Finite State Machines

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Goals for Today

Finite State Machines (FSM)

- How do we design logic circuits with state?
- Types of FSMs: Mealy and Moore Machines
- Examples: Serial Adder and a Digital Door Lock

Finite State Machines

Next Goal

How do we design logic circuits with state?

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

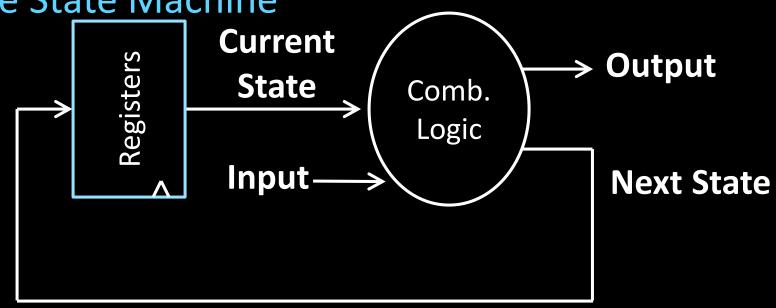
O: Finite set of outputs

 δ : State transition function

Next state depends on present input and present state

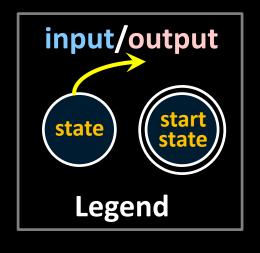
Automata Model

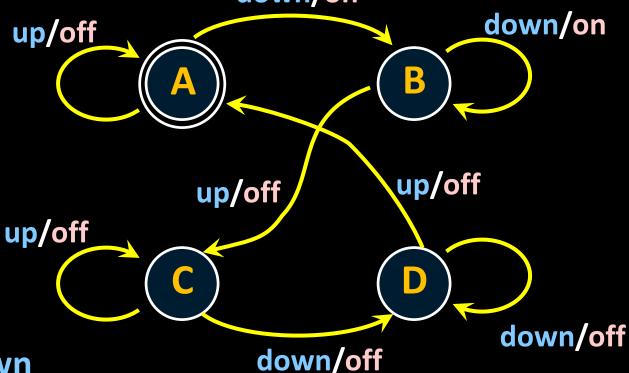
Finite State Machine



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

FSM Example down/on



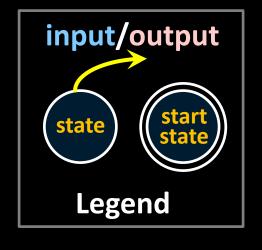


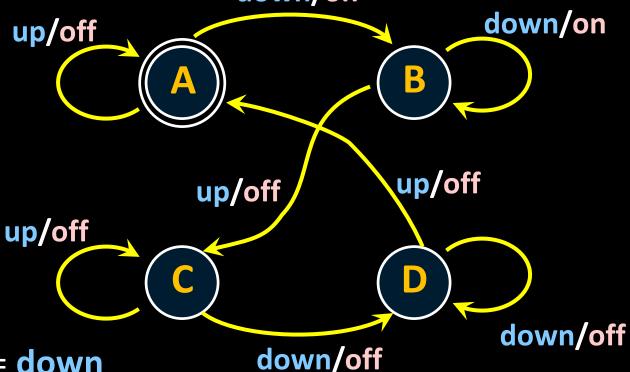
Input: up or down

Output: on or off

States: A, B, C, or D

FSM Example down/on



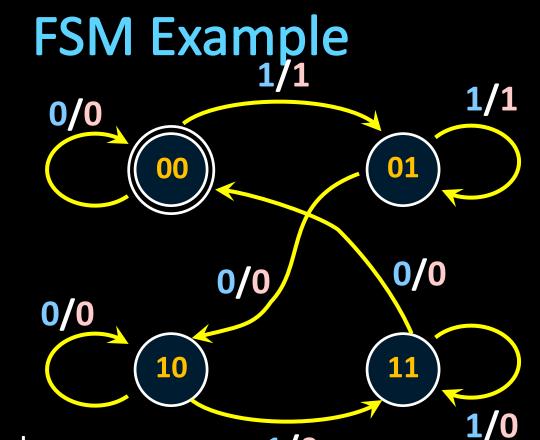


Input: = up or = down

