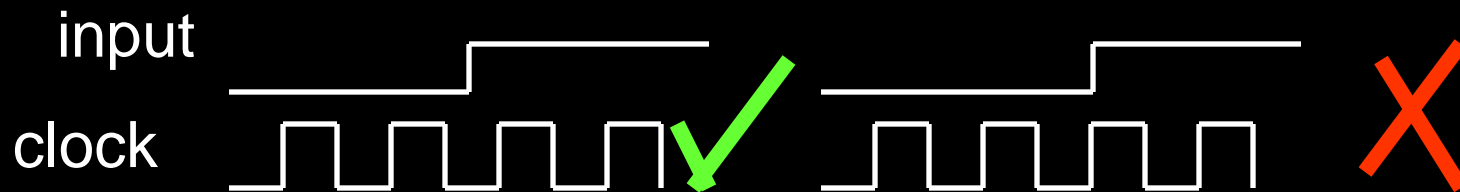
Clocks

- **Clock** helps coordinate state changes
 - Usually generated by an oscillating crystal
 - Fixed period; frequency = $1/\text{period}$



Edge-triggering

- Can design circuits to change on the rising or falling edge
- Trigger on rising edge = positive edge-triggered 
- Trigger on falling edge = negative edge-triggered 
- Inputs must be stable just before the triggering edge



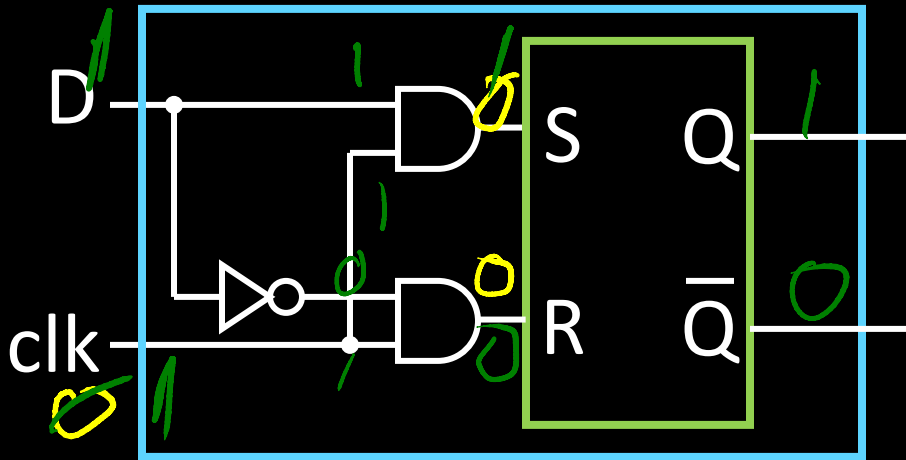
Clock Disciplines

- Level sensitive
 - State changes when clock is high (or low)
- Edge triggered
 - State changes at clock edge

positive edge-triggered A timing diagram showing a clock signal that transitions from a low state to a high state. A yellow arrow points to the rising edge of the signal.

negative edge-triggered A timing diagram showing a clock signal that transitions from a high state to a low state. A yellow arrow points to the falling edge of the signal.

D Latch with Clock



S	R	Q	\bar{Q}
0	0	Q	\bar{Q}
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	forbidden	

clk	D	Q	\bar{Q}
0	0	Q	\bar{Q}
0	1	Q	\bar{Q}
1	0	0	1
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only time
can set
stored
value to
D

D Latch with Clock

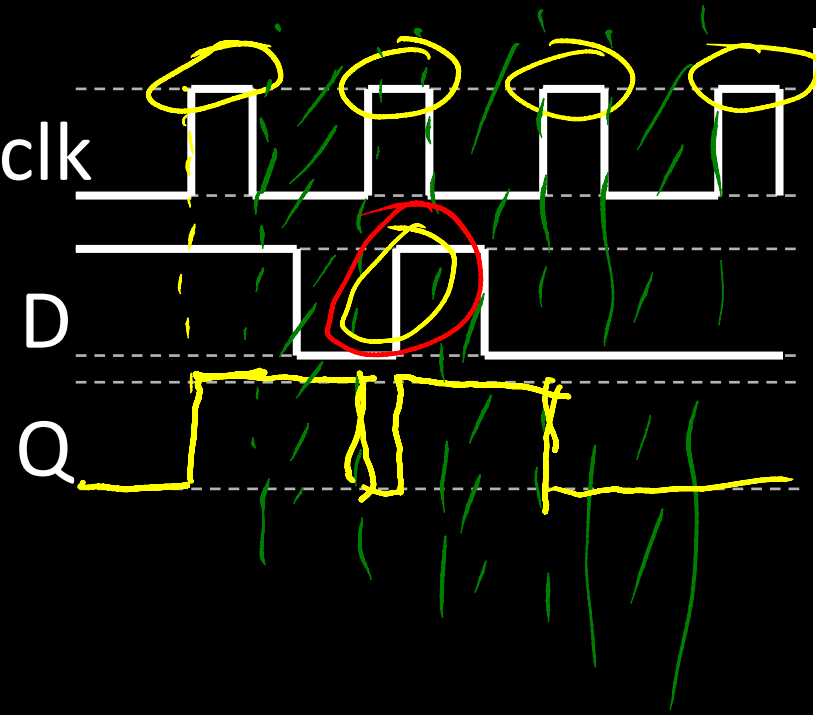
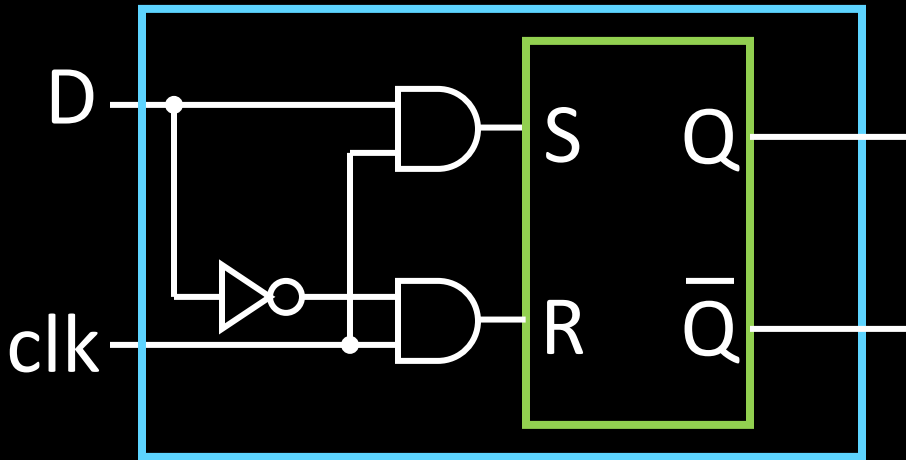
Level Sensitive D Latch

Clock high:

set/reset (according to D)

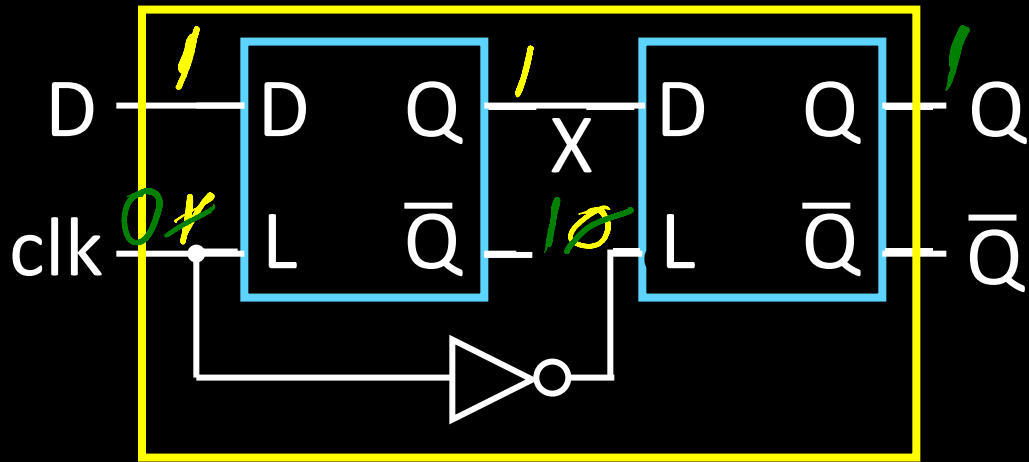
Clock low:

keep state (ignore D)



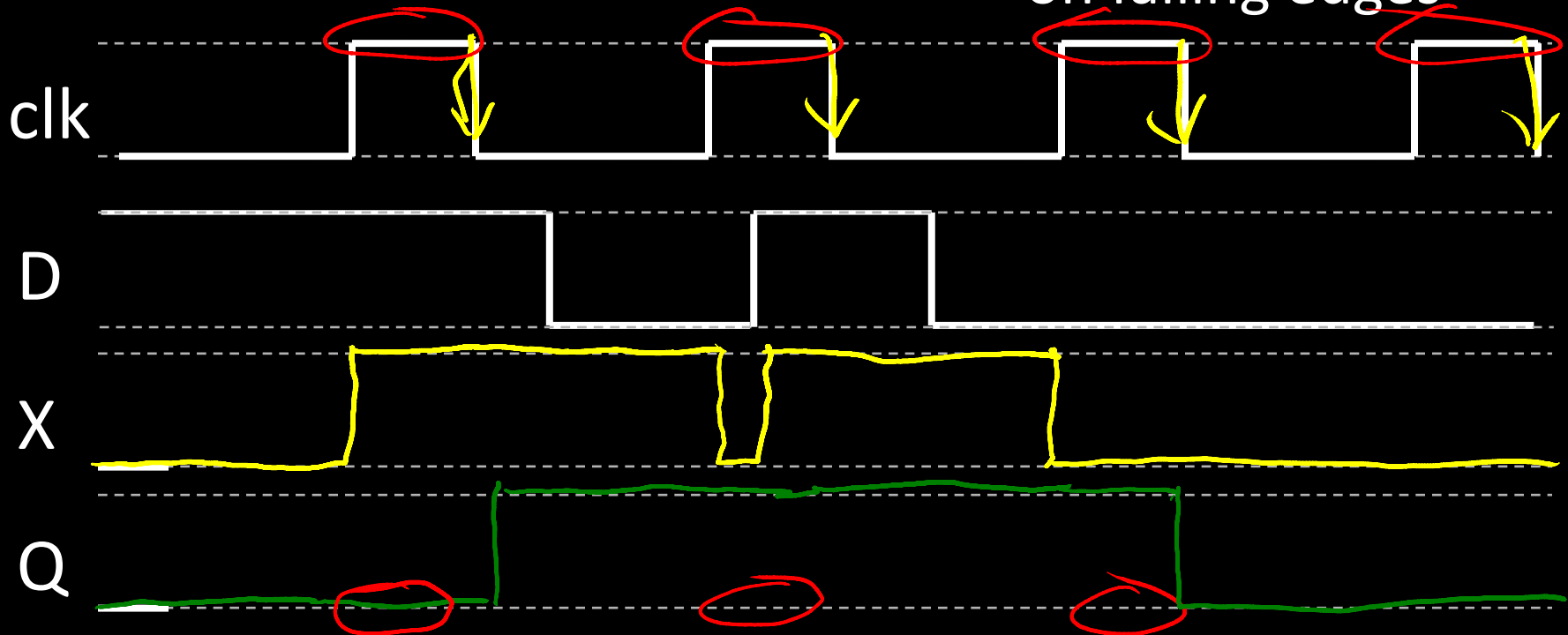
clk	D	Q	\bar{Q}
0	0	Q	\bar{Q}
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1	1	1	0

