

# SOLUTIONS (3163, 2008)

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Q1) (a)  $x \times 0 = 0$   
 ②  $x \times (y+1) = x \times y + x$

So only need to show + is prim:

$x + 0 = x$   
 $x + (y+1) = (x+y)'$

Also  $sg(0) = 0$

①  $sg(x+1) = 1.$

Then  $rm(x, 0) = 0.$

$rm(x, y+1) = rm(x, y) \times sg(|x - rm(x, y)|)$  ③

(b) A suitable machine would have program:

- $q_0 \perp 0 q_1 \leftarrow$  delete leftmost 1
- $q_1 0 R q_2 \leftarrow$  move right in search of further 1's
- $[q_2 0 \text{ } \emptyset q_3] \leftarrow$  if not found, print output  $\emptyset$  and halt
- $q_2 \perp R q_4 \leftarrow$  if found, prepare to start sub routine
- $q_4 \perp 0 q_5 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{subroutine consists of deleting} \\ \text{all remaining 1's and halting} \end{array} \right.$
- $q_5 0 R q_4 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{but one} \\ \text{remaining 1's and halting} \end{array} \right.$

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Given TM computes the function  $2(n+1)$

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(c) To compute  $\psi(x, y)$ , first check if  $y \leq 1$  (if not  $\psi(x, y) \uparrow$ ). Then check if  $y = 1$  (if so  $\psi(x, y) = 0$ ).

Finally, if  $y = 0$ , input  $x$  to  $T$ , and wait for an output — in which case compute  $\psi(x, y) = 0$  again. If  $T$  does not halt then  $\psi(x, y)$  remains undefined.

Let  $f(x) = \mu^+ y [\psi(x, y) = 0]$ . (3)

Looking at  $f$ , we see that (1)  $f$  is total ( $\psi(x, 1) = 0$  for all  $x$ ), and (1)

(2)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } T \text{ halts on input } x \\ 1 & \text{if } T \text{ does not halt on input } x \end{cases}$

So if  $f$  is p.c.,  $f$  is computable, and hence the halting problem for  $T$  is solvable — a contradiction. (3)

Q2(a) A is c.e. iff there is a computable list of all its members:  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  (or  $A = \emptyset$ ). ①

Assume  $A, B$  c.e., with effective enumerations  $a_0, a_1, \dots$ , and  $b_0, b_1, \dots$ , respectively. Then ②

①  $a_0, b_0, a_1, b_1, \dots$  is an effective enumeration of  $A \cup B$ .

② Enumerate  $A \cap B$  by enumerating  $a_s$  or  $b_s$  into  $A \cap B$  whenever we find (respy.)  $a_s = b_i$  or  $b_s = a_j$ , some  $i, j \leq s$ . ②

(if  $A$  or  $B = \emptyset$ , have  $A \cup B \equiv A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ )

① Say  $A$ , and hence  $\bar{A}$ , computable. Then  $A, \bar{A}$  are c.e. ①

② Say  $A, \bar{A}$  c.e. with effective enumerations  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a'_0, a'_1, \dots$ , respectively.

Effectively decide whether  $x \in A$  or not (any  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ ) by enumerating  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  until we find an  $i(x)$  such that  $x = a_{i(x)}$  or  $a'_{i(x)}$  ( $i(x)$  exists since  $\mathbb{N} = A \cup \bar{A}$ ).

Then  $x \in A \iff x = a_{i(x)}$ . ②

(b) Write  $y \in \text{Rng } \varphi_e \iff \exists \langle s, x \rangle \varphi_{e,s}(x) = y$  ①

$\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{Graph } \varphi_e \iff (\exists s) \varphi_{e,s}(x) = y$ , ①

and then argue that each set is c.e. because it can be written as a  $\Sigma^0_1$  set.

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By (ii), if  $\varphi_e$  is p.c. then  $\text{Graph } \varphi_e$  is c.e.  
 Conversely, say  $f$  has c.e. graph. Then to compute  $f(x)$ , enumerate  $\text{Graph}(f)$ , and if some  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is enumerated, define  $f(x) = y$ .

