CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 22: DFAs and Finite State Machines with Output

Finite State Machines

- States
- Transitions on input symbols
- Start state and final states
- The "language recognized" by the machine is the set of strings that reach a final state from the start

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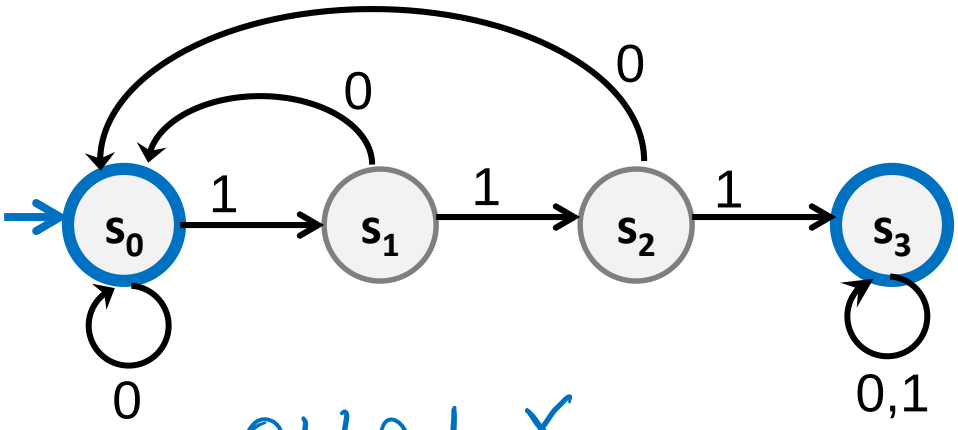
s_1	s_0	s_2
s_2	s_0	s_3
s_3	s_3	s_3



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Finite State Machines

- Each machine designed for strings over some fixed alphabet Σ.

- Must have a transition defined from each state for ***every*** symbol in Σ.

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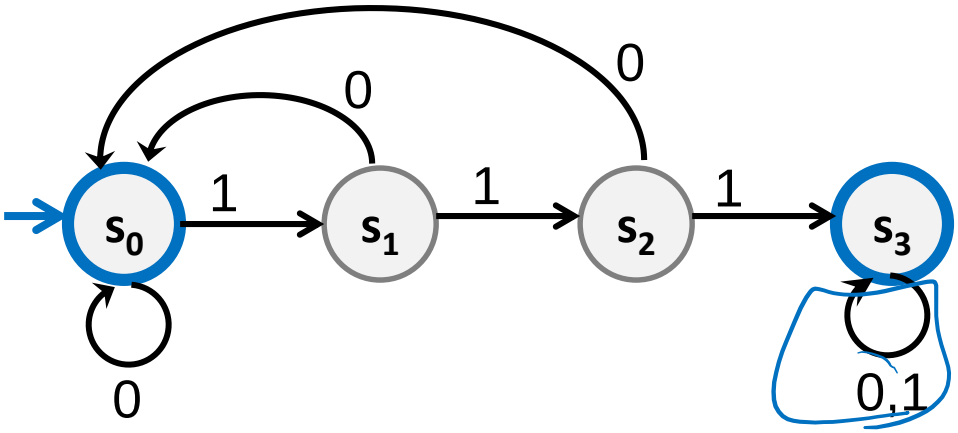

Applications of FSMs (a.k.a. Finite Automata)

- 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 (a.k.a. Finite Automata)

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

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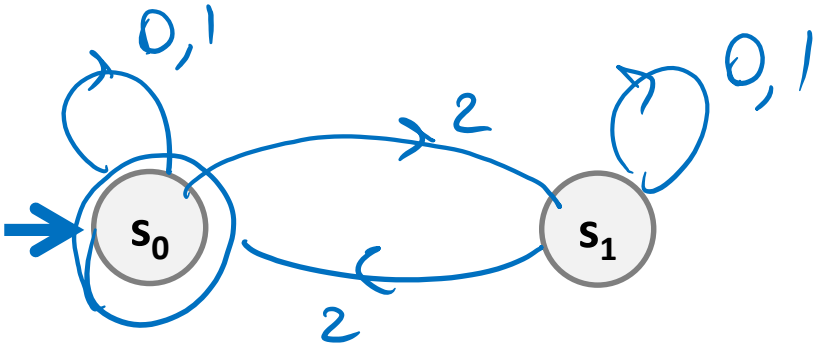

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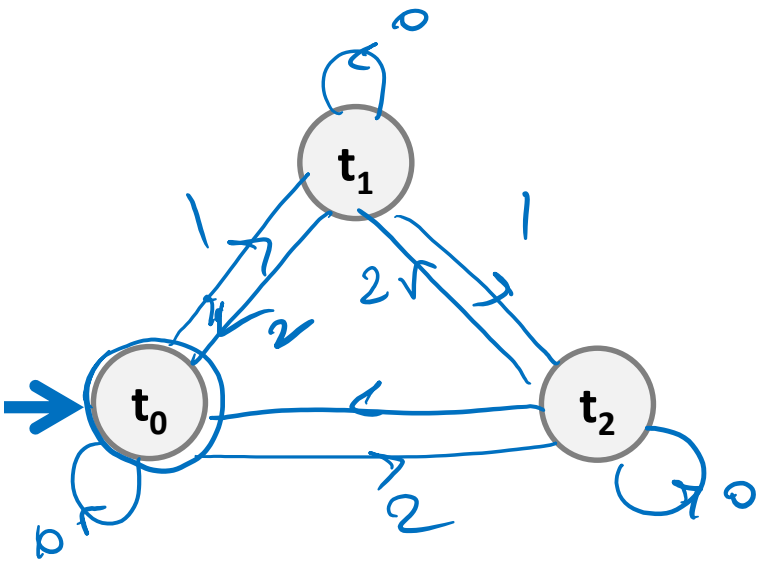

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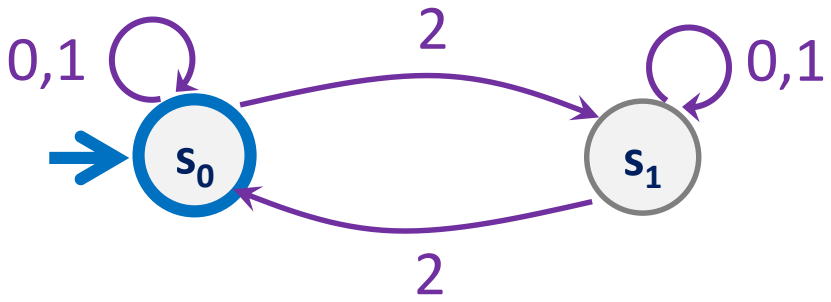

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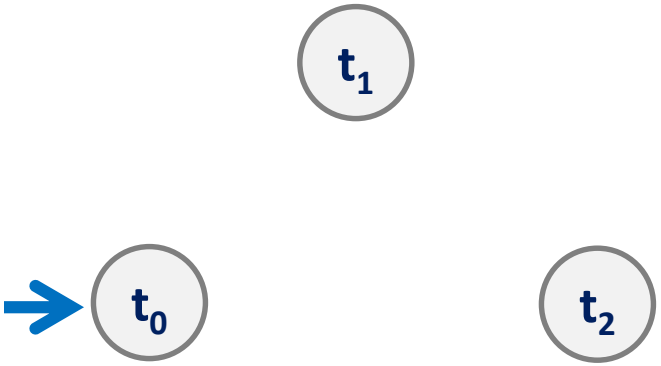

