

*THEORY OF COMPUTATION*  
*Formal Languages, Automata, and Complexity*

*Chap. 4 Computability*

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# *Chap. 4 Computability*

## *Computation*

*operational approach*

*how a computation is performed*

*functional approach*

*what a computation accomplishes*

## *Operational approach*

*define algorithms rather than*

*some functions in a particular system*

## *Functional approach*

*define functions computed rather than*

*means of computing(**algorithms**) them*

## ***4.1 Foundation of Recursive Function Theory***

### ***Partial Functions***

$f: \mathbf{N}^m \rightharpoonup \mathbf{N}^n$  where  $m, n \in \mathbf{N} (m, n \geq 0)$

*various domain and range*

*any data can be coded into 0's and 1's  $\rightarrow$  **nonnegative integers**  
**tuples of nonnegative integers***

*arbitrary  $m$ -tuple*      $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$

$f(\bar{x}) \in \mathbf{N}^n \cup \{\emptyset\}$

*Ex.  $\text{div}: \mathbf{N}^2 \rightharpoonup \mathbf{N}$      where  $\text{div}(x, y) = x/y$ , if  $y \neq 0$ .*

*partial functions includes*  
*strictly partial functions and*  
*total functions*

## *Primitive Recursive Functions*

### *Three Initial Functions*

1. *zero function*,  $\zeta: \mathbf{N}^0 \rightarrow \{0\}$  *from empty tuple to {0}*

$$\zeta( ) = 0$$

2. *successor function*,  $\sigma: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$

$$\sigma(x) = x + 1 \quad \text{or } ++x \text{ in } \mathbf{C}$$

3. *projections*,  $\pi_n^m: \mathbf{N}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  ( $0 \leq n \leq m$ )

$$\pi_n^m(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_m) = x_n.$$

$$\text{Ex.) } \pi_2^3(7, 6, 4) = 6, \pi_1^2(5, 17) = 5, \pi_2^2(5, 17) = 17, \pi_0^2(5, 17) = ( ).$$

*all of three initial functions are computable.*

## **Three combinators**

### **1. Combination of functions: $\times$**

Define  $f \times g: \mathbf{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^{m+n}$  from

$f: \mathbf{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^m$  and  $g: \mathbf{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^n$  by

$$f \times g (\bar{x}) = (f(\bar{x}), g(\bar{x})) \text{ where } \bar{x} \in \mathbf{N}^k.$$

Ex.)  $\pi_1^3 \times \pi_3^3(4, 6, 8) = (4, 8)$

### **2. Composition of functions: $\circ$**

Define  $g \circ f: \mathbf{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^n$  from

$f: \mathbf{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^m$  and  $g: \mathbf{N}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^n$  by

$$g \circ f (\bar{x}) = g(f(\bar{x})) \text{ where } \bar{x} \in \mathbf{N}^k.$$

Ex.):  $\sigma \circ \zeta( ) = \sigma(0) = 1.$

### 3. Primitive recursion of functions: $f$

**Example:**  $f: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(x, y)$  is the number of nodes in a full  $x$ -nary **balanced** tree whose depth is  $y$ .

**Recursive thinking!**

(1) level  $n$  has  $x^n$  nodes

(2) depth  $y+1$ : add  $x^{y+1} = x^y \cdot x$  nodes to  $f(x, y)$ : depth  $y$ .

$$f(x, 0) = x^0 \quad (\text{Basis})$$

$$f(x, y+1) = f(x, y) + x^y \cdot x \quad (\text{Recursion})$$

$f$  is **computable**

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{f(3, 2)} &=_{(R)} \underline{f(3, 1)} + \underline{3^1 \cdot 3} \\ &= \underline{f(3, 1)} + 9 =_{(R)} \underline{f(3, 0)} + \underline{3^0 \cdot 3} + 9 \\ &= \underline{f(3, 0)} + 12 =_{(B)} \underline{3^0} + 12 = 13. \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$f(x, 0) = g(x)$$

$$f(x, y+1) = h(x, y, f(x, y))$$

Define  $f: \mathbf{N}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^m$  from

