

# Non-cupping and non-mitoticity in the LR-degrees

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- ▶ LR-reducibility and LR-degrees
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# Definitions

$2^{<\omega}$ : space of finite binary strings

$2^\omega$ : Cantor space; infinite binary strings

$2^\omega$  as a topological space: basic open sets are

$$[\sigma] := \{x \in 2^\omega : \sigma \subset x\}$$

$2^\omega$  as a measure space: Lebesgue measure given by

$$\mu([\sigma]) := 2^{-|\sigma|}$$

A *c.e. open set* is a set of finite strings  $U \subset 2^{<\omega}$  such that:

- $U$  is computably enumerable;
- if  $\sigma, \tau \in U$  then  $\sigma \not\leq \tau$  - the basic open sets  $[\sigma], [\tau]$  are disjoint.

Also known as  $\Sigma_1^0$ -class.



## Martin-Löf Randomness

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A *test* is a sequence  $(U_i)_{i \in \omega}$  of c.e. open sets such that  $U_{i+1} \subseteq U_i$  and

$$\mu(U_i) \leq 2^{-i}.$$

$x \in 2^\omega$  is *random* if for all tests  $(U_i)$ ,

$$x \notin \bigcap U_i.$$

**Theorem:** There is a universal test  $\tilde{U}_i$  such that

$$x \text{ is random iff } x \notin \bigcap \tilde{U}_i.$$

*x* is random if it is unpredictable - a gambler should not win if betting on consecutive bits

- ▶ no c.e. martingale (gambling strategy) succeeds on *x* in the limit

*x* is random if it is incompressible - there is no way to describe (initial segments of) *x* except by *x* itself

- ▶ the shortest Turing program that outputs  $x|_n$  is as long as  $x|_n$
- ▶  $x|_n$  is hard-coded into the program
- ▶ high Kolmogorov complexity

## Low for randomness

These definitions relativise: add oracle  $A$  to tests to get  $A$ -randomness.

$x$  is  $A$ -random if  $x \notin \bigcap U_i^A$  for universal oracle test  $U_i$ .

$A$  is *low for random* if

$x$  is random  $\Rightarrow x$  is  $A$ -random

“Everything random is still  $A$ -random” - using  $A$  as oracle doesn't help detect patterns.

## Low for randomness

- Computable sets are low for random
- Non-computable low for random sets exist
- All low-for-randoms are  $\Delta_2^0$  and low

# LR-reducibility

Low-for-randomness suggests the definition of LR-reducibility:

## Definition

$A \leq_{LR} B$  iff  $\forall x \in 2^\omega$ ,

$x$  is  $B$ -random  $\Rightarrow x$  is  $A$ -random.

$A$  cannot detect any more patterns than  $B$ .

- Equivalence relation:  $A \equiv_{LR} B$  if  $A \leq_{LR} B$  and  $B \leq_{LR} A$
- LR-degrees are equivalence classes of sets under  $\equiv_{LR}$
- $\mathbf{0}_{LR} = \text{deg}_{LR} \emptyset$  consists of all low-for-random sets

Compared to Turing degrees:

- $A \leq_T B \Rightarrow A \leq_{LR} B$
- each LR-degree contains infinitely many Turing degrees

## Theorem (Kjos-Hanssen)

$A \leq_{LR} B$  iff  $\forall$   $A$ -c.e. open sets  $U^A$ ,  $\mu(U^A) < 1$ ,

$$(*) \quad U^A \subseteq V^B$$

for some  $B$ -c.e. open set  $V^B$  with  $\mu(V^B) < 1$ .

In fact,  $(*)$  need hold only for a single  $U$

- member of universal  $A$ -randomness test.

→ gives a means of *creating* and *destroying* LR-reductions.

## Non-cupping and LR-degrees

A c.e. set  $A$  is *non-cuppable* if  $\forall$  c.e. sets  $X$ ,

$$A \oplus X \geq_T \emptyset' \Rightarrow X \geq_T \emptyset'$$

- you can't get to  $\emptyset'$  by adding the information of another c.e. set except  $\emptyset'$  itself

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**NCup** forms an ideal in c.e. Turing degrees:

- ▶ closed under  $\oplus$
- ▶ closed downward under  $\leq_T$

## Theorem (Cooper, Yates)

*There is a nontrivial non-cuppable c.e. degree.*

## Theorem (Harrington)

1. *There is a high non-cuppable c.e. degree.*
2. *Moreover, for any high **b** there is a high **a** such that **a** cannot be cupped to **b**:*

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{a} \cup \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

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**NCup** is a subideal of **Cap**

## The construction

To make  $A \geq_{LR} \emptyset'$ :

- ▶ if  $\sigma$  appears in  $U^{\emptyset'}$  then put it in  $V^A$  with large use  $u$
- ▶ if  $\sigma$  is removed from  $U^{\emptyset'}$  due to  $\emptyset'$ -change, put  $u$  into  $A$
- ▶ this may remove some other legitimate interval  $\rho$  with use  $> u$ ;  
put  $\rho$  back into  $V^A$  with the same use.

