

## Lecture 24

Last Class!

### Announcements:

HW3 solns posted

HW4 solns posted later today

\* Test 2 Review this Friday 4-6!

↖ check announcements  
for zoom link if you  
can't attend in person.

### Today:

Review for Test 2

Closing comments

\* I will post solns to Review Qs in next day or so  
(but try to solve yourself first!)

This course is about how hard problems are

"languages" are problems. For now think of languages as problems.

We will characterize problems into some classes

Regular languages / DFAs

Context-free languages / PDAs

Computable / decidable languages / TMs

Complexity Theory: P, NP, NP-complete

# Examples of Languages

$L_1 = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ has an even number of 1's}\}$

$L_2 = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ ends with } 011\}$

$L_3 = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w = 0^n 1^n, n \geq 1\}$

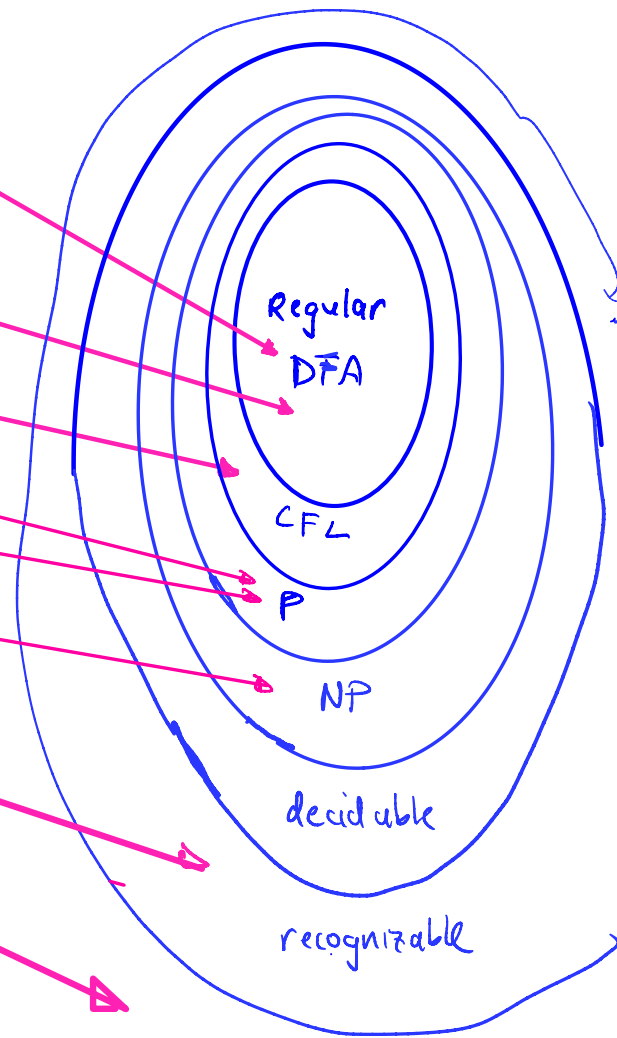
$L_4 = \{w \in \{0,1,2\}^* \mid w = 0^n 1^n 2^n, n \geq 1\}$

$L_5 = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ encodes a connected graph}\}$

$L_6 = \{(g,k) \mid g \text{ contains a } k\text{-clique}\}$

$L_7 = \{\langle M, x \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on } x\}$

$L_8 = \{\langle M, x \rangle \mid M \text{ does not halt on } x\}$



Example of a problem that is  
decidable but probably not in NP:

MajSAT: input is a 3CNF formula  $\phi$   
over  $x_1 \dots x_n$

accept  $\phi$  iff the # of satisfying  
assignments is  $\geq 2^{n/2}$



# Recursively Enumerable (RE) / Recognizable Languages

A Language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is RE or recognizable if there exists a TM  $M$  such that  $L(M) = L$ .

That is:  $\forall w \in L$   $M$  on  $w$  halts and accepts, and  
 $\forall w \notin L$   $M$  on  $w$  either halts + rejects or never halts

A Language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is recursive or decidable if there exists a TM  $M$  such that  $L(M) = L$  and  $M$  halts on all inputs

That is:  $\forall w \in L$   $M$  on  $w$  halts and accepts  
and  $\forall w \notin L$   $M$  on  $w$  halts and rejects

## Church-Turing Thesis

Every reasonable model of computation  
can be simulated by a TM.

