

# Chap. 8 Introduction to Turing Machine

## 8.2 The Turing Machine

A Turing Machine(TM)  $M$  is a 7-tuples,  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, B, F)$  where

1.  $Q$ : finite set of states,
2.  $\Sigma$ : a finite set of input symbols,
3.  $\Gamma$ : a finite set of tape symbols, ( $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ )
4.  $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow 2^{Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}}$  or  $\delta \subseteq (Q \times \Gamma) \times (Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\})$ .  
 $(p, Y, D) \in \delta(q, X)$  where  $p, q \in Q, X, Y \in \Gamma, D \in \{L, R\}$   
in state  $q$  with tape symbol  $X$ ,  
move to state  $p$ , tape symbol is replaced to  $Y$ ,  
tape head moves to left( $L$ ) or right( $R$ ).
5.  $q_0 \in Q$ , initial state,
6.  $B$ : blank symbol,  $B \in \Gamma, B \notin \Sigma$ ,
7.  $F$ : a set of final or accepting states,  $F \subseteq Q$ .

## *Instantaneous Description for Turing Machine*

$$(\alpha, q, X\beta) \in \Gamma^* \times Q \times \Gamma^*.$$

*Tape string  $\alpha X\beta$  is surrounded by infinite blanks.*

*Current tape symbol is  $X$  and assume  $\alpha = \alpha'Z$ .*

$$\text{if } (p, Y, R) \in \delta(q, X), \quad (\alpha, q, X\beta) \vdash_M (\alpha Y, p, \beta),$$

$$\text{if } (p, Y, L) \in \delta(q, X), \quad (\alpha, q, X\beta) = (\alpha'Z, q, X\beta) \vdash_M (\alpha', p, ZY\beta).$$

*TM also is a finite automaton with read/write tape*

$$\text{if } q \xrightarrow{X/Y, R} p, \quad (\alpha, q, X\beta) \Rightarrow_M (\alpha Y, p, \beta),$$

$$\text{if } q \xrightarrow{X/Y, L} p \quad (\alpha, q, X\beta) = (\alpha'Z, q, X\beta) \Rightarrow_M (\alpha', p, ZY\beta).$$

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid (\varepsilon, q_0, w) \vdash_M^* (\alpha, f, \beta), \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma^*, f \in F\}$$

*$L$  is **recursively enumerable**, if there is a TM  $M$  such that  $L = L(M)$ .*

*Class of recursively enumerable (RE) languages*

*Type 0 languages in Chomsk's hierarchy*

We say **TM halt**, if  $\exists \delta(q, X)$  (and does **not accept**) or  $q \in F$  (and **accepts**).  
 TM may **run forever** (does **not halt**) for some  $x \notin L(M)$

Three cases

- i) **TM halts and accepts**  $x$   $x \in L(M)$
- ii) **TM halts and does not accept**  $x$   $x \notin L(M)$
- iii) **TM runs forever** for  $x$   $x \notin L(M)$

If  $x \in L(M)$ , TM always **halts and accepts**  $x$ .

If  $x \notin L(M)$ , TM may **halt and does not accept**  $x$   
 or **run forever** (does not halts) for  $x$ .

**Example 8.2**  $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1\}$ .

**Example 8.4**  $m \dot{-} n = \max(m - n, 0)$  monus or proper subtraction

$0^m 10^n \Rightarrow 0^{m \dot{-} n}$ . (TM as a **function**)

## 8.3 Programming Techniques for Turing Machines

### 8.3.1 Storage in the state

*state*                    *exercising control*  
                                  *storing symbols*

$$Q \Rightarrow Q \times \Gamma$$

**Example 8.6**  $01^* + 10^*$

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1\} \times \{0, 1, B\}$$

### 8.3.2 Multiple track

$\delta \subseteq (Q \times \Gamma^n) \times (Q \times \Gamma^n \times \{L, R\})$  *one control and storing  $n$  symbols*

**Example 8.7**  $L = \{wcw \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^+\}$

### 8.3.3 Subroutine

**Example 8.8** Multiply                     $0^m 10^n 1 \Rightarrow 0^{mn}$ .

## 8.4 Extension to the Basic Turing Machine

### Multitape Turing Machine

$$\delta \subseteq (Q \times \Gamma^n) \times (Q \times \Gamma^n \times \{L, R, S\}^n).$$

*S: no head move*

**Theorem 8.9** *Every language accepted by multitape TM is recursively enumerable.  $O(n^2)$ .*

**proof** *If multi tape TM  $M$  has  $k$  tapes, single tape TM  $N$  with  $2k$  tracks*

*$k$  tracks: simulate the contents of  $k$  tapes.*

*$k$  tracks: mark the **head position** of  $k$  tapes.*

*One move in  $M =$  two sweeps of in  $N$ .  $O(n^2)$*

*left to right sweep*

***update** tape contents and head position*

*count number of heads to be updated(right bound)*

*right to left sweep*

*restore the head position of TM  $N$  to the leftmost head position*

## *Nondeterministic Turing Machine*

$$\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow 2^Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}.$$