Output: = on or = off

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

i₀i₁i₂.../o₀o₁o₂... S₁S₀ S₁S₀ Legend



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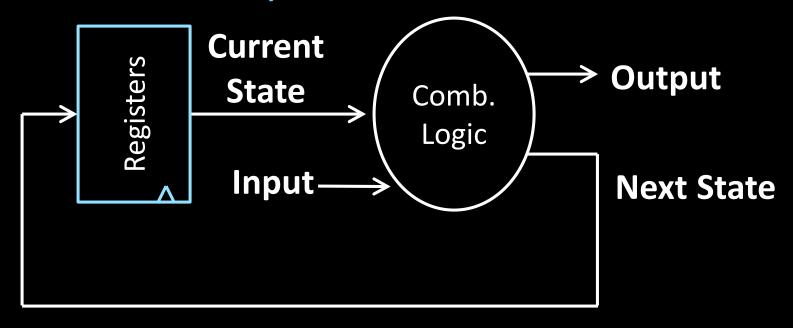
Input: 0=up or 1=down

Output: **1**=on or **0**=off

States: 00=A, 01=B, 10=C, or 11=D

Mealy Machine

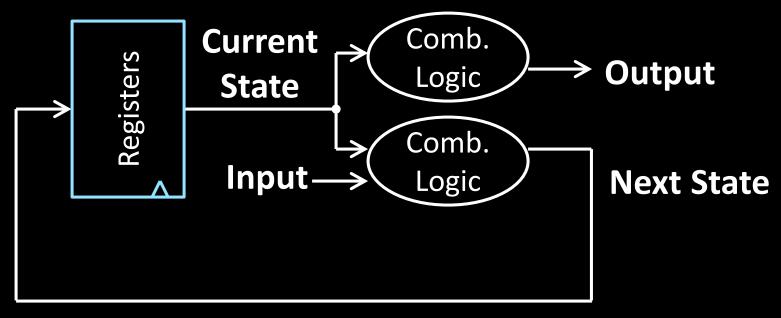
General Case: Mealy Machine



Outputs and next state depend on both current state and input

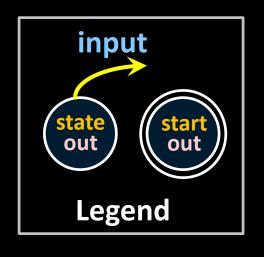
Moore Machine

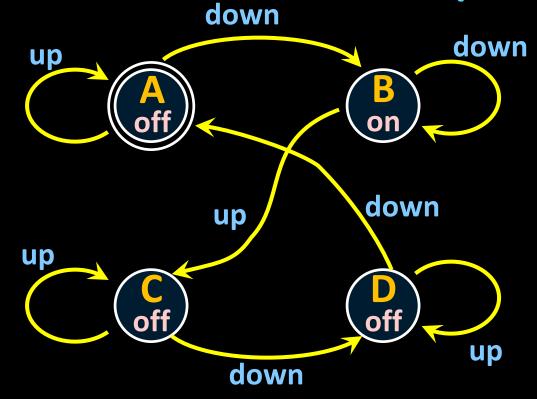
Special Case: Moore Machine



Outputs depend only on current state

Moore Machine FSM Example



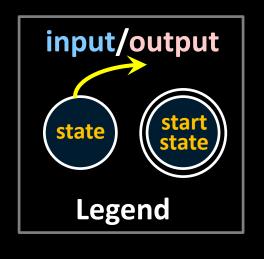


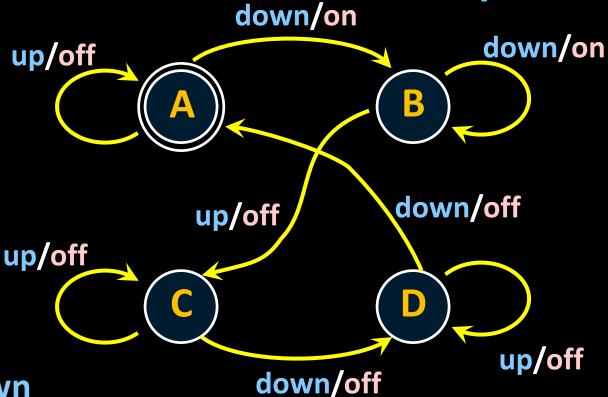
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Mealy Machine FSM Example





Input: up or down

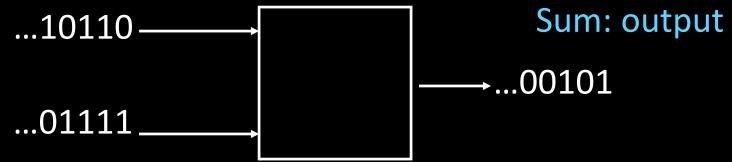
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Activity#2: Create a Logic Circuit for a Serial Adder

