

② $\overline{HP} \leq_m \text{INFIN}$ (INFIN is not r.e.)

$$A = \overline{HP} \quad B = \text{INFIN}$$

$f(\langle M \rangle, x) \mapsto \langle M' \rangle$ s.t.

- if M does not halt on x
- then $L(M')$ is infinite
 - if M halts on x , - then $L(M)$ is finite
- } require this from the reduction

$M'(y)$: Simulate M on x for $|y|$ steps
if M has not halted, accept y

① if M does not halt on x , then $\forall y$
 M does not halt on x in $|y|$ steps
 $\Rightarrow y \in L(M') \Rightarrow L(M') = \Sigma^* \Rightarrow \langle M' \rangle \in \text{INFIN}$

② if M reaches a halt state within k steps
on input $x \Rightarrow$ if $|y| > k$, then $y \notin L(M')$
 $\Rightarrow L(M') = \{y \mid |y| \leq k\} \Rightarrow \langle M' \rangle \notin \text{INFIN}$

(3) $\overline{HP} \leq_m FIN$ ($INFIN$ is not co-r.e.)

$$FIN = \overline{INFIN} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \text{ is finite} \}$$

$$A = \overline{HP}, \quad B = FIN$$

$$f(\langle M \rangle, x) \mapsto \langle M' \rangle$$

• if M does not halt on x , then

$L(M')$ is finite

• if M halts on x , then

$L(M')$ is infinite

$M'(y)$: Simulate M on x

if M enters a halting state on x
then accept y

- if M' does not halt on x ,

then $L(M') = \emptyset$

- if M' halts on x , then $L(M') = \Sigma^*$

Rice's theorem

- checking if a language L has a property
- language is represented by a TM that accepts it

A property P of r.e languages is a function $f: \text{set of r.e languages} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$
(subset of languages)

examples: ① language is regular
② language contains ϵ

Theorem: let P be a non-trivial property of r.e languages. Then $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \in P \}$ is undecidable

non-trivial: \exists at least one language with the property, & one language without the property

Property of the languages, not of the TMs that accept them

- $\forall M$ s.t. $L(M) \in P$, we have $\langle M \rangle \in L$

① $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on input } \varepsilon \}$

- undecidable

$HP \leq_m L$

- cannot apply Rice's theorem

consider $A = \Sigma^* - \{ \varepsilon \}$

$M(y)$: if $y = \varepsilon$ reject & halt
else accept & halt

$M'(y)$: if $y = \varepsilon$, loop
else accept & halt

$\langle M \rangle \in L \neq \langle M' \rangle \in L$

But $L(M) = L(M')$

② $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } \varepsilon \}$

if $L(M') = L(M)$ then

$\varepsilon \in L(M)$ iff $\varepsilon \in L(M') \Rightarrow \langle M \rangle \in L$ iff $\langle M' \rangle \in L$