

# Effectively closed classes, negligibility, and depth

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# Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq 2^\omega$  be an effectively closed subset of  $2^\omega$  (i.e. a  $\Pi_1^0$  class).

Suppose we would like to produce a member of  $\mathcal{P}$  by means of some combination of deterministic and probabilistic procedures.

More specifically, we want a combination of these procedures to produce a member of  $\mathcal{P}$  with positive probability.

Our main question is:

- ▶ What obstacles could prevent us from succeeding?

# Introduction (continued)

Today I will discuss two such obstacles:

1. negligibility
2. depth

Negligible classes are precisely the classes whose members cannot be computed with positive probability by any combination of deterministic and probabilistic procedures.

Deep classes are even stronger: we cannot even produce an initial segment of some member of a deep class with sufficiently high probability (which I will make precise shortly).

# Outline of the talk

1. Background
2. Defining negligibility and depth
3. Basic results on negligible and deep classes
4. Examples

# 1. Background

# Martin-Löf randomness

## Definition

- ▶ A *Martin-Löf test* is a sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_i)_{i \in \omega}$  of uniformly  $\Sigma_1^0$  (i.e. effectively open) subsets of  $2^\omega$  such that for each  $i$ ,

$$\lambda(\mathcal{U}_i) \leq 2^{-i}.$$

- ▶ A sequence  $X \in 2^\omega$  *passes the Martin-Löf test*  $(\mathcal{U}_i)_{i \in \omega}$  if  $X \notin \bigcap_i \mathcal{U}_i$ .
- ▶  $X \in 2^\omega$  is *Martin-Löf random*, denoted  $X \in \text{MLR}$ , if  $X$  passes every Martin-Löf test.

# Computable measures

## Definition

A measure  $\mu$  on  $2^\omega$  is *computable* if  $\sigma \mapsto \mu(\llbracket\sigma\rrbracket)$  is computable as a real-valued function.

In other words,  $\mu$  is computable if there is a computable function  $\hat{\mu} : 2^{<\omega} \times \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_2$  such that

$$|\mu(\llbracket\sigma\rrbracket) - \hat{\mu}(\sigma, i)| \leq 2^{-i}$$

for every  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$  and  $i \in \omega$ .

From now on we will write  $\mu(\sigma)$  instead of  $\mu(\llbracket\sigma\rrbracket)$ .

# Randomness with respect to computable measures

We will also be interested in sequences that are Martin-Löf random with respect to a computable measure.

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Let  $\mu$  be a computable measure.

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# Atomic computable measures

A measure  $\mu$  is *atomic* if there is some  $X \in 2^\omega$  such that  $\mu(\{X\}) > 0$ .

- ▶ Note that if  $X$  is an atom of a computable measure  $\mu$ , then  $X \in \text{MLR}_\mu$ .
- ▶ Every computable sequence is the atom of some computable measure, namely, the Dirac measure  $\delta_X$  concentrated on  $X$ , defined by

$$\delta_X(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma \prec X \\ 0 & \text{if } \sigma \not\prec X \end{cases}.$$

- ▶ In fact, the converse holds: if  $X$  is the atom of a computable measure, then  $X$  is a computable sequence.

# Computationally powerful random sequences

It is worth noting that some Martin-Löf random sequences can compute a member of every  $\Pi_1^0$  class.

Recall that  $X \in 2^\omega$  has *PA degree* if  $X$  computes a consistent completion of Peano arithmetic.

It is well known that every sequence of PA degree computes a member of every  $\Pi_1^0$  class.

Combining this with the fact that some Martin-Löf random sequences have PA degree yields the result.

# Stephan's dichotomy theorem

However, Stephan proved that this computational power is the exception and not the rule for Martin-Löf random sequences:

## Theorem (Stephan)

*If a Martin-Löf random sequence  $A$  has PA degree, it is already Turing complete (i.e.,  $A \geq_T \emptyset'$ ).*

Since the collection of sequences that compute  $\emptyset'$  has Lebesgue measure zero, it follows that almost every Martin-Löf random sequence cannot compute a completion of PA.

# Difference randomness

This latter fact is related to a notion of randomness known as *difference randomness*.

