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**Computability:** Studies what is and is not computable in principle by idealized digital computers <sup>("algorithms")</sup> without regard to the amount of resources used (eg. time, memory space). Structures and classification of such problems pioneers: Turing - Turing machines, Church - lambda calculus, ~~Post~~ Post - formal rewriting system. 1930's. These three have been shown to be equivalent.

### Complexity Theory

Classify computable functions by the amount of resource used and study their structures and relationships. "Complexity classes"

Complexity measure = the kind of resource studied.

time - in this course, measured by the # of Turing machine state - transition steps. (time complexity)

memory space - " " " the # of " " tape cells used space "

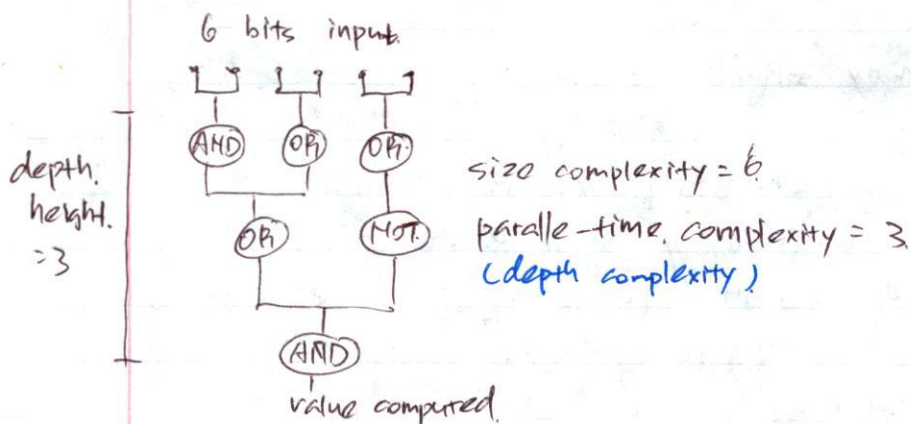
# of logic gates used. - size complexity = total # gates used.

(AND, OR, NOT)

parallel-time complexity = height of circuit.  
(also called depth complexity)

circuit consisting of these gates.

circuit complexity



communication complexity:

pioneers: Cobham, Stearns, Hartmanis, Edmonds, Cook.

comp classes. [html](#) (Outside P)

EXPTIME:  $O(a^n)$

看网页上的 conjecture 很重要!

P:  $O(n^k)$

P = NP.

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P is the proper subset of EXPTIME

Surprising fact

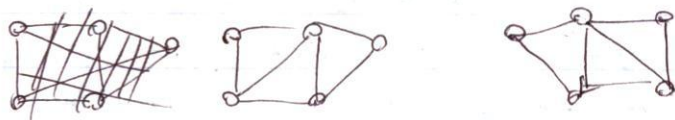
$P \cap NP = \emptyset$

1960's  
Levin...

go through inside/outside p.

graph isomorphism

decide if two given graphs are isomorphic (同构).



### Review of Turing machines

✓ A deterministic Turing machine (DTM), is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -tuple

$(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$  where

- $Q$  is a finite set of control states
- $\Sigma$  is a finite set of input symbols without the blank symbol  $\sqcup$
- $\Gamma$  is a finite set of tape symbols with  $\sqcup \in \Gamma$  and  $\Sigma \subset \Gamma$
- $\delta$  is a state-transition function  $Q' \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$

where  $Q' = Q - \{q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}\}$

- $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state
- $q_{\text{accept}} \in Q$  is the accept state
- $q_{\text{reject}} \in Q$  is the reject state, with  $q_{\text{accept}} \neq q_{\text{reject}}$ .

