

Key Definition: A language A ^{many-one reduces} mapping-reduces to a language B , written $A \leq_m B$, iff there is a total computable function $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ such that:

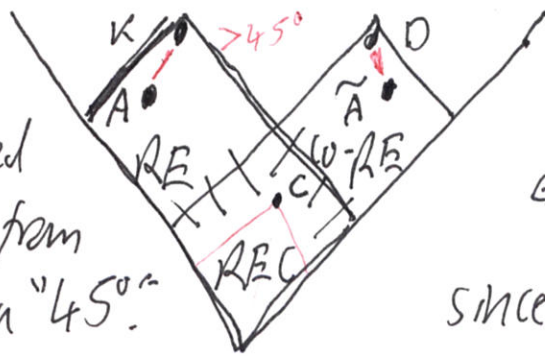
for all $x \in \Sigma^*$, $x \in A \iff f(x) \in B$.

Note: This is the same as $x \in \tilde{A} \iff f(x) \in \tilde{B}$, so

$A \leq_m B \iff \tilde{A} \leq_m \tilde{B}$. "Mapping Reductions are Mirror-Image."

My Visual Convention

$A \leq_m B$ is indicated by making the angle from A up to B steeper than "45°".



Note $A \leq_m K$
 $\iff \tilde{A} \leq_m D$

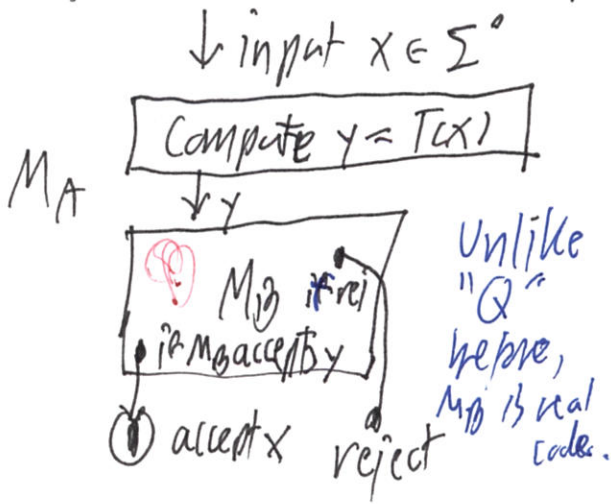
since $D = \sim K$.

Key Lemma: For all languages A, B : essentially, [↑]ignoring invalid codes.

- (a) If $A \leq_m B$ and B is decidable, then A is decidable
- (b) If $A \leq_m B$ and $B \in RE$, then $A \in RE$, i.e. A too is recognizable.
- (c) If $A \leq_m B$ and $B \in co-RE$, then A too is in $co-RE$.

Proof of (c) first assuming (b): If $A \leq_m B$ and $B \in co-RE$, then $\tilde{B} \in RE$ and $\tilde{A} \leq_m \tilde{B}$. By (b), $\tilde{A} \in RE$, so finally $A \in co-RE$.

Proof of (a): Take ^{some} any total TM M_B s.t. $L(M_B) = B$. Take a (2) total TM T that computes f . Build M_A as follows:



Correctness: M_A is total and for all x ,

M_A accepts $x \iff M_B$ accepts y

by construction $\iff M_B$ accepts $f(x)$

by $L(M_B) = B \iff f(x) \in B$

by reduction. $\iff x \in A. \therefore L(M_A) = A.$

For (b), even if M_B merely recognizes B , M_A still recognizes A . \square Since M_A is total, A is decidable.

Remark \implies Chapter 7 (Thm 7.31)

In case (a), you might think the total running time $t(n)$ for M_A equals the sum of the runtime $t_1(n)$ for $y = T(x)$ and the $(n = |x|)$ runtime $t_2(?)$ for M_B . But note: "?" $\approx |y|$ which might be $\approx t_1(n)$. Best estimate for the time by M_A is $t_2(t_1(n))$. Still polynomial if both $t_1, t_2 = n^{O(1)}$.

Corollary — The Contrapositive: IF $A \leq_m B$, then:

(a') : if A is undecidable then B is undecidable.

(b') : if A is not r.e.-recognizable then B is not r.e.-either.

(c') : if $A \notin \text{co-RE}$, then $B \notin \text{co-RE}$.



Part (a') is how we use reductions to show undecidability.

And: if $A \notin \text{co-RE}$ and $A \leq_m B$ and $D \leq_m B$ too, then

B is in an intersection of two "upward reducibility cones" so $B \notin \text{RE}$ and $B \notin \text{co-RE}$. neither r.e. nor co-r.e.

example: $B = \text{ALL}_{\text{TM}}$ in p4.

Examples of reductions: A simple "f" first: (3)

① $K \leq_m A_{TM}$ via the function $f(u) = \langle u, u \rangle$.

