

6.00.271 Key to HW7

SP '13

I 10 (a) $PCP \leq_m$ Halting prob.

Typical instance, $E = (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ $(M), \alpha$

Given E , transform it to $(M), \alpha$ st. E has a solution
iff TM M halts on α .

Fix $\alpha =$ blank tape.

Description of M :

a) On any input other than blank tape, we don't care --- say it halts.

b) On blank tape: M checks ~~whether~~ whether

~~sequence x_1, x_2, x_3~~

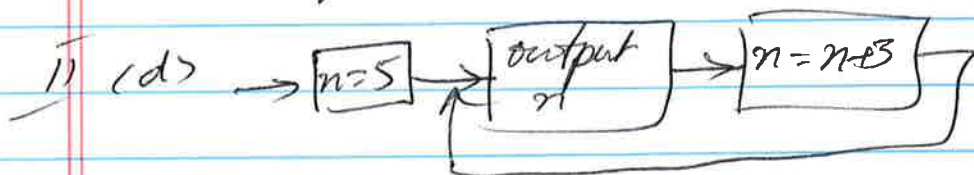
$x_1 = y_1$; then $x_2 = y_2, \dots$; then $x_n = y_n$; then
 $x_1 x_2 = y_1 y_2, \dots$; then $x_1 x_2 \dots x_n = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$

If one of them results in equality, M halts.

If E has a solution, M will detect it & halt.

If E has no solution, M will run ~~forever~~ for ever.

Hence the transformation is correct. Note also that the transformation is a computable function.

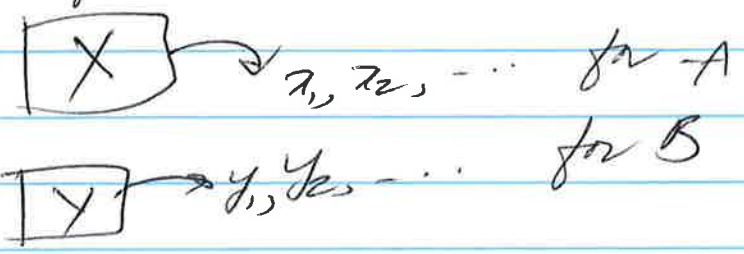


We will give full credit for the above.

A TM enumerator is given below.

~~A~~X & Y

Start the enumerators of A & B and enumerate them in parallel.



- a) When any x_i comes out of X, check whether it is one of the y_j 's already enumerated. If so, enumerate x_i .
- b) When any y_i comes out of Y, check whether it is one of the x_j 's already enumerated. If so, enumerate y_i .

Prob 14 $A \cup B$ is r.e.

Proceed as above. Enumerate all the x_i 's that come out of X & all the y_j 's that come out of Y.