

From Friday  $\text{Arm} \leq_m \text{HALT}_{\text{Arm}}$  is witnessed by computable function given by Turing machine with high level description

"On input  $x$

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1. Check if  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$ , string  $w$ .  
If not, output  $\leq \bigcirc \begin{matrix} 0, 0, R \\ 1, 1, R \\ w, w, R \end{matrix} \bigcirc, \epsilon \rangle$

2. Build  $M' =$  "On input  $y$ , simulate  $M$  on  $y$ ."

1. Simulate  $M$  on  $y$
2. If accepts, accept.  
If rejects, loop.

3. Output  $\langle M', w \rangle$  "

Why does this function witness mapping reduction?

- Computable b/c computed by Turing machine above (that halts and output for each input)

- Consider arbitrary  $x$ .

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 Case 1:  $x \in A_{TM}$ . So  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$ , string  $w$ .  
 Output of function is  $\langle M', w \rangle$  with  $M'$  accepting (hence halting on)  $w$ .  
 Thus output of function is in  $HALT_{TM}$  ✓

Case 2.  $x \notin A_{T_M}$

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Subcase 2a.  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any TM  $M$ , string  $w$ .

So output is  $\langle \underbrace{\Delta, \langle \text{loop}, \text{loop} \rangle}_{\text{this TM loops on } \epsilon}, \epsilon \rangle$  ✓

Subcase 2b  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$ , string  $w$   
and  $M$  loops on  $w$ . Output  
of function is  $\langle M', w \rangle$  where  
 $M'$ 's computation on  $w$  loops in step 2  
so  $M'$  does not halt on  $w$  ✓

Subcase 2c.  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$ , string  $w$   
and  $M$  rejects  $w$ . Output  
of function is  $\langle M', w \rangle$  where  
 $M'$ 's computation on  $w$  loops in step 3  
so  $M'$  does not halt on  $w$  ✓

## Monday - Memorial Day

No class today.

## Wednesday

Recall:  $A$  is **mapping reducible** to  $B$ , written  $A \leq_m B$ , means there is a computable function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that for all strings  $x$  in  $\Sigma^*$ ,

$$x \in A \quad \text{if and only if} \quad f(x) \in B.$$

Recall: The class of Turing recognizable languages is not closed under complementation.

True or False:  $\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_m \overline{HALT_{TM}}$

want a function that is

① computable

②

for each  $x \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $x \in \overline{A_{TM}}$  iff  $f(x) \in \overline{HALT_{TM}}$

$x \notin A_{TM}$  iff  $f(x) \notin HALT_{TM}$

witness function for  $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$

also witnesses that  $\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_m \overline{HALT_{TM}}$

True or False:  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m A_{TM}$ .

BUT can't use the same function! Why?

Good  $\langle M, w \rangle$  with  $M$  halts on  $w$   $\mapsto \langle M', w \rangle$   $M'$  accepts  $w$

Consider function computed by TM with high level description: "On input  $x$ "

1. If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$   $M$  TM,  $w$  string, output  $\langle \text{DO NOT HALT} \rangle$
2. Otherwise,  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some  $M$  TM,  $w$  string and define  $M' =$  "On input  $y$   
1. Run  $M$  on  $y$   
2. If  $M$  accepts, accept. If  $M$  rejects, accept."
3. Output  $\langle M', w \rangle$

Todo: prove this works...

**Theorem** (Sipser 5.28): If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  is recognizable, then  $A$  is recognizable.

**Proof:**

extra practice

**Corollary:** If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is unrecognizable, then  $B$  is unrecognizable.

To witness  $\text{HALT}_{\text{TM}} \leq_m \text{A}_{\text{TM}}$   
a function on  $\Sigma^*$  needs to be  
computable and for each  $x$

Case ① if  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any TM  $M$ ,  
string  $w$   
output of function must not be in  $\text{A}_{\text{TM}}$ .

Case ② If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$ , string  $w$   
and  $M$  halts on  $w$  then output  
of function must be  $\langle \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{TM}}, \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{string}} \rangle$   
where this TM accepts this string.