## Definition

- ▶ A *difference test* is a computable sequence  $((\mathcal{U}_i, \mathcal{V}_i))_{i \in \omega}$  of pairs of  $\Sigma_1^0$  classes such that for each  $i$ ,

$$\lambda(\mathcal{U}_i \setminus \mathcal{V}_i) \leq 2^{-i}.$$

- ▶ A sequence  $X \in 2^\omega$  *passes the difference test*  $((\mathcal{U}_i, \mathcal{V}_i))_{i \in \omega}$  if  $X \notin \bigcap_i (\mathcal{U}_i \setminus \mathcal{V}_i)$ .
- ▶  $X \in 2^\omega$  is *difference random* if  $X$  passes every difference test.

# Difference randomness and Stephan's theorem

The following theorem is quite surprising:

## Theorem (Franklin, Ng)

*Let  $A$  be Martin-Löf random. Then  $A$  is difference random if and only if  $A \not\leq_T \emptyset'$ .*

Combining this with Stephan's theorem yields:

## Corollary

*Let  $A$  be Martin-Löf random. Then  $A$  is difference random if and only if  $A$  does not have PA degree.*

## 2. Defining negligibility and depth

# A brief road-map

Negligibility is defined in terms of a measure that is in a certain sense universal.

To define this measure, we need to take a detour to discuss the following:

- ▶ left-c.e. semi-measures,
- ▶ universal semi-measures, and
- ▶ deriving a measure from a semi-measure.

Throughout this discussion, we will emphasize the connection to Turing functionals.

## Left-c.e. semi-measures

A *semi-measure*  $\rho : 2^{<\omega} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfies

- ▶  $\rho(\emptyset) = 1$  and
- ▶  $\rho(\sigma) \geq \rho(\sigma 0) + \rho(\sigma 1)$  for every  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ .

We will be particularly interested in *left-c.e.* semi-measures.

A semi-measure  $\rho$  is left-c.e. if each value  $\rho(\sigma)$  is the limit of a non-decreasing computable sequence of rationals, uniformly in  $\sigma$ .



## Induced semi-measures

Recall: A *Turing functional*  $\Phi : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$  is given by a c.e. set of pairs of strings  $(\sigma, \tau)$  such that if  $(\sigma, \tau), (\sigma', \tau') \in \Phi$  and  $\sigma \preceq \sigma'$ , then  $\tau \preceq \tau'$  or  $\tau' \preceq \tau$ .

For  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ , we define  $\Phi^{-1}(\sigma) := \{X \in 2^\omega : \exists n (X \upharpoonright n, \sigma) \in \Phi\}$ .

### Proposition

(i) If  $\Phi$  is a Turing functional, then  $\lambda_\Phi$ , defined by

$$\lambda_\Phi(\sigma) = \lambda(\Phi^{-1}(\sigma))$$

for every  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ , is a left-c.e. semi-measure.

(ii) For every left c.e. semi-measure  $\rho$ , there is a Turing functional  $\Phi$  such that  $\rho = \lambda_\Phi$ .

# Universal semi-measures, 1

Levin proved the existence of a *universal* left-c.e. semi-measure.

A left-c.e. semi-measure  $M$  is universal if for every left-c.e. semi-measure  $\rho$ , there is some  $c \in \omega$  such that

$$\rho(\sigma) \leq c \cdot M(\sigma)$$

for every  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ .

## Universal semi-measures, 2

A universal semi-measure can be induced by a universal Turing functional.

For example, the functional  $\Phi$  defined by

$$\Phi(1^e 0 X) = \Phi_e(X)$$

is universal (where  $(\Phi_e)_{e \in \omega}$  is an effective listing of all Turing functionals).

# The measure derived from a semi-measure

If  $\rho$  is a semi-measure, we can define

$$\bar{\rho}(\sigma) := \inf_n \sum_{\tau \succeq \sigma \text{ \& } |\tau|=n} \rho(\tau).$$

One can verify that  $\bar{\rho}$  is the largest measure such that  $\bar{\rho} \leq \rho$  (but it is not a probability measure in general).

## Proposition

*If  $\rho$  is a left-c.e. semi-measure induced by a Turing functional  $\Phi$ , then*

$$\bar{\rho}(\sigma) = \lambda(\{X \in 2^\omega : X \in \Phi^{-1}(\sigma) \text{ \& } \Phi(X) \text{ is total}\}).$$

# Negligible classes

Let  $M$  be the universal left-c.e. semi-measure.

