

# Chapter 5

# **SM Charts and Microprogramming**

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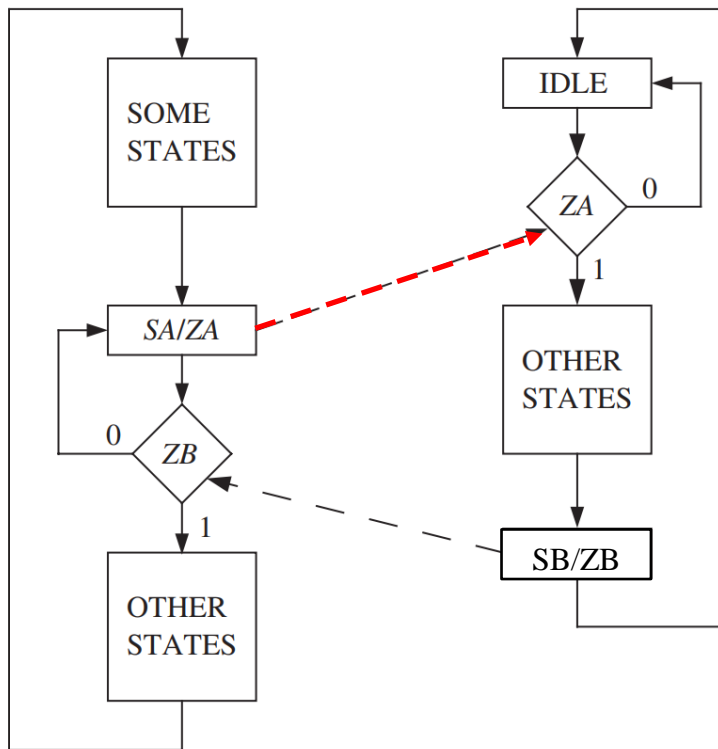
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# 5.6 Linked State Machines (链接状态机)

## SM Charts for Serially Linked State Machines

Machine A  
(calling machine)

Machine B  
(called machine)



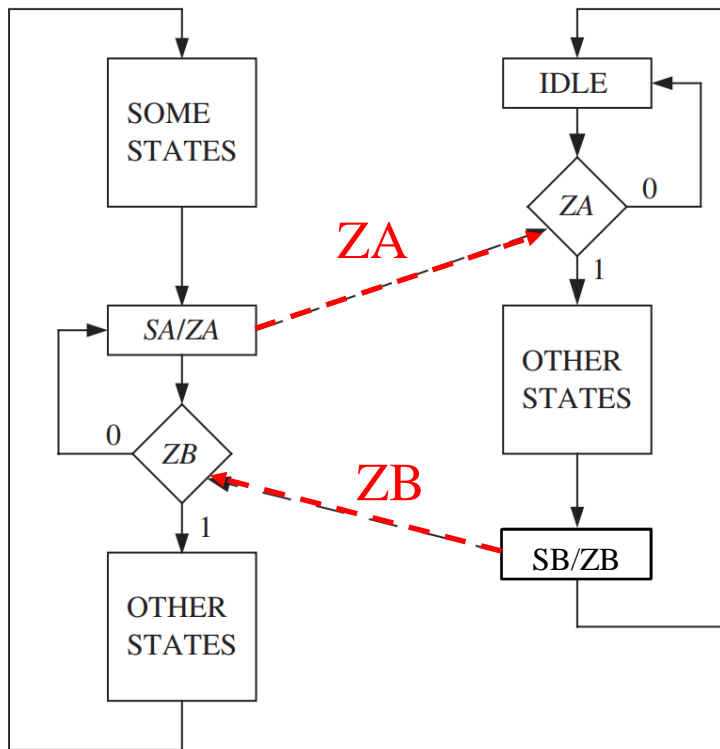
When a sequential machine becomes large and complex, it is desirable to divide the machine into several smaller machines that are linked together

- Each of the smaller machines is easier to design and implement
- Also, one of the submachines may be “called” in several different places by the main machine

