

ITCS 532: Bonus question

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Is HAI r.e.?

► No.

- ▶ Consider the complement of the halting problem \bar{H} .
 - ▶ Yes instance is pair (T, I) such that $T(I)$ does not halt.
 - ▶ No instance is (T, I) such that $T(I)$ halts.

- ▶ \bar{H} is not r.e., as otherwise H would be recursive (as H is r.e.).

- ▶ Given an instance (T, I) of \bar{H} , define an instance T_I of HAI .
- ▶ $T_I(J)$ erases its input then simulates $T(I)$ for $|J|$ steps.
- ▶ If $T(I)$ halts within $|J|$ steps then $T_I(J)$ loops.
- ▶ If $T(I)$ does not halt within $|J|$ steps then $T_I(J)$ halts.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T, I) \text{ is yes of } \bar{H} &\implies T(I) \text{ does not halt} \\
 &\implies T_I(J) \text{ halts for all } J \\
 &\implies T_I \text{ is yes of } HAI.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T, I) \text{ is no of } \bar{H} &\implies T(I) \text{ halts (in } n \text{ steps say)} \\
 &\implies T_I(J) \text{ does not halt when } |J| > n \\
 &\implies T_I \text{ is no of } HAI.
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ So $\bar{H} \leq HAI$, and if HAI were r.e. \bar{H} would be too.