

# HW2

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## 1 Exercise 1

We can construct a function  $f$  which on input  $\langle M, w \rangle$  returns  $\langle M', w \rangle$ , such that:

$\langle M, w \rangle \in HALT_{TM}$  iff  $\langle M', w \rangle \in A_{TM}$  The idea is to modify  $M$  into  $M'$  such that  $M'$  accepts  $w$  iff  $M$  halted on  $w$ .

The following  $M_f$  computes the function  $f$ .

$M_f$ : On input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ :

- 1) Construct  $M'$  such that: Run  $M$  in the input and if  $M$  accepts or reject, then  $M'$  accepts.
- 2) Output  $\langle M', w \rangle$ .

So:  $M_f$  computes the function  $f$  so  $HALT_{TM} \leq_m A_{TM}$ . Therefore since  $HALT_{TM}$  is undecidable also  $A_{TM}$  is undecidable.

## 2 Exercise 2

No, this is not true.

For example, we can define 2 languages:

$$A = \{0^n 1^n | n > 0\}$$

$$B = \{0\}$$

We can define a function  $f$  such that:

$$f(w) = \begin{cases} 0 & w \in A \\ 1 & w \notin A \end{cases}$$

Since  $A$  is a context-free language it's also Turing-decidable, therefore  $f$  exists.

Also,  $w \in A$  iff  $f(w) = 0$  which is true iff  $f(w) \in B$ .

Therefore  $A \leq_m B$ . But Language  $A$  is nonregular and  $B$  it's regular.