

Homework 4

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1. Since $f(x, y)$ is a computable function, the C program of $f(x, y)$ would halt on any input (x, y) . If we input given x and y , it would halt and return output $c = f(x, y)$. After we get c , we replace x by c in $f(x, y)$. For given input c and y in $f(c, y)$, $f(c, y)$ takes input and halts with output $z = f(c, y)$. Clearly, $f(c, y)$ is a computable, then so is $f(f(x, y), y)$.

2. We can list $g(n)$ as follow;

$$g(0) = 1$$

$$g(1) = f(g(0)) = f(1)$$

$$g(2) = f(g(1)) = f(f(1))$$

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$$g(n) = f(g(n-1)) = f(f(\dots f(f(1))))$$

$f(n)$ is totally computable, and $f(x)$ is defined for all x . Hence, not matter for $f(1)$ or $f(f(\dots f(f(1))))$, they are computable. So, for given input n , $g(n)$ is defined for all n . Therefore, $g(n)$ is totally computable.

3. In order to show that f is a totally computable function, we can construct an algorithm as follow;

Build a Turing M to recognize L ;

Construct a TM M' :

input n ;

Catch any string in the length of $n/2$ ($\text{mod}(n, 2) = 0$) from L , and double it to be ww . Then M' check whether the constructing string ww is in L . If yes, return 1 and halts, otherwise return 0 and halts.

Since L is recursive, M' will halt on any input n and return 1 or 0. Hence, f is defined for all input n , and so f is totally computable.

4. L is regular, so we have a finite automaton M to accept it.

Input n ;

We construct a FA M' . Also, construct M_1 and M_2 , which are two copies of M ;

Input w , w is a continuous string enumerate from L (e.g. $L = (abbc)$, $w = (a, b, c, ab, bb, bc, abb, bbc, abbc)$).

The length of w should satisfy $w \geq n/2$.

Run M_1 and M_2 in parallel on w on M' ; M_1 starts with the initial state of M , M_2 starts with a guessed state of M ;

At the end of w ; M' check that whether M_1 ends with the starting of guessed state, and M_2 ends with the accepting state of M . If M' say YES, M return 1; If M' say No, M return 0;

Clearly, f is a totally computable function.

5. In order to show whether F terminates is undecidable, we can use the run of G to simulate a 2-counter machine M .

Divide F into one step, and that is :

$$(x_i, y_i, z_i) \xrightarrow{F} (x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}, z_{i+1})$$

Here, we use the one-step F to simulate the program of a 2-counter machine; When F runs one step from (x_i, y_i, z_i) to $(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}, z_{i+1})$, the counter also move from the program line from $z(i)$ to $z(i+1)$; at the same time, x_i, y_i change to (x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) . In which, x represents the x counter; y represents y counter; z represents the change of line code.

Such that, we can define F as :

$$F_k(x_i, y_i, z_i, x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}, z_{i+1}) ; 1 \leq k \leq (\text{number of lines in } M) - 1$$

Translation of $\exists n.G(n, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$ in 2-counter machine program is : M starts with $x = 0, y = 0$ from line 0, and it will reach line 1 with $x = 1, y = 1$. Since it is undecidable in a 2-counter machine, $\exists n.G(n, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$'s hold is also undecidable. Such that whether F terminates is undecidable.

6. In order to show that the LP problem is decidable, we can translate LP problem into Presburger.

Normally, we can write the Lp problem as

$$\exists K(\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \subseteq Z, K \geq f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \wedge \exists K(\exists x_1, \dots, x_n \subseteq Z, K = f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

Since presburger formular $F(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$ holds iff $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$, such that we can write the above one as:

$$\exists K(\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \subseteq Z, F(x_1, \dots, x_n, y), K \geq y) \wedge \exists x_1, \dots, x_n \subseteq Z, F(x_1, \dots, x_n, K))$$

Since Presburger formular is decidable, the LP problem is decidable.

7. From the definition of *linear formula* F , F is defined by a linear constraint, Boolean connection and linear constants, such that we need a quatifier-elimination Algorithm to show , $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ holds iff $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ holds.

We can use the mod constraint as a quatifier-elimination Algorithm; For example,

$$\exists x.(3x - 4y = 7)$$

$$\text{it can be } \exists x.(3x = 4y + 7)$$

then we got $((7 + 4y) \bmod 3 = 0)$, such that we can eliminate quatifier with the mod constraints.

8. In order to prove G 's terminating is undecidable, we can use the four water tanks to simulate a 2-counter machine. We use T_1 to simulate x , use T_2 to simulate y . At the same time, T_3 and T_4 are used to assist the simulation.

Initially, the water level of all the four tanks is exactly 1.

For a 2-counter machine, it only can start with doing $x++$ or $y++$ or check $x == 0$ or $checky == 0$, such that it would do (stay, stay, in, stay) or (stay, stay, stay, in), or do checking; Dedfined that initially it do (stay, stay, in, stay) or (stay, stay, stay, in) .

If the 2-counter machine do $x++$

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If the 2-counter machine do $y++$

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Similary, for $x--$ and $y--$, we can simulate them in the same way. Hence, the four tanks can simulate a 2-counter machine. We know that 2-counter machines' halting problem is undecidable, so whether G is terminating is also undecidable.

9. A is a NPCM (nondeterministic pushdown automaton argumented with reversal-bounded counters). Construct an NFA B for $A_1, A_2 \dots A_n$; N accepts a word $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ iff there is an assignment of each symbol a_i to one of the A_1, \dots, A_r such that if the subsequence of symbols assigned to A_i is w_i , then w_i is accepted by A_i .

Construct B as follows;

Defined δ as the transition function of A_i

Assume the initial state of B is (q_1^0, \dots, q_r^0) ;

Defined the transition δ as

$\delta((q_1, \dots, q_r), a) = \{(p_1, \dots, p_r \mid \text{for some } 1 \leq i \leq r, p_i \in \delta_i(q_i, a)) \text{ and } p_j = q_j \text{ for all } j \neq i\}$

All states (q_1, \dots, q_n) can be accepting states of B ; q_i is the accepting state of A_i .

Construct a NPCM M that accepts a word x if it is accepted by A but not accepted by N .

C simulates A and B in parallel on x by guessing the symbol of x .

It is easy to simulate A . As for the simulation of B , C converts to B without doing the conversion and build / updates the subset as it processes the symbols of x ;

At the end of w , C check that there is no accepting state in the reachable subset.

C accepts if A accepts and B rejects.

Clearly, the system is not distributed-able iff C accepts a nonempty language. Since the emptiness problem for NPCMs is decidable, we can use above alg to decide whether the system is distributed-able.

10. From the definition, (S, \ominus) does not contain any enable objects, then it halts. So, we can design algorithms to decide $(\# \text{ of enable objects}) > 0$ for every (S_i, \ominus_i) during its runs. If YES, then T is bounded. If there are at least one (S_i, \ominus_i) does not contain any enable objects, it will halts; we could say T is unbounded.