

example: strings in  $\text{HALT}_M$

aka let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$

example : strings <sup>not</sup> in  $\text{HALT}_{\text{TM}}$

The final state diagram

$\langle \text{start state}, \text{final state} \rangle$

$\langle \{q_{acc}, q_{rej}\}, \{q_0, 1, 1\}, \{q_0, 1, 1\}, \delta, q_{acc}, q_{acc}, q_{rej}\} \rangle$

consider  $\langle M, \Sigma \rangle$

Week 9

# Week9

# Monday May 23

Recall definition:  $A$  is **mapping reducible to**  $B$  means there is a computable function  $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that for all strings  $x$  in  $\Sigma^*$ ,

$$x \in A \quad \text{if and only if} \quad f(x) \in B.$$

Notation: when  $A$  is mapping reducible to  $B$ , we write  $A \leq_m B$ .

**Theorem** (Sipser 5.23): If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is undecidable, then  $B$  is undecidable.

## Halting problem

$$HALT_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid \text{\textit{M}} \text{ is a Turing machine, } \text{\textit{w}} \text{ is a string, and } \underline{\text{\textit{M}}} \text{ halts on } \underline{\text{\textit{w}}} \}$$

accepts or  
rejects

⬇ We will define a computable function that witnesses the mapping reduction  $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$ .

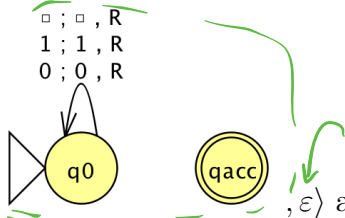
Using Theorem 5.23, we can then conclude that  $HALT_{TM}$  is undecidable.

Define  $F : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  by

Goal:  
 $HAL_{TM}$  is undecidable.

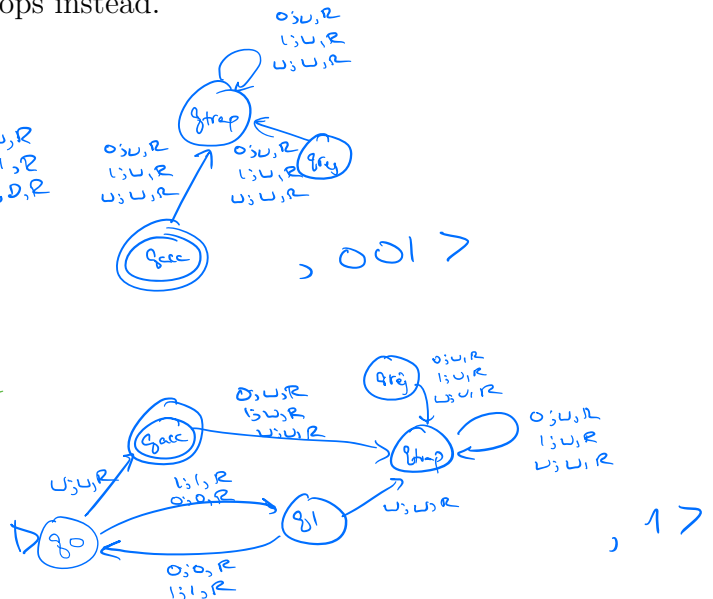
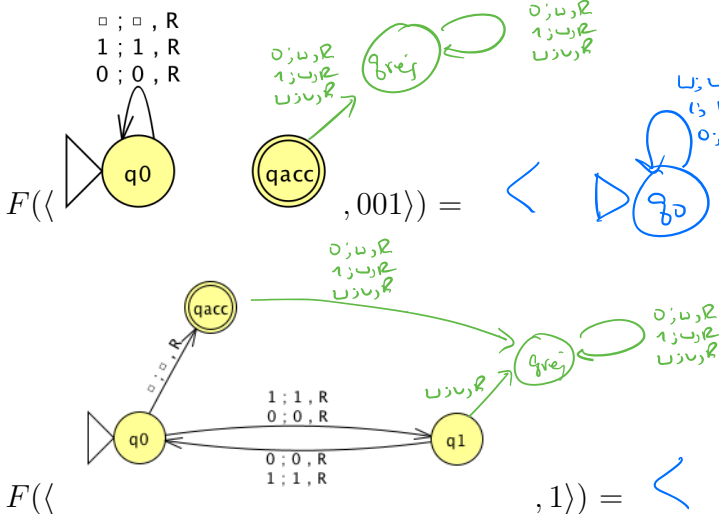
$$\underline{\underline{F(x)}} = \begin{cases} const_{out} & \text{if } x \neq \langle M, w \rangle \text{ for any Turing machine } M \text{ and string } w \text{ over the alphabet of } M \\ \langle M', w \rangle & \text{if } x = \langle M, w \rangle \text{ for some Turing machine } M \text{ and string } w \text{ over the alphabet of } M. \end{cases}$$

