

Today: § 4.2 + § 5.1 (in part)

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Exam: One 2-sided $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ sheet of notes,

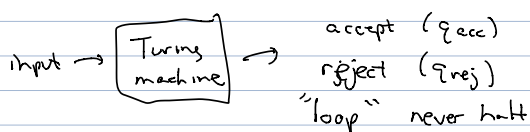
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Textbook: Formal description: you specify \mathcal{Q}

Implementation level: you give phases, how many tapes, how they move, etc.

High level: algorithm without any of discussion of tapes

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only countably many "standard T.M.'s" $Q = \{1, \dots, q\}$
 $\Gamma = \{1, \dots, r\}$

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

undecidable.

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Proof that A_{TM} is undecidable: If H decides A_{TM}

(assume to get a contradiction), then build a Turing machine,

using H as a subroutine, s.t. this Turing machine can't

exist.



Oracle Turing machines

Build a machine D s.t.

✓ (1) given input w , D figures out if $w = \langle M \rangle$ for some Turing machine.

Rem: Turing machine description was based on $\Sigma = \{0, \dots, 9, L, R, \#\}$

But Σ really should be $\{0, \dots, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$

② If $w = \langle m \rangle$, feed $\langle m, \langle m \rangle \rangle$ to H (i.e. run H as a subroutine).

③ If H accepts $\langle m, \langle m \rangle \rangle$, then D rejects
 " " rejects $\langle m, \langle m \rangle \rangle$, then D accepts

[" H doesn't halt ← can't happen]

What happens to D on input $\langle D \rangle$?

If D accepts $\langle D \rangle$, then H rejects $\langle D, \langle D \rangle \rangle \Rightarrow$ D reject $\langle D \rangle$

Remark: A_{TM} is recognized by a Univ Turing machine

But $\overline{A_{TM}} = \Sigma^* \setminus A_{TM}$ is not even recognized by any Turing machine

Why! Say you can recognise L by a Turing machine M_1
 and " " " \overline{L} " " " " M_2

Given w , can run in parallel M_1 and M_2

A lot of this course : the following are undecidable :

which problems should we not work too long to completely solve

$A_{TM}, Halt_{TM}, DoYouReachState, \dots$

the following are NP-complete

SAT, 3COLOR, ...

the following are PSPACE-complete

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Say $L = \{ \langle m, w, q \rangle \mid \left. \begin{array}{l} M \text{ is Turing machine, } w \text{ input to } M, \\ \text{we do encounter state } q \\ \text{along the computation of } M \text{ given } w \end{array} \right\}$

Do We Reach Some State

DO-WE-REACH-SOME-STATE is recognizable, but undecidable

If we simulate M on input w , then if we ever land in q , we do so in finite number of steps, so we can stop and say "yes."

But if L were decidable, to solve A_{TM} we just ask given $\langle M, w \rangle$ does $\langle M, w, q_{acc} \rangle \in L$

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Given L_1, L_2, \dots are recognizable, then $L_1 \cap L_2, L_1 \cup L_2, \dots$ are also recognizable