

Configuration of a TM

Notations:

* \sqcup^ω : $\sqcup \sqcup \sqcup \dots$

infinite sequence of blank symbols

* z_n where $z \in \Gamma^*$, $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

is the n -th symbol of z

* $S_b^n(z)$ where $n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$, $b \in \Gamma$, $z \in \Gamma^*$

is a string that is the result of substituting n -th symbol of z with b

$$z = abcbca$$

$$S_a^2(z) = aabcbca$$

* A configuration $\alpha \in Q \times \{y \sqcup^\omega \mid y \in \Gamma^*\} \times \mathbb{N}$
is a snapshot of all relevant info.

* start config: $(s, \vdash x \sqcup^\omega, 0)$

\swarrow start state \downarrow input string \searrow head location

* Next config relation \xrightarrow{M} :

$$(q_1, z, n) \xrightarrow{M} (q_2, S_b^n(z), n-1)$$

$$(q_1, z, n) \xrightarrow{\mu} (q_2, S_b''(z), n-1)$$

if $\delta(q_1, z_n) = (q_2, b, L)$

$$(q_1, z, n) \xrightarrow[\mu]{} (q_2, s_b^n(z), n+1)$$

if $\delta(q_1, z_n) = (q_2, b, R)$

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[\mu]{\circ} \alpha$$

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[n]{n+1} \beta \iff \exists \gamma : \alpha \xrightarrow[n]{n} \gamma, \gamma \xrightarrow[n]{1} \beta$$

$$\alpha \xrightarrow[n]{*} \beta \iff \exists n \geq 0 \text{ s.t. } \alpha \xrightarrow[n]{n} \beta$$

$TM \quad M \text{ accepts } x \iff (s, \vdash x \sqcup^w, 0) \xrightarrow[M]{*} (q_t, y, n)$
 for some $y \in \Gamma^*$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Note: sometimes M does not accept nor reject x .

Example: $A = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 0\}$

	t	a	b	c	L	#
S	(S, t, R)	(S, a, R)	(q ₁ , b, R)	(q ₂ , c, R)	(q ₃ , L, L)	—
q ₁	—	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₁ , b, R)	(q ₂ , c, R)	(q ₃ , L, L)	— → don't care
q ₂	—	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₂ , c, R)	(q ₃ , L, L)	—
q ₃	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₄ , #, L)	—	(q ₃ , #, L)
q ₄	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₁ , —, —)	(q ₅ , #, L)	(q ₄ , c, L)	—	(q ₄ , #, L)
q ₅	? ←	(q ₆ , #, R)	(q ₅ , b, L)	? ←	? ←	? ←
q ₆	—	—	(q ₆ , b, R)	(q ₆ , c, R)	(q ₃ , L, L)	(q ₆ , #, R)

$$(s, \vdash abc \sqcup^w, 0) \xrightarrow[M]{I} (s, \vdash abc \sqcup^w, 1)$$

$$w_0 = 1 \quad | \quad w_1 = 2 \quad | \quad w_2 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (s, \vdash abc \sqcup^{\omega}, 0) &\xrightarrow{M} (q_1, \vdash abc \sqcup^{\omega}, 1) \\
 &\xrightarrow{M} (s, \vdash abc \sqcup^{\omega}, 2) \xrightarrow{M} (q_1, \vdash abc \sqcup^{\omega}, 3) \\
 &\xrightarrow{M} (q_2, \vdash abc \sqcup^{\omega}, 4) \xrightarrow{M} (q_3, \vdash abc \sqcup^{\omega}, 3) \\
 &\rightarrow \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

* $L(M)$: all the strings that M accepts

* A TM M is called a Total TM if it either accepts or rejects every string.

Example: the above TM.

* A set A of strings is

* Recursive Enumerable
if \exists TM M , $L(M) = A$

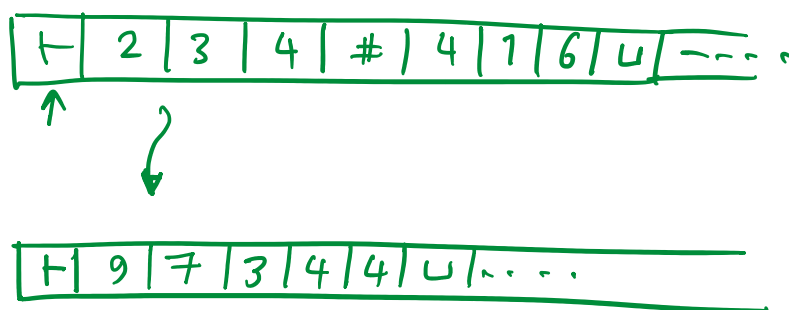
* Recursive
if \exists a total TM M , $L(M) = A$

* co-recursively Enumerable
if \exists TM M , $L(M) = \Sigma^* - A = \neg A$

Claim: if A is recursive, then
 $\neg A$ is also recursive.

* But if A is r.e., then
 $\sim A$ may not be r.e.
 (but it is co-r.e.)

We say a function $f: \Omega \rightarrow R$
 is **computable** if \exists a **Total** TM M
 that "computes" it: if you write the
 description of $x \in \Omega$ on the tape,
 M will run and halt at the end,
 where $f(x)$ is written on the tape.



* For binary-valued functions $f: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$,
 we are dealing with decision problem.

A decision problem is said to be

decidable if \exists a Total TM M

s.t. $f(x) = 1 \iff M$ accepts x .