

## UNIT-5

# UNDECIDABILITY AND ADVANCED TURING MACHINES

Types of Turing machine

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Various types of TM's are

1. Turing machine with two dimensional tapes
2. Turing machine with multiple tapes
3. Turing machine with multiple heads
4. Turing machine with finite tape
5. Non deterministic turing machine.

It is observed that computationally all these TM are equally powerful. That means one type can compute the same that other can, however the efficiency of computation may vary.

### 1) TM with two-dimensional tapes

This type of TM has two finite controls

- 1) Read / Write head
- 2) Two dimensional tape

This tape has infinite extension to right and down.

It is divided into small squares formed due to corresponding rows and columns.

→ TM with one dimensional tape is equally powerful to that of two dimensional tape.

	1	2	6	7	15	16	-
↓	3	5	8	14	17	26	-
	4	9	13	18	25	-	-
	10	12	19	24	-	-	-
	11	20	23	-	-	-	-
	21	22	-	-	-	-	-
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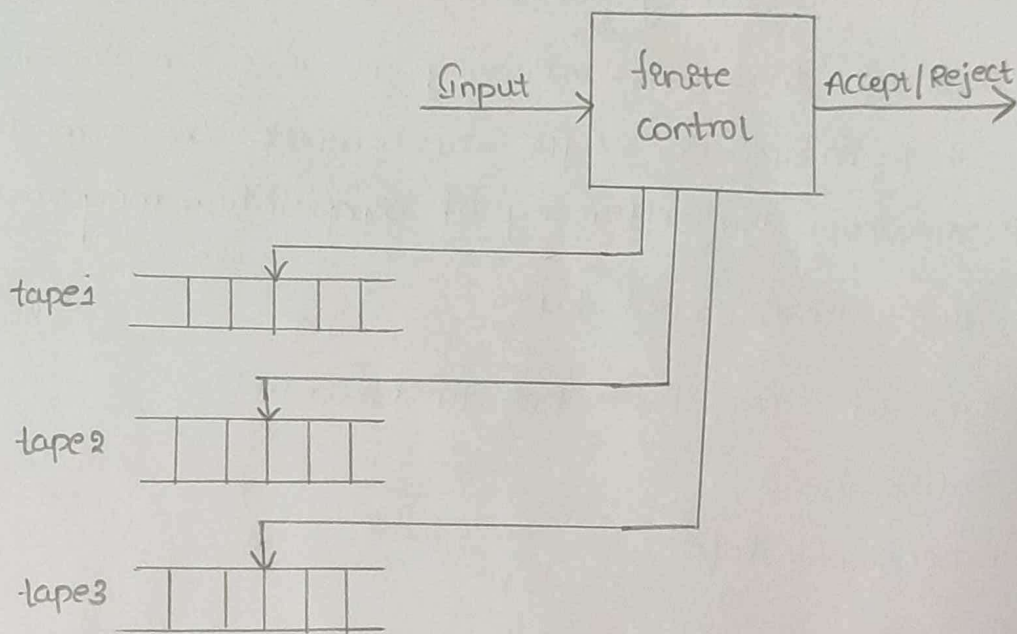
Two dimensional tape

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	...
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The head of two dimensional tape moves one square up, down, left or right.

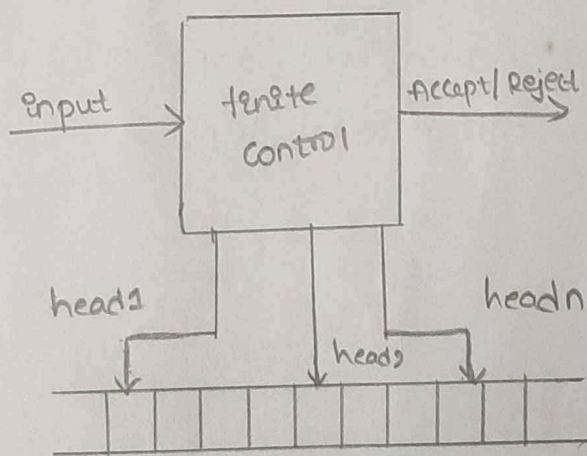
### 2) TM with multiple tapes

This is a kind of TM with one finite control and with more than one tape having its own read / write heads.



### 3) TM with multiple heads

The TM with multiple heads can be shown below

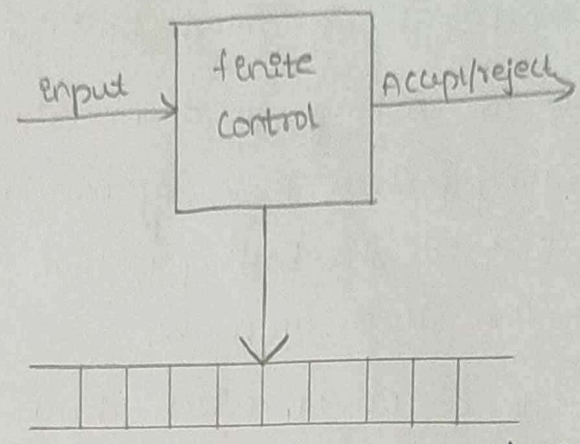


TM with multiple heads

There are  $n$  heads, but in any state, only one head can move. This type of TM are as powerful as one tape TM

#### 4) Turing machine with infinite tape.

This is a TM that have one finite control and one tape which extends infinitely in both directions.



