

CPSC 421/501

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① Review universal Python programs and proof that NON-ACCEPTANCE and NON-HALTING are unrecognizable

② ACCEPTANCE and HALTING are recognizable and undecidable

③ Reductions

Python program  $p$ , input  $i$  LangRecBy

$p$  accepts  $i$  : `return("yes")`

$p$  rejects  $i$  : `return("no")`

$p$  loops on  $i$  : anything else

- return("quack")
- reaches last line without returning anything
- doesn't terminate (e.g., infinite loop)

$\text{LangRecBy}(p) = \{ i \mid p \text{ accepts } i \}$

New: A Python program is a decider if on any input, it either:

accepts (return("yes"))

OR

rejects (return("no")).

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$L$  is recognizable if for some  $p$ ,

$$L = \text{LangRecBy}(p)$$

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$L$  is decidable if for some

decider  $p$ ,  $L = \text{LangRecBy}(p)$

Catchy phrases!

"The halting problem is undecidable"

Less catchy!

"The non-halting problem is unrecognizable"

Decider  $\subset$  All valid Python prog.

-  $\Sigma^*$  ASCII partitioned into

ACCEPTANCE =  $\{ p \sigma_0 i \mid p \text{ accepts } i \}$

REJECTION =  $\{ p \sigma_0 i \mid p \text{ rejects } i \}$

LOOPING =  $\{ p \sigma_0 i \mid p \text{ loops on } i \}$

( $p$  above is a valid Python program)

NOT-PYTHON-INT

=  $\{ \text{everything else} \}$

=  $\{ \text{strings that can't be written as } p \sigma_0 i \text{ where } p \text{ is a valid Python program} \}$

- Each string in  $\sum_{ASCII}^*$  is in one of:

NOT-PYTHON-INPUT = { not of the form  $p \sigma_0 i$  with  $p$  a valid Python program }

ACCEPTANCE = {  $p \sigma_0 i$  |  $p$  accepts  $i$  }

REJECTION = {  $p \sigma_0 i$  |  $p$  rejects  $i$  }

LOOPING = {  $p \sigma_0 i$  |  $p$  loops on  $i$  }

$\sigma_0 = \langle FS \rangle$

Universal Program,  $u$

Input:  $S \in \Sigma_{ASCII}^*$


① Figures out if  $S = p \sigma_0 i$  with  $p$  a valid Puthan program; if not,  $u$  returns **not valid**

② "Simulates"  $p$  on input  $i$

- if  $p$  accepts  $i$ ,  $u$  says **accepts**

- if  $p$  rejects  $i$ ,  $u$  says **rejects**

- if  $p$  terminates otherwise,  $u$  says **loops**

-  $p$  may never terminate -- 

Note:



= may not terminate,

but is never wrong

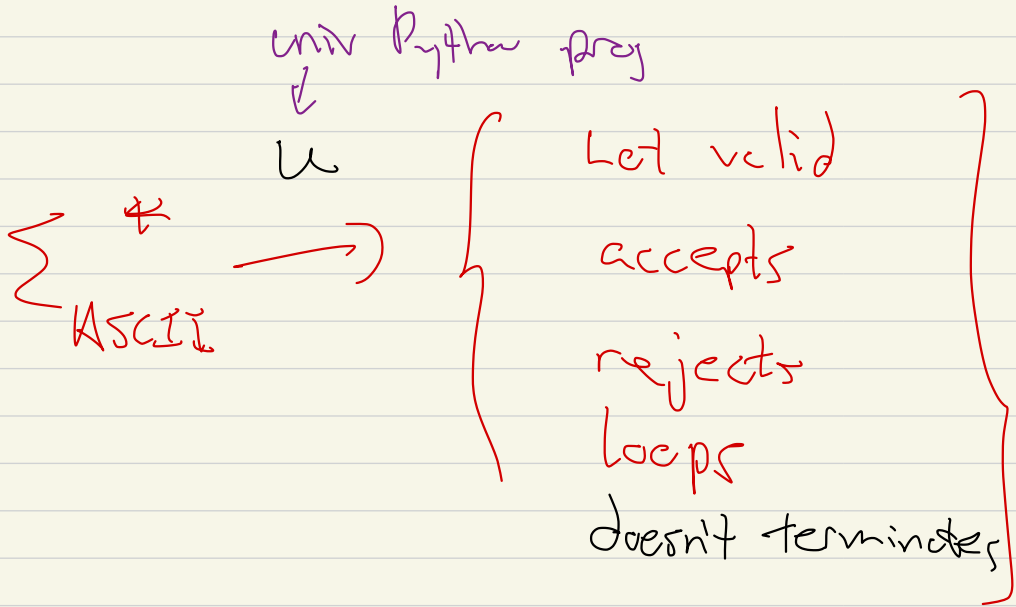
when it terminates

So  $u$  produces a map

$\Sigma_{ASCII}^* \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{"not valid", "accepts",} \\ \text{"rejects", "loops",} \\ \text{doesn't terminate} \end{array} \right\}$

$u \Rightarrow$  ACCEPTANCE is recognizable  
REJECTION " "  
HALTING " "







$$(Alg \circ u) : \sum_{\substack{* \\ ACCEPT}} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{"yes"} \\ \text{not "yes"} \end{matrix}$$

$$Lang_{DecBy}(Alg \circ u)$$

$$= \{ p \sigma_i \mid p \text{ accepts } i \}$$

$$= ACCEPTANCE$$

Thm: NON-ACCEPTANCE

NON-HALTING, ACCEPTANCE<sup>Comp</sup>

HALTING<sup>Comp</sup> are unrecognizable.

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NON-ACCEPTANCE =




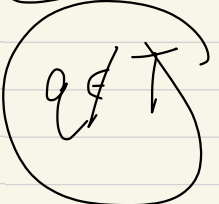


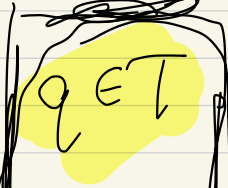



$\{ p \sigma_i \mid p \text{ does not accept } i \}$

$= \{ p \sigma_i \mid p \text{ rejects or loops on } i \}$

$= \text{REJECTION} \cup \text{LOOPING}$

ACCEPTANCE<sup>Comp</sup> = REJ  $\cup$  LOOP  $\cup$  NOT PI

$u$   $P_1$   $P_2$     Rec Err  
 NON-ACC

	Alg 1	Alg 2	in T
NON-PYTH-INP		?	
ACCEPTANCE		?	
REJECTION			
LOOPING			

$T = \{ q \mid q \text{ does not accept } q \}$

feed

$q \in T$  into

Recognizer

for

~~Now-Accept~~

①  $q$  accepts  $q$   
then  $q \notin T$

$q$  rejects  $q$   $q \in T$

my Contradiction if

~~Now-Accept~~ is necessary