Relative Effectiveness

Standard Models

- Turing machines
- Recursive functions
- Lambda calculus

• Abstract state machines (a.k.a. evolving algebras)

Oracles

- Turing described an extension of Turing machines including an oracle.
- Put an input on the oracle's tape, go to the oracle's state, and get an answer in one step.
- The oracle need not be computable.
- We may say that a function (or language) is computable relative to the oracle(s).

Halting Oracle

• All r.e. languages are computable relative to the halting oracle.

Relative Recursiveness

 In addition to the basic primitive recursive operations (0, successor, projections), there may be oracular operations on the natural numbers.

Abstract State Machines

The oracles are the operations provided by initial states.

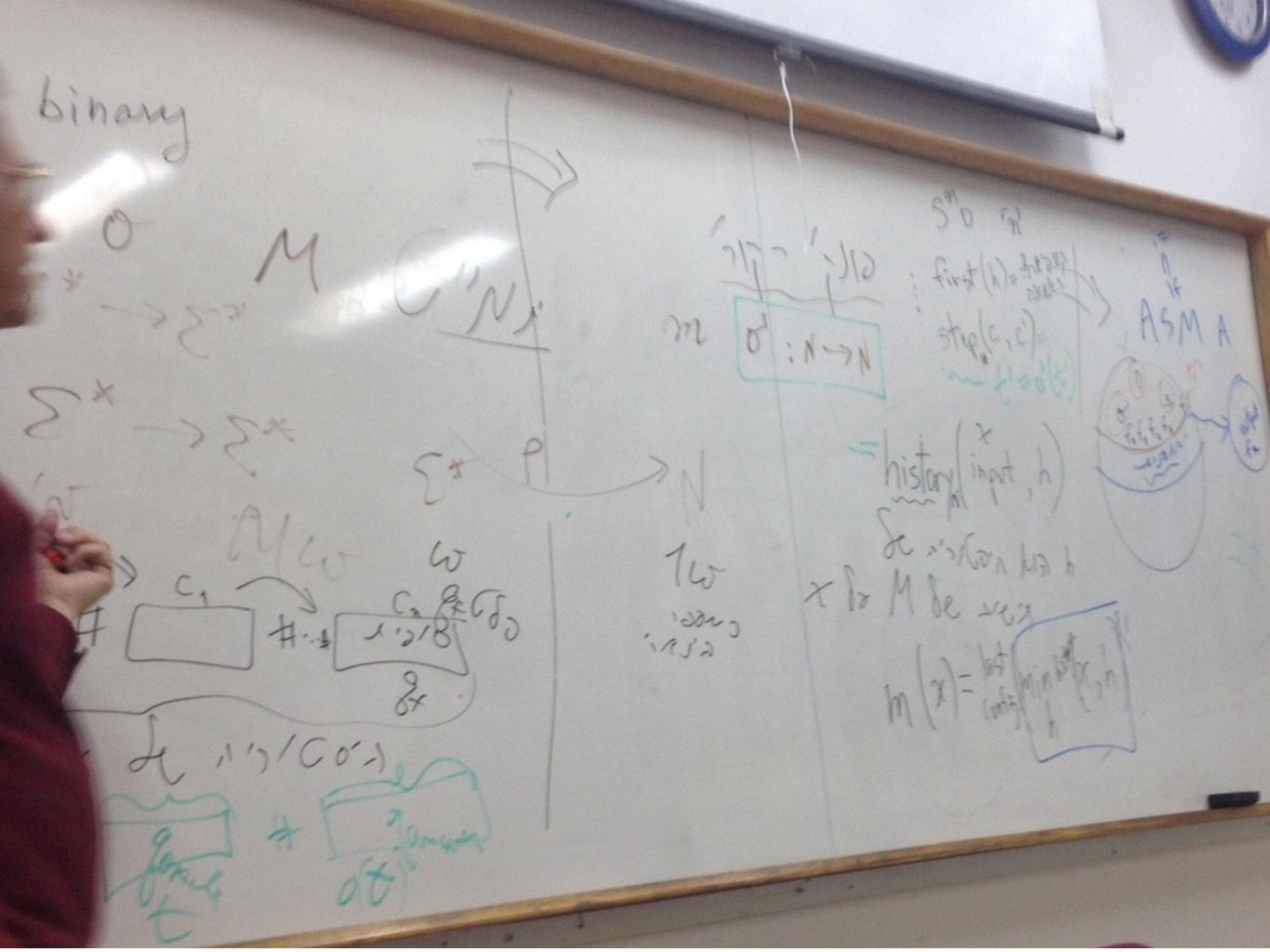
Computable Algebra

- An algebra (domain plus operations) is computable if there is a numerical representation of the domain such that all the basic operations are simulated by (partial) recursive numerical operations.
- Normally, one demands that the injective/bijective representation be "effective", but that is not necessary.

Abstract State Machines

- As state evolves, the values of its locations evolve.
- The evolution depends only on the values of the critical terms.
- The value of each updated location, at each step, can be expressed in terms of the initial values.

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