
Cyber-Physical Systems

Discrete Dynamics



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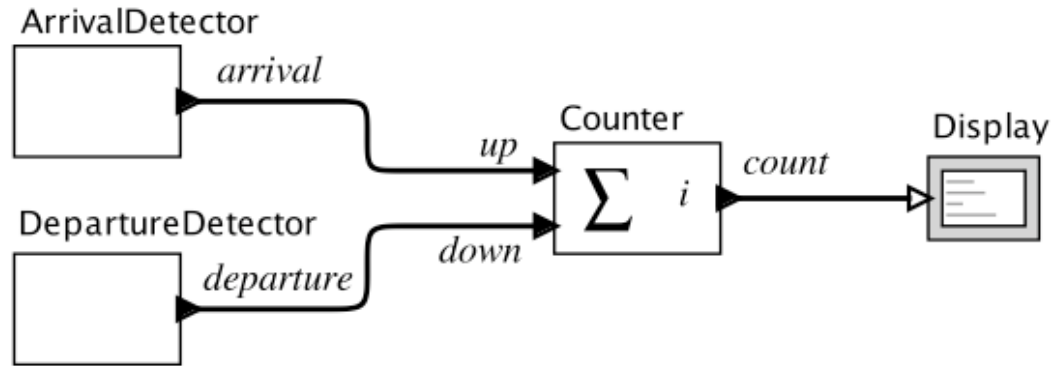
- **Discrete** = “individually separate / distinct”
- A **discrete system** is one that operates in a sequence of discrete *steps* or has signals taking discrete *values*.
- It is said to have **discrete dynamics**.
- A discrete event occurs at an instant of time rather than over time.

Discrete Systems: Example

- Count the number of cars that are present in a parking garage by sensing cars enter and leave the garage. Show this count on a display.

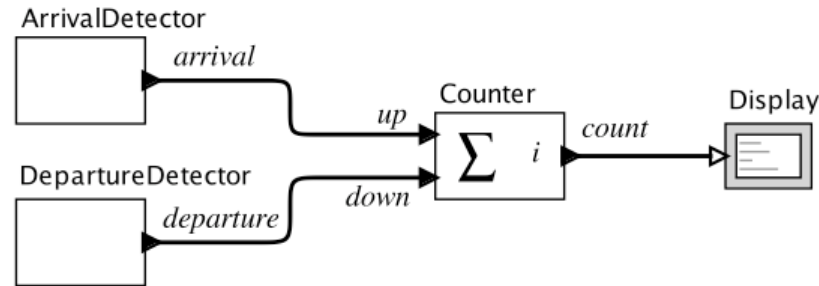
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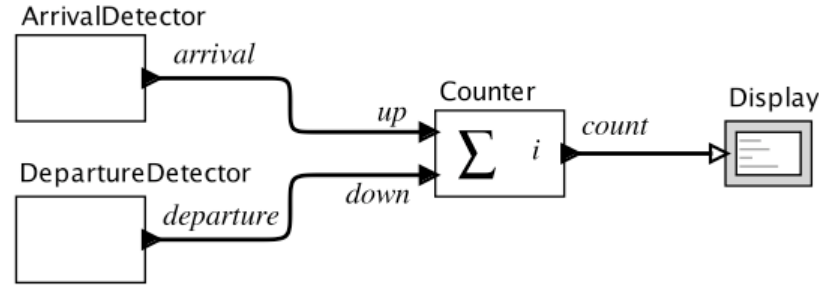
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- Pure signal: $up: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{absent, present\}$
- absent: no event at that time ; present: event at that time

