

# Coding and Definability in $\mathcal{R}_T$

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## Coding and theories

Consider a structure  $\mathbf{A}$  from computability theory (such as  $\mathcal{D}_T$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_T$  or  $\mathcal{E}$ ). Coding methods can be used to show that  $Th(\mathbf{A})$  is complex.

1. Uniform coding of a sufficiently complicated class of structures with parameters, shows  $Th(\mathbf{A})$  undecidable.
2. Coding of a standard model of arithmetic with parameters, implies  $K \leq_m Th(\mathbf{A})$ .

So far, the coding is *local*, namely reflects properties of very special parameter lists in the context of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

3. Extend (2) to give an interpretation of true arithmetic (or, true second-order arithmetic) in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

To do so, need a first-order condition on parameters coding models which imply standardness.

- Use some uniform definability result (like an exact pair theorem), or
- compare coded models, typically by considering definable (partial) maps between them.

## What is coding ?

### Example:

Each finite distributive lattice is isomorphic to an initial segment  $[0, \mathbf{a}]$  of  $\mathcal{R}_m$ .

A coding (or interpretation) of a relational structure  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by a scheme of formulas

$$\phi_U(x, \bar{p}), (\phi_R(x, \bar{p}))_{R \text{ relation symbol}}$$

s.t. for appropriate  $\bar{p}$  in  $\mathbf{A}$ , a copy of  $\mathbf{B}$  is defined on  $\{x : \mathbf{A} \models \phi_U(x, \bar{p})\}$ .

A more general coding:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is coded in  $\mathbb{Z}$  via the quotient field construction

### Coding and structure

Coding methods can reveal information about the structure  $\mathbf{A}$  itself (not only its theory), such as

- restrictions on automorphisms (e.g. for  $\mathcal{D}_T$ )
- show that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a prime model of its theory (Slaman–Woodin for  $\mathcal{D}_T(\leq 0')$ )
- compare the complexity of models (e.g.  $\mathcal{E}$  can be interpreted in  $\mathcal{R}_T$ , but not conversely)
- definability results.

### Invariance and definability

Suppose  $C \subseteq \mathbf{A}^n$  is given “externally”. When is  $C$  already inherent in  $\mathbf{A}$  ?

- weak version:  $C$  is invariant under automorphisms
- strong:  $C$  is first-order definable in  $\mathbf{A}$  without parameters.

Examples:

- The jump operator is definable in  $\mathcal{D}_T$  [Cooper ta]
- In  $\mathcal{R}_T$ , promptly simple=noncappable.

Both first order definitions are using simple, “understandable” formulas.

### Definability in $\mathcal{R}_T$

We prove definability results using coding methods.

**Theorem 0.1**  $\{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \mathbf{a}^{(2)}\}$  is definable for each  $\mathbf{a}$ .

Thus  $Low_2$  and  $High_2$  are definable.

**Definition 0.2** We write  $\mathbf{x} \sim_2 \mathbf{y}$  if  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \mathbf{y}^{(2)}$ .

**Theorem 0.3 (Main definability Theorem)** If

- $C \subseteq \mathcal{R}_T^n$  is invariant under  $\sim_2$  and

- the corresponding relation on indices is arithmetical,

then  $C$  is definable.

Applications: definable are

- $Low_n, High_n$  for each  $n \geq 2$
- The relation  $\sim_2$  itself
- For each  $n \geq 2$ , the relation “ $\mathbf{x}^{(n)} \leq \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$ ”.

$High_1$

**Theorem 0.4**  $High_1$  is definable

$$\mathbf{x} \in High_1 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}_T \models (\forall \mathbf{y}(\exists \mathbf{z} \leq \mathbf{x})[\mathbf{z} \sim_2 \mathbf{y}]).$$

For “ $\Rightarrow$ ”, use two times the Robinson jump interpolation in relativized forms.  
 For the direction  $\Leftarrow$ , use a result of Soare and Stob (relativized to  $0^{(2)}$ ):  
 If  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{R}_T - \{0\}$ , then there is a  $\mathbf{u}$  r.e.a.  $\mathbf{c}$ , which is not an r.e. degree.

**First goal: invariance**

**Lemma 0.5** If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  are automorphic, then  $\mathbf{a}^{(2)} = \mathbf{b}^{(2)}$

*Proof.*  $\mathbf{a}^{(2)}$  is determined by the class of sets  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ . We will recover this class from the isomorphism type of  $(\mathcal{R}_T, \mathbf{a})$ .

We define a class of sets  $S(\mathbf{a})$  which only depends on this isomorphism type, and show  $S(\mathbf{a}) = \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \text{ automorphic} \\ \Rightarrow &S(\mathbf{a}) = S(\mathbf{b}) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a}) = \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{b}) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\mathbf{a}^{(2)} = \mathbf{b}^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Ultimately we can recover  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$  because, on  $[0, \mathbf{a}]$ ,  $\leq_T$  is  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$  and join is effective.

