

Lab02-URM

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1. The right figure is the flow diagram for URM program P .

- (a) Write down the instructions of P .
- (b) Write down the progress of computation with initial configuration of $\{4, 2, 0, 0, \dots\}$?
- (c) What is $f_P^{(2)}$ with initial configuration of $\{x, y, 0, 0, \dots\}$

2. Devise URM programs to compute $f(x) = \max\{x, y\}$, and then draw the corresponding flow diagram.

3. Show “ x is even” is a decidable predicate on \mathbb{Z} .

4. Suppose P is a program without any jump instructions. Show that

- (a) there is a number m such that either $\forall x : f_P^{(1)}(x) = m$, or $\forall x : f_P^{(1)}(x) = x + m$.
- (b) not every computable function is computable in this sense.

5. Show that for each transfer instruction $T(m, n)$ there is a program without any transfer instructions that has exactly the same effect as $T(m, n)$ on any configuration of the URM (Thus transfer instructions are really redundant in the formulation of our URM; it is nevertheless natural and convenient to have transfer as a basic facility of the URM).

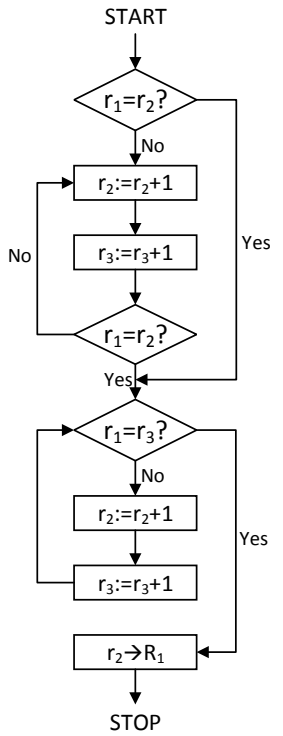
6. Gadgets

In order to construct URM to perform complex operations, it is useful to build it from smaller components that we'll call *gadgets*, which perform specific operations. A gadget will be defined by a series of instructions and will operate on registers that are specified in the gadget's name. For instance, the gadget “predecessor r_n ” denoted by $P(n)$ will subtract 1 from the contents of register R_n if it is non-zero. It can be represented by an instruction sequence shown in the right block. For simplicity, when we obey gadget function $P(l)$, we by default obey $P^{-1}[l_1, \dots, l_n \rightarrow l]$, meaning we will use registers R_{l_1}, \dots, R_{l_n} ($l_i > \rho(P), \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$) and place the result in R_l , without any interference to the next instructions. Now answer the following questions:

- (a) Define a gadget “greater than $r_m > r_n$ ” denoted by $G(m, n, q)$, which determines whether the initial value of R_m is greater than that of R_n . If yes, jump to the q th instruction, otherwise go on to the next instruction.
- (b) Define a gadget “halt with r_n ” denoted by $H(n)$, which leaves R_n with its initial value, and overwrites the initial values of other registers into 0 (write the instruction sequences).

(c) Define a gadget “multiply r_m by r_n to R_p ” denoted by $M(m, n, p)$, which multiplies r_m by r_n and stores the result in R_p .

(d) Describe the function of one argument $f(x)$ computed by the program Q . (What is $f_Q^{(1)}$?)



Gadget $P(1)$

I_1	J(1,4,9)
I_2	S(3)
I_3	J(1,3,7)
I_4	S(2)
I_5	S(3)
I_6	J(1,1,3)
I_7	T(2,1)

URM Q

I'_1	J(1,2,6)
I'_2	S(2)
I'_3	T(2,3)
I'_4	M(2,3,4)
I'_5	G(1,4,2)
I'_6	H(2)