

## Unit - IV

Hierarchy of formal Lang & automata:

Rewisive and recursive enumerable languages - unrestricted grammar - context sensitive grammars and languages - chomsky hierarchy.

Limit of algorithmic computation:

Problems that can't be solved by TM - undecidable problems for recursively enumerable languages - post correspondence problem - undecidable problems for CFL.

An overview of computational complexity:

Turing machine models and complexity - language families and complexity classes - complexity classes P and NP - some NP Problems - Polynomial time reduction - NP - completeness.

### Rewisive and Recursive

#### Enumerable languages

Definition:

A Lang L is said to be RE if there exists a TM

that accepts it, such that for every  $w \in L$ ,

$$\exists w \in M^* \exists q_f \in F \quad q_f \in F$$

TM - halt - string accepted

$w \notin L \rightarrow$  TM halts in a non-final state / never halts

L goes to infinite loop.

## Definition: Recursive

- \* A lang  $L$  on  $\Sigma$  is said to be recursive if there exists a TM  $M$  that accepts  $L$  and that halts on every  $w \in \Sigma^+$ .
- \* A lang: is recursive iff there exists a membership algor: for it.

→ Consider a TM  $M$  - That determines membership in a recursive lang:  $L$ .

Consider another TM  $\hat{M}$  - generates all strings in  $\Sigma^+$  in proper order, consider

-  $w_1, w_2, \dots$

$\hat{M}$  generates strings  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  if not accepted  
by  $M$  -  $w_1 \notin L$  -  $\hat{M}$  writes input to tape  
if they are in  $L$ . i.e.  $w \in L$ .

some  $w_j \notin L$ , machine  $M$ , started with  $w_j$  on its tape, may never halt &  $w$  never get into  $L$ .

that follow  $w_j$  in the enumeration.

$\hat{M}$  generates  $w_1$  -  $M$  execute one move on it.

$\hat{M}$  "  $w_2$  -  $M$  second move on  $w_2$ .

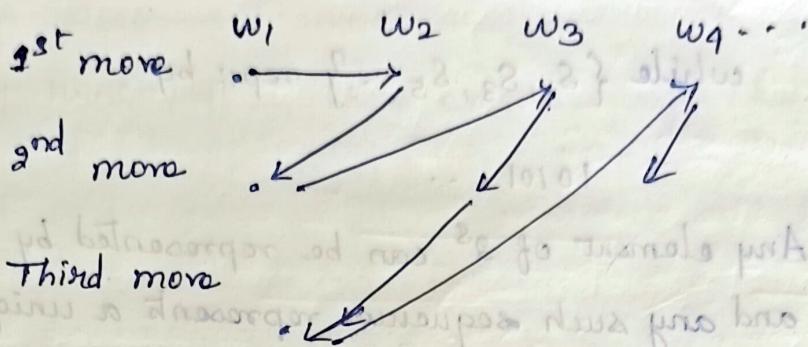
$w_2$  - One step on  $w_3$ .

other moves  $w_n - \text{last}$ ,  $w_3, w_2, w_1$  MT  $\leftarrow$   $w$

good definition of work +

$M$  never gets into an infinite loop.

- \* since  $w \in L$  is generated by  $\hat{M}$  & accepted by  $M$  in a finite number of steps



- \* Every lang for which an enumeration procedure exists is R.E.
- \* if  $w \in L$ , will eventually get a match, & the process can be terminated

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{M} &= w_1, \dots, w_n \\ \text{enu} &= \overbrace{w_1, \dots, w_n}^{\uparrow}\end{aligned}$$

## Languages that are not R.E.:

### Theorem:

Let  $S$  be an infinite countable set. Then its power-set

$2^S$  is not countable.

### Proof:

\* Let  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$

Then any element 't' of  $2^S$  can be represented by a sequence of 0's and 1's, with a '1' in position

'i' iff  $s_i$  is in 't'.

Eq.

The set  $\{S_2, S_3, S_6\}$  rep: by

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while  $\{S_1, S_3, S_5 \dots\}$  rep1: by

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- \* Any element of  $2^S$  can be represented by such a sequence, and any such sequence represents a unique element of  $2^S$ .

- \* Suppose  $2^{\aleph_0}$  were countable

as many sets, depending on its elements, could be written in some order, say  $t_1, t_2, \dots$  and we could enter these into a table.

$t_1$	1	0	0	0	0	- - -		
$t_2$	1	1	0	0	0	- - -		
$t_3$	1	1	1	0	1	0	.	- - -
$t_4$	1	1	1	0	0	1	- - -	

- \* In this table, take the elements in the main diagonal, and complement each entry. That is, replace 0 with 1, and vice versa.
  - \* The elements are 1100, as the result.
  - \* The new sequence along the diagonal rep: some element of  $\mathcal{S}$ , say  $t_i$  for some  $i$ .
  - \* But it cannot be  $t$ , because it differs from  $t$ , through  $\mathcal{S}$ . For some reason it cannot be  $t_2, t_3$  or any other entry in the enumeration.

- \* It involves the manipulation of the diagonal elements of a table, is called diagonalization.

### Theorem:

For any nonempty  $\Sigma$ , there exist languages that are not RE.

$\Sigma^*$  - nos. of subset  $\rightarrow$  every subset is a lang.

### Proof:

$\Sigma^*$  - not countable

↳ but enumeration

↳ is possible.

\* A Lang. is a subset of  $\Sigma^*$ , and every such subset is a Lang.  $\rightarrow$  because  $\Sigma^*$  is infinite.

\* Therefore, the set of all Lang. are exactly  $\Sigma^*$ .  
since  $\Sigma^*$  is infinite.

\* The set of all Lang. on  $\Sigma$  is not countable. But, the set of all TM can be enumerated, so the set of all RE Lang. is countable.

\* There must be some Lang. on  $\Sigma$  that are not RE.

### A Lang. is not RE:

\* A Lang. that can be described in a direct algorithmic fashion can be accepted by a TM  $\rightarrow$  is RE

\* The description of a Lang. that is not RE must be indirect.

↳ diagonalization theme.

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### Theorem:

There exists a RE Language whose complement is not RE.

### Proof:

- \* Let  $\Sigma = \{a\}$  - consider set of all TM with this input alphabet.

- \* A set is countable - its elements  $M_1, M_2, \dots$

- \* For each  $M_i$  - There is an associated RE lang:  $L(M_i)$

- \* For each RE

↳ there is some TM accepts it.

- \* Consider a new lang:  $L$ :

for each  $i \geq 1$ , the string  $a^i$  is in  $L$  iff  $a^i \in L(M_i)$

→ The lang:  $L$  is well defined, since  $a^i \in L(M_i)$

hence  $a^i \in L$ , must be either true or false.

- \* Next consider the complement of  $L$ ,

$$\bar{L} = \{a^i : a^i \notin L(M_i)\}$$

it is well defined but, is not RE.

- \* Starting from the assumption that  $\bar{L}$  is RE.

- \* If this is so, then there must be some TM, say

$M_k$  such that

$$\bar{L} = L(M_k)$$

- \* Now consider the string  $a^k$   
is it in  $L$  or  $\bar{L}$ ?

Suppose  $a^k \in \bar{L}$

$$a^k \in L(M_k)$$

But  $a^k \notin \bar{L}$

$$010 \notin L(M_i) \text{- not RE}$$

$$a^i \in L(M_i) \text{- RE}$$

$$L = L(M_k) \text{- not RE}$$

\* Alternatively, assume that  $a^k$  is in  $L$ ,  
then  $a^k \notin \bar{L}$  implies that  $a^k \notin L(M_k)$   
We get that  $a^k \in \bar{L}$   
conclude that  $\bar{L}$  is not RE.

\* To complete the proof,  $L$  is RE.

Use the known enumeration procedure for TM,  
given  $a^i$ , first find ' $i$ ' by counting the number of  $a^i$ 's.

Consider the universal TM Mu - simulates the action  
of  $M$  on  $a^i$ .

- \* If  $a^i$  is in  $L$ , the computation carried out by Mu will eventually halt.
- \* The combined effect of this is a TM that accepts every  $a^i \in L$ . Therefore,  $L$  is RE.
- \* This proof explicitly exhibits a well defined lang: is not RE.

A language that is RE but not recursive:

Theorem:

If a lang:  $L$  and its complement  $\bar{L}$  are both RE,  
then both lang: are recursive. If  $L$  is recursive, then  
 $\bar{L}$  is also recursive, and consequently both are RE.

Proof:

- \* If  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  are both RE, then there exist TM  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  that serve as enumeration procedures for  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$ , respectively.
- \* The first will produce

$w_1, w_2, \dots$  - in  $L$  - accepted by  $M$   
 $\uparrow \downarrow$   
 $w_1, w_2, \dots$  - in  $\bar{L}$  - accepted by  $\bar{M}$

$L \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{TM } M$   
 $\bar{L} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{TM } \bar{M}$

generated &  
accepted by  $M$

- \* Suppose we are given any  $w \in S^*$ .
  - First M generates  $w_1$ , and compare it with  $w$ .
  - If they are not the same,  $\hat{M}$  generate  $w_2$ . Then  $\hat{M}$  generate  $\hat{w}_2$ , and so on.
- \* Any  $w \in S^*$  will be generated by either  $M$  or  $\hat{M}$ , will get a match.
- \* If the matching string is produced by  $M$ ,  $w$  belongs to  $L$ , otherwise it is in  $\bar{L}$ .
- \* The process is a membership algorithm for both  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$ , so they are both recursive.
- \* Assume that  $L$  is recursive. Then there exists a membership algorithm for it.
- \* But this becomes a membership algorithm for  $\bar{L}$  by simply complementing its conclusion.
- \* Therefore,  $\bar{L}$  is recursive. Since any recursive lang; is RE, the proof is completed.
- \* We conclude that the family of RE lang; and the family of recursive lang; are not identical.
- \* The production rules were allowed to take any form, but various restrictions were later made to get specific grammar types.
- \* We take the general form and impose no restrictions we get unrestricted grammars.