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c) (i)  $z \in X \setminus Y \Leftrightarrow \exists s (z \in X_s - Y_s) \in \Sigma_1^0$ , so c.e.  
 $X \rhd Y = (X \setminus Y) \cap Y =$  intersection of two c.e. sets, so c.e.

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(ii)  $x \in X \setminus Y \Leftrightarrow \exists s (x \in X_s - Y_s)$  or  $x \in (X \setminus Y) \cap Y$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \in X - Y$  or  $x \in X \rhd Y$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \in (X - Y) \cup (X \rhd Y)$

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(iii) Say  $X \rhd Y$  finite. Then  $(X \setminus Y) - (X - Y)$  is a finite set  $S$ , say. Then can enumerate  $X - Y$  by enumerating all members of  $X \setminus Y -$

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into  $X - Y$ , except for those appearing in  $S$ .

(iv)  $(X \setminus Y) \cap (Y \setminus X) = \emptyset$  since if  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $x \in Y \setminus X$ ,  $x \in X \cap Y$  and  $x$  is in  $X$  before  $Y$  and  $x$  is in  $Y$  before  $X$  (impossible by choice of  $X_s, Y_s$ ).  
 Also  $(X \setminus Y) \cup (Y \setminus X) = X \cup Y$  since  $\subseteq$  immediate, and  $(X \setminus Y) \cup (Y \setminus X) \supseteq X \cup Y$  since if  $x \in X \cup Y$ ,  $x \in X \setminus Y$  or  $x \in Y \setminus X$ .

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(3) (a) If  $S$  simple and computable,  
have  $\bar{S}$  computable, so c.e. =  $W_e$  say.

But then  $W_e$  infinite  $\subseteq \bar{S}$ , a contradiction.

Algorithm for enumerating  $A$  simple:

(1) For each  $i$ , wait for a stage  $s$  such that there is a number  $x \in W_{i,s}$  with  $x > 2i$ .

(2) If such an  $x$  appears, enumerate just one such  $x$  into  $A$ .

Then check: (a)  $A$  c.e. - immediate from algorithm

(b) If  $W_i$  infinite,  $W_i \cap A \neq \emptyset$  (each  $i$ )

PROOF:

Say  $W_i$  infinite. Then eventually get some  $x \in W_{i,s}$  with  $x > 2i$ . So  $x \in W_i \cap A$

(c) For each  $i$ ,  $A$  has at most  $i$  members  $\leq 2i$  - so  $\bar{A}$  is infinite.

PROOF: Since we can only enumerate a number  $x$  into  $A$  with  $x \leq 2i$  on behalf of some  $W_j$  with  $j < i$ , result follows.  $\square$

(10)  $\dots$  -  $A$  simple.  $\square$

(b) If  $\varphi_{\varphi_x(x, \vec{y})} = \begin{cases} \varphi_{\varphi_x(x, \vec{y})} & \text{if } \varphi_x(x, \vec{y}) \downarrow \\ \text{totally undefined} & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

can find a computable  $d$  s.t.  $\varphi_{d(x, \vec{y})} = \varphi_{\varphi_x(x, \vec{y})}$

Then  $f(d(x, \vec{y}), \vec{y})$  is computable,  $= \varphi_e(x, \vec{y})$ , some  $e$ .

So  $\varphi_{f(d(x, \vec{y}), \vec{y})} = \varphi_{\varphi_e(x, \vec{y})}$ .

Taking  $x=e$ , get

$\varphi_{f(d(e, \vec{y}), \vec{y})} = \varphi_{\varphi_e(e, \vec{y})} = \varphi_{d(e, \vec{y})}$ .

So have  $\varphi_{k(\vec{y})} = \varphi_{f(k(\vec{y}), \vec{y})}$  with  $k(\vec{y}) = d(e, \vec{y})$ .

