

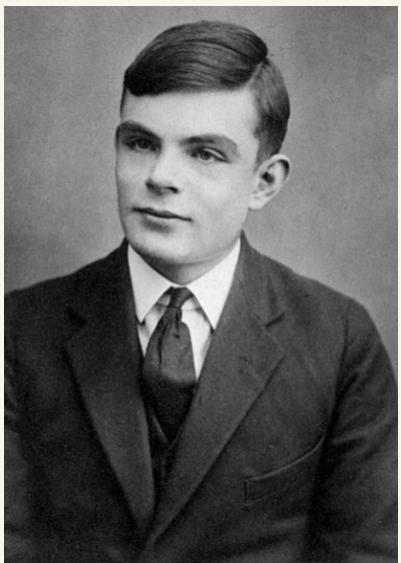
# COMPUTABILITY

(Lecture Notes: pp 54-65)

# Turing Machines

"On Computable Numbers, with an application to the Entscheidungsproblem"

1936



- Concept of 1<sup>st</sup> generally convincing general model of computation.
- Proved there is no algorithm for deciding truth in mathematics
- code breaking of Nazi ciphers WW II
- also worked in mathematical biology
- prosecuted in '52 for homosexuality

1912 - 1954

## Turing Machines

$$M = \{ Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, B, \{q_2\} \}$$

$Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_K\}$  states,  $K \geq 2$

$\Sigma$  = finite input alphabet, including 0, 1

$\Gamma$  = finite tape alphabet,  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ , includes "  $\lambda$ "  
(blank symbol)

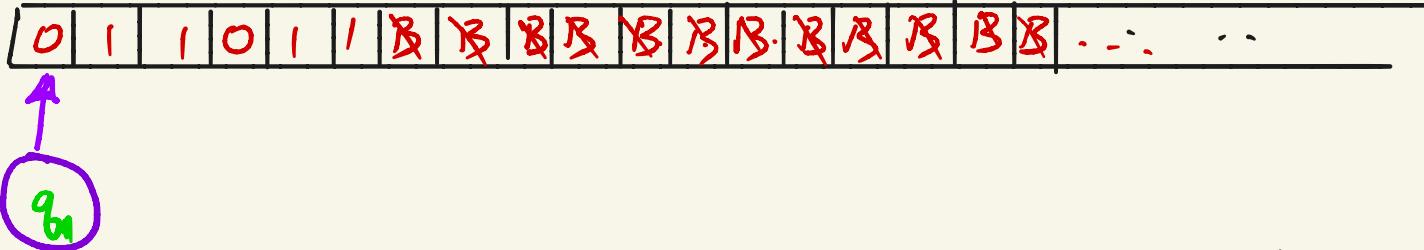
$q_1$  : start state

$q_2$  : halt state

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

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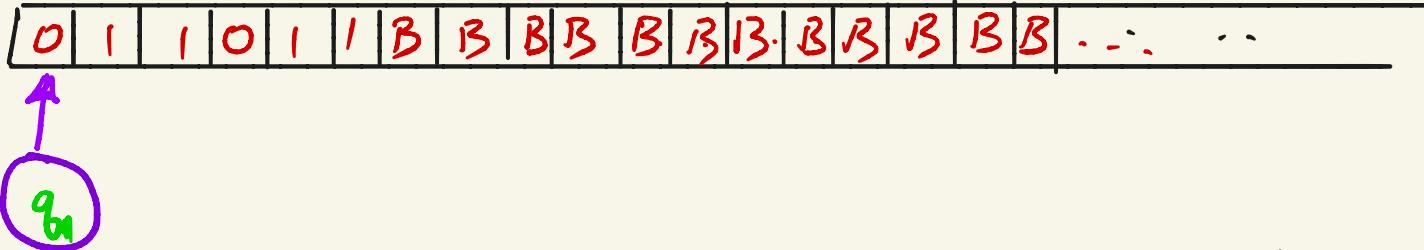
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$q_0$

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$\delta$ :