This type of TM's are as powerful as one tape TM's whose tape has a left end.

#### 5) Non-deterministic turing machine

The concept of non-deterministic TM is similar to the NFA.  
→ for any state and any i/p symbol it can take any action from a set rather than a definite predetermined action.

for example, the language like  $L = \{w | w \in (a+b)^*\}$  can be shown by non deterministic TM.

→ The non deterministic TM is as powerful as deterministic TM.

#### HALTING PROBLEM

→ This is a famous undecidable problem of TM. To state halting problem we will consider the given configuration of a TM.

→ The o/p of TM can be

(i) halt: The machine starting at this configuration will halt after a finite number of states.

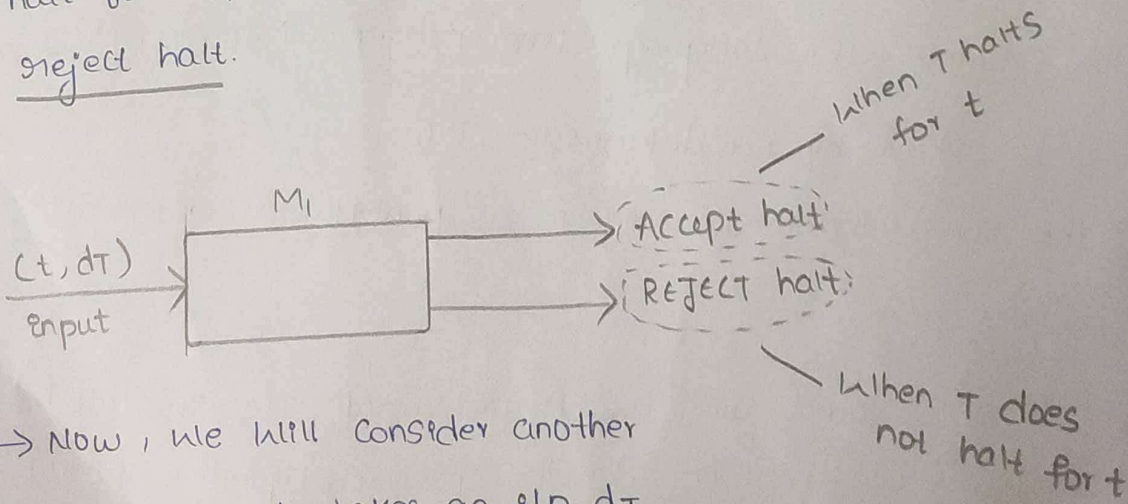
(ii) No halt: The machine starting at this configuration never

reaches a halt state, no matter how long it runs.

Now the question arises based on these two observations, given any functional matrix, i/p data tape and initial configuration, then is it possible to determine whether the process will ever halt? This is called halting problem.

That means we are asking for a procedure which enable us to solve the halting problem for every pair (machine, tape). The answer is "no". That is the halting problem is unsolvable. Now we will prove how it is unsolvable.

→ Let, there exists a TM  $M_1$  which decides whether or not any computation by a TM  $T$  will ever halt when a description  $d_T$  of  $T$  and tape  $t$  of  $T$  is given. [That means input to machine  $M_1$  will be (machine, tape)]. Then for every input  $(t, d_T)$  to  $M_1$ , if  $T$  halt for input  $t$ ,  $M_1$  also halts which is called accept halt. Similarly if  $T$  does not halt for i/p  $t$  then  $M_1$  will halt which is called reject halt.



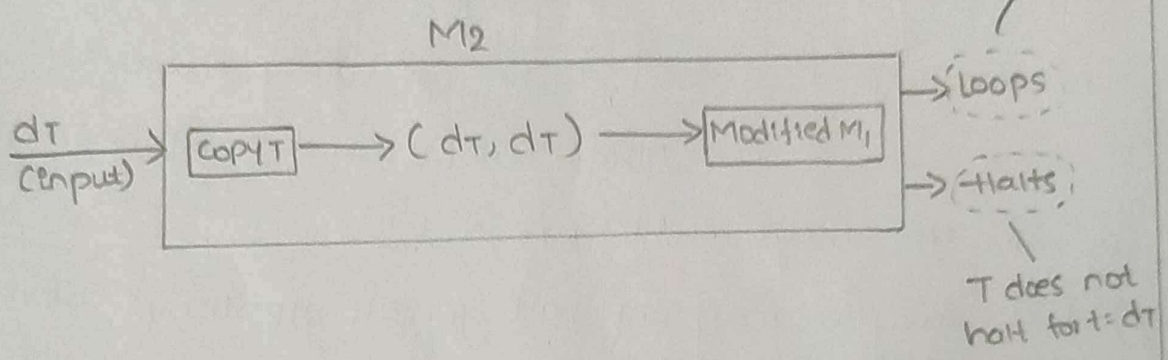
→ Now, we will consider another

TM  $M_2$  which takes an i/p  $d_T$ .

