

Example 1: Design TM to check whether a string over  $\{a, b\}$  contains equal number of a's and b's.  
 [Dec-2008, Dec-2009, May-2010, May-2012, May-2014]

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1: Logic:

1. Locate first 'a' or first 'b'
2. If it is 'a' then locate 'b' rewrite them as x.
3. If it is 'b' then locate 'a' rewrite them as x.
4. Repeat steps from 1 to 3 till every a or b is rewritten as x.

Step 2: Transition diagram

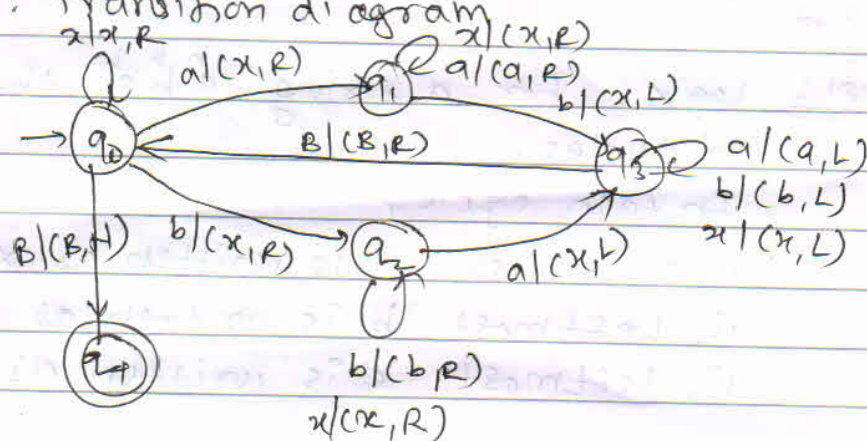


Fig 1: Equal number of a's & b's

Example 2: Construct TM for checking well formedness of parenthesis. [Dec-2007, May-2008, May-2009, Dec-2014]

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

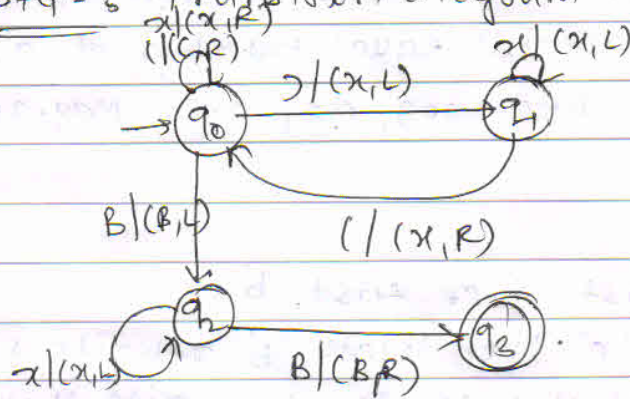
Step 1: Logic:

In each cycle, the left most ')' is written as x then the head moves left to locate the nearest '(' and it is changed to x.

The cycle of computation are shown below:

Input string is assumed to be  $\beta(())()B$

step 2: Transition diagram



Example 3: Design TM which recognizes words of the form  $a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1$  [Dec-2009, Dec-2011, Dec-2013]

Sol:  $\rightarrow$

step 1: logic: for a string  $a^n b^n c^n$  the TM will need 'n' cycles.

In each cycle,

- Leftmost 'a' is written as x
- Leftmost 'b' is written as y
- Leftmost 'c' is written as z.

step 2: construct transition diagram

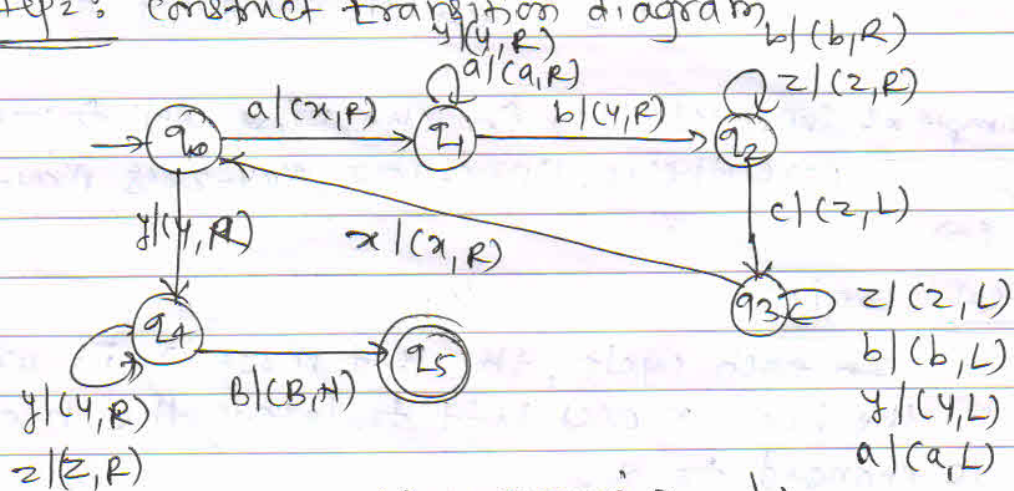


fig: transition diagram for  $a^n b^n c^n$  where  $n \geq 1$ .



Example 4: Design TM which recognizes palindromes over alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  [May-2008, Dec-2009, May-2010, May-2011, Dec-2013, May-2014]

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1: A palindrome can have one of the following forms:

