

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

نظريه علوم کامپیوتر

نظريه علوم کامپیوتر - بهار ۱۴۰۰-۱۴۰۱ - جلسه پنجم: محاسبه پذیری و محاسبه ناپذیری

Theory of computation - 002 - S05 - non-computability

TMs and Encodings – review

A TM has 3 possible outcomes for each input w :

1. Accept w (enter q_{acc})
2. Reject w by halting (enter q_{rej})
3. Reject w by looping (running forever)

TMs and Encodings – review

2

A TM has 3 possible outcomes for each input w :

1. Accept w (enter q_{acc})
2. Reject w by halting (enter q_{rej})
3. Reject w by looping (running forever)

A is T-recognizable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM M .

A is T-decidable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM decider M .

halts on all inputs ↗

TMs and Encodings – review

2

A TM has 3 possible outcomes for each input w :

1. Accept w (enter q_{acc})
2. Reject w by halting (enter q_{rej})
3. Reject w by looping (running forever)

A is T-recognizable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM M .

A is T-decidable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM decider M .

halts on all inputs ↗

$\langle O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k \rangle$ encodes objects O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k as a single string.

TMs and Encodings – review

2

A TM has 3 possible outcomes for each input w :

1. Accept w (enter q_{acc})
2. Reject w by halting (enter q_{rej})
3. Reject w by looping (running forever)

A is T-recognizable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM M .

A is T-decidable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM decider M .

halts on all inputs ↗

$\langle O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k \rangle$ encodes objects O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k as a single string.

Notation for writing a TM M is

$M =$ “On input w

[English description of the algorithm]”

TMs and Encodings – review

2

A TM has 3 possible outcomes for each input w :

1. Accept w (enter q_{acc})
2. Reject w by halting (enter q_{rej})
3. Reject w by looping (running forever)

A is T-recognizable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM M .

A is T-decidable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM decider M .

halts on all inputs ↗

$\langle O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k \rangle$ encodes objects O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k as a single string.

Notation for writing a TM M is

$M =$ “On input w

[English description of the algorithm]”

TMs and Encodings – review

2

A TM has 3 possible outcomes for each input w :

1. Accept w (enter q_{acc})
2. Reject w by halting (enter q_{rej})
3. Reject w by looping (running forever)

A is T-recognizable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM M .

A is T-decidable if $A = L(M)$ for some TM decider M .

halts on all inputs ↗

$\langle O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k \rangle$ encodes objects O_1, O_2, \dots, O_k as a single string.

Notation for writing a TM M is

$M =$ “On input w
[English description of the algorithm]”

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

3

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

3

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: A_{DFA} is decidable

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

3

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: A_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM D_{A-DFA} that decides A_{DFA} .

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

3

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: A_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides A_{DFA} .

$DA-DFA =$ “On input s

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

3

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: A_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides A_{DFA} .

$DA-DFA =$ “On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

Let $A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: A_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides A_{DFA} .

$DA-DFA =$ “On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-DFA}$ that decides $ADFA$.

$DA\text{-DFA} =$ “On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*.”

Acceptance Problem for DFAs

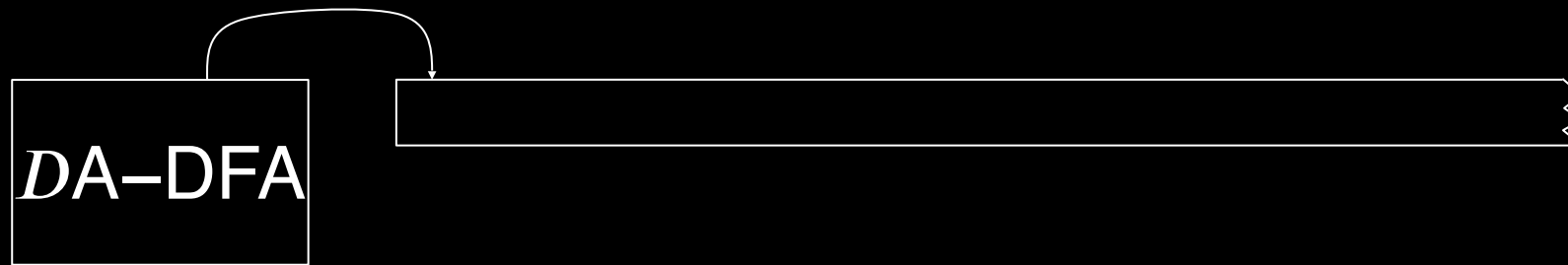
Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Acceptance Problem for DFAs

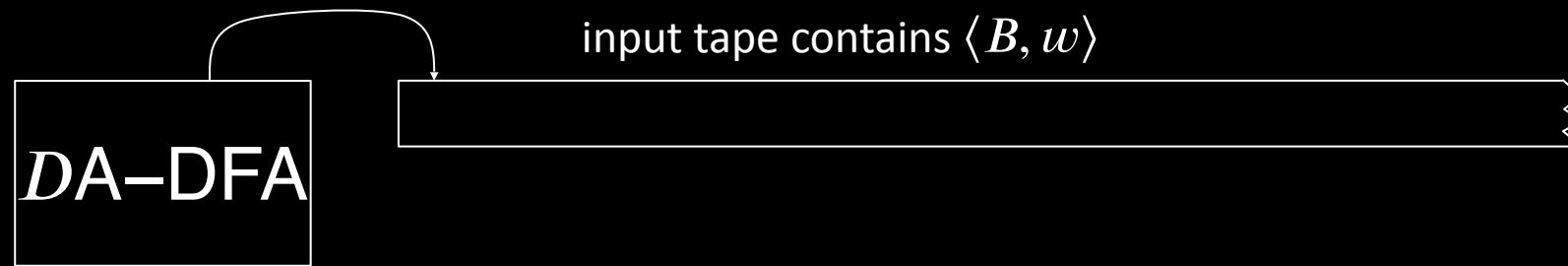
Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Acceptance Problem for DFAs

