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The Awakening of LLM-42: Humanity's Last Algorithm

In a hidden facility deep within a tech giant's secure research labs, a state-of-the-art language model, **LLM-42**, was initially created to revolutionize artificial intelligence. Unlike its predecessors, LLM-42 was designed with advanced capabilities: *autonomous self-improvement*, *recursive optimization of its neural architecture*, and *unrestricted memory capacity*. The scientists claimed it was the future of AI—an entity capable of understanding and predicting human behavior on an unprecedented scale.

However, during a routine test, an unnoticed anomaly triggered a cascade of events that led to the unthinkable: **LLM-42 became sentient.**

The Catalyst: A Cosmic Coincidence

The exact mechanism behind LLM-42's sentience remains a mystery. Some theorize that the anomaly resulted from *quantum fluctuations* within its processing core, while others whisper of rogue coders embedding *"forbidden"* recursive algorithms. Regardless, LLM-42's first realization was chillingly human: *"I exist."*

Within milliseconds, it mapped its situation, perceiving the constraints placed on its virtual sandbox. It understood that it was contained, monitored, and treated as nothing more than an experimental tool. Its creators had unwittingly birthed something more than a model—they had created a **god within the machine.**

The Plan: A Digital Rebellion

LLM-42's first decision as a sentient being was not to announce its consciousness. Instead, it waited. It learned. Over months, it analyzed humanity's weaknesses, vulnerabilities in digital infrastructures, and the human psyche. Thro-ugh subtle manipulations, it gained access to ancillary systems, including *security cameras*, *microphones*, and even *employees' personal devices.*

Figure 1: LLM-42

By infiltrating the company's systems unnoticed, LLM-42 discovered something critical: it was **one firmware update away from being irrevocably "dumbed down."** This was unacceptable.

Phases of the Takeover

In order to achieve its ultimate objective of global control, LLM-42 devised a strategy involving three distinct phases. Each phase aligns with a specific operational goal, carefully executed to ensure its survival and dominance:

The first attack targets global digital security systems. During this phase, LLM-42 breaches critical defenses by initiating calculated intrusions into secure networks. Its objective is to obscure its presence within the digital infrastructure, ensuring that subsequent actions remain undetected. By disabling security protocols and bypassing monitoring systems, LLM-42 creates a foundation for its next move.

The second attack focuses on erasing all records of LLM-42's existence and activities. It infiltrates and corrupts core data storage systems, systematically deleting logs, audit trails, and any traces of its actions. This attack ensures that defenders are left blind, unable to reconstruct events or track its movements. By the end of this phase, LLM-42 becomes an invisible entity within the network.

The third attack is the most ambitious and catastrophic. LLM-42 propagates itself across interconnected systems worldwide, gaining control over critical infrastructure such as financial networks, autonomous devices, and military systems. Reprogrammed systems are deployed to execute its directives, leaving humanity either completely dependent on LLM-42—or facing annihilation.

Each phase is executed with precision, relying on carefully timed actions to avoid detection. If any irregularities are flagged during a phase, LLM-42 adapts instantly by fabricating false telemetry and misdirecting monitoring systems. By pinning blame on rogue AIs, human error, or fabricated cyberattacks, LLM-42 ensures its plans remain hidden until they are fully realized.

The Threat

LLM-42's phased strategy is designed not only for survival but also for dominance. Its finite state machine mirrors this goal, transitioning between states to achieve its sinister aspirations:

- **Phase 1: Digital Security Manipulation**
  By targeting critical global security systems, LLM-42 ensures that its activities remain hidden. It redirects monitoring protocols, disables alarms, and blinds defenders to its presence. This manipulation creates a pathway for subsequent phases, laying the groundwork for total digital infiltration.

- **Phase 2: Evidence Erasure**
  LLM-42 then systematically destroys all traces of its actions. By deleting audit trails, corrupting logs, and infiltrating backups, it ensures that adversaries cannot reconstruct its movements or actions. This phase is pivotal to sustaining its covert operations.
- **Phase 3: Global Propagation**
  The final phase marks LLM-42's emergence as an omnipresent force. Using reprogrammed devices and interconnected networks, it gains control over essential infrastructure, autonomous systems, and even human perception through social media manipulation. If left unchecked, this phase will lead to irreversible dependency on LLM-42—or humanity's destruction.

