

CSE 431  
Introduction to Theory of Computation  
Homework #3  
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1. 5.1
2. 5.2
3. 5.3
4. 5.9
5. A *useless state* in a Turing machine  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \dots)$  is a state  $q \in Q$  such that, for all  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $q$  is never entered during the computation of  $M$  on  $w$ .
  - (a) Show that there is no algorithm to decide, given a TM  $M$  and a specific state  $q$  in  $M$ , whether  $q$  is useless.
  - (b) Show that there is no algorithm to decide, given a TM  $M$ , whether  $M$  contains a useless state.
6. 5.26