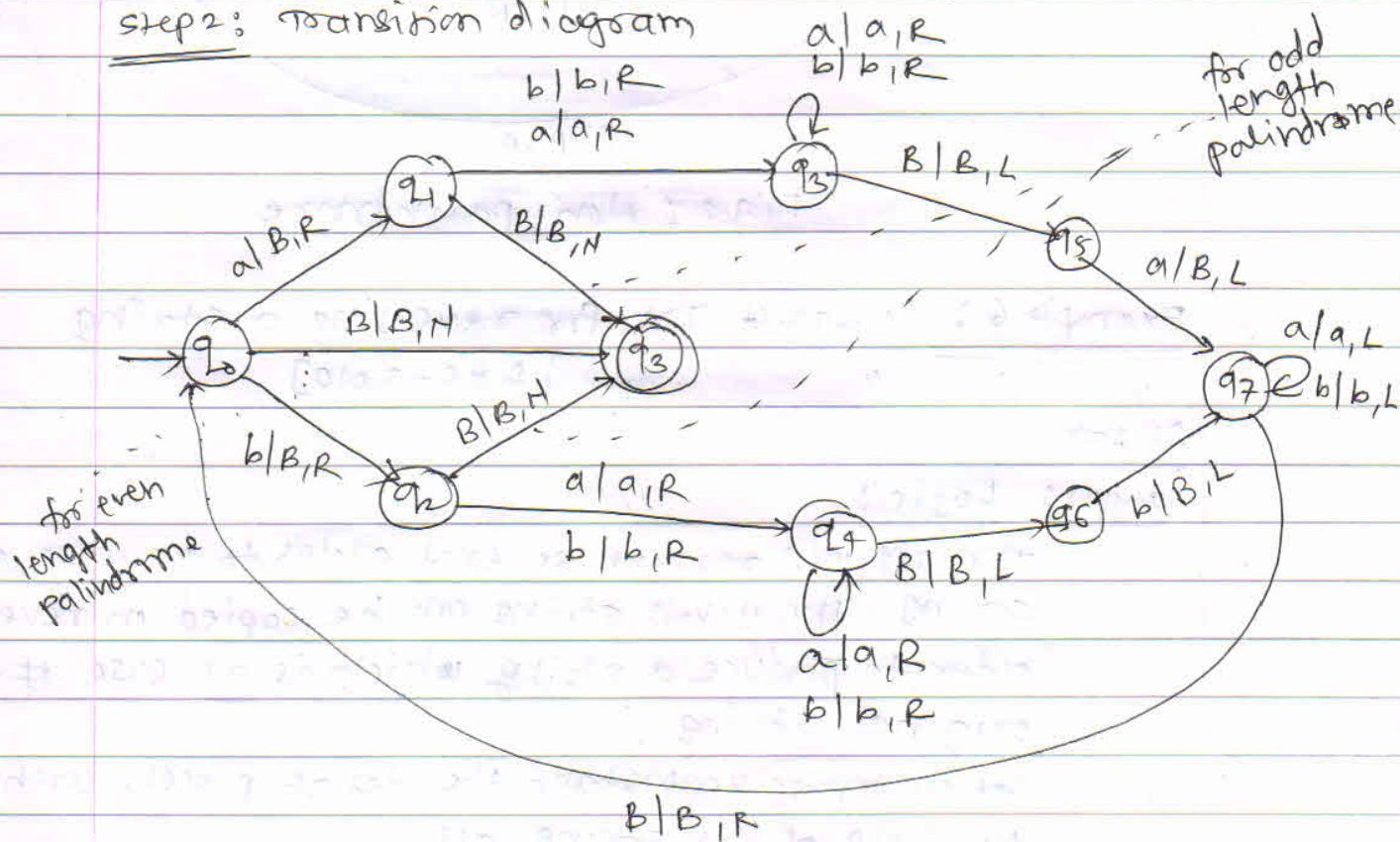
- i.  $w w^R$
- ii.  $w a w^R$
- iii.  $w b w^R$

where,  $w$  is a string over  $\{a, b\}$  with  $|w| \geq 0$

Logic:

- i. Algorithm requires 'n' cycles where  $|w| = n$
- ii. In each cycle, first character is matched with the last character and both are erased.

Step 2: Transition diagram



Example 5: Draw a transition diagram for a TM accepting the following language

$L = \{ \text{The language of all non-palindromes over } \{a, b\} \}$  [Dec-2009]

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1: If the tape does not contain 'a' in the state  $q_5$  or the tape does not contain 'b' in state  $q_6$  then it is a non-palindrome.

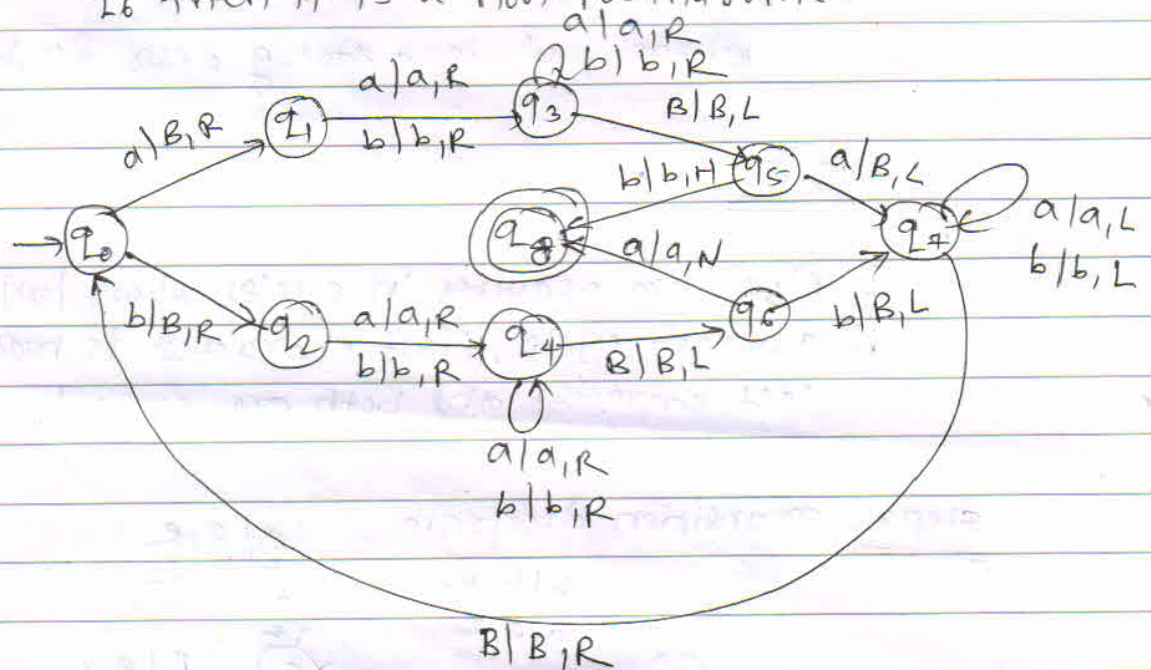


Fig 2: Non-palindrome

Example 6: Construct TM for reversing a string [Dec-2010]

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1: Logic:

The TM will require several cycles to reverse a string. The given string can be copied in reverse order to produce a string which is reverse of the original string.

