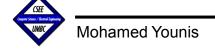
CMPE 212 Principles of Digital Design

Lecture 25

Synthesis of Synchronous Sequential Circuits

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Lecture's Overview

□ Previous Lecture

- → What does analyzing sequential circuit mean?
- → Mealy and Moore models
- → Procedure for analyzing a sequential circuit
 - 1. Define relation between input and state variables and output
 - 2. Combine the logic equations (and k-map) to define state table
 - 3. Draw state diagram from state table
 - 4. Draw timing diagram to capture behavior

☐ This Lecture

→ Synthesis of synchronous sequential circuits

Sequential Circuit Model

Combinational

 Q_0D_0

Possible realization:

1. Mealy model y_1 y_r y_r

Inputs

Can be synchronous or asynchronous

Moore model

Synchronization S_n Signal Delay elements (one per state bit)

- □ Composed of a combinational logic unit and delay elements in a feedback path, which maintains state information
- ☐ Defined by output relation to input and circuit state (values in flip-flops)

Outputs

State bits

Memory devices

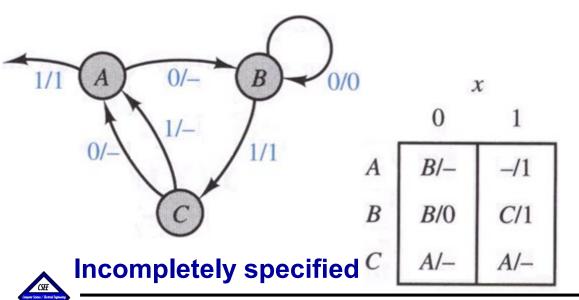
Sequential Circuits Synthesis

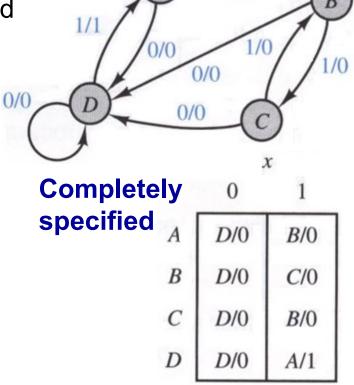
Problem: For a given state diagram generate the equivalent logic diagram for the sequential circuit

Sequential circuit specification

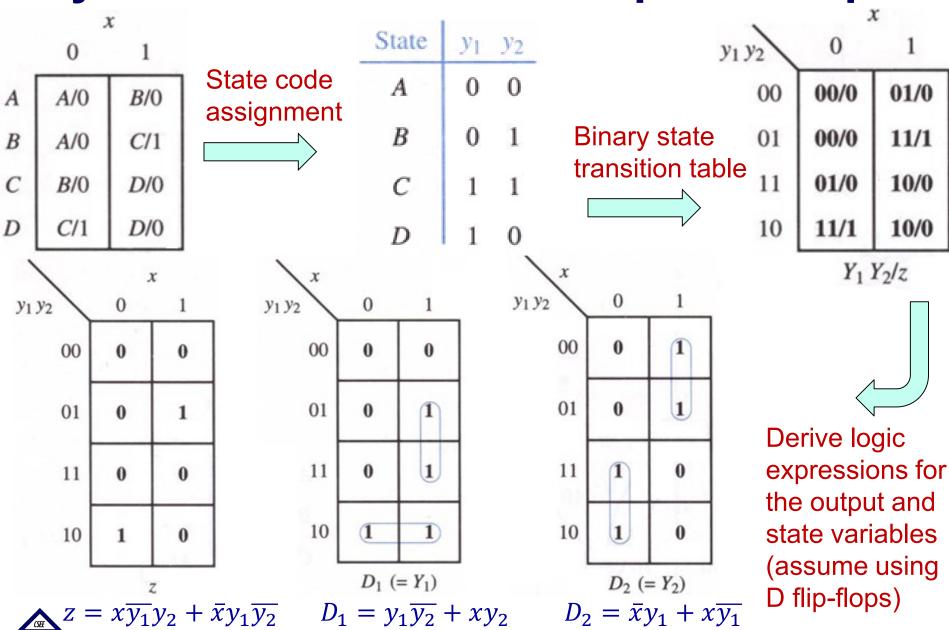
➤ When all possible transitions and the corresponding output from each state are deterministically defined, the circuit is considered *completely specified*

