

Nondeterminism in Turing Machine (Part-2)

Theorem: Every Nondeterministic TM has an equivalent Deterministic TM

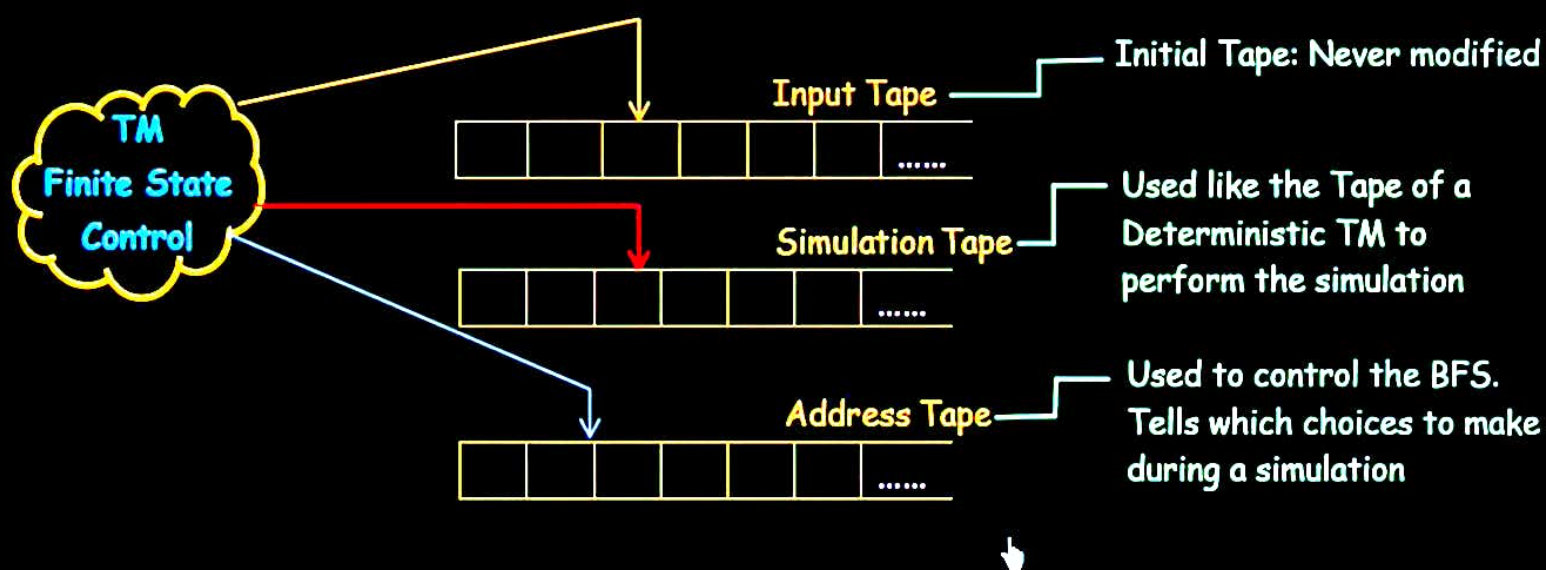
Proof:

- Given a Nondeterministic TM (**N**) show how to construct an equivalent Deterministic TM (**D**)
- If **N** accepts on any branch, the **D** will Accept
- If **N** halts on every branch without any ACCEPT, then **D** will Halt and Reject.

Approach:

- Simulate **N**
- Simulate all branches of computation
- Search for any way **N** can Accept





Algorithm:

Initially: TAPE 1 contains the Input
TAPE 2 and TAPE 3 are empty

- Copy TAPE 1 to TAPE 2
- Run the Simulation
- Use TAPE 2 as "The Tape"
- When choices occur (i.e. when Nondeterministic branch points are encountered) consult TAPE 3
- TAPE 3 contains a Path. Each number tells which choice to make
- Run the Simulation all the way down the branch as far as the address/path goes (or the computation dies)
- Try the next branch
- Increment the address on TAPE 3
- REPEAT

If ACCEPT is ever encountered,
Halt and Accept

If all branches Reject or die out,
then Halt and Reject

