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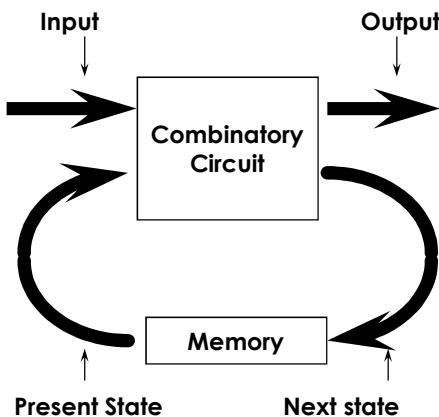
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Controllers and Sequential Circuits

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General Structure

- INPUT variables
- OUTPUT variables
- STATE variables
- Combinatory Circuit
- Memory



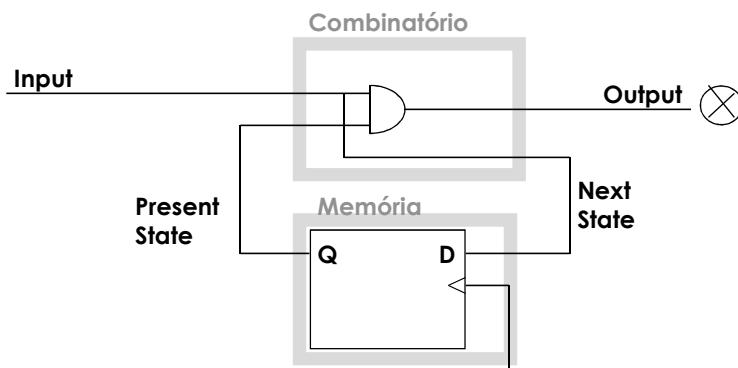
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SEQUENTIAL CIRCUITS

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Example :

- Turn on a lamp if the input is ON for two consecutive clock cycles



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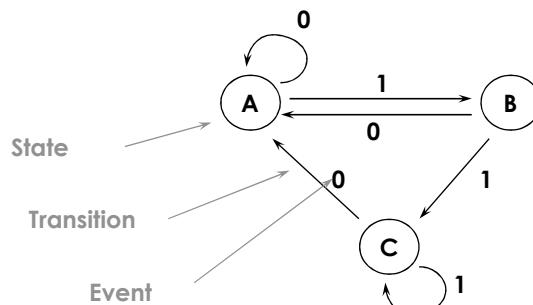
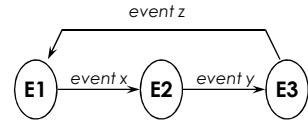
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Ways to represente State Machines

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States and State Machines

- A **STATE** reflects all the past history of the machine
- A state machine **DIAGRAM** represents all possible states, and which events trigger the transition from one state do another
- Exemple



A – Initial state. Lamp is OFF

B – Input is active for less than 1 cycle, Lamp is still OFF

C – Lamp is ON

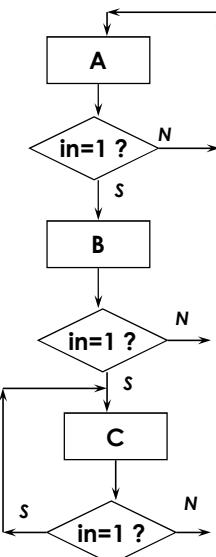
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Ways to represente State Machines

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Fluxograms

- Similar to software fluxograms
- States are represented by rectangles (actions)
- Transitions are represented by arrows and losangles (decisions)
- Exemplos:



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Types of sequential machines

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□ MOORE Machines

- Outputs are function of **only the STATE** (i.e. not the current inputs)
- Output change synchronously
- They are easier to design, but may require more states
- In a state diagram, the outputs are defined in each state

□ MEALY Machines

- Outputs are functions of the current state **AND** current inputs
- Outputs may change asynchronously if inputs change.
- They are faster in responding and require less states
- In a state diagram, the outputs are defined for each transition

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Recipe for synthesising Sequential Circuits

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□ 1st Obtain the State Diagram