Let us try to understand the design process with the help of the string 011.



Original string : B 0 1 1 B

After 1<sup>st</sup> cycle : B 0 1 X 1 B

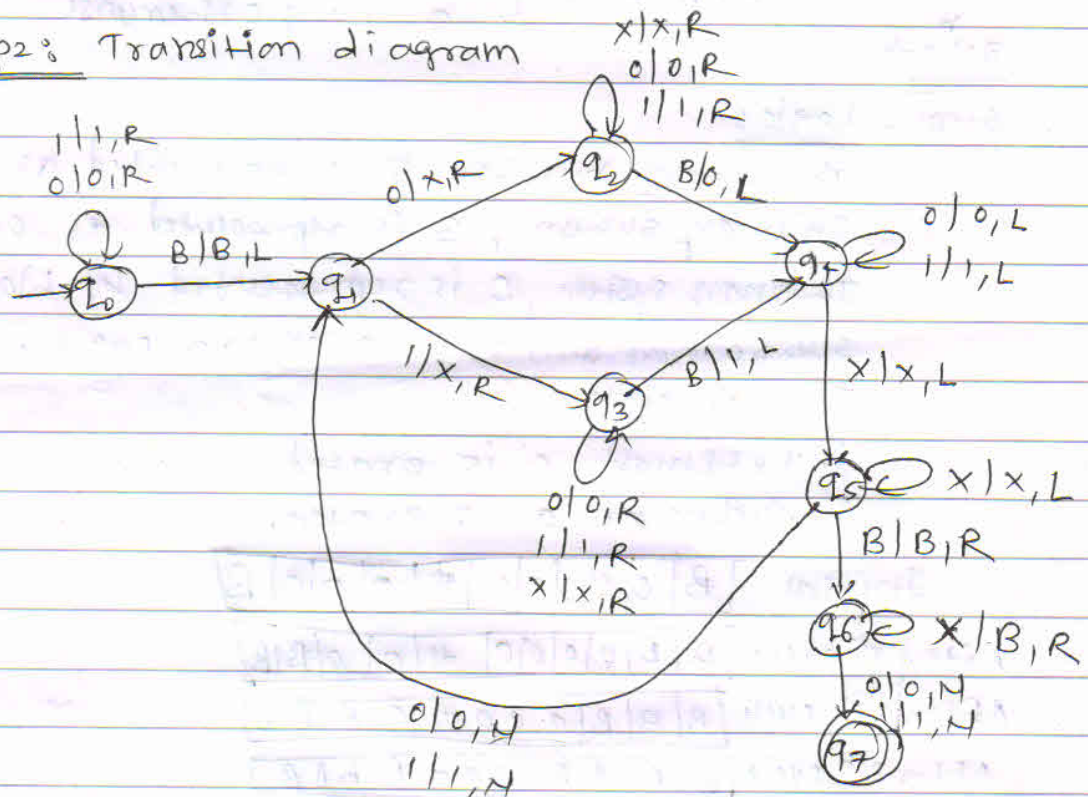
After 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle : B 0 X X 1 1 B

After 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle : B X X X 1 1 0 B

subsequently, x's can be erased.

Initially, the head is positioned on the left most symbol  
The head is advanced to the right most symbol in the state  $q_1$ .

Step 2: Transition diagram



Example 7: Design TM to increment a binary number by 1.

Sol<sup>n</sup> :

Step 1: Logic:

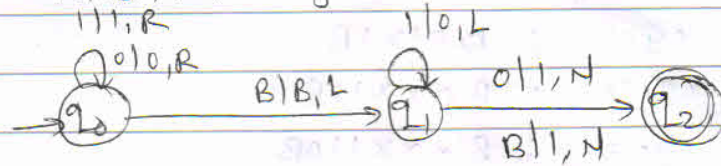
Binary Number : B 1 0 0 1 1 1 B

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{B} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{B} \\ \phantom{B} \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{1} \phantom{B} \\ \hline B \phantom{1} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{B} \end{array}$$

Read number from Left to right ~~until~~ blank comes. Then

- i. if  $LSB = 0$  ~~add~~ put 1 at LSB place and stop at final state
- ii. ~~if~~ until '1' comes from LSB side put 0 at that place and if blank occurs put 1 at that place stop at final state
- iii. while '1' comes from LSB side put 0 if '0' occurs put 1 and stop process at final state.

Step 2: Transition diagram



Example 8: Design TM to compute proper subtraction of two unary numbers. The proper subtraction function  $f$  is defined as follows:

$$f(m, n) = \begin{cases} m-n & ; \text{if } m \geq n \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad [\text{Dec-2008, May-2013}]$$

Sol:

Step 1: Logic:

The unary number 5 is represented as 00000

In unary system, 3 is represented as 000

In unary system, 0 is represented by blank tape.

Subtraction will require several cycle.

In each cycle:

i. Leftmost '0' is erased.

ii. Rightmost '0' is erased.

Initial 

B	0	0	0	0	0	#	0	0	0	B
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

After 1<sup>st</sup> cycle 

B	B	0	0	0	0	#	0	0	B	B
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

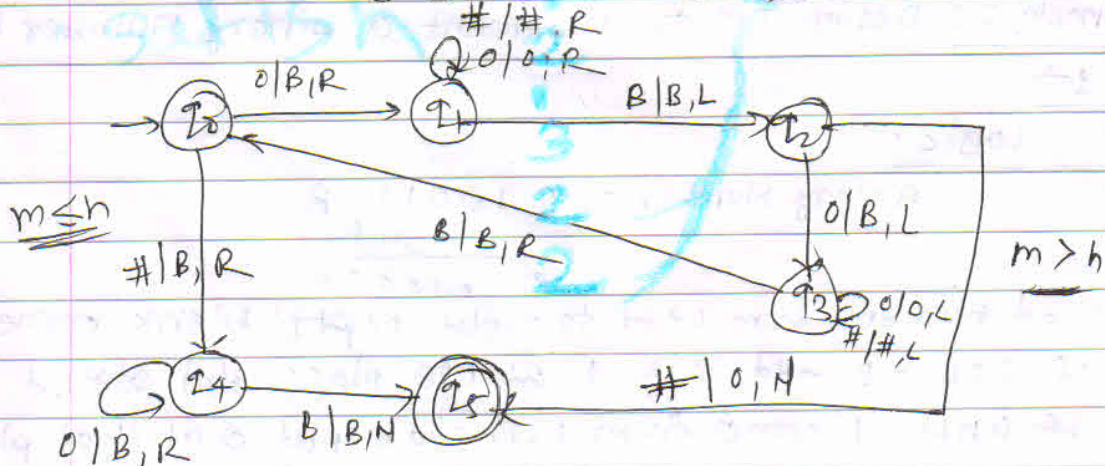
After 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle 

