

Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth 5 points. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. **GOOD LUCK!!**

1. In this quiz, you are asked to design three Turing Machines of increasing complexity.

- (a) Design a Turing Machine M_1 that does the following: On input $x_0x_1 \cdots x_n \in \{a, b, c\}^*$ it replaces all occurrences of c by a and halts with its head scanning the first symbol of the output.

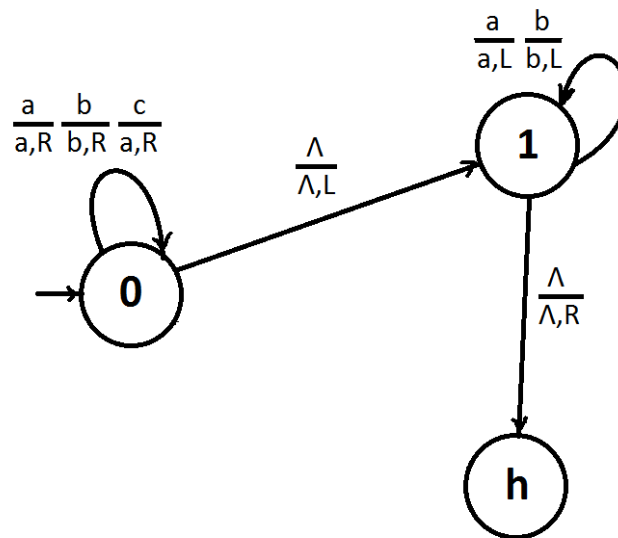
Turing Machine M_1 : Input string $w \in \{a, b, c\}^*$.

Scan to the right until Λ .

If symbol is c replace by a .

Scan to the left until Λ .

Move right.



- (b) Design a Turing Machine M_2 that does the following: On input $x_0x_1 \cdots x_{n-1}x_n \in \{a, b\}^*$, it leaves on its tape the output $x_nx_0x_1 \cdots x_{n-1}$ and halts with its head scanning x_n .

Turing Machine M_2 : Input string $w \in \{a, b\}^*$.

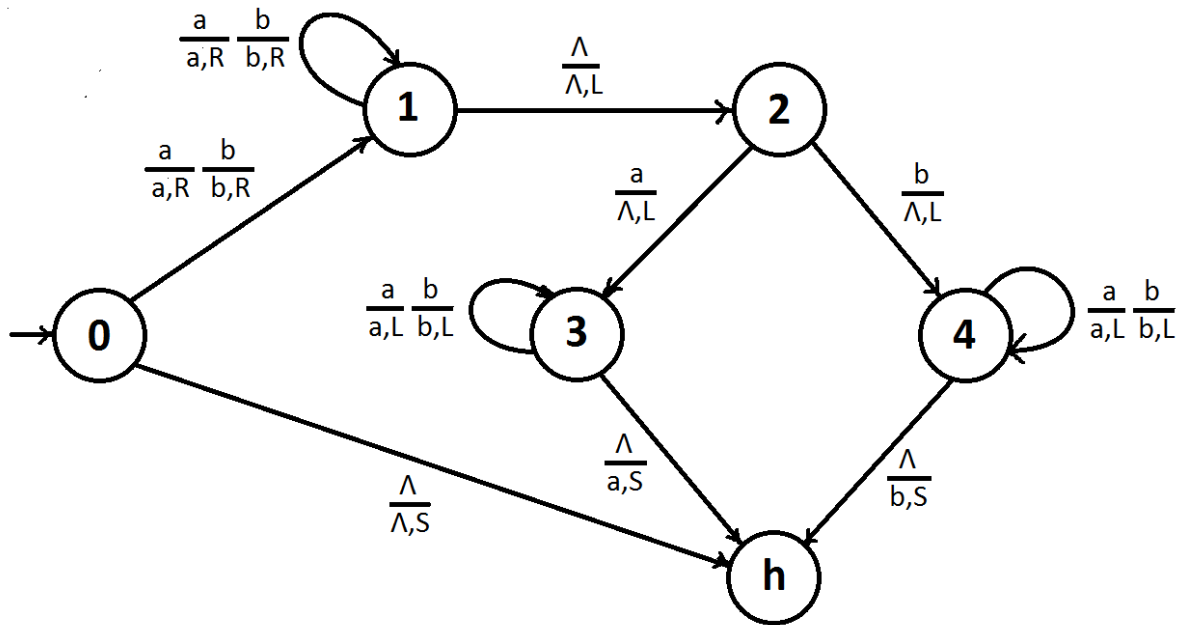
If input string is Λ stop and accept.

Else, scan to the right until Λ .

Go one left, scan x_n , remember x_n and erase x_n .

Scan to the left until Λ .

Replace Λ by x_n and halt.



- (c) Design a Turing Machine M_3 that on input $x_0x_1 \cdots x_n \in \{(,)\}^*$ balances left and right parentheses, i.e., halts accepting if the input expression of parentheses is syntactically sound (e.g. “ $((()))$ ”) and rejects otherwise (e.g. “ $()$ ” or “ $((()())$ ”).

Turing Machine M_3 : Input string $w \in \{(,)\}^*$.

If input string is Λ stop and accept.

Else, repeat until no $)$ is found:

Scan to the right until $)$ or Λ .

If $)$ is found replace by X .

Scan to the left until $($.

Replace by X .

Scan to the left over all X 's until Λ (check that no $($ are left).

Stop and accept.

