Turing's Thesis

Turing's thesis (1930):

Any computation carried out by mechanical means can be performed by a Turing Machine

Algorithm:

An algorithm for a problem is a Turing Machine which solves the problem

The algorithm describes the steps of the mechanical means

This is easily translated to computation steps of a Turing machine

When we say: There exists an algorithm

We mean: There exists a Turing Machine that executes the algorithm

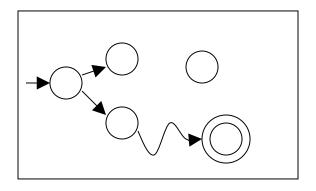
Variations of the Turing Machine

The Standard Model

Infinite Tape

Read-Write Head (Left or Right)

Control Unit



Deterministic

Variations of the Standard Model

Turing machines with:

- Stay-Option
- · Semi-Infinite Tape
- Multitape
- Multidimensional
- Nondeterministic

Different Turing Machine Classes

Same Power of two machine classes: both classes accept the same set of languages

We will prove:

each new class has the same power with Standard Turing Machine

(accept Turing-Recognizable Languages)

Same Power of two classes means:

for any machine $\,M_1\,$ of first class there is a machine $\,M_2\,$ of second class

such that:
$$L(M_1) = L(M_2)$$

and vice-versa

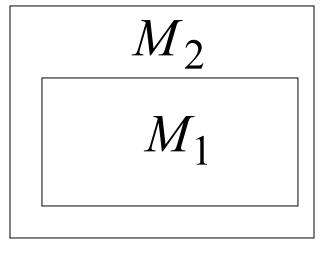
Simulation: A technique to prove same power.

Simulate the machine of one class with a machine of the other class

First Class Original Machine

 M_1

Second Class
Simulation Machine



simulates M_1

Configurations in the Original Machine M_1 have corresponding configurations in the Simulation Machine M_2

 M_1 Original Machine: $d_0 \succ d_1 \succ \cdots \succ d_n$ Simulation Machine:

Accepting Configuration

Original Machine:
$$d_f$$

Simulation Machine:

$$d_f'$$

the Simulation Machine and the Original Machine accept the same strings

$$L(M_1) = L(M_2)$$

Turing Machines with Stay-Option

The head can stay in the same position

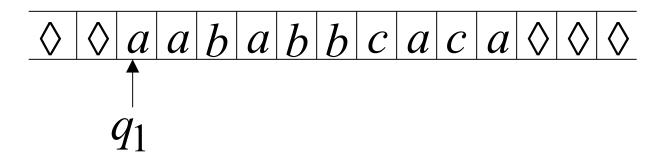
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$$\uparrow$$
Left, Right, Stay

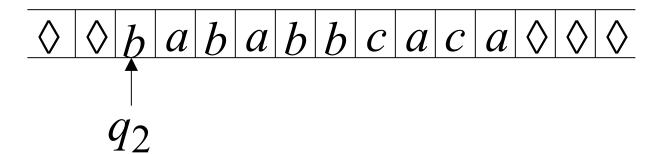
L,R,S: possible head moves

Example:

Time 1



Time 2



$$q_1 \xrightarrow{a \to b, S} q_2$$

Theorem: Stay-Option machines

have the same power with

Standard Turing machines

Proof: 1. Stay-Option Machines simulate Standard Turing machines

2. Standard Turing machines simulate Stay-Option machines

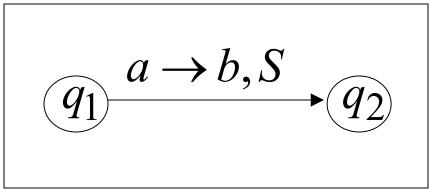
1. Stay-Option Machines simulate Standard Turing machines

Trivial: any standard Turing machine is also a Stay-Option machine

2. Standard Turing machines simulate Stay-Option machines

We need to simulate the stay head option with two head moves, one left and one right