B	B	B	0	0	0	#	0	B	B	B
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

After 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle 

B	B	B	B	0	0	#	B	B	B	B
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

B	B	B	B	0	0	0	B	B	B	B
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---





Example 9: Design TM to find the value of  $\log_2(n)$  where  $n$  is any binary number.

sol:  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1: Logic:

$\log_2^n$  of any number  $n$  lying bet.  $2^h$  and  $2^{h+1}$  is given by  $h$ .

i.e. if  $2^h \leq n < 2^{h+1}$  then  $\log_2^n = h$

Let us consider the case of a number,

$$n = 36$$

$$2^5 \leq 36 < 2^6$$

$$\therefore \log_2(36) = 5$$

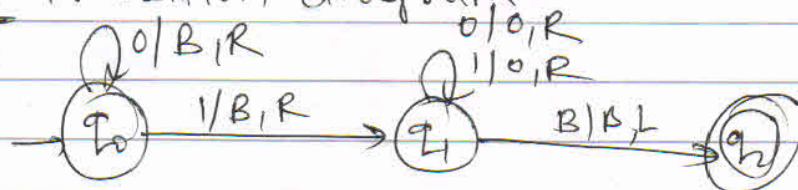
36 can be written as 100100 in binary

- Any number  $n$  satisfying the condition  $2^5 \leq n < 2^6$  can be written as 1xxxxx where  $x$  stands for either 1 or 0.

-  $\log_2(1xxxxx)$  can be calculated by erasing the most significant bit '1' and remaining other bits as '0'

Unary representation of 5 is 00000

Step 2: Transition diagram



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Sol :  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1 :

Logic :

B b a b b a b a a b a B  
↑  
b/(x, R)

B x a b b a b a a b a B  
↑  
a/(x, L)

B x x b b a b a a b a B  
↑  
x/(x, R)

B x x b b a b a a b a B  
↑ ↑  
x/(x, R)

B x x b b a b a a b a B  
↑  
b/(x, R)

B x x x b a b a a b a B  
↑  
b/(b, R)

B x x x b a b a a b a B  
↑  
a/(x, L)

B x x x b x b a a b a B  
↑  
b/(b, L)

B x x x b x b a a b a B  
↑  
x/(x, R)

B x x x b x b a a b a B  
↑  
b/(x, R)

B x x x x x b a a b a B  
↑  
x/(x, R)

B x x x x x b a a b a B  
↑  
b/(b, R)

B x x x x x b a a b a B  
↑  
a/(x, L)

B x x x x x b x a b a B  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

B x x x x x x a b a B  
↑ ↑ ↑  
↑ ↑ ↑

B x x x x x x x a b a B  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

B x x x x x x x x a b a B

Steps :

1. Identify First 'a' or first 'b'.

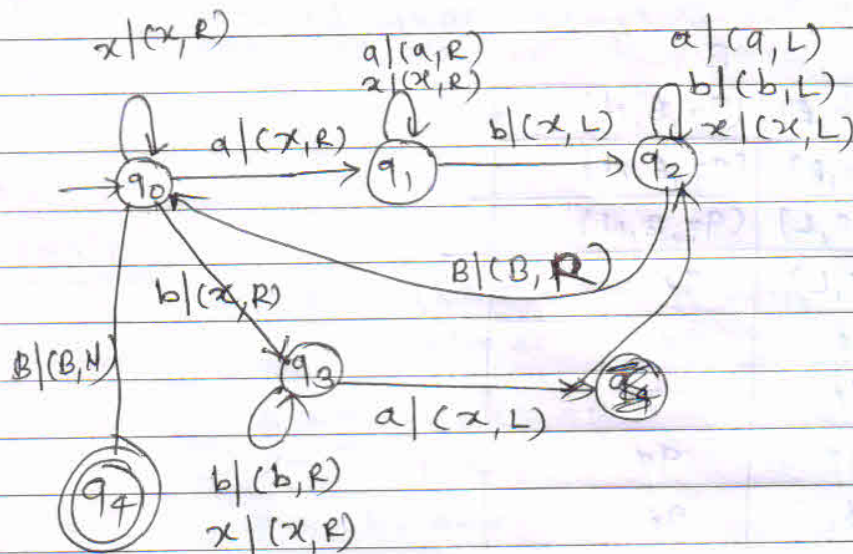
2. If it is 'a' then replace it with x and move to the right in input and identify 'b' and replace 'b' with x and move to left until left side blank i.e. B comes

3. If it is 'b' then replace it with x and move to the right in input and identify 'a' once it is identified replace it with x and move to left until blank to the left side comes.

