

- 1** Recall that w^R denotes the reversal of string w ; for example, $TURING^R = GNIRUT$. Prove that the following language is undecidable.

$$\text{REVACCEPT} := \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } \langle M \rangle^R \}$$

Note that Rice's theorem does *not* apply to this language.

- 2** Let M be a Turing machine, let w be an arbitrary input string, and let s be an integer. We say that M *accepts w in space s* if, given w as input, M accesses only the first s (or fewer) cells on its tape and eventually accepts.

- 2.A.** Sketch a Turing machine/algorithm that correctly decides the following language:

$$\{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } w \text{ in space } |w|^2 \}$$

- 2.B.** Prove that the following language is undecidable:

$$\{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts at least one string } w \text{ in space } |w|^2 \}$$

- 3** Consider the language $\text{SOMETIMESHALT} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on at least one input string} \}$. Note that $\langle M \rangle \in \text{SOMETIMESHALT}$ does not imply that M *accepts* any strings; it is enough that M *halts* on (and possibly rejects) some string.

- 3.A.** Prove that SOMETIMESHALT is undecidable.
3.B. Sketch a Turing machine/algorithm that *accepts* SOMETIMESHALT .

- 4** For each of the following languages, either prove that the language is decidable, or prove that the language is undecidable.

- 4.A.** $L_0 = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid \text{given any input string, } M \text{ eventually leaves its start state} \}$
4.B. $L_1 = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ decides } L_0 \}$
4.C. $L_2 = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ decides } L_1 \}$
4.D. $L_3 = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ decides } L_2 \}$
4.E. $L_4 = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ decides } L_3 \}$

Rubric: 10 points: 4 for part (a) + 3/2 for each other part.

Rubric:[for all undecidability proofs, out of 10 points]

Diagonalization:

- 4 for correct wrapper Turing machine
- 6 for self-contradiction proof (= 3 for \Leftarrow + 3 for \Rightarrow)

Reduction:

- 4 for correct reduction
- 3 for "if" proof

3. 3 for “only if” proof

Rice’s Theorem:

1. 4 for positive Turing machine
2. 4 for negative Turing machine
3. 2 for other details (including using the correct variant of Rice’s Theorem)