Compilers and Formal Languages

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Static Single-Assignment

(1+a) + (3 + (b * 5))

- 1 let tmp0 = add 1 a in
- 2 let tmp1 = mul b 5 in
- 3 let tmp2 = add 3 tmp1 in
- 4 let tmp3 = add tmp0 tmp2
- ₅ **in** tmp3

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define i32 @fact (i32 %n) {
1
     %tmp 20 = icmp eq i32 %n, 0
2
     br i1 %tmp 20, label %if branch 24, label %else branch 25
3
   if branch 24:
4
     ret i32 1
5
   else branch 25:
6
     %tmp 22 = sub i32 %n, 1
7
     %tmp 23 = call i32 @fact (i32 %tmp 22)
8
     %tmp 21 = mul i32 %n, %tmp 23
9
     ret i32 %tmp 21
10
  }
11
```

def fact(n) = if n == 0 then 1 else n * fact(n - 1)

br i1 %var, label %if_br, label %else_br

icmp	eq i32	%х,	%у	;	for equal
icmp	sle i32	%х,	%у	;	signed less or equal
icmp	slt i32	%х,	%у	;	signed less than
icmp	ult i32	%х,	%у	;	unsigned less than

%var = call i32 @foo(...args...)

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def fact(n: Int) : Int = {
  if (n == 0) 1 else n * fact(n - 1)
}
def factC(n: Int, ret: Int => Int) : Int = {
  if (n == 0) ret(1)
  else factC(n - 1, x => ret(n * x))
}
```

fact(10)
factC(10, identity)

fibC(10, identity)

Are there more strings in $L(a^*)$ or $L((a+b)^*)$?

Can you remember this HW?

(1) How many basic regular expressions are there to match the string *abcd*?

- (2) How many if they cannot include 1 and 0?
- (3) How many if they are also not allowed to contain stars?
- (4) How many if they are also not allowed to contain $_ + _$?

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There must be a problem for which there is no program.



If $A \subseteq B$ then A has fewer or equal elements than B

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A \subseteq B and B \subseteq A
then A = B
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3 elements

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Newton vs Feynman



classical physics

quantum physics

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The Goal of the Talk

show you that something very unintuitive happens with very large sets

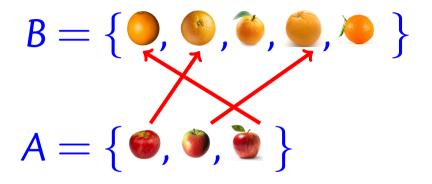
convince you that there are more **problems** than **programs**

$\mathsf{B} = \{ \bigcirc, \bigotimes, \bigotimes, \bigotimes, \bigotimes, \bigotimes \}$

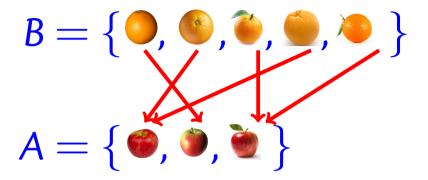
$\mathsf{A} = \{ \textcircled{\bullet}, \textcircled{\bullet}, \textcircled{\bullet} \}$

|A| = 5, |B| = 3

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then $|A| \leq |B|$



for = has to be a **one-to-one** mapping

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- $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow |A| \le |B|$
- if there is an injective function $f: A \rightarrow B$ then $|A| \leq |B|$

 $\forall xy. f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$

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$x \mapsto x + 1$, $|\mathbb{N} - \{0\}| = |\mathbb{N}|$

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$|\mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\}|$? $|\mathbb{N}|$

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$|\mathbb{N} \cup -\mathbb{N}|$? $|\mathbb{N}|$

$$\mathbb{N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{positive numbers} \quad \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \\ -\mathbb{N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{negative numbers} \quad \{0, -1, -2, -3, \dots\}$$

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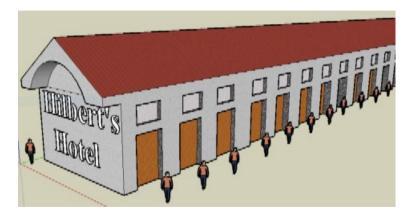
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Does there exist such an A?

Hilbert's Hotel



... has as many rooms as there are natural numbers

1	3	3	3	3	3	3	•••	
2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3	0	1	0	1	0	•••		
4	7	8	5	3	9	•••		

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 $|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathcal{R}|$

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The Set of Problems

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	•••	
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	•••	
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 $|\mathsf{Progs}| = |\mathbb{N}| < |\mathsf{Probs}|$

Halting Problem

Assume a program *H* that decides for all programs *A* and all input data *D* whether

$$H(A, D) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 \text{ iff } A(D) \text{ terminates}$$

 $H(A, D) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0 \text{ otherwise}$

Halting Problem (2)

Given such a program *H* define the following program *C*: for all programs *A*

$$C(A) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} 0 \text{ iff } H(A, A) = 0$$
$$C(A) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} \text{ loops otherwise}$$

Contradiction

H(C, C) is either 0 or 1. $H(C, C) = 1 \stackrel{\text{def}H}{\Rightarrow} C(C) \downarrow \stackrel{\text{def}C}{\Rightarrow} H(C, C) = 0$ $H(C, C) = 0 \stackrel{\text{def}H}{\Rightarrow} C(C) \text{ loops } \stackrel{\text{def}C}{\Rightarrow}$ H(C, C) = 1Contradiction in both cases. So *H* cannot exist.

Take Home Points

there are sets that are more infinite than others

even with the most powerful computer we can imagine, there are problems that cannot be solved by any program

in CS we actually hit quite often such problems (halting problem)