## **Problem Sheet: Turing machines**

1. Consider the following Turing Machine.

State	Input	Write	Move	Next
$q_0$	Ш	Ц	L	$q_a$
$q_0$	0	0	$\mathbf{R}$	$q_0$
$q_0$	1	1	R	$q_1$
$q_1$	Ц	Ш	L	$q_f$
$q_1$	0	0	$\mathbf{R}$	$q_1$
$q_1$	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.

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- 7. Give the state table for a Turing Machine that subtracts 1 to a string of consecutive 0's and 1's.
- 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  $\{0^n1^n|n\geq 1\}$ .
- 10. Design a Turing machine to recognise the language  $\{ww|w\in\{0,1\}^*\}$
- 11. Design a Turing machine to recognise the language  $\{a^i b^j c^k | i, j, k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$

## References

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