

Synchronize Method for FSM Asynchronous Inputs

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Rezumat. Sinteza și implementarea sistemelor logice secvențiale FSM, se poate realiza mult mai ușor folosind circuite integrate MSI și LSI. Cu cât funcțiile realizate de acestea sunt mai complexe, cu atât logica combinațională de implementare a sistemului devine mai simplă. Atunci când sistemul este alcătuit din semnale de intrare atât sincrone cât și asincrone, înainte de utilizarea în sistem, acestea trebuie sincronizate. În această lucrare este propusă o metodă de realizare a sincronizării intrărilor asincrone a unui sistem secvențial.

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1 Introduction

Synthesis of the sequential digital automata can be reduced to a combinational synthesis, specified CAD doing it in 2 steps: first, synthesis using primitives (logic gates) and second, using technological implant.

When a sequential finite automata is driven by the internal system clocks from one part and by out signals, from the other part, asynchronous between them, there can appear functional hazards. This, because of time delay between automata clocks signals and out signals.

So, the time set-up ($t_{\text{set-up}}$) and time hold (t_{hold}) finite automata variables can't be respected. There can be obtained wrong short signals who will affect the normal functionality of finite automata. This paper presents one method to avoid these situations.

2 Synchronisation Method for FSM Asynchronous Inputs

Let's consider that we have one big finite automata (A) that is composed by two smalls finite automata (A1,A2), like in figure 1.

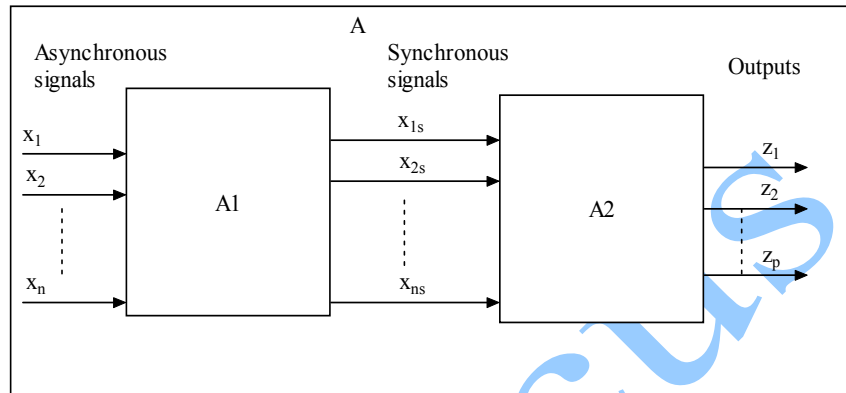


Figure 1

$X_1, X_2 \dots X_n$ represents the input signals for A1 finite automata.

$X_{1s}, X_{2s} \dots X_{ns}$ represents the output signals from A1 finite automata and input signals for A2 finite automata. These signals are synchronized by a digital clock signal h_1 , figure 2.

$Z_1, Z_2 \dots Z_p$ represents the output signals for A2 finite automata.

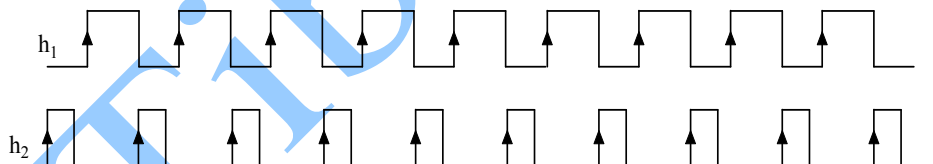


Figure 2

The h_2 digital clock (active on positive edge) represents the input driving clock for A2 finite automata.

Figure 3 presents the digital implementation of A finite automata with all inputs signals synchronized by h_1 digital clock.

On figure 3 it's observed that $X_1, X_2 \dots X_n$ asynchronous input signals are synchronized by using CBB $D_{s1}, D_{s2} \dots D_{sn}$ circuits. These circuits are driving by a h_1 digital clock. It has the ability to synchronize all the inputs, the circuits outputs are synchronized signals driving by a h_1 digital clock signal.

