

CSci 423 Homework 8

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1. $E_{CFG} = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$.

We first convert G_L to a CNF of the language E_{CFG} with input $\langle G \rangle$, and w represents the string of nonterminals $\in G_L$, (A, B, C...).

Let the terminals in G_L be a TM that takes in $\langle M_T \rangle$.

Then G_M will be the TM that takes in w :

- (a) It first runs $\langle M_{Ta} \rangle$ on $A \in G_L$.
- (b) If it accepts, then it will move onto the next terminal
- (c) If $\langle M_{Ta} \rangle$ rejects, then G_M rejects.
- (d) It will loop until all terminals in G_L are accepted and return an empty string.
- (e) Then G_M accepts. Essentially if the language is just empty then we have a Turing machine for the specified language.

Since we have constructed a Turing machine that can decide E_{CFG} , so L is a decidable language.

2. $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid \text{TM } M \text{ accepts at least one string in no more than 9 steps} \}$

M^* decides languages that follow the input $\langle M \rangle$. Gets the length of $\langle M \rangle$ (at most 9) and stores the value.

Next, run the inputs length up to 9 / up to 9 steps as well. \rightarrow accepts if M accepts at least one of the strings within 9 steps.

Since the inputs are a finite length, the machine will eventually halt and thus is decidable.

(Hint for (b): What is the maximum number of tape squares can a TM scan in no more than 9 steps?)

(5, 5 points) Prove the following closure properties of TRLs.

1. If L_1 and L_2 are Turing-recognizable, so is L_1L_2 .

For decidable languages L_1 and L_2 , let M_1 and M_2 recognize them, respectively. Design M that recognizes L_1L_2

TM M = on input w

For every way to split $w = w_1w_2$

\rightarrow Run M_1 on w_1 M_2 on w_2

\rightarrow If both accept, accept

\rightarrow else: continue with the next iteration of the w_1w_2 combo

If none are accepted after loop, reject

Since there is a Turing machine that recognizes L_1L_2 , then L_1L_2 is Turing-recognizable

2. If L_1 and L_2 are Turing-recognizable, so is $L_1 \cap L_2$

For recognizable languages L_1 and L_2 , let M_1 and M_2 recognize them, respectively. Design M that recognizes $L_1 \cap L_2$

TM M = on input w

run M_1 on w

If M_1 accepts:

→ Run M_2 on w

→ If M_2 accepts, accept w

→ else: reject w

else: reject w

Since there is a turing machine that recognizes $L_1 \cap L_2$, then $L_1 \cap L_2$ is turing-recognizable

(6 points) Let B be the set of all **infinite** binary strings over $\{0, 1\}$. Show that B is uncountable.

If B only contains binary strings, we know that each position will have either a 1 or 0. Therefore we write out all of the strings in B via Table format.

B_0	*11111...1...
B_1	1*01111...1...
B_2	10*0111...1...
....
B_x	000000...*0...
....

By combining all of the * in the string, using diagonalization we can create a string composed of all the stars in their corresponding position and change the 0's to 1's and 1's to 0's. This would give a string that is not in B , therefore we can say that B is uncountable!

(6 points) Let $L = \{w_{2i}, \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \mid w_{2i} \notin L(M_i)\}$. Prove by contradiction that L is non-TR.

Proof: Assume A_D is TR.

\exists TM M that accepts A_D i.e. $L(M) = A_D = L(M_{2i})$

$M = M_{2i}$ for some i

$w_{2i} \notin A_D$ iff $w_{2i} \in L(M_{2i})$ (by def of A_D)

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