

# COMPUTABILITY (13/10/2025)

EXERCISE : URM<sup>s</sup> machine : variant of URM

$$T(\cancel{m}, m)$$

$$T_s(m, m)$$

$$\tau m \leftrightarrow \tau m$$

$$\mathcal{C}^s \stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{C}$$

proof

$$(\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^s) \quad \text{let } f \in \mathcal{C} \quad f: \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad f \in \mathcal{C}^s$$

let  $P$  be a URM-program such that  $f = f_P^{(k)}$ .

by a previous exercise ( $\mathcal{C}^- = \mathcal{C}$ ) there is  $P'$  URM-program

without transfer instructions such that  $f_{P'}^{(k)} = f_P^{(k)}$

but  $P'$  is also a URM<sup>s</sup> program and therefore  $f = f_P^{(k)} = f_{P'}^{(k)} \in \mathcal{C}^s$

( $\mathcal{C}^s \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ ) Take  $f \in \mathcal{C}^s$   $f: \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and let  $P$  a URM<sup>s</sup> program such that  $f = f_P^{(k)}$ . We want to "transform"  $P$  into a URM program say  $P'$ , such that

$$f_P^{(k)} = f_{P'}^{(k)}$$

$$T_s(m, m)$$

$$T(m, i)$$

$R_i$  not used by  $P$

$$T(m, m)$$

$$T(i, m)$$

A URM<sup>s</sup>-program  $P$  can be transformed into  $P'$  URM-program such that  $f_P^{(k)} = f_{P'}^{(k)}$

We proceed by induction on  $h =$  number of  $T_s$  instructions in  $P$

( $h=0$ )  $P$  is already a URM-program, hence  $P' = P$

$(h \rightarrow h+1)$  Let  $P$  URM<sup>s</sup> program with  $h+1$  Ts instructions

$$P \left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_1 \\ \vdots \\ I_t \\ \vdots \\ I_s \end{array} \right. \quad T_s(m, m) \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad P'' \left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_1 \\ \vdots \\ I_t \quad J(1, 1, \text{SUB}) \\ \\ I_s \\ I_{s+1} \quad J(1, 1, \text{END}) \\ \text{SUB: } T(m, i) \\ \quad T(m, m) \\ \quad T(i, m) \\ \quad J(1, 1, t+1) \end{array} \right.$$

assuming:

→  $P$  assumed to be well-formed (if it halts, it does at  $s+1$ )

→ register  $i$  not used by  $P$

$$i = \max(\{j \mid R_j \text{ is used by } P\} \cup \{k\}) + 1$$

Then  $P''$  is such that

$$f_{P''}^{(k)} = f_P^{(k)}$$

and it contains  $h$  swap instructions. Hence by inductive hyp.

there is  $P'$  URM-program such that  $f_{P'}^{(k)} = f_{P''}^{(k)}$

Summing up

$$f = f_P^{(k)} = f_{P''}^{(k)} = f_{P'}^{(k)}$$

and thus  $f \in \mathcal{C}$ .

The proof is wrong: I am using the inductive hyp. on  $P''$  which is not a URM<sup>s</sup> program

Solution: prove a stronger assertion

"Every program  $P$  which uses both swap  $T_s$  and transfers  $T$  can be transformed into a URM-program  $P'$  s.t.  $f_P^{(k)} = f_{P'}^{(k)}$ ."

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EXERCISE : Consider URM<sup>=</sup> without jump instructions

Show (a)  $\mathcal{E}^= \subsetneq \mathcal{E}$  and (b) characterise the shape of functions in  $\mathcal{E}^=$

proof

(a) An URM<sup>=</sup> program

$$P \begin{cases} I_1 \\ \vdots \\ I_s \end{cases}$$

$\ell(P) = s$  length of program  $P$

$P$  terminates after  $\ell(P)$  steps

$\leadsto$  all functions in  $\mathcal{E}^=$  are total  $\leadsto \mathcal{E}^= \subsetneq \mathcal{E}$

e.g.  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$f(x) \uparrow \forall x \in \mathbb{N}$

$f \in \mathcal{E}$   $J(1,1,1)$

$f \notin \mathcal{E}^=$  because is not total

(saying "the program uses jumps"

is not sufficient for  $f \notin \mathcal{E}^=$

e.g.  $I_1: J(1,1,2)$   $P$

$$f_P^{(1)}(x) = x$$

but  $f_P^{(1)} \in \mathcal{E}^=$

(b)

shape of functions in  $\mathcal{E}^=$ ?

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \hline x | 0 | 0 | \dots \end{array}$$

conjecture :

$$f(x) = c \quad (\text{constants})$$

$c \in \mathbb{N}$  suitable constant

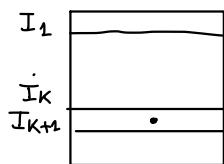
$$\text{or } f(x) = x + c \quad (\text{increment by a constant})$$

denote  $r_1(x, k)$  = content of register 1 after  $k$  steps starting from  $\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \hline x | 0 | 0 | \dots \end{array}$

We prove by induction on  $k$  that  $r_1(x, k) \leq \begin{matrix} c \\ x+c \end{matrix} \quad c \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(k=0) \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, 0) = x = x + 0 \quad c=0$$

$$(k \rightarrow k+1) \quad \text{By induction hyp} \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, k) = \begin{cases} c \\ x+c \end{cases}$$



different cases according to the shape of  $I_{k+1}$

\*  $I_{k+1} \quad Z(m)$  two subcases

$$(m=1) \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, k+1) = 0 \quad \text{ok.}$$

$$(m>1) \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, k+1) = \mathcal{E}_1(x, k) \quad \text{ok by ind. hyp.}$$

