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ABSTRACT

An analog of ML-randomness in the effective descriptive set theory setting is studied, where the r.e. objects are replaced by their Π_1^1 counterparts. We prove the analogs of the Kraft-Chaitin Theorem and Schnorr's Theorem. In the new setting, while K -trivial sets exist that are not hyperarithmetical, each low for random set is. Finally, we begin to study a very strong yet effective randomness notion: Z is Π_1^1 random if Z is in no null Π_1^1 class. There is a greatest Π_1^1 null class, that is, a universal test for this notion.

RANDOMNESS VIA EFFECTIVE DESCRIPTIVE SET THEORY

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1. Introduction

A reasonable intuitive view is that an infinite sequence of 0's and 1's is random if it does not have any properties of probability zero. However, one has to restrict the type of properties considered to obtain a sound formal definition of randomness, for instance since being equal to that sequence also is a null property. To do so, usually one uses algorithmic notions. A commonly accepted formalization is the one given by Martin-Löf [7], based on uniformly r.e. open sets. He defined a sequence to be random if it does not have any property of effective Σ_1^0 -measure zero. A MARTIN-LÖF TEST (ML-test) is a uniformly r.e. sequence $\{U_i\}_{i \in \omega}$ of Σ_1^0 classes such that $\mu(U_i) \leq 2^{-i}$. A set $\mathcal{A} \subseteq 2^\omega$ is MARTIN-LÖF NULL if there is a ML-test $\{U_i\}_{i \in \omega}$ such that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \bigcap_i U_i$. A set A is MARTIN-LÖF RANDOM if $\{A\}$ is not ML-null. There is an extensive theory of ML-randomness. For instance, Schnorr's Theorem states that Z is ML-random iff there exists b such that $K_{r.e.}(Z \upharpoonright n) > n - b$ at every n , where $K_{r.e.}$ is the prefix free complexity defined in terms of the universal recursively enumerable prefix free machine.

Effective descriptive set theory provides the Π_1^1 sets of natural numbers as a high level analog of the r.e. sets. Such a set can be thought of as being enumerated during stages formed by the recursive ordinals. One can also restrict the allowed properties using tools from effective descriptive set theory, instead of from (classical) computability theory. Thus we replace the r.e. test and machine concepts mentioned above by their Π_1^1 analogs. We show that Schnorr's Theorem and a further major tool, the Kraft-Chaitin Theorem, persist in this new setting. In the new context, there are considerable new technical problems arising from the presence of limit stages.

A lot of recent research is centered on K -trivial sets, a notion opposite to ML-randomness. A is K -TRIVIAL if there is a constant b such that $K_{r.e.}(A \upharpoonright n) \leq K_{r.e.}(n) + b$ for each n (here the number n is identified with the string corresponding to its binary representation). There are r.e. non-computable K -trivial sets, but all are Δ_2^0 (see [2]). A is K -trivial if and only if A is low for ML-random, namely each ML-random set is already ML-random relative to A [12]. In particular, K -triviality is closed downward under Turing reducibility. This coincidence has been extended to a further class introduced by Kučera [6]: A is a BASE FOR ML-RANDOMNESS (or base, in brief) if $A \leq_T Z$ for some Z which is ML-random relative to A . Each low

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for ML-random set is such a base. In [3] it is shown that each base is K -trivial. Thus all the three notions coincide, being K -trivial, low for ML-random and a base for ML-randomness.

Surprisingly, these coincidences are limited to the r.e. setting. We show that in the Π_1^1 case, while a K -trivial Π_1^1 set exists which is not hyperarithmetical, the only low for ML-random sets (and in fact, the only bases) are the hyperarithmetical sets.

In a little known paper [8], Martin-Löf considered a randomness notion based on effective descriptive set theory. He suggested the (lightface) Δ_1^1 -classes of measure 0 as tests. Thus, Z is Δ_1^1 -random if Z is in no null Δ_1^1 -class. One could also define Δ_1^1 ML-randomness in a way similar to the Π_1^1 version of ML-randomness. However, by an observation of Yu Liang involving [13, Lemma 1.8.III], for each null Δ_1^1 -class S one can find a Δ_1^1 -ML-test $\{U_i\}_{i \in \omega}$ such that $S \subseteq \bigcap_i U_i$, so this is the same as Δ_1^1 -random. In particular, (the Π_1^1 version of) ML-randomness implies Δ_1^1 -randomness. In [1] it is shown that the former notion is strictly stronger.

Finally we consider the even stronger randomness notion where the null properties to be avoided are the Π_1^1 classes of sets. We give a short proof that there is a largest such class, that is, a universal test for this randomness notion. Therefore, this notion, first mentioned in Sacks [13, Exercise 2.5.IV], is a natural one deserving further exploration. After we announced our proof, Yu Liang brought to our attention that the result can also be derived from a more general result in Kechris [5], where the main focus is on countable Π_1^1 -classes. For instance, he shows there is a largest countable one, as well as a *largest thin* Π_1^1 class (a class is thin if it has no perfect subset). See also [9, Thm 4F.4]. Under PD, Kechris methods also show that there is a largest Π_{2n+1}^1 null class and a largest Σ_{2n}^1 null class for any $n \geq 1$, and similarly for thin (or equivalently countable) classes. The direct self-contained proof of the result for Π_1^1 classes should still be useful though, as the notation and terminology in [5] is quite involved.

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2. Basics

2.1. Π_1^1 sets and the Spector-Gandy Theorem

We identify a string σ in $2^{<\omega}$ with the natural number n such that the binary representation of $n+1$ is 1σ . Sets are subsets of ω unless otherwise stated. They are identified with infinite strings over $\{0, 1\}$. $Z \upharpoonright n$ denotes the string $Z(0) \dots Z(n-1)$. A set Z is LEFT-R.E. if $\{\sigma : \sigma <_L Z\}$ is r.e. ($<_L$ is the usual lexicographical ordering on $2^{<\omega}$). Similarly we define left- Π_1^1 sets. Topological notions refer to the space 2^ω with the product topology. For σ a finite binary string, we let $[\sigma]$ be the set of all $Z \in 2^\omega$ which extend σ ; in other words, $[\sigma]$ is the basic clopen set canonically described by σ . A clopen set is a finite union of basic clopen sets. For $D \subset 2^{<\omega}$ we let $[D]^\preceq$ denote the open set $\bigcup\{[\sigma] : \sigma \in D\}$. We often identify an open set with the corresponding set of strings closed under extension.

We generally refer to Sacks [13] for effective descriptive set theory. In particular, \mathcal{O} is the set of ordinal notations, a Π_1^1 complete set, ω_1^{ck} is the least non-recursive ordinal, and ω_1^A is the least ordinal not recursive in the set A .

Given a Π_1^1 set $S \subseteq \omega$, one can effectively obtain a u.r.e. sequence $(R_e)_{e \in \omega}$ of linear orders, with domain an initial segments of ω , such that, for each y , $y \in S \Leftrightarrow R_y$ is well-ordered. See [13, Prop. 5.3.I] and Section 5 for more details, or [4, Thms 25.3, 25.12].