Edge-Triggered D Flip-Flop



D Flip-Flop

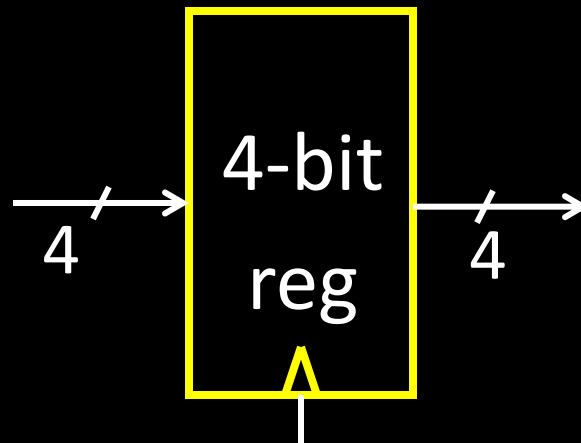
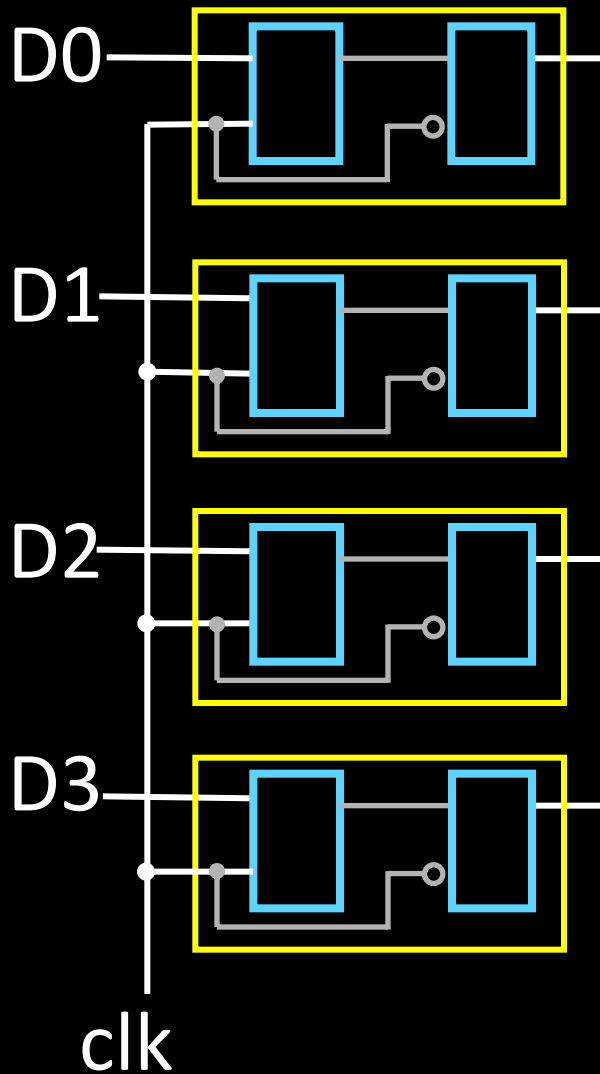
- Edge-Triggered
- Data is captured when clock is high
- Outputs change only on falling edges



Registers

Register

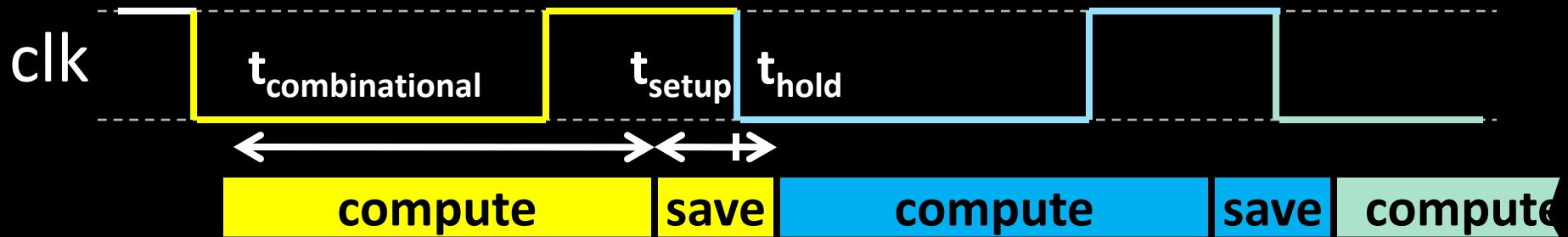
- D flip-flops in parallel
- shared clock
- extra clocked inputs: write_enable, reset, ...



Clock Methodology

Clock Methodology

- Negative edge, synchronous



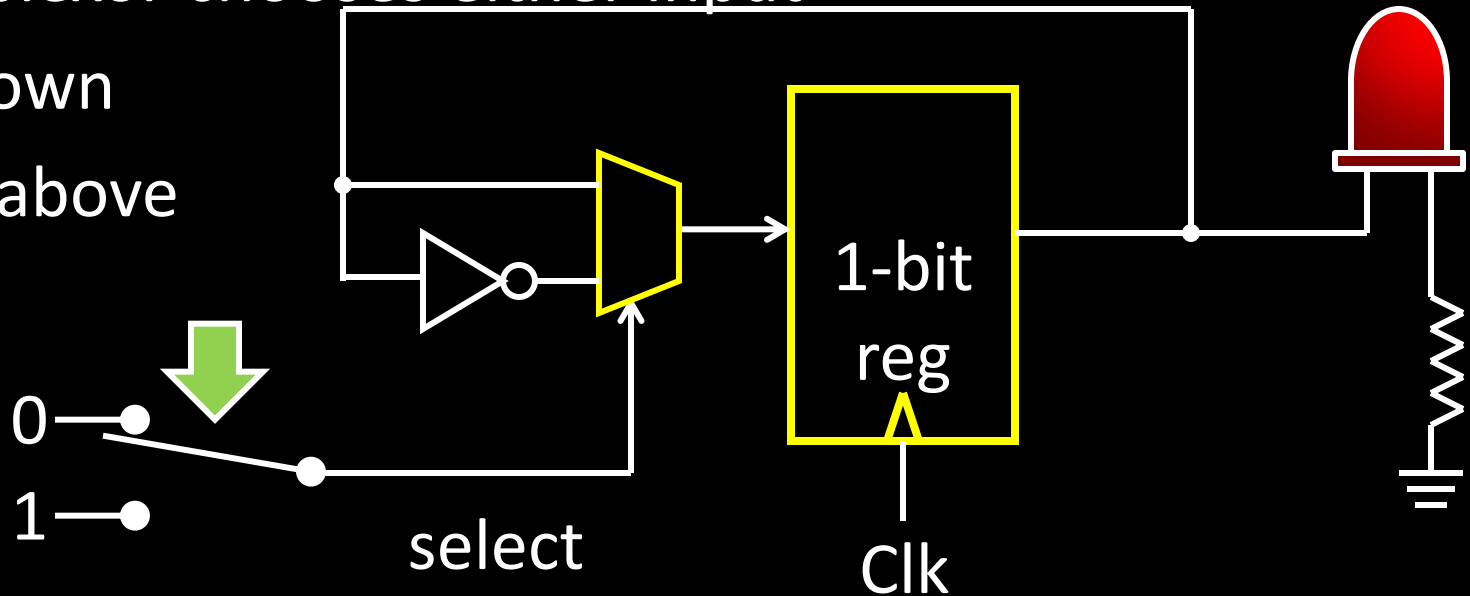
– Signals must be stable near falling clock edge

- Positive edge synchronous
- Asynchronous, multiple clocks, . . .

Metastability and Asynchronous Inputs

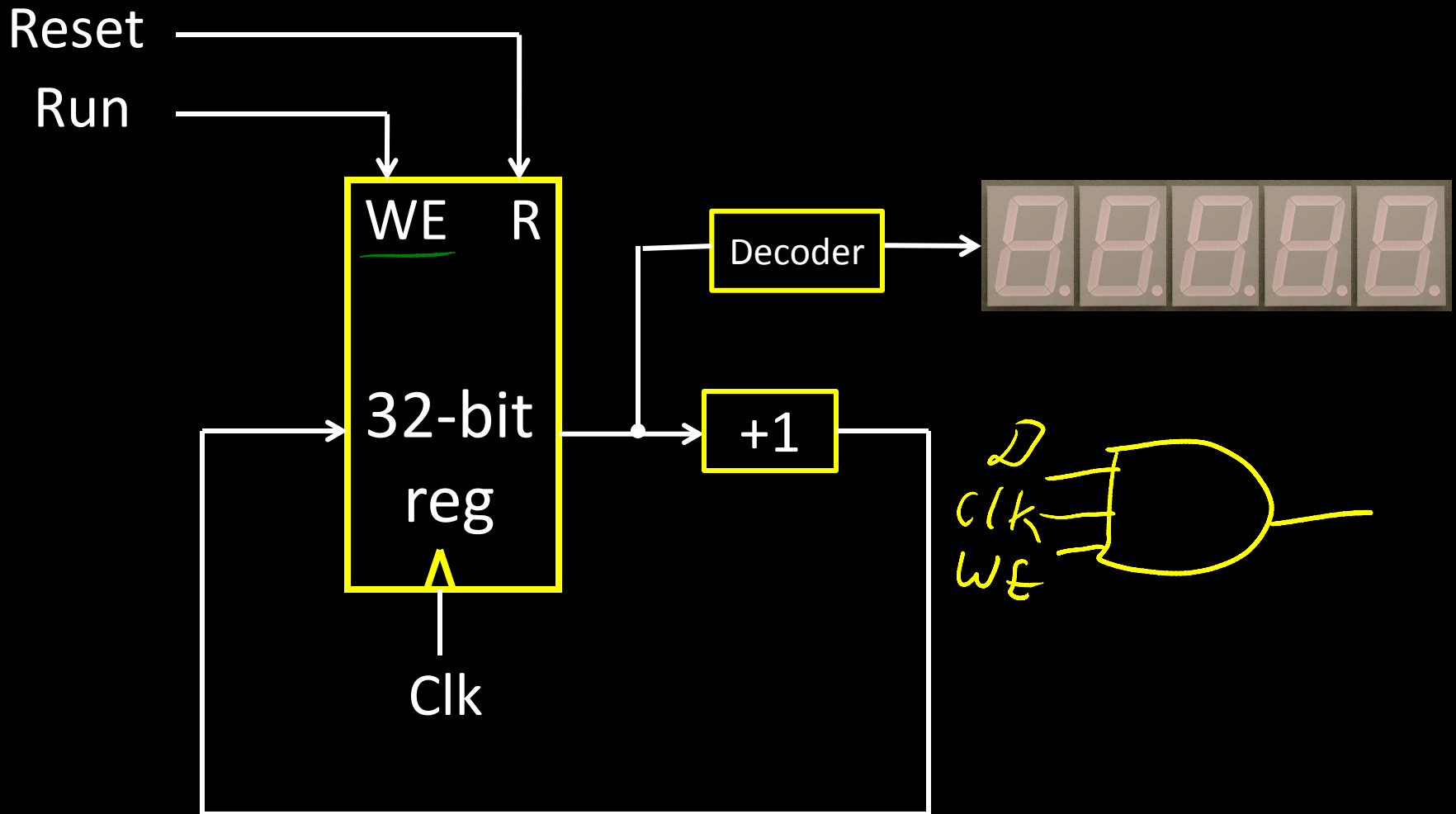
Q: What happens if *select* input changes near clock edge?