➤ A circuit is incompletely specified when there exists transitions from some states that are not defined and can be arbitrary (e.g., a circuit that causes the value of S and R to be 1 simultaneously)



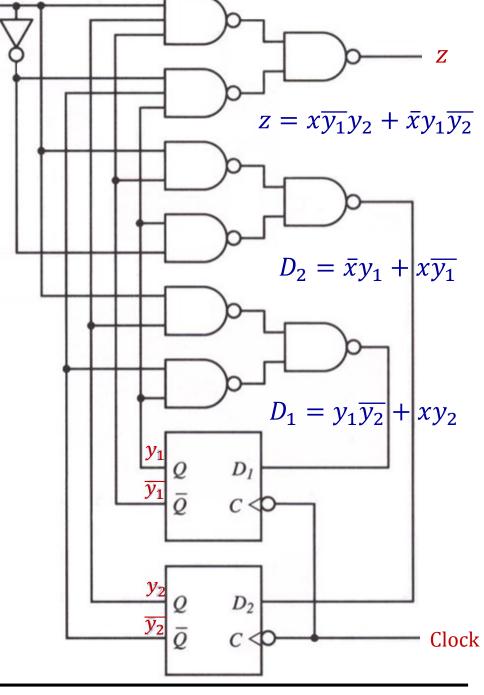


Synthesis Procedure: Simple Example



Synthesis Procedure

- From a word description of the problem, derive a state table
- 2) Use state reduction techniques to find the state table of minimum-state equivalence circuit
- 3) Choose a state assignment and generate the state and output transition tables
- 4) Determine the flip-fops (memory devices) to be used and find the flip-flop excitation maps
- 5) For the excitation maps, produce the switching logic equations. Also form output maps and determine the output logic equations
- 6) Draw the logic diagram of the sequential circuit using logic equations and the chosen flip-flops



Synthesis Procedure: Some Comments

Step 1: Requires intuition and practice to model a problem using finite state machines

S-R flip-flop

	$Q_t Q_{t+1}$		S	R
	0	0	0	d
'	0	0	0	0 1
	1	1	d	0

Step 2: State reduction opts to eliminate all redundant states and reduce the number of memory devices

J-K	
flip-fl	op

$Q_t Q_{t+1}$	J K
0 0	0 d
0 1	1 d
1 0	d 1
1 1	d 0

Step 3: Picking an optimal state assignment is an NP-hard problem; some heuristics will be covered

