

## Lecture 17

HW3 out (Due Nov 20)

Recap from Last Week: Proving there are Languages not r.e.

Idea: Show there are more Languages than r.e. Languages.

To compare sizes of infinite sets we use the notion of countable/uncountable.

Defn A set  $S$  is countable if there is a 1-to-1 mapping from  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

Example  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

So  $f(0) = 0$   
 $f(1) = 1$   
 $f(2) = -1$   
 $f(3) = 2$   
 $f(4) = -2$   
 $f(5) = 3$   
 $f(6) = -3$   
 $\vdots$

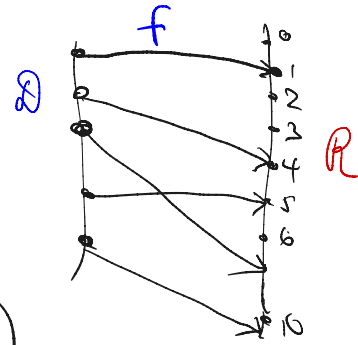
Define  $f(i) = \begin{cases} -\frac{i}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{i+1}{2} & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

maps  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{onto}}$  integers

A mapping  $f: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is 1-1 if

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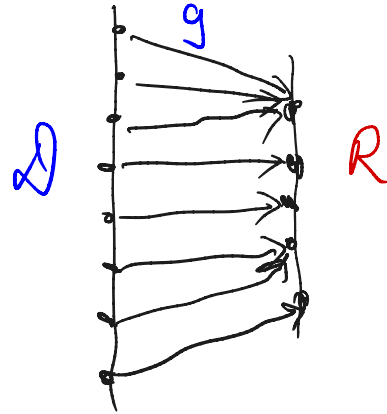
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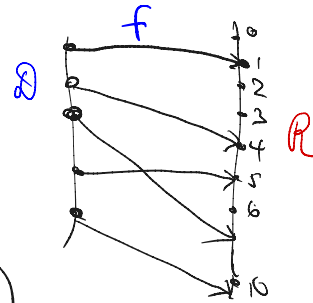
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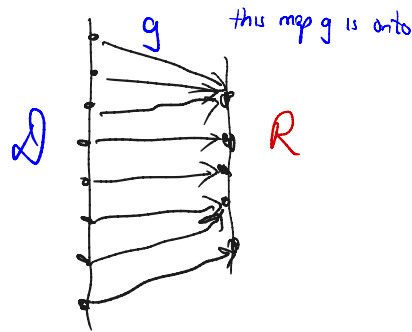
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HW3 Question: Prove for any infinite set  $S$

$\exists$  a function  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that is 1-1 if and only if

$\exists$  a function  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$  that is onto



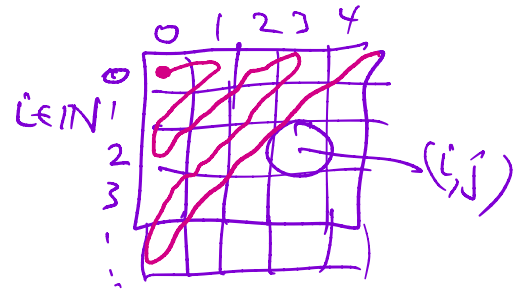
Idea: show there are way more languages than r.e. languages.

To compare sizes of infinite sets we use the notion of countable vs uncountable.

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### More Examples of countable sets

- ① Any finite set  $S$  is countable
- ② The set of all pairs  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$
- ③  $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$



Lemma (HW3 problem)

$S$  countable  $\Rightarrow \exists$  an onto mapping  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$

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How to show that some (infinite) set is not countable?

Proof Diagonalization argument

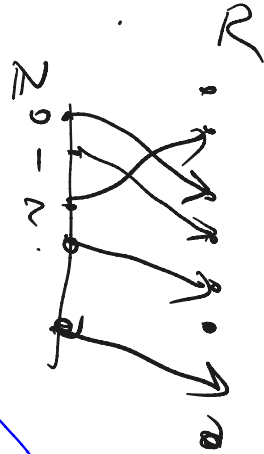
( similar to Cantor's argument showing that the set of all real numbers is uncountable by showing there is no 1-1 map from  $\underbrace{\mathbb{R}}_{\text{reals}} \Rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  )

Example 1 The set of all real numbers in  $[0, 1]$  is not countable.