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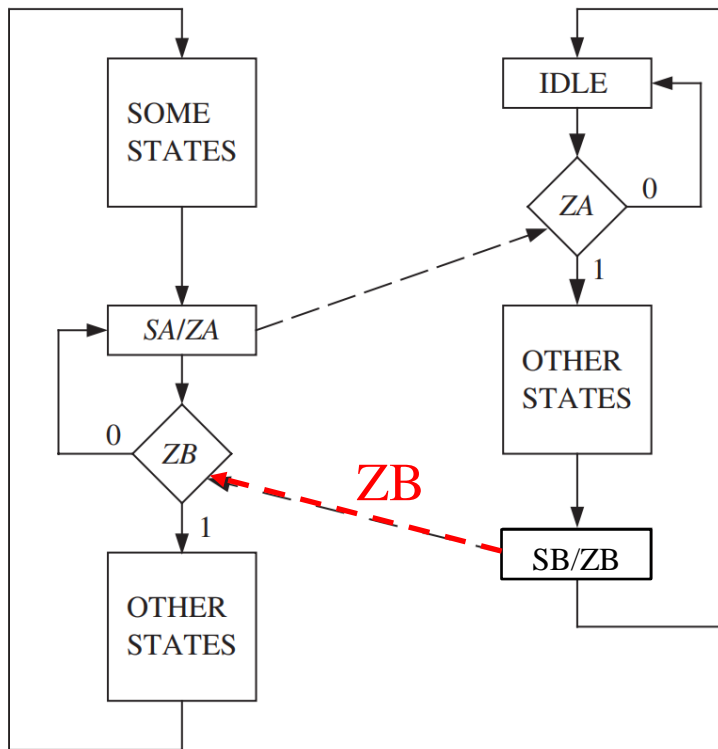
- The main machine (machine A) executes a sequence of “some states” until it is ready to call the submachine (machine B)
- When state SA is reached, the output signal **ZA** activates machine B

- Machine B then leaves its idle state and executes a sequence of “other states”
- When it is finished, it outputs **ZB** before returning to idle state

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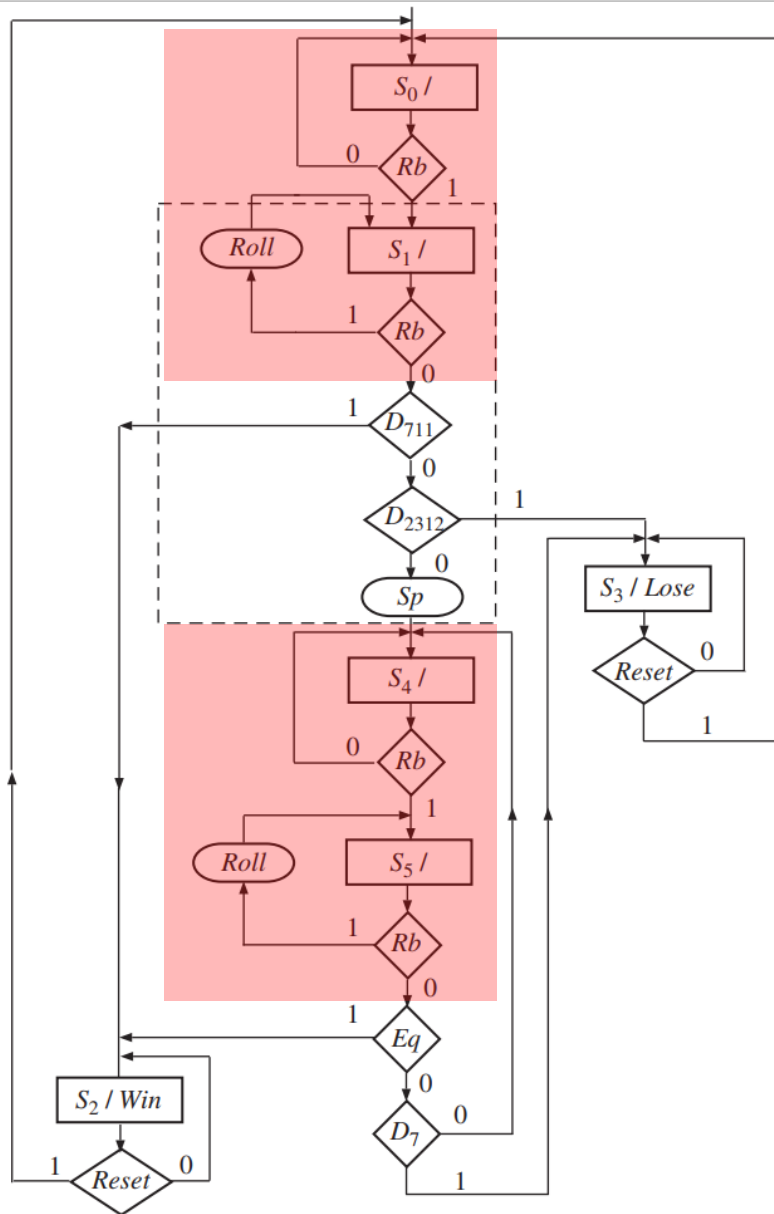
Machine A  
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When machine A receives **ZB**, it continues to execute “other states”

