

Constructions in Computable Ramsey Theory (An Exposition)

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Notation

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1. M_1, M_2, \dots is a standard list of Turing Machines.
2. Note that from e we can extract the code for M_e .
3. $M_{e,s}(x)$ means that we run M_e for s steps.
4. W_e is the domain of M_e , that is,

$$W_e = \{x \mid (\exists s)[M_{e,s}(x) \downarrow]\}.$$

Note that W_1, W_2, \dots is a list of ALL c.e. sets.

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$$W_{e,s} = \{x \mid M_{e,s}(x) \downarrow\}.$$

There is a Comp Coloring with no Inf c.e. Homog Set

Theorem

There exists computable $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [2]$ such that there is NO infinite c.e. homog set.

Construction of Comp Col w/o Inf Comp Homog Set

We construct $COL : \binom{N}{2} \rightarrow [2]$ to satisfy:

$R_e : W_e$ infinite $\implies W_e$ NOT a homog set .

CONSTRUCTION OF COLORING

Stage 0: COL is not defined on anything.

Stage s : We will define $COL(0, s), COL(1, s), \dots, COL(s-1, s)$.

For all $0 \leq e \leq s$ do the following, starting with $e = 0$:

If $(\exists x, y \leq s-1)[x, y \in W_{e,s} \wedge COL(x, s), COL(y, s) \text{ undefined}]$
then define take LEAST such x, y and do: (1) $COL(x, s) = RED$,
(2) $COL(y, s) = BLUE$. (Note that IF $s \in W_e$ then R_e would be satisfied.)

After all this, for all (x, s) not yet colored, $COL(x, s) = RED$.

END OF CONSTRUCTION

There is a Comp Coloring with no Inf c.e.-in-HALT Homog Set

Theorem

There exists computable $COL : \binom{N}{2} \rightarrow [2]$ such that there is NO infinite c.e.-in-HALT homog set.

This is on HW1.

Every Comp Coloring has inf Π_2 Homog Set

Theorem

For every computable coloring $COL : \binom{N}{2} \rightarrow [2]$ there is an infinite Π_2 homog set.

Construction of Inf Π_2 Homog Set

Given computable $COL : \binom{N}{2} \rightarrow [2]$.

CONSTRUCTION of x_1, x_2, \dots and c_1, c_2, \dots

$x_1 = x$ and $c_1 = RED$ (We are guessing. Might change later)

$s \geq 2$, assume x_1, \dots, x_{s-1} and c_1, \dots, c_{s-1} are defined.

Ask *HALT* $((\exists x \geq x_{s-1})(\forall 1 \leq i \leq s-1)[COL(x_i, x) = c_i])?$

YES: Find least such x .

- ▶ $x_j = x$
- ▶ $c_j = RED$ (Guessing.)

Construction of Inf Π_2 Homog Set: NO Case

NO: Ask *HALT*:

- ▶ $(\exists x \geq x_{s-1})(\forall 1 \leq i \leq s-2)[COL(x_i, x) = c_i])?$
- ▶ \vdots
- ▶ $(\exists x \geq x_{s-1})(\forall 1 \leq i \leq 1)[COL(x_i, x) = c_i])?$

Let i_0 be largest such that

$(\exists x \geq x_{s-1})(\forall 1 \leq i \leq i_0)[COL(x_i, x) = c_i])?$

1. Change color of c_{i+1} .
2. Wipe out x_{i+2}, \dots, x_{s-1} .
3. Find $x \geq x_{s-1}$ such that $(\forall 1 \leq i \leq i_0)[COL(x_i, x) = c_i]$
4. $x_{i+2} = x$. $c_{i+2} = RED$ (Guessing)

END OF CONSTRUCTION of $x_1, x_2 \dots$ and c_1, c_2, \dots

Getting the Inf Π_2 Homog Set

$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$. R is the set of red elts of X
 $\bar{X} \in \Sigma_2$ (so $X \in \Pi_2$).

$\bar{X} = \{x \mid (\exists s)[\text{at stage } s \text{ of the construction } x \text{ was tossed out }]\}$.

$\bar{R} \in \Sigma_2$ (so $R \in \Pi_2$).

$\bar{R} = \bar{X} \cup \{x \mid (\exists s)[\text{at stage } s \text{ of the construction } x \text{ was turned BLUE}]\}$.

1. If R is infinite then R is inf homog set in Π_2 .
2. If R is finite then $B = X - R$ is inf homog set in Π_2 .