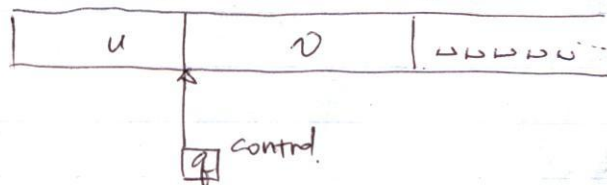
$q_0 = q_{\text{accept}}$  or  $q_0 = q_{\text{reject}}$  is possible.

we denote the empty string by  $\epsilon$

Configurations and the one-step transition relation

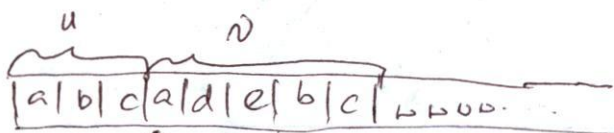
A configuration is denoted by  $u q v$  where

- $uv \in \Gamma^*$  is the current tape string. All tape <sup>cells</sup> ~~symbols~~ after the rightmost symbol of  $uv$  contain  $\sqcup$
- $q$  is the current control state
- The tape head is at 1st. symbol of  $v$ .  
(leftmost)

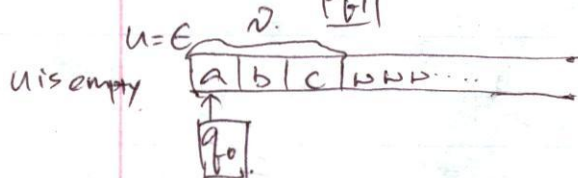


3. 证明

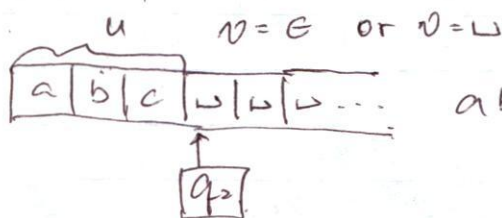




$abcq_1adeb'c.$



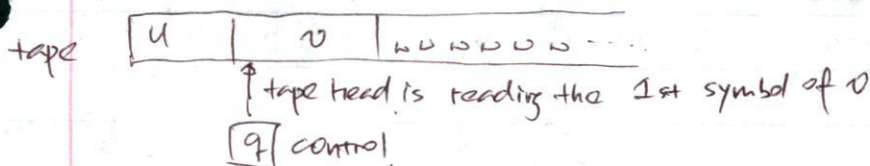
$$\epsilon q_0 abc = q_0 abc$$



$$abcq_2\epsilon = abcq_2$$

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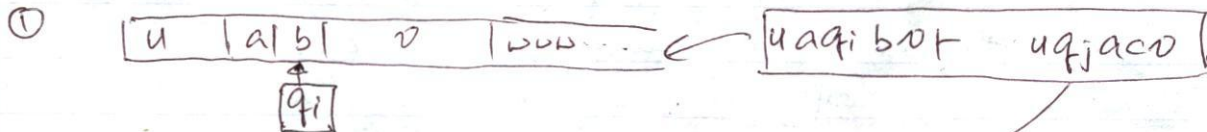
DTM Configuration  
 $uqv$



A configuration is called an "instantaneous description" in some books. Intuitively, it is a "state" ("snapshot") of the whole DTM.

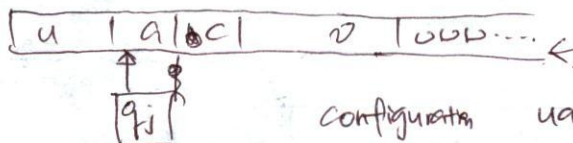
One-step transition relation  $\vdash$  over configurations, determined by the transition function  $\delta$ . Suppose  $u \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $a, b \in \Sigma$ ,  $q_i \neq q_{\text{accept}}$ ,  $q_i \neq q_{\text{reject}}$ .