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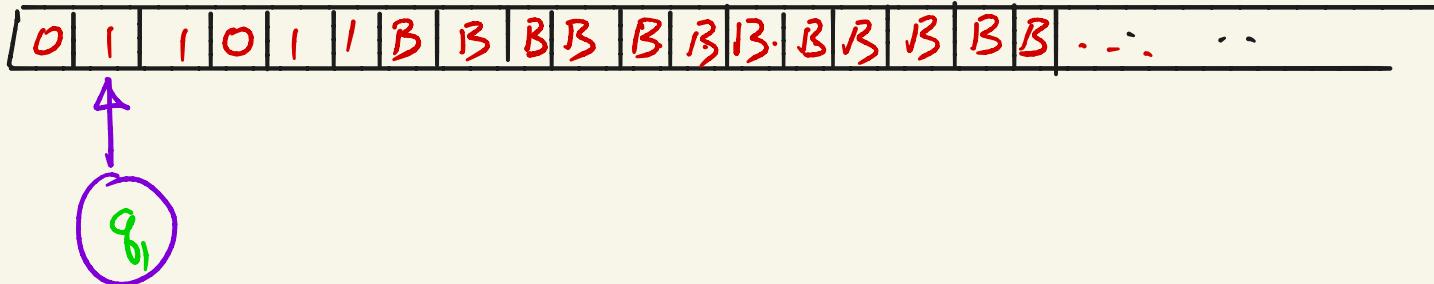
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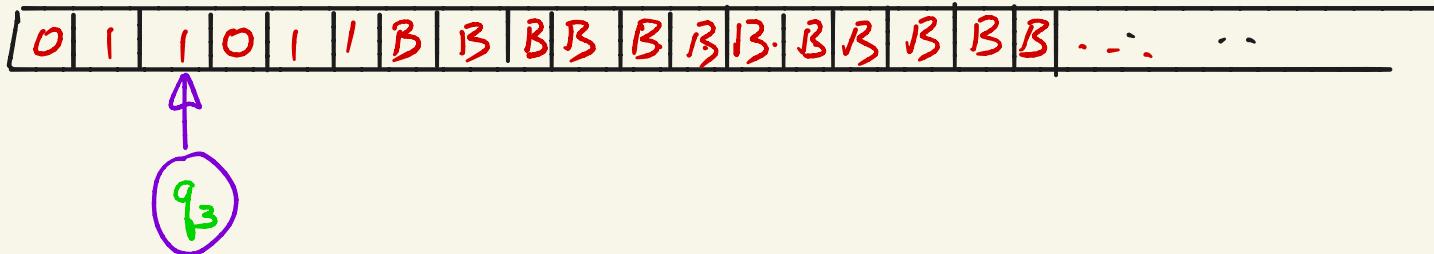
Input  $x = 011011 \dots$



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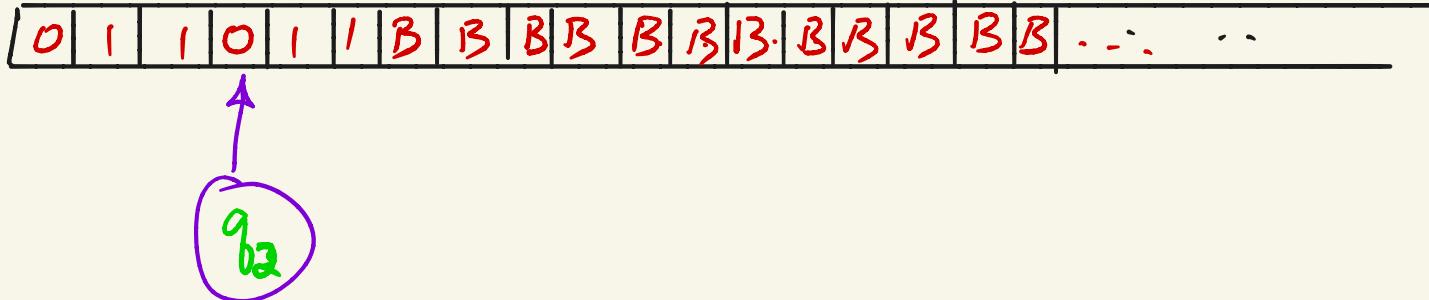
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start    halt

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

$$\Gamma = \{0, 1, *, \$\}$$

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Turing Machines compute n-ary partial (or total) functions from  $\mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by encoding input/output as strings over  $\Sigma$

