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- Partial solutions to midterm  
practice now on exam webpage

- Today:

- Universal TM

- Recognizing ACCEPTANCE

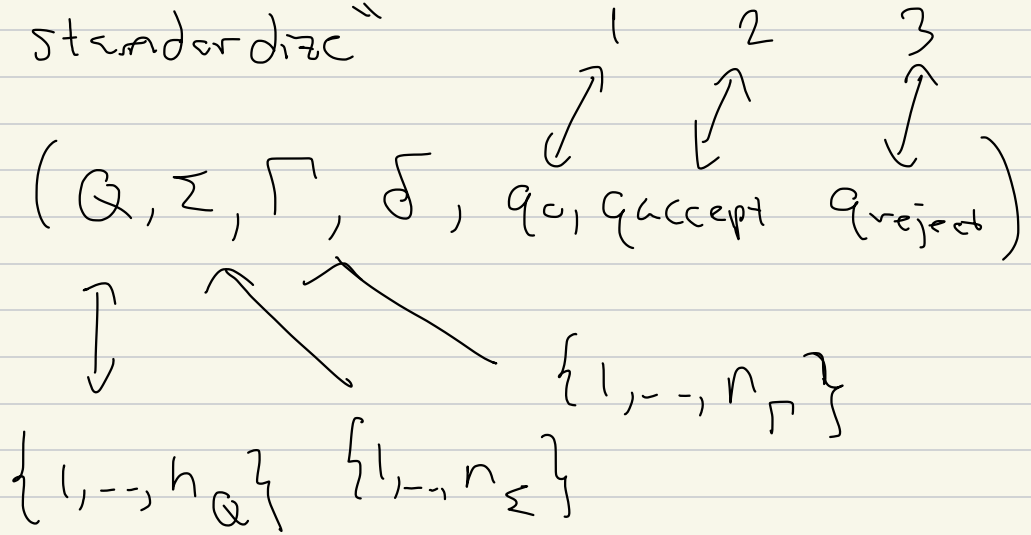
- Etc.

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Universal TM!

TM: 7-tuple!

"standardize"



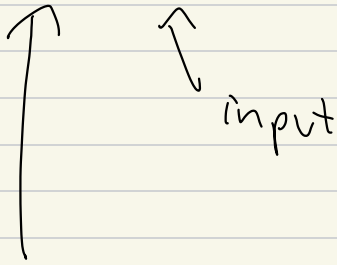
Described as string over

$\{0, \dots, 9, \#, L, R\}$

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

So:

$\langle p, i \rangle$



- was a Python program
- now a Turing machine

For TM:

$p$

$30\#30\#60\# \underbrace{5\#3\#R}_{5\#3\#R} \# \dots \# f(n_q, n_r)$

[input:  $2\#1\#3\#3\#2$ ] # input

Universal Turing machine, takes

$\langle p, i \rangle$  (or  $\langle m, i \rangle$ )

simulate

tape 1 input:  $\langle M, i \rangle$

tape 2: copy  $M$ : 

3	0	#	3	...	...	(	5	#	(	#	)
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 $\delta$

tape 3: copy  $i$ :  $02 \# 01 \# 03 \# 12 \# 30 \# 27$

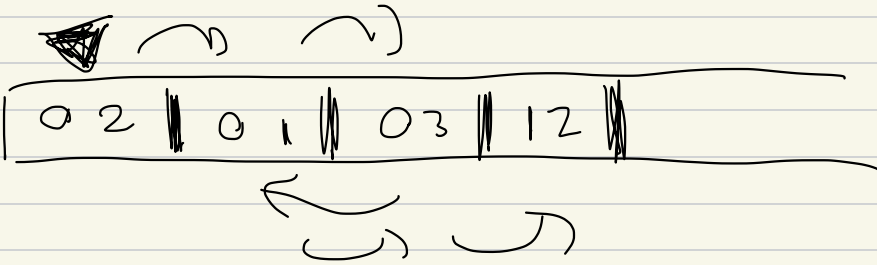
tape 4

tape 5

tape 6

idea

Intuition



State

$\{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n\}$

$q_0$     $q_{acc}$     $q_{rej}$

$\Sigma = \{01, 02, \dots, 30\}$

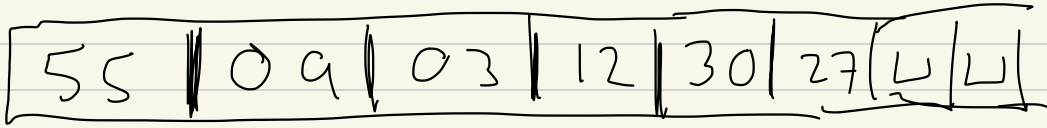
$\Gamma = \{01, 02, \dots, 30, 31, \dots, 60\}$