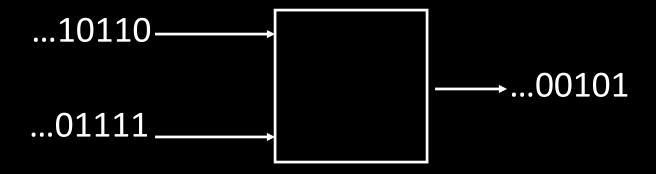
Add two infinite input bit streams

- streams are sent with least-significant-bit (lsb) first
- How many states are needed to represent FSM?
- Draw and Fill in FSM diagram



Strategy:

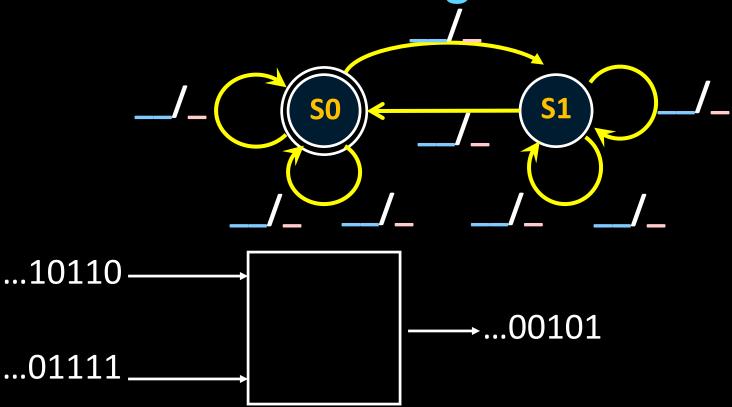
- (1) Draw a state diagram (e.g. Mealy Machine)
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- (3) Encode states, inputs, and outputs as bits
- (4) Determine logic equations for next state and outputs



__ states:

Inputs: ??? and ???

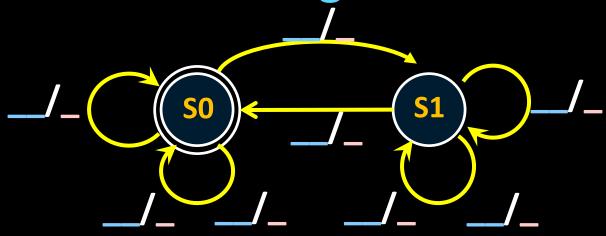
Output: ???



states:

Inputs: ??? and ???

Output: ???



??	??	Current state	?	Next state

(2) Write down all input and state combinations



??	??	Current state	?	? Next state	

(3) Encode states, inputs, and outputs as bits

??	??	Current	?	Next
		state		state

(4) Determine logic equations for next state and outputs

Example: Digital Door Lock



Digital Door Lock

Inputs:

- keycodes from keypad
- clock

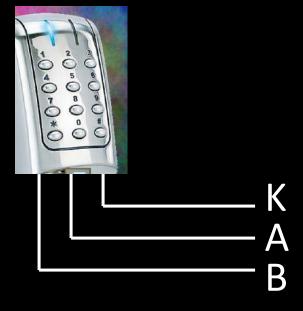
Outputs:

- "unlock" signal
- display how many keys pressed so far

Door Lock: Inputs

Assumptions:

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

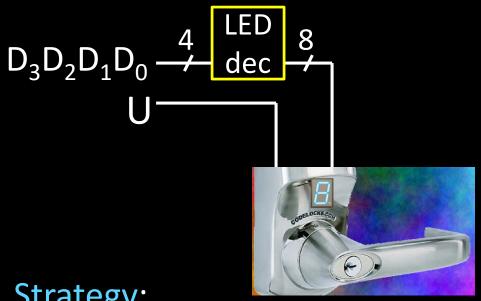


K	A	В	Meaning	
0	0	0	Ø (no key)	
1	1	0	'A' pressed	
1	0	1	'B' pressed	

Door Lock: Outputs

Assumptions:

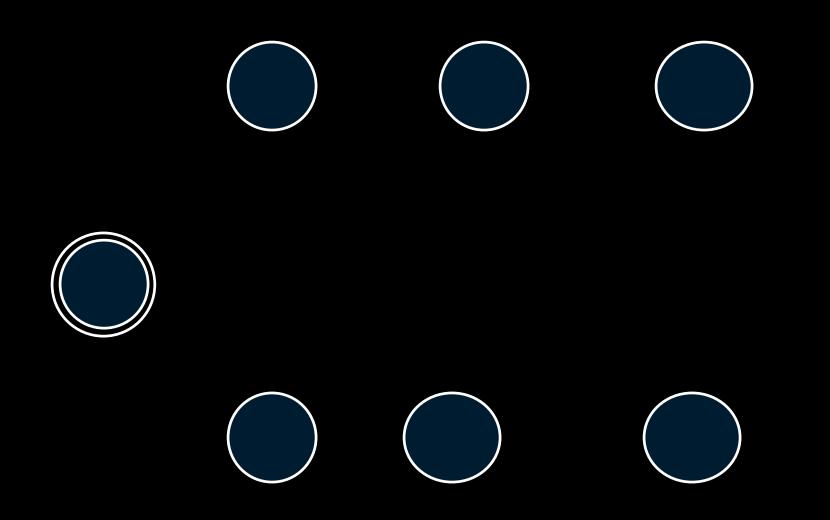
High pulse on U unlocks door



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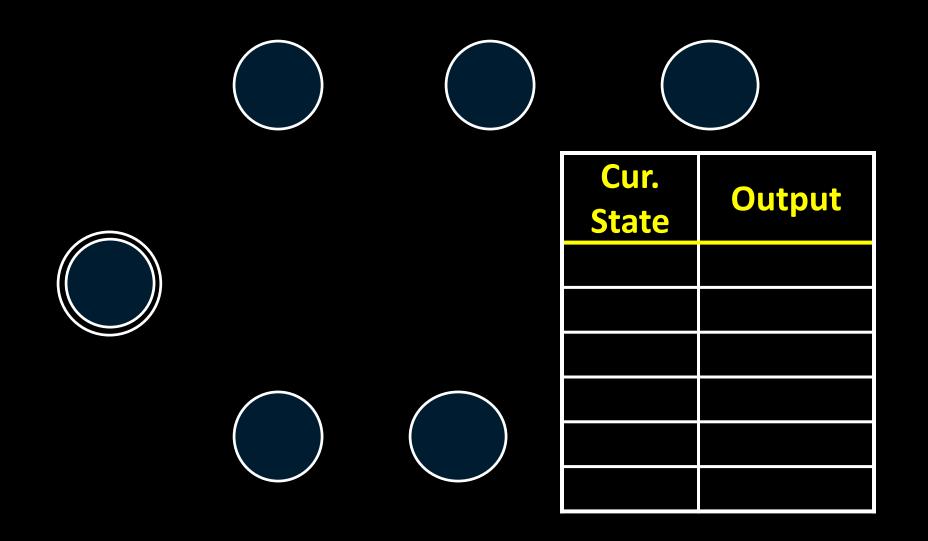
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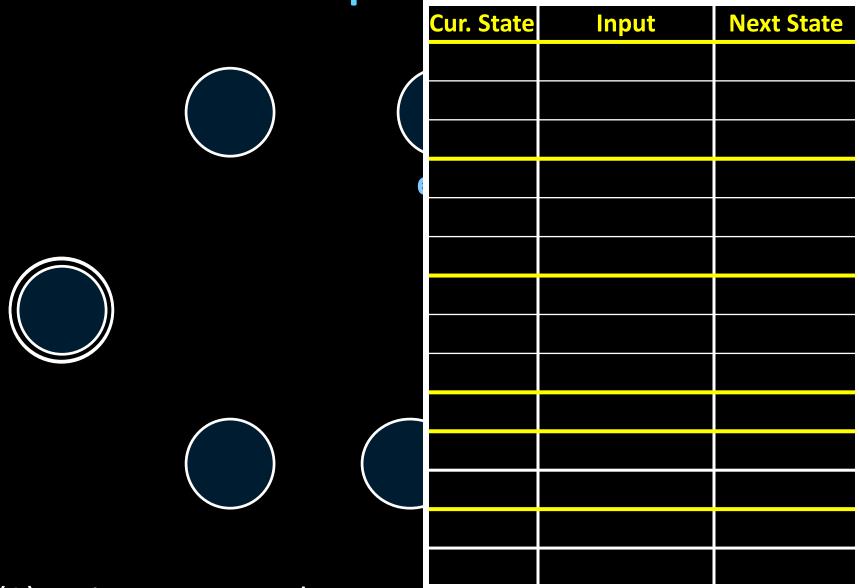
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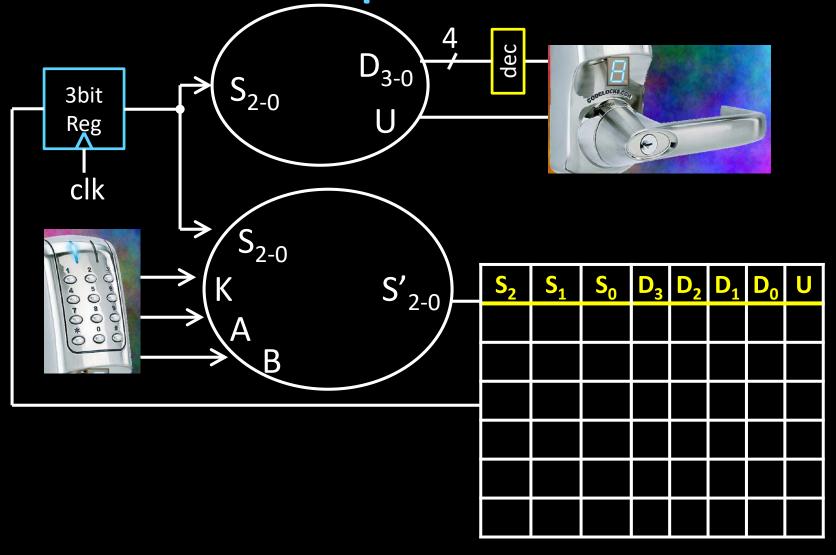


