# THEORETICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE TUTORING (2)

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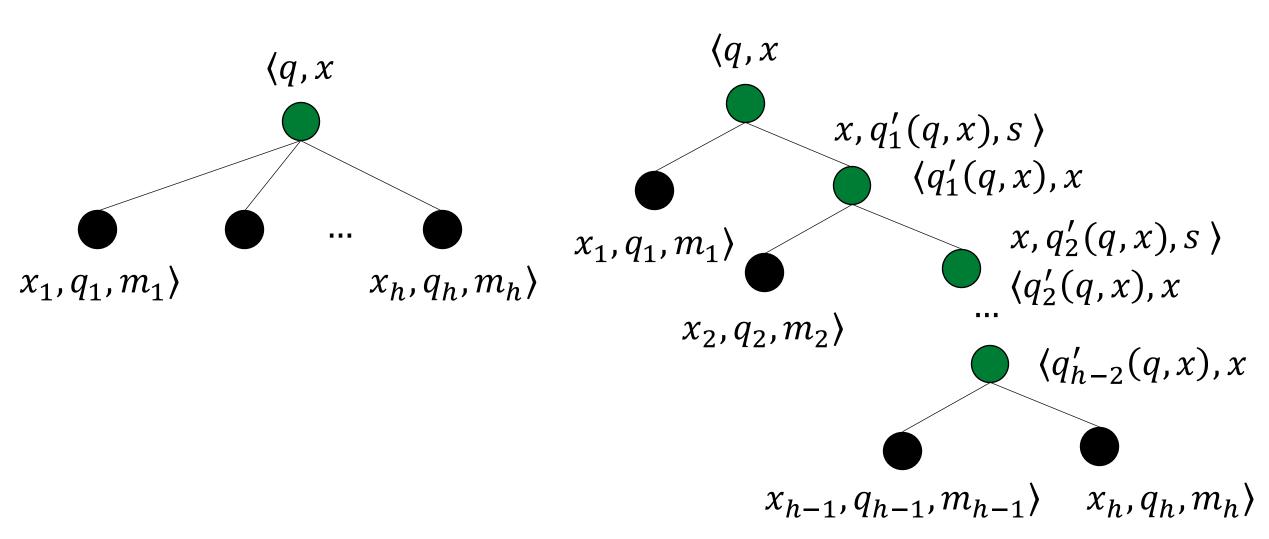
## Problem 2.6 from <a href="EsMacchineTuring.pdf">EsMacchineTuring.pdf</a> (uniroma2.it)

Let k be a constant in  $\mathbb{N}$ , and let  $NT_k$  be a non-deterministic Turing machine with a degree of non-determinism equal to k. Define a non-deterministic Turing machine  $NT_2$  with a degree of non-determinism equal to 2 that is equivalent to  $NT_k$ 

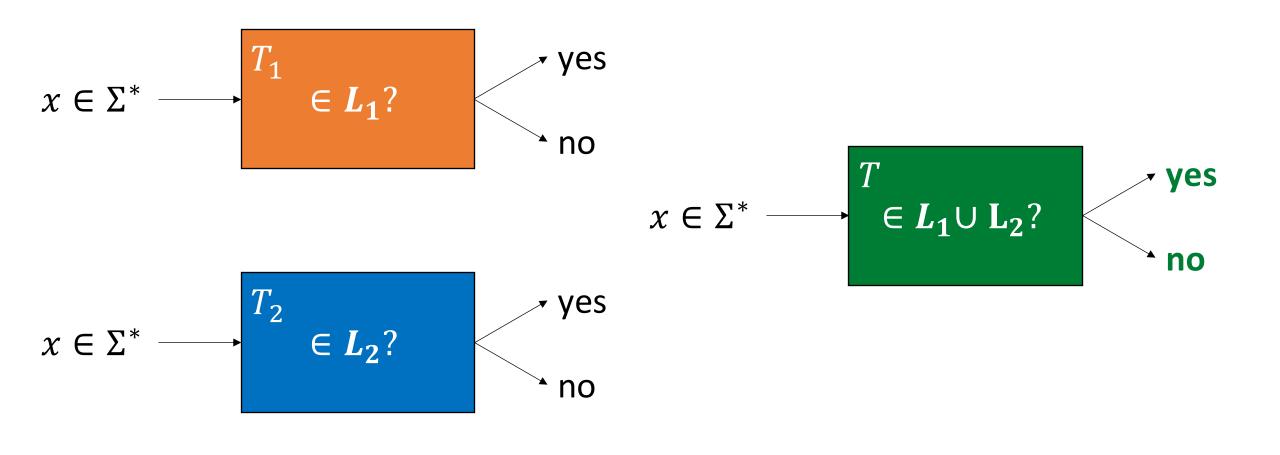
$$P_k(q,x) = \langle q, x, x_1, q_1, m_1 \rangle, \langle q, x, x_2, q_2, m_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle q, x, x_h, q_h, m_h \rangle \qquad h \le k$$

