

CS 6041

Theory of Computation

Turing machine

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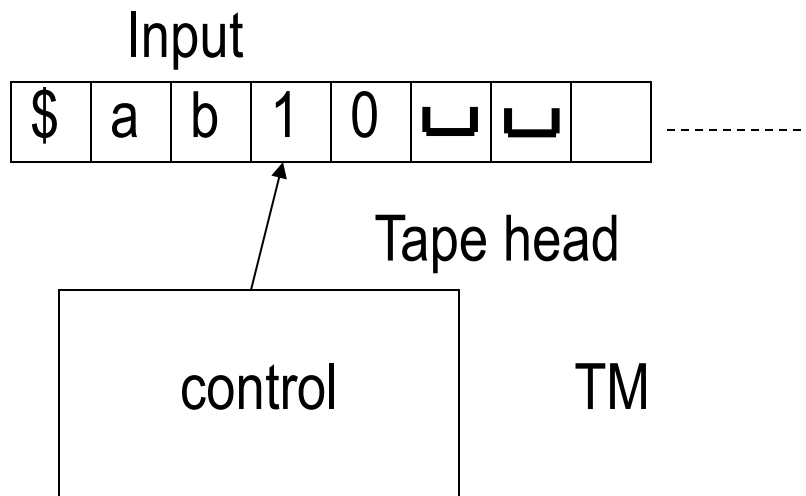
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Outline

- Turing-recognizable and Turing-decidable
- Example of Turing machines
 - $\{0^{2^n}\}$
 - $\{w\#w\}$
- Variants of TMs
 - Multi-tape TM
 - Nondeterministic TM



Revisit: Input on the tape of TM

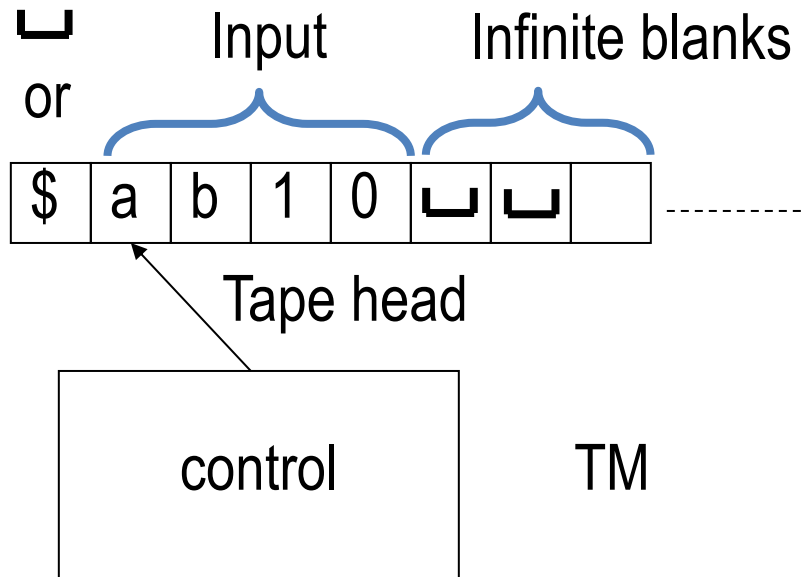


- $\Sigma = \{a, b, 0, 1, \dots\}$

- $\sqcup \notin \Sigma$

- The blank symbol is just used to fill the infinite tape of TM

Revisit: Initial state and operations of TM



- Operations:

- Read symbol below the head
- Write symbol below the head
- Move head one step left
- Move head one step right

Revisit: The output of Turing Machine

- Accept
 - Reject
 - Loop
- } Halt
- = Never Halt

For finite automata and pushdown automata, they will halt

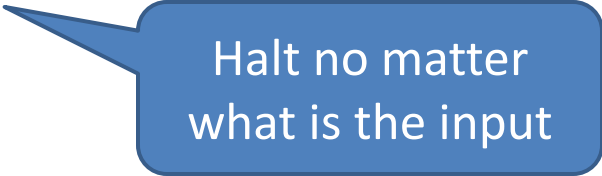
Turing-recognizable and Turing-decidable

- Turing-recognizable: $A=L(M)$

- $x \in A$, M accept x
- $x \notin A$, M reject x or loop

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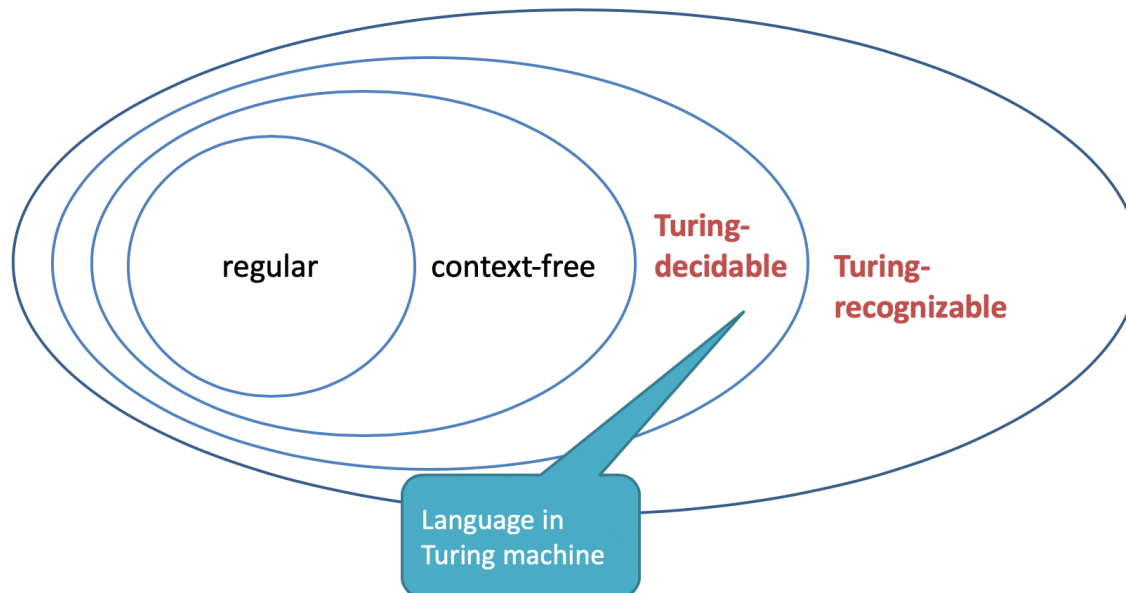
Halt no matter
what is the input

- Turing-recognizable \neq Turing-decidable



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 - Reject
 - Loop
- } Halt \rightarrow Decidable
- = Never Halt
- } Recognizable



Example of TM: $A = \{0^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$

- Prove: A is not regular.

Suppose A is regular language and p is its pumping length

$S = 0^{2^p} \in A$, $|S| = 2^p > p$, so $S = xyz$

$$|y| > 0$$

$$|xy| \leq p$$

$$\forall i \geq 0, xy^iz \in A$$

Suppose $|xy| = k \leq p < 2^p$, then $|z| = 2^p - k > 0$

For string $xyyz$, the length $2^p < |xyyz| \leq 2^p + k < 2^p + 2^p = 2^{p+1}$

So $|xyyz|$ is not in A, contradiction!



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- Prove A is not context-free.

Suppose A is CFL and p is its pumping length

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$\forall i \geq 0, uv^i xy^i z \in A$;

$|vy| > 0$;

$|vxy| \leq p$.

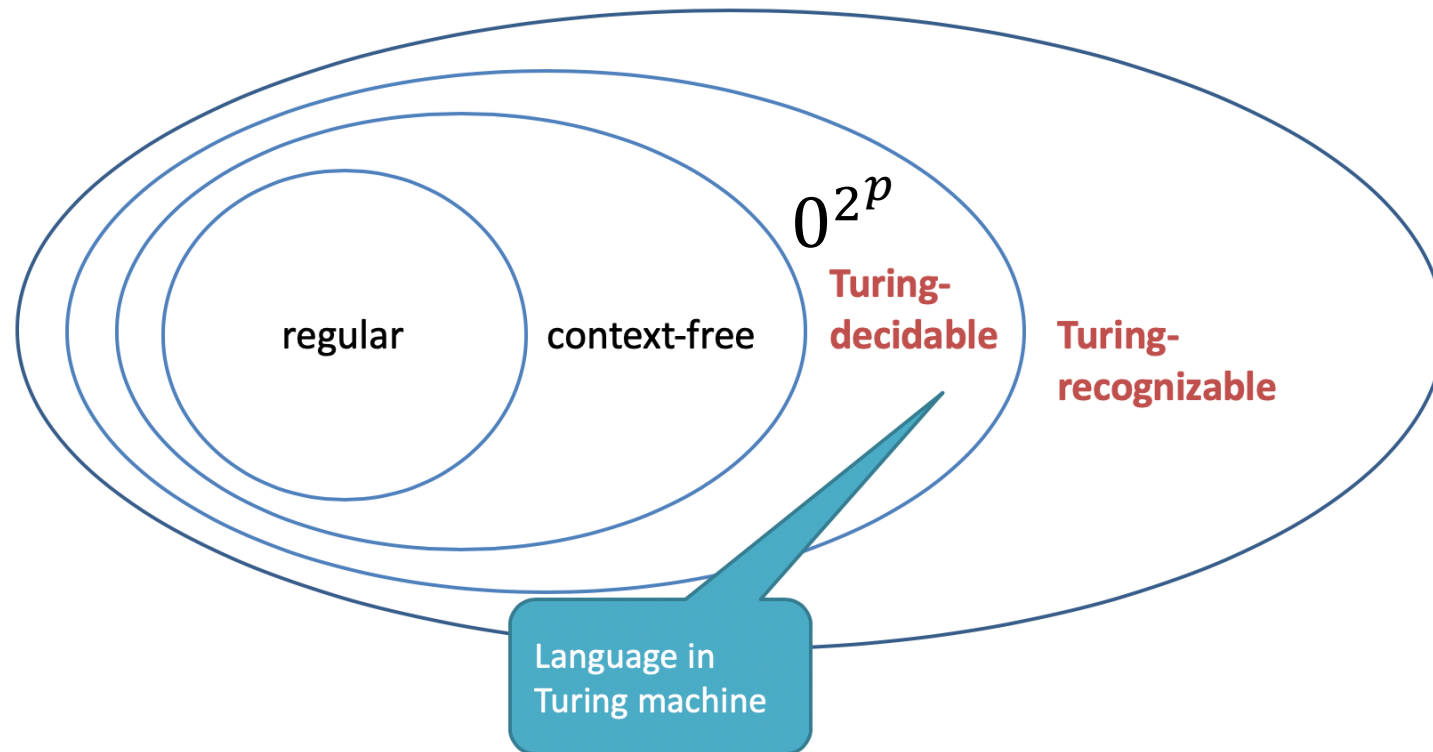
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For string uv^2xy^2z , the length $2^p < |uv^2xy^2z| \leq 2k + 2^p - k < k + 2^p < 2^p + 2^p = 2^{p+1}$

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Not regular language or
context free language

- M2 = “On input string w:

- 1) Sweep left to right across the tape, crossing off every other 0.
e.g., 00000000
- 2) If in stage 1 the tape contained a single 0, accept . $N=0$
- 3) If in stage 1 the tape contained more than a single 0 and the number of 0s was odd, reject .
- 4) Return the head to the left-hand end of the tape.
- 5) Go to stage 1.”

