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**Definition 7.32.** Universal Turing Machines

A *universal* Turing machine is a Turing machine  $T_u$  that works as follows. It is assumed to receive an input string of the form  $e(T)e(z)$ , where

- $T$  is an arbitrary TM,
- $z$  is a string over the input alphabet of  $T$ ,
- and  $e$  is an encoding function whose values are strings in  $\{0, 1\}^*$ .

The computation performed by  $T_u$  on this input string satisfies these two properties:

1.  $T_u$  accepts the string  $e(T)e(z)$  if and only if  $T$  accepts  $z$ .
2. If  $T$  accepts  $z$  and produces output  $y$ , then  $T_u$  produces output  $e(y)$ .

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**Definition 7.33.** An Encoding Function (continued)

For each move  $m$  of  $T$  of the form  $\delta(p, \sigma) = (q, \tau, D)$

$$e(m) = 1^{n(p)}01^{n(\sigma)}01^{n(q)}01^{n(\tau)}01^{n(D)}0$$

We list the moves of  $T$  in **some** order as  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$ , and we define

$$e(T) = e(m_1)0e(m_2)0 \dots 0e(m_k)0$$

If  $z = z_1z_2 \dots z_j$  is a string, where each  $z_i \in S$ ,

$$e(z) = 01^{n(z_1)}01^{n(z_2)}0 \dots 01^{n(z_j)}0$$

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**Example 7.34.** A Sample Encoding of a TM

**Exercise.**

Suppose the three tapes of the universal Turing machine look like this:

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Δ 111010111101010 0 1111011101110111010 0
111101011110110110 0 111101011111010110 0
1111011011110110110 0 111110101010101110 0 Δ
Δ101101101101101101110110 Δ
Δ11110 Δ
    
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What will the three tapes look like after the next simulated move?  
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**Definition 7.33.** An Encoding Function

Assign numbers to each state:

$$n(h_0) = 1, n(h_1) = 2, n(q_0) = 3, n(q) \geq 4 \text{ for other } q \in Q.$$

Assign numbers to each tape symbol:

$$n(a_i) = i.$$

Assign numbers to each tape head direction:

$$n(R) = 1, n(L) = 2, n(S) = 3.$$

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**Simulation of TM  $T$  on input  $z$  by universal TM  $T_u$**

- Three tapes
- 1.  $e(T)$
- 2.  $e(\text{tape contents})$
- 3.  $e(q)$
- Initialize tapes
- Simulate
- Termination of  $T$ 
  - if no termination, ...
  - if reject (three types), ...
  - if accept, ...

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reg. languages	reg. grammar	FA	reg. expression
determ. cf. languages		DPDA	
cf. languages	cf. grammar	PDA	
re. languages		TM	

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## 8. Recursively Enumerable Languages

### 8.1. Recursively Enumerable and Recursive

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## 7.6. The Church-Turing Thesis

Turing machine is general model of computation.

Any algorithmic procedure that can be carried out at all (by human computer, team of humans, electronic computer) can be carried out by a TM. (Alonzo Church, 1930s)

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**Example 7.14.** The Characteristic Function of a Set

$$\chi_L(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in L \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin L \end{cases}$$

From computing  $\chi_L$  to accepting  $L$

From accepting  $L$  to computing  $\chi_L$

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**Definition 8.1.** Accepting a Language and Deciding a Language

A Turing machine  $T$  with input alphabet  $\Sigma$  accepts a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , if  $L(T) = L$ .

$T$  decides  $L$ ,

if  $T$  computes the characteristic function  $\chi_L : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

A language  $L$  is *recursively enumerable*, if there is a TM that accepts  $L$ ,

and  $L$  is *recursive*, if there is a TM that decides  $L$ .

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**Theorem 8.2.**  
Every recursive language is recursively enumerable.

**Proof...**

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**Theorem 8.3.**  
If  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is accepted by a TM  $T$  that halts on every input string, then  $L$  is recursive.

