



Undecidability II

Sections 21.4 - 21.7

Is There a Pattern?

- Does L contain some particular string w ?
 - Does L contain ε ?
 - Does L contain any strings at all?
 - Does L contain all strings over some alphabet Σ ?
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- $A = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ accepts } w \}.$
 - $A_\varepsilon = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ accepts } \varepsilon \}.$
 - $A_{\text{ANY}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there exists at least one string that TM } M \text{ accepts} \}.$
 - $A_{\text{ALL}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ accepts all inputs} \}.$



Rice's Theorem

Any nontrivial property of the SD languages is undecidable.

or

Any language that can be described as:

$$\{ \langle M \rangle : P(L(M)) = \text{True} \}$$

for any nontrivial property P , is not in D.

A **nontrivial property** is one that is not simply:

- *True* for all languages, or
- *False* for all languages.

Applying Rice's Theorem

To use Rice's Theorem to show that a language L is not in D we must:

- Specify property P .
- Show that the domain of P is the SD languages.
- Show that P is nontrivial:
 - P is true of at least one language
 - P is false of at least one language

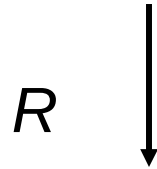
Examples

1. $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ contains only even length strings} \}$.
2. $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ contains an odd number of strings} \}$.
3. $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ contains all strings that start with } a \}$.
4. $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is infinite} \}$.
5. $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is regular} \}$.
6. $\{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ contains an even number of states} \}$.
7. $\{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ has an odd number of symbols in its tape alphabet} \}$.
8. $\{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ accepts } \varepsilon \text{ within 100 steps} \}$.
9. $\{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ accepts } \varepsilon \}$.
10. $\{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}$.

Proof of Rice's Theorem

Proof: Let P be any nontrivial property of the SD languages.

$$H = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ halts on input string } w \}$$



(?Oracle) $L_2 = \{ \langle M \rangle : P(L(M)) = T \}$

Either $P(\emptyset) = T$ or $P(\emptyset) = F$.

Assume it is $P(\emptyset) = F$ (a matching proof exists if it is T).

Since P is nontrivial, there is some SD language L_T such that

$P(L_T) = T$. Let M_T be some Turing machine that semidecides L_T .

Proof (cont'd)

$R(<M, w>) =$

1. Construct $<M\#>$, so $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. Copy its input x to another track for later.
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w .
 - 1.5 Put x back on the tape and run M_T on x .
2. Return $<M\#>$.

$C = \text{Oracle}(R(<M, w>))$ decides H :

$<M, w> \in H$: M halts on w . $M\#$ makes it to 1.5.

So it is equivalent to M_T .

$L(M\#) = L(M_T)$ and so $P(L(M\#)) = P(L(M_T)) = T$.

Oracle decides P . *Oracle* accepts.

$<M, w> \notin H$: M does not halt on w . $M\#$ gets stuck in 1.4.

So it accepts nothing.

$L(M\#) = \emptyset$ and so $P(L(M\#)) = P(\emptyset) = F$.

Oracle decides P . *Oracle* rejects.

Given a TM M , is $L(M)$ Regular?

The problem: Is $L(M)$ regular?

The language: Is $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is regular} \}$ in D?

Rice's Theorem says no:

- $P = \text{True}$ if L is regular and *False* otherwise.
- The domain of P is the set of SD languages since it is the set of languages accepted by some TM.
- P is nontrivial:
 - ♦ $P(a^*) = \text{True}$.
 - ♦ $P(A^nB^n) = \text{False}$.

Reduction from H

$R(<M, w>) =$

1. Construct the description $<M\#\>$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. Save x for later.
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w .
 - 1.5. Put x back on the tape.
 - 1.6. If $x \in A^n B^n$ then accept, else reject.
2. Return $<M\#\>$.

