

HW 4 due today 9pm

No GPS or HW next week.

Midterm 1 next Mon Sep 28. 7pm - 9pm

Conflict on Tuesday.

Conflict form or reserve TAC now!

3 practice exams.

Capabilities	Languages	Models
Union Concatenation Repetition	Regular	Regular expressions DFAs NFAs
+ Recursion	Context-free	CFGs - Recursive NFAs - - PDAs -
+ Memory $\{0^n 1^n 0^n \mid n \geq 0\}$	Decidable (Recursive)	Python programs? Person with a big stack of paper Turing machines

all equivalent

1928: Entscheidungsproblem "decision problem"
is there an algorithm to decide if a
given statement has a proof?

Gödel: general recursive functions

Church: (untyped) λ -calculus

Turing: "his machines"

NO!

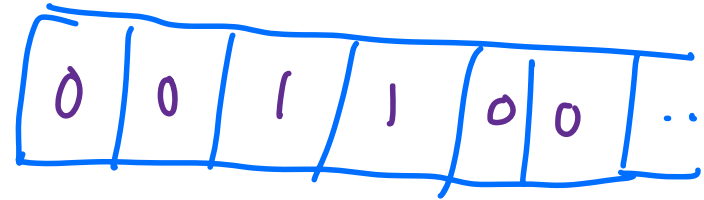
→ both can do the same thing /
model the other

Church-Turing thesis: Both model any
finite computation.

Turing machine:

A finite set of states.

A singly infinite tape
containing a sequence of
cells.

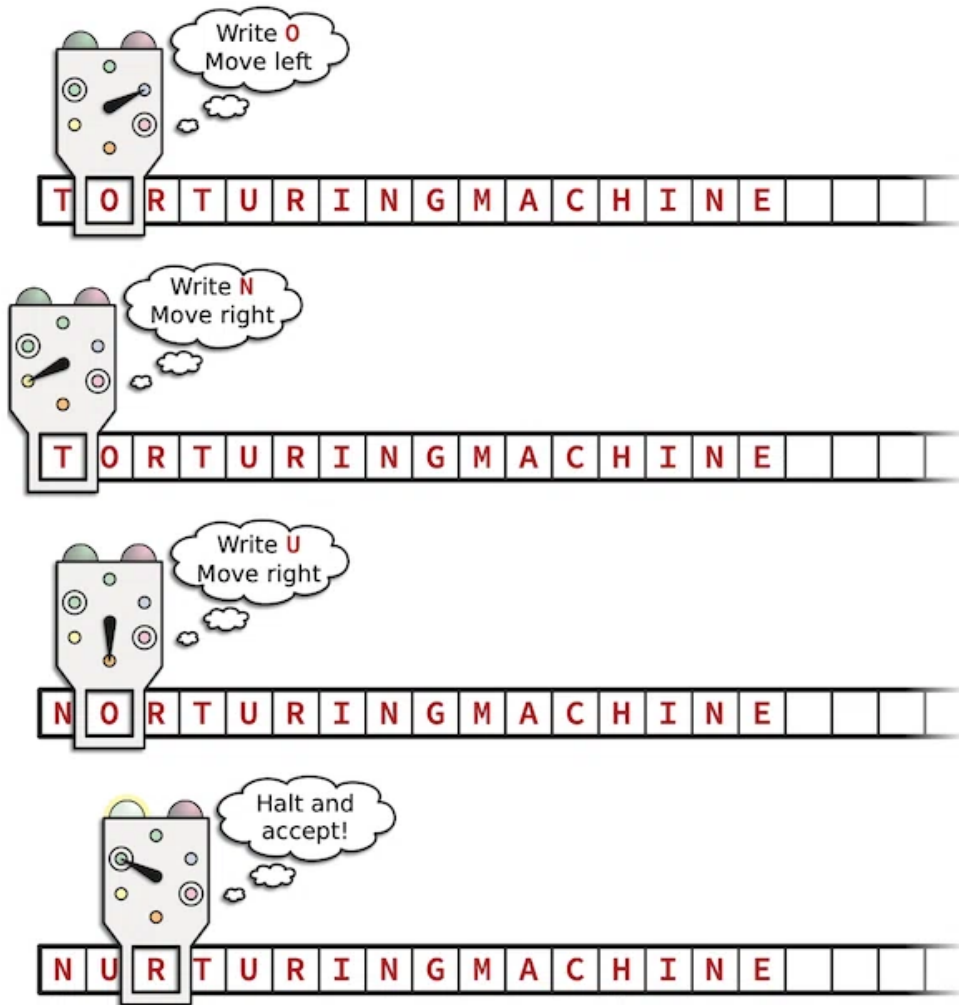


Initially, the input string w is written
on the left side of the tape.