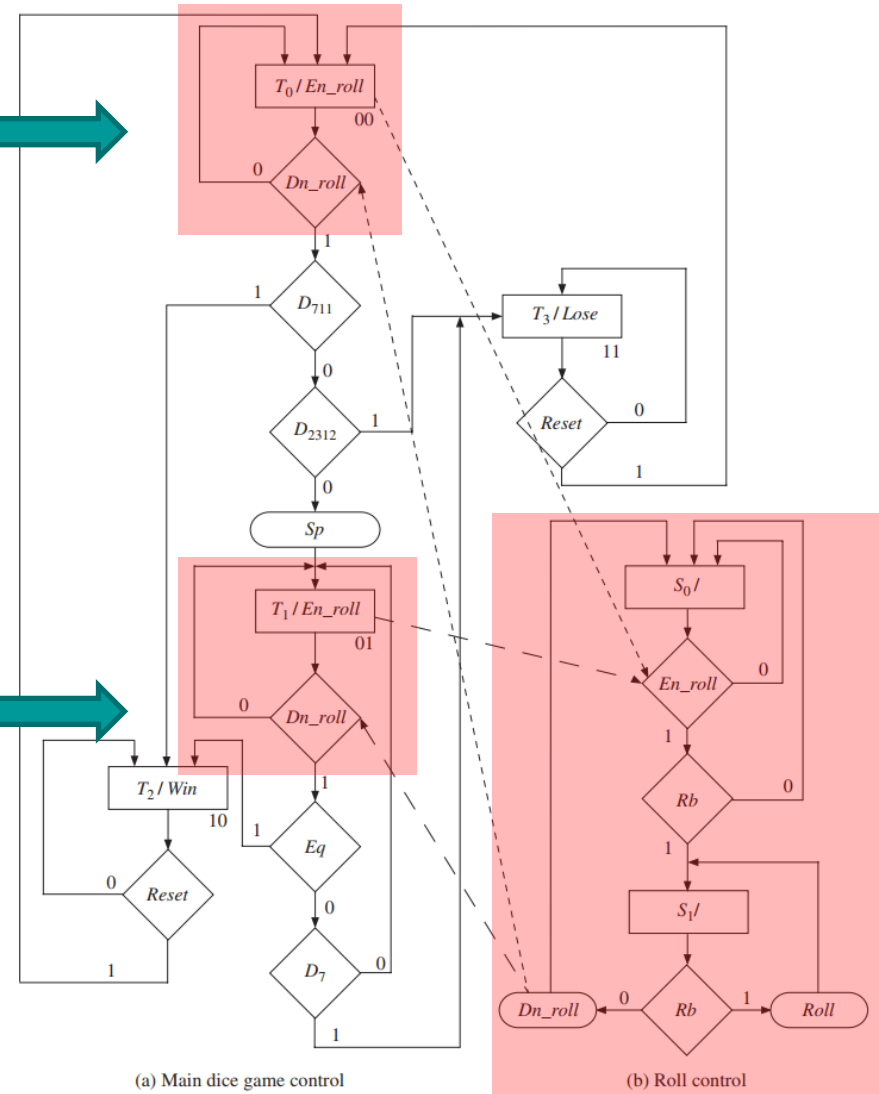
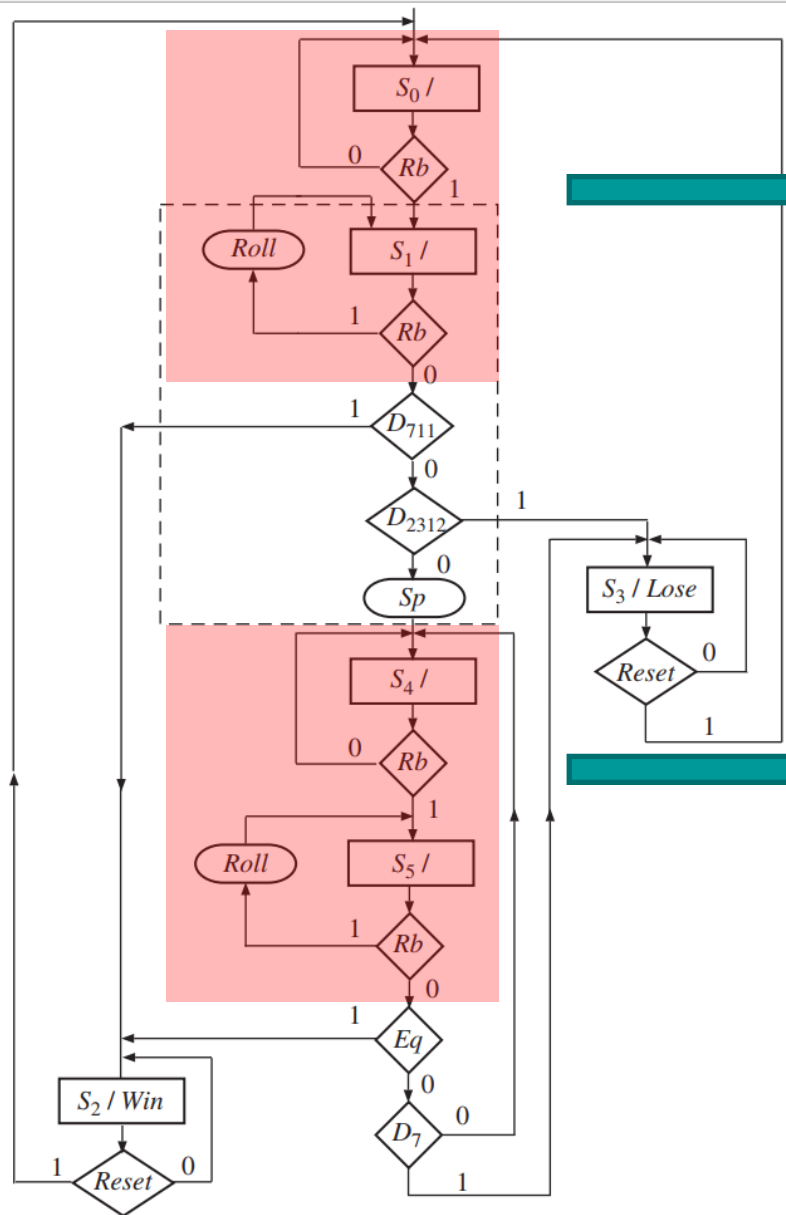
It assumes that the two machines have a common clock