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⇒ 0000

⇒ 00

⇒ 0, accept

- 000000000000

⇒ 00000,

⇒ odd length, reject

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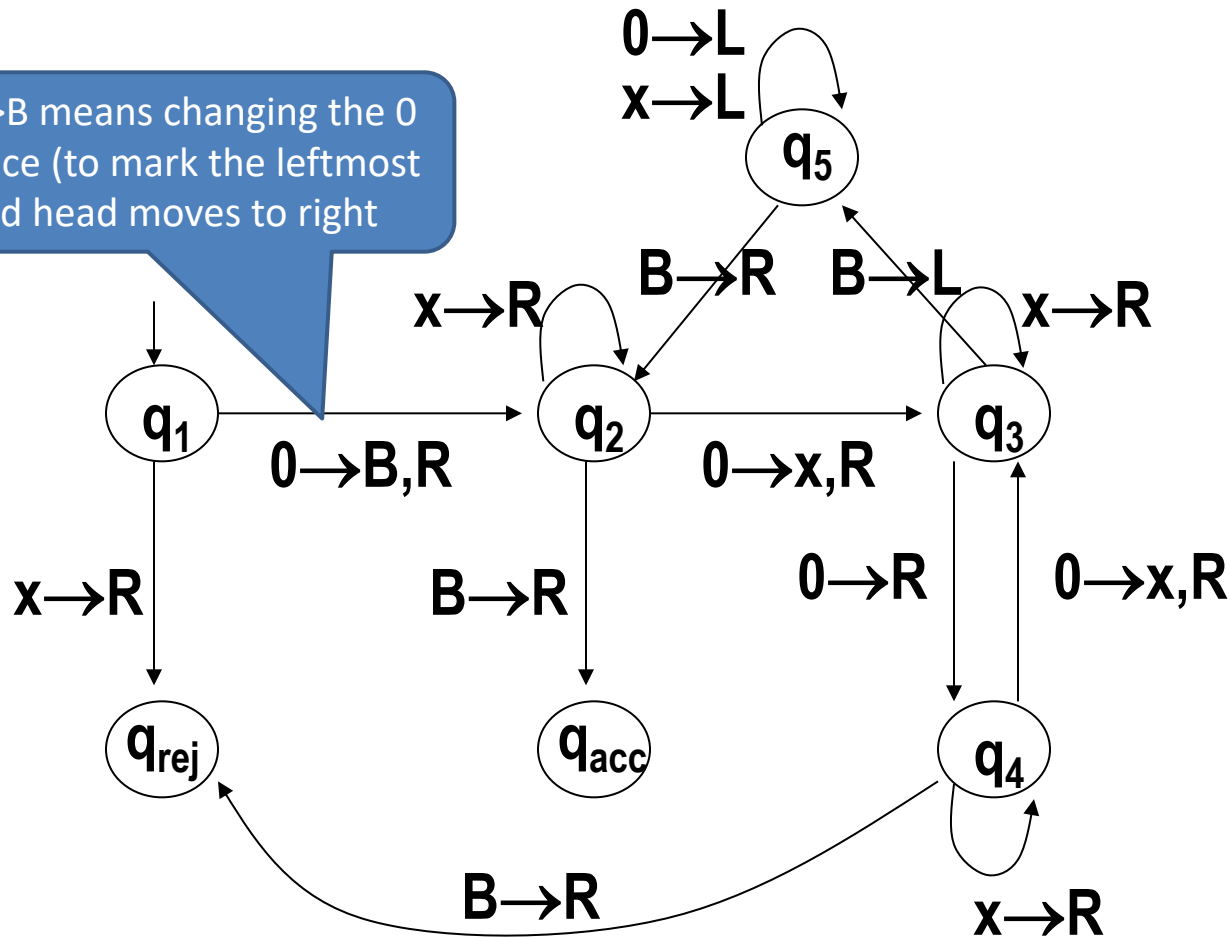
- Create a TM for A
- $M_2 = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, q_{acc}, q_{rej})$
 - $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_{acc}, q_{rej}\}$
 - $\Sigma = \{0\}$
 - $\Gamma = \{0, X, B\}$, B denotes space
 - δ is shown in next page



Example of TM: $A = \{0^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$

Read first 0, $\rightarrow B$ means changing the 0 with blank space (to mark the leftmost position) and head moves to right

00000000
 \Rightarrow 0000
 \Rightarrow 00
 \Rightarrow 0, accept



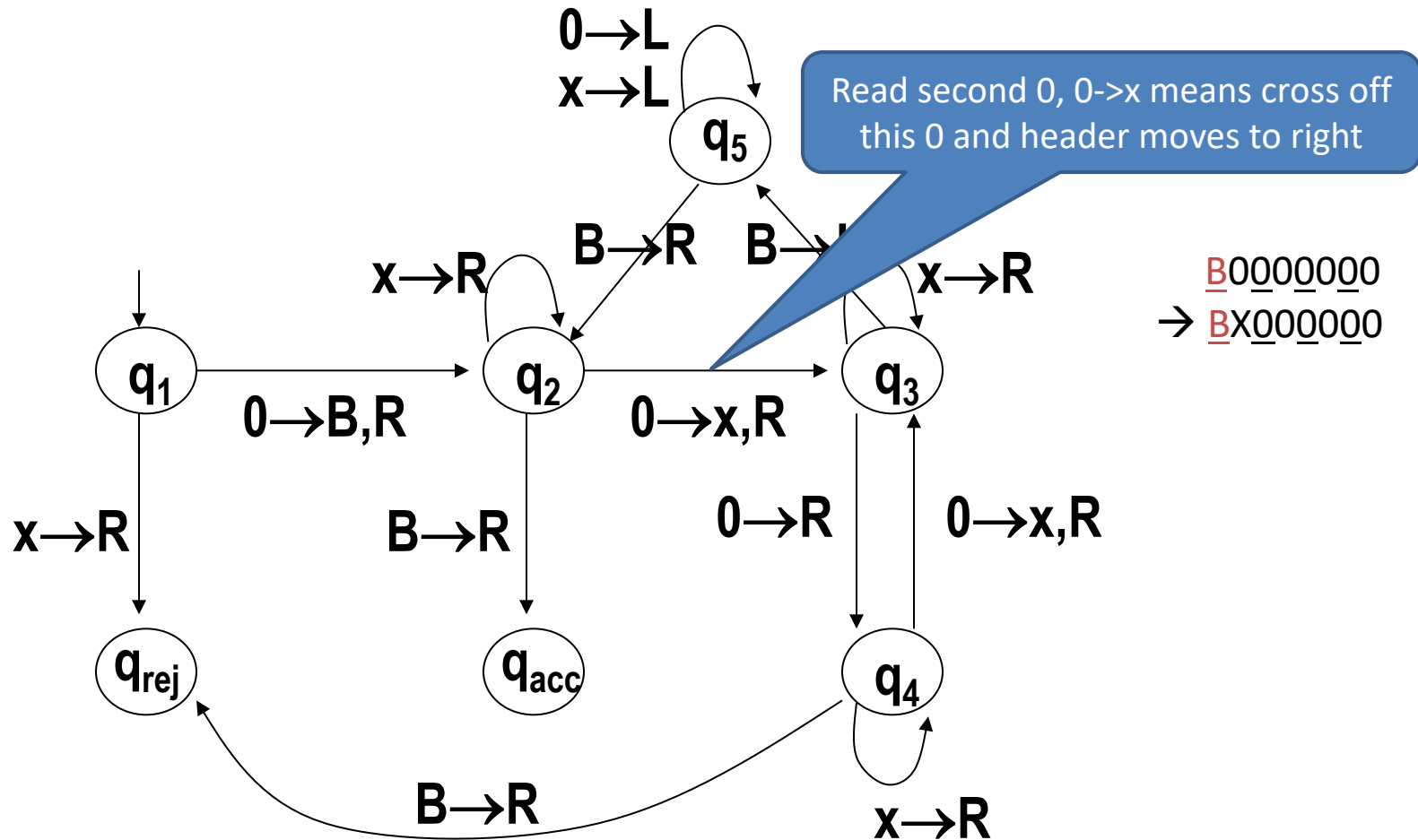
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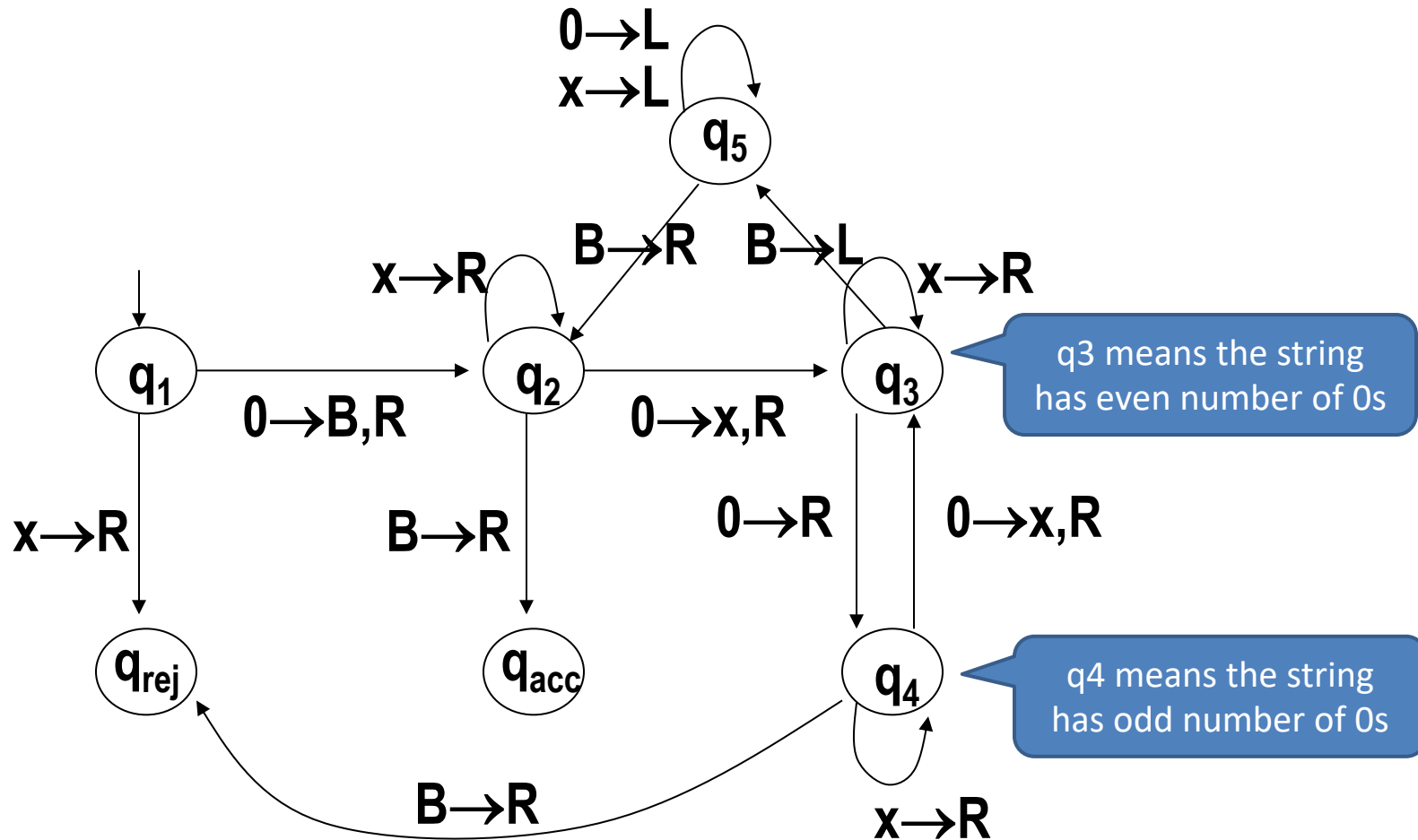
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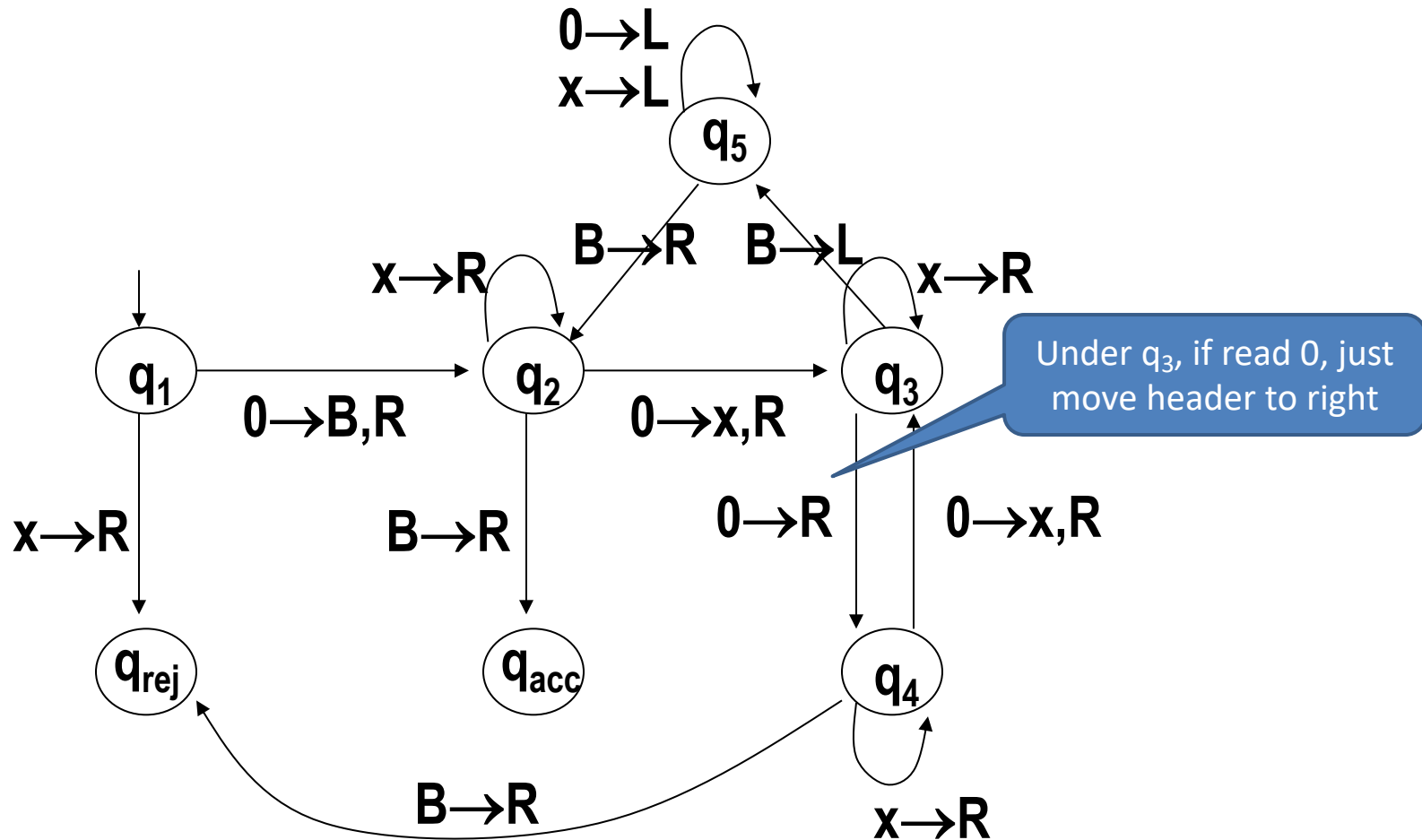
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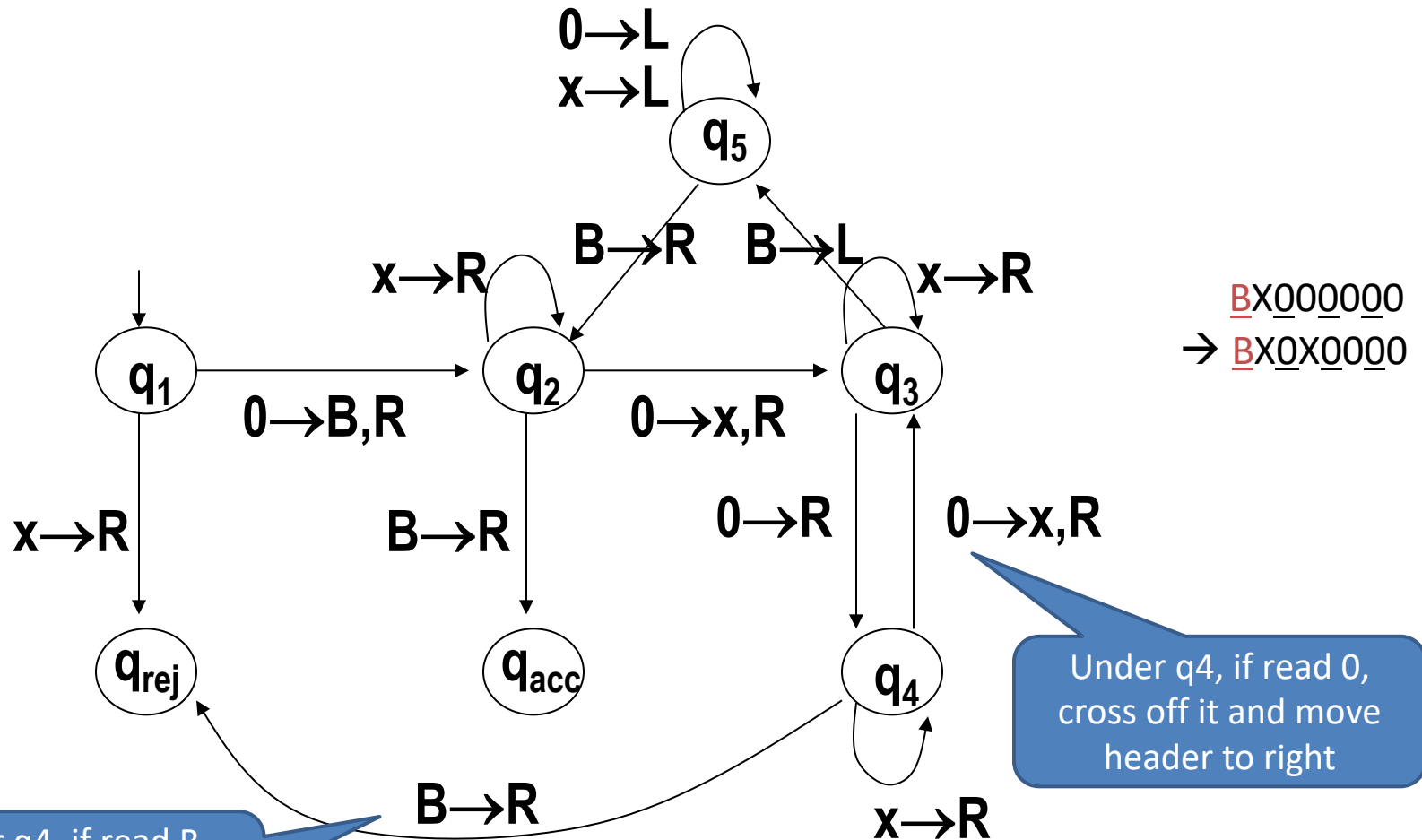
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Under q_4 , if read 0, cross off it and move header to right

