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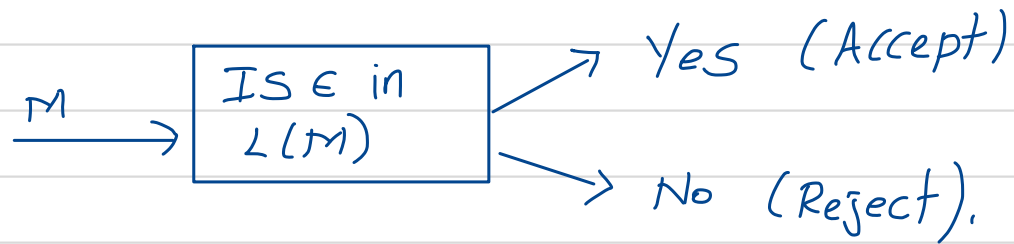
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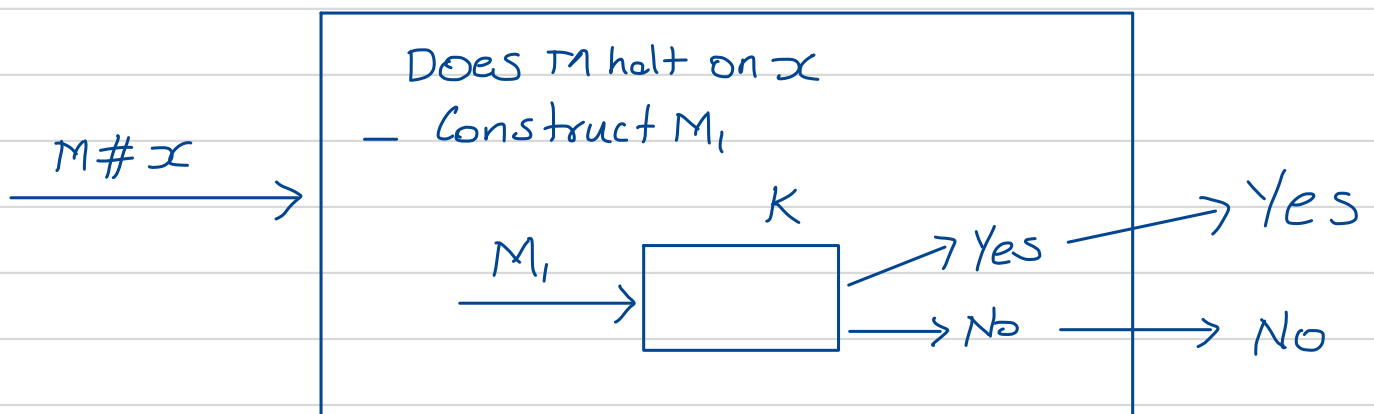
## Properties of TMs.

- Is it decidable if a TM  $M$  accepts  $\epsilon$ ?
- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M) = \emptyset$ ?
- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M) = \Sigma^*$ ?
- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M)$  is regular?
- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M)$  is a CFL?
- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M)$  is recursive?

A total TM  $K$



A total TM  $K'$



Is it decidable if a TM  $M$  accepts  $\epsilon$ ?

Is  $\{M \mid \epsilon \text{ is in } L(M)\}$  recursive?

Suppose  $\exists$  a total TM  $K$  that can decide if a given TM  $M$  accepts  $\epsilon$ . i.e.  $L(K) = \{M \mid \epsilon \text{ is in } L(M)\}$

Then we can construct a total TM  $K'$  s.t.  $L(K') = HP$

- Given a TM  $M$  and  $x$ , to determine if  $M$  halts on  $x$ .

Construct  $M_1$  that on input  $y$  works as follows.

1. Erases its input  $y$ .
  2. writes  $x$  on the tape.
  3. Runs  $M$  on input  $x$
- }  $M$  and  $x$  are hardcoded in  $M'$ .

4. Accept if  $M$  halts on  $x$ .

if  $M$  halts on  $x$ ,  $M_1$  accepts  $y$  for all input  $y$ .

Thus  $L(M_1) = \begin{cases} \Sigma^* & \text{if } M \text{ halts on } x \\ \emptyset & \text{if } M \text{ does not halt on } x. \end{cases}$

Run  $K$  with input  $M_1$ ,

if  $K$  accepts  $\Rightarrow \epsilon \in L(M_1) \Rightarrow L(M_1) = \Sigma^* \Rightarrow M$  halts on  $x$

if  $K$  rejects  $\Rightarrow \epsilon \notin L(M_1) \Rightarrow L(M_1) = \emptyset \Rightarrow M$  does not halt on  $x$ .

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Run  $K$  with input  $M_1$ ,

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Questions.

- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M) = \emptyset$ ?  
Is  $\{M \mid L(M) = \emptyset\}$  recursive?

