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From definition of

$$E_{\text{TM}} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = \emptyset \}$$

we see that string s is not its element (i.e. $s \in \overline{E_{\text{TM}}}$) if either s is not an encoding of some TM or $L(N) \neq \emptyset$, where $s = \langle N \rangle$. In second case, this means there is some string w which is accepted by machine N .

Hence the recognizer T for language $\overline{E_{\text{TM}}}$ works as follows:

$T =$ "On input s :

1. Convert string s to TM N which it encodes; if s is not an encoding of any TM, *accept*.
2. Let w_1, w_2, \dots be a list of all strings in Σ^* . For each $k = 1, 2, \dots$ now do the following:
3. Simulate TM N for k steps on strings w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k ; if N accepts any of these strings, *accept*."

We had to be careful with simulating machine N on every string, since it may not halt on some string, which would be inconvenient.

Resultado

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The key is that machines from complement eventually accept some string.

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