case

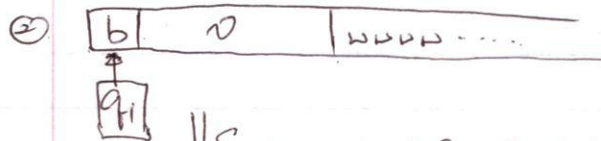


$$\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, L)$$

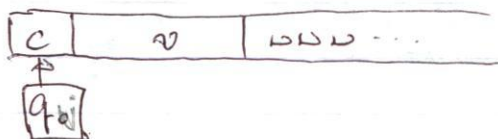
move left  
FF as pointer left



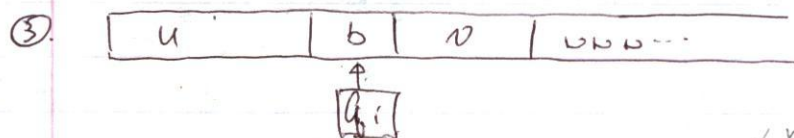
configuration  $uaq_i b v$  transits (yields)  $uaq_j a c v$  in one step



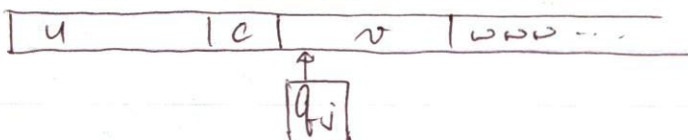
↓  $\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, L)$   
 ↳ move left



$q_i b \vdash q_j c v$



↓  $\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, R)$   
 ↳ moving to right



$u q_i b \vdash u c q_j v$

✓ An accepting configuration is one with control state  $q_{\text{accept}}$ .

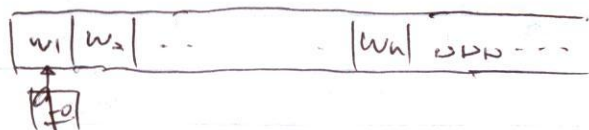
A rejecting configuration - - - - -  $q_{\text{reject}}$ .

A halting - - - - - an accepting or a rejecting configuration

$\Theta' = \Theta - \{q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}\}$   $\delta: \Theta' \times T \rightarrow \Theta \times P \times \{L, R\}$

$\delta$  is undefined for  $q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}$ . The DTM halts whenever an accepting or rejecting configuration reached.

The start configuration on input string  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n \in \Sigma^*$  is  $q_0 w$



$|w| = n$  is the input size.

if the input string is empty string  $\epsilon$   
 then the start configuration is  $q_0 \epsilon$   
 input size is  $0 = |\epsilon|$

A sequence of configuration  $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_k, \dots$  (possibly infinite) is a transition sequence on an input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  if,



decided by the  $\delta$  function,

- $C_1$  is the start configuration  $q_0 w$ ; and,
- $C_i \vdash C_{i+1}$ , for all  $i \geq 1$

If a transition sequence is finite halting in accepting or rejecting configuration  $C_1 \vdash C_2 \vdash \dots \vdash C_k$ ,  $C_k$  is an accepting or rejecting configuration, the value of  $k$  is the time to accept/reject the input  $w$

A DTM,  $M$ , accepts an input string  $w$  if there exists a finite transition sequence  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  on  $w$  where  $C_k$  is an accepting configuration (rejecting, respectively)

The language recognized by a DTM,  $M$ , is

$L(M) = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid M \text{ accepts } w \}$   $M$  may reject  $w$  or run infinitely

$L(M)$  is a recursively enumerable language. (Also called a semi-decidable or partially decidable language)

### Define a decider DTM:

A DTM,  $M$ , is a decider if it halts on all input strings  $w \in \Sigma^*$ . In this case,  $L(M)$  is a recursive language. (Also called a decidable language)

[A famous example of semi-decidable but not decidable language.]

halting problem - actually true for any programming language

Input: String  $x$  encoding  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  is a DTM and  $w$  is an input string to  $M$ .

That this is not decidable is proved by diagonalized technique

Output: accept if  $M$  halts on  $w$

reject if  $M$  does not halt on  $w$

let the be  $M'$

Semi-decidable. Just Run  $M$  on  $w$  and see what happens

on a meta-DTM (interpreter DTM)

accept if it halts also called a universal DTM

otherwise, it runs infinitely

$L(M') = \{ x \text{ encoding } \langle M, w \rangle \mid M' \text{ accepts } x \}$

$\{ \dots - M \text{ halts on } w \}$  根据以上规则

Ex. Basic, Java, C++, ...

string  $x$  encoding  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  is a Basic program,  $w$  is any valid input to  $M$

DTM. to decide  
powers.html

notation  
Unary number  
natural

represent a ~~normal~~ number  $n$  by a string of  $n$  symbols (e.g. '0')

$32 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$   
 $20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5$

eg 3.7: in the book.

