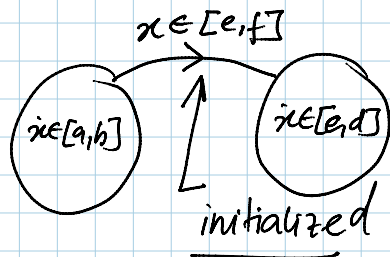


# Lecture 12

→ Undecidability of CSR for RHA

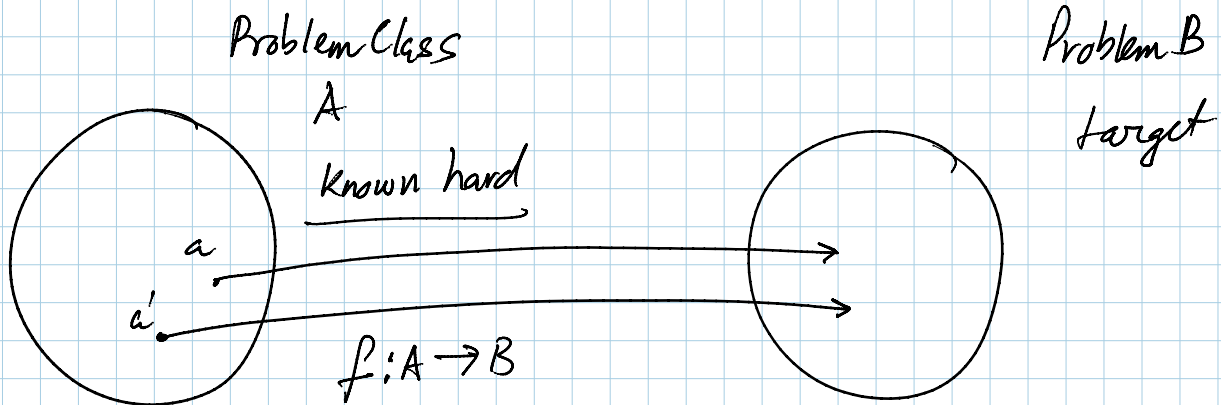
→ R/H/A



→ T. Henzinger 1995

"What's Decidable about HA?"

## Reductions



Claim: B is also undecidable

⊕ A: halting problem for  
2-Counter machine

→ B: CSR for RHA

## halting problem

Thm: There is no total computable function that takes an arbitrary program and arbitrary input and decides that the program terminates on that input.

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(i, x) &= 1 && \text{if program } i \text{ terminates/halts on input } x \\
 &= 0 && \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

↑ ↑  
prog string
↑  
i<sup>th</sup> program

$h$ : is not computable

No computable total function equals  $h$ .

Pick an arbitrary total computable function  $f$

Define a partial function  $g(i) = 0$  if  $f(i,i) = 0$   
 $=$  undefined otherwise

$f$  is computable so  $g$  is also computable

$e$ :  $\leftarrow$  Computeg( $i$ )

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } f(i,i) = 0 \text{ then return } 0 \\ \text{else loop forever} \end{array} \right.$

Diagonalization

$h(e,e) \neq f(e,e) \Rightarrow h \neq f$

$g(e)$  can be 2 things (XOR)

- 1)  $g(e) = 0$   $f(e,e) = 0$  then  $h(e,e) = 1$
- 2)  $g(e)$  is undefined  $f(e,e) \neq 0$  and  $h(e,e) = 0$

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TMs can exactly compute the set of computable functions  
HP for TMs is undecidable

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## 2-Counter Machines

- finite Program
- 2 nonnegative counters  $C, D: \mathbb{N} := 0$
- halting state  $\langle PC, C, D \rangle$