**Towards defining  $S(\mathbf{a})$**

First, we need a representation of sets  $X \subseteq \omega$  in  $\mathcal{R}_T$ . We code the model  $(\omega, \sigma, X)$ , where  $\sigma$  is the successor function.

To keep in mind:

Upper bound—don’t represent too many sets

Lower bound—represent all sets in  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ .

## The coding frame

**Definition 0.6 (The domain)** A set  $G \subseteq \mathbf{R}_T$  is called an SW-set if, for some parameters  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}_T$ ,  $G$  is the set of minimal degrees  $\mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{r}]$  satisfying  $\mathbf{q} \leq \mathbf{x} \vee \mathbf{p}$ .

**Definition 0.7 (Successor)** An effective successor model is a standard successor structure  $\mathbf{G} = (\{\mathbf{g}_i : i \in \omega\}, \sigma)$  coded by parameters  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}$  and four further parameters  $\mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{f}_0, \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{f}_1$  as follows:

- $\{\mathbf{g}_i : i \in \omega\}$  is a SW-set
- For each  $i$ ,
  - $(\mathbf{g}_{2i} \vee \mathbf{e}_1) \wedge \mathbf{f}_1 = \mathbf{g}_{2i+1}$
  - $(\mathbf{g}_{2i+1} \vee \mathbf{e}_0) \wedge \mathbf{f}_0 = \mathbf{g}_{2i+2}$
  - $\mathbf{g}_{2i} \not\leq \mathbf{f}_1$  and  $\mathbf{g}_{2i+1} \not\leq \mathbf{f}_0$

## Effectivity

**Lemma 0.8** If there is a low<sub>2</sub> upper bound on all parameters, then, for some  $\beta \leq \emptyset''$ ,

$$\mathbf{g}_i = \text{deg}_T(\{\beta(i)\}^R).$$

Here  $R$  is some set in the degree  $\mathbf{r}$ .  
The function  $\beta$  is defined by recursion. E.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(2n+1) &= \text{some } e \text{ s.t. } Z = \{e\}^R \text{ is total,} \\ &\text{and } Z \leq E_1 \oplus \{\beta(2n)\}^R, F_1. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 0.9** Given  $\mathbf{a}$  and an upper bound on parameters  $\mathbf{u}$ .  $X \subseteq \omega$  is represented below  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}$  if

- there are parameters below  $\mathbf{u}$  coding effective successor model
- $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{a}$  (and hence all  $\mathbf{g}_i \leq \mathbf{a}$ )
- there are also  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \leq \mathbf{a}$  such that

$$X = \{i : \mathbf{c} \leq \mathbf{g}_i \vee \mathbf{d}\}$$

$$S(\mathbf{a})$$

Let

$$S(\mathbf{a}) = \{X : \forall \mathbf{u} \text{ noncappable } \} \\ X \text{ represented below } \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}\}$$

FACT: If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  are automorphic, then  $S(\mathbf{a}) = S(\mathbf{b})$ .

(Reason: If  $\pi$  is an automorphism such that  $\pi(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{b}$ , then  $\pi$  maps representations of  $X$  below  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}$  to representations of  $X$  below  $\mathbf{b}, \pi(\mathbf{u})$ ).

$$S(\mathbf{a}) = \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$$

This is the crucial step from an arithmetical property of  $\mathbf{a}$  to an invariant property of  $\mathbf{a}$ .

*Proof: 1. The upper bound*

$S(\mathbf{a}) \subseteq \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$  uses the effectivity of the coding. Choose  $\mathbf{u}$  low noncappable. Then, for a representation below  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}$

$$i \in X \Leftrightarrow C \leq_T \{\beta(i)\}^R \oplus D$$

and the right hand side is  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ .

*2. The lower bound*

$\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a}) \subseteq S(\mathbf{a})$  requires more work.

**Given:**  $X$  in  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  promptly simple.

**Find:**  $\mathbf{G}$  coded below  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \leq \mathbf{a}$  such that

$$X = \{i : \mathbf{c} \leq \mathbf{g}_i \vee \mathbf{d}\}.$$

### Big Theorems

**Theorem A:** If:  $\mathbf{a} \neq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  promptly simple, then:

there is an effective successor model coded below  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}$  such that

- $(\mathbf{g}_i)$  is u.r.e. and
- $\mathbf{r} = \bigoplus_i \mathbf{g}_i$  is low.

**Theorem B:** If

- $(\mathbf{g}_i)$  is a u.r.e. antichain,
- $\bigoplus_i \mathbf{g}_i$  is low and
- $\mathbf{g}_i < \mathbf{a}$  for each  $i$ , then:

for each  $X$  in  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ , there are  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \leq \mathbf{a}$  such that

$$X = \{i : \mathbf{c} \leq \mathbf{g}_i \vee \mathbf{d}\}.$$

### Relativizations of $\mathcal{R}_T$

Let  $\mathcal{R}_T^X = \{\mathbf{y} : \mathbf{y} \text{ r.e.a. } X\}$ .