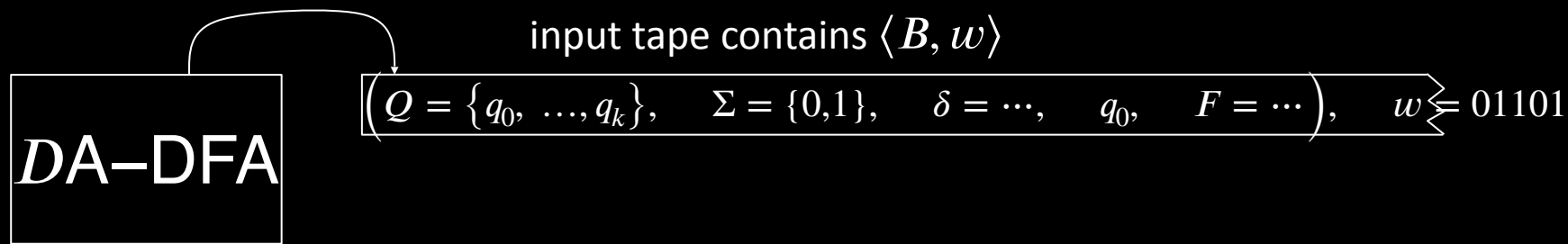
Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Acceptance Problem for DFAs

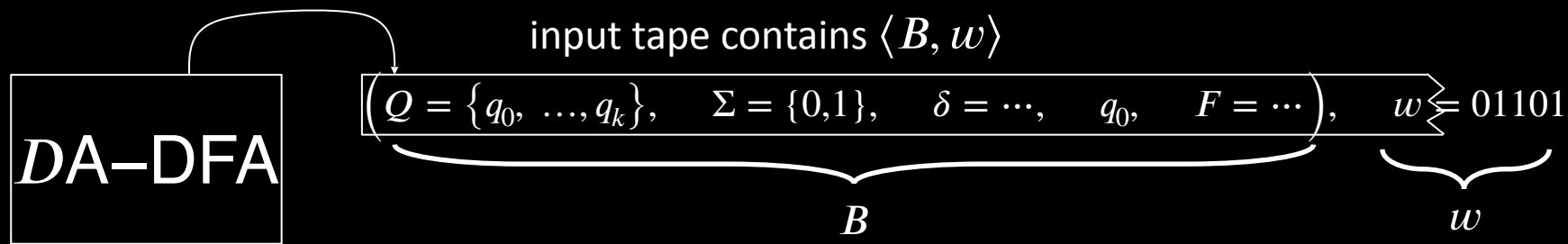
Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Acceptance Problem for DFAs

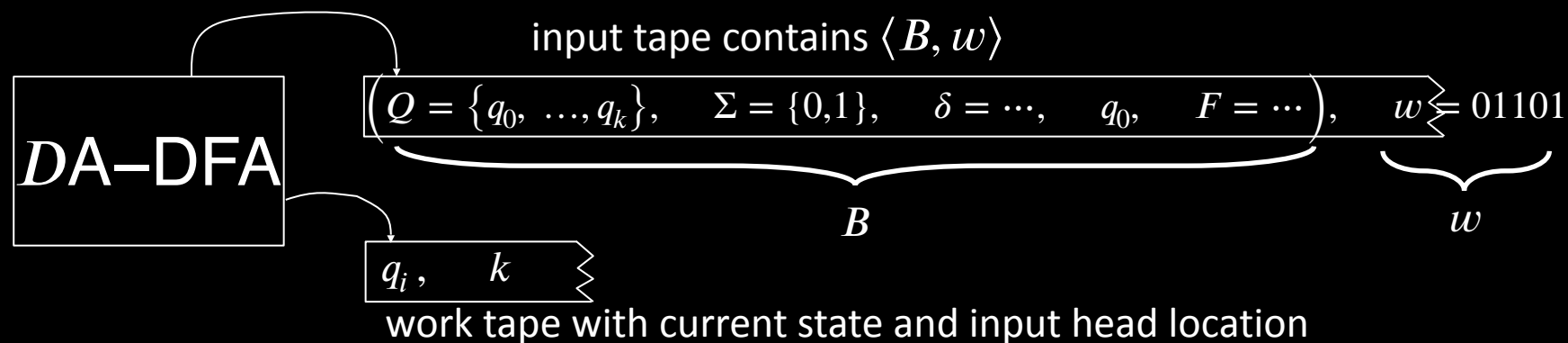
Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Acceptance Problem for DFAs

Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

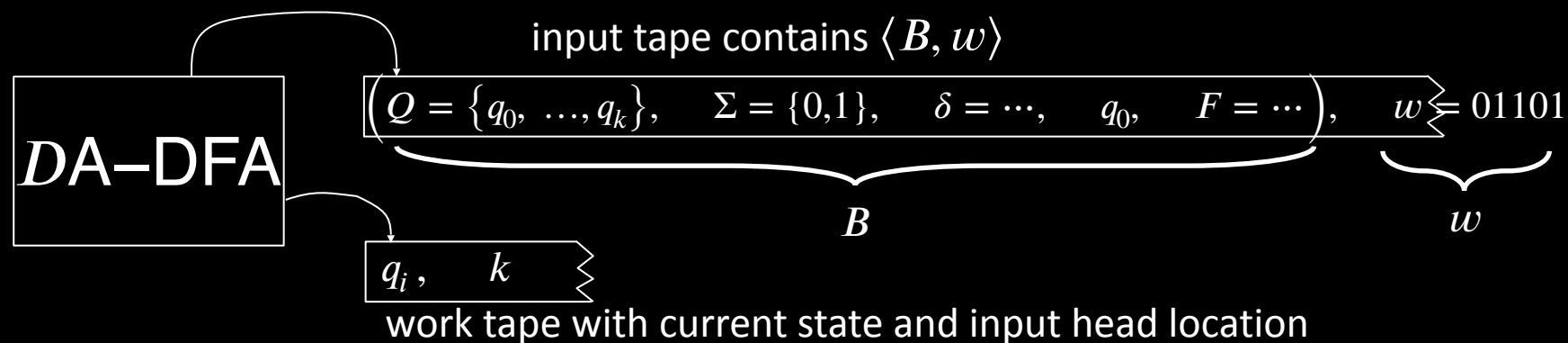
$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Shorthand:

On input $\langle B, w \rangle$



Acceptance Problem for DFAs

Let $ADFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ADFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA-DFA$ that decides $ADFA$.

