

# Enumeration Degree Spectra of Abstract Structures

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# Enumeration reducibility

Let  $\{W_i\}_{i \in \omega}, \{D_i\}_{i \in \omega}$  be standard listings of the computably enumerable sets and the finite sets of numbers.

**Definition.**(Friedberg and Rogers, 1959) We say that  $\Psi : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$  is an *enumeration operator* (or e-operator) iff for some c.e. set  $W_i$

$$\Psi(B) = \{x | (\exists D)[\langle x, D \rangle \in W_i \ \& \ D \subseteq B]\}$$

for each  $B \subseteq \omega$ .

If  $\Psi$  is defined by means of the c.e. set  $W_i$  then we say that  $i$  is an index of  $\Psi$  and write  $\Psi = \Psi_i$ .

**Definition.** For any sets  $A$  and  $B$  define  $A$  is *enumeration reducible to  $B$* , written  $A \leq_e B$ , by  $A = \Psi(B)$  for some e-operator  $\Psi$ .

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Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{N}; R_1, \dots, R_k)$  be a denumerable structure. Enumeration of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is every total surjective mapping of  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Given an enumeration  $f$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and a subset of  $A$  of  $\mathbb{N}^a$ , let

$$f^{-1}(A) = \{\langle x_1, \dots, x_a \rangle : (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_a)) \in A\}.$$

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Given a structure  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{N}, R_1, \dots, R_k)$ , for every  $j$  denote by  $R_j^c$  the complement of  $R_j$  and let  $\mathfrak{A}^+ = (\mathbb{N}, R_1, \dots, R_k, R_1^c, \dots, R_k^c)$ .

**Proposition.** The following are true:

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# Representing countable ideals as co-spectra

**Example.** (based on Coles, Dawney, Slaman - 1998) Let  $G$  be a torsion free Abelian group of rank 1, i.e.  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $a \neq 0 \in G$  and let  $p$  be a prime number. Let  $h_p(a)$  be the greatest  $k$  s.t.  $(\exists x \in G)(p^k \cdot x = a)$ . Let

$$\chi(a) = (h_{p_0}(a), h_{p_1}(a), \dots) \text{ and}$$

$$S_a = \{\langle i, j \rangle : j \leq \text{the } i\text{-th member of } \chi(a)\}.$$

For  $a, b \neq 0 \in G$ ,  $S_a \equiv_e S_b$ .

Set  $\mathbf{s}_G = d_e(S_a)$ . Then  $DS(G) = \{\mathbf{b} : \mathbf{b} \text{ is total and } \mathbf{s}_G \leq_e \mathbf{b}\}$ .

- The co-degree of  $G$  is  $\mathbf{s}_G$ .
- $G$  has a degree iff  $\mathbf{s}_G$  is total
- If  $1 \leq n$ , then  $\mathbf{s}_G^{(n)}$  is the  $n$ -th jump degree of  $G$ .

For every  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{D}_e$  there exists a  $G$ , s.t.  $\mathbf{s}_G = \mathbf{d}$ . Hence every principle ideal of enumeration degrees is  $CS(G)$  for some  $G$ .

**Example.** Let  $B_0, \dots, B_n, \dots$  be a sequence of sets of natural numbers. Set  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{N}; f; \sigma)$ ,

$$f(\langle i, n \rangle) = \langle i + 1, n \rangle;$$

$$\sigma = \{ \langle i, n \rangle : n = 2k + 1 \vee n = 2k \ \& \ i \in B_k \}.$$

Then  $CS(\mathfrak{A}) = I(d_e(B_0), \dots, d_e(B_n), \dots)$

# General Properties of Upwards Closed Sets

**Definition.** Consider a subset  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{D}_e$ . Say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is *upwards closed* if for every  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}$  all total degrees greater than  $\mathbf{a}$  are contained in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an upwards closed set of degrees.  
Note that if  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , then  $co(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq co(\mathcal{B})$ .

**Proposition.** (Selman) Let  $\mathcal{A}_t = \{\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A} \ \& \ \mathbf{a} \text{ is total}\}$ . Then  $co(\mathcal{A}) = co(\mathcal{A}_t)$ .

**Proposition.** Let  $\mathbf{b}$  be an arbitrary enumeration degree and  $n > 0$ . Set  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b},n} = \{\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A} \ \& \ \mathbf{b} \leq_e \mathbf{a}^{(n)}\}$ . Then  $co(\mathcal{A}) = co(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{b},n})$ .

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Set  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{D} \ \& \ \mathbf{a}' = d_e(B)'\}$ .