loops on all inputs!



where  $\text{const}_{out} = \langle \underbrace{\downarrow}, \underbrace{\downarrow}, \underbrace{\downarrow}, \epsilon \rangle$  and  $M'$  is a Turing machine that computes like  $M$  except, if the computation ever were to go to a reject state,  $M'$  loops instead.

$\underline{X \in A_{TM}}$       HOPE       $\underline{F(x) \in HALT_{TM}}$   
 $\underline{X \notin A_{TM}}$       HOPE       $\underline{F(x) \notin HALT_{TM}}$   
 ↙ x type checks ...  
 ↘ x doesn't type check      constant  $\notin HALT_{TM}$



$$\delta((q, x)) = (q', y, d)$$

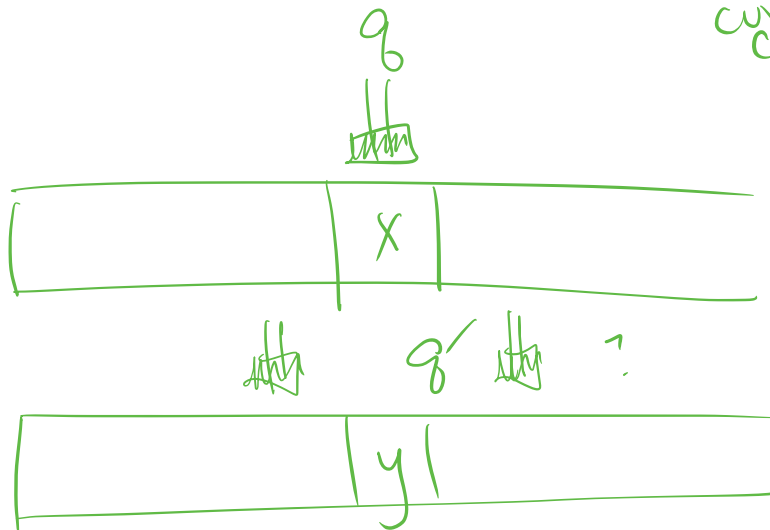
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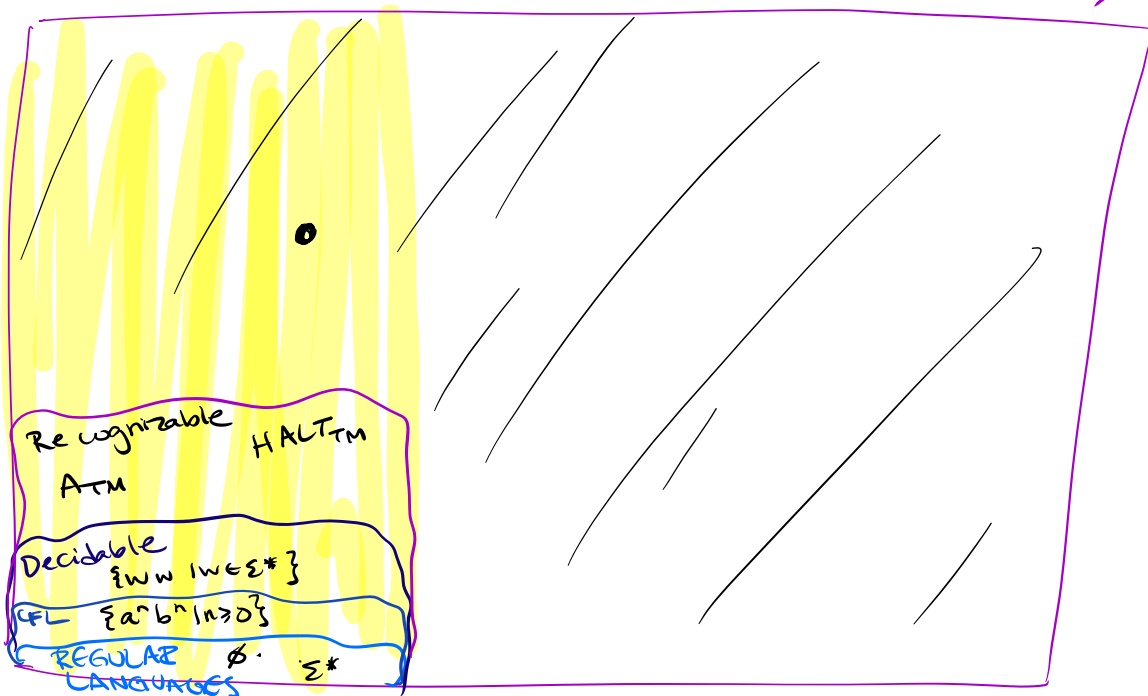
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$\delta(\Sigma^*)$