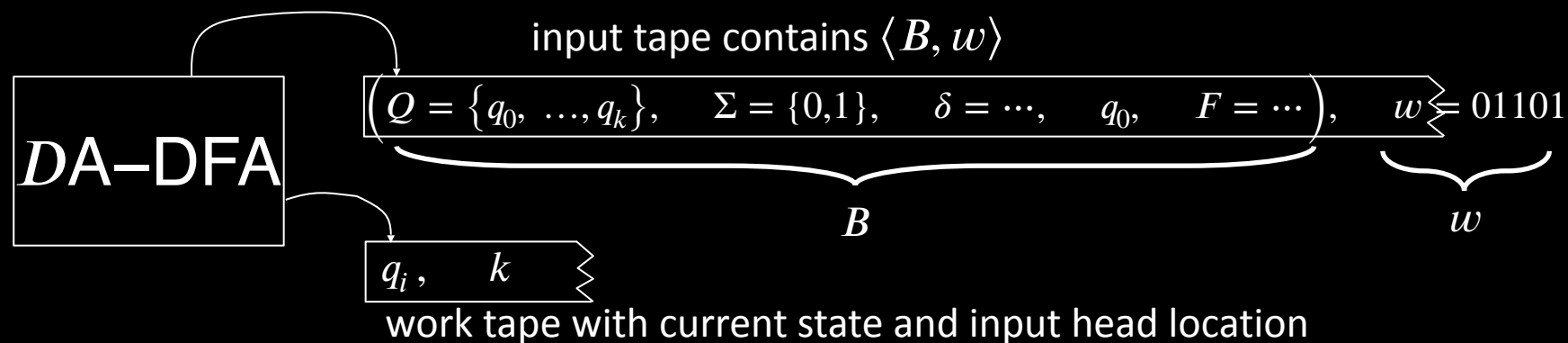
$DA-DFA =$ "On input s

1. Check that s has the form $\langle B, w \rangle$ where B is a DFA and w is a string; *reject* if not.
2. Simulate the computation of B on w .
3. If B ends in an accept state then *accept*.
If not then *reject*."



Shorthand:

On input $\langle B, w \rangle$



Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

4

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

$DA\text{-}NFA =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

$DA\text{-}NFA =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$

1. Convert NFA B to equivalent DFA B' .

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

$DA\text{-}NFA =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$

1. Convert NFA B to equivalent DFA B' .
2. Run TM $DA\text{-}DFA$ on input $\langle B', w \rangle$. [Recall that $DA\text{-}DFA$ decides $ADFA$]

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

$DA\text{-}NFA =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$

1. Convert NFA B to equivalent DFA B' .
2. Run TM $DA\text{-}DFA$ on input $\langle B', w \rangle$. [Recall that $DA\text{-}DFA$ decides $ADFA$]
3. *Accept* if $DA\text{-}DFA$ accepts.
Reject if not.”

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

$DA\text{-}NFA =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$

1. Convert NFA B to equivalent DFA B' .
2. Run TM $DA\text{-}DFA$ on input $\langle B', w \rangle$. [Recall that $DA\text{-}DFA$ decides $ADFA$]
3. *Accept* if $DA\text{-}DFA$ accepts.
Reject if not.”

New element: Use conversion construction and previously constructed TM as a subroutine.

Acceptance Problem for NFAs

Let $ANFA = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA and } B \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: $ANFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}NFA$ that decides $ANFA$.

$DA\text{-}NFA =$ “On input $\langle B, w \rangle$

1. Convert NFA B to equivalent DFA B' .
2. Run TM $DA\text{-}DFA$ on input $\langle B', w \rangle$. [Recall that $DA\text{-}DFA$ decides $ADFA$]
3. *Accept* if $DA\text{-}DFA$ accepts.
Reject if not.”

New element: Use conversion construction and previously constructed TM as a subroutine.

Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

Let $E_{\text{DFA}} = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]

Emptiness Problem for DFAs

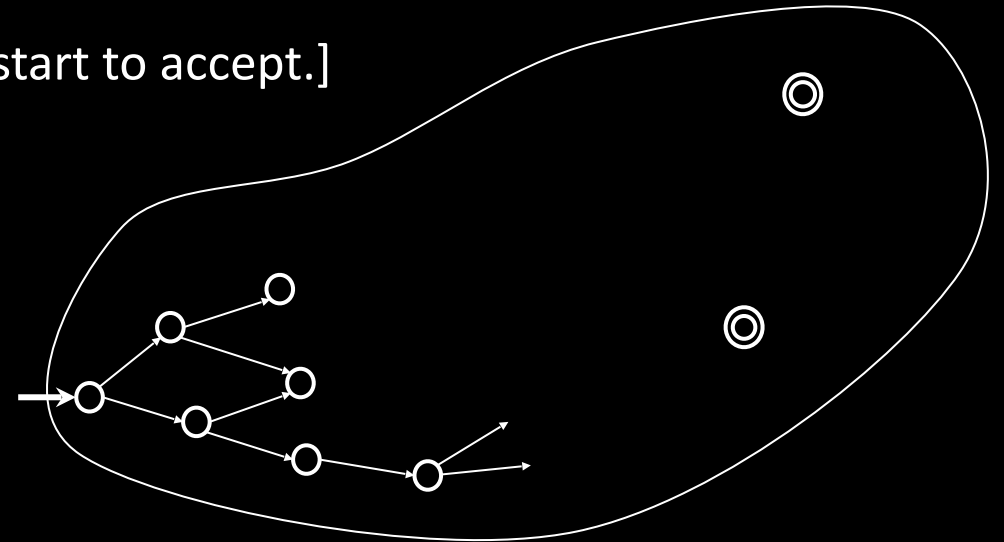
5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

