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Prob 1. Show  $L = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ halts with } w \}$  is RE but not R.

①  $L$  is RE: We construct a TM.

1° For input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , ~~we~~ translate the code of  $M, w$  into normal form.

2° Simulate  $M$  with input  $w$ .

3° If  $M$  halts, then accept. Otherwise never accept.

②  $L$  is not R: Prove by contradiction.

If  $L$  is R, then  $\bar{L}$  is R. So  $\exists M_1, L(M_1) = \bar{L}$ . Then we can construct  $M_2$  that  $L(M_2) = L$  is R.

1° For input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , translate into normal form.

2° Simulate  $M_1$  with input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ .

3° If  $M_1$  accept, then  $M_2$  ~~accept~~ <sup>halt without</sup> accept. ~~Otherwise~~

4° Simulate  $M$  with input  $w$ .

5° If  $M$  accept, then  $M_2$  accept. Otherwise  $M_2$  halt without accept. Since

$\langle M, w \rangle \notin \bar{L}$ , then  $M$  will halt, so  $M_2$  will halt.

But we know  $L$  is not R. Contradiction.

Prob 2. Let  $L$  is RE and  $\bar{L}$  is not. Consider  $L' = \{ \langle w \rangle \mid w \in L \} \cup \{ \langle w \rangle \mid w \notin L \}$ .

Whether  $L'$  or  $\bar{L}'$  are RE, R, or not RE?

$L'$  and  $\bar{L}'$  are not RE. If  $L'$  is RE, then  $\exists M_1, L(M_1) = L'$ . Consider  $M_2$ :

~~1° For input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , translate into normal form,~~

~~2° Simulate  $M_1$  with input~~

1° For input  $w$ , simulate  $M_1$  with input  $\langle w \rangle$ .

2° If  $M_1$  accept, then  $M_2$  accept. Otherwise never accept.  
Then  $L(M_2) = \bar{L}$ . But we know  $\bar{L}$  is not RE. Contradiction.

Proof for  
 $\bar{L}' = \{ \langle w \rangle \mid w \notin L \} \cup \{ \langle w \rangle \mid w \in L \}$   
is similar to  $L'$ .



Prob 3. Are the following <sup>problems</sup> ~~RE~~ RE or not?

a. Does  $L(M)$  contain at least 2 strings?

Is RE. We construct a TM (non-deterministic) -

1° For input  $M$ , translate into normal form.

~~2° Check strings in alphabet order (length first), to see whether current string is in  $M$ .~~

~~3° If seen 2 strings accept~~ (by simulate  $M$  ~~whether~~ in)

2° Guess 2 strings  $M$  might accept. (One possible way is to guess one, then guess another).

3° Simulate  $M$  with input <sup>one of</sup> the 2 strings respectively.

4°. If the 2 strings all accepted by  $M$ , then accept. Otherwise never accept.

b. Is  $L(M)$  infinite?

Is not RE. Consider  $L = \{M \mid L(M) \text{ is infinite}\}$ , then  $\bar{L} = \{M \mid L(M) \text{ is finite}\}$ .

We construct a TM (non-deterministic) that accept  $\bar{L}$ .

1° For input  $M$ , translate into normal form.

2° Guess a number that ~~length~~ equals to  $|L(M)|$ .

Is not RE. If  $\exists M_1, L(M_1) = \{M \mid L(M) \text{ is infinite}\}$ , then  $\exists M_2, L(M_2) = \bar{L}$ .  
Construct  $M_2$  as:

1° For input  $(M, w)$ , construct  $M'$  with input ~~length~~  $n$  as:

1° Simulate  $M$  with input  $w$ .

2° If  $M$  accept  $w$  in  $n$  steps, then ~~accept. Otherwise~~, halt without accept.  
Otherwise, accept.

2° Simulate  $M_1$  with input  $M'$ .

3° If  $M_1$  accept, then accept. Otherwise, ~~never~~ never accept.

Easy to see  $L(M_2) = \bar{L}$ . But we know  $L$  is RE but not R, contradiction.



Prob 4. Show the following problem is decidable:

~~The~~ TM that never make a left move on any input.

We prove that we can <sup>just</sup> check ~~a~~ input that no longer than  $|Q|$  to make sure TM never make a left move.

Otherwise, if for a TM  $M$  and input  $w$   $|w| > |Q|$ , TM make a left move ~~in the first~~ ~~move~~ after making  $|Q|$  right move, then in the  $|Q|+1$  moves, we have 2 same state. Assume that after  $n$  right move and  $m$  right move. ( $0 \leq n < m \leq |Q|$ ).

the current state of head are the same, then we can consider  $w' = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n w_{n+1} w_{n+2} \dots w_k$ .

So  $|w'| < |w|$  and still make left move.

Then we can construct a TM:

1° For input  $M$ , count the number of state  $n$ .

2° For every string  $w$  length no longer than  $n$ , simulate  $M$  with input  $w$ .

3° If  $M$  make a left move, then halt without accept.

4° If all string no longer than  $n$  are checked, accept.

