

no way of recognizing

class of all possible languages

(lang. recog. by TM that may not halt for no answer)

(lang. recog. by TMs that always halt (yes/no))

Exercise

Set of languages from RE

$$\rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{P}} = \{ L \mid L \in \text{RE}, |L| \geq 5 \}$$

of strings

we need to encode languages
into some finite representation

$$L \dashrightarrow \text{enc}(M) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad L(M) = L$$

$$\rightarrow L_{\mathcal{P}} = \left\{ \underbrace{\text{enc}(M)}_{\text{string (finite)}} \mid L(M) \in \mathcal{P} \right\}$$

L_\emptyset

encoding of P

1) is L_\emptyset in REC? (is there an algo/TM for L_\emptyset ?)

YES : design TM M s.t. $L(M) = L_\emptyset$
and M always halts

NO : use Rice's Theorem!

some methodology used for REC L. of CFL.

apply Rice's thm

We must show \mathcal{P} not a trivial property

1) $\mathcal{P} \neq \emptyset$ $L = \Sigma^*$ $|L| \geq 5$ (∞)

$L \in \mathcal{P} !!$

alternative sol.

$(L = \{ w \mid |w| \text{ even} \} \text{ over } \Sigma^*)$

2) $\mathcal{P} \neq RE$: find L in RE s.t. $L \notin \mathcal{P}$

$L = \emptyset$

(empty lang. \equiv zero strings)

$L \in RE$,

$|L| = 0$

$L \notin \mathcal{P} !!$

We conclude from 1+2 that \mathcal{P} not in REC

possible mistakes on Rice's thm

— misunderstanding of \emptyset

— too complex languages for 1 / 2 :
keep it simple !!

...

2) L_{\emptyset} in RE ?

YES

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design TM s.t.

$$L(M) = L_{\emptyset}$$

means that
for every
 $w \in L_{\emptyset}$, M
halts with
positive answer

NO

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reduction

pick L s.t. $L \notin RE$

show $L \leq_m L_{\emptyset}$

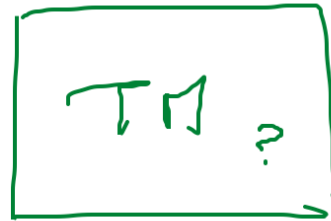
(meaning L_{\emptyset} is
more difficult
than L)

$L_{\emptyset} \in RE$

$L_{\emptyset} = \{ enc(M) \mid |L(M)| \geq 5 \}$

design TM

$enc(M)$
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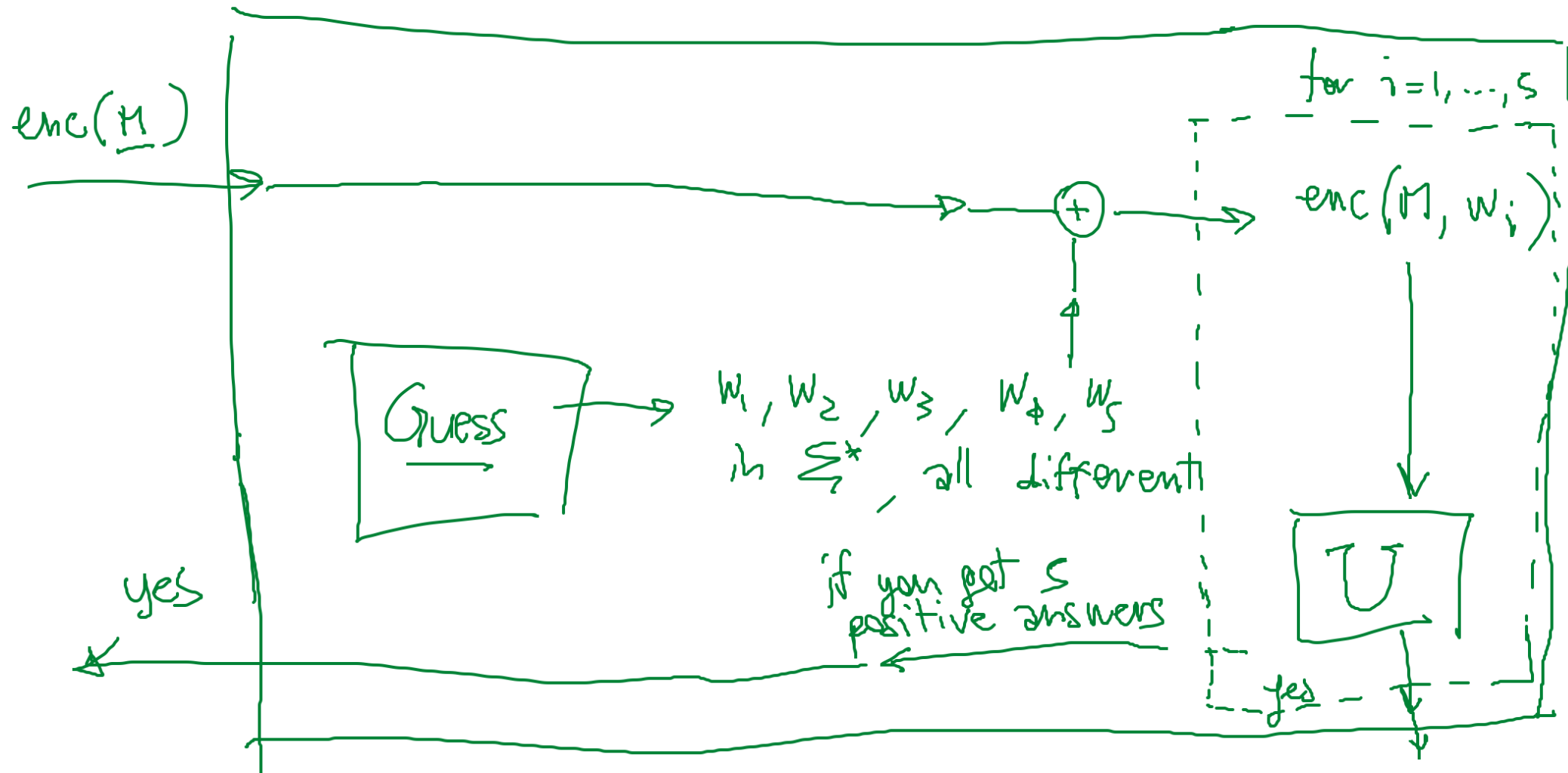


