

→ For each $x \in X$, $y = g(x)$ is the system output when the current state is x

REMARK: State automata are state automata

with outputs where:

- $Y = X$
- $g(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$ (identity function)

EXAMPLE: Queueing system (cont'd)

Assume we are only interested to know whether the server is idle or working.

⇒ Define the output:

$$y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \quad [\text{server is idle}] \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \quad [\text{server is working}] \end{cases}$$

Question: Does the model work if we define the state as

$$x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if the server is idle} \\ 1 & \text{if the server is working} \end{cases} \quad (*) \quad ?$$

Let's try it...

$$\bullet \Gamma(0) = \{a\}$$

$$\Gamma(1) = \{a, d\} \quad \text{ok...}$$

- $f(x, a) = 1$ for $x=0,1$ ok, but...

$f(1, d) = ???$ we are in trouble here

$$f(1, d) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if there is only one customer} \\ & \text{in the system} \\ 1 & \text{if there are two or more} \\ & \text{customers in the system} \end{cases}$$

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Information we don't have, if we only know that the server is working

=> The variable defined in (*) is not informative enough to determine uniquely its next value in all circumstances

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It's NOT a definition of state for the system



REMARK : State automata with outputs include

Moore machines as a special case (when X is finite)

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finite state machines used
in sequential logic implementation