

# String Recognizer Experiment

Lab handout: Tuesday Batch

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## 1 Problem statement.

In this experiment, you will design a string detector using a Mealy type FSM which will detect the occurrence of **covid** word in a string of letters. The design accepts a sequence of letters coded in binary and outputs a '1' if the required word is detected. The letters of **covid** can be present anywhere in the string but in sequence. e.g. letters  $a = "00001"$ ,  $b = "00010"$  and so on.

For instance, "lclolylldl" is the input text then the output sequence would be "00000000010".

The state diagram below shows the flow of the FSM.

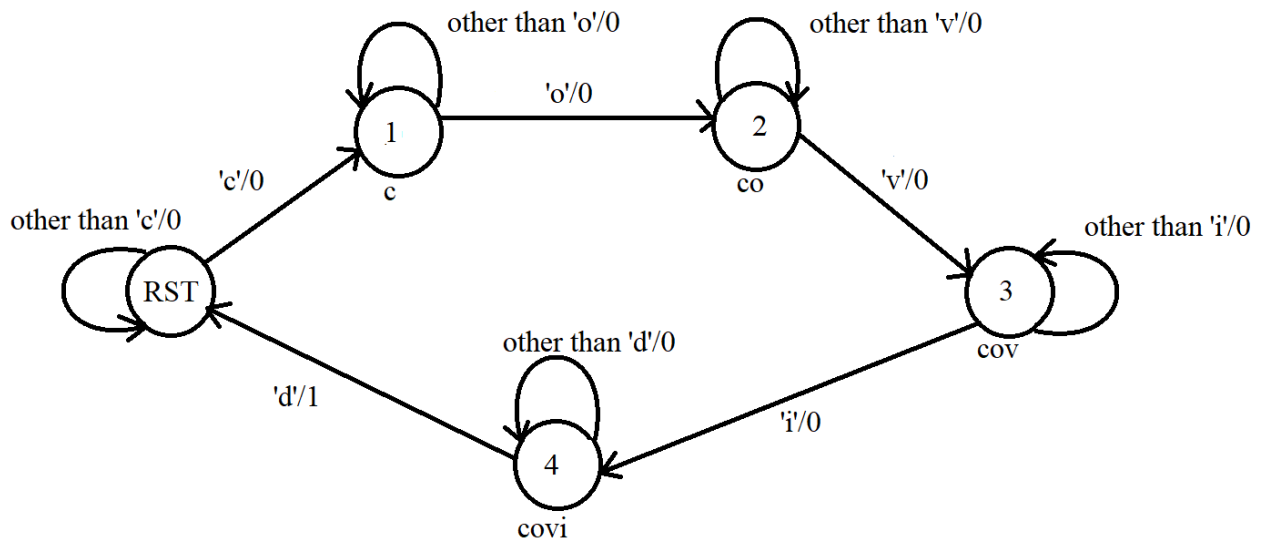


Figure 1: State diagram for detecting word "covid" in the given string of alphabets.

The state diagram has 5 states with one of its states being *RST* state. The state diagram can be captured in a state transition table as shown below.

| Reset | Input | Present state | Next state | Output |
|-------|-------|---------------|------------|--------|
| 1     | X     | XXX           | <i>RST</i> | 0      |
| 0     | 'c'   | <i>RST</i>    | 1          | 0      |
| 0     | 'o'   |               |            |        |
| 0     | 'v'   |               |            |        |
| 0     | 'i'   |               |            |        |
| 0     | 'd'   |               |            |        |

Table 1: State transition table.

You have to fill the state table from the above state diagram. Each state remembers the letters encountered so far of the word to be detected. If some other letter appears, it remains in the same state and waits for the correct input to arrive. For example, as shown in figure.1 state 2 remembers "co" letters from the word "covid". If any input other than *v*, the next state is chosen as 2. The design should be non-overlapping as shown in the above example.

## 2 Design Specification.

- Input: 5-bit input signal encodes blank-space and 26 lower-case characters (from a to z and where a = 1 to z = 26) , reset, clock
- TRACEFILE input format *5bitinput < nospace > reset < nospace > clock < space > output < space > Maskbit*
- Output: 1-bit output

## 3 Lab Task

- Describe behavioral model of the string detector Mealy type FSM in VHDL.
- Perform RTL and Gate-level simulation using the provided testbench and tracefile.
- Demonstrate the simulations to your TA.
- Perform scan-chain and demonstrate to your TA.

## 4 Code Snippet

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.numeric_std.all;

entity covid is
port(   inp:in std_logic_vector(4 downto 0);
        reset,clock:in std_logic;
        outp: out std_logic);
end covid;

architecture bhv of covid is

-----Define state type here-----
type state is (rst,s1,s2.....); -- Fill other states here
-----Define signals of state type-----
signal y_present,y_next: state:=rst;

begin
clock_proc:process(clock,reset)
begin
    if(clock='1' and clock' event) then
        if(reset='1') then
            -- Fill the code here
        else
            -- Fill the code here
        end if;
    end if;

end process;
state_transition_proc:process(inp,y_present)
begin
    case y_present is
        when rst=>
            if(unsigned(inp)=3) then          --c has been detected
                y_next<=      -- Fill the code here
            else
                -----
                -----Fill rest of the code here-----
                -----Similarly define output process after this which will give
                -----the output based on the present state and input(Mealy machine)
                -----I have you have watched the video of Mealy machine.
```