Hence  $W_{k(\vec{y})} = \text{dom } \varphi_{k(\vec{y})} = \text{dom } \varphi_{f(k(\vec{y}), \vec{y})}$   
 $= W_{f(k(\vec{y}), \vec{y})}$  (8)

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24) (a)  $A \leq_m B$  iff  $f(A) \subseteq B, f(\bar{A}) \subseteq \bar{B}$ , some computable  $f$ . ①

(i) ①  $A \leq_m A \oplus B$  via  $f(x) = 2x$ , and  $B \leq_m A \oplus B$  via  $g(x) = 2x+1$ . ②

② Say  $A \leq_m C$  via  $f$  computable,  $B \leq_m C$  via  $g$  " "

Then  $A \oplus B \leq_m C$  via  $h$  where

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(\frac{x}{2}) & \text{if } x \text{ even,} \\ g(\frac{x-1}{2}) & \text{if } x \text{ odd.} \end{cases} \quad \text{③}$$

(ii) By (i) ①,  $\underline{a}_m \leq \underline{a}_m \cup \underline{b}_m, \underline{b}_m \leq \underline{a}_m \cup \underline{b}_m$ , so  $\text{lub} \{ \underline{a}_m, \underline{b}_m \} \leq \underline{a}_m \cup \underline{b}_m$ .

By (i) ② - If  $\underline{a}_m \leq \underline{c}_m, \underline{b}_m \leq \underline{c}_m$ , then  $\underline{a}_m \cup \underline{b}_m \leq \underline{c}_m$ .

So  $\underline{a}_m \cup \underline{b}_m \leq \text{lub} \{ \underline{a}_m, \underline{b}_m \}$  — so it follows that  $\underline{a}_m \cup \underline{b}_m = \text{lub} \{ \underline{a}_m, \underline{b}_m \}$ . ③

(b)  $A \leq_T B$  iff there is an algorithm, which given  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ , computes whether or not  $x \in A$  via a computation using at most finitely many answers to questions of the form "is  $y \in B$ ?"

①  $A \equiv_T B \Leftrightarrow A \leq_T B \ \& \ B \leq_T A$ .

(i) If  $X$  is  $A$ -computable, either  $X = \emptyset$  (so  $A$ -c.e.)

or can define an  $A$ -computable  $f$  by

$$f(0) = \text{least } x \in X$$

$$f(n+1) = \text{least } x \in X \text{ with } x > f(n),$$

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s.t.  $X = \text{range } f$  (so  $A$ -c.e.)

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow X$   $A$ -computable  $\Rightarrow \bar{X}$   $A$ -computable.

So  $X, \bar{X}$   $A$ -c.e. (by (i))

$\Leftarrow$  If  $X$  or  $\bar{X} = \emptyset$ , result follows.

o.w. let  $X = \text{range } f$ ,  $f$   $A$ -computable

$\bar{X} = \text{range } g$ ,  $g$   $A$ -computable

3 Then  $x \in X \Leftrightarrow f(\text{least } y [f(y) = x \vee g(y) = x]) = x$ .

(iii) 1  $X$  is  $A$ -c.e.  $\Rightarrow X = W_e^A$ , some  $e$

$$\Rightarrow X = \{x \mid x \in W_e^A\} \Rightarrow X = \{x \mid \exists s [x \in W_{e,s}^A]\}$$

$$\Rightarrow X \in \Sigma_1^A$$

2 Conversely,  $X \in \Sigma_1^A \Rightarrow X = \{x \mid \exists s R^A(x, s)\}$

some  $A$ -computable  $R^A$

$$\text{Define } \psi^A(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \exists s R^A(x, s) \\ \text{undefined} & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\psi$  is a partial function computable from  $A$ .

So  $\psi^A = \Phi_e^A$ , some  $e$ , giving  $X = \text{dom } \psi^A$

$= \text{dom } \Phi_e^A = W_e^A$  - so  $X$  is  $A$ -c.e.

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Q 5) (a) Let  $(A, B, \Phi)$  be a typical member of a list of all pairs  $A \neq B$  taken from our infinite list of Turing incomparable sets, and p.c. functionals  $\Phi$ .

