

Logic. Computational Complexity

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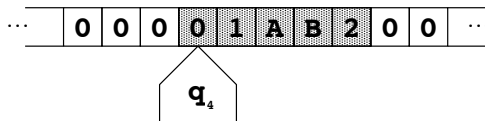
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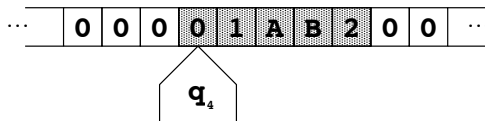
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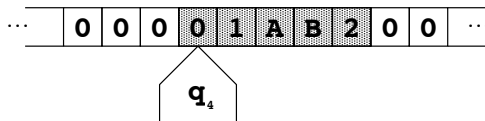
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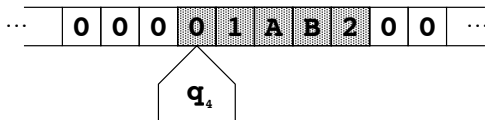


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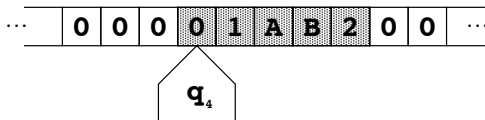
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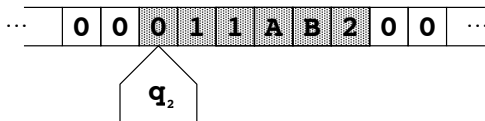
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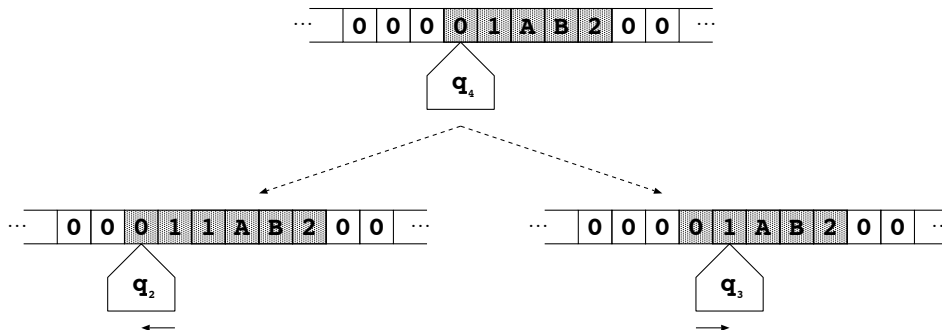
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Exercise: Turing machine in Prolog

- We use `tape(Ls, S, Rs)` to represent the current symbol `S`, the left fragment of the tape `Ls` (reversed) and the right one `Rs`.

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compute(Q, T, T) :- final(Q), !.
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compute(Q0, tape(Ls0, S, Rs0), T) :-  
    showmachine(Q0, Ls0, S, Rs0),  
    t(Q0, S, Q1, S1, Action),  
    move(Action, tape(Ls0, S1, Rs0), T1),  
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move(l, tape([], S, Rs), tape([], 0, [S|Rs])).  
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