**Theorem 8.11** *If  $M_N$  is a nondeterministic TM, then*

*there is a deterministic TM  $M_D$  such that  $L(M_N) = L(M_D)$ .*

**proof** *Every nondeterministic moves of  $M_N$ , path in the decision tree.*

*Assume the degree of the tree  $\leq k$ .*

*Let  $M_D$  has a two tapes.*

*tape 1: sequence of choices in the decision tree*

*tape 2: simulate the content of  $M_N$ .*

**systematically** *simulate all moves of  $M_N$ .*

*NP*

*$O(k^n)$*

## 8.5 Restricted Turing Machine

### 8.5.1 Turing Machine with semi-infinite tapes

#### Theorem 8.12

*A two tracks of semi-infinite tapes simulates a two-way infinite tape.*

### 8.5.2 Multistack machine

*a read only input tape*

*multiple stacks*

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \times \Gamma^n \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^* \times \dots \times \Gamma^*.$$

**Theorem 8.13** *If  $L$  is accepted by a TM,  $L$  is accepted by two-stack machine.*

**proof** *Left of head      one stack*  
*Right of head      another stack*

### 8.5.3 Counter Machine

*stack machine*

***stack alphabet*** = { $Z_0, X$ }

$Z_0$ : *bottom stack marker*

$X$ : *# of B's represents a number*

*we can test if number is zero*

*we can not directly test if two numbers are same*

***Theorem 8.14*** *A three-counter machine can simulate TM*

***proof*** *two-stack machine = TM*

*Suppose stack vocabulary has  $r-1$  symbols.*

*stack contents:  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \leftrightarrow i = X_n r^{n-1} + X_{n-1} r^{n-2} + \dots + X_1$ .*

*$r$ -ry number with LSB on top of the stack*

*two counter = two stack contents ( $i$ )*

*1. pop  $X$ :  $i \rightarrow i/r$*



$i \rightarrow i - r; \text{counter } 3 \rightarrow \text{counter } 3 + 1$

*if  $i = 0$  then counter 3 =  $i/r$  (pop  $X$ )*

2. *change  $X$  to  $Y$ :  $i \rightarrow i + Y - X$*

3. *push  $Y$ :  $i \rightarrow ir + Y$*

$i \rightarrow i - 1; \text{counter } 3 \rightarrow \text{counter } 3 + r$

*if  $i = 0$  then counter 3 =  $ir$*

*counter 3  $\rightarrow$  counter 3 +  $Y$  (=  $ir + Y$ , push  $Y$ )*

**Theorem 8.15** *A two-counter machine can simulate TM*

*Three counter:  $i, j, k$*

$m = 2^i 3^j 5^k$ .

*increase  $i, j, k$ : multiply  $m$  by 2, 3, or 5*

*decrease  $i, j, k$ : divide  $m$  by 2, 3, or 5*

*test if  $i = 0$ : divisible by 2: if decrees until zero even numbers or not.*

***Turing Machine is a number.***

## **Enumeration machine**

*work tape: move in either direction, read/write any symbol in  $\Gamma$ .*

*output tape: move right only, write symbols in  $\Sigma$  and # (separator).*

1. *Generate  $\forall x \in \Sigma^*$  in systematic way (lexicographic order)*
2. *simulates  $x$  for  $M$*
3. *If  $M$  accepts  $x$ , output  $x$*

*If  $x_i$  runs forever,  $x_{i+1} \notin O(M)$ , but  $x_{i+1} \in L(M)$*

### **time sharing**

*Instead of simulating  $M$  on the input string one at a time, working a few steps in one string and moves to another*

### **pair generator**

*$(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0), \dots, (i, j), \dots$*

*Simulate for  $x_i$  for  $j$ -steps*

## ***8.6 Turing Machine and Computer***

### ***Simulating Turing machine by computer***

*infinite tape*  
*storage device*

### ***Turing Machine(multi tape) as a computer***

*Arithmetic and Logic Unit*

*fa(decoder) with multi tapes(registers, PC, ...)*

*memory*

*multi tape*

*input devices*

*input tapes*

*output devices*

*ouput tapes*

### ***Turing machine as a program(operational semantics)***

A Turing Machine(TM)  $M$  is a transition(rewriting) system,

$M = (C, \rightarrow)$  where

1.  $C$  is a set of **configurations**(state of memories, numbers),
2.  $\rightarrow \subseteq C \times C$ .  
 $c, c' \in C, c \rightarrow c'$ .

The transition system is **deterministic(monogenic)**, if

$\forall c, c_1, c_2 \in C, \text{ if } c \rightarrow c_1 \wedge c \rightarrow c_2, \text{ then } c_1 = c_2.$

Let  $I, T \subseteq C$  be two sets of **initial** and **terminate(final)** configurations.

$i \in I, t \in T$ , when  $i \xrightarrow{*} t$ ,  $(i, t)$  is the **run** of the transition system

It is usual to arrange that if  $t \in T$ , then  $\exists t' \in C . \exists . t \rightarrow t'$ .

If  $c \notin T \wedge \exists c' \in C . \exists . c \rightarrow c'$ , the configuration  $c$  is said to be **stuck**