

# CSE322 Theory of Computation

## Lec 21

REC (Decidable) is a proper subset of RE (Recognizable).

Polynomial Solvability is recognizable but undecidable.

Natural numbers  $N=0,1,2,3,\dots$  are countable.

Any set that has a 1-1 correspondence with  $N$  is countable.

$S$  is countable if one can define "get  $y$ -th element of  $S$ " for any natural num.  $y$  and for every  $x$  in  $S$ ,  $x$  is the  $y$ -th element for some  $y$ .

Are even numbers countable?

Are the final scores in TOC of all students countable?

Are the rational numbers countable?

Are the set of infinite strings countable?

$ALLDFA = \{w : w \text{ is an encoding of a DFA over alph.}\}$

$ALLTM = \{w \mid w \text{ is an encoding of a TM over alph.}\}$

Claim:  $ALLDFA$  and  $ALLTM$  are countable sets.

Q: Define "get  $y$ -th TM over alph." **How?**

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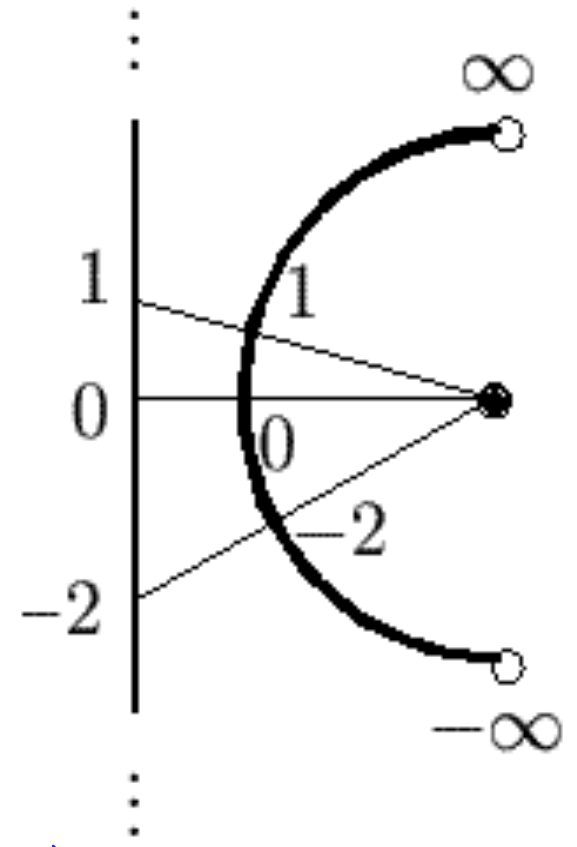
get TM ( $k$ ) : // get  $k$ -th TM  
counter = 0

for every string  $w$  in string order:

if  $w$  does not encode a TM : ignore

else, counter++

if counter ==  $k$  : output  $w$ .



# ALL : class of every language over any alph.

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Claim: ALL is uncountable.  $ALL = \{ L \mid L \text{ is a language over some alph.} \}$

$w_4 \notin L$  if  $w_4 \in L_4$

$$\Sigma^* = \{ \overset{1}{\epsilon}, \overset{2}{0}, \overset{3}{1}, \overset{4}{00}, \overset{5}{01}, \overset{6}{10}, \overset{7}{11}, \overset{8}{000}, 001, \dots \};$$

$$\textcircled{A} = \{ 0, 00, 01, 000, 001, \dots \};$$

$w_4 \in L$   
if  $w_4 \notin L_4$

characteristic function

$$\chi_A = 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad \dots$$

$w_1 \quad w_2 \quad w_3 \quad \textcircled{w_4} \quad w_5 \dots$

Assuming an ordering that defines the 'i'-th language in ALL, design a language L which does not belong to ALL.

$$\chi_L(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w_i \in L_i \Rightarrow \chi_{L_i}(w_i) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } w_i \notin L_i \Rightarrow \chi_{L_i}(w_i) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \\ L_3 \\ L_4 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right\} ALL$$

For any alphabet, number of languages more than number of possible TMs.

ALLTM is strictly smaller than ALL.

$\{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ is a TM} \}$  vs  $\{ L : L \text{ is a language of some TM} \}$

ALLTM =  $\{ L \mid L \text{ is a language of some TM} \}$

# Halting Problem

Suppose  $\text{HALT} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ halts on input } w \}$  is decidable (by TM  $D$ ).  
Diagonalize against all TMs on self-inputs.

This is the second  
method for  
proving undecid.