Stay-Option Machine

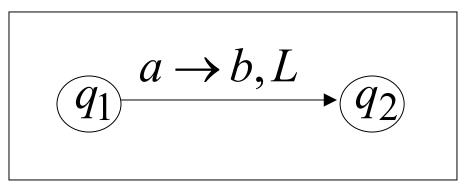


Simulation in Standard Machine

For every possible tape symbol X

For other transitions nothing changes

Stay-Option Machine

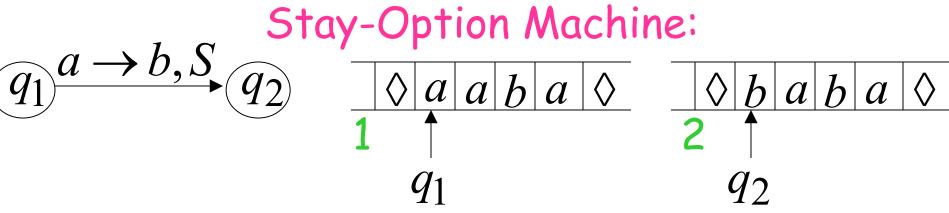


Simulation in Standard Machine

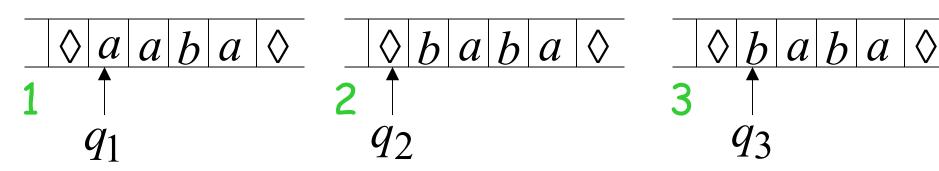
$$\begin{array}{c}
a \to b, L \\
\hline
q_1 & q_2
\end{array}$$

Similar for Right moves

example of simulation



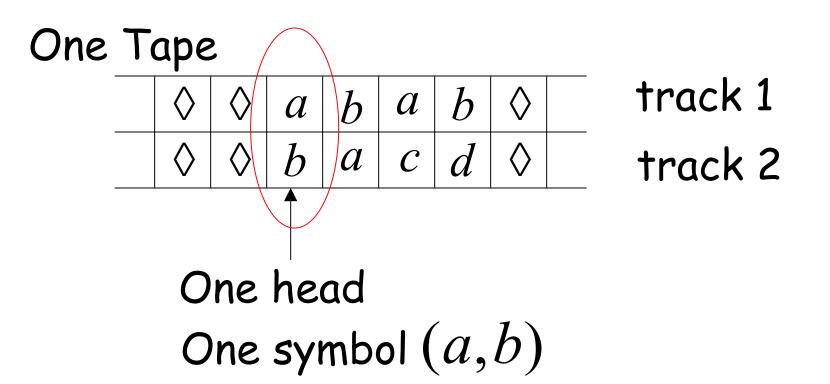
Simulation in Standard Machine:



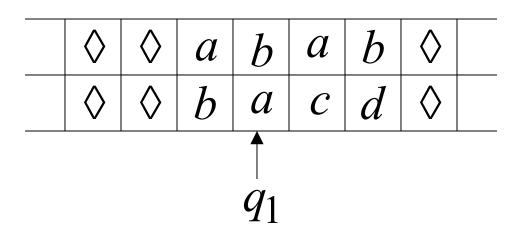
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A useful trick: Multiple Track Tape

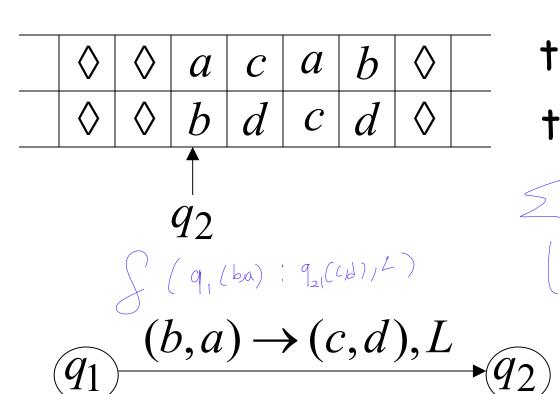
helps for more complicated simulations



It is a standard Turing machine, but each tape alphabet symbol describes a pair of actual useful symbols



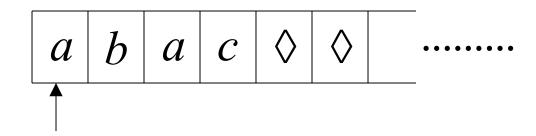
track 1 track 2



track 1 track 2

Semi-Infinite Tape

The head extends infinitely only to the right



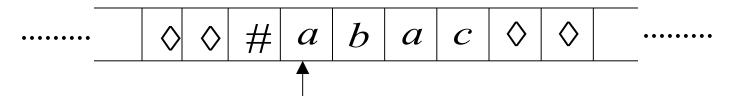
- · Initial position is the leftmost cell
- When the head moves left from the border, it returns back to leftmost position