To use this function to prove that  $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$ , we need two claims:

Claim (1):  $F$  is computable

Define TM by

"On input  $x$

1. If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$   $M$  TM,  $w$  string then  
output constant

2. Else, parse  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$   $M$  TM,  $w$  string.

3. Create the formal def of  $M'$  such that  $M'$  simulates  $M$  except, if  $M$  were to reject  $M'$  loops. i.e. Define  $M' =$  "On input  $y$ :

1. Run  $M$  on  $y$ .
2. If  $M$  accepts, accept
3. If  $M$  rejects: while true, increment"

4. Output  $\langle M', w \rangle$ ."

Claim (2): for every  $x$ ,  $x \in A_{TM}$  iff  $F(x) \in HALT_{TM}$ .

Consider arbitrary string  $x$ .

Case ①  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any TM  $M$ , string  $w$ .

By case assumption,  $x \notin A_{TM}$ .

By def. of  $F$   $F(x) = \text{constant}$ , which we

saw is not in  $HALT_{TM}$ , as needed for this iff

Case ②  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for  $M$  TM,  $w$  string and  $M$  accepts  $w$ .

By case assumption,  $x \in A_{TM}$ .

By def of  $F$ ,  $F(x) = \langle M', w \rangle$ .

Trace  $M'$  on  $w$ : First step, simulate  $M$  on  $w$ . Since  $M$  accepts  $w$ , step 2 of  $M'$ 's def. says  $M'$  does too. In particular,  $M'$  halts on  $w$ , so  $\langle M', w \rangle = F(x) \in HALT_{TM}$  "

Case ③  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for M TM,  $w$  string and  $M$  rejects  $w$

By case assumption  $x \notin A_{TM}$

By def of  $F$ :  $F(x) = \langle M', w \rangle$

Trace  $M'$  on  $w$ : First step simulate  $M$  on  $w$ .

Since by case assumption,  $M$  rejects  $w$ . So  $M'$  enters steps 3 and goes into infinite loop.

Thus  $\langle M', w \rangle = F(x) \notin HALT_{TM}$

□

Case ④  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for M TM,  $w$  string and  $M$  loops on  $w$

By case assumption  $x \notin A_{TM}$  WTS  $F(x) \notin HALT_{TM}$ .

By def of  $F$ :  $F(x) = \langle M', w \rangle$

Trace  $M'$  on  $w$ : First step simulate  $M$  on  $w$ .

By case assumption this simulation never halts

so  $M'$  loops on  $w$ . Thus  $\langle M', w \rangle = F(x) \notin HALT_{TM}$

□

True or ~~False~~:  $\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_m \overline{HALT_{TM}}$

Use same witnessing  $F$  that worked to witness  $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$ .

True or ~~False~~:  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m A_{TM}$ .

Need to define  $G: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  so that for all  $x \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $x \in HALT_{TM}$  iff  $G(x) \in A_{TM}$ .