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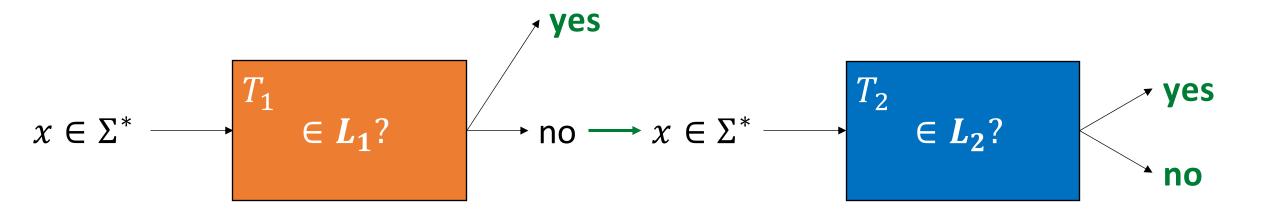


Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet and let  $L_1 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  and  $L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be two **decidable** languages. Show that  $L1 \cup L2$  is **decidable**.





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We want to prove that:

T terminates for every input x, and furthermore, it terminates in the accepting state if and only if  $x \in L1$  or  $x \in L2$ , that is, if and only if  $x \in L1 \cup L2$ .

Let's define T

$$Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2 \cup \{q_{A_T}, q_{R_T}\}$$

$$x \in \Sigma^*$$

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- 1. T simulates  $T_1(x)$  on the first tape:
  - $T_1(x)$  ends in the accepting state
  - $T_1(x)$  ends in the rejecting state



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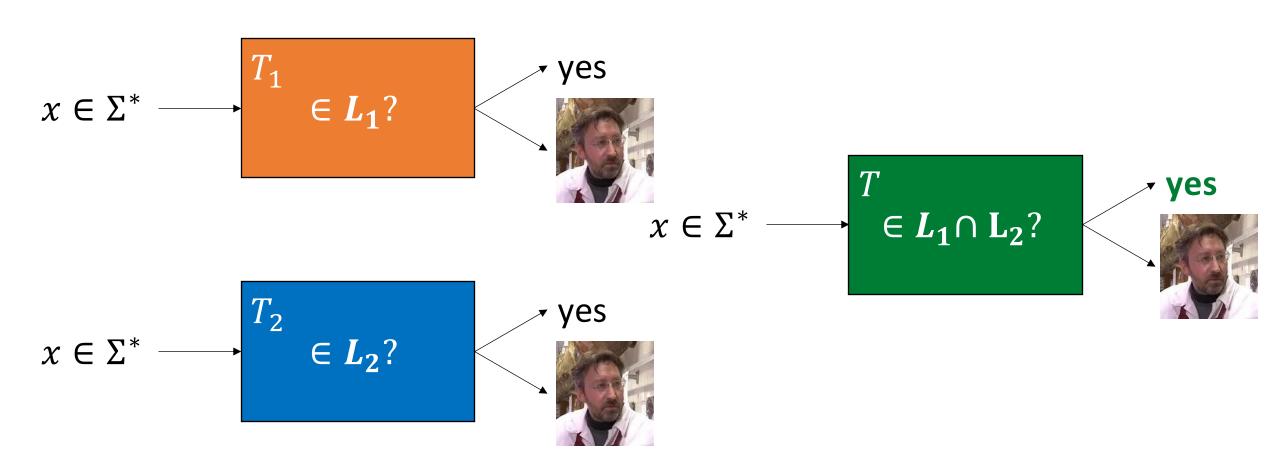
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**✓ T** accepts