4. Repeat step 1 to 3 until right side blank comes. every a & b gets replaced with x.



Step 2: construct transition diagram



Step 3: Transition Table

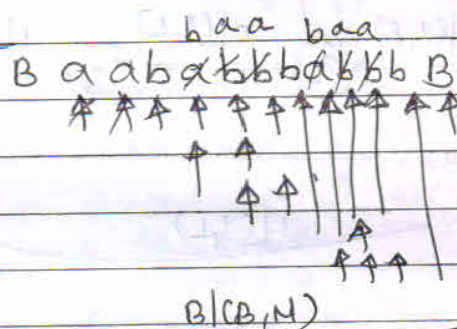
Q \ a	a	b	x	B
→ q <sub>0</sub>	(q <sub>1</sub> , x, R)	(q <sub>3</sub> , x, R)	(q <sub>0</sub> , x, R)	(q <sub>4</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>1</sub>	(q <sub>1</sub> , a, R)	(q <sub>2</sub> , x, L)	(q <sub>1</sub> , x, R)	q <sub>φ</sub>
q <sub>2</sub>	(q <sub>2</sub> , a, L)	(q <sub>2</sub> , b, L)	(q <sub>2</sub> , x, L)	(q <sub>0</sub> , B, R)
q <sub>3</sub>	(q <sub>2</sub> , x, L)	(q <sub>3</sub> , b, R)	(q <sub>3</sub> , x, R)	q <sub>φ</sub>
q <sub>4</sub> *	q <sub>φ</sub>	q <sub>φ</sub>	q <sub>φ</sub>	q <sub>φ</sub>

Example 2: Design TM to replace every occurrence of abb by baa

Sol: ⇒

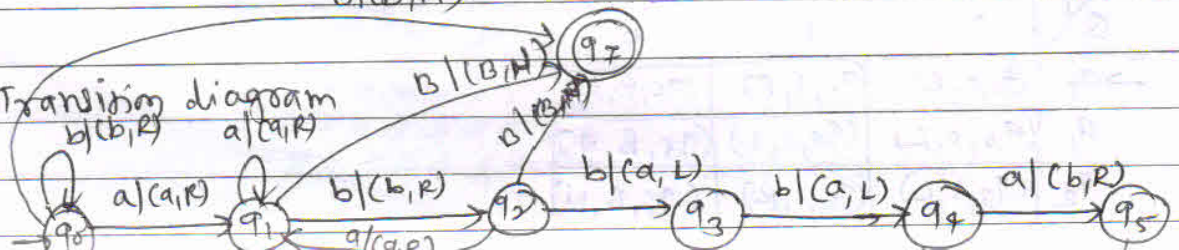
Step 1:

Logic:



output: B a a b b a a b b B

Step 2: Transition diagram



step 3: Transition Table

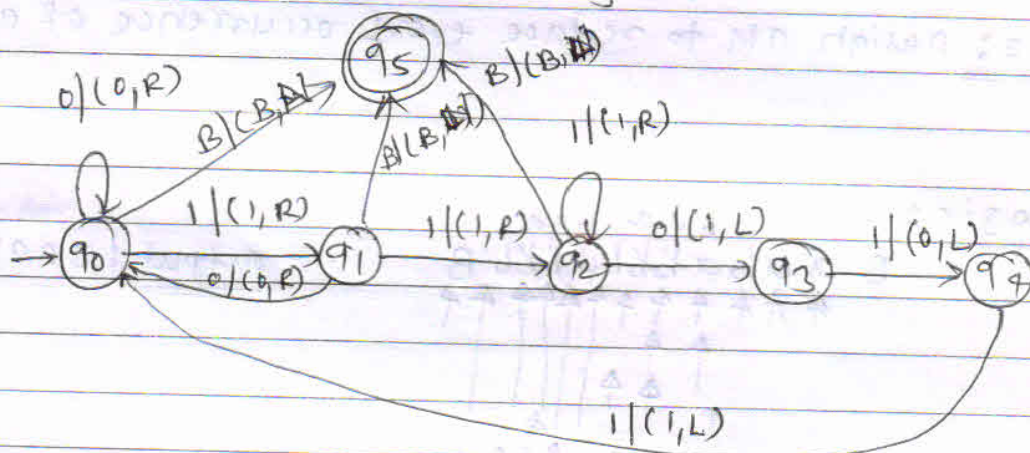
Q \ a	a	b	B
q <sub>0</sub>	(q <sub>1</sub> , a, R)	(q <sub>0</sub> , b, R)	(q <sub>7</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>1</sub>	(q <sub>1</sub> , a, R)	(q <sub>2</sub> , b, R)	(q <sub>7</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>2</sub>	(q <sub>7</sub> , a, R)	(q <sub>3</sub> , a, L)	(q <sub>7</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>3</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>	(q <sub>4</sub> , a, L)	q <sub>0</sub>
q <sub>4</sub>	(q <sub>5</sub> , b, R)	q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>
q <sub>5</sub>	(q <sub>6</sub> , a, R)	q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>
q <sub>6</sub>	(q <sub>0</sub> , a, R)	q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>
q <sub>7</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>0</sub>

Example 3: Design TM to replace string 110 by 101 in binary input string. [Dec-2006]

n  
5010 ⇒

step 1: logic :

step 2: construct transition diagram



step 3:

Q \ a	0	1	B
→ q <sub>0</sub>	(q <sub>0</sub> , 0, R)	(q <sub>1</sub> , 1, R)	(q <sub>5</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>1</sub>	(q <sub>0</sub> , 0, R)	(q <sub>2</sub> , 1, R)	(q <sub>5</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>2</sub>	(q <sub>3</sub> , 1, L)	(q <sub>2</sub> , 1, R)	(q <sub>5</sub> , B, N)
q <sub>3</sub>	(q <sub>0</sub> , 1, L)	(q <sub>4</sub> , 0, L)	q <sub>0</sub>



Example 4: Design TM which recognizes words of the form  $a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1$

[Dec-2009, Dec-2011, Dec-2013]

Sol:  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1:

Logic:

B a a a b b b c c c B

1. Identify leftmost 'a' & replace it by 'x'
2. Then, identify leftmost 'b' and replace it by 'y'
3. Then, identify leftmost 'c' and replace it by 'z'.
4. continue above process until ~~all~~ tape contains all symbols replace by x, y, z.

