

CS 341 Automata Theory
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Homework 14
Due: Tuesday, April 23

This assignment covers Sections 21.5 - 21.7

Note: We have skipped Rice's Theorem. So problems 4 - 5 are here just in case you're interested in learning about it. They are optional.

- 1) For each of the following languages L , state whether it is in D, SD/D or not SD. Prove your answer. Do not use Rice's Theorem. If you claim that L is not in SD, first prove that it's not in D (for practice), then prove that it's not in SD. Assume that any input of the form $\langle M \rangle$ is a description of a Turing machine.

- a) $\{\langle M \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ accepts exactly two strings and they are of different lengths}\}.$

Answer. □

Proof. □

- b) $\{\langle M, x, y \rangle : M \text{ accepts } \mathbf{xy}\}.$

Answer. □

Proof. □

- c) $\{\langle M \rangle : \text{Turing machine } M \text{ accepts all even length strings}\}.$

Answer. □

Proof. □

- d) $\{\langle M \rangle : M \text{ rejects exactly three strings that start with } \mathbf{a}\}$

Answer. □

Proof. □

- e) $\{\langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) - L(M_b) = \emptyset\}.$

Answer. □

Proof. □

- 2) Prove that TM_{REG} is not in SD.

Proof. □

- 3) For any nonempty alphabet Σ , let L be any decidable language other than \emptyset or Σ^* . Prove that $L \leq_M \neg L$.

Proof. □

- 4) * Do the other half of the proof of Rice's Theorem, i.e., show that the theorem holds if $P(\emptyset) = \text{True}$. (Hint: use a reduction that is not a mapping reduction.)

Proof.

□

- 5) * Use Rice's Theorem to prove that $\{\langle M \rangle : \text{Turing machine } M \text{ accepts at least two odd length strings}\}$ is not in D.

Proof.

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