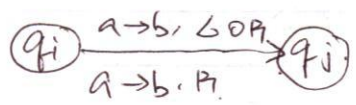
example 16

0000 0000 0000 0000	uuu ---	
u 000 0000 0000 0000	uuu ---	
u xoxoxoxox oxox oxox	---	# of crossed off 0's = 8.
u xx <del>0</del> xxx oxox oxox	---	4.
u xx xxxxx oxox xxxx	---	2.
u xv xvxxv xvxx xxxx	---	1.

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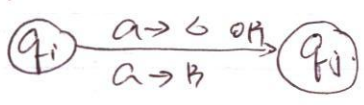
$20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5$  x  
 $40 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5$  x  
 $6 \rightarrow 3$  x  
 $8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$  ✓  
 $12 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 3$  x  
 $36 \rightarrow 18 \rightarrow 9$  x

$$\delta(q_i, a) = (q_j, b, L/R) \quad a \neq b$$



if  $a = b$

$$\delta(q_i, a) = (q_j, a, L/R)$$



对照网上log.  
网上有reject的。

- input size = 4
- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| ① 0000 u t  | ⑦ u xox u t |
| ② u 000 u t | ⑧ u xox u t |
| ③ u x00 u t | ⑨ u xox u t |
| ④ u x00 u t | ⑩ u xox u t |
| ⑤ u xox u t | ⑪ u xox u t |
| ⑥ u xox u t | ⑫ u xxx u t |
|             | ⑬ u xxx u t |
- k=4

The time to decide 0000  
is 21  
last one not counted.  
只读1  
最后一个是transition.

crossed off 0's  
 $k=2$



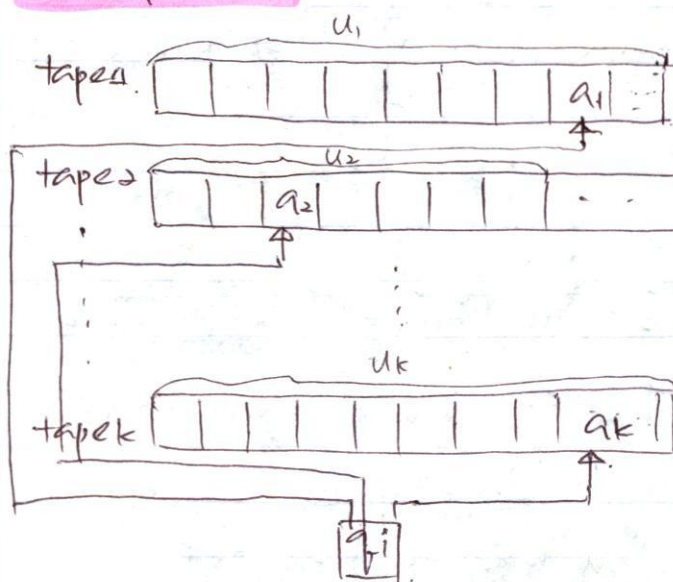
- ⑭  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_5}$
- ⑮  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
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- ⑯  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_5}$
- ⑰  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_5}$
- ⑱  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_2}$
- ⑲  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_2}$
- ⑳  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_2}$
- ㉑  $\sqcup x x x \sqcup t$   
 $\overline{q_2}$

$\sqcup x x x \sqcup \sqcup$   
 $\overline{q_{accept}}$

网附例是 000000 是 repeat 的.