For $y \in S$, we view the order type $\alpha = |R_y|$ as the stage when y is enumerated into S , in an enumeration through stages which are recursive ordinals. We replace R_y by $\omega R_y + y + 1$, so we may assume that at each stage, at most one element is enumerated, and none at a limit stage. In the following, each Π_1^1 set S comes with such an enumeration. For each ordinal $\alpha \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, we let $S_\alpha = \{y : |R_y| < \alpha\}$ (so that $S_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}}}$ is the whole set).

A related issue is the set-theoretic representation of Π_1^1 sets. Here and below, “ Σ_1 ” refers to the Levy hierarchy: Thus a Σ_1 formula is a formula in the language of set theory which has the form $\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_n \varphi_0$, where φ_0 uses only bounded quantifiers, namely, quantifiers of the form $\exists z \in y$ and $\forall z \in y$.

We frequently use the following.

THEOREM 2.1 Spector-Gandy. *$S \subseteq \omega$ is Π_1^1 iff there is a Σ_1 -fmla $\varphi(y)$ such that $S = \{y \in \omega : L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}}) \models \varphi(y)\}$.*

It is easy to see that each Π_1^1 set is of this form: $\varphi(y)$ expresses that R_y is isomorphic to an ordinal, namely, $\exists \alpha \exists g [g : (\omega, R_y) \cong (\alpha, \in)]$. For the converse, see [13, Thm. 1.3.VII].

This important theorem enables us to apply the techniques of recursion theory to effective descriptive set theory. Instead of enumeration over the natural numbers, we enumerate over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$. Π_1^1 sets in particular play a role analogous to recursively enumerable sets. It should be mentioned already at this stage of exposition that the *limit ordinals* less than ω_1^{ck} play a role in effective descriptive set theory that has no counterpart in recursion theory.

Our use of the Spector-Gandy Theorem to build Π_1^1 sets S can be made more explicit as follows. An **ENUMERATION** of S is a Σ_1 (over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$) function $\omega_1^{\text{ck}} \rightarrow \omega \cup \{\text{nil}\}$ (where nil is a further element, say ω). A **CONSTRUCTION** C of S is given by a Σ_1 function over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ that tells us what to enumerate at stage α , given the enumeration up to α . Formally, C is a Σ_1 function over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ mapping $\langle \alpha, f \upharpoonright \alpha \rangle$ to the number to be enumerated at α , or to nil if no number is enumerated. By transfinite recursion in $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$, a unique f exists for each C (see [13, pg. 155]). However, we will not be that formal below.

2.2. Prefix free machines and prefix free complexity.

Throughout, we use the terminology and notation of the r.e. setting with the new interpretations.

DEFINITION 2.2. A **PREFIX FREE MACHINE** is a possibly partial function $M : 2^{<\omega} \rightarrow 2^{<\omega}$ with Π_1^1 graph such that $\text{dom}(M)$ is an antichain under the prefix relation of strings \preceq .

PROPOSITION 2.3. *There is an effective listing $(M_e)_{e \in \omega - \{0\}}$ of all prefix free machines.*

Proof. Let $(S_e)_{e \in \omega - \{0\}}$ be an effective listing of the Π_1^1 sets $\subseteq 2^{<\omega} \times 2^{<\omega}$. Thus $\langle \sigma, y \rangle \in S_e \Leftrightarrow R_{\sigma, y}^e$ is well-ordered, where $(R_{\sigma, y}^e)$ is a u.r.e sequence of linear orders as above. Now let $\langle \sigma, y \rangle \in M_e \Leftrightarrow R_{\sigma, y}^e$ is well-ordered &

$$\forall \langle \rho, z \rangle \forall g [(\rho \prec \sigma \vee (\rho = \sigma \ \& \ z \neq y)) \Rightarrow$$

g is not an order preserving embedding of $R_{\rho, z}^e$ into $R_{\sigma, y}^e$].

(Informally, no substring ρ of σ and no other value for σ has been enumerated before.) Clearly this is a Π_1^1 condition, uniformly in e . If S_e is a prefix free machine, then $M_e = S_e$. \square

As a consequence, there is a UNIVERSAL PREFIX FREE MACHINE \mathbf{U} , given by

$$\mathbf{U}(0^{d-1}1\sigma) = M_d(\sigma).$$

If $\mathbf{U}(\sigma) = y$, we say that σ is a U -description of y .

Let

$$K(y) = \min\{|\sigma| : \mathbf{U}(\sigma) = y\}.$$

For any $\alpha \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, we let $\mathbf{U}_\alpha(\sigma) = y$ if $\langle \sigma, y \rangle \in \mathbf{U}_\alpha$, and

$$K_\alpha(y) = \min\{|\sigma| : \mathbf{U}_\alpha(\sigma) = y\}.$$

Note that for $\alpha < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, “ $K_\alpha(y) = u$ ” is a Δ_1 relation over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$, and “ $K(y) \leq u$ ” is Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$, and hence Π_1^1 , being equivalent to “ $\exists \alpha \exists y (|y| \leq u \ \& \ \mathbf{U}_\alpha(y) = x)$ ”. Recall that each Π_1^1 set is many-one reducible to Kleene’s \mathcal{O} [13, I.5.4]. As a consequence, $K \leq_T \mathcal{O}$, since \mathcal{O} can determine the value $K(x)$.

3. A high level analog of ML-randomness

We prove that the analogs of the Kraft-Chaitin theorem, Schnorr’s Theorem and the Kučera-Gács Theorem are valid in the Π_1^1 setting. We make use of some material from [10].

3.1. The Kraft-Chaitin Theorem

DEFINITION 3.1. A Π_1^1 set $W \subseteq \omega \times 2^{<\omega}$ is a KRAFT-CHAITIN SET (KC set) if $\sum_{\langle r, y \rangle \in W} 2^{-r} \leq 1$. The elements of W are called requests.

THEOREM 3.2. *From a Kraft-Chaitin set W one can effectively obtain a prefix free machine M such that*

$$\forall \langle r, y \rangle \in W \exists w (|w| = r \ \& \ M(w) = y).$$

We say that M is a PREFIX FREE MACHINE FOR W .

Proof. As remarked above, W comes with an enumeration of elements at certain successor stages α , at most one per stage. Here the elements are requests of the form $\langle r, y \rangle$. We turn this enumeration into a stage-by-stage construction of a prefix free machine M , as defined in 2.2.

Construction of M . At a successor stage $\alpha = \beta + 1$, if a request $\langle r, y \rangle$ is enumerated into W we will find a string w of length r , and we set $M(w) = y$. We let $D_0 = \{\emptyset\}$. At

each stage $\gamma \geq 0$ we have an antichain $D_\beta \in L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ of strings (the set of extensions of strings in D_γ is our reservoir of future w -values, and strings in this set are called *unused*). With each string x we associate the half-open interval $I(x) \subseteq [0, 1)$ of real numbers whose binary representation (containing infinitely many 0's) extends x . For instance, $I(011) = [3/8, 1/2)$.

