

# THEORETICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE TUTORING (4)

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### Problem 3.1 from the exam held on June 18, 2018

Let  $L_1 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be an **acceptable** but undecidable language and let  $L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be a decidable language. Consider the following function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N} : \forall x \in \Sigma^*$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in L_1 \\ |x| & \text{if } x \notin L_1 \wedge x \in L_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Show whether  $f$  is a computable function

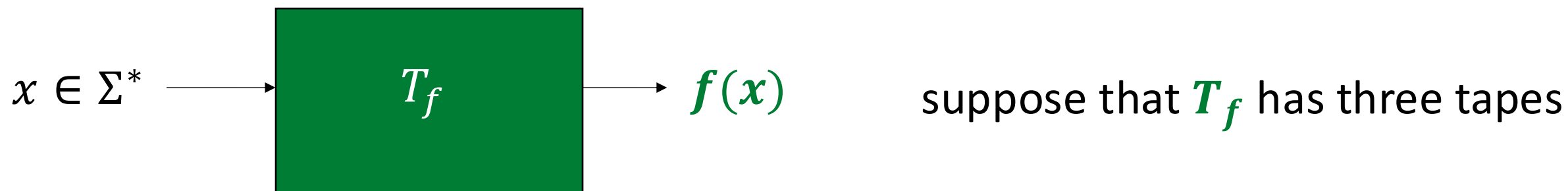
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### Claim

$f$  is **not** computable

### Proof

Let's assume for contradiction that  $f$  is computable. We could then construct a Turing machine  $T_1$  that decides  $L_1$



$x \in \Sigma^*$

working tape

$f(x)$

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Let's build a recognizer  $T_1$

$T_1$

$x \in \Sigma^*$

working tape

$f(x)$

Calculate  $f(x)$  on the third tape

if  $f(x) = 1$

else if  $f(x) = |x|$  or  $f(x) = 0$

✓  $T_1$  accepts

✗  $T_1$  rejects


$T_1$  decides  $L_1$  ⚡ contradiction

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Prove that for every constant  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2^{n^k}$  is a **time-constructible** function.

### Definition

A function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is **time-constructible** if there exists a Turing machine  $T$  of transducer type that, given an input integer  $n$  in unary ( $1^n$ ), writes on the output tape  $f(n)$  in unary ( $1^{f(n)}$ ) in  $dtime(T, n) = O(f(n))$

  $O(f(n))$

$n$

$f(n)$

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### Claim


$\forall$  constant  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2^{n^k}$  is a **time-constructible**

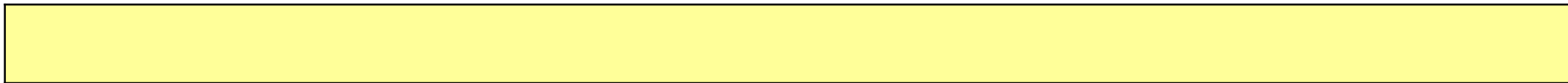
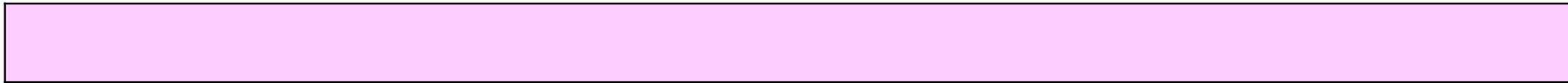
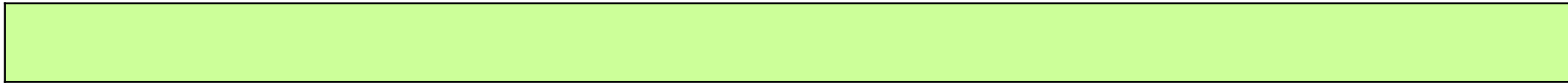
Let's build a Turing machine that computes  $2^{n^k}$



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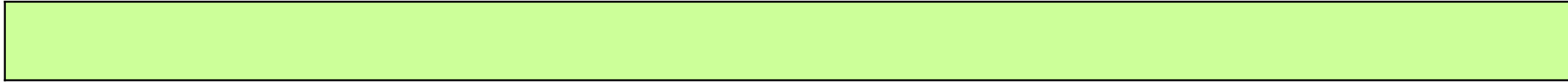
concatenation

$$\underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = 2^j} + \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = 2^j} = \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = 2^{j+1}}$$
An arrow points from the word "concatenation" to the plus sign in the equation above.



