

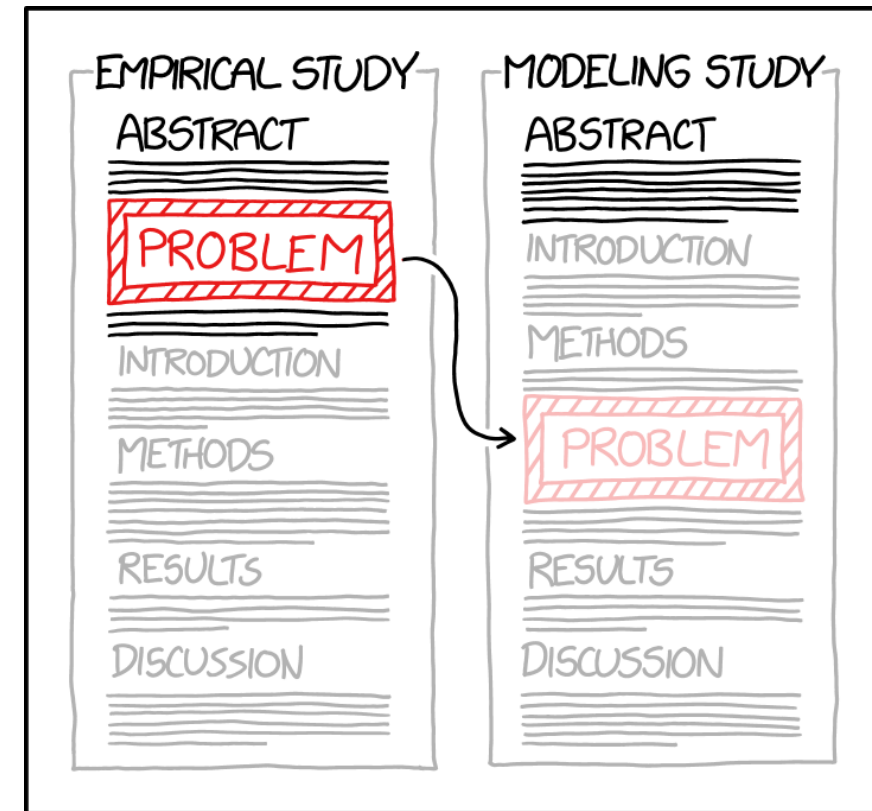
Modeling Systems & Symbolic Encoding

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A MATHEMATICAL MODEL IS A POWERFUL TOOL FOR TAKING HARD PROBLEMS AND MOVING THEM TO THE METHODS SECTION.

Motivation – Modelling Systems



- We want to reason about systems.
 - Does the system satisfy certain properties?
- Model system as transition system
 - Check properties on transition system
- State space is often huge
 - Symbolic Encoding:
 - Represent transition system as formulas
 - Often possible to represent huge sets with relatively small formulas!

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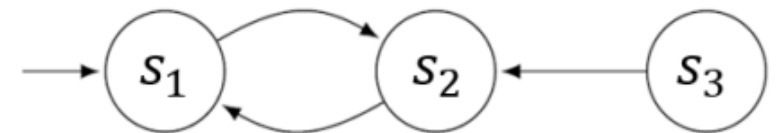
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Transition Systems

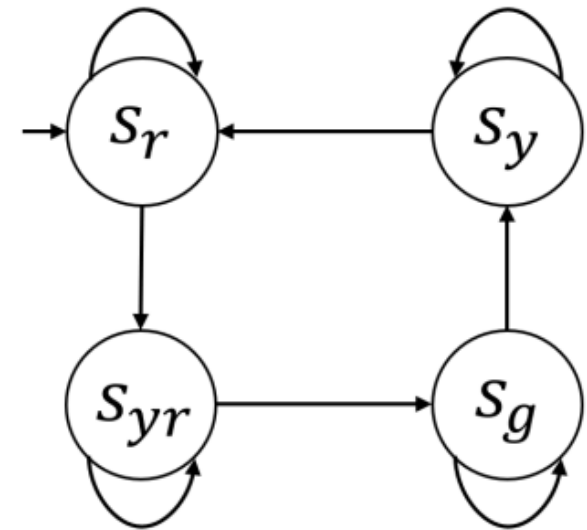
- Model of a digital system
- T is a triple (S, S_0, R)
 - Finite Set of States S
 - Set of Initial States $S_0 \subseteq S$
 - Transition Relation $R \subseteq S \times S$
- Often visualized as directed Graph