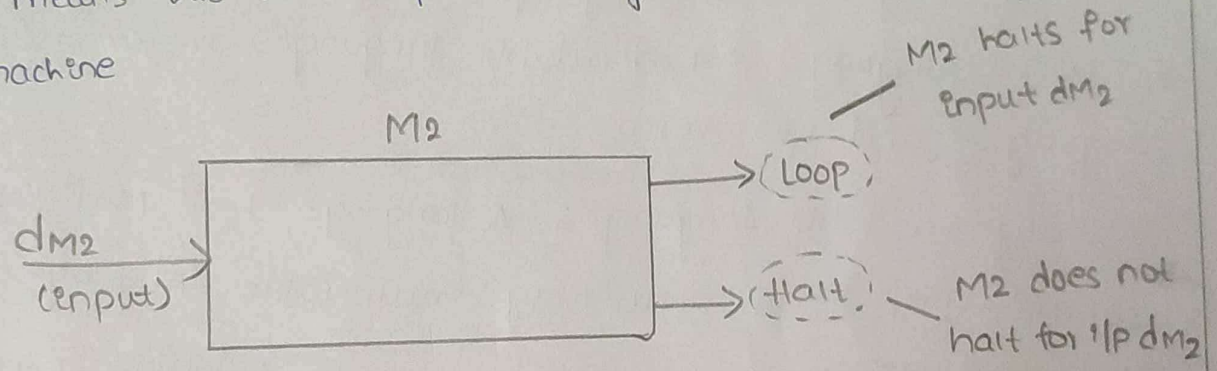
It first occupies  $d_T$  and duplicate  $d_T$  on its tape and then this duplicated tape information is given as i/p to Machine  $M_1$ .

But machine  $M_1$  is a modified machine with the modification that whenever  $M_1$  is supposed to reach an accept halt,  $M_2$  loops forever. Hence behaviour of  $M_2$  is as given. It loops if  $T$  halts for i/p  $t = dt$  and halts if  $T$  does not halt for  $T = dt$ .

→ The  $T$  is any arbitrary TM.



As  $M_2$  itself is one TM we will take  $M_2 = T$ . That means we will replace  $T$  by  $M_2$  from above given machine



Thus machine  $M_2$  halts for i/p  $dm_2$  if  $M_2$  does not halt for i/p  $dm_2$ . This is a contradiction. That means a machine  $M_1$  which can tell whether any other TM will halt on particular i/p does not exist. Hence halting problem is unsolvable.

**Recursive language:** A language 'L' is said to be recursive if there exists a TM which accept all the strings in 'L' and reject all the strings not in 'L'.

→ The TM will halt every time and give an answer (accept or reject) for each and every string 'p'.

**Recursively enumerable language:**

→ A language 'L' is said to be recursively enumerable language if there exists a TM which accepts (and therefore halt) for all the 'p' strings which are in 'L'.

→ But may or may not halt for all 'p' strings which are not in 'L'.

**Decidable language:** A language 'L' is decidable if it is a recursive language. All decidable languages are recursive languages and vice-versa.

**Partially Decidable language:** A language 'L' is partially decidable if 'L' is a recursively enumerable language.

**Undecidable language:-** A language is undecidable if it not decidable.

→ An undecidable language may sometimes be partially decidable but not decidable.

⇒ if a language is not even partially decidable, then there exists no TM for that language.

## Undecidable problem about Turing Machine

1) Reduction

2) Empty and non-Empty language

3) Rice's Theorem.

Reduction: It is a technique in which if a problem  $P_1$  is reduced to a problem  $P_2$  then any solution of  $P_2$  solves  $P_1$ .

→ In general we have an algorithm to convert an instance of a problem  $P_1$  to instance of a problem  $P_2$  that have the same answer then it is called  $P_1$  reduces  $P_2$ .

→ Hence if  $P_1$  is not Recursive, then  $P_2$  is also not recursive

→ if  $P_1$  is not recursively enumerable, then  $P_2$  is also not recursively enumerable.

Theorem: if  $P_1$  is reduced to  $P_2$  then,

i) if  $P_1$  is undecidable then  $P_2$  is also undecidable

ii) if  $P_1$  is non-RE then  $P_2$  is also non-RE

Proof: (i) consider an instance  $w_1$  of  $P_1$ . Then construct an algorithm such that the algorithm takes instance  $w_1$  as input and convert it into another instance  $x$  of  $P_2$ ,

→ then apply that algorithm to check whether  $x$  is in  $P_2$ ,

if algorithm answers "yes" then that means  $x$  is in  $P_2$ .

→ i.e. we can also say that  $w_1$  is in  $P_1$ .

→ since we have obtained  $P_2$  after reduction of  $P_1$ , similarly

if algorithm answers "no" then  $x$  is not in  $P_2$ , that also

means  $w_1$  is not in  $P_1$ .

This proves that if  $P_1$  is undecidable then  $P_2$  is also undecidable

(i) We assume that  $P_1$  is non-RE but  $P_2$  is RE. Now construct an algorithm to reduce  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ , but by this algorithm  $P_2$  will be recognized. That means there will be a TM says that "yes" if the i/p is  $P_2$  but may or may not halt for the i/p which is not in  $P_2$ .

→ Apply a TM to check whether  $x$  is in  $P_2$ . If  $x$  is accepted that also means  $w$  is accepted.

