

# Turing Machine

In the following,  $B$  is the blank symbol. Initially, all the tape's cells are filled with blank symbols, except those used by the input string. All tapes are supposed to be **bi-infinite**.

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## Exercise 1 Deterministic Turing Machine

Let  $M$  a Turing, a bi-infinite tape Turing machine, be defined by:

$$(Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma = \{0, 1\}, \Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}, \delta, q_0, F = \{q_2\}, B)$$

$\delta$  is defined as follows:

State	Symbol		
	0	1	B
$q_0$	$q_0, 0, R$	$q_0, 1, R$	$q_1, B, L$
$q_1$	$q_2, 1, L$	$q_1, 0, L$	$q_2, 1, L$
$q_2$	—	—	—

**Question 1** Give some details about the elements defining the machine. Draw the transition diagram corresponding to the definition of  $M$ . Simulate the computation of  $M$  with the following initial configurations:  $w = q_010$ ,  $w' = q_011$ ,  $w'' = q_01001$ ? In each case, provide the values of time and space complexity. What does this machine compute?

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## Exercise 2 From Two-way to One-way infinite tape

Let us assume some steps of a Two-way infinite tape Turing machine are as follows:

$$cbbaq_0aba \rightarrow cbbaq_1ba \rightarrow cbbaq_2aba \rightarrow cbbq_2aaba \rightarrow cbq_2baaba \rightarrow cq_3bbaaba$$

where in the initial configuration (state  $q_0$ ) the head is positionned onto cell numbered 0 which contains a symbol  $a$ .

**Question 2** Represent how these steps could be simulated on a One-way infinite tape.

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## Exercise 3 Non-Deterministic Turing Machine

Let  $M$  a Turing machine be defined by:

$$(Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}, \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, \Gamma = \{a, b, c, B\}, \delta, q_0, F = \{q_4\}, B)$$

Transition function  $\delta$  is defined as follows:

State	Symbol			
	a	b	c	B
$q_0$	$q_0, a, \triangleright$	$q_0, b, \triangleright$	$q_0, c, \triangleright$	—
	$q_1, a, \triangleright$	$q_2, b, \triangleright$	$q_3, c, \triangleright$	—
$q_1$	$q_4, a, \triangleright$	$q_1, b, \triangleright$	$q_1, c, \triangleright$	—
$q_2$	$q_2, a, \triangleright$	$q_4, b, \triangleright$	$q_2, c, \triangleright$	—
$q_3$	$q_3, a, \triangleright$	$q_3, b, \triangleright$	$q_4, c, \triangleright$	—
$q_4$	—	—	—	—

**Question 3** Draw the transition diagram corresponding to the definition of  $M$ . Simulate the computation of  $M$  with the following initial configurations:  $w = abcca$  (draw the whole computation tree). If it exists, write the accepting computation with the input word  $w' = acbc$ .

**Question 4** In the proof of the equivalence between non-deterministic and deterministic Turing machine provided in the course:

- we defined  $r = \max_{q \in Q, a \in \Gamma} |\{(q, a, q', z, Z) \in \delta\}|$ . What is the value of  $r$  in the case of the Turing Machine  $M$ ?
- paths in the computation tree are encoded into strings. What are the first ten values of these strings. Choose one string  $y$  with  $|y| \geq 4$  which encodes an existing path in the computation tree and draw this path. Indicate one string which does not encode an existing path in the computation tree.

**Question 5** What is the value of  $t_M(abcca)$ ? Assuming that the input string is accepted by  $M$  when the computation halts in state  $q_4$ , is the input string  $cbabca$  accepted? Same question with input string  $cab$  (computations are not required here). What is the language accepted by this machine?

#### Exercise 4 Multi-tape Turing machine

Let  $M$  a 2-tape Turing machine be defined by:

$$(Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \Gamma = \{a, b, O, B\}, \delta, q_0, F = \{q_3\}, B)$$

with the set of transitions  $\delta$  defined as follows:

$$\delta = \{(q_0, B, B, q_3, B, B, R, R), (q_0, a, B, q_1, a, O, R, R), (q_0, b, B, q_2, b, O, R, R), \\ (q_1, a, O, q_1, a, O, R, R), (q_1, a, B, q_1, a, B, R, R), (q_1, b, B, q_1, b, B, R, L), \\ (q_1, B, O, q_3, B, B, R, R), (q_1, b, O, q_2, b, O, R, R), (q_2, a, B, q_2, a, B, R, L), \\ (q_2, b, B, q_2, b, B, R, R), (q_2, b, O, q_2, b, O, R, R), (q_2, a, O, q_1, a, O, R, R), (q_2, B, O, q_3, B, B, R, R), \}$$

**Convention:**  $(q_0, a, B, q_1, a, O, R, R)$  encodes a transition in which machine is state  $q_0$ , reads a symbol  $a$  on the first tape, a symbol  $B$  on the second tape, and then switches to state  $q_1$ , writes a symbol  $a$  on the first tape and moves the corresponding head to the right (first  $R$ ), writes a symbol  $O$  on the second tape and moves the corresponding head to the right (second  $R$ ). This constitutes one step of a computation of this machine.

**Question 6** Simulate the computation of  $M$  if the content of the first tape is  $w = abba$ , the first head positioned onto the first  $a$  on the left, all others tapes containing only blank symbols. Same question with the input word  $w' = aba$ .

**Question 7** Describe briefly one method to simulate the computation of this 2-tapes Turing machine by a one-tape Turing machine. What would be the content of the tape of this one-tape Turing machine before and after the first step of the computation with input word  $w = abba$ ? Same question for the input word  $w' = aba$ .