**Theorem 0.10** *If  $Z^{(2)} \neq W^{(2)}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}_T^Z \not\cong \mathcal{R}_T^W$*

(Similar Theorems are known for  $\mathcal{D}_T(\leq 0')$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_m$  and  $\mathcal{E}$ .)

Proof: By relativization of the arguments above, also in  $\mathcal{R}_T^X$ ,  $S(\mathbf{a}) = \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ .  
So, from the isomorphism type of  $\mathcal{R}_T^X$ , we can recover

$$\Sigma_3^0(X) = \bigcap \{S(\mathbf{a}) : \mathbf{a} \text{ r.e.a in } X, \mathbf{a} \neq 0\}$$

### Definability of $\{\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \sim_2 \mathbf{a}\}$

To define  $\{\mathbf{x} : S(\mathbf{x}) = \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})\}$  by a f.o. formula, we need

- a coding of SMA's  $\mathbf{M}$ , to evaluate " $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})$ " inside  $\mathcal{R}_T$
- a way to f.o.-define isomorphism between SMA's, to express standardness and compare representations in different models
- A way to f.o.-define the isomorphism between an effective successor model  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  (viewed as successor model), to transfer a represented set  $X \subseteq \mathbf{G}$  into  $\mathbf{M}$ .

### Schemes

Recall: a *scheme* is a collection of formulas (with parameters) to code objects of a certain type in  $\mathcal{R}_T$ . From now on it may include a f.o.-*correctness condition* on parameters.

**Example:** We obtained  $s_G$ , a scheme for coding effective successor models. The c.c. says it is a successor model.

**Convention:** If  $s_X$  is a scheme,  $X, X_0$  etc denote objects coded via this scheme, by parameters satisfying the correctness condition.

### Standard models and comparison

**Theorem 0.11** 1. *There is a scheme  $s_M$  such that all coded  $\mathbf{M}$  are standard models of arithmetic.*

2. *There is a scheme  $s_h$  for uniformly defining the isomorphism between any two standard  $\mathbf{M}$ 's,*

3. *There is a scheme  $s_g$  for uniformly defining the isomorphism between standard  $\mathbf{G}$ 's such that  $(G_i)$  is u.r.e. and the parameter  $\mathbf{r}$  is low and any  $\mathbf{M}$ 's, viewed as a successor model.*

- These restricted  $\mathbf{G}$ 's were the only models we needed to verify that  $\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a}) \subseteq S(\mathbf{a})$ .
- So we can add a correctness condition on the scheme  $s_G$  stating that an isomorphism  $\tilde{g}$  to some standard  $\mathbf{M}_G$  exists.

- This “secret” modification in the def of representability below  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}$  and hence in the definition of  $S(\mathbf{a})$  doesn't change the fact that

$$\Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a}) = S(\mathbf{a})$$

To prove the theorem, use the following easy extension of the SW-construction.

**Lemma 0.12** *If  $(\mathbf{u}_i)$  is a u.r.e. sequence, and  $\bigoplus_i \mathbf{u}_i$  is low, then there is  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $i^{\mathbf{M}} \leq \mathbf{u}_i$  and*

$$\mathbf{u}_i \not\leq \mathbf{u}_j \Rightarrow i^{\mathbf{M}} \not\leq \mathbf{u}_j.$$

**A version of  $S(\mathbf{x})$  inside  $\mathbf{M}$**

Let  $(T_j) = (W_j^{\emptyset^3})$  be a listing of the  $\Sigma_4^0$  sets.

$S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{M}) = \{j \in \mathbf{M} : \forall \mathbf{u} \text{ noncappable}$   
 $\exists \mathbf{G} \text{ coded below } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}$   
 $\exists g : \mathbf{G} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{M} \text{ isom. of successor models}$

$g^{-1}(T_j)$  is repr. below  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}$  via  $\mathbf{G}$

Then  $\mathbf{x} \sim_2 \mathbf{a} \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{M} \forall j \in \mathbf{M}$

$$[j \in S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{M}) \Leftrightarrow \text{“}\mathbf{M} \models T_j \in \Sigma_3^0(\mathbf{a})\text{”}],$$

and the statement on the right can be expressed in a f.o.-way. by quantifying over the parameters involved and using that each  $\mathbf{M}$  is standard.

### Approximation to biinterpretability

**Theorem 0.13** (i) *A SMA  $\mathbf{N}$  can be interpreted in  $\mathcal{R}_T$  without parameters.*  
(ii) *There is a definable map  $f : \mathbf{R}_T \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  such that  $(\forall \mathbf{a}) W_{f(\mathbf{a})}'' = \mathbf{a}''$ .*

Part (ii) gives the Main Definability Theorem: If

- $C \subseteq \mathcal{R}_T^n$  is invariant under  $\sim_2$  and
- the corresponding relation on indices is arithmetical,

then  $C$  is definable.

*Proof:*  $C = f^{-1}(f(C))$ .