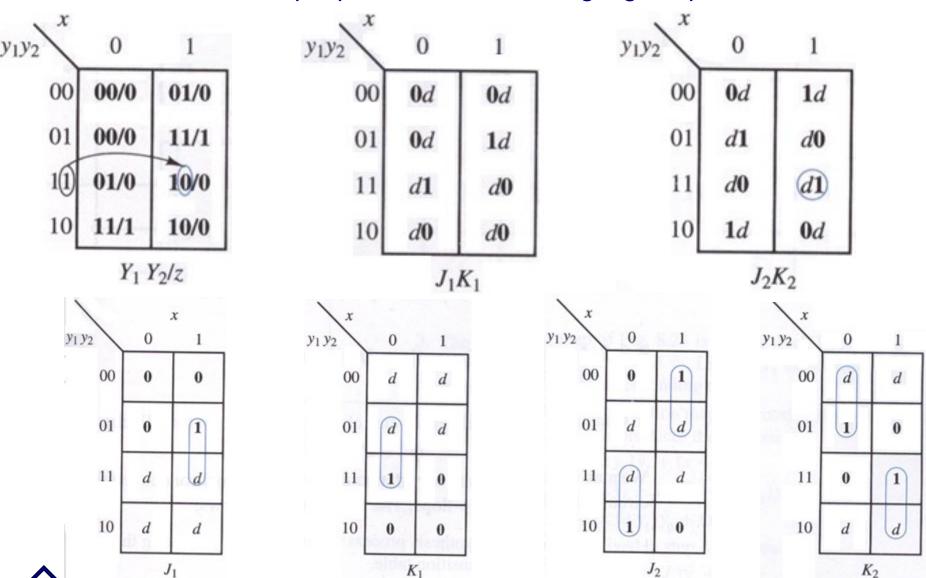
Step 4: The flip-flop excitation maps

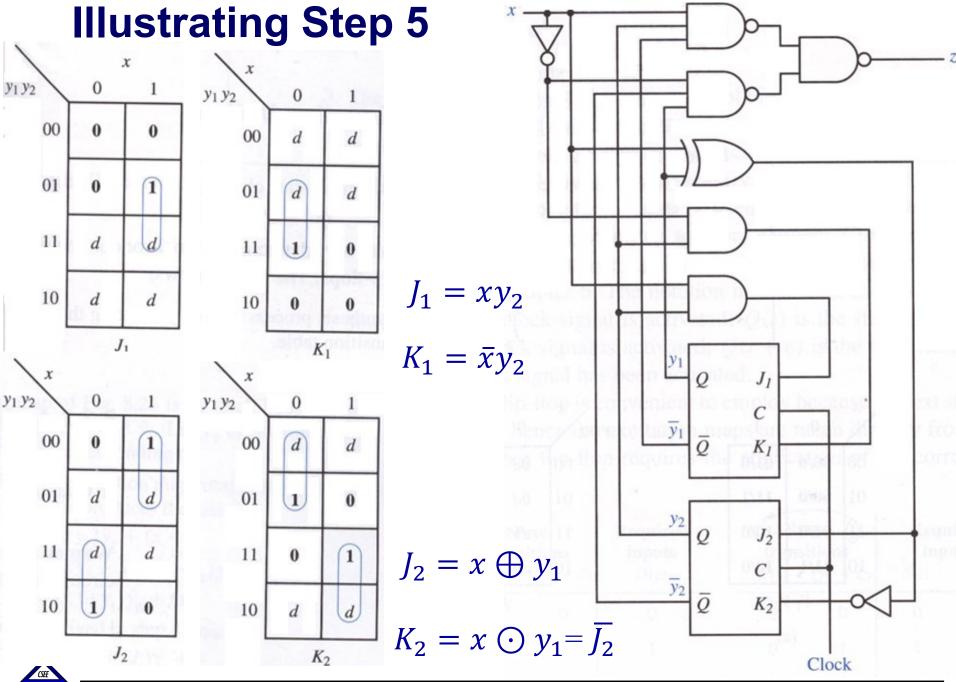
- Deriving the new state logic depends on the storage device used
- The excitation table defines the input for flipflops to get the new states out of the old state



Illustrating Step 5

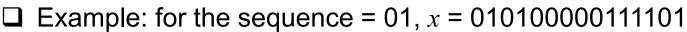
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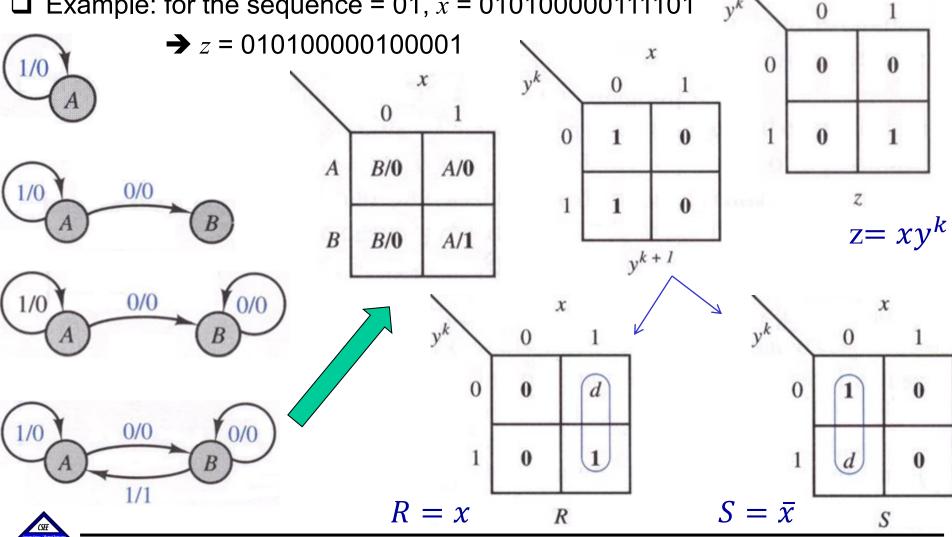




