

# Theory of Computer Science

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## Exercise meeting 6

### Exercise 6.1

Consider a Turing machine with  $E = \{q_E\}$ , which encodes the function  $f(\mathbf{a}^n) = (\mathbf{ab})^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Will the Turing machine stop on the following input? If so, what does the final configuration look like?

- (i)  $\mathbf{a}$
- (ii)  $\mathbf{aa}$
- (iii)  $\varepsilon$
- (iv)  $\mathbf{ab}$

### Exercise 6.2

- (a) Specify a Turing machine which removes a prefix of zeros from an input over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Let the result be 0 if the input consists of zeros only or is  $\varepsilon$ .
- (b) Specify a Turing machine which accepts an input over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \#\}$  if and only if the input encodes two positive binary numbers, separated by a single  $\#$ -sign.

### Exercise 6.3

Specify the transition diagram of a Turing machine which computes the *predecessor function*  $pred_2 : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  over the natural numbers:

$$pred_2(n) = \begin{cases} n - 1 & \text{if } n \geq 1 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$