

Hand in your solution electronically using CMS. Collaboration is encouraged while solving the problems, but:

1. list the names of those with whom you collaborated;
2. you must write up the solutions in your own words.

On this problem set, you do not need to analyze the running times of algorithms and/or reductions, you only need to prove their correctness.

(1) (10 points) Recall that an instance of the halting problem is a string of the form  $x;y$  and the goal is to decide if the Turing machine  $M_x$  encoded by the string  $x$  halts on input  $y$ . If  $M_x$  halts on  $y$ , then  $x;y$  is a YES instance. Otherwise,  $x;y$  is a NO instance. Let us say that a Turing machine  $M$  *fails to solve* the halting problem for instance  $x;y$  if it never terminates or if it produces the wrong answer, i.e., it rejects in case that  $x;y$  is a YES instance or it accepts in case that  $x;y$  is a NO instance.

Because the halting problem is undecidable, we know that for every Turing machine  $M$  there exists an instance  $x;y$  of the halting problem such that  $M$  fails to solve  $x;y$ . Describe an algorithm to find such an instance. The input to your algorithm is a description of a Turing machine  $M$ . For every such input, your algorithm should run for a finite number of steps and output a halting problem instance  $x;y$  such that  $M$  fails to solve  $x;y$ .

(2) (10 points) Call a Turing machine  $M$  *termination-safe* if  $M(y) \neq \nearrow$  for all  $y \in \Sigma^*$ . In other words, a termination-safe machine is one which is guaranteed to terminate on every input string.

Let  $T \subset \Sigma^*$  denote the set of all strings  $x$  such that  $x$  is the description of a termination-safe Turing machine. Prove that  $T$  is not recursively enumerable.

(3) (10 points) As in question (2), let  $T \subset \Sigma^*$  denote the set of all strings  $x$  such that  $x$  is the description of a termination-safe Turing machine. Prove that  $\overline{T}$ , the complement of  $T$  in  $\Sigma^*$ , is not recursively enumerable.