Let z be the longest string in D_β of length $\leq r$. Choose w so that $I(w)$ is the leftmost subinterval of $I(z)$ of length 2^{-r} , i.e., let $w = z0^{r-|z|}$. To obtain D_α , first remove z from D_β . If $w \neq z$, then also add the strings $z0^i1$, $0 \leq i < r - |z|$.

At limit stages η , we let

$$D_\eta = \{x : \exists \gamma < \eta \forall \alpha [\gamma < \alpha < \eta \rightarrow x \in D_\alpha]\}.$$

This ends the construction. We will see that a string x can appear in D_α at most once, so that actually $D_\eta(x) = \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \eta} D_\gamma(x)$. In Claim 3.3 below, we verify a number of properties in order to show that for each request $\langle r, y \rangle$, z as above exists, and therefore one can assign a string w of length r to the request. Let $E_\alpha = \bigcup \{I(x) : x \in D_\alpha\}$ be the set of real numbers corresponding to D_α . At a limit stage η , the measure of the unused strings is $\mu(G_\eta)$, where $G_\eta = \bigcap_{\alpha < \eta} E_\alpha$. To be able to get beyond this limit stage, we want to replace G_η by D_η . The main statement, (i) below, says that this substitution is legal, because $E_\eta \subseteq G_\eta$ and $\mu(G_\eta - E_\eta) = 0$. We first illustrate the construction with an example showing that this null set may be non-empty. Suppose at each stage $i < \omega$, the request $\langle 2i + 1, y_i \rangle$ is enumerated. Then $G_\omega - E_\omega = \{1/3\}$. For $D_0 = \{\emptyset\}$, $z_0 = \emptyset$, $w_0 = 00$; $D_1 = \{01, 1\}$, $z_1 = 01$, $w_1 = 0100$; $D_2 = \{0101, 011, 1\}$, $z_2 = 0101$, $w_2 = 010100$ etc. Then $D_\omega = \{(01)^i 1 : i \in \omega\}$. $1/3$ has the binary representation $0.010101 \dots$, so that $1/3 \in E_i$ for each i , but $1/3 \notin E_\omega$.

CLAIM 3.3.

- (i) For each stage α , $E_{\alpha+1} \subseteq E_\alpha$. If $\alpha = \eta$ is a limit ordinal, then $E_\eta \subseteq G_\eta := \bigcap_{\beta < \eta} E_\beta$. Moreover, $\mu(G_\eta - E_\eta) = 0$.
- (ii) If a request is enumerated at stage α , then at that stage one can choose z , and hence w .
- (iii) The strings in D_α have different lengths and form an antichain. (In fact, for $x, y \in D_\alpha$, $|x| < |y| \Leftrightarrow x <_L y$, that is, the intervals $I(x)$ get longer as one moves to the right.)
- (iv) $\{I(z) : z \in D_\alpha\} \cup \{I(w_\beta) : \beta \leq \alpha \text{ \& } w_\beta \text{ defined}\}$ induces a partition of a conull subset P_α of $[0, 1)$.

Proof. Inductively assume (i)-(iv) hold for all $\gamma < \alpha$.

(i) Clearly $E_{\alpha+1} \subseteq E_\alpha$. If $\alpha = \eta$ is a limit ordinal, to show $E_\eta \subseteq G_\eta$, let $\beta < \eta$. If $r \in E_\eta$, then $r \in I(x)$ for some $x \in D_\eta$, so there is $\gamma, \beta < \gamma < \eta$, such that $x \in D_\gamma$. Inductively $E_\gamma \subseteq E_\beta$. Thus $r \in E_\beta$.

We verify $\mu E_\eta \geq \mu G_\eta$, by showing $\mu E_\eta \geq \mu G_\eta - 2^{-k+1}$ for any $k \in \omega$. Write μG_η in binary form, $\mu(G_\eta) = \sum_{d \in A} 2^{-d}$, where $A \subseteq \omega$. Since $(\mu E_\gamma)_{\gamma < \eta}$ is non-increasing and converges to μG_η , there is $\gamma < \eta$ such that $2^{-k+1} + \sum_{d \in A \cap k} 2^{-d} \geq \mu E_\gamma$. Let $A \cap k = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N\}$. For each $\alpha, \gamma < \alpha < \delta$, let z_i^α ($1 \leq i \leq N$) be the elements of D_α such that $|z_i^\alpha| = d_i$. Such strings exist by inductive hypothesis (iii) for α . If $z \in D_\beta - D_{\beta+1}$ for some $\beta < \eta$, then $z \preceq w_\beta$, so $z \notin D_\delta$ for any $\delta, \beta < \delta < \eta$ by inductive hypothesis (iv) for δ (in brief, z cannot reappear after disappearing). Since there are only 2^{d_i} possibilities for z_i^α , we eventually settle on some strings z_i ,

hence $z_i \in D_\eta$. Thus

$$\mu(E_\eta) \geq \sum_{1 \leq i \leq N} 2^{-|z_i|} \geq \mu(E_\gamma) - 2^{-k+1} \geq \mu(G_\eta) - 2^{-k+1}$$

as required.

(ii) Suppose the request $\langle r, y \rangle$ is enumerated at stage $\alpha = \beta + 1$. If z_α fails to exist, then r is less than the length of each string in D_β . By (iii) for β , $\mu E_\beta = \sum \{2^{-|z|} : z \in D_\beta\}$, so by (iv) for β ,

$$2^{-r} + \sum \{2^{-m} : \text{a request } \langle m, z \rangle \text{ is enumerated at a stage } \leq \beta\} > 1,$$

contrary to the assumption that W is a KC-set.

(iii) This is clear for successor stages α , because the intervals $I(w_\gamma)$, $\gamma \leq \alpha$ and w_γ defined, are disjoint. Then the property persists to limit ordinals by the definition of D_η .

(iv) Again, this is clear for successor stages $\alpha = \beta + 1$, in which case we may define $P_\alpha = P_\beta$. If $\alpha = \eta$ is a limit ordinal, then let P_η be the intersection of the sets P_γ and the complements of the null sets $G_\gamma - E_\gamma$ from (ii), for $\gamma \leq \eta$. Then for each $\beta < \eta$, P_η is partitioned by E_β and $I(w_\gamma)$, $\gamma \leq \beta$, w_γ defined. So P_η is partitioned into G_η and $I(w_\gamma)$, $\gamma < \eta$. Since G_η is partitioned on P_η into the intervals $I(w)$, $w \in D_\eta$, we have shown (iv) for η . \square

3.2. The Coding Theorem

For a prefix free machine D , the probability that D outputs x is

$$P_D(x) = \mu\{\sigma : D(\sigma) = x\}.$$

Clearly, $2^{-K(x)} \leq P_U(x)$. We show that, for some constant c , $\forall x \ 2^c 2^{-K(x)} \geq P_D(x)$. This also holds at certain ordinal stages. For $\alpha \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, let $P_{D,\alpha}(x) = \mu\{\sigma : D_\alpha(\sigma) = x\}$. For $g : \omega_1^{\text{ck}} \rightarrow \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, we say that a limit ordinal $\lambda \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ is g -CLOSED if $\forall \alpha < \lambda [g(\alpha) < \lambda]$.