$g: \mathbf{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^m$  and  $h: \mathbf{N}^{k+m+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}^m$  by  $\forall x \in \mathbf{N}^k$

$$f(\bar{x}, 0) =_B g(\bar{x}) \quad \text{or } f(\bar{x}, \zeta(y)) = g(\bar{x})$$

$$f(\bar{x}, y+1) =_R h(\bar{x}, y, f(\bar{x}, y)) \quad \text{or } f(\bar{x}, \sigma(y)) = h(\bar{x}, y, f(\bar{x}, y))$$

where  $\bar{x} \in \mathbf{N}^k$  and  $y \in \mathbf{N}$ .

$$f(\bar{x}, 3) =_R h(\bar{x}, 2, f(\bar{x}, 2)) =_R h(\bar{x}, 2, h(\bar{x}, 1, f(\bar{x}, 1)))$$

$$=_R h(\bar{x}, 2, h(\bar{x}, 1, h(\bar{x}, 0, f(\bar{x}, 0)))) =_B h(\bar{x}, 2, h(\bar{x}, 1, h(\bar{x}, 0, \bar{x}, 0, g(\bar{x}))))).$$

plus:  $\mathbf{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$

$$\text{plus}(x, 0) =_B \pi_1^1(x)$$

$$\text{plus}(x, y+1) =_R \sigma \circ \pi_3^3(x, y, \text{plus}(x, y)) = \sigma \circ \text{plus}(x, y)$$

$$\text{Ex.) } \text{plus}(100, 2) =_R \sigma \circ \pi_3^3(x, y, \text{plus}(100, 1)) = \sigma \circ \text{plus}(100, 1)$$

$$=_R \sigma \circ \sigma \circ \text{plus}(100, 0) =_B \sigma \circ \sigma \circ (100) = \sigma \circ 101 = 102.$$

## ***Primitive recursive functions***

*constructed from initial functions* ( $\zeta(\ )$ ,  $\sigma(x)$ ,  $\pi_n^m(\bar{x})$ )

*with finite number of combinations* ( $\times$ ), *compositions* ( $\circ$ ),  
*and primitive recursions.*

*Every primitive recursive function is total and computable, since initial functions are total and computable.*

*finite number of  $\times$ ,  $\circ$ , and primitive recursions applied is total and computable.*

*$\therefore$  Primitive recursive functions are total and computable.*

*Primitive recursive functions contains  
most, if not all, of **computable total functions**  
(Ackermann function)  
that are required in  
traditional computer applications*

*But every **computable function** is  
**not primitive recursive.***

*There are **computable functions**  
that are **not primitive recursive.**  
Ackermann function is **total and computable**  
but **not primitive recursive.**  
Division is **partial***

***primitive recursive functions**  $\subset$  **computable total functions**  
 $\subset$  **computable (partial) functions***

## ***4.2 The Scope of Primitive Recursive Functions***

### ***1. extend primitive recursive functions***

*includes total computable functions*

*in typical computer applications*

*provide specific examples (following sections)*

### ***2. distinction between primitive recursive functions and computable total functions***

## ***Examples of primitive recursive functions***

### ***Constant functions***

$$K_m^n: \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \{m\}, m, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*where  $K_m^n(\bar{x}) = m, \bar{x} \in \mathbb{N}^n$ .*

*For  $m = 0$ ,*

$$K_2^0 = \sigma \circ \sigma \circ \zeta = 2$$

$$K_m^0 = \zeta \circ \sigma \circ \dots \circ \sigma = \zeta \circ \sigma^m = m$$

$\therefore K_m^0$  is **primitive recursive**

For  $n > 0$ ,

$$K_m^n(\bar{x}, 0) =_B K_m^{n-1}(\bar{x})$$

$$K_m^n(\bar{x}, \sigma(y)) =_R \pi_{n+2}^{n+2}(\bar{x}, y, K_m^n(\bar{x}, y)) = K_m^n(\bar{x}, y)$$

$\therefore K_m^n$  is **primitive recursive** ( $n \geq 0$ ).

$$K_m^n(k_1, \dots, k_n) =_R K_m^n(k_1, \dots, k_n - 1) =_R \dots$$

$$=_R K_m^n(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}, 0) =_B K_m^{n-1}(k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}) = \dots$$

$$=_B K_m^1(k_1) =_R \dots =_R K_m^1(0) =_B K_m^0() = \sigma \circ \dots \circ \sigma \circ \zeta () = \dots = m.$$