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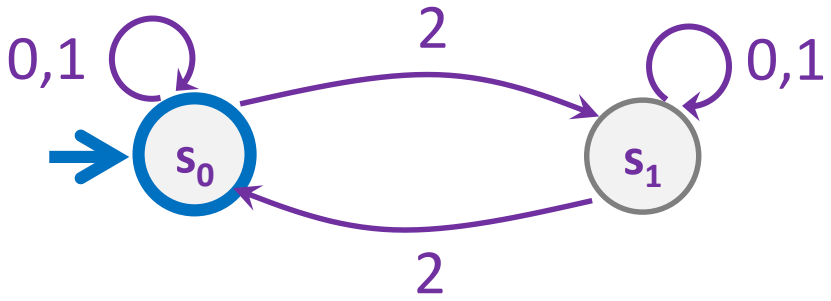

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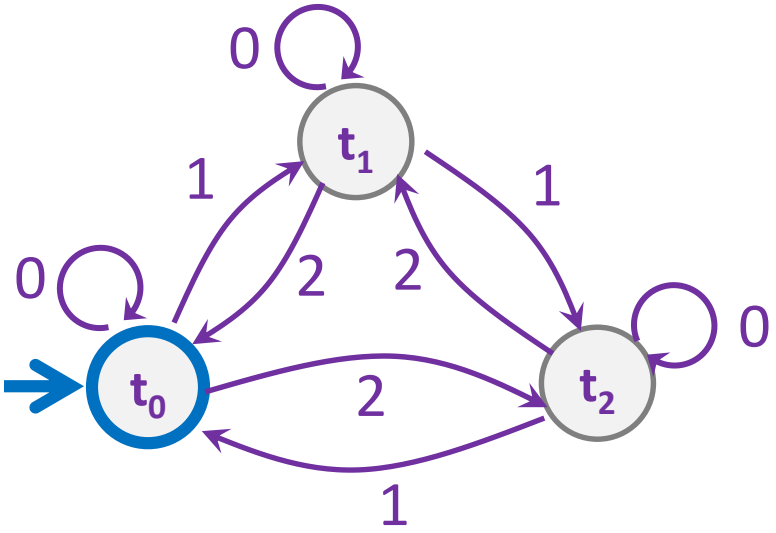

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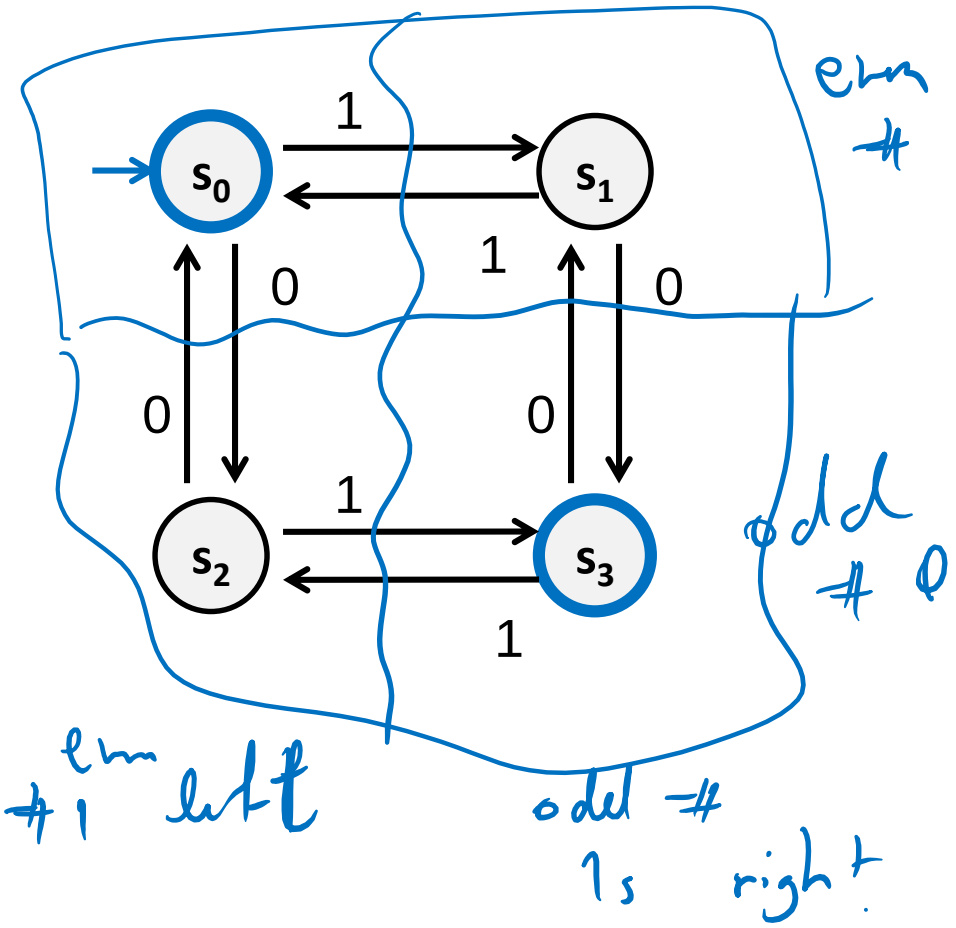

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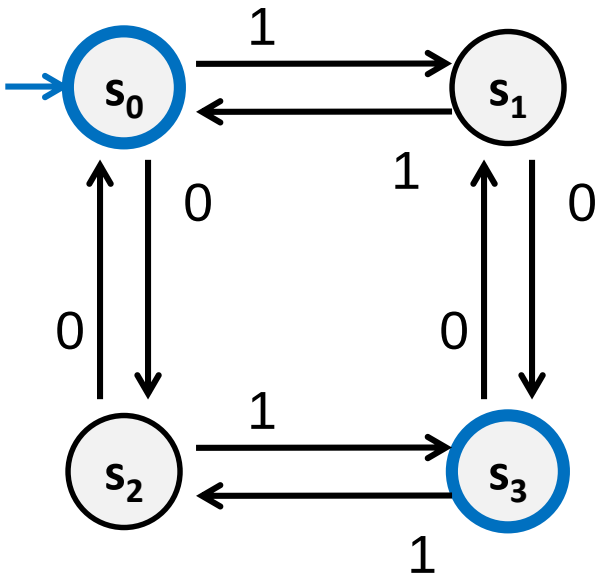

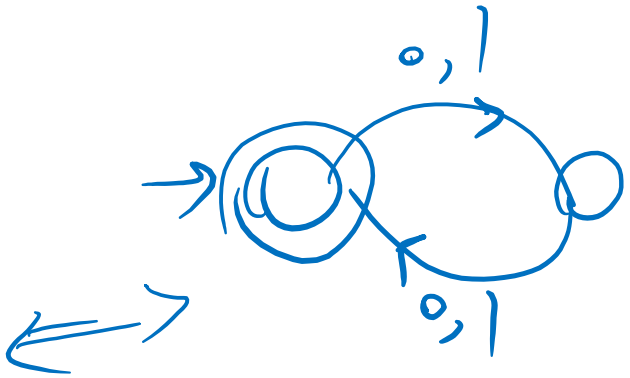

The set of all binary strings with # of 1's $\equiv$ # of 0's (mod 2) (both are even or both are odd).