If Oracle decides L_2 , then $C = \neg \text{Oracle}(R(<M, w>))$ decides H :

- $<M, w> \in H$: $M\#$ makes it to step 1.5. Then it accepts x iff $x \in A^n B^n$. So $M\#$ accepts $A^n B^n$, which is not regular. Oracle rejects. C accepts.
- $<M, w> \notin H$: M does not halt on w . $M\#$ gets stuck in step 1.4. It accepts nothing. $L(M\#) = \emptyset$, which is regular. Oracle accepts. C rejects.

But no machine to decide H can exist, so neither does Oracle.

Without Flipping

$R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. If $x \in A^n B^n$ then accept, else:
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w .
 - 1.5. Accept
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ decides H:

- C is correct: $M\#$ immediately accepts all strings $A^n B^n$:
 - $\langle M, w \rangle \in H$: $M\#$ accepts everything else in step 1.5. So $L(M\#) = \Sigma^*$, which is regular. *Oracle* accepts.
 - $\langle M, w \rangle \notin H$: $M\#$ gets stuck in step 1.4, so it accepts nothing else. $L(M\#) = A^n B^n$, which is not regular. *Oracle* rejects.

But no machine to decide H can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.

Any Nonregular Language Works

$R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. If $x \in WW$ then accept, else:
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w .
 - 1.5. Accept
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

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- C is correct: $M\#$ immediately accepts all strings WW :
 - $\langle M, w \rangle \in H$: $M\#$ accepts everything else in step 1.5. So $L(M\#) = \Sigma^*$, which is regular. *Oracle* accepts.
 - $\langle M, w \rangle \notin H$: $M\#$ gets stuck in step 1.4, so it accepts nothing else. $L(M\#) = WW$, which is not regular. *Oracle* rejects.

But no machine to decide H can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.

Is $L(M)$ Context-free?

How about: $L_3 = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is context-free} \}$?

$R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. If $x \in A^n B^n C^n$ then accept, else:
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w .
 - 1.5. Accept
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.



Practical Implications on Programs

1. Does P , when running on x , halt?
2. Might P get into an infinite loop on some input?
3. Does P , when running on x , ever output a 0? Or anything at all?
4. Are P_1 and P_2 equivalent?
5. Does P , when running on x , ever assign a value to n ?
6. Does P ever reach a coding segment S on any input (in other words, can we chop it out)?
7. Does P reach S on every input (in other words, can we guarantee that S happens)?

Turing Machine Questions Can be Reduced to Program Questions

EqPrograms =

$$\{ \langle P_a, P_b \rangle : P_a \text{ and } P_b \text{ are } PL \text{ programs and } L(P_a) = L(P_b) \}.$$

We can build, in any programming language PL , $SimUM$:

- that is a PL program
- that implements the Universal TM U and so can simulate an arbitrary TM.

TM Questions and Program Questions

$\text{EqPrograms} = \{ \langle P_a, P_b \rangle : P_a \text{ and } P_b \text{ are PL programs and } L(P_a) = L(P_b) \}.$

Theorem: EqPrograms is not in D.

Proof: Reduction from $\text{EqTMs} = \{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}.$

$R(\langle M_a, M_b \rangle) =$

1. Build P_1 , a PL program that, on w , returns $\text{SimUM}(M_a, w)$.
2. Build P_2 , a PL program that, on w , returns $\text{SimUM}(M_b, w)$.
3. Return $\langle P_1, P_2 \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists and decides EqPrograms, then $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M_a, M_b \rangle))$ decides EqTMs. C is correct. $L(P_1) = L(M_a)$ and $L(P_2) = L(M_b)$. So:

- $\langle M_a, M_b \rangle \in \text{EqTMs}$: $L(M_a) = L(M_b)$. So $L(P_1) = L(P_2)$. $\text{Oracle}(\langle P_1, P_2 \rangle)$ accepts.
- $\langle M_a, M_b \rangle \notin \text{EqTMs}$: $L(M_a) \neq L(M_b)$. So $L(P_1) \neq L(P_2)$. $\text{Oracle}(\langle P_1, P_2 \rangle)$ rejects.

But no machine to decide EqTMs can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.