→ This procedure describes a TM whose language is  $P_1$  if  $w$  is in  $P_1$  then  $x$  is also in  $P_2$  and if  $w$  is not in  $P_1$  then  $x$  is also not in  $P_2$ .

This proves that if  $P_1$  is non-RE then  $P_2$  is also non-RE.

(ii) empty and non empty language:

There are two types of languages empty and non-empty. Let  $L_e$  denotes an empty language and  $L_{ne}$  denotes non-empty language.

Let  $w$  be a binary string and  $M_i$  be a TM.

If  $L(M_i) \neq \phi$  then  $M_i$  does not accept any i/p then

$w$  is in  $L_e$ .

Similarly if  $L(M_i)$  is not the empty language then

$w$  is in  $L_{ne}$ . Thus we can say that,

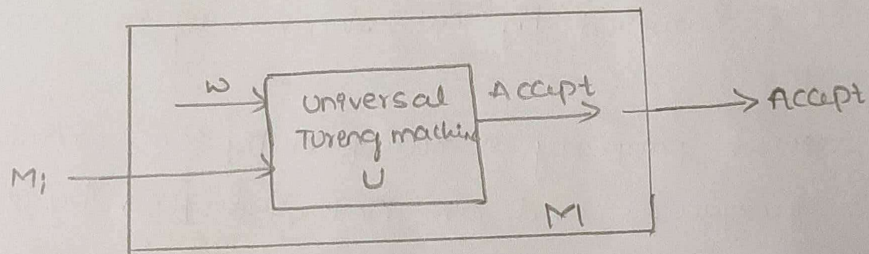
$$L_e = \{M_i \mid L(M_i) = \phi\} \quad L_{ne} = \{M \mid L(M) \neq \phi\}$$

Both  $L_e$  and  $L_{ne}$  are complement of one another

Theorem:  $L_{ne}$  is recursively enumerable.

Proof: To prove this, we simply need to prove that there exists some TM which accepts  $L_{ne}$ . To do this we need to construct non deterministic TM  $M$  that can be converted to deterministic TM.

The TM  $M$  accepts another TM  $M_i$  as i/p. With the non-deterministic capability  $M$  can guess the i/p  $w$  that can be accepted by  $M_i$ . If  $M_i$  accepts  $w$  then  $M$  also accepts the input  $M_i$ .



Thus if at all  $M_i$  accepts even one i/p, the  $M$  will guess that string and will accept  $M_i$ . But if  $\{L(M_i)\} = \emptyset$  that means  $M$  can make no guess about the i/p string and therefore can not accept  $M_i$ .

This proves that there should be such a TM whose language  $L(M) \neq \emptyset$ , thus  $L(M) = L_{ne}$ .

Rice's Theorem :-

Theorem: every non trivial property of RE language is undecidable

proof: Rice theorem states that any non-trivial semantic property of a language which is recognized by a TM

is undecidable. A property,  $P$  is the language of all TM that satisfy that property.

formal definition: if  $P$  is a non-trivial property, and the language holding the language of all TMs that satisfy the property. property  $L_P$ , is recognized by TM  $M_1$ , then  $L_P = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \in P \}$  is undecidable.

→ property of language  $P$  is simply a set of languages.

if any language belongs to  $P$  ( $L \in P$ ), it is said that  $L$  satisfies the property  $P$ .

→ A property is called to be trivial if either it is not satisfied by all recursively enumerable languages.

→ (or) if it is satisfied by all recursively enumerable language.

→ A non-trivial property is satisfied by some recursively enumerable languages and are not satisfied by others. formally speaking, in a non-trivial property, where  $L \in P$ , both the following properties hold:

property 1 - There exists TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  that recognize the same language, i.e., either  $(\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle) \in L$

or  $(\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle) \notin L$

property 2 - There exists Turing machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  where  $M_1$  recognizes the language while  $M_2$  does not,

i.e.,  $\langle M_1 \rangle \in L$  and  $\langle M_2 \rangle \notin L$ .

proof: Suppose a property  $P$  is non-trivial and  $\varphi \in P$ .

Since,  $P$  is non-trivial, at least one language satisfies  $P$ ,  
i.e.,  $L(M_0) \in P$ ,  $\exists$  Turing machine  $M_0$ .

Let,  $w$  be the input in a particular instance and  $N$  is a  
Turing machine which follows -

On input  $x$

→ Run  $M$  on  $w$

→ If  $M$  does not accept (or doesn't halt),  
then do not accept  $x$  (or do not halt)

→ If  $M$  accepts  $w$  then run  $M_0$  on  $x$ .  
If  $M_0$  accepts  $x$ , then accept  $x$ .

A function that maps an instance  $ATM = \langle M, w \rangle$

$ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts input } w \}$  to a  $N$

Such that

→ If  $M$  accepts  $w$  and  $N$  accepts the same  
language as  $M_0$ , then  $L(N) = L(M_0) \in P$

→ If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  and  $N$  accepts  
 $\varphi$ , then  $L(N) = \varphi \notin P$

Since  $ATM$  is undecidable and it can be reduced  
to  $L_p$ ,  $L_p$  is also undecidable.

