

7. Is there a set which is not decidable?

$\{ \langle p, d \rangle : p \text{ halts on } d \}$  is not decidable.

The set of all programs,  $\{ p : p \text{ always returns } 0 \}$  is not decidable.

Def: A set  $A$  is called recursively enumerable (r.e.) if  $\exists$  an algorithm that eventually prints all elements of  $A$ .

```
n = 0 ;
while (true) {
    System.out.println(n);
    n++;
}
```

↙ This shows that  $\{n\}$  is recursively enumerable.

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-  $A$  is decidable :-

We know:  $A$  is decidable.

means: there exists an algorithm that, given  $n$ , checks whether  $n \in A$ .

```
public static boolean inA (int n) { ... }
```

We want to prove: -  $\neg A$  is decidable.

$n \rightarrow \square \rightarrow$  We want to have:  
an algorithm  $\text{inCompToA}(n)$ :  
 $\text{inCompToA}(n) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } n \in \neg A \Leftrightarrow n \notin A \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

```
public static boolean inCompToA (int n) { return !inA(n); }
```

$n \in \neg A \Leftrightarrow n \notin A$

A decidable  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  algorithm that, given  $n$ , check whether  $n \in A$ .

A r.e.  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  algorithm that eventually prints all elements of  $A$ .

↙ semi-decidable.

①  $\mathbb{N}$  is r.e.

②  $\emptyset$  is r.e.

③ Every decidable set r.e.

Let's say, A is decidable.

```
public static boolean inA (int n)
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    n = 0;
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    while (true) { if (inA(n))
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        System.out.println(n);
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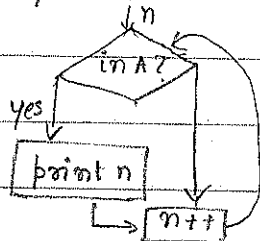
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        n++;
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    }
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Thus we can print all  $n \in A$ .

$\therefore A$  is r.e.

Another way is by flowchart:-



④ Every finite set is r.e.  $\rightarrow$  since finite set is decidable

⑤ Every co-finite (complement to finite) set is r.e.  $\rightarrow$  since

(finite set) is decidable.

⑥ If A is r.e. & B is r.e. then  $A \cup B$  is r.e.?

we have in A & in B.

Proof: run in A for 1 hour

run in B for 1 hour

time-sharing algorithm. run in A for 1 more hr

run in B " " "

say A: odd nos B: Even nos

1

3

5

7

2

4

6

11

13

9

10

1

Thus we print

$A \cup B$ .

⑦ if A is r.e. & B is r.e. then  $A \cap B$  is r.e.?

run in A for 1 hr. (make partial list)

run in B for 1 hr. ( " )

print all common elements.

run in A for 1 more hr. (make longer list)

run in B " 1 more hr. ( " )

print all common elements.

$n \in A \cap B$

$f_n$

⑦  $t_A \rightarrow$  appearance time in A

⑧  $t_B \rightarrow$  time to appear in B

thus, appearance time in  $A \cap B$

is always  $2 \cdot \max(t_A, t_B)$

here  $2 \cdot 11 = 22$  hrs.

8) If  $A$  is r.e. &  $\neg A$  is r.e. then  $A$  is decidable.

$\square \rightarrow$  prints all elements of  $A$   
 $\square \rightarrow$  " " " which are not in  $A$

run in  $A$  for 1 hr  
 run in  $\neg A$  for 1 hr  
 run in  $A$  for 1 more hr.  
 run in  $\neg A$  for 1 more hr  
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[decidable means, checks if any  $n \in$  set.]

Stops when  $n$  appears in one of the lists.

9) If  $A$  is r.e., is the  $\neg A$  is r.e.?  $\rightarrow$  This is wrong hypothesis ~~is~~.  
 \* [we had an example of a set which is not decidable. becoz. of 10]

$H = \{(p, d) : p \text{ halts on } d\}$

$H$  is r.e.

All rational numbers.

$1/1 \rightarrow 1/2 \rightarrow 1/3 \rightarrow 1/4 \rightarrow 1/5$   
 $2/1 \quad 2/2 \quad 2/3 \quad 2/4$   
 $3/1 \quad 3/2 \rightarrow 3/3 \rightarrow 3/4$   
 Irrespective of the order, we can print all  $n \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

run program #0 and #1 for 1 hr on data 0, 1.  
 if halts print  $(p, d)$ .

run programs 0, 1, and 2 for 2 hrs on data 0, 1, 2.  
 if halts print  $(p, d)$ .

run programs 0, 1, 2, & 3 for 3 hr on data 0, 1, 2, 3.  
 if halts print  $(p, d)$   
 ... for  $p=7, d=3$

Thus halt-checker is r.e.  $A$   $\times t=5$   $\therefore$  halt-checker is not decidable.

10) Thus there exist a set which is r.e., but not decidable.

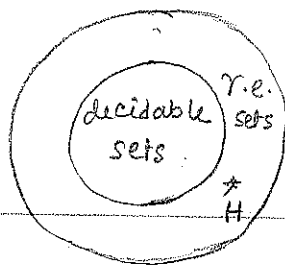
\* there exist  $A$  which is r.e. but  $\neg A$  is not r.e.

11) Is every set r.e.?

No, there is a set which is not r.e.

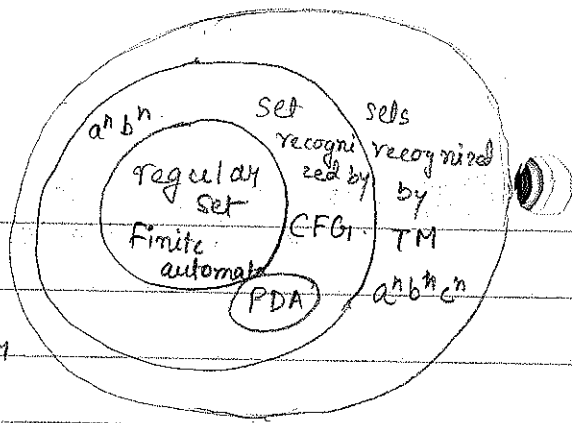
$\neg H$

- halt-checker



All sets

\* - H.



CFG: Context free grammar

PDA: pushdown automata

Semi-decidable :-

$$M_A(n) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } n \in A \\ \text{false} & \text{if } n \notin A \end{cases} \quad \text{decidable.}$$

$$M_A(n) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } n \in A \\ \text{nothing} & \text{if } n \notin A \end{cases} \quad \rightarrow \text{half true}$$

↳ runs indefinitely.

if A is r.e. then A is semi-decidable :-

suppose we have an algorithm that prints all elements of A.  
 in A waits & every hour checks whether n was printed.

If A is semi-decidable, run  $M_A$  on 0 & 1 for 1 hr.

if it halts we print the corr #

run in A on 0, 1 & 2 for 2 hr.

if halts print

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