yes

if $|L(M)| \geq 5$

specify M through different steps or through blocks

design nondeterministic TM



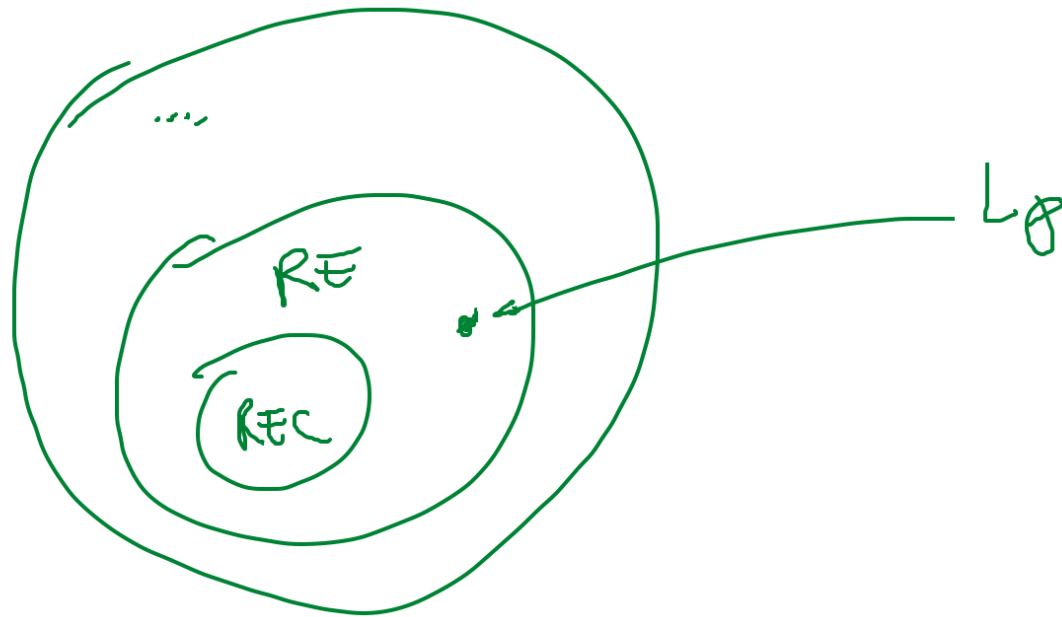
- if $L(M) \in \mathcal{P}$, then our nondeterministic TM will go through a computation where S strings in $L(M)$ are guessed, and it will therefore provide positive answer and halt.

- if $L(M) \notin \mathcal{P}$, then no guessing of S strings all accepted by M is ever possible. Therefore NDTM will never accept / halt

We translate NTM into (deterministic) TM M

such that $L(M) = L_\emptyset$,

We conclude L_\emptyset is in RE.



possible mistakes

$L \notin RE$

(don't use
reduction!)

don't
→

_____ wrong!!

$L \notin RE$

this would be
alternative sol.

for #1 .

(which we have solve
using Rice)

$L \notin RE \leq_m L_P$

↓
not REC

L_P

↓
not REC