- A) Multiplexor selects input 0
- B) Multiplexor selects input 1
- C) Multiplexor chooses either input
- D) Unknown
- E) None above



A: Google “Buridan’s Principle” by Leslie Lamport

An Example: What will this circuit do?



Recap

We can now build interesting devices with sensors

- Using combinatorial logic

We can also store data values

- In state-holding elements
- Coupled with clocks

Administrivia

Make sure partner in same Lab Section *this week*

Lab2 is out

Due in one week, next Monday, start early

Work **alone**

But, use your resources

- Lab Section, Piazza.com, Office Hours, Homework Help Session,
- Class notes, book, Sections, CSUGLab

No Homework this week

Administrivia

Check online syllabus/schedule

- <http://www.cs.cornell.edu/Courses/CS3410/2012sp/schedule.html>

Slides and Reading for lectures

Office Hours

Homework and Programming Assignments

Prelims (in evenings):

- Tuesday, February 28th
- Thursday, March 29th
- Thursday, April 26th

Schedule is subject to change

Collaboration, Late, Re-grading Policies

“Black Board” Collaboration Policy

- Can discuss approach together on a “black board”
- **Leave and write up solution independently**
- Do not copy solutions

Late Policy

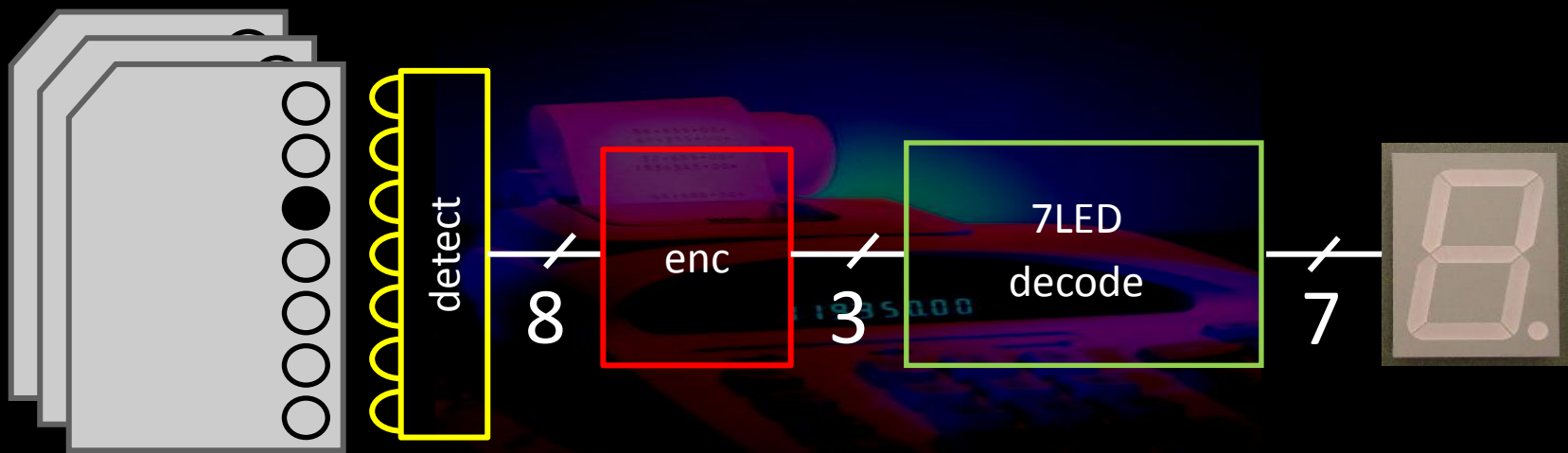
- Each person has a **total of *four* “slip days”**
- **Max of *two* slip days** for any individual assignment
- **Slip days deducted first** for *any* late assignment, cannot selectively apply slip days
- For projects, slip days are deducted from all partners
- 20% deducted per day late after slip days are exhausted

Regrade policy

- Submit written request to lead TA,
and lead TA will pick a different grader
- Submit another written request,
lead TA will regrade directly
- Submit yet another written request for professor to regrade.