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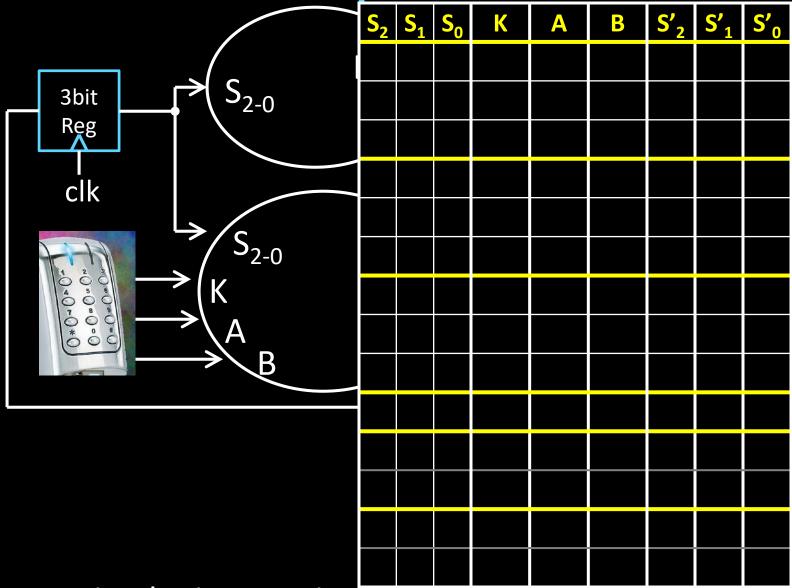
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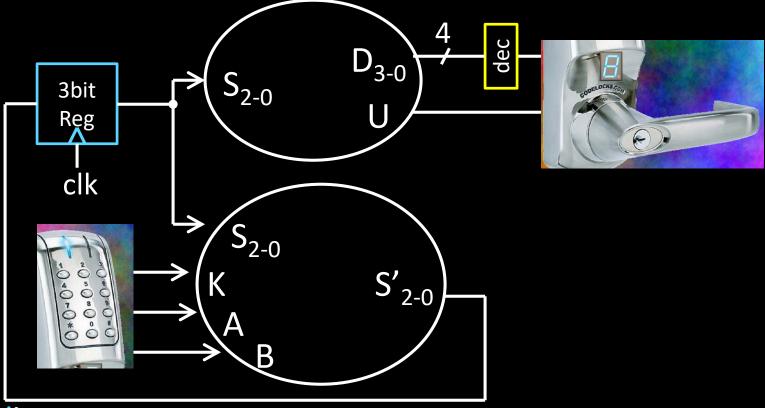
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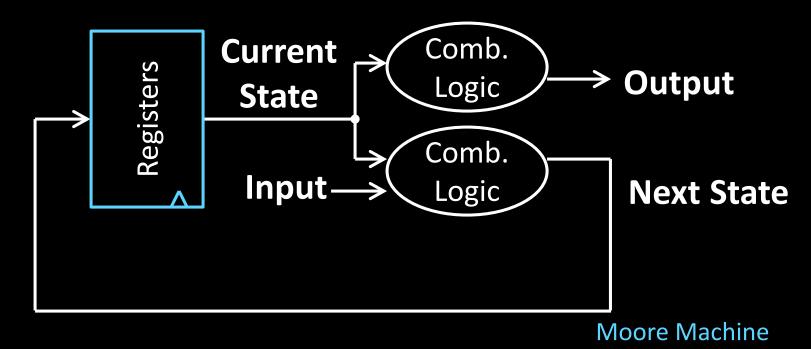


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Review

• Finite State Machines

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, ...)
- State Machines or Ad-Hoc Circuits