Define  $G(x) =$  "On input  $x$

1. If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any TM  $M$ , string  $w$   
output  $\langle \text{DO NOT HALT} \rangle$
2. Else, parse  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for TM  $M$ , string  $w$
3. Build TM  $M' =$  "On input  $y$ 
  1. Run  $M$  on  $y$
  2. If accepts, accept
  3. If rejects, accept."
4. Output  $\langle M', w \rangle$ "

Claim:  $G(x)$  witnesses mapping reduction.

To prove: work through cases

① If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$ , wts  $G(x) \notin A_{TM}$ .

② If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  and  $M$  halts on  $w$  wts  $G(x) \in A_{TM}$

③ If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  and  $M$  loops on  $w$  wts  $G(x) \notin A_{TM}$ .

## **Review: Week 9 Monday**

Recall: Review quizzes based on class material are assigned each day. These quizzes will help you track and confirm your understanding of the concepts and examples we work in class. Quizzes can be submitted on Gradescope as many times (with no penalty) as you like until the quiz deadline: the three quizzes each week are all due on Friday (with no penalty late submission open until Sunday).

Please complete the review quiz questions on Gradescope about mapping reductions.

Wednesday May 25

Recall:  $A$  is **mapping reducible** to  $B$ , written  $A \leq_m B$ , means there is a computable function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that for all strings  $x$  in  $\Sigma^*$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x \in A & \text{if and only if} & f(x) \in B. \\ x \notin A & \text{if and only if} & f(x) \notin B. \end{array}$$

**Theorem** (Sipser 5.28): If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  is recognizable, then  $A$  is recognizable.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary and assume  
(1)  $A \leq_m B$  and (2)  $B$  is recognizable  
By (1) there is a TM,  $F$ , that computes a function  
 $F: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  for which  $x \in A$  iff  $F(x) \in B$ .

By (2) there is a TM,  $M_B$ , that recognizes  $B$ .

We want to show there is a TM that recognizes  $A$ : Define

$M_A =$  "On input  $x$ .

1. Calculate  $y = F(x)$ , using  $F$  ← subroutine guaranteed to halt
2. Run  $M_B$  on input  $y$ . ← may loop \*
3. If  $M_B$  accepts  $y$ , accept
4. Else, if  $M_B$  rejects  $y$ , reject."

Claim:  $M_A$  recognizes  $A$  Pft: extra practice.

**Corollary:** If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is unrecognizable, then  $B$  is unrecognizable.

$$A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is TM, } w \text{ string, } w \in L(M) \}$$

$\overline{A_{TM}}$  is undecidable (because  $A_{TM}$  is undecidable)

$\overline{A_{TM}}$  is co-recognizable (because  $A_{TM}$  is recognizable).

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A_{TM}} &= \{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid x \notin A_{TM} \} \\ &= \{ x \in \Sigma^* \mid x \neq \langle M, w \rangle \text{ } M \text{ TM, } w \text{ string} \} \cup \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ doesn't accept } w \} \end{aligned}$$

Strategy:

(i) To prove that a recognizable language  $R$  is undecidable, prove that  $A_{TM} \leq_m R$ .

(ii) To prove that a co-recognizable language  $U$  is undecidable, prove that  $\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_m U$ , i.e. that  $A_{TM} \leq_m \overline{U}$ .

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

Example string in  $E_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{TM whose state diagram is } \text{Diagram 1} \rangle$ . Example string not in  $E_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{TM whose state diagram is } \text{Diagram 2} \rangle$ .

$E_{TM}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

$\overline{E_{TM}}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

Claim:  $A_{TM} \leq_m \overline{E_{TM}}$ .

"parallel" simulation of computation + type check.

**Proof:** Need computable function  $F : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that  $x \in A_{TM}$  iff  $F(x) \notin E_{TM}$ . Define

$F =$  "On input  $x$ ,

1. Type-check whether  $x = \langle M \rangle w$  for some TM  $M$  and string  $w$ . If so, move to step 2; if not, output  $\langle \text{TM whose state diagram is } \text{Diagram 1} \rangle$ .

2. Construct the following machine  $M'_x$ :

$M'_x$  "On input  $y$   
 1. Run  $M$  on  $w$   
 2. If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , accept  $y$ .  
 3. If  $M$  rejects  $w$ , reject  $y$ ."

