Adaptive Traffic Light Controller Project

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1 Introduction

This project involves designing an **adaptive traffic light controller** for a four-way intersection. The system adapts dynamically to real-time traffic conditions to ensure collision-free operation and prioritize heavily congested lanes.

The traffic light controller is modeled as a **Finite State Machine (FSM)** with 16 states corresponding to each lane's traffic light conditions, including **primary green**, **extended green**, and **yellow states**.

2 Problem Statement

The goal is to develop a **traffic control system** with:

- 1. **Dynamic Timing:** Extend green light duration for congested lanes based on sensor inputs.
- 2. Collision Avoidance: Only one lane can have a green or yellow light at any time.
- 3. Timer-Based Yellow and Extended Green: These states remain active until the timer expires if no next state is defined.
- 4. **Skipping Idle Lanes:** If no cars are detected in a lane, the FSM skips to the next lane in the sequence.
- 5. **Efficient Lane Priority:** Ensure a fair balance between lane priorities while dynamically adjusting for congestion.

3 System Requirements

- 1. Lanes: Four main lanes: NS1, NS2, EW1, EW2.
- 2. Sensors:
 - S1_NS1, S5_NS1 for North-South Lane 1.
 - S1_NS2, S5_NS2 for North-South Lane 2.
 - S1_EW1, S5_EW1 for East-West Lane 1.
 - S1_EW2, S5_EW2 for East-West Lane 2.
- 3. Traffic Lights: States: RED, PRIMARY GREEN, EXTENDED GREEN, YELLOW.
- 4. Timers:
 - Default green timer: 20 seconds.
 - Yellow timer: 5 seconds.
 - Extended green timer: 30 seconds if congestion (S5 = 1) is detected.

4 FSM Overview

4.1 States

The FSM has 16 states:

- 1. NS1_RED, NS1_PRIMARY_GREEN, NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN, NS1_YELLOW
- 2. NS2_RED, NS2_PRIMARY_GREEN, NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN, NS2_YELLOW
- 3. EW1_RED, EW1_PRIMARY_GREEN, EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN, EW1_YELLOW
- 4. EW2_RED, EW2_PRIMARY_GREEN, EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN, EW2_YELLOW

4.2 Transitions

Transitions are triggered by:

- 1. Sensor Inputs: Cars detected (S1 = 1) or congestion (S5 = 1).
- 2. Timer Expiry: States transition when their timers expire.
- 3. **Timer-Based Yellow and Extended Green:** If no next state is triggered, remain in the current state until the timer expires.
- 4. **Idle Lane Skipping:** If a lane is in RED and no cars are detected (S1 = 0), the FSM skips to the next lane in sequence.

5 FSM Table

| Current State | Condition | Next State | Output | Timer | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | (Inputs) | | | Extension | | |
| | | | | Condition | | |
| NS1_RED | S1_NS1 = 1 | NS1_PRIMARY_GREEN | NS1: Green; All oth- | No | | |
| | | | ers: Red | | | |
| NS1_RED | $S1_NS1 = 0$ | NS2_RED | NS1: Red; All oth- | No | | |
| | | | ers: Red | | | |
| NS1_PRIMARY_GREEN | S5_NS1 = 1 | NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green for | Yes | | |
| | | | NS1 | | | |
| NS1_PRIMARY_GREEN | Timer | NS1_YELLOW | NS1: Yellow; All | No | | |
| | expires | | others: Red | | | |
| | && S5_NS1 = | | | | | |
| | 0 | | | | | |
| NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer | NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green; NS1 | Yes | | |
| | running | | active | | | |
| NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer | NS1_YELLOW | NS1: Yellow; All | No | | |
| | expires | | others: Red | | | |
| NS1_YELLOW | Timer | NS1_YELLOW | NS1: Yellow; All | No | | |
| | running | | others: Red | | | |
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| Current State | Condition (Inputs) | Next State | Output | Timer Extension Condition |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| NS1_YELLOW | Timer expires | NS2_RED | NS1: Red; All others: Red | No |
| NS2_RED | S1_NS2 = 1 | NS2_PRIMARY_GREEN | NS2: Green; All others: Red | No |
| NS2_RED | S1_NS2 = 0 | EW1_RED | NS2: Red; All others: Red | No |
| NS2_PRIMARY_GREEN | S5_NS2 = 1 | NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green for NS2 | Yes |
| NS2_PRIMARY_GREEN | Timer expires && S5_NS2 = 0 | NS2_YELLOW | NS2: Yellow; All others: Red | No |
| NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer running | NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green; NS2 active | Yes |
| NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer expires | NS2_YELLOW | NS2: Yellow; All others: Red | No |
| NS2_YELLOW | Timer running | NS2_YELLOW | NS2: Yellow; All others: Red | No |
| NS2_YELLOW | Timer expires | EW1_RED | NS2: Red; All others: Red | No |
| EW1_RED | S1_EW1 = 1 | EW1_PRIMARY_GREEN | EW1: Green; All others: Red | No |
| EW1_RED | S1_EW1 = 0 | EW2_RED | EW1: Red; All others: Red | No |
| EW1_PRIMARY_GREEN | S5_EW1 = 1 | EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green for EW1 | Yes |
| EW1_PRIMARY_GREEN | Timer expires && S5_EW1 = 0 | EW1_YELLOW | EW1: Yellow; All others: Red | No |
| EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer running | EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green; EW1 active | Yes |
| EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer expires | EW1_YELLOW | EW1: Yellow; All others: Red | No |
| EW1_YELLOW | Timer running | EW1_YELLOW | EW1: Yellow; All others: Red | No |
| EW1_YELLOW | Timer expires | EW2_RED | EW1: Red; All others: Red | No |
| EW2_RED | S1_EW2 = 1 | EW2_PRIMARY_GREEN | EW2: Green; All others: Red | No |
| EW2_RED | S1_EW2 = 0 | NS1_RED | EW2: Red; All others: Red | No |
| EW2_PRIMARY_GREEN | S5_EW2 = 1 | EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green for EW2 | Yes |
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| Current State | Condition | Next State | Output | Timer |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | (Inputs) | | | Extension |
| | | | | Condition |
| EW2_PRIMARY_GREEN | Timer | EW2_YELLOW | EW2: Yellow; All | No |
| | expires | | others: Red | |
| | && S5_EW2 = | | | |
| | 0 | | | |
| EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer | EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Extend Green; EW2 | Yes |
| | running | | active | |
| EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN | Timer | EW2_YELLOW | EW2: Yellow; All | No |
| | expires | | others: Red | |
| EW2_YELLOW | Timer | EW2_YELLOW | EW2: Yellow; All | No |
| | running | | others: Red | |
| EW2_YELLOW | Timer | NS1_RED | EW2: Red; All oth- | No |
| | expires | | ers: Red | |