Run  $D(\langle U, \langle U \rangle \rangle)$

Behaviour of  $U(\langle U \rangle)$   
is contradictory!

Construct TM  $U$ :

$U(w)$ :

1. if  $w$  is not TM encoding, rejects (accepts?)
2. if  $w$  is TM encoding:
3.  $w = \langle M \rangle = \langle U \rangle$
4. Run  $D(\langle M, w \rangle)$   $D(\langle M, \langle M \rangle \rangle)$
5. If  $D$  accepts  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , //  $M$  halts on  $w$
6.  $U(w)$  loops
7. If  $D$  rejects  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , //  $M$  doesn't halt on  $w$
8.  $U(w)$  accept

# Decidable and Recognizable lang.

Thm  $L$  is decidable iff  $L$  is recognizable and  $L$ -complement is recognizable.

Proof:-

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $L$  is decidable.

Then  $L \in RE$ .

$\Rightarrow \bar{L} \in REC$ .

$\therefore \bar{L} \in RE$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $M$  recognizes  $L$  and  $M'$  recognizes  $L'$ .

Construct decider  $D$  for  $L$ .

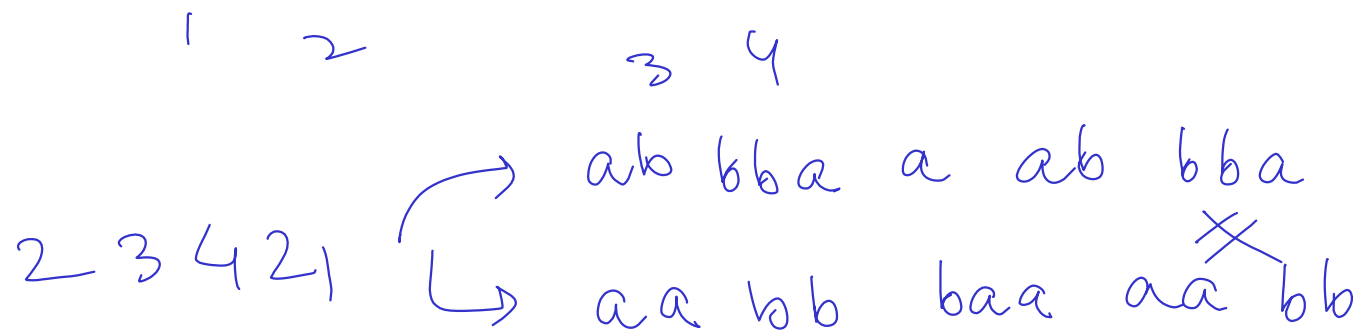
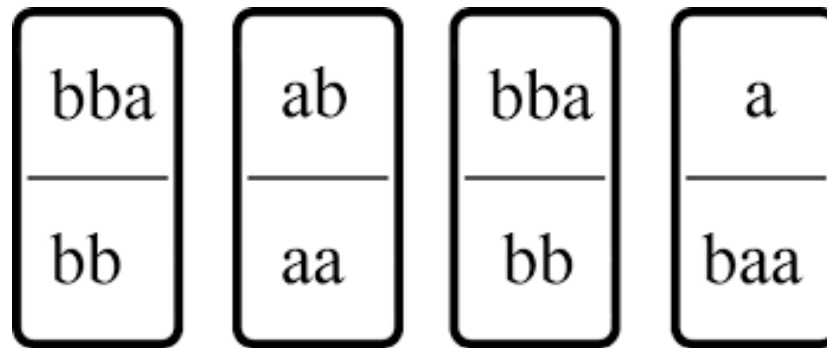
$D(x)$ :

Runs  $M$  and  $M'$  parallelly on  $x$ .

If  $M$  accepts,  $D$  accepts

If  $M'$  accepts,  $D$  rejects.

# Post's Correspondence Problem



Not in syllabus: Given  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , construct a set of cards such that...

- if  $M$  accepts  $w$  then the cards have a matching
- if  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then the cards do not have a matching

# Unrecognizable language: A-TM-complement

Proof: Proof by contradiction.

Suppose A-TM' is recognizable.

We know that A-TM is recognizable.