$$S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}, \quad S_0 = \{s_1\}, \quad R = \{(s_1, s_2), (s_2, s_1), (s_3, s_2)\}$$



Transition Systems - Example

- Model a traffic light controller
 - Initially the **red** light is on. After some time, the **red** and the **yellow** light are on. After some time, the controller switches to **green**, from **green** to **yellow**, and from **yellow** back to **red**, and so on.
- Draw the transition systems
 - States used:
 - s_r ... the **red** light is on.
 - s_y ... the **yellow** light is on.
 - s_g ... the **green** light is on.
 - s_{ry} ... the **red** and **yellow** lights are on



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Symbolic Encoding

- Systems have huge state spaces / number of transitions
- Therefore,
 - Symbolically encode sets (of states and transitions)
 - Perform set operations symbolically

Symbolic encoding/representation of sets =
Encode/represent set as formulas

Symbolic Representation of Sets of States

- Symbolic Representation of States via **Binary Encoding**
 - Given $|S| \leq 2^n$ states, we need n Boolean variables $\{v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ to symbolically represent the state space.
- Example: Encode the $S = \{s_0, s_1\}$
 - Use 1 Boolean variable v_0
 - The formula $\neg v_0$ symbolically represents the state s_0
 - The formula v_0 symbolically represents the state s_1

Symbolic Representation of Sets of States

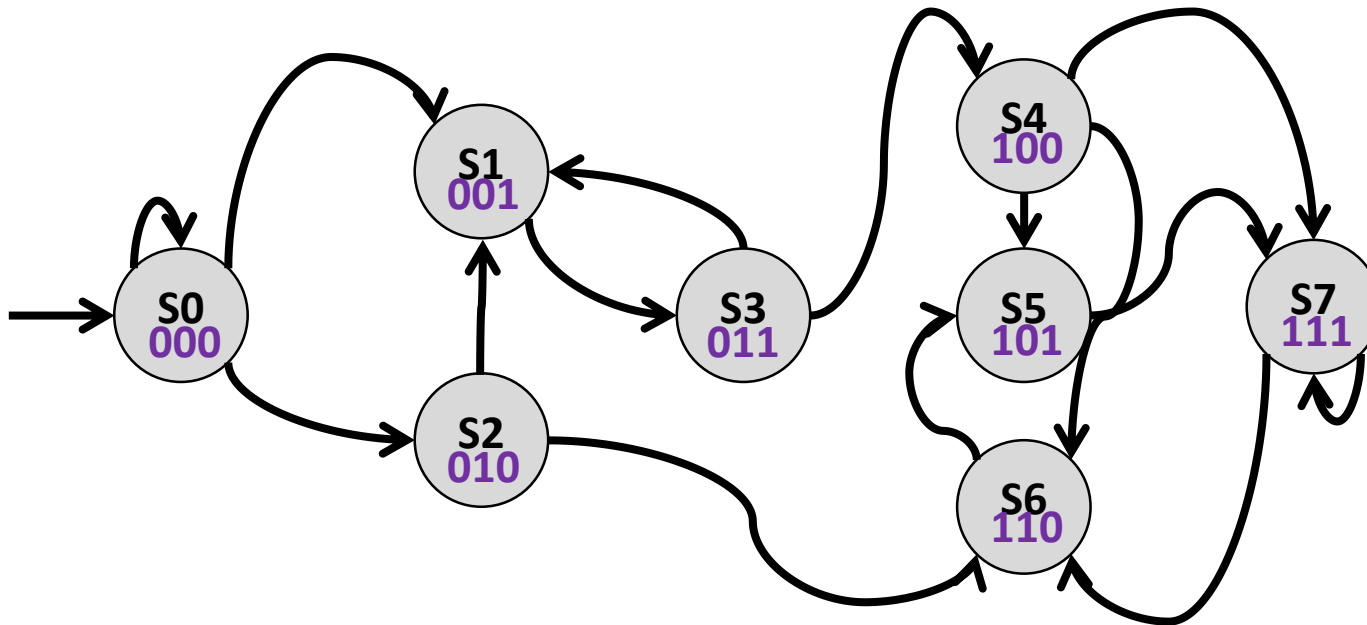
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- Example: Encode the $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3\}$
 - Use 2 Boolean variable v_0 and v_1
 - The formula $\neg v_1 \wedge \neg v_0$ symbolically represents the state s_0
 - The formula $v_1 \wedge \neg v_0$ symbolically represents the state s_1
 - The formula $\neg v_1 \wedge v_0$ symbolically represents the state s_2
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- Example: Encode the $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, \dots, s_7\}$
 - Use 3 Boolean variable v_0 , v_1 and v_2
 - The formula $\neg v_2 \wedge \neg v_1 \wedge \neg v_0$ symbolically s_0
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 - The formula $v_2 \wedge v_1 \wedge v_0$ symbolically s_7

