

**LAST CLASS**

CFL, CHOMSKY normal form (SHOW  $\rightarrow$  PROVE)

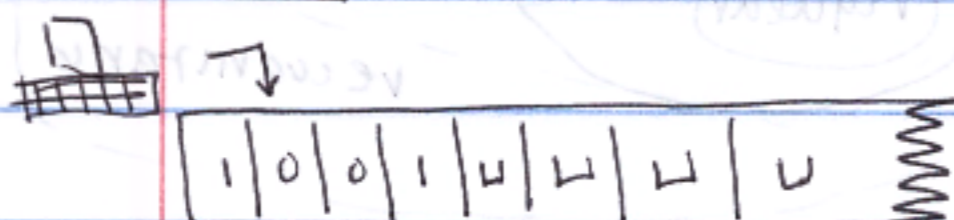
$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

x has length n

2n-1 steps

**TURING MACHINES**



Formal definition: Turing machine (TM)

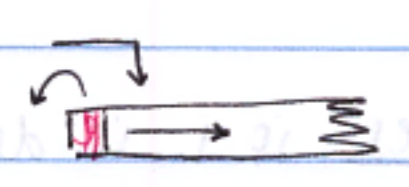
TM is a 7-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{acc}, q_{rej})$  where:

- (1)  $Q$  is a finite set of states
  - (2)  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of input alphabet
  - (3)  $\Gamma$  is a finite set of ir tape alphabet
  - (4)  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state
  - (5)  $q_{acc} \in Q$  is accepting state.
  - (6)  $q_{rej} \in Q$  is rejecting state
- $\emptyset \neq \Sigma$   $\emptyset \neq \Gamma$   $\emptyset \neq \Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$

(4) Transition from  $\delta: Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$

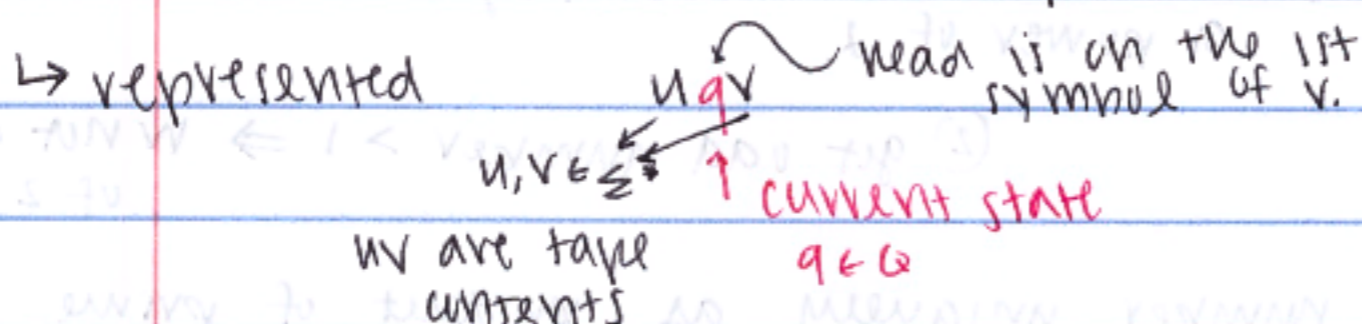
A TM M computes as follows:

- (1) Initially: leftmost n squares of tape hold input  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n \in \Sigma^*$   
rest of tape is blank symbols
- (2) Once M starts, follow transition fcn  $\delta$
- (3) If M tries to move its head off left end of tape, head stays put over cell 1
- (4) computation continues until M enters  $q_{accept}$  or  $q_{reject}$ , at which point it halts.  
otherwise, it goes on forever

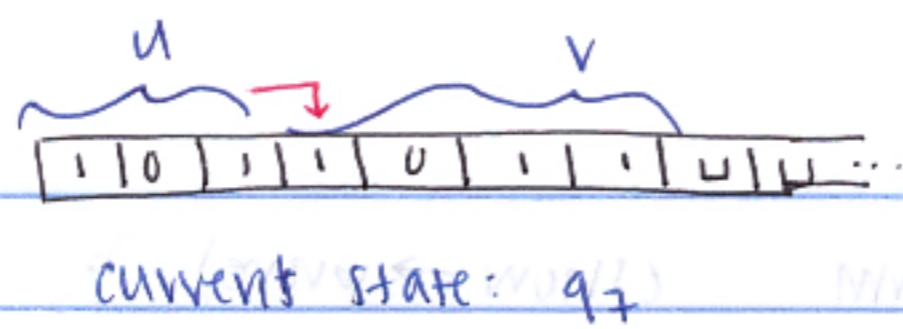


configuration of TM: consists of

- (1) head location
- (2) tape contents
- (3) state



example:  $101 \uparrow q_1 \uparrow 1011$



yields: configuration  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$   
 configuration  $c_2$  if  $M$  can go  
 from  $c_1$  to  $c_2$  in 1 step  
 (1 read, 1 write, 1 move  
 head  $L$  or  $R$ )

