



Given an input  $x$ , construct a Boolean formula  $\phi_{V,x}$  that represents every valid tableau such that

- \*  $V$  accepts  $x$  for some certificate  $c \Rightarrow \phi_{V,x} \in SAT$
- \*  $V$  rejects  $x$  for all certificates  $c \Rightarrow \phi_{V,x} \notin SAT$

$$\phi_{V,x} = \phi_{V,x,start} \wedge \phi_{V,x,cell} \wedge \phi_{V,x,accept} \wedge \phi_{V,x,move}$$

1.  $\phi_{start}$  enforces the starting configuration at the top line
2.  $\phi_{cell}$  ensures that every cell contains exactly one symbol
3.  $\phi_{accept}$  ensures that  $V$  reaches an accepting configuration
4.  $\phi_{move}$  ensures that each configuration follows from the previous configuration, according to the code of  $V$



## Cook-Levin Outline

**Theorem [Cook-Levin]:** If  $SAT \in P$ , then  $NP \subseteq P$ .

### Proof outline:

- \* Let  $D_{SAT}$  be an efficient decider for  $SAT$ .
- \* Let  $L \in NP$ , so  $L$  has an efficient verifier  $V$ .
- \* **Goal:**  $L \in P$  via efficient decider  $D_L$  that uses  $D_{SAT}$  and  $V$ .
- \*  $D_L(x)$ :
  - \* Efficiently construct a poly-size Boolean formula  $\phi_{V,x}$  so that:  $x \in L \Leftrightarrow \phi_{V,x}$  is satisfiable.
  - \* Output  $D_{SAT}(\phi_{V,x})$ .

**What nice about  $\phi_{V,x}$ :** Can capture the task of

- (i) finding certificate  $c$  and
  - (ii) checking if  $V$  ends up in accept state
- to finding a satisfying solution to  $\phi_{V,x}$

\* A **Turing Machine** is a 7-tuple  $(Q, \Gamma, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, q_{accept}, q_{reject})$ :

- \*  $Q$  is a finite set of **states**
- \*  $q_0 \in Q$  is the **initial state**
- \*  $F = \{q_{accept}, q_{reject}\} \subseteq Q$  are the **final (accept/reject)** states
- \*  $\Sigma$  is the **input alphabet**
- \*  $\Gamma \supseteq \Sigma \cup \{\perp\}$  is the **tape alphabet** ( $\perp \notin \Sigma$  is the **blank symbol**)
- \*  $\delta : (Q \setminus F) \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$  is the **transition function**

\* **Takeaway:** TMs are a well-defined type of “computer”.

\* **Definition:** A TM **decides** language if :

1. **accepts** every string (“accepts”), and
2. **rejects** every string (“rejects”).

We say that is a **decider** (for ), and is **decidable**.

- \* **Note:** By definition, does not loop on any input!

\* **Definition:** The **language** of a TM  $M$  is  $L(M) = \{x \mid M \text{ accepts } x\}$ .

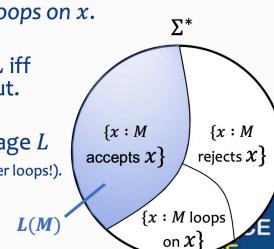
\* **Question:** What if  $x \notin L(M)$ ? (does not accept.)

\* **Answer:** Then  $M$  either rejects  $x$ , or loops on  $x$ .

\* **Conclusion:** TM  $M$  decides language  $L$  iff  $L = L(M)$  and  $M$  halts on every input.

\* **Definition:** TM  $M$  **recognizes** language  $L$  if  $L = L(M)$  (regardless of whether ever loops!).

\* More on this later...



$$L^*[j] = 1 - T[j,j]$$

- \* **Proof.** If  $L^* = L(M)$  for some  $i$   $L^* \neq L(M_i)$

	$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	$s_4$	$s_5$	$s_6$	...
$L(M_1)$	1	0	0	1	1	0	...
$L(M_2)$	0	1	1	0	0	0	...
$L(M_3)$	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
$L(M_4)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	...
$L(M_5)$	1	0	1	0	0	0	...
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$L^*$	0	0					

**$L_{BARBER} = \{\langle M \rangle : M \text{ does not accept } \langle M \rangle\}$**

- \* **Result:** “Program  $B$  accepts the **source code** of those, and only those, who do not **accept** their own **source code**.”

\* **Question:** Does  $B$  accept its own **source code**?

\* **Answer:** Suppose  $P$  is a **program**.

1.  $P$  **accepts** its own **code**  $\Rightarrow B$  does not accept  $P$ 's **code**.
2.  $P$  does not **accept** its own **code**  $\Rightarrow B$  accepts  $P$ 's **code**.

\* **Question:** What if  $P = B$ ?

1.  $B$  **accepts** its own **code**  $\Rightarrow B$  does not accept  $B$ 's **code**.
2.  $B$  does not **accept** its own **code**  $\Rightarrow B$  accepts  $B$ 's **code**.

