

### 3. Turing Machine

Turing (1936) was the first to give a rigorous definition.

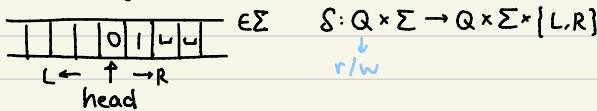
Common algorithms:

1. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
2. Euclidean algorithm for the greatest common divisor
3. Quicksort
4. Dijkstra's algorithm for shortest path

One dictionary gives this definition: an algorithm is a mechanical process to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations

Turing 1936 paper: On Computable Numbers, with an Application to Entscheidungs problem

Entscheidungs problem (Hilbert): Is there a mechanical process (algorithm) that can determine, in a finite number of steps, whether any given statement in first-order logic is true? X



**Def 3.1 (Turing Machine)** A Turing machine is a 7-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \text{accept}, \text{reject})$ , where

1.  $Q$  is a finite set of states
2.  $\Sigma$  is the input alphabet not containing the blank symbol  $\sqcup$
3.  $\Gamma$  is the tape alphabet, where  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$  and  $\sqcup \in \Gamma$

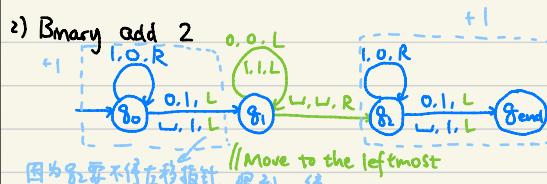
↓ 可以用别的符号, 比如

4.  $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$  is the transition function.
5.  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state
6.  $q_{\text{accept}} \in Q$  is the accept state }  $q_{\text{end}}$  is the end state
7.  $q_{\text{reject}} \in Q$  is the reject state

Example. 1) Binary add one, least significant bit first.



2) Binary add 2



因为加2要不得左移指针，遇到二进制  
 所以+1时要保证目前不在L，+1完之后左移结束即可。

找:  $\xrightarrow{q_0, 0, 0, R, l, i, R} [add one]$

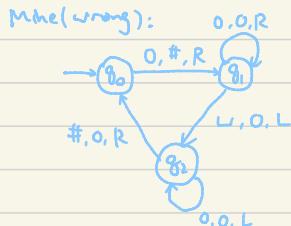
最低位+2即不查，只要  $\boxed{\quad}$  +1即可  
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Exercise.

1) Unary add one

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$\Gamma = \{0, 1, \sqcup, \#, \dots\}$



Input:  $0^k$   
Output:  $0^{k+1}$



2) Duplicate zeros

Input:  $0^k$

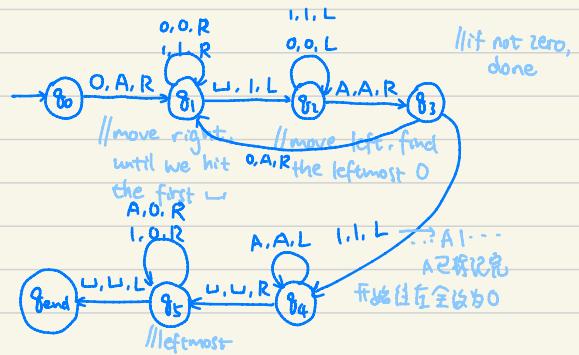
Output:  $0^{2k}$

Input:  $00\sqcup$

Output:  $0000\sqcup$

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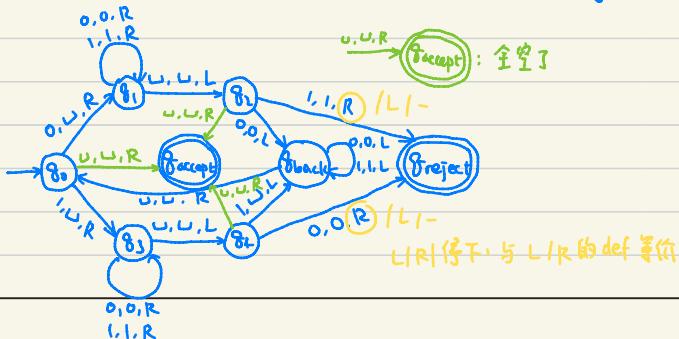
Example. Decide if the input string is a palindrome, i.e.  $w = w^R$

Idea: 1) Read the leftmost symbol, memorize it, and erase it.

