

CSCI 432/532, Spring 2025

Problem Session 10

1. Below is the start of a proof that the language $\text{ACCEPTGRIZ} := \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts the string GRIZ}\}$ is undecidable.

Solution: For the sake of argument, suppose there is an algorithm DECIDEACCEPTGRIZ that correctly decides the language ACCEPTGRIZ . Then we can solve the halting problem as follows:

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DECIDEHALT( $\langle M, w \rangle$ ):  
  Encode the following Turing machine  $M'$ :  
   $M'(x)$ :  
    ⟨ignore the input string x⟩  
    run  $M$  on input  $w$   
    ⟨ignore the output of  $M$ ⟩  
    return TRUE  
  if DECIDEACCEPTGRIZ( $\langle M' \rangle$ )  
    return TRUE  
  else  
    return FALSE
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- (a) List the four distinct Turing machines that are at play in this reduction and describe their role.
- (b) Prove that this reduction is correct by proving both
- if M halts on input w , then DECIDEHALT accepts on $(\langle M, w \rangle)$, and
 - if DECIDEHALT accepts on $(\langle M, w \rangle)$, then M halts on input w .
2. Prove that each of the following languages is undecidable.
- (a) $\text{ALWAYSREJECT} = \{\langle M \rangle : \text{REJECT}(M) = \Sigma^*\}$
- (b) $\text{ALWAYSHALT} = \{\langle M \rangle : \text{HALT}(M) = \Sigma^*\}$
- (c) $\text{ALWAYSDIVERGE} = \{\langle M \rangle : \text{DIVERGE}(M) = \Sigma^*\}$