3. Output  $\langle M'_x \rangle$ ."

Verifying correctness:

$x \in A_{TM}?$	$F(x) \notin E_{TM}?$
Input string	Output string
$x \in A_{TM}$ $\langle M, w \rangle$ where $w \in L(M)$	$\langle M'_x \rangle$ $L(M'_x) = \Sigma^*$ $L(M'_x) \neq \emptyset$
$x \notin A_{TM}$ $\langle M, w \rangle$ where $w \notin L(M)$	$\langle M'_x \rangle$ $L(M'_x) = \emptyset$ $L(M'_x) = \emptyset$
$x$ not encoding any pair of TM and string	$\langle \text{TM whose state diagram is } \text{Diagram 1} \rangle$ $L(M'_x) = \emptyset$ " "



$$EQ_{TM} = \{ \langle M, M' \rangle \mid M \text{ and } M' \text{ are both Turing machines and } L(M) = L(M') \}$$

Example string in  $EQ_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{TM1}, \text{TM2} \rangle$ . Example string not in  $EQ_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{TM3}, \text{TM4} \rangle$ .

$EQ_{TM}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

$\overline{EQ_{TM}}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

To prove, show that  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$  and that  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m \overline{EQ_{TM}}$ .

So since  $HALT_{TM}$  is undecidable, neither is  $EQ_{TM}$ .

Also, get that

$HALT_{TM} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$   
and since  $HALT_{TM}$  is unrecognizable  
neither is  $EQ_{TM}$ .

So  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$

So since  $HALT_{TM}$  is unrecognizable  
neither is  $EQ_{TM}$ .

Consider  $F_1(x) = \text{"On input } x$

1. If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for  $M$  TM,  $w$  string move to step 2; if not output  $\langle \text{TM3}, \text{TM4} \rangle$
2. Construct the following machine  $M'_x$

"On input  $y$

1. If  $y \neq w$ , accept.
2. Else, run  $M$  on  $w$
3. if  $M$  accepts, accept.
4. if  $M$  rejects, accept."

Verifying correctness:

3. Output  $\langle M'_x, \text{TM3} \rangle$

Input string $x \in HALT_{TM}?$	Output string $F_1(x) \in EQ_{TM}?$
$\langle M, w \rangle$ where $M$ halts on $w$	$\langle M'_x, \text{TM3} \rangle$ where $L(M'_x) = \Sigma^*$ In $EQ_{TM}$
$\langle M, w \rangle$ where $M$ loops on $w$	$\langle M'_x, \text{TM3} \rangle$ where $L(M'_x) = \Sigma^* - \{w\}$ Not in $EQ_{TM}$
$x$ not encoding any pair of TM and string	$\langle \text{TM3}, \text{TM4} \rangle$ Not in $EQ_{TM}$

Now build  $F_2(x)$  so that  $x \in HALT_{TM}$  iff  $F_2(x) \notin EQ_{TM}$ .  
(extra practice).

## **Review: Week 9 Wednesday**

Please complete the review quiz questions on Gradescope about mapping reductions.

**Pre class reading for next time:** Introduction to Chapter 7.

# Chapter 7

\*  $L(M) = L$  means for every  $w \in \Sigma^*$ : if  $w \in L$ ,  $M$  accepts  $w$  and if  $w \notin L$  then either  $M$  rejects  $w$  or the computation of  $M$  on  $w$  loops.

Friday May 27

In practice, computers (and Turing machines) don't have infinite tape, and we can't afford to wait unboundedly long for an answer. "Decidable" isn't good enough - we want "Efficiently decidable".

For a given algorithm working on a given input, how long do we need to wait for an answer? How does the running time depend on the input in the worst-case? average-case? We expect to have to spend more time on computations with larger inputs.

A language is **recognizable** if there is a Turing machine that recognizes it  $L(M) = L$   
set of strings  $L$  the set of strings that are each accepted by  $M$  equals  $L$ . \*

A language is **decidable** if there is a decider that decides it. (U)

A language is **efficiently decidable** if \_\_\_\_\_

A function is **computable** if there is a Turing machine that computes it.

A function is **efficiently computable** if \_\_\_\_\_

(U) A decider is a Turing machine which has the property that for all  $w \in \Sigma^*$  the computation of this machine halts.

