

Int 201: Decision Computation and Language

Tutorial 9

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Question 1. Show step by step processing of input string $01\#01$ on the Turing Machine M in Figure 1, using configuration descriptions. i.e., start with $q_101\#01$. Note that $x \rightarrow R$ means, read x and move right without writing.

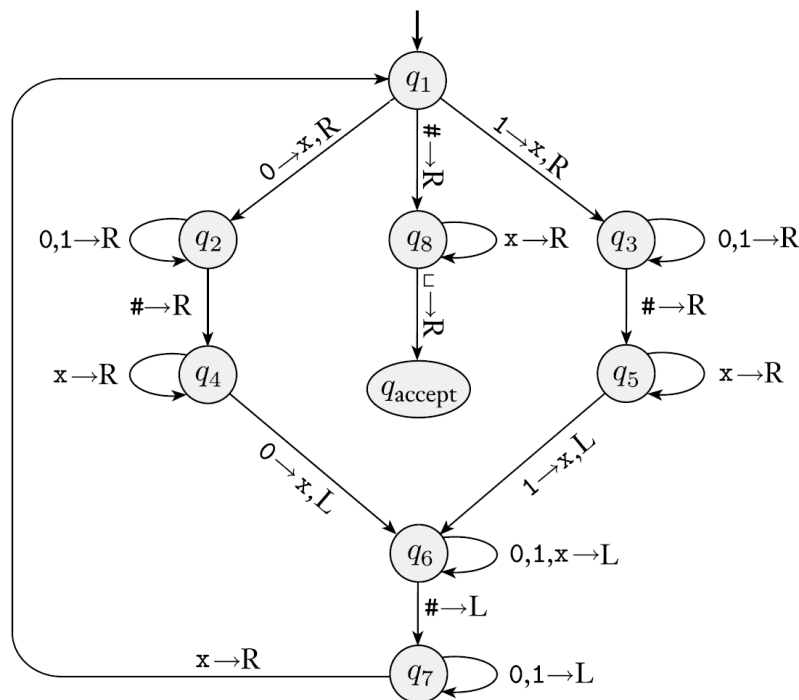


Figure 1: Turing Machine M

Question 2. Write down the set description of the language being accepted by the Turing Machine M in Figure 1. Justify your answer.

Question 3. Is the Turing Machine M in Figure1 a decider (i.e., all inputs halt on M)? Justify your answer.

Question 4. Are all context-free languages Turing-decidable? Justify your answer.

Question 5.

$N =$ On input w

1. Check if $w \in a^*b^*c^*$, reject if not.
2. Count the number of a's, b's, and c's
3. Accept if all counts are equal; reject if not

Write down the set description of the language being accepted by the Turing Machine N of the above high-level descriptions.

Question 6. A queue automaton is like a push-down automaton except that the stack is replaced by a queue. Formally, see [Introduction to Queue Automata](#).

Explain in high-level description how to simulate a TM with a queue automaton and vice versa. ¹

Question 7 (Optional). Have fun with the notebook. <https://github.com/ND-CSE-30151/spring-2024/blob/main/notes>

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¹As a corollary, a two-stack PDA can simulate a queue automaton, and therefore a two-stack PDA is equivalent to a Turing machine.