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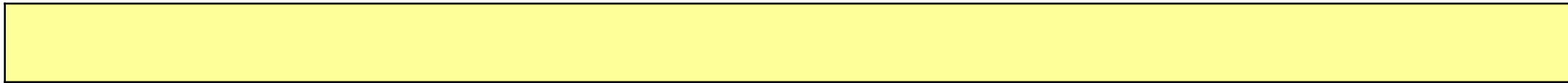
$n_1$



$n_2$



$n_3$



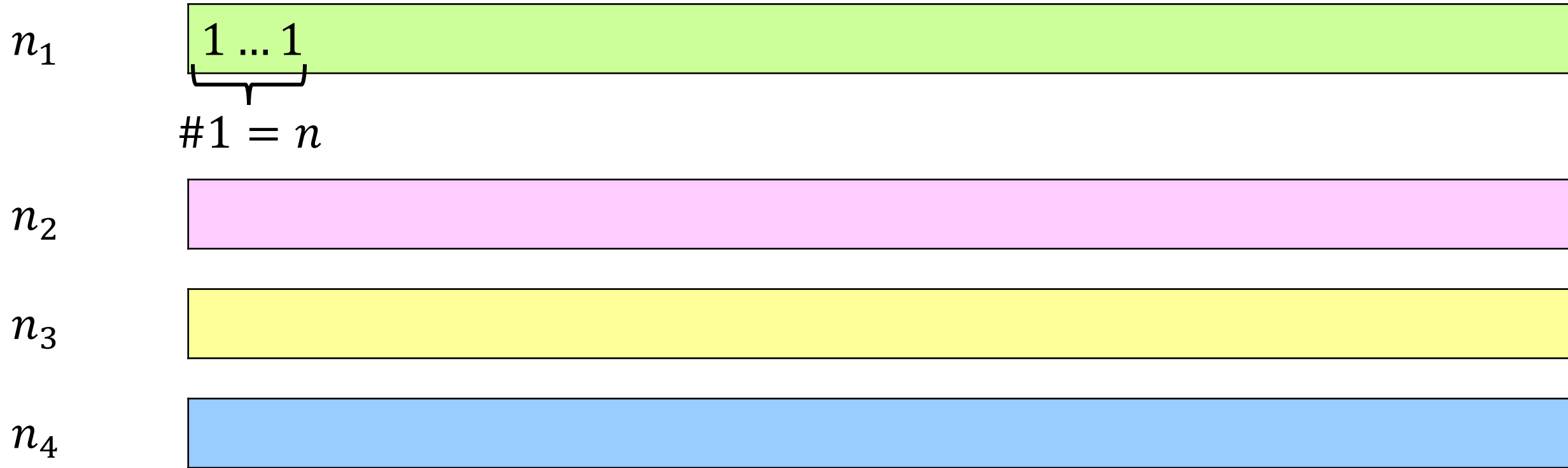
$n_4$



$n_1 \leftarrow n$



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$$n_2 \leftarrow k^{th}\text{-power}(n_1)$$




We know how to compute the  $k^{th}$  power in  $O(n^k)$  steps

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$n_1$    $\underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = n}$

$n_2$    $\underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = n^k}$

$n_3$  

$n_4$  

$n_3 \leftarrow 2$

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Let  $i_2$  be the position of the head on the second tape  
 $i_2 \leftarrow 2$

