1. Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, q_{accept})$  be a Turing machine, where:

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_{\text{accept}}\},\$$

 $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  is the input alphabet

 $T = \{0, 1, W, X, Y, Z, \bot\}$  is the tape alphabet (with  $\bot$  denoting the blank symbol).

The transition function  $\delta$  is defined by the following table:

δ	0	1	
$\overline{q_0}$	$(q_1, 0, R)$	$(q_1, 0, R)$	$(q_3, \perp, R)$
$q_1$	$(q_1, 0, R)$	$(q_2, 1, R)$	$(q_3, \perp, R)$
$q_2$	$(q_2, 0, R)$	$(q_0, 1, R)$	$(q_3, \perp, R)$
$q_3$	_	_	_

- (a) Simulate the behavior of the Turing machine M on the following inputs. For each case, provide the final tape content and the halting state:
  - i. 1011

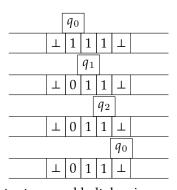
**Solution:** Begin with the input string and the state  $q_0$ .

		$q_0$					
	T	1	0	1	1	Т	
$q_1$							
	Т	0	0	1	1	Τ	
$q_1$							
	$\perp$	0	0	1	1	1	
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	Т	0	0	1	1	Τ	
						$q_0$	
	Т	0	0	1	1	Τ	

And at this point we transition to  $q_3$  which is a halting state. We are left with the final tape content:

ii. 111

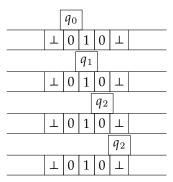
**Solution:** 



And again, we will switch states to  $q_3$  and halt, leaving us with the final tape:

iii. 010

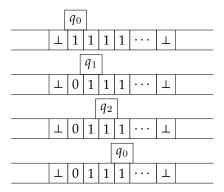
**Solution:** 



And again, we will switch states to  $q_3$  and halt, leaving us with the final tape:

(b) Describe the general behavior of M when the input is of the form  $1^k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Solution:** 



Now, we can see that we are in the same starting state, only now we are working with the string  $1^{k-3}$ . So we repeat the above process on this substring, and continue until we find the character  $\bot$ , at which point we will be stuck in  $q_3$ , and halt. So we can say that the machine takes a string  $1^k$  and converts every third 1 to a zero, starting with the first 1.

- (c) Construct a Turing machine  $M' = (Q', \Sigma, T, \delta', q'_0, q'_{accept})$ , where  $T = \{0, 1, \bot\}$ , that satisfies each of the following:
  - i. Replaces the first occurrence of the substring 01 in the input with 10, and leaves the rest unchanged.
  - ii. Accepts if and only if the input contains the substring 010.

Specify only the state transitions relevant to this task (you may assume the rest lead to a rejecting state or halt).

**Solution:** Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, q_{accept})$  be a Turing machine, where:

 $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}\},\$ 

 $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  is the input alphabet

 $T = \{0, 1, \bot\}$  is the tape alphabet (with  $\bot$  denoting the blank symbol).

The transition function  $\delta$  is defined by the following table

δ	0	1	
$\overline{q_0}$	$(q_1, 0, R)$	$(q_0, 1, R)$	$(q_7, \perp, L)$
$q_1$	$(q_1, 0, R)$	$(q_2, 1, R)$	$(q_7, \perp, L)$
$q_2$	$(q_3, 0, L)$	$(q_0, 1, R)$	$(q_7, \perp, L)$
$q_3$	$(q_3, 0, L)$	$(q_0, 1, L)$	$(q_4, \perp, R)$
$q_4$	$(q_5, 0, R)$	$(q_4, 1, R)$	$(q_A, \perp, R)$
$q_5$	$(q_5, 0, R)$	$(q_6, 0, L)$	$(q_A, \perp, R)$
$q_6$	$(q_A,1,R)$	_	_
97	$(q_7, 0, L)$	$(q_7, 1, L)$	_
$q_8$	$(q_9, 0, R)$	$(q_8, 1, R)$	_
$q_9$	$(q_9, 0, R)$	$(q_{10}, 0, L)$	_
$q_{10}$	$(q_A,1,R)$	_	_

Summary:  $q_0$  to  $q_2$  will search for the 010 in the input tape.

If 010 is found,  $q_3$  will loop back to the start, and  $q_4$  to  $q_6$  will scan for 01 and replace it with 10 and accept.

If 010 is not found, we are at the right end of the tape, and we go to  $q_7$ .  $q_7$  scans back to the start of the tape, and moves to  $q_8$  through  $q_{10}$  which perform identically to  $q_4$  through  $q_6$ , however these will reject after completion (or if a blank space is found while scanning).

2. Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Define the language:

$$L' = \{0^n 1^n 0^n 1^n | n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}.$$

(a) Design a Turing machine that accepts the language L'.