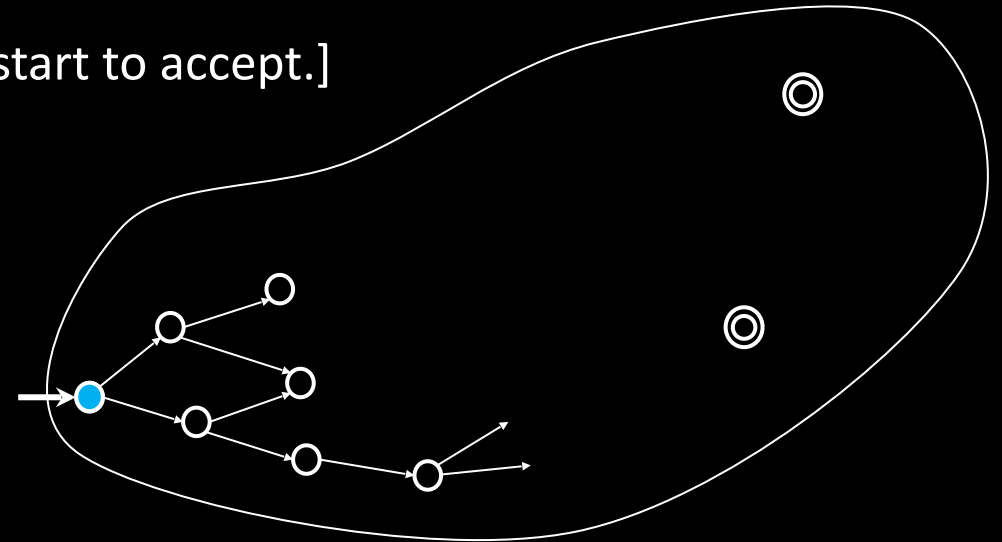
5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

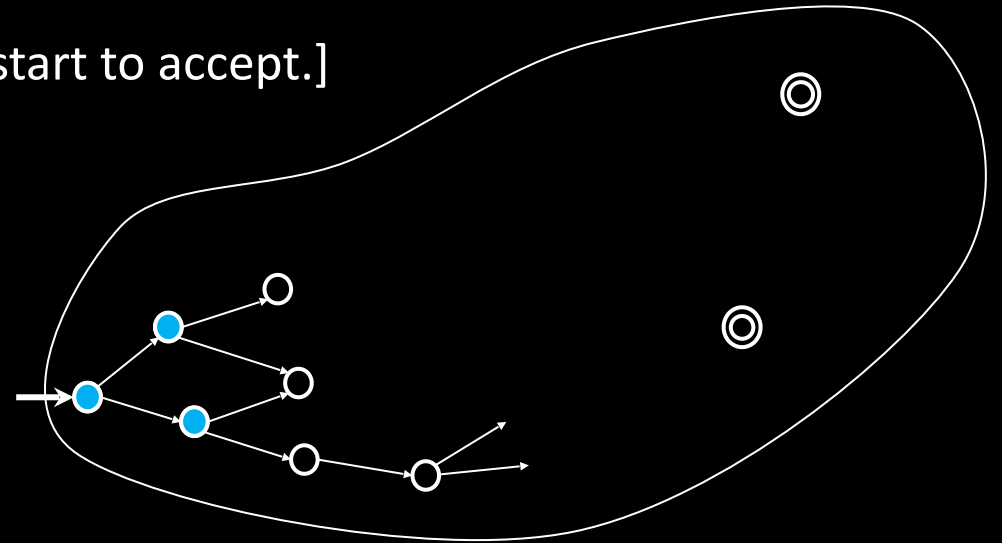
5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

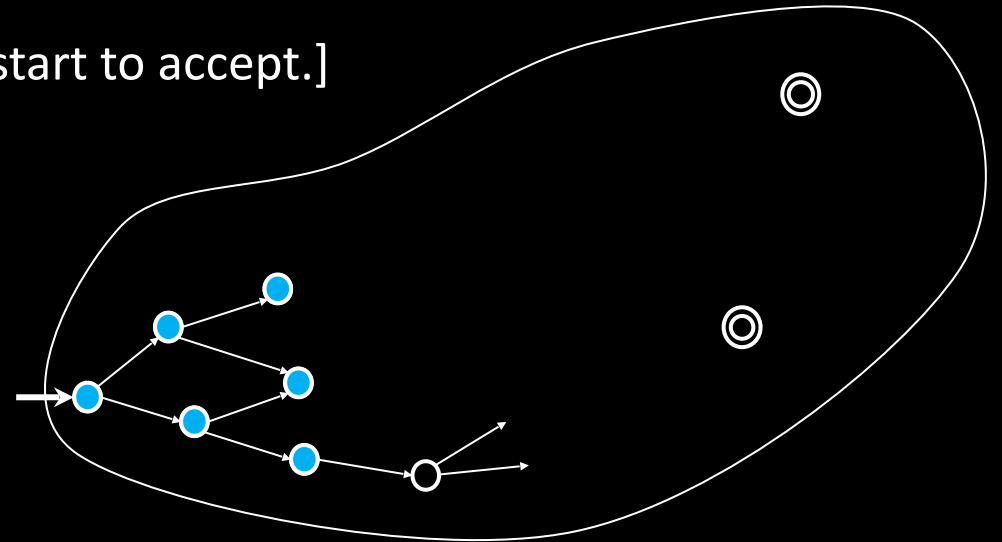
5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