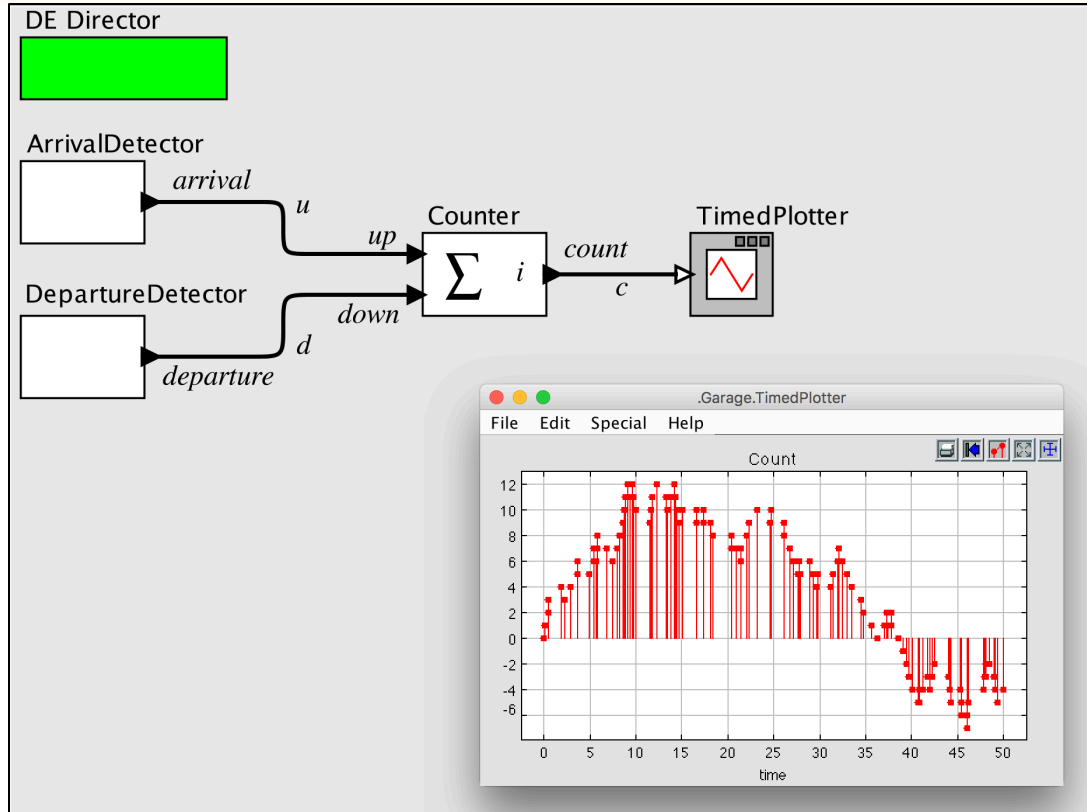
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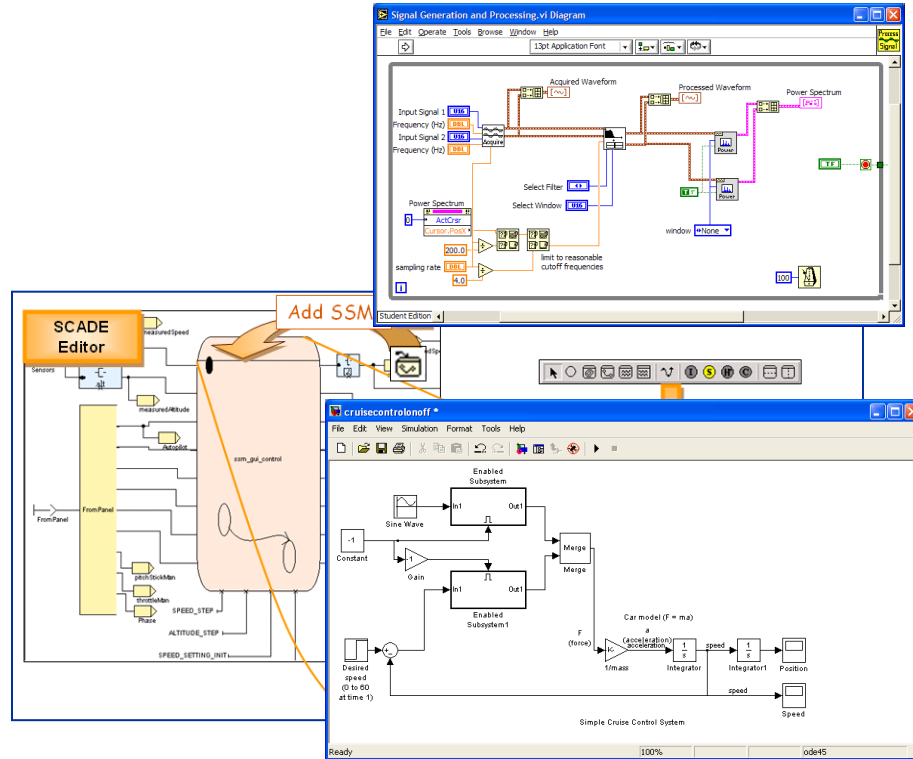
- Pure signal: $up: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{absent, present\}$
- Discrete actor: $Counter: (\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{absent, present\})^P \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{absent\} \cup \mathbb{N})$
 $P = \{up, down\}$

Demonstration of Ptolemy II Model



Actor Modeling Languages

- LabVIEW
- Simulink
- Scade
- ...
- Reactors
- StreamIT
- ...