Theorem: Semi-Infinite machines
have the same power with
Standard Turing machines

Proof: 1. Standard Turing machines simulate Semi-Infinite machines

2. Semi-Infinite Machines simulate Standard Turing machines

1. Standard Turing machines simulate Semi-Infinite machines:

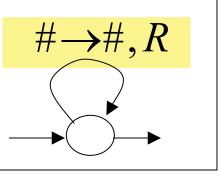


Standard Turing Machine

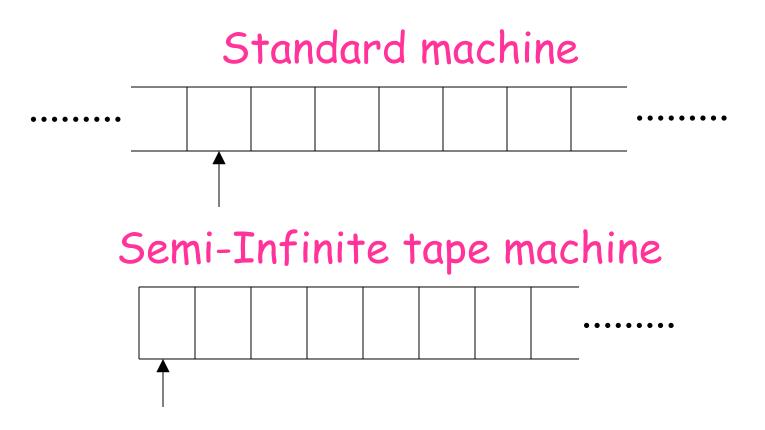
Semi-Infinite machine modifications

a. insert special symbol #at left of input string

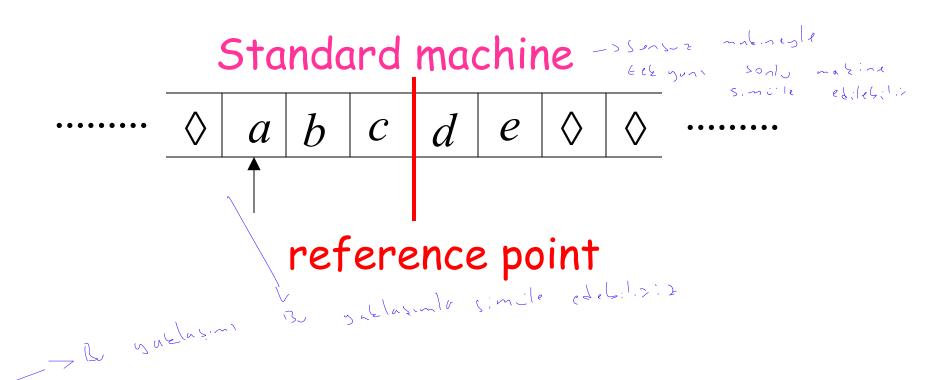
b. Add a self-loop
to every state
(except states with no
outgoing transitions)



2. Semi-Infinite tape machines simulate Standard Turing machines:



Squeeze infinity of both directions to one direction

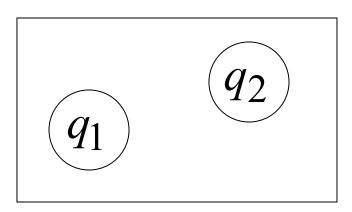


Semi-Infinite tape machine with two tracks

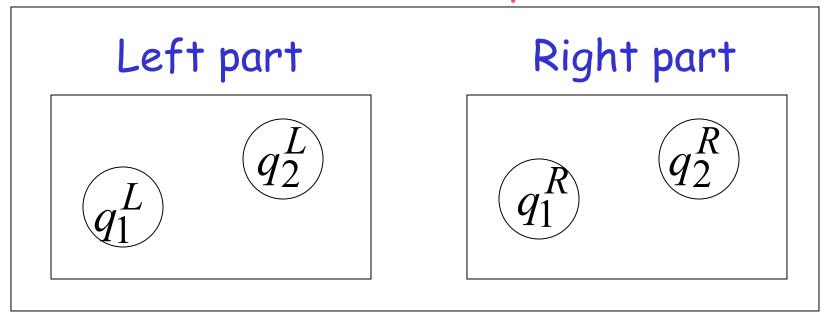
Right part $\# \ d \ e \ \Diamond \ \Diamond$