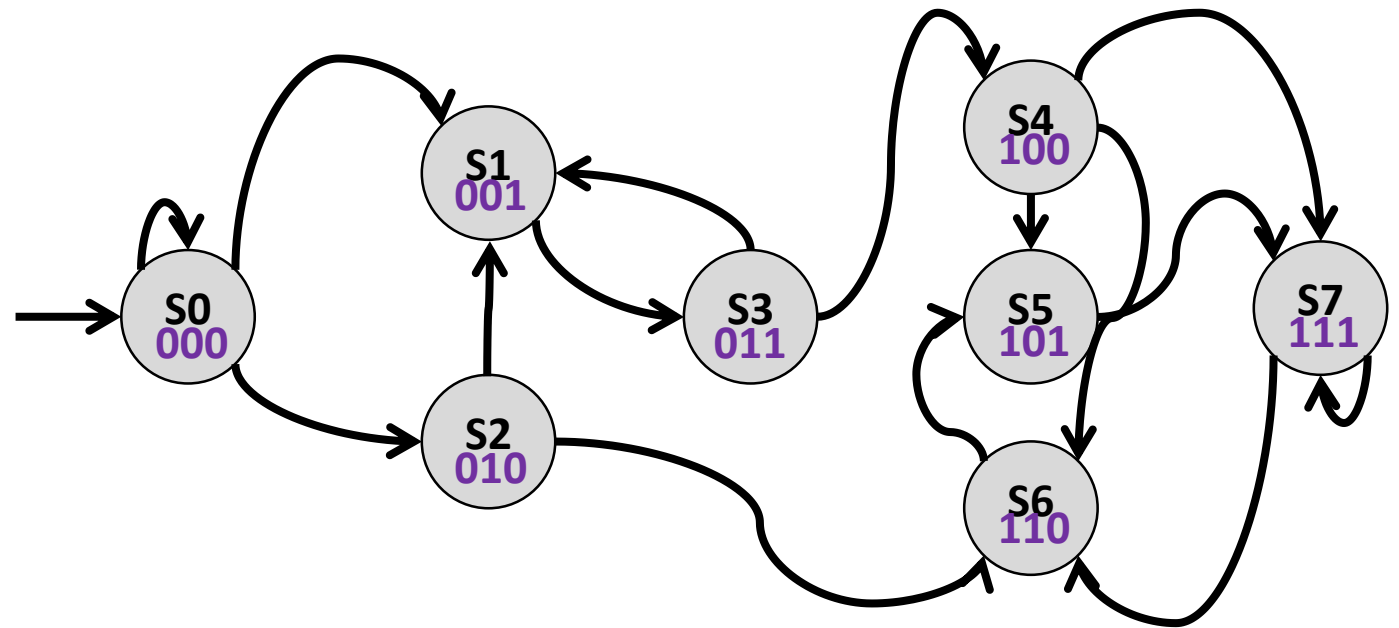
Symbolic Encoding of the State Space

- Use variables $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ for binary representations of 2^n states



