

474 HW 16 problems (highlighted problems are the ones to turn in)

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(#11) 9

1. Show that the set D (the decidable languages) is closed under:

- a. Union
- b. Concatenation
- c. Kleene star
- d. Reverse
- e. Intersection

2. Show that the set SD (the semidecidable languages) is closed under:

- a. Union
- b. Concatenation
- c. Kleene star
- d. Reverse
- e. Intersection

3. Let  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_k$  be a collection of languages over some alphabet  $\Sigma$  such that:

- For all  $i \neq j, L_i \cap L_j = \emptyset$ .
- $L_1 \cup L_2 \cup \dots \cup L_k = \Sigma^*$ .
- $\forall i (L_i \text{ is in SD})$ .

Prove that each of the languages  $L_1$  through  $L_k$  is in D.

4. If  $L_1$  and  $L_3$  are in D and  $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \subseteq L_3$ , what can we say about whether  $L_2$  is in D?

5. Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be any two decidable languages. State and prove your answer to each of the following questions:

- a. Is it necessarily true that  $L_1 - L_2$  is decidable?
- b. Is it possible that  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is regular?

6. Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be any two undecidable languages. State and prove your answer to each of the following questions:

- a. Is it possible that  $L_1 - L_2$  is regular?
- b. Is it possible that  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is in D?

7. Let  $M$  be a Turing machine that lexicographically enumerates the language  $L$ . Prove that there exists a Turing machine  $M'$  that decides  $L^R$ .

8. Construct a standard one-tape Turing machine  $M$  to enumerate the language:

$\{w : w \text{ is the binary encoding of a positive integer that is divisible by } 3\}$ .

Assume that  $M$  starts with its tape equal to  $\square$ . Also assume the existence of the printing subroutine  $P$ , defined in Section 20.5.1. As an example of how to use  $P$ , consider the following machine, which enumerates  $L'$ , where  $L' = \{w : w \text{ is the unary encoding of an even number}\}$ :



11) Recall the function *mix*, defined in Example 8.23. Neither the regular languages nor the context-free languages are closed under *mix*. Are the decidable languages closed under *mix*? Prove your answer.

12) Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Consider the set of all languages over  $\Sigma$  that contain only even length strings.

- a) How many such languages are there?
- b) How many of them are semidecidable?

13. Show that every infinite semidecidable language has a subset that is not decidable.