

## UNIT-V UNDECIDABILITY

Recursive & Recursively Enumerable Languages:

- Algorithm: - After some finite no. of steps, always halts & gives you the answer.

Procedure: May or may not halt.

Ex: Given 'n', is n prime?  $\rightarrow$  - Algo

Given 'n', is n a perfect number?  $\rightarrow$  Algo

Given 'n', is there a perfect number  $> n$ ?  $\rightarrow$  Procedure (running 1 / more times)

Recursive Language: A language  $L$  is said to be recursive, if there is an algorithm to determine whether the given string  $w$  belongs to  $L$  or not.

Recursively Enumerable Language: A language  $L$  is said to be recursively enumerable if there is a procedure to determine whether  $w \in L$  or not.

$\rightarrow$  Consider TM  $M$  & string  $w$ . There are 3 possible outcomes

1. TM halts & accept the string.
2. TM halts & reject the string.
3. TM never halts (runs forever)

Recursive Language: A language  $L$  is said to be recursive if there exists a TM  $M$  such that  $\forall$  strings  $w$ .

(i)  $w \in L$ , the TM halts & accepts the string.

(ii)  $w \notin L$ , the TM halts & rejects the string.

Recursive languages are called Turing decidable languages.

Recursively Enumerable Language: A language  $L$  is said to be recursively enumerable if there exists a TM  $M$  such that  $\forall$  strings  $w$ ,

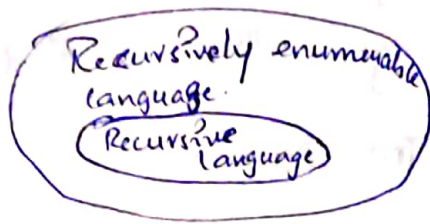
(i) If  $w \in L$ , the TM halts & accepts the string.

(ii) If  $w \notin L$ , the TM either halts & rejects the string

or never halts.

→ Recursively enumerable languages are called Turing-Recognizable language.

→ Recursive lang  $\subset$  Recursively enumerable language

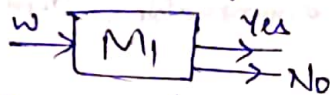


Properties of Recursive & Recursively Enumerable languages:

1. Union of 2 Recursive languages is recursive.

2. If  $L_1$  &  $L_2$  2 recursive languages, then,  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also recursive.

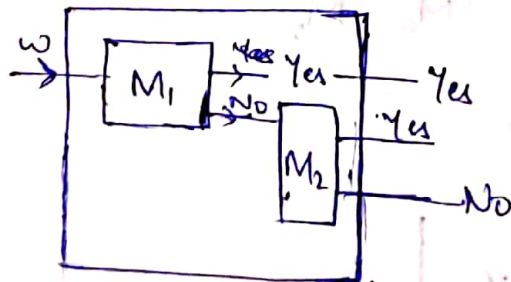
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$L_2$  is accepted by a TM  $M_2$ .



$M$ :

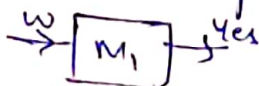


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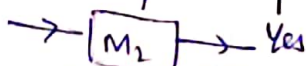
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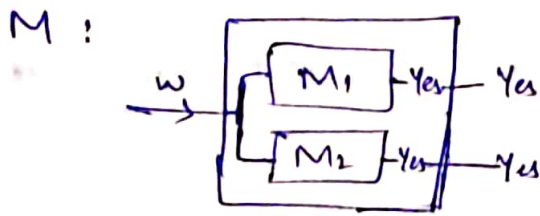
- If  $L_1$  &  $L_2$  are 2 recursively enumerable languages, then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also recursively enumerable.

Proof:  $L_1$  is accepted by TM  $M_1$ .