# Decidable properties of Formal language

Decidable properties	RL	CFL	CSL	RCL	REL
1. Membership $w \in L(M)$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
2. Emptiness $L = \phi?$	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
3. finiteness $ L  \leq n$	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
4. Completeness $L = \Sigma^*$	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
5. Equality $L_1 \stackrel{?}{=} L_2$	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
6. Complement $L^c = \Sigma^* - L$	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

✓ = decidable

✗ = undecidable.

## Post's Correspondence Problem (PCP)

The undecidability of strings is determined with the help of Post's Correspondence Problem (PCP).

→ "The Post's Correspondence Problem consists of two lists of strings that are equal length over the input  $\Sigma$ .

The two lists are  $A = w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$

$B = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$

then there exists a non-empty set of strings

$i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_n$  such that

$w_{i_1}, w_{i_2}, w_{i_3}, \dots, w_{i_n} = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ "

To solve the PCP we try all the combinations of  $i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_n$  to find the  $w_{i_j} = x_j$ ; then we say that PCP has a solution.

Ex: Consider the Correspondence system as given below

$A = (1, 0, 010, 11)$  and  $B = (10, 10, 01, 1)$ . The i/p set is

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . find the solution.

Sol: A solution is 121334. That means

$w_1, w_2, w_1, w_3, w_3, w_4 = x_1, x_2, x_1, x_3, x_3, x_4$

$10101001011 = 10101001011$

$|A| = 4 \approx |B| = 4$

Ex: Obtain the solution for the following system of

Post's Correspondence Problem

$$A = \{100, 0, 1\} \quad B = \{1, 100, 00\}$$

The input symbols of  $A$  and  $B$  are same

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\} = \Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$|A| = 3 \quad || \quad |B| = 3$$

The solution is 1311322.

$w_1$	$w_3$	$w_1$	$w_1$	$w_3$	$w_2$	$w_2$
100	1	100	100	1	0	0
$x_1$	$x_3$	$x_1$	$x_1$	$x_3$	$x_2$	$x_2$
1	00	1	1	00	100	100

$$w_1 w_3 w_1 w_1 w_3 w_2 w_2 = x_1 x_3 x_1 x_1 x_3 x_2 x_2$$

$$1001100100100 = 1001100100100$$

ex 3: Obtain the solution for the following system of post's correspondence problem  $A = \{ba, abb, bab\}$

$$B = \{bab, bb, abb\}$$

Now to consider 1, 3, 2 the string  $bababbb$  from set  $A$  and  $bababbb$  from set  $B$  thus the two strings obtained are not equal. As we can try various combinations from both the sets to find the unique sequence but we could not get such a sequence. Hence there is no sol<sup>n</sup> for this system.

ex 4: Obtain sol<sup>n</sup> for the following correspondence system  $A = \{ba, ab, a, baa, b\}$ ,  $B = \{bab, baa, ba, a, aba\}$

The ip set is  $\{a, b\}$

$$w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6 = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_4 x_3 x_4$$

The sol<sup>n</sup> give a unique string

babababaabaabaa.

ex⑤: Does PCP with two lists  $x = (b, bb^3, ba)$  and  $y = (b^3, ba, a)$  have a sol<sup>n</sup>?

Now we have to find out such a sequence that strings formed by  $x$  and  $y$  are identical. Such a sequence is 2, 1, 1, 3. Hence from  $x$  and  $y$  list

$$w_2, w_1, w_1, w_3 = x_2, x_1, x_1, x_3$$

$$bab^3, b, b, ba \quad ba, b^3, b^3, a$$

ex⑥: find whether the PCP  $P = \{(10, 101), (011, 11), (101, 011)\}$  has a match. Give the sol<sup>n</sup>.

$$\text{let } P = \{(10, 101), (011, 11), (101, 011)\}$$

$$w_1 = \{10, 011, 101\}$$

$$w_2 = \{101, 11, 011\}$$

The PCP has a solution if  $w_{1i} = w_{2j}$ ,  
 $w_{12} = w_{23}, w_{13} = w_{21}$

$$\text{but } w_{11} \neq w_{22}$$

Hence we can not find any string  $w_{1i} = w_{2j}$ .

Hence this PCP has no solution.

Modified post Correspondence problem (MPCP):

The modified post Correspondence problem (MPCP) is just like PCP except that we specify both the set of tiles and also a special tile. Matches for MPCP have to start with the special tile.

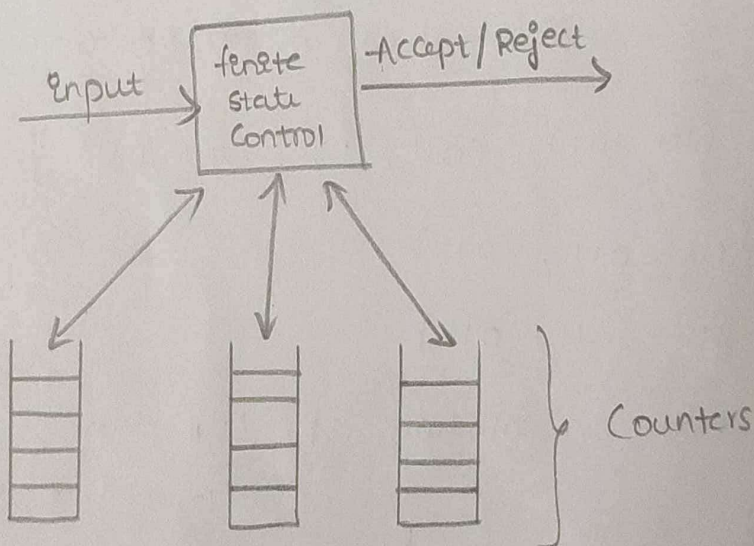
(or)

In MPCP the solution must start from 1.