Definition (Sipser 7.1): For  $M$  a deterministic decider, its **running time** is the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by

$f(n)$  = max number of steps  $M$  takes before halting, over all inputs of length  $n$

Definition (Sipser 7.7): For each function  $t(n)$ , the **time complexity class**  $TIME(t(n))$ , is defined by

$TIME(t(n)) = \{L \mid L \text{ is decidable by a Turing machine with running time in } O(t(n))\}$

An example of an element of  $TIME(1)$  is

$\Sigma^*$   $\emptyset$

An example of an element of  $TIME(n)$  is

$L((\Sigma\Sigma)^*)$

Note: regular languages are decidable in linear time.

Note:  $TIME(1) \subseteq TIME(n) \subseteq TIME(n^2)$

ex:  $\Sigma^*$  is in  $TIME(1)$  and also  $\Sigma^*$  is in  $TIME(n)$ .

Definition (Sipser 7.12):  $P$  is the class of languages that are **decidable** in polynomial time on a deterministic 1-tape Turing machine

$$P = \bigcup_k TIME(n^k)$$

high level descriptions ok for witness

Compare to **exponential time: brute-force search.**

Theorem (Sipser 7.8): Let  $t(n)$  be a function with  $t(n) \geq n$ . Then every  $t(n)$  time deterministic multitape Turing machine has an equivalent  $O(t^2(n))$  time deterministic 1-tape Turing machine.

A function on the set of strings over an alphabet is

$$f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$$

Domain  
set of  
arguments  
to function.

Codomain  
set of possible  
images & function

given by a rule

A computable function  $f$  on  $\Sigma^*$

is a well-defined function for which there is a Turing machine  $F$  that computes it; namely so that for every string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  if  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{the output of } F \\ \text{on input } w \text{ is} \end{array} \right]$  we look at the contents of TM  $F$  after the computation of  $F$  on  $w$  halts, the cells to the left of the first blank give  $f(x)$ .

For Wednesday...

Definition (Sipser 7.9): For  $N$  a nondeterministic decider. The **running time** of  $N$  is the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by

$$f(n) = \max \text{ number of steps } N \text{ takes on any branch before halting, over all inputs of length } n$$

Definition (Sipser 7.21): For each function  $t(n)$ , the **nondeterministic time complexity class**  $NTIME(t(n))$ , is defined by

$$NTIME(t(n)) = \{L \mid L \text{ is decidable by a nondeterministic Turing machine with running time in } O(t(n))\}$$

$$NP = \bigcup_k NTIME(n^k)$$

**True or False:**  $TIME(n^2) \subseteq NTIME(n^2)$

**True or False:**  $\overline{NTIME}(n^2) \subseteq DTIME(n^2)$

### Examples in $P$

*Can't use nondeterminism; Can use multiple tapes; Often need to be "more clever" than naïve / brute force approach*

$$PATH = \{\langle G, s, t \rangle \mid G \text{ is digraph with } n \text{ nodes there is path from } s \text{ to } t\}$$

Use breadth first search to show in  $P$

$$RELPRIME = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are relatively prime integers}\}$$

Use Euclidean Algorithm to show in  $P$

$$L(G) = \{w \mid w \text{ is generated by } G\}$$

(where  $G$  is a context-free grammar). Use dynamic programming to show in  $P$ .

### Examples in $NP$

*"Verifiable" i.e.  $NP$ , Can be decided by a nondeterministic TM in polynomial time, best known deterministic solution may be brute-force, solution can be verified by a deterministic TM in polynomial time.*

$$HAMPATH = \{\langle G, s, t \rangle \mid G \text{ is digraph with } n \text{ nodes, there is path from } s \text{ to } t \text{ that goes through every node exactly once}\}$$

$$VERTEX - COVER = \{\langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph with } n \text{ nodes that has a } k\text{-node vertex cover}\}$$

$$CLIQUE = \{\langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph with } n \text{ nodes that has a } k\text{-clique}\}$$

$$SAT = \{\langle X \rangle \mid X \text{ is a satisfiable Boolean formula with } n \text{ variables}\}$$

## **Review: Week 9 Friday**

Please complete the review quiz questions on Gradescope about TBD

**Pre class reading for next time:** Skim Chapter 7.

In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no lecture or discussion section on Monday.