

**Directions:** You may work to solve these problems in groups, but all written work must be your own. See “Guidelines and advice” on the course webpage for more information.

1. *The halting problem.* Alan Turing proved the halting problem is undecidable. In this problem, we develop a proof. Suppose that there is a program called  $\langle \text{HALT} \rangle$  that, given the computer source code to a program  $P_n$  and an input  $x$ , decides whether or not  $P_n$  will eventually terminate when it is run on  $x$ . (Note that  $\langle \text{HALT} \rangle$  must itself always terminate with a correct yes or no answer, depending on the behavior of  $P_n$  on  $x$ .)

Let us define a new program  $\langle D \rangle$  that uses  $\langle \text{HALT} \rangle$  as a subroutine. Here is a description of the code for  $\langle D \rangle$ :

D:  
 Given the source code  $S$  to a program  $P_n$ :  
     Call  $\langle \text{HALT} \rangle$  on  $P_n$  and input  $S$

    If  $\langle \text{HALT} \rangle$  reports that  $P_n$  terminates on  $S$ :  
         loop forever

    Else:  
         terminate

What will happen if we run  $\langle D \rangle$  on its own source code? What can you conclude?

2. It is estimated that there are  $10^{80}$  atoms in the observable universe. If we start with the emptyset  $\emptyset$  and apply the power set operation, then we get  $\{\emptyset\}$ , a set which has size 1. If we iterate the power set operation a second time, then we get  $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ , which has size 2. How many times do we need to iterate the power set operation before we get a set whose size is larger than the number of atoms in the observable universe?
3. Suppose that we roll a fair, 6-sided die 3 times.
  - (a) What is the sample space  $\Omega$ ?
  - (b) What is the probability that all three rolls have the same parity (i.e. all rolls are even or all rolls are odd)?
  - (c) What is the probability that three distinct values are rolled?
  - (d) What is the probability that at least one of the rolls is a 6?
  - (e) What is the probability that the sum of the three rolls is 10?