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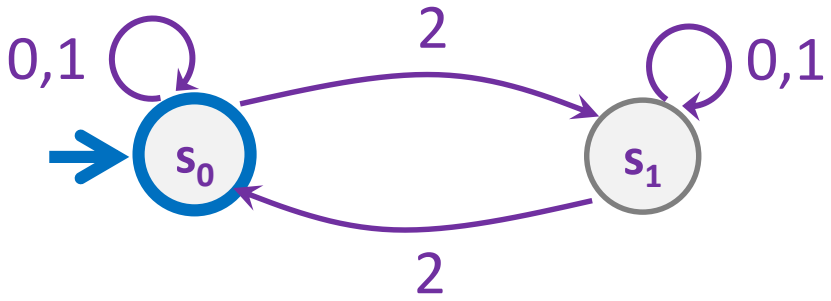

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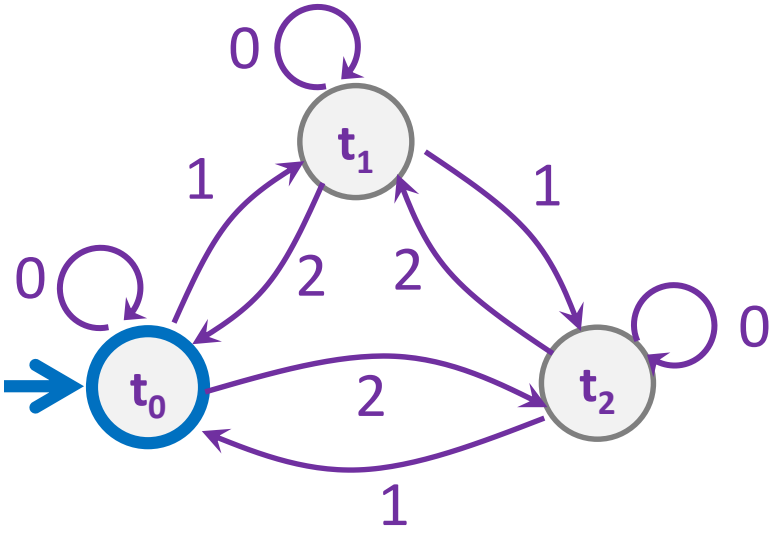

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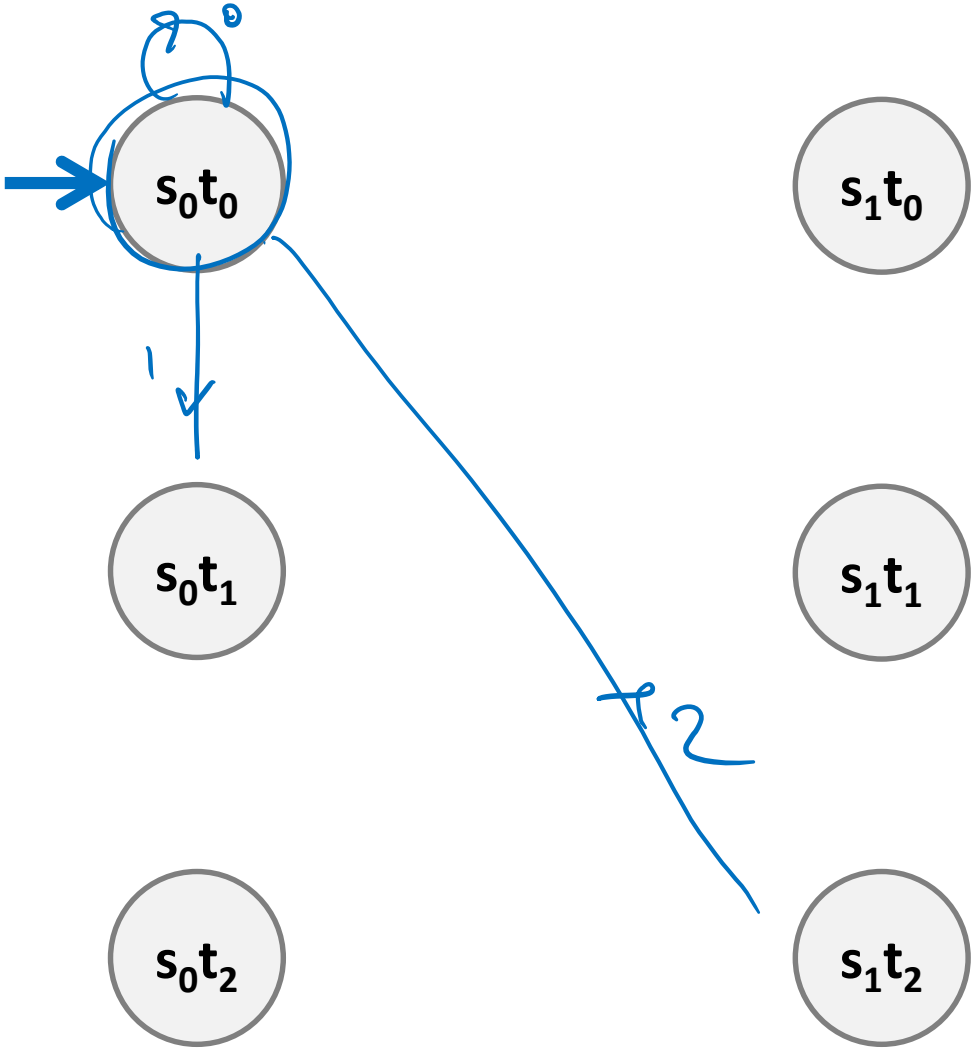

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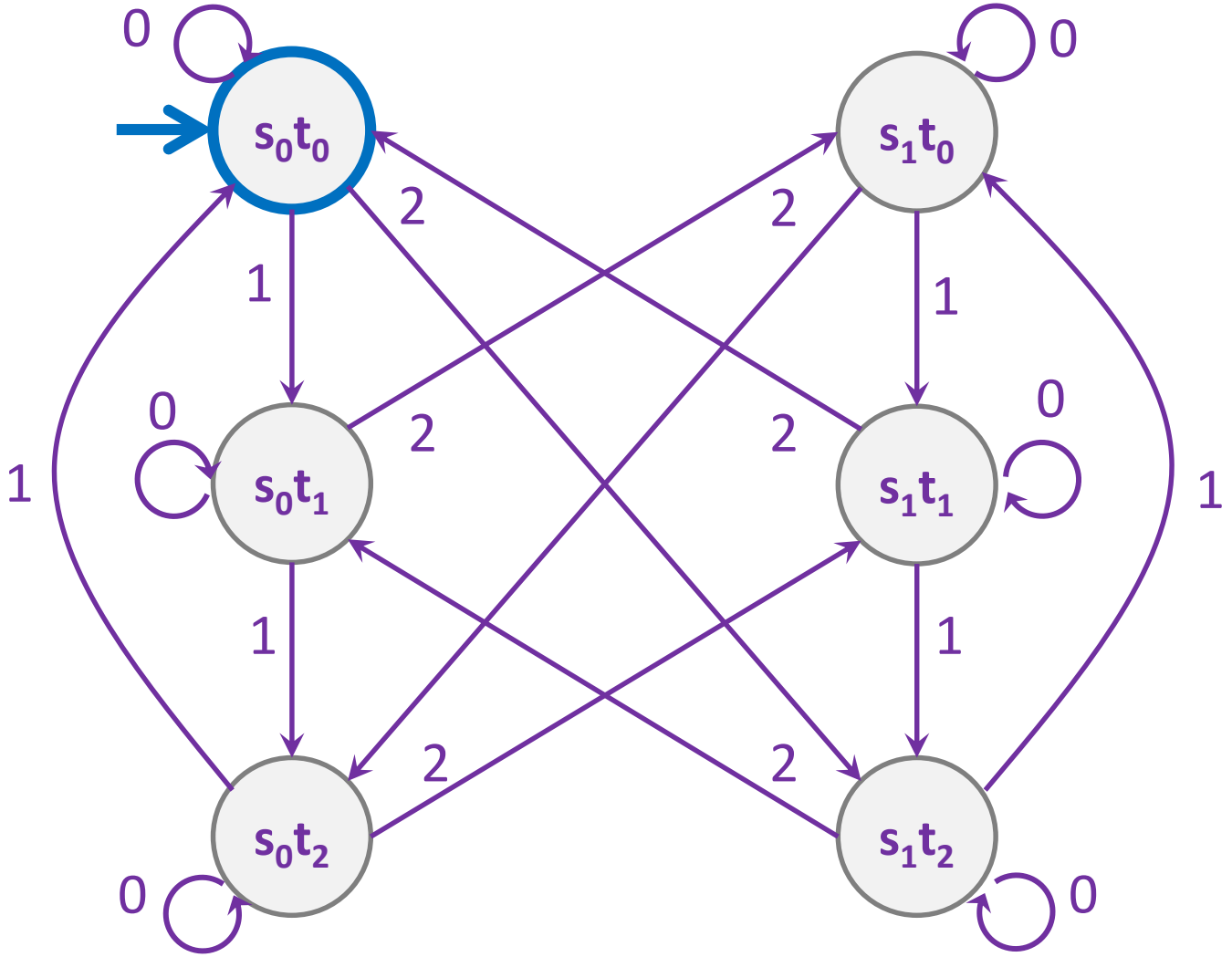