Example:  $w = B a a a b b b c c c B$

B a a a b b b c c c B

↑ replace with x

B x a a b b b c c c B

↑ keep 'a' as it is & move to right i.e. a/(a, R)

B x a a b b b c c c B

↑ to a/(a, R)

B x a a b b b c c c B

↑ first b, b/(b, R)

B x a a y b b c c c B

B x a a y b b c c c B

B x a a y b b c c c B

B x a a y b b z c c B

B x a a y b b z c c B

↑

B x x a y b b z c c B

↑

B x x a y y b z c c B

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B x x a y y b z z c B

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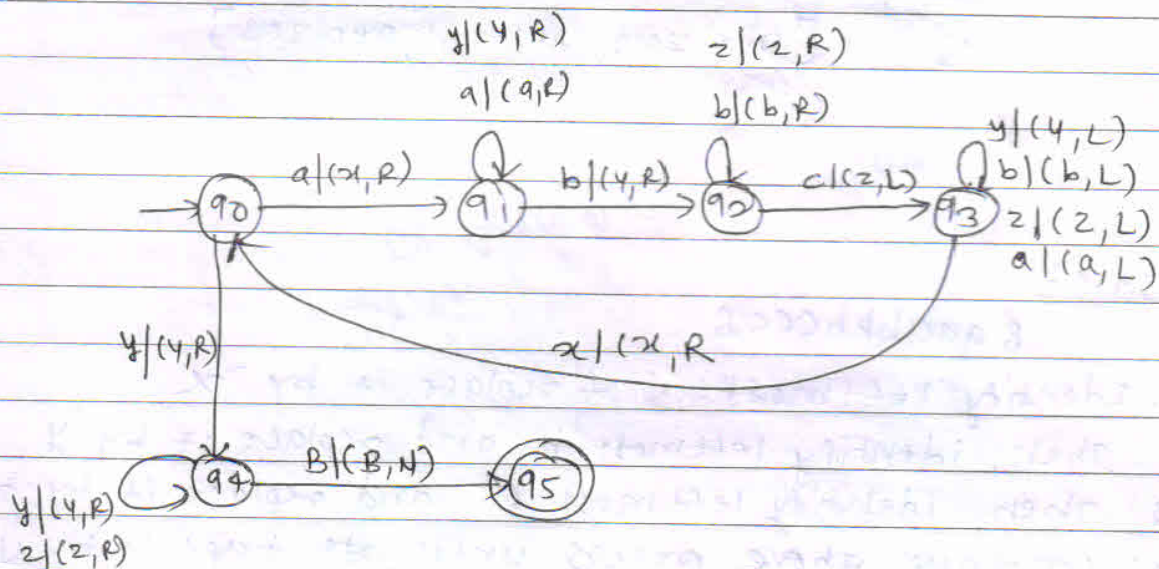
B x x x y y z z c B

↑

B x x x y y z z z B

↑

Step 2: Transition diagram



Example 5: Design and write out in full a turning machine that scans to the right until it finds two consecutive a's and then halts over the language of  $\{a, b\}$ .

[May-2009]

Sol:  $\rightarrow$

1. Design a DFA to recognize strings with substring aa
2. Design a TM from the DFA.

Step 1: DFA

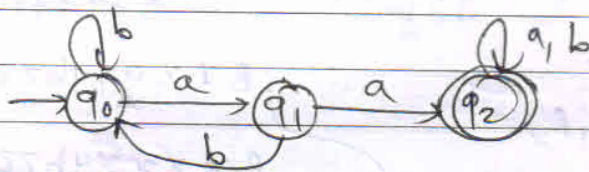
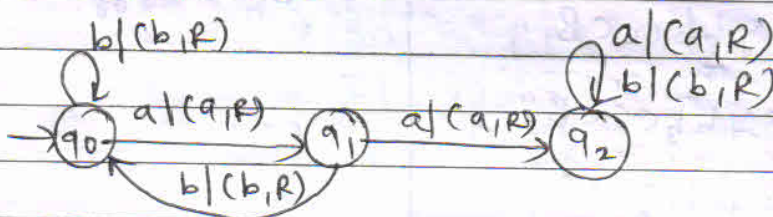


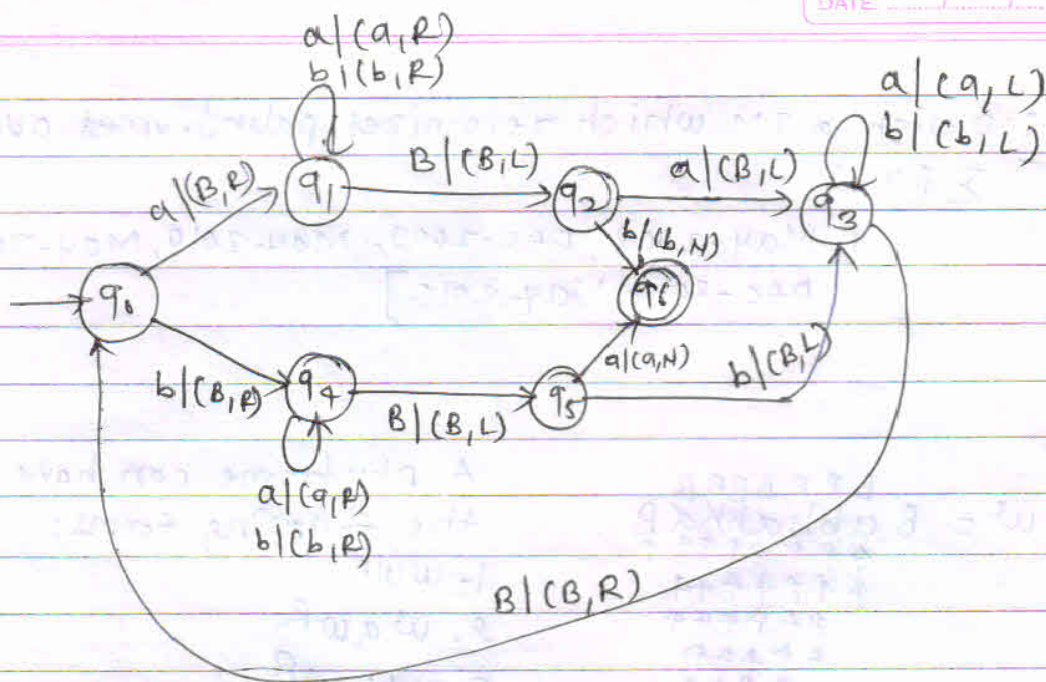
Fig 1: DFA for 'aa' as a substring.

Step 2: TM from the DFA









Example 8: construct a TM for reversing a string. [Dec-2010]

Sol:

Step 1:

Logic:

BBB100BBBB



a. for any 1 or 0 move to right side upto first blank

BBB100BBBB  
~~BBB100BBBB~~

b. once blank to the right side comes, move head to left cell.