$\{ \langle M, q \rangle : M \text{ reaches } q \text{ on some input} \}$

$H_{\text{ANY}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there exists some string on which TM } M \text{ halts} \}$



(?Oracle) $L_2 = \{ \langle M, q \rangle : M \text{ reaches } q \text{ on some input} \}$

$R(\langle M \rangle) =$

1. Build $\langle M\# \rangle$ so that $M\#$ is identical to M except that, if M has a transition $((q_1, c_1), (q_2, c_2, d))$ and q_2 is a halting state other than h , replace that transition with:
 $((q_1, c_1), (h, c_2, d)).$
2. Return $\langle M\#, h \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, then $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M \rangle))$ decides H_{ANY} :

- R can be implemented as a Turing machine.
- C is correct: $M\#$ will reach the halting state h iff M would reach some halting state. So:
 - $\langle M \rangle \in H_{\text{ANY}}$: There is some string on which M halts. So there is some string on which $M\#$ reaches state h . *Oracle* accepts.
 - $\langle M \rangle \notin H_{\text{ANY}}$: There is no string on which M halts. So there is no string on which $M\#$ reaches state h . *Oracle* rejects.

But no machine to decide H_{ANY} can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.

How many Turing machines does it take to change a light bulb?

One.

How can you tell whether your Turing machine is the one?

You can't.

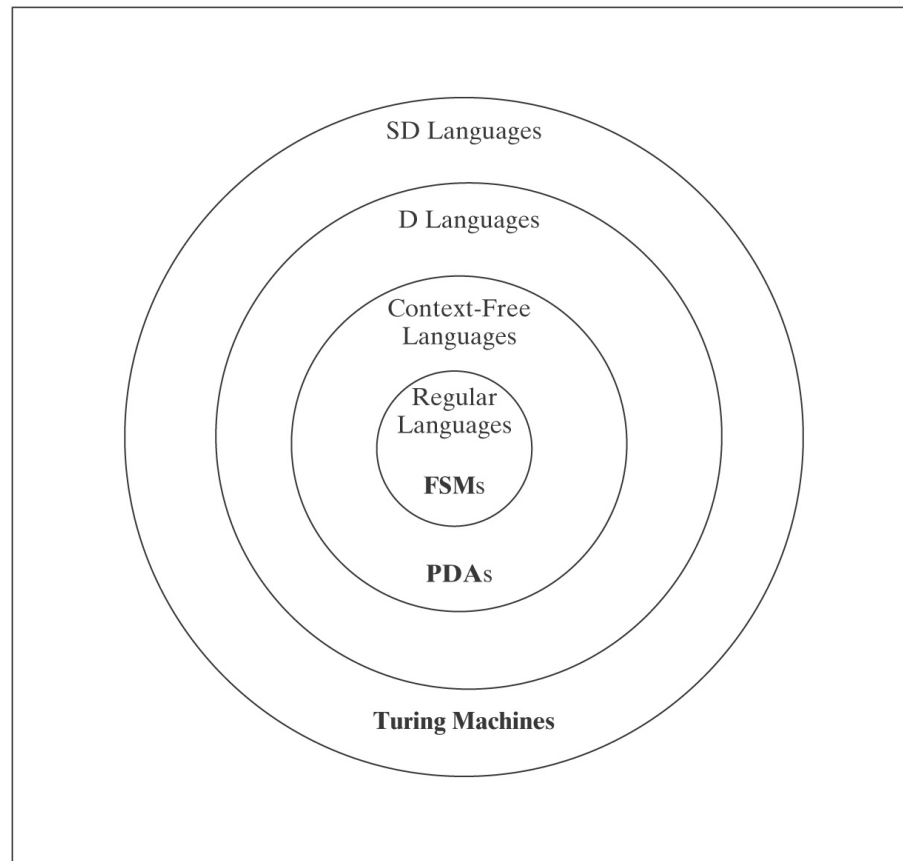


- Tim Nodine

Non-SD Languages

There is an uncountable number of non-SD languages, but only a countably infinite number of TM's (hence SD languages).

∴ The class of non-SD languages is much bigger than that of SD languages!



Non-SD Languages

Intuition: Non-SD languages usually involve either infinite search or knowing a TM will go to an infinite loop.

