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a) For a Turing decidable language  $L$ , the machine  $M$  decides language  $L$ , then the complement is  ~~$M$~~   $M'$  on input  $w$ .

$M'$  - on input  $w$

1. Accepts if  $M$  rejects
2. Else rejects

$M'$  decides the complement of  $L$  as it does the opposite of  $M$ .

So, decidable languages are closed under complementation.

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Q) let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be two decidable languages and  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be the Turing machines that decide them.

Turing Machine  $M_0$ :

$$L(M_0) = L_1 \cup L_2$$

$M_0$  on input  $w$ :

1. Split  $w$  into 2 parts,  $w = w_1 w_2$
2. Run  $M_1$  on  $w_1$ , if  $M_1$  rejected, then reject
3. Run  $M_2$  on  $w_2$ , if  $M_2$  rejected, then reject.
4. Else accept.

Try each possible combination of  $w$ . If the parts are accepted vice versa, then  $w$  is accepted by  $M_0$ .  
Else, it is rejected.

$$\Delta_0, \quad L(M_0) = L_1 \cup L_2$$

The decidable languages are closed under concatenation.



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c) Let  $L$  be the Turing decidable language and  $M$  be the Turing machine that decides  $L$ .

There is a Turing machine  $M'$  such that, it decides the star of  $L \Rightarrow L(M') = L^*$ .

$M' \rightarrow$  on input of  $w$ .

1. Split  $w$  into  $n$  ~~parts~~ parts:  $w : w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$

2. Run  $M$  on  $w_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If  $M$  accepts each of these strings,  $w_i$ , accept.

3. All cuts have been tried without success, reject.

If  $w$  is cut into different substrings such that every string is accepted by  $M$ , then  $w$  belongs to the star of  $L$ , and  $M'$  accepts  $w$  after finitely many steps. Since there are finitely many possible cuts of  $w$ ,  $M'$  will halt after finitely many steps.

Po,  $L(M') = L^*$ . The decidable languages are closed under star.

2. A DFA accepts some string if and only if reaching an accept state from the start state by travelling along the arrows of the DFA is possible.

Let  $X = \text{"on input } \langle A \rangle, \text{ where } A \text{ is a DFA"} \text{"}$ .

1. Mark the start state of  $A$ .
2. Run a breadth first search from that start state and mark all reachable states from the start state. Repeat until no new states get marked.
3. If no accept state is marked, accept, otherwise reject.



3. Each element in  $B$  is an infinite sequence  $(b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots)$ , where each  $b_i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Suppose  $B$  is countable. Then we can define a correspondence  $f$  between  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $B$ .

Specifically for  $n \in N$ , let  $f(n) = (b_{n1}, b_{n2}, \dots)$  where  $b_{ni}$  is the  $i$ th bit in the  $n$  sequence.

Now, we define the infinite sequence  $c = (c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots)$   $c = (c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots) \in B$ , where  $c_i = 1 - b_{ii}$  for each  $i \in N$ . The  $i$ th bit in  $c$  is the opposite of the  $i$ th bit in the  $i$ th sequence.

For each  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,  $c \in B$  differs from the  $n$ th sequence in the  $n$ th bit, so  $c$  does not equal  $f(n)$  for any  $n$ , which is a contradiction.

Hence  $B$  is uncountable.

4.

$$A \subseteq B, B \subseteq A, A \cup B = \Sigma^*$$

A and B are recognizable by languages  $M_A$  and  $M_B$ .

$M_A$  and  $M_B$  will accept in a finite amount of time, so  $M_C$  will accept or reject in a finite amount of time given that one of these machines ~~and~~ accepts. As  $A \cup B = \Sigma^*$ , one will accept.

Thus for any string  ~~$w \in \Sigma^*$~~   $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $M_C$  will halt. Language C is thus decidable.

$M_C$  : input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$ .

1. Step  $M_A$  and  $M_B$  over  $w$ .
2. If  $M_B$  accepts, accept
3. If  $M_A$  ~~accepts~~ <sup>accepts</sup>, ~~reject~~ reject.
4. Otherwise, repeat.

The definition of separability indicates that A and B are separable if there exists a decidable language C such that  $A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ . As shown above, C is decidable.  $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq A \subseteq C$  where A and B are disjoint. So the constraints of separability have been satisfied.



5.

let  $P$  be the set of all pushdown automata.  
let language  $L = \{x \in P \mid x \text{ has a useless state}\}$ .

To show  $L$  is decidable, we design a Turing machine which accepts only strings in  $L$ . We know that whether a PDA has an empty language is decidable, and we may reduce the question of whether a given state  $q$  is useless to this question by making  $q$  the only accept state and then determining whether the resulting PDA has an empty language. If yes, then  $q$  is a useless state. Our Turing Machine may therefore solve the question of whether there are any useless states by performing this test for each state in order.

6. Assume  $A$  is defined as follows

$A = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$  and  $B = \{ b \}$ , over  
input  $\Sigma = \{ a, b \}$ .

$$f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^* \quad \therefore =$$

$$f(w) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } w \in A, \\ a & \text{if } w \notin A \end{cases}$$

→ Notice, if  $A$  is a context free language, then it is Turing-decidable.

$f$  is a computable function.

$w \in A$  iff  $f(w) = b$ , which is true iff  $f(w) \in B$

Hence,  $A$  is not a regular language, but  $B$  is as it is finite.



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The Rice Theorem states that whenever we try to analyze any non-trivial property of a recursively enumerable language, then the property will always be undecidable.

- a) Here, infiniteness is a non-trivial property as it is satisfied by some languages ( $L = \Sigma^*$ ) and not by others ( $L = \{(aa)^n, (ab)^n\}$ ).

So by Rice Theorem, we can say that the given language is undecidable.

- b) Here,  $L(M)$  being equal to  $\Sigma^*$  signifies that we want  $L(M)$  to accept the same strings as  $\Sigma^*$ . This is a non-trivial property as it is satisfied by  $L = \Sigma^*$ , and rejected by other languages.

So, by Rice Theorem, we can say that the given language is undecidable.

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8.

A universal Turing machine can be created within the game of life rules. A computer, that can compute the game of life steps, could use this process to calculate if the cells comprise a glider.