

Unit 3 TOC Sem 4 Yash Batch

# Theory of Computation

## Unit - 3

### ① Turing Machine (TM)

Introduced by Alan Turing in 1936

used to formalize the concept of algorithm or mechanical procedure.

It is a 7-tuple  $\rightarrow$  A tuple with 7-elements.

$$[TM = Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}]$$

$Q \rightarrow$  It is a finite set of sets

$\Sigma \rightarrow$  It is the input alphabet (not include  $\sqcup$  (blank)).

$\Gamma \rightarrow$  It is the tape alphabet (include blank symbol  $\sqcup$ )  
 $(\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma)$

$\delta \rightarrow$  Transition function  $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L,R\}$

$q_0 \in Q$  is the start state

$q_{\text{accept}} \in Q$  is the accept state

$q_{\text{reject}} \in Q$  is the reject state ( $\neq q_{\text{accept}}$ )

Note :- In Turing Machine, we can read/write in I/P - O/P tape and in both left/right direction.



## # Computability Theory

Also known as  
Recursion Function Theory

It is a branch of mathematical logic that studies which problems are computable i.e. problems solved by algorithms.

## # Extension of Turing Machines

→ By increasing extensions they do not increase the computational power

### i) Multi-tape Turing Machine

→ Has multiple tapes, each with its own head.

→ Transition func<sup>n</sup> uses <sup>multiple</sup> read-writes symbol at once.

### ii) Non-deterministic Turing Machine

→ Can have multiple possible moves for a single configuration.

→ Accepts input if any path leads to an accept state.

### iii) Multi-track Turing machine

→ A tape divided into tracks.

→ Each cell contains a tuple of symbols.



#### iv) Turing machine with stay option:

- Head can stay in place (adds to direction choices)
- Slight extension but doesn't change power.

#### v) Oracle Turing Machine

- Can ask an oracle a question about a language instantly.

#### vi) Universal Turing Machine

- It can simulate any other Turing Machine on any input.

#### # Deterministic Turing Machine

iv) For an input, we can move either in left or in right direction.

#### v) Single path

vi) Used in Algorithm design actual machines

vii) e.g. write a specific symbol and move in one direction

#### Non-Deterministic Turing Machine

for an input, we can move in both directions.

Many paths (parallel exploration)

Used in Complexity theory.

e.g. in state  $q_1$ , reading 1 machine moves to  $q_2$ , write 0 move right OR



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machine move to  $q_2$ , write 0  
move right OR move  $q_3$ , write 1



## # Linear bounded automata

It is a restricted Turing Machine where the tape is bounded by the length of the input.

also we can say it is a non-deterministic turing machine that never moves its tape-head outside the tape that contains the input.

e.g.  $a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1$

$a^n : n$  is non-prime

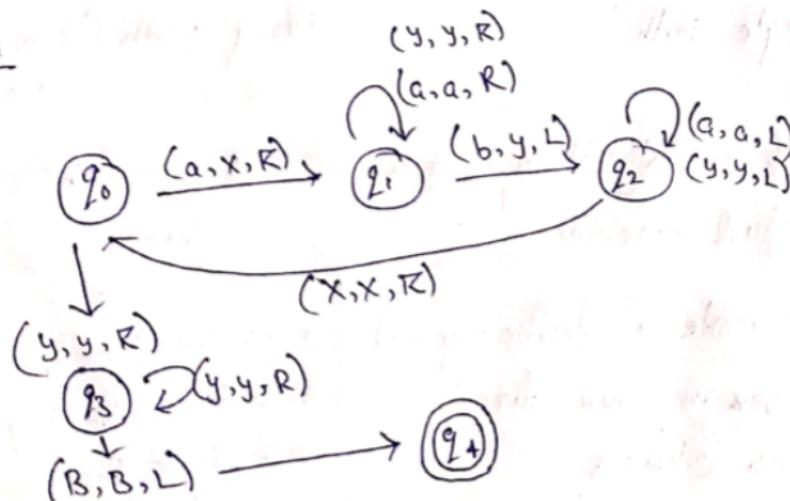
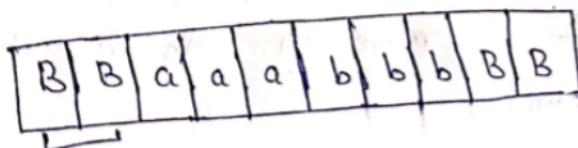
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$ww : w \in \{a,b\}^*$

