

Design Turing machines  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, \text{start}, \text{accept}, \text{reject})$  for each of the following tasks, either by listing the states  $Q$ , the tape alphabet  $\Gamma$ , and the transition function  $\delta$  (in a table), or by drawing the corresponding labeled graph.

Each of these machines uses the input alphabet  $\Sigma = \{1, \#\}$ ; the tape alphabet  $\Gamma$  can be any superset of  $\{1, \#, \square, \triangleright\}$  where  $\square$  is the blank symbol and  $\triangleright$  is a special symbol marking the left end of the tape. Each machine should **reject** any input not in the form specified below.

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1. On input  $1^n$ , for any non-negative integer  $n$ , write  $1^n \# 1^n$  on the tape and **accept**.
  2. On input  $\#^n 1^m$ , for any non-negative integers  $m$  and  $n$ , write  $1^m$  on the tape and **accept**. In other words, delete all the  $\#$ s and shift the  $1$ s to the start of the tape.
  3. On input  $\# 1^n$ , for any non-negative integer  $n$ , write  $\# 1^{2n}$  on the tape and **accept**. [*Hint: Modify the Turing machine from problem 1.*]
  4. On input  $1^n$ , for any non-negative integer  $n$ , write  $1^{2^n}$  on the tape and **accept**. [*Hint: Use the three previous Turing machines as subroutines.*]
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### Questions to ponder:

- Think of a simple problem for which a 2-tape TM seems to offer much better efficiency than a 1-tape TM. Can you argue that 2-tape machine can be simulated by a 1-tape machine with only a quadratic slow down?
- Can you think about why having more than 2 tapes does not buy a lot of speed up? Can you argue why a  $k$ -tape TM can be simulated by a 2-tape TM with a slow down that has only only a poly-logarithmic overhead?
- How many bits does each *word* in your laptop/desktop have? How many bits did a desktop have 10 years ago, 20 years ago and 30 years ago? How does it limit the data you can work with?
- Suppose you want to multiply two  $n$  bit integers where  $n = 10,000$ . How would you write a program for it? What would be the time complexity?
- You may know about cryptography and RSA. The current RSA public key is 512 bits. Can you think of an algorithm to check if a given 512 bit number is a prime number? How many steps will it take?
- How can a RAM model with say 64 bits per word be simulated by a  $k$ -tape TM? What would be the slow down?