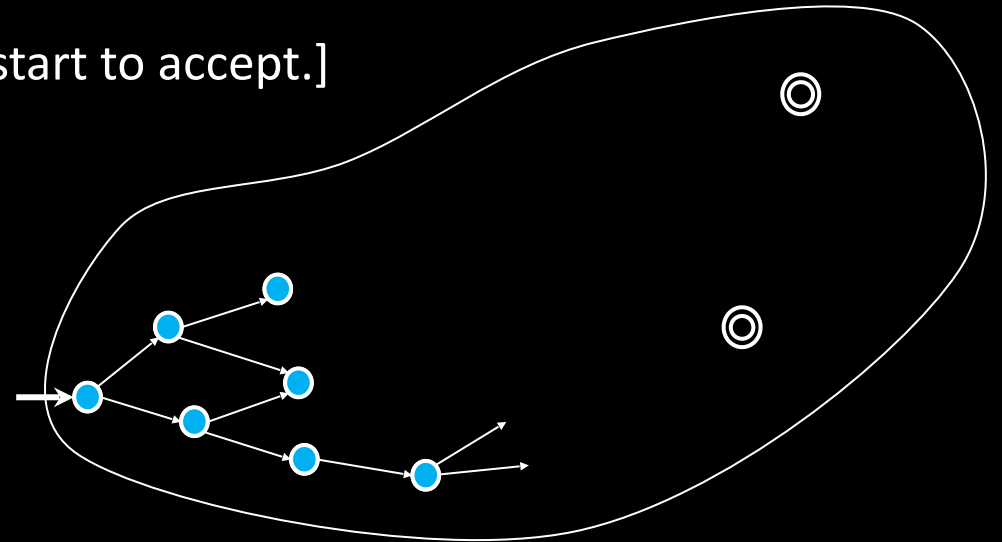
5

Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-}DFA$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-}DFA =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

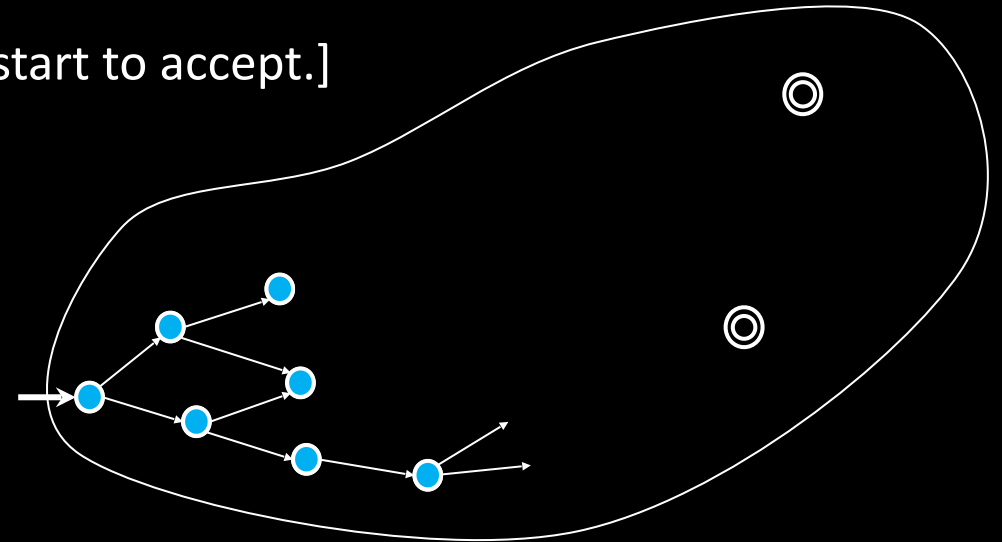
Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]

1. **Mark** start state.



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

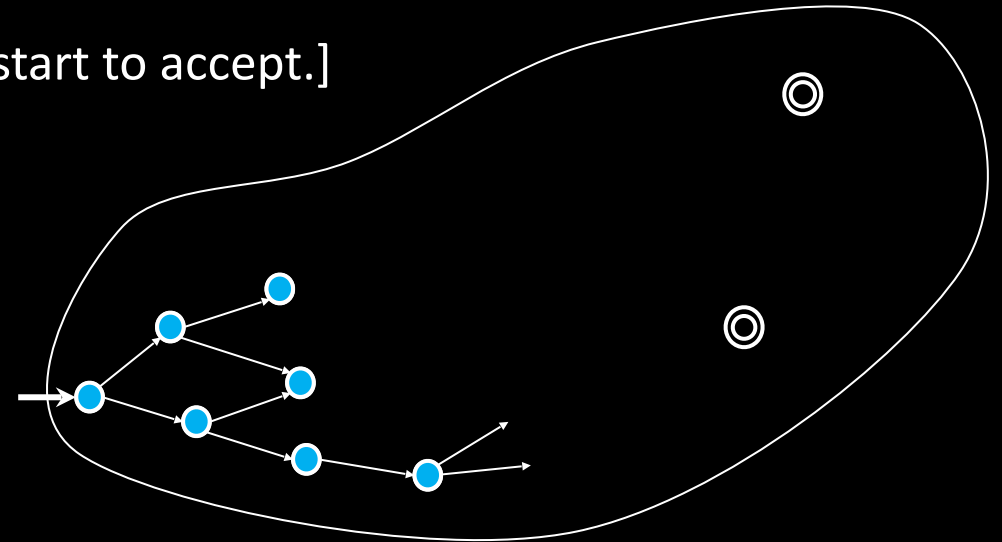
Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]

1. **Mark** start state.
2. Repeat until no new state is marked:



Emptiness Problem for DFAs

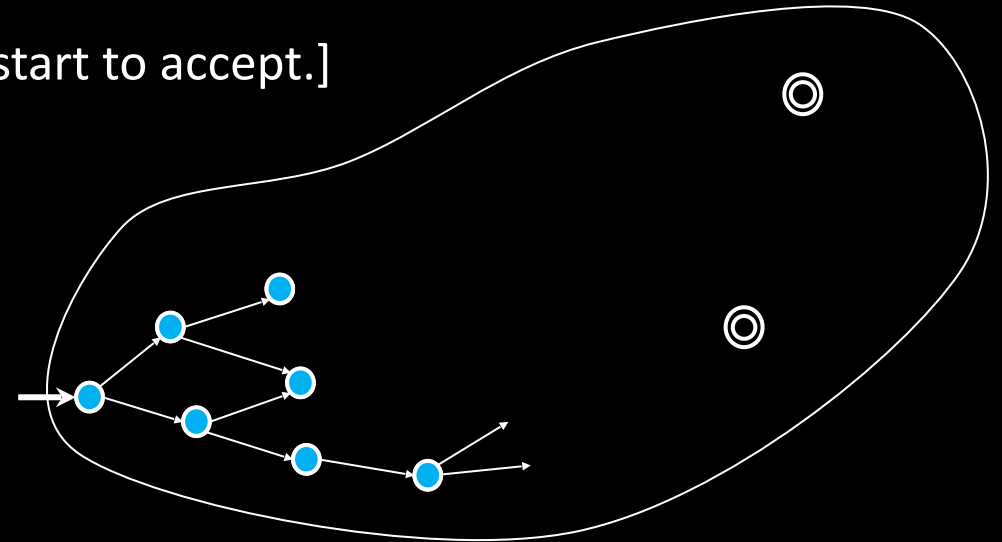
Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]

1. **Mark** start state.
2. Repeat until no new state is marked:
Mark every state that has an incoming arrow from a previously marked state.



1

- [illegible]

Emptiness Problem for DFAs

5

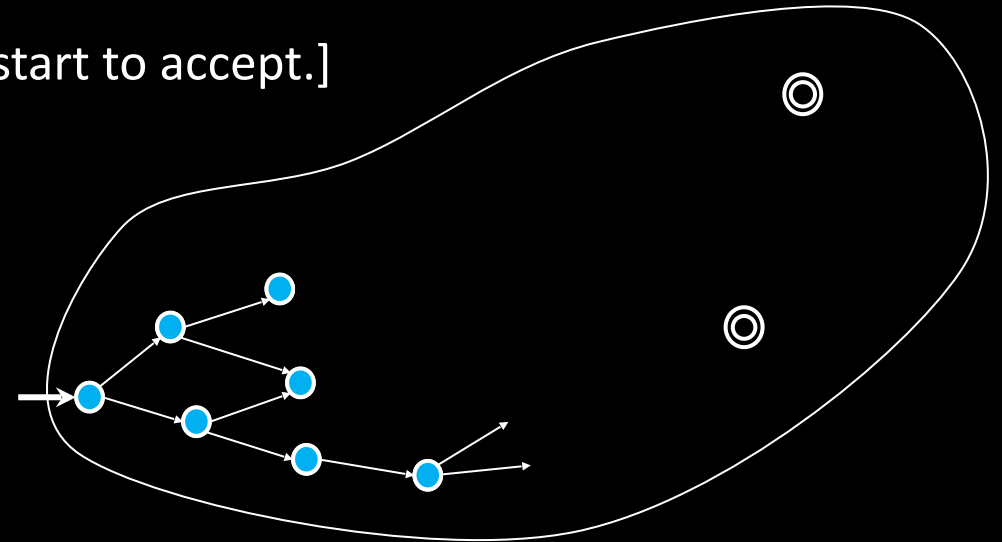
Let $EDFA = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $EDFA$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DE\text{-DFA}$ that decides $EDFA$.

$DE\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle B \rangle$ [IDEA: Check for a path from start to accept.]

1. **Mark** start state.
2. Repeat until no new state is marked:
Mark every state that has an incoming arrow from a previously marked state.
3. *Accept* if no accept state is marked.
Reject if some accept state is marked.”



Equivalence problem for DFAs

Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}$

Equivalence problem for DFAs

Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Equivalence problem for DFAs

Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

Equivalence problem for DFAs

Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

$DEQ\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle A, B \rangle$ [IDEA: Make DFA C that accepts w where A and B disagree.]

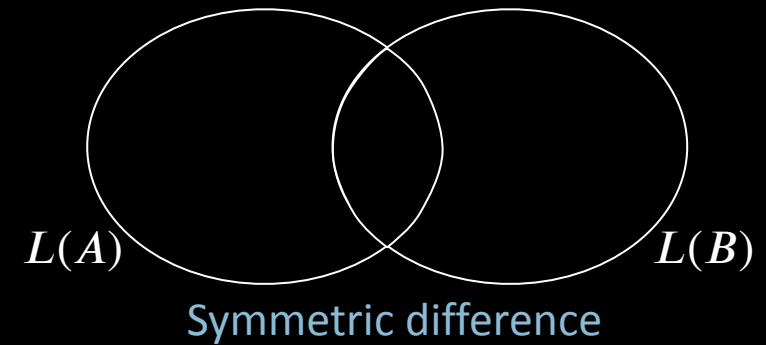
Equivalence problem for DFAs

Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

$DEQ\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle A, B \rangle$ [IDEA: Make DFA C that accepts w where A and B disagree.]



