

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s)$$

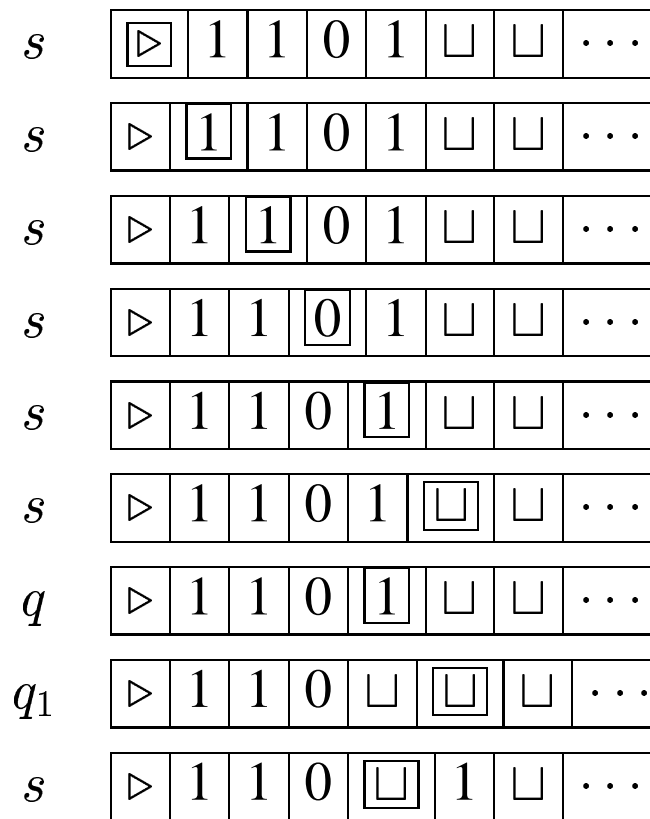
$Q$ : finite set of states;  $s \in Q$

$\Sigma$ : finite set of symbols;  $\triangleright, \sqcup \in \Sigma$

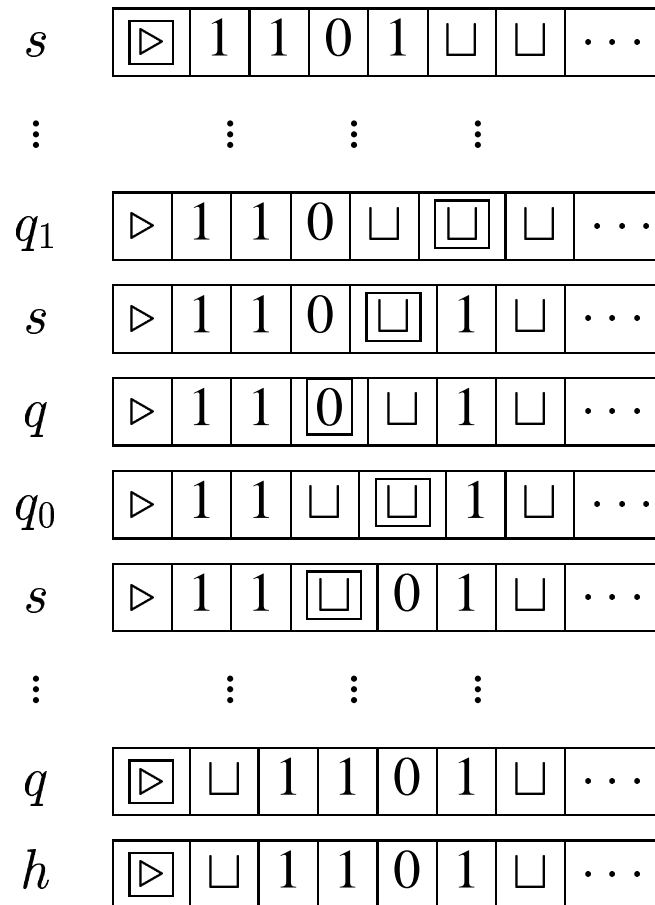
$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow (Q \cup \{h\}) \times \Sigma \times \{\leftarrow, \rightarrow, -\}$

$s$	$\triangleright$	1	1	0	1	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\dots$
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mvRt.tm	$s$	$q$	$q_0$	$q_1$
0	$s, 0, \rightarrow$	$q_0, \sqcup, \rightarrow$		
1	$s, 1, \rightarrow$	$q_1, \sqcup, \rightarrow$		
$\sqcup$	$q, \sqcup, \leftarrow$		$s, 0, \leftarrow$	$s, 1, \leftarrow$
$\triangleright$	$s, \triangleright, \rightarrow$	$h, \triangleright, -$		
comment	find $\sqcup$	memorize & erase	change $\sqcup$ to 0	change $\sqcup$ to 1



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Hilbert's Program [1901]: Give a complete axiomization of all of mathematics!