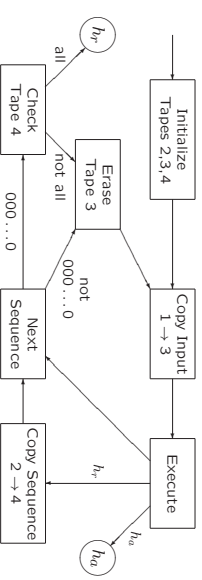
**Proof...**

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**Theorem 7.31.**  
For every nondeterministic TM  $T = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, q_0, \delta)$ , there is an ordinary (deterministic) TM  $T_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \Gamma_1, q_1, \delta_1)$  with  $L(T_1) = L(T)$ .

**Proof...**



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**Proof...**

If  $L$  is accepted by a **nondeterministic** TM  $T$ , and if there is no input string on which  $T$  can possibly loop forever, then  $L$  is recursive.

**Theorem 8.4.** If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are both recursively enumerable languages over  $\Sigma$ , then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  and  $L_1 \cap L_2$  are also recursively enumerable.

**Proof...**

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**Exercise 8.2.** Consider modifying the proof of Theorem 8.4 by executing the two TMs sequentially instead of simultaneously. Given TMs  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  accepting  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively, and an input string  $x$ , we start by making a second copy of  $x$ . We execute  $T_1$  on the second copy; if and when this computation stops, the tape is erased except for the original input, and  $T_2$  is executed on it.

a. Is this approach feasible for accepting  $L_1 \cup L_2$ , thereby showing that the union of recursively enumerable languages is recursively enumerable? Why or why not?

b. Is this approach feasible for accepting  $L_1 \cap L_2$ , thereby showing that the intersection of recursively enumerable languages is recursively enumerable? Why or why not?

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**Exercise 8.1.**

Show that if  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are recursive languages, then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  and  $L_1 \cap L_2$  are also.

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**Theorem 8.5.** If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are both recursive languages over  $\Sigma$ , then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  and  $L_1 \cap L_2$  are also recursive.

**Proof.** Exercise 8.1.

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**Theorem 8.6.** If  $L$  is a recursive language over  $\Sigma$ , then its complement  $L'$  is also recursive.

**Proof...**

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**Theorem 8.7.** If  $L$  is a recursively enumerable language, and its complement  $L'$  is also recursively enumerable, then  $L$  is recursive (and therefore, by Theorem 8.6,  $L'$  is recursive).

**Proof...**

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**Corollary.**  
Let  $L$  be a recursively enumerable language.  
Then

$L'$  is recursively enumerable,  
if and only  
if  $L$  is recursive.

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**Corollary.**  
There exist languages that are not recursively enumerable, if and only if there exist languages that are not recursive.

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## 8.2. Enumerating a Language

**Definition 8.8.** A TM Enumerating a Language

Let  $T$  be a  $k$ -tape Turing machine for some  $k \geq 1$ , and let  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ . We say  $T$  enumerates  $L$  if it operates such that the following conditions are satisfied.

1. The tape head on the first tape never moves to the left, and no nonblank symbol printed on tape 1 is subsequently modified or erased.

2. For every  $x \in L$ , there is some point during the operation of  $T$  when tape 1 has contents

$$x_1\#x_2\#\dots\#x_n\#x\#$$

for some  $n \geq 0$ , where the strings  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are also elements of  $L$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x$  are all distinct. If  $L$  is finite, then nothing is printed after the  $\#$  following the last element of  $L$ .

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**Theorem 8.9.** For every language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ ,

- $L$  is recursively enumerable
- if and only if there is a TM enumerating  $L$ ,
- and  $L$  is recursive if and only if there is a TM that enumerates the strings in  $L$  in canonical order (see Section 1.4).

**In other words:**

1. If there is a TM that accepts  $L$ , then there is a TM that enumerates  $L$ .
2. If there is a TM that enumerates  $L$ , then there is a TM that accepts  $L$ .
3. If there is a TM that decides  $L$ , then there is a TM that enumerates  $L$  in canonical order.
4. If there is a TM that enumerates  $L$  in canonical order, then there is a TM that decides  $L$ .

**Proof...**

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