THEOREM 3.4 Coding Theorem. *For each prefix free machine D , there is a Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ function $g_D : \omega_1^{\text{ck}} \rightarrow \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ and a constant c such that, for each g_D -closed $\lambda \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$*

$$\forall x \ 2^c 2^{-K_\lambda(x)} \geq P_{D,\lambda}(x).$$

Proof. One enumerates a KC set W , “accounting” the enumeration of requests $\langle r, x \rangle$ against the open sets generated by the D -descriptions of x . Of course, for different outputs x , these open sets are disjoint. Thus the sum of their measures is at most 1, which shows that W is indeed KC.

Construction of W .

Stage α . If x is a string, $r \in \omega$ is least such that $P_{D,\alpha}(x) \geq 2^{-r+1}$, and the request $\langle r, x \rangle$ is not in W yet, then put $\langle r, x \rangle$ into W .

For a string x , let α_x be the greatest stage at which a request $\langle r, x \rangle$ is put into W . Then $P_{D,\alpha_x}(x) \geq 2^{-r+1}$. Hence, all such requests together contribute at most $1/2$. The total weight of all requests $\langle r', x \rangle$ enumerated at previous stages is $\leq 2^{-r}$, since $r' > r$ for such a request, and there is at most one for each length r' . Thus W is a KC set.

Let c_W be the coding constant for W given by Theorem 3.2. The function g is the delay it takes the universal machine to react to an enumeration of a request into W . Thus for $\alpha < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$,

$$g(\alpha) = \mu\beta \forall \langle r, x \rangle \in W_\alpha [K_\beta(x) \leq r + c_W],$$

which is a Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$. If r is least such that $P_{D,\lambda}(x) > 2^{-r+1}$, then at the least stage $\alpha < \lambda$ where $P_{D,\alpha}(x) \geq 2^{-r+1}$, we enumerate $\langle r, x \rangle$ and cause $K_\lambda(x) \leq K_{g(\alpha)}(x) \leq r + c_W$, by the hypothesis that λ is g -closed. By the minimality of r , $2^{-r+2} \geq P_{D,\lambda}(x)$, hence $2^{c_W+2}2^{-K_\lambda(x)} \geq 2^{-r+2} \geq P_{D,\lambda}(x)$. Thus $c = c_W + 2$ is as required. \square

3.3. Some properties of K

As in the r.e. setting, one can apply the Coding Theorem to obtain an estimate on the number of strings with small K -complexity.

THEOREM 3.5. *There is a constant $\mathbf{c} \in \omega$ and a Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ function $g : \omega_1^{\text{ck}} \rightarrow \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ such that the following hold for each g -closed $\eta \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$.*

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(i)} & \forall d \forall n & |\{x : |x| = n \ \& \ K_\eta(x) \leq n + K_\eta(n) - d\}| \leq 2^{\mathbf{c}}2^{n-d} \\ \text{(ii)} & \forall b \forall n & |\{x : |x| = n \ \& \ K_\eta(x) \leq K_\eta(n) + b\}| \leq 2^{\mathbf{c}}2^b \end{array}$$

Proof. Let D be the prefix free machine given by $D(\sigma) = |U(\sigma)|$, and let g be the function obtained in the coding theorem for D . Let \mathbf{c} be the coj each n , $2^{\mathbf{c}}2^{-K_\eta(n)} \geq P_{D,\eta}(n)$, given by the Coding Theorem.

(i). If $|x| = n$ and $K_\eta(x) \leq n + K_\eta(n) - d$, then a shortest description of x contributes at least $2^{-n-K_\eta(n)+d}$ to $P_{D,\eta}(n)$. If there were more than $2^{n+\mathbf{c}-d}$ many such x , then $P_{D,\eta}(n) > 2^{n+\mathbf{c}-d}2^{-n-K_\eta(n)+d} = 2^{\mathbf{c}}2^{-K_\eta(n)}$, a contradiction.

(ii). This follows from (i), by letting $d = n - b$. \square

3.4. The Π_1^1 version of ML-randomness

In what follows we use μ to denote the product measure on 2^ω .

A ML-TEST is a sequence $(S_m)_{m \in \omega - \{0\}}$ of uniformly Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ open subsets of 2^ω such that $\forall m \in \omega - \{0\} \ \mu S_m \leq 2^{-m}$. Z is ML-RANDOM if Z passes each ML-test in the sense that $Z \not\subseteq \bigcap_m S_m$.

Let MLR denote the class of ML-random sets, and Non-MLR its complement in 2^ω .

For $b \in \omega^+$, let $\mathbf{R}_b = [\{x \in 2^{<\omega} : K(x) \leq |x| - b\}]$.

PROPOSITION 3.6. $(\mathbf{R}_b)_{b \in \omega - \{0\}}$ is a ML-test.

Proof. The condition “ $K(x) \leq |x| - b$ ” is equivalent to $\exists \sigma, \alpha \ \mathbf{U}_\alpha(\sigma) = x \ \& \ |\sigma| \leq |x| - b$, which is a Σ_1 -property of x and b . Hence the sequence of open sets $(\mathbf{R}_b)_{b \in \omega - \{0\}}$ is uniformly Σ_1 . To show $\mu \mathbf{R}_b \leq 2^{-b}$, let V_b be the set of strings in \mathbf{R}_b which are minimal under the prefix ordering. For each $x \in V_b$, $K(x) \leq |x| - b$, so $2^{-|x^*|} \geq 2^{b-|x|}$ (here x^* denotes a shortest \mathbf{U} -description of x). Because \mathbf{U} is a prefix free machine,

$$1 \geq \sum \{2^{-|x^*|} : x \in V_b\} \geq 2^b \sum \{2^{-|x|} : x \in V_b\},$$

hence $\mu \mathbf{R}_b \leq 2^{-b}$. \square

We now begin on the analogue of Schnorr's theorem for the hyperarithmetical context. Recall that Schnorr's original theorem stated that Z is ML-random with respect to recursively enumerable tests if and only if for $K_{r.e.}$, the prefix free complexity defined in terms of the universal recursively enumerable prefix free machine, there exists b with $K_{r.e.}(Z \upharpoonright n) > n - b$ at every n .

Although the statement of this theorem carries across with only the obvious changes, the proof does not. The new obstacle arises at limit stages. We describe the measure theoretic lemmas which are necessary to meet this fresh obstacle, then we prove the hyperarithmetical version of Schnorr's theorem, and then finally we indicate why the original proof refuses a cut and paste adaption to the present context.