Such a complete axiomization would have provided a mechanical procedure to churn out exactly all true statements in mathematics.

This led to active interest in 1930's in the question: **“What is a mechanical procedure?”**

Church: Lambda calculus

Gödel: Recursive function

Kleene: Formal system

Markov: Markov algorithm

Post: Post machine

Turing: Turing machine

**Fact:** The above models all define exactly the same class of “computable” functions.

**Church-Turing Thesis:** The intuitive idea of “effectively computable” is captured by the precise definition of “computable” in any of the above models.

“Why is a Turing machine as powerful as any other computational model?”

Intuitive answer: Imagine any computational device. It has:

- Finitely many states
- Ability to scan limited amount per step: one page at a time
- Ability to print limited amount per step: one page at a time
- Next state *determined* by current state and page currently being read (but what about randomization?)

**Note:** Without the potentially infinite supply of tape cells, paper, extra disks, extra tapes, etc. we have just a (potentially huge) **finite state machine**.

The PC on your desk, with 20 GB of hard disk is a finite state machine with over  $2^{160,000,000,000}$  states!

This is better modeled as a TM with a bounded number of states, and an “infinite tape”, actually meaning a finite memory that expands whenever necessary .

$$M(w) \equiv \begin{cases} y & \text{if } M \text{ on input } \ulcorner w \urcorner \text{ eventually} \\ & \text{halts with output } \ulcorner y \urcorner \\ \nearrow & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Sigma_0 \equiv \Sigma - \{\triangleright, \sqcup\}$$

Usually,  $\Sigma_0 = \{0, 1\}$

**Definition 4.1** Let  $f : \Sigma_0^* \rightarrow \Sigma_0^*$  be a total or partial function. We say that  $f$  is **recursive** iff  $\exists$  TM  $M$ ,  $f = M(\cdot)$ , i.e.,

$$(\forall w \in \Sigma_0^*) \quad f(w) = M(w) .$$



**Remark 4.2** *There is an easy to compute 1:1 and onto map between  $\{0, 1\}^*$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ . Thus we can think of the contents of a TM tape as a natural number and talk about  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  being **recursive**. (We may visit this issue in HW#2.)*

Partial function  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  is a total function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  where  $D \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ . A partial function that is not total is called **strictly partial**. If  $n \in \mathbf{N} - D$ ,  $f(n) = \nearrow$ .

**Definition 4.3** Let  $S \subseteq \Sigma_0^*$  or  $S \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ .

$S$  is a *recursive set* iff the function  $\chi_S$  is a (total) recursive function,

$$\chi_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$S$  is a *recursively enumerable set* ( $S$  is r.e.) iff the function  $p_S$  is a (partial) recursive function,

$$p_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in S \\ \nearrow & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



**Proposition 4.4** *If  $S$  is recursive then  $S$  is r.e.*

**Proof:** Suppose  $S$  is recursive and let  $M$  be the TM computing  $\chi_S$ .

Build  $M'$  simulating  $M$  but diverging if  $M(x) = 0$ . Thus  $M'$  computes  $p_S$ .





**Proposition 4.5** *The following functions are recursive. They are all total except for  $p_{\text{even}}$ .*

$$\text{copy}(w) = ww$$

$$\sigma(n) = n + 1$$

$$\text{plus}(n, m) = n + m$$

$$\text{times}(n, m) = n \times m$$

$$\text{exp}(n, m) = n^m$$

$$\chi_{\text{even}}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$p_{\text{even}}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \nearrow & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Exercise: please convince yourself that you can build TMs to compute all of these functions! ♠

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is any class of sets, define  $\text{co-}\mathcal{C}$  to be the class of sets whose complements are in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\text{co-}\mathcal{C} = \{S \mid \bar{S} \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

**Theorem 4.6**  *$S$  is recursive iff  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$  are both r.e.*

*Thus, **Recursive = r.e.  $\cap$  co-r.e.***

**Proof:** If  $S \in \mathbf{Recursive}$  then  $\chi_S$  is a recursive function.

Thus so is  $\chi_{\bar{S}}(x) = 1 - \chi_S(x)$

Thus,  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$  are both recursive and thus both r.e.

Suppose  $S \in \mathbf{r.e.} \cap \mathbf{co-r.e.}$

$$p_S = M(\cdot); \quad p_{\bar{S}} = M'(\cdot)$$

Define  $T = M \parallel M'$  on input  $x$ :

1. **for**  $n := 1$  to  $\infty$  {
2.     run  $M(x)$  for  $n$  steps.
3.     **if**  $M(x) = 1$  in  $n$  steps **then return**(1)
4.     run  $M'(x)$  for  $n$  steps.
5.     **if**  $M'(x) = 1$  in  $n$  steps **then return**(0)}

Thus,  $T(\cdot) = \chi_S$  and thus  $S \in \mathbf{Recursive}$ .