Under q_4 , if read B, means we have odd number of 0s, reject

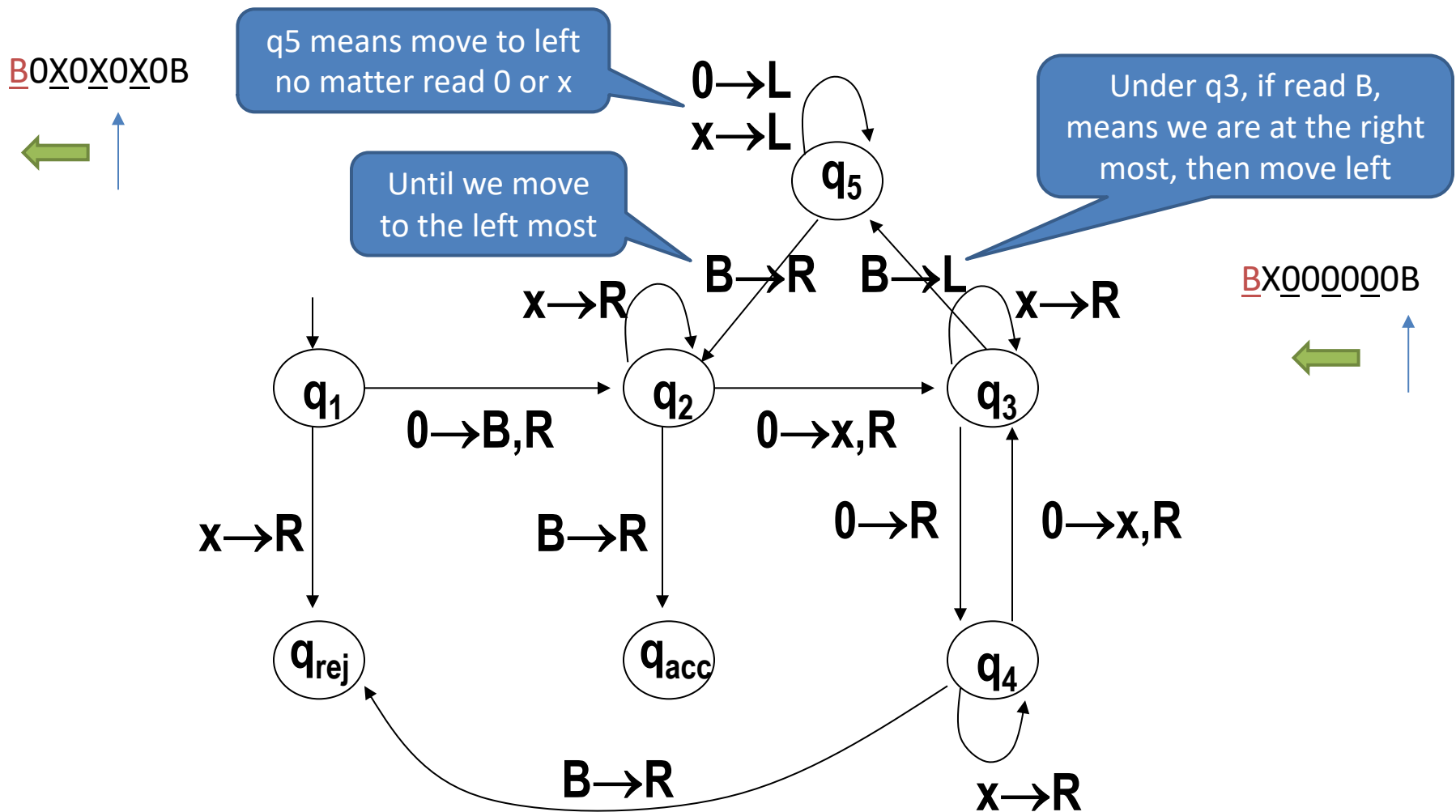
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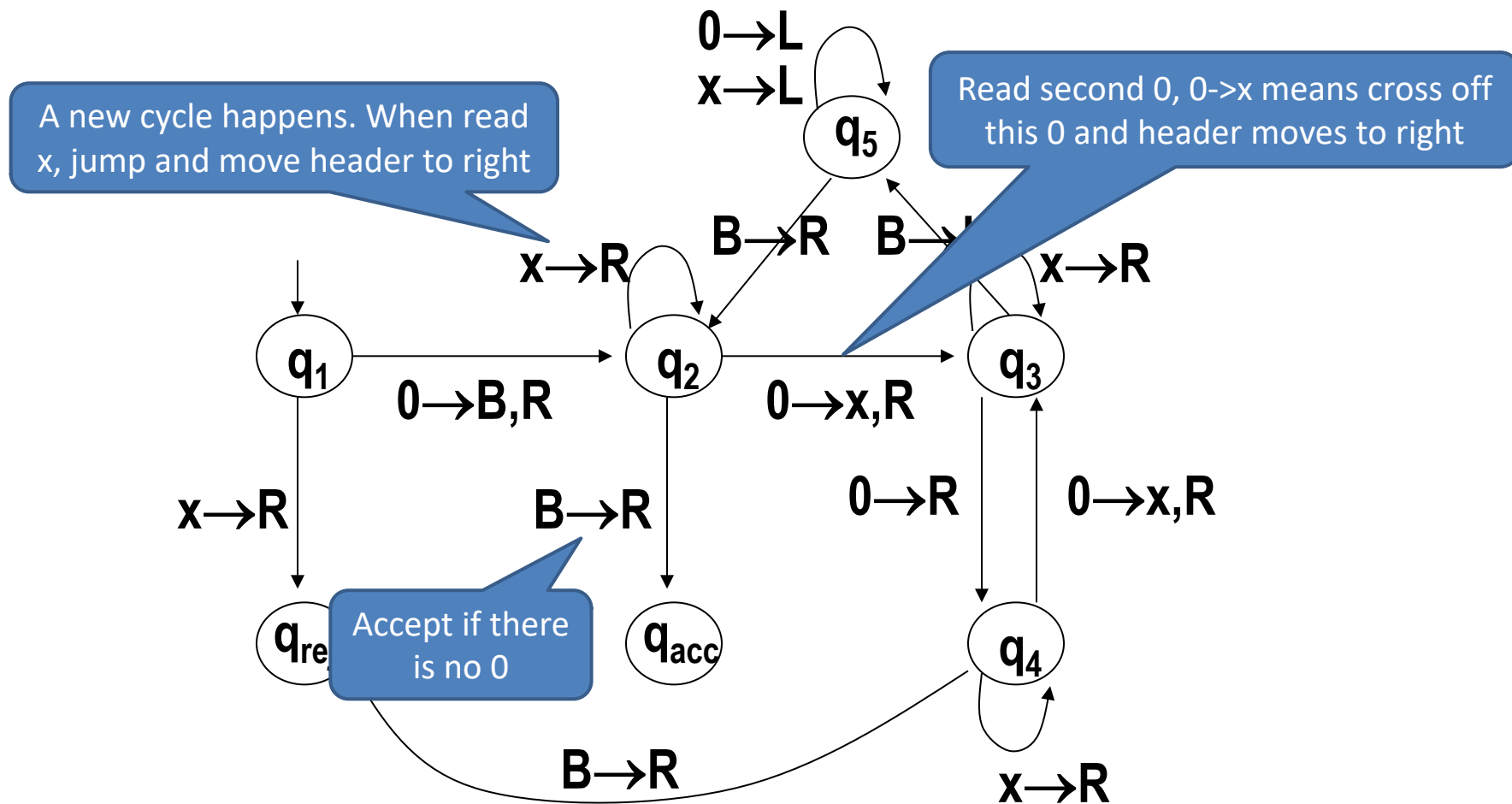
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On q_2 . if input is
blank, accepts/

Example of TM: $B = \{ w\#w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \}$

- M_1 = “for input string x ”:
 1. Scan the input to make sure there exists only one “#”, otherwise reject;
 2. Move to the same positions on both sides between “#”, check whether there exist same symbols. If not, reject; otherwise, cross off the checked symbols;
 3. If all symbols on the left of “#” are crossed off, check whether there exists other remaining symbols on the right. If yes, reject; otherwise, accept.