2) Move to the rightmost end and read the symbol. If it does not match the leftmost symbol, reject

3) Return to the current leftmost non-blank symbol and repeat.

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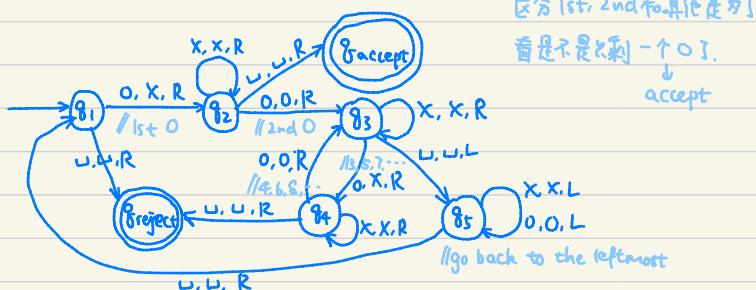
Turing Machine 与 C 语言 (eg.) 程序  
能实现的一样，复杂度差一个多项式  
P/NP 定义不改变，仍高效

Example. Decide  $L = \{0^2^n : n \geq 0\}$

An algorithm = A TM

Idea:

- 1) Sweep from left to right, crossing out every second 0.
- 2) If exactly one 0 remains on the tape, accept.
- 3) If more than one 0 remains and their count is odd, reject.
- 4) Move the head back to the left of the tape.
- 5) Repeat from Step 1).



Exercise.

- 1) Cyclic shift

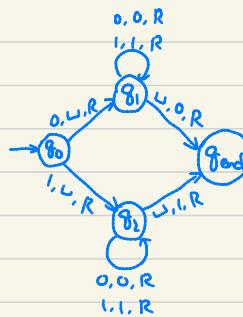
Input:  $\llcorner X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n \lrcorner$

Output:  $\llcorner X_2 X_3 \cdots X_n X_1 \lrcorner$

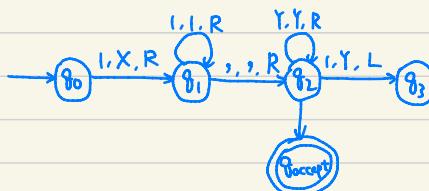
- 2) Unary comparison

Input:  $1^x, 1^y \llcorner$

Accept iff  $x \geq y$



$111, 11 \llcorner$   
 $xx \cdots 1, yy \cdots 1 \llcorner$



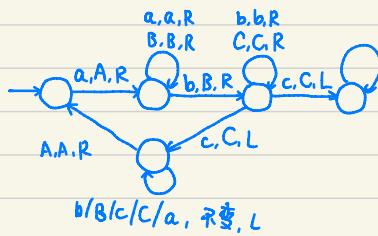
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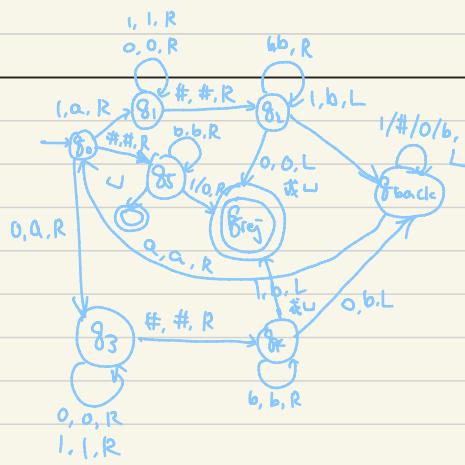
Accept

3)  $L = \{0^n 1^n : n \geq 1\}$

4)  $L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$

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**Def 3.2** Let  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ . Let  $M$  be a TM. Say TM  $M$  decides  $L$  in time  $T(n)$ . If for every  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ ,

- (1)  $M$  halts in  $T(|x|)$  steps
- (2) If  $x \in L$ , then  $M$  accepts  $x$ .
- (3) If  $x \notin L$ , then  $M$  rejects  $x$ .

判定

We call a language decidable if there is a TM that decides it.

**Def 3.3** The set of strings that a TM  $M$  accepts is called the language recognized by  $M$ , denoted by  $L(M)$ .

接受

**Def 3.4** Let  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ . We call  $L$  (Turing) recognizable if there is a TM such that the language recognized by  $M$  is  $L$ , i.e.,  $L(M) = L$ .