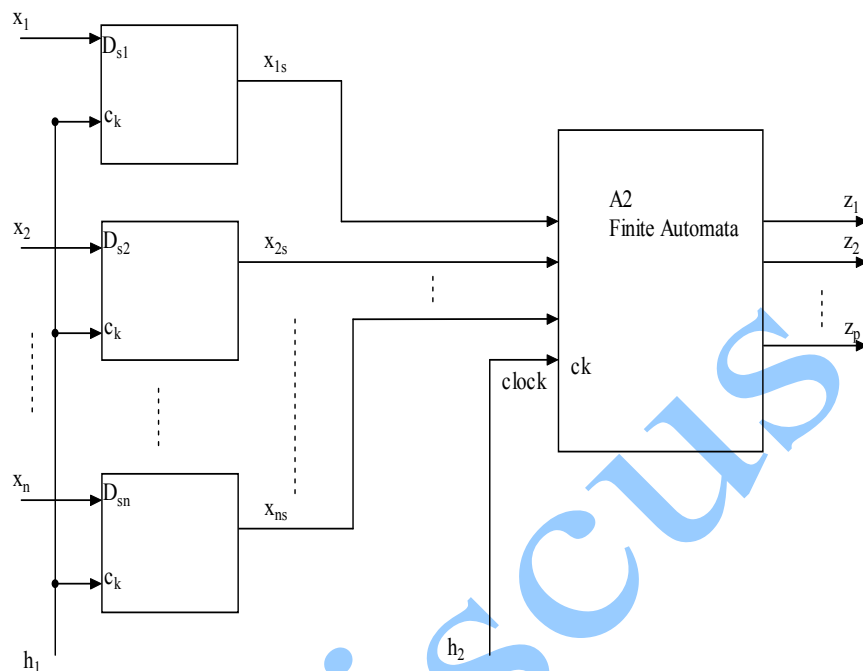


Figure 3

The A2 finite automata digital clock signal is $Ck = h_2 \cdot Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_p$ represents the A2 finite automata output computed results.

3 Example of Synchronisation Method for FSM Asynchronous Inputs

We will consider finite automata fluence state graph like in figure 4.

The x_1, x_0 are asynchronous input signals of finite automata and z_1, z_0 represents the output signals from finite automata.

It needs to progress with a T time period when x_1 or x_0 inputs signals are presented. So, we will introduce a T period time clock and the finite automata command will be driving by h_2 .

But x_1 or x_0 input signals are asynchronous one by one, this can be obtained a very small time period who can't be counted by the finite automata. To avoid this situation we need to synchronize these input signals with two CBB D circuits.

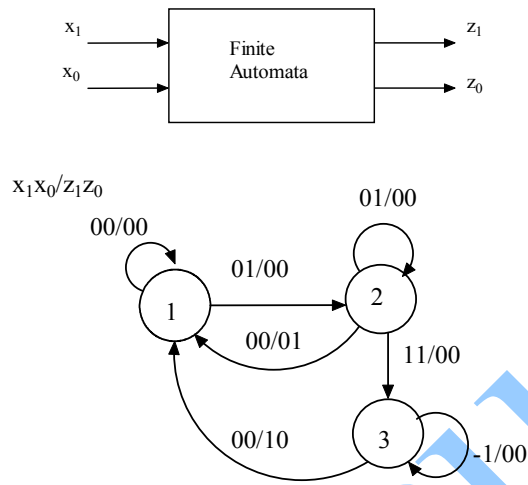


Figure 4

Figure 5 shows these two synchronization clock, h_1 , h_2 and the digital design of this finite automata.

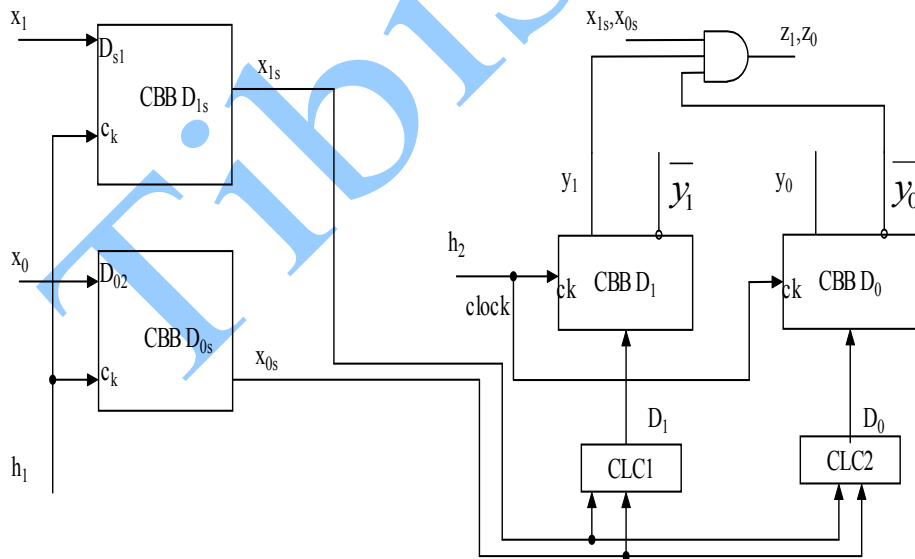


Figure 5

The h_1 clock synchronize external input signals, recopy them on two CBB D circuits (CBB D_{1s} , CBB D_{0s}). Synchronizations signals x_{1s} , x_{0s} has some delay than the x_1 , x_0 input signals. The h_2 represents the driving clock input signal for CBB D_1 and CBB D_0 circuits, figure 5.

4 Conclusions

To synchronize any number of asynchronous signals it will need to use the same number of CBB D circuits or a memory register, figure 6.

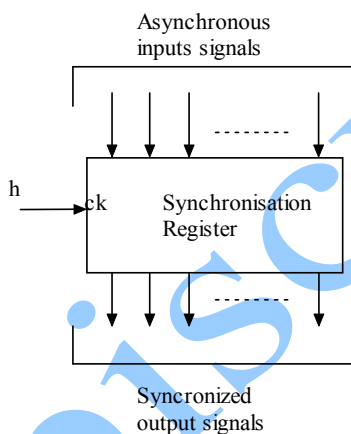


Figure 6

On every sequential system, finite automata system, before of using the asynchronous input signals we need to synchronized them with a digital clock input signal.

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