Ex: 123, 113 ... etc.

Counter machine

A Counter machine can be represented by following model-



Counter machine

There are two ways of representing Counter machine.

1) The Counter machine is similar to a multistack TM,

But the only difference b/w them is that in place of each stack there is a Counter. The Counter obtain non-negative integers. Each move of Counter machine

depends on its state, input symbol. In one move

Counter machine can:

i) Change state

ii) Add or subtract 1 from any of its counters.

The negative counters are not allowed at all.

Q) The counter machine is similar to restricted multi stack machine. These restrictions are -

i) There are only two stack symbols:  $z_0$  and  $x$

ii) The  $z_0$  is the bottom of stack marker. It is initially on each stack.

iii) Replace  $z_0$  only by string of the form  $x^i z_0$  where  $i \geq 0$ .

iv) Replace  $x$  only by  $x^i$  for  $i \geq 0$ . i.e. The  $z_0$  appears on the bottom of each stack and all other stack

symbols are  $x$ .

There are two important observations about the counter machine.

1) Every language accepted by a counter machine is recursively enumerable.

2) Every language accepted by one counter machine is a context free language.

## Non-Recursive enumerable language

### Universal Turing machine:

→ A universal Turing machine,  $M_u$  is an automata that, given as input the description of any TM  $M$  and a string  $w$  can simulate the computation of  $M$  for  $ip w$ .

→ To construct such  $M_u$ , we consider a Turing machine without loss of generality assume that

$$M = (Q, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, B\}, \delta, q_1, B, q_2)$$

$$\text{where } Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$$

$q_1 = \text{initial state}$

$q_2 = \text{final state}$

$\{0, 1, B\} \in \mathcal{P}$  are represented as  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$

→ Directions left or right are represented as

$D_1$  and  $D_2$  respectively.

→ The transitions of TM are encoded in special binary representation where each symbol is represented by 1

for ex: if there is a transition

$$\delta(q_i, a_j) = (q_k, a_l, D_m)$$

then the binary representation for the transition

$$\text{is } 0^i 1 0^j 1 0^k 1 0^l 1 0^m$$

transitions  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$

$$||| t_1 || t_2 || t_3 || \dots || t_n |||$$

Note: transitions need not be in any particular order.

→ If a string has to be verified then the problem is represented as a tuple  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  is definition of TM and  $w$  is input string.

Consider an example:

Let  $M = (\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, B\}, \delta, q_1, B, q_2)$

have moves defined as

$$\delta(q_1, 1) = (q_3, 0, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 0) = (q_1, 1, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 1) = (q_2, 0, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, B) = (q_3, 1, L)$$

Give the problem representation for the string  $w = 1011$

Sol: let the binary representation for

States:  $\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$  be  $\{0, 00, 000\}$

alphabet:  $\{0, 1, B\}$  be  $\{0, 00, 000\}$

directions:  $\{L, R\}$  be  $\{0, 00\}$

Transitions are represented as follows.

$$\delta(q_1, 1) = (q_3, 0, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 0) = (q_1, 1, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 1) = (q_2, 0, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, B) = (q_3, 1, L)$$

Binary representation

0100100010100

0001010100100

00010010010100

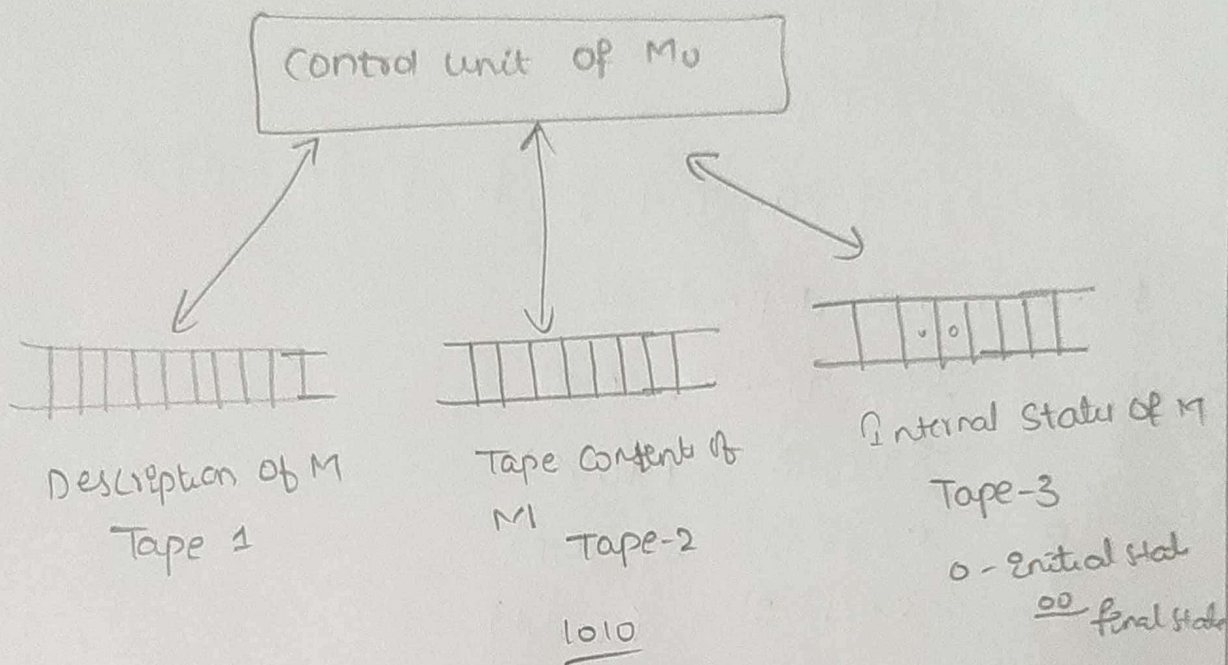
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∴ The problem representation  $\langle M, 1011 \rangle$  is

