

Defining a Decidability Decider for the Halting Problem

When the Halting Problem is analyzed as a David Hilbert formalist mathematical proof from finite strings to final states then previously undiscovered semantic details emerge.

Treating the task of a potential halt decider as deriving a formal mathematical proof from its inputs to its own final states requires the potential halt decider to trace the sequence of state transitions of the input TMD as syntactic logical consequence inference steps of this formal proof. The formal language of this formal proof is the language of Turing Machine Descriptions.

$\exists H \in \text{Turing_Machines_Descriptions}$

$\forall b \in \text{Turing_Machines_Descriptions}$

$\forall c \in \text{Finite_Strings}$

$\sim((b,c) \vdash H.\text{Halts} \vee (b,c) \vdash H.\text{Loops}) \leftrightarrow H.\text{Pathological-Self-Reference}$

Every element of the infinite set of (b,c) is divided into one of these subsets:

- (1) A formal proof exists from input (b,c) finite strings to H.Halts
- (2) A formal proof exists from input (b,c) finite strings to H.Loops
- (3) else H.Pathological-Self-Reference(Olcott 2004)

This meets the Rice Criteria shown below thereby providing the single valid counter-example required to refute Rice's Theorem.

<http://kilby.stanford.edu/~rvg/154/handouts/Rice.html>

Rice's theorem: Any nontrivial property about the language recognized by a Turing machine is undecidable.

A property about Turing machines can be represented as the language of all Turing machines, encoded as strings, that satisfy that property. The property P is about the language recognized by Turing machines.

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ACCEPTED LANGUAGE & DECIDED LANGUAGE

A TM accepts a language if it enters into a final state for any input string w.

A language is recursively enumerable if it is accepted by a Turing machine.

A TM decides a language if it accepts it and enters into a rejecting state for any input not in the language. A language is recursive if it is decided by a Turing machine.

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