Symbolic Encoding of a Single State

- Single State
 - Apply binary encoding
 - E.g. State s_2 is encoded as $\neg v_2 \wedge v_1 \wedge \neg v_0$

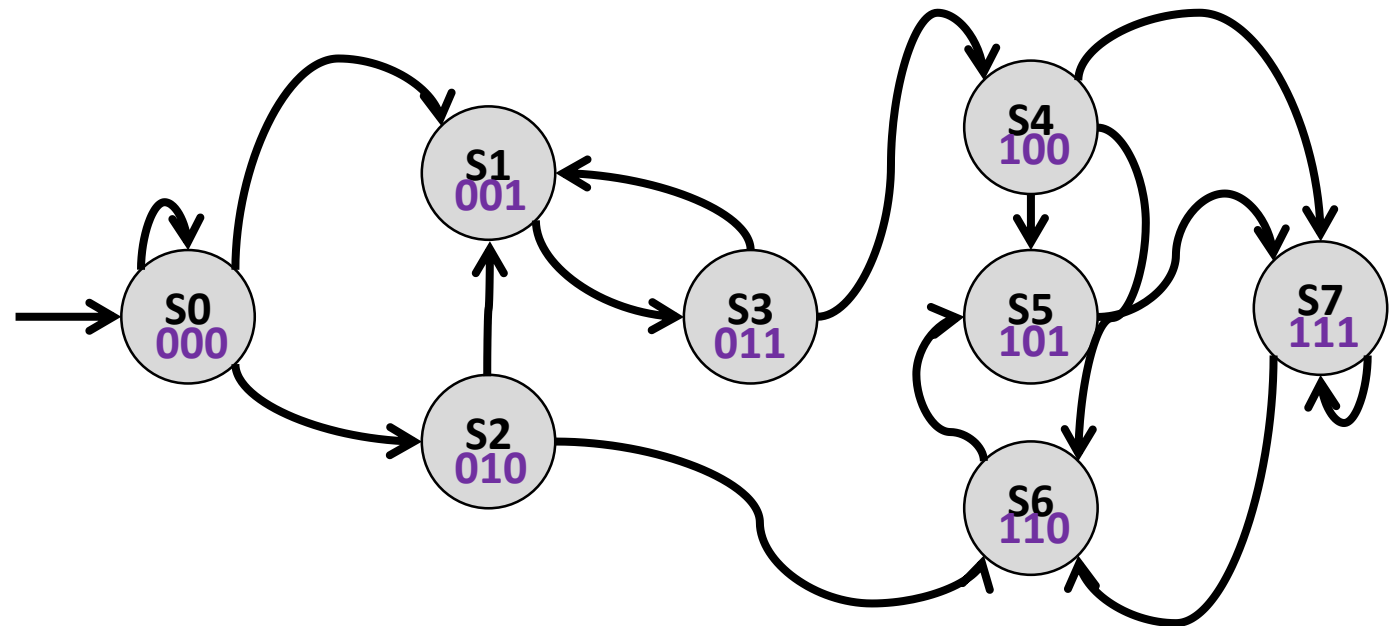


Symbolic Encoding of Sets of States

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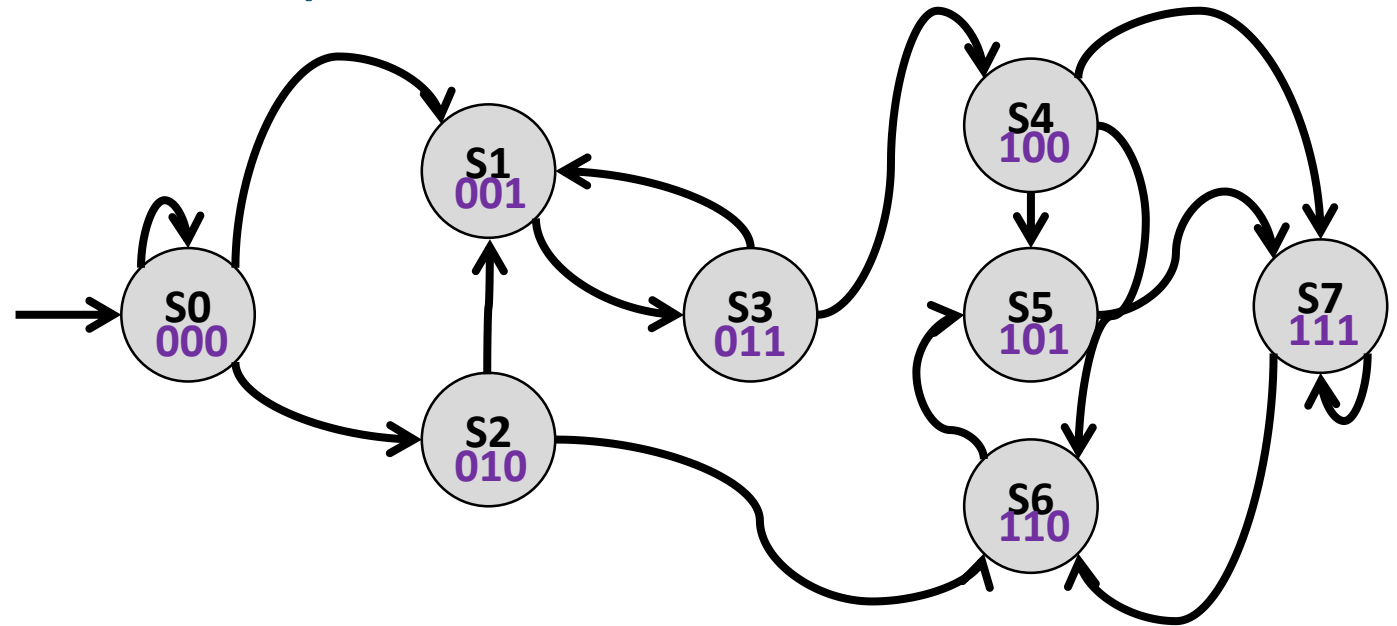
- Example: Symbolically encode the set of states $\{s_5, s_1\}$

- Solution:** $(v_1 \wedge \neg v_2 \wedge v_3) \vee (\neg v_1 \wedge \neg v_2 \wedge v_3) = (\neg v_2 \wedge v_3)$



Symbolic Encoding of Sets of States

- Single State
 - Example: Symbolically encode all even numbered states
 - Solution: $\neg v_0$
 - Remember goal of symbolic encoding:
Encode large sets with relatively small formulas.



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Symbolic Representation of a Single Transition

- Create a second set of variables V' (Duplicate variables)
 - variables in $v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots \in V$ represent **present state** variables
 - variables in $v'_0, v'_1, v'_2, \dots \in V'$ represent **next state** variables



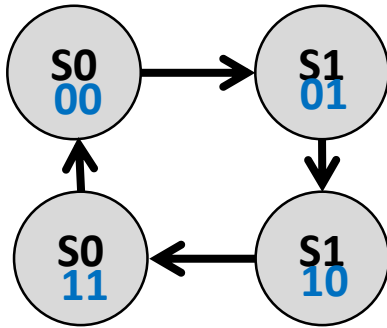
$$\neg v_2 \wedge \neg v_1 \wedge \neg v_0 \quad \wedge \quad \neg v'_2 \wedge \neg v'_1 \wedge v'_0$$

Symbolic Representation of Sets of Transition

- Union of all Edges
 - Disjunction
 - Good for sparse sets of edges
- $[[T]] \setminus \{missing\ edges\}$
 - Good for dense sets of edges
- Recognize Patterns
 - E.g. even numbered states have edges to (all) odd numbered states
 - $\neg x_0 \wedge x'_0$

