# EEE205 - Digital Electronics (II) Lecture 14

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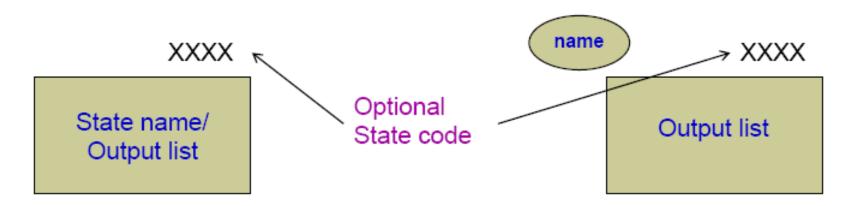
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# Algorithmic State Machine Design

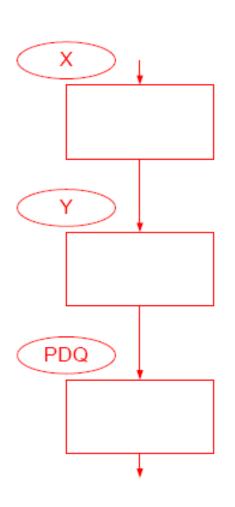
- As an alternative to using state graphs, a state machine flow chart or SM chart may be used to describe the behaviour of a state machine.
- The ASM chart is a flowchart which resembles to the conventional software flowchart.
- The ASM chart expresses the concept of a sequence of time intervals in a precise way.
- The software flowchart describes only the sequence of events and not their duration.

#### **States**

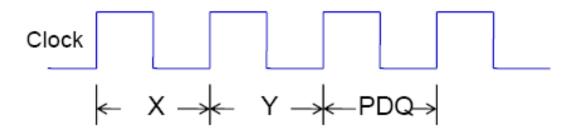
- Each active transition of a clock causes a change of state from the present state to the next state.
- The symbol for a state is a rectangle with its symbolic name enclosed in a small circle (or oval) at the upper left corner.
- The outputs are written inside the state box.



## Sequential ASMs

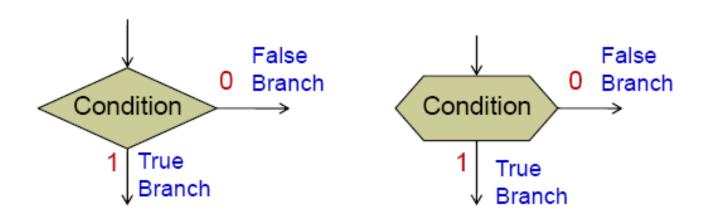


- We could represent a purely sequential algorithm as an ASM chart of a sequence of states.
- The timing diagram for the above sequence of states is as follows.
- You should think of time as rigorously implied in the ASM chart notation.

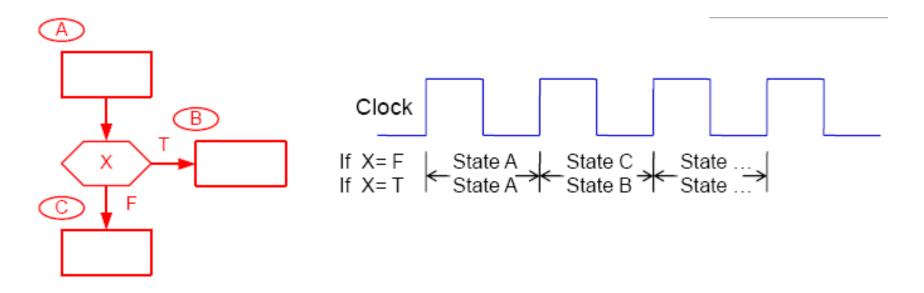


#### **Branches**

- We need to express conditional branches so that the next state is determined not only by the present state but also by one or more test (status) inputs.
- The symbol is the same as in conventional flowcharts for software: the diamond or diamond-sided rectangle.



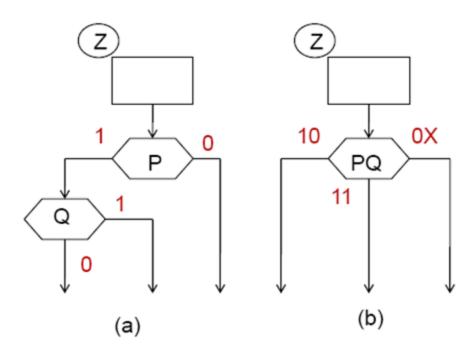
#### Branches -cont.



