

Spring 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



# 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 Al
- Minimization algorithms for FSMs can be extended to more general models used in
  - Text prediction
  - Speech recognition

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## what language does this machine recognize?



## can we recognize these languages with DFAs?



• {  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$  : len(x) > 1}



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



## strings over {0, 1, 2}\*

M<sub>1</sub>: Strings with an even number of 2's



M<sub>2</sub>: Strings where the sum of digits mod 3 is 0



#### both: even number of 2's and sum mod 3 = 0



#### DFA that accepts strings of a's, b's, c's with no more than 3 a's





## 3 bit shift register







### start and accept states





## FSMs with output

#### "Tug-of-war"

	Input		Output
State	L	R	
S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	s <sub>2</sub>	Веер
S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	
S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	
S <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	Веер







# vending machine



# 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

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## vending machine v1.0



Adding additional "unexpected" transitions