

DIGITAL LOGIC WITH VHDL

(Fall 2013)

Unit 6

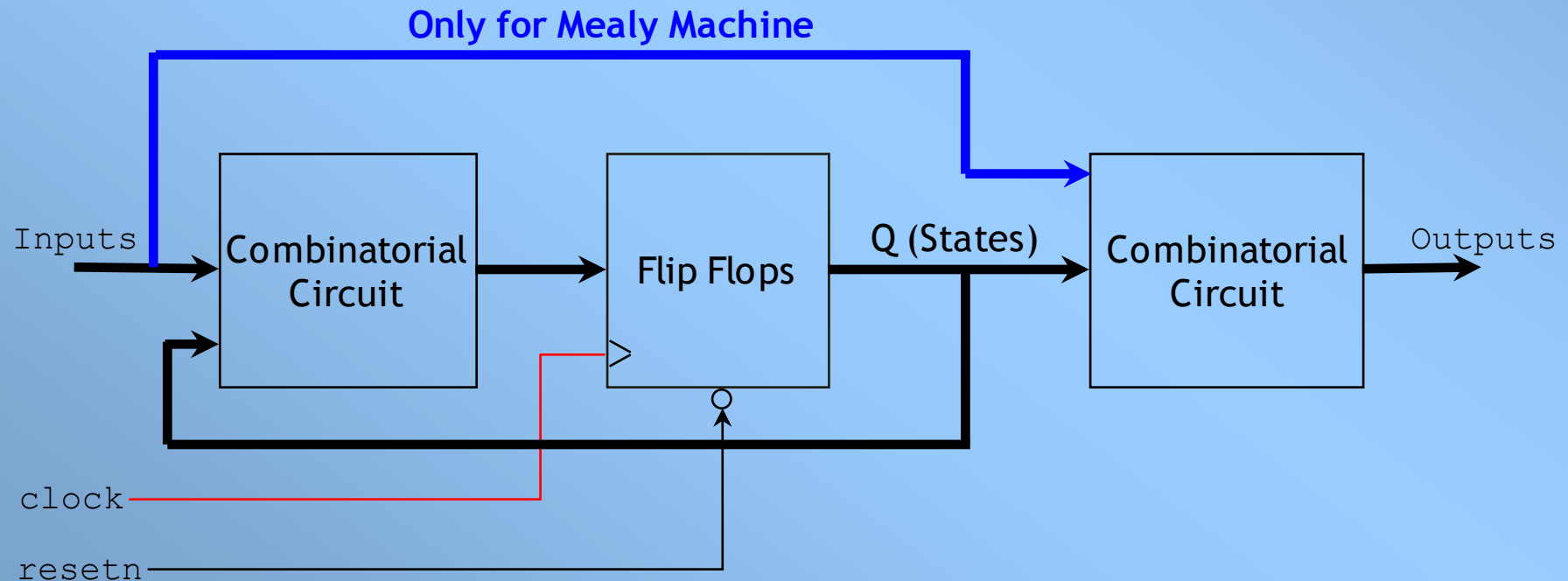
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✓ FINITE STATE MACHINES (FSMs)

▪ Classification:

- Moore Machine: Outputs depend only on the current state of the circuit.
- Mealy Machine: Outputs depend on the current state of the circuit as well as the inputs of the circuit.
- The circuit must always start from an initial state. Thus, there should be a 'resetn' signal. The figure depicts a generic state machine:



✓ *FINITE STATE MACHINES (FSMs)*

- VHDL Coding: There exist many different styles. The style explained here considers two processes: one for the state transitions, and another for the outputs.
- The first step is to have the state diagram ready. The coding then just simply follows the state diagram.
- We need to define a custom user data type (e.g., “state”) to represent the states

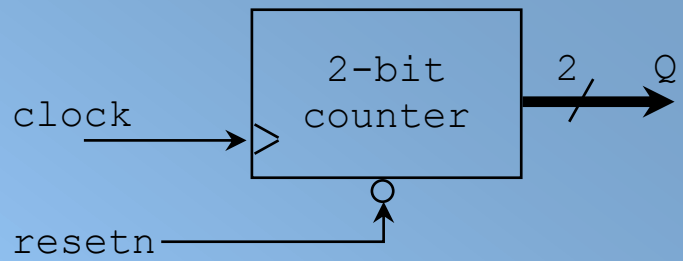
```
type state is (S1, S2, ... S10) - example with 10 states  
signal y: state;
```

Then, we define a signal of type “state” (e.g. ‘y’). This signal can only take values from S1 to S10.