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tape 3: 02 # 01 # 03 # 12 # 30 # \_ \_

keep tape head  $\nabla$  over the simulated computation tape

sometime! simulated situation



$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
31 31

tape 4 & we see  $\boxed{03}$

tape 5! what state



tape 6!  $\boxed{30}$  # of states

tape 7:  $\boxed{6|0}$  # tape symbols

tape 8: write  $\delta(1,1), \dots, \delta(n_Q, n_\Sigma)$

$\delta(1,1)$

12 # 7 # R #

⋮

This multi-tape TM can simulate  $M$  on input  $i$ .

We can therefore, running  $U$ , our universal TM, we can

accept  $\langle m, i \rangle$  if  $M$  accepts  $i$

reject  $\langle m, i \rangle$  " " rejects  $i$

we never stop " " loops  $i$

$U$  doesn't halt " " loops  $i$ .

Hence  $U$  accept  $\langle M, i \rangle$  iff  
iff  $M$  accepts  $i$ , so

Language Rec By  $(U) =$

$\{ \langle M, i \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } i \}$

$\bar{=}$  ACCEPTANCE<sub>TM</sub>

$U$  recognizes ACCEPTANCE<sub>TM</sub>

In [Sip] §4.2

Now: ACCEPTANCE<sub>TM</sub> is

undecidable.



# Sample Midterm Questions

$$\left\{ (ab)^{2n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ ab, ababab, (ab)^5, \dots \right\}$$