$\therefore$  A-TM would be decidable.  
This is a contradiction.

$$\overline{A-TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ doesn't accept } w \}$$

# Complement Classes

co-C =

{ L : complement(L) in C }

$$L \in \text{Co}C \iff \bar{L} \in C$$

$$\bar{L} \in \text{Co}C \iff L \in C$$

co-R.E. = co-Recognizable

= { L : complement of L is R.E./recognizable }

$$\overline{\text{A-TM}} \in \text{CoRE}$$

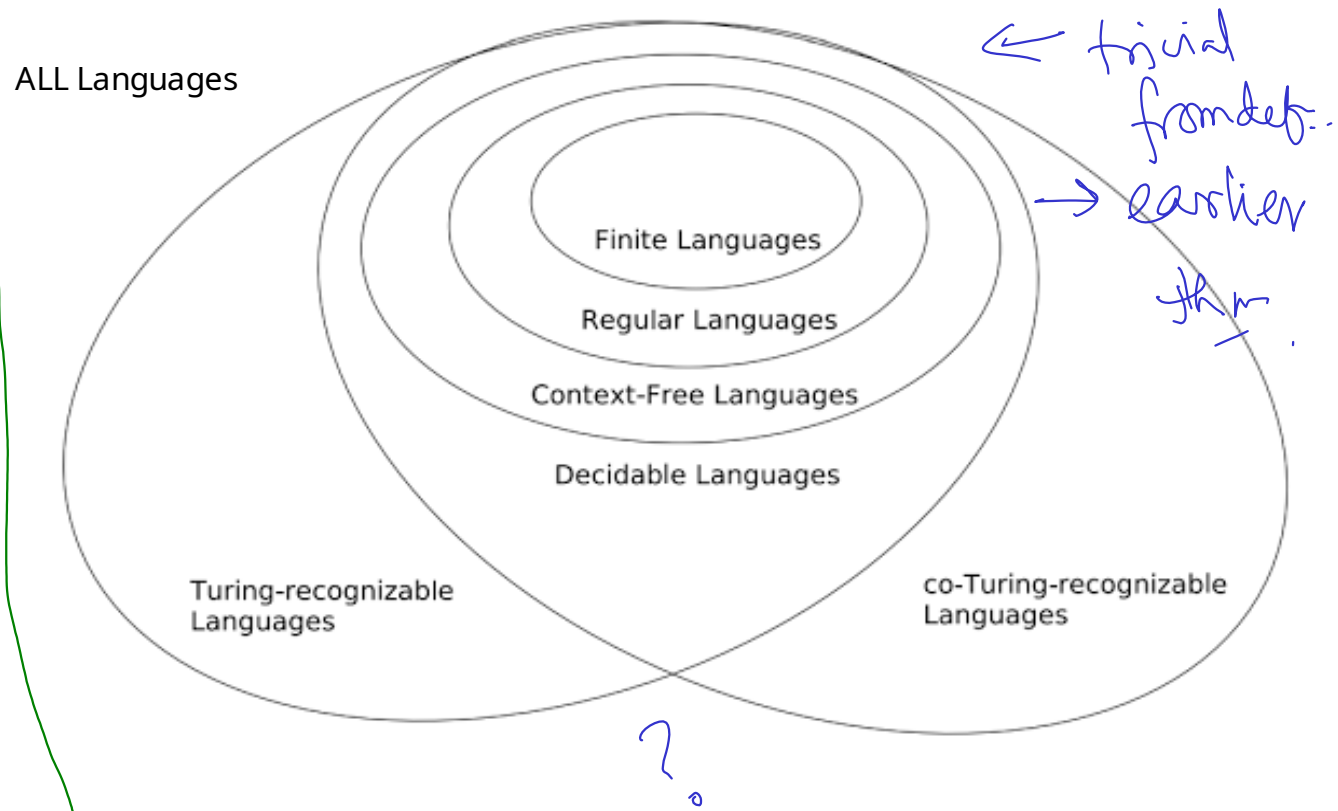
$$\overline{(\text{ATM})} = \text{ATM} \in \text{RE}$$

Thm:  $\text{DEC} \subseteq \text{CoRE}$

$\exists L \in \text{DEC}$  then  $L \in \text{CoRE}$

Proof:  $L \in \text{DEC} \rightarrow \bar{L} \in \text{DEC}$   
 $L \in \text{CoRE} \leftarrow \bar{L} \in \text{RE}$

Ex:-  $\text{RE} \cap \text{CoRE} = \text{REC}$



$$\text{DEC} = \text{CoDEC} = \{ L : \bar{L} \in \text{DEC} \}$$

$$L \in \text{DEC} \iff \bar{L} \in \text{CoDEC}$$

$$\iff \bar{\bar{L}} \in \text{DEC}$$