

Effective coding and decoding structures.

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Borel embedding

Definition (Friedman-Stanley, 1989)

We say that a class \mathcal{K} of structures is *Borel embeddable* in a class of structures \mathcal{K}' , and we write $\mathcal{K} \leq_B \mathcal{K}'$, if there is a Borel function $\Phi : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}'$ such that for $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{K}$, $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$ iff $\Phi(\mathcal{A}) \cong \Phi(\mathcal{B})$.

Theorem

The following classes lie on top under \leq_B .

- 1 undirected graphs (Lavrov, 1963; Nies, 1996; Marker, 2002)
- 2 fields of any fixed characteristic (Friedman-Stanley; R. Miller-Poonen-Schoutens-Shlapentokh, 2018)
- 3 2-step nilpotent groups (Mal'tsev, 1949; Mekler, 1981)
- 4 linear orderings (Friedman-Stanley)

Turing computable embeddings

Definition (Calvert-Cummins-Knight-S. Miller, 2004)

We say that a class \mathcal{K} is *Turing computably embedded* in a class \mathcal{K}' , and we write $\mathcal{K} \leq_{tc} \mathcal{K}'$, if there is a Turing operator $\Phi : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}'$ such that for all $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{K}$, $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$ iff $\Phi(\mathcal{A}) \cong \Phi(\mathcal{B})$.

A Turing computable embedding represents an effective coding procedure.

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Medvedev reducibility

A *problem* is a subset of 2^ω or ω^ω .

Problem P is Medvedev reducible to problem Q if there is a Turing operator Φ that takes elements of Q to elements of P .

Definition

We say that \mathcal{A} is *Medvedev reducible* to \mathcal{B} , and we write $\mathcal{A} \leq_s \mathcal{B}$, if there is a Turing operator that takes copies of \mathcal{B} to copies of \mathcal{A} .

Supposing that \mathcal{A} is coded in \mathcal{B} , a Medvedev reduction of \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B} represents an effective decoding procedure.

Effective interpretability

Definition (Montlbán)

A structure $\mathcal{A} = (A, R_i)$ is *effectively interpreted* in a structure \mathcal{B} if there is a set $D \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$, computable Σ_1 -definable over \emptyset , and there are relations \sim and R_i^* on D , computable Δ_1 -definable over \emptyset , such that $(D, R_i^*)/\sim \cong \mathcal{A}$.

Definition (R. Miller)

A *computable functor* from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{A} is a pair of Turing operators Φ, Ψ such that Φ takes copies of \mathcal{B} to copies of \mathcal{A} and Ψ takes isomorphisms between copies of \mathcal{B} to isomorphisms between the corresponding copies of \mathcal{A} , so as to preserve identity and composition.

Equivalence

The main result gives the equivalence of the two definitions.

Theorem (Harrison-Trainor, Melnikov, R. Miller and Montalbán)

For structures \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{A} is effectively interpreted in \mathcal{B} iff there is a computable functor Φ, Ψ from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{A} .

Corollary

If \mathcal{A} is effectively interpreted in \mathcal{B} , then $\mathcal{A} \leq_s \mathcal{B}$.

Coding and Decoding

Proposition (Kalimullin, 2010)

There exist \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} such that $\mathcal{A} \leq_s \mathcal{B}$ but \mathcal{A} is not effectively interpreted in \mathcal{B} .

Proposition

If \mathcal{A} is computable, then it is effectively interpreted in all structures \mathcal{B} .

Proof.

Let $D = \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$. Let $\bar{b} \sim \bar{c}$ if \bar{b}, \bar{c} are tuples of the same length. For simplicity, suppose $\mathcal{A} = (\omega, R)$, where R is binary. If $\mathcal{A} \models R(m, n)$, then $R^*(\bar{b}, \bar{c})$ for all \bar{b} of length m and \bar{c} of length n . Thus, $(D, R^*)/\sim \cong \mathcal{A}$. □

Borel interpretability

Harrison-Trainor, Miller and Montalbán, 2018, defined Borel versions of the notion of effective interpretation and computable functor.

Definition

- 1 For a Borel interpretation of $\mathcal{A} = (A, R_i)$ in \mathcal{B} the set $D \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$ the relations \sim and R_i^* on D , are definable by formulas of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$.
- 2 For a Borel functor from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{A} , the operators Φ and Ψ are Borel.

Their main result gives the equivalence of the two definitions.

Theorem (Harrison-Trainor, Miller and Montalbán)

A structure \mathcal{A} is interpreted in \mathcal{B} using $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -formulas iff there is a Borel functor Φ, Ψ from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{A} .

Graphs and linear orderings

Graphs and linear orderings both lie on top under Turing computable embeddings.

Graphs also lie on top under effective interpretation.

Question: What about linear orderings under effective interpretation?

And under using $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -formulas?