Finite State Machines

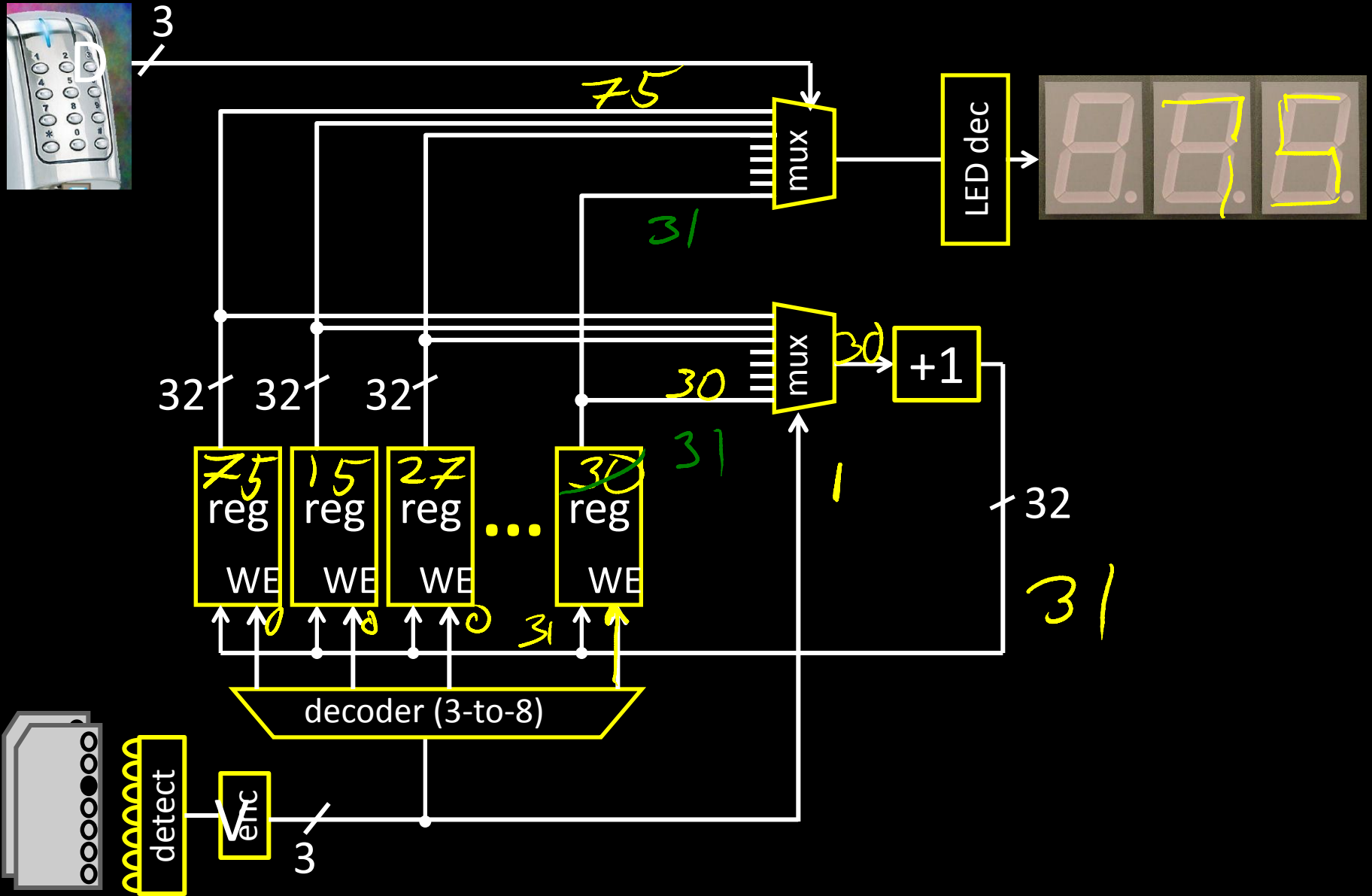
Revisit Voting Machine



Ballots

How do we create
a vote counter
machine

Revisit Voting Machine



Finite State Machines

An electronic machine which has

- external inputs
- externally visible outputs
- internal state

Output and next state depend on

- inputs
- current state

Abstract Model of FSM

Machine is

$$M = (S, I, O, \delta)$$

S : Finite set of states

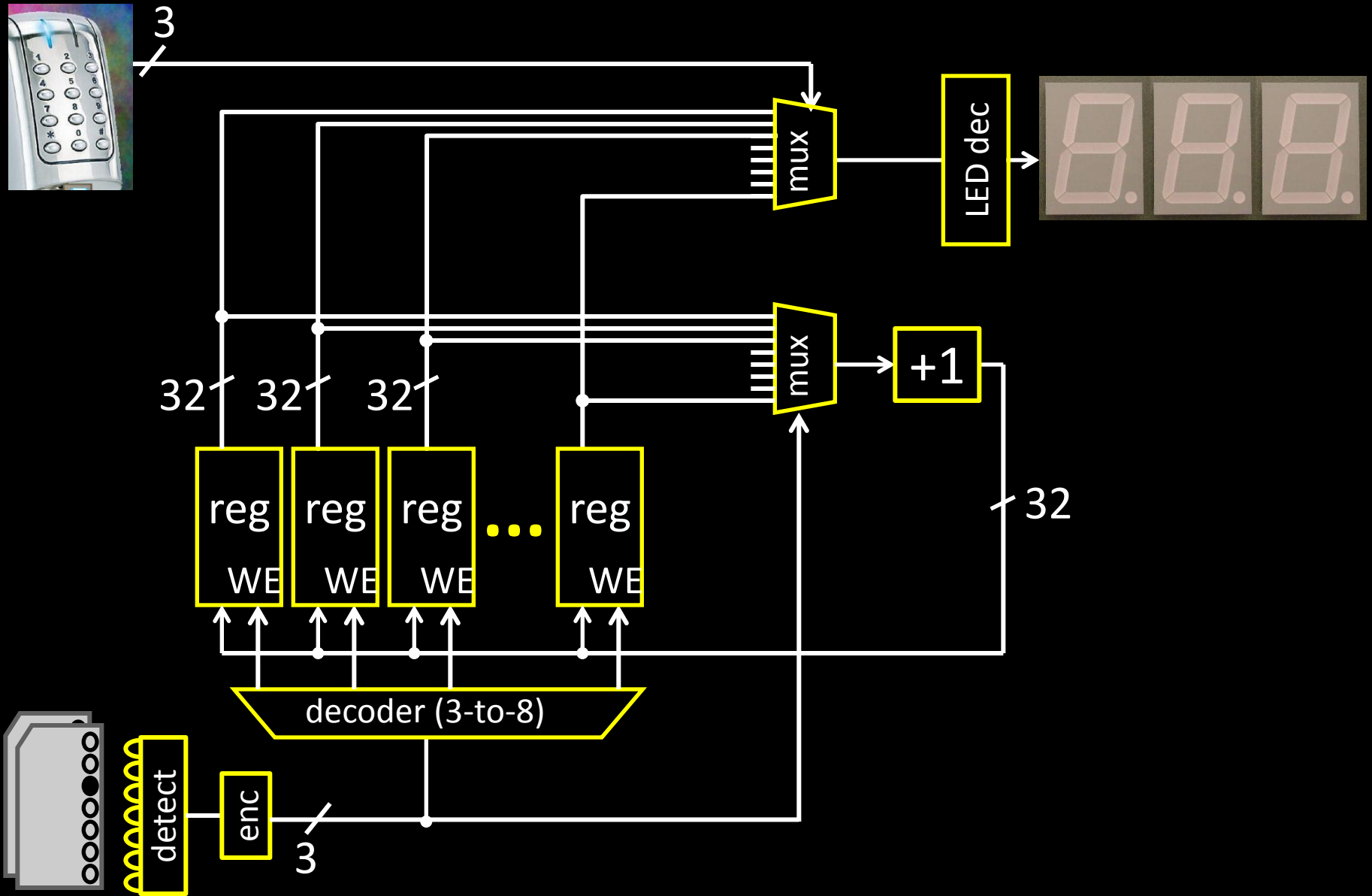
I : Finite set of inputs

O : Finite set of outputs

δ : State transition function

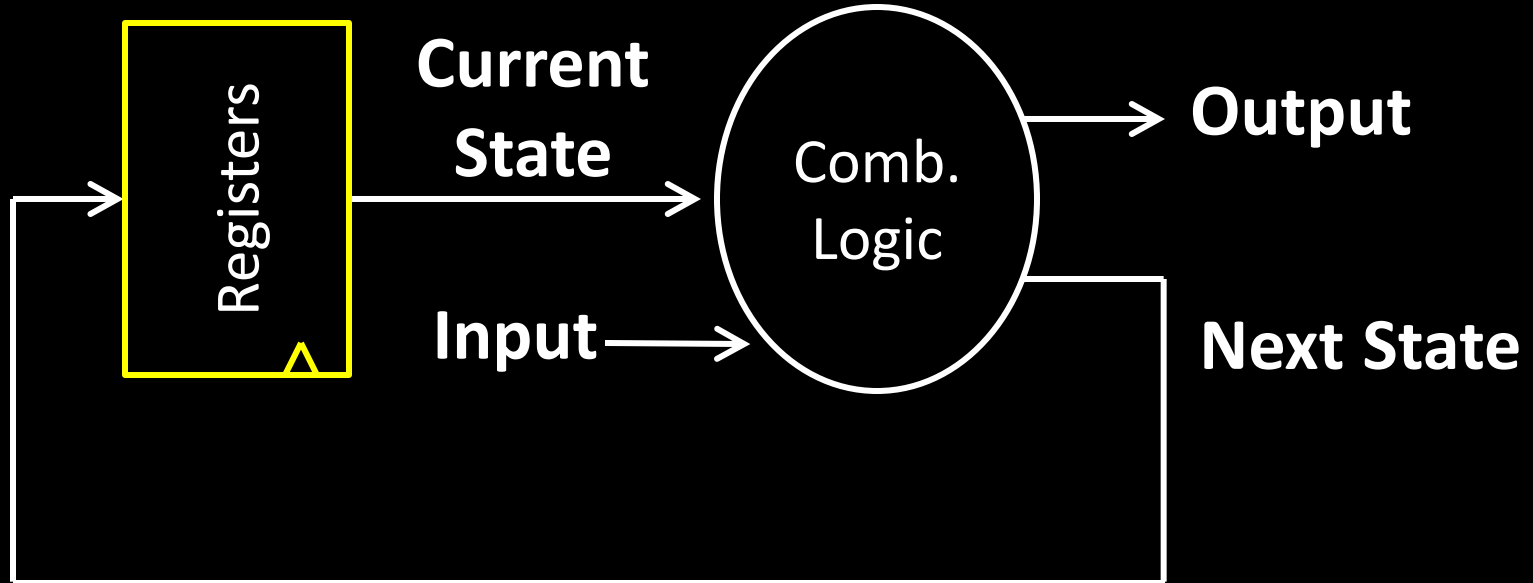
Next state depends on **present input** *and*
present state

Revisit Voting Machine



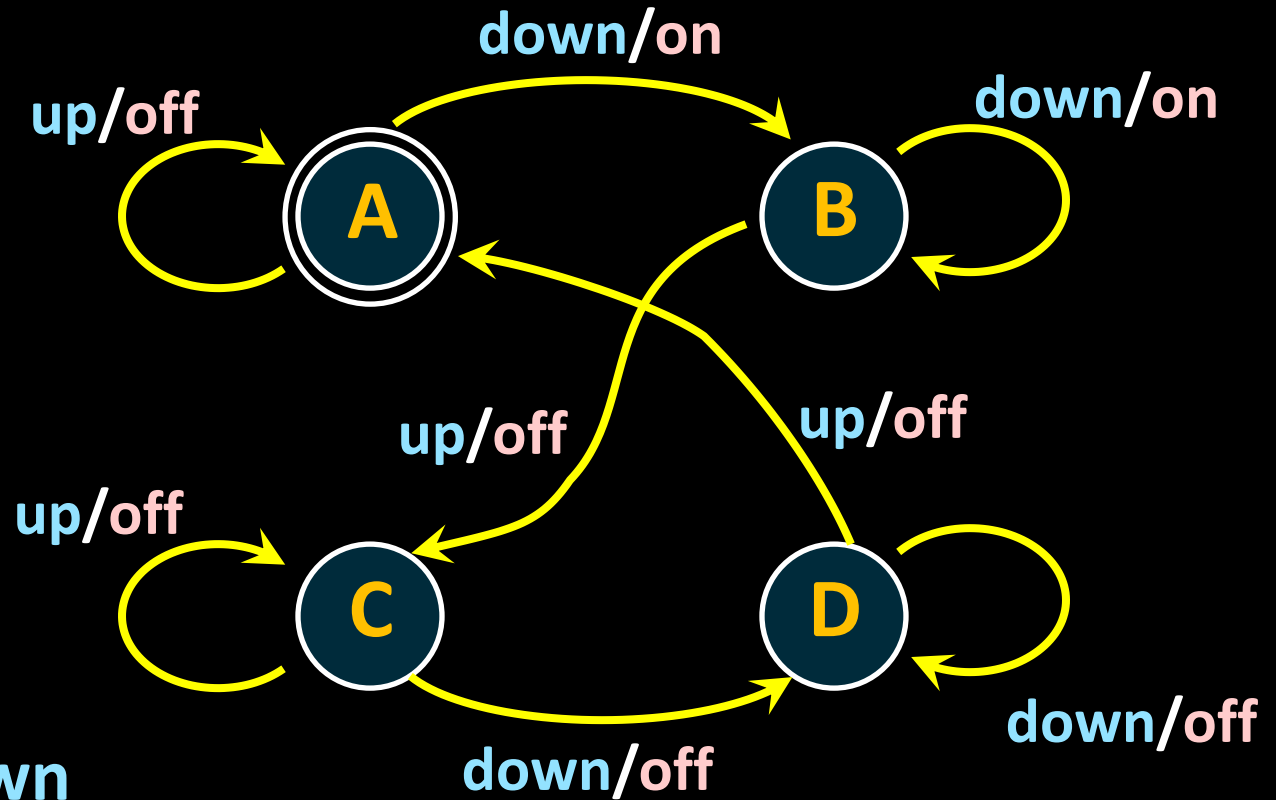
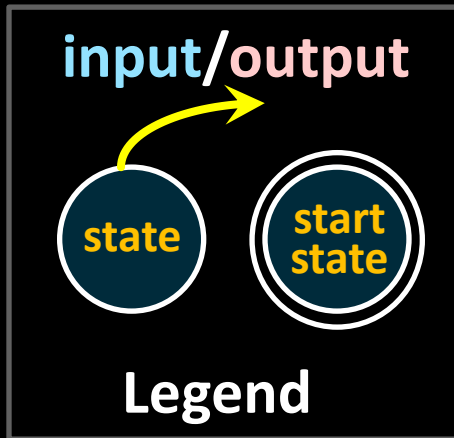
Automata Model

Finite State Machine



- inputs from external world
- outputs to external world
- internal state
- combinational logic

FSM Example

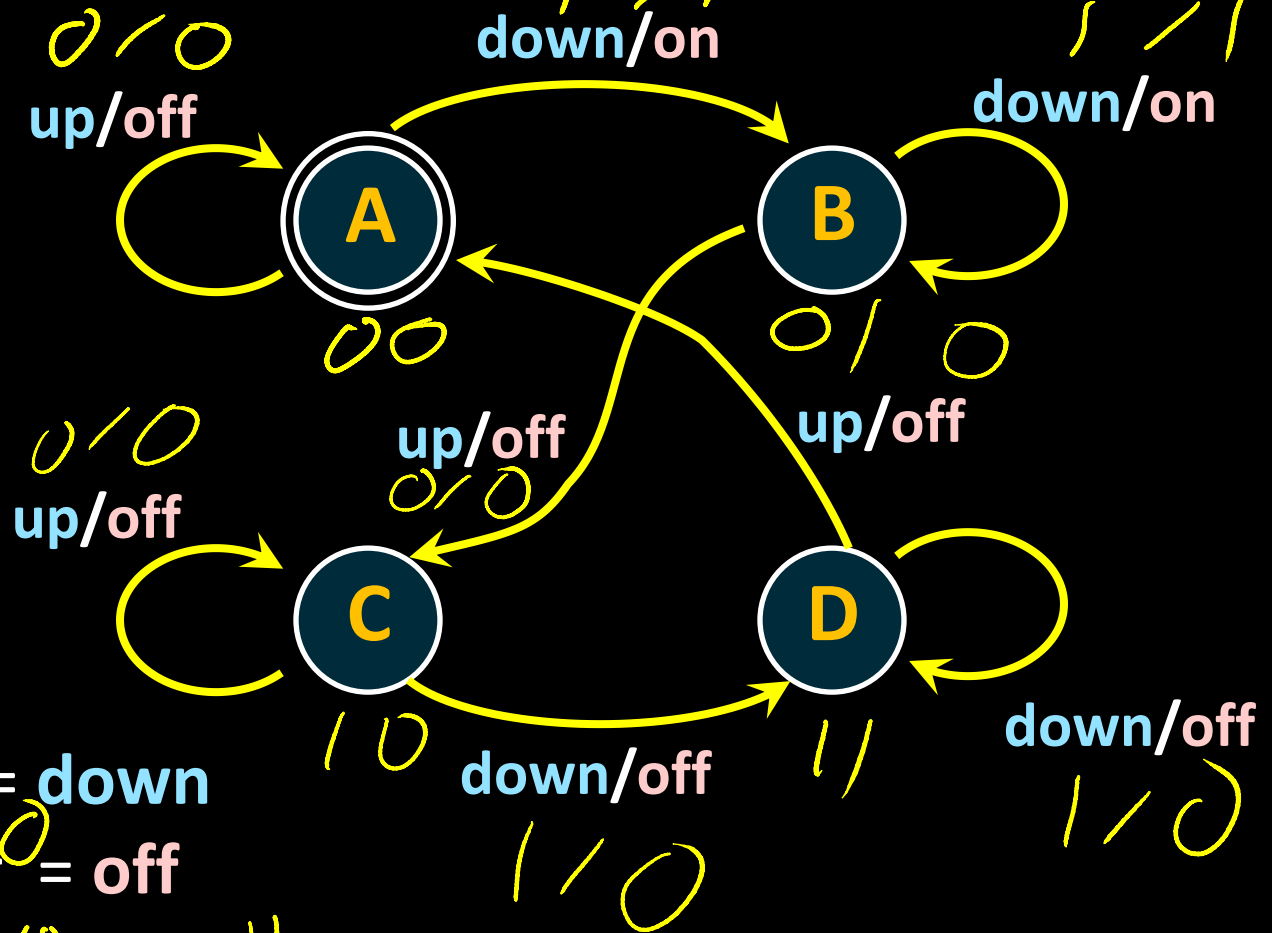
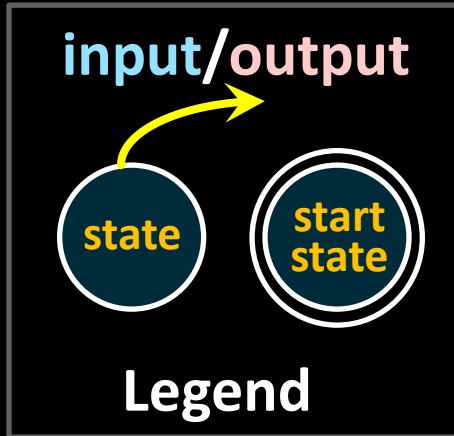


