

1. Describe an appropriate reduction to show that the following function is not computable, where P is any program that takes exactly one input x . Don't forget to argue that your reduction is correct!

$$\text{allstop}(P) = \begin{cases} \text{True} & \text{if } P(x) \text{ halts for every input } x, \\ \text{False} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For a contradiction, assume that $\text{allstop}(P)$ is computable.

Consider the following program.

```
def h(P,x):  
    def P1(y):  
        return P(x)  
  
    return allstop(P1)
```

Then for all programs P and inputs x :

$h(P,x)$ returns True if $\text{allstop}(P1)$ returns True
if $P1(y)$ halts for *every* input y
if $P(x)$ halts;

$h(P,x)$ returns False if $\text{allstop}(P1)$ returns False
if $P1(y)$ does not halt for *some* input y
if $P(x)$ does not halt.

(This works because $P1(y)$ halts for all inputs y iff $P(x)$ halts.)

In other words, $h(P,x)$ computes function halt , a contradiction!

Hence, by contradiction, allstop is not computable.

2. Describe an appropriate reduction to show that the following function is not computable, where P is any program that takes exactly one input x . Don't forget to argue that your reduction is correct!

$$\text{steps}(P, x) = \begin{cases} \text{the number of lines of code executed by } P \text{ on input } x, & \text{if } P(x) \text{ halts,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For a contradiction, assume that $\text{steps}(P, x)$ is computable.

Consider the following program.

```
def h(P, x):  
    return steps(P, x) > 0
```

Then for all programs P and inputs x :

$h(P, x)$ returns True if $\text{steps}(P, x)$ returns a positive integer
if $P(x)$ halts;

$h(P, x)$ returns False if $\text{steps}(P, x)$ returns 0
if $P(x)$ does not halt.

In other words, $h(P, x)$ computes function `halt`, a contradiction!

Hence, by contradiction, `steps` is not computable.