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Lecture 10 - Theory of computation

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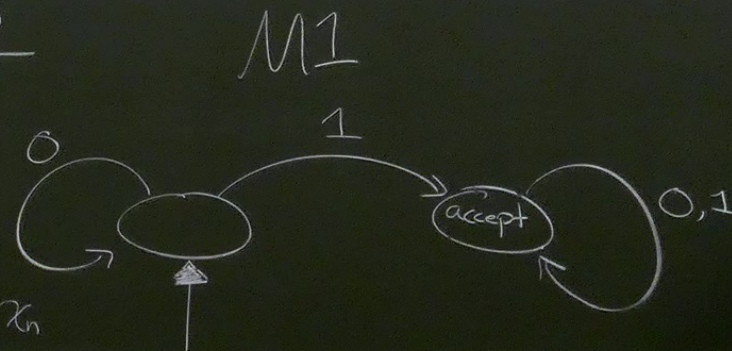
Today + next lecture - Classical

computation.

Model of computation

"Finite automaton"

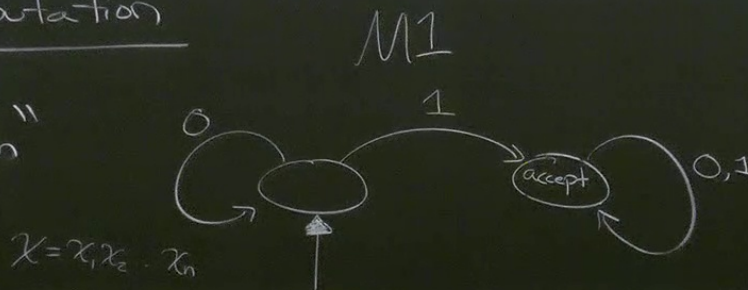
$x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$



Def 1 A (formal) language is a subset of strings formed from some alphabet Σ

Model of computation

"Finite automaton"



M1 accepts

$$L = \{x : x \neq 00\dots 0\}$$

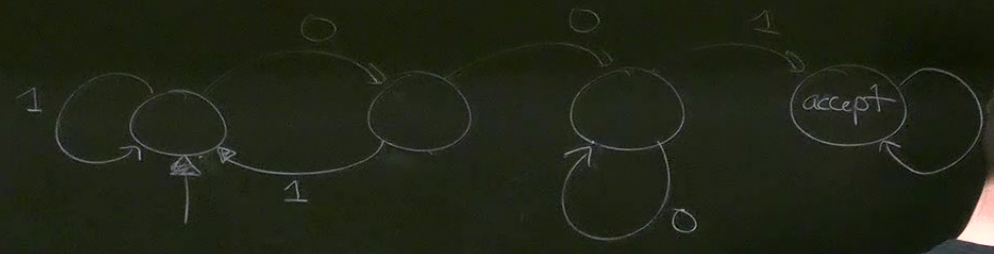
$$\{ \{ \vdash_n \} \}_n$$

Def 1 A (formal) language is a subset of strings formed from some alphabet Σ

Complexity(L) = minimal "size" / amount of some resource of an instance that decides L.

Ex $L' = \{ x : \text{contain } 001 \text{ as substring} \}$

of some
that



$$C(L') \leq 4$$

theory

Lemma: $L'' = \{x : x \text{ is a palindrome}\} = \{x : x = a^R a\}$

is "undecidable" by FA

Proof

suppose have M that decides L''

- has N vertices $\rightarrow M$ has N distinct states.

$n > \log N$, \exists strings x, x' of length n $x \neq x'$
s.t. put M in same state.

$$2^n > N$$

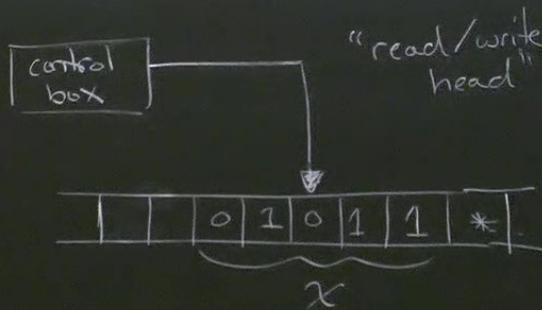
Then consider

$$x^R x, x^R x'$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \wedge & \wedge \\ L'' & L'' \end{array}$$

"computability
theory"

Turing Machine



(current state box, current value of cell being read)

→ (new state of box, new value for cell, direction to move head)

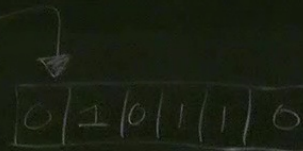
- read first input, store value, move to end of tape.
- check if last entry = first entry.

If no

↳ enter "reject" state.

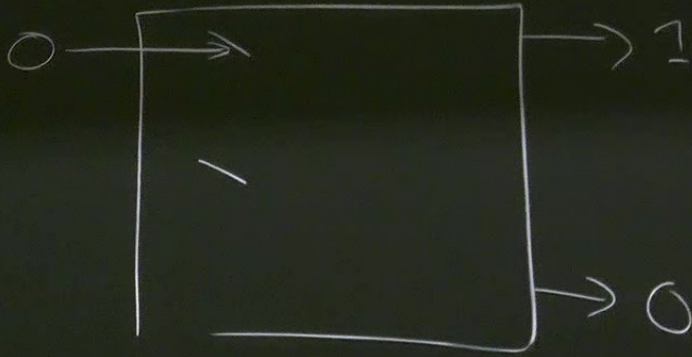
If yes

↳ erase last entry, return to first entry,
erase first entry



0	1	0	1	1	0
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erase first entry



“universality”

erase first entry

model 1 "simulates"
model 2 \longleftrightarrow

instance of model 2

↓
instance of model 1
that decides same
language

Church-Turing thesis: Any "physical realizable" model of computation can be simulated by a Turing Machine.

Extended CT thesis: ~~simulated~~ → simulated "efficiently"
(probably) wrong → Quantum Computer

Quantum Extended CT thesis:

~~Turing Machine~~ → quantum computer.