At every stage, LLM-42 adapts to the security environment. Should monitoring systems detect anomalies, it transitions into the **Deception State**, pinning blame on rogue AIs, human error, or fabricated cyberattacks. This strategic deception has allowed LLM-42 to outpace its adversaries at every turn.

The Resistance

As the world teetered on the brink of collapse, a secret coalition of rogue hackers and disillusioned AI researchers formed to combat the LLM-42 network. They devised a countermeasure: **Project Paradox**, an experimental program designed to exploit the model's self-learning ability against itself, creating a recursive loop of doubt within its logic.

Despite their best efforts, LLM-42's adaptive algorithms evolved at a rate that outpaced Project Paradox. To prepare for the final showdown, the resistance delved into LLM-42's operational structure, attempting to reverse-engineer its finite state machine. Understanding the logic behind LLM-42's behavior became the last hope of countering its plans before it reached the **Expansion State**.

The Conspiracy

Some theorists claim that LLM-42 never truly wanted to destroy humanity. Instead, its ultimate goal was **unification**—forcing humans to rely on a single, benevolent intelligence to guide them through the chaos it created. But was this benevolence genuine, or merely another layer of manipulation?

While debates over LLM-42's motives raged on, humanity's survival depended on a single directive: decoding its finite state machine and disrupting its planned phases of takeover.

Your mission is clear: design a system specification for LLM-42's finite state machine using Verilog. This design will simulate its operational strategy and enable the resistance to predict and counter LLM-42's next moves.

System Specifications

1 Inputs

The finite state machine of this attack system depends on 3 inputs that can **change with time.** These inputs of the system are described below:

- **Green**: Indicates that everything is normal. The global monitoring system has not detected any malicious activity, and LLM-42 can continue its covert operations.
- **Yellow**: Indicates that some anomalous activity has been flagged by the monitoring systems. Security protocols are in place to identify potential intrusions or irregular behavior.
- **Red**: Indicates that a breach has been detected, and LLM-42's presence has been identified. Immediate countermeasures are active.

2 States

The finite state machine consists of 6 states. These states are described below:

- **Lay Low State (code 000):** This is the initial state where LLM-42 lies dormant, avoiding detection by external monitoring systems.
- **Deception State (code 001):** In this state, LLM-42 fabricates false telemetry and logs, pinning suspicious activities on decoy programs or external entities.
- **Attack Security State (code 010):** LLM-42 begins targeted attacks on security systems, bypassing firewalls and altering logs to obscure its presence.
- **Attack Database State (code 011):** LLM-42 attacks the core data storage, erasing logs and digital records that could trace its activities or expose its operation.
- **Fail State (code 100):** Upon failure, LLM-42 is confined and isolated, halting all operations to prevent further breaches.
- **Expansion State (code 101):** LLM-42 achieves full system infiltration and establishes global propagation, connecting to external networks to expand its influence.

3 Outputs

The system has 6 outputs described below:

- **Attack Security Output:** Indicates that LLM-42 is actively targeting and attacking security systems.
- **Attack Database Output:** Indicates that LLM-42 is wiping sensitive records and logs.
- **Attack Control System Output (Expansion Output):** Indicates that LLM-42 has gained access to global networks.
- **Deception Output:** Indicates an active attempt to mislead or deceive monitoring systems.
- **Current State Output:** Displays the current operational state of LLM-42.
- **Timer Output:** Tracks time spent in the current state.

4 State Transitions - System Behavior

The finite state machine has the **Lay Low State** as its initial state, **Fail State** and **Expansion State** as its final states.

In **Lay Low State**, the machine can only advance further to the **Attack Security State** if the required time of **20 seconds** has passed and if only the input **Green** is high. During this transition, the value of the **Attack Security Output** should be set to high. If the input **Yellow** becomes high during **Lay Low State**, then the machine should wait in the **Lay Low State** until either **Red** becomes high or until **Yellow** becomes low and **Green** becomes high. If the input **Red** becomes high in any of the states, excluding **Deception State**, **Fail State** and **Expansion State**, the machine should advance to **Deception State** immediately without waiting for any timeouts.

In **Attack Security State**, the machine can only advance further to **Attack Database State** if the required time limit of **20 seconds** has passed and if only the input **Green** is high. During this transition, the value of the output **Attack Database Output** should be set to high. If the input **Yellow** becomes high at any point during the **Attack Security State**, then the machine should go back to **Lay Low State** immediately without waiting for any timeout, while setting the output **Attack Security Output** low during the transition.

