Turing Machine Documentation

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2 Definition

A Turing machine is meant to make a stack and queue depending on the input. It's meant to be a visualization tool for CS 202 students studying these data structures. This is a really good visualization tool, as the program used to build the Turing Machine provides the overhead for the visualization.

3 States, Transitions, Image

The Turing machine operates by moving between states and performing transitions on the tape. The states and transitions are labelled as follows:

- Red are all the reject states (q_{reject})
- Green are all the accept states (q_{accept})
- ullet Blue is the Queue's add States
- Yellow is the Queue's remove States (1st part: deletion)
- Orange is the Queue's remove States (2nd part: movement)
- Magenta is the Stack with the add states
- \bullet Cyan is the Stack with the remove states
- Black are the initial states to set up the #

The transitions can be summarized as follows:

- xxxxxx
- xxxxxx

Finally, the Turing Machine is shown in Figure 1.

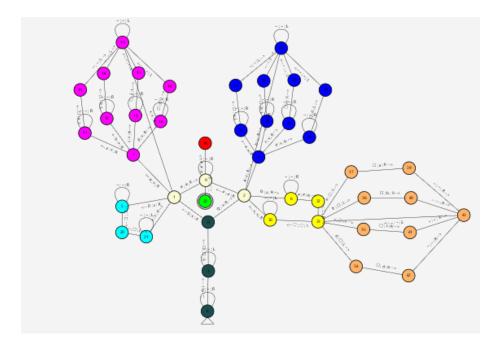


Figure 1: Turing Machine.

4 Instructions

A's mean to add the next character and D's mean to delete from the top or the bottom, depending on whether you specified a stack or a queue by either inputting an S or Q at the beginning of the string. You can add a,b,c, or d. This can, of course, be implemented with any character, but using only 4 characters makes it easier to visualize the states.

5 Examples

Here are some examples of input and output for the Turing machine:

• Input: SAaAbD, Output: xxxxxx#a

• Input: SAaAbAcDAdAaDD, Output: xxxxxxxxxxxx#ab

• Input: QAaAbD, Output: xxxxxx#b

• Input: QAaAbAcDAdAaDD, Output: xxxxxxxxxxxx#da

Input: QA#AbD, Output: INVALIDInput: QA1A2D, Output: INVALID

6 Conclusion

The Turing machine is a powerful tool for performing computations on input tapes. It has applications in computer science, mathematics, and other fields.