

Es)

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

$$L_1 = \{w \mid xvyz, x, y, z \in \Sigma, v, w \in \Sigma^* \\ x=z, |v|=|w|\}$$

$$xyz = ab^n cb^n a \\ \stackrel{!}{=} \underbrace{ab \dots b}_{xy} cb^n a$$

$$\text{if } y=a, xy^0z = b^n cb^n a \notin L_1$$

$$\text{if } y=ab^*, xy^0z = b^{n-|y|-1} cb^n a \notin L_1$$

$$\text{if } y=b^*, xy^0z = ab^{n-|y|} cb^n a$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{if } |y| \text{ is odd} \rightarrow xy^0z \notin L_1$$

$$\text{if } |y| \text{ is even} \rightarrow xy^0z \in L_1!$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Can't use the Pumping Lemma

$$R_0 = (a+b+c)$$

$$R_1 = R_0 R_0 R_0 (R_0 R_0)^* \rightarrow \text{odd number of symbols}$$

$$R_2 = a R_0^* a + b R_0^* b + c R_0^* c \rightarrow \text{first} = \text{last}$$

$R_1 \cap R_2$  generates  $L_1$

or

odd length

$$R = a R_0 (R_0 R_0)^* a + b R_0 (R_0 R_0)^* b + c R_0 (R_0 R_0)^* c$$

first = last  
 $|w| \geq 3$

$$L_1 \in \text{REG}$$

$$L_2 = \{w \mid w = xvyvz, x, y, z \in \Sigma, v \in \Sigma^*, x=y=z\}$$

$$R_0 = a+b+c$$

$$R = aR_0^*aR_0^*a + bR_0^*bR_0^*b + cR_0^*cR_0^*c$$

$$L_2 \in REG$$

$$L_3 = \{w \mid w \in xvyvz, x, y, z \in \Sigma, v \in \Sigma^*, x=y=z\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} xyz &= ab^n ab^n a \\ &= \underbrace{ab \dots bba}_{xy} ab^n a \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{if } y = a, \quad xy^0z = \underbrace{ab^n}_{xy} ab^n a \notin L_3$$

$$\text{if } y = b^+, \quad xy^0z = ab^{\underbrace{n-|y|}} ab^{\underbrace{n}} a \notin L_3$$

$$\text{if } y = ab^+, \quad xy^0z = \underbrace{ab^{\underbrace{n-|y|}}}_{xy} ab^{\underbrace{n}} a \notin L_3$$

# Automata, Languages and Computation

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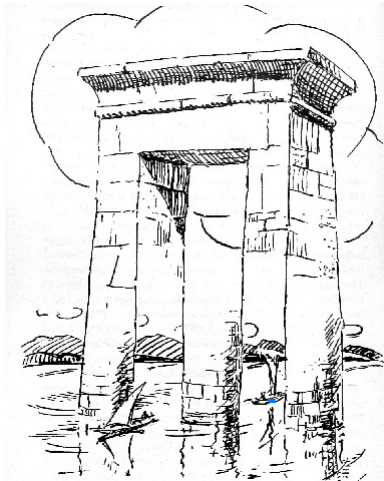
Chapter 9 : Undecidability

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# Undecidability



## Recursively enumerable languages

From now onward : Modern computers = Turing machines

A language  $L$  is **recursively enumerable** (RE) if  $L = L(M)$  for some TM  $M$

Given an input string  $w$ ,  $M$  halts if  $w \in L(M)$ , but  $M$  **may not halt** if  $w \notin L(M)$

## Recursive languages

A language  $L$  is **recursive** (REC) or, equivalently, the decision problem  $L$  represents is **decidable**, if  $L = L(M)$  for a TM  $M$  that halts for **every** input

A recursive/decidable language corresponds to the definition of **algorithm**, for which we impose that computation halts both for positive and negative instances of the problem

## String indexing

Let us sort all strings in  $\{0, 1\}^*$  :

- by length
- lexicographically, for strings of the same length

| $i$      | string     |
|----------|------------|
| 1        | $\epsilon$ |
| 2        | 0          |
| 3        | 1          |
| 4        | 00         |
| 5        | 01         |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$   |

We associate with each string a positive integer  $i$  called **index**



# String indexing

We write  $w_i$  to denote the  $i$ -th string

We can easily verify that, for each  $w \in \{0,1\}^*$ , we have

$$w = w_i \Leftrightarrow i = 1w$$

## Encoding of TM

We now want to encode a TM **with binary input alphabet**  $M = (Q, \{0, 1\}, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, B, F)$  by means of a binary string, which we denote  $\text{enc}(M)$

We need to assign integers to each state, tape symbol, and symbols L and R indicating directions

We rename the states as  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r$ . Initial state:  $q_1$ , final state:  $q_2$  (unique)

We rename the tape symbols as  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s$ . Also:  $0 = X_1$ ,  $1 = X_2$ ,  $B = X_3$

$L = D_1$  and  $R = D_2$

## Encoding of TM

For the transition function, if

$$\delta(q_i, X_j) = (q_k, X_l, D_m)$$

the binary code  $C$  for the transition is (we use unary notation for  $i, j, k, l, m$ )

$$0^i 10^j 10^k 10^l 10^m$$

**Note :** We never have two consecutive occurrences of 1, since  $i, j, k, l, m \geq 1$  is always satisfied

## Encoding of TM

For a TM, we concatenate the codes  $C_i$  for all transitions, separated by 11

$C_1 11 C_2 11 \dots 11 C_{n-1} 11 C_n$  → no specific order

There are several codes for  $M$ , obtained by indexing the symbols and/or listing the transitions in different orders

Many binary strings do not correspond to a TM

**Example** : 11001 or 001110

**Note** : In the following we write  $\text{enc}(M)$  to denote a generic code for  $M$ ; keep in mind that  $\text{enc}()$  **is not** a function.

Try to draw a map between set of all TMs and set of binary strings, representing the encoding relation

## Example

Let  $M = (\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 1, B\}, \delta, q_1, B, \{q_2\})$ , where  $\delta$  is defined as

$$\delta(q_1, 1) = (q_3, 0, R) \quad \delta(q_3, 0) = (q_1, 1, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 1) = (q_2, 0, R) \quad \delta(q_3, B) = (q_3, 1, L)$$

Transition encodings  $C_i$

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 0100100010100  | 0001010100100    |
| 00010010010100 | 0001000100010010 |

TM encoding  $\text{enc}(M)$

0100100010100**11**0001010100100**11**00010010010100**11**0001000100010010

## TM indexing

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

We can now **enumerate** all TM (with repetition) using positive integers as indices and using our string indexing

For  $i \geq 1$ , the  $i$ -th TM  $M_i$  is defined as follows

- if  $w_i$  is a valid encoding representing TM  $M$ , then  $M_i = M$
- if  $w_i$  is not a valid encoding, then  $M_i$  is the TM that halts immediately for any input (only one state and no transition,  $L(M_i) = \emptyset$ )

## Diagonalization language

The following table reports whether  $M_i$  accepts (1) or rejects (0)  $w_j$

ALL RE languages

All Turing machines

|     | $j$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | ... | $+\infty$ |
|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|-----|-----------|
| 1   |     | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ... |           |
| 2   |     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ... |           |
| 3   |     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ... |           |
| 4   |     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ... |           |
| ... |     | . | . | . | . | .   |           |
| ... |     | . | . | . | . | .   |           |
| ... |     | . | . | . | . | .   |           |

$i$

$+\infty$

Diagonal

{ toute righe con solo 0...  
 010101010 è la  
 prime tM che  
 non è empty