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Assignment - IV

Q2 Decidability

A problem is said to be decidable if we can always construct a corresponding algorithm that can answer the problem correctly. A problem is said to be a decidable problem if there exist a corresponding Turing Machine which halts on every input with an answer yes or no.

Undecidability

The problem for which we can't construct an algorithm that can answer the problem correctly in finite time are termed as Undecidable problems. These problems may be partially decidable problems but they will be never decidable that is there will be always be a condition that will lead the Turing machine into an infinite loop without providing an answer at all.

Eg:- 1. Whether a CFG generates all the strings or not.

2. Ambiguity of CFG.

Q3 Recursive Enumerable Language

RE language or Type-0 Language are generated by type-0 grammar. An RE language can be accepted or recognized by Turing Machine which means it will enter into final state for the strings or may be or may not enter into rejecting state strings of language. It means Turing Machine can loop the strings which are not part of the language.

Recursive Language

A recursive language can be decided by machine which means it will enter finite state for the strings of language and real state for the strings which are not part of language.

Eg: $L = \{a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 1\}$, is recursive because construct a Turing machine which move to state if the strings that Turing Machine will also halt in this case. RE language are also as Turing Decidable Language.

Q4. Rice Theorem states that any non-trivial semantic property of a language which is recognized by a Turing Machine is Undecidable. A property, P , is the language of all Turing Machine that satisfy that property.

Formal Definition

If P is a non-trivial property, and the language holding the property, L_P , is recognized by Turing Machine M , then $L_P = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \in P \}$ is Undecidable.

Properties

- Property 1: There exists Turing Machine, M_1 and M_2 that recognize the same language, i.e., either $\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle \in L$ or $\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle \notin L$.
- Property 2: There exists Turing Machine M_1 and M_2 where M_1 recognizes the language while M_2 does not, i.e., $\langle M_1 \rangle \in L$ and $\langle M_2 \rangle \notin L$.

Proof

Suppose, a property P is non-trivial and $\emptyset \neq P$.

Since, P is non-trivial, at least one language ~~is~~ satisfies P ,
i.e., $L(M_0) \in P; \exists$ Turing Machine M_0 .

Let, w be an input in a particular instant and N is a Turing Machine which follows - on input x :

- Run M on w

- If M does not accept, then do not accept x .

- If M accepts w then run M_0 on x . If M_0 accepts x , then accept x .

A function that maps an instance $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts input } w \}$ to a N such that:

- If M accepts w and N accepts the same language as M_0 , Then $L(M) = L(M_0) \in P$.

- If M does not accept w and N accepts \emptyset , Then $L(N) = \emptyset \notin P$.

Since, ATM is undecidable and it can reduce to L_P , L_P is also ~~undecidable~~ undecidable.

Q5. The Post Correspondence Theorem ~~is~~ was introduced by Emil Post in year 1946. It's a type of undecidable decision problem.

Let, $A = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k$ and $B = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k$ be strings over some alphabet Σ .

The PCP is to find the correspondence sequence of integers i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m for $m \geq 1$ such that:

$$w_{i_1} w_{i_2} w_{i_3} \dots w_{i_m} = x_{i_1} x_{i_2} x_{i_3} \dots x_{i_m}$$

The sequence, ' i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m ' is considered as the solution for the PCP instance. Each PCP instance is constituted by some set of values for A and B .

If we consider the PCP as a generic class of all such instances, then it is undecidable. Furthermore, there exist no generic algorithm that can find a solution for any such PCP instance: hence, it is also an undecidable problem. However, for a few values of A and B, it might have a solution.

Eg: Find whether the list $M = (abb, aa, aaa)$ & $N = (bba, aaa, aa)$ have a PCS?

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	x_1	x_2	x_3
M	abb	aa	aaa
N	bba	aaa	aa

Here,

$$x_2 x_1 x_3 = 'aaabbaaa'$$

$$\text{and, } y_2 y_1 y_3 = 'aaabbaaa'$$

Hence, we can see that

$$x_2 x_1 x_3 = y_2 y_1 y_3$$

Hence, the solution is $i=2, j=1$ & $k=3$.

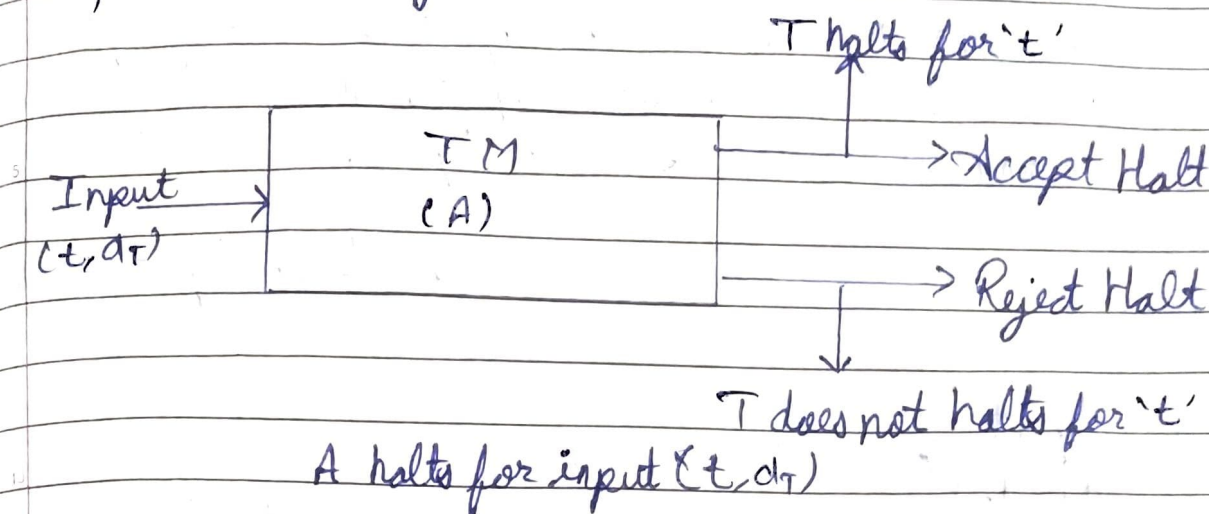
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①. To Prove: The Halting Problem Is Undecidable.

