

transition function, where L is left shift, R is right shift, N is no shift.

3-State Busy Beaver

A turing machine that attains the maximum number of steps performed or number of nonblank symbols finally on the tape among all Turing machines of a certain class.

- $Q = \{A, B, C, HALT\}$
- $\Gamma = \{0, 1\}$
- $\beta = 0$ ("blank")
- $\Sigma = \{1\}$
- $q_0 = A$ (initial state)
- $F = \{HALT\}$
- δ is given on attached page

Decidable Languages

A decidable language is:

- A recursive subset in the set of all possible words over the alphabet of the language
- A formal language for which there exists a Turing machine which will, when presented with any finite input string, halt and accept if the string is in the language, and halt and reject otherwise. The Turing machine always halts; it is known as a decider and is said to decide the language.

Decider

A decider is a machine that halts for every input. Also known as a total turing machine. $L(M)$ is decidable.

Closure Properties

Decidable languages are closed under the following operations (if L and P are two decidable languages, then the following are also decidable):

- Kleene star L^*
- Concatenation $L.P$
- Union $L \cup P$
- Intersection $L \cap P$
- Complement \bar{L}
- Set difference $L - P$ (can be expressed in terms of intersection and complement)

Decidability

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA that accepts input string } w \}$

- Need to present a Turing machine M that decides A_{DFA}
- $M =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$, where B is a DFA and w is a string:
 - Simulate B on input w
 - If the simulation ends in an accept state, accept. Otherwise, reject

- When M receives its input, it checks whether the input is actually a DFA and string. If not, reject.
- M then carries out the simulation, keeping track of B ’s state and position on its tape
- When M finishes processing the last symbol of w , it accepts if B is in an accepting state; rejects otherwise.

Undecidable Languages

Assume that $A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M(w) \text{ enters “accept”} \}$ is undecidable. The following are undecidable:

- $\{ \langle M, w \rangle : M(w) \text{ enters state } q_5 \}$
- $\{ \langle M, w \rangle : M(w) \text{ prints 5} \}$
- $\{ \langle M, w \rangle : M(w) \text{ enumerates } 0^n 1^n \}$
- $\{ \langle M \rangle : M() \text{ enumerates } 0^n 1^n \}$
- $\{ \langle M \rangle : M() \text{ enumerates a regular language} \}$
- $\{ \langle M \rangle : \text{For } M \text{ as an enumerator, } L(M) \text{ is regular} \}$
- $\{ \langle M \rangle : \text{For } M \text{ as a recognizer, } L(M) \text{ is regular} \}$
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Halting Problem

$A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: A_{TM} is undecidable.

Proof:

- Assume A_{TM} is decidable. Suppose H is a decider for A_{TM} : $H(\langle M, w \rangle) = \{ \text{accept if } M \text{ accepts } w; \text{reject otherwise} \}$
- Construct a new TM D that calls H to determine what M does when M is its own input. $D =$ “On input $\langle M \rangle$:
 - Run H on input $\langle M, \langle M \rangle \rangle$
 - Output the opposite of what H outputs
- Example of D : $D(\langle M \rangle) = \{ \text{accept if } M \text{ does not accept } \langle M \rangle, \text{reject if } M \text{ accepts } \langle M \rangle \}$
- Run D with itself as input: $D(\langle D \rangle) = \{ \text{accept if } D \text{ does not accept } \langle D \rangle; \text{reject if } D \text{ accepts } \langle D \rangle \}$
- No matter what D does, it is forced to do the opposite \rightarrow contradiction. Thus, neither D nor H can exist. Therefore, A_{TM} is undecidable.

Relationships

- If L is decidable, then L is recognizabl. **Given decider D , let R simulate D . If D is about**

to enter REJECT, then R instead loops

- The decidable languages are closed under complement. **Exchange REJECT and ACCEPT states.**
 - The recognizable languages are closed under projection. If $\{ \langle x, y \rangle : P(x, y) \}$ is some decidable language of pairs, then $\{ x : \exists y P(x, y) \}$ is recognizable. **Given R for the pairs language, build R' to try all y , breadth-first, and simulate $R(x, y)$**
 - The recognizable languages are not closed under complement, so some recognizable language is not decidable
 - L has a recognizer iff L has an enumerator
 - L has a decider iff L has an enumerator that outputs **in lexicographic order**
- ### Equivalencies
- If L has a recognizer R , then a simulating enumerator E tries all strings $w = \epsilon, 0, 1, 00, \dots$ breadth-first and prints w if $R(w)$ accepts. Then $L(R) \subseteq L(E)$, $L(E) \subseteq L(R)$
 - If L has an enumerator E , then a simulating recognizer R on input w runs E . R accepts if R sees that E prints w
 - If L has a decider D , then a simulating emulator E tries all strings $w = \epsilon, 0, 1, 00, \dots$ depth-first
 - If L is finite, L has a decider. Otherwise, if L has a sorted-order enumerator E , then a simulating decider D on winput w runs E . D accepts w if D sees that E pritns w , and D rejects w if D sees that E prints anything after w
 - If L is recognizable and \bar{L} is recognizable, then L is decidable
 - Some language is neither recognizable nor co-recognizable
 - If A_{TM} were co-recognizable, A_{TM} would be decidable. On input $\langle M, w \rangle$, interleave recognizers for A_{TM} and $\overline{A_{TM}}$. When one of the recognizers halts, decide $\langle M, w \rangle \in A_{TM}$. So $\overline{A_{TM}}$ is not recognizable.
 - Similarly, if L is recognizable and co-recognizable, then L is decidable.