Constants are also primitive recursive functions

$$7 = K_7^5$$

$$(2, 5) = K_2^7 \times K_5^3$$

***Arithmetic functions from constant and plus***

$$\text{mult}(x, 0) = K_0^1(x)$$

$$\text{mult}(x, \sigma(y)) = (\pi_1^3 + \pi_3^3) \circ \text{plus}(x, y, \text{mult}(x, y))$$

$$\text{mult}(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\text{mult}(x, y+1) = \text{plus}(x, \text{mult}(x, y))$$

$$\text{expo}(x, 0) = K_1^1(x)$$

$$\text{expo}(x, \sigma(y)) = (\pi_1^3 \times \pi_3^3) \circ \text{mult}(x, y, \text{expo}(x, y))$$

$$\text{expo}(x, 0) = 1$$

$$\text{expo}(x, y+1) = \text{mult}(x, \text{expo}(x, y))$$

***predecessor function***

$$\text{pred}: \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$$

$$\text{pred}(0) = \zeta() = 0$$

$$\text{pred}(\sigma(x)) = \pi_1^2(x, \text{pred}(x)) = x$$

$$\text{monus}(x, 0) = \pi_1^1(x)$$

$$\text{monus}(x, \sigma(y)) = \text{pred} \circ \pi_3^3(x, y, \text{monus}(x, y))$$

$$\text{monus}(x, 0) = x$$

$$\text{monus}(x, y+1) = \text{pred}(\text{monus}(x, y))$$

$$\text{monus} \equiv \dot{-} \quad x \dot{-} y = x - y, \text{ if } x \geq y; 0, \text{ otherwise.}$$

$$\text{eq}: \mathbf{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

$$\text{eq}(x, y) = 1 \text{ if } x = y, 0 \text{ if } x \neq y$$

$$\text{eq}(x, y) = 1 \dot{-} ((x \dot{-} y) + (y \dot{-} x))$$

$$= \text{monus}(1, \text{plus}(\text{monus}(x, y), \text{monus}(y, x)))$$

*Example:*

$$\text{eq}(5, 3) = 1 \dot{-} ((5 \dot{-} 3) + (3 \dot{-} 5))$$

$$= 1 \dot{-} (2 + 0) = 1 \dot{-} 2 = 0$$

$$\text{eq}(5, 5) = 1 \dot{-} ((5 \dot{-} 5) + (5 \dot{-} 5))$$

$$= 1 \div (0 + 0) = 1 \div 0 = 1$$

*gt. lt, ge. le.:  $N^2 \rightarrow N$   
left for exercise*

## ***Beyond Primitive Recursive Functions***

*initial functions*

$\subset$  *primitive recursive functions*

$\subset$  *computable total functions*

(=  $\mu$ -*recursive total function*)

$\subset$  *computable partial function*

(=  $\mu$ -*recursive (partial) function*)

(= *partial recursive function*)

*primitive recursive functions*  $\overset{?}{\subset}$  *computable total functions*

***Ackermann function***(*W. Ackermann in 1928*)

$$A: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$A(0, y) = y + 1$$

$$A(x+1, 0) = A(x, 1)$$

$$A(x+1, y+1) = A(x, A(x+1, y))$$

***Ackermann function is computable total***(*App. B*)  
***but not primitive recursive.***

$$\begin{aligned} A(3, 2) &= A(2, A(3, 1)) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(3, 0))) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(2, 1))) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(1, A(2, 0)))) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(1, A(1, 1)))) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(1, A(0, A(1, 0)))))) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(1, A(0, A(0, 1)))))) \\ &= A(2, A(2, A(1, A(0, \underline{2})))) \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.1** *There is a computable total function from  $\mathbf{N}$  to  $\mathbf{N}$  that is not primitive recursive.*

**Proof**

*the number of p.r. functions is **countable***

*(finite combination, composition, p. rec.)*

$\therefore f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots$

$f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \ .\exists. f(n) = f_n(n) + 1$       *computable total*

*If  $f$  is p.r.,  $\exists m \in \mathbf{N} \ .\exists. f = f_m$ . But  $f(m) = f_m + 1$*