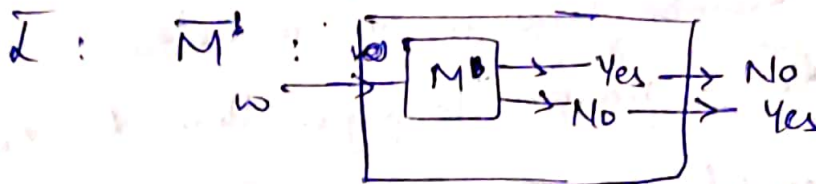
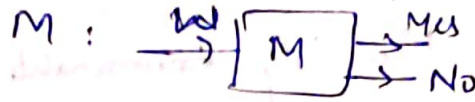
$L_2$  is accepted by TM  $M_2$ .





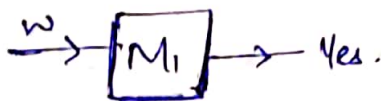
3. Complement of a Recursive language is Recursive.  
 - If  $L$  is a recursive language, then so is  $\bar{L}$ .

Proof:  $L$  is accepted by a TM  $M$ .

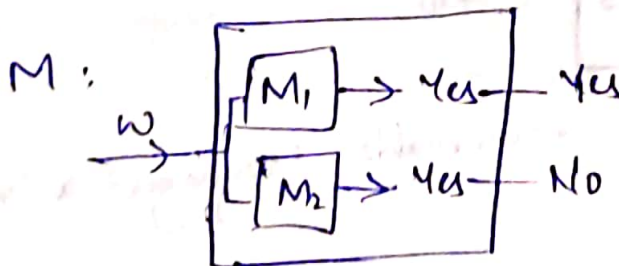


4. If  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  are recursively enumerable, then,  $L$  is recursive.

Proof:  $L$  is accepted by TM  $M_1$ .



$\bar{L}$  is accepted by TM  $M_2$ .



Church - Turing Hypothesis :

- Any algorithmic process can be simulated efficiently by a Turing Machine.

- Any process which could be called an effective procedure can be realised by TM.



- We can model any mechanical computer with a TM.
- There is some TM corresponding to every computable problem.
- If there is no TM that decides problem P, then there is no algorithm that solves problem P.

Language that is not recursively enumerable:

- Encoding of TM
- Diagonalization language ( $L_d$ ).

Encoding of TM:

A TM can be encoded as a binary string.

To represent a TM  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \psi, F)$  as a binary string, we assign integers to

1. States
2. Tape Symbols
3. Directions.

$$Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$$

Assume, Start state =  $q_1$  & Final State =  $q_n$ .

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{0, 1, \psi\}$ . We shall assume, the tape symbols as  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

$$\therefore x_1 \leftrightarrow 0, x_2 \leftrightarrow 1, x_3 \leftrightarrow \psi$$

$$D = \{L, R\} \therefore \text{For } L \leftrightarrow D_1, R \leftrightarrow D_2$$

$$\delta(q_i, x_j) = (q_k, x_e, D_m)$$

This rule can be encoded as binary string.

$$0^i 1 0^j 1 0^k 1 0^l 1 0^m ; 1 \rightarrow \text{separator}$$

Code for entire Turing Machine: is

$$C_1 || C_2 || C_3 || \dots || C_{n-1} || C_n ; || \rightarrow \text{separator. \&}$$

$C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_n$  are <sup>binary</sup> code for transition rules. i.e.  
 $C_i$  is code for transition rule.

→ TM  $M = (\{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, \epsilon\}, \delta, q_1, \epsilon, \{q_2\})$

$$S(a, b) = (a_0, 4, R) : 0^1 10^3 10^6 10^3 10^2$$
$$d(a_6, 1) = (a_6, 1, 12) : 0^6 | 0^2 | 0^6 | 0^2 | 0^2$$
$$\mathcal{S}(q_6, \psi) = (q_3, \psi, L) : 0^6 1 0^3 | 0^3 | 0^1 1 0^1$$
$$\delta(a_3, 1) = (a_4, 4, 1) : 0^3 1 0^2 1 0^4 1 0^3 1 0^1$$
$$\delta(q_4, 1) = (q_3, 4, L) \quad : \quad 0^4 1 0^2 1 0^3 1 0^1$$
$$S(a_{xy}, B) = (a_x, y, R) : 0^4 | 0^3 | 0^5 | 0^3 | 0^2.$$
$$f(q_5, k) = (q_2, vL) : 0^5 | 0^1 | 0^2 | 0^2 | 0^1$$