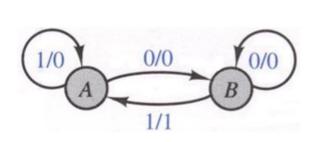
Design Example: Sequence Recognizer

Design a circuit that recognizes a certain sequence of input values and output a "1" for every occurrence.





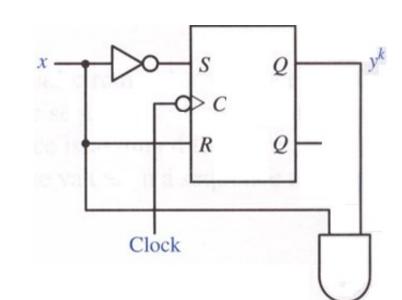
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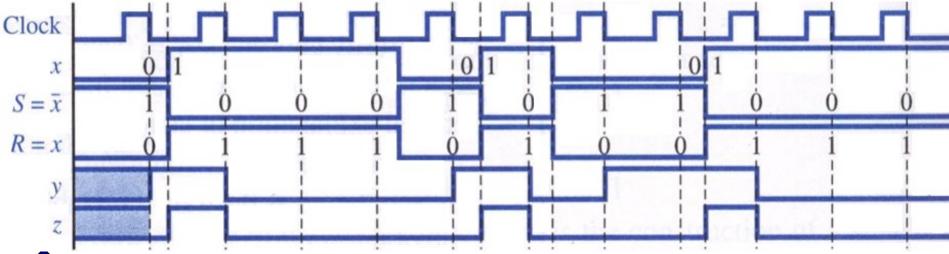


