

CSC363H5 Tutorial 4

this time in dark theme!

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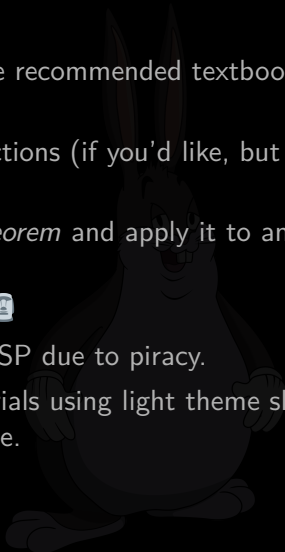
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Learning objectives this tutorial

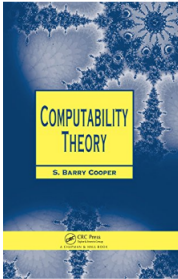
By the end of this tutorial, you should...

- ▶ Find a totally legal way to obtain the recommended textbook for this course.
- ▶ Read the recommended textbook sections (if you'd like, but I think it's really worth it!).
- ▶ Be able to state the *normal form theorem* and apply it to an example problem.
- ▶ Turn yourself into a moai. 🗿 🗿 🗿
- ▶ Have your internet revoked by your ISP due to piracy.
- ▶ Appreciate the time when I ran tutorials using light theme slides instead of dark theme slides like these.



Readings? What is this, English class?

Yea, I just discovered that a (recommended) textbook exists for this course! Available for the cheap price of only \$150.



Computability Theory (Chapman Hall/CRC Mathematics Series Book 26) Kindle Edition
by [S. Barry Cooper](#) (Author) | Format: Kindle Edition
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Computability theory originated with the seminal work of Gödel, Church, Turing, Kleene and Post in the 1930s. This theory includes a wide spectrum of topics, such as the theory of reducibilities and their degree structures, computably enumerable sets and their automorphisms, and subrecursive hierarchy classifications. Recent work in computability theory has focused on Turing definability and promises to have far-reaching mathematical, scientific, and philosophical consequences.

[Read more](#)

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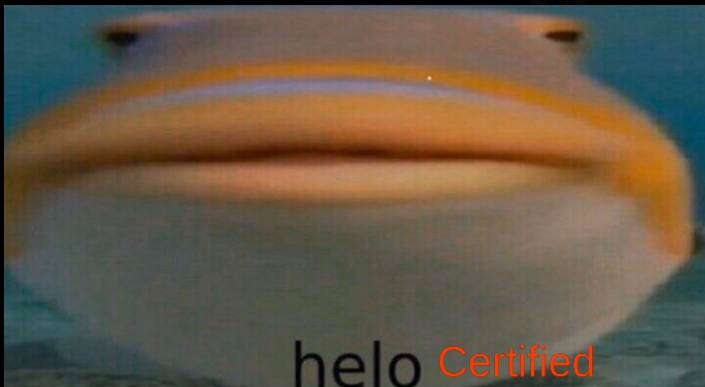
Trust me, it's worth a read! You will learn cool stuff like how to solve homework problems the proof of some theorems skipped in class.

Readings? What is this, English class?

Just some recommended readings¹ from me to reinforce lecture material:

- ▶ Week 2: sections 2, 4.2, 4.3 (Note the book gives a different definition of Turing machine, but it is equivalent and worth a read!)
- ▶ Week 3: sections 5.1-5.3
- ▶ Week 4: sections 5.2, 10.1 (first page)

These recommended readings are certified by `helo_fish.jpg`.

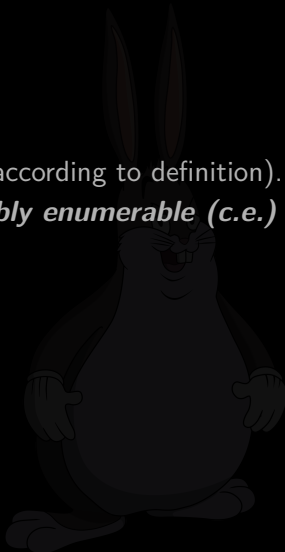


¹not official! just what i think would be useful.