Equivalence problem for DFAs

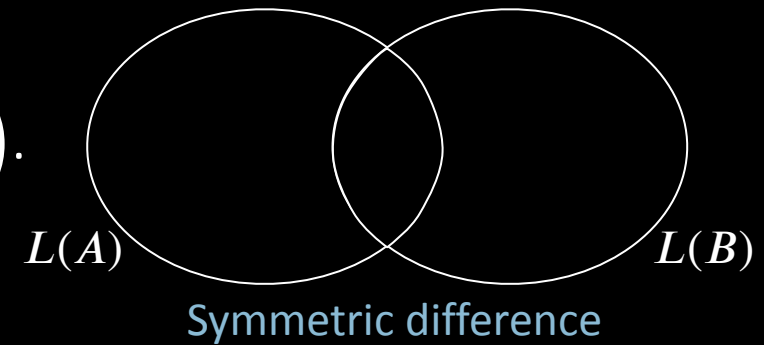
Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

$DEQ\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle A, B \rangle$ [IDEA: Make DFA C that accepts w where A and B disagree.]

1. Construct DFA C where $L(C) = \left(L(A) \cap \overline{L(B)} \right) \cup \left(\overline{L(A)} \cap L(B) \right)$.



Equivalence problem for DFAs

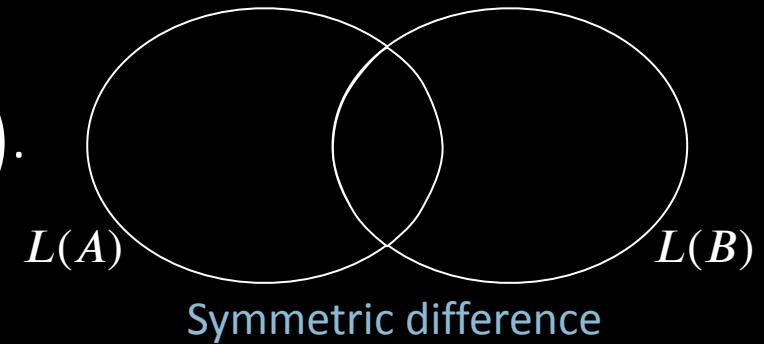
Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

$DEQ\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle A, B \rangle$ [IDEA: Make DFA C that accepts w where A and B disagree.]

1. Construct DFA C where $L(C) = \left(L(A) \cap \overline{L(B)} \right) \cup \left(\overline{L(A)} \cap L(B) \right)$.
2. Run $DE\text{-DFA}$ on $\langle C \rangle$.



Equivalence problem for DFAs

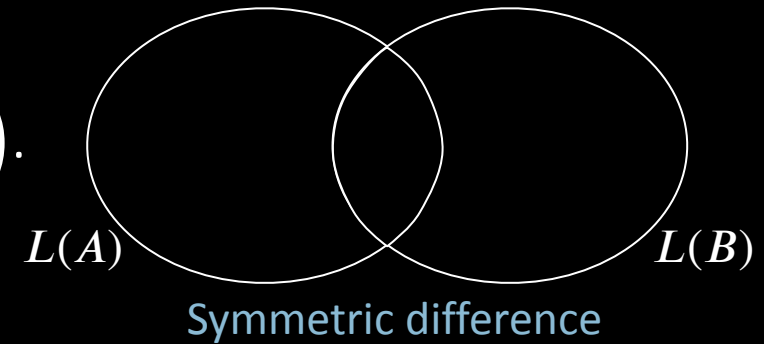
Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

$DEQ\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle A, B \rangle$ [IDEA: Make DFA C that accepts w where A and B disagree.]

1. Construct DFA C where $L(C) = \left(L(A) \cap \overline{L(B)} \right) \cup \left(\overline{L(A)} \cap L(B) \right)$.
2. Run $DE\text{-DFA}$ on $\langle C \rangle$.
3. *Accept* if $DE\text{-DFA}$ accepts.
Reject if $DE\text{-DFA}$ rejects.”



Equivalence problem for DFAs

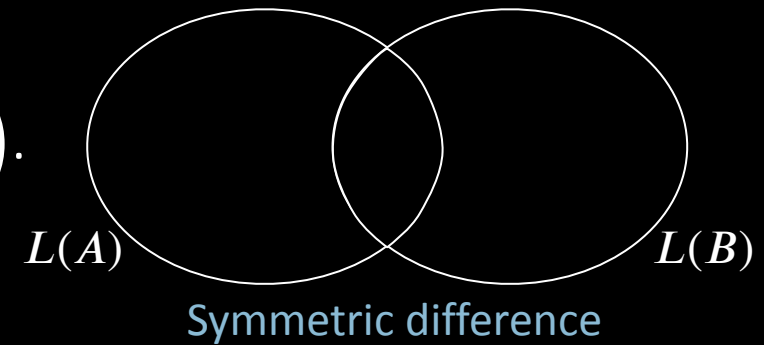
Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

$DEQ\text{-DFA} =$ “On input $\langle A, B \rangle$ [IDEA: Make DFA C that accepts w where A and B disagree.]

1. Construct DFA C where $L(C) = \left(L(A) \cap \overline{L(B)} \right) \cup \left(\overline{L(A)} \cap L(B) \right)$.
2. Run $DE\text{-DFA}$ on $\langle C \rangle$.
3. *Accept* if $DE\text{-DFA}$ accepts.
Reject if $DE\text{-DFA}$ rejects.”



Equivalence problem for DFAs

Let $EQ_{DFA} = \{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}$

Theorem: EQ_{DFA} is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DEQ\text{-DFA}$ that decides EQ_{DFA} .

Check-in 7.1

Let $EQ_{REX} = \{\langle R_1, R_2 \rangle \mid R_1 \text{ and } R_2 \text{ are regular expressions and } L(R_1) = L(R_2)\}$

Can we now conclude that EQ_{REX} is decidable?

- a) Yes, it follows immediately from things we've already shown.
- b) Yes, but it would take significant additional work.
- c) No, intersection is not a regular operation.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: $ACFG$ is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}CFG$ that decides $ACFG$.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.
Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.
Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.
Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.
Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-CFG}$ that decides ACFG .

$DA\text{-CFG}$ = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-}CFG$ that decides ACFG .

