

COL352 Assignment

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1 Problem

Let L be a infinite Turing recognizable language. Let M enumerates L . Take another language L' where $L' = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$ where s_1 is the first string enumerated by M and $s_i > s_{i-1}$ lexicographically $\forall i \geq 1$.

such that s_i is the just next string of s_{i-1} enumerated by M .

Claim1: $L' \subseteq L$ and L' is infinite.

Proof: Let us assume the opposite L' is not infinite. $\Rightarrow L'$ is finite of size n . Then s_n would be the last string of L' . Hence s_n must also be the last string enumerated by M . This implies that L is finite as all strings enumerated by M are lexicographically less than s_n .

Contradiction.

Hence L' is infinite. Every string present in L' is enumerated by M . Hence that must also be present in L . Hence $L' \subseteq L$. Our claim is true.

Claim2: L' is decidable.

Proof: If we can construct an enumerator M' for L' then L' would be decidable. We can construct M' as follows for an input x , run M' and compare x to string y produced.

If $x = y$, then accept the input. otherwise, when $|y| > |x|$, reject it. We will reach a condition out of these two after finite no. of steps.

Hence M' is enumerator for L' . Hence our claim is true.

Hence L' is infinite decidable subset. Hence every infinite Turing recognizable language has an infinite decidable set.

2 Problem

To Prove: Single tape TMs that cannot write on portion of the tape containing the input recognize only regular language.

Proof: Let T be the Turing machine as mentioned then $T = (Q, \Sigma, \tau, q_0, q_{acc}, q_{rej})$. It works by switching from input tape to output tape and then back from output tape to input tape.

Now we know by pumping lemma that regular language has a partition abc such that $\forall i > 0$ ab^ic also belongs to set of regular languages if abc belongs to set of regular languages.

Now in our Turing Machine M if we cannot write on portion of tape containing input then we know that input length is fixed. Let's say n and for that we cannot only pump a portion only when there is a change of head pointer i.e head pointer move from input to output or vice-versa. But that is not the case as we cannot write on input tape. Thus all the string formed in this case can be pumped and hence form a set of regular language only.

3 Problem

To Prove: C is Turing recognizable iff \exists a decidable language D such that $C = \{x \mid \exists y((x, y) \in D)\}$

Proof: Here we will be proving both sides. Let's start in backward direction i.e. if \exists a decidable language A such that $C = \{x \mid \exists y((x, y) \in D)\}$ then we will form a Turing Machine T and will take every possible string y so as to check $(x, y) \in D$. If \exists atleast one such string y then T will accept that particular $x \in C$. Thus C will be Turing recognizable.

Now we will move the other way i.e. if C is Turing recognizable then \exists decidable language D such that $C = \{x \mid \exists y((x, y) \in D)\}$.

As C is Turing recognizable. Let's say that Turing Machine be T' . Then we define D as $((x, y) \mid T' \text{ only accepts } x \text{ in atmost } y \text{ steps})$

Claim: D is decidable.

Proof: This is because we only move up to y steps and check whether it has been accepted before and thus its decidability is checked.

Thus, we have $x \in C$ only when the above condition is satisfied for atleast one decidable language D . Hence $\exists D$ such that $C = \{x \mid \exists y((x, y) \in D)\}$.

4 Problem

5 Problem

Given: M Turing Machine, w input string when its head is on the left-most tape cell

Language: M moves its head left on input string w when its head is on the left-most tape cell.

To Prove: Show L is undecidable.

Proof: Let's say \exists a Turing Machine T for which L is decidable.

Now make a Turing Machine T' from T such that T' move tape right by one position and then mark the left point with $.$ Now as we run T' on our language L then there is two cases:

A.) If the head reads

B.) If M halts or accept the string w .

In case A.) the Machine stays at the same state where in the case B.) the head keeps moving to the left. Now let's say we runs X on Machine $T \Rightarrow T$ accepts if X accept otherwise reject. M shifts the head to the left if it accepts w and the head is in the leftmost tape cell. If T decide the halting problem \Rightarrow decidable where as halting problem is undecidable. This contradicts our result.

Hence the language L is Turing undecidable.

6 Problem

Given: M Turing Machine, w input string

Language: $L = \{(M, w) \text{ where } M \text{ moves its head to the left when input } w \text{ is received}\}$

To Prove: Show L is decidable.

Proof: We can show that this language is decidable if we can find a Turing machine for it.

We can construct Turing machine T such that T on receiving the input (M, w) first runs for $n + |w| + 1$ steps and checks if the head of M is moved towards left or not (where n is the number of states). If it is moved towards left, then accepts otherwise rejects. Hence we can see that there exists a Turing machine T for language L . Hence language L is decidable.