

HW 11 Due 15 nov 2017

1. Are the following languages Turing decidable, Turing acceptable but not Turing-decidable, or not even Turing acceptable?

- $L = \{\rho(M)\rho(w) : M \text{ uses a finite number of tape cells when running on input } w\}.$
- $L = \{\rho(M)\rho(w)01^n0 : M \text{ uses at most } n \text{ tape cells when running on input } w\}.$

Here, “using n cells” means that the head of the (deterministic) TM M reaches the n -th cell from the left during its computation. Justify your answers clearly: both exercises require careful thinking.

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2. Are the following languages Turing-decidable? Turing-acceptable but not Turing-decidable? Not even Turing-acceptable? For each answer, just give an intuitive explanation of your reasoning, no formal proof is required (just as in class, M is a generic deterministic Turing machine, w a generic input string to it, and ρ is an encoding function).

- $\{\rho(M) : |L(M)| \leq 10\}$
- $\{\rho(M) : |L(M)| \geq 10\}$
- $\{\rho(M)\rho(w) : M \searrow w \text{ in 10 steps or less}\}$
- $\{\rho(M)\rho(w) : M \searrow w \text{ in 10 steps or more}\}$

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3. Use reduction to prove that the language

$$L = \{\rho(M_1)\rho(M_2) : L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)\}$$

is not decidable (M_1 and M_2 are Turing machines, of course).

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