Input: **up** or **down**

Output: **on** or **off**

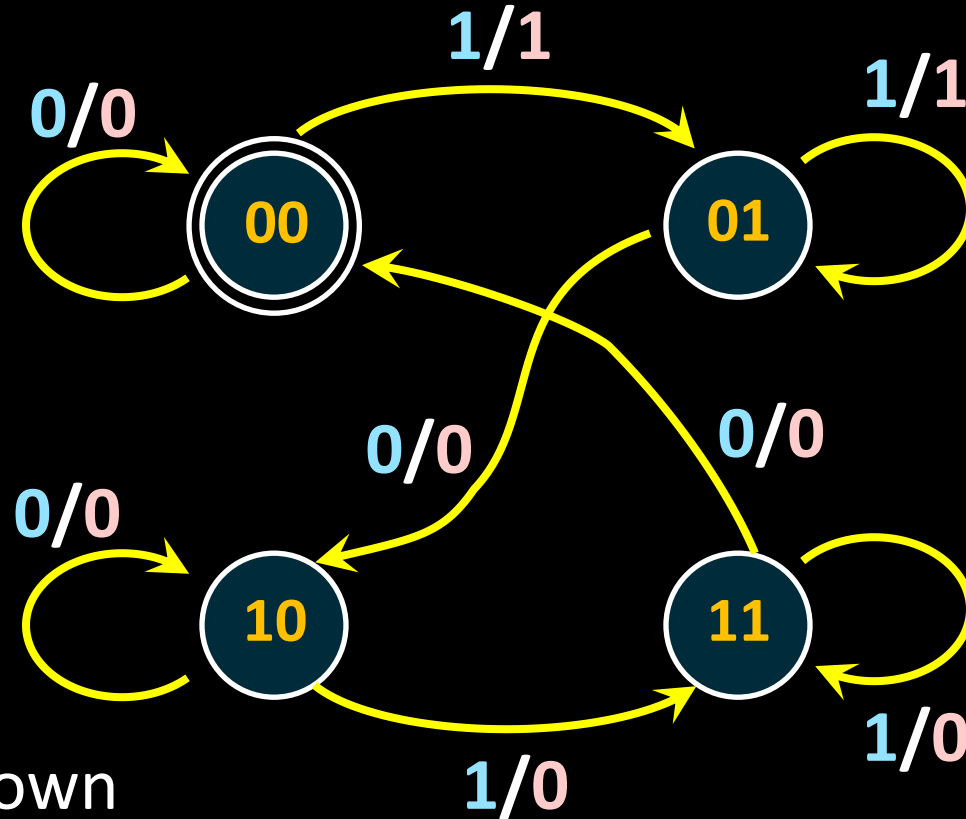
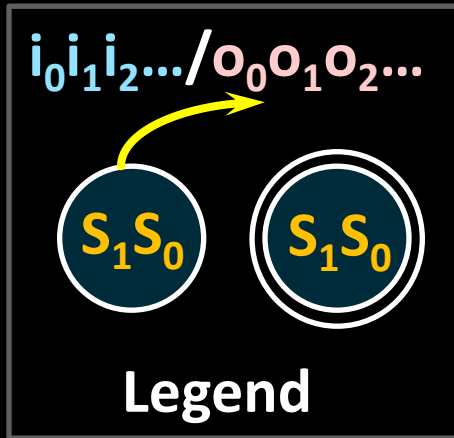
States: **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**

FSM Example



Input: 0 = up or 1 = down
Output: 1 = on or 0 = off
States: 00 = A, 01 = B, 10 = C, or 11 = D

FSM Example



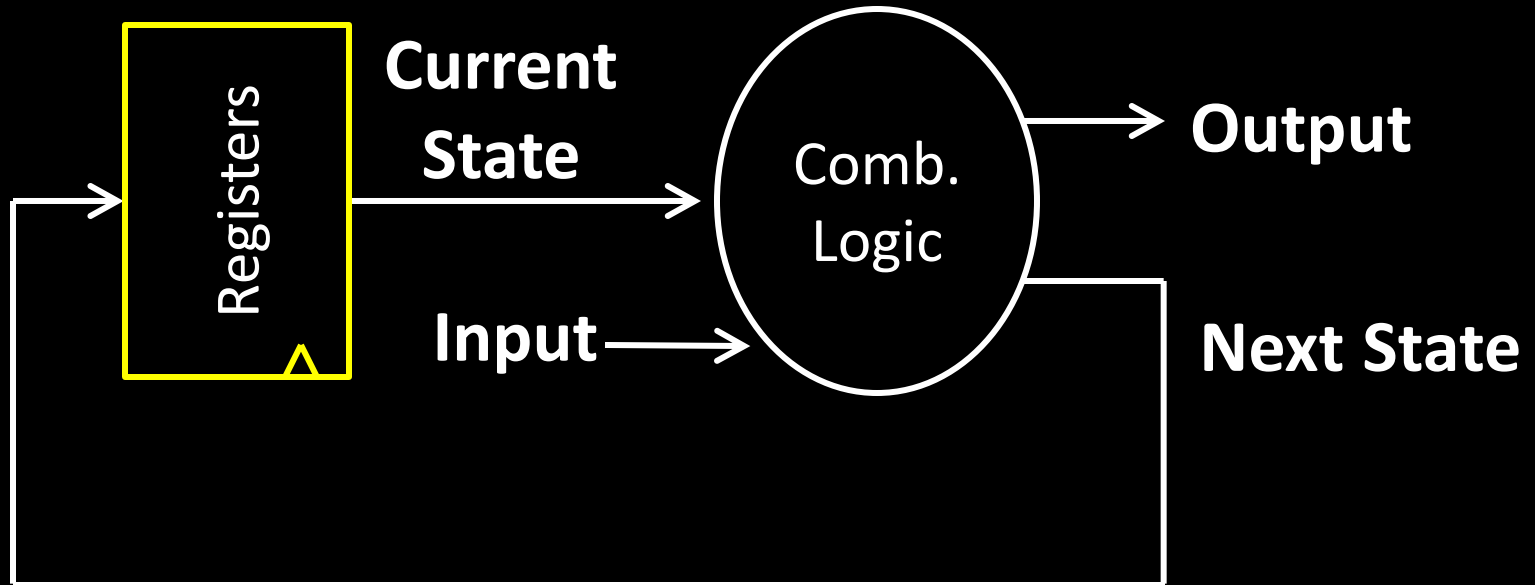
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Output: **1**=on or **1**=off