We satisfy all requirements of the form  $R = R_{A, B, \Phi} : A \neq \Phi^B$ .

Build sequences  $\sigma_0 \subset \sigma_1 \subset \dots \subset A$   
 $\tau_0 \subset \tau_1 \subset \dots \subset B$ .

The construction Let  $(A, B, \Phi)$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  such triple.

Stage 0 Define  $\sigma_0 = \tau_0 = \emptyset$  (empty string)

Stage  $s+1 = i+1$ . (assuming  $\sigma_s, \tau_s$  already defined)

Let  $x = \uparrow \sigma_s$ . Look for  $\tau \supset \tau_s$

s.t.  $\Phi^\tau(x) \downarrow$ .

Case I.  $\tau$  exists, with  $\Phi^\tau(x) \downarrow = k$ , say.

Define  $\sigma_{s+1} = \sigma_s \hat{\ } (1-k)$      $\tau_{s+1} = \tau \supset \tau_s$

Case II. No such  $\tau$  exists

Define  $\sigma_{s+1} = \sigma_s \hat{\ } 0$ ,     $\tau_{s+1} = \tau_s \hat{\ } 0$ .

(Stage  $s+1 = 2i+1$  is similar)

Finally - define  $A = \bigcup \sigma_s$ ,  $B = \bigcup \tau_s$ .

Srinivasan problems sheet

5m - Problem statement

Then - ①  $\mathcal{R}_{A, B, \Phi}$  is satisfied for all  $A, B, \Phi$

Pf: Say  $A = \Phi B$ .

Then at stage  $s+1 = i+2$  of the construction, have  $|o_s| = x$ , and  $A(x) = \Phi B(x)$  —

so  $\exists \tau \supset \tau_s$  s.t.  $\tau \subset B$  and  $\Phi^\tau(x) \downarrow$ .

But in that case, by Case I, we have

$\tau_{s+1} = \tau$ , with  $\Phi^\tau(x) \downarrow = k$ , say,

so that  $\Phi B(x) \downarrow = \Phi^{\tau_{s+1}}(x) = k$ , but

$A(x) = o_{s+1}(x) = 1 - k \neq \Phi B(x) \quad \square \quad (15)$

To see  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} = \deg(A), \deg(B)$  resp  $\leq \underline{0}'$ , just need to check the construction can be carried out using an oracle for  $K_0$ . But construction is effective, apart from search for  $\tau$ .

But  $\tau$  exists at stage  $s+1$  approx at stage  $t$

$\Leftrightarrow (\exists t, \tau) [\tau \supset \tau_s \wedge \Phi_t^\tau(|o_s|) \downarrow] \in \Sigma_1^0$

— so can be carried out using an oracle for  $K_0$ .  $\square$

Q6.

Some topics, a selection of which might be touched on in such an essay:

- (1) The importance of algorithms in the history of mathematics, and the way science focuses on identifying algorithmic content in the material universe.
- (2) The programmes of Leibniz, Hilbert for algorithmically capturing logic and mathematics.
- (3) The various formulations of the notion of a computable function, and their importance to an examination of the feasibility of Hilbert's programme.
- (4) The notion of a Turing machine and how a TM computes, and how to obtain a Universal Turing Machine  $U$ .
- (5) How such a  $U$  can be used to reveal the existence of incomputable sets and unsolvable problems. Links with logic.
- (6) Computably enumerable sets. Incomputability and the arithmetical hierarchy (the connection with  $\Sigma_1^0$  sets).
- (7) How  $U$  anticipates the stored program computer.
- (8) The Church-Turing Thesis ...
- (9) ... and its extensions to the real world — evidence either way?
- (10) The human mind as a Turing machine?
- (11) Hilbert's 10<sup>th</sup> Problem, and the search for diverse natural examples of incomputable sets.
- (12) Oracle TMs, and the resulting structure (the Turing universe).
- (13) The Turing universe as a model for computably complex environments.

*Have been warned of this question*

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