### Unrestricted Grammars

## Definition:

A grammar  $G_1 = (V, T, S, P)$  is called unrestricted if all the productions are of the form

$$U \rightarrow V,$$

where  $U$  is in  $(V \cup T)^*$  and  $V$  is in  $(V \cup T)^*$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aAbX \\ Ab &\rightarrow a \mid \lambda \end{aligned}$$

- \* In an unrestricted grammar, essentially no conditions are imposed on the productions.
- \* Any number of variables and terminals can be on the left or right, and these can occur in any order.
- \* There is only one restriction:  $\lambda$  is not allowed as the left side of a production.
- \* Unrestricted grammars are much more powerful than restricted forms like the regular & CFGs.
- \* Unrestricted grammars correspond to the largest family of lang.; that is, unrestricted grammars generate exactly the family of RE lang.

## Theorem:

The lang; generated by an unrestricted grammar is RE.

### Proof:

- \* The grammar in effect defines a procedure for enumerating all strings in the lang; systematically.
- eg.  $S \Rightarrow w$ , w is derived in one step.
- \* The set of productions of the grammar is finite, there will be finite number of such strings.
- \* Next list all  $fw$  in  $L$  that can be derived in two steps.

$$S \Rightarrow X \Rightarrow w.$$

- \* We can simulate those derivations on a TM and therefore, have an enumeration procedure for the lang.
- \* Hence it is RE
- \* The grammar generate strings by a well-defined algorithmic process, so the derivations can be done on a TM.
- \* Given a TM  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \square, F)$  & want to produce a grammar  $G$  such that  $L(G) = L(M)$ .
- \* The computation of the TM can be described by the sequence of ID

$q_0 w \xrightarrow{*} x q_f y$  — TM Derivation

$q_0 w \Rightarrow x q_f y$  — Grammar derivation.

To construct a grammar the following properties are considered.

1.  $S$  can derive  $q_0 w$  for all  $w \in \Sigma^*$
2.  $q_0 w \xrightarrow{*} x q_f y$  is possible iff  $q_0 w \xrightarrow{*} x q_f y$  holds
3. when a string  $x q_f y$  with  $q_f \in F$  is generated, the grammar generates/translates the string into the original  $w$ .

The complete sequence of derivations is then

$$S \rightarrow q_0 w \Rightarrow x q_f y \Rightarrow w.$$

The third step is troublesome because what

The grammar !  $w$ ! will be modified during the second step?

$$w \leftarrow x \leftarrow S$$

→ The coded version originally has two copies of w.

The first is saved.

Second is used in  $q_0 w \Rightarrow q_f y$ .

→ When a final configuration is entered, the grammar erases everything except the saved w.

→ To produce two copies of 'w' and to handle the state symbol of M, introduce the variables  $V_{ab} \rightarrow$  and  $V_{aib}$  for all  $a \in \Sigma \cup \{\square\}$ ,  $b \in \Gamma$ , and all 'i' such that  $q_i \in Q$ .

→  $V_{ab}$  encodes the two symbols a and b,  
 $V_{aib}$  encodes a and b, as well as state  $q_i$ .

\* The first step can be achieved in the en-coded form by

$$S \rightarrow V_{\square\square} S \mid SV_{\square\square} \mid T$$

$$T \rightarrow TV_{aa} \mid V_{aaa} \text{ for all } a \in \Sigma$$

\* These productions allow the grammar to generate an en-coded version of any string  $q_0 w$  with an arbitrary number of leading and trailing blanks.

\* For the second step, for each transition of M,

$$\delta(q_i, c) = (q_j, d, R)$$

$$V_{aic} \xrightarrow{p, d} V_{ad} V_{pjq}$$

for all  $a, p \in \Sigma \cup \{\square\}$ ,  $q \in \Gamma$ .

For each M,

$$\delta(q_i, c) = (q_j, d, L)$$

$$V_{aic} V_{pq} \Rightarrow V_{pjq} V_{ad}$$

$$V_{pq} V_{aic} = V_{pjq} V_{ad}$$

We include in  $G_1$

$$V_{pq} V_{aic} \rightarrow V_{Pjq} V_{ad} \quad \text{for all } q, p \in \Sigma \cup \{\square\}, q \in \Gamma.$$

- \* In the second step,  $M$  enters a final state, the grammar must then get free of anything except  $w$ , which is saved in the first indices of the  $V$ 's
- \* For every  $q_j \in F$ , include

$$V_{ajb} \rightarrow a,$$

- \* For all  $a, p \in \Sigma \cup \{\square\}$ ,  $b \in \Gamma$ .  
This creates the first terminal in the string,

$$c V_{ab} \rightarrow c a,$$

$$V_{abc} \rightarrow ac,$$

For all  $a, c \in \Sigma \cup \{\square\}$ ,  $b \in \Gamma$ .

We need one more special production

$$\square \rightarrow \lambda.$$

This last production takes care of the case when  $M$  moves outside that part of the tape occupied by the input  $w$ .

$$\underline{\square - \square \mid \square \mid q_0 \mid w \mid \square \mid \square \mid \square}$$

Representing all the tape region used. The unnecessary blanks are removed at the end.

$$(q, b, \bar{p}) = (q, \bar{p})^3$$

Example:

Let  $T^M$   $M$  contain

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$$

$$\Gamma = \{a, b, \Box\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$F = \{q_1\}$$

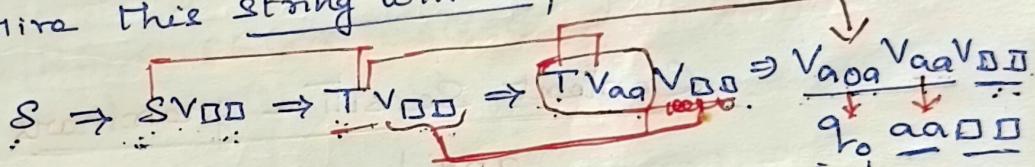
$$\text{and } \delta(q_0, a) = (q_0, a, R)$$

$$\delta(q_0, \square) = (q_1, \square, \sqcup)$$

This machine accepts  $L(aa^*)$

$$w = aa \quad q_0 aa \xrightarrow{} q_0 aq_0 \xrightarrow{} \underbrace{aq_0}_{\hat{q}_1} \xrightarrow{} \underline{aq_1}.$$

\* To derive this string with  $G_1$ ,



- \* The last sentential form is the starting point for the part of the derivation that mimics the compilation of the TM.

Right  $\rightarrow$  Vaa Vaa  $\rightarrow$  Vaa Vaa ?

} and

$$V_{aa} V_{\square\square} \rightarrow V_{aa} V_{\square\square}$$

which are specific instances

beft at final)  $V_{aa} V_{\square \square} \rightarrow V_{aa} V_{\square \square}$   
 Then  $\frac{1}{1}$

unrestricted  
grammar  $\rightarrow$  TH

$$V_{aa} V_{aa} V_{\square\square} \rightarrow V_{aa} \underline{V_{aa}} V_{\square\square} \rightarrow V_{aa} \underline{V_{aa}} \underline{V_{\square\square}} \rightarrow \underline{V_{aa}} \underline{V_{aa}} \underline{V_{\square\square}}$$

## The last stop

$$\frac{Vaa \quad Vaa \quad Vaa}{\square} \Rightarrow Vaa \quad Vaa \quad \square \Rightarrow Vaa \quad \square \Rightarrow aa \quad \square \Rightarrow aa$$

②  $\frac{Vaa \quad Vaa}{c \quad Vab} \rightarrow c \quad a$

## Theorem:

For every RE  $L$ , there exists an unrestricted grammar  $G_1$ , such that  $L = L(G_1)$ .

### Proof:

The construction described guarantees that

$$x \vdash y \text{ then}$$

$$e(x) \Rightarrow e(y)$$

$e(x)$  - the encoding of a string according to the given convention

$$e(q_0 w) \Rightarrow e(y) \text{ iff}$$

$$q_0 w \vdash y$$

## Content Sensitive grammars and Languages.

### Definition

A grammar  $G_1 = (V, T, S, P)$  is said to be content sensitive if all productions are of the form

$$x \rightarrow y$$

where  $x, y \in (V \cup T)^*$  and

$$|x| \leq |y|$$

\* The length of the successive sentential forms can never decrease.

\* All productions are of the form

$$nAy \rightarrow xny$$

This is equivalent to

$$A \rightarrow V$$

## Content-sensitive Lang: & LBA:

### Definition

A Lang: is said to be content sensitive if there exists a CSG<sub>1</sub> G<sub>1</sub>, such that

$$L = L(G_1) \text{ or}$$

$$L = L(G_1) \cup \{\lambda\}$$

- \* A CSG<sub>1</sub> can never generate a lang: containing the empty string. e.g.  $L = \{a, b, \dots\}$
- \* Every CFL without  $\lambda$  can be generated by a special case of a CSG<sub>1</sub>.
- \* The family of CFL is a subset of the family of cs-lang.

RG <sub>1</sub>	CFG <sub>1</sub>	CSG <sub>1</sub>	URG <sub>1</sub>
(3)	(2)	(1)	(0)

### Example:

The Lang:  $L = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$  is a ESL. show this by exhibiting a CSG<sub>1</sub> for the lang.

$$S \rightarrow abc \mid a \underbrace{Abc}_{n=1} \mid a \underbrace{A \underline{bc}}_{n>1}$$

$$Ab \rightarrow bA$$

$$Ac \rightarrow \underline{B} \underline{bcc}$$

$$bB \rightarrow Bb,$$

$$aB \rightarrow aa \mid aaa$$

$$w = a^3 b^3 c^3 = aaabbbccc$$

$$S \Rightarrow a \underline{Abc} \Rightarrow ab \underline{Ac} \Rightarrow ab \underline{B} \underline{bcc}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \underline{B} \underline{bcc} \Rightarrow aa \underline{A} \underline{bbcc} \Rightarrow aab \underline{Abcc}$$

$$\Rightarrow aabb \underline{Acc} \Rightarrow aabb \underline{B} \underline{bcc}$$

$$\Rightarrow aab \underline{B} \underline{bbcc} \Rightarrow aa \underline{B} \underline{bbcc}$$

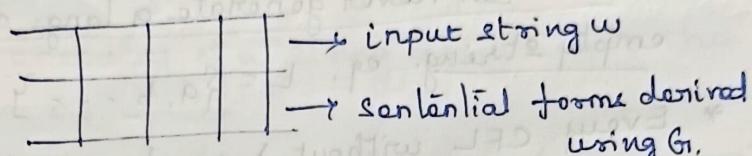
$$\Rightarrow aaabbccc$$

### Theorem:

For every context-sensitive lang:  $L$  not including  $\lambda$ , there exists some LBA  $M$  such that  $L = L(M)$ .