Left part $\# \ c \ b \ a \ \Diamond \ \Diamond$

Standard machine



Semi-Infinite tape machine



Standard machine

$$\underbrace{q_1} \quad \stackrel{a \to g, R}{\longrightarrow} \underbrace{q_2}$$

Semi-Infinite tape machine

Right part

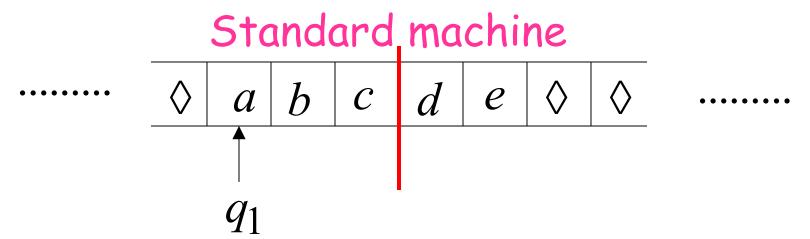
$$\underbrace{q_1^R} \xrightarrow{(a,x) \to (g,x),R} \underbrace{q_2^R}$$

Left part

$$\underbrace{q_1^L} \xrightarrow{(x,a) \to (x,g),L} \underbrace{q_2^L}$$

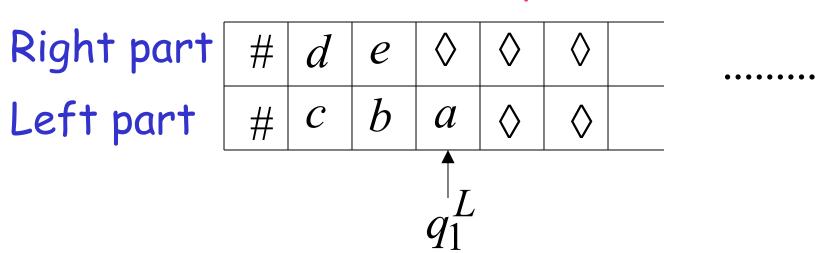
For all tape symbols X

Time 1

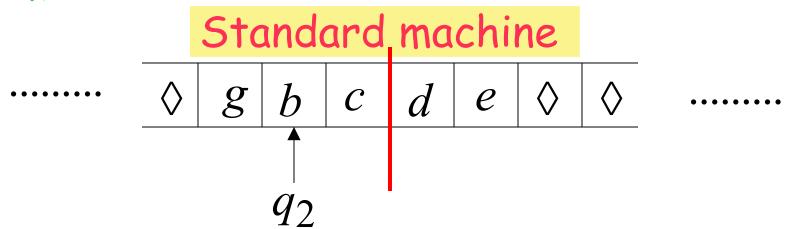


Semi-Infinite tape machine

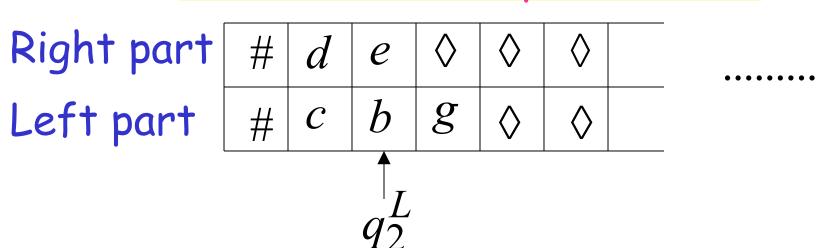
Costas Busch - LSU



Time 2



Semi-Infinite tape machine



At the border:

Semi-Infinite tape machine

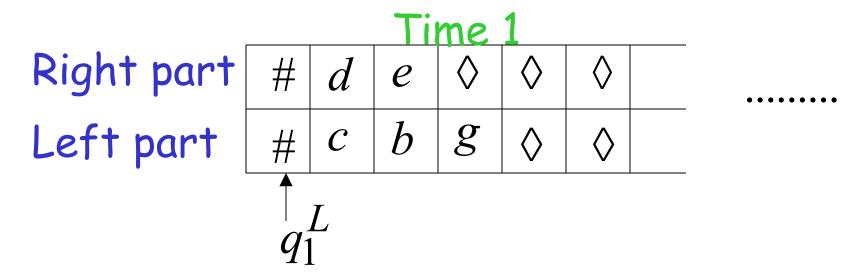
Right part

$$\overbrace{q_1^R} \xrightarrow{(\#,\#) \to (\#,\#), R} \overbrace{q_1^L}$$

Left part

$$\underbrace{q_1^L} \xrightarrow{(\#,\#)} \xrightarrow{(\#,\#),R} \underbrace{q_1^R}$$