3 types of instructions

INC IND  
DEC OED  
JNZC JNZD

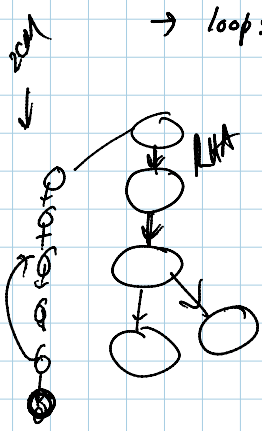
Example 1: multiply  $3 \times 2$

start: INC  
INC //  $C = 2$   
 $\rightarrow$  loop: IND  
IND

Example 2: 5 counters with 2CMs

Unique prime factorization of naturals

$n = 2^{R_1} 3^{R_2} 5^{R_3} 7^{R_4} 11^{R_5}$



loop: IND  
 IND // D=3; D=6  
 DEC // C=1; C=0  
 JNZC loop

$n = 2^{R_1} 3^{R_2} 5^{R_3} 7^{R_4} 11^{R_5}$   
 $R_1, \dots, R_5$   
 $IN R_1 \iff n \leftarrow n \times 2$   
 $DE R_4 \iff n \leftarrow n / 7$   
 $R_1 = 0 \iff n \text{ div } 2$

HP for 2CM is undecidable.

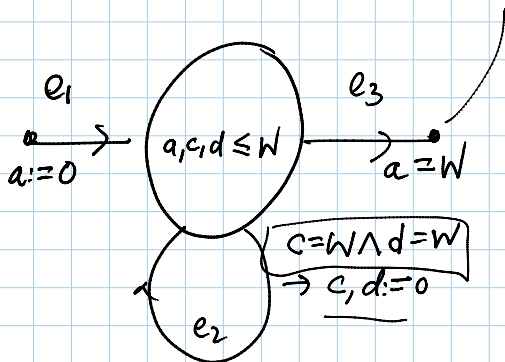
$$c = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^C$$

Next

INC } how instructions  
 DEC } can be emulated by RHA  
 JNZC }

$C = u \quad c = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^u$   
 $D = u \quad d = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^u$

