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## Problem Set 8

"I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System."

### Problem 1

given  $L = \{ \text{all palindromes} \mid \text{where the \# of 0s} = \text{\# of 1s} \}$   $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$   $\rightarrow$  Possible strings generated =  $\{ \text{01011010}, \text{0110}, \text{1001}, \text{1000011}, \dots \}$

Prove  $L$  is not context free.

Proof: For sake of contradiction, assume  $L$  is context free in which case the pumping lemma for CFL's applies.

Let  $p$  be the pumping length the pumping lemma guarantees

Consider the string  $s = 0^p 1^p 0^p \in L$

Let  $s = uvxyz$  where  $|vxy| \leq p$  and  $|vy| > 0$

Since  $|vxy| \leq p$  possible cases are:

Case 1 (for both 0s and 1s)

$vxy$  is contained in a single continuous block of 0s, or 1s only.

When one string is pumped, the # of 0s will not be = to the # of 1s.

String is not in the language  $L$ .

ex:  
00000110

Case 2 Since  $|vxy| \leq p$ ,  $vxy$  can contain symbols from at most 2 contiguous blocks. It can contain from the 1st and 2nd, or 3rd and 4th blocks

In all these cases

when we pump the string the # of 0s in block 1 and 4 or the # of 1s in blocks 2 and 3 will be different, so that resulting string is not in the language. (not a palindrome)

block #1 #2 #3 #4  
0 1 1 0

or if 0  
0000011111 00

Thus, in every case, pumping the string  $s$  results in a string not in the language. This contradicts the pumping lemma for CFL's therefore,  $L$  is not context free

## Problem 2

The class of TM-decidable languages is closed under...

### Union:

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be decidable languages  
TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  decide them  
let TM  $M$  decide the language  $L = L_1 \cup L_2$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Run  $M_1$  on  $w \rightarrow$  if accept then ACCEPT
- ② Run  $M_2$  on  $w \rightarrow$  if accept then ACCEPT  
otherwise  $\rightarrow$  REJECT

TM  $M$  ACCEPTS  $w$  if  
 $\rightarrow M_1$  or  $M_2$  ACCEPT

TM  $M$  REJECTS  $w$  if

$\rightarrow M_1$  and  $M_2$  both REJECT

$M$  decides  $L_1 \cup L_2$

if  $w \in L_1 \cup L_2$

$M$  will Accept  $w$   
 $L_1 \cup L_2$  is Decidable

### Concatenation:

let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be decidable language  
Concatenation  $\rightarrow L_1 L_2 = \{xy \mid x \in L_1 \text{ and } y \in L_2\}$   
let TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  decide  $L_1$  and  $L_2$   
let TM  $M$  decide  $L_1 L_2$

On input  $w$ :

- ① partition  $w$  into 2 substrings  $xy$
  - ② Run  $M_1$  on  $x$
  - ③ Run  $M_2$  on  $y$
- if both accept  $\rightarrow$  ACCEPTS  $w$

(partition must be adjusted + rerun through  $M_1$ ,  
if none accept after trying all  $\rightarrow$  REJECT)

TM  $\rightarrow$  accepts when both  $M_1$  and  $M_2$   
accept.

$L_1 L_2$  is decidable

### Star:

for language  $L^+ = \{x \in L \cup LL \cup LLL \cup \dots\}$  let  $M_1$  decide  $L$   
let  $M$  decide  $L^+$

On input  $w$ :

- ① For each possible partition of  
 $w, w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, \dots, w_n$
- ② Run  $M_1$  on  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  (each substring)
- ③ if  $M_1$  accepts each  $w_i \rightarrow$  ACCEPT  
otherwise  $\rightarrow$  REJECT

(similar to last, must partition each  
possible way to check)

$L^+$  is decidable

### Intersection:

let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be decidable languages  
TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  decide them  
let  $M$  decide  $L_1 \cap L_2$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Run  $M_1$  on  $w \rightarrow$  if rejects, REJECT
- ② if doesn't reject, run  $M_2$  on  $w$   
if  $M_2$  accepts  $\rightarrow$  ACCEPT  
otherwise  $\rightarrow$  REJECT

$L_1 \cap L_2$  is decidable

### Complement:

let language  $L$  be decidable  
TM  $M_1$  decides  $L$   
TM  $M$  decides  $\bar{L}$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Run  $M_1$  on  $w \rightarrow$  if rejects, ACCEPT  
otherwise  $\rightarrow$  REJECT

$\bar{L}$  is decidable

(if one TM or  $L$  rejects  
it means  $w$  is  $\bar{L}$ .)