- Two processes must be considered:
 - ✓ One where state transitions occur on the clock edge.
 - ✓ One where the outputs are defined based on the current state and input signals.

✓ Moore Machine

- Example: 2-bit counter
- Counter: 00 → 01 → 10 → 10 → 00 ...



```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
```

```
entity my_2bitcounter is
port ( clock, resetsn: in std_logic;
      Q: out std_logic_vector (1 downto 0));
end my_2bitcounter;
```

```
architecture bhv of my_2bitcounter is
```

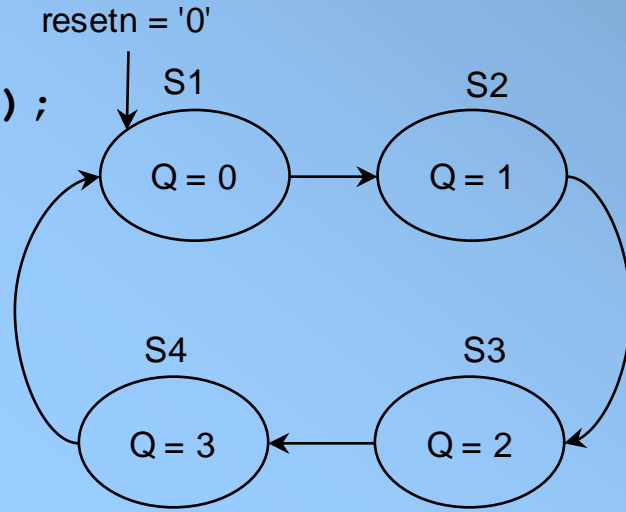
```
type state is (S1, S2, S3, S4);
signal y: state;
```

```
begin
```

```
Transitions: process (resetsn, clock)
begin
  if resetsn = '0' then -- asynchronous signal
    y <= S1; -- initial state
```

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...
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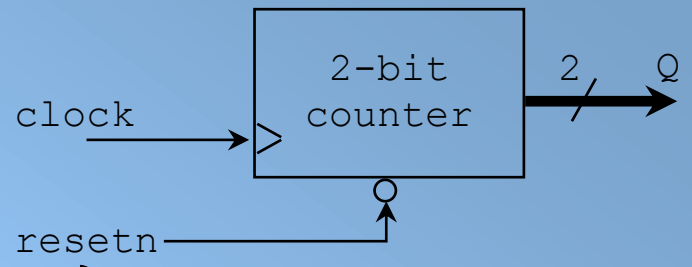
Custom datatype definition: 'state' with 4 possible values: S1 to S4



Definition of signal 'y' of type 'state'.

Process that defines the state transitions

✓ 2-bit counter



...

```
    elsif (clock'event and clock='1') then
      case y is
        when S1 => y <= S2;
        when S2 => y <= S3;
        when S3 => y <= S4;
        when S4 => y <= S1;
      end case;
    end if;
  end process;
```

Process that defines the state transitions

Note that the state transitions only occur on the rising clock edge

```
Outputs: process (y)
begin
  case y is
    when S1 => Q <= "00";
    when S2 => Q <= "01";
    when S3 => Q <= "10";
    when S4 => Q <= "11";
  end case;
end process;
end bhv;
```

Note that the outputs only depend on the current state, hence this is a Moore machine

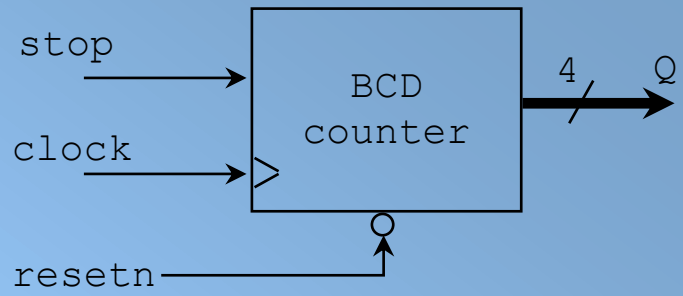
Process that defines the outputs

Note that the output is not controlled by the rising clock edge, only by the current state.