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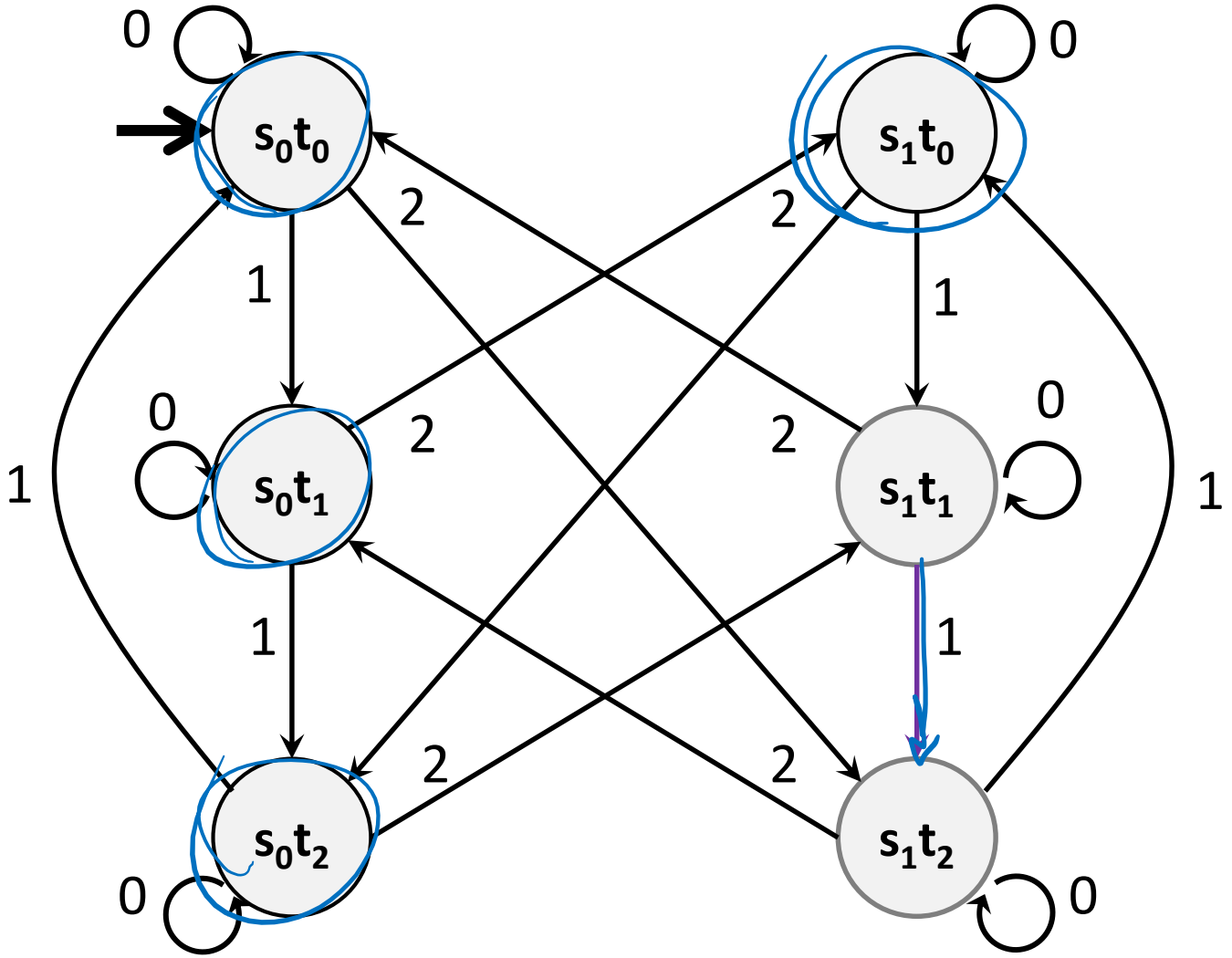

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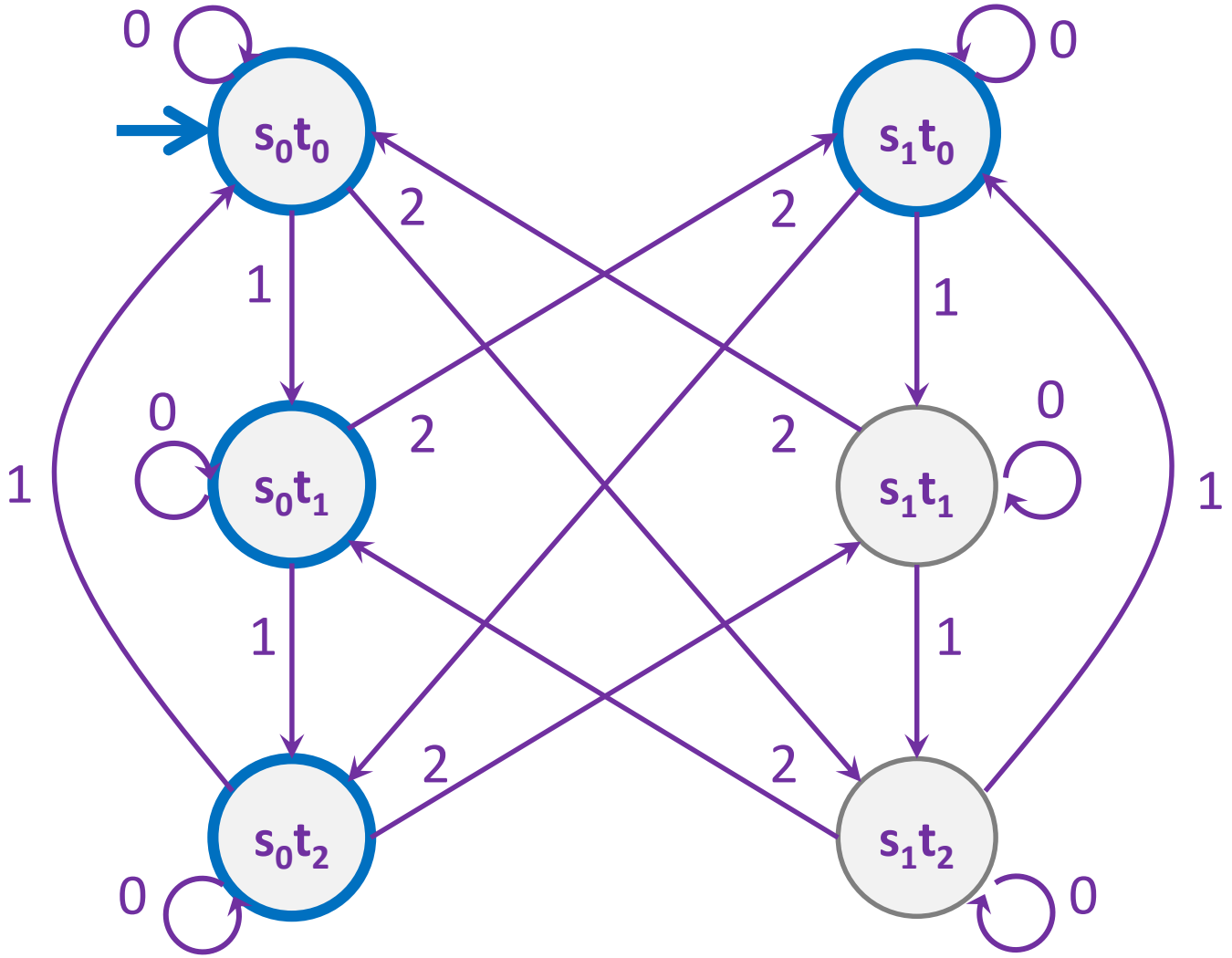

