

TopHat # 4435

A k-tape TM $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, \omega, \epsilon, \{q_{acc}, q_{rej}\})$ has

DTM: $\delta \subseteq (Q \setminus \{q_{acc}, q_{rej}\}) \times \Gamma^k \rightarrow \Gamma^k \times \{L, R, S\}^k \times Q$

When $k=2$, a typical instruction is $(p, c_1 / d_1, D_1, q) \rightarrow (c_2, d_2, D_2, q)$

The input tape is indexed as "Tape 1". $p=q$
allowed

It is read-only if always $d_1 = c_1$ in every instruction.

one-way if D_1 never is L. (S or R are OK).

real time if always $D_1 = R$. (DFAs and NFAs are real-time).

Defⁿ (replacing notation in text §2.2): A 2-tape TM is a Pushdown Automaton (PDA) if

- its input tape is read-only and one-way

- its second tape behaves as a stack, meaning: $D_2 = L \Rightarrow d_2 = \epsilon$ in every instruction ("pop")

By the text's normal form, for every state q other than q_{acc}, q_{rej} and sequence c_1, \dots, c_k of chars, δ has at least one instruction beginning $(q, c_1, \dots, c_k / \dots)$

If there is exactly one instruction then M is deterministic. (δ is a function).

These defs carry thru to define deterministic pushdown automata (DPDAs) and the default nondeterministic ones (NPDA's). Now we can state:

Theorem: A language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is context-free if and only if there is an NPDA N st. $L = L(N)$. (Proof in §2.2, skipped).

Defⁿ: A language L is a deterministic CFL (DCFL) if there is a DPDA M such that $L(M) = L$.

Theorem: If L is a DCFL then so is \bar{L} . But $\{a^i b^j c^k : i \neq j \vee j \neq k\}$ is a CFL whose complement is not a CFL!

Defn: (Further than text) A TM M obeys good housekeeping if (3)

- it is in the text's normal form with q_{acc}, q_{rej} the only halting states.
- M never writes an actual blank \sqcup between two nonblank chars. Instead it treats '0' as a substitute blank (like 020 for space in golf). Then its tapes never have internal blanks. (Nor a char after, or before, a blank on right on left)
- whenever M wants to halt, and possibly leave an output $y = f(x)$ on Tape 1 (or some other designated output tape), M erases all other tapes and non-output chars using actual blanks, rewinds to scan the first char of y (or \sqcup if $y = \epsilon$), and finally goes to q_{acc} (or q_{rej}).

If M only wants to define a language $L(M)$, it outputs 1 when $x \in L$, 0 when $x \notin L$. (Remember the third possible outcome $M(x) \uparrow$) it rejects on $x \notin L$.

Defn: A configuration, also called instantaneous description (ID) of a TM M at any point in a computation on an input x , specifies:

- the current state q of M
- the current nonblank tape contents $\vec{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$ on each tape, and
- the current head positions (h_1, \dots, h_k) relative to the start of w_j on each tape j .

We write an ID as $I = \langle q, \vec{w}, \vec{h} \rangle$. When $k=1$ we can code this up as a single string $\langle uqc v \rangle$ where $w = uc v$ over alphabet $Q \cup \Gamma \cup \{ \langle, \rangle \}$.
(or $u = \sqcup, v = \epsilon, w = u$)

Defn: Given IDs I and J , write $I \xrightarrow{M} J$ ("I can go to J by one step of M "), if M has an instruction applicable to I whose execution gives the ID J .

Also write $I \xrightarrow{M^0} I$, $I \xrightarrow{M^k} K$ if there is an ID J st. $I \xrightarrow{M^{k-1}} J$ and $J \xrightarrow{M} K$, and $I \xrightarrow{M^*} J$ if $I \xrightarrow{M^k} J$ for some k .

Defn: $x \in L(M)$ if $I_0(x) \xrightarrow{M^*} J$ for some ID J with $q = q_{acc}$, where $I_0(x)$ has $q = S$, x on tape 1, $h_1 =$ first bit of x , all other tapes blank.