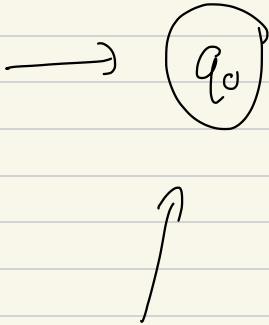
$$(ab)^3$$

$$= L$$

Find the minimum # of states

$$L \Leftrightarrow (ab)(abab)^*$$

# Mikhail Nerode



$q_0$  initial state

where  $\varepsilon$  is

taken to

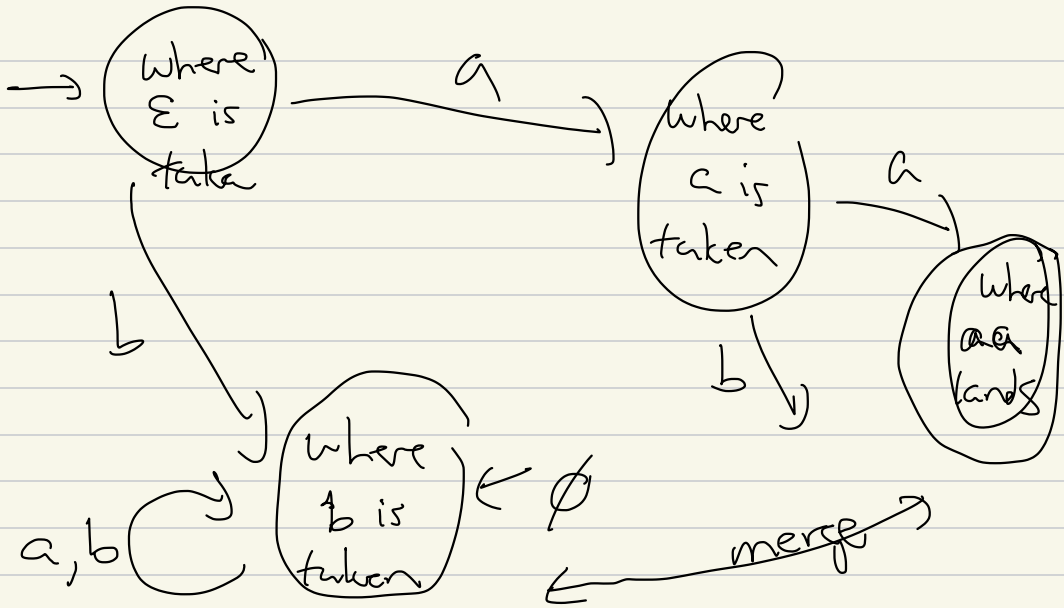
corresponds to

all  $w \in \{a, b\}^*$

s.t.,

$$\text{Accfut}_L(w) = \text{Accfut}_L(\varepsilon) = L$$

$$= (ab)(abab)^*$$

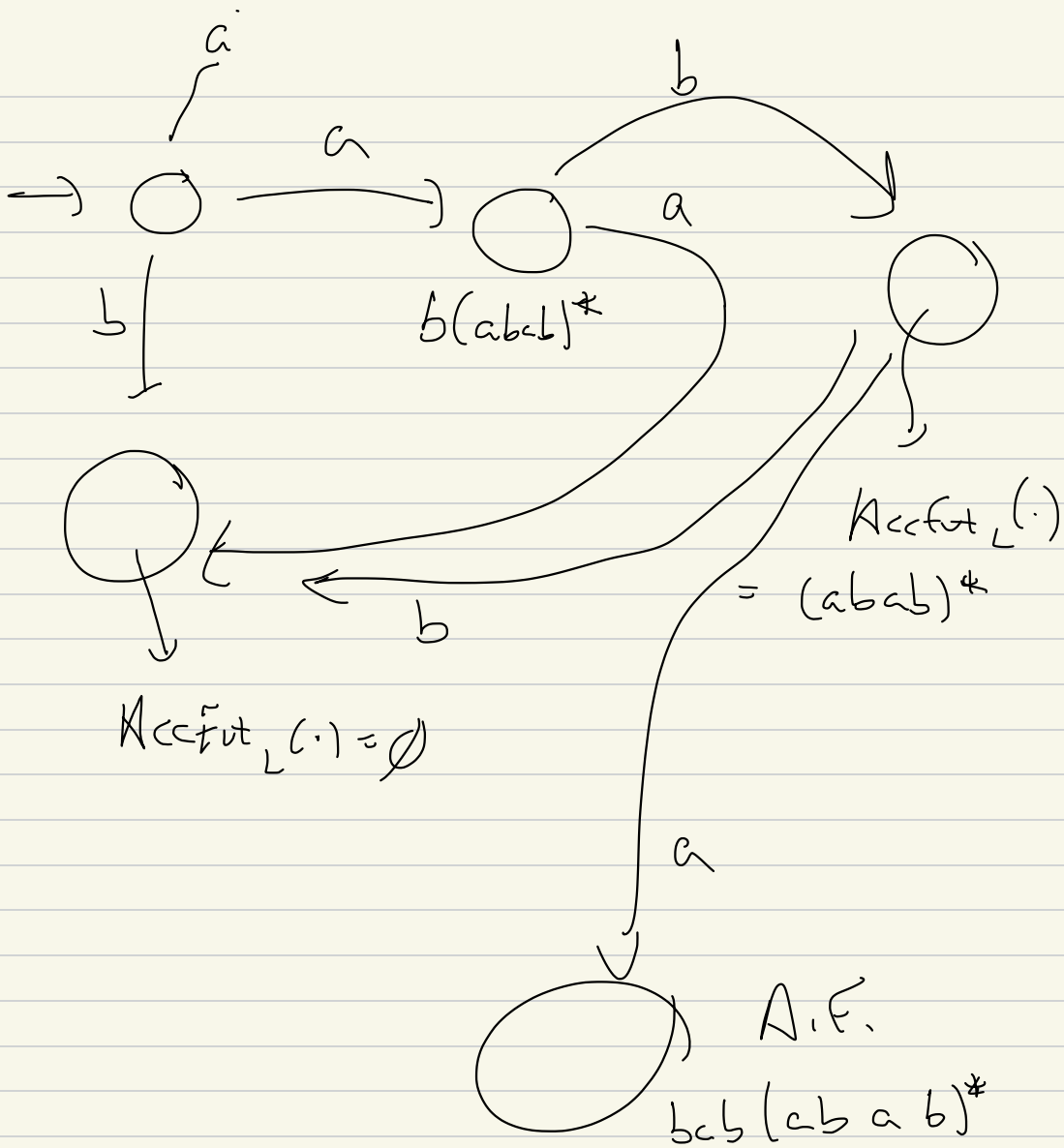


$$\text{AccFut}_L(a) = \{s \mid as \in L\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AccFut}_L(b) &= b(abab)^* \\ &= \{b\} \circ \{abab\}^* \end{aligned}$$

$$= \{s \mid bs \in L\} = \emptyset$$

$$\text{AccFut}_L(aa) = \emptyset$$



$$\text{AF}_L(aba)$$

$$= \{ abas \in L \} = b^{ab}(abcb)^*$$