

Thm 3.28

$A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  Turing-recognizable  
 $\Downarrow$   $A$  is Turing recognizable

Thm 3.29  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  not T-recogn

$\Downarrow$   $B$  not T-recogn.

Note

$A \leq_m B$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $\overline{A} \leq_m \overline{B}$

Thm 5.30 Neither  $EQ_{TM}$  nor  $\overline{EQ_{TM}}$  are  $T$ -recognizable

P:  $A_{TM} \leq_m \overline{EQ_{TM}}$

$$L(M_1) = \emptyset$$

$$L(M_2) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & M \text{ does not acc } w \\ \Sigma^* & M \text{ acc } w \end{cases}$$

$$\langle M, w \rangle \xrightarrow{f} \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$$

$$\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \in \overline{EQ_{TM}} \Leftrightarrow \langle M, w \rangle \in A_{TM}$$

So  $A_{TM} \leq_m \overline{EQ_{TM}}$

known not  
to be  $T$ -recog

$$\overline{A_{TM}} \leq_m EQ_{TM}$$

Thus  $EQ_{TM}$  is not  $T$ -recognizable.

$$L(M_1) = \Sigma^*$$

$$L(M_2) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } M \text{ does not acc } w \\ \Sigma^* & M \text{ acc } w \end{cases}$$

$$\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \in EQ_{TM} \Leftrightarrow M \text{ acc } w$$

so  $A_{TM} \subseteq_m EQ_{TM}$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\overline{A_{TM}} \subseteq_m \overline{EQ_{TM}}$$

Thus  $\overline{EQ_{TM}}$  is not T-recognizable.

## Jan 2010 Problem 6

1. Given  $\langle M \rangle$  is  $L(M) = L_y$ ?

Undecidable via Rice:

In 4(b) we "saw" a TM  $M_1$   
with  $L(M_1) = L_y$

$M_\emptyset$  has  $L(M_\emptyset) = \emptyset$

so the property:

$L(M) = L_y$  is non-trivial

and Rice's thm can be applied

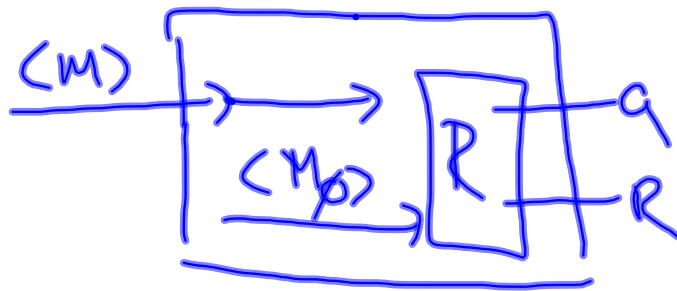
2. Given  $\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle$   
 is  $L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)$ ? R?

Undecidable:

Take  $M_2 = M_\emptyset$

now  $L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)$

$\Rightarrow L(M_1) = \emptyset$  Undecidable



decides  $E_{TM}$   
 where  $R$  is the assumed TM  
 deciding the question 2)

3. decidable

check state table of  $M$ .

4. Given  $\langle M \rangle$  does  $\exists$   
regular  $L$  st

$$L(M) \cap L = \emptyset?$$

decidable Take  $L = \emptyset$  regular

5. Given  $\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle$

Q: will both  $M_1$  and  $M_2$   
take  $\geq 42$  steps on  $\epsilon$ ?

decidable: Simulate each  
for 41 steps and reject if one  
of  $M_1, M_2$  has stopped  
otherwise accept.

6) Given  $\langle M \rangle$  and  $\langle w \rangle$

Q:  $\exists? k \geq 1$  s.t.  $w^k \in L(M)?$

Undecidable by Rice's thm

$L(M_1) = \{ w^k \mid k \geq 1 \}$  assume  
w is given  
has the desired property

$L(M_2) = \emptyset$  does not

so non-trivial property

If w cannot be assumed given

take  $L(M_1) = \Sigma^*$   $L(M_2) = \emptyset$

## October 2010 Prb 5

1.  $\langle M \rangle$  is  $L(M)$  non-req.?

Undecidable by Rice

$$L(M_1) = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$L(M_2) = \Sigma^*$$

2.  $\langle M \rangle, \langle w \rangle$  does  $M$  have  $|w|$  states?

dec. look at  $\langle M \rangle$  and  
count # states.

3.  $\langle M_1 \rangle, \langle M_2 \rangle$

Q:  $\exists? L$  s.t

$$L \cap L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)?$$

dec take  $L = \emptyset$

4.  $\langle M \rangle, \langle w \rangle$

Q: does  $M$  make  $\leq |w|$  steps  
on  $w$ ?

dec. simulate  $M$  on  $w$  for  
up to  $|w|$  steps.

If  $M$  stopped say 'Yes'

otherwise say 'No'

6.  $\langle M \rangle, k$

Q: is  $|L(M)| = k$ ?

Undecidable by Rice:

$L(M_1) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$   
for some fixed set of  $k$  strings

$L(M_2) = \Sigma^*$

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(I)  $\langle M \rangle$   $M$  halts on two strings of different lengths.

(II)  $\langle M \rangle$   $L(M)$  contains two strings of diff length.

(II) is undec. by Rice.

Given  $M$  make  $M'$  which loops if  $M$  rejects

$\langle M \rangle \in (I) \Leftrightarrow \langle M' \rangle \in (I)$

(II) is undec. by Rice

$\Downarrow$  (I) undec.

2. skip difficult

3.  $\{ \langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \text{ is a CFL} \}$

undec. by Rice.

$$L(M_1) = \Sigma^* \text{ CFL}$$

$$L(M_2) = \{ a^n b^n c^n \mid n \geq 0 \} \text{ not CFL}$$

4.  $\{ \langle M_1 \rangle \langle M_2 \rangle \mid M_1 \text{ halts on more strings than } M_2 \}$

Undec.:

$M_2$  : T.M that never halts

$\langle M \rangle \rightarrow \langle M' \rangle$

$M'$  halts exactly when  $M$  would acc.

$L(M) \neq \emptyset$



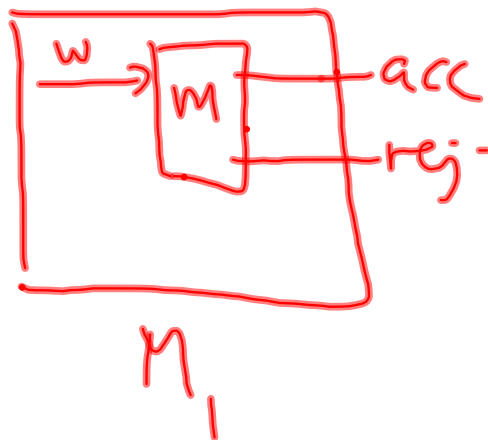
$M'$  halts on at least one string



$M'$  halts on more strings than  $M_2$

$\{ \langle M_1 \rangle \langle M_2 \rangle \langle w \rangle \mid M_1 \text{ halts before } M_2 \text{ on } w \}$

Undecidable



$M_2$  is  $M_1$   
+ some  
extra steps  
at the end.

Then:  $M_1$  halts before  $M_2$   
On  $w$   
iff  $M$  halts on  $w$

