

# Turing, $tt$ -, and $m$ -reductions for functions in the Baire hierarchy

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Some intuition:

- Shifting or scaling a function by a computable factor should not change the difficulty of computing it.
- Given  $f, g$ , their join  $f \oplus g$  should have the same degree as a function consisting of a scaled copy of  $f$  next to a scaled copy of  $g$ .
- Given  $f, g$ , we should have  $f + g \leq_T f \oplus g$ .
- A step function that steps at some  $X \in 2^\omega$  should compute a step function that steps at any  $Y \leq_T X$ .

# Continuous strong parallelized Weihrauch reducibility

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- For  $Z \in 2^\omega$ , let  $s_Z$  be a step function that steps at  $Z$ .

$$s_Z(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X \leq_{lex} Z \\ 1 & \text{if } X >_{lex} Z. \end{cases}$$

Then  $s_{0^\omega} \leq_{\mathbf{T}} s_{(01)^\omega}$ .

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- In fact, whenever  $s_Z$  is discontinuous, we have  $s_Y \leq_{\mathbf{T}} s_Z$  for all  $Y \in 2^\omega$ .
- If  $f$  is continuous and  $g$  is non-constant, then  $f \leq_{\mathbf{T}} g$ .

# Baire functions

Recall the Baire hierarchy of functions:

- $\mathcal{B}_0$  is the continuous functions
- $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is the set of pointwise limits of functions from  $\cup_{\beta < \alpha} \mathcal{B}_\beta$ .

For example  $s_{0^\omega} \in \mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \mathcal{B}_0$ .

Useful equivalent definition:

We have  $f \in \mathcal{B}_n$  if and only if there is a computable functional  $\Gamma$  and a parameter  $Z \in 2^\omega$  such that for all  $X$ ,

$$f(X) = \Gamma((X \oplus Z)^{(n)}).$$

At level  $\omega$ , one jump is “skipped”.

$$f \in \mathcal{B}_\omega \iff \text{for some } \Gamma \text{ and } Z, \text{ we have } f(X) = \Gamma((X \oplus Z)^{(\omega+1)}).$$

# Properties of $\leq_T$

**Proposition** When restricted to functions from the Baire hierarchy (or, assuming  $AD+$ , without restriction), the  $\equiv_T$  degrees are linearly ordered. Furthermore, within the Baire hierarchy, the degrees are exactly

- The proper Baire classes  $\mathcal{B}_{\alpha+1} \setminus B_\alpha$ , and
- For each limit ordinal  $\lambda$ , there are two degrees whose union is  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \lambda} B_\beta$ .

**Theorem** (Kihara). Assume  $AD+$ . The following degree structures are isomorphic (both are long well-orders):

- The uniformly Turing order preserving jump operators under Martin reducibility
- The discontinuous functions  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  under  $\leq_T$

Furthermore, this isomorphism is essentially the identity map.

I won't define those terms, but the map  $X \mapsto (X \oplus Z)^{(n)}$  is an example of a uniformly Turing order preserving jump operator.

# Truth-table and many-one reducibility

The spirits of *tt*- and *m*-reducibility are:

- Truth-table: Say in advance exactly what bits of the oracle you will use, and what you will do with them.
- Many-one: Specify in advance exactly one bit of the oracle, and use its answer as your answer.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{h_i} & \bigoplus_i Y_i \\ & & \downarrow \\ W & \xleftarrow{k} & \bigoplus_i Z_i \\ (\text{some name for } f(X)) & & (\text{any names for } g(Y_i)) \end{array}$$

Idea: Make  $k$  a *tt*-reduction or an *m*-reduction.

Problem: What is one bit of information about a real? Cauchy name representation of a real doesn't make much sense for this.

# One bit of information

A bit of information about a real number  $x$  should be roughly: for a given rational  $p$ , say whether  $x < p$  or  $x > p$ .

This is too sharp, so fuzz it up with a rational  $\varepsilon$ : Given  $(p, \varepsilon)$ , an *acceptable*  $(p, \varepsilon)$ -bit of  $x$  is

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq p - \varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq p + \varepsilon \\ 0 \text{ or } 1 & \text{if } p - \varepsilon < x < p + \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.** We say  $X \in 2^\omega$  is an *acceptable name* for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  if for all  $p, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}$ , with  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have  $X(\langle p, \varepsilon \rangle)$  is an acceptable  $(p, \varepsilon)$ -bit of  $x$ .