- ①  $\overline{q_1}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ②  $\overline{q_2}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ③  $\overline{q_3}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ④  $\overline{q_4}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ⑤  $\overline{q_3}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ⑥  $\overline{q_4}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ⑦  $\overline{q_3}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
- ⑧  $\overline{q_5}$  000000  $\sqcup t$
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- ⑮  $\overline{q_2}$  000000  $\sqcup t$

### Multitap DTM



has  $k$  tapes for some constant  $k$ .

has only 4 control!

The only difference is  $\delta: \theta' = \theta - \{q_{accept}, q_{reject}\}$

$\delta: \theta' \times T^k \rightarrow \theta \times T^k \times \{L, R, S\}$

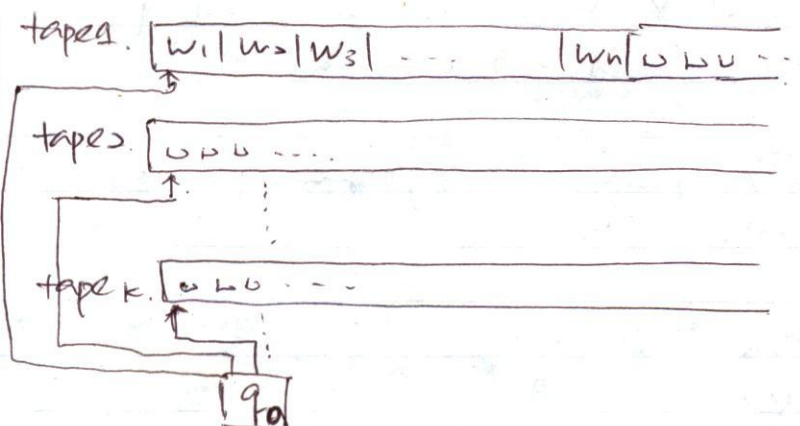
stay put in the same position

$S(q_i, a_1, \dots, a_k) = (q_j, b_1, \dots, b_k, d_i, \dots, d_k)$

$d_i \in \{L, R, S\}$

Abstraction of computers with  $k$  independent memories.

Initial configuration on input  $w = w_1 \dots w_n$



## Simulation of $k$ -tape DTM by 1-tape DTM

Let  $M$  = given  $k$ -tape DTM.

$M'$  = simulating 1-tape DTM

Let  $T = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  be the tape alphabet of  $M$ .

$T'$  of  $M'$  extends  $T$  as follows:

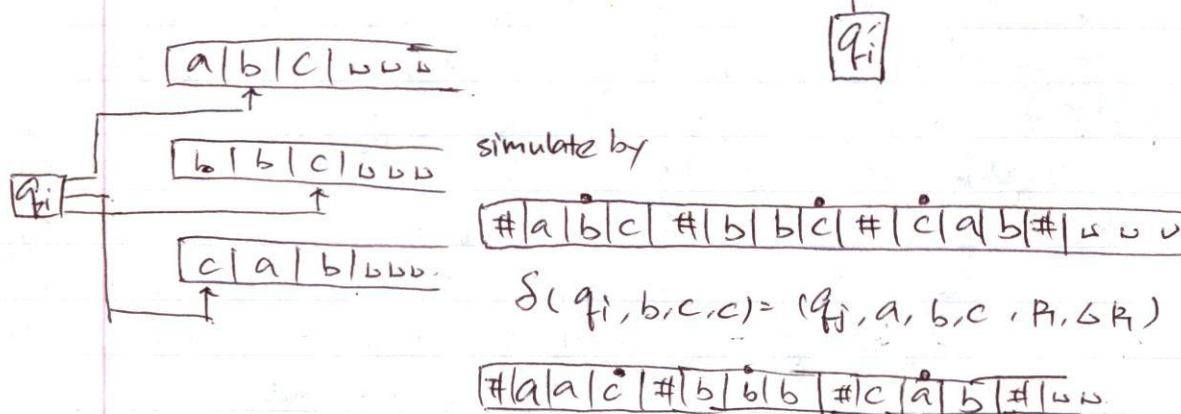
$T' = \{s_1, \dots, s_n, \dot{s}_1, \dots, \dot{s}_n, \#\}$   $\#$  is any symbol not in  $T$ .