- The decision to jump to either state B or state C is made during state A and the jump occurs at the end of state A.
- The test does not require a separate clock period, it is done in parallel with the actions of the parent state rectangle and thus is part of the parent state.

# Multi-Way Branches

- We may draw a sequence of diamonds or have more than two paths coming from the same diamond.
- Figure (a) conveys the wrong feeling that the test of variable P is of a higher priority than the test of Q.
- For every valid combination of the input variables, there must be exactly one exit path defined.



#### **Outputs**

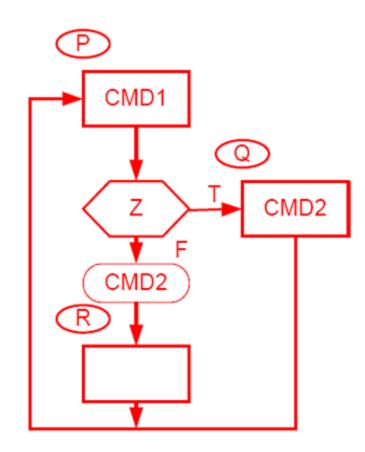
- To indicate an output, a command description is placed within the appropriate state rectangle.
- The first line, MOVING, calls for the assertion of the signal MOVING, during the state i.e. MOVING = TRUE.
- The last line means that the output STATUS is to have the value of the variable ERRFLAG(Tor F) during this state.



MOVING STATUS=ERRFLAG

# **Conditional Outputs**

- Sometimes we want a command to occur only when some other condition exists.
- We call such a command a conditional output and specify it with an oval.
- CMD2 will occur for one state time whenever the ASM is in state Q. When in state P, CMD2 will occur if test input Z is false.
- CMD2 is an unconditional output in state Q and a conditional output in state P.

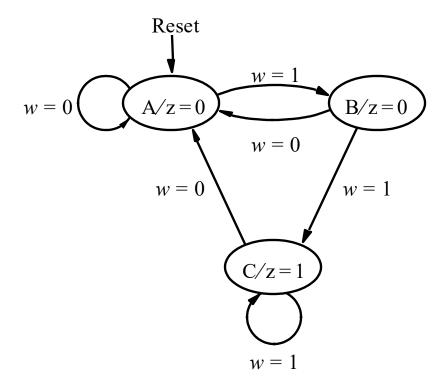


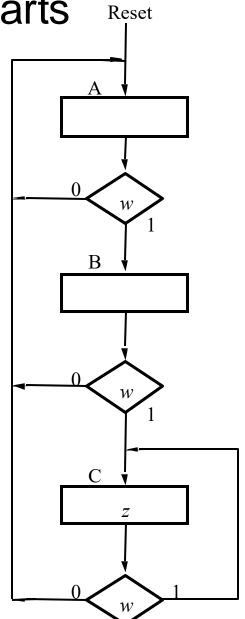
# Summary of ASM Symbols

- Test inputs may serve two functions in ASM charts:
  - They may help specify the next state
  - They may control the issuing of conditional outputs.
- Ovals for conditional outputs and diamonds for test inputs belong to the parent state; since the activities occur concurrently during the state time.
- A state thus consists of its rectangle, which is always present, and any test diamonds and conditional output ovals associated with that state.
- Unconditional outputs are a function only of the parent state. Conditional outputs depend on both the state and the path within the state.

#### **State Machine Charts**

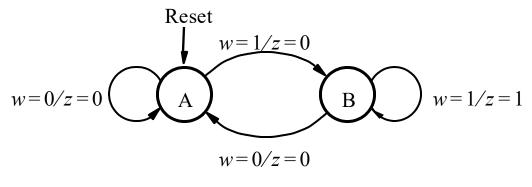
Conversion of a state graph to an SM chart (Moore type)