Suppose (for contradiction)  $\exists$  a 1-1 mapping  $g$  from  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

By HW3 problem this implies  $\exists$  an onto mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$i=0$	. 0 1 7 4 3 9 8 ...	$\leftarrow f(0)$
$i=1$	. 0 0 2 5 6 9 0 2 2 ...	$\leftarrow f(1)$
$i=2$	. 1 1 8 4 0 0 ...	$\vdots$
$i=3$	. 1 1 2 3 ...	
$\vdots$		



Construct real number  $x = .x_0x_1x_2\dots$  such that  $x_i \neq f(i)_i$

e.g. Let 
$$x_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f(i)_i \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } f(i)_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

$x = .1100\dots$

Since  $x$  not any row of table (by construction),  $f$  is not onto mapping. #

Example 2 The set of all languages over  $\{0,1\}^*$  is not countable.

Suppose (for contradiction)  $\exists$  an onto mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{L \mid L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*\}$

	$\epsilon$	0	1	00	01	10	11	000	001	010	...	
$i=0$	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	...	$\leftarrow f(0)$
$i=1$	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	...		$\leftarrow f(1)$
$i=2$	1	0	0	0	...							$\leftarrow f(2)$
$\vdots$	1	1	1	0	0							$\vdots$

← enumeration of all  $w \in \{0,1\}^*$

Row  $i$  of table is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  language (according to the ordering given by  $f$ )

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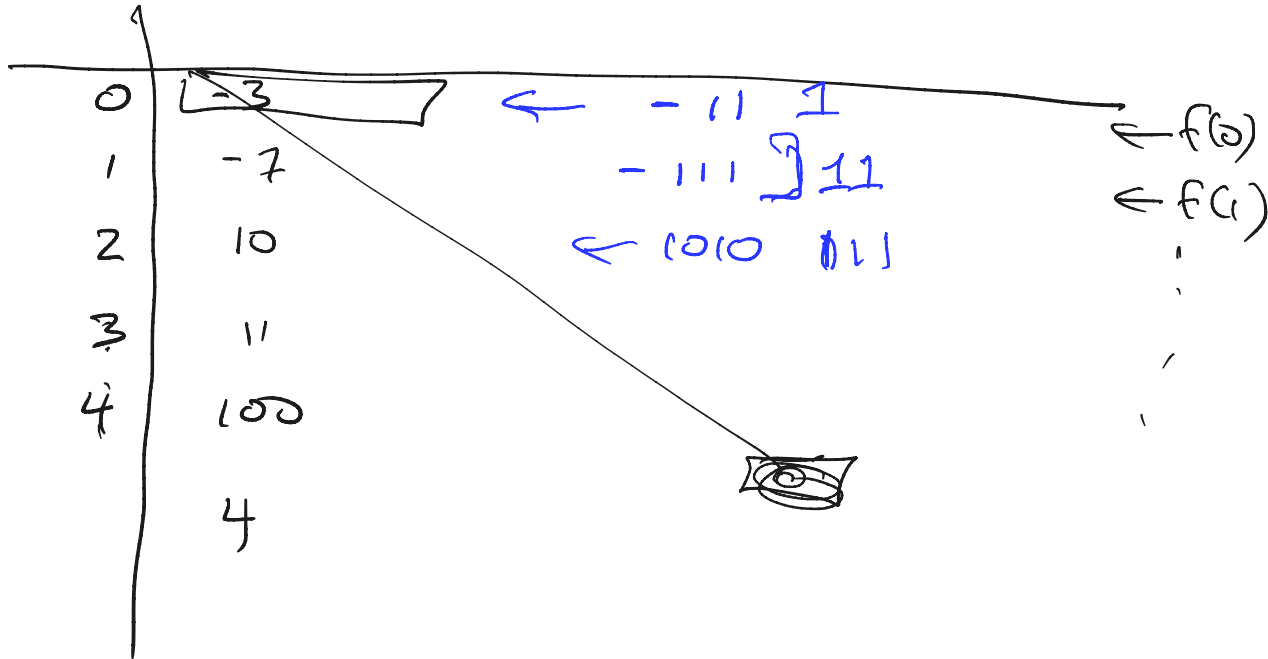
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$$L = b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots \dots \dots b_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ iff } \underline{f(i)_i = 0} \\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

what goes wrong if I try to show

the set of integers  $\{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$  is uncountable?

assume f.s.o.c  $\exists f: \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} \mathbb{Z}$  integers



Theorem There exists languages over  $\{0,1\}^*$  that are not r.e.