Then  $\overline{M}$  can be seen as a universal measure (universal for all computable measures, as well as the measures derived from left-c.e. semi-measures).

## Definition

$\mathcal{S} \subseteq 2^\omega$  is *negligible* if  $\overline{M}(\mathcal{S}) = 0$ .

# The intuition behind negligibility

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a negligible  $\Pi_1^0$  class.

$\overline{M}(\mathcal{P}) = 0$  means that the probability of producing some member of  $\mathcal{P}$  by means of any Turing functional equipped with any sufficiently random oracle is 0.

To see this, note that

$$\overline{M}(\mathcal{P}) = 0 \text{ if and only if } \lambda\left(\bigcup_{i \in \omega} \Phi_i^{-1}(\mathcal{P})\right) = 0.$$

In particular, for each  $\Phi_i$ ,  $\lambda(\{X \in \text{MLR} : \Phi_i(X) \in \mathcal{P}\}) = 0$ .

## Deep classes: the idea

Depth is a property that is stronger than negligibility for  $\Pi_1^0$  classes.

Instead of considering how difficult it is to produce a path through a  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $\mathcal{P}$ , we can consider how difficult it is to produce an *initial segment* of some path through  $\mathcal{P}$ , level by level.

Deep classes are the “most difficult” of  $\Pi_1^0$  classes in this respect.

## A few more definitions

Let  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq 2^\omega$  be a  $\Pi_1^0$  class.

Let  $T^{\text{ext}} \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  be the set of extendible nodes of  $\mathcal{P}$ ,

$$T^{\text{ext}} = \{\sigma \in 2^{<\omega} : [\sigma] \cap \mathcal{P} \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Thus  $T^{\text{ext}}$  is the canonical co-c.e. tree such that  $\mathcal{P} = [T^{\text{ext}}]$  (the set of infinite paths through  $T^{\text{ext}}$ ).

For each  $n \in \omega$ ,  $T_n^{\text{ext}}$  consists of all strings in  $T^{\text{ext}}$  of length  $n$ .

(I will write  $T$  instead of  $T^{\text{ext}}$  hereafter.)



## Deep classes: the definition

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a  $\Pi_1^0$  class and let  $T$  be the canonical co-c.e. tree such that  $\mathcal{P} = [T]$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *deep class* if there is some computable, non-decreasing, unbounded function  $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that

$$M(T_n) \leq 2^{-h(n)},$$

where  $M(T_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in T_n} M(\sigma)$ .

That is, the probability of producing some initial segment of a path through  $\mathcal{P}$  is effectively bounded above.

### 3. Basic results on negligible and deep classes

# Members of negligible classes

A few observations:

- ▶ If a  $\Pi_1^0$  class contains a computable member, clearly it cannot be negligible.
- ▶ Moreover, if a  $\Pi_1^0$  class contains a Martin-Löf random member, it cannot be negligible, since any  $\Pi_1^0$  class with a random member must have positive Lebesgue measure.

These two facts are subsumed by the following result:

## Proposition

*Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a negligible  $\Pi_1^0$  class. Then for every computable measure  $\mu$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  contains no  $X \in \text{MLR}_\mu$ .*

## Does the converse hold?

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**Theorem (Bienvenu, Porter, Taveneaux)**

*There is a non-negligible  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $\mathcal{P} \cap \text{MLR}_\mu = \emptyset$  for every computable measure  $\mu$ .*

## The main ingredients of the proof

- ▶ A  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $\mathcal{P}$  is **thin** if for every  $\Pi_1^0$  subclass  $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ , there is some  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$  such that  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{P} \cap \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$ .
- ▶ If a thin class  $\mathcal{P}$  has a computable member  $X$ , then  $X$  is isolated in  $\mathcal{P}$  (since  $\{X\}$  is a  $\Pi_1^0$  subclass of  $\mathcal{P}$ ).
- ▶ Downey, Greenberg, and Miller have constructed a non-negligible, perfect thin  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- ▶ By the second point above, a perfect thin class cannot have any computable paths, and hence  $\mathcal{P}$  does not contain any atoms of any computable atomic measure.
- ▶ Simpson showed that every thin class has Lebesgue measure 0; using the previous fact, we show Simpson's result holds for every computable measure.