Proof: Let us prove the halting problem is undecidable by contradiction.

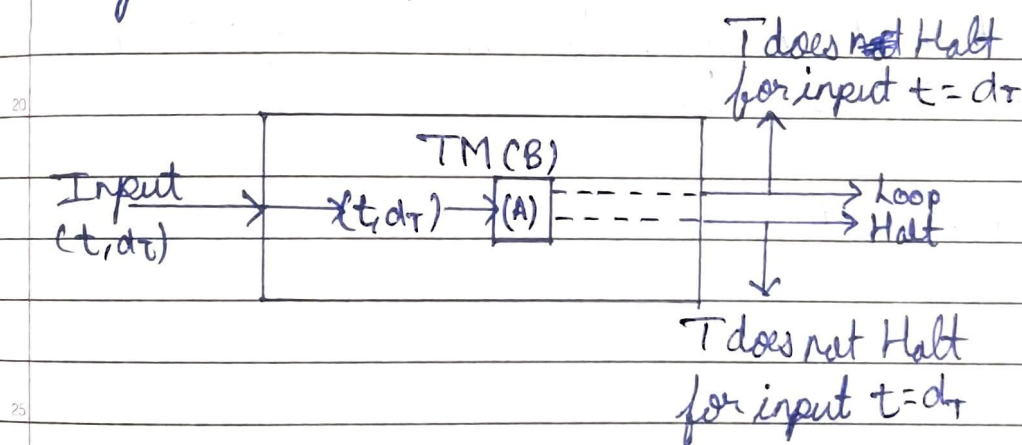
Let us assume that there exist a TM (A) which decides whether or not any computation by any TM (T) will ever halt given that the description of (SFM) of T, and the input tape t of T. Then for every input, (t, a) to A, if T halts, then A reaches an 'accept halt' state;

else, A reaches a 'reject halt' state.



We now attempt to construct another $TM(B)$ which takes (t, dt) as the input; it functions as follows:

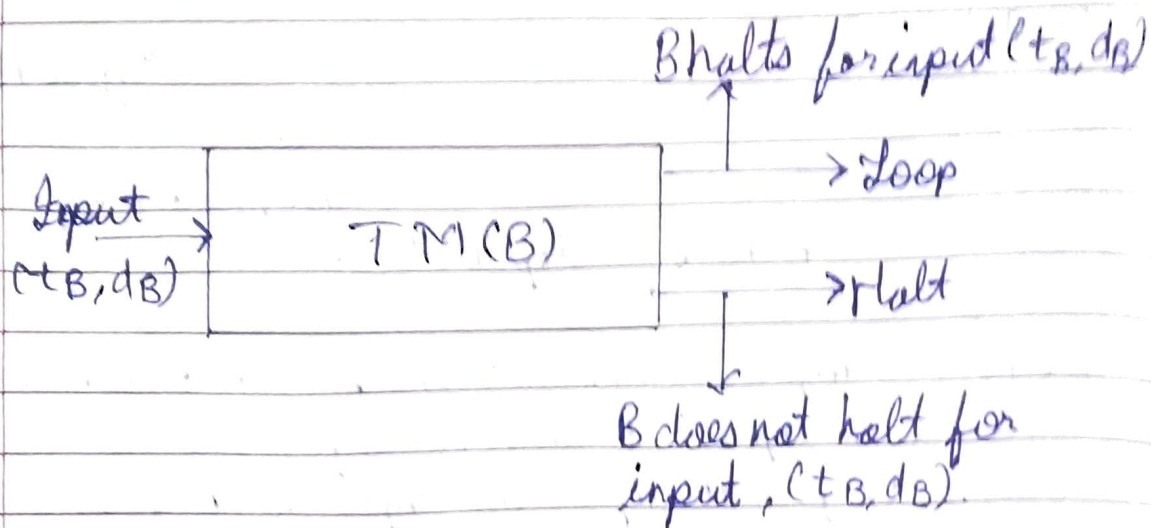
- First, it copies the input and duplicates the same onto its tape. Then it takes this duplicated information tape as the input to A . Whenever A reaches the 'accept halt' state, B loops forever, and, whenever A reaches the 'reject halt' state, B halts.



Considering the original behavior of A , we find that B acts as follows:

- It ~~both~~ loops if T halts for input t , and halts if T does not halt for the input t . Thus, the working of $TM(B)$ is exactly opposite of that of $TM(T)$.

Now, since B itself is a TM, let us set $T = B$. In this case, B halts for the input if and only if B does not halt for the same input, and loops forever if and only if B halts for the input.



Well, this is a ~~const~~ contradiction.

Hence, we conclude that the machine A , which can decide whether or not any other TM will ever halt cannot exist. Therefore, we conclude that the halting problem is unsolvable.

Here, Proved.