In the arguments below we think of 2^ω as coming equipped with an enumeration of the standard basis consisting exactly of all the clopen sets.

LEMMA 3.7. *Given an open $S \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $S \in L(\omega_1^{ck})$, a clopen subset U of 2^ω and a rational $\epsilon > 0$, we may in an effective (i.e., Δ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{ck})$) manner obtain a clopen set C such that $C \supset U - S$ and $\lambda(C) < \lambda(U - S) + \epsilon$.*

Proof. From S one may effectively (in the above sense) obtain an $L(\omega_1^{ck})$ sequence $(\sigma_n)_{n \in \omega}$ such that $S = \bigcup_n [\sigma_n]$. For each k consider the clopen set

$$C_k = \bigcup \{[\rho] : |\rho| = k \text{ \& } \rho \subseteq U \text{ \& } \forall n \sigma_n \not\subseteq \rho.\}$$

Then $\bigcap_k C_k = U - S$, since $[\sigma_n] \cap C_k = \emptyset$ whenever $k \geq |\sigma_n|$. So one may in an effective (over $L(\omega_1^{ck})$) way determine k such that $\mu(C) \leq \mu(U - S) + \epsilon$. \square

Next, we cover an effective sequence of basic clopen sets by such a sequence which is almost disjoint in the sense that the sum of the measures is small.

PROPOSITION 3.8. *Let $\alpha \mapsto U_\alpha$ be a Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{ck})$ function mapping ordinals to basic clopen sets in 2^ω . Then we may find, uniformly in the sequence $(U_\alpha)_{\alpha < \omega_1^{ck}}$ and rational $\epsilon > 0$, a Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{ck})$ mapping $\alpha \mapsto C_\alpha$ of ordinals to clopen sets such that at each $\beta \leq \omega_1^{ck}$*

$$\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha \subset \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} C_\alpha, \text{ and } \sum_{\alpha < \beta} \lambda(C_\alpha) \leq \lambda(\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha) + \epsilon.$$

Proof. Let $(\rho_n)_{n \in \omega}$ be a computable listing of $2^{<\omega}$. Let

$$X_\beta = \{m : [\rho_m] \subset U_\beta\} - \{m : [\rho_m] \subset \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha\}$$

(see the explanatory remark after the proof of Theorem 3.9.) As long as U_β is not included in the union of the earlier U_α 's we will have $X_\beta \neq \emptyset$. Clearly, $\beta \mapsto X_\beta$ is Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{ck})$. At each stage β , applying 3.7 for $S = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha$ and $U = U_\beta$, we choose a clopen set C_β such that

$$U_\beta - \left(\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha \right) \subset C_\beta,$$

$$\lambda(C_\beta) < \lambda(U_\beta - \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha) + \sum_{m \in X_\beta} 2^{-m-2} \cdot \epsilon.$$

Then at any stage β we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha < \beta} \lambda(C_\alpha) - \lambda\left(\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha\right) &\leq \\ \sum_{\alpha < \beta} (\lambda(C_\alpha) - \lambda(U_\alpha - \bigcup_{\gamma < \alpha} U_\gamma)) &\leq \\ \sum_{m \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} X_\alpha} 2^{-m-2} \epsilon &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

□

This proposition allows itself to be further massaged. Given the assignment $\beta \mapsto C_\beta$ arising as above, we can break them up into basic clopen sets, and in this way find a new sequence $([x_\beta])_\beta$, each $x_\beta \in 2^\omega$,

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup C_\beta &= \bigcup [x_\beta], \\ \sum \lambda(C_\beta) &= \sum \lambda[x_\beta], \end{aligned}$$

and the assignment $\beta \mapsto x_\beta$ is still Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$.

THEOREM 3.9. *The following are equivalent.*

- (i) Z is ML-random
- (ii) $\exists b \forall n K(Z \upharpoonright n) > n - b$, that is, $\exists b Z \notin \mathbf{R}_b$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) holds because $(\mathbf{R}_b)_{b \in \omega - \{0\}}$ is a ML-test. For (ii) \Rightarrow (i), suppose that (i) fails for Z . That is, $Z \in \bigcap_m S_m$ for a ML-test $(S_m)_{m \in \omega - \{0\}}$. We may assume that $\mu S_m \leq 2^{-2m-1}$ and $S_m = \bigcup_{\beta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}} U_\beta^m$ where each U_β^m is basic clopen, and the associated map $(m, \beta) \mapsto U_\beta^m$ is Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$.

Following 3.8 we may find a Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ map $(m, \beta) \mapsto x_\beta^m$ such that at each m

$$\begin{aligned} S_m &\subset \bigcup_{\beta} [x_\beta^m], \\ \lambda\left(\bigcup_{\beta} [x_\beta^m]\right) &< 2^{-2m}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, at each m ,

$$\sum_{\beta} 2^{m-|x_\beta^m|} < 2^m \sum \lambda([x_\beta^m]) < 2^m (2^{-2m}) = 2^{-m},$$

and hence $L = \{ \langle |x_\beta^m| - m, x_\beta^m \rangle : m \in \omega, \beta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}} \}$ is a KC set. Let M_d be the prefix-free machine for L given by the KC-Theorem 3.2. Given b , let $m = b + d + 1$. Since $Z \in S_m$, $x_i^m \prec Z$ for some i . Because of the request enumerated for compressing $x = x_i^m$, $K(x) \leq |x| - m + d + 1 = |x| - b$. □

Certain steps were taken in the course of the proof above which did not need to be considered in Schnorr's original argument. There is a kind of continuing approximation, and giving ground, with the sets X_α from 3.8 serving as a kind of

clock — letting us know how much to give, so that at the end of the process we did not give in too far.

The reason for this extra precaution can be illustrated by the following kind of example which could arise in 3.8 if we try to steadfastly insist that

$$\sum_{\alpha < \beta} \lambda(C_\alpha) = \lambda\left(\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} U_\alpha\right).$$

We could be given an open set S with $\lambda(S) < 1/4$, S enumerated as $(U_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \omega_1^{\text{ck}}}$. In the naive attempt to copy Schnorr's earlier argument we try to effectively build a corresponding KC set, $\{\langle r_\alpha, y_\alpha \rangle : \alpha < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}\}$ which has

$$\sum 2^{-r_\alpha} = \lambda(S),$$

and at each α we have some ordinal $\gamma(\alpha) < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$

$$\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} U_\beta = \bigcup_{\beta < \gamma(\alpha)} [y_\beta],$$

$$\sum_{\beta < \gamma(\alpha)} 2^{-r_\beta} = \lambda\left(\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} U_\beta\right).$$

It could then happen that at ω we already have that $\bigcup_{n < \omega} C_n$ contains the interval $[0, 1/4]$ with the exception of a set \mathcal{S} of positive measure containing no intervals. Eventually we are going to settle on some stage $\gamma(\omega)$ with $\bigcup_{\beta < \gamma(\omega)} [y_\beta]$ equal to that complement. But there is no way of doing this which will rule out the possibility of the unpleasant discovery at the next stage that $U_{\gamma(\omega)+1}$ includes some non-null piece of \mathcal{S} , at which there is no way of choosing the next $\langle r_\beta, y_\beta \rangle$ without overbiting. Next, we give two examples of ML-random sets. Z is ML-random just if for some b , Z is in the complement of the open set \mathbf{R}_b , that is the set of paths through a Σ_1^1 subtree of $2^{<\omega}$. Recall the version of the Gandy low basis theorem for Σ_1^1 -sets (folklore): A non-empty Σ_1^1 class always contains a member Z with $\mathcal{O}^Z \leq_h \mathcal{O}$. Thus we have the following.

