

A language is said to be decidable if and only if some Turing machine decides it. The Turing machine is a decider if all branches halts on all inputs.

a.

Let L_1 and L_2 be two decidable Languages. M_1 and M_2 be the Turing machines that decides L_1 and L_2 respectively.

There exists a Turing machine M' such that, decides $L_1 \cup L_2$ i.e. $L(M') = L_1 \cup L_2$.

The description of M' is as follows:

M' = on input w :

1. Run M_1 on w . If M_1 accepts, then **accept**.
2. Else Run M_2 on w . If M_2 accepts, then **accept**
3. Else **reject**

M' Accepts w if either M_1 or M_2 accepts it. If both rejects, M' rejects.

Therefore, $L(M') = L_1 \cup L_2$. The decidable languages are closed under union.

b.

Let L_1 and L_2 be two decidable Languages. M_1 and M_2 be the Turing machines that decides L_1 and L_2 respectively.

There is a Turing machine M' such that, it decides concatenation of L_1 and L_2 i.e., $L(M') = L_1 \circ L_2$.

The description of M' is as follows:

M' = on input w :

1. Split w into two parts w_1, w_2 such that $w = w_1 w_2$
2. Run M_1 on w_1 . If M_1 rejected then **reject**.
3. Else run M_2 on w_2 . If M_2 rejected then **reject**.
4. Else **accept**

Try each possible cut of w . If first part is accepted by M_1 and the second part is accepted by M_2 then w is accepted by M' . Else, w does not belong to the concatenation of languages and is rejected.

Therefore, $L(M') = L_1 \circ L_2$. The decidable languages are closed under concatenation.

c.

Let L be a Turing decidable Language and M be the Turing machine that decides L .

There is a Turing machine M' such that, it decides star of L i.e., $L(M') = L^*$.

The description of M' is as follows:

M' = On input w :

1. Split w into n parts such that

$w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$ in different ways.

2. Run M on w_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

If M accepts each of these strings w_i , **accept**.

3. All cuts have been tried without success then **reject**.

When w is cut into different substrings such that every string is accepted by M , then w belongs to the star of L and thus M' accepts w after finite number of steps, else w will be rejected. Since, there are finitely many possible cuts of w , M' will halt after finitely many steps.

Therefore, $L(M') = L^*$. The decidable languages are closed under star.

d.

For a Turing decidable language L , Turing machine decides language M then the complement is M' on input w .

The description of M' is as follows:

M' = on input w :

1. Accepts if M rejects
2. Else **accept**.

Since M' does the opposite of what ever M does, it decides the complement of L .

Therefore, decidable languages are closed under complementation.

e.

Let L_1 and L_2 be two Turing decidable Languages. M_1 and M_2 be the Turing machines that decides L_1 and L_2 respectively.

There is a Turing machine M' such that, it decides intersection of L_1 and L_2 i.e., $L(M') = L_1 \cap L_2$.

The description of M' is as follows:

M' = on input w :

1. Run M_1 on w . if M_1 rejects then **reject**.
2. Else run M_2 on w . if M_2 rejects then **reject**.
3. Else **accept**.

M' Accepts w if both M_1 and M_2 accept it. If either of them rejects then M' rejects w .

Therefore, $L(M') = L_1 \cap L_2$. The decidable languages are closed under intersection.