

1. Let  $L = \{\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \mid M_1, M_2 \text{ is a TM and } |\mathcal{L}(M_1)| < |\mathcal{L}(M_2)| < \infty\}$

2.  $L$  is recognizable

3.  $L$  is not co-recognizable

WTS:  $L$  is not co-recognizable

$\implies HALT \leq_m \bar{L}$

Consider the following TM  $F$  and the reduction it computes:

$F =$  “On input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ :

1. Construct a TM  $M_1$  as follows:

$M_1 =$  “On input  $x$ :

1.  $\triangleright$  empty Part1

2. run  $M$  on  $w$

3. if  $x = 0$  then accept else loop”

2. Construct a TM  $M_2$  as follows:

$M_2 =$  “On input  $x$ :

1.  $\triangleright$  empty Part1

2. run  $M$  on  $w$

3. if  $x = 0$  or  $x = 1$  then accept else loop”

3. return  $\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$ ”

We argue that  $\langle M, w \rangle \in HALT \iff \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \in L$

( $\implies$ )

Suppose  $\langle M, w \rangle \in HALT$

$M$  halts on  $w$  [definition of  $HALT$ ]

$\implies M_1$  accepts only the string 0 [description of  $M_1$ ]

$M_2$  accepts only the strings 0 and 1 [description of  $M_2$ ]

$\implies |\mathcal{L}(M_1)| < |\mathcal{L}(M_2)| < \infty$  [ $\mathcal{L}(M_1) = \{0\}$  so  $|\mathcal{L}(M_1)| = 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}(M_2) = \{0, 1\}$  so  $|\mathcal{L}(M_2)| = 2$ ]

$\implies \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \in L$  [definition of  $L$ ]

as wanted.

( $\iff$ )

Suppose  $\langle M, w \rangle \notin HALT$

$M$  loops on  $w$  [definition of  $HALT$ ]

$\implies M_1$  loops on every input [description of  $M_1$ ]

$M_2$  loops on every input [description of  $M_2$ ]

$\implies |\mathcal{L}(M_1)| = |\mathcal{L}(M_2)|$  [ $\mathcal{L}(M_1) = \emptyset$  so  $|\mathcal{L}(M_1)| = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}(M_2) = \emptyset$  so  $|\mathcal{L}(M_2)| = 0$ ]

$\implies \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \notin L$  [definition of  $L$ ]

as wanted.