

Lab09-Recursively Enumerable Set(2)

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1. Suppose A is an r.e. set. Prove the following statements.

(a) Show that the sets $\bigcup_{x \in A} W_x$ and $\bigcup_{x \in A} E_x$ are both r.e.

Proof. As $x \in W_x$ is partially decidable. So there $\exists x \in A$ such that $z \in W_x$ is partially decidable. $\exists x \in A$ that $z \in W_x$ is equal to $x \in \bigcup_{x \in A} W_x$, so it is also partially decidable. Then

the set $\bigcup_{x \in A} W_x$ is r.e. The same as $\bigcup_{x \in A} E_x$, we can prove in the same way. \square

(b) Show that $\bigcap_{x \in A} W_x$ is not necessarily r.e. (*Hint: $\forall t \in \mathbb{N}$ let $K_t = \{x : P_x(x) \downarrow \text{ in } t \text{ steps}\}$.*)

Show that for any t , K_t is recursive; moreover $K = \bigcup_{t \in \mathbb{N}} K_t$ and $\bar{K} = \bigcup_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \bar{K}_t$.)

Proof. As we know $z \in \bigcap_{x \in A} W_x$ means $\forall x \in A, z \in W_x$, $z \in W_x$ is partially decidable but $\forall x \in A$, however $z \in W_x$ is partially decidable, so the set is not necessarily decidable. \square

2. Prove that $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$ is r.e. iff $A = \emptyset$ or there is a total computable function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n$ such that $A = \text{Ran}(f)$. (A computable function f from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N}^n is an n -tuple $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ where each f_i is a unary computable function and $f(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x))$.)

Proof. if $A = \emptyset$ then $x \in A$ is p.d. so A is r.e. If there is a total computable function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n$ such that $A = \text{Ran}(f)$, then $A = (f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x))$. So \mathbb{N} is m-reducible to A . Since \mathbb{N} is r.e., A is also r.e. \square

3. Suppose that f is a total computable function, A is a recursive set and B is an r.e. set. Show that $f^{-1}(A)$ is recursive and that $f(A)$, $f(B)$ and $f^{-1}(B)$ are r.e. but not necessarily recursive. What extra information about these sets can be obtained if f is a bijection?

Proof. $x \in f^{-1}(A)$ is equal to $f(x) \in A$ and since A is recursive, then $f(x) \in A$ is decidable so $x \in f^{-1}(A)$ is decidable so $f^{-1}(A)$ is recursive. $x \in f(A)$ is equal to $\exists y \in \mathbb{N}, y \in A$ and $f(y) = x$ and since $y \in A$ and $f(y) = x$ is decidable, it is partially decidable so $f(A)$ is r.e. $x \in f(B)$ is equal to $\exists y \in \mathbb{N}, y \in B$ and $f(y) = x$, it is p.d. so $f(B)$ is r.e. Similarly we can prove $f^{-1}(B)$ is r.e. As f is a total computable function, if f is bijective, then $f(A)$ is recursive. \square

4. A set D is the difference of r.e. sets (*d.r.e.*) iff $D = A - B$ where A, B are both r.e..

(a) Show that the set of all *d.r.e.* sets is closed under the formation of intersection.

Proof. For \forall *d.r.e.* set $M = A - B$ and $N = C - D$ where A, B, C, D are all r.e. $M \cap N = (A - B) \cap (C - D) = A \cap C + B \cap D - A \cap D - B \cap C$. so it is also *d.r.e.* Thus *d.r.e.* sets are closed under the formation of intersection. \square

(b) Show that if $C_n = \{x \mid |W_x| = n\}$, then C_n is *d.r.e.* for all $n \geq 0$.

Proof. We can define a program that for numbers in \mathbb{N} , if number $\in W_x$ more than n , then it will halt, otherwise we let it undefined. Thus it is *d.r.e.* \square