

CS 620 – Theory of Computation – Fall 2009

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Assignment #2

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Question 1:

- Write down the code of Program \mathcal{P} in the language \mathcal{L} for which $\#(\mathcal{P}) = 1919$.
- What is the number of the following program?

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[B]  X ← X - 1  
      Y ← Y + 1  
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      IF X ≠ 0 GOTO B
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You do not have to compute the numerical values of expressions such as 3^{27} that would result in huge numbers.

Question 2:

Do you remember how we used the pairing function and the Gödel numbering to associate each program in the language \mathcal{L} with a unique natural number? To be precise, we demanded that every program in \mathcal{L} is associated with unique number, and we also required that every natural number is associated with a valid program in \mathcal{L} . Then we used this numbering to numerically describe the interpretation of programs in \mathcal{L} . Now it is your task to develop such one-to-one mappings for other things. If you think that a mapping cannot be defined, please give a reason.

- Define such a mapping for quintuples of natural numbers.
- Define such a mapping for pairs (a, b) , where a is a natural number and b is a letter from the English alphabet.
- Define such a mapping for pairs (x, y) , where x and y are letters from the English alphabet.
- Define such a mapping for sequences (of any length) of even numbers.

- e) Define such a mapping for strings made up of the letters of the English alphabet, including the empty string, that do not end with the letter x.

Bonus question:

- f) Define such a mapping for strings made up of the letters of the English alphabet, including the empty string.

Question 3:

Let $H(a, b) = a$ if $\Phi(a, b) \downarrow$
 $= \uparrow$ otherwise.

Show that $H(a, b)$ is partially computable.

Question 4:

Prove or disprove (you can just give a detailed verbal argument): If there were an upper limit n for the values of all variables in the language \mathcal{L} (so for any variable V , $0 \leq V \leq n$), then $\text{HALT}(x, y)$ would be a computable predicate.