$\therefore f$  *is computable but not p.r.*

*( $\therefore$  no. of computable functions is **uncountable**)*

**computable function**

$\stackrel{?}{\equiv}$   **$\mu$ -recursive functions**

*Church's hypothesis*

### 4.3 Partial $\mu$ -Recursive Functions

computable partial functions

4th combinator of function: **minimization**( $\mu$ )

Define  $f: \mathbf{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  from  $g: \mathbf{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  by

$$f(\bar{x}) = \mu y [g(\bar{x}, y) = 0]$$

$$= \text{minimum}(\mu) y \in \mathbf{N}, \text{ s.t. } g(\bar{x}, y) = 0$$

$$\wedge g(\bar{x}, z) \text{ is defined } 0 \leq \forall z < y.$$

Example:  $g(x, y)$

$g: y \backslash x$	0	1	2	3	...
0	2	3	8	2	...
1	3	4	3	6	...
2	1	<u>0</u>	<u>X</u>	7	...
3	5	2	6	2	...
4	<u>0</u>	0	<b>0</b>	8	...
...					
$f$	4	2	X	?	...

$$f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

$$f(x) = \mu y[\text{plus}(x, y) = 0]$$

$$f(x) = 0, \text{ if } x = 0$$

$$= \text{undefined}, x > 0.$$

$$\text{div}: \mathbf{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

$$\text{div}(x, y) = \mu z[(\sigma(x) \dot{-} (\text{mult}(z, y) + y)) = 0]$$

$$f(x) = \mu y[\text{monus}(x, y) = 0]$$

$$\text{total function}(f(x) = x)$$

### ***minimization***

$$f: \mathbf{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

$$f(\bar{x}) = \mu y[g(\bar{x}, y) = 0]$$

Assume the **partial** function  $g$  is **computable**,  
**for all**  $\bar{x} \in \mathbf{N}^n$  **do**  
      $y = 0$   
     **while** (not exit loop) **do**  
         **if**  $g(\bar{x}, y) = 0$  **then**  $f(\bar{x}) = y$ ; **exit loop fi**;  
         **if**  $g(\bar{x}, y) = \text{undefined}$  **then**  
              $f(\bar{x}) = \text{undefined}$ ; **exit loop fi**;  
          $y := \sigma(y)$   
     **od**  
**od**

$\therefore f$  is **computable and partial**,  
 if  $g$  is **computable and partial**.

## *$\mu$ -recursive function*

*initial functions,  
finite number of  
combinations,  
compositions,  
primitive recursions, and  
minimizations.*

*$\mu y[g(\bar{x}, y)=0]$  is defined iff*

*$g(\bar{x})$  and  $h(\bar{x}, z, f(\bar{x}, z))$  is defined for  $0 \leq \forall z < y$ .*

### *initial functions*

*$\subset$  primitive recursive functions*

*$\subset \mu$ -recursive total functions  $(\cong$  computable total functions)*

*$\subset \mu$ -recursive partial functions  $(\cong$  computable functions)*

*$\subset$  all functions*

## ***Turing's thesis***

*the class of Turing machine possesses  
the computational power of any computational system*

## ***Church's thesis***

*the class of  $\mu$ -recursive (partial) function contains  
all computational(partial) functions*

*No one has proved it to be **false**  
no one has found a partial function  
that is computable but not partial recursive*

***But! Turing's thesis and Church's thesis are one and the **same**.***

*TM = partial recursive function*

*Turing's thesis      TM = computation **process***

*Church's thesis       $\mu RF$  = computation **feature***

*TM =  $\mu RF$ .*

## ***Turing Machine***

*A Turing machine is the sextuple of the form*

$M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, i, h)$  *where*

- (1)  $Q$  is a finite set of states,*
- (2)  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of input alphabets*
- (3)  $\Gamma (\supseteq \Sigma)$  is a finite set of tape alphabets*
- (4)  $\delta: (Q - \{h\}) \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times (\Gamma \cup \{L, R\})$   
*is the transition function**
- (5)  $i \in Q$  is the initial state*
- (6)  $h \in Q$  is the halting state*  
 *$B \in \Gamma (B \notin \Sigma)$  is the blank symbol*