111 0100100 01010011 0001010 10010011 000100

1001010011 000100010010010 111 1011

The following diagram shows organizations of UTM which has a Control unit and Three tapes



Non Recursively Enumerable language:-

If a language is not represented by Turing machine with / without halting then it is called non-REL

Ex:- Diagonalization

→ The language that is not accepted by any TM this proves the diagonalization.  $\Sigma^*$  is not recursively enumerable

$\Sigma^*$  is countable  $\Sigma^+$  is uncountable.

	$\epsilon$	a	b	aa	ab	ba	bb	aaa	aab	...
1)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2)	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
3)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	

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001 → This language is should be Countable as we assumed but it will not present in any of machine So it is contradiction. So it can be said to uncountable

$L = \{\epsilon, a\}$   
 $L_2 = \{a, b\}$ ,  $L_3 = \{\epsilon, a, aa\}$

## undecidable of problems

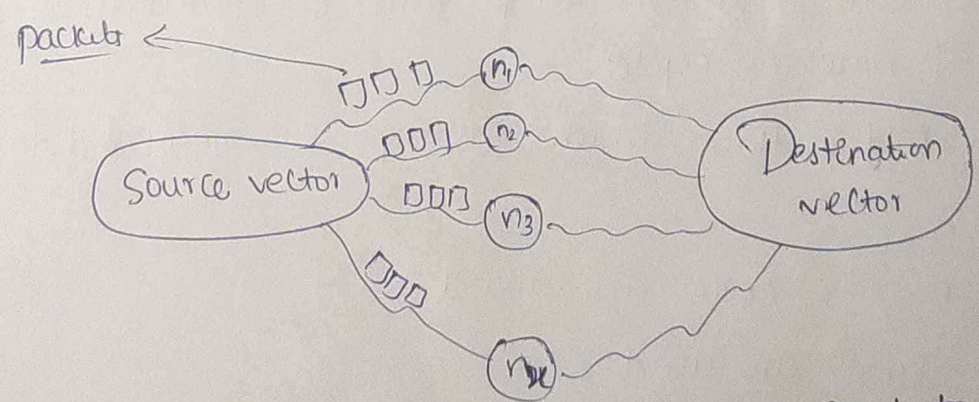
A problem  $P$  is said to be decidable if there exists a Turing machine to represent the problem or if there exists an algorithm to find the solution to the problem.

- 1) ambiguity in CFG
- 2) Post Correspondence problem (PCP)
- 3) Vertex visiting in a path
- 4) Code optimization

Code optimization:- It is an undecidable problem. We cannot say that a particular piece of code is optimized code (in terms of cost space time)

Vertex visiting problem:-

In a network of computer's a packet travelling from source to destination may or may not visit a particular node in a path



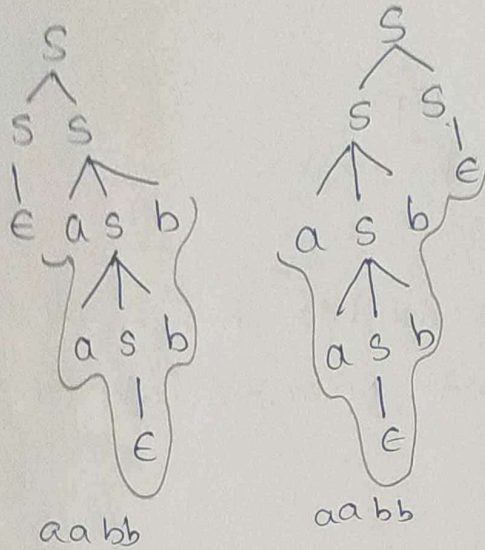
Ambiguity in CFG:- A Grammar  $G$  is said to be ambiguous if it generates more than one different parse for any string.

- It is a trial and error method.
- There exists no particular algorithm or Turing machine to prove the ambiguity in a grammar (undecidable problem)

Ex:  $S \rightarrow asb / ss$

$S \rightarrow \epsilon$

For string "aabb" the above grammar generates two parse trees



### Complexity classes

→ Time complexity :- how long computation takes to execute. In T.M this could be measured as no. of moves which are required to perform computation.  
→ Number of machine cycle.