BBB100BBBB  
↑

c. ~~Replace~~ If '0' replace 0 to X & move to right. BBB10XB

a. If right element is B then replace Blank by 0 and move to left cell.

BBB10XB  
↑

~~BBB~~ BBB10X0BBBB

b. If left cell containing X, then keep X as X & move to left



continue <sup>step C</sup> until left side contains B. then keep  $B/(B, R)$

OR

ii. If 'i' replace 1 to x & move to right

BBB10XB  
↑

a. If right cell is B then replace Blank by 1 and move to left cell

BBB10X1BBB

b. If left cell contains x, then keep x as x & move to left

If left cell contains 0, then keep 0/0, L

If left cell contains 1, then keep 1/1, L

continue step C until left side contains B then keep  $B/(B, R)$ .

Example: BBB100BBBB

2: BBB100BBBB  
↑

3: BBB100BBBB  
↑

4: BBB100BBBB  
↑

5: BBB100BBBB  
↑

6: BBB10XBBBB  
↑

7: BBB10X0BBBB  
↑

8: BBB10X0BBBB  
↑

9: BBB10X0BBB  
↑

10: BBB10X0BBB  
↑

11: BBB10X0BBB  
↑

12: BBB10X0BBB  
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13: BBB10X0BBB  
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14: BBB10X0BBB  
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16: BBB10X0BBB  
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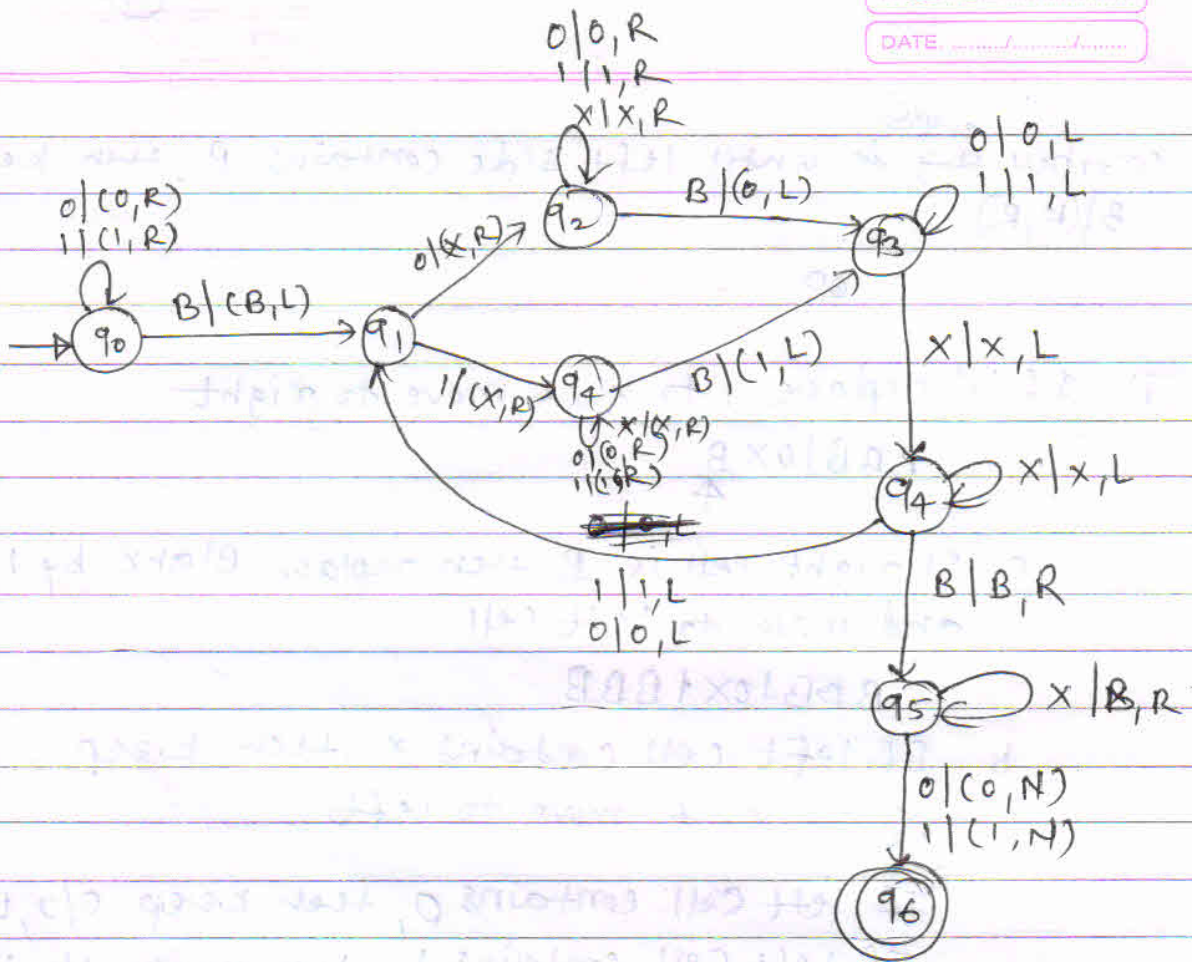
26: BBB10X0BBB  
↑

27: BBB10X0BBB  
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28: BBB10X0BBB  
↑

32: BBBB000BBB  
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33: BBBB000BBB  
↑

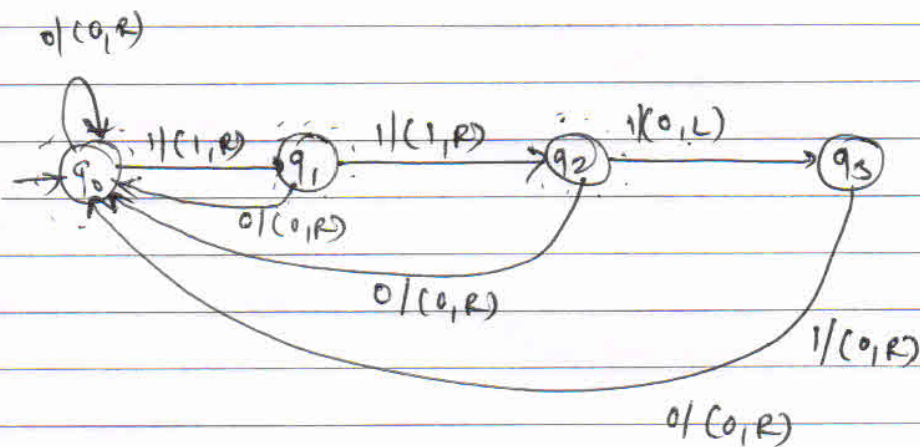




Example : Design TM to replace 111 to 100 over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$   
Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\Rightarrow$