### Proof:

- \* If  $L$  is context sensitive, then there exists a CSG for  $L - \{\lambda\}$ .
- \* Derivations in this grammar simulated by a LBA.
- \* The LBA has two tracks



- \* No possible sentential form can have length greater than  $|w|$ .
- \* A LBA is nondeterministic, the correct production can always be guessed and that no unproductive alternatives have to be pursued.
- \* The computation can be carried out using space except that originally occupied by  $w$ , is done by LBA.

### Theorem:

If a lang:  $L$  is accepted by some LBA  $M$ , then there exists a CSG that generates  $L$ .

### Proof:

$$\square \rightarrow \lambda$$

- \* Generally, this production can be omitted. But, it is necessary only when the TM moves outside the bounds of the original input.
- \* The grammar obtained by the construction without this unnecessary production is non-contracting, completing the argument.

## Relation between Recursive and content sensitive lang:

### Theorem:

Every content sensitive lang, L is recursive.

### Proof:

- \* consider the CSL L with an associated CSG 'G' at a derivation of w

$$S \Rightarrow x_1 \Rightarrow x_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow x_n \Rightarrow w.$$

- \* All sentential forms in a single derivation tree different, that is  $x_i \neq x_j$  for all  $i \neq j$ .
- \* The number of steps in any derivation is a bounded function of  $|w|$ .

$$|x_j| \leq |x_{j+1}|$$

$$\text{because } G \text{ is non-contracting.}$$

- \* To add is that there exist some m, depending only on G and w, such that

$$|x_j| < |x_{j+m}|$$

- \* For all j, with  $m = m(|w|)$  a bounded function of  $|VUT|$  and  $|w|$ .

→ implies that there are only a finite number of strings of a given length. The length of a derivation of  $w \in L$  is at most  $|w|m(|w|)$ .

- \* This gives us immediately a membership algorithm for L.

We check all derivations of length up to  $|w|m(|w|)$ .

- \* Since the set of productions of G is finite, there are only a finite number of these.

- \* If any of them give w, then  $w \in L$ , otherwise it is not.

## Theorem:

There exists a recursive lang; that is not context sensitive

## Proof:

\* Consider the set of all CSG on  $T = \{a, b\}$

\* Each grammar has a variable set of the form

$$V = \{V_0, V_1, V_2, \dots\}$$

\* Every CSG is completely specified by its productions

$$x_1 \rightarrow y_1$$

$$x_2 \rightarrow y_2$$

:

$$x_m \rightarrow y_m$$

\* Now apply the homomorphism

$$h(a) = 010,$$

$$h(b) = 01^20$$

$$h(\rightarrow) = 01^30$$

$$h(;) = 01^40$$

$$h(V_i) = 01^{\frac{i+5}{2}}0$$

\* Let us introduce a proper ordering on  $\{0, 1\}^+$ , we can write strings in the order  $w_1, w_2$  etc.

\* A given string  $w_i$  may not define a CSG, if it does, call the grammar  $G_i$ .

$$L = \{w_i : w_i \text{ defines CSG } G_i \text{ and } w_i \notin L(G_i)\}$$

\*  $L$  is well defined and is in fact recursive.

\* Given  $w_i$  check if it is CSG  $G_i$ , if not, then  $w_i \notin L$ .

- \* If the string does define a grammar, then  $L(G_i)$  is recursive, & use the membership algo! to find if  $w_i \in L(G_i)$ . If it is not, then  $w_i$  belongs to  $L$ .
- \* If we assume that  $w_j \in L(G_j)$ , then  $w_j$  is not in  $L$ . But  $L = L(G_j)$  so we have a contradiction.
- \* If we assume that  $w_j \notin L(G_j)$  then by definition  $w_j \in L$  and we have another contradiction.
- \* We must therefore conclude that  $L$  is not context sensitive.

Example:

Find CSG for the following lang  $L = \{a^m b^n c^m d^n | m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Answer:

$$S \rightarrow aAB | aB$$

$$A \rightarrow aAX | aX$$

$$B \rightarrow bBd | b4d$$

$$Xb \rightarrow bX$$

$$XY \rightarrow Yc$$

$$Y \rightarrow c$$

$$m=2 \quad n=3$$

$$w = aabbccddd$$

$$S \Rightarrow a\underline{AB} \Rightarrow aa\underline{XB} \Rightarrow aaXb\underline{Bd} \Rightarrow aaXbb\underline{dd} \Rightarrow$$

$$\cancel{aaXbbb4ddd} \Rightarrow aa\underline{Xb} \cancel{b4} \cancel{ddd} \Rightarrow aab\underline{Xbb} \cancel{4} \cancel{ddd}$$

$$\Rightarrow aabb\underline{Xb} \cancel{4} \cancel{ddd} \Rightarrow aabb\underline{bb} \cancel{X} \cancel{4} \cancel{ddd} \Rightarrow aabb\underline{bb} \cancel{4} \cancel{ddd}$$

$$\Rightarrow aabbccddd.$$

Find CSG<sub>1</sub> for the following languages

$$L = \{a^{n+1} b^n c^{n-1} \mid n \geq 1\}$$

Answer

$$S \rightarrow aa\underline{Abbc} \mid aab$$

$$Ab \rightarrow bA$$

$$Ac \rightarrow Bcc$$

$$bB \rightarrow Bb$$

$$aB \rightarrow aaAb$$

$$aA \rightarrow aa.$$

$$w = aaabbcc$$

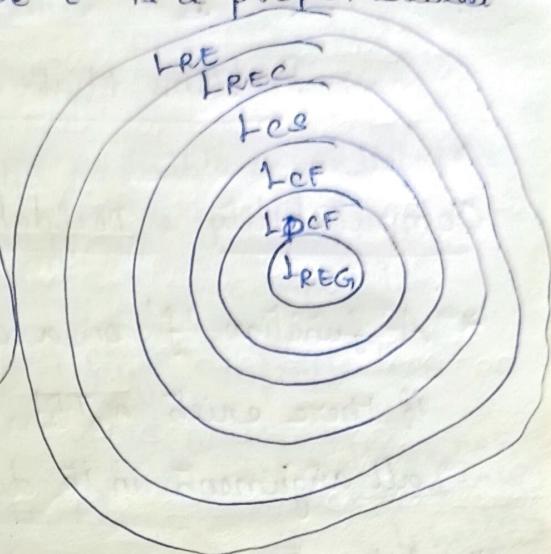
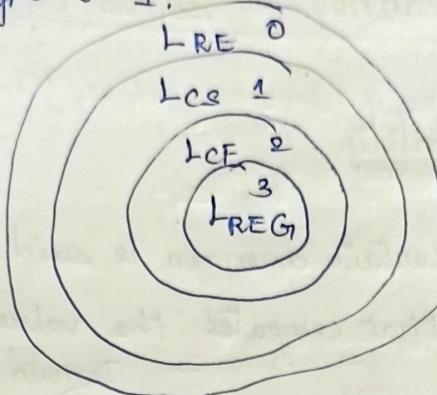
$$S \Rightarrow aa\underline{Abbc} \Rightarrow aa\underline{abbcc}$$

### Chomsky Hierarchy.

- \* The relationship b/w lang: exhibiting by the Chomsky Hierarchy.
- \* Chomsky a founder of formal Lang:, provided an initial classification into four lang: types type 0 to 3.

<u>Type of Lang:</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Language</u>
0	unrestricted grammar	Recursive enumerable lang (TM & LBA)
1	Content-sensitive (CSG <sub>1</sub> )	Content-sensitive Lang. (TM & LBA)
2	Content free grammar (CFG <sub>1</sub> )	CFL (PDA)
3.	Regular grammar	regular lang. (FA)

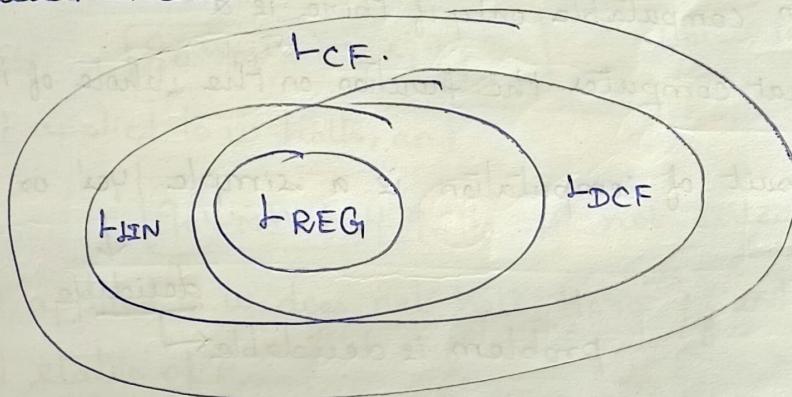
→ Each Lang: family of type 'i' is a proper subset of type  $i-1$ .



Example:

\* The CFL  $L = \{w : n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$  show that it is deterministic, but not linear.

\* The Lang:  $L = \{a^n b^n\} \cup \{a^n b^{2n}\}$  is linear, but not deterministic



## Limitations of Algorithmic Computation

### Problems that cannot be solved by TM

#### Computability & Decidability

- \* A function 'f' on a certain domain is said to be computable if there exists a TM that computes the value of 'f' for all arguments in its domain. Eg
 

Domain

x<sub>1</sub>

x<sub>2</sub>

x<sub>3</sub>

→

y<sub>1</sub>
y<sub>2</sub>
y<sub>3</sub>

↓  
solvable by TM
- \* A function is uncomputable if no such TM exists.
- \* There may be a TM that can computation 'f' on part of its domain, but call the function computable only if there is a TM that computes the function on the whole of its domain.
- \* The result of computation is a simple 'yes' or 'no'.
 

↓  
**decidable**

↓  
**undecidable**

problem is decidable ←

if there exists a TM that gives the correct answer for every statement in the domain of the problem.
- \* Problem may be decidable on some domain but not on another.

#### TM Halting Problem:

Given the description of a TM M and an input w, does M, when started in the initial configuration  $q_0w$ , perform a computation that eventually halts?

Consider TM -  $M_1, \dots, M_n$   
 String -  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  apply  $M$  on  $w$ .