# Definition of $tt$ -reducibility

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X, p, \varepsilon & \xrightarrow{h_i} & \bigoplus_{i \leq n} Y_i \\ & & \downarrow \\ W & \xleftarrow{T} & \bigoplus_{i \leq n} Z_i \end{array}$$

(some acceptable bit for  $f(X), p, \varepsilon$ )      (any acceptable names for  $g(Y_i)$ )

**Definition 3.** We say  $f \leq_{tt} g$  if for every  $(p, \varepsilon)$ , there are

- continuous functions  $h_0, \dots, h_{n-1} : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ ,
- rational pairs  $(r_0, \varepsilon_0), \dots, (r_{n-1}, \varepsilon_{n-1})$ , and
- a truth table  $T : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

such that whenever  $b_i$  are acceptable  $(r_i, \varepsilon_i)$  bits for  $g(h_i(X))$ , then  $T(b_0, \dots, b_{n-1})$  is an acceptable  $(p, \varepsilon)$  bit for  $f(X)$ .

Example: If  $f, g : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are **bounded** functions, then  $f + g \leq_{tt} t$ , where

$$t(i^\frown X) = \begin{cases} f(X) & \text{if } i = 0 \\ g(X) & \text{if } i = 1 \end{cases}$$

## An equivalent $\leq_{\text{tt}}$ definition

**Proposition** (Pauly). For  $f, g : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $f \leq_{\text{tt}} g$  if and only if  $S_f \leq_{sW}^c S_g^*$ , where  $S_f$  is the Weihrauch Problem “given  $(p, \varepsilon), X$ , output a  $(p, \varepsilon)$ -acceptable bit for  $f(X)$ .”

(one direction does use the compactness of  $2^\omega$ )

# Structure of Baire 1 functions

The Baire 1 functions support several  $\omega_1$ -length ranking functions.

Consider the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  ranks studied by Kechris-Louveau (1990), corresponding to three different characterizations of the Baire 1 functions.

The  $\alpha$  rank is defined as follows. Given  $f \in \mathcal{B}_1$  and  $p, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}$ , let

- $P^0 = 2^\omega$ ,
- $P^{\nu+1} = P^\nu \setminus \cup\{U \text{ open} : f(U \cap P) \subseteq (p-\varepsilon, \infty) \text{ or } f(U \cap P) \subseteq (-\infty, p+\varepsilon)\}$
- $P^\nu = \cap_{\mu < \nu} P^\mu$  for  $\nu$  a limit.

Let  $\alpha(f, p, \varepsilon)$  be the least  $\alpha$  such that  $P^\alpha = \emptyset$ .

Let  $\alpha(f) = \sup_{p, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}} \alpha(f, p, \varepsilon)$ .

The different ranks do not coincide generally, but:

**Theorem.** (Kechris, Louveau) If  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded, then for each ordinal  $\xi$ , we have

$$\alpha(f) \leq \omega^\xi \iff \beta(f) \leq \omega^\xi \iff \gamma(f) \leq \omega^\xi.$$

# Characterization of the $\leq_{\text{tt}}$ degrees in $\mathcal{B}_1$

For  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\xi(f)$  be the least  $\xi$  such that  $\alpha(f) \leq \omega^\xi$ .

**Theorem.** (DDW) For  $f, g \in \mathcal{B}_1$ , we have

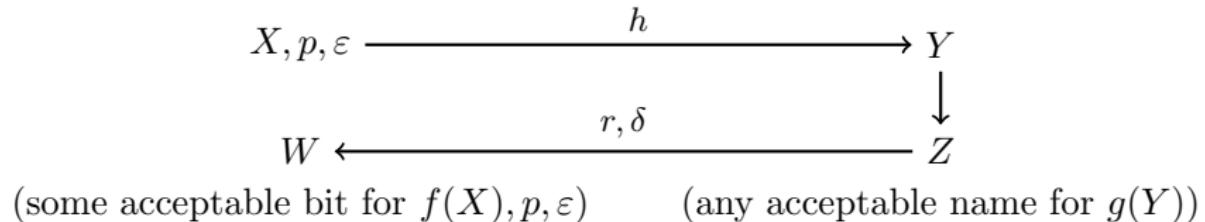
$$f \leq_{\text{tt}} g \iff \xi(f) \leq \xi(g).$$

**Corollary.** (Kechris-Louveau) If  $f, g \in \mathcal{B}_1$  are bounded, then

$$\xi(f + g) \leq \max(\xi(f), \xi(g)).$$

Proof: Observe that (using boundedness)  $f + g \leq_{\text{tt}} f \oplus g$ .

# Definition of $m$ -reducibility



**Definition 4.** We say  $f \leq_m g$  if for every  $(p, \varepsilon)$ , there is

- a continuous function  $h : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ , and
- a rational pair  $(r, \delta)$

such that whenever  $b$  is an acceptable  $(r, \delta)$  bit for  $g(h(X))$ , then  $b$  is also an acceptable  $(p, \varepsilon)$  bit for  $f(X)$ .