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$n_1$

1 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

11

$n_4$

**while( $i_2 \leq n_2$ ) do**

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$n_1$

1 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

11

$n_4$

**while**( $i_2 \leq n_2$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

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$n_1$

1 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

11

$n_4$

11

**while**( $i_2 \leq n_2$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

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$n_1$

1 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

1111

$n_4$

11

**while**( $i_2 \leq n_2$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

$i_2 \leftarrow i_2 + 1$

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$n_1$

1 ... 1

$n_2$

111 ... 1

$n_3$

1111

$n_4$

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**while**( $i_2 \leq n_2$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

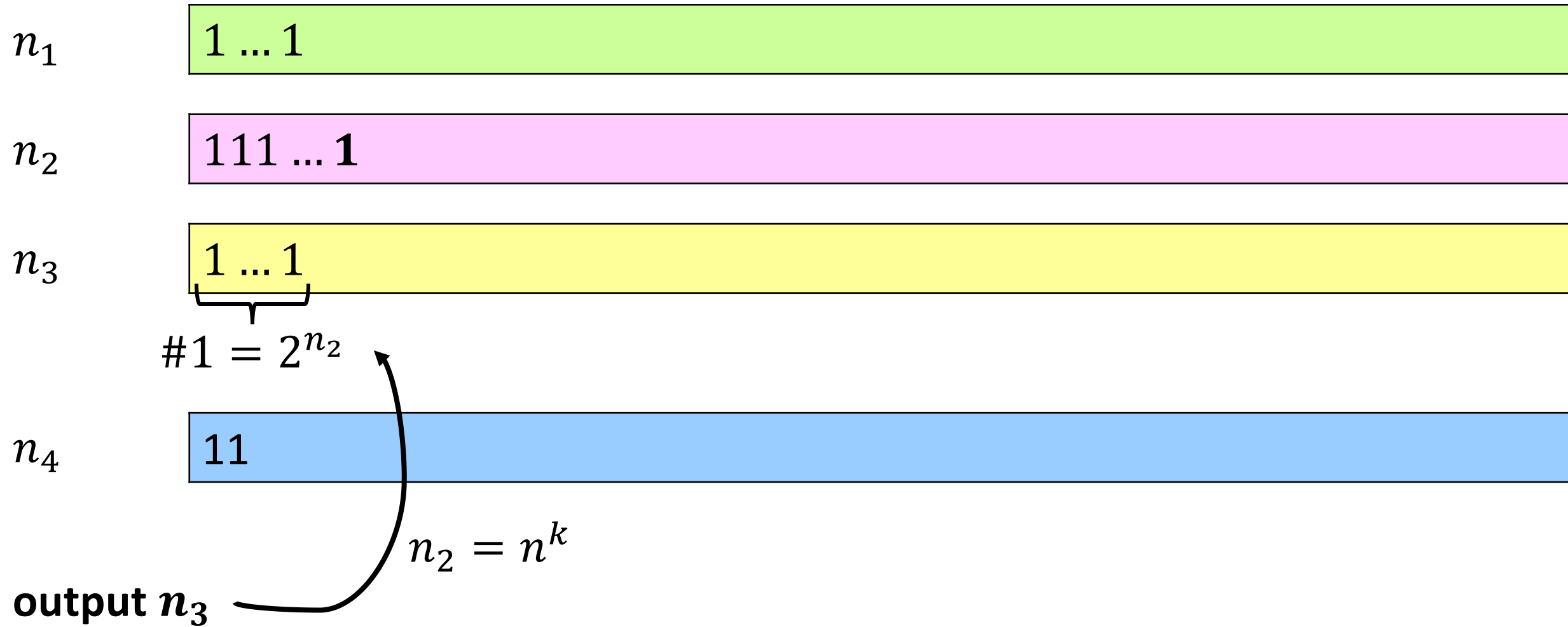
$i_2 \leftarrow i_2 + 1$



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$n_1 \leftarrow n$		
$n_2 \leftarrow k^{th}\text{-power}(n_1)$	$O(n^k)$	
$n_3 \leftarrow 2$		
$i_2 \leftarrow 2$		
while( $i_2 \leq n_2$ ) do		
$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$	$2 \leq i_2 \leq n^k$	$\sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} [2^{i_2-1} + 2^{i_2}]$
$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$	#1 = $2^{i_2-1}$	