Examples:

- $\neg H = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ does not halt on } w \}.$
- $\{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) = \Sigma^* \}.$
- $\{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ halts on nothing} \}.$

Proving a language is not in SD:

- L is the complement of an SD\D Language.
 - Recall that $L, \neg L \in \text{SD} \Rightarrow L, \neg L \in \text{D}$
- Reduction from a known non-SD language

Complement is in SD/D

Theorem: $H_{\neg ANY}$ = $\{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there does *not* exist any string on which TM } M \text{ halts} \}$ is not in SD.

Proof: $\neg H_{\neg ANY} = H_{ANY} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there exists at least one string on which TM } M \text{ halts} \}$.

We already know:

- $\neg H_{\neg ANY}$ is in SD.
- $\neg H_{\neg ANY}$ is not in D.

So $H_{\neg ANY}$ is not in SD because, if it were, then H_{ANY} would be in D but it isn't.

Using Reduction

Theorem: If there is a reduction R from L_1 to L_2 and L_1 is not SD, then L_2 is not SD.

So, we must:

- Choose a language L_1 that is known not to be in SD.
- Hypothesize the existence of a *semideciding TM Oracle*.

Note: R may not swap accept for loop!

Using Reduction for $H_{\neg ANY}$

$\neg H = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ does not halt on input string } w \}$

R

(?Oracle) $H_{\neg ANY} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there does not exist a string on which TM } M \text{ halts} \}$

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Using Reduction for $H_{\neg ANY}$

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2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, then $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$:

- C is correct: $M\#$ ignores its input. It halts on everything or nothing, depending on whether M halts on w . So:
 - $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$: M does not halt on w , so $M\#$ halts on nothing. *Oracle* accepts.
 - $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$: M halts on w , so $M\#$ halts on everything. *Oracle* does not accept.

But no machine to semidecide $\neg H$ can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.


$$A_{anbn} = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) = A^n B^n \}$$

A_{anbn} contains strings that look like:

(q00, a00, q01, a00, →),
(q00, a01, q00, a10, →),
(q00, a10, q01, a01, ←),
(q00, a11, q01, a10, ←),
(q01, a00, q00, a01, →),
(q01, a01, q01, a10, →),
(q01, a10, q01, a11, ←),
(q01, a11, q11, a01, ←)

It does not contain strings like aaabbb.

But $A^n B^n$ does.

$A_{anbn} = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) = A^n B^n \}$ is not SD

$$\neg H = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ does not halt on } w \}$$



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- 1.4. Run M on w .
- 1.5. Put x back on the tape.
- 1.6. If $x \in A^n B^n$ then accept, else loop.

2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$: **!?!?**

$A_{anbn} = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) = A^n B^n \}$ is not SD

$R(\langle M, w \rangle)$ reduces $\neg H$ to A_{anbn} :

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$:
 - 1.1. If $x \in A^n B^n$ then accept. Else:
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w .
 - 1.5. Accept.
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, then $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$:

$M\#$ immediately accepts all strings in $A^n B^n$. If M does not halt on w , those are the only strings $M\#$ accepts. If M halts on w , $M\#$ accepts everything:

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$: M does not halt on w , so $M\#$ accepts strings in $A^n B^n$ in step 1.1. Then it gets stuck in step 1.4, so it accepts nothing else. It is an $A^n B^n$ acceptor. *Oracle* accepts.
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$: M halts on w , so $M\#$ accepts everything. *Oracle* does not accept.

But no machine to semidecide $\neg H$ can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.


$$H_{ALL} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM halts on } \Sigma^* \}$$

$$\neg H = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ does not halt on } w \}$$

$$R \downarrow$$

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Reduction Attempt 1: $R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. Erase the tape.
 - 1.2. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.3. Run M on w .
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$:

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$: M does not halt on w , so $M\#$ gets stuck in step 1.3 and halts on nothing. *Oracle* **does not accept**.
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$: M halts on w , so $M\#$ halts on everything. *Oracle* **accepts**.