## # Design of a Turing Machine

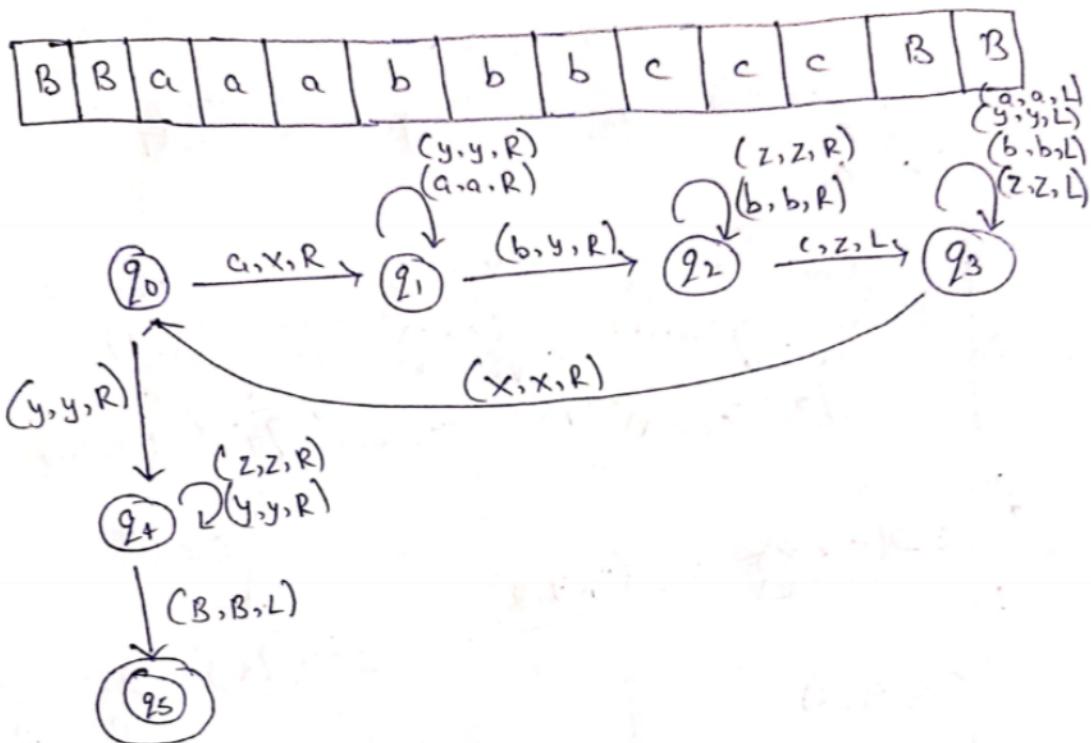
①  $a^n b^n | n \geq 1$  (IMP)

[x x x y y y]

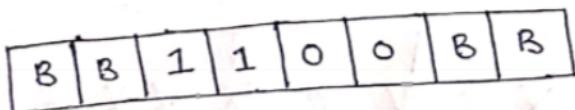


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②  $a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1$



