

TURING MACHINE

9-tuple

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \vdash, \sqcup, \delta, s, t, r)$$

Q : finite set of states

Σ : a finite set of input symbols

Γ : a finite set of tape symbols $\Gamma \supset \Sigma$

$\sqcup \in \Gamma \setminus \Sigma$ the blank symbol

$\vdash \in \Gamma \setminus \Sigma$ the end marker - left

$\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$ transition function

$s \in Q$ start state

$a \in Q$ accept state

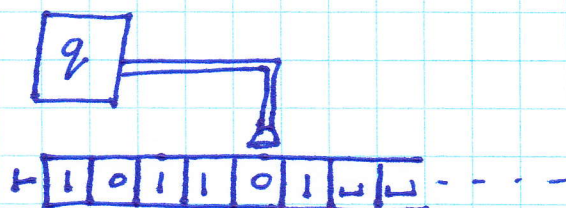
$r \in Q$ reject state

$\delta(q, a) = (q', b, L)$ means if the machine reads a & is in state q , it changes state to q' , erases the a & writes b and moves one step to the left.

TMs can move left or right on the tape
You cannot overwrite the left end marker
You cannot move left of \vdash
Once it enters a or r it never leaves

$\delta(q, a) = (q', a, L)$ means you leave the symbol unchanged.

A CONFIGURATION is a description of the machine at an instant of time



1 0 1 1 q 0 1 \rightarrow HOW TO WRITE THE CONFIGURATION AS A STRING

$u a q_i b v$ YIELDS $u q_i a c v$

if $\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, L)$

Given M & input w the

start configuration is $q_0 w$ or $s w$

an accept configuration is any configuration in which the state is q_a or q_r , similarly for r or q_r .

An accept or reject configuration is called a halting configuration

M accepts w if there is a finite sequence of configurations C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k s.t.

1. C_1 is the start configuration $s w$
2. Each C_i yields C_{i+1}
3. C_k is an accepting configuration

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid M \text{ accepts } w\}$$

3 outcomes are possible : accept, reject, loop forever

L is Turing recognizable if \exists TM M s.t.
 $L = L(M)$

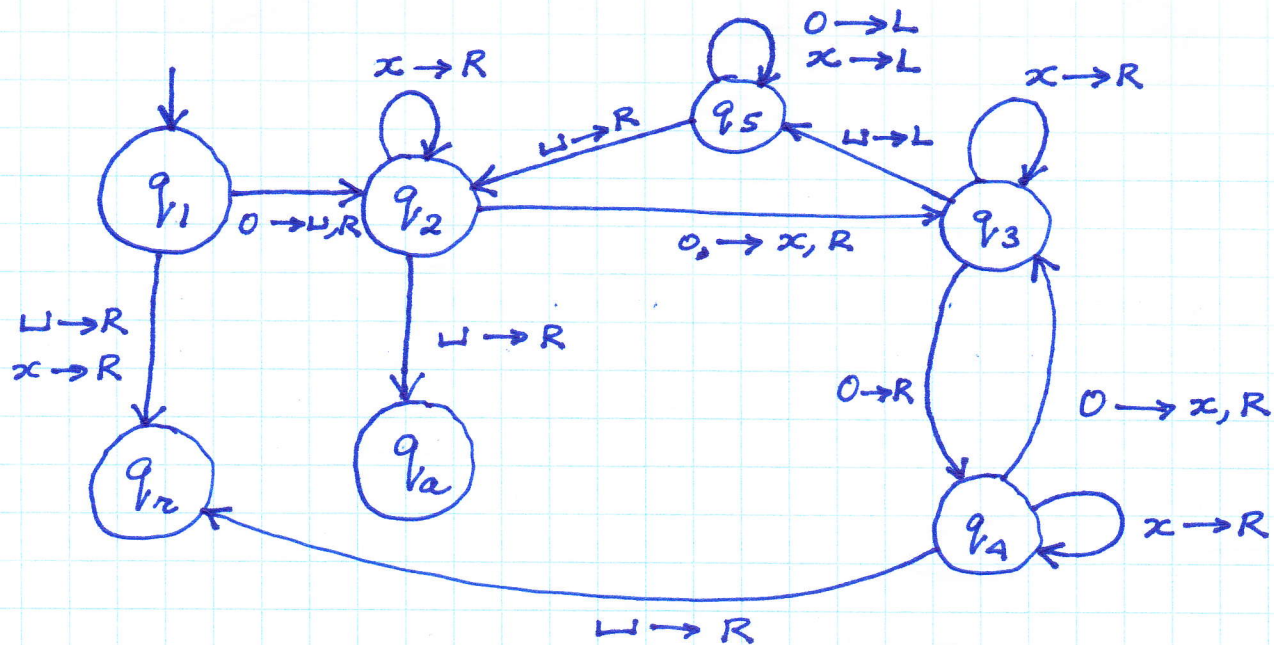
L is Turing decidable if \exists TM M s.t.
 $L = L(M)$ & $\forall w \in \Sigma^* \quad M$ halts on w .

We say L is computably enumerable or CE if
 $L = L(M)$ for some TM

We say L is computable or decidable if
 M always halts & $L = L(M)$

Old terminology : recursively enumerable (RE)
for CE & recursive for decidable.

Obviously any decidable language is recognizable (CE).



$$\Sigma = \{0\} \quad \Gamma = \{0, L, x\}$$

$q_1 \xrightarrow{0 \rightarrow L, R} q_2$ means: read 0, replace it with L, move right 1 cell & change state from q_1 to q_2 .

$q_3 \xrightarrow{0 \rightarrow R} q_4$ means: read 0, don't change it move right one cell & change state from q_3 to q_4

This machine recognizes $\{0^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$

Idea : cross off (replace 0 with x) every 2nd 0
first 0 is replaced by L to serve as left endmarker

If there are an odd number of 0's at any phase reject