

Turing Machine as an Acceptor

Q1. Design Turing Machine to accept $\{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$. Simulate for string "aabb"

Ans: Approach:

Step 1: Replace the first a by Blank

Step 2: Move right till last non-Blank symbol.

Step 3: Replace last b by Blank.

Step 4: Move left till first non-Blank symbol of tape.

Step 5: Repeat from Step 1.

7-tuple representation of TM

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \tau, \delta, q_0, B, F)$$

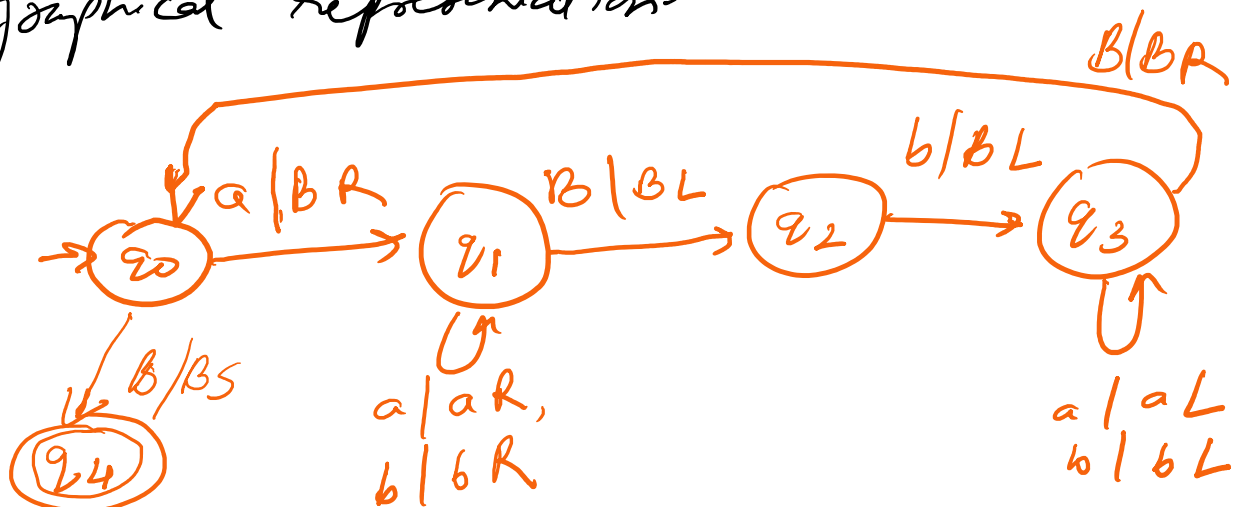
$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}, \quad \tau = \{a, b, B\}$$

$$\delta \text{ maps } Q \times \tau \rightarrow Q \times \tau \times \{L, R, S\}$$

$Q \backslash \tau$	a	b	B
q_0	(q_1, B, R)	—	(q_4, B, S)
q_1	(q_1, a, R)	(q_1, b, R)	(q_2, B, L)
q_2	—	(q_3, B, L)	—
q_3	(q_3, a, L)	(q_3, b, L)	(q_0, B, R)
q_4	—	—	—

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}, \quad F = \{q_4\}$$

Graphical representation:



Simulation for "aabb"

⊢ q0 a a b b B		⊢ B q1 a b b B		⊢ B a q1 b b B		⊢ B a b q1 b B
⊢ B a b b q1 B		⊢ B a b q2 b B		⊢ B a q3 b B B		⊢ B q3 a b B B
⊢ q3 B a b B B		⊢ B q0 a b B B		⊢ B B q1 b B B		⊢ B B b q1 B B
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Q2. Design Turing Machine to accept $\{w c w \mid w \in (a+b)^*\}$.

Ans: Approach:

Step 1: Replace the first symbol by Blank. For input a, go to Step 2 and for input b, go to Step 3.

Step 2: Move right till input is c and go to Step 4 (with memory of leftmost as a)

Step 3: Move right till input is c and go to Step 5 (with memory of leftmost as b)

Step 4: Replace the symbol after c by Blank, if the symbol is a (Skip X, if any) and go to Step 6.

Step 5: Replace the symbol after c by Blank, if the symbol is b (Skip X, if any) and go to Step 6.

Step 6: Move left till first non-Blank symbol of tape.

Step 7: Repeat from Step 1.

7-tuple representation of TM

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \tau, \delta, q_0, B, F)$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{a, b, c, X, B\}$$

$$\delta \text{ maps } Q \times \tau \rightarrow Q \times \tau \times \{L, R, S\}$$

$q \backslash \tau$	a	b	c	X	B
q_0	(q_1, B, R)	(q_2, B, R)	(q_6, B, R)		
q_1	(q_1, a, R)	(q_1, b, R)	(q_3, c, R)		
q_2	(q_2, a, R)	(q_2, b, R)	(q_4, c, R)		
q_3	(q_5, X, L)			(q_3, X, R)	
q_4		(q_5, X, L)		(q_4, X, R)	
q_5	(q_5, a, L)	(q_5, b, L)	(q_5, c, L)	(q_5, X, L)	(q_0, B, R)
q_6				(q_6, B, R)	(q_7, B, S)
q_7	—	—	—	—	—

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6, q_7\} \quad F = \{q_7\}$$

Graphical representation:

