

Lab09-Recursively Enumerable Set(2)

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1. Suppose A is an r.e. set. Prove the following statements.

(a) Show that the sets $\bigcup_{x \in A} W_x$ and $\bigcup_{x \in A} E_x$ are both r.e.

Proof:

$$y \in \bigcup_{x \in A} W_x \Leftrightarrow \exists z(z \in A)(P_z(y) \downarrow)$$

So, the first set is r.e..

$$y \in \bigcup_{x \in A} E_x \Leftrightarrow \exists z_1 \exists z_2(z_1 \in A)(P_{z_1}(z_2) \downarrow y)$$

So, the second set is r.e..

(b) Show that $\bigcap_{x \in A} W_x$ is not necessarily r.e. (*Hint: $\forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ let $K_t = \{x : P_x(x) \downarrow \text{ in } t \text{ steps}\}$.*)

Show that for any t , K_t is recursive; moreover $K = \bigcup_{t \in \mathbb{N}} K_t$ and $\bar{K} = \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{K}_t$.

Proof:

$\forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ let $K_t = \{x : P_x(x) \downarrow \text{ in } t \text{ steps}\}$, the characteristic function of K_t is:

$$c_{K_t} = \begin{cases} 1 & , P_x(x) \downarrow \text{ in } t \text{ steps} \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So, c_{K_t} is computable, thus K_t and \bar{K}_t are recursive.

Moreover, $K = \bigcup_{t \in \mathbb{N}} K_t$ and $\bar{K} = \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{K}_t$.

Since $\bar{K} = \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{K}_t$ is not r.e.. Let $A^* = \mathbb{N}$, $\bigcap_{t \in A^*} W_x$ is not r.e. So the set is not necessarily r.e..

2. Prove that $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$ is r.e. iff $A = \emptyset$ or there is a total computable function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n$ such that $A = \text{Ran}(\mathbf{f})$. (A *computable function* \mathbf{f} from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N}^n is an n -tuple $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ where each f_i is a unary computable function and $\mathbf{f}(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x))$.)

Proof:

First, we proof the \Rightarrow :

If $A = \emptyset$, then completed.

If $A \neq \emptyset$, then $\exists a \in A$. For P to be the program to compute the partial characteristic function of A . We have:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ((x)_1, (x)_2, \dots, (x)_n) & , P((x)_1, (x)_2, \dots, (x)_n) \downarrow \text{ in } (x)_0 \text{ steps} \\ a & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So, f is computable, thus $A = \text{Ran}(f)$

Then, we proof the \Leftarrow :

If $A = \emptyset$, then completed.

If $A \neq \emptyset$, then we assume that there is a total and computable function f that $A = \text{Ran}(f)$.

Then, we have: $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A \Leftrightarrow \exists y (f(y) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$.

Because of **Graph Theorem**, the right part is partially decidable. So, the set A is r.e..

3. Suppose that f is a total computable function, A is a recursive set and B is an r.e. set. Show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is recursive and that $f(A)$, $f(B)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are r.e. but not necessarily recursive. What extra information about these sets can be obtained if f is a bijection?

Proof:

$$x \in f^{-1}(A) \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in A$$

So, $f^{-1}(A)$ is recursive.

$$x \in f(A) \Leftrightarrow \exists y (y \in A) (f(y) = x)$$

So, $f(A)$ is r.e..

$$x \in f(B) \Leftrightarrow \exists y (y \in B) (f(y) = x)$$

So, $f(B)$ is r.e..

$$x \in f^{-1}(B) \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in B$$

So, $f^{-1}(B)$ is r.e..

If f is a bijection, $f(A)$ is recursive.

4. A set D is the difference of r.e. sets (*d.r.e.*) iff $D = A - B$ where A, B are both r.e..

- (a) Show that the set of all *d.r.e.* sets is closed under the formation of intersection.

Proof:

We assume that A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 are all r.e. and $D_1 = A_1 - B_1$ and $D_2 = A_2 - B_2$.

So, there are computable functions f, g that $f(A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2)$ and $g(A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2)$ are both r.e..

So $D_1 \cap D_2 = f(A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2) - g(A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2)$. So the set of all *d.r.e.* sets is closed under the formation of intersection.

- (b) Show that if $C_n = \{x \mid |W_x| = n\}$, then C_n is *d.r.e.* for all $n \geq 0$.

Proof:

We assume that U is the set of all computable functions, and $C'_n = \{x \mid |W_x| \neq n\}$.

Since $|W_x| = \sum \mathbf{1}(y \in W_x)$, so C'_n is r.e..

So, $C_n = U - C'_n$ is *d.r.e.*