∴ Code for entire TM:

$$0^1 10^3 10^6 10^3 10^2 \parallel 0^6 10^2 10^6 10^2 10^2 \parallel 0^6 10^3 10^3 10^3 10^1 \parallel 0^3 10^7 10^4 10^1$$
$$10^1 / 10^4 / 10^2 / 10^3 / 10^2 / 10^1 / 10^4 / 10^3 / 10^2 / 10^1 / 10^5 / 10^3 / 10^2 / 10^2 / 10^1$$

Transmit? Rule.

State Tape symbol state Tape symbol Direct?

= 01000|000000|000|00||000000|00|000000|00|00||000000

1000|000|000|0||000|00|0000|00|00|0||0000|00|000|000

0||0000|000|00000|000|00||00000|000|00|00|0.

→ (A valid binary code in TM starts with 0).

→ Every TM can be encoded as binary string.

→ If  $M$  is a TM &  $w$  is an input string then we shall consider a code pair,  $\langle M, w \rangle$

$\langle M, w \rangle =$  Code for TM  $\| w$

Diagonalizat' language ( $K_4$ ):

$M_i$  is the  $i$ th T-machine whose binary code is  $w_i$ .

If  $w_i$  is not a valid code then we assume that  $M_i$  only has 1 state & no transitions.

$$d_2(M_1^p) = \phi$$

Consider an infinite Boolean Matrix:

	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	$w_5$	...
$M_1$	1	0	1	1	0	...
$M_2$	1	0	0	1	0	...
$M_3$	0	1	1	0	1	...
$M_4$	0	1	0	1	1	...
$M_5$	0	0	0	0	1	...
$\vdots$						

$(i, j)^{th}$  entry will be '1' if  $i^{th}$  TM accepts the  $j^{th}$  string.  
Otherwise, '0'.

From diagonal elements,  
 $M_1$  accepts  $w_1$ ,  $M_2$  doesn't accept  $w_2$ .

$\therefore$  Diagonalized Matrix is the strings which correspond to zero in diagonal. i.e.

$$d_1 = \{w_i \mid w_i \text{ is not accepted by } M_i\}$$

Taking all the strings in diagonal matrix which correspond to 1 is

$$\bar{d}_1 = \{w_i \mid w_i \text{ is accepted by } M_i\}$$

Theorem:  $d_1$  is not recursively enumerable. That is,  
there's no TM that accepts  $d_1$ .

Proof: Suppose  $d_1$  is recursively enumerable, i.e;

$d_1$  is accepted by  $M_i$ .

Now, check whether  $w_i$  is in  $d_1$ .

Case-1: If  $w_i$  is in  $d_1$ .

$\therefore w_i$  accepted by  $M_i$ .

But by definition of  $d_1$ ,  $w_i$  is not in  $d_1$ .

$\therefore$  By proof of Contradiction, we can say that  $d_1$  is not recursively enumerable by case-1.



Case-2: If  $w_1$  is not in  $L_1$ . Then  $w_1$  isn't accepted by  $M_1$ .

But by definit<sup>n</sup>, if  $w_1$  isn't accepted by  $M_1$ , it means  $w_1 \in L_1$ .

But  $\therefore$  there is contradiction in our assumption.

$\therefore$  There is no TM that accepts  $L_1$ .

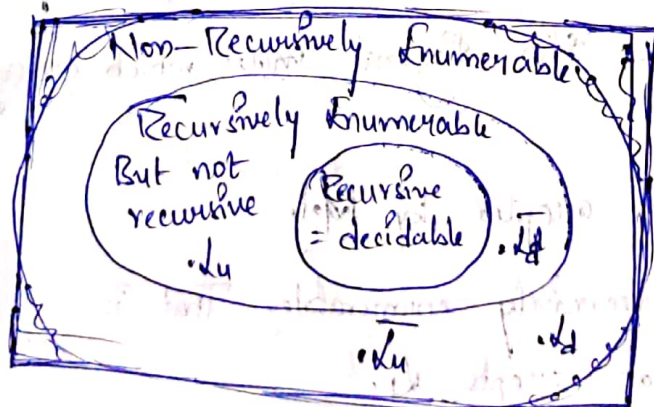
$\therefore L_1$  is not recursively enumerable.

An Undecidable Problem that is Recursively Enumerable:

A language ' $L$ ' is called decidable if it is recursive, & is called Undecidable if it isn't recursive.

We have 3 classes of languages.

1. Recursive lang.
2. Languages that are Recursively enumerable but not recursive.
3. Non-recursively enumerable languages. ( $L_1$ )



There's no TM that accepts  $L_1$  &  $\bar{L}_1$  (Complement of Universal language).

The Universal language ( $L_u$ ):

Contains a code pair such that  $M$  accepts  $w$ .

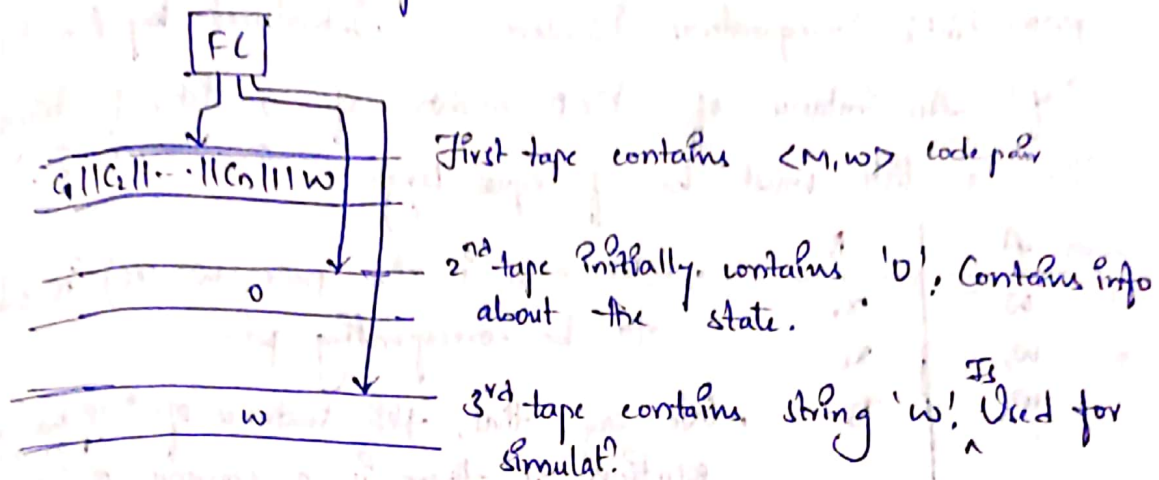
$$L_u = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } w \} \text{ where,}$$

$M$  is TM &  $w$  is a string &  $\langle M, w \rangle$  is a binary code pair.

$$\bar{L}_u = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ doesn't accept } w \}$$

$L_u$  is accepted by a TM 'U' called the Universal TM.  
 Universal TM is a TM, that can simulate any other TM with including itself.

TM U has 3 tapes.



'0' represents the start state, (in 2<sup>nd</sup> tape).

Suppose after sometimes, let 2<sup>nd</sup> tape has 0000 & FC is pointing to '1' in 3<sup>rd</sup> tape.

$\therefore$  That means we're reading in  $q_4$  & are reading 1.  
 = (00)

$\therefore$  It'll check whether the block starts with  $0^4 1 0^2 \dots$

Undecidability of the Universal Language:

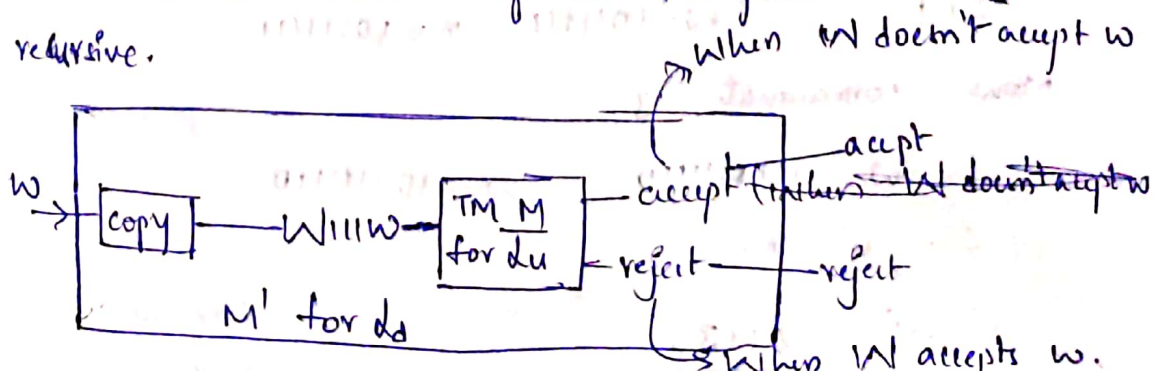
$L_u$  is not recursive.

Suppose  $L_u$  is recursive, then  $\bar{L}_u$  is also recursive.

If  $\bar{L}_u$  is recursive, then  $L_d$  is also recursive.

But WKT,  $L_d$  is not recursively enumerable.

$\therefore$  There's a contradiction of our assumption that  $L_u$  is recursive.





whether the  $L_d$  depends on  $L_u$   
 $\therefore$  as  $L_d$  is not accepted by TM,  $L_u$  also isn't accepted.

### PCP (MPCP):

PCP: Post's Correspondence Problem. - Introduced by Emil Post.

Def<sup>n</sup>: An instance of PCP consists of 2 lists of strings over some  $\Sigma$ .  
 The 2 lists must be of equal length.

Inds    A                      B

1	$w_1$	$x_1$
2	$w_2$	$x_2$
...	$w_3$	$x_3$
...	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
k	$w_k$	$x_k$

For each  $i$ , the pair  $(w_i, x_i)$  is said to be corresponding pair.

We say that, this instance of PCP has a solution if there is a sequence of <sup>or more</sup> integers, of the form  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$  ( $m \geq 1$ ) such that

$w_{i_1} w_{i_2} w_{i_3} \dots w_{i_m} = x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_m}$

The solution is  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$

$\rightarrow$

	A	B
$i$	$w_i$	$x_i$
1	1	111
2	10111	10
3	10	0

$i=2$   
 $w: 10111$   
 $x: 10$

We can't concatenate with 2  
 as then,  $w = 10111101111$ ,  $x = 1010$

$\therefore$  Can concatenate with 1.  $\checkmark$  Can't be there.

then,  $w = 101111$ ,  $x = 10111$

$\therefore$  Sol<sup>n</sup> = 211

We can't concatenate with 2 & 3.  $\therefore i=1$ .

211       $w = 1011111$        $x = 10111111$

Now concatenate 3.

$\therefore w = 101111110$

$x = 101111110$

$\therefore w = x$ .

$\therefore$  Sol<sup>n</sup> = 2113.

∴ Solut<sup>n</sup> = (2113)<sup>\*</sup>(2113)<sup>\*</sup>

	A	B
i	w <sub>i</sub>	x <sub>i</sub>
1	10	101
2	011	11
3	101	011

$i = 1$   
 $w = 10$ ,  $x = 101$

$i = 13$   
 $w = 10101$ ,  $x = 101011$

~~$i = 12$~~   
 ~~$w = 1010110$ ,  $x = 101011$~~

$i = 133$

$w = 10101101$ ,  $x = 101011011$

$i = 1333$

∴ This instance of PCP doesn't have a sol<sup>n</sup>.

	A	B
i	w <sub>i</sub>	x <sub>i</sub>
1	bbab	a
2	ab	abbb
3	baa	aa
4	b	bbb

$i = 2$

$w = ab$ ,  $x = abbb$

$i = 21$

$w = abbbab$ ,  $x = abbbba$

$i = 214$

$w = abbbabbb$ ,  $x = abbbabbbb$

$i = 2143$

$w = abbbabbbbaa$ ,  $x = abbbabbbbaa$

$i = 4$

$w = b$ ,  $x = bbb$

$i = 4143$

$w = bbbab$ ,  $x = bbbba$

$i = 414$

$w = bbbabbb$ ,  $x = bbbabbbb$

$i = 4143$   $w = bbbabbbbaa$ ,  $x = bbbabbbbaa$

# Modified Post Correspondence Problem (MPCP):

Def<sup>n</sup>: An instance of MPCP consists of lists of strings over some alphabet  $\Sigma$ .

A	B
$w_1$	$x_1$
$w_2$	$x_2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$w_k$	$x_k$

For each  $i$ , the pair  $(w_i, x_i)$  is said to be a corresponding pair.

The instance of MPCP has a sol<sup>n</sup> if there is a sequence of zero or more integers  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$  ( $m \geq 0$ ) such that

$$w_{i_1} w_{i_2} \dots w_{i_m} = x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_m}$$

The sol<sup>n</sup> is  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$

→ An empty list can be a sol<sup>n</sup> if  $w_1 = x_1$

## Reducing MPCP to PCP:

For every instance of MPCP, we can construct an instance of PCP.

Let us consider an instance of MPCP.

	A	B
$i$	$w_i$	$x_i$
1	$w_1$	$x_1$
2	$w_2$	$x_2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$k$	$w_k$	$x_k$

length =  $k$

We can construct an instance of PCP as follows.

	C	D
$i$	$y_i$	$z_i$
0	$y_0$	$z_0$
1	$y_1$	$z_1$
2	$y_2$	$z_2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$k+1$	$y_{k+1}$	$z_{k+1}$

length =  $k+2$ .

For  $i=1$  to  $k$ ,

Alphabet is  $\Sigma \cup \{*, \$\}$

For  $i=1$  to  $k$ ,

- let  $y_i$  be  $w_i$  with a  $*$  after each symbol of  $w_i$ .



- let  $\tilde{x}_i$  be  $x_i$  with a ' $\times$ ' before each symbol of  $w_i$ .

$$y_0 = \times y, \quad \tilde{x}_0 = \tilde{x}_1 \quad \&$$

$$y_{k+1} = \$ \quad \& \quad \tilde{x}_{k+1} = \times \times \$$$

→

MPCP		
	A	B
i	$w_i$	$x_i$
1	110	110110
2	0011	00
3	0110	110

So  $\Gamma = 231$  (PCP)

00110110 00110  
00110110110 00110110110.

	C	B	D
i	$y_i$	$\tilde{x}_i$	$\tilde{x}_i$
0	<del>110</del>	<del>110110</del>	
1	110110	00	110110
2	0011	110	00
3	0110	110	0110
4			

	C	D
i	$y_i$	$\tilde{x}_i$
0	<del>110</del>	<del>110110</del>
1	110110	00
2	0011	110
3	0110	0110
4	\$	<del>110110</del>

\* For PCP instance to have a sol<sup>n</sup>, we must start with index 0 ( $i_0$ ) & end with  $i_{k+1}$ .

If the constructed PCP has a sol<sup>n</sup> then, the instance of MPCP also has a sol<sup>n</sup>, i.e.  $y_0 y_1 \dots y_m y_{k+1} = \tilde{x}_0 \tilde{x}_1 \dots \tilde{x}_m \tilde{x}_{k+1}$

$$i = 0$$

$$\times w = \times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times$$

$$\alpha = \times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0$$

$$i = 01$$

$$\times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times$$

$$\times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times 1 \times 1 \times 0 \times$$

→ If we remove all ' $\times$ 's and '\$' from string,  $\tilde{x}_0 \tilde{x}_1 \dots \tilde{x}_m \tilde{x}_{k+1}$

you'll get a string  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$

→ If we remove all ' $\times$ 's and '\$' from string,  $y_0 y_1 \dots y_m y_{k+1}$ , then we'll get string  $w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$