

# IST 338 in April – *big picture*

The view from here...





# CS5 in Dec. $\sim$ Big picture



## The next two weeks in IST338...

(1) define "computer" precisely
(2) define "compute" precisely
(3) see what computers *provably* can't compute
(4) go to step (1) and define things *better...*(5) ... *or*, time will run out.



# Unifying idea: State



#### The *state* of a computation is

*all the internal information* needed to take the next step

and for Picobot, next step is taken literally!

#### states as *subtasks*



state pattern -> move new state

- $0 x^{***} \rightarrow N 0$
- $0 N^{***} -> X 1$
- 1 \* \* \* x -> S 1
- 1 \*\*\*S -> X 0

each circle represents a different robot state



transitions move from state to state

# *Computation* is a deliberate sequence of state-changes

this doesn't seem very meaningful



#### A model of computation: FSM

Finite State Machine



#### FSM: Finite state machine







What does each state MEAN?



What does this FSM do overall?



# JFLAP !

#### graphical state-machine builder for hw12





*In general*, what English phrase describes the *accepted inputs*? This machine accepts strings that...

What does each state say about the	s0 means	s2 means
<i>current state</i> of the input?!?	s1 means	s3 means

Could you get the same behavior with *fewer* states? Extra! What's the *minimum* # possible? How do you know? Hint: find a string that *has* to be in each state!



What's the *minimum* # possible? How do you know?

Hint: find a string that *has* to be in each state!



Strings with *different possible* fates **must be in** <u>different states</u>.



Can we find three strings – *all with different possible fates*? (4?) If so, then three states (or 4) are necessary! If not, fewer will be OK.



# No occurrences of **110**

Draw a FSM accepting strings that do *NOT* anywhere contain the pattern **110** 



## No occurrences of **110**?



#### Why *doesn't* this machine work?

Could we prove 4 states are *required*?

# Number of **0**s is div. by 3

Draw a FSM accepting strings in which the number of zeros (**0**s) is a multiple of 3, so there are 0, 3, 6, ... zeros. **1**s don't matter.

Accepted: 110101110, 11, 0000010 Rejected: 101, 0000, 111011101111

# Third character is a **1**

Draw a FSM accepting strings in which the third digit (from the left) is a **1**.

Accepted: 10<u>1</u>0001 Rejected: 11<u>0</u>00100 and 11

# *Third-to-last* character is a **1**?

Draw a FSM accepting strings whose third-to-last digit (from the right) is a **1**.

Accepted: 0<u>1</u>00 and 01<u>1</u>01 Rejected: 101<u>0</u>01 and 11

# *Third-to-last* character is a **1**?

Draw a FSM accepting strings whose third-to-last digit (from the right) is a **1**.

Accepted: 0<u>1</u>00 and 01<u>1</u>01 Rejected: 101<u>0</u>01 and 11

## Third-to-last character is a **1**





Proof that we *need* 15 states?

# Third-to-last character is a **1**

Draw a FSM accepting strings whose third-to-last digit (from the right) is a **1**.





## Third-to-last character is a **1**



#### 8 states?

How could we prove that 8 states are <u>required</u>?



## FSMs are everywhere!



*mechanical* vending machine



(some transitions not shown)



# FSM ~ *Game AI*

The state-machine that controls Quake's *Shambler* monsters...



## Towel-folding states!



Fig. 2. The state machine model of the procedure: dashed lines indicate failure recovery cases. The images show an actual run.

# All robots use FSM control



50x



# Towelfolding?

BLOGS // AUTOMATON

#### U.S. Senator Calls Robot Projects Wasteful. Robots Call Senator Wasteful

POSTED BY: ERICO GUIZZO / TUE, JUNE 14, 2011

Email Print Share



Tom Coburn, a senator from Oklahoma, and PR2, a robot from California.

singled out as a questionable use of dollars...

## All robots use FSM control



Nathan Miller Voithan Viswarathan



<sup>...</sup> send me your FSM so that I can show it off in 2015!

## An autonomous vehicle's FSM



Fig. 9. Situational Interpreter State Transition Diagram. All modes are sub-modes of the system RUN mode (Fig 4(b)).

# FSMs driving robots...



MIT's car, Talos

# FSMs driving robots...



MIT's car, Talos - **and** *its sensor suite* 

## State-machine *limits*?

#### Are there limits to what FSMs can do?

they can't necessarily drive safely...



But are there any binary-string problems that FSMs can't solve?



## State-machines <u>are</u> limited.

#### FSMs can't count

at least not arbitrarily high...

We need a **more powerful model** than FSMs...

What do we need to add?

#### Next time: Turing Machines



state machines + *memory*!

**Lab!** Work on FSMs or final projects...