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Lab 5: Finite State Machines

**Goals:**

The goal for this lab is to become familiar with finite state machines. This mainly includes a couple different types of finite state machines, and why they are better than the other for different purposes. We also continue this lab with writing our own testbench files for each task which will verify our program when running it in simulation. This is the first lab where we have to write all of our main program and also write our own testbench.

**Design Process:**

Task 1 is a straightforward creation of the Mealy Finite State Machine. This means our machine output will depend on both current state and current input. We can implement this by viewing our PreLab task of drawing a state diagram of the machine, and then putting the code into 3 different always blocks. This is how we will proceed with designing of all the Finite State Machines. The task 1 block diagram is shown in Figure 1 and the desired output of task 1 simulation is shown in Figure 2.

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Figure 1

Graphical user interface

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Figure 2

Task 2 is similar to task 1 except we use the design of a Moore machine instead of the previous Mealy machine. We also are trying to only get a high output after specific series of inputs as defined by table 1. Our block diagram of the Moore machine is shown in Figure 3 and the expected output for the task is shown in Figure 4.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Series Input Value** | **Output Value** |
| 01 🡪 00 | 0 |
| 11 🡪 00 | 1 |
| 10 🡪 00 | Toggle |

Table 1

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Figure 3

Graphical user interface, diagram, application

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Figure 4

Task 3 introduces using Finite State Machines with a ROM memory file. In this task we are asked to use a Mealy machine with a ROM fle. This is used to count in a specific series not normal counting. This program should count 000, 001, 011, 101, 111, 010 and then repeat starting back at 000. This means we need a counter to show which spot we are at in the ROM file and also the value of output that we should be showing to the user. The diagram for the Mealy with ROM is shown in Figure 5 and the expected output is shown in Figure 6.

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Figure 5

Graphical user interface, application

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Figure 6

**Detailed Design:**

Task 1 was designing a Mealy state machine according to the state diagram we drew in the Prelab. This means we want our output to only be 1 if we have received a sequence of 1’s that is divisible by 3. The design of this circuit was not too difficult if the state diagram was done correctly. We were also tasked with building the testbench for each task. Due to our code being too long, we could not get it to fit into one image. The code for task 1 is shown in Figures 7 & 8, and the testbench is shown in Figures 9 & 10.

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Figure 8

Graphical user interface, text

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Figure 9

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Figure 10

Task 2 design was similar but instead used a Moore machine to change outputs only after a specific sequence of inputs. The state diagram from PreLab was drawn following the outputs of Table 1 above. Then we used this state diagram to design a simple (but long) program that follows input sequences to get the right output. The code is shown in Figures 11 & 12, and the testbenches designed are shown in the Figures 13 & 14.

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Figure 11

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Figure 12

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Figure 13

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Figure 14

Task 3 also used a Mealy machine but instead of using the same format we use a ROM memory file to input what the count sequence to be. We still use the always blocks, but instead of creating our own next state, the nextstate and output are stored in the memory file. The code is shown in Figure 15, the testbench is shown in Figures 16 & 17, and the memory file is shown in Figure 18.

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Figure 15

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Figure 16

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Figure 17

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Figure 18

**Verification:**

Each task is verified by using both a Simulation (using our own testbench) and uploading it to the board and visually verifying the functionality of the task. All tasks included an expected output for the simulation to try to replicate.

Task 1 can be verified after our simulation matches that of the expected results. Then we upload to the board and view if our results are only 1 if our inputs received a sequence of 1’s that are divisible by 3. The simulation output is shown in Figure 19.

Graphical user interface

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Figure 19

Task 2 can be verified by checking our simulation with the expected results simulation given to us in the lab writeup. We then upload our program to the board and visually check if the input sequence changes the output according to Table 1. Our simulation results are shown in Figure 20.

Graphical user interface

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Figure 20

Task 3 can also be verified by simply checking our simulation with the expected results given to us in the writeup. After we verify this works, we upload the program to the board and visually verify that our program is counting correctly and is at the specific number shown in the ROM file. Our simulation results are shown in Figure 21.

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Figure 21

**Conclusion:**

What I learned in this lab is different methods of implementing Mealy and Moore Finite State Machines. We designed and implemented sequence detector, a sequence generator, and code converters using the two and three always blocks styles. I also reenforced the ideas behind using ROM files to write specific outputs on the board, and writing our own testbenches to simulate our original program directly. This lab went much better than last since I was able to finish in the correct time.