Problem: cannot flip the answer.



$$H_{ALL} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM halts on } \Sigma^* \}$$

$R(\langle M, w \rangle)$ reduces $\neg H$ to H_{ALL} :

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1. Copy the input x to another track for later.
 - 1.2. Erase the tape.
 - 1.3. Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4. Run M on w for $|x|$ steps or until M naturally halts.
 - 1.5. If M naturally halted, then loop.
 - 1.6. Else halt.
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.


If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$:

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$: No matter how long x is, M will not halt in $|x|$ steps. So, for all inputs x , $M\#$ makes it to step 1.6. So it halts on everything. *Oracle* accepts.
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$: M halts on w in n steps. On inputs of length less than n , $M\#$ makes it to step 1.6 and halts. But on all inputs of length n or greater, $M\#$ will loop in step 1.5. *Oracle* does not accept.


$$\text{EqTMs} = \{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}$$

We've already shown it's not in D.

Now we show it's also not in SD.


$$\text{EqTMs} = \{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}$$

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(?Oracle) $\text{EqTMs} = \{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}$

$$R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$$


1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$:

2. Construct the description $\langle M? \rangle$:

3. Return $\langle M\#, M? \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$:

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$:
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$:


$$\text{EqTMs} = \{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}$$

$R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$:
 - 1.1 Erase the tape.
 - 1.2 Write w on the tape.
 - 1.3 Run M on w .
 - 1.4 Accept.
2. Construct the description $\langle M? \rangle$:
 - 1.1 Loop.
3. Return $\langle M\#, M? \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H: M?$ halts on nothing.

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H: M$ does not halt on w , so $M\#$ gets stuck in step 1.3 and halts on nothing. *Oracle* accepts.
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H: M$ halts on w , so $M\#$ halts on everything. *Oracle* does not accept.

The Details Matter

$L_1 = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ has an even number of states} \}.$

$L_2 = \{ \langle M \rangle : |\langle M \rangle| \text{ is even} \}.$

$L_3 = \{ \langle M \rangle : |L(M)| \text{ is even} \}.$

$L_4 = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ accepts all even length strings} \}.$



The Details Matter

$$L_3 = \{ \langle M \rangle : |L(M)| \text{ is even} \}.$$

$$\neg H \leq_M L_3: R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1 Copy the input x to another track for later.
 - 1.2 Erase the tape.
 - 1.3 Write w on the tape.
 - 1.4 Run M on w .
 - 1.5 If $x = \varepsilon$ then accept. Else loop.
2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$:
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$:

The Details Matter

$L_4 = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ accepts all even length strings} \}$

$\neg H \leq_M L_4$: $R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:

1.1 Copy the input x to another track for later.

1.2 Erase the tape.

1.3 Write w on the tape.

1.4 Run M on w for $|x|$ steps or until M naturally halts.

1.5 If M halted naturally, then loop.

1.6 Else accept.

2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

• $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$:

• $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$:



Accepting, Rejecting, Halting, and Looping

Consider :

$$L_1 = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ rejects } w \}.$$

$$L_2 = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ does not halt on } w \} \quad (\neg H)$$

$$L_3 = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a deciding TM and rejects } w \}.$$

$\{\langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a Deciding TM and Rejects } w\}$

$$\neg H = \{\langle M, w \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ does not halt on } w\}$$



(?Oracle)

$$\{\langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a deciding TM and rejects } w\}$$

$$R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1 Erase the tape.
 - 1.2 Write w on the tape.
 - 1.3 Run M on w .
 - 1.4 Reject.
2. Return $\langle M\#, \varepsilon \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$:

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$:
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$:

Problem:

$\{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a Deciding TM and Rejects } w \}$

$$H_{\text{ALL}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ halts on } \Sigma^* \}$$



(?Oracle) $\{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a deciding TM and rejects } w \}$

$R(\langle M \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:
 - 1.1 Run M on x .
 - 1.2 Reject.
2. Return $\langle M\#, \varepsilon \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists, $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M \rangle))$ semidecides H_{ALL} :

- $\langle M \rangle \in H_{\text{ALL}}$: $M\#$ halts and rejects all inputs. *Oracle* accepts.
- $\langle M \rangle \notin H_{\text{ALL}}$: There is at least one input on which M doesn't halt. So $M\#$ is not a deciding TM. *Oracle* does not accept.