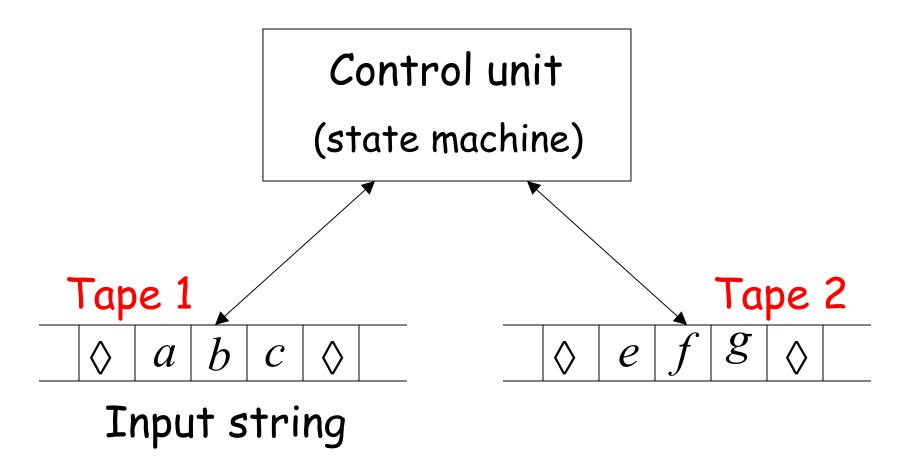
Semi-Infinite tape machine



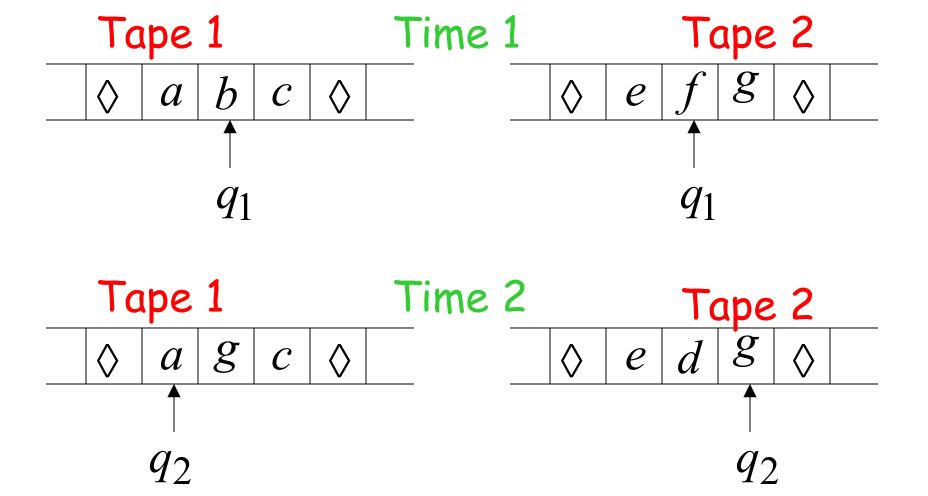
Right part $\# d e \Diamond \Diamond \Diamond \\$ Left part $\# c b g \Diamond \\$

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Multi-tape Turing Machines



Input string appears on Tape 1



$$\underbrace{q_1}^{(b,f) \to (g,d),L,R} q_2$$

Theorem: Multi-tape machines
have the same power with
Standard Turing machines

Proof: 1. Multi-tape machines simulate Standard Turing machines

2. Standard Turing machines simulate Multi-tape machines

1. Multi-tape machines simulate Standard Turing Machines:

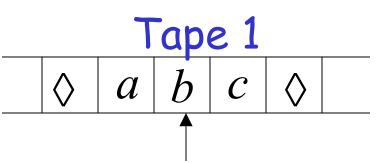
Trivial: Use one tape

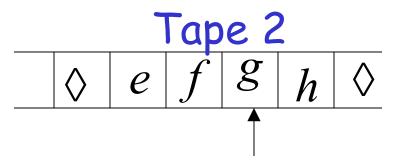
2. Standard Turing machines simulate Multi-tape machines:

