2.1 FINITE STATE MACHINES (FSMs)

A finite state machine is similar to finite automata having additional capability of outputs.

A model of finite state machine is shown in below figure.

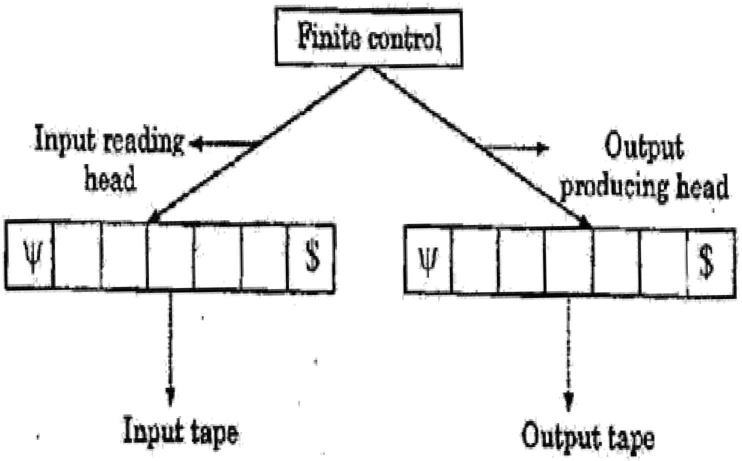


FIGURE : Model of FSM

2.1.1 Description of FSM

A finite state machine is represented by 6-tuple $(Q,\Sigma,\Delta,\delta,\lambda,q_0)$, where

1. Q is finite and non-empty set of states,
2. Σ is input alphabet,
3. Δ is output alphabet,

4. δ is transition function which maps present state and input symbol on to the next state or $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$,

5. λ is the output function, and

6. $q_0 \in Q$, is the initial state .

2.1.2 Representation of FSM

We represent a finite state machine in two ways ; one is by transition table, and another is by transition diagram . In transition diagram , edges are labeled with Input / output.

Suppose , in transition table the entry is defined by a function F, so for input a_i and state q_i

$F(q_i, a_i) = (\delta(q_i, a_i), \lambda(q_i, a_i))$ (where δ is transition function, λ is output function.)

Example 1 : Consider a finite state machine, which changes 1's into 0's and 0's into 1's (1's complement) as shown in below figure .

Transition diagram :

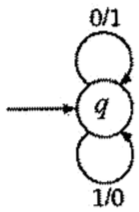


FIGURE : Finite state machine

Transition table :

	Inputs			
	0		1	
Present State(PS)	Next State (NS)	Output	Next State (NS)	Output
q	q	1	q	0

Example 2 : Consider the finite state machine shown in below figure, which outputs the 2's complement of input binary number reading from least significant bit (LSB).

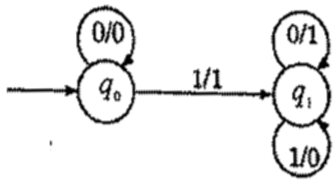
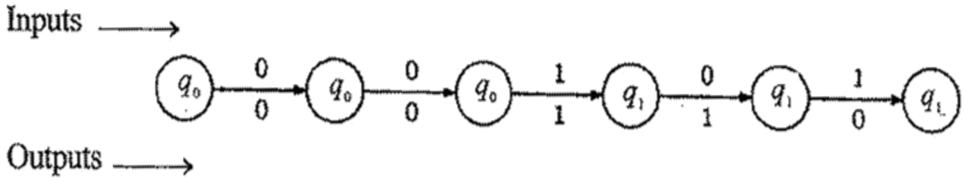


FIGURE : Finite State machine

Suppose, input is 10100. What is the output ?

Solution : The finite state machine reads the input from right side (LSB).

Transition sequence for input 10100 :



So, the output is 01100.

2.2 MOORE MACHINE

If the *output of finite state machine is dependent on present state only,* then this model of finite state machine is known as Moore machine.

A Moore machine is represented by 6-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$, where

1. Q is finite and non-empty set of states,
2. Σ is input alphabet,
3. Δ is output alphabet,
4. δ is transition function which maps present state and input symbol on to the next state or $Q \times \Sigma \to Q$,
5. λ is the output function which maps $Q \to \Delta$, (Present state $\to$ Output), and
6. $q_0 \in Q$, is the initial state.