**Paradox!** (Program  $B$  cannot exist)



## $L_{HALT}$ is Undecidable

**We need to implement:**

- $C$  is given two input:  $\langle M \rangle$  and  $x$   
 $M$  accepts  $x \Rightarrow C$  accepts  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$   
 $M$  does not accept  $\langle M \rangle \Rightarrow C$  rejects  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$

**We have:**

- $H$  is given two inputs:  $\langle M \rangle$  and  $x$   
 $M$  accepts or rejects  $x \Rightarrow H$  accepts  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$   
 $M$  loops on  $x \Rightarrow H$  rejects  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$

\* **In code:**

- \*  $C$  on input  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$ :
  - \* Run  $H$  on  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$  (Ask  $H$ : “does  $M$  halt on  $x$ ?”)
  - \* If  $H$  rejects, **reject** ( $M$  loops on  $x$ , so it can't accept it)
  - \* If  $H$  accepts, run  $M$  on  $x$  ( $M$  halts on  $x$ , so this is safe to do)
  - \* If  $M$  accepts, **accept**; If  $M$  rejects, **reject** (answer like  $M$ )

\* **Analysis:**  $C$  always halts (why?). Moreover:

- \*  $M$  accepts  $x \Rightarrow H$  accepts  $(\langle M \rangle, x) \Rightarrow C$  accepts  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$
- \*  $M$  rejects  $x \Rightarrow H$  accepts  $(\langle M \rangle, x) \Rightarrow C$  rejects  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$
- \*  $M$  loops on  $x \Rightarrow H$  rejects  $(\langle M \rangle, x) \Rightarrow C$  rejects  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$

\* **Conclusion:**  $L_{HALT}$  decidable  $\Rightarrow L_{ACC}$  decidable

\* **Contrapositive:**  $L_{ACC}$  undecidable  $\Rightarrow L_{HALT}$  undecidable

\* **Definition:** Language  $A$  is **Turing reducible** to language  $B$ , written  $A \leq_T B$ , if there exists a program  $M$  that decides  $A$  using a “**black box**” that decides  $B$ .

\* **Previous results:**  $L_{BARBER} \leq_T L_{ACC}$  and  $L_{ACC} \leq_T L_{HALT}$

\* **Intuition:**  $B$  is “**no easier**” than  $A$  to decide.

\* **Theorem:** Suppose  $A \leq_T B$ . Then  $B$  is decidable  $\Rightarrow A$  is decidable.

\* **Definition:** A language  $A$  is **recognizable** if there exists a program  $M$  (a “**recognizer**”) that recognizes it:  $L(M) = A$ .

\* **Theorem:** If a language  $A$  and its complement  $\bar{A}$  are both **recognizable**, then  $A$  is **decidable**.

## $L_\emptyset$ is Unrecognizable

## Berry's Paradox

\* **Claim:**  $L_\emptyset = \{\langle M \rangle : L(M) = \emptyset\}$  is unrecognizable.

\* **Proof:** We show that  $L_\emptyset$  is undecidable ( $L_{ACC} \leq_T L_\emptyset$ ) and  $\overline{L_\emptyset}$  is recognizable.

\* **Step 1:** Let  $N$  be a decider for  $L_\emptyset$ . Construct a decider  $C$  for  $L_{ACC}$ :

- \*  $C(\langle M \rangle, x)$ :
  1. Construct a program “ $M'$ ”: run  $M$  on  $x$  and answer as  $M$  does
  2. Call  $N$  on  $\langle M' \rangle$  and return the opposite output

\* **Analysis:**  $C$  halts since  $N$  does. Moreover:

- \*  $M$  accepts  $x \Leftrightarrow L(M') \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow N$  rejects  $\langle M' \rangle \Leftrightarrow C$  accepts  $(\langle M \rangle, x)$

## “Dovetailing”

\* **Aside (Berry's Paradox):** “The first positive integer that cannot be defined in <70 characters.”

\* Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$  be the set of positive integers that cannot be defined in <70 characters. Let  $x = \min(S)$ . Then:

\*  $x$  cannot be defined in <70 characters, since  $x \in S$

\*  $x$  can be defined by the sentence “The first positive integer that cannot be defined in <70 characters.”, which has 68 characters

**Paradox!**

## $K_U(w)$ is Uncomputable

\* **Proof:** Pick the language  $U$ . Suppose  $M$  is a program that computes  $K_U(w)$ .

\* **Definition:** For every  $n$  define new program  $Q_n$ :

- \* const int LENGTH = n; ( $n$  is “hardcoded”)
- \* iterate over all  $x \in \{0,1\}^{LENGTH}$ ,  $\circ$  o
- \* Compute  $K_U(x)$  (using  $M$  as a black-box)
- \* Output the first  $x$  such that  $K_U(x) \geq LENGTH$

$n$  encoded in binary

\* **Observation:** For every  $n$  the size of the program  $Q_n$  is  $O(\log n)$ .

\* **Analysis:** Let  $w_n$  be the output of  $Q_n$ . What is  $K_U(w_n)$ ?

\* **By definition:**  $K_U(w_n) \geq n$ , since  $Q_n$  outputs  $w_n$ , so  $Q_n$  is a program that outputs  $w_n$ ; by definition of Kolmogorov complexity,  $K_U(w_n) \leq |Q_n|$ .

\* **Therefore:**  $K_U(w_n) \geq n$  and  $K_U(w_n) \leq O(\log n)$ .

\* **Contradiction:** Conditions cannot be fulfilled simultaneously.

\* **Conclusion:** No such  $M$  exists. Note: this could hide a large constant depending on the size of the program  $M$

\* **Definition:** The **Kolmogorov Complexity of  $w$ :**

$$K_U(w) = \min\{|\langle M \rangle| : M \text{ outputs } w, \text{ on empty input } \epsilon\}.$$

That is, the size of the shortest  $U$ -program that outputs  $w$ .