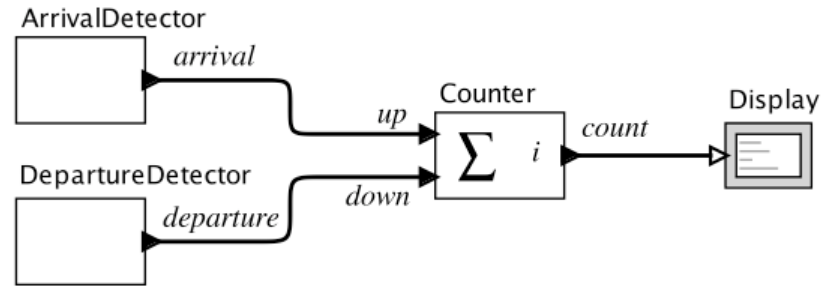


Reaction / Transition

For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ where $up(t) \neq absent$ or $down(t) \neq absent$ the Counter **reacts**. It produces an output value in \mathbb{N} and changes its internal **state**.

State: condition of the system at a particular point in time

- Encodes everything about the past that influences the system's reaction to current input



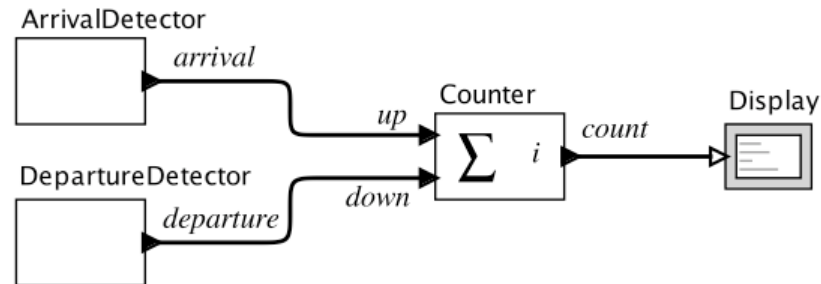
Inputs and Outputs at a Reaction

For $t \in \mathbb{R}$ the inputs are in a set

$$\text{Inputs} = (\{up, down\} \rightarrow \{absent, present\})$$

and the outputs are in a set

$$\text{Outputs} = (\{count\} \rightarrow \{absent\} \cup \mathbb{N}),$$



Question

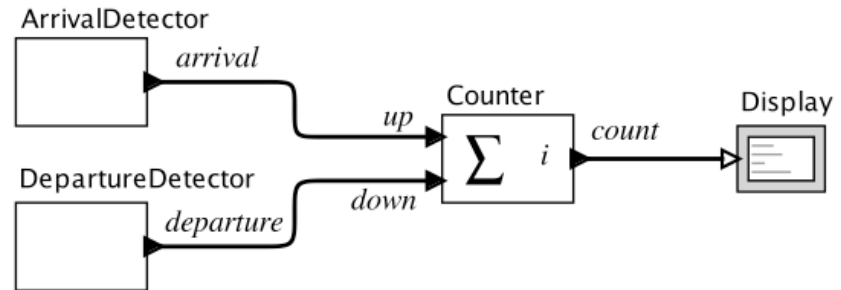
- What are some scenarios that the given parking garage (interface) design does not handle well?

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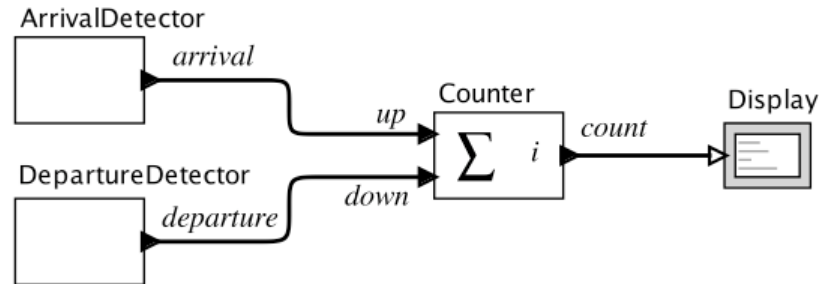
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State Space

A practical parking garage has a finite number M of spaces, so the state space for the counter is

$$\text{States} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, M\} .$$



Finite State Machine (FSM)

