

Practice Midterm II

1. Define the language

$$L := \{ \langle M \rangle : \text{for all strings } x, M(x) \text{ halts within } |x|^2 \text{ steps} \}.$$

Show that L is not recognizable but \bar{L} is recognizable.

2. Define the language

$$L := \{ \langle x, y \rangle : K(x) > K(y) \}.$$

Show that L is not recognizable.

3. Prove that the class of NP -complete languages is not closed under union and intersection. That is

- Show that there are languages A, B which are NP complete but such that $A \cup B$ is not NP -complete.
- Show that there are languages A, B which are NP -complete but such that $A \cap B$ is not NP -complete.

[Hint: recall that \emptyset and Σ^* cannot be NP -complete]

4. Define the problem

$$CLIQUE_{\frac{1}{2}} := \{ \langle G, k \rangle : G \text{ is an undirected graph with a clique of size at least } |V|/2 \}.$$

Show that this problem is NP -complete.