Case ③ If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$ , string  $w$   
and  $M$  loops on  $w$  then output  
of function must not be in  $\text{A}_{\text{TM}}$ .

if  $X \leq_m Y$  and  $X$  is undecidable then so is  $Y$ .

Strategy:

(i) To prove that a recognizable language  $R$  is undecidable, prove that  $A_{TM} \leq_m R$ .

(ii) To prove that a co-recognizable language  $U$  is undecidable, prove that  $\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_m U$ , i.e. that  $A_{TM} \leq_m \overline{U}$ .

$$E_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine and } L(M) = \emptyset \}$$

Example string in  $E_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{TM diagram} \rangle$ . Example string not in  $E_{TM}$  is  $\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$ .

$E_{TM}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

$\overline{E_{TM}}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable. Informally, need to prove.

\* Claim:  $A_{TM} \leq_m \overline{E_{TM}}$ . i.e.  $A_{TM} \leq_m E_{TM}$

**Proof:** Need computable function  $F : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that  $x \in A_{TM}$  iff  $F(x) \notin E_{TM}$ . Define

$F =$  "On input  $x$ ,

1. Type-check whether  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some TM  $M$  and string  $w$ . If so, move to step 2; if not, output  $\langle \text{TM diagram} \rangle$ .
2. Construct the following machine  $M'_x$ :

$M'_x =$  "On input  $y$   
 1. Ignore input.  
 2. Run  $M$  on  $w$   
 3. If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , accept  $y$ .  
 4. If  $M$  rejects  $w$ , reject  $y$ ."

3. Output  $\langle M'_x \rangle$ .

Verifying correctness:

| Input string   | Output string  |
|--|--|
| $x \in A_{TM}$ $\langle M, w \rangle$ where $w \in L(M)$       | $F(x) \notin E_{TM}$ ? $L(M'_x) = \Sigma^*$ ✓                                    |
| $x \notin A_{TM}$ $\langle M, w \rangle$ where $w \notin L(M)$ | $F(x) \in E_{TM}$ ? $L(M'_x) = \emptyset$ ✓                                      |
| $x$ not encoding any pair of TM and string                     | $F(x) \in E_{TM}$ ? Yes/b/c $L(\langle \text{TM diagram} \rangle) = \emptyset$ ✓ |

## **Review: Week 9 Wednesday**

Please complete the review quiz questions on [Gradescope](#) about mapping reductions.

**Pre class reading for next time:** Introduction to Chapter 7.

Reference undecidable sets:  
 $A_{TM}, \overline{A_{TM}}, HALT_{TM}, \overline{HALT_{TM}}, E_{TM}, \overline{E_{TM}}$   
 Reference unrecognizable sets:  
 $\overline{A_{TM}}, \overline{HALT_{TM}}, \overline{E_{TM}}$

## Friday

Recall:  $A$  is **mapping reducible** to  $B$ , written  $A \leq_m B$ , means there is a computable function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that for all strings  $x$  in  $\Sigma^*$ ,

$$x \in A \quad \text{if and only if} \quad f(x) \in B.$$

$$EQ_{TM} = \{ \langle M, M' \rangle \mid M \text{ and } M' \text{ are both Turing machines and } L(M) = L(M') \}$$

Example string in  $EQ_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{DQ}, \text{DQ} \rangle$ . Example string not in  $EQ_{TM}$  is  $\langle \text{DQ}, \text{DQ} \oplus \text{DQ} \rangle$ .

$EQ_{TM}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

$\overline{EQ_{TM}}$  is decidable / undecidable and recognizable / unrecognizable.

To prove, show that  $\overline{HALT_{TM}} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$  and that  $\overline{HALT_{TM}} \leq_m \overline{EQ_{TM}}$ .

Since  $\overline{HALT_{TM}}$  is unrecognizable,  $EQ_{TM}$  will be too.