Standard machine:

- Uses a multi-track tape to simulate the multiple tapes
- A tape of the Multi-tape machine corresponds to a pair of tracks

Multi-tape Machine





Standard machine with four track tape

	a	b	C			
	0	1	0			
	e	f	g	h		
	0	0	1	0		
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Tape 1
head position
Tape 2
head position

Reference point

/			•			
	#	a	b	C		
	#	0	1	0		
	#	e	f	g	h	
	# /	0	0	1	0	
				1	1	

Tape 1 head position Tape 2 head position

Repeat for each Multi-tape state transition: 1. Return to reference point some disconstance of the state transition:

- 2. Find current symbol in Track 1 and update
- 3. Return to reference point
- 4. Find current symbol in Tape 2 and update

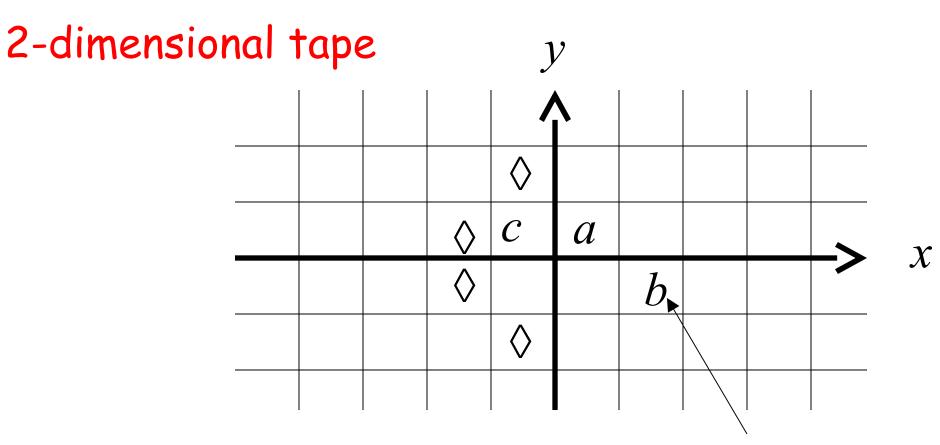
Same power doesn't imply same speed:

$$L = \{a^n b^n\}$$

Standard Turing machine: $O(n^2)$ time Go back and forth $O(n^2)$ times to match the a's with the b's

- 2-tape machine: O(n) time
 - 1. Copy b^n to tape 2 (O(n) steps)
 - 2. Compare a^n on tape 1 and b^n on tape 2 (O(n) steps)

Multidimensional Turing Machines



MOVES: L,R,U,D

U: up D: down

HEAD

Position: +2, -1

Theorem: Multidimensional machines have the same power with Standard Turing machines