Proof 1 Let  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

- the set of all Turing-recognizable languages is countable
- But on the other hand by Example 2, the set of all languages over  $\{0,1\}^*$  is uncountable
- since  $\{\text{r.e. languages}\} \subseteq \text{ALL } L \subseteq \Sigma^*$   
 $\exists$  a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  that is not r.e.

Theorem There exists a Language  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  that is not re. (recognizable)

Pf 2 (more explicit)

Fix an enumeration of all TMs over  $\{0,1\}$  using our encoding of TMs

$M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots$

order lexicographically by their encodings (so  $\langle M_1 \rangle < \langle M_2 \rangle < \dots$  )



Entry  $(M_i, \langle M_j \rangle) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M_i \text{ accepts } \langle M_j \rangle \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

	$\langle M_1 \rangle$	$\langle M_2 \rangle$	$\langle M_3 \rangle$	$\langle M_4 \rangle$	...
$M_1$	0	1	0	0	...
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1 iff  $M_3(\langle M_4 \rangle)$  accepts

Let  $\tilde{D} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid \langle M \rangle \text{ encodes a TM, } M \text{ and } M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ accepts} \}$

Define  $D = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid \langle M \rangle \text{ encodes TM } M, \text{ and } M \text{ does not accept } \langle M \rangle \}$

$D$  is called the "diagonal language" since it does the opposite of what was on the diagonal

	$\langle M_1 \rangle$	$\langle M_2 \rangle$	$\langle M_3 \rangle$	$\langle M_4 \rangle$	...
$M_1$	1	1	0	0	...
$M_2$	1	1	1	1	...
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$$D(\langle M_i \rangle) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } M_i(\langle M_i \rangle) \text{ accepts} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Pf (diagonalization)

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Define  $D = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid \langle M \rangle \text{ encodes TM } M, \text{ and } M \text{ on input } \langle M \rangle$   
does not halt and accept }

← the  
Diagonal  
Language

Claim  $D$  is not re. (recognizable)

Pf By construction, for all TMs  $M_i$  over  $\Sigma$ ,

$\langle M_i \rangle \notin D$  since  $\langle M_i \rangle \in D$  if and only if  $\langle M_i \rangle \notin \mathcal{L}(M_i)$

Recall  $\tilde{D} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ accepts} \}$

Note:  $\tilde{D}$  is similar to  $A_{TM}$

$$A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } w \}$$

Claim  $\tilde{D}$  is recognizable / r.e.

Pf: TM for  $\tilde{D}$  on input  $\langle M \rangle$

- Check to see if input is legal encoding of a TM  
if not, reject
- otherwise run  $M$  on  $\langle M \rangle$ :  
If simulation halts and accepts  $\rightarrow$  halt + accept

# A note on $D$ , and $\tilde{D}$ vs $\bar{D}$

all strings  
↙ we  $\{0,1\}^*$

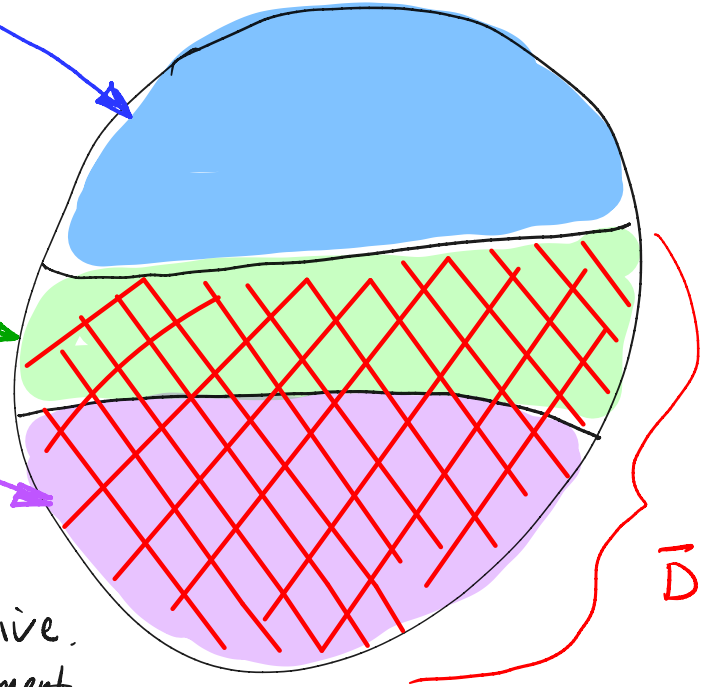
$D = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ does not accept} \}$