PROPOSITION 3.10. *There is a ML-random set Z such that $\mathcal{O}^Z \leq_h \mathcal{O}$.*

One can also consider the analog of Chaitin's halting probability, in order to obtain a ML-random set Z which is left- Π_1^1 . Let

$$\Omega = \mu(\text{dom}\mathbf{U}) = \sum \{2^{-|\sigma|} : \mathbf{U}(\sigma) \downarrow\}.$$

Adapting Chaitin's proof, one can show that Ω is ML-random.

3.5. An analog of the Kučera-Gács Theorem

Finite hyperarithmetical reducibility $\leq_{\text{fin-h}}$ between sets $X, Y \subseteq \omega$ is a restriction of hyperarithmetical reducibility, where the use is finite for each input.

DEFINITION 3.11.

- (i) A fin-h reduction procedure is a partial function $\Phi : 2^{<\omega} \rightarrow 2^{<\omega}$ with Π_1^1 graph (or, equivalently, Σ_1^1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ graph) such that the domain is closed under prefixes, and, if $\Phi(t) \downarrow$, then $s \preceq t \Rightarrow \Phi(s) \preceq \Phi(t)$.
- (ii) $A = \Phi^Z$ if $\forall n \exists m \Phi(Z \upharpoonright m) \succeq A \upharpoonright n$. $A \leq_{\text{fin-h}} Z$ if $A = \Phi^Z$ for some fin-h reduction.

- (iii) $A \leq_{\text{wtt-h}} Z$ if $A = \Phi^Z$ for some fin-h reduction such that the use is recursively bounded.

Notice that if A is hyperarithmetical, then $A \leq_{\text{fin-h}} Z$ for any Z , because $\{\sigma : \sigma \preceq A\}$ is Π_1^1 .

THEOREM 3.12. *Let Q be the class of ML-random sets $2^\omega - \mathbf{R}_1 = \{Z : \forall n K(Z \upharpoonright n) > n - 1\}$. For each A , there is $Z \in Q$ such that $A \leq_{\text{wtt-h}} Z$.*

Proof. For $S \subseteq 2^\omega$, $\mu(S|z)$ denotes the local measure $2^{|z|}\mu(S \cap [z])$. For each n , $\mu(S)$ is the average, over all strings z of length n , of the local measures $\mu(S|z)$.

LEMMA 3.13. *Suppose $S \subseteq 2^\omega$ is measurable, $r \in \omega$ and $\mu(S|x) \geq 2^{-(r+1)}$. Then there are $y_0, y_1 \succeq x$, $|y_i| = |x| + r + 2$, such that $\mu(S|y_i) \geq 2^{-(r+2)}$ for $i = 0, 1$.*

Proof. We may assume that $x = \emptyset$. Let y_0 be a string of length $r + 2$ such that $\mu(S|y_0)$ is greatest among those strings, in particular $\mu(S|y_0) \geq 2^{-(r+2)}$ since the average is at least $2^{-(r+2)}$. Since $\mu(S \cap [y_0]) \leq 2^{-(r+2)}$,

$\sum_{y \neq y_0 \text{ \& } |y|=r+2} \mu(S \cap [y]) \geq 2^{-(r+2)}$,

or $\sum_{y \neq y_0 \text{ \& } |y|=r+2} \mu(S|y) \geq 1$. Hence there is a further $y_1 \neq y_0$ of length $r + 2$ such that $\mu(S|y_1) \geq 2^{-(r+2)}$. \diamond

Let f be the function given by $f(0) = 0$ and $f(r + 1) = f(r) + r + 2$ (namely, $f(r) = r(r + 3)/2$) and consider the closed class \widehat{Q} of paths through the tree

$$\{y : \forall r. f(r) \leq |y| [\mu(Q|(y \upharpoonright f(r))) \geq 2^{-(r+1)}]\}.$$

Note that \widehat{Q} is nonempty because $\mu Q \geq 1/2$ and by Lemma 3.13. Define a tree \mathcal{T} of strings $(x_\tau)_{\tau \in 2^{<\omega}}$, where $|x_\tau| = f(|\tau|)$. Let $x_\emptyset = \emptyset$. If x_τ has been defined, let $x_{\tau 0}$ be the leftmost y on \widehat{Q} such that $x_\tau \prec y$ and $|y| = f(|\tau| + 1)$. Let $x_{\tau 1}$ be the rightmost such y . By Lemma 3.13, $x_{\tau 0}$ and $x_{\tau 1}$ exists and are distinct.

For each A , the ML-random set Z coding A is simply the path $\bigcup_{\tau \prec A} x_\tau$ determined by A .

We verify $A \leq_{\text{wtt-h}} Z$, where f is the computable bound on the use. Given an input n , to determine $A(n)$, let $x = Z \upharpoonright f(n)$ and let $y = Z \upharpoonright f(n + 1)$. Find α such that $\widehat{Q}_\alpha \cap \{v : x \preceq v \text{ \& } |v| = |y| \text{ \& } v <_L y\} = \emptyset$, or $\widehat{Q}_\alpha \cap \{v : x \preceq v \text{ \& } |v| = |y| \text{ \& } v >_L y\} = \emptyset$. In the first case, output 0, while in the second case, output 1. \square

4. K -triviality and Lowness properties

4.1. K -triviality

DEFINITION 4.1.

- (i) A is K -TRIVIAL if, for some $b \in \omega$,
- $$\forall n K(A \upharpoonright n) \leq K(n) + b.$$
- (ii) Given a limit ordinal $\eta \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, A is K -TRIVIAL AT η if for some $b \in \omega$,
- $$\forall n K_\eta(A \upharpoonright n) \leq K_\eta(n) + b.$$

Thus being K -trivial is equivalent to being K -trivial at ω_1^{ck} .

Using the Π_1^1 -version of the KC Theorem (Theorem 3.2 above), one can adapt the cost function construction from [2] (also see [12, Theorem 4.2]) in order to show:

THEOREM 4.2. *There is a K -trivial Π_1^1 set A which is not hyperarithmetical. \square*

Recall our convention that no element is enumerated into a Π_1^1 set at a limit stage. Then, A is K -trivial at η iff for some $b \in \omega$, $\forall n \forall \alpha < \eta \exists \beta < \eta K_\beta(A \upharpoonright n) \leq K_\alpha(n) + b$.

