

# Computability, Unsolvability, Randomness

## Math 497A: Homework #10

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1. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be Turing oracles. Define  $f \leq_{LK} g$  to mean that

$$K^g(\tau) \leq K^f(\tau) + O(1)$$

for all bitstrings  $\tau$ . Define  $f \leq_{LR} g$  to mean that

$$(\forall X \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}) (\text{if } X \text{ is } g\text{-random then } X \text{ is } f\text{-random}).$$

- (a) Show that  $f \leq_T g$  implies both  $f \leq_{LK} g$  and  $f \leq_{LR} g$ .
- (b) Let  $X \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be such that  $X \leq_{LK} 0$ . Show that  $X$  is  $K$ -trivial, i.e.,  $K(X \upharpoonright n) \leq K(n) + O(1)$  for all  $n$ .

Note: It can be shown that the properties  $f \leq_{LK} g$  and  $f \leq_{LR} g$  are equivalent to each other. However, they are not equivalent to  $f \leq_T g$ . In fact, we can find a nonrecursive  $X \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $X \leq_{LK} 0$ . It can be shown that  $X \leq_{LK} 0$  if and only if  $X$  is  $K$ -trivial.

2. For convenience in stating this problem, let us identify subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  with their characteristic functions. In other words, we identify  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  with  $\chi_A \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Thus  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  is the set of all subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $J : 2^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the Turing jump operator:

$$J(X) = X' = H^X = \text{the Halting Problem relative to } X.$$

Recall that  $0^{(1)} = 0' = J(0)$  and in general  $0^{(n+1)} = (0^{(n)})' = J(0^{(n)})$  for all  $n$ . By Post's Theorem we know that for each  $n \geq 1$  the set  $0^{(n)}$  is  $\Sigma_n^0$  and not  $\Delta_n^0$ . Define

$$0^{(\omega)} = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} 0^{(n)} = \{3^m 5^n \mid m \in 0^{(n)}\}.$$

Note that the set  $0^{(\omega)}$  is not arithmetical, i.e., it is not  $\Delta_n^0$  for any  $n$ .

- (a) Show that the 2-place predicate  $P \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}} \times 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  given by

$$P(X, Y) \equiv J(X) = Y$$

is  $\Pi_2^0$ .

- (b) Show that for each  $n \geq 1$  the singleton set  $\{0^{(n)}\}$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ .  
(c) Show that the singleton set  $\{0^{(\omega)}\}$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ .

Note: These singleton sets are subsets of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

3. (a) Show that every nonempty  $\Pi_1^0$  subset of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  contains a member which is  $\Delta_n^0$  for some  $n$ .  
(b) In part (a), what is the optimal value of  $n$ ?  
(c) In parts (a) and (b), what if we replace  $\Pi_1^0$  sets by  $\Pi_2^0$  sets?  
(d) Is every  $\Pi_2^0$  subset of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  Turing isomorphic to a  $\Pi_1^0$  subset of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ ?
4. Let  $X \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ . We say that  $X$  is *2-random* if  $X$  is random relative to  $0'$ . Recall also that  $X$  is *weakly 2-random* if  $X \notin$  any  $\Pi_2^0$  set of measure 0. Let  $\mathbf{a} = \text{deg}_T(X)$  = the Turing degree of  $X$ .  
(a) Show that if  $X$  is 2-random then  $X$  is weakly 2-random.  
(b) Show that if  $X$  is weakly 2-random then  $\inf(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{0}') = \mathbf{0}$ .  
(c) In part (b) what if we assume only that  $X$  is random?  
(d) Show that if  $X$  is 2-random then  $\sup(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{0}') = \mathbf{a}'$ .  
(e) In part (d) what if we assume only that  $X$  is weakly 2-random?
5. Show that every  $\Pi_2^0$  subset of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  includes a  $\Sigma_2^{0,0'}$  set of the same measure.