

## Theory of Computation

## Decidability

DPP 02

## [MSQ]

1. Let  $L = \{(X) \mid \text{is a DFA and } L(X) \text{ is a infinite language}\}$ ; where  $(X)$  represents the illustration of the deterministic finite automata (DFA).

Then which of the statement is/are correct?

- (a) It is recognizable by Turing.
- (b) Its complement is recognizable by Turing.
- (c) It is Turing decidable (recursive).
- (d) It is context-free but not regular.

## [MSQ]

2. Which of the following statement is/are incorrect?
- (a) If  $L$  is CFL and  $A$  is DCFL then  $L-A$  is CFL.
  - (b) The subset of a decidable language is always decidable.
  - (c) If  $L$  and  $A$  are DCFL then  $(\bar{L} \cap \bar{A})$  is CFL.
  - (d) None of the above are incorrect.

## [MCQ]

3. Consider some language  $P \in \{0,1\}^*$  reduces to another language  $Q \in \{0,1\}^*$ . Which of the following statement is true?
- (a)  $P$  is decidable.
  - (b) A Turing machine that recognizes  $P$  can be used to construct a Turing machine that recognizes  $Q$ .
  - (c) If  $Q$  is decidable then  $P$  is decidable.
  - (d) If  $P$  is decidable then  $Q$  is decidable.

## [MCQ]

4. Consider the following statement:
- S<sub>1</sub>:** In phrase structured language, membership problem is semi decidable.
- S<sub>2</sub>:** In context-free languages, membership problem can be solved in polynomial time.
- (a) Only  $S_1$  is true
  - (b) Only  $S_2$  is true
  - (c) Both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are true
  - (d) Neither  $S_1$  nor  $S_2$  is true

## [MCQ]

5. Consider the following statements:

- S<sub>1</sub>:** For a decidable language  $X$ ,  $X^R$  may or may not be decidable. ( $X^R$  represents the reverse of language  $X$ ).
- S<sub>2</sub>:** If  $X$  is not recursively enumerable then  $\bar{X}$  must be recursively enumerable.
- (a) Only  $S_1$  is true
  - (b) Only  $S_2$  is true
  - (c) Both  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  are false
  - (d) Both  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  are true

## [MCQ]

6. Consider the following statements about Turing machine.

- S<sub>1</sub>:** If there is some Turing machine that accepts every string in  $L$  and rejects every string not in  $L$  then  $L$  is decidable.
- S<sub>2</sub>:** If there is some Turing machine that accepts every string in  $L$  and either rejects or loops on every string not in  $L$ , then  $L$  is semi-decidable or computably enumerable (CE).
- (a) Only  $S_1$  is true
  - (b) Only  $S_2$  is true
  - (c) Both  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  are true
  - (d) Neither  $S_1$  nor  $S_2$  is true

## [MSQ]

7. Which of the following is/are decidable properties of context-free?
- (a) for context-free grammar  $X$ , find if string  $w \in X$ .
  - (b) for context-free grammar  $X$ , find if  $L(X) = \emptyset$ .
  - (c) for context-free grammar  $X$ , find if  $L(X)$  is infinite.
  - (d) none of the above are decidable properties of context free.

**[MCQ]**

8. Consider the following statements:

**S<sub>1</sub>:** There is language for which no TM available.  
Then surely language will be Not RE.

**S<sub>2</sub>:** Language is undecidable if and only there is no  
HTM available for language.

Which of the following is incorrect?

- (a) S<sub>1</sub> only.
- (b) S<sub>2</sub> only.
- (c) Both S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>.
- (d) Neither S<sub>1</sub> Nor S<sub>2</sub>.



## Answer Key

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| 1. (a, b, c) | 5. (c)       |
| 2. (a, b, c) | 6. (c)       |
| 3. (c)       | 7. (a, b, c) |
| 4. (c)       | 8. (d)       |



## Hint & Solutions

1. (a, b, c)

$L \rightarrow$  regular

- (a) True:  $\text{Regular} \subset \text{recursively enumerable}$ .  
 (b) True:  $\overline{\text{regular}} = \text{regular}$  and  $\text{regular} \subset \text{RE}$ .  
 (c) True:  $\text{regular} \subset \text{recursive}$ .

2. (a, b, c)

- (a) False: CFL is not closed under intersection.  
 (b) False:  $\Sigma^*$  is decidable but it has undecidable subsets ( $a^p \rightarrow P$  is not prime)  
 (c) False: same as option a  
 Hence, a, b, c are false

3. (c)

If P is reduced to Q then properties of Q are possessed by P hence, answer is 'C'.

4. (c)

- $S_1$ : True  $\rightarrow$  membership problem in unrestricted ( $\therefore$  Phrase is unrestricted) is semi-decidable  
 $S_2$ : True  $\rightarrow$  using CYK algorithm, membership problem in context-free language can be solved in polynomial time.

5. (c)

- $S_1$ : False  $\rightarrow$  On input 'P', the algorithm for  $X^R$ , will reverse 'P' and then run the algorithm for X.  
 $S_2$ : False  $\rightarrow$  There are language like REGULAR which are not R.E. and their complement is also not RE.

6. (c)

- If there is some Turing machine that accepts every string in L and rejects every string not in 'L' then 'L' is decidable.
- If there is some Turing machine that accepts every string in L and either rejects or loops on every string not in L then L is semi decidable or computably enumerable(CE).

7. (a, b, c)

- There exists a membership algorithm for CFG so, it is decidable.
- Context-free emptiness problem is decidable.
- The context-free finiteness problem is decidable.

8. (d)

Both statements are correct.  
 So, Correct option is (d).



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