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**Theorem (Bienvenu, Porter, Tavenaux)**

*There is a negligible class  $\mathcal{P}$  that is not deep.*

We use a finite injury argument to keep the measure of  $\mathcal{P}$  sufficiently high at each finite level while ensuring that this measure eventually converges to 0.

## Why use the co-c.e. tree in the definition of depth?

For every  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $\mathcal{P}$  there is a computable tree  $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$  such that  $\mathcal{P} = [T]$ .

Why can't we use this computable tree  $T$  in the definition of depth?

In general,  $T$  will contain non-extendible nodes, so even if we can compute some element in  $T_n$ , we still may fail to compute an initial segment of a member of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Can we give a better reason to restrict our attention to the canonical co-c.e. tree?

# Vindicating the definition of depth

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Then the leftmost path  $X$  of  $T$  is computable (since  $T$  is computable).



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This contradicts the fact that there is no computable lower bound for  $K$ .

## Randoms computing members of deep classes

Which Martin-Löf random sequences can compute some member of a deep class?

We've already seen that if a Martin-Löf random sequence  $X$  has PA degree, it can compute a member of every deep class.

Thus, by Stephan's dichotomy theorem, if  $X \in \text{MLR}$  and  $X \geq_T \emptyset'$ ,  $X$  computes some member of a deep class.

But this is the best we can do.

**Theorem (Bienvenu, Porter, Tavenaux)**

*No difference random sequence can compute a member of a deep class.*

## 4. Examples

# Examples of deep classes

There are a number of deep classes that naturally arise in computability theory.

We don't, however, have any “natural” examples of negligible classes that aren't deep.

I will briefly discuss three examples of deep classes:

1. consistent completions of Peano arithmetic;
2. shift-complex sequences; and
3.  $h$ -diagonally non-computable functions.

# Consistent completions of Peano arithmetic

The following is implicit in work of Levin and Stephan.

## Theorem

*The  $\Pi_1^0$  class of consistent completions of PA is a deep class.*

The idea is to define a partial computable  $\{0, 1\}$ -valued function  $f$  (using the recursion theorem) in such a way that we diagonalize against large classes of oracles that could potentially compute a total extension of  $f$ .



## Shift-complex sequences: the idea

Although a Martin-Löf random sequence  $X$  has high initial segment complexity, satisfying

$$K(X \upharpoonright n) \geq n - O(1),$$

$X$  will still contain arbitrarily long runs of 0s (since all Martin-Löf random sequences are normal).

That is, certain subwords of  $X$  can have fairly low initial segment complexity.

By contrast, a shift-complex sequence is a sequence with the property that every subword has high initial segment complexity.

## Shift-complex sequences: the formal definition

For  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and  $c \in \omega$ , we say that  $X \in 2^\omega$  is  $(\delta, c)$ -*shift complex* if

$$K(\tau) \geq \delta|\tau| - c$$

for every subword  $\tau$  of  $X$ .

The following draws upon work of Romyantsev.

### Theorem (Bienvenu, Porter, Tavenaux)

*For every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and  $c \in \omega$ , the  $(\delta, c)$ -shift complex sequences form a deep class.*

# Diagonally non-computable sequences and randomness

Recall that a sequence  $X$  is diagonally non-computable if there is some total function  $f \leq_T X$  such that  $f(e) \neq \phi_e(e)$  for every  $e$ .

Every Martin-Löf random sequence  $X$  is diagonally non-computable:

Let  $f(e) = X \upharpoonright e$  (coded as a natural number).

Note that  $f(e) < 2^{e+1}$ .

# DNC<sub>h</sub> functions

Let  $h$  be a computable, non-decreasing, unbounded function.

$f$  is a DNC<sub>h</sub> function if

- ▶  $f$  is total,
- ▶  $f(e) \neq \phi_e(e)$  for every  $e$ , and
- ▶  $f(e) < h(e)$  for every  $e$ .

Theorem (Bienvenu, Porter, Taveneaux)

*DNC<sub>h</sub> is a deep class if and only if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{h(n)} = \infty$ .*

Moreover, if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{h(n)} < \infty$ , then every Martin-Löf random computes a DNC<sub>h</sub> function.

Thank you for your attention!