

False Halting

## CHAPTER 2.3

### Pumping lemma for context-free language:

If  $A$  is a context-free language, then there is a number  $p$  (the pumping length) where, if  $s$  is any string in  $A$  of length at least  $p$ , then  $s$  may be divided into 5 pieces  $s = uvxyz$  satisfying the condition:

1. For each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $uv^ixy^iz \in A$
2.  $|vy| > 0$
3.  $|vxy| \leq p$

How to prove a language is not context-free

Example 2.36 (page 128) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdfE0lcGaJs>

## CHAPTER 3

### Formal definition of Turing Machine.

A Turing Machine is a 7-tuple,  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$ :

1.  $Q$  is a finite set of states
2.  $\Sigma$  is the input alphabet not containing the blank symbol
3.  $\Gamma$  is the tape alphabet.  $u \in \Gamma$ ,  $\epsilon \notin \Gamma$ ,  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$
4.  $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$  is the transition function
5.  $q_0$  is the start state
6.  $q_{\text{accept}}$  is the accept state
7.  $q_{\text{reject}}$  is the reject state, where  $q_{\text{accept}} \neq q_{\text{reject}}$

$\Sigma$  does not contain the blank symbol, so the first blank appearing on the tape marks the end of the input.

**Configuration of the Turing Machine:** A setting of current state, current tape contents, current head location

$\rightarrow uqv$  configuration means: current state is  $q$ , current tape contents is  $uv$ , current head location is the first symbol of  $v$ .

**Configuration C1 yields configuration C2** if the Turing machine can legally go from C1 to C2 in a single step.

**Start configuration:**  $q_0w$

**Accepting configuration:**  $q_{\text{accept}}$

**Rejecting configuration:**  $q_{\text{reject}}$

**Halting configurations:** accepting and rejecting configurations.

A Turing machine  $M$  accepts input  $w$  if a sequence of configurations  $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_k$  exists where:

1.  $C_1$  is the start configuration of  $M$  on input  $w$
2. Each  $C_i$  yields  $C_{i+1}$  and
3.  $C_k$  is an accepting configuration

**The language of  $M$ ,** or the **language recognized by  $M$ ,**  $L(M)$ , is the collection of strings that  $M$  accepts.

Call a language **Turing-recognizable** if some Turing machine recognizes it.

Three possible outcomes for a Turing machine are **accept**, **reject** and **loop**

**Loop** means that machine simply does not halt

**Deciders** are Turing machines that halt on all inputs.

A decider that recognizes some language is also said to **decide** that language.

Call a language **Turing-decidable** if some Turing machine decides it.

Every decidable language is Turing-recognizable.

**How to design an algorithm for a Turing machine:**

→ Example 3.7 (page 171)

How to write the sequence of configurations for a Turing machine:

→ Figure 3.8 (page 172)

**Variants** of the Turing machine model: the alternative definitions of Turing machines

**Robustness:** invariance to certain changes in the definition → the original model and its reasonable variants all have the same power

**Multitape Turing machine:** is an ordinary Turing machine with several tapes.

- $\delta: Q \times \Sigma^k \rightarrow Q \times \Sigma^k \times \{L, R, S\}^k$
- $k$ : the number of tapes

**Nondeterministic Turing machine:** a Turing machine that may proceed according to several possibilities.

- $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow P(Q \times \Sigma \times \{L, R\})$
- Every nondeterministic Turing machine has an equivalent deterministic Turing machine.

**Enumerator:** is a Turing machine with an attached printer.

**HILBERT'S PROBLEM**

**Polynomial** is a sum of terms, where each **term** is a product of certain variables and a constant, called a **coefficient**.