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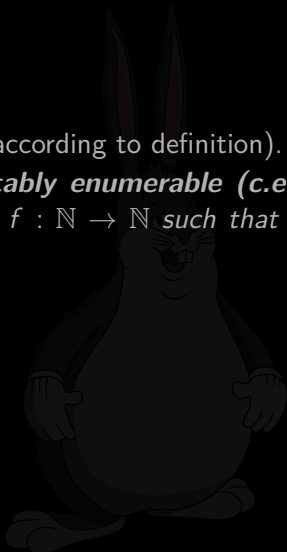
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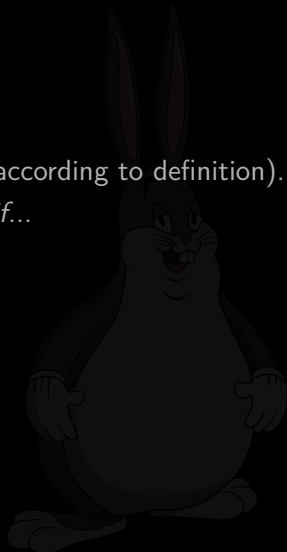
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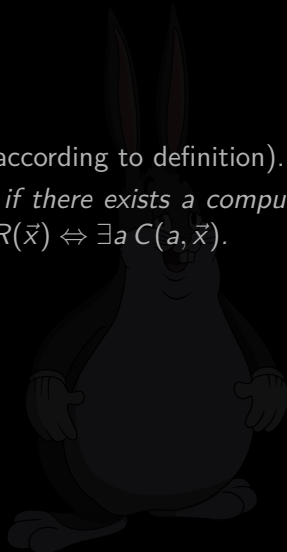
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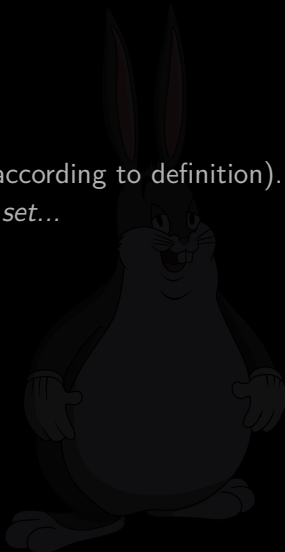
We say a relation $R(\vec{x})$ is in Σ_1^0 if there exists a computable relation $C(a, \vec{x})$ such that for all \vec{x} , $R(\vec{x}) \Leftrightarrow \exists a C(a, \vec{x})$.



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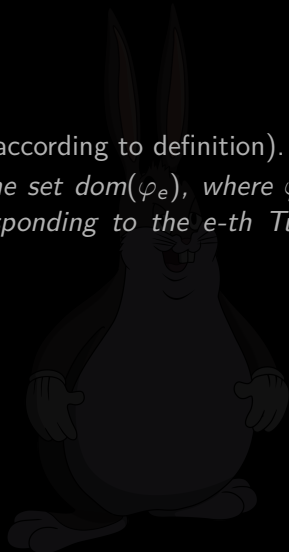
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Normal Form Theorem!

Task: Complete the following sentence (according to definition).

For $e \in \mathbb{N}$, we denote by W_e the set $\text{dom}(\varphi_e)$, where φ_e is the partial recursive function corresponding to the e -th Turing machine.



Normal Form Theorem!

Finally, we get to the statement! :D (or D: if you don't like proofs)

Theorem

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. The following are equivalent:

- 1. A is c.e.;*
- 2. $A \in \Sigma_1^0$ (when A is thought of as a unary relation);*
- 3. $A = W_e$ for some $e \in \mathbb{N}$.*

We will prove $(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (1)$.

Hope you like proofs.

(1) \Rightarrow (2): A is c.e. $\Rightarrow A \in \Sigma_1^0$.

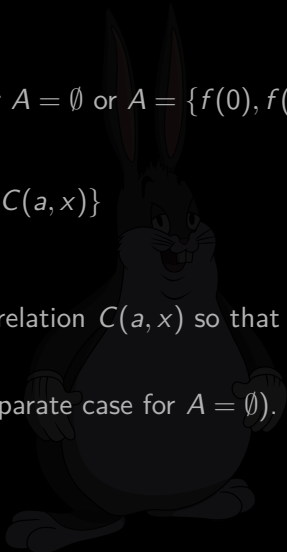
To prove this: suppose A is c.e., so either $A = \emptyset$ or $A = \{f(0), f(1), \dots\}$.
To show $A \in \Sigma_1^0$, we want to write

$$A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : \exists a C(a, x)\}$$

where $C(a, x)$ is a computable relation.