Let  $u_i$  be the current tape string on tape  $i$ , where the rightmost symbol of  $u_i$  is the rightmost nonblank symbol.

$M'$  simulates the  $u_i$  by:



The dotted symbol simulate the positions of  $k$  tape heads of  $M$ .



Whenever  $M$  moves the head onto  $\#$ ,

$M'$  must move the string to the left of it one position to right.

To simulate one step of  $M$ ,  $M'$  performs two scans from left to right.

1st scan: Identify the  $k$  dotted tape symbols.

move head back

2nd scan: sequentially update tape symbols. If necessary, do

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

**Th 7.8.** If  $M$ 's runtime is  $O(f(n))$ ,  
 $M'$ 's runtime is  $O(f(n))^2$ .

2nd scan: means in each of  
 1st scan, uses  $O(f(n))$  steps.

$n$  = length of  
 input string  
 Every scan.

Takes at  
 most.

$O(f(n))$   
 steps

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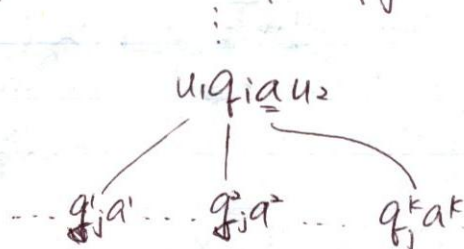


NTMs.  
Nondeterministic, 1-tape

Incorporates a nondeterministic choice in state transitions

$$\delta(q_i, a) = \{(q_j^1, a^1), (q_j^2, a^2), \dots, (q_j^k, a^k)\}, k \geq 0$$

computation tree of configurations.



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Nondeterministic, one-tape Turing machines (NTMs)

An NTM is a  $\langle Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}} \rangle$ .  $q_{\text{reject}}$  is not used

$Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}$  are the same as for DTM.

$$\delta: Q' \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \Gamma \times \Sigma \times \Gamma), \text{ where } Q' = Q - \{q_{\text{accept}}\}$$

$\uparrow$   
 the power set operation.

$$\mathcal{P}(x) = \{S \mid S \subseteq x\}$$

$$\delta(q_i, a) = \{(q_j^1, b_1, d_1), \dots, (q_j^k, b_k, d_k)\}, k \geq 0$$

$$\delta(q_i, a) = \{\emptyset\} \text{ if } k = 0$$

Intuitively, one of the  $k$  transitions is chosen "nondeterministically".

The definitions of configurations and  $\Gamma$  are same as for DTM

A computation tree on an input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  is a tree of configurations

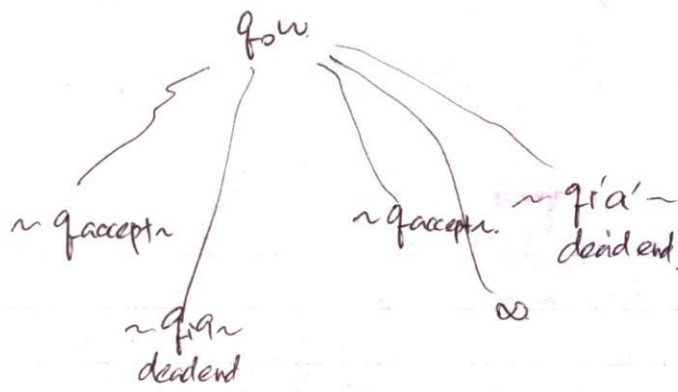
where the root is the start configuration  $q_0 w$

- Each configuration  $C$  in the tree has children configurations  $D_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , iff  $C \vdash D_i$  for all  $i$ .