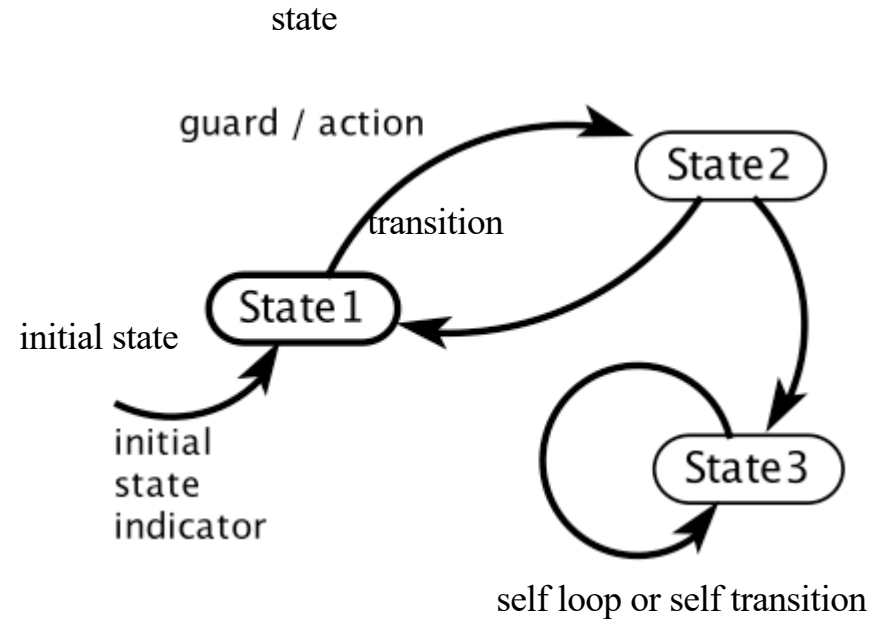
- A state machine is a model of a system with discrete dynamics
 - at each reaction maps inputs to outputs
 - Map may depend on current state
- An FSM is a state machine where the set *States* is finite. $States = \{State1, State2, State3\}$

FSM Notation

Input declarations, Output declarations, Extended state declarations

The guard determines whether the transition may be taken on a reaction.

The action specifies what outputs are produced on each reaction.



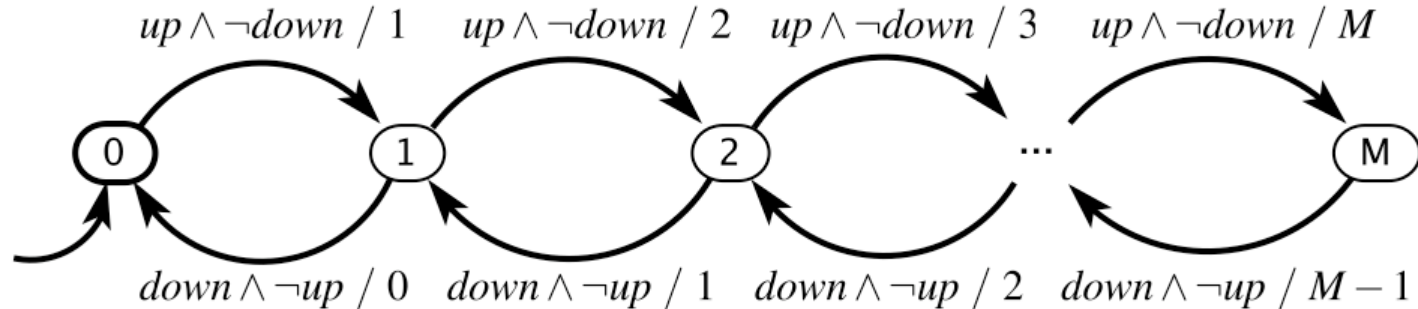
Examples of Guards for Pure Signals

$true$	Transition is always enabled.
p_1	Transition is enabled if p_1 is <i>present</i> .
$\neg p_1$	Transition is enabled if p_1 is <i>absent</i> .
$p_1 \wedge p_2$	Transition is enabled if both p_1 and p_2 are <i>present</i> .
$p_1 \vee p_2$	Transition is enabled if either p_1 or p_2 is <i>present</i> .
$p_1 \wedge \neg p_2$	Transition is enabled if p_1 is <i>present</i> and p_2 is <i>absent</i> .

Guards for Signals

p_3	Transition is enabled if p_3 is <i>present</i> (not <i>absent</i>).
$p_3 = 1$	Transition is enabled if p_3 is <i>present</i> and has value 1.
$p_3 = 1 \wedge p_1$	Transition is enabled if p_3 has value 1 and p_1 is <i>present</i> .
$p_3 > 5$	Transition is enabled if p_3 is <i>present</i> with value greater than 5.