- Is it decidable if for a TM  $M$ ,  $L(M) = \Sigma^*$ ?  
Is  $\{M \mid L(M) = \Sigma^*\}$  recursive?

Same construction as above.

Question. Is it decidable, for a TM  $M$ , if  $L(M)$  is regular.  
Is  $\{M \mid L(M) \text{ is regular}\}$  recursive?

Choose a set  $A$  that is r.e. but not recursive.  
Eg.  $A = HP$  or  $A = MP$ . Let  $N$  be a TM s.t.  $L(N) = A$ .

Suppose  $\exists$  a total TM  $K$  that can decide, given an arbitrary TM  $M$  if  $L(M)$  is regular.

Then using  $K$ , we can construct a total TM  $K'$  s.t.  $L(K') = HP$

Given  $M$  and  $x$  to determine if  $M$  halts on  $x$ .

Construct a TM  $M_2$  which on input  $y$  does the following:  
 $\rightarrow$  with multiple tracks.

1. Writes  $y$  on one of the tracks
2. Writes  $x$  on a separate track.  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{1. and 2. are} \\ \text{hard coded in } M_2 \end{array} \right\}$
3. Runs  $M$  on input  $x$ .
4. if  $M$  halts on  $x$  then  $M_2$  runs  $N$  on  $y$ .  
( $y$  is  $M_2$  original input)  
 $M_2$  accepts if  $N$  accepts  $y$ .

if  $M$  does not halt on  $x$  then  $M_2$  does not accept any string

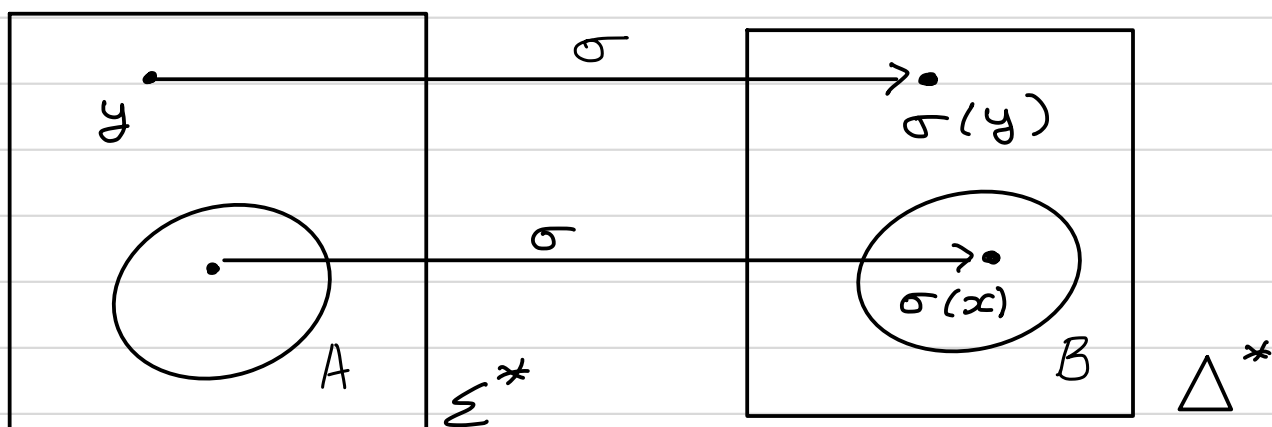
$$L(M_2) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } M \text{ halts on } x. \\ \emptyset & \text{if } M \text{ does not halt on } x. \end{cases}$$

$A$  is not recursive, so  $A$  is not regular; not a CFL  
 $\emptyset$  is regular, CFL and recursive.

Reduction.

Given  $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ ,  $B \subseteq \Delta^*$ , a (many-one) reduction of  $A$  to  $B$  is a computable function

$\sigma: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Delta^*$  s.t.  $\forall x \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $x \in A$  iff  $\sigma(x) \in B$



$\sigma$  should be computable by a total TM.

A total TM that on any input  $x$  writes  $\sigma(x)$  on the tape and halts.

$\sigma$  need not be one-to-one or onto.

$A \leq_m B$  -  $A$  reduces to  $B$  via a map  $\sigma$ .

Observation.  $\leq_m$  between sets is transitive.

if  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B \leq_m C$  then  $A \leq_m C$

$\downarrow \sigma$                        $\downarrow \tau$                        $\downarrow \tau \circ \sigma$

Example 1. Given  $M$  is  $\epsilon$  in  $L(M)$ ?

$$A = \{M \# x \mid M \text{ halts on } x\} = HP$$

$$B = \{M \mid \epsilon \in L(M)\}.$$

$\sigma$  is the computable function  $M \# x \mapsto M_1$ .



Theorem.

1. if  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  is r.e then  $A$  is r.e.

↳ if  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is not r.e then  $B$  is not r.e.

2. if  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  is recursive then  $A$  is recursive

↳ if  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is not recursive then  $B$  is not recursive.