Task: Come up with such a computable relation $C(a, x)$ so that A satisfies the above equality.

(Hint: I think you will probably need a separate case for $A = \emptyset$).



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Answer: If $A = \emptyset$, let $C(a, x)$ be the empty relation (false for all a, x).
Then for any $x \in \mathbb{N}$, there doesn't exist a such that $C(a, x)$ is true, so

$$\{x \in \mathbb{N} : \exists a C(a, x)\} = \emptyset = A.$$

Otherwise let $C(a, x) : f(a) = x$. Since the range of f is A , we have

$$\{x \in \mathbb{N} : \exists a C(a, x)\} = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : \exists a f(a) = x\} = A.$$

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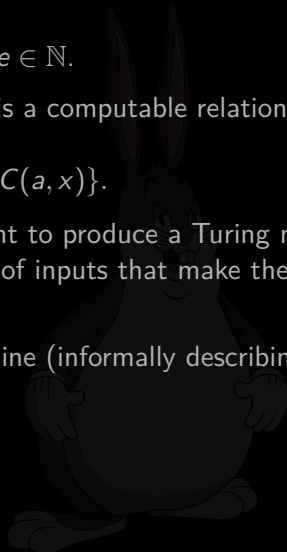
(2) \Rightarrow (3): $A \in \Sigma_1^0 \Rightarrow A = W_e$ for some $e \in \mathbb{N}$.

To prove this: suppose $A \in \Sigma_1^0$, so there is a computable relation $C(a, x)$ so that

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To show $A = W_e$ for some $e \in \mathbb{N}$, we want to produce a Turing machine that only halts on A (since W_e is the set of inputs that make the e th Turing machine halt).

Task: Come up with such a Turing machine (informally describing what it does).



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Answer: Let P_e be the Turing machine that does the following given an input $x \in \mathbb{N}$:

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a = 0
while not C(a, x):
    a += 1
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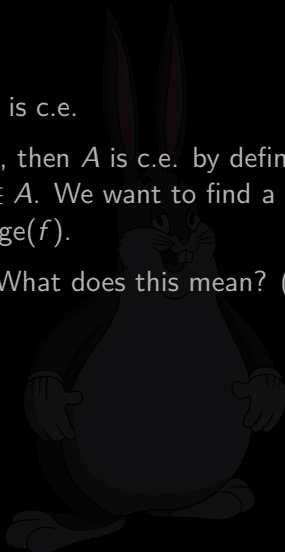
This program halts on input x if and only if $x \in A$.

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(3) \Rightarrow (1): $A = W_e$ for some $e \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow A$ is c.e.

To prove this: suppose $A = W_e$. If $A = \emptyset$, then A is c.e. by definition and we are done. Otherwise there exists a $p \in A$. We want to find a computable function f such that $A = \text{range}(f)$.

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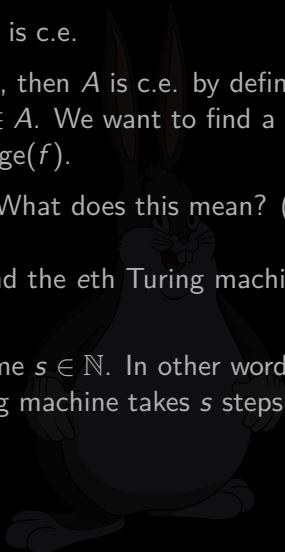
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Answer: $\varphi_{e,s}(x) \downarrow$ means that $x, e < s$ and the e th Turing machine takes s steps or less to halt on x .

So $x \in W_e$ if and only if $\varphi_{e,s}(x) \downarrow$ for some $s \in \mathbb{N}$. In other words, s is large enough so that $x < s$ and the Turing machine takes s steps or less to halt on x .



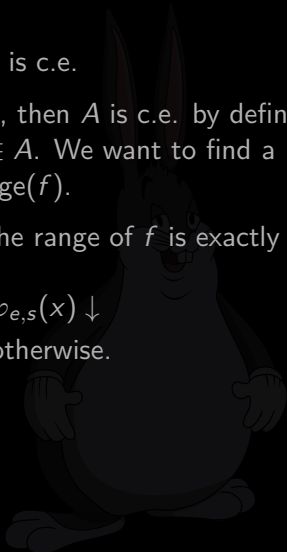
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Task: Show (or convince yourself) that the range of f is exactly A , where

$$f(\langle x, s \rangle) = \begin{cases} x & \varphi_{e,s}(x) \downarrow \\ p & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



This finishes the proof!

