

**Th 6.2:** The busy beaver function,  $\sigma(n)$ , is eventually larger than any total, recursive function.

**Th. 6.3:** There is a *Universal Turing Machine*  $U$  such that,

$$U(P(n, m)) = M_n(m)$$

**Thm. 6.4: (Unsolvability of Halting Problem)** Let,

$$\text{HALT} = \{P(n, m) \mid \text{TM } M_n(m) \text{ eventually halts}\}$$

Then, HALT is r.e. but not recursive.

**Listing of all r.e. sets:**  $W_0, W_1, W_2, \dots$

$$W_i = \{n \mid M_i(n) = 1\}$$

**Cor. 6.6:** Let,

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \{n \mid M_n(n) = 1\} = \{n \mid U(P(n, n)) = 1\} \\ &= \{n \mid n \in W_n\} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$K \in \text{r.e.} - \text{Recursive .}$$

**Notation:**  $M_n(x)\downarrow$  means that TM  $M_n$  **converges** on input  $x$ , i.e.,

$$M_n(x)\downarrow \Leftrightarrow M_n(x) \in \mathbf{N} \Leftrightarrow M_n(x) \neq \nearrow$$

**Fundamental Th. of r.e. Sets:** Let  $S \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ . T.F.A.E.

1.  $S$  is the domain of a partial, recursive function, i.e.,

$$(\exists n)(S = \text{dom}(M_n(\cdot))) = \{x \in \mathbf{N} \mid M_n(x)\downarrow\}$$

2.  $S = \emptyset$  or  $S$  is the range of a total, recursive function, i.e.,  $S = \emptyset$  or  $S = \text{range}(M_n(\cdot)) = M_n(\mathbf{N})$ , for some total, recursive function  $M_n(\cdot)$ .

3.  $S$  is the range of a partial, recursive function, i.e.,

$$S = M_n(\mathbf{N}), \text{ for some } n \in \mathbf{N} .$$

4.  $S$  is r.e., i.e.,  $S = W_n$ , for some  $n \in \mathbf{N}$

**Proof:** (Please learn this proof!)

(1  $\Rightarrow$  2): Assume (1),  $S = \{x \mid M_n(x) \downarrow\}$ .

**case 1:**  $S = \emptyset$ . Thus  $S$  satisfies (2).

**case 2:**  $S \neq \emptyset$ . let  $a_0 \in S$ .

From  $M_n$  compute  $M_r$ , which on input  $z$  does the following:

1.  $x := L(z); y := R(z)$  // i.e.,  $z = P(x, y)$
2. run  $M_n(x)$  for  $y$  steps
3. **if** it halts **then return**( $x$ )
4. **else return**( $a_0$ )

**Claim:**  $S = M_r(\mathbf{N}) = \{M_r(x) \mid x \in \mathbf{N}\}$  .

$M_r(\mathbf{N}) \subseteq S$

$M_r(\mathbf{N}) \supseteq S$

Suppose  $x \in S$ .

Thus  $M_n(x)$  converges in some number  $y$  of steps.

Therefore,  $M_r(P(x, y)) = x$ .

**Non-computable step in construction:** no way to tell if we are in case 1 or case 2.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Assume (2). If  $S = \emptyset$  then  $S = M_0(\mathbf{N})$  where  $M_0$  is a Turing machine that halts on no inputs.

Otherwise,  $S = M_n(\mathbf{N})$ , i.e.,  $S$  is the range of the partial, recursive function  $M_n(\cdot)$ .

**Note:** Even though  $M_n(\cdot)$  is total, it is still considered a “partial, recursive function”. However, of course,  $M_n(\cdot)$  is not “strictly partial”.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Assume (3),  $S = M_n(\mathbf{N})$ .

From  $M_n$  construct  $M_d$ , which on input  $x$  does the following:

1. **for**  $i := 1$  to  $\infty$  {
2.     run  $M_n(0), M_n(1), \dots, M_n(i)$  for  $i$  steps each.
3.     **if** any of these output  $x$ , **then return**(1)}

above construction called **dove-tailing**

**Claim:**  $M_d(\cdot) = p_S(\cdot)$ .

If  $x \in S$ , then  $x \in \text{range}(M_n(\cdot))$

$M_n(j) = x$ , computation takes  $k$  steps, for some  $j, k$

Thus, at round  $i = \max(j, k)$ ,  $M_d(x)$  will halt and output “1”.

If  $x \notin S$ , then  $M_d(x)$  will never halt.

Thus,  $S = W_d = \{x \mid M_d(x) = 1\}$  .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Assume (4), and thus  $S = W_n$ .

$$S = \{i \mid M_n(i) = 1\}$$

From  $M_n$ , construct  $M_d$ , which on input  $x$  does the following:

1. run  $M_n(x)$
2. **if** ( $M_n(x) = 1$ ) **then return**(1)
3. **else** run forever

$$S = \{x \mid M_d(x) \downarrow\}$$

Thus,  $S = \text{dom}(M_d(\cdot)) = \{x \mid M_d(x) \downarrow\}$  .



**Definition 7.1** We say that  $S$  is *reducible* to  $T$  ( $S \leq T$ ) iff  $\exists$  total, recursive  $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ ,

$$(\forall w \in \mathbf{N}) \quad (w \in S) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (f(w) \in T)$$



**Note:** Later we require  $f \in F(\mathbf{DSPACE}[\log n])$ .

$$A_{0,17} = \{n \mid M_n(0) = 17\}$$

**Claim:**  $K \leq A_{0,17}$ .

**Proof:** Define  $f(n)$  as follows:

$$M_{f(n)} = \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{erase input;} \\ \text{write } n \end{array}} \quad \boxed{M_n} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{if 1 then write 17} \\ \text{else loop} \end{array}}$$

$$n \in K \Leftrightarrow M_n(n) = 1 \Leftrightarrow M_{f(n)}(0) = 17 \Leftrightarrow f(n) \in A_{0,17}$$



**Fundamental Th. of Reductions:** If  $S \leq T$ , then,

1. If  $T$  is **r.e.**, then  $S$  is **r.e.**.
2. If  $T$  is **co-r.e.**, then  $S$  is **co-r.e.**.
3. If  $T$  is **Recursive**, then  $S$  is **Recursive**.