## Making $A$ non-cupppable

To make  $A$  non-cupppable we would like to build Turing functional  $\Delta$  to satisfy

$$N_e : \Gamma^{A \oplus W} = \emptyset' \Rightarrow \Delta^W = \emptyset'$$

for all Turing functionals  $\Gamma$  and c.e. sets  $W$ .

Idea:

- ▶ Wait until  $\Gamma^{AW}(p) \downarrow = \emptyset'(p)$ ;
- ▶ define  $\Delta^W(p) = \Gamma^{AW}(p)$ ;
- ▶ restrain  $A \upharpoonright use \Gamma^{AW}(p)$ .

## Non-cupping strategy - naive

Problems:

1. if in fact  $\Gamma^{AW} = \emptyset'$ , we must act infinitely often
  - $\Rightarrow N_e$  imposes infinite restraint
  - $\Rightarrow$  must spread actions over infinitely many subrequirements

$$M_{e,p} : \Gamma^{AW}(p) = \emptyset'(p) \Rightarrow \Delta^W(p) \downarrow = \emptyset'(p)$$

2. need to be able to invalidate  $\Delta^W(p)$  definitions to right of current path
  - must maintain  $A$ -restraint while  $\Delta^W(p)$  is defined
  - need a way to force  $W$ -change

## Non-cupping strategy - improved

We build auxiliary c.e. set  $D$ . Let

$$K = D \cup \emptyset' \quad (\equiv_T \emptyset')$$

$N$  Parent node:  $\tau$

- waits for expansionary stage for  $\Gamma^{AW} = K$

$M_p$  Subrequirement node:  $\alpha$

- chooses *flip-point*  $d \notin D$
- waits until  $\Gamma^{AW}(d) \downarrow$
- defines  $\Delta^W(p) \downarrow = \Gamma^{AW}(p) = \emptyset'(p)$  with use  $u = use \Gamma^{AW}(d)$

If we need to invalidate  $\alpha$ 's  $\Delta^W(p)$  definition:

- ▶ enumerate  $d$  into  $D$
- ▶  $K$  changes, so  $\Gamma^{AW} = K$  is destroyed
- ▶ if  $\Gamma^{AW} = K$  then  $\Gamma^{AW}$  must change to restore agreement with  $K$
- ▶ but  $A$  is restrained, so  $W$  must change below

$$use \Gamma^{AW}(d) = use \Delta^W(p)$$

- ▶ previous definition  $\Delta^\sigma(p)$  is invalidated as now  $\sigma \notin W$

## Putting them together - non-cuppable and LR-complete

- ▶ Restraints by non-cupping requirements prevent us from removing intervals from  $V^A$
- ▶ Give each requirement a quota  $\epsilon$
- ▶ Allow it to capture at most  $\epsilon$  junk intervals
- ▶ Choose  $\epsilon$ 's so that

$$\sum \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus

$$\mu(V^A) < \mu(U^{0'}) + \sum \epsilon < 1.$$

In tree setting, this means:

- ▶ allowing only one restraint on each level of the tree
- ▶ providing non-cupping requirements with an estimate to  $\mu(U^{\theta'})$
- ▶ resetting nodes if their measure estimate is wrong



## Notable features of the construction

Regarding the LR-complete strategy:

- ▶ Uses **measure-guessing** backup strategies as in previous LR-complete constructions
- ▶ Can't always reset a node when its measure guess is wrong
  - use non-cupping **clearing procedure** instead
- ▶ Permanent restraints can capture more than their quota  $\epsilon$  of junk intervals
- ▶ But still ensure that

$$\sum_{M_p} \epsilon(M_p) < 3 \epsilon(N)$$

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Regarding the non-cuppable strategy:

- ▶ Must delay the definition of  $\Delta^W(p)$  until

$$\mu(V^{A \uparrow u} - V^{A \uparrow R} - U^{\emptyset'}) < \epsilon$$

That is, until we won't capture more than  $\epsilon$  junk.

- ▶ Must clear definitions by nodes to the left, as well as above, before visiting a node

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- ▶ there is a completely mitotic c.e. Turing degree  $\mathbf{d}$ :
  - every c.e.  $A \in \mathbf{d}$  is mitotic

[Ladner 1973 & others]

## Theorem

- ▶ *There is a non-LR-mitotic c.e. set  $A \equiv_T \emptyset'$ ;*
- ▶ *For every non-low-for-random c.e. set  $B$  there is a c.e. set  $A \leq_T B$  that cannot be split into two c.e. sets of the same LR-degree.*



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if never, then  $\rho \in U_i^B$  - true only for  $\mu(U_i^B) < \epsilon$  many  $\rho$ 's.

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- ▶ Make non-cuppable  $A$  even higher: ultrahigh
- ▶ Harrington's theorem for LR-completeness