



$$K \leq_m MP, \quad MP \leq_m HP, \quad \overline{K} \leq \overline{EMPTY}, \quad \overline{K} \leq_m \overline{FIN}, \quad \overline{K} \leq_m \overline{\overline{FIN}}$$

LECTURE 12: ORACLE TURING MACHINES AND ARITHMETIC HIERARCHY

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Oracle Turing Machine is a 2-tape Turing machine $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \vdash, \sqcup, \delta, s, t, r)$. The first tape is the regular tape of the Turing machine which initially holds the input, and the machine can read/write from. The second tape is called the **query tape**. The Oracle Turing machine also has 3 special states — the query state $q_?$, and the answer states q_{yes} and q_{no} .

An oracle Turing machine is executed with a language B ; B is said to be the **oracle**. The machine M executed with oracle B is denoted as M^B . Such a machine proceeds like a normal (2-tape) Turing machine, until it reaches the query state $q_?$. Let x be the string written on its query tape at this point. In the next step, M^B moves to state q_{yes} if $x \in B$, and to state q_{no} if $x \notin B$. The computation of M^B then proceeds as normal, until the next point in time when it reaches the query state $q_?$. This process keeps repeating until the machine halts in t or r .

Definition 1. Given a language B , $[A \text{ is r.e. (recursive) iff } A \text{ is r.e. (rec) in } \emptyset]$

- A is **recursively enumerable in B** if there is an oracle Turing machine M such that $A = L(M^B)$.
- A is **recursive in B** if there is a **total** oracle Turing machine M such that $A = L(M^B)$. When A is recursive in B , we also say that A **Turing reduces** to B , and is denoted as $A \leq_T B$.

Proposition 1. If $A \leq_T B$ and $B \leq_T C$ then $A \leq_T C$.

\exists total TM M_1 s.t. $A = L(M_1^B)$. \exists total TM M_2 s.t. $B = L(M_2^C)$
 Goal: Design total TM M s.t. $A = L(M^C)$.

$\rightarrow M$: Run M_1 and whenever M_1 asks a query, it will run M_2 to answer that query.

Proposition 2. If $A \leq_T B$ then $\bar{A} \leq_T B$. $[\exists A \text{ is recursive then } \bar{A} \text{ is recursive}]$

\exists total TM M s.t. $A = L(M^B)$

To solve \bar{A} : Run M with oracle B and flip answer.

Proposition 3. $A \leq_T B$ iff A and \bar{A} are both recursively enumerable in B .

(\Rightarrow) \exists total TM M s.t. $A = L(M^B)$. $\Rightarrow A$ is r.e. in B .

\exists total TM \bar{M} s.t. $\bar{A} = L(\bar{M}^B) \Rightarrow \bar{A}$ is r.e. in B \checkmark

Due prop. 2.

(\Leftarrow) Let M_1 and M_2 be TM s.t. $A = L(M_1^B)$ and $\bar{A} = L(M_2^B)$

New Algo: Run M_1 & M_2 "in parallel".

$[\begin{matrix} \exists A \text{ is recursive iff} \\ A \text{ and } \bar{A} \text{ are r.e.} \end{matrix}]$

Arithmetic Hierarchy is a hierarchy of classes inductively defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1^0 &= \text{RE} & \Pi_1^0 &= \text{coRE} \\ \Delta_1^0 &= \text{REC} \\ \Sigma_{n+1}^0 &= \{L(M^B) \mid B \in \Sigma_n^0\} \\ \Delta_{n+1}^0 &= \{L(M^B) \mid B \in \Sigma_n^0, M^B \text{ is total}\} = \{A \mid \exists B \in \Sigma_n^0, A \leq_T B\} \\ \Pi_n^0 &= \{A \mid \bar{A} \in \Sigma_n^0\} \end{aligned}$$

Observe that $\Pi_1^0 = \text{co-RE}$.