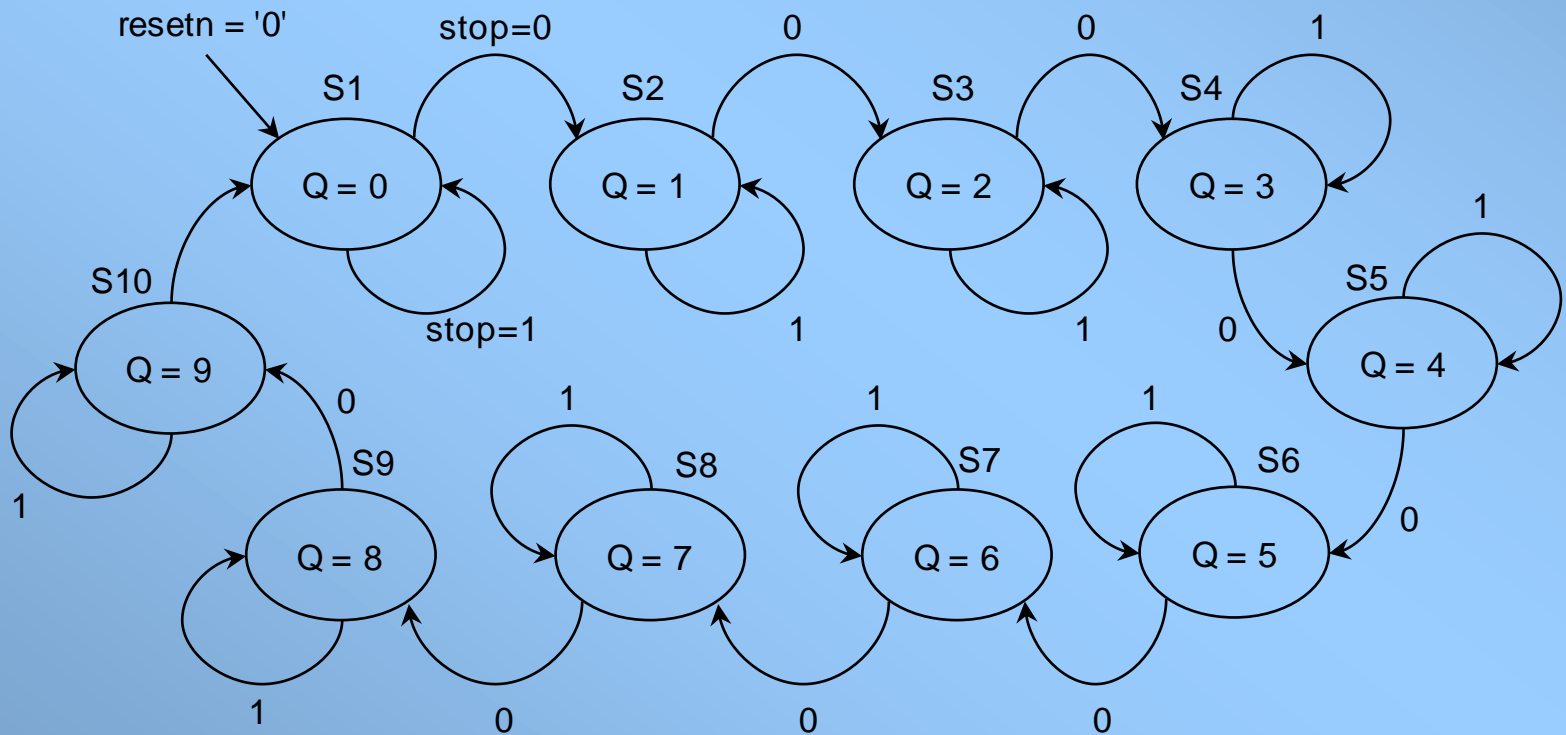
✓ Moore Machine

- Example:

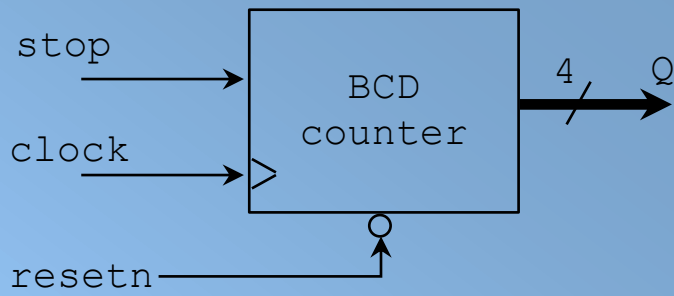
BCD counter with stop signal:



A BCD counter can be defined by a state machine. If the stop signal ('stop') is asserted, the count stops. If 'stop' is not asserted, the count continues.



✓ BCD Counter with stop signal



- VHDL code:

```
library ieee;  
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
```

```
entity bcd_count is  
  port ( clock, resetn, stop: in std_logic;  
        Q: out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0));  
end bcd_count;
```

Custom datatype definition: 'state' with 10 possible values: S1 to S10

```
architecture bhv of bcd_count is
```

```
type state is (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10);
```

```
signal y: state;
```

← Definition of signal 'y' of type 'state'.

```
begin
```

```
Transitions: process (resetn, clock, stop)  
begin  
  if resetn = '0' then -- asynchronous signal  
    y <= S1; -- initial state
```

} Process that defines the state transitions

...


```
...
elsif (clock'event and clock='1') then
  case y is
    when S1 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S1; else y<=S2; end if;
    when S2 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S2; else y<=S3; end if;
    when S3 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S3; else y<=S4; end if;
    when S4 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S4; else y<=S5; end if;
    when S5 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S5; else y<=S6; end if;
    when S6 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S6; else y<=S7; end if;
    when S7 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S7; else y<=S8; end if;
    when S8 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S8; else y<=S9; end if;
    when S9 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S9; else y<=S10; end if;
    when S10 =>
      if stop='1' then y<=S10; else y<=S1; end if;
  end case;
end if;
end process;
...
```

Note that the state transitions depend on the stop signal 'stop'

Process that defines the state transitions

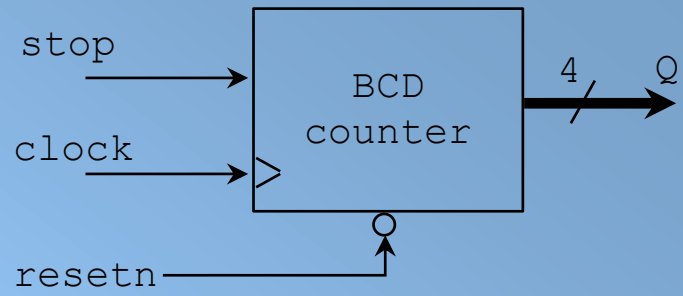
Note that the state transitions only occur on the rising clock edge

✓ BCD Counter with stop signal

- VHDL code:

....

```
Outputs: process (y)
begin
  case y is
    when S1 => Q <= "0000";
    when S2 => Q <= "0001";
    when S3 => Q <= "0010";
    when S4 => Q <= "0011";
    when S5 => Q <= "0100";
    when S6 => Q <= "0101";
    when S7 => Q <= "0110";
    when S8 => Q <= "0111";
    when S9 => Q <= "1000";
    when S10 => Q <= "1001";
  end case;
end process;
end bhv;
```



