

pp. 165-175. **Turing Machines** (Sec. 3.1)

- (p. 166) Difference from DFA and PDA
  - 1-sided infinite **Tape** instead of (infinite) stack
    - One symbol fits in a cell
    - Initially input string starts on left edge and extends right
      - 1<sup>st</sup> **blank**  $\square$  to right of tape marks end of input string
    - Tape cells to right of 1<sup>st</sup>  $\square$  go on forever with more  $\square$ s
    - Any tape cell can be modified
  - **Tape head** initially on leftmost symbol on tape
    - Can move head left or right one cell
  - **Accept** and **reject** signaled by entering designated states
  - (p. 167) Sample TM for  $\{w#w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^*\}$  (non-CFL)
- Formal Definition:  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$ 
  - $Q$  = set of states
  - $\Sigma$  = **input alphabet**, not including  $\square$ 
    - Characters that make up tape at start
  - $\Gamma$  = **tape alphabet**, symbols that can be on tape cell
    - $\square$  in  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Sigma$  subset of  $\Gamma$
    - Characters that can be written to tape
  - $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$ 
    - Where L & R signal which direction to move tape
  - $q_0$  = start state;  $q_{\text{accept}}$  is accept state;  $q_{\text{reject}}$  is reject state

- **Computation:**
  - Input string  $w = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  on left of tape, followed by  $\square$ s
  - Tape head starts at leftmost cell (i.e. where  $w_1$  is)
  - Computation step
    - Reads cell under head
    - Combine with current state to determine which transition rule applies (note no  $\epsilon$ s!)
    - Set state to new value from transition rule
    - Write symbol from rule to cell
    - Move tape head either left or right as specified
      - Cannot move beyond leftmost cell
  - Repeat until accept or reject
    - Possible for machine to loop forever
- **Configuration:**
  - Current state, tape contents, head location
  - Written as  $u q v$ 
    - $q$  is current state
    - Current tape holds string  $uv$
    - Tape head is over *leftmost symbol in string  $v$*
  - Start configuration:  $q_0 w$  ( $u$  is empty string)
  - (p.169) Fig. 3.4 Example configuration
    - TM that accepts in in Fig. 3.10 p. 173 (discussed later)

- (p. 169) Configuration C1 **yields** C2 if M can legally go from C1 to C2 in 1 step
  - if  $\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, L)$  then  $u a q_i b v$  yields  $u q_j a c v$ 
    - If tape head at left end ( $u a = \epsilon$ ), then  $q_i b v$  yields  $q_j c v$
  - $\delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, R)$  then  $u a q_i b v$  yields  $u a c q_j v$ 
    - If tape head at current rightmost end ( $b = \square$ ),
    - then  $u a q_i \square$  yields  $u a c q_j \square$ 
      - Note former blank now occupied
  - **Accepting configuration**  $u q_{\text{accept}} v$
  - **Rejecting configuration**  $u q_{\text{reject}} v$
  - Accepting and Rejecting configurations called **halting configurations** because no further configurations possible
- (p.170) M **accepts**  $w$  if
  - A sequence  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  exists
  - $C_1$  = start configuration  $q_0 w$
  - Each  $C_i$  yields  $C_{i+1}$
  - $C_k$  is accepting configuration:  $u q_{\text{accept}} v$ 
    - Strings  $u$  and  $v$  are arbitrary

- (p. 170) TMs and Languages
  - $L(M)$  = set of strings accepted by TM  $M$
  - $L$  is **Turing-recognizable** if some TM  $M$  accepts it
  - When  $M$  started, 3 outcomes: Accept, Reject, Loops
    - $M$  can fail to accept if it enters  $q_{\text{reject}}$  or loops
  - (p. 170)  $M$  is a **decider** is it never loops
    - I.E. always stops, regardless of input string
    - I.e. always ends up in either  $q_{\text{accept}}$  or  $q_{\text{reject}}$
  - (p. 170)  $L$  is **Turing-decidable** (or simply **decidable**) if some Turing Machine decides it.
- Examples
  - (p. 171 Ex. 3.7)  $A = \{0^k \mid k=2^n, n \geq 0\}$ 
    - Multiple iterations, each cuts # 0s in half
  - (p.173 Ex. 3.9)  $B = \{w\#w \mid w \text{ in } \{0,1\}^*\}$
  - (p. 174 Ex. 3.11)  $C = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i+j=k, i,j,k \geq 1\}$
  - (p.175 Ex. 3.12)  $E = \{\#x_1\#x_2\# \dots\#x_l \mid \text{no two } x\text{'s are equal}\}$