

# CSci 423 Homework 9

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1. (7 points) Exercise 4.3 on page 183.

A decidable language is closed under the complement. TM  $M_{\bar{L}}$  which decides  $\bar{L}$  will accept when TM  $M_L$  that decides  $L$  rejects, and reject when  $M_L$  accepts. It has been shown that  $E_{DFA}$  is decidable where  $E_{DFA} = \{ \langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) = \emptyset \}$ .

On input  $\langle A \rangle$  where  $A$  is a DFA:

- (a) Mark the start state of  $A$ .
- (b) Repeat until no new states are marked.
- (c) Mark states that has a transition coming in from any state that is already marked.
- (d) If no accept state is marked, accept. Otherwise, reject.

2. (7 points) Exercise 4.6 on page 183.

Proof by contradiction. Assume that  $B$  is countable. Infinite sequences over 0, 1 can be represented by  $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . A  $f(n)$  can be mapped where  $n \in N$ .  $f(n) = (w_{n1}, w_{n2}, w_{n3}, \dots)$  where  $w_{ni}$  is the  $i$ th bit in the  $n$ th sequence. Using diagonalization, it is possible to find a sequence over 0, 1 that is not in  $f(n)$ , where the  $i$ th bit is the opposite of the  $i$ th sequence. This means that the sequences are  $\notin B$ , giving us a contradiction, proving  $B$  to be uncountable.

n	$f(n)$
1	$(w_{11}, w_{12}, w_{13}, w_{14}, \dots)$
2	$(w_{21}, w_{22}, w_{23}, w_{24}, \dots)$
3	$(w_{31}, w_{32}, w_{33}, w_{34}, \dots)$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

3. (7 points) Exercise 4.7 on page 183.

\*reference [www.cs.ucdavis.edu/~gusfield/cs120f11/HW6key.pdf](http://www.cs.ucdavis.edu/~gusfield/cs120f11/HW6key.pdf)\*

To prove that  $T$  is countable we provide a function  $f: T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Given a triple  $(i, j, k)$  from  $T$   $f$  is defined as follows: convert each number  $i, j$ , and  $k$  to their respective binary representation. We will compute the natural number  $n$  in its binary representation. For the  $a$ th bit of  $n$ , we divide  $a$  by 3. This will produce a quotient  $q$  and a remainder  $r$ . If  $r$  is 0 then we extract the  $q$ th bit from  $i$ , if  $r$  is 1 then we extract the  $q$ th bit from  $j$ , if  $r$  is 2 then we extract the  $q$ th bit from  $k$ . Note that if the  $q$ th bit of  $i, j$ , or  $k$  is not defined then use a 0. Note that  $f$  maps every  $i, j, k$  tuple to a natural number and every natural number can be converted to an  $i, j, k$  tuple (by the reverse process). Hence  $f$  is a one-to-one function and onto (aka a bijection). Therefore  $T$  is countable.

4. (7 points) Problem 4.19 on page 184.

\*test.scripts.psu.edu/users/a/y/.../Decidable%20Languages(2).docx\*

Let  $P = \text{ADFA}$ . We know this to be decidable.

We also know that regular languages are closed under the reverse operation. So, if there is a DFA  $D$  for  $w$ , there is a DFA  $D^R$  for  $w^R$ . We can then construct an NFA  $N$  by branching to  $D$  and  $D^R$ . Since we have an algorithm to convert NFAs to DFAs, we run it on  $\langle N \rangle$  to get  $\langle M \rangle$ . Now we have a

DFA  $M$ , and since ADFA is decidable, there is some  $S$  such that  $S = \{ \langle M \rangle \}$ . Since  $M$  is a DFA that accepts  $wR$  whenever it accepts  $w$ ,  $S = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a DFA that accepts } w^R \text{ whenever it accepts } w \}$ , and  $S$  is decidable.

5. (12 points) In class, we learned that  $A_D$  is non-TR,  $A_{TM}$  and  $HALT_{TM}$  are TR but non-TD. What can you say about their complements? Are they non-TR, TR but non-TD, or TD? Justify your answers.

Both  $\bar{A}_{TM}$  and  $\bar{HALT}_{TM}$  are not TR since  $A_{TM}$  and  $HALT_{TM}$  are TR. If both sets were TR, then they would also be TD.

$\bar{A}_D$  is not TD, according to the closure property, because  $A_D$  is not TD.  $\bar{A}_D$  is, on the other hand, TR. In the case  $A_D = \{w_i \mid w_i \notin L(M_i)\}$ , its complement  $\bar{A}_D = \{w_i \mid w_i \in L(M_i)\}$ . A TM  $R$  can be constructed to take  $w_i$  as input, then use the string to code TM  $M_i$ . Both are then fed into  $A_{TM}$ , which will accept if it accepts. This shows that  $\bar{A}_D$  is TR.

## Reading Summary 4