Correct since $K = \{u : u \text{ is the code of a SM } M_u \text{ such that } M_u \text{ accepts } u\}$

so $u \in K \Leftrightarrow M_u \text{ accepts } u \Leftrightarrow \langle M_u, u \rangle \in A_{TM}$
 ||| identified with $\langle u, u \rangle$

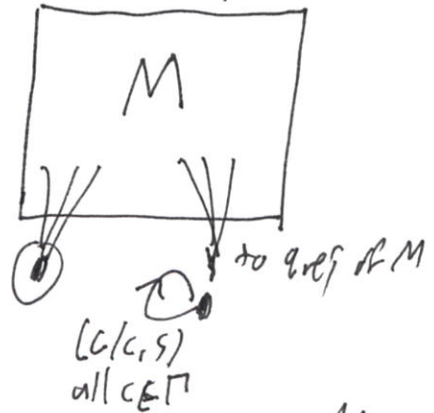
Annoying Issue again: what if u is not a valid code?

OK, then $\langle u, u \rangle$ isn't valid either, so $u \notin K$ and $\langle u, u \rangle \notin A_{TM}$.

② $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$
 $\langle M, x \rangle \quad \langle M', x' \rangle$
 make $x' = x$

$M \xrightarrow{f} M'$

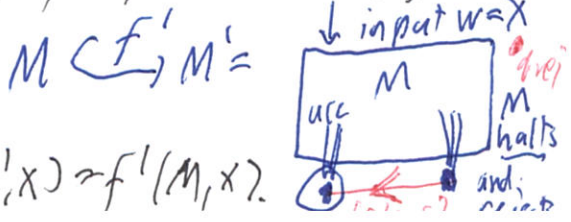
Construction



Computability $f(\langle M, x \rangle) = \langle M', x' \rangle$ where $x' = x$
 and M' is computed by adding $\{q_{rej}, c/c, s, q_{rej}\}$ to the code of M .
 This is a "lexical transformation of code" and is ("easily") computable.

Correctness: $\langle M, x \rangle \in A_{TM} \Leftrightarrow M(x) \text{ accepts} \Leftrightarrow M'(x) \text{ halts, because}$
 M' doesn't halt when M doesn't accept. $\Leftrightarrow \langle M', x \rangle \in HALT_{TM}$
 Thus $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$. $\Leftrightarrow f(\langle M, x \rangle) \in HALT_{TM}$.

③ Also $HALT_{TM} \leq_m A_{TM}$. Thinking of correctness first, we need an f' defined on instances $\langle M, x \rangle$ of the $HALT_{TM}$ problem so that $\langle M, x \rangle$ is in the $HALT_{TM}$ language
 $M(x) \downarrow \Leftrightarrow M' \text{ accepts } x \Leftrightarrow \langle M', x \rangle \in A_{TM}$ where $\langle M', x \rangle = f'(\langle M, x \rangle)$.



Since $A_{TM} \leq_m HALT_{TM}$ and $HALT_{TM} \leq_m A_{TM}$, we write $A_{TM} \equiv_m HALT_{TM}$ and say they are many-one mapping-equivalent.

• ALL_{TM} (see bottom added note)

sample

$A_{TM} \leq_m NB_{TM}$



$\langle M, x \rangle \xrightarrow{f} M'$

NB_{TM} : INST: M
 Ques: Is $L(M) \neq \emptyset$?

↓ input w .

Test tests $w \stackrel{?}{=} x$, but not necessary.

Simulate $M(x)$

if & when M accepts x

⊙ accept w

Visually, A_{TM} does NOT mapping reduce to E_{TM} !

Computability

This f is computable because it takes M and x and inserts 'it' as a "job" into the code of M' !

Correctness:

$\langle M, x \rangle \in A_{TM} \equiv M \text{ accepts } x \Rightarrow$ for all w , M' accepts $w \Rightarrow L(M') = \Sigma^*$
 $\Rightarrow L(M') \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \langle M' \rangle \in NB_{TM}$

$\langle M, x \rangle \notin A_{TM} \equiv M \text{ does not accept } x \Rightarrow$ for all w , M' does not accept w
 $\Rightarrow L(M') = \emptyset \Rightarrow \langle M' \rangle \notin NB_{TM}$.

∴ $A_{TM} \leq_m NB_{TM}$ □

∴ $\langle M, x \rangle \in A_{TM} \Leftrightarrow f(M, x) = \langle M' \rangle \in NB_{TM}$, so $A_{TM} \leq_m NB_{TM}$ □

Corollary: $\widetilde{A}_{TM} \leq_m E_{TM}$ since $E_{TM} = NB_{TM}$, so we get that since \widetilde{A}_{TM} is not recognizable, E_{TM} is not recognizable either.

Added: By the same construction and analysis, $A_{TM} \leq_m ALL_{TM}$.

Separately, we can show $E_{TM} \leq_m ALL_{TM}$ too:

$M \in E_{TM} \Rightarrow$ for all w , $M'(w)$ never finds an accept $\Rightarrow L(M') = \Sigma^*$
 $M \notin E_{TM} \Rightarrow$ for some (long enough) w , $M'(w)$ finds accept $\Rightarrow L(M') \neq \Sigma^*$

↓ input w

$M \xrightarrow{f} M'$

Simulate $M(x)$ for $|w|$ steps on each $x \leq w$. If any all

Else if no accepts were found reject