## SM Chart for Dice Game

**Rb** is used to control the roll of the dice in **S0** and **S1** and in an identical way in **S4** and **S5**

Since this function is repeated in two places, it is logical to use a separate machine for the roll control



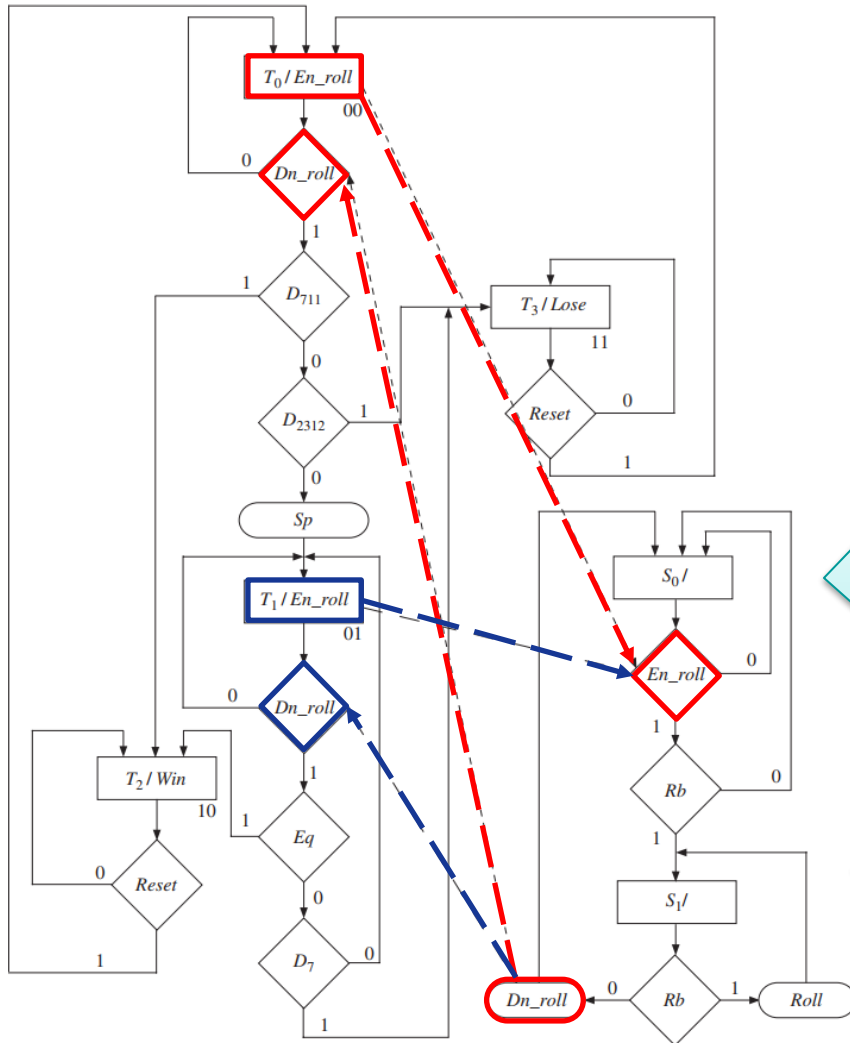
(a) Main dice game control

(b) Roll control

a separate machine for roll control



## Linked SM Charts for Dice Game



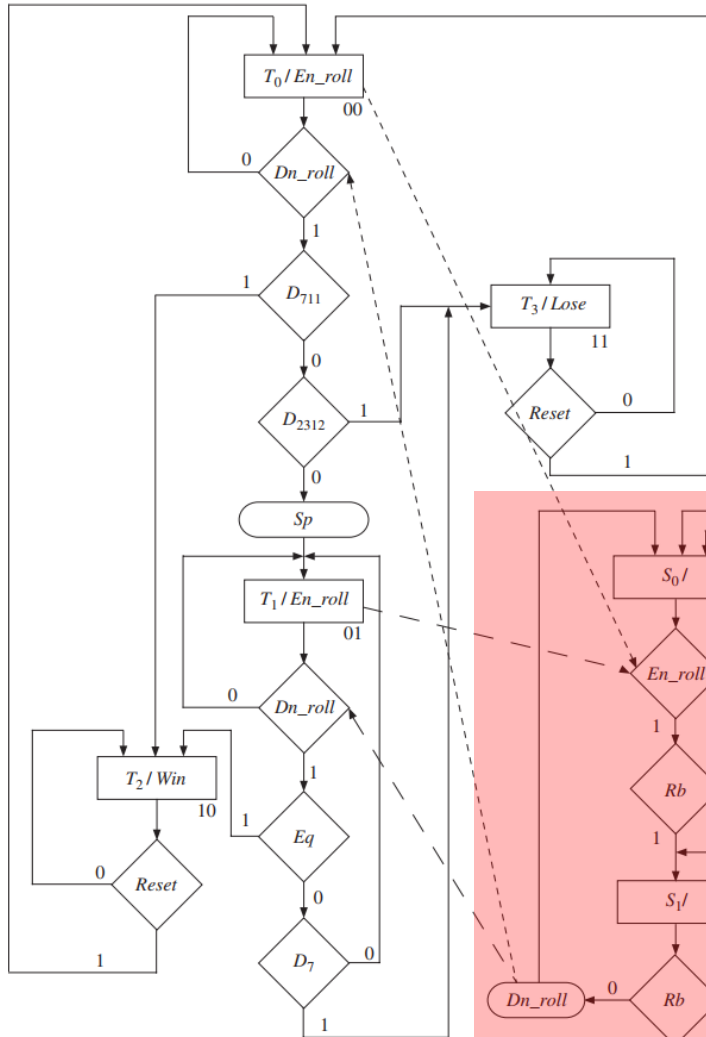
(a) Main dice game control

(b) Roll control

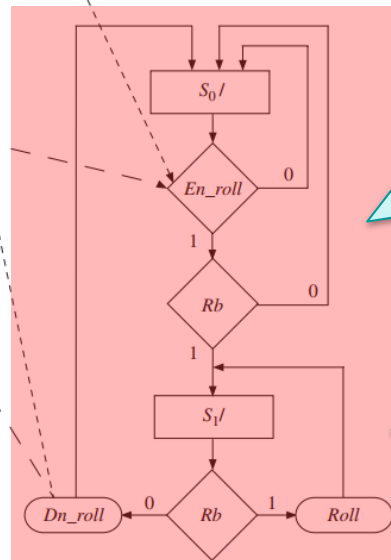
The main control generates an **En\_roll** (enable roll) signal in  $T_0$  and then waits for a **Dn\_roll** (done rolling) signal before continuing

Similar action occurs in  $T_1$

## Linked SM Charts for Dice Game



(a) Main dice game control



(b) Roll control

The roll-control machine waits in S0 until it receives an **En\_roll** signal from the main dice-game control

Then, when the roll button is pressed ( $Rb = 1$ ), the machine goes to S1 and generates a **Roll** signal

It remains in S1 until  $Rb = 0$ , in which case, **Dn\_roll** signal is generated and the machine goes back to S0