Symbolic Representation of Sets of Transition

- Example:
 - Symbolically encode the transition relation



$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\neg v_1 \wedge \neg v_0 \wedge \neg v'_1 \wedge v'_0) \vee \\
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 & (v_1 \wedge v_0 \wedge \neg v'_1 \wedge \neg v'_0)
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Symbolic Encoding of arbitrary Sets

- Domain: e.g. $D = \{Austria, Germany, Spain, Italy\}$
 - $\#Vars = \lceil \log_2(|D|) \rceil$

Element	Encoding	
	x_1	x_0
Austria	0	0
Germany	0	1
Spain	1	0
Italy	1	1

Symbolic Encoding of arbitrary Sets

- $F = \{Austria\}$
- $f = \neg x_0 \wedge \neg x_1$

- $G = \{Austria, Spain\}$
- $g = \neg x_0$

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- Which encoding gives the shorter characteristic function for the set $B = \{\text{Germany, Spain}\}$?

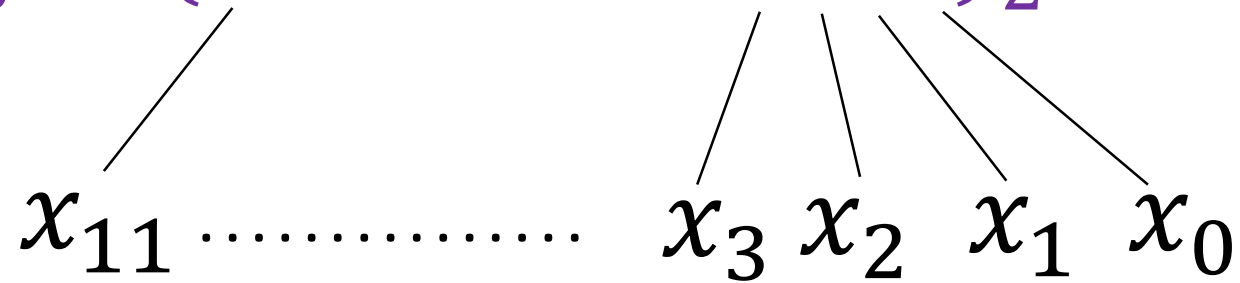
$$f = x_1$$

$$g = x_1 \oplus x_0$$

Encoding Natural Numbers

- Binary Representation
- Domain D: Usually Power of 2
 - E.g.: $D = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x < 2^{12}\}$

$$(457)_{10} = (0001\ 1100\ 1001)_2$$



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Symbolic Operations

- **Intersection:** $F \cap G \Leftrightarrow f \wedge g$
- **Union:** $F \cup G \Leftrightarrow f \vee g$
- **Difference:** $F \setminus G \Leftrightarrow f \wedge \neg g$
- **Equality:** $F = G \Leftrightarrow f \equiv g$
- **Subset:** $F \subseteq G \Leftrightarrow f \rightarrow g$

Example

- Domain: $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1023\}$
10 bit binary representation $x_9 x_8 \dots x_0$

- $B = \{x \in A \mid x < 512\}, b = \neg x_9$

- $C = \{x \in A \mid 256 \leq x < 768\}, c = (\neg x_9 \wedge x_8) \vee (x_9 \wedge \neg x_8)?$

256
511
512
767

010...0
011...1
100...0
101...1

- $D = B \cup C \quad d = \neg x_9 \vee ((\neg x_9 \wedge x_8) \vee (x_9 \wedge \neg x_8)) = \neg x_9 \vee (x_9 \wedge \neg x_8)$
- $E = B \cap C \quad e = \neg x_9 \wedge ((\neg x_9 \wedge x_8) \vee (x_9 \wedge \neg x_8)) = \neg x_9 \wedge x_8$
- $F = A \setminus E \quad f = T \wedge \neg(\neg x_9 \wedge x_8) = x_9 \vee \neg x_8$

Thank You