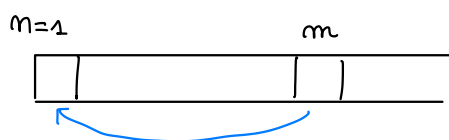
\*  $I_{k+1} \quad S(m)$  two subcases

$$(m=1) \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, k+1) = \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_1(x, k)}_{x+c \text{ ind. hyp.}} + 1 \quad \begin{cases} c+1 \\ x+(c+1) \end{cases} \quad \text{ok!}$$

$$(m>1) \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, k+1) = \mathcal{E}_1(x, k) \quad \text{ok by ind. hyp.}$$

\*  $I_{k+1} \quad T(m, m) \quad (m>1 \text{ or } m=1) \quad \mathcal{E}_1(x, k+1) = \mathcal{E}_1(x, k) \quad \text{ok, by ind hyp.}$

$(m=1 \text{ and } m>1)$



not working, no info on  $R_m \quad m>1 \dots$

The key observation is that the same property holds for all registers

$\mathcal{E}_j(x, k) =$  content of  $R_j$  after  $k$  steps of computation starting from  $\boxed{x \mid 0 \mid 0 \mid \dots}$

show by induction that  $\forall k \quad \forall j \quad (\text{induction on } k)$

$$\mathcal{E}_j(x, k) = \begin{cases} c \\ x+c \end{cases}$$

The proof now works smoothly.

TRY!

## EXERCISE

for  $n$ -ary functions

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} c \\ x_j + c \end{cases}$$

$$1 \leq j \leq n$$

$c \in \mathbb{N}$  constant

### \* Decidable predicates

$\text{div}(x, y) \equiv$  "x divides y"

$$\text{div} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{div} = \{ (m, m \cdot k) \mid m, k \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

or

$$\text{div} : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{true} & \text{false} \\ \color{red}{1} & \color{red}{0} \end{matrix}$$

k-ary predicate

$$Q(x_1, \dots, x_k) \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$$

$$Q : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{false} & \text{true} \end{matrix}$$

Def. (decidable predicate)

Let  $Q(x_1, \dots, x_k) \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$  a predicate. It is decidable if

$$\chi_Q : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\chi_Q(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{if } Q(x_1, \dots, x_k) \text{ holds} \\ \text{otherwise} \end{matrix}$$

is URM-computable

Example :  $Q(x_1, x_2) \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2$

$$Q(x_1, x_2) = "x_1 = x_2" \quad \text{decidable}$$

$$\chi_Q : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\chi_Q(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \\ \text{otherwise} \end{matrix} \quad \text{computable}$$

1	2	3	4	...
$x_1$	$x_2$	0	0	

↑  
output

$J(1, 2, \text{YES})$

NO :  $J(1, 1, \text{RES})$

YES :  $S(3)$

RES :  $T(3, 1)$

Example :  $Q(x) \equiv "x \text{ even}"$  decidable

### EXERCISE

1	2	3
$x$	0	0

↑ ↑  
k result

EVEN :  $J(1, 2, \text{TRUE})$   
 $S(2)$

ODD :  $J(1, 2, \text{FALSE})$   
 $S(2)$

TRUE :  $J(1, 1, \text{EVEN})$   
 $S(3)$

FALSE :  $T(3, 1)$

# \* Computability on other domains

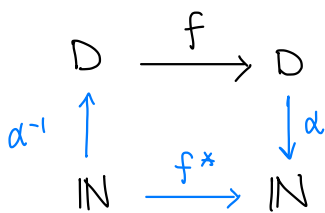
D countable

$\alpha: D \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  bijective "effective"  
(inverse  $\alpha^{-1}$  effective)

$A^*, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}, \dots$

~~$\mathbb{R}$~~

Given  $f: D \rightarrow D$  function is computable if



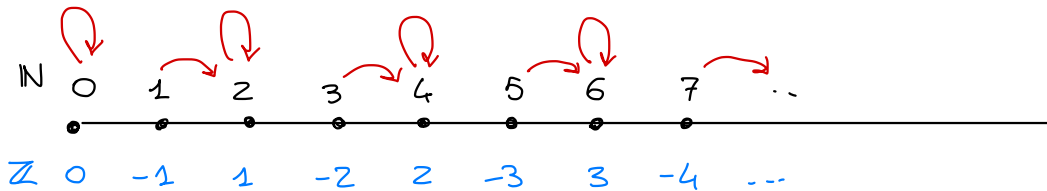
$$f^* = \alpha \circ f \circ \alpha^{-1} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

is URM-computable

Example: Computability on  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$\alpha: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\alpha(z) = \begin{cases} 2z & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ -2z-1 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\alpha^{-1}: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(m) = \begin{cases} m/2 & m \text{ even} \\ -\frac{m+1}{2} & m \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

computable

$$f(z) = |z|$$

$$f^* : \alpha \circ f \circ \alpha^{-1} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$f^*(m) = \alpha \circ f \circ \alpha^{-1}(m) = \begin{cases} m \text{ even} & \alpha \circ f \left( \frac{m}{2} \right) = \alpha \left( \frac{m}{2} \right) = 2 \frac{m}{2} = m \\ m \text{ odd} & \alpha \circ f \left( -\frac{m+1}{2} \right) = \alpha \left( \frac{m+1}{2} \right) = 2 \frac{m+1}{2} = m+1 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} m & m \text{ even} \\ m+1 & m \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

URM-computable

$\Rightarrow f$  is computable