Garage Counter FSM



Guard $g \subseteq Inputs$ is specified using the shorthand

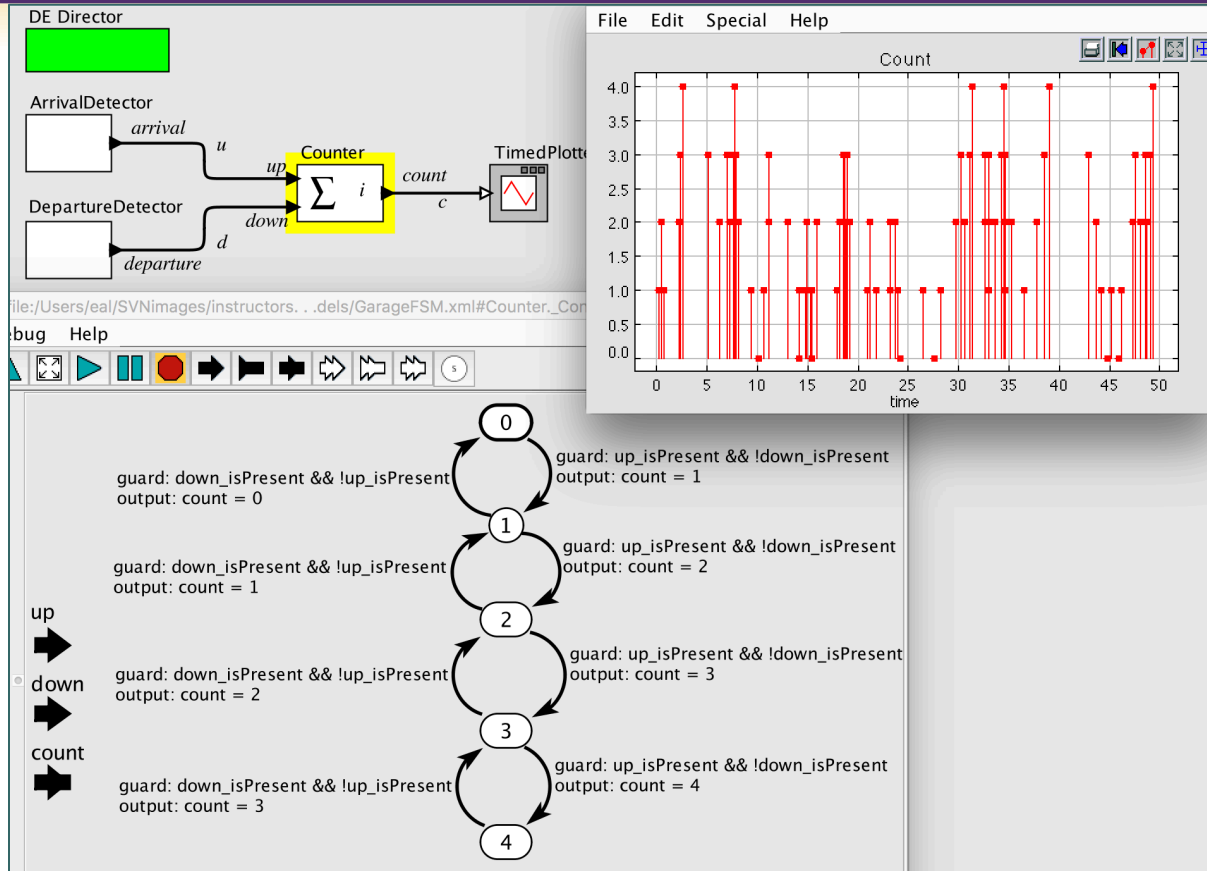
$$up \wedge \neg down$$

which means

$$g = \{\{up\}\}.$$

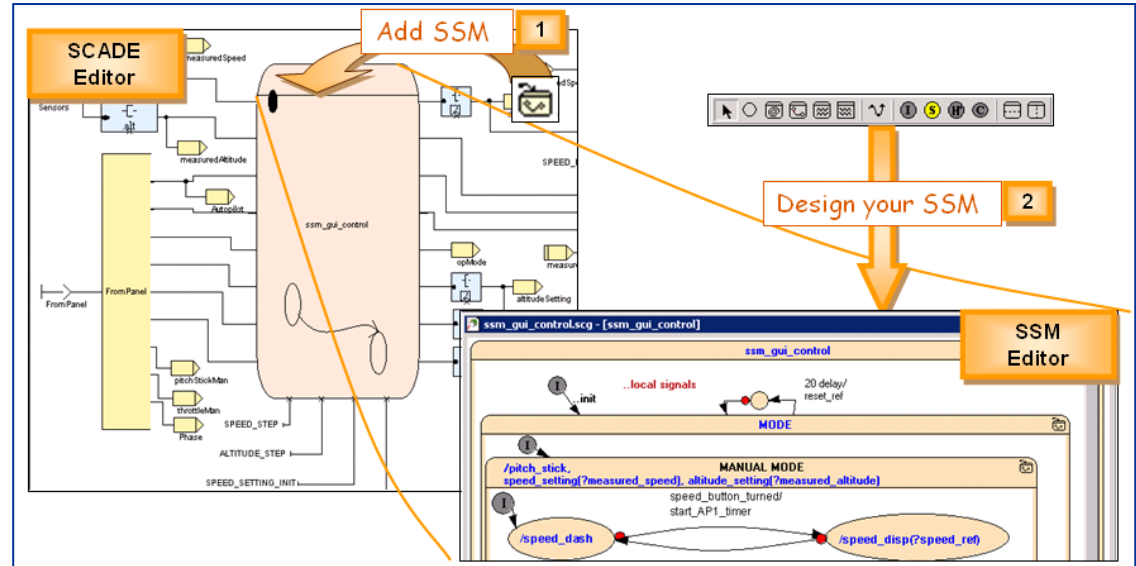
Inputs(up) = present and Inputs(down) = absent