- Most creative step of the whole process

□ 2nd Obtain the transition table

- A table with all possible transitions

□ 3rd Eliminate redundant states

- Objective: have as few states as possible
- 1st method – Inspect the transition tables
 - If two states have the same outputs and the same “next states”, they are the same
 - Does not guarantee that all redundant states are eliminated
- 2nd method – Partition method
 - Systematic way of eliminating all redundant states

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Recipe for synthesising Sequential Circuits

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□ 4º Codify the states

- Assign a binary code to each state

□ 5º Choose the type of flip-flops

- JK flip-flops are the most used because of their flexibility, and because they require little external logic
- Synthesis is easier to follow when using D type flip-flops

□ 6º Obtain the activation function

- Given the codes of the present state (n_1 bits) and the inputs (n_2 bits) make karnaugh maps (with n_1+n_2 inputs) for the inputs to each of the state flip-flops

□ 7º Draw the schema of the circuit and build it !

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Example

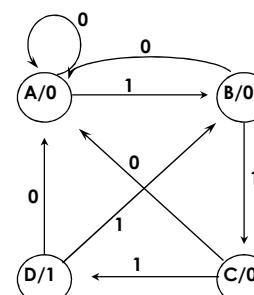
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□ Detect a sequence of three 1's (111) in a stream of bits.

- 001001110101110111101000011110100010

□ State diagram

State	Meaning	Code
A	nothing interesting	00
B	Received the first 1	01
C	Received the second 1	10
D	Received the third 1 Bingo !	11



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Example

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□ Transition table

State	Input	
	0	1
A/0	A	B
B/0	A	C
C/0	A	D
D/1	A	B

□ Remove redundant states

- There are none, since A and D have different outputs

□ Activation functions for the flip-flops and outputs

- $D_0 = F(Q_0, Q_1, E)$ thus, we have a 3 input Karnaugh map
- $D_1 = F(Q_0, Q_1, E)$

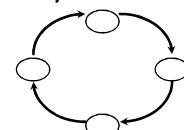
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Control circuits using ROMs

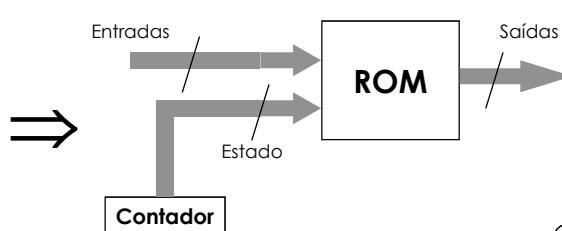
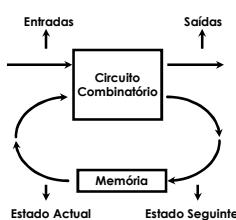
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□ In many problems, the sequence of states is fixed, forming a circular diagram

- Sparkplug activation in a 4 stroke engine
- Soldering robot



- The change to the next state can be done with a COUNTER
- The combinatory part can be implemented with a ROM



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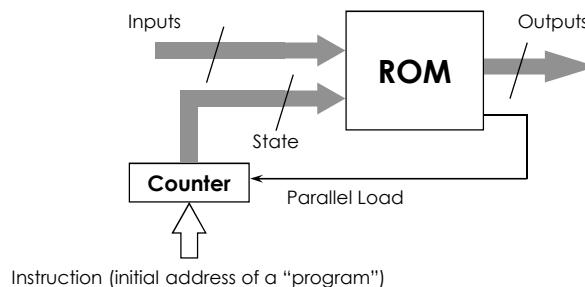
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Control circuits using ROMs

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□ Possibility of executing various programs

- The counter may be loaded with different initial values (thus starting a different "program")
- When a "program" reaches the end, a new initial value may be loaded into the counter