TM -  $M$ , solve  $w$  from  $q_0$ -initial state unable to predict the length of the computation

$w$  reaches final & halt.

Definition:

$w$  if any one not enters into infinite loop.

Let  $w_M$  - be a string

$TM = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \square, F)$

↳ unable to predict TM halts or not based on  $w$ .  
 ↳ halting problem

Let  $w$  be a string in  $M$ 's alphabet.

$w_M$  and  $w$  are encoded as a string of 0's and 1's.

- \* A solution to a halting problem is a TM H, which for any  $w_M$  and  $w$  performs the computation

$q_0 w_M w \xrightarrow{*} q_f$  — Enter into halt

- \* If  $M$  applied to  $w$  halts, and

$q_0 w_M w \xrightarrow{*} q_f, q_n$  not enter into halt but  $q_n$  is final

- \* If  $M$  applied to  $w$  does not halt. Here  $q_f$  and  $q_n$  are both final states of  $H$ .

Theorem:

- \* The halting problem is an undecidable problem.

Proof:

- \* Assume that there exists an algorithm and some TM H, that solves the halting problem.
- \* The input to H will be the string  $w_M w$ .
- \* The requirement is then given any  $w_M w$ , the TM H will halt with either a yes or no answer.
- \* This can be achieved that by H halt in one of two corresponding final states say  $q_f$  or  $q_n$ .

- \* If  $H$  is started at  $q_0$  with input  $wmW$ , it will eventually halt in state  $q_y$  or  $q_n$ .

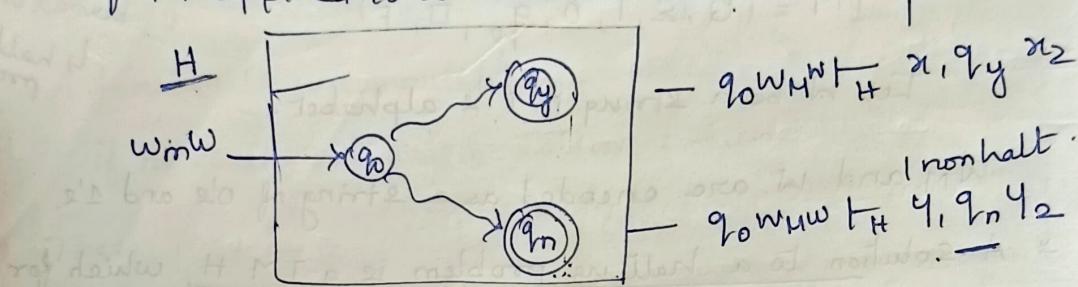
- \*  $H$  is operated by the following rules

$$q_0wmw \xrightarrow{H} x_1 q_y x_2$$

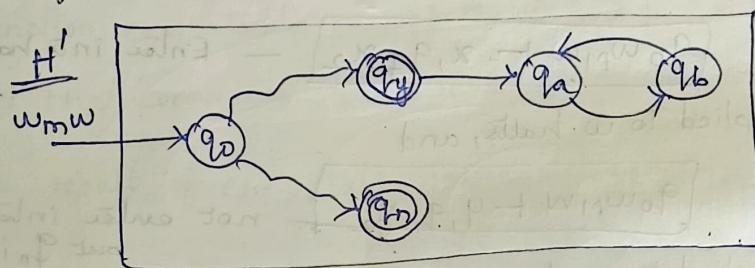
- \* If  $M$  applied to  $w$  halts and

$$q_0wmw \xrightarrow{H} y_1 q_n y_2$$

- \* If  $M$  applied to  $w$  does not halt.



- \* Modify  $H$  to produce a TM  $H'$  with the structure as



- \* With the added states to convey that the transitions between state  $q_y$  and the new states  $q_a$  and  $q_b$  are to be made, regardless of the tape symbol remains unchanged
- \* Comparing  $H$  and  $H'$  where  $H$  reaches  $q_y$  and halts, the modified machine  $H'$  will enter an infinite loop.

- \* The action of  $H'$

$$q_0wmw \xrightarrow{H'} \infty$$

- \* If  $M$  applied to  $w$  halts, and

$$q_0wmw \xrightarrow{H'} y_1 q_n y_2$$

- \* If  $M$  applied to  $w$  does not halt.

\* Construct

$$H \rightarrow H' \rightarrow \widehat{H}$$

$$q_0 w_M \xrightarrow{\widehat{H}} q_0 w_M w_M \xrightarrow{\widehat{H}} \text{halt}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H \rightarrow H' \rightarrow \widehat{H} \\ \downarrow \text{NH} \end{array}$$

If  $M$  applied to  $w_M$  halts, and

$$q_0 w_M \xrightarrow{\widehat{H}} \underline{q_0 w_M w_M} \xrightarrow{\widehat{H}} y_1 y_n y_2.$$

$M$  applied to  $w$  does not halt.

Identifying  $M$  with  $\widehat{H}$

$$q_0 \widehat{w} \xrightarrow{\widehat{H}} \text{halt}$$

If  $\widehat{H}$  applied to  $\widehat{w}$  halts

$$q_0 \widehat{w} \xrightarrow{\widehat{H}} y_1 y_n y_2$$

If  $\widehat{H}$  applied to  $\widehat{w}$  does not halt.

To solve the halting problem,  $H$  had to start and end in every specific configuration.

### Theorem:

If the halting problem were decidable, then every RE Lang. would be recursive. Consequently, the halting problem is undecidable.

### Proof:

\* Let  $L$  be a RE Lang on  $\Sigma$

$M$  be TM that accepts  $L$ .

\* Let  $H$  be the TM that ~~halts~~ solves the halting problem.

\* We construct from this following procedure

1. Apply H to  $w_M w$ .

If  $H = \text{No}$ ,  $w \notin L$

2. If  $H = \text{Yes}$ , apply M to w.

But M must halt, so it tells  $w \in L$  or  $w \notin L$ .

↳ it says L is recursive.

but already known that L is R.E., not recursive.  
↓

Says H is not exist, hence  
halting problem is undecidable.

### Reducing one undecidable problem to another:

Problem A  $\rightarrow$  reduced to problem B.

↓  
if its decidable, A is  
also decidable.

If A is undecidable, B is also undecidable.

### State Entry Problem:

Given any TM M and any  $q \in Q$ ,  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,  
decide whether or not the state q is ever entered  
when M is applied to w. This problem is undecidable.

\* To reduce the halting problem to the state entry prob

Solved by an algorithm A.

↓  
use this algor. to

e.g. consider

M & w

solve the halting problem

↳ it is modified TM is  $\widehat{M}$

↳ halts in state q iff

because if M halts, then  
be cause we modify  $(q_i, q_j)$

← M halts.

To get  $\widehat{M}$ , change every undefined  $\delta$  to

$$\delta(q_i, a) = (q, a, R)$$

↳ final state.

Apply state-entry algor. A to  $(q, \widehat{M}, w)$

↳ if A = Yes - state q,  
entered halts  $(M, w)$

If state-entry problem - decidable.  
 $A = No - (M, w)$  not halt.

But

halting problem is undecidable.

↳ halting problem also  
decidable.

↳ state entry problem  
is undecidable.

### Example:

Show that there is no algorithm for deciding if

any two TM  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  accept the same lang.

### Answer:

\* Given  $(M, w) \rightarrow$  it enters into halts when  $\widehat{M}$   
↳ modify to  $\widehat{M}$ , accept some simple lang.

\*  $M$  checking the input and  
remembering whether the input was 'a'.

↓  
then  $M$  carry out normal computations  
& when it halts - check if the

input was 'a' - accept

when  $M$  halts otherwise reject it.

$\widehat{M}$  accepts

say then construct a new m/e  $M_1$ ,

& check  $L(\widehat{M}) = L(M_1) \rightarrow$  if  $L(\widehat{M}) = L(M_1)$  then  $M$  halts

if  $L(\widehat{M}) \neq L(M_1) \rightarrow M$  does not halt

### Example:

Is the halting problem solvable. for dpda, that is, given a pda can always predict whether or not the automaton will halt on input  $w$ ?

### Answer:

- \* Yes, this is decidable.

The only way to enter into infinite loop is  $\lambda$ .

- \* find out if there is a sequence of  $\lambda$  transitions that
    - i) Eventually produce the same state & stack top
    - ii) Do not decrease the length of the stack.
- if there is no such sequence, then dpda must halt.  
if such sequence is there.

↳ finds its reachable or not.

↳ needs only finite number of moves.

↳ its predictable.

## Undecidable Problems for RE languages.

Let  $G_1$  be an unrestricted grammar. Then the problem of determining that  $L(G_1) = \emptyset$  is undecidable.

\* Modify the TM  $M$  as follows.

(i)  $M$  first save its input on some special part of its tape. Then, whenever it enters a final state, it checks its saved input and accept it iff it is  $w$ .

(ii) By changing  $\delta$

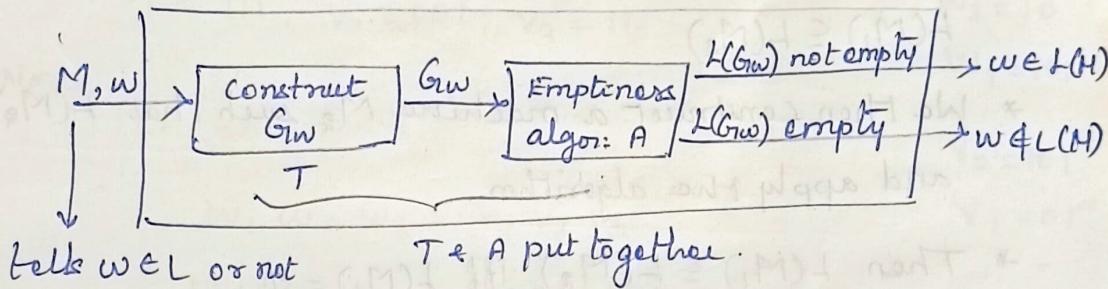
Creating for each  $w$  a machine  $M_w$   
such that  $L(M_w) = L(M) \cap \{w\}$



Then construct its corresponding grammar

$L(G_w)$  — is nonempty iff  $w \in L(M)$        $G_w$ .

\* Assume that there exists an algorithm  $A$  for deciding whether or not  $L(G_i) = \emptyset$



↳ if such a TM exists we have an membership  
algor: for RE lang:

∴  $L(G_i) = \emptyset$  is not decidable.