Encoding of  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  example

$(3, 10, 8) : \underline{\hspace{2cm} 112} \underline{\hspace{2cm} 1010} \underline{\hspace{2cm} 2} \underline{\hspace{2cm} 100}$

$a_1$  in binary       $a_2$  in binary       $a_3$  in binary

separated by "2"

Let  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  be the encoding of  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

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TM  $M$  on input  $x$  halts when it enters halt state ( $q_2$ )

If  $M$  halts on  $x$ , the output  $y$  is the longest string on tape, containing only 0's and 1's

## Turing Machines

Let  $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a total function

M computes f if for every n-tuple  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$   
M on input  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  outputs  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$   
(in binary)

If there is a TM M that computes f,  
then f is a total computable function

## Turing Machines (omitted this slide)

Let  $f : (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\})^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  be a partial function

(so  $f(c_1, \dots, c_n) = \infty$  if any  $c_i = \infty$ )

$M$  computes  $f$  if for all  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  in domain of  $f$

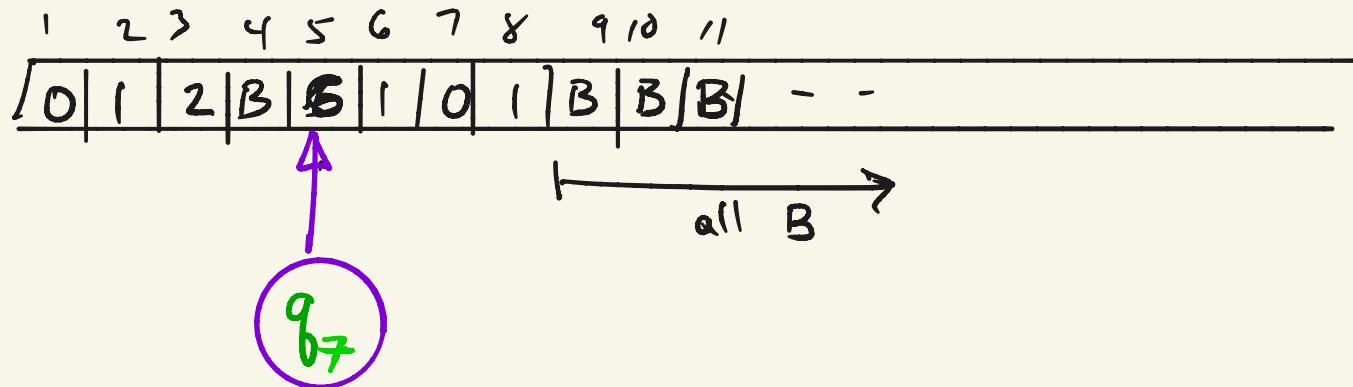
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\*  $M$  may not halt on inputs not in domain of  $f$

If  $f$  (a partial function) is computed by some  $M$   
then  $f$  is a computable partial function

## Turing Machine Configurations

- A configuration describes entire state of a TM at some point in time



Configuration :  $0, 1, 2, B, (q_7, 5), 1, 0, 1$

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$t=0$	$(q_1, 0)$	0	1	1	0	2	B	..
$t=1$	2	$(q_1, 0)$	1	1	0	2	B	..
$t=2$	2	2	$(q_1, 1)$	1	0	2	B	..
$t=3$	2	2	2	$(q_1, 1)$	0	2	B	..
$t=4$	2	2	2	2	$(q_1, 0)$	2	B	..
$t=5$	2	2	2	2	2	$(q_1, 2)$	B	..
$t=6$	2	2	1	2	2	2	$(q_2, B)$	..