Interpreting graphs in linear orderings

Proposition

There is a graph G such that for all linear orderings L , $G \not\leq_S L$.

Proof.

Let S be a non-computable set. Let G be a graph such that every copy computes S .

We may take G to be a “daisy” graph”, consisting of a center node with a “petal” of length $2n + 3$ if $n \in S$ and $2n + 4$ if $n \notin S$.

Now, apply:

Proposition (Richter)

For a linear ordering L , the only sets computable in all copies of L are the computable sets.



Interpreting a graph in the jump of linear ordering

We are identifying a structure \mathcal{A} with its atomic diagram. We may consider an interpretation of \mathcal{A} in the jump \mathcal{B}' of \mathcal{B} . Note that the relations definable in \mathcal{B}' by computable Σ_1 relations are the ones definable in \mathcal{B} by computable Σ_2 relations.

Proposition

There is a graph G such that for all linear orderings L , $G \not\leq_S L'$.

Proof.

Let S be a non- Δ_2^0 set. Let G be a graph such that every copy computes S . Then apply:

Proposition (Knight, 1986)

For a linear ordering L , the only sets computable in all copies of L' (or in the jumps of all copies of L), are the Δ_2^0 sets.



Interpreting a graph in the second jump of linear ordering

Proposition

For any set S , there is a linear ordering L such that for all copies of L , the second jump of L computes S .

Proof.

We may take L to be a “shuffle sum” of $n + 1$ for $n \in S \oplus S^c$ and ω . \square

Proposition

For any graph G , there is a linear ordering L such that $G \leq_s L''$. In fact, G is interpreted in L using computable Σ_3 formulas.

Proof.

Let S be the diagram of a specific copy G_0 of G and let L be a linear order such that $S \leq_s L''$. We have computable functor that takes the second jump of any copy of L to G_0 , and takes all isomorphisms between copies of L to the identity isomorphism on G_0 . \square

Friedman-Stanley embedding of graphs in orderings

Friedman and Stanley determined a Turing computable embedding $L : G \rightarrow L(G)$, where $L(G)$ is a sub-ordering of $\mathbb{Q}^{<\omega}$ under the lexicographic ordering.

- 1 Let $(A_n)_{n \in \omega}$ be an effective partition of \mathbb{Q} into disjoint dense sets.
- 2 Let $(t_n)_{1 \leq n}$ be a list of the atomic types in the language of directed graphs.

Definition

For a graph G , the elements of $L(G)$ are the finite sequences $r_0 q_1 r_1 \dots r_{n-1} q_n r_n k \in \mathbb{Q}^{<\omega}$ such that for $i < n$, $r_i \in A_0$, $r_n \in A_1$, and for some $a_1, \dots, a_n \in G$, satisfying t_m , $q_i \in A_{a_i}$ and $k < m$.

No uniform interpretation of G in $L(G)$

Theorem

There are not $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ formulas that, for all graphs G , interpret G in $L(G)$.

The idea of Proof: We may think of an ordering as a directed graph. It is enough to show the following.

Proposition

- 1 ω_1^{CK} is not interpreted in $L(\omega_1^{CK})$ using computable infinitary formulas.
- 2 For all X , ω_1^X is not interpreted in $L(\omega_1^X)$ using X -computable infinitary formulas.

Proof of (1)

The **Harrison ordering** H has order type $\omega_1^{CK}(1 + \eta)$. It has a computable copy.

Let I be the initial segment of H of order type ω_1^{CK} . Thinking of H as a directed graph, we can form the linear ordering $L(H)$. We consider $L(I) \subseteq L(H)$.

Lemma

$L(I)$ is a computable infinitary elementary substructure of $L(H)$.

Proposition (Main)

There do not exist computable infinitary formulas that define an interpretation of H in $L(H)$ and an interpretation of I in $L(I)$.

To prove (1), we suppose that there are computable infinitary formulas interpreting ω_1^{CK} in $L(\omega_1^{CK})$. Using Barwise Compactness theorem, we get essentially H and I with these formulas interpreting H in $L(H)$ and I in $L(I)$.

Proof of the Proposition(Main)

Lemma

- 1 For any $\bar{b} \in L(I)$, and $c \in L(I)$ there is an automorphism of $L(I)$ taking \bar{b} to a tuple \bar{b}' entirely to the right of c .
- 2 For any $\bar{b} \in L(I)$, and $c \in L(I)$ there is also an automorphism taking \bar{b} to a tuple \bar{b}'' entirely to the left of c .

Lemma

Suppose that we have computable Σ_γ formulas D , \otimes and \sim , defining an interpretation of H in $L(H)$ and I in $L(I)$. Then in $D^{L(I)}$ there is a fixed n , and there are n -tuples, all satisfying the same Σ_γ formulas, and representing arbitrarily large ordinals $\alpha < \omega_1^{CK}$.