$L(aa^*b^*)$

$L(ba^*)$  {  
aa  
aab  
aaaab}

Example:

Show that for an arbitrary TM  $M$  with  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  the problem " $L(M)$  contains two different strings of the same length" is undecidable.

Proof: Answer

\* When  $\hat{M}$  reaches a halting configuration, it will be modified to accept the two strings 'a' and 'b'.

- \* For this the initial input is saved and at the end of the computation compared with 'a' and 'b', accepting only those two strings.
- \* Thus, if  $(M, w)$  halts,  $\widehat{M}$  will accept two strings of equal length, otherwise  $\widehat{M}$  will accept nothing.

### Example:

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be arbitrary TMs. Show that the problem  $L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)$  is undecidable.

### Answer:

- \* Suppose we had an algorithm to decide whether or not  $L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)$ .
- \* We then construct a machine  $M_2$  such that  $L(M_2) = \emptyset$  and apply the algorithm.
- \* Then  $L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)$  iff  $L(M_1) = \emptyset$ .

## Post Correspondence Problem. (PCP)

- \* In a halting problem, many instances work with the halting problem directly, and it is convenient to establish some intermediate results that bridge the gap between the halting problem and other problems.
- \* These intermediate results follow from the undecidability of the halting problem. One such intermediate result is the PCP.

\* The PCP can be stated as follows:

Given two sequences of  $n$  strings on some alphabet  $\Sigma$ , say

$$A = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$$

and

$$B = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$$

\* There exists a PC solution for pair  $(A, B)$  if there is a nonempty sequence of integers  $i, j, \dots, k$  such that

$$\boxed{w_i w_j \dots w_k = v_i v_j \dots v_k}$$

Example.

Take A and B

$$w_1 = 11, w_2 = 100, w_3 = 111$$

$$v_1 = 111, v_2 = 001, v_3 = 11$$

Now

PCP solution is

$$w_1 w_2 w_3 = v_1 v_2 v_3$$

$$\underline{\underline{11100111}} = \underline{\underline{11100111}}$$

1, 2, 3

Now

$$w_1 = 00 \quad w_2 = 001 \quad w_3 = 1000$$

2, 1, 3

$$v_1 = 0 \quad v_2 = 11 \quad v_3 = 011$$

3, 1, 2

$$w_1 w_2 w_3 = v_1 v_2 v_3$$

$$\underline{\underline{000011000}} \neq \underline{\underline{011011}}$$

$$\boxed{k} w_i w_j = \boxed{Y} v_i v_j$$

Hence no PCP solution.

String composed of A is longer than B.

- \* In specific instances, we may be able to show by explicit construction that a pair  $(A, B)$  permits a PC solution or may be able to argue, that no such solution can exist.
- \* No algos. for deciding this question under all circumstances. Hence PCP is undecidable.
- \* Break the process into two parts, modified PCP.

The pair  $(A, B)$  has a modified PCP (MPC solution) if there exists a sequence of integers  $i, j, \dots, k$  such that

$$[w_1 w_i w_j \dots w_k = v_1 v_i v_j \dots v_k].$$

- \* In a MPC problem, the first elements of the sequence A and B play a special role.
- \* An MPC solution must start with  $w_1$  on the left side and  $v_1$  on the right side.
- \* If there exists an MPC solution, then there is also a PC solution, but the converse is not true.
- \* This MPC solution is also an undecidable problem.

Procedure unrestricted grammar to string w.

$\begin{matrix} w \\ A \end{matrix}$        $\begin{matrix} v \\ B \end{matrix}$

$FS \Rightarrow F$       F is a symbol not in VUT

a      a       $a \in T$

$v_i$        $v_i$        $v_i \in V$

E       $\Rightarrow^* WE$       E is a symbol not in VUT

$y_i$        $x_i$        $x_i \Rightarrow y_i$  in P

$\Rightarrow$        $\Rightarrow$

Example:

Take an unrestricted grammar

$$S \rightarrow aABb \mid Bbb$$

$$Bb \rightarrow C$$

$$AC \rightarrow aac$$

Take  $w = aaac$ .

follow the above construction

to generate a string

$w = aaac$  is in  $L(G)$

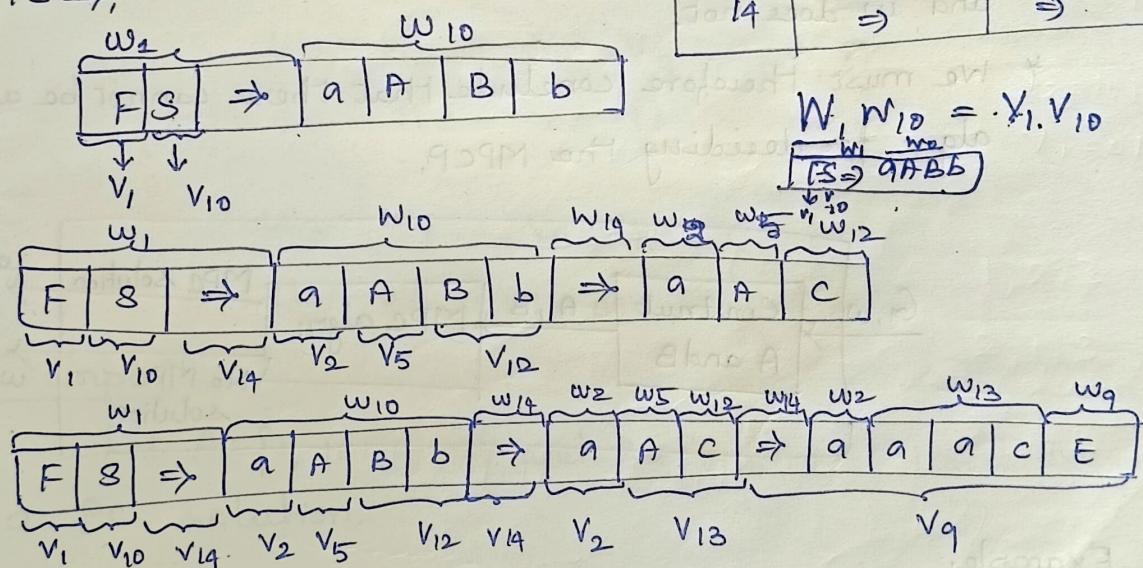
$$S \Rightarrow aABb \Rightarrow aAC \Rightarrow aaac.$$

i	$w_i$	$v_i$
1	$F \Rightarrow$	F
2	a	a
3	b	b
4	c	c
5	A	A
6	B	B
7	C	C
8	S	S
9	E	$\Rightarrow aaacE$
10	$aABb$	S
11	$Bbb$	S
12	C	Bb
13	$aac$	Ac
14	$\Rightarrow$	$\Rightarrow$

To construct an MPC solution,

we must start with  $w_1$ , that is

$$FS \Rightarrow,$$



- \* The string contains  $S$ , so to match it have to use  $v_{10}$  or  $v_{11}$ . In this instance, use  $v_{10}$  this brings in  $w_{10}$ , leading us to the second string in the partial derivation.
- \* After several more steps, that the string  $w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_k$  is always longer than the corresponding string  $v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_k$  and the first is exactly one step ahead in the derivation.

## Theorem:

The MPCP ie undecidable.

### Proof:

\* Given any unrestricted grammar  $G_1 = (V, T, S, P)$

$$\text{e } w \in T^+$$

Construct the sets A & B

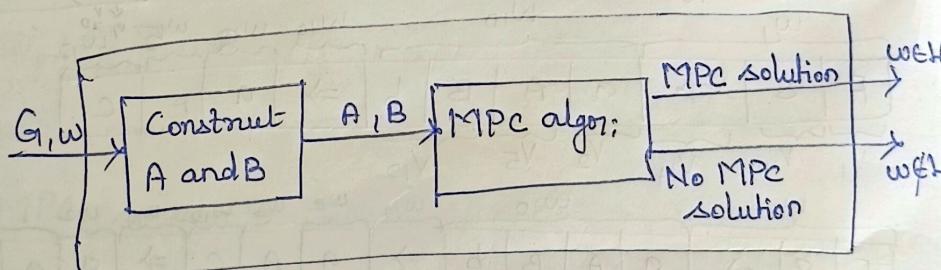
The pair  $(A, B)$  has an MPC solution  
iff  $w \in L(G_1)$ .

\* Suppose the MPC problem is decidable.

We can then construct an algor: for the membership problem of  $G_1$ .

\* An algorithm for constructing A from B from  $G_1$  and w clearly exists, but a membership algor: for  $G_1$  and w does not.

\* We must therefore conclude that there cannot be any algor: for deciding the MPCP.



### Example:

Let  $A = \{001, 0011, 11, 101\}$  and  $B = \{01, 111, 111, 010\}$ .

Does the pair  $(A, B)$  have a PC solution? Does it have an MPC solution?

### Answer:

\* A PC solution is  $w_3 w_4 w_1 = v_3 v_4 v_1$

$(3, 4, 1) - \text{PC solution}$

\* There is no MPC solution because one string would have a prefix 001 and the other 01.

$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{111} \underline{01} \underline{001} = \underline{111} \underline{01} \underline{001} \\ w_3 \quad w_4 \quad w_1 \qquad v_3 \quad v_4 \quad v_1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{w_1} \quad w_3 \quad w_4 \quad w_1 = \boxed{v_1} \quad v_3 \quad v_4 \quad v_1 \\ 001 \qquad \times \qquad 01 \end{array}$$

Example:

Let  $A = \{10, 00, 11, 01\}$  and  $B = \{0, 001, 1, 101\}$  There exists a PC solution.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 10 & 00 & 11 & 01 & 0 & 001 & 1 & 101 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 & w_4 & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \end{array}$$

Answer

$$\begin{array}{ccc} w_2 & w_3 & = v_2 \quad v_3 \\ 00 & 11 & = 00 \quad 11 \end{array} \quad (2, 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} w_3 & w_4 & = v_3 \quad v_4 \\ 11 & 01 & = 11 \quad 01 \end{array} \quad (3, 4)$$

Example:

Let  $A = \{1, 10111, 10\}$  and  $B = \{111, 10, 0\}$  There exists a PC solution.