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 - $\Gamma = \{0, 1, \#, X, B\}$, B denotes space, X denotes crossed off
 - δ is shown as below: (ignore reject state)

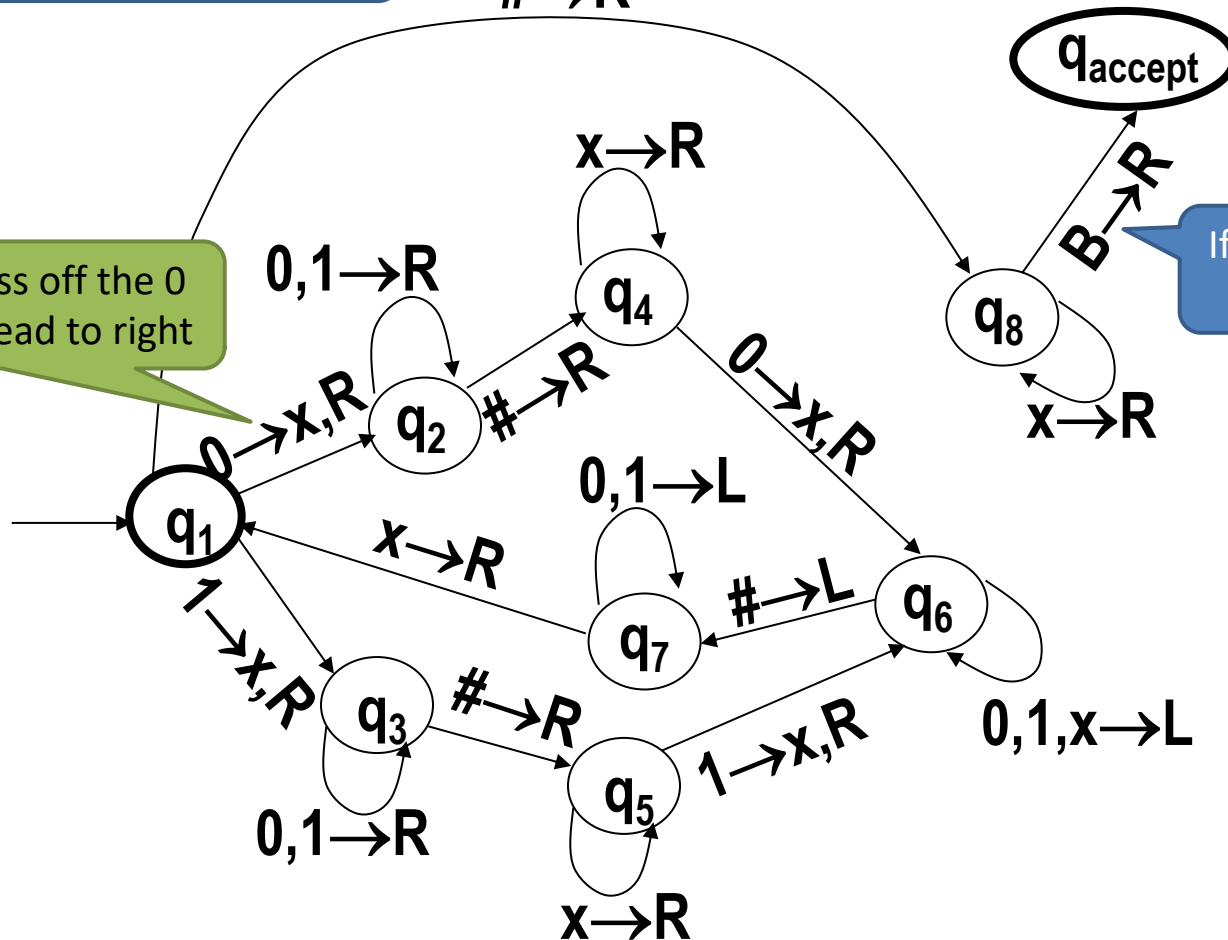


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If the first symbol is #,
move the head to right

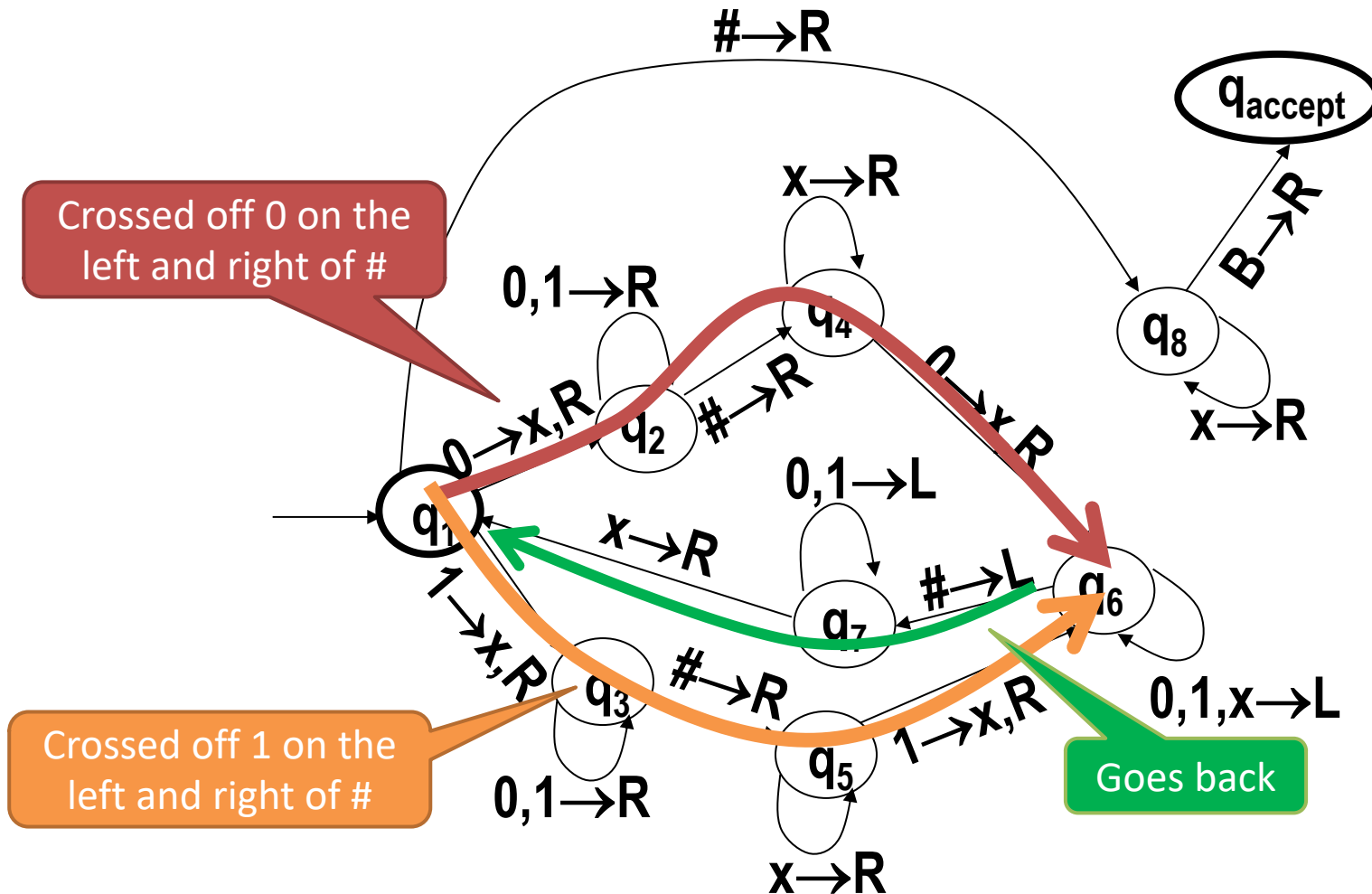
→ R

If input is 0, cross off the 0
and move the head to right

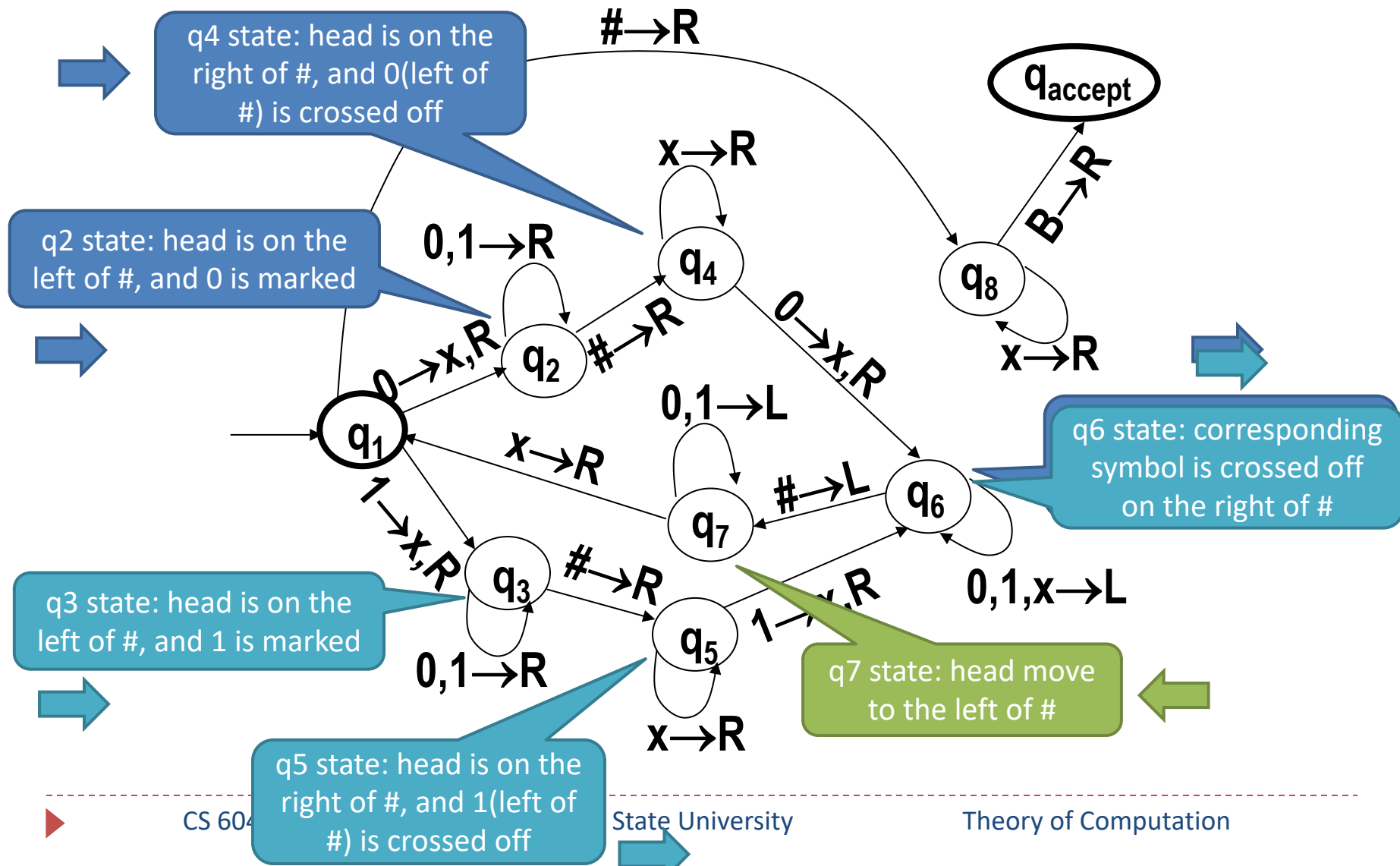


If there is no other
symbol, accept

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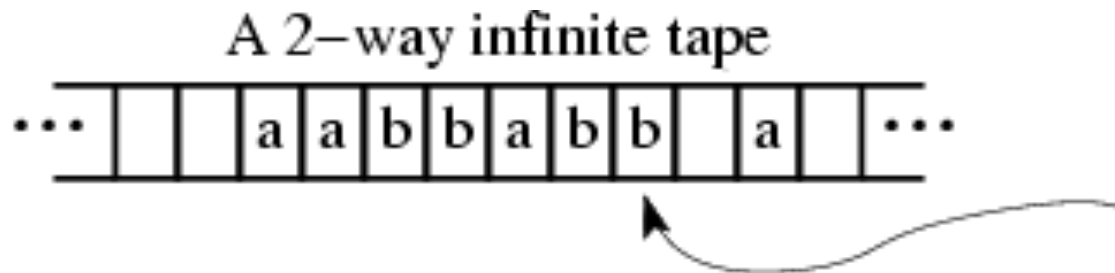
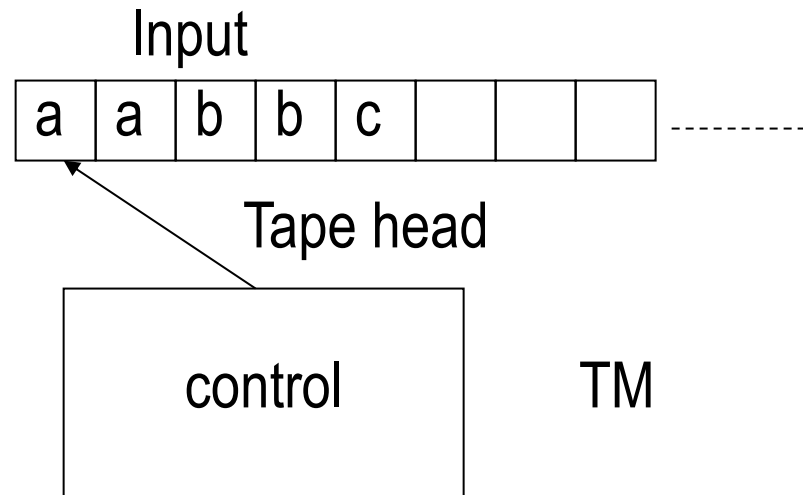
Variants of TM