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At time  
 $t = m$ ,  
tableaux is  
 $m \times m$

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## Encoding Turing Machines

$$M = (\Sigma, Q, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, B, \{q_2\})$$

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$

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

$\Gamma = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  where  $x_1=0 \quad x_2=1 \quad x_3=2 \quad x_4=B$

$D_1 = \text{left} \quad D_2 = \text{right}$

We represent transition  $\delta(q_i, x_j) \rightarrow (q_k, x_l, D_m)$  by

$0^i 1 0^j 1 0^k 1 0^l 1 0^m$

Code for  $M$ : 111 code<sub>1</sub> 11 code<sub>2</sub> 11 ... 11 code<sub>r</sub> 1 1 1

where  $\text{code}_1, \dots, \text{code}_r$  are the codes for  
transition function

## Encoding Turing Machines

Example.  $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}$

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

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

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

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

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$$0^3 1 0^3 1 0^3 1 0^2 1 0^1 \leftarrow c_4$$

$$M = |||c_1||c_2||c_3||c_4|||$$

$(M, 110110)$  encoded as

$$\underbrace{|||c_1||c_2||c_3||c_4|||}_{\#(M, x)} \overbrace{110110}^x$$

\* uniquely decodable

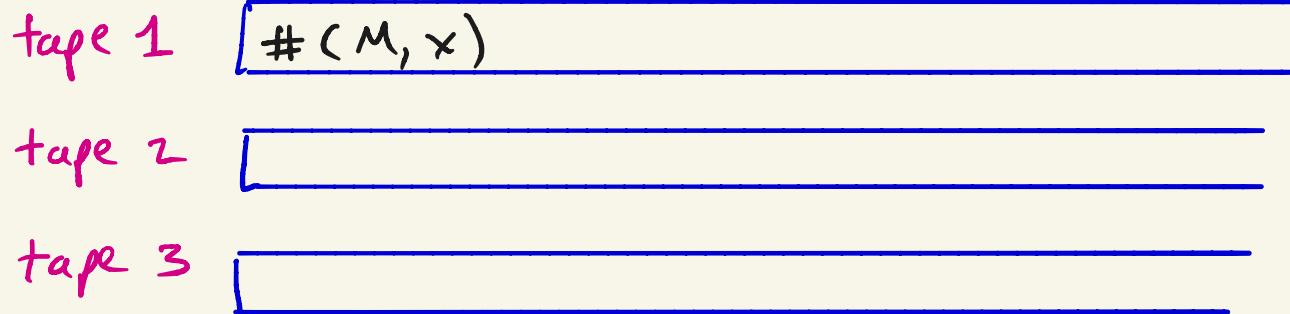
## Universal Turing Machines

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We describe a 3-tape TM (at a high level) for  $U$ .  
(3-tapes can be simulated by one tape)



# Universal Turing Machines

① initial state

tape 1  $\#(M, x)$

tape 2

tape 3

check that contents of tape 1 is  
legal encoding of  $M, x$

## Universal Turing Machines

(2)

tape 1

11 \$ code<sub>1</sub> 11 code<sub>2</sub> 11 ... 11 code<sub>r</sub> 11 |

encoding  
of M

tape 2

\$ 0 1 1 0  
  ^ x

contents  
of M's  
tape at  
start

tape 3

\$ 0

initial  
state of  
M

Initialize tapes 1 + 2 as above

and tape 3 to contain \$ 0

↑  
 $q_1$  in binary

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(2)

tape 1       $11\$ \text{ code}_1 11 \text{ code}_2 11 \dots 11 \text{ code}_r 111$

tape 2       $\$ X$

tape 3       $\$ O$

Loop

IF tape 3 contains \$00 (halt state) halt and output  
contents of tape 2 (to 1<sup>st</sup> "B")

OW simulate next state:

Store contents of tape 2 head and current state of M  
in U's state. Scan tape 1 to find corresponding code,  
Modify tapes 2,3 accordingly

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tape 3     $\$ 00BB\dots$

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tape 3     $\$ 000 B \dots$

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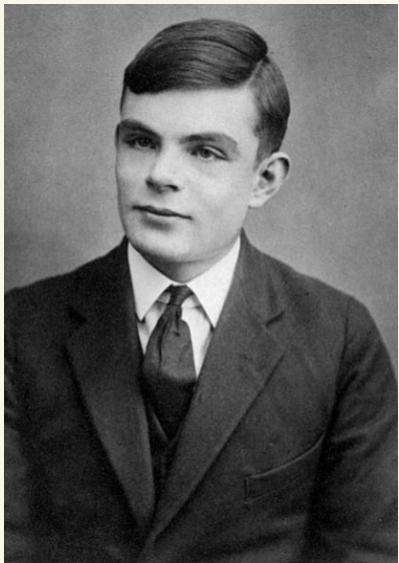
A set is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  (usually  $n=1$ )

a set/relation / 0-1 valued total function :