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Control circuits using ROMs

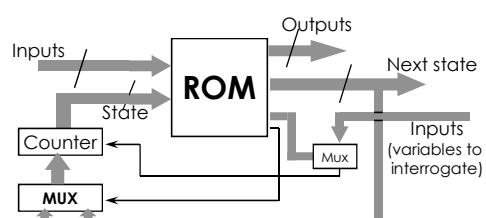
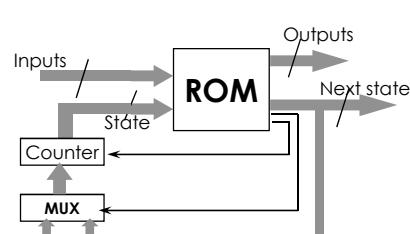
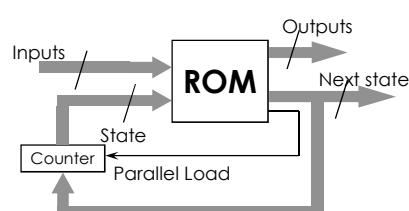
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□ Possibility of including JUMPS

- Possible next addresses stored in ROM
- Possibility of having more than one "next address"

□ MOORE machines

- Inputs are only used to generate the parallel load and demultiplex possible "next addresses"



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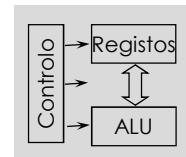
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Microprocessors

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- Control systems that process data
 - They may perform several, different operations. Each one is a MACHINE INSTRUCTION
 - A sequence of MACHINE INSTRUCTIONS is a PROGRAM
- Internal components of a microprocessor
 - ALU - To perform Arithmetic and Logic operations
 - REGISTERS - To store data
 - CONTROL - To control the whole system
- They execute programs (that are sequences of MACHINE INSTRUCTIONS)
 - Example
 - ADD A,B Adds the contents of register A with the contents of register B, and stores the result in register A
 - Each machine instruction corresponds to a numerical code
 - ADD A,B Is code 80H (128 in decimal)

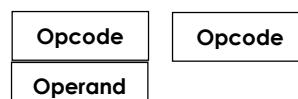


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Machine instructions

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- Format
 - Operation Code (OPCODE)
 - Operands (addresses or data)
- Typical operations
 - Move data (between registers or memory)
 - Elementary operations AND, OR, ADD, etc)
 - Flux control within the program (JUMP, CALL)
 - I/O (move data to/from peripherals)
- RISC vs CISC
 - Reduced Instruction Set Computer
 - Few instructions, each instruction is fast, less hardware
 - Complex Instruction Set Computer
 - Specialized instructions, more hardware



