

Recitation 6

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At the bottom of the proof for 5.13, write down one specific thing that you were the most unclear about while doing homework 5. Try to be as specific as possible.

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$S =$ On input $\langle M, w \rangle$

1. Create a new TM, M' based on M but
 - a) M' adds @ at the beginning of input and moves all input to the right
 - b) Adjust transitions so that on @ M' stays in the same state and moves to the right
 - c) Replace q_{accept} with a state that moves left indefinitely
2. Run decider L on this new TM
3. *Accept* if L accepts, else *reject*.

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Method 2: Mapping Reduction. The following proves $\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_M J$

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$T =$ On input $y < M, w >$

1. If $y == 0$, output $1 < M, w >$.
2. If $y == 1$, output $0 < M, w >$.

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Three cases:

- ▶ For each tile, top always longer than bottom, or vice versa
- ▶ There exists at least one tile with equal length top and bottom
- ▶ There exists at least one tile with longer top and one with longer bottom

$T =$ On input T (a set of tiles)

1. If each tile has more 1s on top than bottom, *reject*
2. If each tile has fewer 1s on top than bottom, *reject*
3. Else, *accept*.

T decides PCP over $\Sigma = \{1\}$..

Show *PCP* over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ is undecidable, call this language *2PCP*.

The following proves $PCP \leq_m 2PCP$, hence $2PCP$ is undecidable.

$T =$ “On input T (a set of Tiles)

1. Find a fixed-length binary encoding capable of uniquely encoding each symbol in language of T .
2. Create a new set of tiles T' based on T , but with each symbol replaced by its binary encoding.
3. Output T' “

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$w \in A \Leftrightarrow \langle M, w \rangle \in A_{TM}$, hence $A \leq_m A_{TM}$.

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Key: Set of all Turing machines over the language $\{1\}$ can be enumerated and hence is countably infinite. The deciders are a subset of these and so they too must be countably infinite.

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Assume that a bijective mapping exists between the deciding TMs and subsets of $\{1\}$. This table displays one such possible mapping.

	ϵ	1	11	111	1111	...
M_1	<u>1</u>	1	0	1	1	...
M_2	1	<u>0</u>	1	0	0	...
M_3	0	1	<u>0</u>	0	0	...
M_4	1	0	0	<u>1</u>	1	...
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots

The contradiction is derived by noting that for any such mapping you can construct a subset of $\{1\}^*$ that is not decided by any of the deciders. For instance

$$\{1^i \mid 1^i \text{ is rejected by } M_i\}$$

$PRIMESET = \{s \mid s \subset \mathbb{Z} \text{ with a subset adding to a prime number}\}$

Show $PRIMESET \in NP$. Do you think $PRIMESET \in P$?

$7SPANTREE = \{\langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a weighted graph with a spanning tree of weight at most } 7\}$

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$$7MOD = \{n \mid n \text{ is a binary number evenly divisible by } 7\}$$

What is wrong with the following argument that $7MOD \in P$?

Proof: $7MOD \in P$ because the following TM, T , decides $7MOD$ in polynomial time.

$T =$ On input n (a binary number)

1. While number on tape > 7 :

 Subtract 7 from number

2. If number is zero, *accept*, else *reject*



What can you conclude about $7MOD$'s membership in P ? Solve the easier problem of showing $7MOD \in NP$.

Consider problems about lists of binary numbers. Assume that the lists are represented by simply separating each number by a pound sign, i.e. the following would be a sample input list:

1010#111#010

Do you think the subset of P that is problems of this form is closed under $*$? Prove that the subset of NP that is problems of this form is closed under $*$?

Answer the same two questions but assume the sample list above actually looks like:

#1010#111#010#