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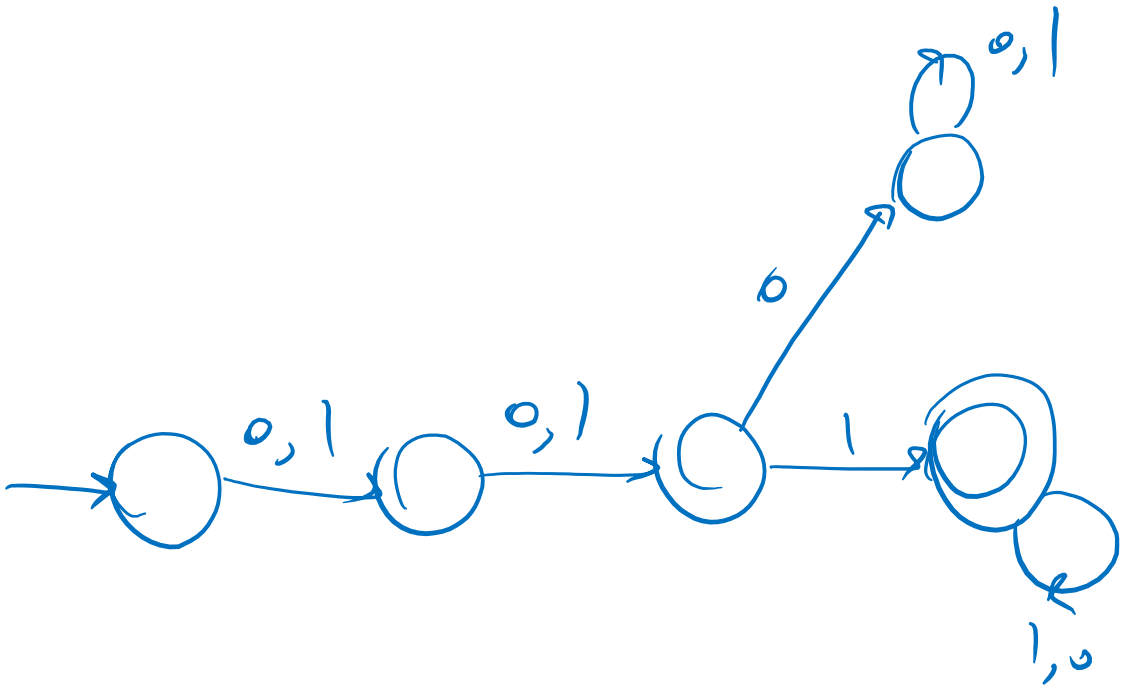

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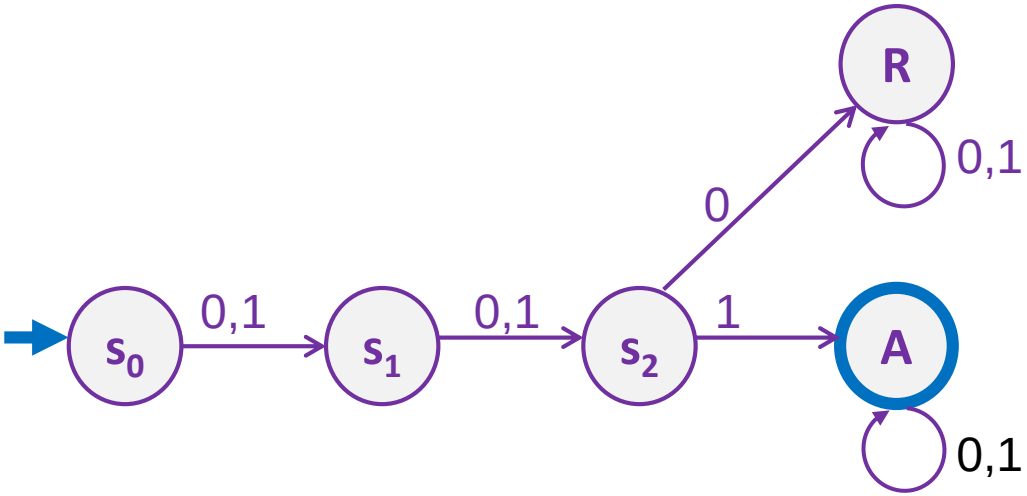