If $Z(t)$, $q(t)$ are output and present state respectively at time t then

$$Z(t) = \lambda(q(t)).$$

For input $\in$ (null string), $Z(t) = \lambda$ (initial state)

Consider three LSBs of	Input	Output
	...000 (X)	C
	...001 (X)	C
	...010 (X)	C
	...011 (X)	C
	...100 (X)	C
	...101	A
	...110	B
	...111 (X)	C

Transition diagram :

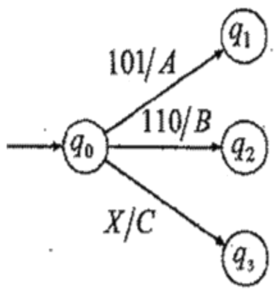


FIGURE : Moore Machine

2.4 EQUIVALENCE OF MOORE AND MEALY MACHINES

We can construct equivalent Mealy machine for a Moore machine and vice-versa. Let M_1 and M_2 be equivalent Moore and Mealy machines respectively. The two outputs $T_1(w)$ and $T_2(w)$ are produced by the machines M_1 and M_2 respectively for input string w. Then the length of $T_1(w)$ is one greater than the length of $T_2(w)$, i.e.

$$|T_1(w)| = |T_2(w)| + 1$$

The additional length is due to the output produced by initial state of Moore machine. Let output symbol x is the additional output produced by the initial state of Moore machine, then $T_1(w) = x\,T_2(w)$.

It means that if we neglect the one initial output produced by the initial state of Moore machine, then outputs produced by both machines are equivalent. *The additional output is produced by the initial state* of (for input $\in$) Moore machine without reading the input.

Conversion of Moore Machine to Mealy Machine

Theorem : If $M_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$ is a Moore machine then there exists a Mealy machine M_2 equivalent to M_1.

Proof : We will discuss proof in two steps.

Step 1 : Construction of equivalent Mealy machine M_2, and

Step 2 : Outputs produced by both machines are equivalent.

Step 1(Construction of equivalent Mealy machine M_2)

Let $M_2 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda', q_0)$ where all terms $Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, q_0$ are same as for Moore machine and λ' is defined as following :

$$\lambda'(q, a) = \lambda(\delta(q, a)) \text{ for all } q \in Q \text{ and } a \in \Sigma$$

The first output produced by initial state of Moore machine is neglected and transition sequences remain unchanged.

Step 2 : If x is the output symbol produced by initial state of Moore machine M_1, and $T_1(w)$, $T_2(w)$ are outputs produced by Moore machine M_1 and equivalent Mealy machine M_2 respectively for input string w, then

$$T_1(w) = x\,T_2(w)$$

Or Output of Moore machine = x| | Output of Mealy machine

(The notation | | represents concatenation).

If we delete the output symbol x from $T_1(w)$ and suppose it is $T_1'(w)$ which is equivalent to the output of Mealy machine. So we have,

$$T_1'(w) = T_2(w)$$

Hence, Moore machine M_1 and Mealy machine M_2 are equivalent.

Example 1 : Construct a Mealy machine equivalent to Moore machine M_1 given in following transition table.

3. Δ remains unchanged,

4. λ' is defined as follows :

   $\delta'([q,b],a) = [\delta(q,a), \lambda(q,a)]$, where δ and λ are transition function and output function of Mealy machine.

5. λ' is the output function of equivalent Moore machine which is dependent on present state only and defined as follows :

$$\lambda'([q,b]) = b$$

6. q_0' is the initial state and defined as $[q_0,b_0]$, where q_0 is the initial state of Mealy machine and b_0 is any arbitrary symbol selected from output alphabet Δ.

Step 2 : Outputs of Mealy and Moore Machines

Suppose, Mealy machine M_1 enters states $q_0, q_1, q_2, \ldots q_n$ on input $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots . a_n$ and produces outputs $b_1, b_2, b_3, \ldots b_n$, then M_2 enters the states $[q_0, b_0], [q_1, b_1], [q_2, b_2], \ldots, [q_n, b_n]$ and produces outputs $b_0, b_1, b_2, \ldots b_n$ as discussed in Step 1. Hence, outputs produced by both machines are equivalent.

Therefore, Mealy machine M_1 and Moore machine M_2 are equivalent.

Example 1 : Consider the Mealy machine shown in below figure. Construct an equivalent Moore machine.

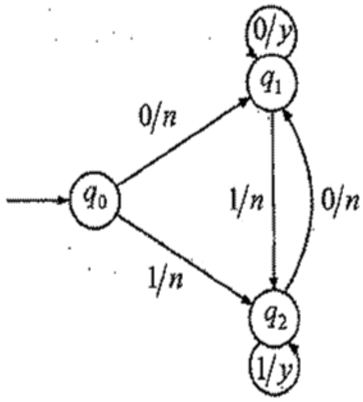


FIGURE : Mealy Machine

Solution : Let $M_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$ is a given Mealy machine and $M_2 = (Q', \Sigma, \Delta, \delta', \lambda', q_0')$ be the equivalent Moore machine,

where

1. $Q' \subseteq \{[q_0,n],[q_0,y],[q_1,n],[q_1,y],[q_2,n],[q_2,y]\}$ (Since, $Q' \subseteq Q \times \Delta$)
2. $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

3. $\Delta = \{n, y\}$,

4. $q_0' = [q_0, y]$, where q_0 is the initial state and y is the output symbol of Mealy machine,

5. δ' is defined as following :

