

## CprE 281: Digital Logic

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# FSM as an Arbiter Circuit 

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## Administrative Stuff

- Homework 11 is out
- It is due on Monday Nov 28 @ 4pm


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- Homework 12 is out
- It is due on Monday Dec 5 @ 4pm


## Administrative Stuff

- Final Project (7\% of your grade)
- Read the instructions in the e-mail that I sent you.
- Let me know if you did not get that e-mail.
- Also, posted on the class web page (Labs section)
- This is your lab for the last two weeks
- This is due during your last lab (dead week)


## Arbiter Circuit

## Goal

- Design a machine that controls access by several devices to a shared resource
- The resource can be used by only one device at a time
- Any changes can occur only on the positive edge of the clock signal
- Each device provides one input to the FSM, which is called a request
- The FSM produces one output for each device, which is called a grant


## Goal

- The requests from the devices are prioritized
- If two requests are active at the same time, then only the device with the highest priority will be given access to the shared resource
- After a device is done with the shared resource, it must make its request signal equal to 0 .
- If there are no outstanding requests, then the FSM stays in an Idle state


## Conceptual Diagram



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[ Figure 9.20 from the textbook ]

## State diagram for the arbiter


[ Figure 6.72 from the textbook ]

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Each device must release the resource after it is done using it

Alternative style of state diagram for the arbiter

[ Figure 6.73 from the textbook ]

## This design has one flaw:

If device1 and device2 raise requests all the time, then device3 will never get serviced.

## This state diagram solves this problem



# Let's look at a simpler example with only two devices that need to use the shared resource 

## State diagram for the simpler arbiter



## State diagram for the arbiter circuit



State Table

|  | $r_{1} r_{2}=00$ | 01 | 10 | 11 | 0 output |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $A$ | $A$ | $C$ | $B$ | $B$ | 00 |
| $B$ | $A$ | $A$ | $B$ | $B$ | 10 |
| $C$ | $A$ | $C$ | $A$ | $C$ | 01 |

State-Assigned Table

|  |  | $r_{1} r_{2}=0$ | 01 | 10 | 11 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $Y_{2} Y_{1}$ | $Y_{2} Y_{1}$ | $Y_{2} Y_{1}$ | $Y_{2} Y_{1}$ | $Y_{2} Y_{1}$ | $g_{1} g_{2}$ |
| $A$ | 0 | 0 | 00 | 10 | 01 | 01 |
| $B$ | 0 | 1 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 01 |
| $C$ | 10 | 00 | 10 | 10 |  |  |
|  | 11 | $d d$ | $d d$ | $d d$ | $d d$ | $d d$ |

Output Expressions

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& g_{1}=y_{1} \\
& g_{2}=y_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Next State Expressions


$$
Y_{2}=r_{2} Y_{2}+\bar{r}_{1} r_{2} \bar{Y}_{1}
$$



$$
Y_{1}=r_{1} \overline{y_{2}}
$$

## Circuit Diagram



## Questions?

## THE END

