

Homework Assignment #8
Due: Tuesday July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

You may submit your solution to this assignment as a hardcopy to me or as a pdf file using the submit command.

1. Let $EQ_{TM} = \{\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle : M_1 \text{ and } M_2 \text{ are Turing machines and } L(M_1) = L(M_2)\}$.
Let $SUB_{TM} = \{\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle : M_1 \text{ and } M_2 \text{ are Turing machines and } L(M_1) \subseteq L(M_2)\}$.
 - (a) If you had an algorithm $A(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle)$ that decided SUB_{TM} , show how you could use A as a subroutine to design an algorithm $B(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle)$ that decides EQ_{TM} .
 - (b) Use Theorem 5.4 of the textbook to prove SUB_{TM} is undecidable.
 - (c) Assume there is an algorithm $E(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle)$ that recognizes SUB_{TM} .

$F(\langle M, w \rangle)$ % Here, M is a Turing machine and w is an input string for M
Construct a Turing machine M_2 that accepts every string over M 's alphabet *except* w
run $E(\langle M, M_2 \rangle)$ and output whatever E outputs
end F

Show that $F(\langle M, w \rangle)$ outputs "accept" if and only if M does not accept w .

- (d) Is SUB_{TM} recognizable? Prove your answer is correct.