

HW1 (due March 9,2021 Tuesday before recitation)

1- Sketch a composed TM M that performs the computation :

$$(s, \diamond \# \omega) \xrightarrow{*} (h, \diamond \# \omega^c)$$

where ω^c is the compressed version of ω where all the characters '\$' within ω are removed.

2- Problems from the main text book :

4.1.4, 4.1.7, 4.1.12, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2 (a);(b), 4.3.6

An optional HW question

Question – A Turing machine M_n operates on an abstract **n -dimensional quadrant** given by $X = N \times \dots \times N = N^n$ where $N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ denotes the set of natural numbers. The head can move in positive and negative directions along each of the dimensions; hence it has precisely $2n$ moves at each slot position. Each slot is an **n -dimensional cube** that carries data represented by a symbol in its alphabet set Σ . A standard TM M to simulate M_n must assign a unique slot on its tape corresponding to each n -dimensional cubic slot of M_n .

This is accomplished by defining functions $f_k: N^k \rightarrow N$ defined inductively via functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , each with the range N^k for $k = 1, \dots, n$ operating on N to N^k as follows :

$$f_1(i_1) = i_1 \text{ for all } i_1 \in N$$

$$f_k(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) := (f_{k-1}(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{k-1}) + i_k)(f_{k-1}(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{k-1}) + i_k + 1)/2 + i_k, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

Hence each $f_k(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$ can be computed sequentially using the inductive recipe above.

For example $f_2(i_1, i_2) = (i_1 + i_2)(i_1 + i_2 + 1)/2 + i_2$ etc.

Theorem

The function $f_n: N^n \rightarrow N$ described above by (I) is a **bijection** .

i.e. :

(i) $f_n(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) = f_n(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n) \Rightarrow i_p = j_p$ for $p=1, \dots, n$ (hence it is an **injection** (1-to-1))

(ii) for every $u \in N$ there exist $(i_1, \dots, i_n) \in N^n$ such that $f_n(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) = u$ (hence it is a **surjection** (onto))

Using this theorem describe how M can simulate M_n . In particular describe how M moves its head when M_n moves its head from slot $(i_1, \dots, i_p \dots, i_n)$ to $(i_1, \dots, i_p \pm 1, \dots, i_n)$.

(To get a feeling for the problem first solve it for $n=2$, namely simulating a 2D-TM !)

Meanwhile try also to prove the theorem above using induction on n !