*Configuration:  $\Gamma^* \times Q \times \Gamma^*$ .*

*Let  $p, q \in Q$ ;  $X, Y \in \Gamma$ ; and  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*$ . Then  
configuration  $(\alpha, p, \beta)$   
state  $p$ , tape  $\alpha\beta$ (scanning  $1:\beta$ )*

*three normalized transition function*

$$(1) \delta(p, X) = (q, Y) \quad p \xrightarrow{X/Y} q \quad \text{replace } X \text{ to } Y$$

$$(\alpha, p, X\beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha, q, Y\beta)$$

$$(2) \delta(p, X) = (q, L) \quad p \xrightarrow{X/\leftarrow} q \quad \text{move left}$$

$$(\alpha Y, p, X\beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha, q, YX\beta)$$

$$(3) \delta(p, X) = (q, R) \quad p \xrightarrow{X/\rightarrow} q \quad \text{move right}$$

$$(\alpha Y, p, X\beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha YX, q, \beta)$$

*initial configuration for  $w \in \Sigma^*$*

$$(\varepsilon, i, wBBB\dots) \quad w \in \Sigma^*.$$

*final configuration*

$$(\alpha, h, \beta) \quad \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*.$$

*abnormal termination*

$$(\varepsilon, p, X\beta) \rightarrow^X ?$$

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* / (\varepsilon, i, wBBB\dots) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha, h, \beta), \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*\}$$

## ***Basic Building Blocks***

*machine R, L, and X*

$\forall X \in \Gamma, \delta_R(i, X) = (h, R)$  *move one cell right*

$\forall X \in \Gamma, \delta_L(i, X) = (h, L)$  *move one cell left*

$\forall Y \in \Gamma, \delta_X(i, Y) = (h, X)$  *write x*

*combining the machines*

$\rightarrow R \rightarrow X \rightarrow L$  *or*  $\rightarrow RXL$

$\forall Y \in \Gamma, (\alpha, i, Y\beta) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha, h, X\beta)$

*searching symbols*

$R_X$ : *search for X to right of the initial position.*

$(\alpha, i, \beta XZ) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha\beta, h, XZ)$   $\beta \in (\Gamma - \{X\})^*$ .

$R_{\neg X}$ : *search for other symbols than X to right of ..*

$(\alpha, i, \beta YZ) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha\beta, h, YZ)$   $\beta \in (\{X\})^*, Y \neq X$

$L_X, L_{\neg X}$ : *search for ... left to ... abnormal termination*

## *Shift operations*

$S_R$ : *shift one cell right*

$$(\alpha X, i, Y\beta) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha, h, X\beta) \quad X \neq B$$

$$(\alpha B, i, Y\beta) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha B, h, B\beta)$$

*to avoid abnormal termination*

$S_L$ : *shift one cell left*

$$(\alpha X, i, Y\beta) \Rightarrow^* (\alpha X, h, \beta)$$

## ***Turing Computable Functions***

Consider a partial function  $f: \mathbf{N}^m \rightharpoonup \mathbf{N}^n$ .

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

*= undefined*

*input tape*  $(B x_1 B x_2 \dots B x_m B \dots)$

*output tape*  $(B y_1 B y_2 \dots B y_n B \dots)$

*A Turing machine  $M = (Q, \{0, 1, \#\}, \Gamma, \delta, i, h)$*

*initial configuration*

$(\varepsilon, i, w_1 \# w_2 \dots \# w_m B B \dots)$

*final configuration*

$(\varepsilon, h, v_1 \# v_2 \dots \# v_n B B \dots)$

*abnormal termination*

*$w_i$  and  $v_j$  are binary representation  
of  $x_i$  and  $y_j$ , respectively*

*The turing machine  $M$  computes  
the  $\mu$ -recursive partial function  $f$*

## ***Turing Compatibility of $\mu$ -recursive Functions***

*Integer arguments*

$$\Gamma = \{0, 1, B\},$$

$$f: \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^m.$$

***Theorem 4.2*** *Every  $\mu$ -recursive function is Turing-computable.*

***Proof***

*1. Initial functions are Turing-computable*

*$\zeta$ (zero)*

*$\sigma$ (successor)*

*$\pi_i^j$ (projection)*

*2. Partial functions constructed from*

*Turing-computable partial functions*

*using combination, composition,*

*partial recursion and minimization*

*are also Turing-computable.*

## *$\mu$ -Recursive Nature of Turing Machines*

*computation power of Turing machine*

*restricted to the ability*

*to compute the  $\mu$ -recursive functions*

*Let  $|\Gamma| = b$ . Then the content of the tape can be interpreted as a nonnegative integer of base  $b$ , written in reverse order.*