Proposition 4. Prove that for all $n \geq 1$, $\Delta_n^0 = \Sigma_n^0 \cap \Pi_n^0$.

$$\Delta_n^0 \subseteq \Sigma_n^0 \cap \Pi_n^0 : A \in \Delta_n^0. \exists B \in \Sigma_{n-1}^0, A \leq_T B.$$

$$A \text{ is r.e. in } B \text{ and } \bar{A} \text{ is r.e. in } B \Rightarrow A \in \Sigma_n^0, \bar{A} \in \Sigma_n^0. \\ \Rightarrow A \in \Sigma_n^0, A \in \Pi_n^0.$$

$$\Sigma_n^0 \cap \Pi_n^0 \subseteq \Delta_n^0 : A \in \Sigma_n^0 \cap \Pi_n^0. \exists \text{ TM } M_1, M_2, B_1 \text{ and } B_2, B_1, B_2 \in \Sigma_{n-1}^0. \text{ s.t.}$$

$$A = L(M_1^{B_1}) \text{ and } \bar{A} = L(M_2^{B_2}) \\ B = \{0x \mid x \in B_1\} \cup \{1x \mid x \in B_2\} \in \Sigma_{n-1}^0 \quad \text{to be proved} \quad [B_1 \cap B_2, B_1 \times B_2]$$

"Run M_1 & M_2 in parallel w.r.t B ".

Proposition 5. Prove that $A \in \text{RE}$ iff there is a recursive relation R such that $A = \{x \mid \exists y. R(x, y)\}$.

$$(\Rightarrow) A \in \text{RE}. \exists \text{ TM } M \text{ s.t. } A = L(M).$$

$$R_M = \{(x, t) \mid M \text{ accepts } x \text{ within } t \text{ steps}\}.$$

R_M recursive: "Run M on x for t steps."

$$A = \{x \mid x \text{ is accepted by } M\} = \{x \mid \exists t. x \text{ is accepted by } M \text{ in } t \text{ steps}\}$$

$$(\Leftarrow) R \text{ is recursive i.e. } \exists \text{ total TM } M \text{ s.t. } R = L(M) \quad R(x, t)$$

$$A = \{x \mid \exists y R(x, y)\}$$

Algo for A : Input x .

for every string y .
Run M on (x, y)

Theorem 6. 1. A set $A \in \Sigma_n^0$ iff there is a recursive relation R such that

$$A = \{x \mid \exists y_1 \forall y_2 \exists y_3 \cdots Q y_n R(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\}$$

where $Q = \exists$ if n is odd, and $Q = \forall$ if n is even.

2. A set $A \in \Pi_n^0$ iff there is a recursive relation R such that

$$A = \{x \mid \forall y_1 \exists y_2 \forall y_3 \cdots Q y_n R(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\}$$

where $Q = \forall$ if n is odd, and $Q = \exists$ if n is even.

Problem 1. Prove that $\text{EMPTY} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid L(M) = \emptyset\} \in \Pi_1^0$.

Need a Recursive relation R s.t. $\text{EMPTY} = \{x \mid \forall y R(x, y)\}$

~~$R = \{(x, y, t) \mid M_x \text{ does not accept } y \text{ within } t \text{ steps}\}$~~
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$x \in \text{EMPTY} \iff \forall y \forall t R(x, y, t)$
 $\forall \langle y, t \rangle R(x, y, t)$

Problem 2. Prove that $\text{TOTAL} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is total}\} \in \Pi_2^0$.

Need a recursive relation R s.t. $\text{TOTAL} = \{x \mid \forall y \exists z R(x, y, z)\}$

Take $R = \{(x, y, z) \mid M_x \text{ halts in } z \text{ steps on input } y\}$.

$\text{TOTAL} = \{x \mid \forall y \exists z R(x, y, z)\}$.

Problem 3. Prove that $\text{FIN} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \text{ is finite}\} \in \Sigma_2^0$.

Problem 4. Prove that $\text{COF} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid L(M) \text{ is cofinite}\} \in \Sigma_3^0$.

Theorem 7. The arithmetic hierarchy is strict. That is, for every n , (a) Σ_n^0 and Π_n^0 are incomparable with respect to set inclusion, (b) $\Sigma_n^0 \cup \Pi_n^0 \subsetneq \Delta_{n+1}^0$.

Definition 2. A language A is \mathcal{C} -hard, for a class \mathcal{C} of languages, with respect to \leq_m if for every $B \in \mathcal{C}$, $B \leq_m A$. And A is \mathcal{C} -complete if $A \in \mathcal{C}$ and A is \mathcal{C} -hard.

Proposition 8. 1. EMPTY is Π_1^0 -complete.

2. TOTAL is Π_2^0 -complete.

3. FIN is Σ_2^0 -complete.

4. COF is Σ_3^0 -complete.

