

## Problem Set 8

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### Problem 1

- (a) let  $NONEMPTY = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{Turing Machine } M \text{ accepts some string} \}$   
show it is Turing-recognizable

let enumerator  $E$  for  $i=1,2,3,4,\dots$  simulate  $M$

~~$E$  on input  $w$~~   $E =$  on input  $\langle M \rangle$  for  $i=1,2,\dots$

simulate  $M$

if string ACCEPTED  $\rightarrow$  print ACCEPT

if string REJECTED  $\rightarrow$  REJECT

$NONEMPTY$  is Turing-Recognizable

- (b) is  $NONEMPTY$  decidable?

Not decidable  $\rightarrow$  Takes input  $\langle M \rangle$  that has Accepted some string  
on input  $w$ :

For if  $w \in \epsilon$  ( $w$  is printed by  $E(\langle M \rangle)$ ).

~~Run  $M$  on  $w$~~

if  $M$  accepts  $\rightarrow NONEMPTY$  ACCEPTS

else  $\rightarrow NONEMPTY$  REJECTS

Therefore  $NONEMPTY$  is ~~decidable~~  
decidable.



## Problem 2

$L_{17} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid \text{TM } M \text{ accepts at least 17 different input strings.} \}$

(a) is  $L_{17}$  TM-Recognizable?

it is if it satisfies

1.  $\rightarrow$  iff TM stops and accepts string in ~~Lang~~  $L_{17}$  will accept if at least 17 diff input
2.  $\rightarrow$  and iff TM rejects strings that ~~don't~~  $\notin$  Lang.  
 $L_{17}$  rejects strings that don't satisfy
3.  $\rightarrow$  Doesn't loop

if input  $< 17$  TM will not accept

if input  $\geq 17$  TM will accept/stop

$L_{17}$  is TM-Recognizable

(b) is  $L_{17}$  TM-decidable?

$\rightarrow$  iff method to decide if string input  $\in$  in that Language

Because we do not know the scope of one

no  $\Sigma$

TM one language is accepting, it could be infinite possibility of types of TMs.

$\hookrightarrow$  including TMs that could loop, not halt etc.

$L_{17}$  is Turing Undecidable



### Problem 3

Running Ben's program creates an infinite loop with neverending recursion.

Other than thinking the recursion theorem was false, Ben did not realize that if it accepts, it rejects, then ~~it~~ <sup>run again, it</sup> takes the rejected and accepts it ~~continuously~~. Then next ~~it~~ <sup>recursion</sup> takes the accepted and rejects it causing an infinite loop of recursion.

### Problem 4

on input  $w$ :

1. Compute own description  $\langle x \rangle$
2. IF  $D$  accepts  $\langle x \rangle$  then REJECT
3. IF  $D$  rejects  $\langle x \rangle$  then ACCEPT.

Since, in both cases  $X$  contradicts  $D$ , we conclude that  $L$  is undecidable.

↓ undecidable input  $\langle x \rangle$

Contradicting output to  $L$  being decidable

Because  
↳ if  $D$  (Decidable TM) exists,  $\langle x \rangle$  cannot be decided

So  $L$  is undecidable