For initial state $[q_0, y]$:

$$\delta'([q_0, y], 0) = [\delta(q_0, 0), \lambda(q_0, 0)] = [q_1, n]$$

$$\delta'([q_0, y], 1) = [\delta(q_0, 1), \lambda(q_0, 1)] = [q_2, n]$$

For state $[q_1, n]$:

$$\delta'([q_1, n], 0) = [\delta(q_1, 0), \lambda(q_1, 0)] = [q_1, y]$$

$$\delta'([q_1, n], 1) = [\delta(q_1, 1), \lambda(q_1, 1)] = [q_2, n]$$

For state $[q_2, n]$:

$$\delta'([q_2, n], 0) = [\delta(q_2, 0), \lambda(q_2, 0)] = [q_1, n]$$

$$\delta'([q_2, n], 1) = [\delta(q_2, 1), \lambda(q_2, 1)] = [q_2, y]$$

For state $[q_1, y]$:

$$\delta'([q_1, y], 0) = [\delta(q_1, 0), \lambda(q_1, 0)] = [q_1, y]$$

$$\delta'([q_1, y], 1) = [\delta(q_1, 1), \lambda(q_1, 1)] = [q_2, n]$$

For state $[q_2, y]$:

$$\delta'([q_2, y], 0) = [\delta(q_2, 0), \lambda(q_2, 0)] = [q_1, n]$$

$$\delta'([q_2, y], 1) = [\delta(q_2, 1), \lambda(q_2, 1)] = [q_2, y]$$

(**Note :** We have considered only those states, which are reachable from initial state)

6. λ' is defined as follows :

$$\lambda'[q_0, y] = y$$

$$\lambda'[q_1, n] = n$$

$$\lambda'[q_2, n] = n$$

$$\lambda'[q_1, y] = y$$

$$\lambda'[q_2, y] = y$$

2.5 EQUIVALENCE OF FSMs

Two finite machines are said to be equivalent if and only if every input sequence yields identical output sequence.

Example :

Consider the FSM M_1 shown in figure (a) and FSM M_2 shown in figure (b).

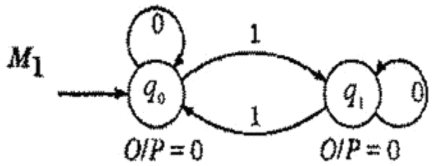


Figure (a)

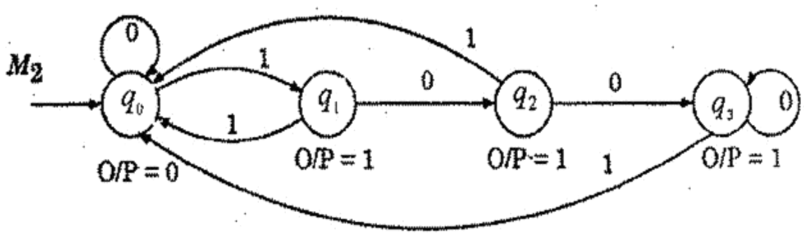


Figure (b)

Are these two FSMs equivalent ?

Solution :

We check this. Consider the input strings and corresponding outputs as given following :

Input string	Output by M_1	Output by M_2
(1) 01	00	00
(2) 010	001	001
(3) 0101	0011	0011
(4) 1000	0111	0111
(5) 10001	01111	01111

Now, we come to this conclusion that for each input sequence, outputs produced by both machines are identical. So, these machines are equivalent. In other words, both machines do the same task. But, M_1 has two states and M_2 has four states. So, some states of M_2 are doing the same

task i. e., producing identical outputs on certain input. Such states are known as equivalent states and require extra resources when implemented.
Thus, our goal is to find the simplest and equivalent FSM with minimum number of states.

2.5.1 FSM Minimization

We minimize a FSM using the following method, which finds the equivalent states, and merges these into one state and finally construct the equivalent FSM by minimizing the number of states.

Method : Initially we assume that all pairs (q_0, q_1) over states are non - equivalent states

Step 1 : Construct the transition table.

Step 2 : Repeat for each pair of non - equivalent states (q_0, q_1) :

(a) Do q_0 and q_1 produce same output ?

(b) Do q_0 and q_1 reach the same states for each input $a \in \Sigma$?

(c) If answers of (a) and (b) are YES, then q_0 and q_1 are equivalent states and merge these two states into one state $[q_0, q_1]$ and replace the all occurrences of q_0 and q_1 by $[q_0, q_1]$ and mark these equivalent states.

Step 3 : Check the all - present states, if any redundancy is found, remove that.

Step 4 : Exit.

Example 1 : Consider the following transition table for FSM. Construct minimum state FSM.

	Inputs 0	Inputs 1	
Present State(PS)	Next State (NS)	Next State (NS)	Output
q_0	q_0	q_1	0
q_1	q_2	q_0	1
q_2	q_3	q_0	1
q_3	q_3	q_0	1