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Using the complementation strategy from before, it's equivalent to prove that

①  $\overline{HALT_{TM}} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$  and  $\overline{HALT_{TM}} \leq_m \overline{EQ_{TM}}$

When we define the witnessing function for each reduction Verifying correctness will mean:

| Input string  |   | Output string           |   |
|---|---|-------------------------|---|
| $x \notin \overline{HALT_{TM}}$<br>$x \notin HALT_{TM}$ | $\langle M, w \rangle$ where $M$ halts on $w$ | $f(x) \notin EQ_{TM} !$ | ✓ |
|   | $\langle M, w \rangle$ where $M$ loops on $w$ | $f(x) \in EQ_{TM} !$    | ✓ |
|   | $x$ not encoding any pair of TM and string    | $f(x) \in EQ_{TM} !$    | ✓ |

CAN'T DISTINGUISH! ALGORITHMICALLY!  
 CAN CHECK!

Now we need to define the function that will achieve these goals.

Define function as that computed by the following Turing machine

"On input  $x$ ."

1. If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any Turing machine  $M$ , string  $w$ ,

output  $\langle \text{no}, \text{no} \rangle$

note that this output is in  $\text{EQ}_{\text{TM}}$ .

2. If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some Turing machine  $M$ , string  $w$ ,

Build new Turing machine

$M'_x =$  "On input  $y$ . (no type check!)"

1. If  $y \neq w$ , reject
2. Else, run  $M$  on  $w$
3. If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , accept
4. If  $M$  rejects  $w$ , accept

( $M$  halts on  $w$ )

3. Output  $\langle M'_x, \text{no} \rangle$

What is  $L(M'_x)$ ?  
Is  $w \in L(M'_x)$  iff  $M$  halts on  $w$ ?

Notice that

If  $\langle M, w \rangle \in \text{HALT}_{\text{TM}}$  then  $L(M'_x) = \{w\}$

If  $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \text{HALT}_{\text{TM}}$  then  $L(M'_x) = \emptyset$

which is not equal to  $L(\text{no, no})$

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i.e.  $x \in \text{HALT}_{\text{TM}}$  gives  $f(x) \notin \text{EQ}_{\text{TM}}$

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② To prove  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$   
 Need a witnessing  
 computable function, let's  
 call it  $g: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ , with

IF  $x \in HALT_{TM}$  THEN  $g(x) \in EQ_{TM}$   
 $x = \langle M, w \rangle$   
 $M$  halts on  $w$

IF  $x \notin HALT_{TM}$ , THEN  $g(x) \notin EQ_{TM}$   
 $x = \langle M, w \rangle$   
 $M$  loops on  $w$

IF  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  THEN  $g(x) \notin EQ_{TM}$   
 for any  $M, w$

Define function as that computed  
 by the following Turing machine

"On input  $x$ ."

1. If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any Turing machine  
 $M$ , string  $w$ ,

output  $\langle \text{no}, \text{no} \rangle$  note that this output is  $EQ_{TM}$ .

2. If  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$  for some Turing machine  
 $M$ , string  $w$ ,

Build new Turing machine

$M'_x =$  "On input  $y$ . (no type check!)"

$x = \langle M, w \rangle$  accept  
 1. If  $y \neq w$ , accept  
 2. Else, run  $M$  on  $w$   
 3. If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , accept.  
 4. If  $M$  rejects  $w$ , accept."  
 ( $M$  halts on  $w$ )

3. Output  $\langle M'_x, \text{no} \rangle$



Verifying:

IF  $X \in \text{HALT}_{TM}$   
 $X = \langle M, w \rangle$   
 $M$  halts on  $w$

THEN

$g(X) \in EQ_{TM}?$

In this case,  $g(X) = \langle M'_X, \Delta \odot \rangle$  with  $M'_X$   
 accepting all strings:  $L(M'_X) = \Sigma^* = L(\Delta \odot)$   
 so  $g(X) \in EQ_{TM}$  ✓

IF  $X \notin \text{HALT}_{TM}$ ,

THEN

$g(X) \notin EQ_{TM}?$

$X = \langle M, w \rangle$   
 $M$  loops on  $w$

In this case  $g(X) = \langle M'_X, \Delta \odot \rangle$  with  $M'_X$   
 accepting all strings except  $w$ :  $L(M'_X) \neq \Sigma^* = L(\Delta \odot)$   
 so  $g(X) \notin EQ_{TM}$  ✓