Proof: 1. Multidimensional machines simulate Standard Turing machines

2. Standard Turing machines simulate Multi-Dimensional machines

1. Multidimensional machines simulate Standard Turing machines

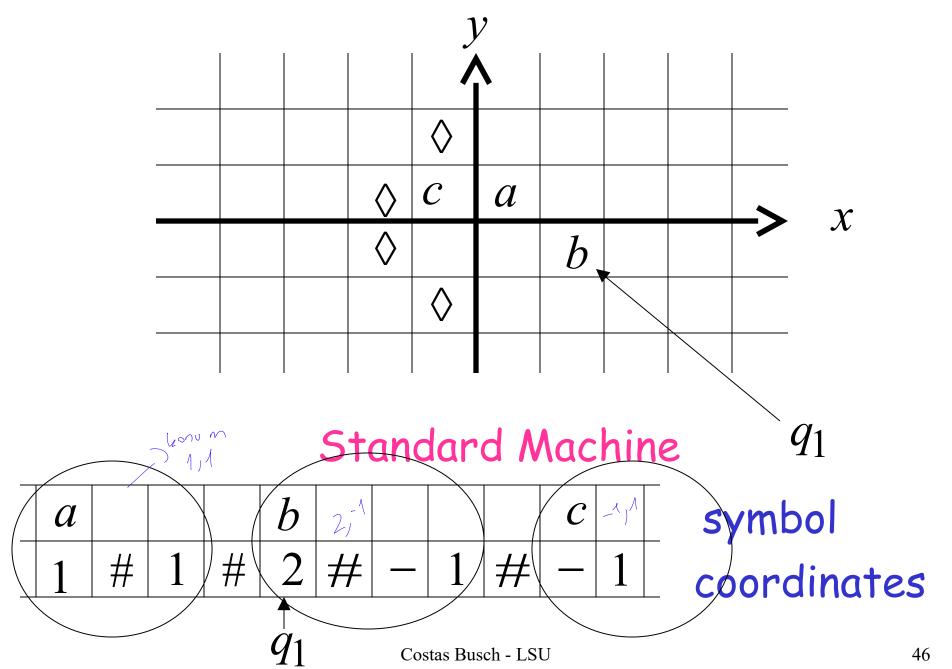
Trivial: Use one dimension

2. Standard Turing machines simulate Multidimensional machines

Standard machine:

- Use a two track tape
- Store symbols in track 1
- Store coordinates in track 2

2-dimensional machine



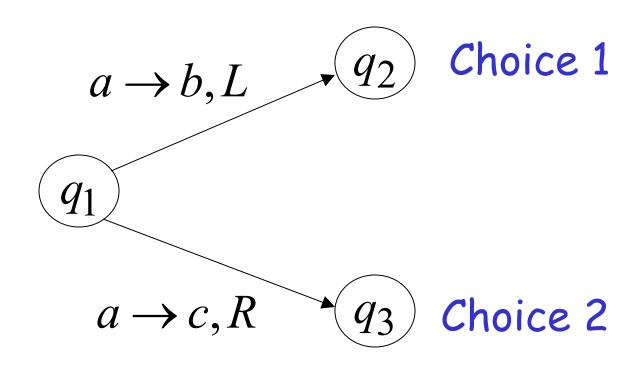
Standard machine:

Repeat for each transition followed in the 2-dimensional machine:

- 1. Update current symbol
- 2. Compute coordinates of next position
- 3. Find next position on tape

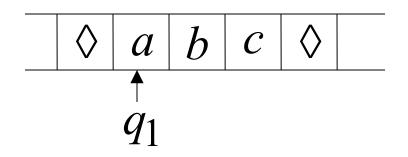
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Nondeterministic Turing Machines



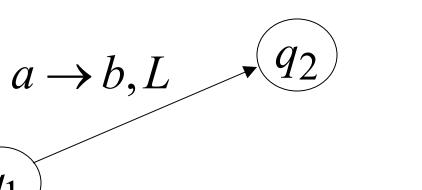
Allows Non Deterministic Choices

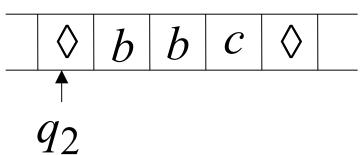
Time 0



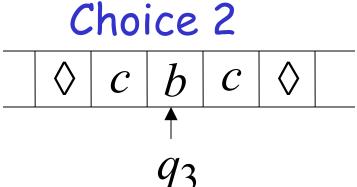
Time 1

Choice 1

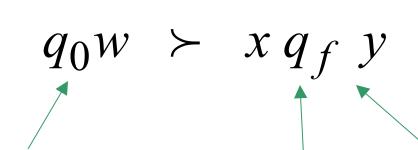




$a \rightarrow c, R$ q_3



Input string w is accepted if there is a computation:



Initial configuration

Final Configuration

Any accept state

There is a computation:



Theorem: Nondeterministic machines have the same power with Standard Turing machines

