

THEORY OF COMPUTABLE FUNCTIONS

PROBLEM SET 0

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The task of this Problem Set is to demonstrate that a number of functions can be computed by Turing Machines or that there are Turing machines that perform certain actions.

PROBLEM 0.

Devise a Turing machine that moves one square to the right and stops. Call this Turing machine  $T_{\text{right}}$ . There is also  $T_{\text{left}}$ , but don't worry about it.

PROBLEM 1.

Devise a Turing machine  $T_0$  that writes a 0 and stops. Don't worry about  $T_1$ .

PROBLEM 2.

Devise a Turing machine  $T_{\ell\text{seek}0}$  that finds the first 0 to the left and stops. Don't worry about  $T_{r\text{seek}0}$ .

PROBLEM 3.

Devise a Turing machine  $T_{\ell\text{seek}1}$  that finds the first 1 to the left, if there is one, and stops, but never stops if there is none.

PROBLEM 4.

Devise a Turing machine that performs subtraction. This machine should halt when given  $n$  and  $m$  with the result  $n - m$  provided  $m \leq n$  and otherwise the machine doesn't halt.

PROBLEM 5.

Devise Turing machines  $U_i^n$  to compute projection functions. Here  $U_i^n(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) = a_i$ .