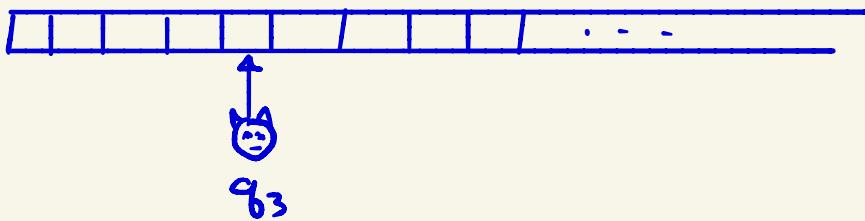
$A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  then  $A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$

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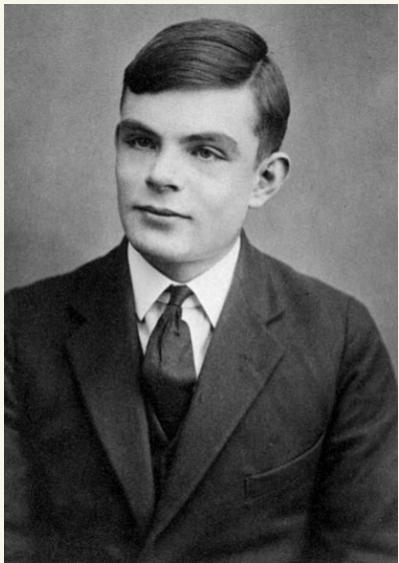


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## Church-Turing Thesis

A function/predicate is computable/  
realizable in physical world  $\Rightarrow$   
it is computable by a TM

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## Today

What is computable and what isn't ?

We will mostly focus on unary relations

or languages -  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$

all finite length  
strings over  $\{0,1\}$

$\{0,1\}^*$  = all binary strings of finite length  
 $= \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, 001, \dots\}$

Definition Let  $M$  be a TM,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$L(M) \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$  is the set of all (finite-length) strings  $x \in \{0, 1\}^*$  such that  $M(x)$  halts and outputs 1



the Language accepted by  $M$

## Recursive / RE Sets

recognizable / semi-computable

A language  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  is recursively enumerable if there exists a TM  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(M) = L$

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recursively enumerable (r.e) also called  
semidecidable, partial computable

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## Recursive / RE Sets

A function  $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$  (or  $f: \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ )

- is total computable if there exists a

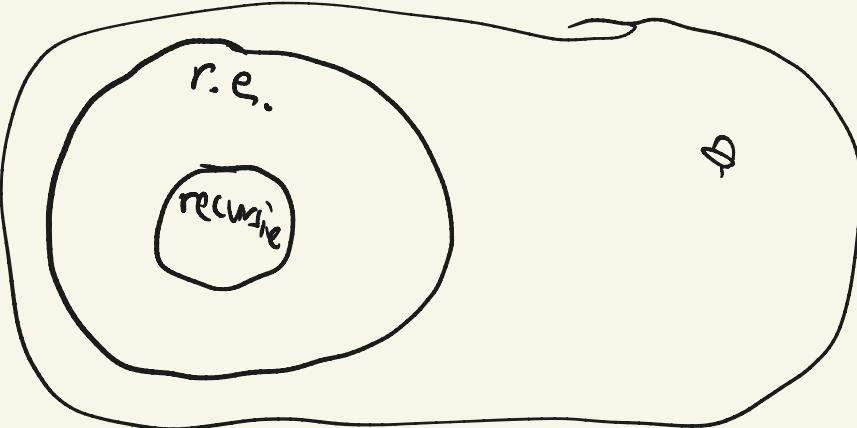
TM  $M$  such that  $\forall x \in \{0,1\}^*$

$M(x)$  halts and outputs  $f(x)$ .

all  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$

all subsets

of  $\{0,1\}^*$



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What about  
closure of r.e.  
under  $\neg$ ?

