Automata and Computation Theory Homework 6 Instructor: Xin Li

The function T(n) is not known in advance.

1. (25 points) Define a two-dimensional Turing machine to be a TM where each of its tapes is an infinite grid (and the read/write head can move not only Left and Right but also Up and Down). Show that for every $T: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$, any two-dimensional TM that runs in time T(n) can be simulated by a standard (one-dimensional) TM in time $O(T(n)^2)$. Note: You may assume that the tapes of the two-dimensional TM start at (0,0) and can only access points with non-negative integer coordinates.

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2. (25 points) Define a RAM Turing machine to be a Turing machine that has random access memory. We formalize this as follows: The machine has an infinite array A that is initialized to all blanks. It accesses this array as follows. One of the machine's work tapes is designated as the address tape. Also the machine has two special alphabet symbols denoted by R and W and an additional state we denote by q_{access} . Whenever the machine enters q_{access} , if its address tape contains [i]R (where [i] denotes the binary representation of [i]) then the value A[i] is written in the cell next to the R symbol. If its tape contains $[i]W\sigma$ (where σ is some symbol in the machine's alphabet) then A[i] is set to the value σ .

Show that for every $T: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$, any RAM TM that runs in time T(n) can be simulated by a standard TM in time $O(T(n)^3)$.

- 3. (25 points) Let $T = \{\langle M \rangle | M \text{ is a TM that accepts } \alpha^{\mathcal{R}} \text{ whenever it accepts } \alpha \}$. Show that T is undecidable. Note: $\alpha^{\mathcal{R}}$ is the reverse string of α . You may assume the alphabet is $\{0,1\}$.
- 4. (25 points) Define the language

 $C_{TM} = \{\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle | M_1, M_2 \text{ are two Turing machines such that } L(M_1) \cap L(M_2) = \emptyset. \}$ Show that C_{TM} is unrecognizable.