Answer:

$$w_2 \quad w_1 \quad w_1 \quad w_3 = v_2 \quad v_1 \quad v_1 \quad v_3$$

$$10 \quad 111 \quad 1 \quad 110 = 10 \quad 111 \quad 1 \quad 110$$

$$(2, 1, 1, 3)$$

### Example:

Let  $A = \{10, 011, 101\}$

$B = \{101, 11, 011\}$  Then exists a PC solution or not.

Answer:

$$w_1 w_2 w_3 \neq v_1 v_2 v_3$$

$$10 \ 011 \ 101 = 101 \ 11 \ 011$$

$$w_1 w_3 w_2 \neq v_1 v_3 v_2$$

} does not have  
the PC solution.

### Example:

Let  $A = \{10, 110, 11\}$  and  $B = \{10, 11, 011\}$  Then exists a MPC solution.

Answer:

$$w_1 w_2 \dots w_n = v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$$

$$w_1 w_2 w_3 = v_1 v_2 v_3$$

$$10 \ 110 \ 11 = 10 \ 11 \ 011$$

### Theorem:

The PC problem is undecidable.

Proof:

\* If the PC problem were decidable, then the MPC would be decidable.

\* The given sequences

$$A = w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_n$$

$$B = v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_n \text{ on some alphabet } \Sigma$$

\* Then introduce new symbols  $\aleph$  and  $\beth$  and the new sequences

$$C = y_0 y_1 y_2 \dots y_{n+1}$$

$$D = z_0 z_1 z_2 \dots z_{n+1}$$

Defined as follows.

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\begin{cases} y_i = w_{i1} \aleph w_{i2} \aleph \dots w_{im} \aleph \\ z_i = \beth v_{i1} \beth v_{i2} \dots v_{ir} \end{cases}$$

where

$w_{ij}$  }  $j^{\text{th}}$  letter of  $w_i$  and  $v_i$   
 $v_{ij}$  }

$$m_i = |w_i|$$

$$r_i = |v_i|$$

$\aleph$  - a leph

$y_i$  is created from  $w_i$  by appending  $\aleph$  to each character

$z_i$  - obtained by prefixing each char. of  $v_i$  with  $\beth$ .

\* To complete the definition of  $C$  and  $D$ ,

Take

$$w_1 = v_1 \quad \begin{cases} y_0 = \underline{\underline{y_1}} \\ y_{n+1} = \underline{\underline{y_1}} \\ z_0 = \underline{\underline{z_1}} \\ z_{n+1} = \underline{\underline{z_1}} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} y_i = w_{i1} \aleph w_{i2} \dots w_{im} \aleph \\ z_i = \beth v_{i1} \beth v_{i2} \dots v_{ir} \end{array}$$

\* Consider a pair  $(C, D)$  and suppose it has a PC solution.

\* Because of the placement of  $\aleph$  and  $\beth$  such a solution must have  $y_0$  on the left and  $y_{n+1}$  on the right and.

$w_1, w_2, \dots, w_j, \dots, w_k, \dots$

$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_j, v_k, \dots$

ignoring the symbols.

$$w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$$

$\therefore PC \Rightarrow MPC$  is there.

so that the pair  $(A, B)$  permits an MPC solution.

### Undecidable Problems for CFL.

\* The PC problem is a convenient tool for studying undecidable questions for CFL.

#### Theorem:

There exists no algorithm for deciding whether any given CFG is ambiguous.

#### Proof:

\* Consider the sequence of strings

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \\ \text{and } B &= (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned} \quad \text{over } \Sigma$$

\* Consider new set of distinct symbols  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

$$\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$$

and consider the two lang:

$$L_A = \{w_i w_j \dots w_k a_k a_l \dots a_j a_i\}$$

$$L_B = \{v_i v_j \dots v_k a_k a_l \dots a_j a_i\}$$

\* Now look at the CFG  $G_1$ .

$$G_1 = (\underbrace{\{S, S_A, S_B\}}_V, \underbrace{\Sigma \cup \{a_1, a_2 \dots a_n\}}_T, P, S)$$

Production  $P$  is the union of two subsets

$$P_A : S \rightarrow S_A$$

$$S_A \rightarrow w_i S_A a_i \mid w_i a_i \quad i=1, 2 \dots n$$

$$P_B : S \rightarrow S_B \quad a S_A / a a$$

$$S_B \rightarrow v_i S_B a_i \mid v_i a_i \quad i=1, 2, \dots n$$

Take

$$G_A = (\{S, S_A\}, \Sigma \cup \{a_1, a_2 \dots a_n\}, P_A, S)$$

$$G_B = (\{S, S_B\}, \Sigma \cup \{a_1, a_2 \dots a_n\}, P_B, S);$$

Then

$$L_A = L(G_A)$$

$$L_B = L(G_B)$$

$$L_{G_1} = L_A \cup L_B$$

$$L(G_1) = L_A \cup L_B$$

$$L_{AB} = S \rightarrow S_A \mid S_B$$

$G_A$  &  $G_B$  are themselves unambiguous

\* If a given string in  $L(G_1)$  ends with  $a_i$  then its derivation with grammar  $G_A$  must have started with

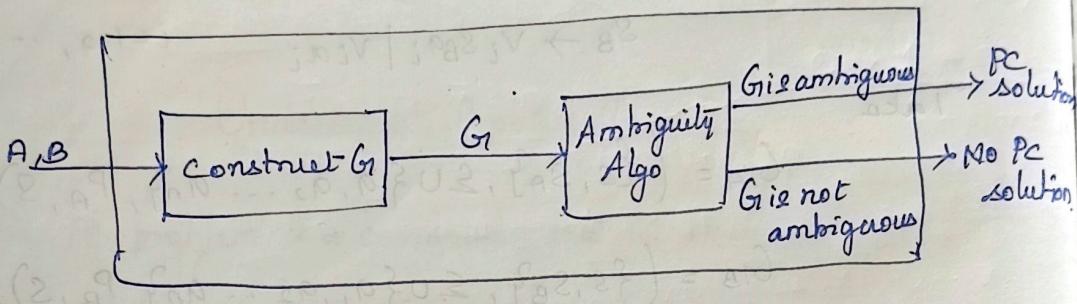
$$S \Rightarrow w_i S_A a_i$$

\* Thus, if  $G_1$  is ambiguous it must be because there is a 'w' for which there are two derivations.

$$S \Rightarrow S_A \Rightarrow w_i S_A a_i \Rightarrow w_i w_j \dots w_k a_k \dots a_j a_i = w$$

$$S \Rightarrow S_B \Rightarrow v_i S_B a_i \Rightarrow v_i v_j \dots v_k a_k \dots a_j a_i = w.$$

- \* If  $G_1$  is ambiguous, then the PC problem with the pair  $(A, B)$  has a solution.
- \* If  $G_1$  is unambiguous, then the PC problem cannot have a solution.
- \* If there existed an algorithm for solving the ambiguity problem, we could adapt it to solve the PC problem.



- \* But, there is no algos: for the PC problem, we conclude that the ambiguity problem is undecidable.

### Theorem:

There exists no algos: for deciding whether or not  $L(G_1) \cap L(G_2) = \emptyset$  for arbitrary CFGs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

### Proof:

Take  $G_1$  as  $G_A$

$G_2$  as  $G_B$

Suppose that  $L(G_A)$  and  $L(G_B)$  have a common element, that is

$$S_A \xrightarrow{*} w_i w_j \dots w_k a_k \dots a_j a_i$$

$$S_B \xrightarrow{*} v_i v_j \dots v_k a_k \dots a_j a_i$$

\* Then the pair  $(A, B)$  has a PC solution.

If the pair does not have a PC solution, then  $L(G_A)$  and  $L(G_B)$  cannot have a common element.

\* Conclude that  $L(G_A) \cap L(G_B)$  is nonempty iff  $(A, B)$  has a PC solution. This reduction proves the theorem.

Some known undecidable problems are.

1) if  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  CFGs,  $L(G_1) = L(G_2)$ ?

2) if  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  CFGs,  $L(G_1) \subseteq L(G_2)$ ?

3) if  $G_1$  is CFG,  $L(G_1)$  regular?

4) if  $G_1$  is CFG,  $G_2$  is regular,  $L(G_2) \subseteq L(G_1)$ ?

5) if  $G_1$  is CFG,  $G_2$  is regular,  $L(G_1) \cap L(G_2) = \emptyset$ ?

## Turing Machine

### Models and complexity

\* The efficiency of a computation can be affected by

1. Number of tapes of the machine

2. Whether the m/c is deterministic or not.

\* Nondeterministic solutions are more efficient than deterministic solutions.

### Example:

The satisfiability problem (SAT) plays an important role in complexity theory.

\* A logic or boolean constant or variable is taken an entity two values, true(1) or false(0).

- \* Boolean operators are used to combine boolean constants and variables into Boolean expressions.
- \* The simplest boolean operators are (V) and (Λ)

$$0 \vee 1 = 1 \vee 0 = 1 \vee 1 = 1$$

$$0 \wedge 0 = 0$$

and the  $\Lambda$

$$0 \wedge 0 = 0 \wedge 1 = 1 \wedge 0 = 0$$

$$1 \wedge 1 = 1$$

Negation denoted by bar

$$\bar{0} = 1 \text{ & } \bar{1} = 0$$

$$T(1), F(0)$$

$$V, \wedge, \bar{}, (, )$$

$$e \Rightarrow 1 - \text{satisfy}$$

$$0 - \text{Nonsatisfy}$$

Now consider the Boolean expressions in

Conjunctive normal form (CNF)

- \* In this <sup>CNF</sup> expression created by variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  starting with

$$e = t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge \dots \wedge t_k$$

$$E \rightarrow T$$

Term  $t_i, t_j, \dots, t_k$  are created by or-ing

together variables and their negation

$$E \rightarrow T$$

$$t_i = s_1 \vee s_2 \vee \dots \vee s_p$$

$$t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge \dots \wedge t_k$$

- \* Now the SAT problem is stated as:

Given a satisfiable expression 'e' in CNF, find an assignment of values to the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  that will make the value of 'e' true

- \* For a specific case, look at

$$e_1 = (\underline{\frac{s_1}{x_1} \vee \frac{s_2}{x_2}}) \wedge (\underline{\frac{s_1}{x_1} \vee \frac{s_3}{x_3}})$$

3SAT

$$e_1 = (\bar{0} \vee 1) \wedge (\bar{0} \vee 1)$$

$$= (1 \vee 1) \wedge (0 \vee 1) = 1 \wedge 1 = 1 = \text{true}$$

The assignment  $x_1=0, x_2=1, x_3=1$  makes  $e_1$  true.  
So that this expression is satisfiable.

