

Theory of Computation

homework 3

Due: 11/3/2015

Problem 1 Denote $L(M)$ as the language L accepted by the Turing machine (TM) M . Determine if the following languages are decidable and explain.

(a) $L_1 = \{M \mid M \text{ is a TM and there exists an input on which } M \text{ halts within } |M| \text{ steps}\}$.

(b) $L_2 = \{M \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) \text{ is uncountable}\}$.

Problem 2 Given

$$L_3 = \{M; x; y \mid M(x) = y\}.$$

where M is a Turing machine (TM), x and y are strings. Use reduction to show that L_3 is undecidable. (You are not allowed to cite Rice's theorem.)