**Moral:** Suppose  $S \leq T$ . Then,

- If  $T$  is easy, then so is  $S$ .
- If  $S$  is hard, then so is  $T$ .

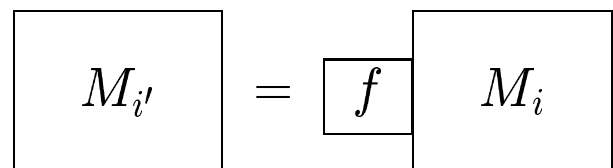
**Proof:** Let  $f : S \leq T$ , i.e.,  $(\forall x)(x \in S \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in T)$

1. Suppose  $T = W_i = \{x \mid M_i(x) = 1\}$ .

From  $M_i$  compute the TM  $M_{i'}$  which on input  $x$  does the following:

(a) compute  $f(x)$

(b) run  $M_i(f(x))$



$$(x \in S) \Leftrightarrow (f(x) \in T) \Leftrightarrow (M_i(f(x)) = 1) \Leftrightarrow (M_{i'}(x) = 1)$$

Therefore,  $S = W_{i'}$ , and  $S$  is r.e. as desired.



$$f : S \leq T, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad (\forall x)(x \in S \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in T)$$

2. **Note:**  $S \leq T \Leftrightarrow \bar{S} \leq \bar{T}$ .

$$T \in \text{co-r.e.} \quad \bar{T} \in \text{r.e.} \quad \bar{S} \in \text{r.e.} \quad S \in \text{co-r.e.}$$

3.  $T \in \mathbf{Recursive} \Rightarrow (T \in \text{r.e.} \wedge T \in \text{co-r.e.}) \Rightarrow$

$$(S \in \text{r.e.} \wedge S \in \text{co-r.e.}) \Rightarrow S \in \mathbf{Recursive}$$



**Definition 7.2** Let  $C \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ .  $C$  is r.e.-complete iff

1.  $C \in \mathbf{r.e.}$ , and
2.  $(\forall A \in \mathbf{r.e.}) (A \leq C)$

**Intuition:**  $C$  is a “hardest” r.e. set. In the “ $\leq$ ” ordering, it is above all other r.e. sets. ♠

**Theorem 7.3**  $K$  is r.e. complete.

**Proof:** Let  $A \in \mathbf{r.e.}$ , i.e.,  $A = W_i$  for some  $i$ .

**Wanted:**  $(\forall n)(n \in A \Leftrightarrow f(n) \in K)$

Define the recursive function  $f$  which on input  $n$  computes the following TM:

$$M_{f(n)} = \boxed{\text{Erase input}} \quad \boxed{\text{Write } n} \quad \boxed{M_i}$$

$$n \in A \Leftrightarrow M_i(n) = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\forall x)M_{f(n)}(x) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M_{f(n)}(f(n)) = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad f(n) \in K$$



**Proposition 7.4** *Suppose that  $C$  is r.e.-complete and the following hold:*

1.  $S \in \mathbf{r.e.}$ , and
2.  $C \leq S$

*then  $S$  is r.e.-complete.*

**Proof:** Show:  $(\forall A \in \mathbf{r.e.})(A \leq S)$

Know:  $(\forall A \in \mathbf{r.e.})(A \leq C)$

Follows by transitivity of  $\leq$ :  $A \leq C \leq S$ . 

**Corollary 7.5**  $A_{0,17}$  is r.e.-complete.

*Every r.e.-complete set is r.e. and not recursive.*

HALT =  $\{P(n, m) \mid \text{TM } M_n(m) \text{ eventually halts}\}$

**Proposition 7.6** HALT is r.e.-complete.

**Proof:** We have already seen that HALT is r.e. It thus suffices to show that  $K \leq \text{HALT}$ .

We want to build a total, recursive  $f$  such that for all  $w \in \mathbf{N}$ ,

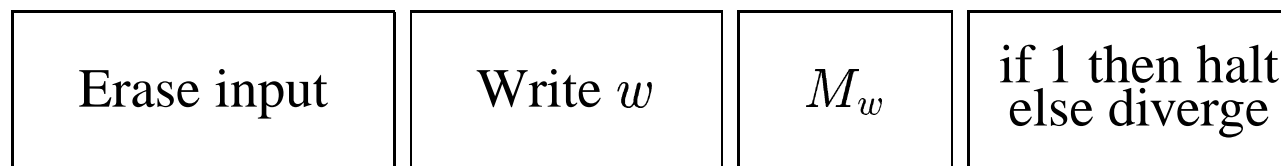
$$w \in K \iff f(w) \in \text{HALT}$$

$$M_w(w) = 1 \iff M_{L(f(w))}(R(f(w))) \text{ halts}$$

That is, we want,

$$M_w(w) = 1 \iff M_\ell(r) \text{ halts, where } f(w) = P(\ell, r)$$

Given  $w$ , let,  $M_{\ell(w)} =$



Letting  $f(w) = P(\ell(w), 0)$ , we have that

$$M_w(w) = 1 \iff M_{\ell(w)}(0) \text{ halts} \iff f(w) \in \text{HALT} \spadesuit$$