In other words, TMs can compute any function  
that can be computed by any  
current / future computational device

## CLOSURE PROPERTIES

①  $L$  recursive  $\Rightarrow L$  r.e.

② closure of recursive languages under  $\cap, \cup, \neg$ :

$L_1, L_2$  recursive  $\Rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2, L_1 \cap L_2, \neg L_1, \neg L_2$  are recursive

③ closure of r.e. languages under  $\cap, \cup$

$L_1, L_2$  r.e.  $\Rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2, L_1 \cap L_2$  are r.e.

What about  
closure of r.e.  
under  $\neg$  ?

④  $L$  is r.e. and  $\bar{L}$  is r.e.  $\Rightarrow L$  is recursive

Let  $M_1$  be TM that accepts  $L$ ,  $M_2$  same for  $\bar{L}$

Only  $L$  is r.e. but not recursive.  
What about  $\bar{L}$ ? It is not r.e.

If  $L$  is recursive  $\rightarrow \bar{L}$  is recursive

If  $L$  is r.e.  $\Rightarrow \bar{L}$  could be r.e.  
or not

## Decidability of other Languages

①  $D = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ does not accept} \}$  is not r.e. ← Diagonal Language ← proof by diagonalization

②  $\bar{D} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M(\langle M \rangle) \text{ halts and accepts} \}$   
is r.e. but not recursive

$\left( \begin{array}{l} \forall L \in \Sigma^* \\ \text{If } L \text{ recursive} \\ \text{then } \bar{L} \text{ also} \\ \text{recursive} \end{array} \right)$

③  $A_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } w \}$  is r.e. but not recursive  
 $\bar{A}_{TM}$  is not r.e.

④ HALT =  $\{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on } w \}$ ,  $\overline{\text{HALT}}$  not r.e.

⑤ Nonempty : r.e. not recursive  
Empty : not r.e.

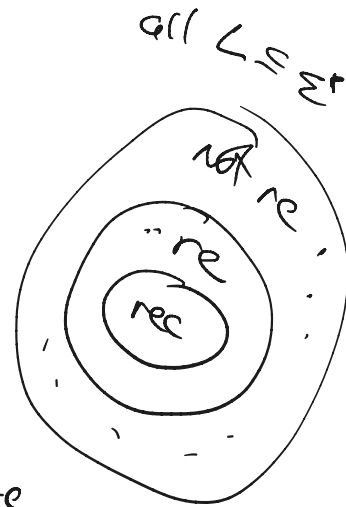
Tips for Characterizing a given Language  
as (1) recursive; (2) recursive but not re; (3) Not r.e.

① Try obvious algorithms to see if you think  $L$  is recursive / r.e. (dovetailing technique useful to show r.e.)  
Watch out for tricks -- if  $L$  defined based on some property of the machine (& not a property of  $L$ )

② To prove  $L$  is not r.e., sometimes helpful to look at  $\bar{L}$   
(If  $\bar{L}$  is r.e. but not recursive then  $L$  not r.e.)

③ get reduction in correct direction!

④ Sometimes in reduction, need to construct an intermediate TM that ignores its own input.



## The Class "P"

Defn Let  $t: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  ( $t \approx$  runtime)

$\text{TIME}(t(n)) = \{ L \mid L \text{ is a language decided by a } O(t(n))\text{-time TM} \}$

Defn  $t: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is polynomial if  $t(n) = O(n^k)$  for some  $k \geq 0$

Ex  $t(n) = n^2$ ,  $t(n) = n$ ,  $t(n) = n \log n$  are polynomial  
( $t(n) = n^{\log n}$  or  $t(n) = 2^n$  are not polynomial.)

Defn  $P = \{ L \mid L \text{ is a language decided by a TM running in } \underline{\text{polynomial}} \text{ time} \}$

\* We think of problems in  $P$  as those that have relatively efficient algorithms.