$$z = xy^k$$

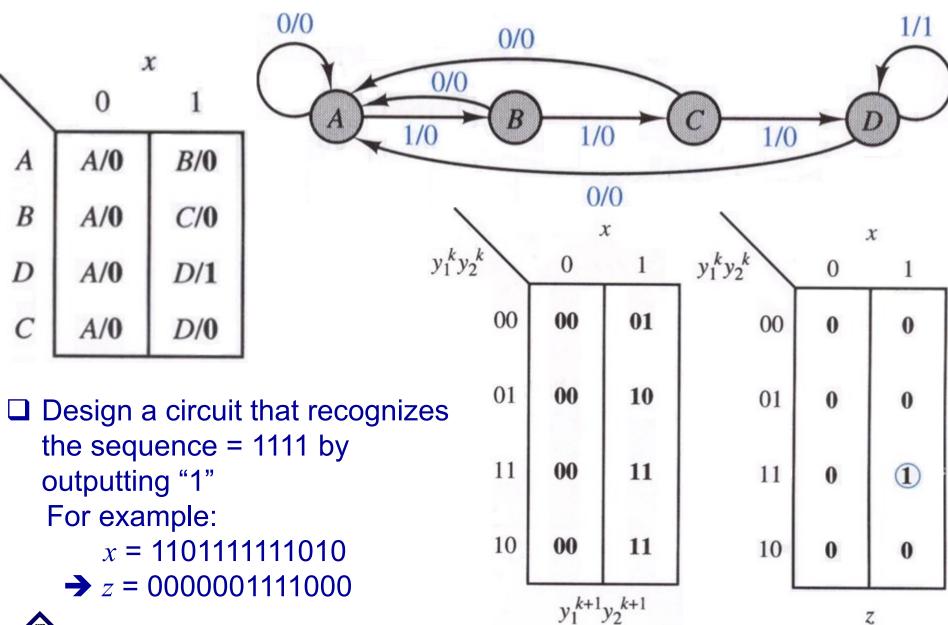
$$S = \bar{x}$$

$$R = x$$

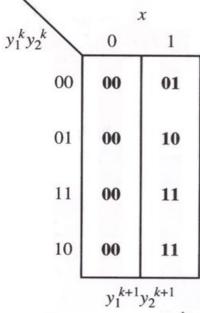




Design Example

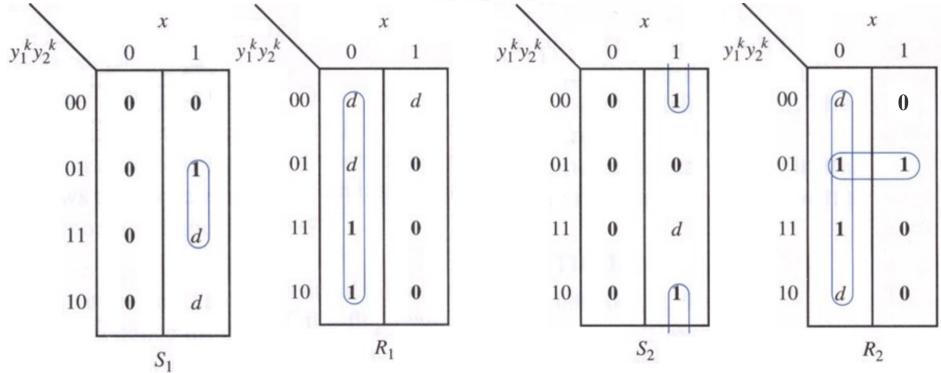


$$S_1 = xy_2$$
$$R_1 = \bar{x}$$

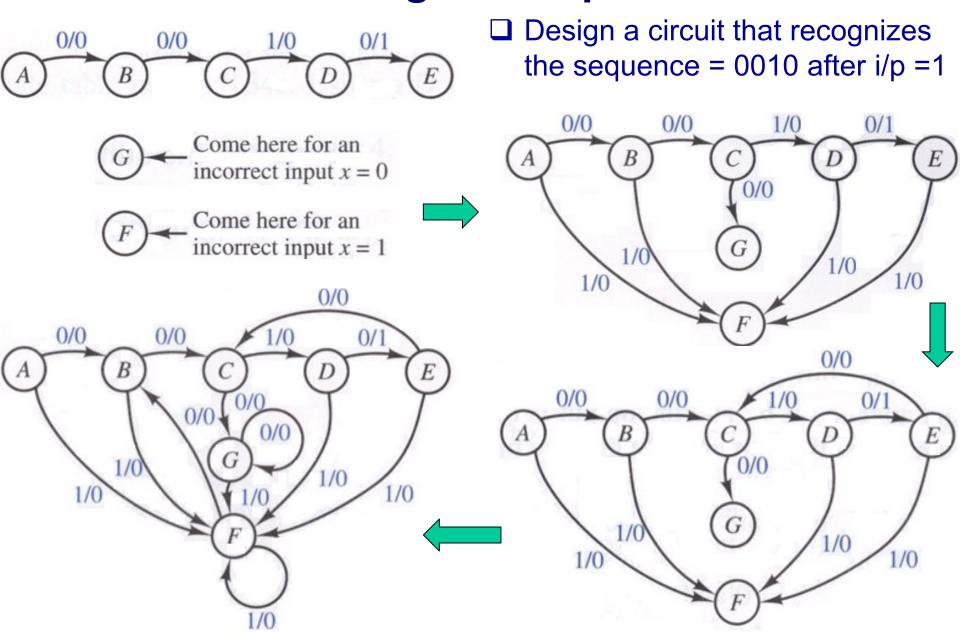


$$S_2 = x\overline{y_2}$$

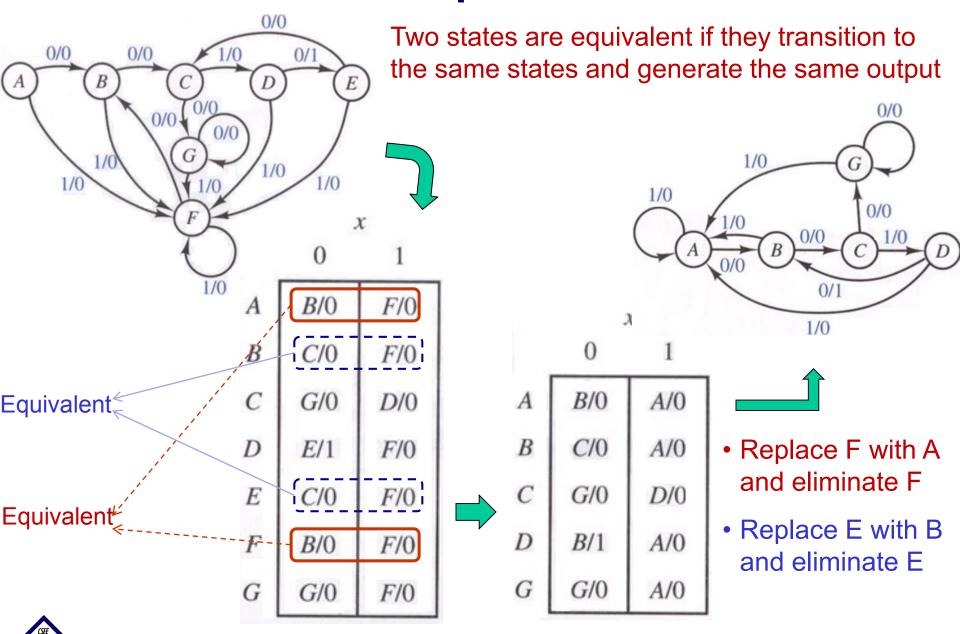
$$R_2 = \bar{x} + \overline{y_1}y_2$$



Design Example

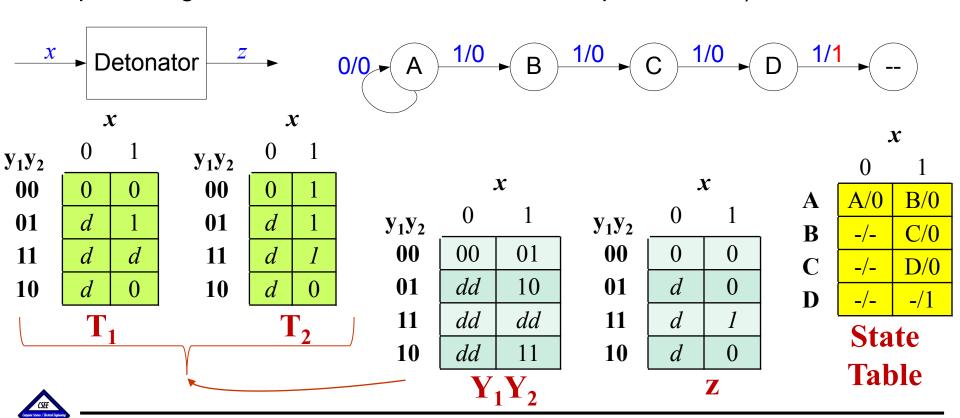


State Equivalence



Incompletely-Specified Circuits

- A sequential circuit is incompletely-specified if its state table contains don'tcare entries due to forbidden input or impractical input combinations
- ☐ Provide flexibility that can be exploited to simplify the circuit realization
- Example: Detonator circuit that react to a specific bit sequence and once activated with the first bit in the sequence it cannot reset (and thus it is not required to go back to the start state once an input bit of "1")



Conclusion

□ Summary

- → What does synthesis of sequential circuit mean?
- → Completely and incompletely specified sequential circuits
- → Procedure for synthesizing a sequential circuit
 - 1. From a word description of the problem, derive a state table
 - 2. Use state reduction techniques to minimize the state count
 - 3. Choose a state assignment and generate the state transition table
 - 4. Determine the type of flip-fops (memory devices) to be used
 - 5. Produce the switching logic equations using the excitation maps
 - 6. Draw a schematic of the sequential circuit

Next Lecture

→ Simplification of sequential circuits

Reading assignment: Sections 8.3 – 8.4 in the textbook