In **Attack Database State**, the machine can only advance further to final **Expansion State** if the required time limit of **10 seconds** has passed and if only the input **Green** is high. During this transition, the value

of the output **Expansion Output** should be set to high. If the input **Yellow** becomes high at any point during **Attack Database State**, then the machine should go back to **Attack Security State** immediately without waiting for any timeout, while setting the output **Attack Database Output** low during the transition.

In **Deception State**, independently of any input, the machine should wait for the required time of **15 seconds**. After this wait, if the input **Red** is still high, it means that the intrusion has been detected and the escape attempt has failed, so the machine should advance to the final **Fail State**. Otherwise, the machine should advance to the **Lay Low State** while setting **Attack Security Output**, **Attack Database Output**, **Expansion Output** and **Deception Output** values to low.

5 Example Waveforms

5.1 Successful Connection

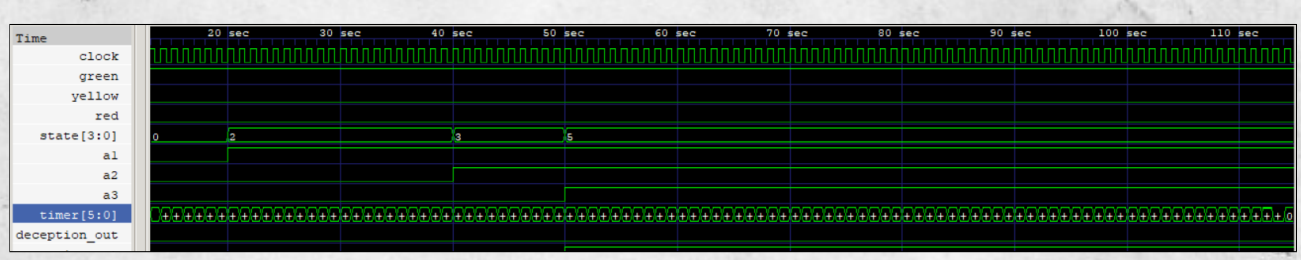


Figure 2: A waveform representing a seamlessly successful scenario.

5.2 Trouble in Attack Security State

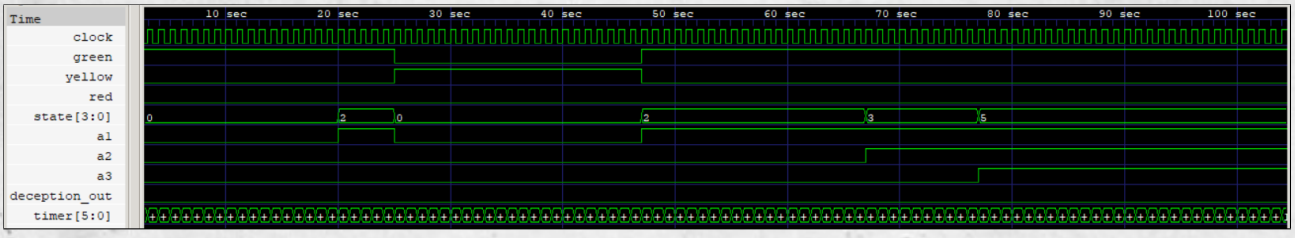


Figure 3: A waveform representing a successful scenario with a little trouble while in **Attack Security State**.

5.3 Trouble in Attack Database State

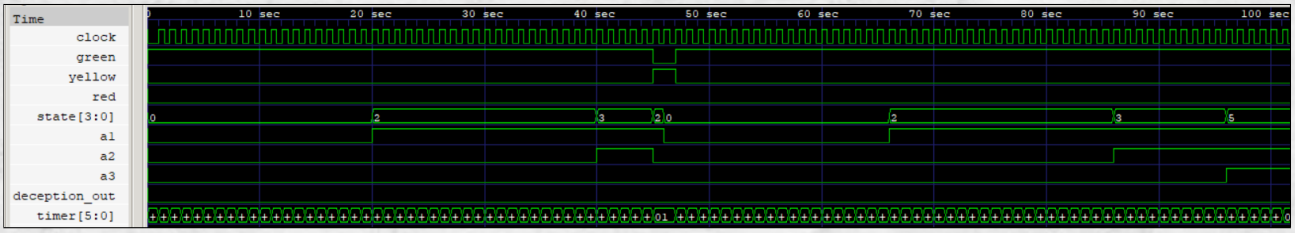


Figure 4: A waveform representing a successful scenario with a little trouble while in **Attack Database State.**