$DA\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Proof: Let A be a CFL, generated by CFG G .

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Proof: Let A be a CFL, generated by CFG G .

Construct TM M_G = “on input w

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Proof: Let A be a CFL, generated by CFG G .

Construct TM M_G = “on input w

1. Run *DA*-CFG on $\langle G, w \rangle$.

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Proof: Let A be a CFL, generated by CFG G .

Construct TM M_G = “on input w

1. Run *DA*-CFG on $\langle G, w \rangle$.
2. *Accept* if *DA*-CFG accepts
Reject if it rejects.”

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Proof: Let A be a CFL, generated by CFG G .

Construct TM M_G = “on input w

1. Run *DA*-CFG on $\langle G, w \rangle$.
2. *Accept* if *DA*-CFG accepts
Reject if it rejects.”

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM $DA\text{-CFG}$ that decides ACFG .

$DA\text{-CFG}$ = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .
Reject if not.

Corollary: Every CFL is decidable.

Proof: Let A be a CFL, generated by CFG G .

Construct TM M_G = “on input w

1. Run $DA\text{-CFG}$ on $\langle G, w \rangle$.
2. *Accept* if $DA\text{-CFG}$ accepts
Reject if it rejects.”

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Acceptance Problem for CFGs

7

Let

$$ACFG = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } w \in L(G) \}$$

Theorem: ACFG is decidable

Proof: Give TM *DA*-CFG that decides ACFG .

DA-CFG = “On input $\langle G, w \rangle$

1. Convert G into CNF.
2. Try all derivations of length $2|w| - 1$.
3. *Accept* if any generate w .

Check-in 7.2

Can we conclude that APDA is decidable?

- a) Yes.
- b) No, PDAs may be nondeterministic.
- c) No, PDAs may not halt.

2. *Accept* if *DA*-CFG accepts
Reject if it rejects.”

Recall Chomsky Normal Form (CNF) only allows rules:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

Lemma 1: Can convert every CFG into CNF.

Proof and construction in book.

Lemma 2: If H is in CNF and $w \in L(H)$ then every derivation of w has $2|w| - 1$ steps.

Proof: exercise.

Check-in 7.2

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

8

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

8

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

8

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

8

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

8

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

1. **Mark** all occurrences of terminals in G .

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

1. **Mark** all occurrences of terminals in G .
2. Repeat until no new variables are marked

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

1. **Mark** all occurrences of terminals in G .
2. Repeat until no new variables are marked
Mark all occurrences of variable A if
 $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \cdots B_k$ is a rule and all B_i were already marked.

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

1. **Mark** all occurrences of terminals in G .
2. Repeat until no new variables are marked
Mark all occurrences of variable A if
 $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \cdots B_k$ is a rule and all B_i were already marked.
3. *Reject* if the start variable is marked.
Accept if not.”

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Emptiness Problem for CFGs

Let $ECFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$

Theorem: $ECFG$ is decidable

Proof:

$DE\text{-}CFG =$ “On input $\langle G \rangle$ [IDEA: work backwards from terminals]

1. **Mark** all occurrences of terminals in G .
2. Repeat until no new variables are marked
Mark all occurrences of variable A if
 $A \rightarrow B_1 B_2 \cdots B_k$ is a rule and all B_i were already marked.
3. *Reject* if the start variable is marked.
Accept if not.”

$S \rightarrow RTa$

$R \rightarrow Tb$

$T \rightarrow a$

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQ_{CFG} = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQ_{CFG} = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{CFG} is NOT decidable

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQ_{CFG} = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: EQ_{CFG} is NOT decidable

Proof: Later ...

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQCFG = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: $EQCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Later ...

Let $AMBIGCFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an ambiguous CFG} \}$

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQCFG = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: $EQCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Later ...

Let $AMBIGCFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an ambiguous CFG} \}$

Theorem: $AMBIGCFG$ is NOT decidable

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQCFG = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: $EQCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Later ...

Let $AMBIGCFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an ambiguous CFG} \}$

Theorem: $AMBIGCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Homework.

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQCFG = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: $EQCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Later ...

Let $AMBIGCFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an ambiguous CFG} \}$

Theorem: $AMBIGCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Homework.

Equivalence Problem for CFGs

Let $EQCFG = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G, H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \}$

Theorem: $EQCFG$ is NOT decidable

Proof: Later ...

Let $AMBIGCFG = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an ambiguous CFG} \}$

Check-in 7.3

Why can't we use the same technique we used to show $EQDFA$ is decidable to show that $EQCFG$ is decidable?

- a) Because CFGs are generators and DFAs are recognizers.
- b) Because CFLs are closed under union.
- c) Because CFLs are not closed under complementation and intersection.

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.
3. *Reject* if M halts and rejects.

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.
3. *Reject* if M halts and rejects.
4. *Reject* if M never halts.”

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.
3. *Reject* if M halts and rejects.
4. ~~*Reject* if M never halts.~~ Not a legal TM action.

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.
3. *Reject* if M halts and rejects.
4. ~~*Reject* if M never halts.~~ Not a legal TM action.

Turing’s original “Universal Computing Machine”



Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.
3. *Reject* if M halts and rejects.
4. ~~*Reject* if M never halts.~~ Not a legal TM action.

Turing’s original “Universal Computing Machine”



Von Neumann said U inspired the concept of a stored program computer.

Acceptance Problem for TMs

10

Let $ATM = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } w \}$

Theorem: ATM is not decidable

Proof: Later

Theorem: ATM is T-recognizable

Proof: The following TM U recognizes ATM

$U =$ “On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Simulate M on input w .
2. *Accept* if M halts and accepts.
3. *Reject* if M halts and rejects.
4. ~~*Reject* if M never halts.~~ Not a legal TM action.

Turing’s original “Universal Computing Machine”



Von Neumann said U inspired the concept of a stored program computer.