STEP 1: Suppose,  $w = 001011011101110$

Step 2: Transition diagram

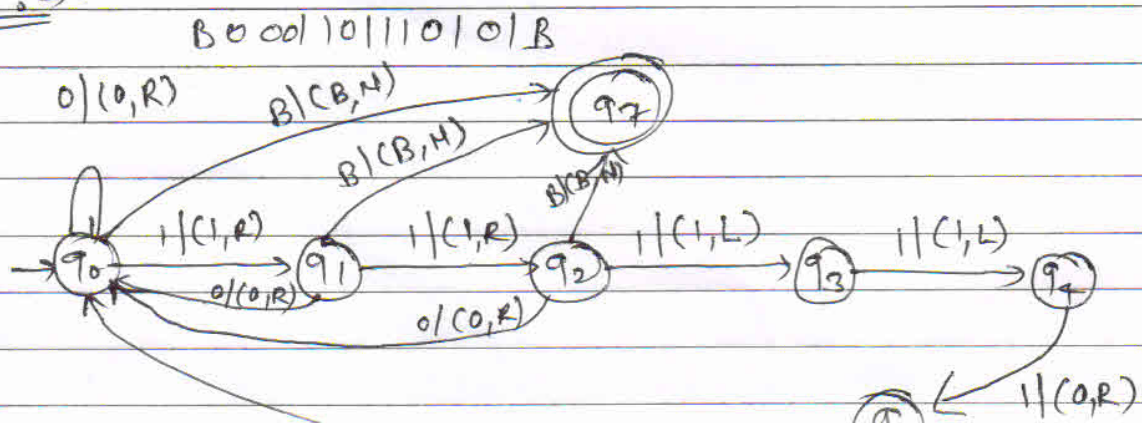


Step 3: Transition Table

Q \ $\Gamma$	0	1	B
$\rightarrow q_0$	$q_0 0 R$	$q_1 1 R$	Accept
$q_1$	$q_0 0 R$	$q_2 1 R$	Accept
$q_2$	$q_0 0 R$	$q_3 0 L$	REJECT
$q_3$	$q_0 0 R$	$q_0 0 R$	REJECT

Example: Design TM to replace 111 by 011

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\Rightarrow$



Example 10: Construct TM that recognizes the language:

$$L = \{0^n 1^m : n, m \geq 0\}$$

[May-2006]

Sol  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1: Logic:

$$L = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 11, 01, 001, \dots\}$$

Step 2: Construct Transition diagram

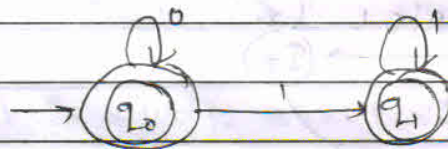


Fig 1: DFA

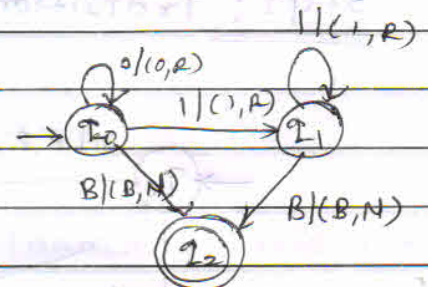


Fig 2: TM

Step 3: Transition Table

Input	Next state		
	0	1	B
$q_0$	$q_0 R$	$q_1 R$	$q_2 N$
$q_1$	-	$q_1 R$	$q_2 N$
$q_2$	-	-	-

Example 11: Design TM to add two unary numbers.

Sol  $\Rightarrow$

Step 1:

Logic: Addition of two unary numbers can be performed through append operation.

To add two numbers 5 and 3.

1. Initial configuration of tape:

B 0 0 0 0 0 # 0 0 0 B

5
3  
 $w_1$ 
 $w_2$



2. String  $w_1$  is appended to  $w_2$ .

Final Answer: B 00000000 B

while every '0' from  $w_1$  is getting appended to  $w_2$ , '0' from  $w_1$  is erased.  $w_2$  contains 8 '0's which is sum of 5 and 3.

Step 2: Transition Diagram

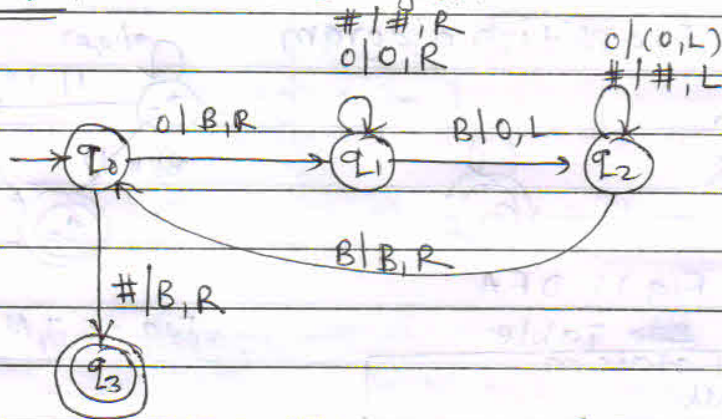


Fig 1: Transition Diagram

Step 3: Transition Table

Q \ S	0	#	B	
→ q <sub>0</sub>	q <sub>1</sub> BR	q <sub>3</sub> BR	-	
q <sub>1</sub>	q <sub>1</sub> OR	q <sub>1</sub> #R	q <sub>2</sub> OL	
q <sub>2</sub>	q <sub>2</sub> OL	q <sub>2</sub> #L	q <sub>0</sub> BR	
q <sub>3</sub> *	-	-	-	

Queue Symbols  
(front symbol is q<sub>1</sub>)