

# List of decision problems

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## 1 The theory

A decision problem is something that takes an input and asks a question, we wish to determine whether it is possible to make a general algorithm that can answer this question.

### 1.1 Reduces to, $P_1 \leq P_2$

We say a decision problem  $P_1 = (I_1, Q_1)$  reduces to another problem  $P_2 = (I_2, Q_2)$  iff  $\exists F : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$  such that  $\forall i \in I_1 : i$  is a yes instance of  $Q_1$  iff  $F(i)$  is a yes instance of  $Q_2$ .

### 1.2 Reduction theorem

Given two problems and a reduction  $P_1 \leq P_2$  we get two very important results:

**Decideable** if  $P_2$  is decideable then so is  $P_1$ ,

*"if you live inside something solveable, then you too are solveable"*

**Undecideable** if  $P_1$  is undecideable then so is  $P_2$ ,

*"if something unsolveable lives inside of you, there is no salvation in more data"*

### 1.3 Rice theorem

#### 1.3.1 Language property

#### 1.3.2 Examples

## 2 The list

In order to decide whether something is decideable or not, it is very important to have a good list of results to use for our deductions. What follows are lists of problems handled in the lectures and exercise classes of "Beregnelighed & Logik" at Aarhus university in the spring of 2019.

Each will be of the form: Name I: input Q: question

Notation:

TM = set of turing machines  
CFG = set of context free grammars  
REG = set of regular languages

2.1 Decideable problems

I: Q: (2.1)

I: Q: (2.2)

2.2 Undecideable problems

Halting I:  $T \in TM, w \in \Sigma_T,$  Q: does T halt on  $w?$  (2.3)

I: Q: (2.4)