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CS/IS F214 Logic in Computer Science

MODULE: TEMPORAL LOGICS

State Machines for Modelling

State Machines as Models

- We will study the use of state machines for modeling:
 - in particular, we will use paths in a state machine as models
 - for providing the meaning of formulas written in a *temporal logic*.
- This logic is referred to as **Linear Temporal Logic** where :
 - formulas are interpreted in the context of paths
 - along which the truth (or falsity) of atomic propositions could change



State Machines and Graphs

- A state machine can be represented as a vertex-labeled, directed graph:
 - $\langle S, \rightarrow, L \rangle$ where
 - S is a set of states
 - \rightarrow is the transition relation (i.e. a total, ordered, binary relation on S)
 - L is a labeling function:
 - i.e. $L : S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(\text{Atoms})$
 - where $\mathbf{P}(\text{Atoms})$ is the power-set of **Atoms**, which is a set of atomic propositions



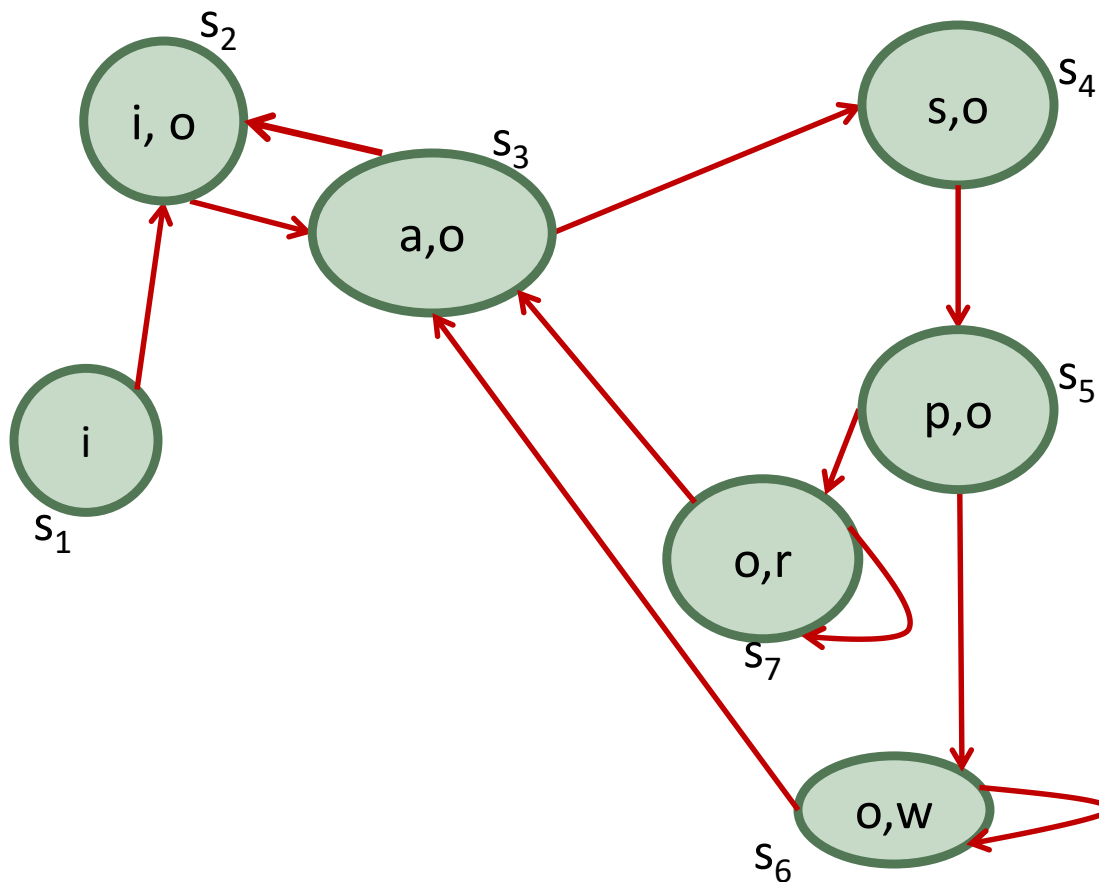
State Machine – Example: I/O in a hard disk

- Operation of a hard disk (assumed to have a single platter i.e. a *single head*):
 - Disk must be activated to rotate
 - Rotation must be steady to accept requests
 - Request queue may only contain requests of the same type
 - e.g. all *read* requests with the same *cylinder* address – i.e. *track* address
 - Seeking is required to position the head over the track
 - Request will be pending until the requested (*sector*) address rotates under the head



State Machine - Example

- Often, we use a pictorial representation of a state machine.
 - e.g. state machine M depicting *operation of a hard disk*:



Atoms = { idle, rotating,
accepting, seeking,
pending, reading,
writing }

S = { $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5, s_6, s_7$ }

$L(s_1) = \{ i \}$
 $L(s_2) = \{ i, o \}$
 $L(s_3) = \{ a, o \}$
 $L(s_4) = \{ s, o \}$
 $L(s_5) = \{ p, o \}$
 $L(s_6) = \{ o, w \}$
 $L(s_7) = \{ o, r \}$

State Machines and Semantics

- Interpretation using state machine, $\langle S, \rightarrow, L \rangle$:
 - Each **state** in **S** is a point in time
 - i.e. a point in future (or time $\delta \geq 0$ from now)
 - **L** is an assignment of truth values to all propositional atoms
 - i.e. in a given state:
 - the valuation of all propositional atoms can be stated as the subset of those atoms that are TRUE
 - \rightarrow is **total**
 - i.e. from every state, there is an outgoing transition
 - therefore we will consider paths that are infinite



State Machines - Paths

- Define **paths** as infinite sequences of states
 - A **path** in a model $M = (S, \rightarrow, L)$ is an infinite sequence of states s_1, s_2, \dots in S such that:
 - $\forall i \ i \geq 1 \rightarrow s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$
- We will denote paths as:
 - $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$
- A **path** $\pi = s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ is a possible future in our system:
 - it is first in state s_1 , then it is in state s_2 , and so on.
- We will denote the suffix of a path π starting at state s_i as π^i
 - e.g. π^4 is $s_4 \rightarrow s_5 \rightarrow \dots$