- \* On the other hand,

$$e_2 = (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge \bar{x}_1 \wedge \bar{x}_2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \\ 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

It is not satisfiable because any argument for the variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  will make  $e_2$  false.

- \* A deterministic algo is easy to process but

Take all possible values of the variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and for each evaluate the expression.

There are  $2^n$  - possibilities.

↳ its exhaustive search &  
takes exponential time complexity

- \* The non-deterministic simplifies, if 'e' is satisfiable, we guess the value of each  $x_i$  and then evaluate e.

↳ its  $O(n)$  algorithm.

∴ Deterministic takes  $2^n$  time

& Non-deterministic takes  $O(n)$  time.

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.MT<sub>n</sub> theorem:

V-NB<sub>n</sub> Suppose that a two-tape machine carry out a computation in 'n' steps. Then this computation can be simulated by a std: TM in  $O(n^2)$  steps.

Proof:

- \* For the simulation of the computation on the two-tape machine, the std: m/c keeps the ID of the two-tape m/c on its tape.

$\boxed{a \mid b \mid q \mid b \mid a \mid a} \times \boxed{a \mid q \mid b \mid b \mid b \mid a \mid \alpha}$

- \* To simulate one move, the std: m/c needs to search the entire active area of its tape.
- \* But, one move of the two-tape machine can extend the active area by at most two cells, after 'n' moves the active area has a length of at most  $O(n)$ .
- \* Therefore, this entire simulation takes  $O(n^2)$  moves.

### Theorem:

Suppose that a nondeterministic TM M can carry out a computation of ' $n$ ' steps. Then the std: TM carry out the same computation in  $O(k^n)$  steps where  $k$  and ' $\alpha$ ' are independent of  $n$ .

### Proof:

- \* A std: TM can simulate nondeterministic m/c by keeping track of all possible configuration, continually searching and updating the entire active area.

If ' $k$ ' is the many branching factor for the nondeterministic m/c, then after  $n$  steps there are at most  $k^n$  possible configurations.

- \* Since at most one symbol can be added to each configuration by a single move, the length of one configuration after  $n$  moves is  $O(n)$ .

- \* ∴, to simulate one move, the std m/c must search an active area of length  $O(nk^n)$ , leading to the desired result.

## Language Families and Complexity classes.

- \* Each class of automata is defined by the nature of its temporary storage.
- \* Another way to classifying lang: ie to a TM & its time complexity.

### Definition:

- \* A TM  $M$  decides a lang: in time  $T(n)$  if every  $w \in L$  with  $|w|=n$  is decided in  $T(n)$  moves.
- \* If  $M$  is nondeterministic, then every  $w \in L$ ,  
There is at least one sequence of moves of length  
less than or equal to  $T(|w|)$  that leads to acceptance,  
and the TM halts on all inputs in time  $T(|w|)$

### Definition:

- \* A lang  $L$  is said to be a member of the class  $DTIME(f(n))$ , if there exists a deterministic multitape TM that decides  $L$  in time  $O(T(n))$ .
- \* A lang:  $L$  is said to be a member of the class  $NTIME(T(n))$  if there exists a nondeterministic multitape TM that decides  $L$  in time  $O(T(n))$ .
- \* Some relations between these complexity classes, such as

$$DTIME(T(n)) \subseteq NTIME(T(n)).$$

and

$$T_1(n) = O(T_2(n))$$

implies

$$\text{DTIME}(T_1(n)) \subseteq \text{DTIME}(T_2(n))$$

### Theorem:

There is no total Turing computable function  $f(n)$  such that every recursive lang. can be decided in time  $f(n)$ , where 'n' is the length of the input string.

### Proof:

- \* Consider the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  with all strings in  $\Sigma^+$  arranged in proper order  $w_1, w_2, \dots$
- \* Also proper ordering of the TM is  $M_1, M_2, \dots$
- \* Then the function  $f(n)$  is

$$L = \{w_i : M_i \text{ does not decide } w_i \text{ in } f(|w_i|)\}$$

steps?

\* Now consider L is recursive

Anyw $\in$  L & compute first  $f(|w|)$

if 'f' is total Turing computable fun; this is possible.

Then find the position 'i' of w in the sequence  $w_1, w_2, \dots$

This is also possible because the sequence is in proper order,

Take any 'i' & find  $M_i$

$M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$

~~$w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$~~

$w_i \rightarrow$  to find in  $f(w)$ -steps

it tell weL or not

↓  
require

But weL or not is an  
undecidable in  $f(n)$ -steps.

By assuming the

diagonalization lang.

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is an undecidable.

∴ Total Turing computable functions is false.

Example:

The non-content free lang (RL, CSL, URL)

$L = \{ww : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  is in NTIME( $n$ ). This is recognize the string by the following algo:

1. copy the input from the input file to tape 1.

Nondeterministically guess the middle of the string.

2. Copy the second part to tape 2.

3. compare the symbols on tape 1 and tape 2 one by one.

\* All the steps can be done in  $O(|w|)$  time, so

$L \in \text{NTIME}(n)$ .

\* We can show that  $L \in \text{DTIME}(n)$  if we can devise an algo for finding the middle of a string in  $O(n)$  time.

\* This can be done:

Look at each symbol on tape 1, keeping a count on tape 2, but counting only every second symbol.

Example:

Consider the family of cst.

$$L_{CF} \subseteq \text{DTIME}(n^3)$$

$$\text{and } L_{CF} \subseteq \text{NTIME}(n).$$

- \* Exhaustive search parsing is possible here.  
Since only a limited number of productions are applicable at each step.
- \* The max. number of sentential form is

$$N = |P| + |P|^2 + \dots + |P|^c n \\ = O(|P|^{cn+1})$$

we cannot claim that one in

$$L_{CS} \subseteq \text{DTIME}(|P|^{cn+1})$$

- \* As  $T(n)$  increases, more and more of the families  $L_{REG}, L_{CF}, L_{CS}$  are covered.

## The Complexity classes P and NP

1. There exists an infinite number of properly nested complexity classes  $\text{DTIME}(n^k)$ ,  $k=1, 2 \dots$ ; Chomsky model ie not clear.
  2. TM is the best model of an actual computer is not clear.  
So analysis not depend on any particular type of TM
  3. For some lang: nondeterministic TM is efficient & some lang: deterministic is efficient.

## Definition of P classes:

- \* set of decision problem is solvable in polynomial time on in the class P.
  - \* If there exists an algorithm A such that
    - 'A' takes instance of  $D$  as input:
    - 'A' always output the correct answer 'yes' or 'no'
    - There exists a polynomial  $P$  such that the execution of  $A$  on output input of size ' $n$ ' always terminates in  $P(n)$  or fewer steps.

## Nondeterministic polynomial Time algorithm:

- \* It consists of those problems that are 'verifiable' in polynomial time.
  - \* Decision problems solvable in non-deterministic polynomial time.

e.g. 3-SAT, 3CNF, TSP.

## NP Problem

## Polynomial

{ Problem identification time  
+  
verification time

Consider

$$P = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} \text{DTIME}(n^i)$$

- \* This class includes all lang: that are accepted by some deterministic TM in polynomial time, without any regard to the degree of the polynomial.
- \*  $L_{\text{REG}}$  and  $L_{\text{CF}}$  are in P.
- \* similarly

$$NP = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} \text{NTIME}(n^i)$$

$$P \subseteq NP$$

- \* In the class P - realistic & unrealistic computations.
- \* Certain computations are theoretically possible & high resource requirements, they must be rejected as unrealistic on existing computers, as well as on supercomputers yet to be designed.

↳ such problem also called as intractable

↓  
there no realistic hope of  
a practical algor:

- \* The intractable problem definition is called Cook-Karp Thesis
- \* In the Cook-Karp Thesis, a problem that is in P is called tractable, and one that is not is said to be intractable.

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↳ intractable  
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## Some NP Problems

Problems that can be solved nondeterministically in polynomial time.

NP - Nondeterministic polynomial time algo:

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solution identification time + } Polynomial  
verification time } time.

Example:

Consider the SAT problem. We made some rudimentary argument to claim that this problem can be solved efficiently by a nondeterministic TM and, rather inefficiently, by a brute-force exponential search.

- \* suppose that a CNF expression has length n, with m different literals. min. Take 'n' as the problem size.
- \* Encode the CNF expression as a string for a TM.
- \* By taking  $\Sigma = \{x, v, \wedge, \vee, \neg, (, ), \text{ and } 0\}$  and encoding the subscript of  $x$  as a binary number.

\* The CNF exp.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_1 & n_4 &= x_{100}(n_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4) \text{ is encoded as} \\ n_2 &= x_{10} \\ n_3 &= x_{11} & (x_1 \vee x_{10}) \wedge (x_{11} \vee x_{100}) \end{aligned}$$

\* The subscript cannot be larger than m, the max. length of any subscript is  $\log_2 m$ .

\* As a consequence the maximum encoded length of an n-symbol CNF is  $O(n \lg n)$ .

- Next generate the trial solution for the variables it can be done non-deterministic time  $O(n)$  time
- The trial solution is then substituted into the input string -  $O(n)$  time.

\* This can be done in  $O(n^2 \log n)$  time. The entire process therefore can be done in  $O(n^2 \log n)$  or  $O(n^3)$  time and  $SAT \in NP$ .

\* There are large number of graph problems are known to be in  $NP$ .

### Example:

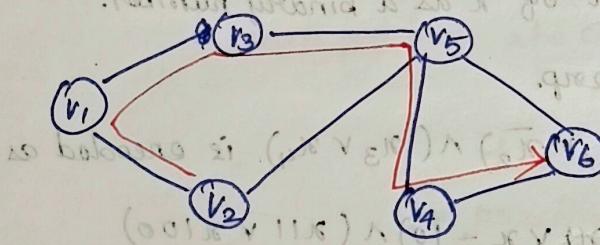
The Hamiltonian path problem.

\* Given an undirected graph, with vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$

a Hamiltonian path is a simple path that passes through all the vertices.