Example:

If discontinuous functions  $s$  and  $t$  are both lower semi-continuous step functions, then  $s \equiv_m t$ . But if one is lower semi-continuous and the other upper semicontinuous, then they are  $\leq_m$ -incomparable.

# Landmarks in the Baire hierarchy

**Definition.** Let  $j_n : 2^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$j_n(X) = \sum_{i \in \omega} \frac{X^{(n)}(i)}{2^{i+1}}.$$

**Fact.** For each  $n$ , we have  $j_n \in \mathcal{B}_n$ .

**Theorem.** (DDW)

- ① The  $\leq_m$  equivalence classes are almost linearly ordered, and for each  $f \in \mathcal{B}_n$ , we have  $f \leq_m j_{n+1}$ .
- ② For each  $n$  and  $f$ , if  $f$  is Baire but  $f \notin \mathcal{B}_n$ , then either

$$j_{n+1} \leq_m f \text{ or } -j_{n+1} \leq_m f.$$

Proof:

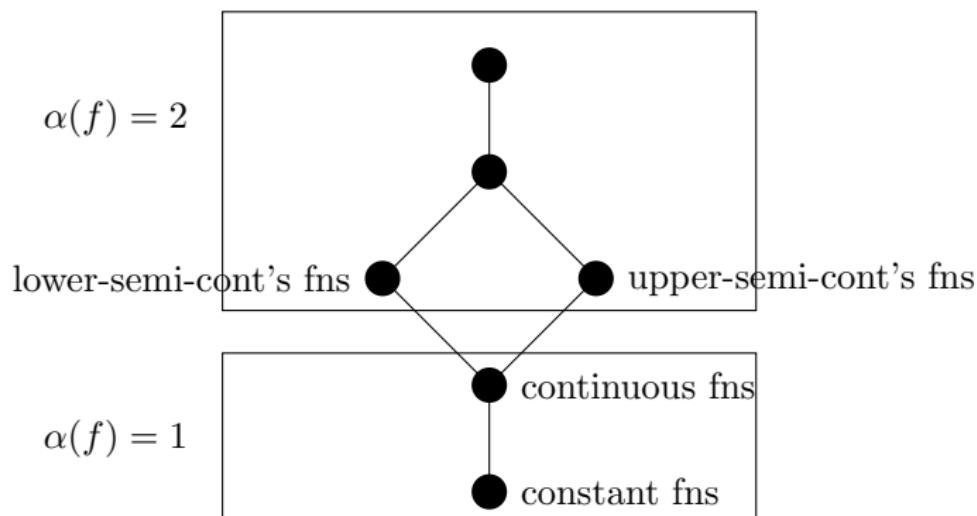
- ① A game.
- ② Uses  $0^{(n)}$  priority argument.

# Characterization of the $\leq_m$ -degrees in $\mathcal{B}_1$

## Theorem. (DDW)

- If  $\alpha(f) < \alpha(g)$ , then  $f <_m g$ .
- If  $\alpha(f) = \alpha(g)$  and this is a limit, then  $f \equiv_m g$ .
- If  $\nu > 1$  is a successor, there are exactly 4 **m**-equivalence classes in  $\{f : \alpha(f) = \nu\}$ , arranged as below.

The initial segment of the **m**-degrees includes some recognizable classes.



# Above Baire 1 – structure of $m$ -degrees

Kihara has shown that the degree structure we found for  $\mathcal{B}_1$  continues into higher Baire classes, though  $\alpha$  rank was not defined there.

**Equivalent definition** (Kihara). We

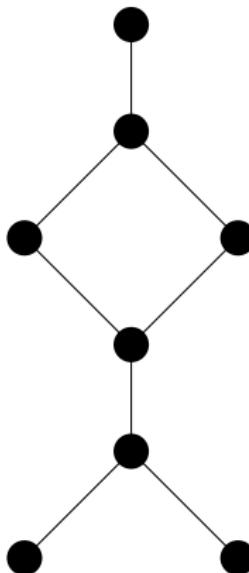
have  $f \leq_m g$  if and only if for every

$(p, \varepsilon)$ , there is an  $(r, \delta)$  such that

$S_{f,p,\varepsilon} \leq_W S_{g,r,\varepsilon}$ , where  $\leq_W$  is  
 $\{0, 1, \perp\}$ -valued Wadge reducibility

and  $S_{f,p,\varepsilon}$  is the  $\{0, 1, \perp\}$ -valued  
function which outputs the unique  
acceptable bit for  $f(X), p, \varepsilon$ , if it  
exists, or  $\perp$  if both are ok.

Using this, he described precisely the  
structure of the  $\leq_m$  degrees, above  
Baire 1, and their relation to the  
Wadge degrees.



Thank you.