

CSE322 Theory of Computation (L18)

L is recognizable if there is a DTM that recognizes L.

if M decides L, M also recognizes L.
if L is decidable then L is recog.
DTM halts

DTM accepts x if DTM goes to accept state on input x

DTM rejects x if DTM goes to reject state on input x

DTM recognizes L if DTM accepts (goes to q_{accept}) x iff x is in L L is recognizable

=> for strings not in L, may reject or may loop

DTM decides L if DTM accepts x if x is in L and rejects (goes to q_{rej}) x if x is not in L

=> DTM never loops L is decidable

L is recognizable if there is a DTM that recognizes L.

Q: L is (DTM)-recognizable iff L is NDTM-recognizable?

Q: L is (DTM)-decidable iff L is NDTM-decidable?

NDTM accepts x if some non-deterministic choice leads to accept state on input x

NDTM recognizes L if NDTM(x) goes to q_{accept} for some choice iff x is in L

=> for strings not in L, may reject or may loop on every choice

NDTM decides L if ...

NDTM(x) halts on all choices

for x in L, NDTM(x) goes to q_{acc} for some choice

for x not in L, NDTM(x) goes to q_{rej} for all choices

↔ if N goes to q_{acc} for some choice then $x \in L$.

If L is decided (recognized) by a DTM
then L is decided (recognized) by an NDTM.

If L is recognized by an NDTM, there L is recognized by a DTM.

Proof by construction: Let L be recognized by NDTM N . We will construct DTM D to recognize L .

$x \in L$ iff N goes to qacc on some nondet. branch.

Use $D =$ DTM simulator done in class for N . Now, we will prove that D recognizes L , i.e., D accepts only strings in L and all strings in L .

(a) Show that if x in L (i.e., N accepts x), then D accepts x . ←

(b) Show that if D accepts x , then x in L (i.e., L accepts x). ←

Both (a) and (b) follow from the property of the DTM simulator.