NTM to decide

A computation tree has 3 kinds of branches:

- An accepting branch: a finite branch halting in an accepting configuration.
- A dead-end branch: because of non-existence of transitions ( $\delta(q_i, a) = \{\emptyset\}$ )
- An infinite branch

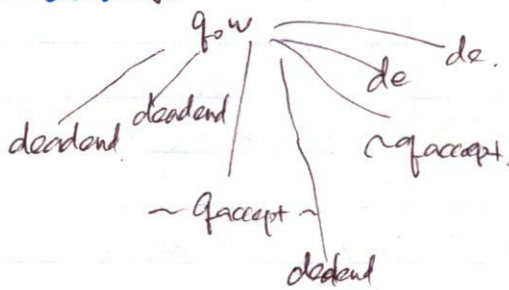


- 1) If the computation tree on  $w$  has at least one accepting branch,  $w$  is accepted. (does not matter how many branches it has)
- 2) If all branches of the computation tree on  $w$  are dead-end branches,  $w$  is rejected.

3) Otherwise, the tree has no accepting branches and has at least one infinite branch. In this case,  $w$  is neither accepted nor rejected.  
 A decider NTM is one whose computation trees have no infinite branches for all input strings.

Define NTM decider

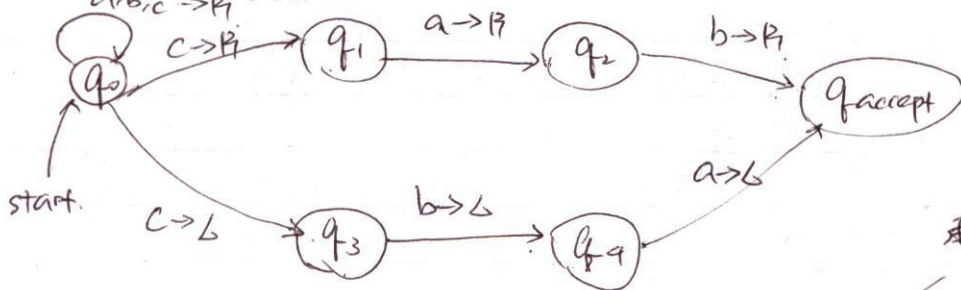
So, for any decider NTM, any computation tree is finite and has at least one accepting branch, and  $w$  is accepted. Or the computation tree is finite and all branches are dead-end,  $w$  is rejected.



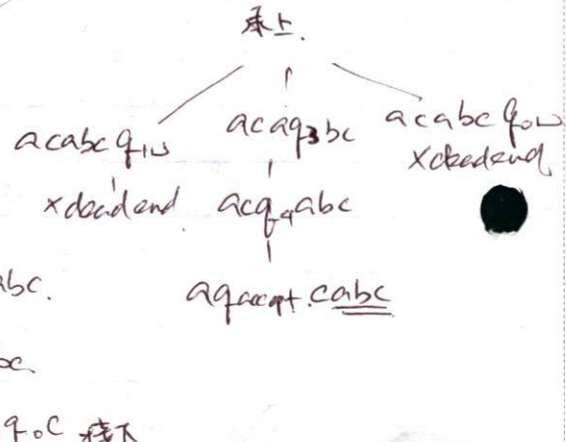
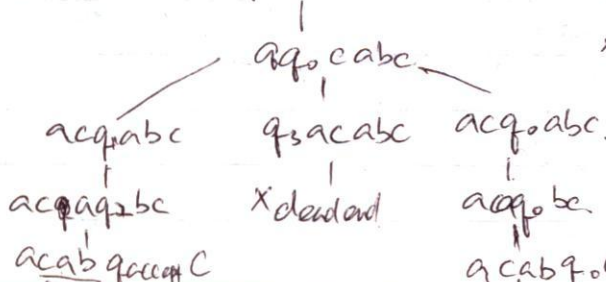
tree is finite and all branches are dead-end.  $w$  is rejected.

An NTM to decide  $\{w_cabx \mid w, x \in \Sigma^*\} \cup \{w_1abcx \mid wx \in \Sigma^*\}$ ,  
 $a, b, c \in \Sigma$ .  
 ↑ make a nondeterministic choice on  $c$

$T = \{a, b, c, \epsilon\}$   
 $w, x$  are any strings of  $a, b, c$



Computation tree on  $q_0acabc$



The input  $q_0acabc$  is accepted