There is a head sitting on one cell.

Machine reads current cell, changes state
based on current state & cell, writes a
new symbol on cell, & moves 1 step left
or right,

There is a state
to accept the
string & one
to reject the
string.



A Turing machine consists of:

- An arbitrary finite set T s.t. $|T| \geq 2$:
tape alphabet
- An arbitrary symbol $\square \in T$: the blank symbol
- An arbitrary nonempty subset $\Sigma \subseteq (T \setminus \{\square\})$:
the input alphabet
- Arbitrary finite set Q : the states
- Three special states (distinct)
start, accept, reject $\in Q$

- transition function $\delta: (Q \setminus \{\text{accept}, \text{reject}\}) \times \uparrow \rightarrow Q \times \uparrow \times \{-1, 1\}$

Behavior based on configuration

$(q, x, i) \in Q \times \uparrow^* \times \mathbb{N}$

state $\nearrow$ $\nwarrow$ prefix of tape $\nwarrow$ head's position on tape

0	1	2	3	...
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Start in configuration $(\text{start}, w, 0)$

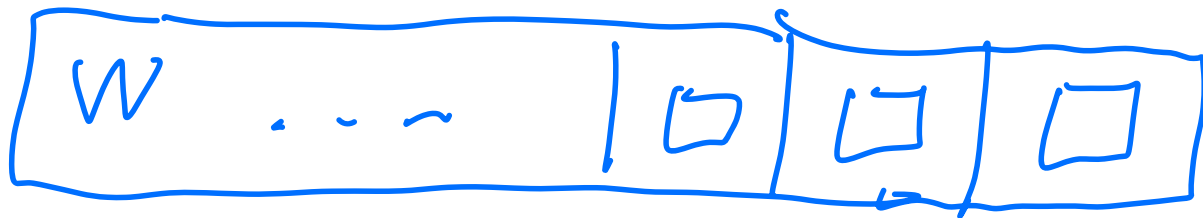
input string $\nearrow$

Suppose we're in configuration
 (p, xay, i) where $|x| = i$

If $\delta(p, a) = (q, b, +1)$, go to
configuration $(q, xby, i+1)$.

If $\delta(p, a) = (q, b, -1)$, then go to $(q, xby, i-1)$

Tape beyond w is initially just blanks $\square$



Accept w if state goes accept.

Reject w if state goes to reject.

Crash if going to position -1.

(we'll assume that doesn't happen)

Diverges on w if it never accepts or rejects.

Halts on w if it does not diverge.

✓ Turing machine

$\text{Accept}(M) := \{w \mid M \text{ accept } w\}$

$\text{Reject}(M) := \{w \mid M \text{ rejects } w\}$

necessarily

$\text{Accept}(M) \cap \text{Reject}(M) = \emptyset$

but they aren't
complements!

$$\text{Halt}(M) := \text{Accept}(M) \cup \text{Reject}(M)$$

$$\text{Diverge}(M) := \Sigma^* \setminus \text{Halt}(M)$$

Language L is acceptable, or recursively enumerable, or recognizable, or semi-computable if $L = \text{Accept}(M)$ for some M .

Machine M decides L if $\left(\begin{array}{l} M \text{ accepts } L \\ \text{+ } M \text{ rejects } \bar{L} \end{array} \right)$

i.e. $\left(\begin{array}{l} M \text{ accepts } L \text{ +} \\ M \text{ halts on everything.} \end{array} \right)$

L is decidable if there is an M
that decides it.

(or recursive
or computable)

Every decidable language is acceptable,
but there are acceptable languages
that are not decidable.

$P(\Sigma^*)$