Recognizers

Recognizers either reach **accept** or loop forever. $L(M) = \{ w : M(w) \text{ reaches$

ACCEPT} is recognizable.

Enumerators

An enumerator is a variant of a TM with an attached printer; used as an output device to print strings. Every time the TM wants to add a string to the list of recognized strings it sends it to the printer.

An enumerator starts with a blank input tape. If it does not halt, it may print an infinite list of strings.

The language recognized by the enumerator is the collection of strings that it eventually prints out. These strings may be generated in any order, possibly with repetitions.

Theorem: A language A is

Turing-recognizable iff some enumerator enumerates it.

if: If A is recognizable it means that there is some TM M that recognizes A . Then we can construct an enumerator E for A . For this, consider s_1, s_2, \dots , the list of all possible strings in Σ^* , where Σ is the alphabet of M .

$E =$ “Ignore the input.

- Repeat for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- Run M for i steps on each input s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i
- If any computation accepts, print the corresponding s_j

Note that if M accepts s , eventually it will appear on the list generated by E . It will appear infinitely many times because M runs from the beginning on each string for each repetition of step 1 – it appears that it runs in parallel on all possible input strings.

only if: If we have an enumerator E that enumerates a language A then a TM M recognizes A . M operates on input w :

- Run E on w . Every time E outputs a string, compare it with w
- If W ever appears in the output of E , accept.

Clearly, M accepts those strings that appear on E ’s list.

Double Indefinite Tape

A Turing machine with double indefinite tape has indefinite tape to the left and right. Assume that the tape is initially filled with blanks except for the portio that contains the input. Show that a TM D with double infinite tape can simulate an ordinary TM M and M can simulate a TM D with double infinite tape.

Simulating M by D

A TM D with double infinite tape can simulate M by marking the left-hand side of the input to detect and prevent the head from moving off that end.

Simulating D by M

First, we show how to simulate D with a 2-tape TM M

- The first tape of M is written with the input string; second tape is blank
- Cut the tape pf the double infinite tape TM into two parts at the starting cell of the input string
- The portion with the input string and all blank spaces to its right appears on the first tape of the 2-tape TM. The other portion appears on the second tape in reverse order.

Multi-Tape Turing Machines

Theorem: Every multitape Turing machine has an equivalent single tape Turing machine.

Proof: We show how to convert a multitape TM M into a single tape TM S . Assume that M has k tapes. S will simulate the effect of k tapes by storing their information on its single tape. S uses a symbol “ $\#$ ” as a delimiter to separate the contents of the tapes, and keeps track of the locations of the heads by marking the symbols where the heads should be with a dot.

$S =$ “On input $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$

- Put $S(tape)$ in the format that represents $M(tapes)$, described above
- Scan the tape from the first “ $\#$ ” (representing the left-hand end) to the $(k + 1)$ st “ $\#$ ” (right-hand end) to determine the symbols under the virtual heads. Then S makes a second pass to update it according to M ’s δ function
- If S moves one of the virtual heads to the right of a “ $\#$ ”, M has moved on the corresponding tape to unread blank contents. So S shifts the tape contents from this cell until the rightmost “ $\#$ ” and writes a blank value on the freed tape cell. It continues the simualtion.

Rice’s Theory

A property of recognizable languages is itself a recognizable language. Because of this, “regularity” is a property. If language L has a nontrivial property P , such that $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \in P \}$, L is not decidable. This indicates that **if a language has some nontrivial property, it is not decidable**.

Note that the theorem does not stipulate whether a language is **recognizable**

Non-Trivial Property

A **property** is a set of recognizable languages, e.g. regularity, “two as ”, etc. A **non-trivial property** P is a language which contains and avoids at least one recognizable language. Simply, P if any property which requires more computing capability than can effectively be used, thus can not be decided.

Countability

A set is considered countable if it either has a finite number of elements or it has the same size as the set of natural numbers ($\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$). **The real numbers are uncountable**

Misc Theorems

- The class of regular languages is closed under the union operation
- The class of regular languages is closed under the concatenation operation
- The class of regular languages is closed under the star operation
- Every nondeterministic finite automaton has an equivalent deterministic finite automaton
- A language is regular iff some nondeterministic finite automaton recognizes it
- A language is regular iff some regular expression describes it
- If a language is described by a regular expression, then it is regular
- Every multitape Turing machine has an equivalent single tape turing machine
- A language is Turing-recognizable iff some multitape Turing machine recognizes it
- A language is Turing-recognizable iff some enumerator enumerates it
- Regular expressions, NFAs, and DFAs are decidable
- Every context-free language is decidable
- The set of real numbers is uncountable
- Some languages are not Turing-recognizable
- A language is decidable iff it is Turing-recognizable and co-Turing recognizable
- Regular languages are undecidable
- If M is a linear bounded automaton (Turing machine where tape head states inside of the input) where $L(M) = \emptyset$, then the machine M is undecidable
- If G is a context-free grammar and $L(G) = \Sigma^*$, then the machine G is undecidable

3-State Busy Beaver State Table

Tape Symbol	Current State A			Current State B			Current State C		
	Write Symbol	Move Tape	Next State	Write Symbol	Move Tape	Next State	Write Symbol	Move Tape	Next State
0	1	R	B	1	L	A	1	L	B
1	1	L	C	1	R	B	1	R	HALT