- Bidirectional infinite tape Turing machine
- Multidimensional tape Turing machine
- *Multitape Turing machine*
- Multihead Turing machine
- *Nondeterministic Turing machine*
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- TM has *robust* definition

We can change the forms of TM but its functionality does not change



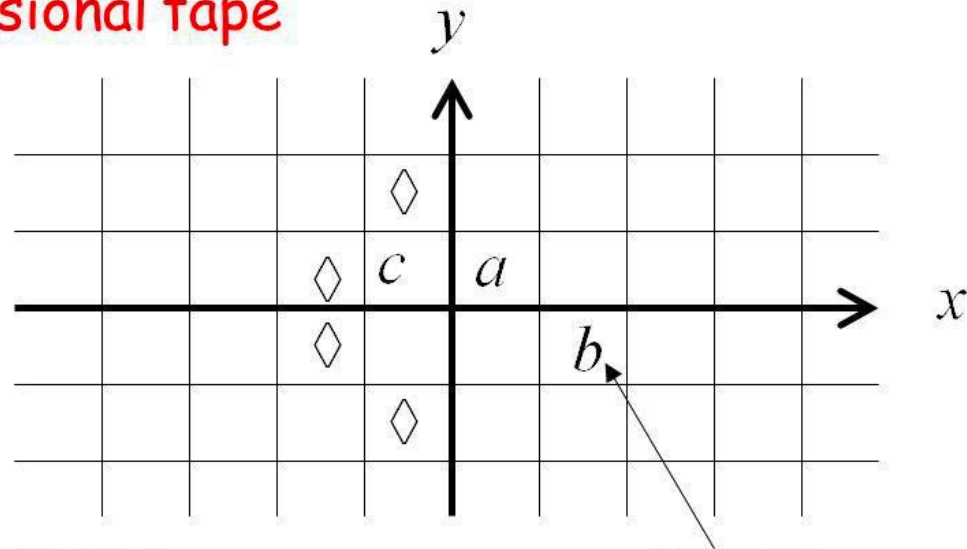
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Bidirectional infinite tape Turing machine

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Two-dimensional tape



MOVES: L,R,U,D

U: up D: down

HEAD

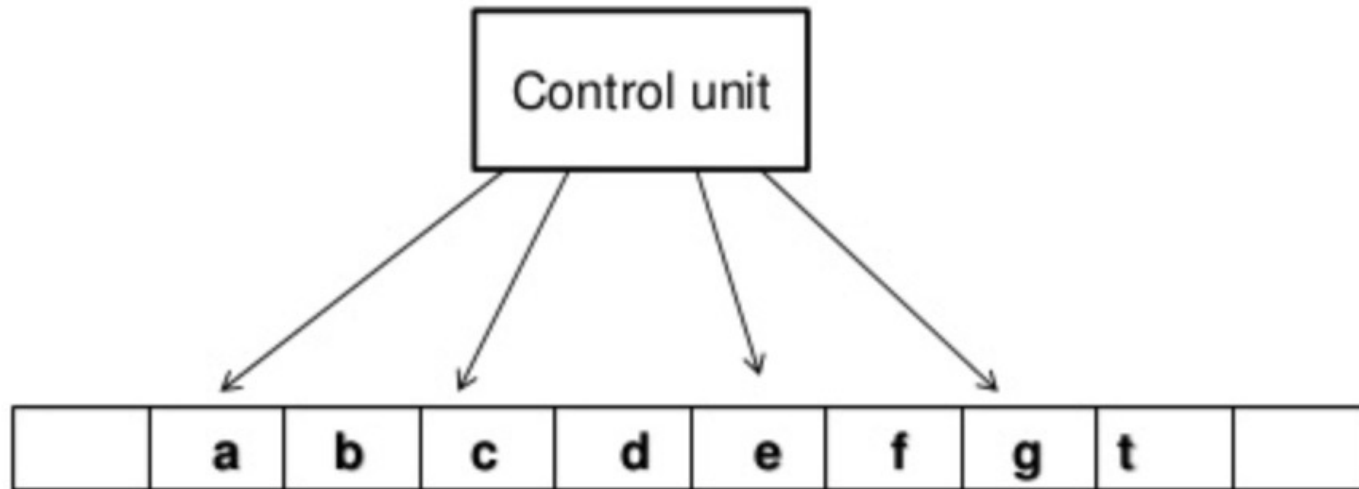
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Multidimensional tape Turing machine

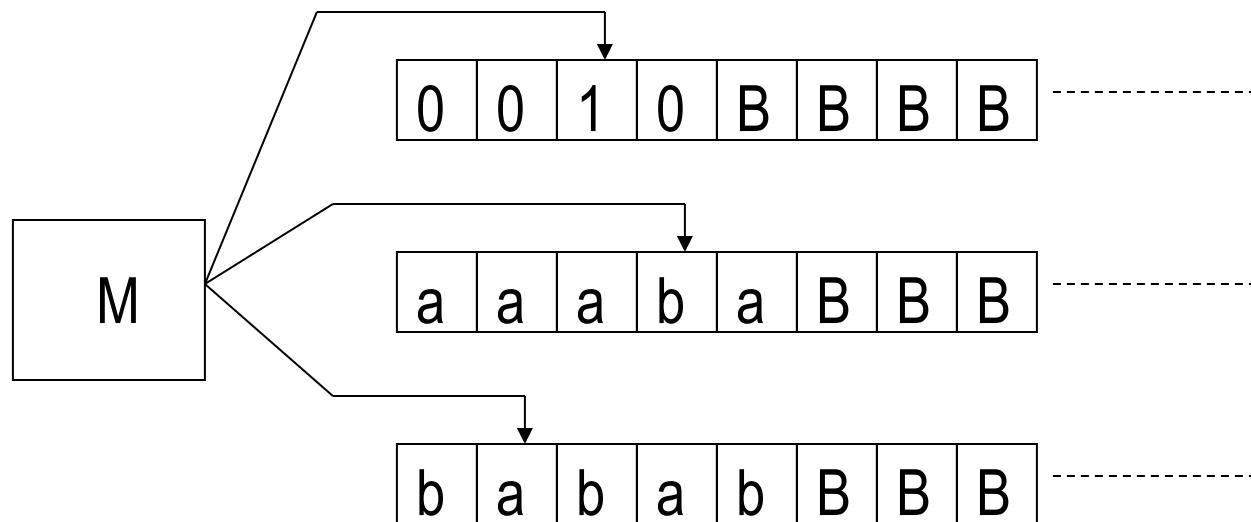


Variants of TM



Multi-head Turing machine

Multitape Turing machine



- **Transition function of multitape TM:**

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

k tapes

$$\delta(q_i, a_1, \dots, a_k) = (q_j, b_1, \dots, b_k, L, R, \dots, L)$$

Change from a_k to b_k and move L/R

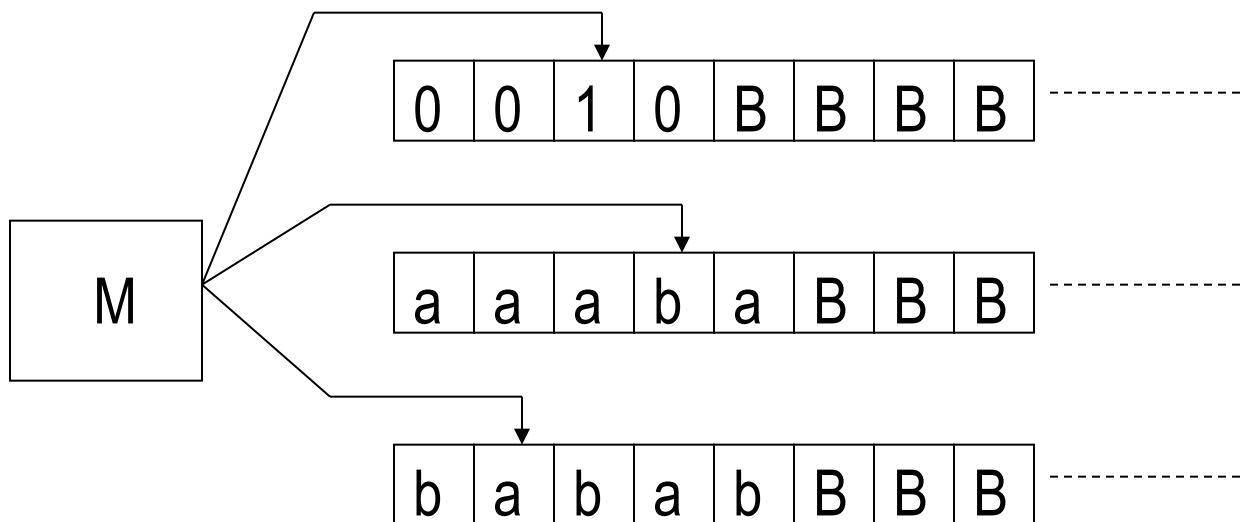
Multitape TM = single-tape TM

- Theorem: every multitape TM has an equivalent single-tape TM
- How to use single-tape TM to simulate multitape TM?
(Prove by construction)