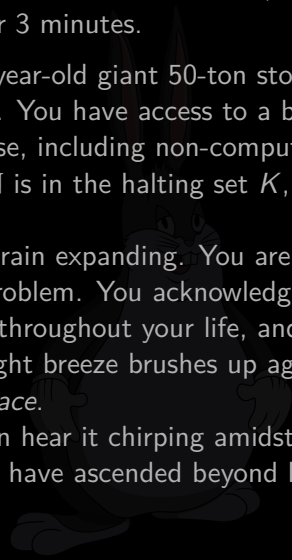
Task: Breathe in for 4 seconds, hold your breath for 7 seconds, then slowly release it for 8 seconds. Repeat for 3 minutes.

While doing this, imagine you are a 600-year-old giant 50-ton stone on Easter Island in the middle of the Pacific. You have access to a black box that can solve *all* problems in this universe, including non-computable problems such as deciding whether $x \in \mathbb{N}$ is in the halting set K , as it has access to any oracle in existence.

As you breath in and out, you feel your brain expanding. You are filled with *determination*. You can solve any problem. You acknowledge all the suffering and injustice you have received throughout your life, and have ascended beyond any worldly desire. A light breeze brushes up against your coarse stone surface. You feel *at peace*.

A *Gygis alba* lands on your head. You can hear it chirping amidst the light breeze. You are unbothered, because you have ascended beyond life.

You are a Moai. 🚂 🚂 🚂







Now that you have attained knowledge of this universe, you may prove the following:

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. A is c.e. if and only if there exists a partial computable function f such that $A = \text{range}(f)$.

Task: Prove the above using the normal form theorem (written below).

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Hint: For proving the \Leftarrow direction, show A satisfies condition 2 in the above theorem.



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Proof: (\Rightarrow) Suppose A is c.e.. Then either $A = \emptyset$ or $A = \text{range}(f)$ for some *computable* function f . If $A = \emptyset$, then A is the range of the empty partial computable function (always undefined). Otherwise $A = \text{range}(f)$ (and f is partial computable since it is computable).

(\Leftarrow) Let $A = \text{range}(f)$ for some partial computable f . Then $f = \varphi_e$ for some $e \in \mathbb{N}$ (since f can be emulated by a Turing machine). Define the relation

$$C(s, x, y) : \varphi_{e,s}(x) \downarrow = y.$$

Then

$$A = \{y \in \mathbb{N} : \exists(s, x) C(s, x, y)\}.$$

(Formally I should have used $C(\langle s, x \rangle, y)$ for the relation.)

Thanks for watching my video. For more information, please visit sjorv.github.io for a giveaway of two \$GME shares.

If you'd like to cheat on the homework, please stay for office hours! :D

If not, then bye. ;-;
To help you on your homework, please try the following proof methods.

Common proof techniques

Proof by intimidation Trivial!

Proof by cumbersome notation The theorem follows immediately from the fact that $\left| \bigoplus_{k \in S} (\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{P}^{\alpha(i)}})_{i \in \mathcal{U}_k} \right| \leq \aleph_1$ when $\{S\}_W \cap \mathbb{P}^{\alpha}(\mathbb{N}) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof by inaccessible literature The theorem is an easy corollary of a result proven in a hand-written note handed out during a lecture by the Yugoslavian Mathematical Society in 1973.

Proof by ghost reference The proof may be found on page 478 in a textbook which turns out to have 396 pages.

Circular argument Proposition 5.18 in [BL] is an easy corollary of Theorem 7.18 in [C], which is again based on Corollary 2.14 in [K]. This, on the other hand, is derived with reference to Proposition 5.18 in [BL].

Proof by authority My good colleague Andrew said he thought he might have come up with a proof of this a few years ago. . .

Internet reference For those interested, the result is shown on the web page of this book. Which unfortunately doesn't exist any more.

Proof by avoidance *Chapter 3:* The proof of this is delayed until Chapter 7 when we have developed the theory even further. *Chapter 7:* To make things easy, we only prove it for the case $z = 0$, but the general case is handled in Appendix C. *Appendix C:* The formal proof is beyond the scope of this book, but of course, our intuition knows this to be true.