# Theoretical Computer Science 2 Exercise Sheet 4

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Hand in your answers to the Vips directory of the Stud.IP course until thursday, 06.06.2024 23:59 pm. You should provide your answers either directly as PDF file or as a readable scan or photo of your handwritten notes. Submit your results as a group of four. On the front page, state the **degree programme**, name, surname and student id of each member of your group.

# Homework Exercise 1: Reductions [8 points]

Consider the following languages over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \#\}$ . Show **without** using Rice's Theorem, that none of them are semi-decidable.

- a) [2 points]  $L_1 := \{ x \# y \# z \mid x \notin \mathcal{L}(M_y) \text{ or } y \notin \mathcal{L}(M_z) \text{ or } z \notin \mathcal{L}(M_x) \}$
- b) [2 points]  $L_2 := \{ w \mid \{ \epsilon \} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(M_w) \subseteq \{ 0 \}^* \}$
- c) [2 points]  $L_3 := \overline{L_2} = \{ w \mid \varepsilon \notin \mathcal{L}(M_w) \text{ or } \mathcal{L}(M_w) \notin \{0\}^* \}$
- d) [2 points]  $L_4 := \{ w \mid w \text{ encodes a contextfree Grammar } G_w \text{ with } (\Sigma \Sigma)^* \subseteq \mathcal{L}(G_w) \}$

## Homework Exercise 2: Rice's Theorem [4 points]

Prove Theorem 5.10 of the lecture notes: Every non-monotonic property of recusively-enumerable languages (RE) is not semi-decidable. A property  $P : RE \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is called monotone, if for all languages  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ ,  $P(L_1) \le P(L_2)$  holds. (If  $P(L_1) = 1$ , then  $P(L_2) = 1$ .)

a) [4 points] Show that no non-monotonic property of RE languages is semi-decidable.

## Homework Exercise 3: Computability [6 points]

Consider the following partial function longestWord: DTM  $\not\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and countEquiv: DTM  $\times \{0,1\}^* \not\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

$$longestWord(w) = \begin{cases} max\{ |x| \mid x \in \mathcal{L}(M_w) \} & \text{if } \mathcal{L}(M_w) \text{ finite} \\ undefined & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a) [3 points] Show with a reduction, that longestWord is uncomputable.

$$\texttt{countEquiv}(w,x) = \begin{cases} |\mathcal{L}(M_w)| & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{L}(M_w) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}(M_w) \text{ finite} \\ |\Sigma^* \setminus \mathcal{L}(M_w)| & \text{if } x \notin \mathcal{L}(M_w) \text{ and } \Sigma^* \setminus \mathcal{L}(M_w) \text{ finite} \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases}$$

b) [3 points] Show by using a reduction, that countMissing is uncomputable.

### **Exercise 4:**

Show by using a reduction, that the following problems are undecidable.

**Triple-PCP** 

**Given:** A finite sequence of triples  $\langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle x_k, y_k, z_k \rangle$ 

of words over  $\{0, 1\}$ .

**Question:** Does a non-empty sequence of indexes  $i_1, \ldots, i_n$  exist,

such that  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_n} = y_{i_1}, \dots, y_{i_n} = z_{i_1}, \dots, z_{i_n}$ ?

Show that the Triple-PCP is not co-semi-decidable.

#### **Exercise 5:**

Consider the following partial function choose :  $TM \times TM \times \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ :

$$\mathsf{choose}(\langle M_0 \rangle, \langle M_1 \rangle, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{L}(M_0) \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{L}(M_1) \setminus \mathcal{L}(M_0) \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x \notin \mathcal{L}(M_0) \cup \mathcal{L}(M_1) \end{cases}$$

Show that choose is uncomputable.

#### Exercise 6:

If possible, apply Rice's theorem on the following languages. Reason why or why not the theorem is applicable.

$$L_{5} = \{ w \in \{0, 1\}^{*} \mid \mathcal{L}(M_{w}) \text{ is not decidable.} \}$$

$$L_{6} = \{ w \mid \mathcal{L}(M_{w}) \leq \mathsf{HP} \}$$

$$L_{7} = \{ w \mid \text{ exists } n \leq |\delta_{M_{w}}| \text{ with } 0^{n} \in \mathcal{L}(M_{w}) \}$$

$$L_{8} = \{ w \mid \{0011\}.\mathcal{L}(M_{w}) = \Sigma^{*} \}$$

### Exercise 7:

Consider the following language  $L_{Copy} = \{w \# w \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\} \subseteq \{a,b,\#\}^*$ .

Ordnen Sie die Sprache  $L_{Copy}$  möglichst genau in die folgenden Klassen ein: DTIME(O(f(n))), NTIME(O(g(n))), DSPACE(O(h(n))) und NSPACE(O(j(n))). Findet Sie dazu möglichst kleine Funktionen f, g, h und j, sodass  $L_{Copy}$  in den jeweiligen Klassen enthalten ist.

Begründen Sie ihre Wahl, indem Sie jeweils die Arbeitsweise einer passenden Turingmaschine erklären (genaue Konstruktionen sind unnötig).