**X** T rejects

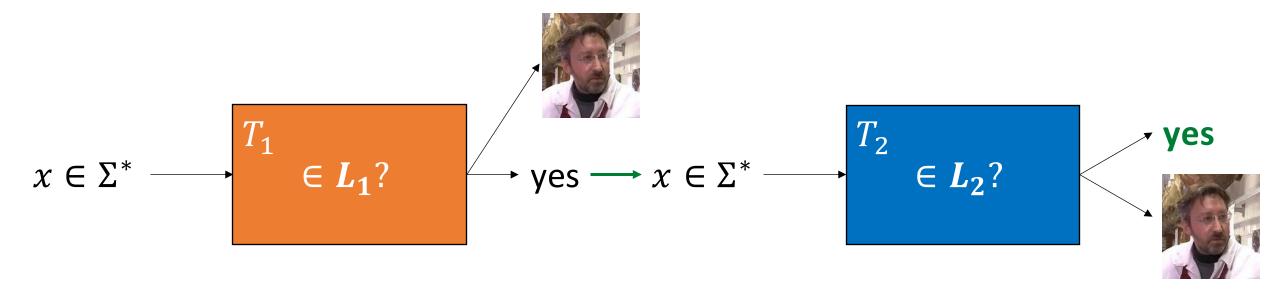
- 2. T simulates  $T_2(x)$  on the second tape:
  - T<sub>2</sub>(x) ends in the accepting state
  - T<sub>2</sub>(x) ends in the rejecting state

Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet and let  $L_1 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  and  $L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be two acceptable languages. Show that  $L1 \cap L2$  is acceptable.





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We want to prove that:

T(x) terminates in the accepting state if and only if  $x \in L1 \cap L2$ , It is explicitly noted that nothing can be said about the outcome of the computation of T(x) for  $x \notin L1 \cap L2$ .

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- **1.** T simulates  $T_1(x)$  on the first tape:
  - $x \in L_1 \Leftrightarrow T_1(x)$  ends in the accepting state
  - $T_1(x)$  ends in the rejecting state
  - T<sub>1</sub>(x) doesn't terminate

- **✓** T begins phase-2
- **X** *T* rejects
- $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$  doesn't terminate