## CLOSURE PROPERTIES, cont'd

④  $L$  r.e., and  $\bar{L}$  r.e.  $\Rightarrow L$  is recursive

$\nwarrow$

$\{x \mid x \notin L\}$

\* Note: often  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  is a set of encodings. Example  $L = \{x \mid \exists x\}$ , accepts input "111" then we usually think of  $\bar{L}$  as  $\{x \mid \nexists x\}$ , does not accept 111 although technically  $\bar{L} = \{x \mid x \text{ is not a legal encoding or } \{x\}, \text{ does not accept 111}\}$

$$L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$$

$\{0,1\}^*$  = set of all strings over 0/1  
of finite length

$\{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, \dots - \dots\}$

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•  $M$  on  $x$  eventually halts since  $x$  accepted by exactly one of  $M_1, M_2$

•  $x \in L \Rightarrow M_1 \text{ accepts } x \Rightarrow M \text{ accepts } x$

•  $x \notin L \Rightarrow M_2 \text{ accepts } x \Rightarrow M \text{ halts and rejects } x$

# Many Languages aren't Recursively Enumerable !

Intuition:  $\{0,1\}^*$  =  $\{ \epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, 001, \dots \}$

- Every TM  $M$  maps uniquely to a string in  $\{0,1\}^*$ , corresponding to the language  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  accepted by  $M$
- Since the set of all TMs is countable, so are the r.e. languages  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$
- On the other hand, the set of all languages over  $\{0,1\}^*$  is uncountable  
(so there exist many languages  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  that are not r.e.)

## Many Languages are Not r.e.

Proof : Diagonalization

Main idea : There are many more Languages  
(subsets of  $\{0,1\}^*$ ) than there are TMs.

Proof very similar to Cantor's argument  
showing that there is NO 1-1 mapping  
from the Real numbers to the Natural  
numbers

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- Fix an enumeration of all TMs with  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$   
 $\{x_1\}, \{x_2\}, \{x_3\}, \dots$
- Make a 2-way infinite (but countable) table
  - rows correspond to  $\{x_1\}, \{x_2\}, \dots$
  - columns correspond to enumeration of encodings of Turing machines  $x_1, x_2, \dots$
- Entry  $(i, j) = 0$  if  $\{x_i\}_j$  accepts  $x_j$   
1 otherwise

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	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$x_6$	$x_7$	..
$M_1$	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	..
$M_2$	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	
$M_3$	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	
$M_4$	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	
$M_5$	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
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Diagonal Language  
 $D$

$$D = \{x_j \mid \{x_j\}_1 \text{ does not accept } x_j\}$$

i.e.  $D = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ is a legal encoding of a TM}\}$   
and  $\{x_j\}_1 \text{ does not accept } x\}$

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or  $\{x\}$  accepts  $\{x\}$

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- PA has a recursive set of axioms, so the set of sentences in PA is r.e. (by completeness theorem, which gives an r.e. procedure for deciding if  $A \in \text{PA}$ )
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Using Reductions to show other  
(more natural) languages/functions  
are not computable/recursiv/r.e.

High Level:

- ① Say we know  $L_1$  not recursive  
To show  $L_2$  not recursive, design a TM  $M_1$ ,  
always halts &  $\Sigma(M_1) = L_1$ , assuming a  
TM  $M_2$  that always halts &  $\Sigma(M_2) = L_2$
- ② Suppose  $L_1$  not r.e.  
To show  $L_2$  not r.e., construct  $M_1$  st  $\Sigma(M_1) = L_1$ ,  
assuming a TM  $M_2$  st  $\Sigma(M_2) = L_2$

K and HALT are r.e. but not recursive

$$\bar{D} \approx K \stackrel{d}{=} \{x \mid \text{TM } \{x\} \text{ halts on input } x\}$$

$$\text{HALT} \stackrel{d}{=} \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid \text{TM } \{x\} \text{ halts on input } y\}$$

claim HALT, K are both r.e.

PF: simply run  $\{x\}$  on y. Accept if simulation halts.

Theorem K is not recursive

$$K \stackrel{d}{=} \{ x \mid \text{TM } \{\{x\}\} \text{ halts on input } x \}$$

Proof Let  $L_1 = D$ . We know  $L_1$  is not r.e.

