

CPSC 421/501

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Last time: $L \subseteq \Sigma_{ASCII}^*$ is:

decidable if for some p : for all $i \in \Sigma_{ASCII}^*$

p on input $i = \begin{cases} \text{"yes"} & \text{if } i \in L \\ \text{"no"} & \text{if } i \notin L \end{cases}$

recognizable if same, but

p on input $i \begin{cases} = \text{"yes"} & \text{if } i \in L \\ \neq \text{"yes"} & \text{if } i \notin L \end{cases}$

Today: "Running algorithms in parallel."

AND Paradoxes

Concretely:

L^c or L^{comp} or \bar{L}

Thm 1: Let L and $\sum_{ASCII}^* \setminus L$ be recognizable, then L is decidable.

Thm 2: ACCEPT_SOME_INPUT is recognizable.

ACCEPT_SOME_INPUT

$= \left\{ p \in \sum_{ASCII}^* \mid p \text{ accepts some (at least one) input} \right\}$

Thm 1 Proof!

Example:

" $INT \leq 5$ "

short description

$$= \left\{ i \in \sum_{ASCII}^* \mid \begin{array}{l} i \text{ represents an} \\ \text{integer} \leq 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

very Silly, $p_y = p$

p on input $i = \begin{cases} \text{"yes"} & \text{if } i \in INT \leq 5 \\ \text{"no"} \text{ or "loops"} & \text{if } i \notin INT \leq 5 \end{cases}$

say we have another q (equally silly, sit.)

$$q \text{ on input } i = \begin{cases} \text{"yes"} & \text{if } i \notin \text{INT} \leq 5 \\ \text{"no, klaps"} & \text{if } i \in \text{INT} \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

Given i

run p for 1 step on i

" q " 1 step on i

" p " for 2 steps on i

" q " " " " "

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" p " 30 " " " "

" q " 30 " " " "

If $L \subset \Sigma^*$, we write

L^{comp} (L^c or \bar{L}) for the
complement of L

$$\Sigma^* \setminus L$$

here Σ has to be understood

if we write L^{comp} .

Example

$$\text{PALINDROME}_{\{a,b\}} = \{ \epsilon, a, b, aa, bb, \dots \}$$

subset of $\{a,b\}^* \subset \{a,b,c\}^*$

Claim:

ACCEPT_SOME_INPUT is

recognizable.

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ACCEPTANCES = $\{ p \sigma_i \mid p \text{ accepts } i \}$

Enumerate $\{a, b\}^*$

$$i_1 = \epsilon$$

$$i_2 = a$$

$$i_3 = b$$

$$i_4 = aa$$

$$i_5 = ab$$

$$i_6 = ba$$

$$i_7 = bb$$

$$i_8 = aab$$

\vdots
 \vdots
 \vdots

So $n \mapsto i_n \in \{a, b\}^*$

really $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{bijection}} \{a, b\}^*$

Phase 1: run p on i_1 1 step

" 2: " " " i_1 2 steps

and i_2 1 step

Phase 3 run p on i_1 3 steps

on i_2 2 steps

on i_3 1 step

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Rem 1: Our version of Python alg
comes from Turing Machines
(Ch 3 of [Sip])

So allow only 1 thread
of a sequential computer

Phase 1	takes	1	$\binom{2}{2}$ (Quadruple)
Phase 2	"	3	$\binom{3}{2}$
Phase 3	"	6	$\binom{4}{2}$
Phase 4	"	10	$\binom{5}{2}$

Say i_{37} on p halts after 100
total cubic is $(37+100)$

speed up ?

Paradoxes or Contradictions!

Cantor's Thm: self-reference

$$T = \{ s \mid s \notin f(s) \}$$

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negation

Assume $f(t) = T$ for some $t \dots$

"I am lying" negation
self-reference

Berry Paradox (likely of B. Russell):

"Let n be the smallest positive integer not described by an English phrase of fewer than 500 words"

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fifty

Paradox: What is n ?

Say

$$n = 10^{100} - 37 + 101^2$$

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Russell's Paradox:

Let

$$T = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all sets } S, \text{ such that} \\ S \notin S \end{array} \right\}$$

e.g.

$\{1, 2\}$ is not an element
of $\{1, 2\}$

since

$$\{1, 2\} \neq 1$$

$$\{1, 2\} \neq 2$$

Does $T \in T$?

If $T \in T = \{ S \mid S \notin S \}$

then $T \notin T$ contradictory

If $T \notin T$ so $T \in T$

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