Space complexity :- how much storage is required for computation.

→ In T.M, no. of cells are used.

→ no. of bytes are used.

### Types of Complexity classes

1) P-class: set of decision problem is solvable in polynomial time or in the class P.

Q.1) there exists an algorithm  $A$  such that

→  $A$  takes instances of  $D$  as i/p

→  $A$  always o/p's the correct answer "yes" or "no".

→ There exists a polynomial  $p$  such that the execution of  $A$  on  $IP$  of size  $n$  always terminate on  $p(n)$  steps

eg:- The minimum spanning tree problem is in class  $P$   
Kruskal's algorithm

The class  $P$  is often considered as synonymous with the class of computationally feasible problem although in practice this is somewhat unrealistic.

### NP class :-

A decision problem is non deterministically polynomial time solvable or in the class NP if there exists an algorithm  $A$  such that -

→ There exists a polynomial  $p$  such that for each potential witness of each instance of size  $n$  of  $D$ , there exists an algorithm  $A$  takes at most  $p(n)$  steps

→ Think of a non-deterministic computer as a computer that magically guesses a solution, then has to verify that it is correct.

- if sol<sup>n</sup> exist, computer always guesses it

- one way to imagine it: a parallel computer that can freely spawn an infinite no. of processes

→ one process work on each possible solution

→ All processes attempt to verify that their solution works

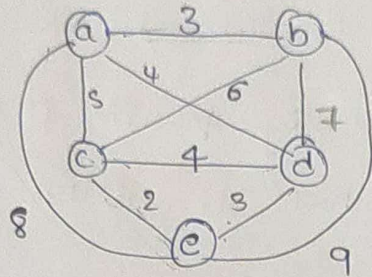
→ if a process finds it has a working

solution  $D$

so NP = problem verifiable in polynomial time

→ Every problem in this class can be solvable in exponential time using exhaustive search.

eg:- Travelling sales man problem.

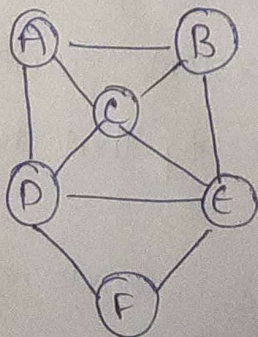


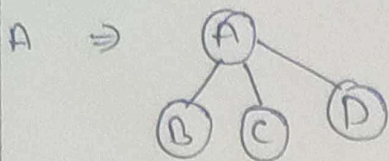
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a b d e c a	16

NP Complete: NP Complete are the subset of the class NP

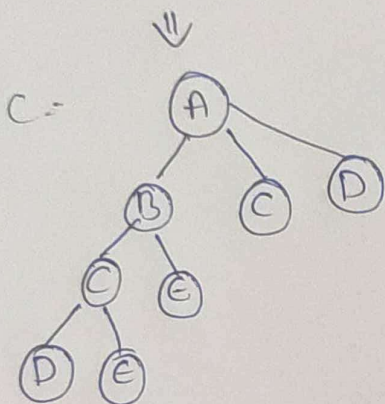
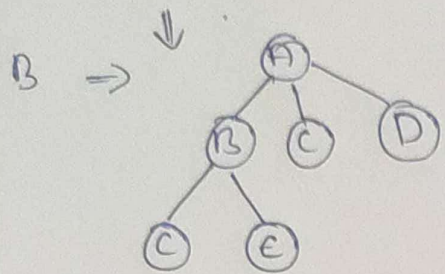
It is the set of all decision problem whose solution can be solved & verified in polynomial time on a non deterministic TM is called NP Complete.

eg:- hamilton cycle problem (starting from starting point and visiting adjacent vertices as branches).

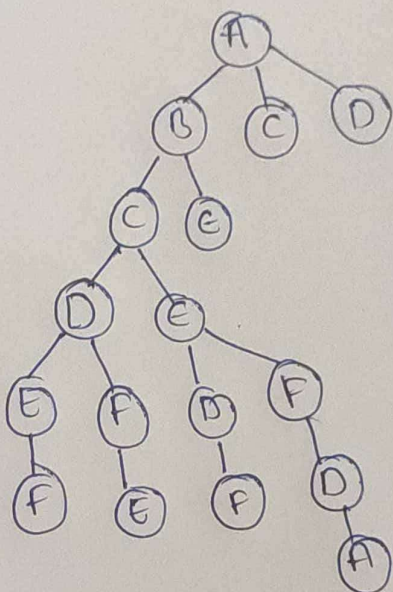




(∴ for A adjacent vertices)

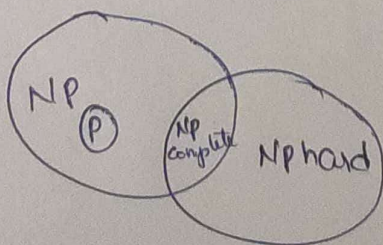


Similarly for D & F



← HC

NP hard: The concept of NP hardness plays an vital role in the discussion about the relation between P & NP



Eg:- Travelling sales man problem