Assume  $L_2 = K$  is recursive, + let  $M_2$  always halt +  $\overline{L}(M_2) = L_2$

Construction of TM  $M_1$  for  $D$  on input  $x$ :

Run  $M_2$  on  $x$

- If  $M_2$  accepts  $x$  then  
Run  $\{\{x\}\}$  on  $x$  and output 1 iff  $\{\{x\}\}(x) \geq 1$
- If  $M_2$  halts + does not accept  $x$  then output 1

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•  $M_1$  halts on all  $x$

•  $x \in D \Rightarrow \{\{x\}\}(x) \geq 1 \Rightarrow M_1(x) = 1$

•  $x \notin D \Rightarrow \{\{x\}\}(x) = 1 \Rightarrow M_1(x) \neq 1$

## Theorem HALT is not recursive

$$K \stackrel{d}{=} \{x \mid \text{TM } \{x\} \text{ halts on input } x\}$$

$$\text{HALT} \stackrel{d}{=} \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid \text{TM } \{x\} \text{ halts on input } y\}$$

Proof <sup>idea</sup>  $K$  is a special case of HALT +  $K$  not recursive

Show  $K$  reduces to HALT:

Let  $L_1 = K$ ,  $L_2 = \text{HALT}$ . Assume  $M_2$  always halts and accepts  $L_2$ .

Construct  $M_1$  for  $L_1$ :

$M_1$  on  $x$ :

Run  $M_2$  on  $\langle x, x \rangle$ . Accept iff  $M_2$  accepts

Theorem  $\bar{K}$  is not r.e.  $\leftarrow \bar{K} \approx_D$

$$K \stackrel{d}{=} \{x \mid \text{TM } \{x\} \text{ halts on input } x\}$$

Pf We saw already that  $K$  is r.e. but not recursive

If  $\bar{K}$  is r.e., then both  $\bar{K}, \bar{K}$  are r.e.,

so by property (4)  $\Rightarrow K$  recursive

$\therefore \bar{K}$  not r.e.

## Tips

- (1.) Try obvious algorithms to see if you think language is recursive, re, or neither
- (2.) To show  $L$  not r.e., sometimes it helps to work with  $\overline{L}$   
(ie. if  $\overline{L}$  r.e., &  $\overline{L}$  not recursive then  $L$  not r.e.)
- (3) get reduction in correct direction.  
Many times constructed TM  $M$ , will ignore its own input

## SUMMARY SO FAR

1. We saw  $D = \{x \mid \{\{x\}_1(x)\} \text{ does not accept}\}$   
is not r.e. by diagonalization
2. Using reductions we have:
  - $K$ , Halt are not recursive (but both are r.e.)
  - $\overline{K}$ ,  $\overline{\text{HALT}}$  are Not r.e.

Another example:  $L = \{x \mid \{\{x\}\} \text{ accepts at least one input}\}$

$L$  is r.e. but not recursive.

**L is r.e.**

Enumerate all strings in  $\{0,1\}^*$

$\{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, \dots\}$

$\uparrow \quad | \quad \backslash$   
 $w_1 \quad w_2 \quad w_3$

Dovetail Procedure for  $L$  on input  $x$ :

For  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots$

For  $j=1, \dots i$

Simulate  $\{\{x\}\}$  on  $w_j$  for  $i$  steps

If any of the simulations accepts, HALT + accept

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and  $M_2$  always halts

$M_1$  on input  $y$ :

Construct encoding  $\bar{z}$  of TM  $\{\bar{z}\}$  where

$\{\bar{z}\}$  on input  $x$ : ignores  $x$  + runs  $\{\bar{y}\}$  on  $y$   
and accepts  $x$  if  $\{\{y\}\}(y)$  halts

Run  $M_2$  on  $\bar{z}$  and accept  $y$  iff  $M_2(\bar{z})$  accepts

Claim  $L(M_1) = K$  and  $M_1$  always halts

$y \in K \Rightarrow \{\{y\}\}(y)$  halts  $\Rightarrow \{\bar{z}\}$  accepts all inputs  $\Rightarrow M_2(\bar{z}) = 1 \Rightarrow M_1(y) = 1$

$y \notin K \Rightarrow \{\{y\}\}(y)$  doesn't halt  $\Rightarrow \{\bar{z}\}$  accepts no input  $\Rightarrow M_2(\bar{z}) \neq 1 \Rightarrow M_1(y) \neq 1$