

Q. Design Turing Machine for language $L = \{0^n 1^n 2^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

Solution:

Before designing the required Turing machine M , let us evolve a procedure for processing the input string 112233. After processing, we require the ID to be of the form $bbbbbbq_7$. The processing is done by using five steps:

Step 1 q_1 is the initial state. The R/W head scans the leftmost 1, replaces 1 by b , and moves to the right. M enters q_2 .

Step 2 On scanning the leftmost 2, the R/W head replaces 2 by b and moves to the right. M enters q_3 .

Step 3 On scanning the leftmost 3, the R/W head replaces 3 by b , and moves to the right. M enters q_4 .

Step 4 After scanning the rightmost 3, the R/W head moves to the left until it finds the leftmost 1. As a result, the leftmost 1, 2 and 3 are replaced by b .

Step 5 Steps 1–4 are repeated until all 1's, 2's and 3's are replaced by blanks. The change of IDs due to processing of 112233 is given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & q_1 112233 \mid \text{---} b q_2 12233 \mid \text{---} b 1 q_2 2233 \mid \text{---} b 1 b q_3 233 \mid \text{---} b 1 b 2 q_3 33 \\
 & \mid \text{---} b 1 b 2 b q_4 3 \mid \text{---} b 1 b_2 q_5 b 3 \mid \text{---} b 1 b q_5 2 b 3 \mid \text{---} b 1 q_5 b 2 b 3 \mid \text{---} b q_5 1 b 2 b 3 \\
 & \mid \text{---} q_6 b 1 b 2 b 3 \mid \text{---} b q_1 1 b 2 b 3 \mid \text{---} b b q_2 b 2 b 3 \mid \text{---} b b b q_2 2 b 3 \\
 & \mid \text{---} b b b b q_3 b 3 \mid \text{---} b b b b b q_3 3 \mid \text{---} b b b b b b q_4 b \mid \text{---} b b b b b b q_7 b b
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$q_1 112233 \mid \text{---} q_7 b b b b b b$$

As q_7 is an accepting state, the input string 112233 is accepted.

Now we can construct the transition table for M .

<i>Present state</i>	<i>Input tape symbol</i>			
	1	2	3	<i>b</i>
$\rightarrow q_1$	bRq_2			bRq_1
q_2	$1Rq_2$	bRq_3		bRq_2
q_3		$2Rq_3$	bRq_4	bRq_3
q_4			$3Lq_5$	bLq_7
q_5	$1Lq_6$	$2Lq_5$		bLq_5
q_6	$1Lq_6$			bRq_1
q_7				

It can be seen from the table that strings other than those of the form $0^n 1^n 2^n$ are not accepted. It is advisable to compute the computation sequence for strings like 1223, 1123, 1233 and then see that these strings are rejected by M .