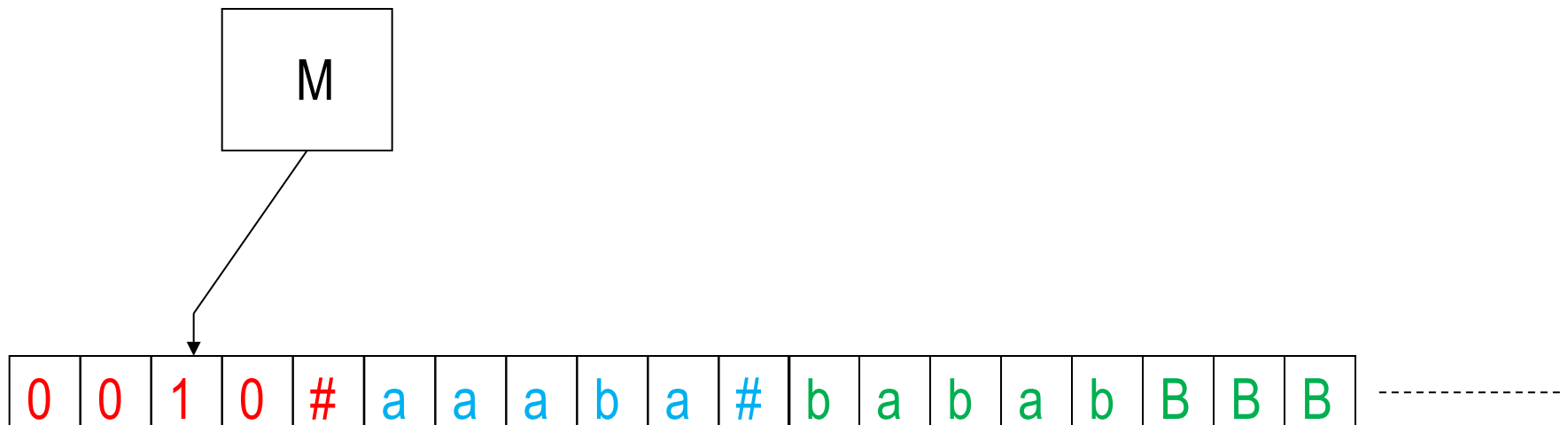
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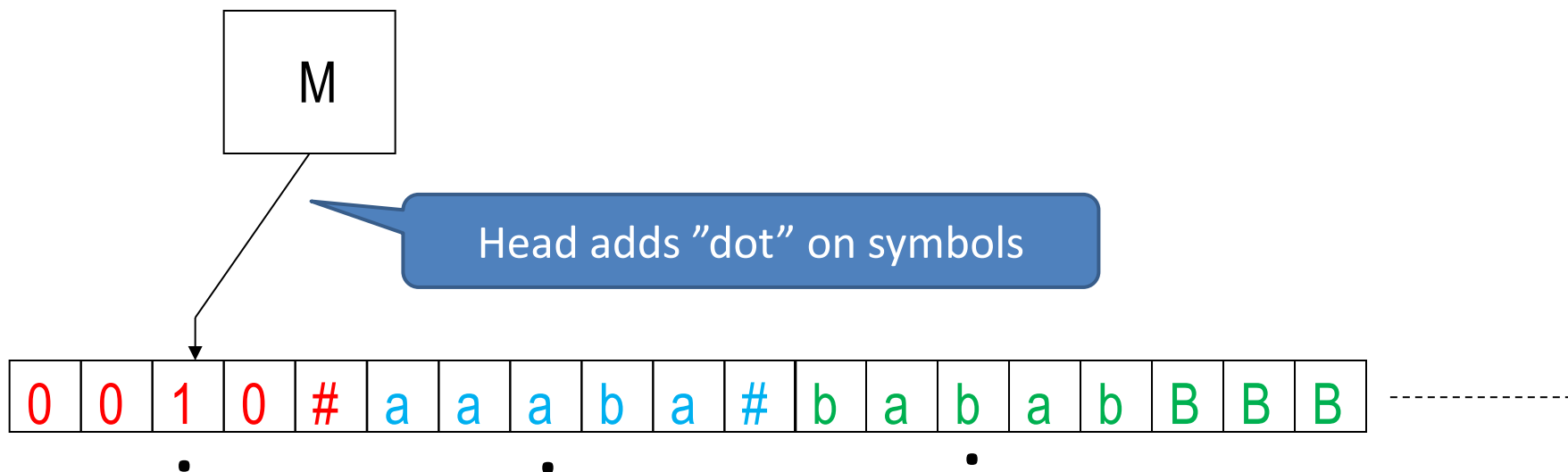
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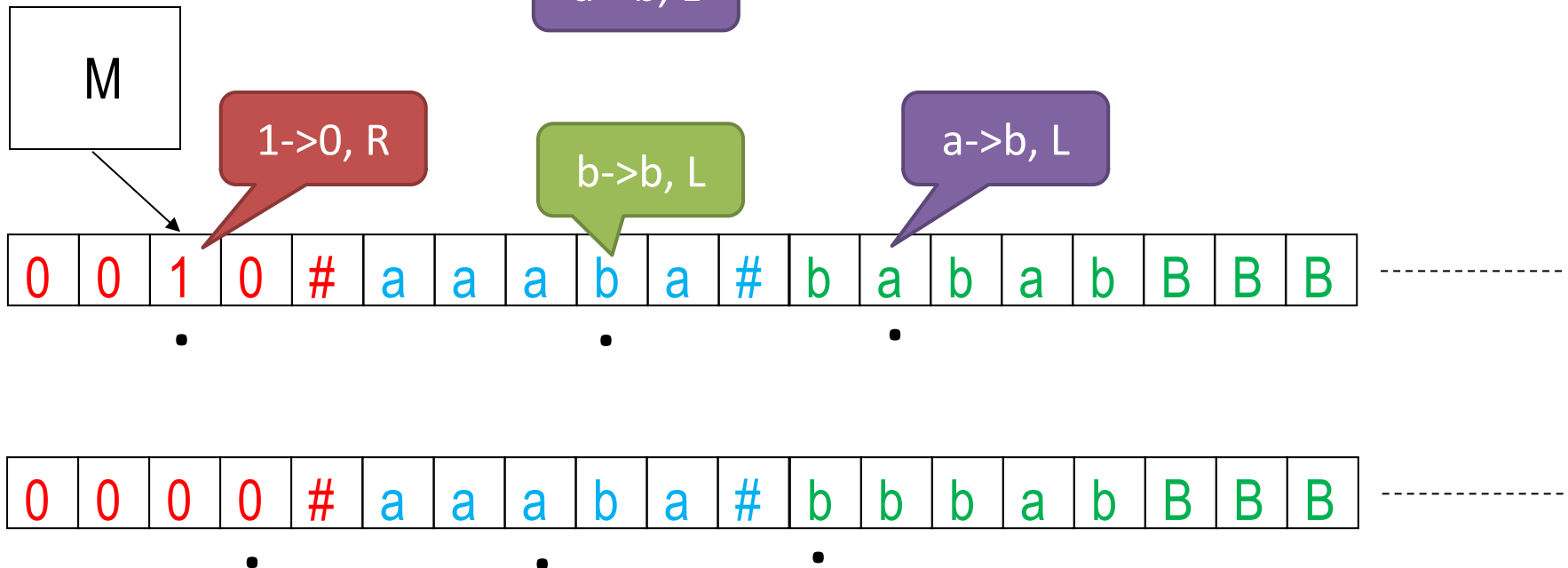
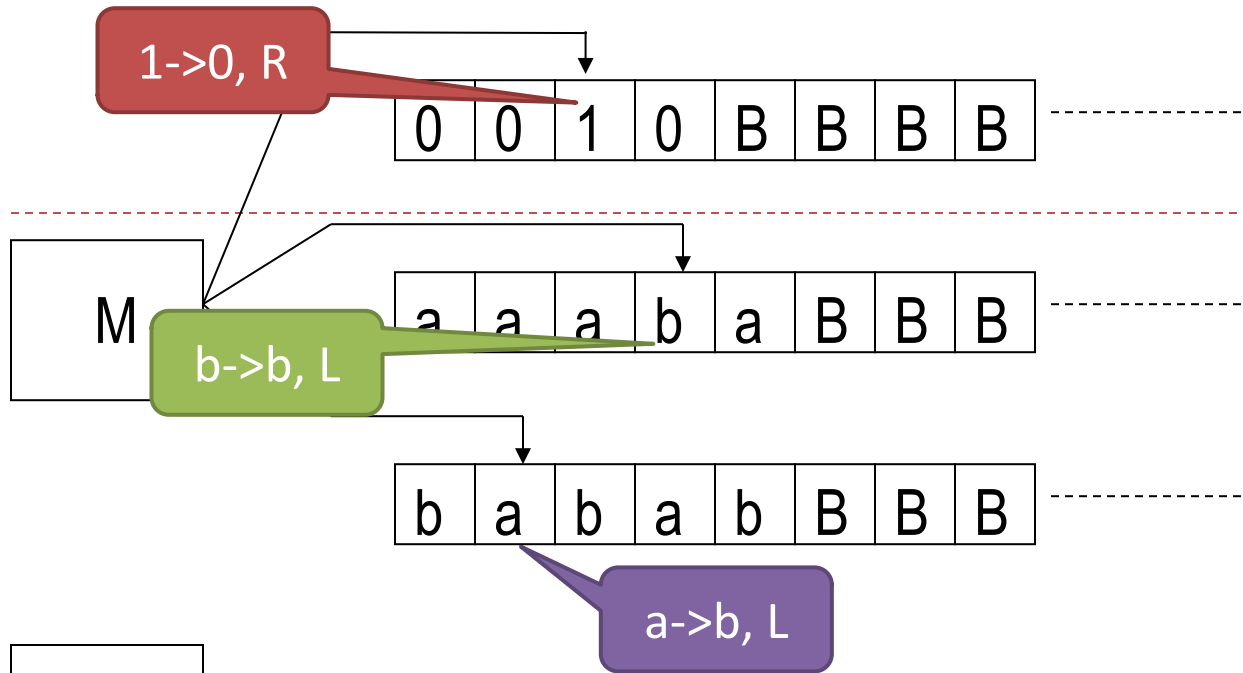


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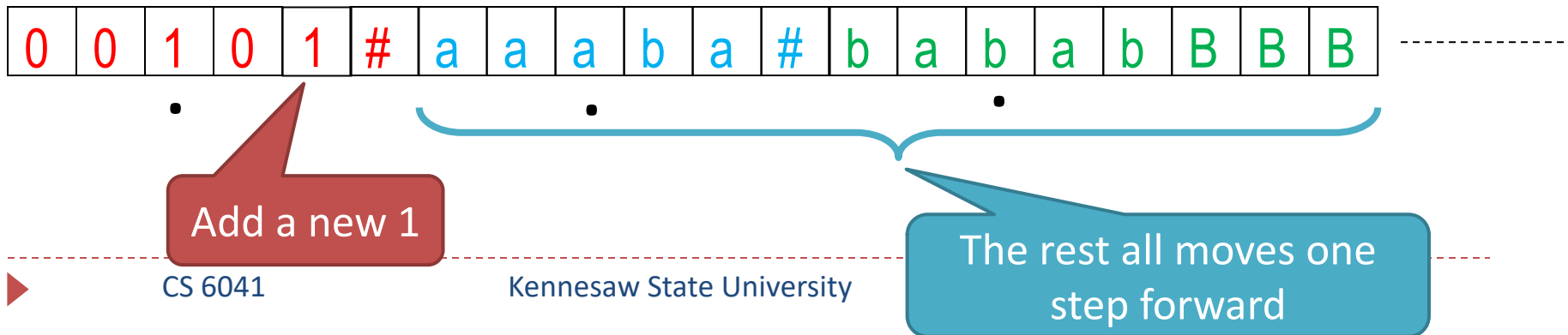
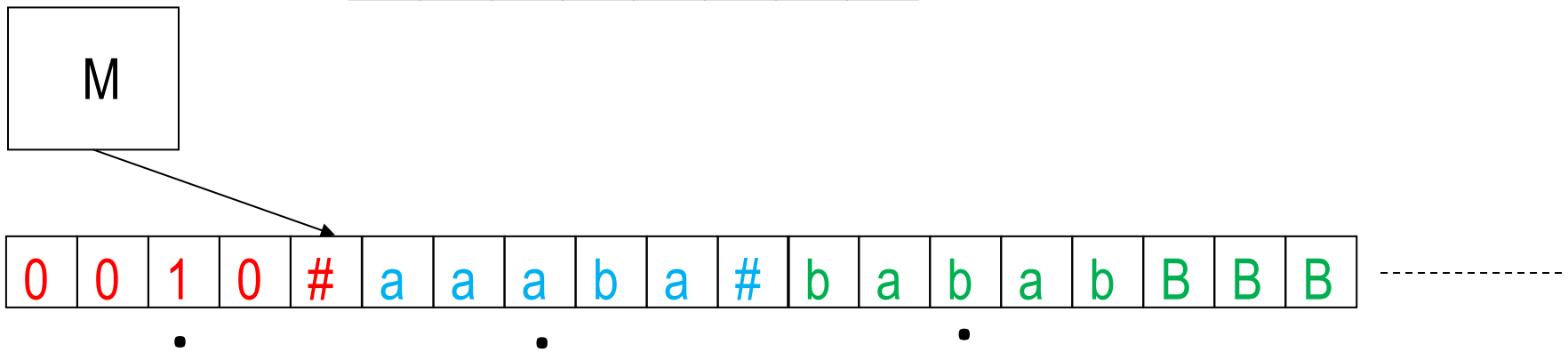
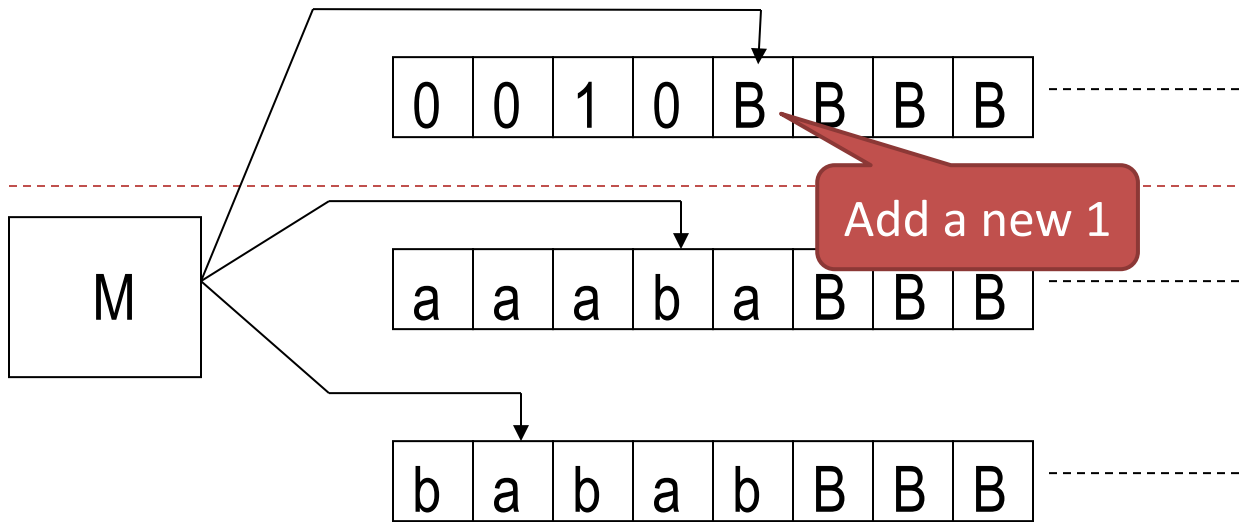
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- Corner case: add something at the end of tape



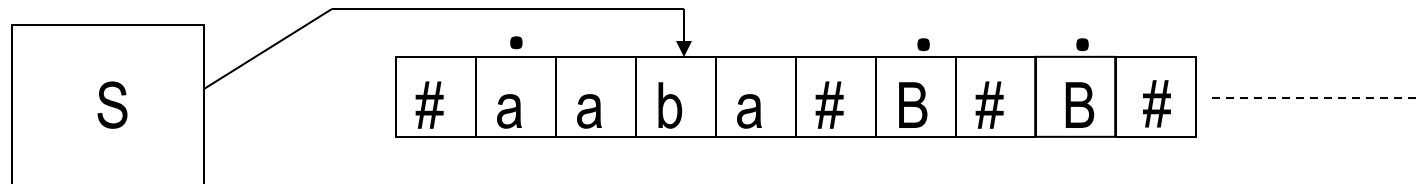
Simulate multitape TM by single-tape TM

Design single-tape TM S to simulate multitape TM M:

S="for input $w=w_1...w_n$:

1) S puts its tape in format $\#w_1w_2...w_n\#B\#B#... \#$.