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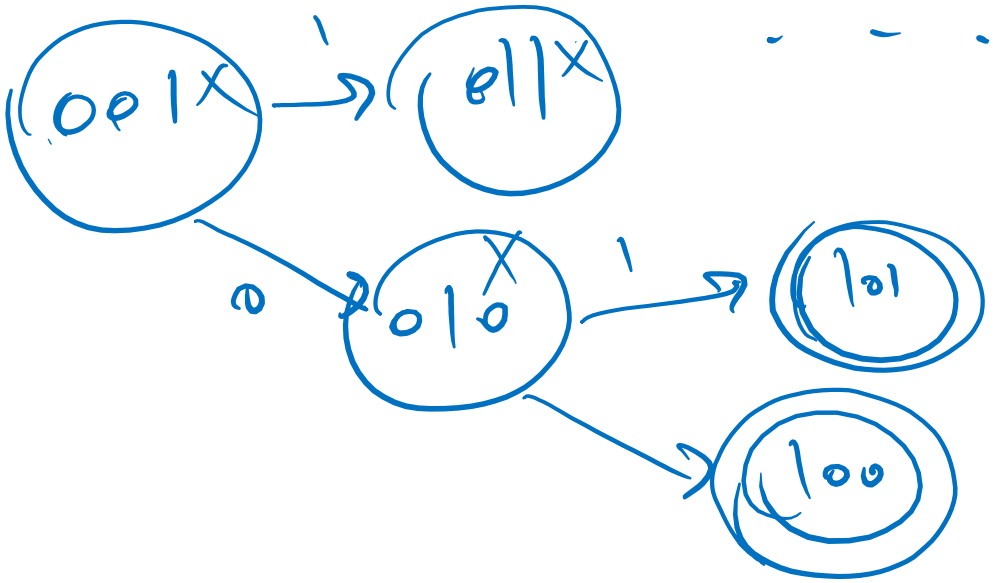
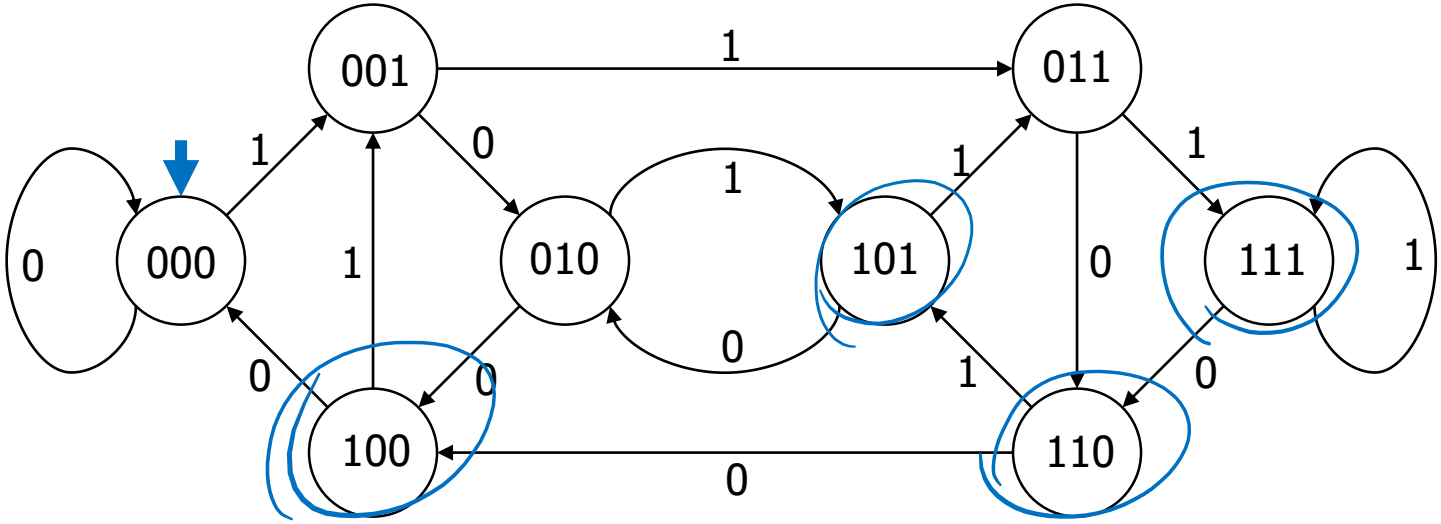


3 bit shift register “Remember the last three bits”



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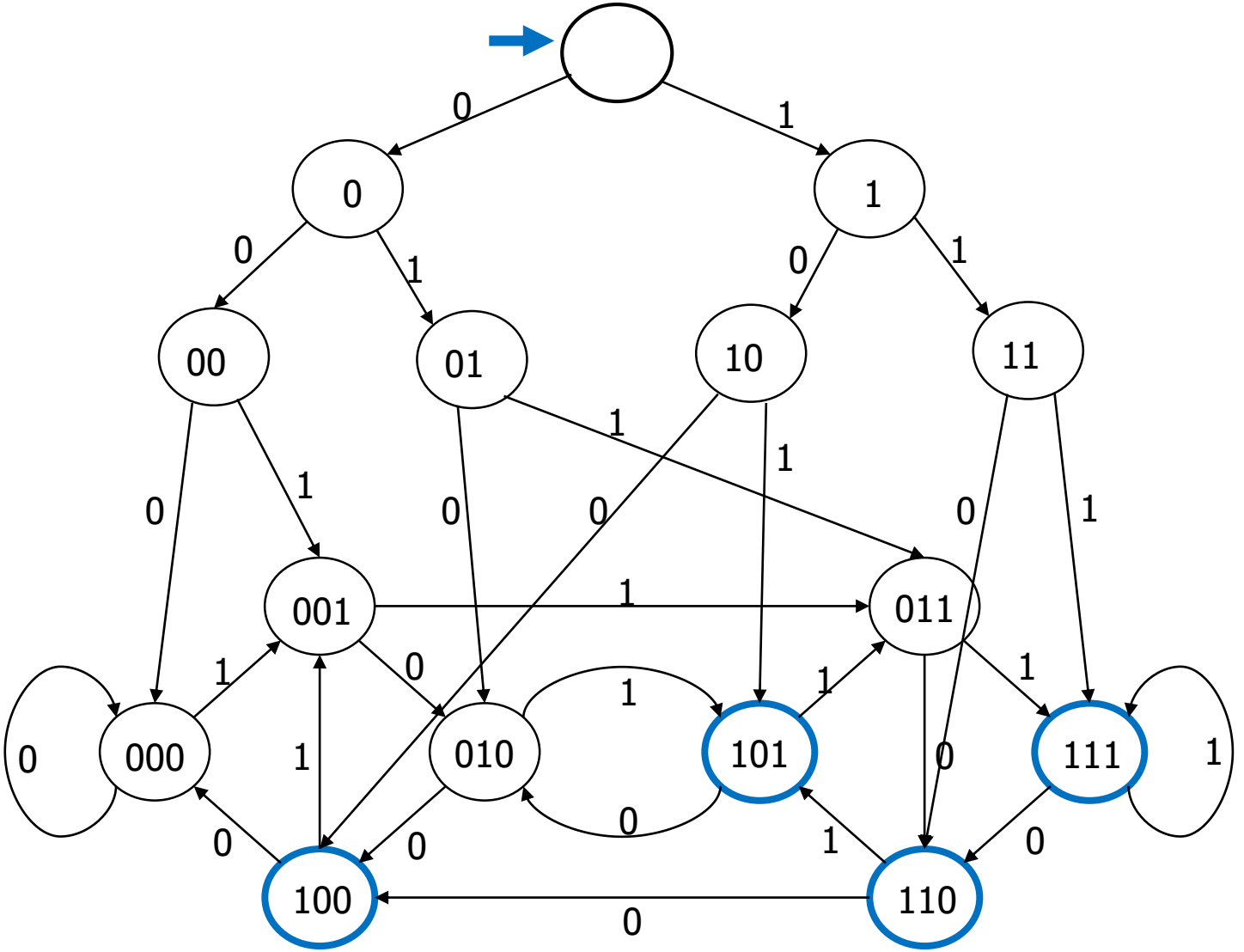

