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Generically and coarsely computable structures

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## Generic case complexity

- Complexity results in computable structure theory often depend on the behavior of the hardest instances of the problem.
- For problems on groups, Kapovich, Myasnikov, Schupp, and Shpilrain (2003) proposed using the notion of asymptotic density to see whether a partial computable function could solve “almost all” instances of a problem.
- They showed that for a large class of finitely generated groups the classical decision problems, such as the word problem or the conjugacy problem, have linear time generic case complexity.

- Kapovich, Myasnikov, Schupp, and Shpilrain established that a finitely presented group with undecidable word problem, given by W. Boone, has a generically computable copy.
- Jockusch and Schupp (2012) introduced this topic to computability theory. They defined and investigated generically computable and coarsely computable sets of natural numbers.
- For  $A \subseteq \omega$  and  $n \geq 1$ , the density of a set  $A$  up to  $n$ , denoted by  $\rho_n(A)$ , is

$$\frac{|A \cap \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}|}{n}.$$

- The (*asymptotic*) density of  $A$  is  $\rho(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_n(A)$ .

- For example,  $A = \{2^n : n \in \omega\}$  has density 0.
- $A$  is (*asymptotically*) dense if  $\rho(A) = 1$ .
- The *upper density* of  $A$  is  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A \cap \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}|}{n}$ .
- As usual, computably enumerable is abbreviated by c.e.
- If  $A$  is a c.e. set with upper density 1, then  $A$  has a computable subset with upper density 1.

## Generically and coarsely computable sets (Jockusch and Schupp)

- For  $S \subseteq \omega$ , let  $c_S$  denote the characteristic function of  $S$ .
- $S$  is *generically computable* if there is a partial computable function  $\varphi : \omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that:  $\text{dom}(\varphi)$  has asymptotic density 1, and  $c_S \upharpoonright \text{dom}(\varphi) = \varphi$ .
- $S$  is *coarsely computable* if there is a *total* computable function  $\tau : \omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\{x : c_S(x) = \tau(x)\}$  has asymptotic density 1.

Equivalently,  $S$  is coarsely computable if there is a computable set  $T$  such that  $S \Delta T$  has asymptotic density 0.

- (Jockusch and Schupp)

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- A structure  $\mathcal{C}$  for a finite language is *computable* if its domain  $C$  is computable and each relation of  $\mathcal{C}$  is computable and each function of  $\mathcal{C}$  is computable.
- A structure  $\mathcal{D}$  for a finite language is *c.e.* if its domain  $D$  is c.e. and each relation of  $\mathcal{D}$  is c.e. and each function of  $\mathcal{D}$  is the restriction of a partial computable function to  $D$ .

## Asymptotic density in $\omega \times \omega$

- Let  $A \subseteq \omega$ . Then  $A$  has asymptotic density  $\delta$  in  $\omega$  if and only if  $A \times A$  has asymptotic density  $\delta^2$  in  $\omega \times \omega$ .

Hence:  $A$  is (asymptotically) dense in  $\omega$  iff  $A \times A$  is (asymptotically) dense in  $\omega \times \omega$ .

- There is a computable dense set  $R \subseteq \omega \times \omega$  such that for any infinite c.e. set  $X \subseteq \omega$ , the product  $X \times X$  is not a subset of  $R$ .

## Generically computable structures

- Consider a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  for finite language with universe  $\omega$ , with functions  $\{f_i : i \in I\}$ , each  $f_i$  of arity  $p_i$ , and relations  $\{R_j : j \in J\}$ , each  $R_j$  of arity  $r_j$ .
- We call  $\mathcal{A}$  *generically computable* if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a substructure  $\mathcal{D}$  with a dense c.e. domain  $D$ , and there are partial computable functions  $\{\phi_i : i \in I\}$  and  $\{\psi_j : j \in J\}$  such that each  $\phi_i$  agrees with  $f_i$  on  $D^{p_i}$  and each  $\psi_j$  agrees with  $c_{R_j}$  on the set  $D^{r_j}$ .



## Example

- Let  $\mathcal{M} = (\omega, A)$ , where  $A$  is a unary relation.
- Assume that  $A$  is a generically computable set. Let a partial computable function  $\varphi$  be such that:  $\text{dom}(\varphi)$  has density 1, and for every  $x \in \text{dom}(\varphi)$ , we have  $c_A(x) = \varphi(x)$ .

Let  $D = \text{dom}(\varphi)$ .  $D$  is a c.e. set.

Consider the substructure  $\mathcal{D} = (D, A \cap D)$ . Since  $D$  is c.e. and  $\varphi$  agrees with  $c_A$  on  $D$ , the structure  $\mathcal{M}$  is generically computable.