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# Selman's Theorem for Degree Spectra

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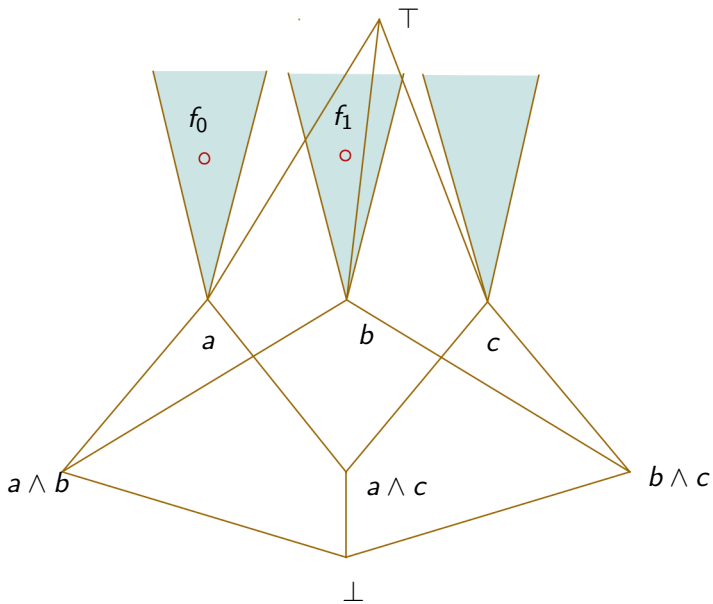
**Theorem.** Let  $\mathbf{c} \in DS_2(\mathfrak{A})$ . There exist  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \in DS(\mathfrak{A})$  s.t.  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}$  are total,  $\mathbf{f}' = \mathbf{g}' = \mathbf{c}$  and  $CS(\mathfrak{A}) = co(\{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}\})$ .

Notice that for every enumeration degree  $\mathbf{a}$  there exists a structure  $\mathfrak{A}_{\mathbf{a}}$  s. t.  $DS(\mathfrak{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_T \mid \mathbf{a} <_e \mathbf{x}\}$ . Hence

**Corollary.** (Rozinas) For every  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{D}_e$  there exist total  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}$  below  $\mathbf{b}'$  which are a minimal pair over  $\mathbf{b}$ .

*Not every upwards closed set of enumeration degrees has a minimal pair:*

# An upwards closed set with no minimal pair





# The Quasi-minimal degree

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a set of enumeration degrees. The degree  $\mathbf{q}$  is quasi-minimal with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$  if:

- $\mathbf{q} \notin co(\mathcal{A})$ .
- If  $\mathbf{a}$  is total and  $\mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{q}$ , then  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}$ .
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**Theorem.** *If  $\mathbf{q}$  is quasi-minimal with respect to  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{q}$  is an upper bound of  $co(\mathcal{A})$ .*

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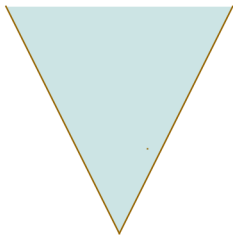
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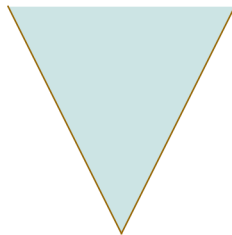
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# An upwards closed set with no quasi-minimal degree



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**Definition.** The  $n$ -th jump spectrum of a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  is the set

$$DS_n(\mathfrak{A}) = \{\mathbf{a}^{(n)} \mid \mathbf{a} \in DS(\mathfrak{A})\}.$$

If  $\mathbf{a}$  is the least element of  $DS_n(\mathfrak{A})$  then  $\mathbf{a}$  is called  $n$ -th jump degree of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

**Proposition.** For every  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $DS_1(\mathfrak{A}) \subseteq DS(\mathfrak{A})$ .

*Is it true that for every  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $DS_1(\mathfrak{A}) \subset DS(\mathfrak{A})$ ? Probably the answer is "no".*

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Let  $K_{\mathfrak{A}} = \{\langle \delta, e, x \rangle : (\exists \tau \supseteq \delta)(\tau \Vdash F_e(x))\}$ .

Set  $\mathfrak{A}' = (\mathfrak{A}^*, K_{\mathfrak{A}}, \mathbb{N}^* \setminus K_{\mathfrak{A}})$ .

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# The Jump Inversion Theorem

Consider two structures  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Suppose that

$$DS(\mathfrak{B})_t = \{\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{a} \in DS(\mathfrak{B}) \text{ and } \mathbf{a} \text{ is total}\} \subseteq DS_1(\mathfrak{A}).$$

**Theorem.** *There exists a structure  $\mathfrak{C}$  s.t.  $DS(\mathfrak{C}) \subseteq DS(\mathfrak{A})$  and  $DS_1(\mathfrak{C}) = DS(\mathfrak{B})_t$ .*

**Corollary.** *Let  $DS(\mathfrak{B}) \subseteq DS_1(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then there exists a structure  $\mathfrak{C}$  s.t.  $DS(\mathfrak{C}) \subseteq DS(\mathfrak{A})$  and  $DS(\mathfrak{B}) = DS_1(\mathfrak{C})$ .*

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It is sufficient to construct a structure  $\mathfrak{B}$  such that the elements of  $DS(\mathfrak{B})$  are exactly the total e-degrees greater than  $\mathbf{0}^{(n)}$ .

This is done by Whener's construction using a special family of sets:

**Theorem.** *Let  $n \geq 0$ . There exists a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of sets of natural number s.t. for every  $X$  strictly above  $\mathbf{0}^{(n)}$  there exists a recursive in  $X$  set  $U$  satisfying the equivalence:*

$$F \in \mathcal{F} \iff (\exists a)(F = \{x \mid (a, x) \in U\}).$$

*But there is no c.e. in  $\mathbf{0}^{(n)}$  such  $U$ .*

Thank you!