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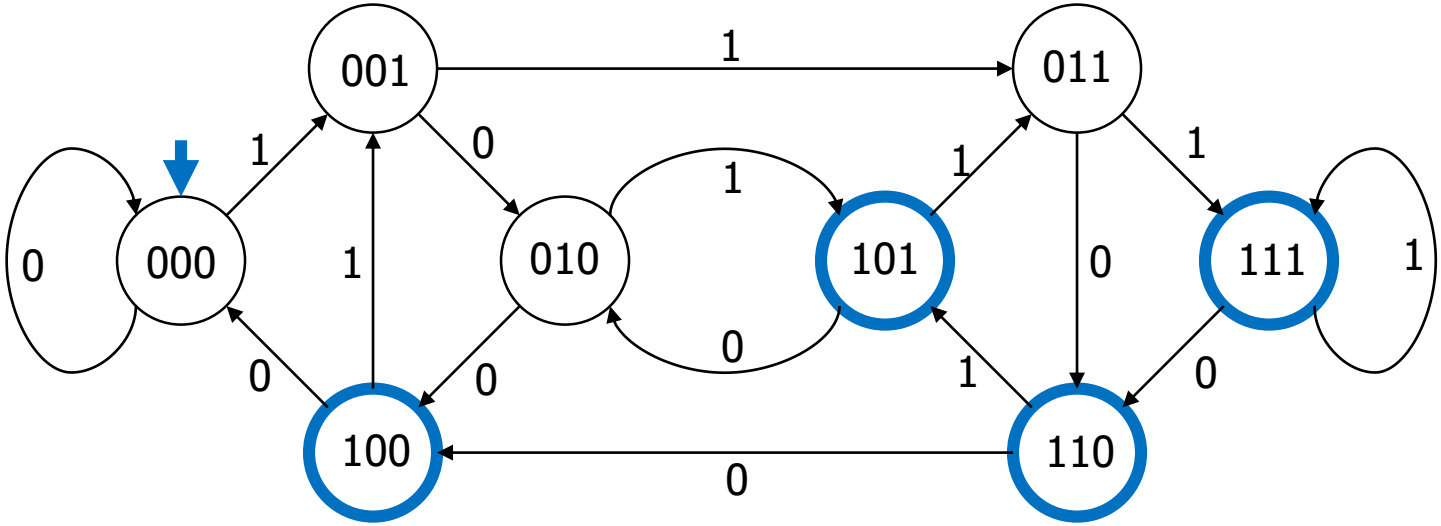

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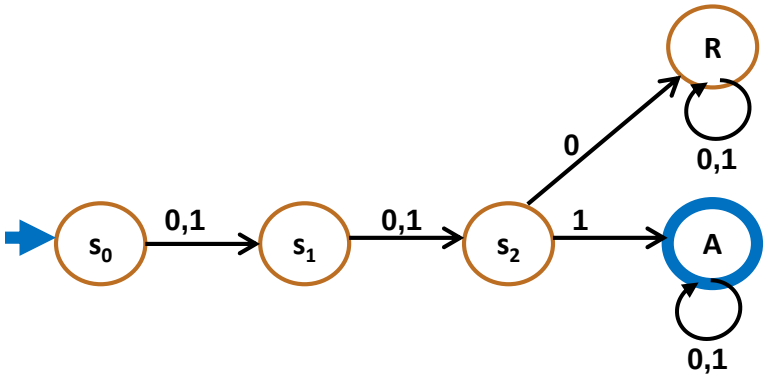
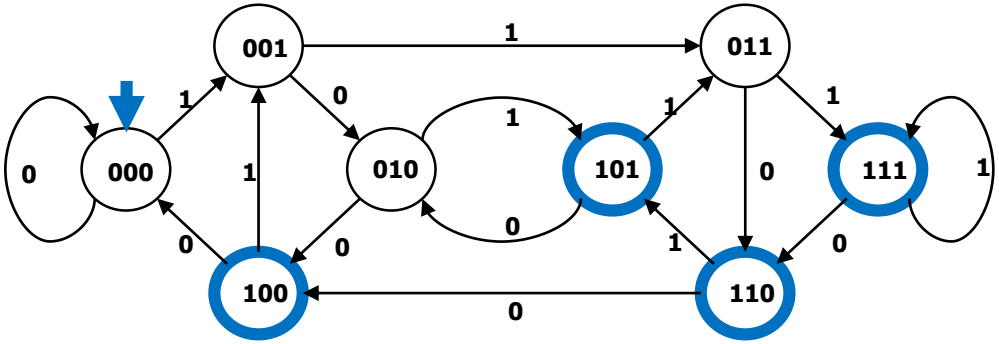




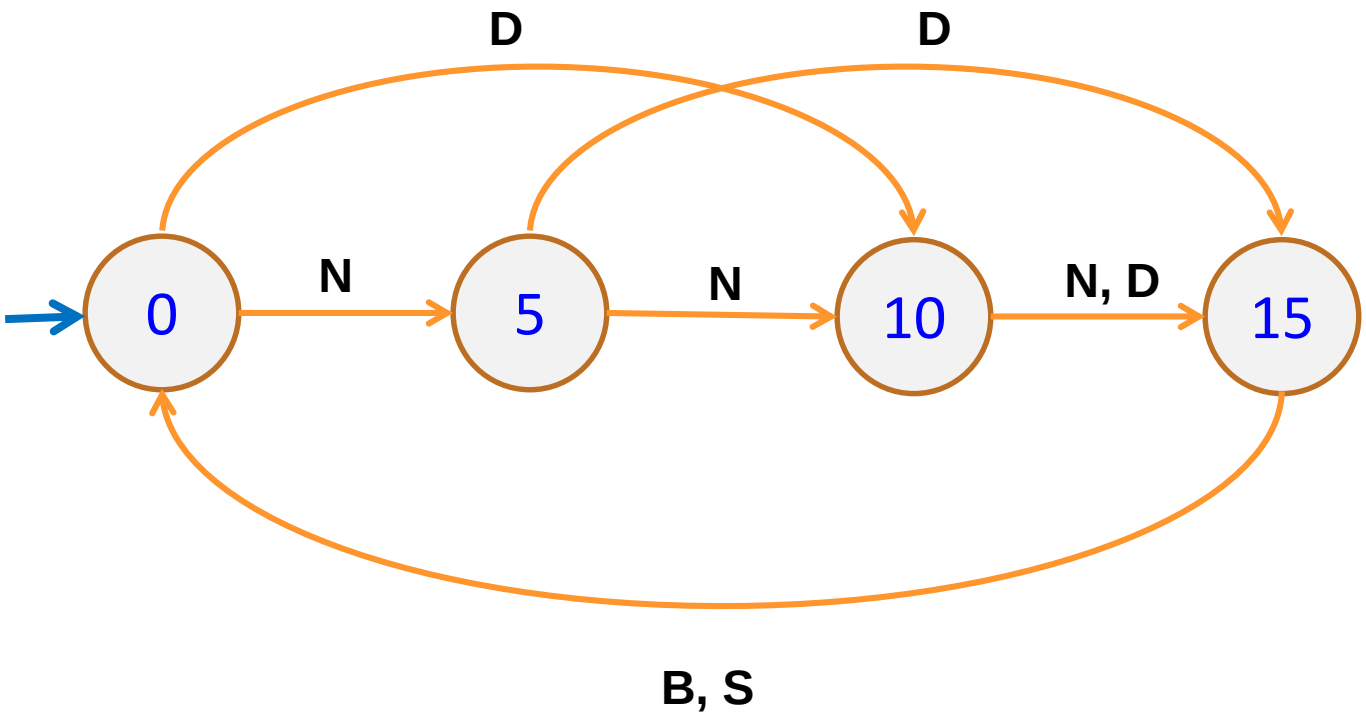
Adding Output to Finite State Machines

- So far we have considered finite state machines that just accept/reject strings
  - called “Deterministic Finite Automata” or DFAs
- Now we consider finite state machines that with output
  - These are the kinds used as controllers