Every decidable language is recognizable; the converse is not true.

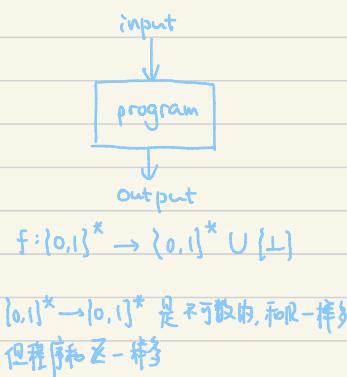
$L_{HALT} = \{\langle M \rangle : M \text{ halts on input } \epsilon\}$ . ( $\langle M \rangle$ : encoding of  $M$ )

$L_{HALT}$  is recognizable, but not decidable

可以被计算的函数

**Def 3.5** (computable function) Let  $T: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^* \cup \{\perp\}$  be a partial function, where  $\perp$  denotes "undefined". Say that a TM  $M$  computes  $f$  in time  $T(n)$  if, for every  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ , whenever  $f(x) \neq \perp$ ,  $M$  halts with  $f(x)$  on its tape after at most  $T(n)$  steps.



### 3.2 Variants of Turing Machine

The original definition and its reasonable variants have the same computational power — they compute/decide/recognize the same class of languages. Moreover, their runtimes differ only by a polynomial factor.

如何知道已经读过 k 个：设置  
k 个状态，之间转移

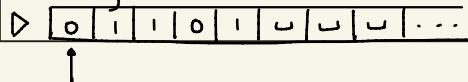
**Lemma 3.6 (change of alphabet)** If  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  is decidable in time  $T(n)$  by a TM on alphabet  $\Gamma$ , then  $L$  is decidable in time  $O(\log |\Gamma| \cdot T(n))$  by a TM on alphabet  $\Gamma' = \{0,1,\sqcup\}$ .  
 $= O_{\Gamma}(T(n))$

*Proof.* Encode each symbol in  $\Gamma$  using  $k = \lceil \log_2 |\Gamma| \rceil$  bits. To simulate one step of  $M$ , we do the following:

- 1) Spend  $k$  steps to read a symbol  $a \in \Gamma$ , and determine the symbol  $b$  to be written.
- 2) Overwrite  $a$  with  $b$
- 3) Move the head to the next symbol by  $k$  steps
- 4) Transition to the next state

Simulating one step takes  $O(k)$  steps. Total running time is  $O(k) \cdot T(n) = O(kT(n)) = O(\lceil \log_2 |\Gamma| \rceil \cdot T(n)) = O(\log |\Gamma| \cdot T(n))$   
 $= O(\log |\Gamma|)$   $\square$

One-way TM:



require:  $\delta(q, \triangleright) = (q', \triangleright, R)$

**Def 3.7 (One-way TM)** An one-way TM is a 7-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, f_{\text{accept}}, f_{\text{reject}})$ .

1.  $Q$  is the set of states
2.  $\Sigma$  is the alphabet
3.  $\Gamma$  is the tape alphabet, where  $\sqcup, \Delta \in \Gamma$  and  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ .  
Here  $\sqcup$  is the blank symbol, and  $\Delta$  is the left-end marker symbol.
4.  $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$
5.  $f_0$
6.  $f_{\text{accept}}$
7.  $f_{\text{reject}}$

**Lem 3.8** Let  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ . If  $L$  is decidable by a (two-way) TM in time  $T(n)$ , then  $L$  is decidable by a one-way TM in time  $O(T(n))$  over the same alphabet.

**Proof.** Index the one-way tape by  $N$ .

Index the two-way tape by  $Z$ .

Map position  $i$  to  $2i, i \geq 0$ , map position  $-i$  to  $2i-1, i \geq 1$

Let  $M$  denote the two-way TM. To simulate one step of  $M$ , the new one-way TM  $M'$  performs the following.

- 1) Read the current symbol.
- 2) Determine the next state
- 3) Write the new symbol
- 4) Move two cells (left or right)

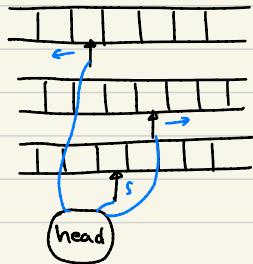
P ≠ NP based encryption

$\sqcup$	-1	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	..
$\Delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	..