**Solution:** Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, T, \delta, q_0, q_{accept})$  be a Turing machine, where:

 $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}}\},\$ 

 $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  is the input alphabet

 $T = \{0, 1, X, Y, \bot\}$  is the tape alphabet (with  $\bot$  denoting the blank symbol).

The transition function  $\delta$  is defined by the following (it is understood that "search right for \_" means to move right and leave characters unchanged until the specified character is found):

 $q_0$ : Search right for a 0. When one is found, mark it X and go to  $q_1$ . If  $\bot$  is found, go to  $q_5$ .

 $q_1$ : Search for 1. When one is found, mark it Y and go to  $q_2$ . Reject if  $\perp$  is found.

 $q_2$ : Search right for a 0. When one is found, mark it X and go to  $q_3$ . If  $\bot$  is found, reject.

 $q_3$ : Search for 1. When one is found, mark it Y and go to  $q_4$ . Reject if  $\perp$  is found.

 $q_4$ : Search left for  $\perp$ . Then move right and go to  $q_0$ .

 $q_5$ : The final check. Search left. If a 0 or 1 is found, reject. If a  $\perp$  is found, accept.

(b) Prove that if the Turing machine accepts a string x, then  $x \in L'$ . Could not finish this :(

**Proof:** Suppose that M accepts x. Then after  $q_0$  through  $q_4$  have finished processing, there will be no 0, 1 on the tape (In order for M to accept a string, it must have reached  $q_5$  at the right end of the tape and  $q_5$  must find no 0,1 in the tape).

(c) Modify the Turing machine so that it replaces the input  $x \in L'$  with the string xx (i.e., it duplicates the input).

**Solution:** Leave the machine M unchanged, however add states, and change  $q_5$ :

 $q_5$ : Sweep left until  $\perp$ , then switch to  $q_6$ . If a 0 or 1 is found, reject.

 $q_6$ : Switch an X to a 0 and switch to  $q_7$ . Or, switch a Y to a 1 and switch to  $q_8$ . If  $\bot$  is found, accept.

Search right for  $\perp$ , then change it to 0 and switch to  $q_9$ .

Search right for  $\perp$ , then change it to 1 and switch to  $q_9$ .

Search left for a 0 or 1. Leave it unchanged, then move right and switch to  $q_6$ 

- (d) Prove that the modified machine correctly duplicates the input only if  $x \in L'$ . Could not finish this :(
- 3. Consider an infinite collection of mirrors  $\{M_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  in an art gallery. Each mirror  $M_i$  displays a unique digital artwork titled  $\operatorname{Art}_i$ , generated by a python function  $P_i$ . The artwork may or may not visually include the string "Art\_i" within its display. Define the language:

 $L = \{i \in \mathbb{N} | \text{Python function } P_i \text{ does not include the string Art\_i in its output} \}.$ 

(a) Is the language L Python recognizable? Justify your answer. Could not finish this:(

**Solution:** This language is not recognizable.

- (b) Is  $L_{\text{Halting}}$  Python reducable to L? Justify your answer. Could not finish this :(
- 4. Let us define four new languages over Python functions. Determine whether they are Python-decidable.
  - (a) Let  $L_{SyntaxCheck}$  contains all strings that define a syntactically correct Python function.

 $L_{\text{SyntaxCheck}} = \{ \text{code} | \text{code is a syntactically valid Python function definition} \}.$ 

**Solution:** Since the Python interpreter can detect syntax errors, it recognizes  $L_{SyntaxCheck}$ , and the language is Python decidable. (In fact, there is a Python interpreter Byterun, written only in Python).

(b) Let  $L_{\text{EventuallyTrue}}$  be the set of all Python functions func such that for at least one argument arg, func (arg) returns true. Hence,

 $L_{\text{EventuallyTrue}} = \{ \text{func} | \exists \text{arg, func(arg)} = \text{True} \}.$ 

**Solution:** Could not finish this:(

(c) Let  $L_{\text{FalseOnSelf}}$  be the set of all Python functions func such that func(func) returns False. Hence,

$$L_{\text{FalseOnSelf}} = \{ \text{func} | \text{func}(\text{func}) = \text{False} \}.$$

**Solution:** Let D be a decider, for the sake of contradiction. Consider D(D). If D(D) is true, then  $D \in L_{\text{FalseOnSelf}}$ , and therefore D(D) must be false. A contradiction! On the other hand, if D(D) is false, then  $D \notin L_{\text{FalseOnSelf}}$ , and therefore D(D) must be true. A contradiction! Therefore no such decider can exist and  $L_{\text{FalseOnSelf}}$  cannot be decidable.

(d) Let  $L_{\text{HaltOnEmpty}}$  contains all Python functions that halt when run with no arguments.

$$L_{\text{HaltOnEmpty}} = \{ \text{func} | \text{func}() \text{ halts (terminates execution)} \}.$$

**Solution:** The halting problem reduces to  $L_{\text{HaltOnEmpty}}$ , and is as such undecidable.