*Turing machine*

*partial function from  $\mathbf{N}$  to  $\mathbf{N}$ .*

*the partial function computed by*

*Turing machine is  $\mu$ -recursive.*

### **Theorem 4.3**

*Any computational process performed by a Turing machine  
is actually the process of computing a  $\mu$ -recursive function.*

### **Proof**

*Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, i, h)$  be a Turing machine  
 $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be the  $\mu$ -recursive function computed by  $M$   
by interpreting the contents of the tape  
as base  $b = |\Gamma|$  integer representations  
in **reversed** order.(right blanks)*

*state  $|Q| = k$*

*final state 0*

*initial state 1*

*other states 2, ..., k-1*

*transition*

$mov(p, X) =$ 

- 2 head moves right
- 1 head moves left
- 0 otherwise.

 $sym(p, X) =$ 

- $Y$  write symbol  $Y$
- $X$  otherwise.

 $state(p, X) =$ 

- $q \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$  state moves to  $q$
- $k$  if  $p = 0$  or  $(p, X)$  is not valid.

*mov, sym and state are **primitive recursive**.*

*Configuration tuple*       $(\alpha, p, \beta)$

*New configuration tuple*    $(w, p, n)$

$w$  tape content

integer of base  $|\Gamma|$  in reverse order

(right blanks)

$p$  state number       $\{0, \dots, k-1\}$

$n$  head position       $|\alpha\beta| = m, 1 \leq n \leq m.$

*cursym*:  $\mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{cursym}(w, p, n) = \text{quo}(w, b^{n-1}) \div \text{mult}(b, \text{quo}(w, b^n))$$

*nexthead*, *nextstate*, *nexttape*:  $\mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

using *mov*, *sym*, *state*, and *cursym*

*nexthead*, *nextstate*, and *nexttape* are

***primitive recursive***

*step*:  $\mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^3$

*step* = *nexthead*  $\times$  *nextstate*  $\times$  *nexttape*

*step* is ***primitive recursive***

*run*:  $\mathbb{N}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^3$

$$\text{run}(w, p, n, 0) = (w, p, n)$$

$$\text{run}(w, p, n, t+1) = \text{step}(\text{run}(w, p, n, t))$$

*run* is ***primitive recursive***

*stoptime:  $\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ : number of steps to final states*

$$\textit{stoptime}(w) = \mu t[\pi_2^3(\textit{run}(w, 1, 1, t)) = 0]$$

*stoptime is  $\mu$ -recursive partial*

*f:  $\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  (nexttape): final tape contents  
the partial function computed by M*

$$f(w) = \pi_1^3(\textit{run}(w, 1, 1, \textit{stoptime}(w)))$$

*f is  $\mu$ -recursive partial*

*Church-Turing thesis*

*operation approach(Turing's thesis)*

*Turing machine*

*functional approach(Church's thesis)*

*$\mu$ -recursive **partial** function*

*To reenforce the confidence of our conjecture, in other text ...*

## *Turing-Church's thesis*

*Theorem 4.2 Every  $\mu$ -recursive function is Turing-computable.*

### *Theorem 4.3*

*Any computational process performed by a Turing machine  
is actually the process of computing a  $\mu$ -recursive function.*

*$\therefore TM = \mu RF.$*

*Any computation is TM or  $\mu$ -recursive function.*

*What further?  
not yet!*

## ***Post system***

***Def.*** A Post system  $\Pi$  is defined by

$\Pi = (C, V, A, P)$  where

- 1)  $C$  is a finite set of **constants** with  $C = C_N \cup C_T$  and  $C_N \cap C_T = \emptyset$ ,
- 2)  $V$  is a finite set of **variables**,
- 3)  $A$  is a finite set from  $C^*$ , called **axiom**, and
- 4)  $P$  is a finite set of **productions** of the form

$$x_1 V_1 x_2 \cdots x_n V_n x_{n+1} \rightarrow y_1 W_1 y_2 \cdots y_m W_m y_{m+1},$$

where  $x_i, y_i \in C^*$ ,  $V_i, W_i \in V$ ,

$$V_i \neq V_j \text{ for } i \neq j \text{ and } \bigcup_{i=1}^m W_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i.$$

any variable can appear at most once on the left  
each variable on the right must appear on the left