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Mealy Machine

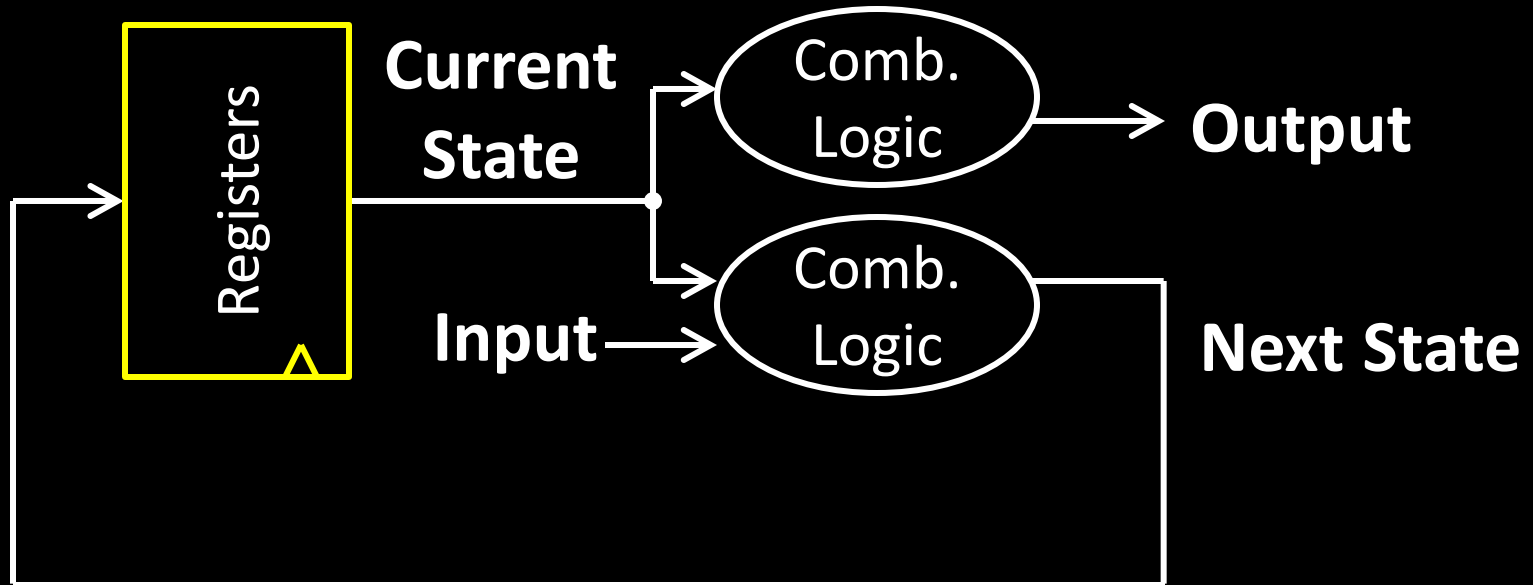
General Case: Mealy Machine



Outputs and next state depend on both current state and input

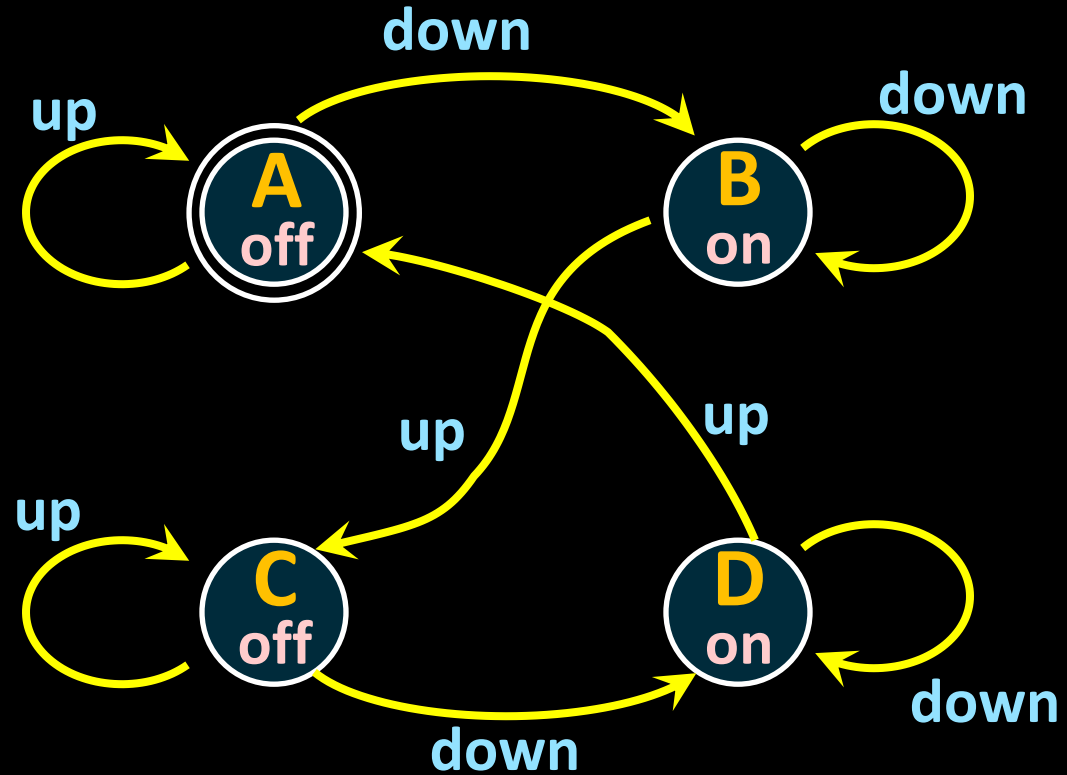
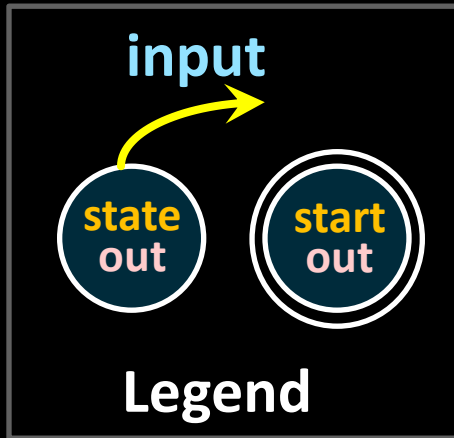
Moore Machine

Special Case: Moore Machine



Outputs depend only on current state

Moore Machine Example



Input: **up** or **down**

Output: **on** or **off**

States: **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**

Example: Digital Door Lock



Digital Door Lock

Inputs:

- keycodes from keypad
- clock

Outputs:

- “unlock” signal
- display how many keys pressed so far

Door Lock: Inputs

Assumptions:

- signals are synchronized to clock
- Password is B-A-B

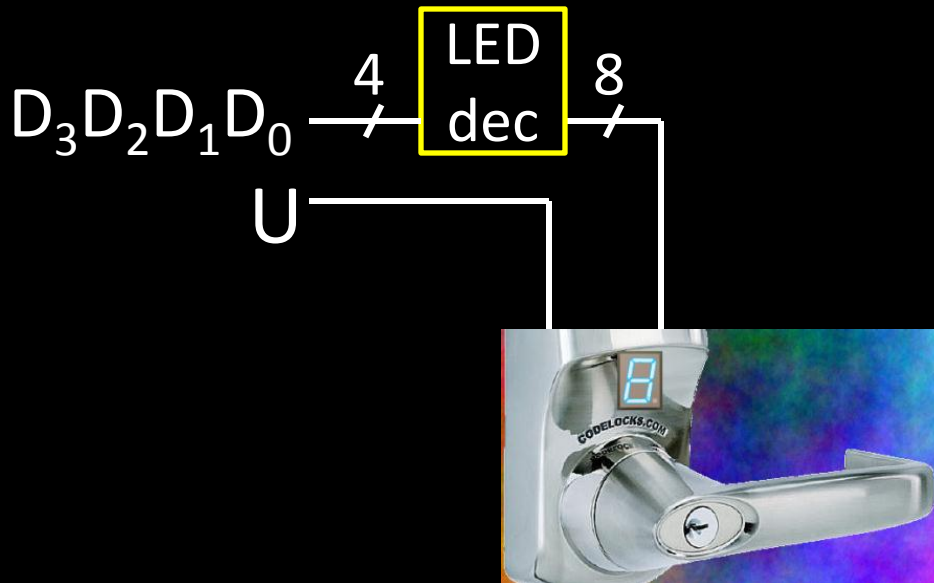


K	A	B	Meaning
0	0	0	\emptyset (no key)
1	1	0	'A' pressed
1	0	1	'B' pressed

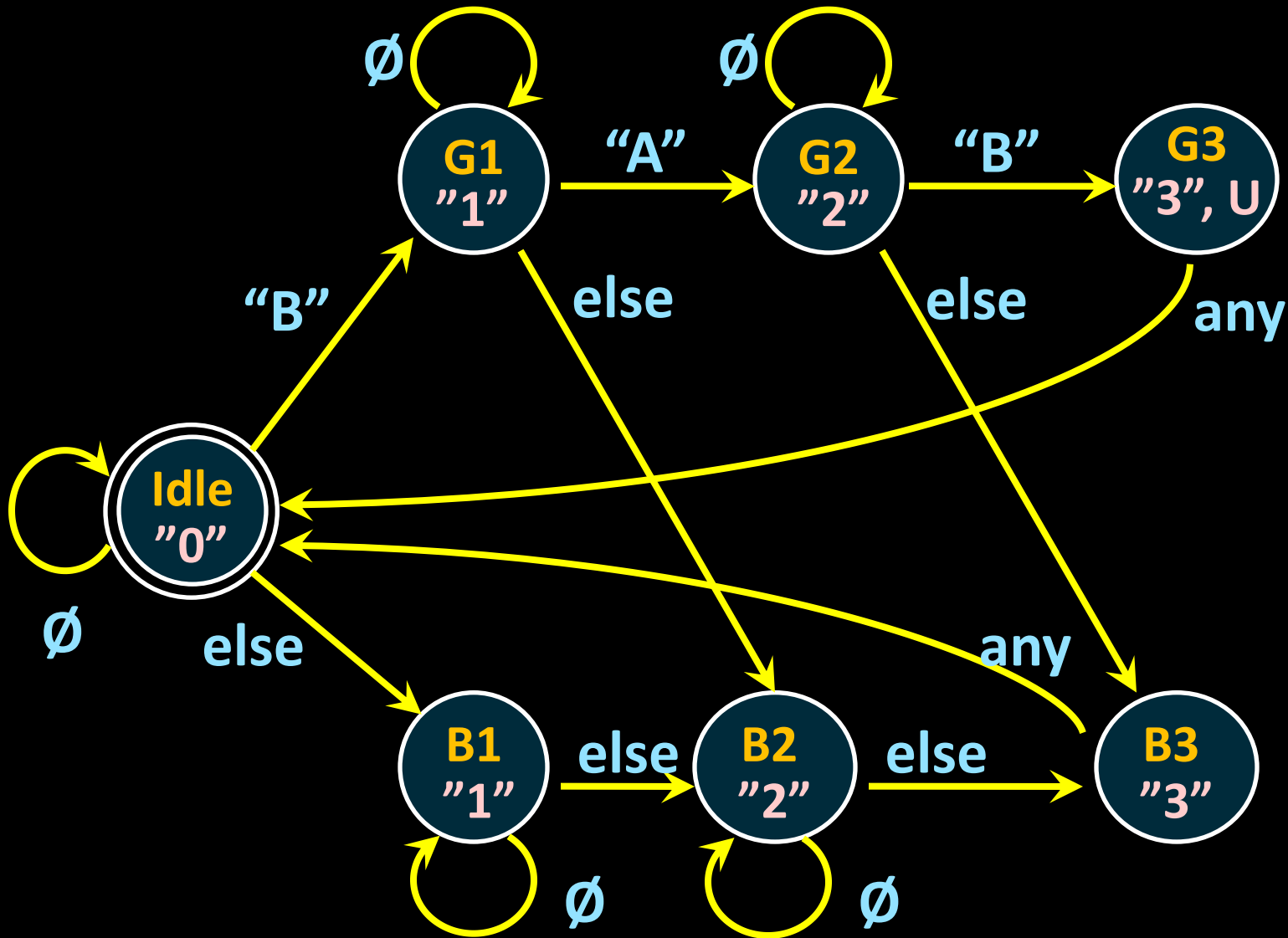
Door Lock: Outputs

Assumptions:

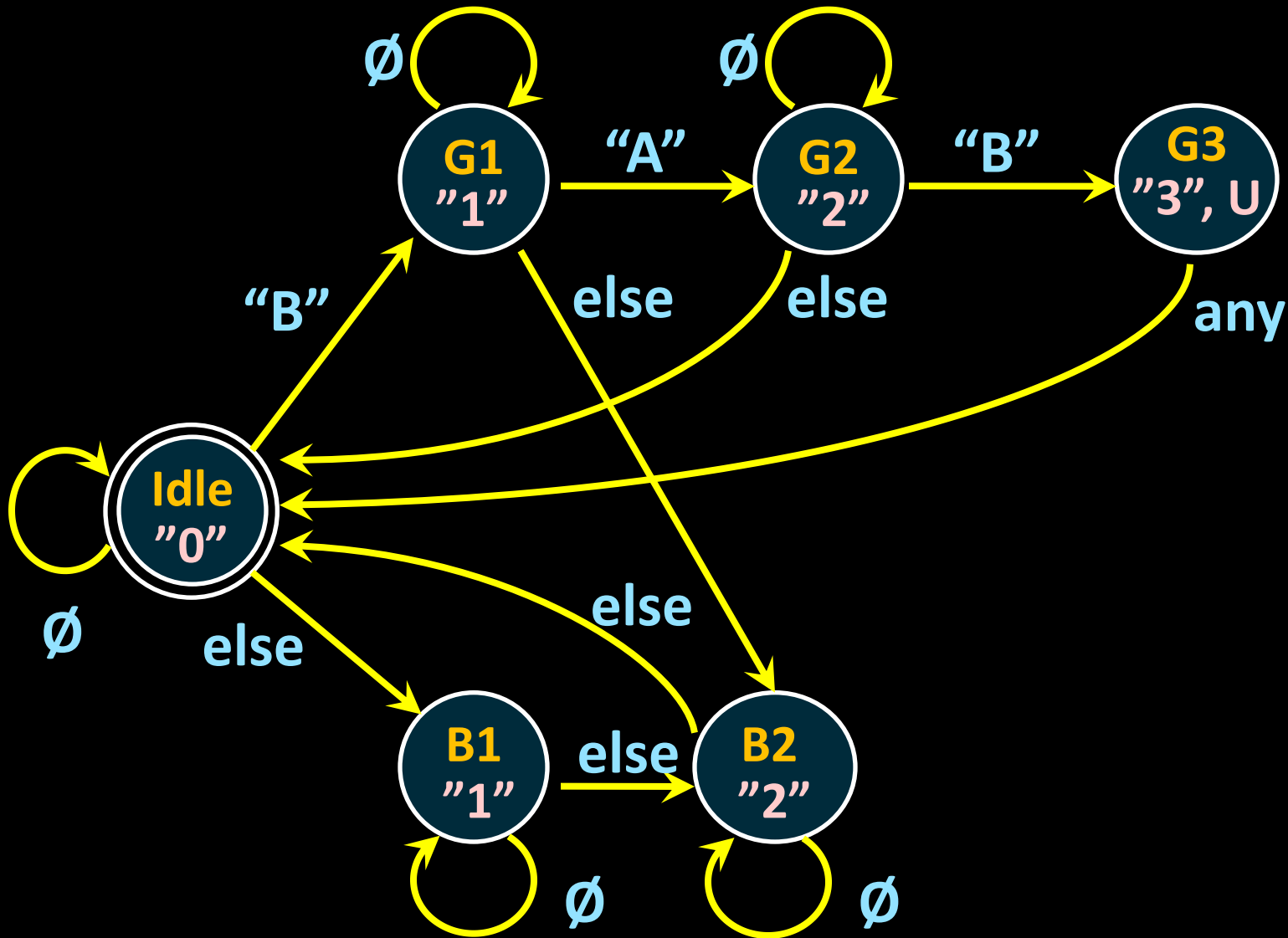
- High pulse on U unlocks door



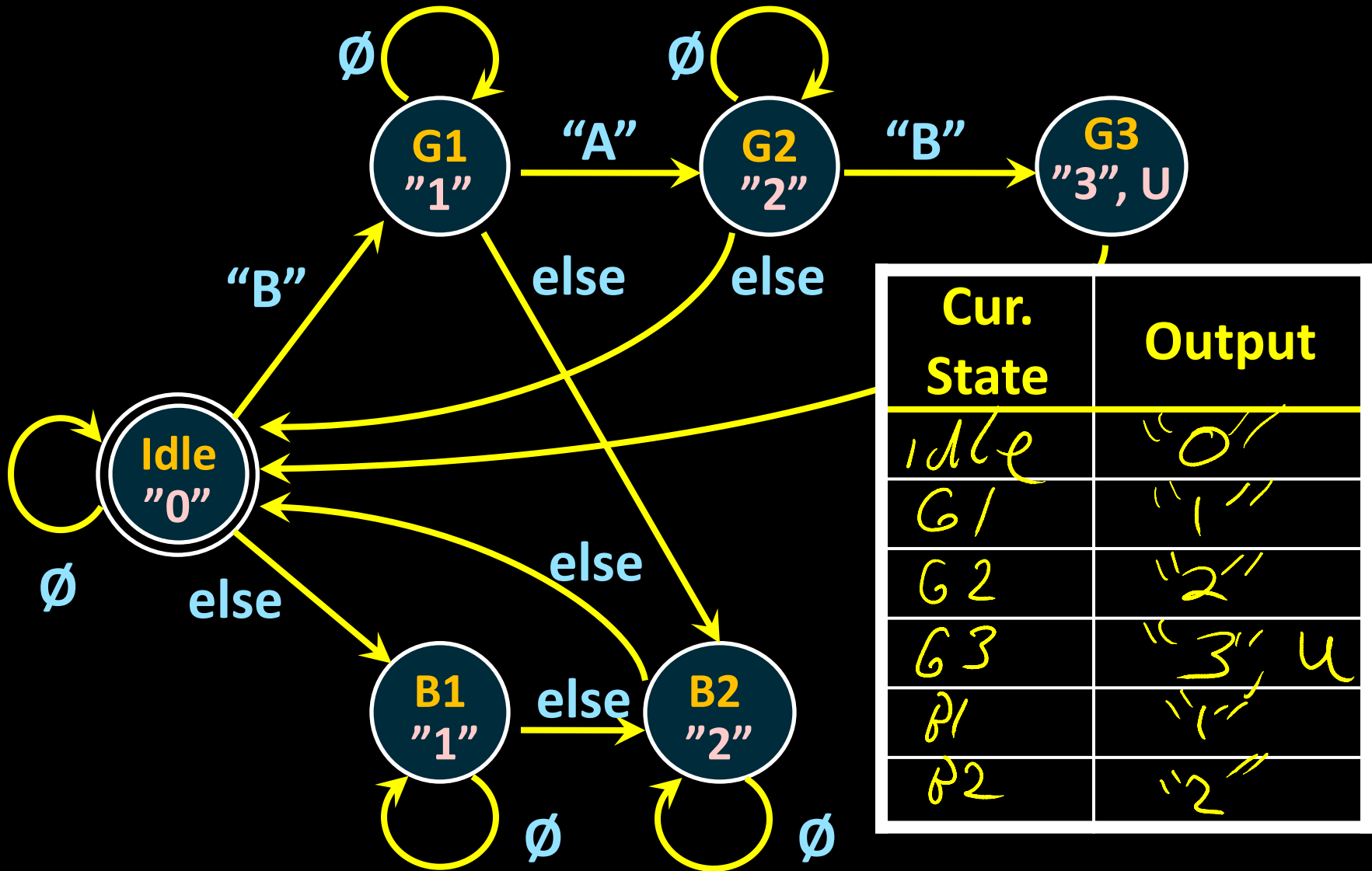
Door Lock: Simplified State Diagram



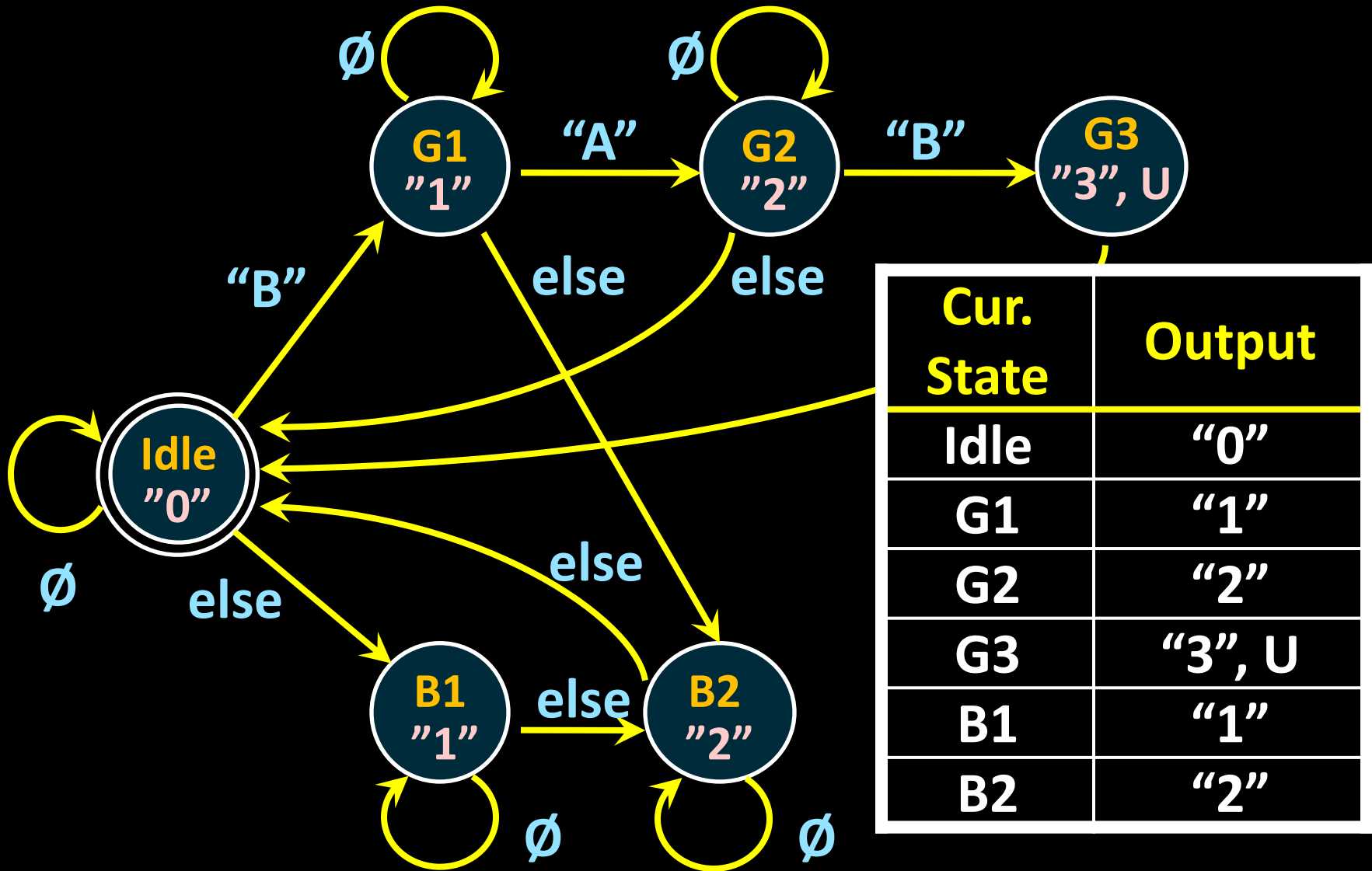
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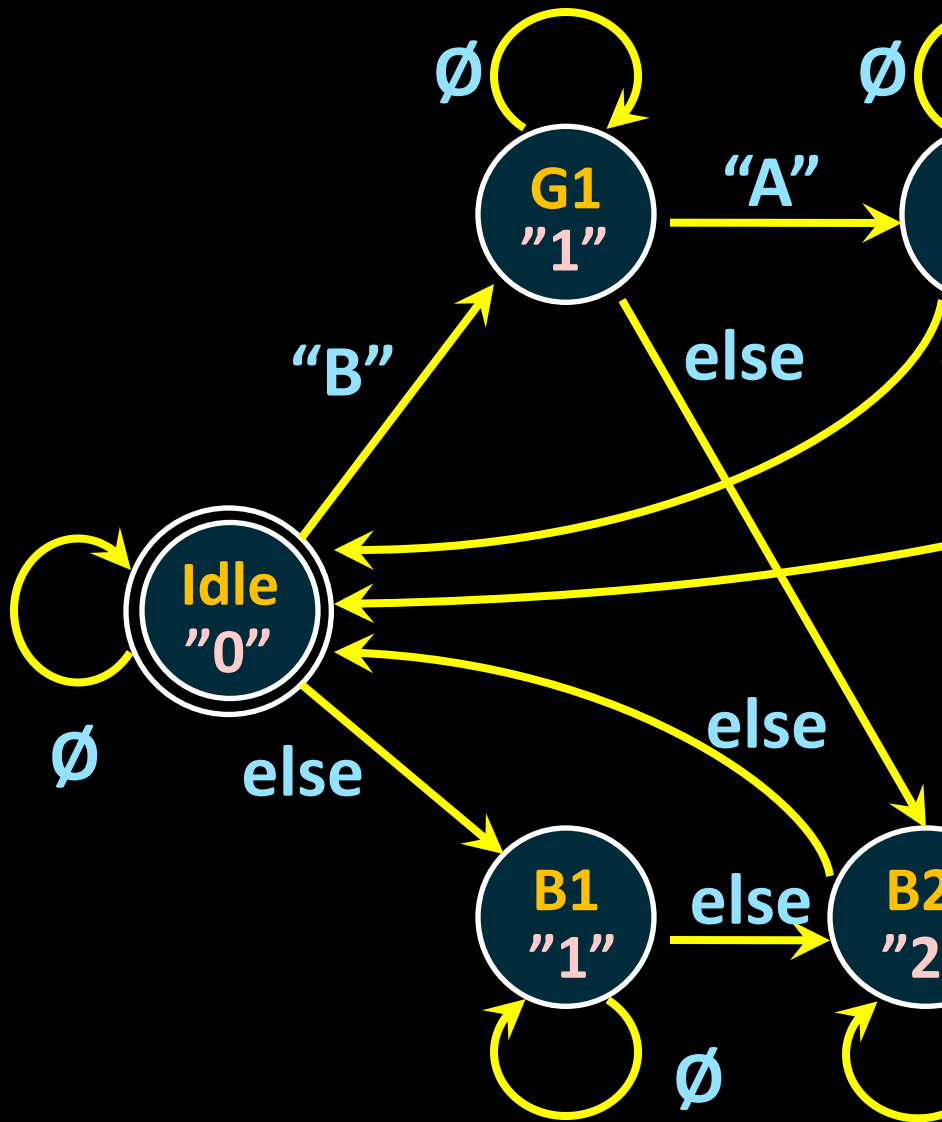
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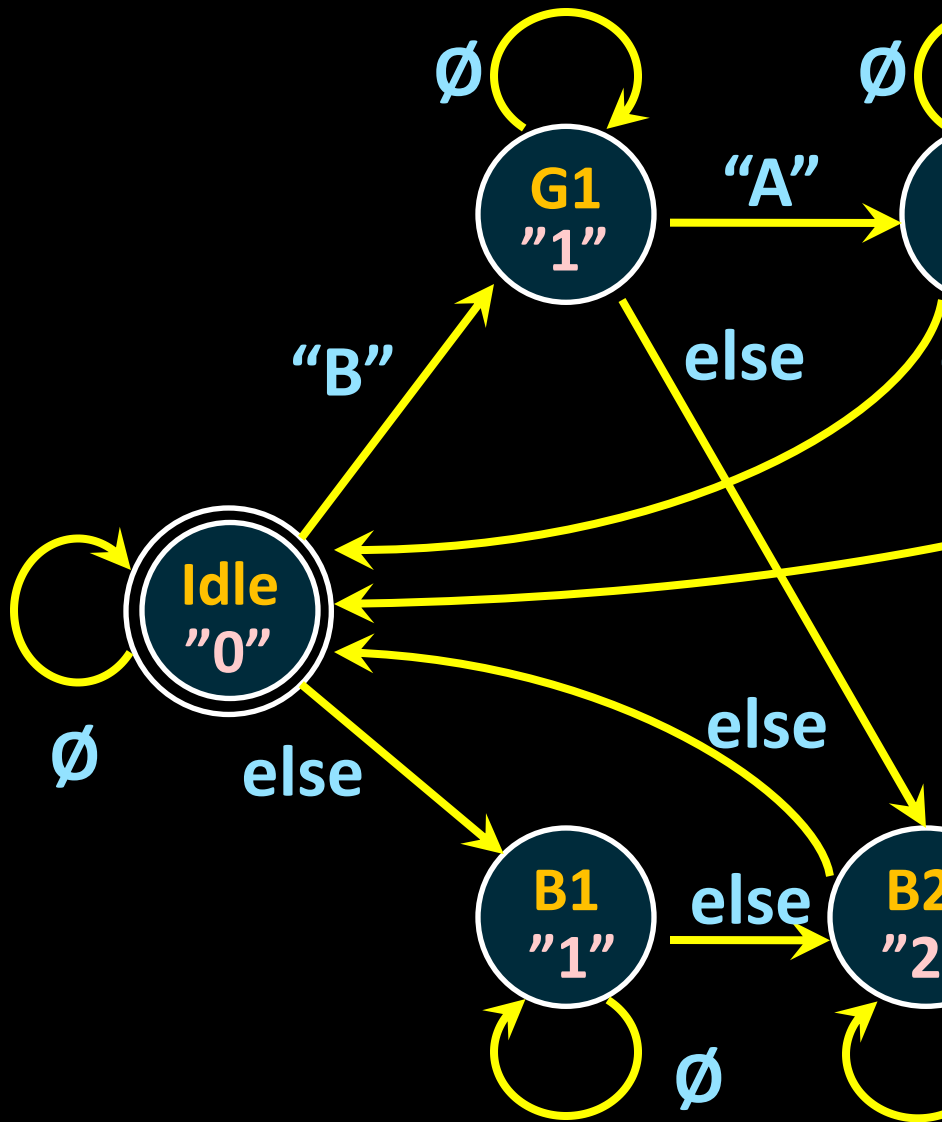


Door Lock: Simplified State Diagram



Cur. State	Input	Next State
Idle	0	Idle
Idle	"B"	G1
Idle	"A"	∅
G1	0	G1
G1	A	G2
G1	B	∅
G2		
G2		
G2		
G2		
B1		
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B2		
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G1	"B"	B2
G2	∅	B2
G2	"B"	G3
G2	"A"	Idle
G3	any	Idle
B1	∅	B1
B1	K	B2
B2	∅	B2
B2	K	Idle

State Table Encoding

S_2	S_1	S_0	D_3	D_2	D_1	D_0	U
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

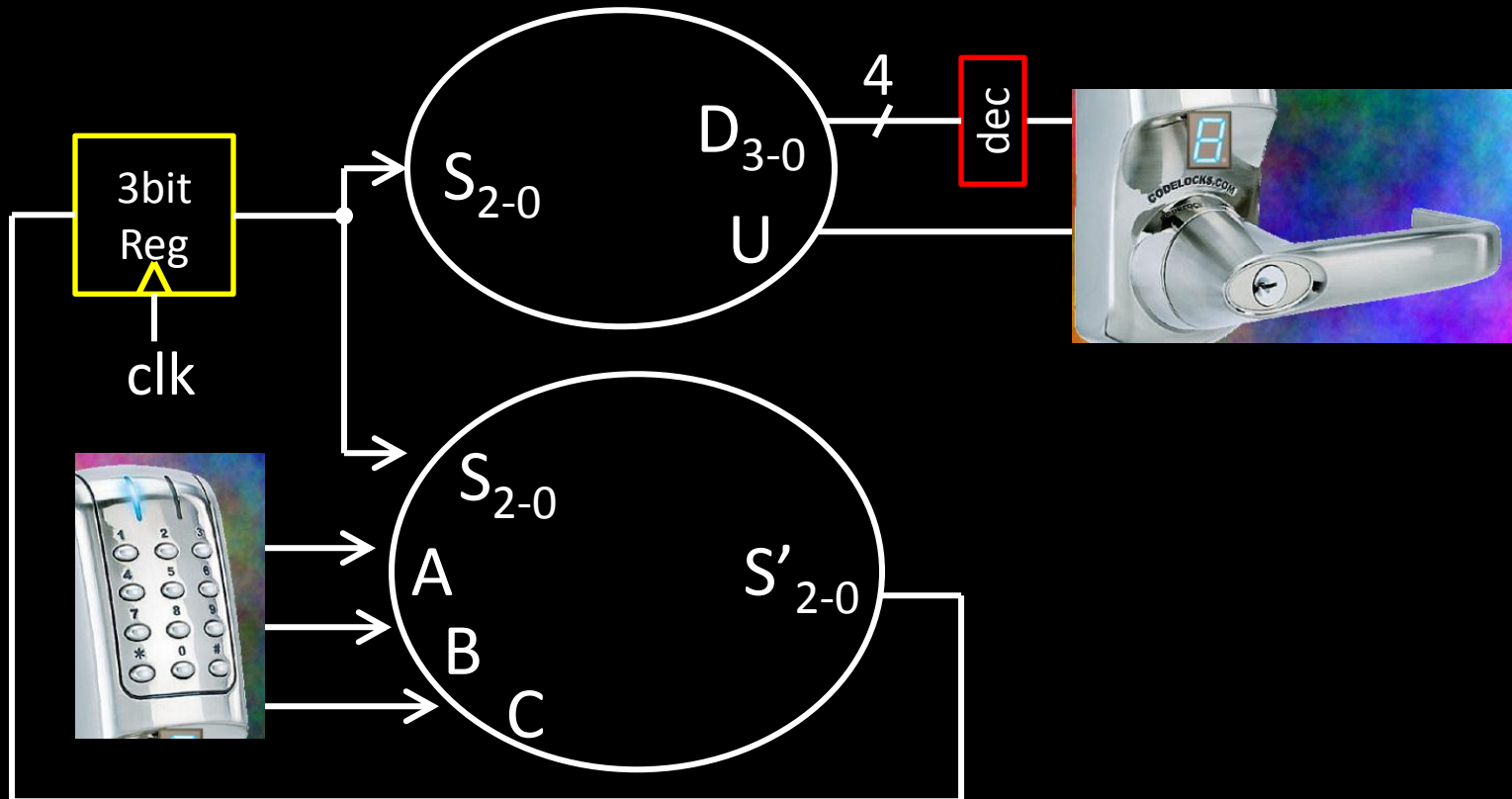
Handwritten notes: "0", "1", "2", "3", "u", "2", "1" with arrows pointing to the D_3 column of the first table.

S_2	S_1	S_0	K	A	B	S'_2	S'_1	S'_0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	x	x	x	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	x	x	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	x	x	0	0	0

D_3 [

State	S_2	S_1	S_0
Idle	0	0	0
G1	0	0	1
G2	0	1	0
G3	0	1	1
B1	1	0	0
B2	1	0	1

Door Lock: Implementation



Strategy:

- (1) Draw a state diagram (e.g. Moore Machine)
- (2) Write output and next-state tables
- (3) Encode states, inputs, and outputs as bits
- (4) Determine logic equations for next state and outputs

Summary

We can now build interesting devices with sensors

- Using combinational logic

We can also store data values

- Stateful circuit elements (D Flip Flops, Registers, ...)
- Clock to synchronize state changes
- But be wary of asynchronous (un-clocked) inputs
- State Machines or Ad-Hoc Circuits