Ptolemy II Model

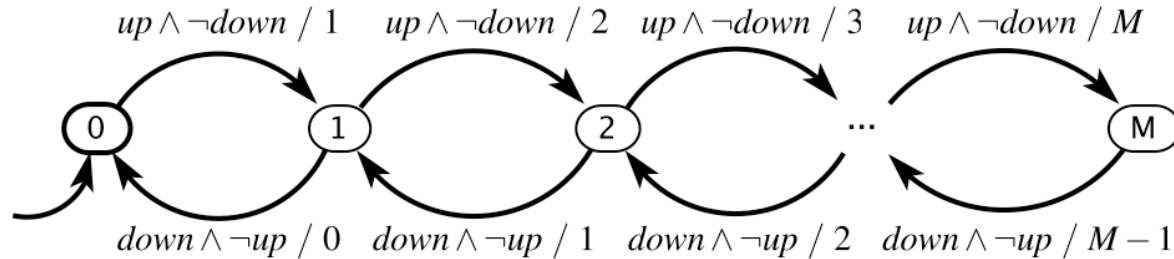


FSM Modeling Languages / Frameworks

- LabVIEW Statecharts
- Simulink Stateflow
- Scade
- ...



Garage Counter Mathematical Model



Formally: $(States, Inputs, Outputs, update, initialState)$, where

- $States = \{0, 1, \dots, M\}$
- $Inputs = (\{up, down\} \rightarrow \{absent, present\})$
- $Outputs = (\{count\} \rightarrow \{absent\} \cup \mathbb{N})$
- $update : States \times Inputs \rightarrow States \times Outputs$
- $initialState = 0$

Transition Function

$$(s(n+1), y(n)) = update(s(n), x(n))$$

The update function is given by

$$update(s, i) = \begin{cases} (s+1, s+1) & \text{if } s < M \\ & \wedge i(up) = present \\ & \wedge i(down) = absent \\ (s-1, s-1) & \text{if } s > 0 \\ & \wedge i(up) = absent \\ & \wedge i(down) = present \\ (s, absent) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

FSM: Definitions

- **Stuttering**: (possibly implicit) default transition that is enabled
 - when inputs are absent it does not change state and produces absent outputs.
- **Deterministic** (given the same inputs it will always produce the same outputs)
 - if, for each state, there is at most one transition enabled by each input value.
 - formal definition of an FSM ensures that it is deterministic, since *update* is a function.
- **Receptive** (ensures that a state machine is always ready to react to any input, and does not “get stuck” in any state)
 - if, for each state, there is at least one transition possible on each input symbol.
 - formal definition of an FSM ensures that it is receptive, since *update* is a function, not a partial function.

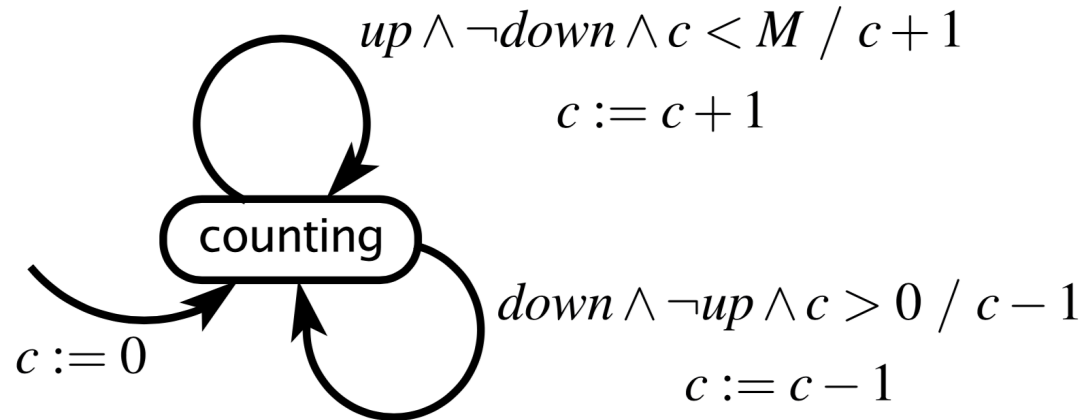
Extended State Machine

- augments the FSM model with *variables* that may be read and written as part of taking a transition between states