- Conversely, if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a generically computable structure, then  $A$  is a generically computable set.

## $\Sigma_n$ generically c.e. structures

- A substructure  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\Sigma_n$  elementary substructure of  $\mathcal{A}$  if for any infinitary  $\Sigma_n$  formula  $\theta(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathcal{B}$ :

$$\mathcal{A} \models \theta(b_1, \dots, b_n) \text{ iff } \mathcal{B} \models \theta(b_1, \dots, b_n)$$

- A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Sigma_n$  generically c.e. if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a c.e. substructure  $\mathcal{D}$  with a dense (c.e.) domain  $D$ , such that  $\mathcal{D}$  is also a  $\Sigma_n$  elementary substructure of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- Clearly, a  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  generically c.e. structure is  $\Sigma_n$  generically c.e.
- Any c.e. structure is  $\Sigma_n$  generically c.e. for any  $n$ .

## Generically computable and $\Sigma_1$ generically c.e. injection structures

- An *injection structure*  $\mathcal{A} = (A, f)$  has a single unary function  $f$  that is 1 – 1.
- Any c.e. injection structure is isomorphic to a computable injection structure.
- For  $a \in A$ , the *orbit* of  $a$  is

$$\mathcal{O}_f(a) = \{b \in A : (\exists n \in \omega)[f^n(a) = b \vee f^n(b) = a]\}$$

- Finite orbits are cycles, and infinite orbits can be of type  $\omega$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- The *character* of  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined as:

$$\chi(\mathcal{A}) = \{\langle k, n \rangle : n, k > 0 \text{ \& there are } \geq n \text{ orbits of size } k\}$$

- A c.e. injection structure  $\mathcal{A}$  has a c.e. character  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$ .
- $K \subseteq \langle(\omega - \{0\}) \times (\omega - \{0\})\rangle$  is a *character* if for all  $n > 0$  and  $k$ :
 
$$\langle k, n + 1 \rangle \in K \Rightarrow \langle k, n \rangle \in K$$
- For any c.e. character  $K$ , there is a computable injection structure  $(A, f)$  with character  $K$  and any specified number of orbits of type  $\omega$  and  $Z$ .

- An injection structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, f)$  has a *generically computable copy* iff at least one of the following two conditions hold:
  1.  $\mathcal{A}$  has an infinite orbit;
  2.  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  has an infinite c.e. subset.
  
- $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, f)$  has a  $\Sigma_1$  *generically c.e. copy* iff
  - (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  has a computable copy iff
  - (ii)  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  is a c.e. set iff
  - (iii)  $\mathcal{A}$  has a  $\Sigma_2$  generically c.e. copy.

## Computable and c.e. equivalence structures

- Consider an equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A} = (A, E)$ .

- The *character* of  $\mathcal{A}$  (or  $E$ ) is defined as:

$$\chi(\mathcal{A}) = \{\langle k, n \rangle : n, k > 0 \text{ \& there are } \geq n \text{ equivalence classes of size } k\}$$

- Bounded character: there is a finite bound on size  $k$ .
- If  $A$  and  $E$  are c.e., then the character  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  is a  $\Sigma_2^0$  set.

- (Calvert, Cenzer, Harizanov, Morozov)

For any  $\Sigma_2^0$  character  $K$ , there is a computable equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with character  $K$  and infinitely many infinite equivalence classes.

- (Cenzer, Harizanov, Remmel)

For any  $\Sigma_2^0$  character  $K$ , there is a c.e. equivalence structure, even with a computable domain, with character  $K$  and with any finite number  $r \geq 1$  of infinite equivalence classes.

## Generically computable equivalence structures

A surprising result:

- Every equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, E)$  has a generically computable copy.



## $\Sigma_1$ and $\Sigma_2$ generically c.e. equivalence structures

- A function  $h : \omega^2 \rightarrow \omega$  is a Khisamiev  $s_1$ -function if for all  $i, t$ ,

$$h(i, t) \leq h(i, t + 1),$$

$$m_i = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(i, t) \text{ exists, and}$$

$$m_0 < m_1 < \dots < m_i < \dots$$

- Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, E)$  be a c.e. equivalence structure with no infinite equivalence classes and an unbounded character.

Then there is a computable  $s_1$ -function  $h$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  contains an equivalence class of size  $m_i$  for each  $i \in \omega$ .

- We say that a character  $K$  has an  $s_1$ -function  $h$  if  $\langle m_i, 1 \rangle \in K$  for each  $i$ .
- For every  $\Sigma_2^0$  character  $K$  that is either bounded or has a computable  $s_1$ -function, there is a computable equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with character  $K$  and no infinite equivalence classes.
- If  $\mathcal{A}$  is c.e. equivalence structure with no infinite equivalence classes, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is isomorphic to a computable structure.