starting config:  $q_0 W, W \in \Sigma^*$

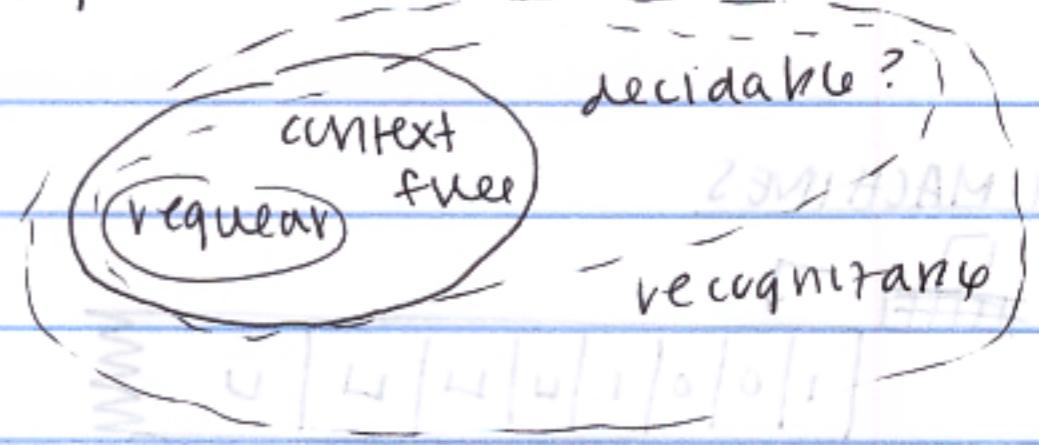
- A config is accepting / rejecting if its state is  $q_{acc} / q_{rej}$ ; resp.

Formal def of acceptance

A TM accepts input  $w$  if  $\exists$  a sequence of configs  $c_1, \dots, c_k$ , s.t.

- ①  $c_1$  is start configuration
- ② each  $c_i$  yields  $c_{i+1}$
- ③  $c_k$  is accept config

$L(M)$ : set of strings accepted by  $M$ .



Turing-recognizable (or recursively enumerable)

A language is recognizable if some TM recognizes it

- given input  $x$ :
- ① if  $x \in L$ : TM halts & accepts
  - ② if  $x \notin L$ : TM halts & rejects OR loops forever.

Turing decidable

A language is decidable if some TM decides it.

- given input  $x$ :
- if  $x \in L$ : TM halts & accepts
  - if  $x \notin L$ : TM halts & rejects
- NO LOOPING EVER!**

NOTES: if  $L$  is decidable  $\Rightarrow L$  is recognizable.

if  $L$  is recognizable  $\not\Rightarrow L$  is decidable.

Example: of Decidable languages

$L = \{ 0^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0 \}$ . let's design a TM  $M$  to decide  $L$ .

e.g.  $0, 00, 0000, \dots$

PROBLEM: given input  $w \in \Sigma^*$ , is  $w$  a power of 2?

idea: keep dividing by 2.

- 2 cases: ① eventually get the number 1:  $w$  is a power of 2.  
 ② get odd number  $> 1 \Rightarrow w$  not a power of 2!

prime factorization: can write any natural number uniquely as product of prime.

e.g.  $10 = 2 \cdot 5$   
 power of 2:  $2^n = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2$

$M = "$  on input  $w \in \{0\}^*$

1. If tape empty, i.e. first cell contains  $\perp$ , reject

2. Sweep head left to right across tape:

① if see single 0  $\Rightarrow$  accept

② else if we see odd number  $> 1$  of zeros, reject

3. Sweep right to left and "cross off" every second zero. Return to step 2.

$\rightarrow$  always halts; ③ reduces length of input each time  $\Rightarrow$  decides  $L$ .