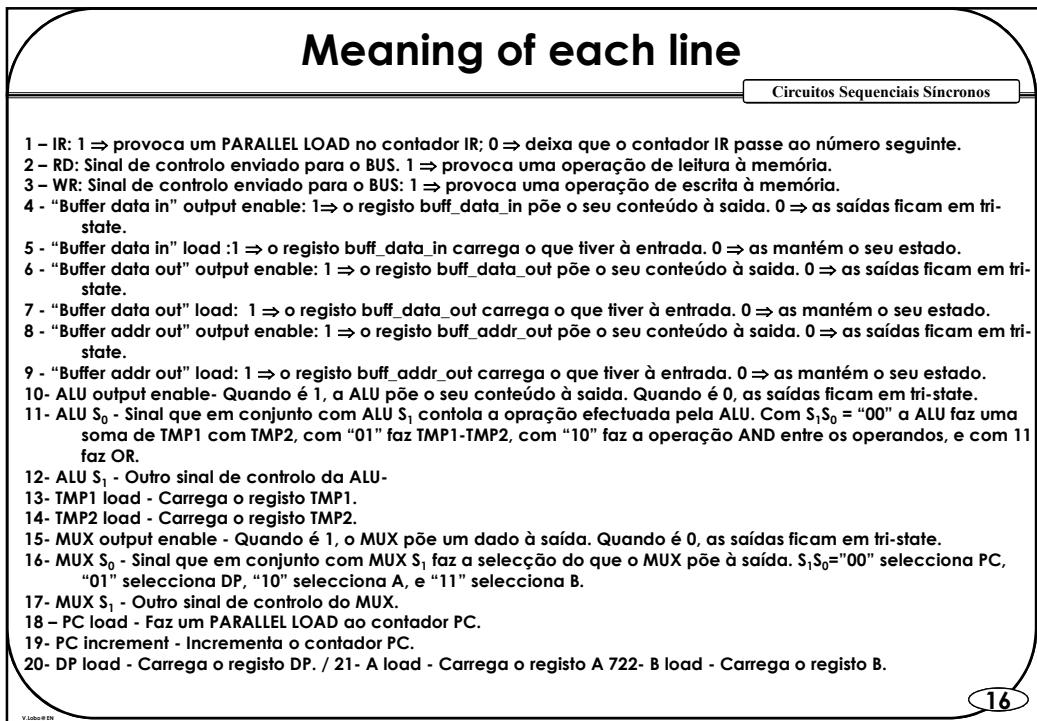
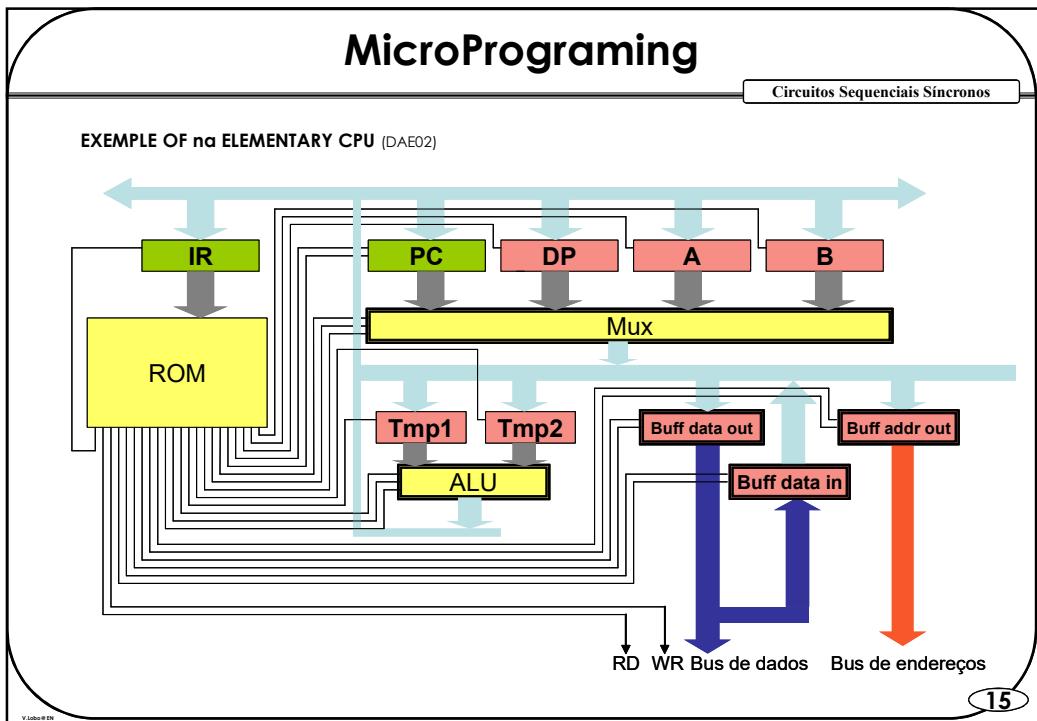
Exemples:	
Instruction	Code
ADI 34	C6H, 22H
ADD B	80H
LXI B,2000	01H,00H,20H

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Microprogramming

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□ A Microprocessor is a machine that we need to control

- Set of ALU, Registers, Buffers, etc
- A MACHINE INSTRUCTION is no more than a sequence of steps (activation/deactivation of control lines)

□ Characteristics of microcode

- Direct control of the inputs to each component
- The set of all microprograms constitutes the “**instruction set**” that characterizes the CPU or microprocessor
- Possibility of reprogramming the microcode
 - Emulation of other computers
 - Normally the microcode is fixed (in ROM)
 - Updates to existing microprocessors may have the microcode re-written

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Machine Code

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□ Steps of the ADD A,B operation:

- 1 – Put the contents of A in TMP1
- 2 - Put the contents of B in TMP2
- 3 – Add the data in the ALU, store the result in A
- 4 – Get the next instruction

□ Comments

- The 4th step can be avoided if the 3rd step pre-loads the next instruction
- In practice, the OPCODE addresses an auxiliary memory, that in turn addresses the control ROM
- Horizontal vs Vertical micro-programming

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