Proof: 1. Nondeterministic machines simulate Standard Turing machines

2. Standard Turing machines simulate Nondeterministic machines

1. Nondeterministic Machines simulate Standard (deterministic) Turing Machines

Trivial: every deterministic machine is also nondeterministic

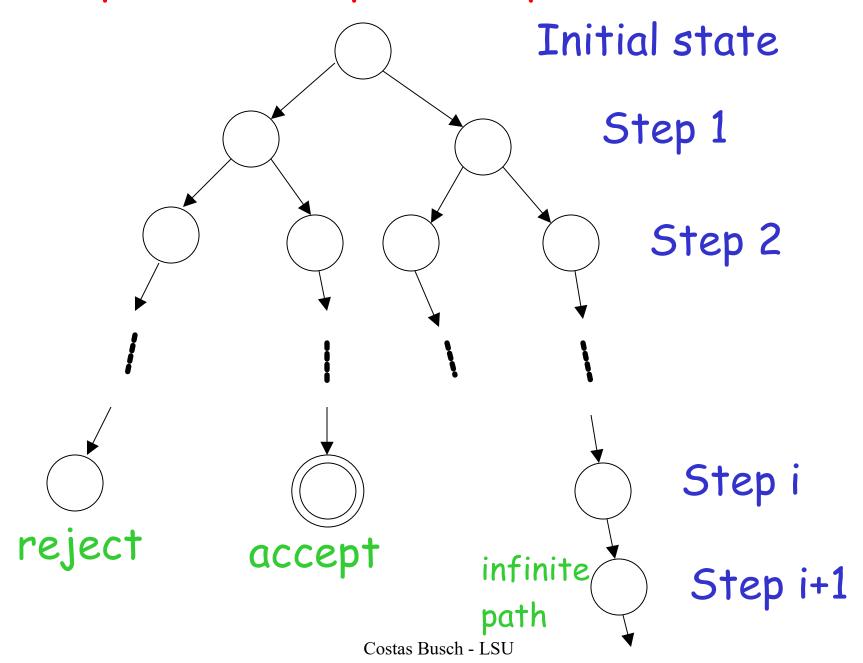
2. Standard (deterministic) Turing machines simulate Nondeterministic machines:

Deterministic machine:

Uses a 2-dimensional tape
 (equivalent to standard Turing machine with one tape)

• Stores all possible computations of the non-deterministic machine on the 2-dimensional tape

All possible computation paths



The Deterministic Turing machine simulates all possible computation paths:

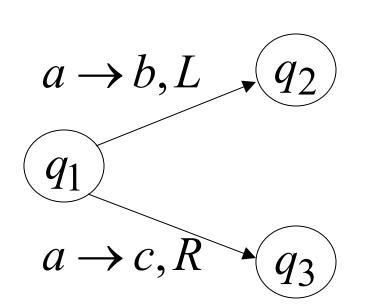
·simultaneously

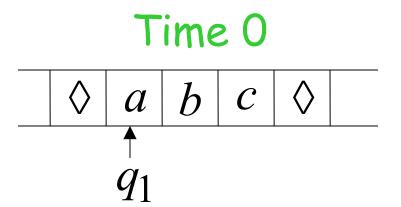
·step-by-step

·with breadth-first search

depth-first may result getting stuck at exploring an infinite path before discovering the accepting path

NonDeterministic machine



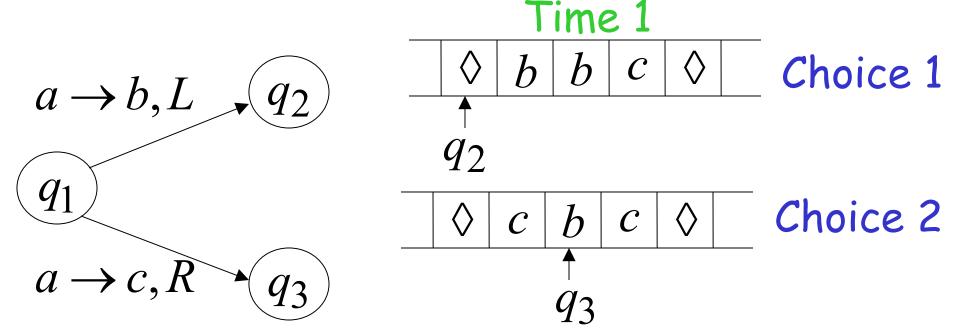


Deterministic machine

#	#	#	#	#	#	
#	a	b	$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}$	#		
#	q_1			#		
#	#	#	#	#		

current configuration

NonDeterministic machine



Deterministic machine

	#	#	#	#	#	#	
#		b	b	\mathcal{C}	#		Computation 1
#	q_2				#		computation 1
#		С	b	С	#		Computation 2
#			q_3		#		Computation 2

Deterministic Turing machine

Repeat

For each configuration in current step of non-deterministic machine, if there are two or more choices:

- 1. Replicate configuration
- 2. Change the state in the replicas

Until either the input string is accepted or rejected in all configurations

If the non-deterministic machine accepts the input string:

The deterministic machine accepts and halts too

The simulation takes in the worst case exponential time compared to the shortest length of an accepting path

If the non-deterministic machine does not accept the input string:

1. The simulation halts if all paths reach a halting state

OR

2. The simulation never terminates if there is a never-ending path (infinite loop)

In either case the deterministic machine rejects too (1. by halting or 2. by simulating the infinite loop)