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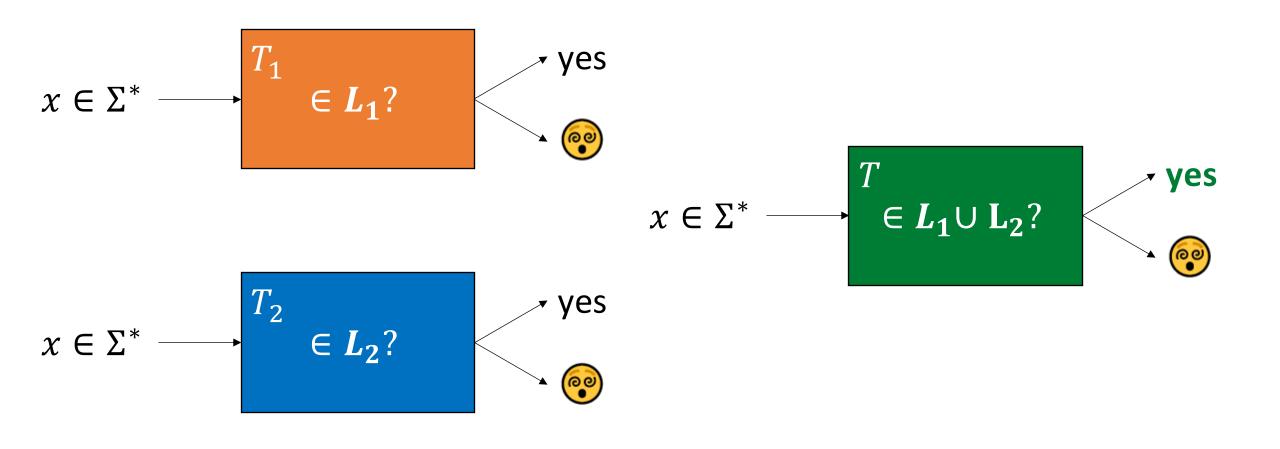
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- 2. T simulates  $T_2(x)$  on the first tape:
  - $x \in L_2 \Leftrightarrow T_2(x)$  ends in the accepting state
  - T<sub>2</sub>(x) ends in the rejecting state
  - T<sub>2</sub>(x) doesn't terminate

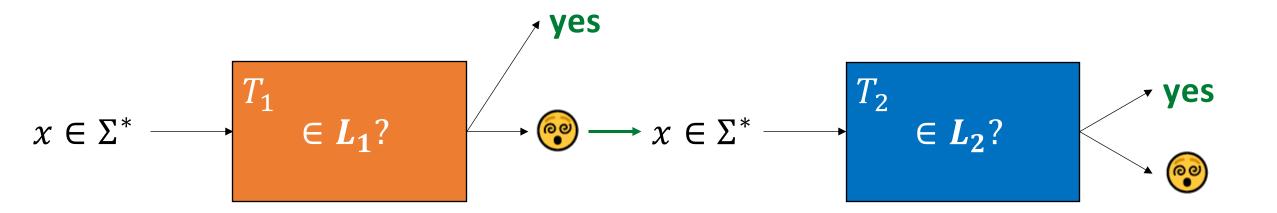
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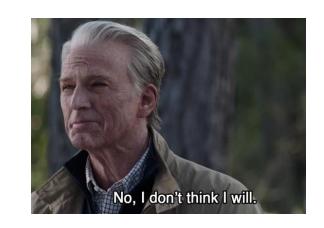


Can we use  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  as "black boxes"?



We want to prove that:

T terminates (in the accepting state) for every input  $x \in L_1 \cup L_2$ 



Let's define T

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- 1. T executes a single instruction of  $T_1$  on the first tape
  - $T_1$  halts in accepting state  $\Leftrightarrow x \in L_1$
  - $T_1$  halts in rejecting state  $\implies x \notin L_1$
  - T<sub>1</sub> doesn't halt



 $2 \text{ or } \times \text{ if } T_2 \text{ has rejected}$ 



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$$Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2 \cup \{q_{A_T}, q_{R_T}\}$$

$$x \in \Sigma^*$$

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- 2. T executes a single instruction of  $T_2$  on the first tape
  - $T_2$  halts in accepting state  $\Leftrightarrow x \in L_2$
  - $T_2$  halts in rejecting state  $\implies x \notin L_2$
  - T<sub>2</sub> doesn't halt

 $\square$  1 or  $\square$  if  $T_1$  has rejected



# Problem 1 from the exam held on July 4, 2019

Remember how Turing machines can be encoded as integers. Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  be a function defined as follows:

$$f(i) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } i \text{ is the encoding of the Turing machine} \\ 1 \text{ if } i \text{ isn't the encoding of the Turing machine} \end{cases}$$

After defining the concept of computability of a function, discuss the computability of f(n) by demonstrating your claims.