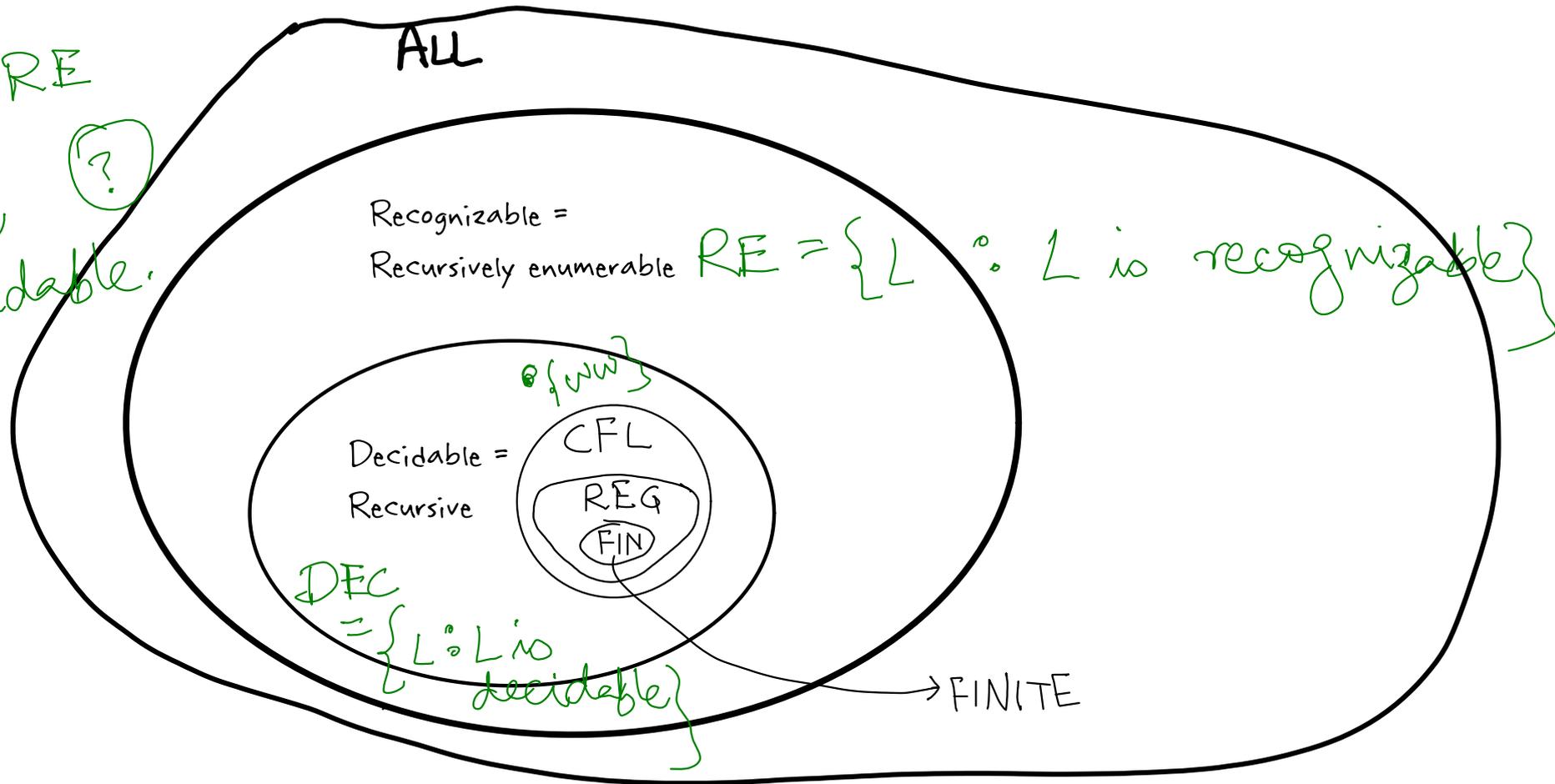
If L is decided by an NDTM, there L is decided by a DTM.

Similar proof as above. (Exercise)

DEC \subseteq ? RE

ALL

① if L is a CFL, ?
then L is decidable.



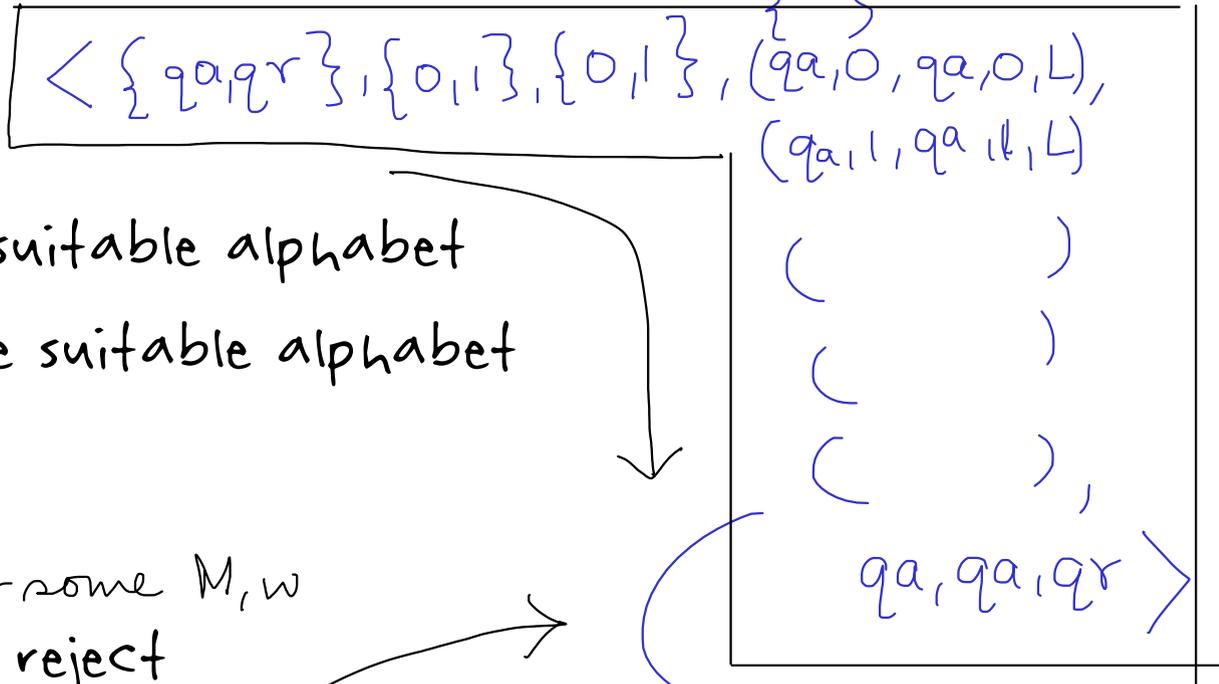
L is recognizable if there is a DTM or NDTM whose language is L .