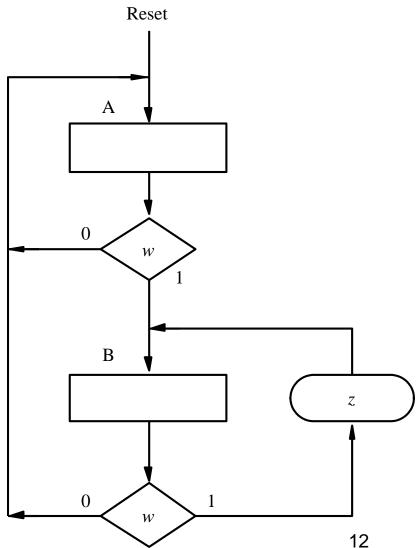




#### **State Machine Charts**

Conversion of a state graph to an SM chart (Mealy type)



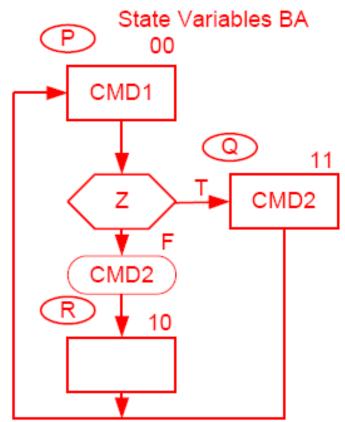


## Design Implementation

Use flip-flops as state memory (either D, T, or J-K types)

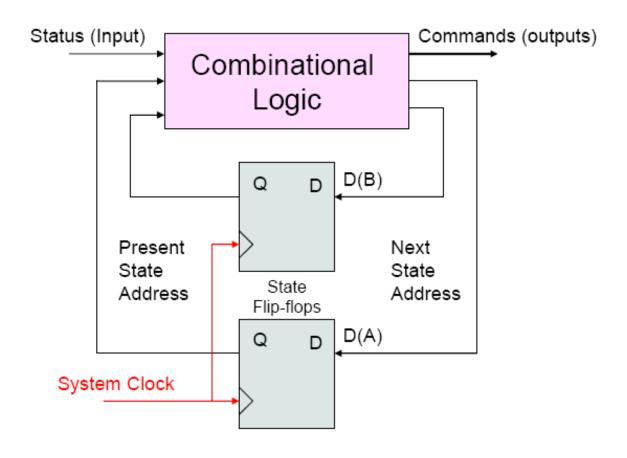
 There are two ways to represent the present state in flip-flop memory

- Assign a unique binary number to each state (Encoding Method).
- Assign one flip-flop to each state (One Hot Method).
- Using the Encoding method, two state variables are required for encoding 3 states.
- The state assignment is arbitrary.

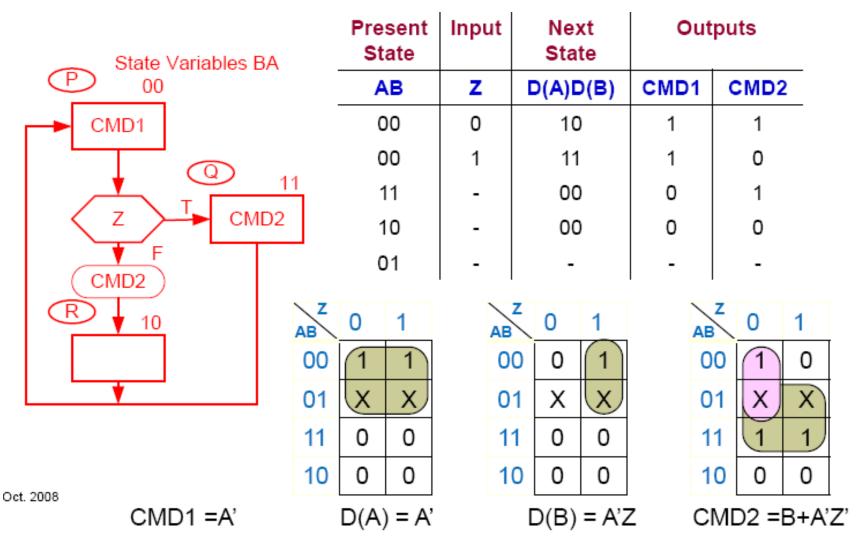


#### **Process Model**

Given the present state we need to compute the new state code to load into the state flip flops.



#### State Transition Table



# **ASM Implementation**