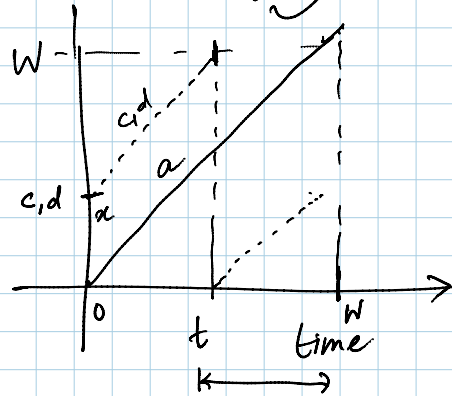
RHA wrapping automation



continuous variables

$c, d \sim C, D$

counters of 2CM

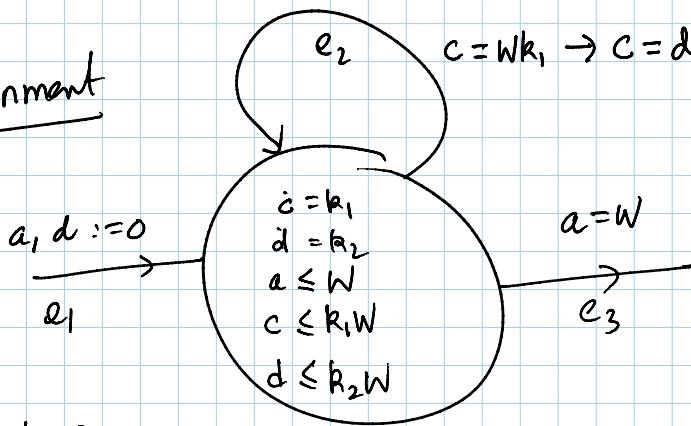


Case 1  
 $c=x \quad d=y \quad x=y$

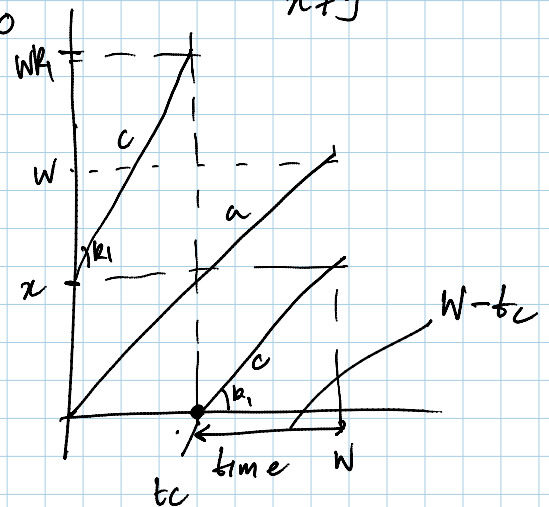
$t = W - x$   
 $W - t = W - (W - x) = x$

Case 2  
 $x \neq y$

Assignment



c entry value  $x$   
 $t_c = \frac{Wk_1 - x}{k_1}$



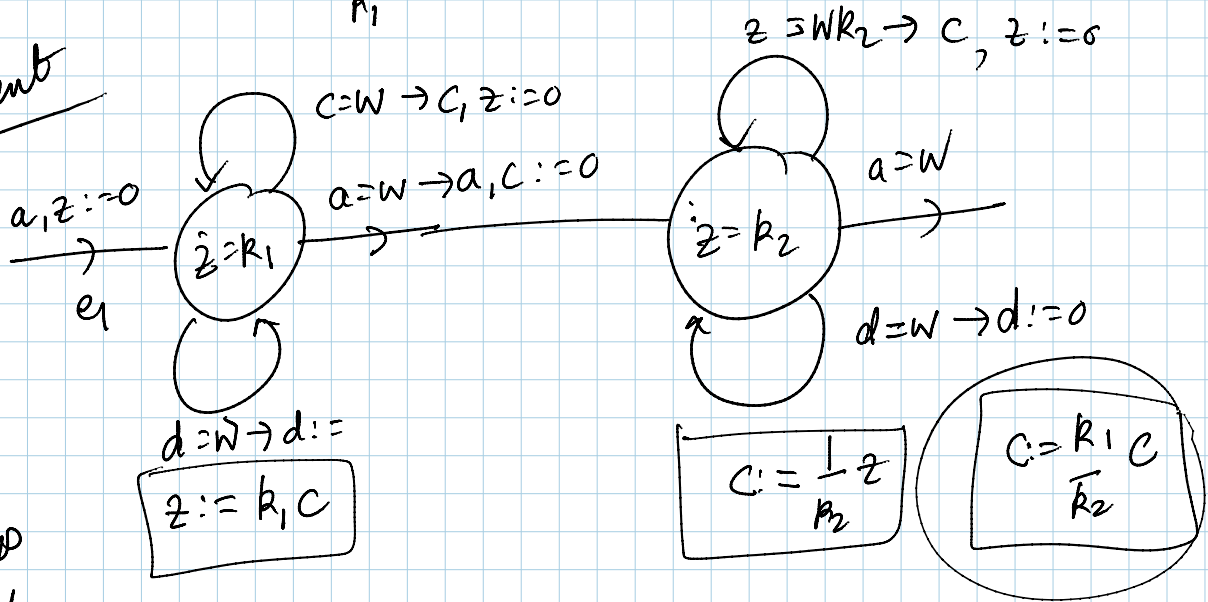
$$W - t_c = \frac{r_1}{r_1} W R_1 - W R_1 + \alpha$$

$$r_1 (W - t_c) = \alpha \quad R_1$$

$$d = (W - t_c) R_2 = \frac{\alpha R_2}{R_1}$$

if  $R_1 = R_2$   $d = \alpha = \text{init val of } c$

decrement



docs

$$c = |R_1| \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) C$$

$$d = |R_1| \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) D$$

holds only when  $a=0$  or  $a=W$

$$INC \sim c \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2} c$$