L is decidable if there is a DTM that always halts and whose language is L .

Lemma: L is decidable if there is an NDTM that always halts on any non-deterministic branch and whose language is L .

Universal TM

→ Simulator, VM



$\langle M \rangle$: Encoding of a TM M , in some suitable alphabet

$\langle M, w \rangle$: Encoding of a TM M , in some suitable alphabet

Design a DTM U s.t.

$U(x)$: "Hello" \rightarrow reject.

if x is not of the form $\langle M, w \rangle$: reject

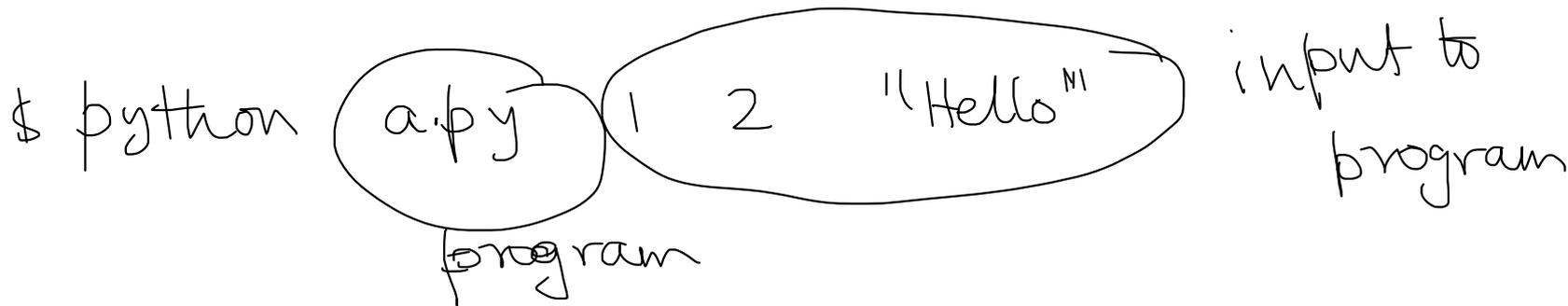
Run M on w and do what M does

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def simulate(desc, inp):
    // simulates TM on 0010
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→ of a TM
→ eg. 0010

string over alphabet (eg. ASCII)

$\langle M \rangle ; w$



Challenge: "Best" universal TM?

Write an algorithm/TM to produce a list of ALL TMs
 (maybe, with duplicates).

scratch/rough
Output

after every TM, enters into
 a special state q_{out}

a b c d ... z [] < > { } ; ...

aa ab ac ...

① program to generate all strings over
 ASCII

+ ② filtering program to check if a string encodes
 a TM

$$ALLTM = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ is a TM} \} \in RE.$$