2) To simulate a single move, S scans its tape from the first # to the $(k + 1)$ # in order to determine the symbols under the virtual heads. Then S makes a second pass to update the tapes according to the way that M's transition function dictates.



3) If at any point S moves one of the virtual heads to the right onto a #, S writes a blank symbol on this tape cell and shifts the tape contents, from this cell until the rightmost #, one unit to the right. Then it continues the simulation as before.

Revisit Definition of Turing Machine

- TM $M=(Q,\Sigma,\Gamma,\delta,q_0,q_{acc},q_{rej})$

1) Q is the set of states

2) Σ is the input alphabet, not containing blank symbol $B \notin \Sigma$

3) Γ is the tape alphabet, $\Sigma \cup \{B\} \subseteq \Gamma$,

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) $q_{acc} \in Q$ is the accept state

7) $q_{rej} \in Q$ is the reject state, $q_{acc} \neq q_{rej}$

Destination is only one!
Deterministic

Nondeterministic Turing machine

- Nondeterministic Turing machine (NTM):

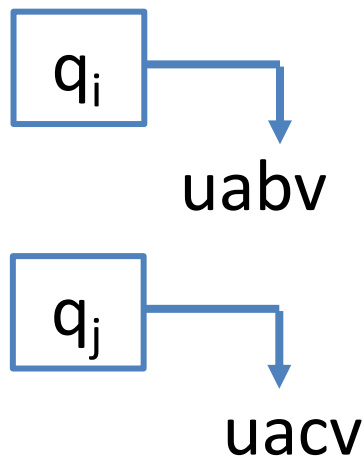
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A set of {state, input, head move}

- Configuration on DTM:

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- $uaq_i bv \rightarrow uq_j acv$



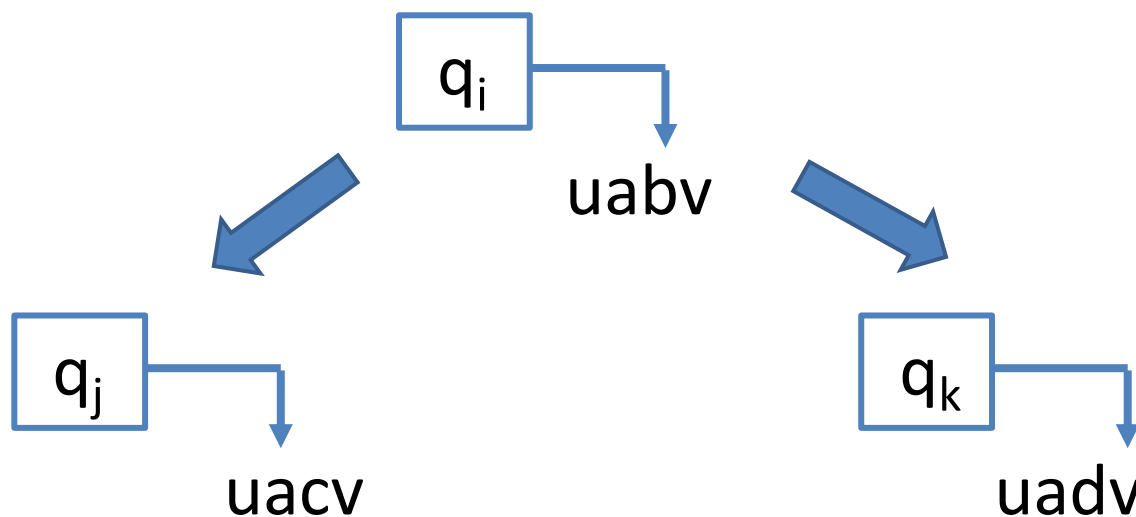
Nondeterministic Turing machine

- Configuration on NTM:

- $\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, L)$ or (q_k, d, R)

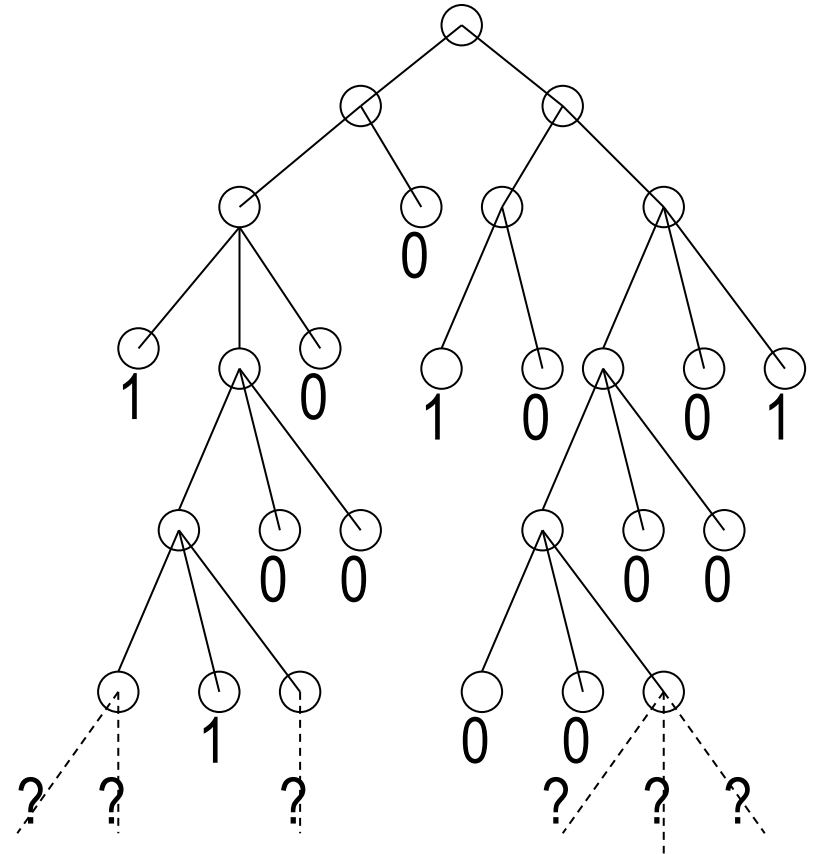
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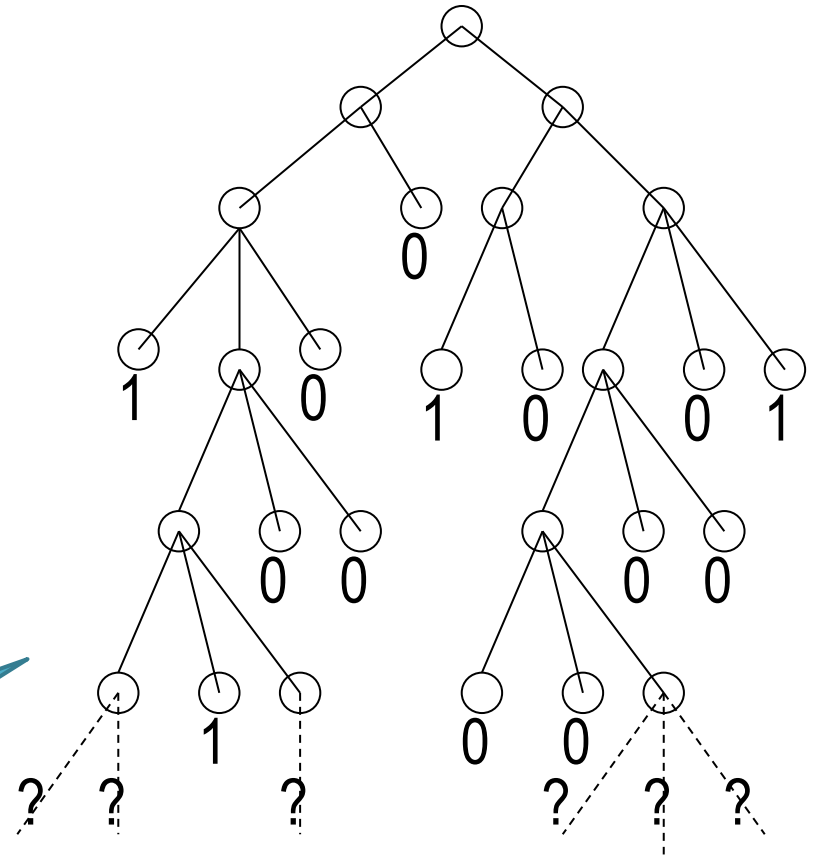
- Computation tree:
 - Nondeterministic tree
- Output:
 - Accept, if one branch accepts
 - Reject, if all branched reject
 - Loop, computation continues but accept/reject never happened



Nondeterministic TM = Deterministic TM

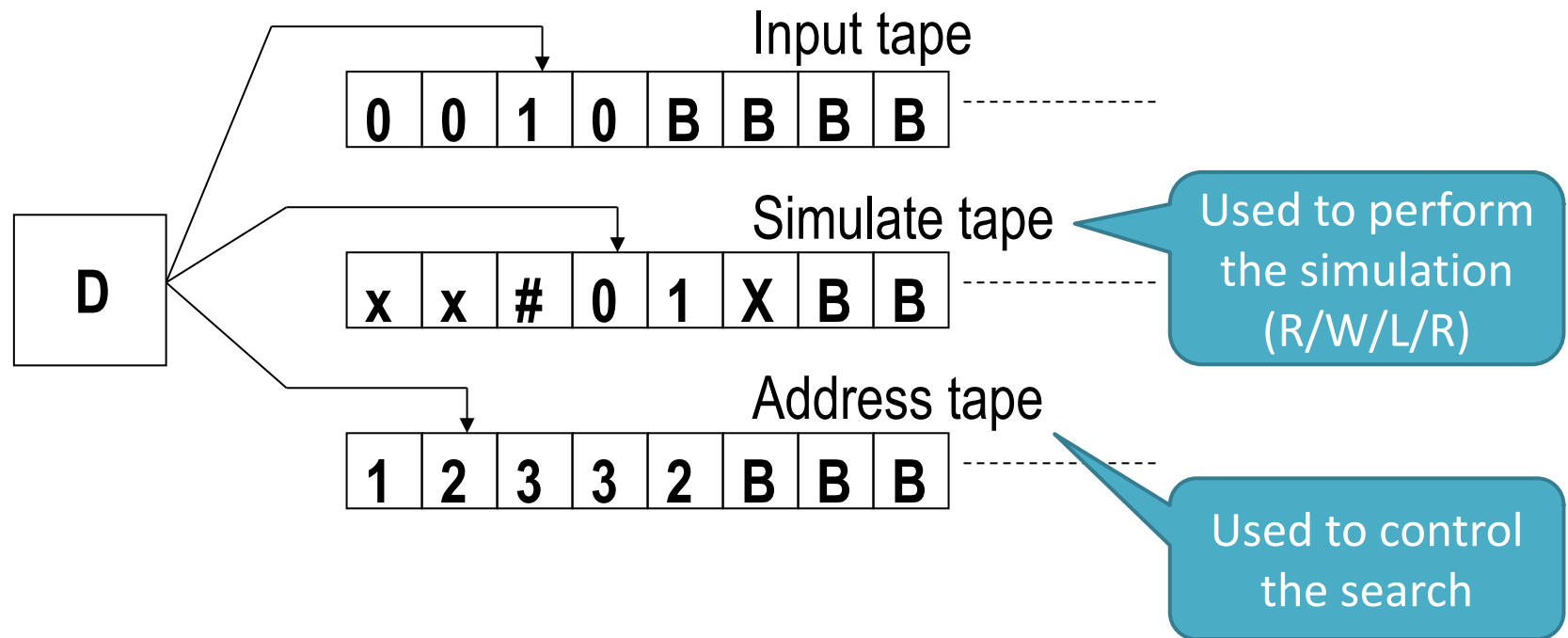
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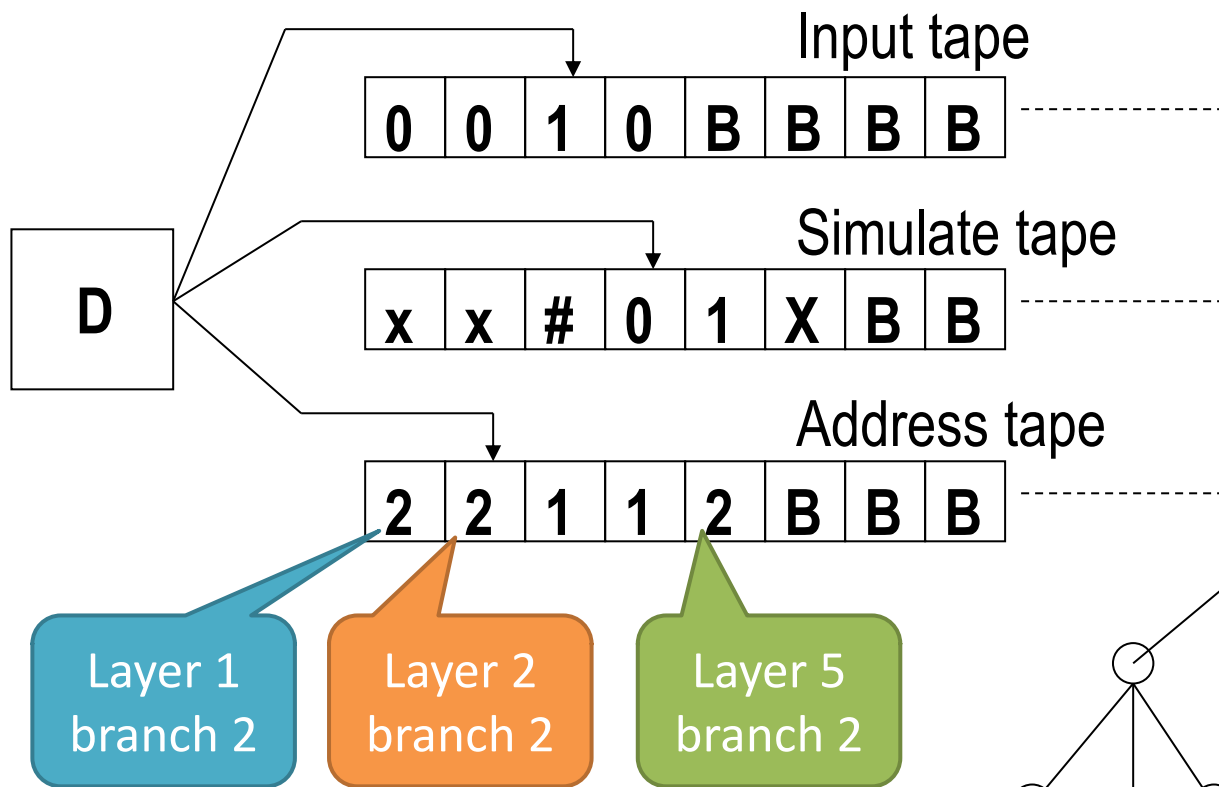
Idea: Search the tree looking for ACCEPT