Vending Machine

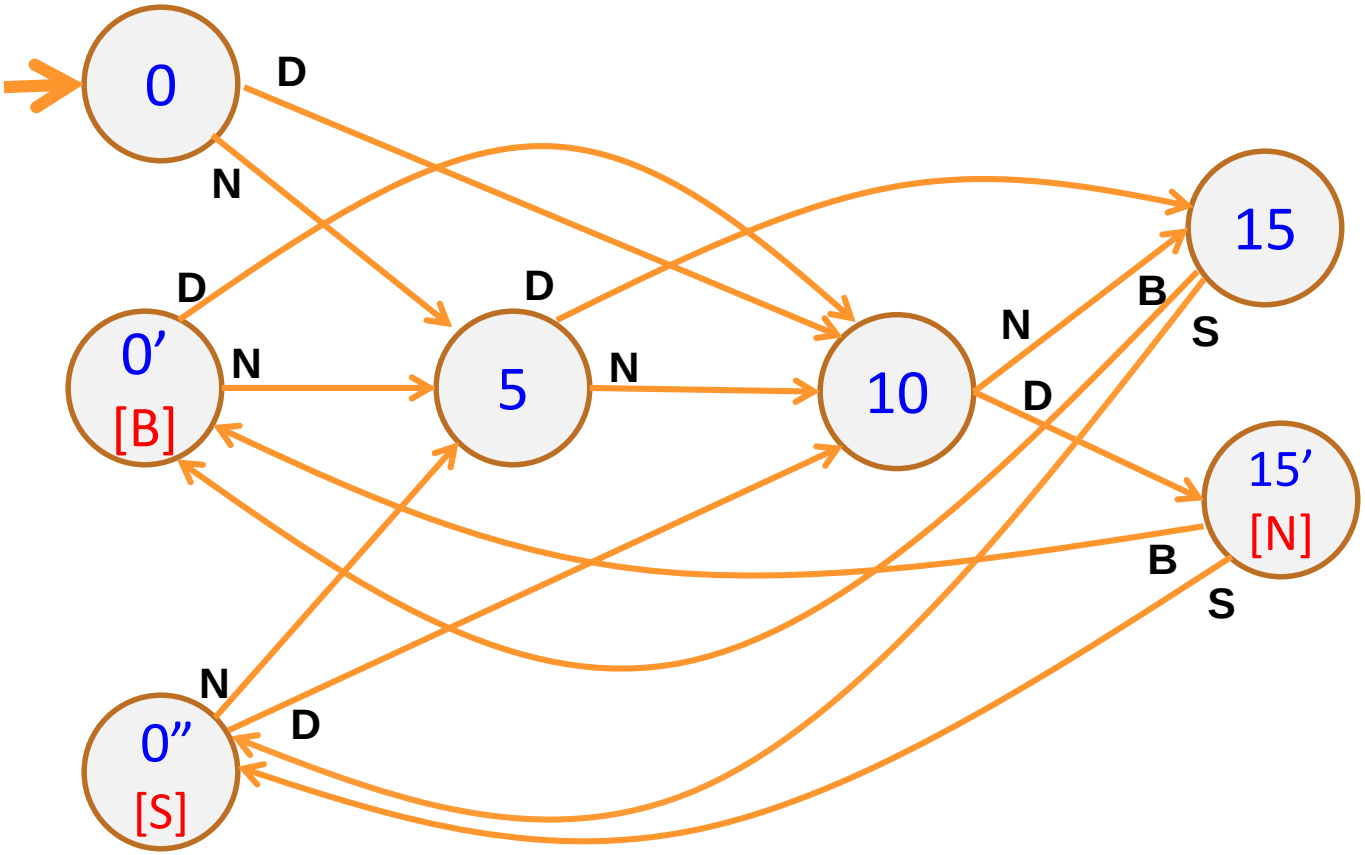
Enter 15 cents in dimes or nickels
Press S or B for a candy bar

Vending Machine, v0.1



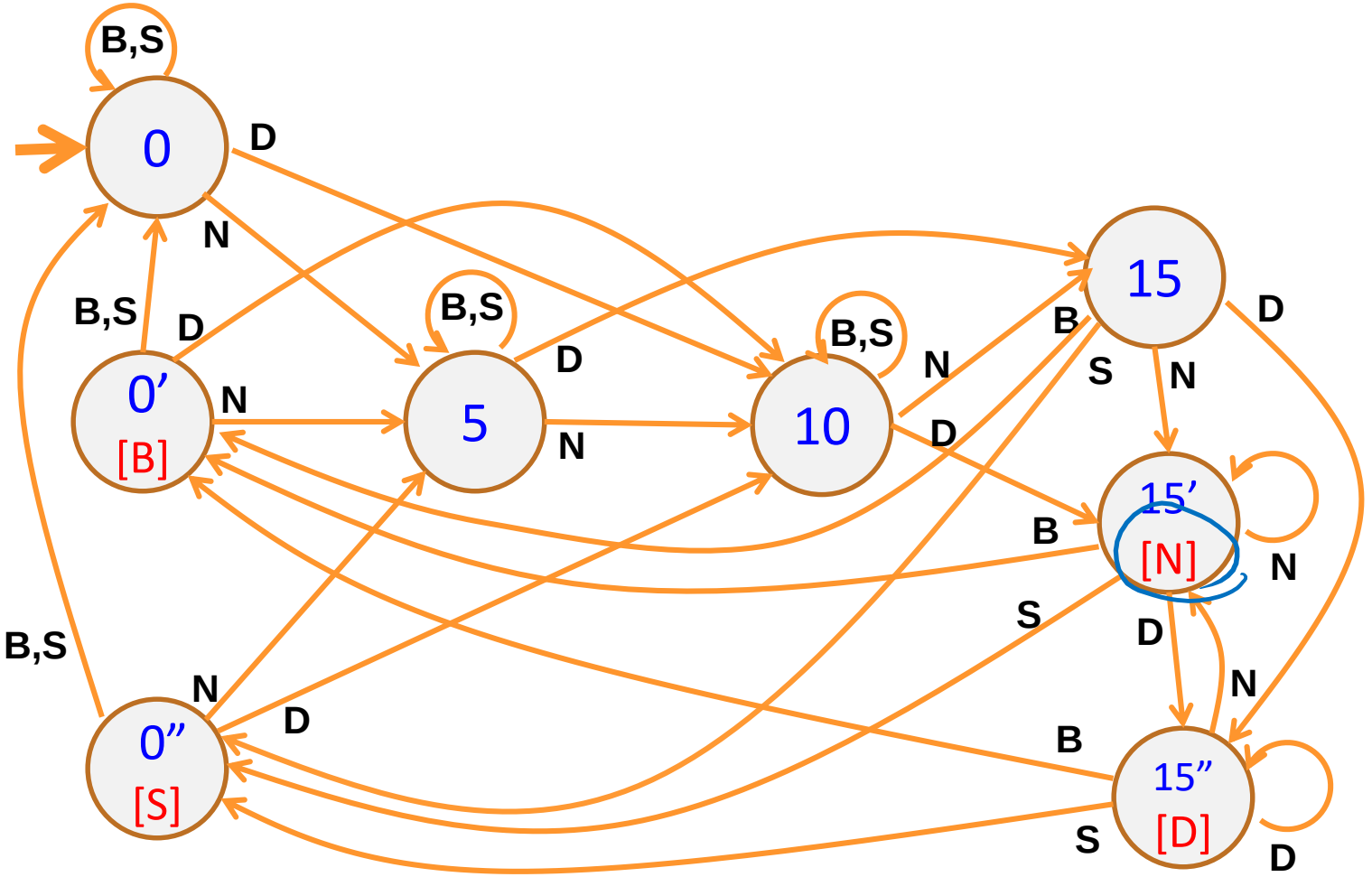
Basic transitions on **N** (nickel), **D** (dime), **B** (butterfinger), **S** (snickers)

Vending Machine, v0.2



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

Vending Machine, v1.0



Adding additional “unexpected” transitions to cover all symbols for each state