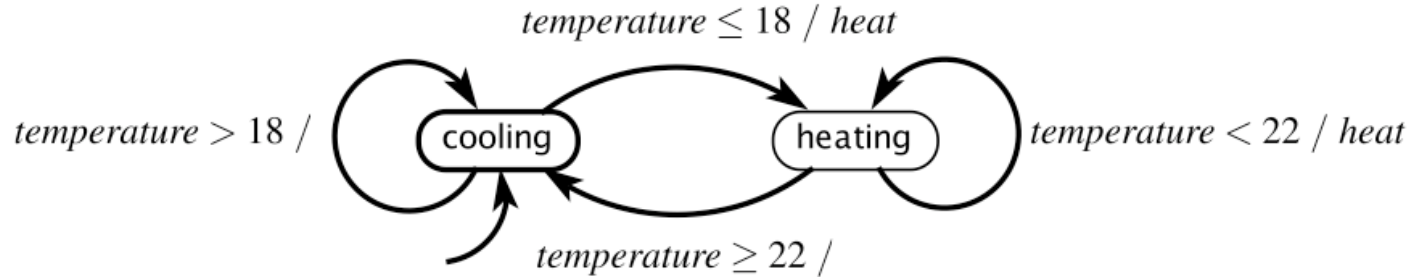
variable: $c: \{0, \dots, M\}$

inputs: $up, down$: pure

output: $count: \{0, \dots, M\}$

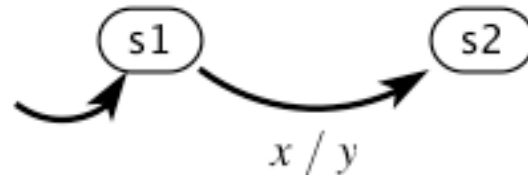


Example of Thermostat



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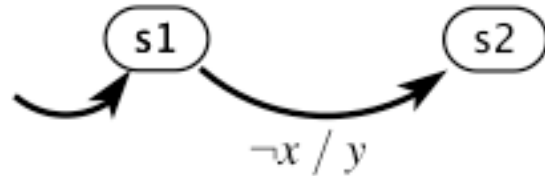
- Suppose all inputs are discrete and a reaction occurs *when any input is present*. Then the below transition will be taken whenever the current state is s1 and x is present.
- This is an *event* input: $x \in \{\text{present}, \text{absent}\}$
output: $y \in \{\text{present}, \text{absent}\}$



When does a reaction occur?

- Suppose x and y are discrete and pure signals.
When does the transition occur?

input: $x \in \{present, absent\}$
output: $y \in \{present, absent\}$

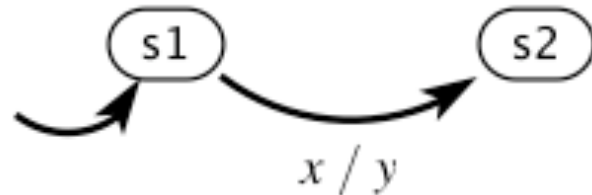


Answer: when the *environment* triggers a reaction and x is absent.
If this is a (complete) event-triggered model, then the transition will never be taken because the reaction will only occur when x is present!

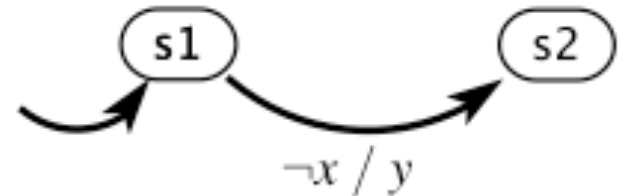
When does a reaction occur?

- Suppose all inputs are discrete and a reaction occurs *on the tick of an external clock*.
- This is a *time-triggered model*.

