CS420

Introduction to the Theory of Computation

Lecture 22: Mapping reducibility

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Mini Test 3 overview

- 50 points for Sections 4.1 and 4.2 (HW7 + Exercises in Lesson 20)
- around 10 points for Section 5.1
- around 40 points for Section 5.3

- Level 1: 60 points
- Level 2: 25 points
- Level 3: 15 points

> Today we will be doing exercises of Level 2 and Level 3.

How to write a 21st century proof

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Leslie Lamport

> A method of writing proofs is described that makes it harder to prove things that are not true. The method, based on hierarchical structuring, is simple and practical. The author's twenty years of experience writing such proofs is discussed.

Source: `lamport.azurewebsites.net/pubs/proof.pdf`

Why should we read this?

- Structured proofs are just a method of displaying your proofs in a brief, yet rigorous way
- I will be doing structured proofs in this lesson, you can use this method of presenting proofs in the test!

Today we will learn...

- Computable functions
- Mapping reducible
- Mapping reducibility and decidability/undecidability
- Mapping reducibility and Turing recognition/unrecognition

> Section 5.3.

Motivation

If A is regular, then X_A decidable.

$$X_A = \{\langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA} \land L(D) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$

Proof. If A is regular, then let C be the DFA that recognizes A. Let `intersect` be the implementation of $\cap$ and `E_DFA` the decider of E_{DFA}. The following is the decider of X_A.

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def X_A(D):
  return not E_DFA(intersect(C, D))
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We reduced the problem of checking if X_A is decidable in terms of checking if E_{DFA}.

Can we generalize this process?

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4. $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$ iff $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\text{DFA}}$ **(Proof?)** †
5. The test $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\text{DFA}}$ is decidable, and equivalent to testing $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$, so the latter is decidable?

†: Recall that if A decidable, then $\overline{A}$ decidable (Lesson 21).

Mapping reducibility

Intuition

> If we can establish an equivalence up to some function, then we can ***reduce*** a problem into another known problem solved in another language.

Example

4. **(Mapping-reducibility):** $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$ iff $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\text{DFA}}$
5. **(Decidability):** The test $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\text{DFA}}$ is decidable, and equivalent to testing $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$, so the latter is decidable?

We will now implement a framework on reducibility

Mapping reducibility

Computable function

Definition 5.17

We say that

$$f : \Sigma^\star \longrightarrow \Sigma^\star$$

is a **computable** function if there exists a Turing Machine M that when given w halts and results in $f(w)$ on its tape.

Intuition

This is a **total** function (terminates for all inputs) encoded in terms of a Turing Machine.

Mapping reducible

Definition 5.20

Language A is **mapping reducible** to language B, notation $A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} B$ if there is a computable function f, where for every w,

$$w \in A \iff f(w) \in B$$

What can we do with mapping reducible?

- Convert membership testing in A into membership testing in B

Example

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   - Show: If $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$, then $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$.
     1. $L(D) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ (assumption)
     2. $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$ (by 2.1)
   - Show: If $\langle L_1(D)\rangle \in \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$, then $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$.
     1. $\langle D\rangle \in X_A$ by $L_1(D) \neq \emptyset$ (assumption)

Ungraded homework exercises

1. Show that $\leq_{\mathrm{m}}$ is a reflexive relation.
2. Show that $\leq_{\mathrm{m}}$ is a transitive relation.

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Proof (2nd try).

1. Let $L_1(D) = L(D) \cap A$ where D is a DFA.
2. For any D we have that $L_1(D)$ is regular. **(Proof?)**
3. Let D be the DFA that recognizes L_1. **(Proof?)**
4. $X_A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$ (Before: $\langle D \rangle \in X_A$ iff $\langle L_1(D) \rangle \in \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$)
5. The test $\langle L_1(D) \rangle \in \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$ is decidable, and equivalent to testing $\langle D \rangle \in X_A$, so the latter is decidable?

We will now generalize the (5) step

Decidability on membership reducible

Theorem 5.22

If $A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} B$ and B is decidable, then A is decidable.

Proof in `cogumbreiro/turing`.

Completing the running example

If A regular, then $X_A = \{\langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA} \wedge L(D) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$ decidable.

Proof (3rd try).

1. For any D we have that $L_{DA} = L(D) \cap A$ is regular, since:
    - For any DFA D we have that $L(D) \cap A$ is regular, since regular langs are closed for $\cap$, $L(D)$ is regular (def of reg langs), and A is regular (assumption).
2. $X_A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$, by Slide 9
3. $\overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$ is decidable, by Lemma R.4 and E_{DFA} decidable (Theorem 4.4)
4. X_A is decidable, by Theorem 5.22, $\overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$ is decidable, and $X_A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} \overline{E}_{\mathrm{DFA}}$ (2)

Lemma R.4 (Lesson 21). If A decidable, then $\overline{A}$ decidable.

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1. B is decidable, by contradiction.
2. A is decidable, by Theorem 5.22 and $A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} B$ (assumption) and B decidable (1)
3. We reach a contradiction: A is decidable (2) and undecidable (assumption).

(1)

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1. Apply Corollary 5.23 since A_{TM} is undecidable (Theorem 4.11) and $A_{\mathsf{TM}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}} HALT_{\mathsf{TM}}$ (hypothesis).

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Proof.

1. Give a program that recognizes $HALT_{\mathsf{TM}}$ (homework!)
2. A_{TM}, by Theorem 5.28, $A_{\mathsf{TM}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}} HALT_{\mathsf{TM}}$, and (1).

Corollary 5.29

If A is unrecognizable and $A \leq_{\mathrm{m}} B$, then B is unrecognizable.

Theorem R.1

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1. $\overline{A}_{\mathsf{TM}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}} \overline{HALT}_{\mathsf{TM}}$, by Theorem R.1 and $A_{\mathsf{TM}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}} HALT_{\mathsf{TM}}$ (exercise 5.24)
2. $\overline{HALT}_{\mathsf{TM}}$ is unrecognizable, by Corollary 5.29, $\overline{A}_{\mathsf{TM}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}} \overline{HALT}_{\mathsf{TM}}$ (1), and $\overline{A}_{\mathsf{TM}}$ is unrecognizable (Corollary 4.23)

Extra proofs

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   Run M_B with input $f(w)$. If M_B accepts, M_A accepts. If M_B rejects, M_A rejects.
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Our goal is show that there exists a Turing machine that decides A, so we must prove that it does recognize A (correctness) and that it decides A (termination).

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- If M_A rejects some w we must show that $w \notin A$. If reject, then $f(w) \notin L(B)$, thus, from Def 5.20, we have $w \notin A$.

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Proof.

1. We show that $A_{\mathsf{TM}} \leq_{\mathrm{m}} HALT_{\mathsf{TM}}$ with f, where $f(\langle M, w\rangle) = \langle M', w\rangle$ and M' runs $M(w)$ if M rejects, then loop, otherwise accept.
2. Since A_{TM} is undecidable, then $HALT_{\mathsf{TM}}$ is undecidable (Corollary 5.23).

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- Thus, M' accepts, and since M' only accepts when M accepts w, we conclude our proof.

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H3	M_B recognizes B
H4	$M_A(w) = M_B(f(w))$

Goal: show that $w \in A$

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3. Since $f(w) \in B$ and H2, then $w \in A$.

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2. From $f(w) \in B$ and H3, we have that M_B accepts $f(w)$
3. From M_B accepts $f(w)$ and H4, we have that M_A accepts w.

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