Fix b and $\eta \leq \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$. The subsets of ω which are K -trivial via b at η are the paths of the following tree:

$$T_{\eta,b} = \{s : \forall t \preceq s K_\eta(t) \leq K_\eta(|t|) + b\}.$$

If $\eta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ then $T_{\eta,b}$ is hyperarithmetical, by Δ_1 comprehension in $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ (see [13, p. 67]): $T_{\eta,b}$ is a subset of $2^{<\omega}$ which is Δ_1 (with $\eta \in L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$ as a parameter).

Let g_D be the function obtained in Theorem 3.4, where $D(x) = |\mathbf{U}(x)|$. Recall that η is g_D -closed if $\forall \alpha < \eta [g_D(\alpha) < \eta]$. We show that for such $\eta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, if A is K -trivial at η , then A is hyperarithmetical.

THEOREM 4.3. *Let $\eta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ be g_D -closed.*

- (i) *There is $\mathbf{c} \in \omega$ such that the following holds: for each b there are at most $2^{\mathbf{c}+b}$ sets that are K -trivial at η with constant b .*
- (ii) *If a set A is K -trivial at η for $\eta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ then A is hyperarithmetical.*
- (iii) *Each K -trivial set is computable in \mathcal{O} .*

Proof. By Theorem 3.5 (ii), there is a constant \mathbf{c} such that the size of each level of $T_{\eta,b}$ is at most $2^{\mathbf{c}+b}$, which shows (i). Note that each path A of $T_{\eta,b}$ is isolated, hence recursive in $T_{\eta,b}$. For (ii), if $\eta < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ this shows A is hyperarithmetical. For (iii), note that since $K \leq_T \mathcal{O}$, the tree $T_{\omega_1^{\text{ck}},b}$ is computable in \mathcal{O} . Now argue as in (ii). \square

The following consequence will be needed below.

PROPOSITION 4.4. *If A is K -trivial via b and $\omega_1^A = \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, then A is hyperarithmetical.*

Proof. We show that A is K -trivial at η via b , for some g_D -closed η . We define by recursion a function $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ which is Σ_1 over $L^{\omega_1^A}[A]$: let $h(0) = 0$, and

$$h(n+1) = \mu\beta > g_D(h(n)) \forall m \leq n K_\beta(A \upharpoonright m) \leq K_\beta(m) + b.$$

Since A is K -trivial, $h(n)$ is defined for each $n \in \omega$. Let $\eta = \sup(\text{range}(h))$, then $\eta < \omega_1^A = \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, so η is as required. \square

Note that a Π_1^1 -set A that is not hyperarithmetical satisfies $A \geq_h \mathcal{O}$. A reasonable theory of K -trivials can be developed when using the reducibility $\leq_{\text{fin-h}}$ instead. For instance, adapting the methods in [2, 12] one can show that the K -trivials induce a proper ideal in the $\leq_{\text{fin-h}}$ -degrees of sets $\leq_{\text{fin-h}} \mathcal{O}$.

4.2. Lowness for ML -randomness

The notion of ML-randomness and the theorems in subsection 3.4 can be relativized to oracle sets A in the usual way. MLR^A denotes the class of sets which are ML-random relative to A . A set A is LOW FOR ML-RANDOM if $\text{MLR}^A = \text{MLR}$. A is a STRONG BASE FOR ML-RANDOMNESS if $A \leq_{\text{fin-h}} Z$ for some $Z \in \text{MLR}^A$ (see Definition 3.11). By Theorem 3.12, if A is low for ML-random then A is a strong base for ML-randomness. (We say *strong* base because the reduction is $\leq_{\text{fin-h}}$ and not merely \leq_h . The theory for \leq_h remains unexplored.)

THEOREM 4.5. *A is a strong base for ML-randomness iff A is hyperarithmetical.*

Proof. If A is hyperarithmetical, then $A \leq_{\text{fin-h}} Z$ for each Z , so A is a strong base. Now suppose that A is a strong base, namely $A = \Phi^Z$ for some fin-h reduction Φ and $Z \in \text{MLR}^A$. First we show that $\omega_1^A = \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$. We may assume that A is not hyperarithmetical, so that $\mu\{Y : A = \Phi^Y\} = 0$ (see [13, Thm. 2.4.IV]). For each k , let

$$V_k = [\{\rho : A \upharpoonright k \preceq \Phi^\rho\}]^\preceq = [\{\rho : \exists \alpha < \omega_1^{\text{ck}} A \upharpoonright k \preceq \Phi_\alpha^\rho\}]^\preceq$$

(recall that, for a set of strings G , $[G]^\preceq$ is the open set generated by G). If $\omega_1^A > \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, then V_k is uniformly hyperarithmetical relative to A , so the function $k \mapsto V_k$ is in $L(\omega_1^A)[A]$. Note that the binary statement “ $\mu W \leq q$ ”, for open $W \in L(\omega_1^A)[A]$ and a rational q , is Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^A)[A]$. So the function

$$h(n) = \mu k \mu V_k \leq 2^{-n}$$

is also Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^A)[A]$. Then $(V_{h(n)})_{n \in \omega - \{0\}}$ is a ML-test relative to A which succeeds on Z , contrary to the hypothesis that $Z \in \text{MLR}^A$.

The principal part of the proof is to show that if A is a strong base for ML-randomness then A is K -trivial. By Proposition 4.4, this implies that A is hyperarithmetical. To show that A is K -trivial, one proceeds exactly as in the proof of the corresponding theorem in the r.e. case, [3, Thm 2.1] (also see [10]), with mere notational changes. One restricts the enumeration into open sets $C_{d,\alpha}^\tau$ to successor stages, and for limit stages η , one defines $C_{d,\eta}^\tau = \bigcup_{\alpha < \eta} C_{d,\alpha}^\tau$. The verification works as before, making use of our Π_1^1 version of the Kraft-Chaitin theorem. \square

COROLLARY 4.6. *Each low for ML-random set is hyperarithmetical.*

Proof. Immediate from Theorems 3.12 and 4.5. \square

We first had a more technical but direct proof of this corollary, along the lines of the direct proof that in the r.e. case, each low for ML-random set is Δ_2^0 (see [11]).

5. An even stronger effective notion of randomness

We consider the even stronger randomness notion where the null properties to be avoided are the Π_1^1 classes (we usually write “class” when we mean a set of subsets of ω).