## the (even more Famous) class NP

Defn 1  $NP = \{ L \mid L \text{ is a language decided by a } \underline{\text{non-deterministic}} \text{ TM running in } \underline{\text{polynomial}} \text{ time} \}$

### Equivalent Defn of NP

A **verifier** for language  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  is an algorithm  $L = \{ w \mid v(w,c) \text{ accepts} \}$  where  $c$  is an additional string that we call a **certificate** or **proof**

A verifier is **polynomial-time** if it runs in time polynomial in  $|w|$ .

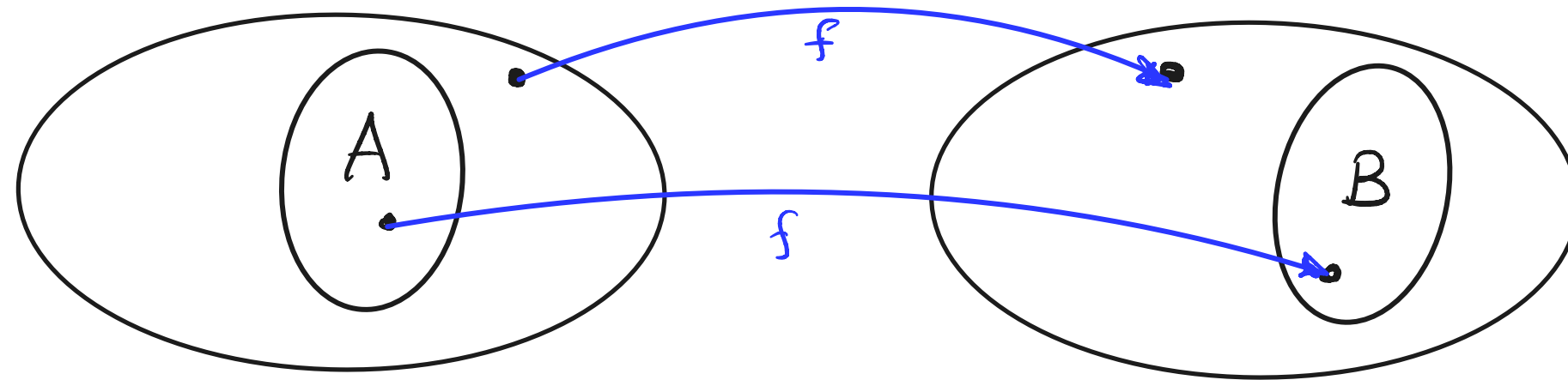
\* Note that if  $A$  is a polytime verifier then  $|c|$  must also be polynomial in  $|w|$ .

Defn 2  $NP = \{ L \mid L \text{ has a polytime verifier} \}$



## NP-completeness

Definition Language  $A$  is **polynomial-time (mapping) reducible** to  $B$  (written  $A \leq_p B$ ) if there is a polynomial-time computable function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that  $w \in A \iff f(w) \in B$



### Definition

- A language  $B \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  is **NP-hard** if for every  $A \in \text{NP}$  there is a polynomial time reduction from  $A$  to  $B$  ( $A \leq_p B$ )
- $B \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$  is **NP-complete** if: (i)  $B$  is in NP and (ii)  $B$  is NP-hard

## NP-completeness

### Cook-Levin theorem

For every  $k \geq 3$  3-SAT is NP-complete

To show another language  $L$  is NP complete  
we just need to show:

(1)  $L \in \text{NP}$

(2) Show  $L' \leq_p L$

for some NP-complete language  $L'$

## Examples of other NP-complete Languages

(1) CLIQUE

(2) HAMPATH

## Test 2 Format (Similar format as Test 1)

- ① True False Question
- ② Prove a language is recursive/re/ not recursive
- ③ Prove a language is NP complete
- ④ } short answer questions
- ⑤ }

Computer Science Theory, Test 2 Review Problems  
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1. Answer True or False for each statement. No justification is needed.

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(a)  $n = O(n^2)$

$$n = O(n), \quad n = O\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

**F**

(b)  $n \log n = O(n)$

(c)  $n^n = O(2^n)$

**→**

(d) Let  $A$  be mapping reducible to  $B$ . If  $B$  is decidable then  $A$  must be decidable.

(e) Let  $A$  be mapping reducible to  $B$ . If  $A$  is decidable then  $B$  must be decidable.

(f) If the complement of a language  $L$  is not recognizable then both  $L$  and  $\neg L$  are not recognizable.