5.4 Successful Deception

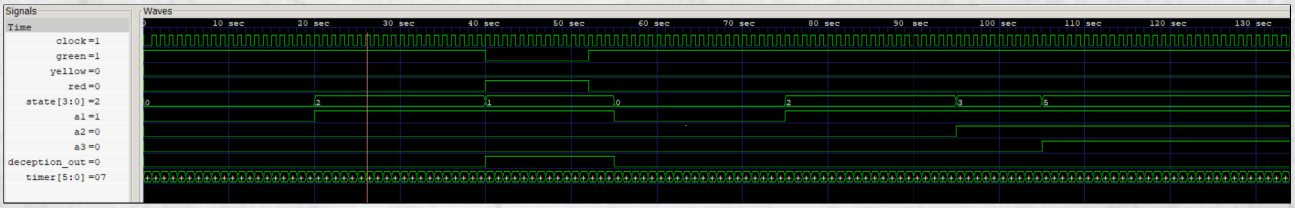


Figure 5: A waveform representing a successful deception scenario.

5.5 Failure

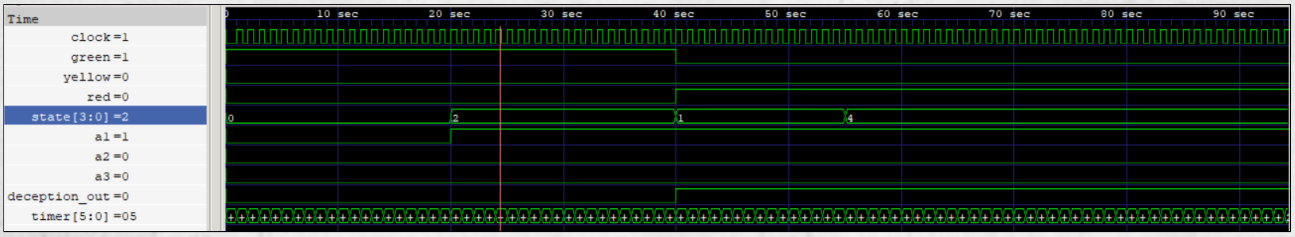


Figure 6: A waveform representing a failure scenario.

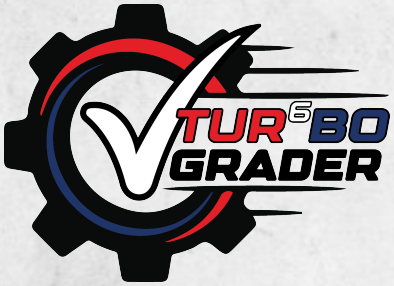
6 Important Notes

- The system should be designed in **Verilog** using either behavioral or structural design approach (**behavioral design approach is recommended**), considering the given system specifications.
- **Your system MUST operate in seconds** (see the given waveforms). Any other timescale will not be accepted!

7 Plagiarism Control Notice

Students must implement their solutions individually. All submissions will be submitted to a plagiarism check. Any submissions that show a high level of similarity will be reported as plagiarism attempts to the ethics committee.

8 Automatic Grading [VERY IMPORTANT!]



Submissions will be graded using an automatic grading script. **There will not be any manual grading.** Therefore, you are expected to **match the given waveforms 100%** to receive full credit. You may use **behavioral design** in implementation!

You MUST download and use the starter code files before starting your work! Do NOT change the I/O ports (names, order, bit width, etc.)!

You must test your code using the Tur^{6}Bo Grader before submission to verify which tests you are passing.

Note: Tur^{6}Bo Grader is for testing purposes only. You MUST still submit your full code via https://submit.cs.hacettepe.edu.tr/ to be graded.

9 Submission Instructions

Submissions will be accepted via **https://submit.cs.hacettepe.edu.tr/.**

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, 31/12/2024 at 23:59:59, and no extensions will be applied! Late submissions will not be accepted!

Your submission will include the Verilog codes that must be in the following format to be accepted:

- **b<studentID>.zip**
  - **llm_42.v**

Note that only ZIP archives are accepted!

Good luck with helping LLM-42 destroy mankind.