

Theory of computation

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that always halts

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Th. No algorithm is possible that, given a program p that always halts, checks whether this program always compute $n!$.

$$\forall n (p(n) = n!)$$

Proof. By contradiction. Let's assume that factorial-checker exists.

$$\text{fact-checker}(p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \forall n (p(n) = n!) \\ \emptyset & \text{if } \exists n (p(n) \neq n!) \\ \text{whatever} & \text{if } p \text{ does not always halt.} \end{cases}$$

Build a zero-checker based on this program

$$q \stackrel{?}{\rightarrow} \forall n (q(n) = \emptyset)$$

$$p(n) = q(n) + n! \xrightarrow{\text{fact checker}} \forall n (p(n) = n!)$$

$$\text{zero-checker}(q) = \text{fact-checker}(q(n) + n!)$$

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public static int p(int n)
{
    return q(n) + fact(n);
}
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$$q(n) = \emptyset \iff q(n) + n! = n!$$

if $q(n) = \emptyset$ then $p(n) = q(n) + n! = n!$

if $\exists n (q(n) \neq \emptyset)$ then $p(n) = q(n) + n! \neq n!$

Turing machine for computing

input

non-negative
numbers:

denotes empty

binary 110

Unary numbers

1 11 111 1111

output

number 2

| 1 | 1 |

(2,3) # | 1 | 1 | # | 1 | 1 | 1 | #

(2,0) # | 1 | 1 | # | # | (

(0,2) # | # | 1 | 1 | #

(0,0) # | # | #

adding 1 in unary code $n=2$

#|1|1| we have

#|1|1|1|1| we want

(start, #) \rightarrow (2, working)

(working, 1) \rightarrow 2

(working, #) \rightarrow (L, L, back)

(back, 1) \rightarrow L

(back, #) \rightarrow halt

#|1|1|

↑
start

#|1|1|1|

↑

working

#|1|1|1|

↑

working

#|1|1|1|1|

↑

working

#|1|1|1|1|1|

↑

back

#|1|1|1|1|

↑

back

#|1|1|1|

↑

~~back~~ halt

$n=1$

|##|1|#

↑
start

$(start, \#) \rightarrow (R, working)$

|##|1|#

↑
working

$(working, 1) \rightarrow R$

|##|1|#

↑
working

$(working, \#) \rightarrow (L, 1, back)$

|##|1|1|#

↑
back

$(back, 1) \rightarrow L$

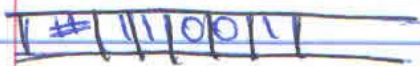
|##|1|1|1|#

↑
~~back~~ halt

$(back, \#) \rightarrow halt$

Representing # in RAM

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Algorithm for adding 1 in binary code:

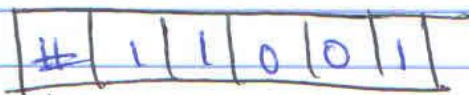
Start with smallest bit

If you see 1 you replace it with 0 and continue
Until you see 0 or # and replace with 1

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 100 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 101 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 110 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 110 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 111 \end{array}$$

replace 1 with 0

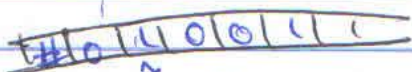
In a RAM



↑
start



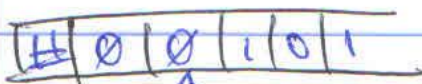
↑
rlwo



↑
rlwo



↑
rlwo



↑
back



↑
back

(start, #) → R, rlwo

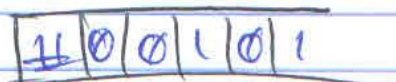
(rlwo, 1) → 0, R

(rlwo, 0) → 1, L, back

(rlwo, #) → 1, L, back

(back, 0) → L

(back, #) → halt



↑

back

halt

$n=3$ in a TM

| 1 | 1 | 1 |

↑
start

| 1 | 1 | 1 |

↑
r/w

| 0 | 1 | 1 |

↑
r/w

| 0 | 0 | 1 |

↑
r/w

| 0 | 0 | 1 |

↑
back

| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

↑
back

| 0 | 0 | 1 |

↑

back →
halt

adding unary numbers.

| | | # | | | # we have

| | | | | | # # we want

(start, #) → in 1st number, R

in 1 num, R → R

in 1 num, # → L, R, in 2 num

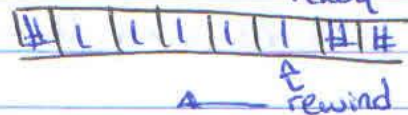
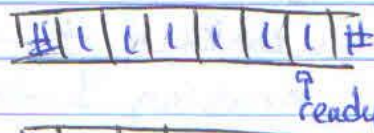
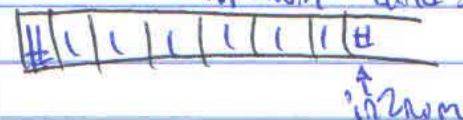
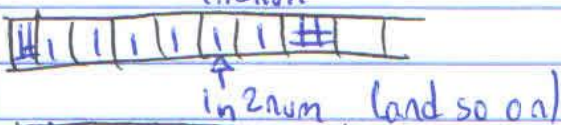
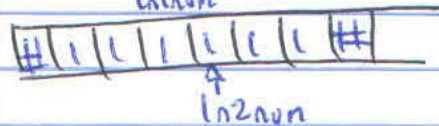
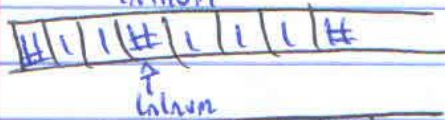
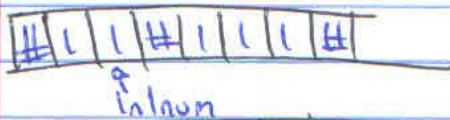
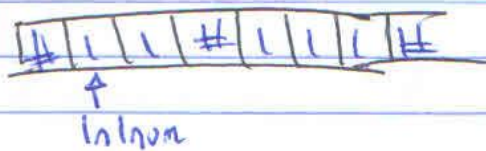
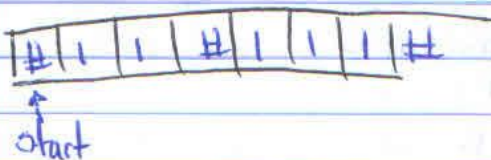
in 2 num, L → R

in 2 num, # → L, ready

ready, L → #, L, rewind

rewind, L → L

rewind, # → halt



(and so on)
until halt

Th. A function is computable by a TM if and only if it is μ -recursive
(\equiv Java program)

How to represent \emptyset .

$\boxed{\# | 1 | 1 | \dots | 1 | \#}$ we have
 \uparrow
start

$\boxed{\# | \# | \#}$ we want
 \uparrow
halt

start, $\# \rightarrow$ working, τ
working, $1 \rightarrow \tau$
working, $\# \rightarrow$ erasing, τ
erasing, $1 \rightarrow \#, \tau$
erasing, $\# \rightarrow$ Halt