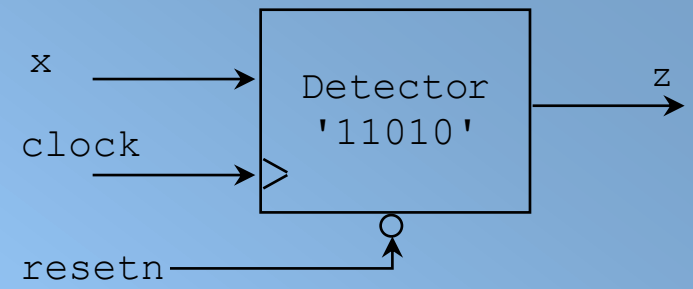
Note that the outputs only depend on the current state, hence this is a Moore machine

Process that defines the outputs

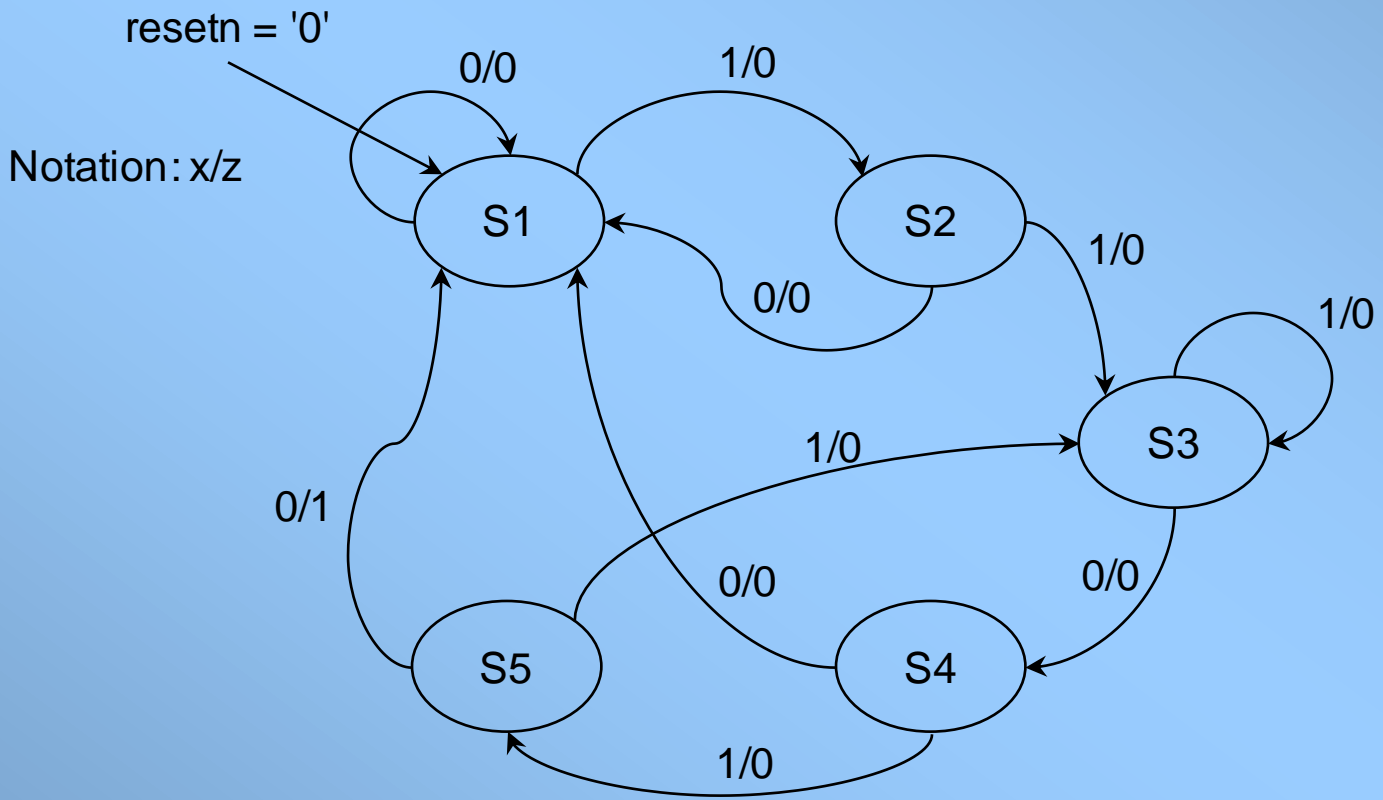
Note that the output is not controlled by the rising clock edge, only by the current state.