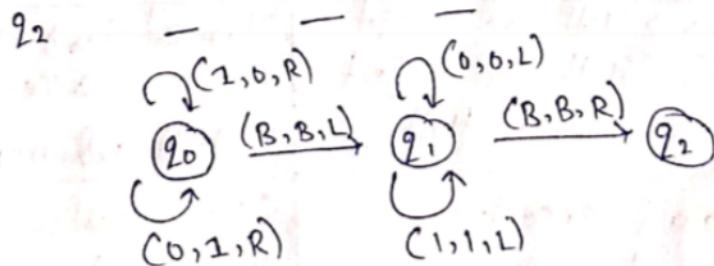
# Turing Machine for 1's Complement



States      0      1      B

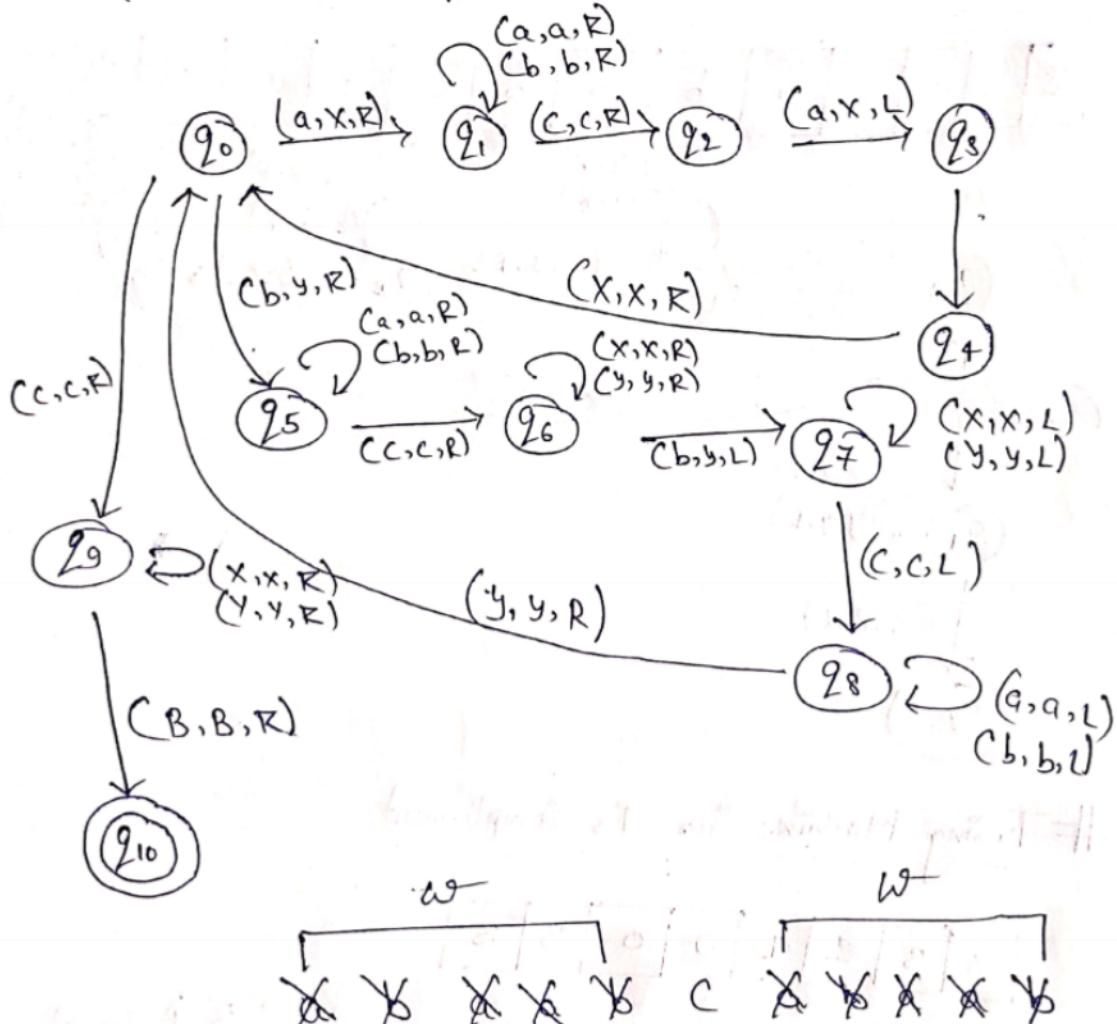
$q_0$        $1Rq_0$        $0Rq_0$        $BLq_1$

$q_1$        $OLq_1$        $1Lq_1$        $BRq_2$



$(\alpha \beta \gamma) \rightarrow \text{newstate}$   
 ↘ direction change

$$\#\{L = \{wcn\} \mid w \in (a,b)^*\}$$



# Recursive Enumerable lang

⇒ accepted by TM

iii) three states → Halt and accept  
Halt and reject  
Never Halt

iv) Closed under all except  
Set diff, complement.

