



Theory of Machines and Languages

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Turing Machines as Transducers

- A function f with domain D is said to be **Turing-computable** or just **computable** if there exists some Turing machine $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \square, F)$ such that

$$q_0 w \vdash_M^* q_f f(w), \quad q_f \in F,$$

for all $w \in D$.

- *All the common mathematical functions, no matter how complicated, are Turing-computable*

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□ Example

- Given two positive integers x and y , design a Turing machine that computes $x + y$

- Positive integer x is represented by $w(x) \in \{1\}^+$, such that $|w(x)| = x$
- We want to design a Turing machine for performing the computation:

$$q_0 w(x) 0 w(y) \stackrel{*}{\vdash} q_f w(x + y) 0$$

$$\delta(q_0, 1) = (q_0, 1, R),$$

$$\delta(q_0, 0) = (q_1, 1, R),$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1) = (q_1, 1, R),$$

$$\delta(q_1, \square) = (q_2, \square, L),$$

$$\delta(q_2, 1) = (q_3, 0, L),$$

$$\delta(q_3, 1) = (q_3, 1, L),$$

$$\delta(q_3, \square) = (q_4, \square, R).$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 111011 &\vdash 1 q_0 11011 \vdash 11 q_0 1011 \vdash 111 q_0 011 \\ &\vdash 1111 q_1 11 \vdash 11111 q_1 1 \vdash 111111 q_1 \square \\ &\vdash 11111 q_2 1 \vdash 1111 q_3 10 \\ &\stackrel{*}{\vdash} q_3 \square 111110 \vdash q_4 111110. \end{aligned}$$

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□ Example

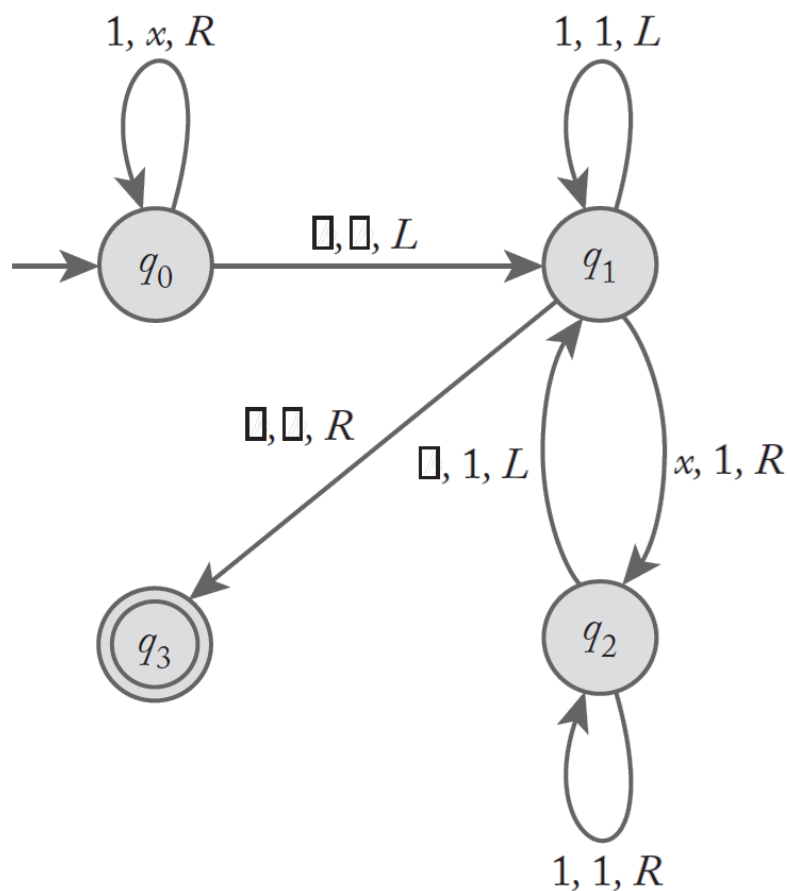
- Design a Turing machine that copies strings of 1's

$$q_0 w \vdash^* q_f ww$$

1. Replace every 1 by an x
2. Find the rightmost x and replace it with 1
3. Travel to the right end of the current nonblank region and create a 1 there
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until there are no more x 's

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□ Example (Cont.)



$q_0 11 \vdash x q_0 1 \vdash x x q_0 \square \vdash x q_1 x$
 $\vdash x 1 q_2 \square \vdash x q_1 11 \vdash q_1 x 11$
 $\vdash 1 q_2 11 \vdash 11 q_2 1 \vdash 111 q_2 \square$
 $\vdash 11 q_1 11 \vdash 1 q_1 111$
 $\vdash q_1 1111 \vdash q_1 \square 1111 \vdash q_3 1111.$

Turing Machines

□ **Exercise:** Construct Turing machines that will accept the following language

$$L = \{a^n b^{2n} : n \geq 1\}.$$

