

Membership problem: (MP): Given $\langle M \rangle$ and x ,
check if M accepts x
 $MP = \{ \langle M \rangle, x \mid x \in L(M) \}$

Fact: MP is r.e

Use U to simulate M on x
and accept if M accepts x

Halting problem (HP): Given $\langle M \rangle$ and x
check if M halts on x
 \hookrightarrow enters t or r

Fact: HP is r.e

Again use U to simulate M on x
accept if M enters either t or r

Some properties of recursive & r.e languages

* A language L is co-r.e if \bar{L} is r.e

Theorem: If L is both r.e and co-r.e, then L is recursive

Proof: let M be the TM s.t $L(M) = L$
and M' be the TM s.t $L(M') = \bar{L}$

TM M^* : Simulate M and M' on x
one step at a time

if M accepts x , halt & accept

if M' accepts x , halt & reject

* M^* is total: $x \in L$ or $x \in \bar{L}$

so one of M or M' accepts

$$\overline{HP} = \{ \langle M, x \rangle \mid M \text{ does not halt on } x \}$$

\overline{HP} is co-r.e

Enumeration machines & r.e sets

Enumeration machines - Special types of TMs

- * no input
- * need not halt
- * one i/p /work tape & one o/p tape
- * Special print state, wherein it prints a string in o/p tape, erases it and then exits the print state

Theorem: A language L is r.e iff there is an enumeration machine for L

Time-sharing simulation of M .