$i \mapsto 2i$   
 $-i \mapsto 2i-1$

5) Enters the next state

Each simulation takes  $O(1)$  steps. The total simulation takes  $O(1) \cdot T(n) = O(T(n))$ .  $\square$



Def 3.9 (Multiple TM) A  $k$ -tape TM is a 7-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta,$

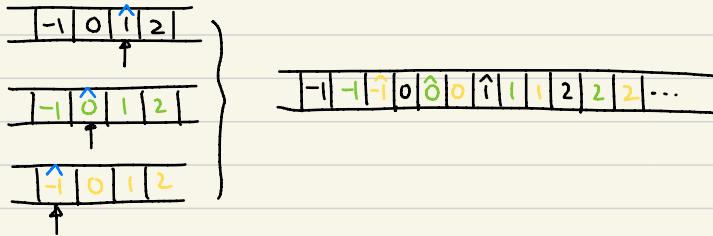
$q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$

where :  $\delta : Q \times \Gamma^k \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^k \times \{L, R, S\}$

A multitape TM is a  $k$ -tape TM, where  $k=O(1)$ .

Lemma 3.10 (simulation of multitape TM by single-tape TM)

Let  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ . If  $L$  is decidable by a  $k$ -tape TM in time  $T(n)$ , then it is decidable in time  $O(T(n)^2)$  by a single-tape TM.  $\rightarrow$  where  $T(n) \rightarrow \infty$



Each of the  $k$  simulated tapes is map to a set of cells on the single tape:

1) tape 1 uses:  $0, \pm k, \pm 2k, \dots$

2) tape 2 uses:  $1, k+1, -k+1, 2k+1, -2k+1, \dots$

3) In general, tape  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) uses  $i-1, k+i-1, -k+i-1,$

$2k+i-1, -2k+i-1, \dots$

For every symbol  $a \in \Gamma$ , introduce two symbols in  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ :  $\hat{a}$  and  $\check{a}$ .  
 The hatted symbol  $\hat{a}$  indicates the position of the head.  
 To simulate a single step, the new machine

- 1) Read:  $M'$  sweeps the tape from left to right to read the  $k$  symbols (with a hat). 读 k 个带帽子的
- 2) Determine action by  $\delta$ .

- 3) Update: Sweep from right to left to replace the symbols and move the hats.

One step simulation takes  $O(T(n)) + O(1) + O(T(n) + k \cdot 2k) = O(T(n))$   
 Total  $O(T(n)) \cdot T(n) = O(T(n)^2)$   $T(n) \rightarrow \infty$   $\square$

#### 复杂性类

Def 3.11 (DTIME) Let  $T: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Language  $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$  is in  $DTIME(T(n))$  if there is a multitape TM  $M$  that decides  $L$  in time  $O(T(n))$ .

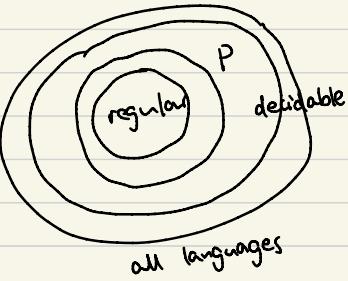
Def 3.12  $P = \bigcup_{c>1} DTIME(n^c)$ . 预定时间内可判定

Remark. The definition of  $P$  does not change if we replace multitape TM by single-tape TM, RAM TM etc.

Def 3.13 (RAM TM) A random access memory TM (RAM TM) is a Turing Machine  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{accept}, q_{reject}, Q_{access} \subseteq Q)$ , with random access memory, defined as follows:

- 1)  $M$  has an infinite memory tape  $A$  indexed by  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- 2)  $M$  has an address tape.
- 3)  $\Gamma$  contains two special symbols:  $R$  (read) and  $W$  (write).