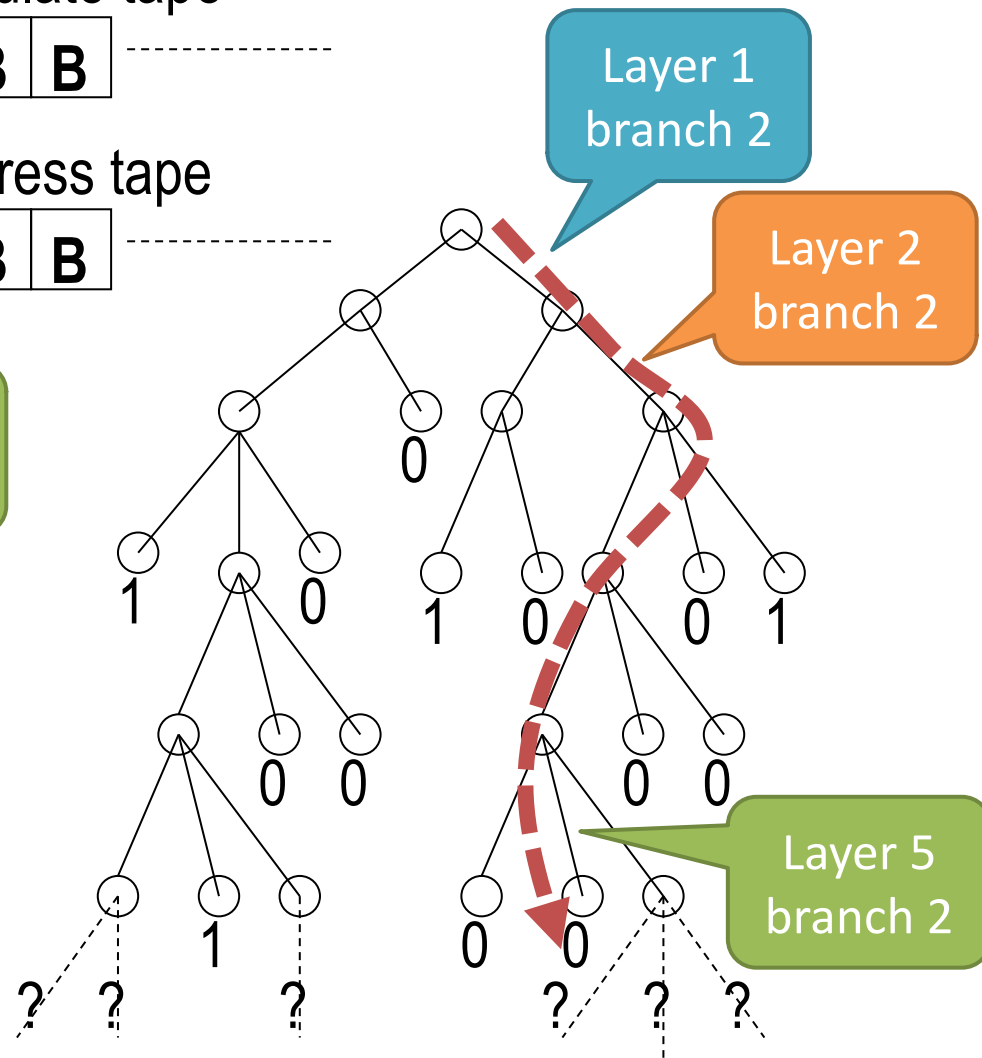
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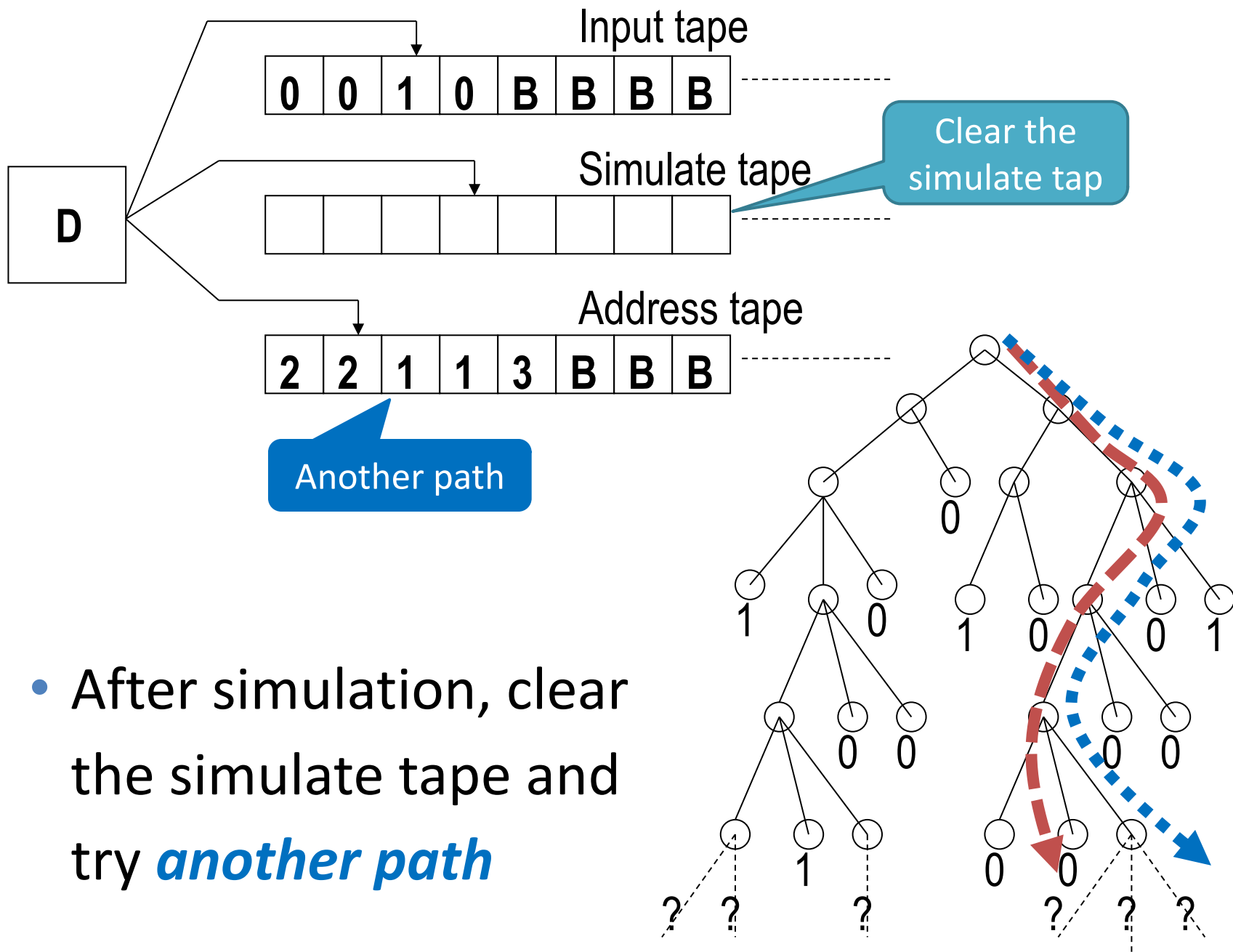
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- For a given path, it is **deterministic**. So we can use the simulate tape to test the input is accepted or not





- After simulation, clear the simulate tape and try *another path*

Question

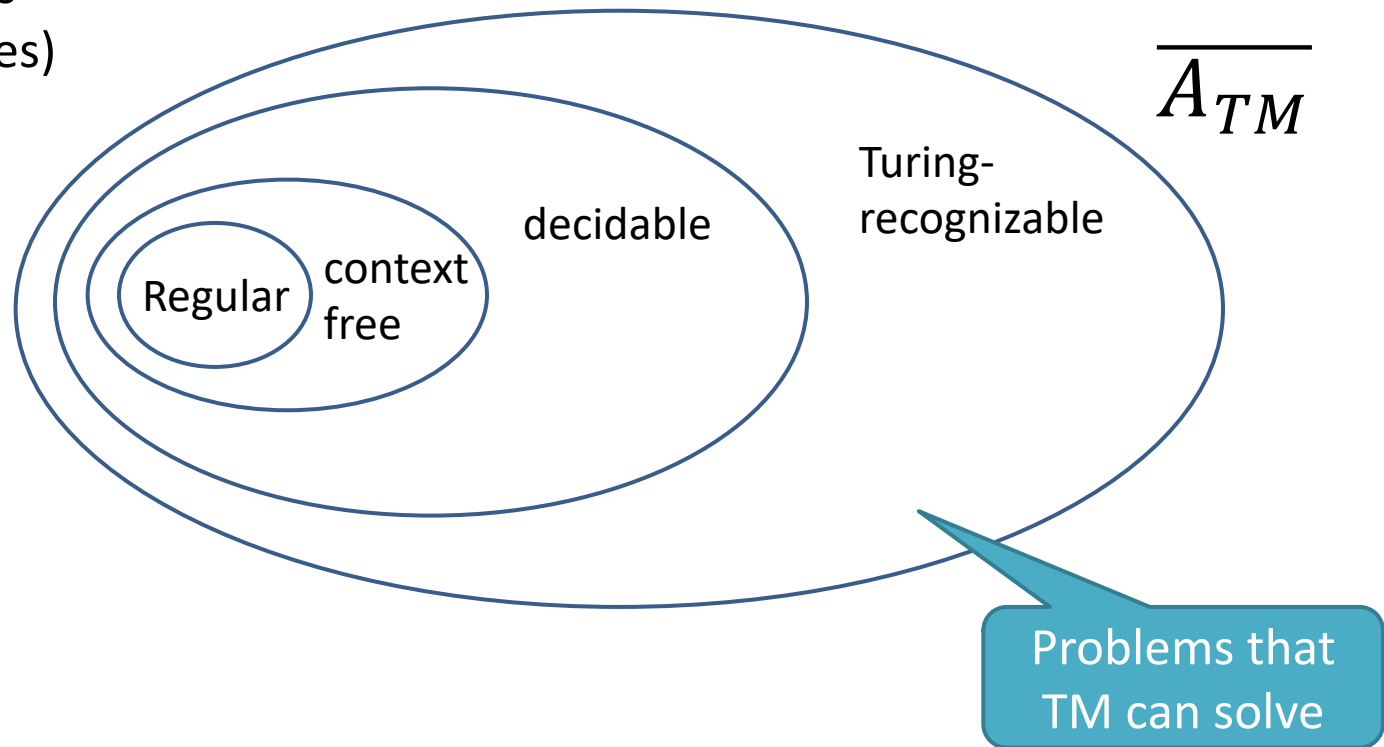
- A language is Turing-recognizable iff some NTM recognizes it
 - True
- A language is decidable iff some NTM decides it.
 - True



What tasks TM can do?

- Turing machine and algorithms are equivalent in power

All problems
(all languages)



Conclusion

- Turing-recognizable and Turing-decidable
- Example of Turing machines
 - $\{0^{2^n}\}$
 - $\{w\#w\}$
- Variants of TMs
 - Multi-tape TM
 - Nondeterministic TM

