

- You can assume that we have fixed an effective enumeration of the set of TM, i.e.,  $TM = \{M_1, M_2, \dots\}$ .
- We use *a recursively enumerable language* as synonym of *a recognizable language*.

1. Show that  $\leq_m$  is a reflexive and transitive relation on  $\mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$ . Is it symmetric?
2. Given a language  $L \subset \Sigma^*$ , consider the following set

$$M(L) = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid L(M_x) = L\}.$$

Prove that  $M(L)$  is either empty or infinite. Is  $M(L)$  decidable?

3. Show that the language  $K = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid M_x(x) \downarrow\}$  is recognizable but undecidable.
4. Consider the following problem:  
EQUIV: Given two TMs  $M$  and  $N$ , is  $L(M) = L(N)$ ?  
(a) Provide a definition of the language  $L_{EQUIV}$  formed by the inputs in which the answer is yes.  
(b) Show that  $L_{EQUIV}$  is undecidable.
5. Consider the following languages:  
 $A = \{x \mid \text{the computation of } M_x \text{ on input } x \text{ repeat some configuration}\},$   
 $B = \{x \mid \text{the computation of } M_x \text{ on input } x \text{ do no repeat any configuration, and it is infinite}\},$   
 $C = \{x \mid \text{the computation of } M_x \text{ on input } x \text{ do no repeat any configuration, and it is finite.}\}$   
 (a) Prove that if  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are recursive enumerable then  $K = \{x \mid M_x(x) \downarrow\}$  will be decidable.  
 (b) For  $A$ ,  $B$  i  $C$  prove o disprove their membership in the class of recursively enumerable language.

6. The Post Correspondence Problem (PCP) [Emil Post,1946] is defined as follows:

PCP: Given two lists of words with the same length  $A = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $B = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ . Is there a finite sequence  $(i_1, \dots, i_r)$ ,  $r \geq 1$  such that  $x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_r} = y_{i_1} \cdots y_{i_r}$ ?

Show that when  $\Sigma = \{0\}$ , the PCP problem is decidable. For this it will be enough to provide a high level algorithmic solution.

7. The Modified Post Correspondence Problem (MPCP) is defined as follows:

MPCP: Given two lists of words with the same length  $A = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $B = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ . Is there a finite sequence  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r)$ ,  $r \geq 1$  such that  $x_{i_1}x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_r} = y_{i_1}y_{i_2} \cdots y_{i_r}$ ?

Let  $(A, B)$  an instance of MPCP with  $A = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $B = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  and consider the following construction:

- Assume  $x_i = a_{i1} \dots a_{ik_i}$  and  $y_i = b_{i1} \dots b_{ir_i}$ .
- Let,  $\#$  and  $\$$  be two new symbols, define
  - $v_0 = \#a_{11}\# \dots \#a_{1k_1}\#, w_0 = \#b_{11}\# \dots \#b_{1r_1}, 1 \leq i \leq n,$
  - $v_i = a_{i1}\# \dots \#a_{ik_i}\#, w_i = \#b_{i1}\# \dots \#b_{ir_i}, 1 \leq i \leq n,$
  - $v_{n+1} = \$$  and  $w_{n+1} = \#\$.$
- Let  $A' = (v_0, \dots, v_{n+1})$  and  $B' = (w_0, \dots, w_{n+1})$ .

Show that  $(A, B) \in \text{PCP}$  iff  $(A', B') \in \text{MPCP}$ .

Does this construction allow us to show that  $\text{MPCP} \leq_m \text{PCP}$ ?