(g) If  $A$  is NP-complete,  $A \subseteq B$ , and  $B$  is in NP then  $B$  is NP-complete.

(h) If  $B$  is NP-complete and  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A$  is in NP then  $A$  is NP-complete.

2. Let Double-CLIQUE denote the language consisting of all pairs  $(G, k)$  such that  $G$  is an undirected graph containing two disjoint cliques each of size  $k$ . Prove that Double-CLIQUE is NP-complete.

3. Prove that the following set is countable.

$$S = \{(i, j) \mid i \geq 0 \text{ and } j > i\}$$

4. Prove that the following set is countable.

$$S = \{L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^* \mid \text{the number of strings in } L \text{ is finite}\}$$

5. Prove that NP is closed under union. That is, for every  $L_1, L_2 \in \text{NP}$ ,  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also in NP.

6. Prove that NP is closed under concatenation.

7. Let  $L$  be the language consisting of all pairs  $\langle M \rangle$  such that  $M$  encodes a Turing machine and  $M$  accepts at least two inputs.

(a) Prove that  $L$  is recognizable.

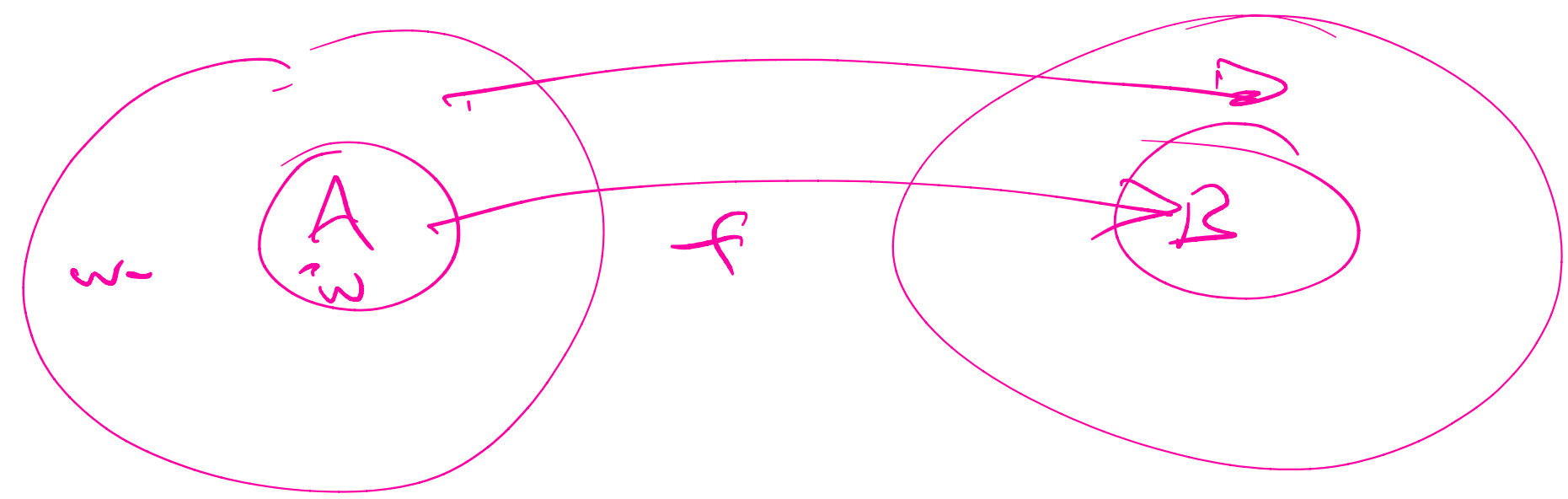
(b) Prove that  $L$  is not decidable.

8. Recall that 3SAT is the set of all 3-CNF formulas  $\phi$  such that  $\phi$  is satisfiable. Let Search-3SAT be the following *search* problem: Given a 3CNF formula  $\phi$ , output a satisfying assignment for  $\phi$  if one exists, and otherwise output “ $\phi$  is unsatisfiable”. Prove that if  $3\text{SAT} \in \text{P}$ , then Search-3SAT can be solved in polynomial-time by a deterministic TM.

(1d)

$A \leq_m B$ . And  $B$  is decidable,

Is  $A$  also decidable?