In other words,

$$\{V_1, \dots, V_n\} \supseteq \{W_1, \dots, W_m\} \text{ and } |V_1, \dots, V_n| = n \geq |W_1, \dots, W_m|.$$

$$\therefore f: \{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} = \{1, \dots, n\}^{\{1, \dots, m\}}.$$

$$x_1 V_1 x_2 \cdots x_n V_n x_{n+1} \rightarrow y_1 V_{f(1)} y_2 \cdots y_m V_{f(m)} y_{m+1} \in P$$

$$x_1 w_1 x_2 \cdots x_n w_n x_{n+1} \Rightarrow y_1 w_{f(1)} y_2 \cdots y_m w_{f(m)} y_{m+1}$$

$$L(\Pi) = \{w \in C_T^* / w_0 \Rightarrow^* w \text{ for some } w_0 \in A\}$$

$$\text{Ex. } C_T = \{a, b\}$$

$$C_N = \{\}$$

$$V = \{V_1\}$$

$$A = \{\varepsilon\}$$

$$P = \{V_1 \rightarrow aV_1b\}$$

$$\varepsilon \Rightarrow ab \Rightarrow aabb \Rightarrow \dots$$

$$\text{where } V_1 = \varepsilon.$$

*Ex.*

$$C_T = \{1, +, =\}$$

$$C_N = \{\}$$

$$V = \{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$$

$$A = \{1 + 1 = 11\}$$

$$P = \{V_1 + V_2 = V_3 \rightarrow V_11 + V_2 = V_31 \\ V_1 + V_2 = V_3 \rightarrow V_1 + V_21 = V_31\}$$

$$1 + 1 = 11 \Rightarrow 11 + 1 = 111 \\ \Rightarrow 11 + 11 = 1111$$

*we can interpret the derivation*

$$1 + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow 2 + 1 = 3 \\ \Rightarrow 2 + 2 = 4 \\ \dots$$

### ***Theorem 13.6***

*A language is **recursively enumerable** if and only if there exists some Post system that generates it.*

## ***Proof***

*The derivation of Post system is completely mechanical, it can be carried out on a Turing machine.*

*For converse,*

*consider a unrestricted grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$*

*$\Pi = (C, V_{\Pi}, A, P_{\Pi})$*

*$C_N = N, C_T = T, A = \{S\}, V_{\Pi} = \{V_1, V_2\}$ , and*

*$P_{\Pi} = \{V_1\alpha V_2 \rightarrow V_1\beta V_2 / \alpha \rightarrow \beta \in P\}$*

## ***Rewriting System***

*Post system*

*rewriting of strings in  $C^*$*

*Turing machine*

*rewiring of strings in  $Q \times C^* \times \Gamma^*$  (configuration)*

### ***Matrix grammar***

$$P = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \dots \cup P_n$$

where  $P_i = \{\alpha_1 \rightarrow \beta_1, \alpha_2 \rightarrow \beta_2, \dots\}$

*ordered set*

*Whenever the first production of some  $P_i$  is applied,  
the second one must be applied in next.*

*Ex.  $P_1: S \rightarrow S_1S_2$*

*$P_2: S_1 \rightarrow aS_1, S_2 \rightarrow bS_2c$*

*$P_3: S_1 \rightarrow \varepsilon, S_2 \rightarrow \varepsilon$*

*$S \Rightarrow S_1S_2 \Rightarrow aS_1S_2 \Rightarrow aS_1bS_2c \Rightarrow aaS_1bbS_2cc \Rightarrow aabbcc$*

