

## Decidability, Recognizability, Undecidability.

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Prove true claims (decidable? undecidable? recognizable? unrecognizable?) about the following languages:

0.  $H_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that halts on string } w \}$

1.  $A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that accepts string } w \}$

2.  $NonE_{DFA} = \{ \langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA and } D \text{ accepts some string} \}$

3.  $AccE_{PDA} = \{ \langle P \rangle \mid P \text{ is a PDA and } P \text{ accepts } \epsilon \}$

4.  $RejectsSomeString_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ rejects some string} \}$

5.  $Loops_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that loops on input } w \}$

6.  $SixStates_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ has } \geq 6 \text{ states} \}$ .

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$NonE_{DFA} = \{ \langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA and } L(D) \neq \emptyset \}$

Claim:  $NonE_{DFA}$  is decidable.

Proof: Recall we showed that  $E_{DFA} = \{ \langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA, } L(D) = \emptyset \}$  is decidable; let  $X$  be a decider-TM for  $E_{DFA}$ .

We construct a TM  $Y$  that decides  $NonE_{DFA}$  as follows:

$Y$  clearly halts on all inputs because:

Y clearly accepts  $\langle D \rangle$  iff

iff  $L(D) \neq \emptyset$  

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$$A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts string } w \}$$

Claim:  $A_{TM}$  is

Proof:

$A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that accepts } w \}$ .

Claim:  $A_{TM}$  is undecidable.

Proof: BWOC.  $\nexists A_{TM}$  is decided by some TM, call it  $W$ .

Then we can construct a TM  $V$  that decides ~~SelfAcc~~, as follows:

$V = "$  on input  $\langle M \rangle$ , where  $M$  is a TM :

1. Run  $W$  on  $\langle M, \langle M \rangle \rangle$
2. If  $W$  accepts, ACCEPT.  
If  $W$  rejects, REJECT. "

But Self Acc is undecidable!

◦  $W$  does not exist, and  $A_{TM}$  is undecidable.  $\square$

$A_{TM}$  is recognizable but not decidable.

6. Six States<sub>TM</sub>

$$\text{RejectsSomeString}_{\text{TM}} = \{ \langle m \rangle \mid m \text{ is a TM that rejects some string} \}$$

Claim:  $\text{RejectsSomeString}_{\text{TM}}$  is undecidable.

Proof: BWOC.  $\nexists \exists$  a TM  $X$  that decides  $\text{RejectsSomeString}_{\text{TM}}$ .

Then we can construct a TM  $A$  that decides  $A_{\text{TM}}$ , as follows:

$A = \text{'}$  on input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , where  $M$  is a TM  
 $w$  is a string

1. Create a new TM  $M_w$ 
  - a) erases its input
  - b) runs  $M$  on  $w$ .
  - c) '

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leave the remainder as an exercise.



$$E_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts no strings} \}$$

Claim:  $E_{TM}$  is undecidable.

Proof: BWOC.  $\S \exists$  a TM  $E$  that decides  $E_{TM}$ .

$A = "$  on input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , where  $M$  is a TM  
 $w$  a string.

1. Create a new TM  $M_w$  where

$M_w = "$  1. erase input  
 2. run  $M$  on  $w$ ."

2. Run  $E$  on  $\langle M_w \rangle$ .

- if  $E$  accepts, REJECT.

- if  $E$  rejects, ACCEPT.

If  $A$ 's input is  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  accepts  $w$ ,

then  $E$  rejects  $M_w$ , and  $A$  accepts  $\langle M, w \rangle$ .

If  $A$ 's input is  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  either rejects or loops on input  $w$ , then  $M_w$  either rejects all inputs or loops on all inputs — but certainly accepts no inputs. Then  $E$  accepts  $\langle M_w \rangle$  and so  $A$  rejects  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , as it should.

◦  $A$  decides  $A_{TM}$ .

$\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

◦  $E_{TM}$  is not decidable.