6 State and Transition Explanations

6.1 NS1 (North-South Lane 1)

- 1. NS1_RED:
 - If S1_NS1 = 1, transition to NS1_PRIMARY_GREEN.
 - If $S1_NS1 = 0$, skip to $NS2_RED$.
- 2. NS1_PRIMARY_GREEN:
 - If S5_NS1 = 1, extend green duration by transitioning to NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN.
 - If Timer expires, transition to NS1_YELLOW.
- 3. NS1_EXTENDED_GREEN:
 - Remain in this state until the timer expires if Timer running.
 - If Timer expires, transition to NS1_YELLOW.
- 4. NS1_YELLOW:
 - Remain in this state until the timer expires.
 - When the timer expires, transition to NS2_RED.

6.2 NS2 (North-South Lane 2)

- 1. NS2_RED:
 - If S1_NS2 = 1, transition to NS2_PRIMARY_GREEN.
 - If $S1_NS2 = 0$, skip to $EW1_RED$.
- 2. NS2_PRIMARY_GREEN:

- If S5_NS2 = 1, extend green duration by transitioning to NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN.
- If Timer expires, transition to NS2_YELLOW.

3. NS2_EXTENDED_GREEN:

- Remain in this state until the timer expires if Timer running.
- If Timer expires, transition to NS2_YELLOW.

4. NS2_YELLOW:

- Remain in this state until the timer expires.
- When the timer expires, transition to EW1_RED.

6.3 EW1 (East-West Lane 1)

1. EW1_RED:

- If S1_EW1 = 1, transition to EW1_PRIMARY_GREEN.
- If $S1_EW1 = 0$, skip to $EW2_RED$.

2. EW1_PRIMARY_GREEN:

- If S5_EW1 = 1, extend green duration by transitioning to EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN.
- If Timer expires, transition to EW1_YELLOW.

3. EW1_EXTENDED_GREEN:

- Remain in this state until the timer expires if Timer running.
- If Timer expires, transition to EW1_YELLOW.

4. EW1_YELLOW:

- Remain in this state until the timer expires.
- When the timer expires, transition to EW2_RED.

6.4 EW2 (East-West Lane 2)

1. EW2_RED:

- If S1_EW2 = 1, transition to EW2_PRIMARY_GREEN.
- If S1_EW2 = 0, skip to NS1_RED.

2. EW2_PRIMARY_GREEN:

- If S5_EW2 = 1, extend green duration by transitioning to EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN.
- If Timer expires, transition to EW2_YELLOW.

3. EW2_EXTENDED_GREEN:

• Remain in this state until the timer expires if Timer running.

• If Timer expires, transition to EW2_YELLOW.

4. EW2_YELLOW:

- Remain in this state until the timer expires.
- \bullet When the timer expires, transition to NS1_RED.