$i_2 \leftarrow i_2 + 1$	#1 = $2^{i_2}$	
output $n_3$		

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$$\sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} [2^{i_2-1} + 2^{i_2}] = \sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} 2^{i_2-1} + \sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} 2^{i_2} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} 2^{i_2} + \sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} 2^{i_2} = \left( \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} 2^{i_2} =$$

$$= \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) \sum_{i_2=2}^{n^k} 2^{i_2} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) (2^{n^k+1} - 1 - 1 - 2) <$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

$$< 3 \cdot 2^{n^k} \in O(2^{n^k})$$

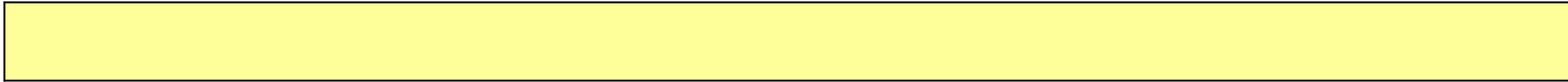
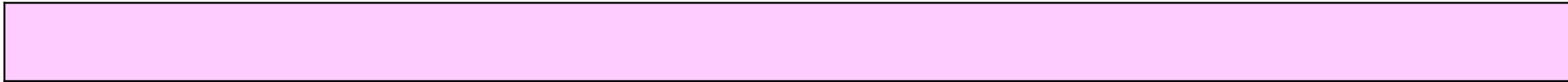
## Exercise 1 from [Antonio Cruciani](#)'s tutoring ([lesson 4](#))

Prove that  $f(n) = n^n$  is a **time-constructible** function

### Claim

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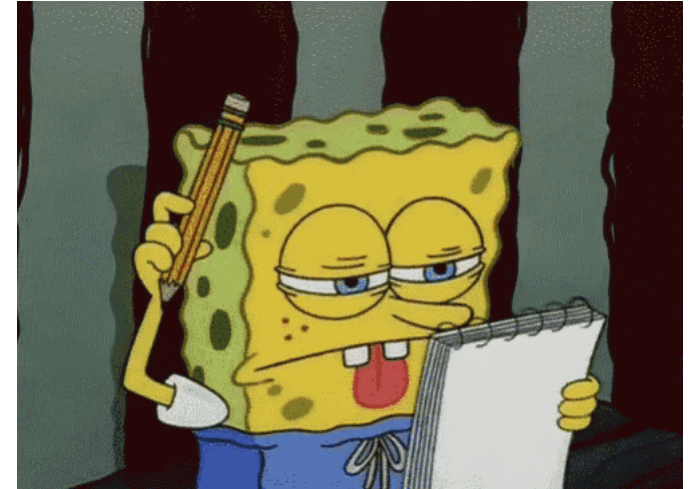
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concatenation

$$\underbrace{\underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = n^j} + \dots + \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = n^j}}_{n \text{ blocks}} = \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{\#1 = n^{j+1}}$$



💡 2 nested cycles

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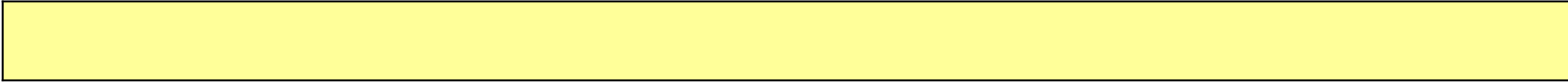
$n_1$