IF  $X \neq \langle M, w \rangle$   
 for any  $M, w$

THEN

$g(X) \notin EQ_{TM}?$

In this case,  $g(X) = \langle \Delta \odot, \Delta \odot \rangle$   
 and  $L(\Delta \odot) = \Sigma^* \neq \emptyset = L(\Delta \odot)$   
 so  $g(X) \notin EQ_{TM}$  ✓

# Monday

In practice, computers (and Turing machines) don't have infinite tape, and we can't afford to wait unboundedly long for an answer. "Decidable" isn't good enough - we want "Efficiently decidable".

For a given algorithm working on a given input, how long do we need to wait for an answer? How does the running time depend on the input in the worst-case? average-case? We expect to have to spend more time on computations with larger inputs.

A language is **recognizable** if \_\_\_\_\_

A language is **decidable** if \_\_\_\_\_

A language is **efficiently decidable** if \_\_\_\_\_

A function is **computable** if \_\_\_\_\_

A function is **efficiently computable** if \_\_\_\_\_

Definition (Sipser 7.1): For  $M$  a deterministic decider, its **running time** is the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by

$$f(n) = \max \text{ number of steps } M \text{ takes before halting, over all inputs of length } n$$

Definition (Sipser 7.7): For each function  $t(n)$ , the **time complexity class**  $TIME(t(n))$ , is defined by

$$TIME(t(n)) = \{L \mid L \text{ is decidable by a Turing machine with running time in } O(t(n))\}$$

An example of an element of  $TIME(1)$  is

An example of an element of  $TIME(n)$  is

Note:  $TIME(1) \subseteq TIME(n) \subseteq TIME(n^2)$

Definition (Sipser 7.12) :  $P$  is the class of languages that are decidable in polynomial time on a deterministic 1-tape Turing machine

$$P = \bigcup_k TIME(n^k)$$

*Compare to exponential time: brute-force search.*

Theorem (Sipser 7.8): Let  $t(n)$  be a function with  $t(n) \geq n$ . Then every  $t(n)$  time deterministic multitape Turing machine has an equivalent  $O(t^2(n))$  time deterministic 1-tape Turing machine.

## **Review: Week 9 Friday**

Please complete the review quiz questions on [Gradescope](#) about complexity.

**Pre class reading for next time:** Skim Chapter 7.

# BONUS EXAMPLE

Claim:  $A_{TM} \leq_m \Sigma^* = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is TM, } M \text{ accepts } \varepsilon \}$

Pf: Need witness function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ , computable  
and  $x \in A_{TM}$  iff  $f(x) \in \Sigma_{TM}$  for all  $x$

Goal



- ①  $x \in A_{TM}$  s.t.  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$   $M$  accepts  $w$ .  
WANT  $f(x) = \langle M', \varepsilon \rangle$   $M'$  accepts  $\varepsilon$ . ✓
- ②  $x \notin A_{TM}$  where  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$   $M$  doesn't accept  $w$ .  
WANT  $f(x) \notin \Sigma_{TM}$  ✓
- ③  $x \notin A_{TM}$  b/c  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any TM  $M$ , string  $w$ .  
WANT  $f(x) \notin \Sigma_{TM}$

Define  $f$  to be computed by  $M_f$

$M_f =$  "On input  $x$ "

1. If  $x \neq \langle M, w \rangle$  for any TM  $M$ , string  $w$   
output  $\langle \text{b/c not a string} \rangle$

2. Otherwise  $x = \langle M, w \rangle$

3. Build

$M'_x =$  "On input  $y$ "

1. Run  $M$  on  $w$ .
2. If  $M$  accepts, accept
3. If  $M$  rejects, reject

4. Output  $\langle M'_x \rangle$

Does  $M'_x$  accept  $\varepsilon$ ? Yes if  $M$  accepts  $w$   
(b/c then  $L(M'_x) = \Sigma^*$ )

No if  $M$  doesn't accept  $w$   
(b/c then  $L(M'_x) = \emptyset$ )