**Problem Sheet: Turing machines**                    Theory of Algorithms

1. Consider the following Turing Machine.

| State | Input | Write | Move | Next |
|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| $q_0$ | ⊔ | ⊔ | L | $q_a$ |
| $q_0$ | 0 | 0 | R | $q_0$ |
| $q_0$ | 1 | 1 | R | $q_1$ |
| $q_1$ | ⊔ | ⊔ | L | $q_f$ |
| $q_1$ | 0 | 0 | R | $q_1$ |
| $q_1$ | 1 | 1 | R | $q_0$ |

Determine what happens when the Turing Machine is run with the following inputs initially on the tape.

   (a) 0001

   (b) 0111

   (c) 0110

   (d) 0101010001

   (e) 00000000000000111

   (f) 00

   (g)

2. Give the state table for a Turing Machine that appends a parity bit to a tape with a string of consecutive 0's and 1's.

3. Construct a Turing Machine to compute the sequence $0 \sqcup 1 \sqcup 0 \sqcup 1 \sqcup 0 \sqcup \ldots$, that is, 0 blank 1 blank 0 blank, etc [1].

4. Give the state table for a Turing Machine that multiplies a string of consecutive 0's and 1's by 2. The machine should treat the initial contents of the tape as a natural number written in binary form, with the least significant bit at the end. That is, if the contents of the tape are 01101, then the right-most 1 represents the number 1, the middle 1 represents the number 4 and the left-most 1 represents the number 8. Then the number on the tape is $8 + 4 + 1 = 13$.

5. Give the state table for a Turing Machine that multiplies a string of consecutive 0's and 1's by 2. The machine should treat the initial contents of the tape as a natural number written in binary form, with the most significant bit at the end. That is, if the contents of the tape are 01101, then the right-most 1 represents the number 16, the middle 1 represents the number 4 and the left-most 1 represents the number 2. Then the number of the tape is $2 + 4 + 16 = 22$.

6. Give the state table for a Turing Machine that adds 1 to a string of consecutive 0's and 1's, where the least significant digit is on the right of the input.

7. Give the state table for a Turing Machine that subtracts 1 to a string of consecutive 0's and 1's, where the least significant digit is on the right of the input.

8. List all words of length at most three in $\Sigma^*$ where $\Sigma$ is:

    (a) $\{0, 1\}$

    (b) $\{a, b, c\}$

    (c) $\{\}$

9. Design a Turing machine to recognise the language $\{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$.

10. Design a Turing machine to recognise the language $\{ww^R \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$ where $w^R$ is $w$ reversed. For example, when $w = 101011$ then $w^R = 110101$.

11. Design a Turing machine to recognise the language $\{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$

**References**

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