$\bar{D} = \text{complement of } D$

Illegal =  $\{ w \mid w \text{ does not encode a legal TM} \}$

$\tilde{D} = \{ \langle M \rangle' \mid M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ accepts} \}$

Note:  $\tilde{D}$  recursive iff  $\bar{D}$  recursive  
since  $\bar{D} = \tilde{D} \cup \text{Illegal}$  and Illegal is recursive.  
Thus we will sometimes write  $\tilde{D}$  as complement  
of  $D$  (since distinction not that important)

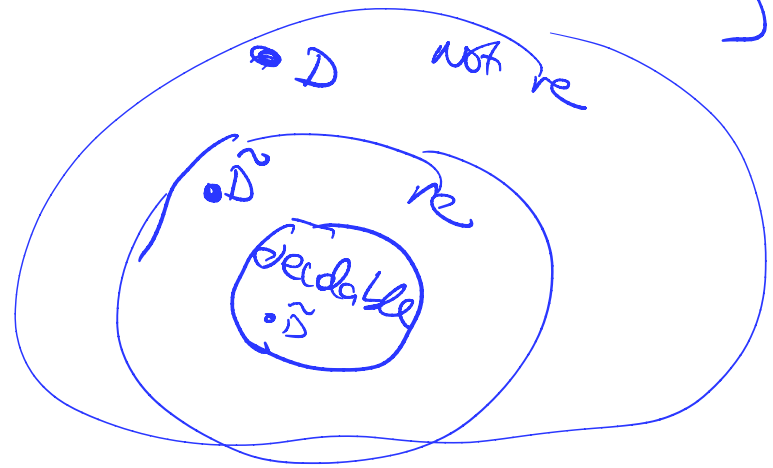


Thus we have shown:  $D$  is not r.e.  
 $\tilde{D}$  is r.e.

Question Is  $\hat{D}$  recursive (decidable)?

Remember by closure property we have:

HL [  $L$  is decidable iff  $\bar{L}$  is decidable ]



Thus we have shown:  $\tilde{D}$  is r.e., not recursive

$D$  is not r.e.  $\leftarrow$  by diagonalization

Question Is  $\tilde{D}$  recursive (decidable)?

No! Since decidable languages are closed under complement,  $\bar{D}$  is not decidable.

In more detail:

$D = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ codes TM } M \text{ and } M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ does not accept} \}$

$\bar{D} = \underbrace{\{ w \mid w \text{ does not code a TM} \}}_{\text{decidable}} \cup \underbrace{\{ \langle M \rangle \mid \langle M \rangle \text{ codes } M \text{ and } M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ accepts} \}}_{\tilde{D}}$

$\therefore \bar{D}$  not decidable since if it were,  $D$  would be decidable.

$\therefore \tilde{D}$  not decidable since if it were  $\bar{D}$  would be decidable

## Other Languages that are not Decidable

- Recall  $A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, x \rangle \mid w = \langle M \rangle \text{ encodes some TM } M, \text{ and } M \text{ accepts } x \}$
- We saw that  $A_{TM}$  is r.e./recognizable.

PF that  $A_{TM}$  is not decidable:

Assume for sake of contradiction there is a decider  $N$  for  $A_{TM}$ .

We will use  $M$  to construct a decider  $N'$  for  $\tilde{D}$ :

$N'$  :  
On input  $\langle M \rangle$  :  
check if input is a legal encoding of a TM. If not reject  
otherwise Run  $N$  on  $\langle M, \langle M \rangle \rangle$   
IF  $N$  accepts  $\rightarrow$  reject  
IF  $N$  rejects  $\rightarrow$  accept

Since  $N$  always halts,  $N'$  always halts.

Also  $N'$  accepts  $\tilde{D}$ . Contradiction since  $\tilde{D}$  is not decidable

$\therefore A_{TM}$  is not decidable