### Problem 3

The class of TM-recognizable languages is closed under...

"Pledge"

#### Union:

let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be recognizable languages  
TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  recognize them  
TM  $M$  recognizes  $L_1 \cup L_2$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Alternate running  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  on  $w$  each step
- ② if  $M_1$  or  $M_2$  accept  $\rightarrow$  ACCEPT  
if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  reject/halt  $\rightarrow$  REJECT  
(looping, if loops)

$M$  accepts when it reaches Accept state after all 2 steps.  $\rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2$  is Recognizable  
 $M$  rejects when both  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  reject

#### Concatenation:

let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be recognizable languages  
TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  recognize them  
TM  $M$  recognizes  $L_1 L_2$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Partition  $w$  into 2 parts  $w_1$  and  $w_2$
- ② Run  $M_1$  on  $w_1 \rightarrow$  if halt/reject, REJECT
- ③ Run  $M_2$  on  $w_2 \rightarrow$  if accept, ACCEPT  
otherwise  $\rightarrow$  REJECT

$L_1 L_2$  is recognizable

#### Star:

let  $L$  be a recognizable language  
TM  $M_1$  recognizes  $L$   
TM  $M$  recognizes  $L^*$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Partition  $w$  into parts  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k$
  - ② Run  $M_1$  on  $w_i$  (all parts)  
if  $M_1$  accepts ALL  $w_i \rightarrow$  ACCEPT  
if  $M_1$  halt/rejects any  $w_i \rightarrow$  REJECT  
(must try different partitions)
- if  $w \in L^*$  then there exists a TM  $M$  that recognizes  $L^*$

#### Intersection:

let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be recognizable languages  
TMs  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  recognize them  
let TM  $M$  recognize  $L_1 \cap L_2$

On input  $w$ :

- ① Run  $M_1$  on  $w \rightarrow$  if halt/reject, REJECT
- ② Then Run  $M_2$  on  $w \rightarrow$  if halt/reject, REJECT  
otherwise  $\rightarrow$  ACCEPT

if  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  accept  $w \rightarrow M$  accepts  $w$   
 $w \in L_1 \cap L_2$

$L_1 \cap L_2$  is recognizable

#### Complement:

if  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  are TM-recognizable  
then  $L$  is decidable  
from theorem, ~~recognizable~~  
A lang is Decidable  
iff both it and its complement  
are recognizable  
TM would not halt for strings  
not in the language

#### Problem 4

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Proposition: Every infinite TM-recognizable language has an infinite decidable subset.

let  $L$  be an infinite recognizable language  
and has an infinite decidable subset.  
There exists an enumerator  $E$  for all strings in  $L$

let  $L' = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n\} \quad n \geq 1$   
 $w_i$  is next string in order after  $w_{i-1}$

Consider:

##### ① $L'$ is infinite and $L' \subseteq L$

let  $L'$  be finite

→  $E$  generates all strings  $\langle w_i \rangle$ , the largest in  $L'$

→ because  $E$  generates finite strings  $\langle w_i \rangle$

$L$  is finite → CONTRADICTION!

also:  $M$  only ACCEPTS if in ~~Standard~~ Standard Order

→  $L'$  is NOT finite →  $L'$  is infinite

Because  $E$  printed all strings  $\in L'$ ,

→  $L' \subseteq L$

##### ② $L'$ is decidable

Can construct  $E'$

on no input:

① prints out strings accepted by  $M$

→ Meaning all in Standard Order

Because  $L$  is infinite,  $E'$  is infinitely

$E'$  is decidable because prints ~~std~~ ~~order~~ enumerating

→ Therefore, the language

$L'$ , of  $E'$  is decidable

→  $L'$  is an infinite decidable subset of  
 $L$ , an infinite recognizable language