We arrive at a contradiction by producing tuples $\bar{b}, \bar{b}', \bar{c}$ in $D^{L(I)}$, \bar{b} and \bar{b}' are automorphic, \bar{b}, \bar{c} and \bar{c}, \bar{b}' satisfy the same Σ_γ formulas, and the ordinal represented by \bar{b} and \bar{b}' is smaller than that represented by \bar{c} . Then \bar{b}, \bar{c} should satisfy \otimes , while \bar{c}, \bar{b}' should not.

Conjecture

We believe that Friedman and Stanley did the best that could be done.

Conjecture. For any Turing computable embedding Θ of graphs in orderings, there do not exist $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ formulas that, for all graphs G , define an interpretation of G in $\Theta(G)$.

M. Harrison-Trainor and A. Montalbán came to a similar result very recently by a totally different construction. Their result is that there exist structures which cannot be computably recovered from their tree of tuples. They proved :

- 1 There is a structure \mathcal{A} with no computable copy such that $T(\mathcal{A})$ has a computable copy.
- 2 For each computable ordinal α there is a structure \mathcal{A} such that the Friedman and Stanley Borel interpretation $L(\mathcal{A})$ is computable but \mathcal{A} has no Δ_α^0 copy.

Mal'tsev embedding of fields in groups

If F is a field, we denote by $H(F)$ the multiplicative group of matrices of kind

$$h(a, b, c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $a, b, c \in F$. Note that $h(0, 0, 0) = 1$.

Groups of kind $H(F)$ are known as *Heisenberg groups*.

Theorem (Mal'tsev)

There is a copy of F defined in $H(F)$ with parameters.

Natural isomorphisms

For a non-commuting pair (u, v) , where $u = h(u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $v = h(v_1, v_2, v_3)$, let

$$\Delta_{(u,v)} = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Theorem

The function f that takes $x \in F$ to $h(0, 0, \Delta_{(u,v)} \cdot_F x)$ is an isomorphism.

Morozov's isomorphism

Lemma (Morozov)

Let (u, v) and (u', v') be non-commuting pairs in $G = H(F)$. Let $F_{(u,v)}$ and $F_{(u',v')}$ be the copies of F defined in G with these pairs of parameters. There is an isomorphism g from $F_{(u,v)}$ onto $F_{(u',v')}$ defined in G by an existential formula with parameters u, v, u', v' .

Note that $\Delta_{(u,v)}$ is the multiplicative identity in $F_{(u,v)}$.

Let $g(x) = y \iff x = \Delta_{(u,v)} \cdot (u', v') y$.

Computable functor

Theorem

There is a computable functor Φ, Ψ from $H(F)$ to F .

- For $G \cong H(F)$, $\Phi(G)$ is the copy of F obtained by taking the first non-commuting pair (u, v) in G and forming $(D; +; \cdot_{(u,v)})$.
- Take (G_1, f, G_2) , where $G_i = H(F)$, and $G_1 \cong_f G_2$. Let $(u, v), (u', v')$ be the first non-commuting pairs in G_1, G_2 , respectively.
 - ▶ Let h be the isomorphism from $F_{(f(u), f(v))}$ onto $F_{(u', v')}$ defined in G_2 with parameters $f(u), f(v), u', v'$.
 - ▶ Let f' be the restriction of f to the center of G_1 .
 - ▶ Then $\Psi(G_1, f, G_2) = h \circ f'$.

Finitely existential interpretation and generalizing

Corollary (Alvir, Calvert, Harizanov, Knight, Miller, Morozov, S, Weisshaar)

F is effectively interpreted in $H(F)$.

$(u, v, x) \sim (u', v', x')$ holds if Morozov's isomorphism from $F_{(u,v)}$ to $F_{(u',v')}$ takes x to x' .

Proposition

Suppose \mathcal{A} has a copy $\mathcal{A}_{\bar{b}}$ defined in (\mathcal{B}, \bar{b}) , using computable Σ_1 formulas, where the orbit of \bar{b} is defined by a computable Σ_1 formula $\varphi(\bar{x})$. Suppose also that there is a computable Σ_1 formula $\psi(\bar{b}, \bar{b}', u, v)$ that, for any tuples \bar{b}, \bar{b}' satisfying $\varphi(\bar{x})$, defines a specific isomorphism $f_{\bar{b}, \bar{b}'}$ from $\mathcal{A}_{\bar{b}}$ onto $\mathcal{A}_{\bar{b}'}$. We suppose that for each \bar{b} satisfying φ , $f_{\bar{b}, \bar{b}}$ is the identity isomorphism, and for any \bar{b}, \bar{b}' , and \bar{b}'' satisfying φ , $f_{\bar{b}', \bar{b}''} \circ f_{\bar{b}, \bar{b}'} = f_{\bar{b}, \bar{b}''}$. Then there is an effective interpretation of \mathcal{A} in \mathcal{B} .



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