- An equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, E)$  has a  $\Sigma_1$  *generically c.e. copy* iff at least one of the following conditions hold:
  1.  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  is bounded;
  2.  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  has a  $\Sigma_2^0$  subcharacter  $K$  with a computable  $s_1$ -function;
  3.  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  has a  $\Sigma_2^0$  subcharacter  $H$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  has an infinite class;
  4.  $\mathcal{A}$  has infinitely many infinite classes.
  
- $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, E)$  has a  $\Sigma_2$  *generically c.e. copy* iff
  - (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  has a c.e. copy iff
  - (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  has a  $\Sigma_3$  generically c.e. copy.

## Coarsely computable structures

- A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is *coarsely computable* if there are a computable structure  $\mathcal{E}$  and a dense set  $D$ , which is the domain of a structure  $\mathcal{D}$  that is a substructure of both  $\mathcal{A}$  and of  $\mathcal{E}$  (all relations and functions agree on  $D$ ):

$$\mathcal{D} \subseteq \begin{matrix} \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{E} \end{matrix}$$

- $\mathcal{M} = (\omega, A)$  is a coarsely computable structure iff  $A$  is a coarsely computable set.

There is a generically computable structure that is not coarsely computable, and there is a coarsely computable structure that is not generically computable.

## $\Sigma_n$ coarsely c.e. structures

- A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Sigma_n$  coarsely c.e. if there are a c.e. structure  $\mathcal{E}$  and a dense set  $D$ , which is the domain of a substructure  $\mathcal{D}$  that is a  $\Sigma_n$  elementary substructure of both  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  (all relations and functions agree on  $D$ ):

$$\mathcal{D} \preceq_n \begin{matrix} \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{E} \end{matrix}$$

- Clearly, a  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  coarsely c.e. structure is  $\Sigma_n$  coarsely c.e.
- A  $\Sigma_0$  coarsely c.e. structure is also called a *coarsely c.e.* structure.  
Every coarsely computable structure is a coarsely c.e. structure.

## Coarse computability for injection structures

Generic computability vs coarse computability:

- There is a generically computable injection structure that is not coarsely computable.
- Every generically computable injection structure has a coarsely computable copy.

- There is a coarsely computable injection structure with no generically computable copy.
- *Proof idea.* Let  $S \subseteq \omega - \{0\}$  be a dense *immune* set (does not contain an infinite c.e. subset).

Build a coarsely computable injection structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with character

$\{\langle k, i \rangle : k \in S \wedge i \in \{1, 2\}\}$  and no infinite orbits such that

if  $\mathcal{B}$  were a generically computable copy of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\chi(\mathcal{B}) = \chi(\mathcal{A})$  would contain an infinite c.e. subset  $C$ .

Then  $\{k : \langle k, 1 \rangle \in C \vee \langle k, 2 \rangle \in C\}$  would be an infinite c.e. subset of  $S$ , a contradiction.

- There is an injection structure that does not have a coarsely computable copy.
- *Proof idea.* Build an infinite set  $S \subseteq \omega$  such that an injection structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with character  $\chi(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \{\langle k, 1 \rangle : k \in S\}$  cannot be coarsely computable.
- *Question:* Characterize injection structures that have coarsely computable copies.
- An injection structure  $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, f)$  has a  $\Sigma_1$  coarsely c.e. copy iff
  - (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  has a computable copy iff
  - (ii)  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  is a c.e. set.



## Coarse computability for equivalence structures

- Recall: Every equivalence structure has a generically computable copy.
- There is a  $\Sigma_1$  coarsely c.e. equivalence structure with no  $\Sigma_1$  generically c.e. copy.
- There is an equivalence structure with no  $\Sigma_1$  coarsely c.e. copy.
- *Question:* Characterize equivalence structures that have  $\Sigma_1$  coarsely c.e. copies.

- Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an equivalence structure with an infinite class, or with a bounded character, or with an unbounded character that has a computable  $s_1$ -function.

Then  $\mathcal{A}$  has a  $\Sigma_2$  *coarsely c.e. copy* iff

- (i)  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  is a  $\Sigma_2^0$  set iff
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  has a c.e. copy.

- Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an equivalence structure with no infinite classes, with an unbounded character with no computable  $s_1$ -function.

Then  $\mathcal{A}$  has a  $\Sigma_2$  *coarsely c.e. copy* iff

$\chi(\mathcal{A})$  is a  $\Sigma_2^0$  set, and for some finite  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  has infinitely many classes of size  $k$ .

- For any equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{A}$  has a  $\Sigma_3$  *coarsely c.e.* copy iff  
 $\mathcal{A}$  has a c.e. copy.

THANK YOU!