To decide A:

on input  $w$  : compute  $f(w)$

If  $f(w) \in B$  (can decide this since  $B$  is decidable)

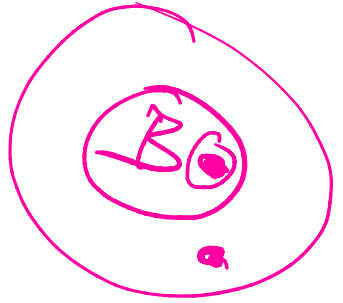
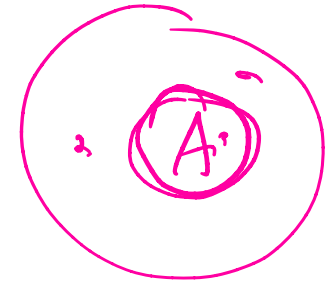
then  $w \in A$

If  $f(w) \notin B$  then  $w \notin A$

(1e)

$A \leq_m B$ . Now  $A$  is decidable.

Is  $B$  decidable? False.



want to show a counterexample.

Let  $A = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ ends in a } 1 \}$  ← decidable

Let  $B = \text{HALT}$  ← not decidable

Show:  $A \leq_m B$

$f(w)$ : Check if  $w$  ends in a 1

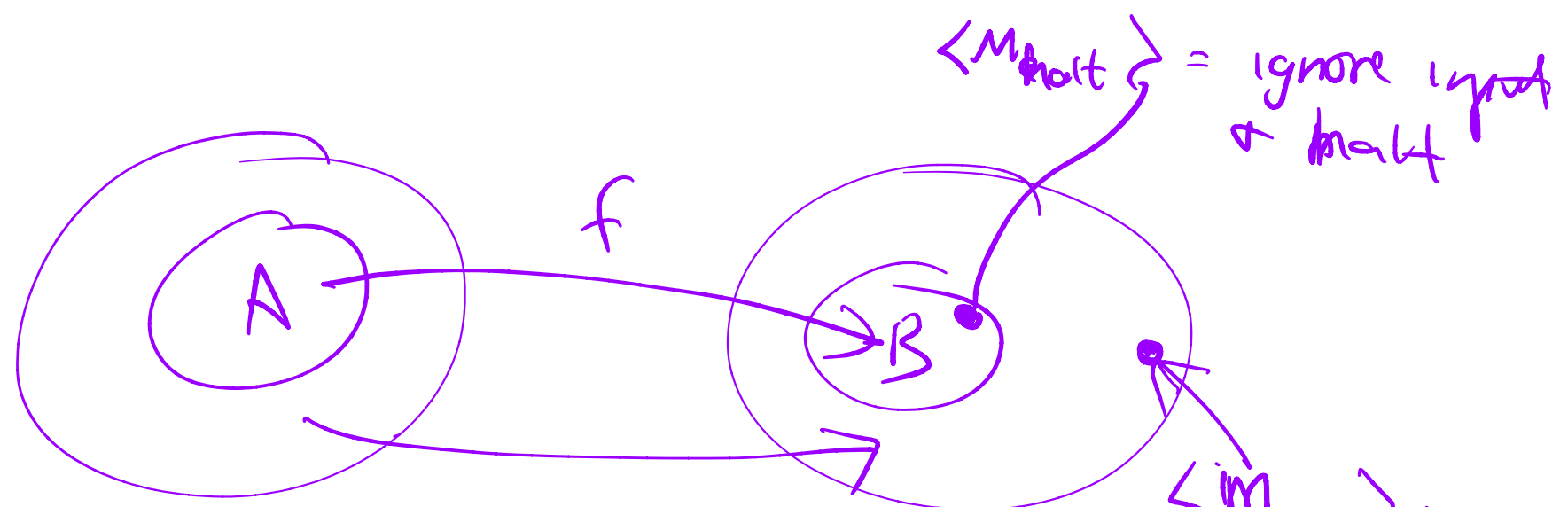
If yes then map  $f(w) \rightarrow \langle M_{\text{ALWAYS-HALT}}, 0 \rangle$