No machine to semidecide H_{ALL} can exist, so neither does *Oracle*.

What About These?

$$L_1 = \{a\}.$$

$$L_2 = \{\langle M \rangle : M \text{ accepts } a\}.$$

$$L_3 = \{\langle M \rangle : L(M) = \{a\}\}.$$

$$\neg H \leq_M L_3: R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$$

1. Construct the description $\langle M\# \rangle$, where $M\#(x)$ operates as follows:

- 1.1 If $x = a$, accept.
- 1.2 Erase the tape.
- 1.2 Write w on the tape.
- 1.3 Run M on w .
- 1.4 Accept.

2. Return $\langle M\# \rangle$.

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$:
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$:

$$\{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : \varepsilon \in L(M_a) - L(M_b) \}$$

R is a reduction from $\neg H$. $R(\langle M, w \rangle) =$

1. Construct the description of $M\#(x)$ that operates as follows:
 - 1.1. Erase the tape.
 - 1.2. Write w .
 - 1.3. Run M on w .
 - 1.4. Accept.
2. Construct the description of $M?(x)$ that operates as follows:
 - 2.1. Accept.
3. Return $\langle M?, M\# \rangle$.

If *Oracle* exists and semidecides L , $C = \text{Oracle}(R(\langle M, w \rangle))$ semidecides $\neg H$: $M?$ accepts everything, including ε . So:

- $\langle M, w \rangle \in \neg H$: $L(M?) - L(M\#) =$
- $\langle M, w \rangle \notin \neg H$: $L(M?) - L(M\#) =$

<i>The Problem View</i>	<i>The Language View</i>	<i>Status</i>
Does TM M have an even number of states?	$\{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ has an even number of states} \}$	D
Does TM M halt on w ?	$H = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ halts on } w \}$	SD/D
Does TM M halt on the empty tape?	$H_{\varepsilon} = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ halts on } \varepsilon \}$	SD/D
Is there any string on which TM M halts?	$H_{\text{ANY}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there exists at least one string on which TM } M \text{ halts} \}$	SD/D
Does TM M halt on all strings?	$H_{\text{ALL}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ halts on } \Sigma^* \}$	\neg SD
Does TM M accept w ?	$A = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ accepts } w \}$	SD/D
Does TM M accept ε ?	$A_{\varepsilon} = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ accepts } \varepsilon \}$	SD/D
Is there any string that TM M accepts?	$A_{\text{ANY}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there exists at least one string that TM } M \text{ accepts} \}$	SD/D

Does TM M accept all strings?	$A_{\text{ALL}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) = \Sigma^* \}$	$\neg \text{SD}$
Do TMs M_a and M_b accept the same languages?	$\text{EqTMs} = \{ \langle M_a, M_b \rangle : L(M_a) = L(M_b) \}$	$\neg \text{SD}$
Does TM M not halt on any string?	$H_{\neg \text{ANY}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{there does not exist any string on which } M \text{ halts} \}$	$\neg \text{SD}$
Does TM M not halt on its own description?	$\{ \langle M \rangle : \text{TM } M \text{ does not halt on input } \langle M \rangle \}$	$\neg \text{SD}$
Is the language that TM M accepts regular?	$\text{TMreg} = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) \text{ is regular} \}$	$\neg \text{SD}$
Does TM M accept the language $A^n B^n$?	$A_{\text{anbn}} = \{ \langle M \rangle : L(M) = A^n B^n \}$	$\neg \text{SD}$

Language Summary

IN
Semideciding TM
Enumerable
Unrestricted grammar

Deciding TM
Lexico. enum
 L and $\neg L$ in SD

CF grammar
PDA
Closure

Regular Expression
FSM

SD
H

D
 $A^n B^n C^n$

Context-Free
 $A^n B^n$

Regular
 $a^* b^*$

OUT
Reduction

Diagonalize
Reduction

Pumping
Closure

Pumping
Closure

