Fall 2015
Lecture 22: Finite state machines

- States
- Transitions on inputs
- Start state and final states
- The language recognized by a machine is the set of strings that reach a final state

| State | 0 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{~s}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |
| $\mathrm{~s}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{2}$ |
| $\mathrm{~s}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{~S}_{3}$ |
| $\mathrm{~S}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{~S}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{~S}_{3}$ |



## applications of FSMs (aka finite automata)

- Implementation of regular expression matching in programs like grep
- Control structures for sequential logic in digital circuits
- Algorithms for communication and cache-coherence protocols
- Each agent runs its own FSM
- Design specifications for reactive systems
- Components are communicating FSMs


## applications of FSMs (aka finite automata)

- Formal verification of systems
- Is an unsafe state reachable?
- Computer games
- FSMs provide worlds to explore
- Character AI
- Minimization algorithms for FSMs can be extended to more general models used in
- Text prediction
- Speech recognition


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- $\varepsilon$
- $\emptyset$
- $\Sigma^{*}$
- $\left\{x \in\{0,1\}^{*}: \operatorname{len}(x)>1\right\}$
$\mathrm{M}_{1}$ : Strings with an even number of 2's

$M_{2}$ : Strings where the sum of digits $\bmod 3$ is 0




FSM that accepts binary strings with a 1 three positions from the end

## 3 bit shift register



"Tug-of-war"

|  | Input |  | Output |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State | L | R |  |
| $\mathrm{s}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{2}$ | Beep |
| $\mathrm{s}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{3}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{~s}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{4}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{~s}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{5}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{~s}_{5}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{~s}_{5}$ | Beep |



We're only making \$5.50/hour writing regular expressions.

Let's design a vending machine.

"He does not think like normal people, and as a result his tests are quite difficult. His lectures are amusing and get the material across, but his office hours are not always too helpful. Beware the vending machine final."

Vending spec:
Enter 15 cents in dimes or nickels Press S or B for a candy bar

## vending machine v0.1



Basic transitions on N (nickel), D (dime), B (butterfinger), S (snickers)

## vending machine v0.2



Adding output to states: N - Nickel, S - Snickers, B - Butterfinger

## vending machine v1.0



Adding additional "unexpected" transitions