\* The graph has a hamiltonian path

$$(v_2, v_1), (v_1, v_3), (v_3, v_5), (v_5, v_4), (v_4, v_6).$$



Deterministic

$\hookrightarrow n! - \text{permutation}$

$\hookrightarrow$  Brute-force

Non-deterministic

$\hookrightarrow$  adjacency matrix

\* Deterministic algos: is easily found, since the Hamiltonian path is a permutation of the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

\* There are  $n!$  of such permutations, and a brute-force search of all of them will give the answer.

- \* To explore the non-deterministic solution, we must first find a way to represent a graph by a string using the adjacency matrix.
- \* For a directed graph with vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_n$  and edge set  $E$ , an adjacency matrix is an  $n \times n$  array in which  $a(i,j)$  the entry in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row &  $j^{\text{th}}$  column satisfies

$$\begin{cases} a(i,j) = 1 & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \in E, \\ a(i,j) = 0 & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \notin E. \end{cases}$$

- \* An undirected graph edge can be considered two separate edges in opposite directions. The array

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- \* The graph with ' $n$ ' vertices then requires a string of length  $n^2$  for its representation.

\* For an undirected graph the matrix is symmetric, so the storage requirement can be reduced to  $\frac{(n+1)n}{2}$  but in any case, the input string will have length  $O(n^2)$ .

~~length of the string is half of the total number of edges~~

- \* Generate, non-deterministically, a permutation of the vertices. This can be done in  $O(n^3)$  time.
- \* Finally check the permutation to see if it constitutes a path. A time  $O(n^9)$  is sufficient for this.

Therefore, HAMPATH  $\in$  NP.

$$\text{string length} = O(n^2)$$

$$\text{permutation} = O(n!)$$

$$\text{Check the permutation} = \frac{O(n)}{O(n!)}$$

$$= \frac{O(n)}{O(n^{\frac{n}{2}})}$$

### The Clique Problem:

- \* Let  $G_1$  be an undirected graph with vertices

$$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n.$$

- \* A clique is a subset  $V_k \subseteq 2^V$ , such that there is an edge between every pair of vertices  $v_i, v_j \in V_k$ .

- \* The clique problem is to decide, for a given  $k$ ,  $G_1$  has a  $k$ -clique.

- \* A deterministic search can examine all the elements of  $2^V$ .

This is straightforward, but has exponential time complexity.

- \* A non-deterministic algos: just guesses the correct subset.

- \* The clique problem is similar to Hamiltonian path problem, hence can be solved in  $O(n^4)$  time that CLIQ  $\in$  NP

## The common characteristics

1. All problems are in NP and have simple non-deterministic solutions.
2. All problems have deterministic solutions with exponential time complexity, but it is not known if they are tractable.

## Polynomial Time Reduction

\* If we can reduce them to each other, in the sense that if one is tractable, the others will be tractable also.

### Definition:

A Lang.  $L_1$  is said to be polynomial-time reducible to another lang.  $L_2$  if there exists a deterministic TM by which any  $w$ , in the alphabet of  $L_1$ , can be transformed in polynomial time to a  $w_2$  in the alphabet of  $L_2$  in such a way that  $w \in L_1$  iff  $w_2 \in L_2$ .

$$w_2 \in L_2$$

$$w_1 \in L_1$$

$$L_1 \xrightarrow{\quad} L_2$$

tractable      tractable

try to find  
solution.

### Example:

In a SAT problem, we put no restriction on the length of a clause. A restricted type of satisfiability is the three-satisfiability problem (3SAT) in which each clause can have at most three literals. The SAT problem is polynomial time reducible to 3SAT.

2SAT - 2 -  $x_1 \wedge x_2$

3SAT - 3 -  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

4SAT - 4 -  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \wedge x_4$

\* Illustrate the reduction with the simple 4-literal expression

$$e_1 = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4)$$

\* Introduce a new variable  $x$  & construct

$$e_2 = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4 \vee \bar{x})$$

\* If  $e_1$  is true,  $x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_3 \wedge x_4 = \text{true}$  so if

one of the  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  must be true.

if  $x_1 \vee x_2 = \text{true}$

choose  $x = 0$  &  $e_2 = \text{true}$ .

if  $x_3 \vee x_4 = \text{true}$

choose  $x = 1$  to satisfy  $e_2$

$$e_2 = \underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee 0)}_{\text{true}} \wedge \underbrace{((x_3 \vee x_4) \vee 1)}_{\text{true}}$$

\* If  $e_2$  is true,  $e_1$  must also be true, so for satisfiability,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are equivalent.

Example:

The 3SAT problem is polynomial reducible

to CLIQUE.

assume that in any 3SAT expression each clause has exactly three literals.

\* If in some expression that is not the case, we just add extra literals that do not change the satisfiability.

e.g.

$(\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2)$  is equivalent to  $(\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2)$ .

$$e = (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\frac{1}{x_1} \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \Rightarrow 1$$

$$\wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3).$$

\* Draw a graph in which each clause is represented by a group of three vertices and each literal is associated with one of the vertices.

\* Draw an edge from  $(\bar{x}_2)_1$  to  $(x_3)_2$  and

from  $(\bar{x}_2)_1$  to  $(x_3)_3$

not from  $(\bar{x}_2)_1$  to  $(x_2)_2$  — not possible.

\* The sub-graph with vertices  $(\bar{x}_2)_1, (x_3)_2, (x_3)_3$

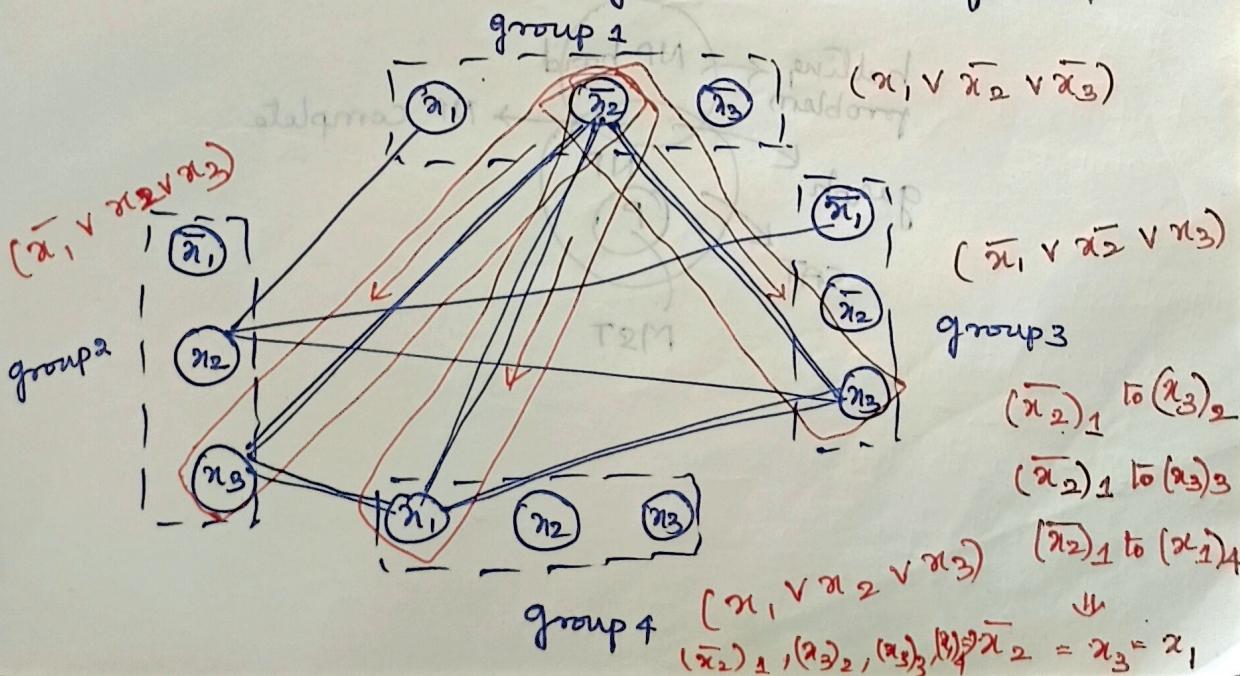
and  $(x_1)_1$  is a 4-clique and that

$$x_1 = 0 \quad (0 \vee 0 \vee 1)$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = x_3 = x_1 = 1$$

$$(0 \vee 1 \vee 0) = 1 \quad \bar{x}_3 = 1$$

is a variable assignment that satisfies e.



- \* The 3SAT problem can be satisfied iff the associated graph has a k-clique.
- \* The transformation from the 3SAT to the graph can be done deterministically in polynomial time.

## NP Completeness

Definition:

A lang:  $L$  is said to be NP-complete if  $L \in NP$  & every  $L_1 \in NP$  is polynomial time reducible to  $L$ .

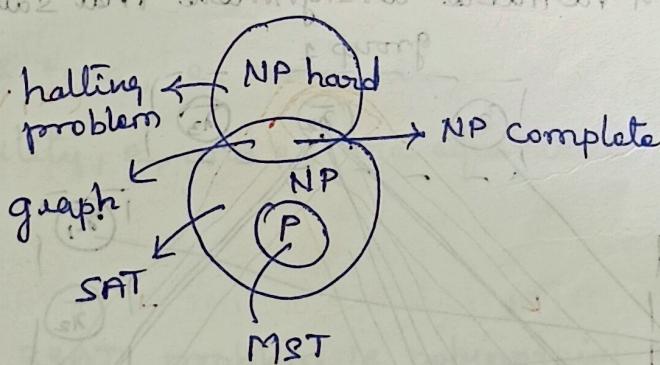
\* If  $L$  is NP-complete and polynomial time

reducible to  $L_1$ , Then  $L_1$  is also NP-complete.

\* If we can find one deterministic polynomial-time algo: for any NP-complete lang, then every lang in NP is also in P. That is,

$P = NP$ .

\* NP-complete problems is intractable, Then many interesting problems are not practically solvable.



### Theorem:

The SAT is NP-complete

### Proof:

Every configuration sequence of a TM one can construct a CNF expression that is satisfiable iff there is a sequence of configurations leading to acceptance.

\* SAT can be reduced to 3SAT,

3SAT can be reduced to CLIQUE

∴ 3SAT & CLIQUE are both NP-complete.

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