

CSC 341 - Fall 2022

Problem Set 7

Due Monday, November 7

Problem 1. We defined the language A_{TM} to be the set of $\langle M, \omega \rangle$ such that $M(\omega)$ accepts. Prove that $\overline{A_{TM}}$ is not recognizable. You may assume that A_{TM} is not *decidable*.

Problem 2. The set of all strings, Σ^* , is countable. This means there is a (computable) bijection $\phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ that enumerates Σ^* . As a consequence, this readily yields a notion of subsets of the natural numbers being recognizable.

Let $L \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. We say that L is *recognizable* if there is a Turing machine M for which

$$L(M) = \{\phi(n) \mid n \in L\}.$$

Generally, we leave ϕ implicit and simply allow M to accept a natural number input n .

Give a definition of recognizability for any countable set S and prove that it is equivalent to the definition for \mathbb{N} .

Problem 3. Prove that the language

$$S = \{(i, j) \mid M_i(j) \text{ accepts}\}$$

is recognizable but not decidable, where M_i is the i^{th} Turing machine and j corresponds to the j^{th} string in Σ^* (see problem 2).

Problem 4. Prove that the language

$$K = \{i \mid M_i(i) \text{ halts}\}$$

is recognizable (see problem 2).

Now prove that the language

$$\overline{K} = \{i \mid M_i(i) \text{ does not halt}\}$$

is not recognizable (i.e. K is not co-recognizable).

Problem 5. Prove that the language

$$FIN_{TM} = \{i \mid |L(M_i)| < \infty\}$$

is neither recognizable nor co-recognizable (see problem 2). (Hint: Both results can arise from a reduction from \overline{K} . One is easy. The other is not.)