Recursive lang

accepted by Halting  
TM

Two states → Halt and  
accept  
Halt and reject

Closed under all except  
Homomorphism.



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## # Church-Turing Thesis

- A function can be computed algorithmically (i.e. by a step-by-step process) can be computed by a Turing machine.
- No mathematical model is more powerful than Turing machine.
- There is no problem which can be solved by digital comp but not by Turing machine.

Decidable language → a language is decidable if it is a recursive lang.

Partially decidable language → a language is partially decidable if it is a recursively enumerable lang.

Undecidable language → It may be sometimes be partially decidable but not decidable.

If a lang is not even partially decidable, then there exists no TM for that lang.

- Semi-decidable
  - ↳ always halt if ans is 'Yes'.
  - ↳ may or may not halt if ans is 'No'.



## # Decidability Problems

- A problem is decidable if we can construct a Turing machine which will halt in finite amount of time for every input and give answer as 'yes' or 'no'.
- It has an algorithm to determine the answer for a given I/P.  
e.g. equivalence of RL.

## Undecidability Problems

- If there is no Turing machine which will always halt in finite amount of time to give answer as 'yes' or 'no'.
- It has no algo.  
e.g. equal or not (CFL).  
ambiguous of CFL.

## # Halting Problem (IMP)

Alan Turing proved that the Halting Problem is undecidable.

→ There is no general algorithm that can decide whether the program halts or not.

OR

No Turing Machine can solve the Halting Problem.



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## Why is it Undecidable?

Turing used proof by Contradiction

Given Assume we have a machine  $H$  that solves the Halting Problem:  $H(M, w)$  returns:

- YES if machine  $M$  halts on input  $w$
- NO if it runs forever

Now, create a new machine  $\gamma$  that uses  $H$  like this:

- On input  $M$ , do:

Run  $H(M, M)$

If  $H$  says  $M$  halts, loop forever

If  $H$  says  $M$  doesn't halt, then halt

Now, ask: what happens when we run  $\gamma(\gamma)$ ?

- If  $H$  says  $\gamma(\gamma)$  halts

$\hookrightarrow$  then  $\gamma(\gamma)$  loops forever.

- If  $H$  says  $\gamma(\gamma)$  loops forever

$\hookrightarrow$  then  $\gamma(\gamma)$  halts.

This is a Contradiction

So, Such a machine  $H$  cannot exist.)



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## # Post Correspondence Problem (PCP)

The PCP helps in describing the undecidability of the string.

The PCP consists of 2 lists of strings that are of equal length over the input.

The 2 lists are

$$A = w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$$

$$B = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m$$

then, there exists a non-empty set of integers such that

$$w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$$

To solve PCP, we will try all combinations of  $i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots$  to find  $w_i = x_i$ .

Then, we can say that PCP has a

Sol<sup>n</sup> otherwise it does not have a Sol<sup>n</sup>.



e.g.  $X_1 \ X_2 \ X_3$   
 $M = ab, bab, bbaaa$  have a PCP?  
 $N = a, ba, bab$  Sol?  
 $\text{for } X_2 X_1 X_3 \Delta Y_2 Y_1 Y_3$

$$X_2 X_1 X_3 = \text{bababbbaaa} \quad ] \text{not equal}$$

$$Y_2 Y_1 Y_3 = \text{baabab}$$

There is no sol.  $\therefore$  The PCP is undecidable.

### ~~#~~ Rice Theorem (TMR)

Trivial Property  $\rightarrow$  Property that holds for every machine or holds for none is trivial.