input: $x \in \{present, absent\}$
output: $y \in \{present, absent\}$

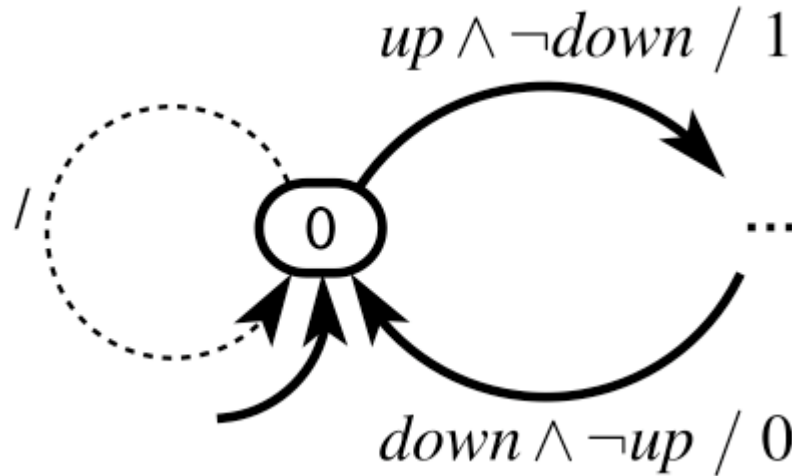


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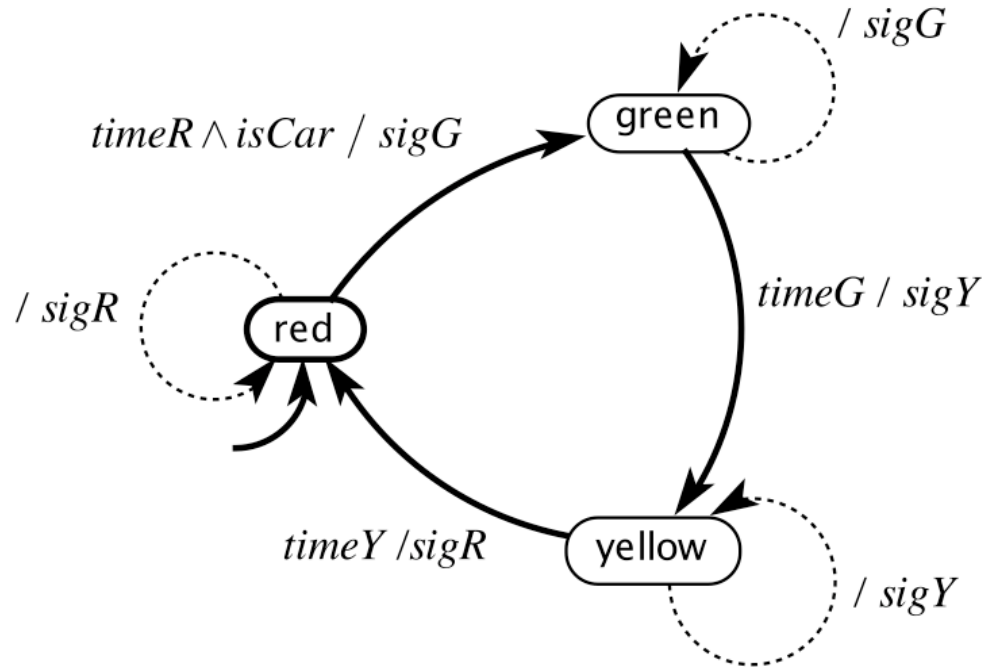
More Notation: Default Transitions

- A default transition is enabled if it either has no guard or the guard evaluates to true. When is the below default transition enabled?

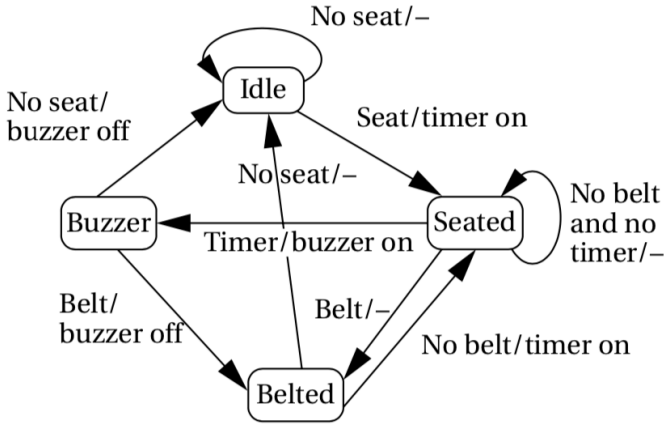


Default Transitions

➤ Example: Traffic Light Controller



FSM to Program



```
#define IDLE 0
#define SEATED 1
#define BELTED 2
#define BUZZER 3
```

```
switch (state) { /* check the current state */
  case IDLE:
    if (seat) { state = SEATED; timer_on = TRUE; }
    /* default case is self-loop */
    break;
  case SEATED:
    if (belt) state = BELTED; /* won't hear the
                               buzzer */
    else if (timer) state = BUZZER; /* didn't put on
                                     belt in time */
    /* default is self-loop */
    break;
  case BELTED:
    if (!seat) state = IDLE; /* person left */
    else if (!belt) state = SEATED; /* person still
                                     in seat */
    break;
  case BUZZER:
    if (belt) state = BELTED; /* belt is on--turn off
                               buzzer */
    else if (!seat) state = IDLE; /* no one in
                                     seat--turn off buzzer */
    break;
}
```