*$L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0\}$*

**Def.** A language  $L$  is in  $DTIME(T(n))$

A language  $L$  is in  $NTIME(T(n))$

$DTIME(T(n)) \subseteq NTIME(T(n))$

If  $T_1(n) = O(T_2(n))$ ,  $DTIME(T_1(n)) \subseteq DTIME(T_2(n))$

**Thm.**  $DTIME(n^k) \subset DTIME(n^{k+1})$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

$L_{REG} \subseteq DTIME(n)$

$L_{CF} \subseteq DTIME(n^3)$

$L_{CF} \subseteq NTIME(n)$

$L_{CS}$  every sentence of length  $n$  can be parsed in

$n^M$  where  $M$  depends on the grammar

But we can not say  $L_{CS} \subseteq DTIME(n^M)$ ,

since the upper bound  $M$  is not known.

$$L_{RE} \subseteq DTIME(f(n))$$

*There does not exist any  $f(n)$ .*

*The connection between Chomsky's hierarchy and the complexity is tenuous and not very clear.*

**Def.**  $P = \cup_{i \geq 1} DTIME(n^i)$

$$NP = \cup_{i \geq 1} NTIME(n^i)$$

$$P \subseteq NP$$

*But it is not known if this containment is **proper**.*

### **Cook-Karp thesis**

*A problem that is in  $P$  is called **tractable**, and one that is not is called **intractable**.*

*But  $2^{0.1n}$  is **intractable** whereas  $n^{100}$  is **tractable**.*

*An empirical observation that most practical problems in **P** are in  $DTIME(n)$ ,  $DTIME(n^2)$ , or  $DTIME(n^3)$ .*

*An interesting problem whether or not **P = NP**.*

***NP**-complete problem  
that is as hard as any **NP** problem, and  
in some sense is equivalent to all of them.*

***Def.** A language  $L_1(\Sigma_1)$  is **polynomial-time reducible** to some language  $L_2(\Sigma_2)$  if there exist a **deterministic** Turing machine by which any  $w_1 \in$*

$\Sigma_1^*$  can be transformed to  $w_2 \in \Sigma_2^*$  in a such way that  $w_1 \in L_1$  if and only if  $w_2 \in L_2$ .

If  $L_1$  is polynomial-time reducible to  $L_2$ , and if  $L_2 \in \mathbf{P}$  then  $L_1 \in \mathbf{P}$ . Similarly if  $L_2 \in \mathbf{NP}$  then  $L_1 \in \mathbf{NP}$ .

**Def.** A language  $L$  is said to be **NP-complete** if  $L \in \mathbf{NP}$  and if every  $L' \in \mathbf{NP}$  is polynomial-time reducible to  $L$ .

If some  $L_1$  is **NP-complete** and polynomial-time reducible to  $L_2$ , then  $L_2$  is also **NP-complete**.

If we can find a **deterministic polynomial-time** algorithm for any **NP-complete** language, then every language in **NP** is also in **P**, that is  
**NP = P**.

## ***Boolean expression***

*boolean constant 0(false), 1(true)*

*boolean variables*

*boolean operator  $\vee$ (or),  $\wedge$ (and),  $\neg$ (not)*

## ***conjunctive normal form***

*with variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .*

*$e = t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge \dots \wedge t_m$  where the terms  $t_i$  are*

*where  $t_i = s_1 \vee s_2 \vee \dots \vee s_p$*

*where  $s_j$  is either  $x_k$  or  $\neg x_k$ .*

## ***Satisfiability Problem***

*Given an expression  $e$  in conjunctive normal form, is there an assignment of values to the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  that will make the value  $e$  true.*

$e_1 = (\neg x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3)$   
*satisfiable,  $x_1=0, x_2=1, x_3=1$*

$e_1 = (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge \neg x_1 \wedge \neg x_2$   
*not satisfiable*

*deterministic algorithm*

*exhaustive search:  $2^n$  cases.*

*nondeterministic algorithm*

*$O(n)$ .*

*The satisfiability problem*

*language problem*

*encode specific instance as a string that is  
accepted iff the expression is satisfiable.*

*this problem is **NP**-complete.*

***Cook's theorem***

*A large number of NP-complete has found.*

*For all of them we can find exponential algorithm*

*But no one has discovered a polynomial-time alg.*

*∴ We believe that probably*

*$P \neq NP$  ( $P \subset NP$ )*

*But no one has produced an actual language*

*in NP that is not in P or alternatively,*

*no one has proven that no such language exists.*

*Open problem!*