Rice Theorem doesn't apply to such a properties.

Non-Trivial Property  $\rightarrow$  Property that is neither true nor false for every computable function.

[e.g. lang of machine =  $\Sigma^*$ ]

any non-trivial property about the language recognized by a Turing Machine is undecidable.



Note  $\Rightarrow$  This property depends on what language the TM accepts, not on how the machine is built or how fast it runs.

## # Reducibility

$\hookrightarrow$  A reduction is a way of converting one problem to another problem, so that the sol<sup>n</sup> to the second prob. can be used to solve the first problem.

e.g. finding area of rect reduces to measuring it's width and height

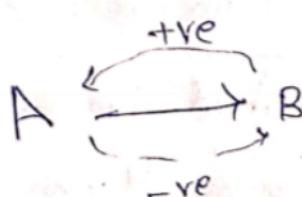
If A reduces to B, you can use a sol<sup>n</sup> of B to solve A.

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$A \leq B$$

$$A \leq_m B$$

A is reducible to B.



- If A is undecidable then B is also undecidable.
- If B is decidable then A is also decidable.



## Q Explain Recursion Theorem

This theorem says that any computable function can include its own code as input.

Let  $T$  be a T.M that computes a function  $f$

Then, there exists a T.M ( $R$ ), such that

$$\phi_R = \phi_f(R)$$

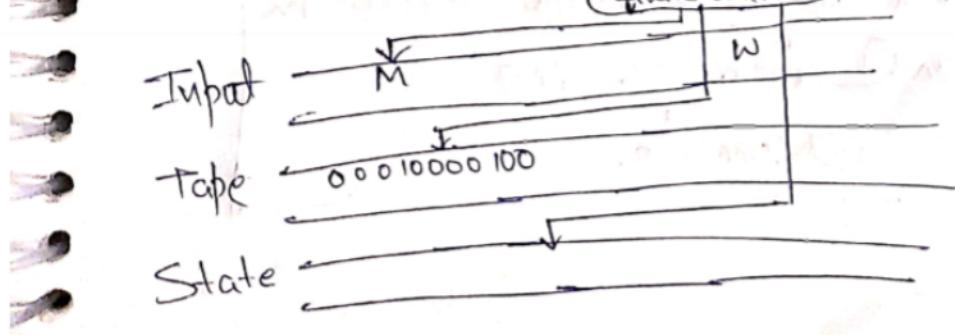
$\hookrightarrow$  Function computed by  $R(\phi_R)$

## Q Universal Turing Machine $\Rightarrow$ (accept many T.M.)

The universal language  $L_0$  is a set of binary strings which can be modeled by a turing machine.

UTM represented  $\Rightarrow (M, w)$

$[M \Rightarrow \text{T.M string in } (0+1)^* \text{ such that } w \text{ belongs to language } l]$



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(PQS)

Q Diff b/w Pushdown Automata and Turing Machine

Q Shoot notes on:- Universal Turing Machine, Halting Problem, Post Correspondence Problem, Recursion Theorem, Church Hypothesis.

Q Diff b/w :- (UTM and NUTM)

Q Prove that Halting Problem is undecidable.

Q Define Recursively Enumerable Language and its Properties

Q Variants of Turing Machine

Q Construct a Turing Machine M to accept the set L of all strings over {0, 1} ending with 010.

Q Remember all the topic definition and also its one example.



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Pushdown Automata and Turing Machine:

## Pushdown Automata and Turing Machine:

### \* PDA \*

- 1) Read single alphabet at a time, perform operation on stack and header will move to right by one cell.
- 2) Header always move from left to right and top to bottom.
- 3) Memory is available in the form of stack.
- 4) can not change contents of i/p tape

### \* TM \*

- 1) Read single alphabet at a time, replace that symbol by same / with some other symbol and header will move to right by one cell.
- 2) Header <sup>can</sup> always move from left to right & right to left and top to bottom.
- 3) Lack of memory
- 4) can replace the contents of i/p tape by replacing corresponding alphabets.