$n_2$



$n_3$




$n_4$



$n_1 \leftarrow n$

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$n_1$  

#1 =  $n$

$n_2$  

$n_3$  

$n_4$  

$n_2 \leftarrow n_1$



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Let  $i$  and  $j$  be the positions of the heads of the first two tapes

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$n_1$



#1 =  $n$

$n_2$



#1 =  $n$

$n_3$



$n_4$



$n_3 \leftarrow n_1$

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$n_1$



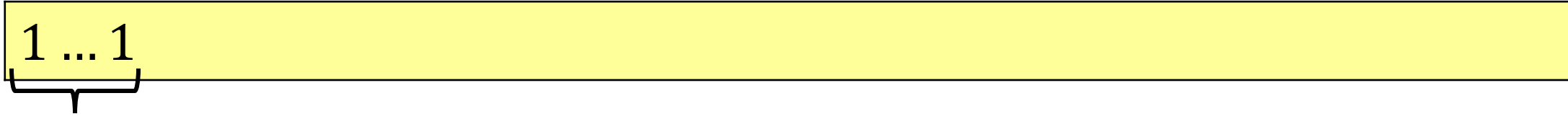
#1 =  $n$

$n_2$



#1 =  $n$

$n_3$



#1 =  $n$

$n_4$



$i \leftarrow 2$

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$n_1$

11 ... 1

$n_2$

1 ... 1

$n_3$

1 ... 1

$n_4$

**while( $i \leq n$ ) do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

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$n_1$

11 ... 1

$n_2$

1 ... 1

$n_3$

1 ... 1

$n_4$

1 ... 1

**while( $i \leq n$ ) do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

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$n_1$

11 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

1 ... 1

$n_4$

1 ... 1

**while**( $i \leq n$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

**while**( $j \leq n$ ) **do**

        |

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

$j \leftarrow j + 1$

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$n_1$

11 ... 1

$n_2$

111 ... 1

$n_3$

1 ... 11 ... 1

$n_4$

1 ... 1

**while**( $i \leq n$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

**while**( $j \leq n$ ) **do**

        |

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

$j \leftarrow j + 1$

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 $n_1$ 

11 ... 1

 $n_2$ 

1 ... 1

 $n_3$ 

1 ... 1 ... 1 ... 1

 $n_4$ 

1 ... 1

while( $i \leq n$ ) do

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

    while( $j \leq n$ ) do

        |

        |      $n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$   
        |      $j \leftarrow j + 1$   
        |      $i \leftarrow i + 1$

#1 =  $n_4 \cdot n$



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$n_1$

111 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

1 ... 1 ... 1 ... 1

$n_4$

while( $i \leq n$ ) do

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

    while( $j \leq n$ ) do

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$   
         $j \leftarrow j + 1$   
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$

...

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$n_1$

111 ... 1

$n_2$

11 ... 1

$n_3$

1 ... 1 ... 1 ... 1

$n_4$

**while**( $i \leq n$ ) **do**

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

**while**( $j \leq n$ ) **do**

        |

        |  $n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

        |  $j \leftarrow j + 1$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

**output**  $n_3$

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$n_1, n_2, n_3 \leftarrow n$

$i \leftarrow 2$

while( $i \leq n$ ) do

$n_4 \leftarrow n_3$

$j \leftarrow 2$

    while( $j \leq n$ ) do

$n_3 \leftarrow n_3 + n_4$

$j \leftarrow j + 1$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

output  $n_3$

$O(n)$

$n$  times

#1 =  $n^{i-1}$

$n$  times

#1 added =  $n^{i-1}$

$O(n^i)$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n n^i$$

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$$\sum_{i=2}^n n^i = \frac{n^2 - n^{n+1}}{1 - n} = \frac{n^{n+1} - n^2}{n - 1} \in O(n^n)$$

$$\sum_{k=m}^n x^k = \frac{x^m - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}$$