If no then map  $f(w) \rightarrow \langle M_{\text{ALWAYS-LOOP}}, 0 \rangle$

where  $M_{\text{always halt}}$ : halts immediately on all inputs

$M_{\text{ALWAYS LOOP}}$ : loop forever on all inputs

$A \rightarrow B$



IF B decidable then A is decidable True

IF A is decidable then B is decidable FALSE

Counterexample:

$B = \text{halt}$

$A = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ has one } 1 \}$

$f(w)$ : see if  $w$  has  $\geq$  one 1 if so  $f(w) \rightarrow \langle M_{\text{HALT}} \rangle$   
or  $f(w) \rightarrow \langle M_{\text{loop}} \rangle$



⑦  $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts at least } z \text{ inputs} \}$   $R(M) \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$

(a) prove  $L$  is r.e.

Warmup

(Easier):  $L' = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts at least one input} \}$  is r.e.

(Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be an enumeration of all strings in  $\{0,1\}^*$ )

Alg:

For  $t = 1, 2, \dots$

Simulate  $M$  on string  $x_1, \dots, x_t$   
for  $t$  steps each.

If  $M$  accepts any of them  $\rightarrow$  halt & accept  
or

7.  $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts at least } z \text{ inputs} \}$   $R(M) \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$

(a) Prove  $L$  is r.e.

Alg:

For  $t = 1, 2, \dots$   
[ Simulate  $M$  on the first  $t$  string,  $x_1 \dots x_t$   
each for  $t$  steps  
Keep a count for how many are accepted.  
If count reaches  $z$  halt and accept ]

7.  $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts at least 2 inputs} \}$  ←

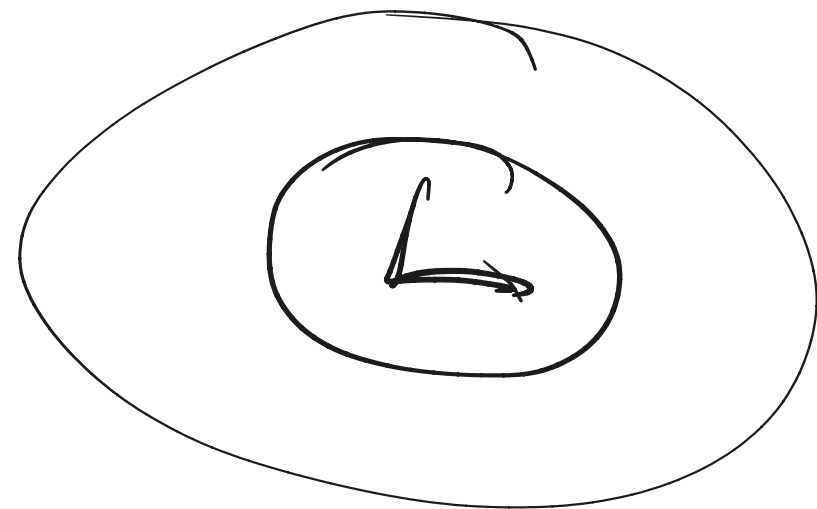
(b) Prove  $L$  is not recursive

USE  
HALT NOT recursive  
HALT IS RE.

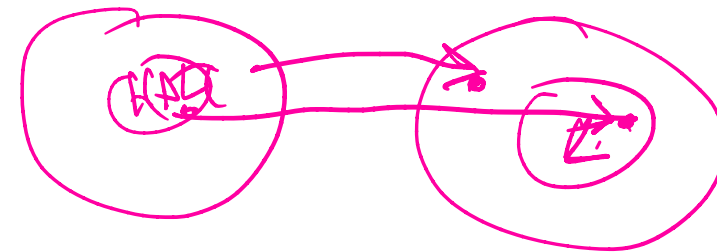
To prove  $L$  is not recursive  
we will give a ~~TM~~ Turing / mapping  
reduction  $f: \text{HALT} \rightarrow L$

$A_{TM}$  is NOT recursive  
it is r.p.

$\text{HALT} = \{ \langle M, x \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on } x \}$



7.  $L = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts at least } z \text{ inputs} \}$



(b) Prove  $L$  is not recursive

USE

HALT NOT RECURSIVE  
HALT IS RE.

$A_{TM}$  IS NOT RECURSIVE  
IT IS R.E.

