

- Rejects an input (says NO) if ALL branches reject.
- Accepts if ANY one branch accepts.
- What does "nondeterminism" mean?
It "guesses" the next move.

Theorem: A non-deterministic TM is not 'more powerful' as far as the computing power is concerned. i.e., for every non-det TM N , there is an equivalent deterministic TM M , that recognizes (or decides) the same language.

- We prove it by simulating N on a deterministic TM M .
- For any input w :
$$N \text{ accepts } w \iff M \text{ accepts } w.$$

- How do we simulate the moves of (non-deterministic) N on a deterministic M ?
- What move(s) do we carry out first, which ones next?



- We execute moves in the order of a breadth-first traversal (bfs) of this tree.
- We may use a multitape TM as M .
(we know no: of tapes do not matter)

Tape 1: Input (always)



Tape 2: Current branch of computation.
As a number, in binary.

1, 2, 3, (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2)...

Tape 3: Actual computation, in this branch.