Some preliminaries. According to Sacks [13, Subsection 5.2.I], a Π_1^1 class (also called predicate) $S(Z)$ can be written in the normal form $\forall f \exists n R(\bar{f}(n), Z)$, where R is recursive and $\bar{f}(n)$ is defined to be the tuple $(f(0), \dots, f(n-1))$. This gives an indexing of the Π_1^1 classes. Sacks also introduces a recursive functional Ψ_R such that, for each Z , $\Psi_R(Z)$ is a set of codes for tuples in $\omega^{<\omega}$ (the sequence numbers)

and $S(Z) \Leftrightarrow \Psi_R(Z)$ is well-founded (under the reverse prefix relation on sequence numbers). Using the length-lexicographical (also called Kleene-Brouwer) ordering, one can effectively “linearize” $\Psi_R(Z)$ (see [13, proof of Thm 3.5.III]). Thus, there is a Turing functional Φ such that for each Z , $\Phi(Z)$ is a set which is a code for a linear order with domain ω , and

$$S(Z) \Leftrightarrow \Phi(Z) \text{ is well-ordered.}$$

An index for such a Turing reduction gives an index for the corresponding Π_1^1 class. The Spector-Gandy theorem 2.1 has a version for Π_1^1 classes: $\mathcal{C} \subseteq 2^\omega$ is Π_1^1 iff there is a formula φ such that $\mathcal{C} = \{Z : L_{\omega_1^Z}[Z] \models \varphi(Z)\}$, where φ is a Σ_1 -formula in the language of set theory with an additional constant symbol for Z .

By [13, Exercise 1.11.IV], we have

LEMMA 5.1. *The binary relation “ $\mu S > q$ ” is Π_1^1 , where S is an index for a Π_1^1 class and q is a rational.*

In particular, μS is a left- Π_1^1 set.

A Δ_1^1 class B is given by Π_1^1 -indices for B and $2^\omega - B$. By the Lemma, the function which assigns to a Δ_1^1 set its measure is Σ_1 over $L(\omega_1^{\text{ck}})$.

A randomness notion based on Π_1^1 -classes. Recall that to introduce ML-randomness, both in the classical (r.e.) case and in the form of Subsection 3.4, we used a test concept based on uniformly r.e., or Π_1^1 , open sets. In both cases there is a universal test $(\mathbf{R}_b)_{b \in \omega}$, namely, $\bigcap_k S_k \subseteq \bigcap_b \mathbf{R}_b$ for each ML-test $(S_k)_{k \in \omega}$. To obtain an even stronger randomness notion, naively, one might want to use tests of uniformly Π_1^1 classes \mathcal{S}_k in place of the open sets, where $\mu \mathcal{S}_k \leq 2^{-k}$. However, for such a test, $\bigcap_k \mathcal{S}_k$ is a null Π_1^1 -class. Conversely, each null class also induces a test. Thus, single Π_1^1 null classes are analogous to the tests.

We will give a direct proof that there is a universal test for this strong randomness notion, namely, a largest Π_1^1 null class. As mentioned at the end of the introduction, this result can also be derived from a more general result in Kechris [5, Thm 1A-2].

THEOREM 5.2. *There is a null Π_1^1 class Q such that $S \subseteq Q$ for each null Π_1^1 -class S .*

Proof. We claim that one may effectively assign to each Π_1^1 class S a Π_1^1 class $\widehat{S} \subseteq S$ such that $\lambda(\widehat{S}) = 0$ and if $\lambda(S) = 0$ then $\widehat{S} = S$. Then to obtain Q we take the union of all \widehat{S} , as S ranges over the Π_1^1 classes.

To prove the claim, let Φ be a functional representing S in the sense of the beginning of this Section. At each stage $\alpha \in \omega_1$ let S_α be the collection of all $Z \in S$ for which the corresponding well ordering Φ^Z has rank less than α . Let \widehat{S} be the class of all Z such that there exists some $\alpha < \omega_1^Z$ with

$$Z \in S_\alpha$$

$$\lambda(S_\alpha) = 0.$$

Following 5.1 membership of Z in \widehat{S} is uniformly $\Sigma_1(Z)$ over $L(\omega_1^Z)[Z]$. Thus, by the version of the Spector-Gandy Theorem for Π_1^1 classes discussed above, \widehat{S} is Π_1^1 . Since the class of Z such that $\omega_1^Z = \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ is conull, \widehat{S} is the union of a null set and

all S_α , $\alpha < \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$ which are null, hence \widehat{S} is null. When S is null every S_α , $\alpha < \omega_1^Z$, will be null, and hence we will have $\widehat{S} = S$. \square

The class Q has the interesting property that $Q \cap R \neq \emptyset$ for each non-empty Π_1^1 -class R . For if $\mu R > 0$ then R has a hyperarithmetic member X by [13, Thm 2.2.IV], so that $\{X\}$ is a Π_1^1 class of measure 0.

DEFINITION 5.3. $Z \in 2^\omega$ is Π_1^1 RANDOM if it avoids every null Π_1^1 class. Or, equivalently, if it is not an element of the largest null Π_1^1 class. Let \mathcal{S} denote the class of Π_1^1 random sets.

This notion is first mentioned in an exercise in [13, Ex.2.5.IV] (but called Σ_1^1 -random there). By Gandy's basis theorem, some Π_1^1 random set satisfies $\mathcal{O}^Z \leq_h \mathcal{O}$. Of course the notion implies the Π_1^1 version of ML-randomness, but it is in fact much stronger. For instance, each Π_1^1 random set Z satisfies $\omega_1^Z = \omega_1^{\text{ck}}$, since the class $\{Z : \omega_1^Z = \omega_1^{\text{ck}}\}$ is Σ_1^1 and has measure 1. On the other hand, the version of Chaitin's Ω discussed after Proposition 3.10 is Π_1^1 ML-random and $\Omega \equiv_T \mathcal{O}$.

The analog of van Lambalgen's Theorem [14] holds:

PROPOSITION 5.4. For any sets X, Y ,

$$X \oplus Y \in \mathcal{S} \Leftrightarrow X \in \mathcal{S}^Y \ \& \ Y \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Proof. For the " \Rightarrow " direction, note that the class $\mathcal{L} = \{X \oplus Y : X \in \mathcal{S}^Y \ \& \ Y \in \mathcal{S}\}$ is Σ_1^1 . Since $\mu \mathcal{S}^Y = 1$ for each Y , by Fubini's Theorem \mathcal{L} has measure 1. Hence $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$.

For the " \Leftarrow " direction, let $\mathcal{S}[B] = \{A : A \oplus B \in \mathcal{S}\}$. Then the class $\{B : \mu \mathcal{S}[B] = 1\}$ is Σ_1^1 and has measure 1, again by Fubini's Theorem (otherwise there are rationals $\epsilon > 0$ and $q < 1$ such that $\mu\{B : \mu \mathcal{S}[B] \leq q\} \geq \epsilon$, so that $\mu \mathcal{S} = \int_Y (\mu \mathcal{S}[Y]) d\mu \leq \epsilon q + (1 - \epsilon) < 1$). Thus if $Y \in \mathcal{S}$ then $\mu \mathcal{S}[Y] = 1$. Since $\mathcal{S}[Y]$ is Σ_1^1 relative to Y , $X \in \mathcal{S}^Y$ implies $X \in \mathcal{S}[Y]$, that is, $X \oplus Y \in \mathcal{S}$. \square

It is unknown whether there is a low for Π_1^1 random set which is not hyperarithmetic.

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