Assume  $L$  is decidable, and  
Let  $N$  be a TM that decides  $L$ .

We will use  $N$  to create  $M$  that decides Halt:

$M$ : on input  $\langle M, x \rangle$

$M'$ : on input  $w$

~~if  $w = 0^r$  halt & accept~~

~~OR (for all  $w \neq 0^r$ ): simulate  $M$  on  $x$~~

~~if  $M$  halts on  $x \rightarrow$  halt & accept  $w$~~

want

$f: \langle M, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle M' \rangle$

s.t.  $M$  halts on  $x$  iff  
 $M'$  accepts  $\geq z$  inputs

Mapping reduction  $f$  on input  $\langle M, x \rangle$  ~~out~~

$$f(\langle M, x \rangle) \rightarrow \langle M' \rangle$$

where  $M'$  is

$M'$  on input  $w$

~~if  $w = 0$  halt & accept~~

~~or (for all  $w \neq 0$ ):~~  $\text{simu}(M \text{ on } x)$

~~if  $M$  halts on  $x \rightarrow$  halt & accept  $w$~~

want

$$f: \langle M, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle M' \rangle$$

s.t.  $M$  halts on  $x$  iff  
 $M'$  accepts  $\geq 2$  inputs

① <sup>show</sup>  $\langle M, x \rangle \in \text{HALT} \rightarrow f(\langle M, x \rangle) \in L$

②  $\langle M, x \rangle \notin \text{HALT} \rightarrow f(\langle M, x \rangle) \notin L$

By defn of  $M'$   
if  $\langle M, x \rangle \in \text{HALT}$   
then  $\mathcal{L}(M') = \text{all strings}$

so  $\langle M' \rangle \in L$

By defn of  $M'$   
if  $\langle M, x \rangle \notin \text{HALT}$  then  $\mathcal{L}(M') = \emptyset$  so  $\langle M' \rangle \notin L$

8. Search-3SAT: Input  $\Phi$  a 3SAT Formula  $\Phi$

Output:  $\begin{cases} \text{UNSAT if } \Phi \text{ is UNSATISFIABLE} \\ \text{a satisfying assignment if } \Phi \text{ is SATISFIABLE} \end{cases}$

Proof: IF 3SAT  $\in P$  THEN search-3SAT  $\in P$

Example: Let  $\Phi = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)(\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_4)(x_3)(\bar{x}_4)$

(For 3CNF  $\Phi$  over  $x_1 \dots x_n$ )

$$\underbrace{8 \binom{n}{3}}_{\substack{\text{all clauses} \\ \text{of size 3}}} + \underbrace{4 \binom{n}{2}}_2 + \underbrace{2 \binom{n}{1}}_1 = O(n^3)$$

Idea on input  $\phi$       $\phi = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)(\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_4)(x_3)(\bar{x}_4)$

① Call 3SAT( $\phi$ )

If ~~accepts~~ rejects  $\rightarrow$  halt +  
Output UNSAT

② OR ( $\phi$  is satisfiable):

See if  $\exists$  a sat. ass with  $x_1 = 1$ .

If so recursively see if  $\exists$  sat. ass with  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1$

If not  $\exists$  a sat. ass w/  $x_1 = 0$

so rec. see if  $\exists$  sat. ass with  $x_1 = 0, \dots$

Let  $x_1 = 1$ . Let  $\phi|_{x_1=1} = \phi$  where we substitute  $x_1 = 1$   
and simplify

in our example  $\phi|_{x_1=1} : (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_4)(x_3)(\bar{x}_4)$

Call 3SAT( $\phi|_{x_1=1}$ ).

Idea on input  $\phi$      $\phi = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)(\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_4)(x_3)(\bar{x}_4)$

alg  $\alpha = \{\}, \phi$

Loop:  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ :

let  $x_i = 1$ . Let  $\phi = \phi|_{x_i=1}$

(in our example  $\phi|_{x_1=1} : (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_4)(x_3)(\bar{x}_4)$ )

call  $\exists\text{SAT}_i(\phi|_{x_i=1})$ .

If accepts, let

If rejects let

$\alpha = \text{old } \alpha \cup \{x_i=1\}, \phi = \phi|_{\alpha}$

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Output  $\alpha$