

Q1.

Remember that EQ_{CFG} is co-Turing recognizable language if and only if its complement $\overline{EQ_{CFG}}$ is a Turing recognizable language.

Now, $\overline{EQ_{CFG}} = A \cup B$, where

$A = \{w \mid w \text{ does not have any } \langle G1, G2 \rangle \text{ for some CFGs } G1 \text{ and } G2\}$,

$B = \{\langle G1, G2 \rangle \mid G1 \text{ and } G2 \text{ are CFGs and } L(G1) \neq L(G2)\}$

Now, EQ_{CFG} is realized by the following TM M:

M = "on input $\langle G1, G2 \rangle$ where G1 and G2 are CFG

1. Examine if G1, G2 are valid CFG. If at least 1 does not, accept
2. Transform G1, G2 into corresponding CFG G1, G2 both in CNF
3. Replicate the below step 4 for $j = 1, 2, 3..$
4. Examine if G1, and G2 produces s_j if precisely one of them does accept

Hence, it is proved that EQ_{CFG} is co-Turing recognizable language.

Q2.

To prove that T is undecidable use the reduction $ATM \leq_m T$. So, a decider for T produces a decider for ATM , but it is already proved that ATM is undecidable.

So assume that T is decidable and construct a decider for ATM .

Assume R as the decider for T .

Consider a machine as follows:

M_1 on input w_1 :

1. If input is not in the set: $\{01,10\}$, reject
2. If input is 01 , accept
3. If input is 10 , operate machine M on input w and accept if M accepts
4. If M halts and reject then reject.

The following machine D decides ATM :

D on input $\langle M, w \rangle$:

So, Run machine R on input $\langle M \rangle$ and accepts if R accepts, else rejects if R rejects

$L(M_1) = \{01,10\}$ if M accepts w and $\{01\}$ otherwise. Machine R decides T , so it will know when to accept and when to reject. $\langle M_1 \rangle$

Using this faculty, machine D decides ATM , which is known to be undecidable.

The mapping reduction lies in this proof

Hence there is no such machine R and the language T is undecidable.

Q3.

The given problem is defined as the following language:

$USELESS_{TM} = \{ \langle T, q \rangle \mid q \text{ is a useless state in TM } T \}$

Show that $USELESS_{TM}$ is undecidable reducing E_{TM} to $USELESS_{TM}$, where

$E_{TM} = \{ \langle T1 \rangle \mid T1 \text{ is a TM and } L(T1) = \emptyset \}$

Using theorem in 5.2 we know that E_{TM} is undecidable

So $S =$ "on input $\langle T \rangle$, where M is a TM:

1. Run TM R on input $\langle T, q_{accept} \rangle$, where q_{accept} is the accept state of T .
2. If R accepts, accept. If it rejects, then reject

But, since it is known that E_{TM} is undecidable and there cannot be a TM that decides $USELESS_{TM}$

Therefore, it is proved that the given problem is undecidable.

Q4.

Proof: By using contradiction, assume that the busy beaver function BB is computable. If function BB is computable then there exists a TM F for computing it. Now without loss of generality a TM F on input 1^n and the TM F halts with $1^{BB(n)}$ for each value on n.

Now, build a TM M, and this TM halts when it will start from a blank tape based on F.

Construction of TM:

Here M is a TM, which halts when starts from blank tape.

Steps:

1. Now the TM M writes n number of 1s on the tape.
2. TM M doubles the number of 1s on the tape.
3. Now, M executes the TM F on the input 1^{2n}

Therefore, TM M halts from the blank tape. IN order to implement the TM M at most n number of states are required for the step 1 of the TM and c numbers of state are required for step 2 and 3, c is a constant.

Conclusion: By definition BB (n+c) is the max number of 1s on which TM with states (n+c) will halt is at least the number of 1s on which the TM M halts. Which means that $BB(n+c) \geq BB(2n)$ and this relationship will hold for all the values on n. Hence there is a contradiction since it is stricktly increasing function so $BB(n+c) < BB(2n)$, therefor it is not a computable function.

Q5. [Extra Credit]

Decidability:

Assume that $B = 0^*1^*$ thus it is required to prove that A is decidable iff $A \leq_m B$. Solution can be divided into two parts.

1. If A is decidable then $A \leq_m B$
2. If $A \leq_m B$ then A is decidable

If A is decidable then $A \leq_m B$.

Proof: Define a function f as follows:

$f(s) = 01$ if $s \in A$

$f(s) = 10$ otherwise

Since A is decidable, decider can be used for A to compute f .

Also, $s \in A$ iff $f(s) \in B$.

Hence, f is mapping reduction from A to B

If $A \leq_m B$ then A is decidable

Proof: Since $A \leq_m B$ there exists a function f , such that $w \in A$ iff $f(w) \in B$

Now consider TM M :

$M =$ "on input w :

1. Compute $f(w)$
2. If $f(w)$ is in form of 0^*1^* then accept, else reject.