

CS46, Swarthmore College, Spring 2018

Lab 7 (due Wednesday 4 April)

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1. Recall that every Turing-recognizable language R has an enumerator E that enumerates it.
 - (a) (Sipser 3.19) Show that every infinite Turing-recognizable language R has an infinite decidable subset D .
 - (b) Is it possible for R to contain only a finite number of pairwise disjoint infinite decidable subsets? Briefly explain your answer.
2. Given a grammar G , we say that a variable $V \in G$ is useless if there is no string w for which a possible derivation of w contains the variable V . Formulate this problem of finding grammars containing useless variables as a language and show that this language is decidable.
3. (Sipser 5.2) Show that EQ_{CFG} is co-Turing-recognizable. I highly recommend non-determinism.
4. Consider the language $L = \{\langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a single tape TM that never modifies the portion of the tape that contains the original input } w\}$.
 - (a) Show that L is co-Turing-recognizable, by briefly describing the elements of \bar{L} and then describing a recognizer for \bar{L} .
 - (b) Is L decidable? Prove your answer. Note if you can show that L is Turing-recognizable, you can apply Theorem 4.22 and part (a) to show L is decidable.