✓ MEALY MACHINE

- Example: sequence detector ('11010') with overlap.

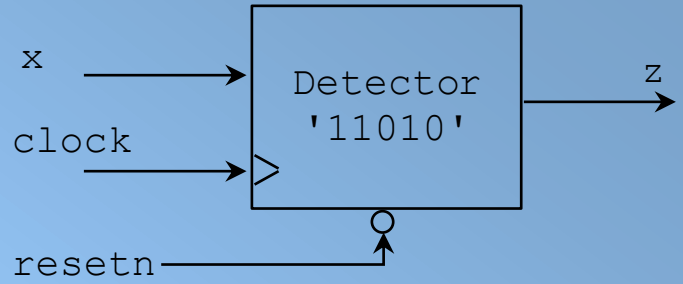


State Diagram: 5 states



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- Example: equence detector ('11010') with overlap.



```
library ieee;  
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
```

```
entity my_seq_detect is  
  port ( clock, resetn, x: in std_logic;  
        z: out std_logic);  
end my_seq_detect;
```

Custom datatype definition: 'state' with 5 possible values: S1 to S5

```
architecture bhv of my_seq_detect is
```

```
  type state is (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5);
```

```
  signal y: state;
```

Definition of signal 'y' of type 'state'.

```
begin
```

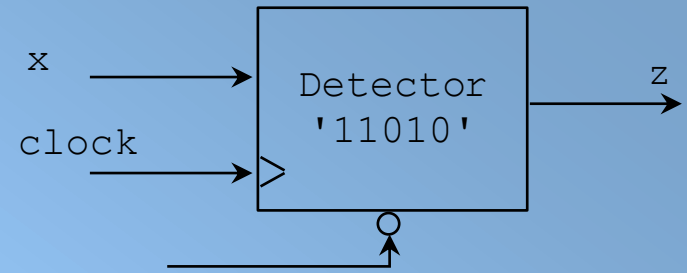
```
  Transitions: process (resetn, clock, x)  
  begin  
    if resetn = '0' then -- asynchronous signal  
      y <= S1; -- initial state  
    end if  
  end process
```

Process that defines the state transitions

```
...
```

✓ MEALY MACHINE

- Example: sequence detector ('11010') with overlap.



```
...
elsif (clock'event and clock='1') then
  case y is
    when S1 =>
      if x = '1' then y<=S2; else y<=S1; end if;
    when S2 =>
      if x = '1' then y<=S3; else y<=S1; end if;
    when S3 =>
      if x = '1' then y<=S3; else y<=S4; end if;
    when S4 =>
      if x = '1' then y<=S5; else y<=S1; end if;
    when S5 =>
      if x = '1' then y<=S3; else y<=S1; end if;
  end case;
end if;
end process;
...
```

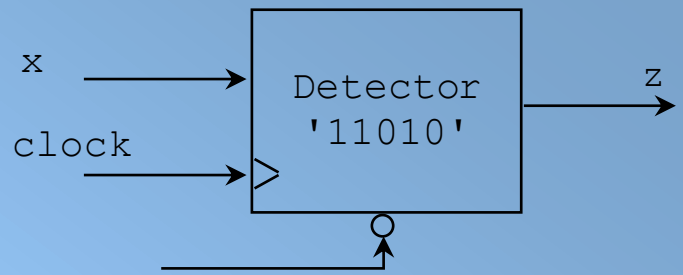
Note that the state transitions depend on the input signal 'x'

Process that defines the state transitions

Note that the state transitions only occur on the rising clock edge

✓ MEALY MACHINE

- Example: sequence detector ('11010') with overlap.



```
...
Outputs: process (x,y)
begin
  z <= '0';
  case y is
    when S1 =>
    when S2 =>
    when S3 =>
    when S4 =>
    when S5 =>
      if x = '0' then z <= '1'; end if;
  end case;
end process;
end bhv;
```

Note that the output depends on the current state and the input 'x', hence this is a Mealy machine.

Process that defines the outputs