

HW11

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1.

$L = \{ p(M)p(w) : M \text{ uses a finite number of tape cells when running on input } w \}$

This language is acceptable because it only has a finite number of tape so even if the input is greater than then memory storage it can only hold a finite number from the input. This language is not decidable because if M needs to process info from the whole input w , if there are $w/2$ finite memory on the tape it can never process the whole tape.

$L = \{ p(M)p(w)01^n0 : M \text{ uses at most } n \text{ tape cells when running on input } w \}$

This language is acceptable but not decidable. The turing machine input may not be able to store the entire input. $p(M)p(w)01^n0 = 01^m0010$ where m is the number of instructions for the head for machine M . We can use n at most tape cells so we can't get stuck in an infinite loop because it's finite but we cannot read both machines that are delimited by 0's so it can not be decidable.

2.

$\{ p(M) : |L(M)| \leq 10 \}$

This language is turing-decidable because the language has a cardinality less than or equal to ten. The turing machine could simply have a finite

number of states to represent every possible string in $L(M)$ and either print a Y or a N based on those strings.

$$\{ p(M) : |L(M)| \geq 10 \}$$

This language is not acceptable because the language is some length greater than 10. If the turing machine does not halt we do not know if its looping forever or if it has just not reached the end of the language yet.

$$\{ p(M)p(w) : M \searrow w \text{ in 10 steps or less } \}$$

This is turing decidable because it has a finite number of steps so we know for sure it halts. If in 10 steps it has not printed a Y then it would print a N by the last step.

$$R = \{ p(M)p(w) : M \searrow w \text{ in 10 steps or more } \}$$

This language halts so we know it is acceptable. We will use reduction to prove it is not decidable. We know from the class notes that $\{ p(M)p(w) : M \searrow w \}$. If we build a machine M' . This machine first takes input w and checks that it is at least 10 steps. If not it adds more steps to the tape. This tape is then given to R . If R returns a Y or a N then M' returns a Y or a N otherwise it loops. So therefore R reduces to $\{ p(M)p(w) : M \searrow w \}$ so the language is only accepting by not decidable.

3. Use reduction to prove that the language is not decidable.

$$L = \{ p(M_1)p(M_2) : L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2) \}$$

We know that $R = \{ p(M)p(w) : M \searrow w \}$ is not decidable so if we can reduce L into R we can prove that L is not decidable. If we make a

machine where all input to a machine is given to M_2 . M_1 is a subset of M_2 so any $x \in L(M_1)$ would not halt given to L because all words in $L(M_2)$ are in $L(M_1)$. This would mean that $M_2 \not\subseteq x$. So This machine would have a turring machine that first takes in a input and then if it halts the x is returned to another turring machine that is given to $\{ p(M_2)p(x) : M \not\subseteq x \}$. This is the same as R via homomorphism so therefore L is not decidable.