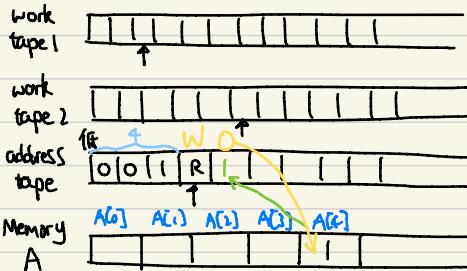
有  $k!$  个排列组合 (帽子), 但可用向  
 111 → ?0? 两个状态描述  
 第 2 个 hat 被移到 0  
 你不知道 hat 是谁



4) Special access states  $Q_{\text{access}} \subseteq Q$ . Whenever  $M$  enters a state forces  $\in Q_{\text{access}}$ :

a) If address tape contains  $i \in R$ , then the symbol  $A[i]$  is written to the next cell of  $R$ .

b) if  $i \in W \cap S$ , then  $A[i]$  is set to  $S$ .



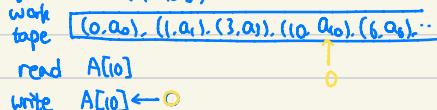
(Williams 25)

$$DTIME(T(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(\sqrt{T(n)} \log n)$$

**Lemma 3.14** Let  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ . If  $L$  is decidable by a RAM TM in time  $T(n)$ , then  $L$  is decidable by a multiple TM in time  $O(T(n)^3)$ . Moreover, if the address used is of length  $O(1)$ , then  $L$  is decidable by a multiple TM in time  $O(T(n)^2)$ .

**Proof.**

$(i, A[i])$



Use an additional tape as memory, consisting of pairs  $(i, A[i])$ . To simulate one step of  $M$  (in access state), the new machine  $M'$  scans the tape  $A$  to locate the address  $i$ , if no such entry exists, create

a new pair  $(i, A[i])$ . Then, read or write  $A[i]$  accordingly.  
Each step takes  $O(\text{length of } A) = O(\# \text{address} \times \text{address length})$   
 $= O(T(n) \cdot T(n)) = O(T(n)^2)$

Total  $O(T(n)^2)$ .

C++, Python  $T(n)$

RAM TM  $\rightarrow$  multitape  $\rightarrow$  singletape  
 $O(T(n))$   $O(T(n)^3)$   $O(T(n)^6)$

Variants of TM

Single-tape TM / one-way infinite

two-way infinite

multitape TM (complexity community)

RAM TM (algorithm community)

Ignoring polynomial factors, all variants are equivalent.

Simulate assembly language by a RAM TM.

Take x86-64 assembly language for example.

16-bit registers, plus various control, ?? 指令, for system and vector operations. Put each register on a work tape.

Categories of x86-64 instructions:

1) Data movement instruction: MOV RAX, RBX //  $RAX = RBX$

MOV [RDI], AL //  $M[RDI] = AL$

2) Arithmetic instructions

ADD RAX, RBX //  $RAX = RAX + RBX$

SUB RAX, 5 //  $RAX = RAX - 5$

3) Logic and bitwise instructions

AND RAX, RBX // Bitwise AND,  $RAX = RAX \& RBX$ .

XOR RAX, RAX //  $RAX = RAX ^ RAX = 0$

4) Comparison and test instruction

CMP RAX, RBX // Set flags based  $RAX - RBX$

eg. if ...  $\geq 0$   
or ...  $< 0$

5) Control flow instruction

## RAM TM

Constant time (64 bits)

Constant time (64 bits)

用内存模拟，PUSH, 写内存

JMP label //jump conditionally 状态转移

JE equal\_case //jump if ZF=1

#### 6) Stack instructions

PUSH RAX //Push RAX onto stack, RSP -= 8

POP RBX //Pop 8 bytes from the stack into RBX (从读内存)

#### 7) Floating-point instruction

Each instruction can be implemented by a RAM TM in time  $O(1)$ .

C++ → Assembly instruction → RAM TM → multitape TM → single-tape TM

$T(n)$   $O(T(n))$   $O(T(n))$   $O(T(n)^2)$   $O(T(n)^4)$

e.g. 量子计算机.

-一旦做到这些，一些加密算法不安全

### 3.3 Church-Turing thesis

"Every function that can be physically computed can be computed by a Turing machine." //普遍认为是对的

The strong CT thesis: ..., with polynomial overhead. //不对

Possible exception: quantum computers: integer factorization, discrete log can be solved by quantum computers in polynomial time

private key:  $k \leq 2^{256} - 1$   
 $k \leq p$

public key:  $G^k$  在椭圆曲线上的乘法  
安全性依赖于  $LG^k$  求  $k$  难，比  $P \neq NP$  更强