**Root:** is an assignment of values to its variables so that the value of the polynomial is 0.

**Integral root:** is a root where all the variables are assigned integer values.

**Church -Turing thesis:** the intuitive notion of algorithms equals the Turing machine algorithms.

✗ To describe a Turing machine algorithm:

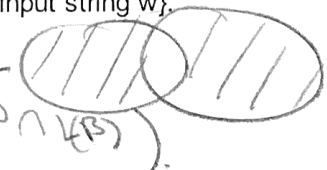
- Formal description: give details on the Turing machine's states, transition functions and so on.
- Implementation description: use English to describe the way that a Turing machine moves its head and the way it stores data on its tape.
- High-level description: use English to describe an algorithm, ignoring the implementation details

## CHAPTER 4

**ADFA:** is a language expressed as the acceptance problem for DFAs of testing whether a particular deterministic finite automaton accepts a given string

$ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA that accepts input string } w \}$ .

Symmetric Difference:

$$L(C) = (L(A) \cap \overline{L(B)}) \cup (\overline{L(A)} \cap L(B))$$


$A_{DFA}$  is a decidable language.

$EQ_{DFA} = \{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}.$

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$ANFA = \{\langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is an NFA that accepts input string } w\}.$

$AREX = \{\langle R, w \rangle \mid R \text{ is a regular expression that generates string } w\}.$

$ACFG = \{\langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG that generates string } w\}.$

$ECFG = \{\langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset\}.$  → it's a decidable language

$EQ_{CFG} = \{\langle G, H \rangle \mid G \text{ and } H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H)\}.$

Every context free language is decidable.

Regular language → Context-free → Decidable → Recognizable

$ATM = \{\langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that accepts } w\}.$  → **undecidable**

**One-to-one (injective):** never maps 2 different elements to the same place,  $f(a) \neq f(b)$  whenever  $a \neq b$

**Onto (surjective):** for every  $b \in B$ , there's an  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$

**Correspondence (bijective):** both one-to-one and onto

A and B are the **same size** if there is a one-to-one, onto function  $f: A \rightarrow B$

A set A is **countable** if either it is finite or it has the same size as  $\mathbb{N}$

The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers is **uncountable**.

Each language  $A \in L$  has a unique sequence in  $\mathbb{B}^*$ . The  $i$ th bit of that sequence is a 1 if  $s_i \in A$  and is a 0 if  $s_i \notin A$ , which is called the **characteristic sequence** of A

**co-Turing-recognizable:** the language that is the complement of a Turing-recognizable language.

A language is **decidable** iff it is Turing-recognizable and co-Turing-recognizable.

## CHAPTER 5

**Reducibility:** the primary method for proving that problems are computationally unsolvable.

A **reduction** is a way of converting one problem to another problem in such a way that a solution to the second problem can be used to solve the first problem.

$HALT_{TM} = \{\langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ halts on input } w\}.$  → undecidable

$ETM = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = \emptyset\}.$  → undecidable

$REGULAR_{TM} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) \text{ is a regular language}\}$  → undecidable

$EQ_{TM} = \{\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \mid M_1, M_2 \text{ are TMs and } L(M_1) = L(M_2)\}$  → undecidable

**Accepting computation history:** a sequence of configurations, where  $C_1$  is the start of configuration of M on w,  $C(i)$  is an accepting configuration of M, and each  $C_i$  legally follows from  $C(i-1)$  according to the rules of M.

**Rejecting computation history:** The same, except  $C_i$  is a rejecting configuration.

**Linear bounded automaton:** a restricted type of Turing machine wherein the tape head isn't permitted to move off the portion of the tape containing the input. It has limited amount of memory.

$ALBA = \{\langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is an LBA that } \underline{\text{accepts}} \text{ string } w\}.$  → *Decidable*

ALBA is decidable.

**Lemma 5.8:** Let  $M$  be an LBA with  $q$  states and  $g$  symbols in the tape alphabet. There are exactly  $qng^n$  distinct configurations of  $M$  for a tape of length  $n$ .

$ELBA = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is an LBA where } L(M) = \emptyset\}$ .

$ELBA$  is undecidable.

$ALLCFG = \{\langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \Sigma^*\}$ .