

An extension of the recursively enumerable Turing degrees

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Abstract

Consider the countable semilattice \mathcal{R}_T consisting of the recursively enumerable Turing degrees. Although \mathcal{R}_T is known to be structurally rich, a major source of frustration is that no specific, natural degrees in \mathcal{R}_T have been discovered, except the bottom and top degrees, $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{0}'$. In order to overcome this difficulty, we embed \mathcal{R}_T into a larger degree structure which is better behaved. Namely, consider the countable distributive lattice \mathcal{P}_w consisting of the weak degrees (a.k.a., Muchnik degrees) of mass problems associated with nonempty Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω . It is known that \mathcal{P}_w contains a bottom degree $\mathbf{0}$ and a top degree $\mathbf{1}$ and is structurally rich. Moreover, \mathcal{P}_w contains many specific, natural degrees other than $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$. In particular, we show that in \mathcal{P}_w one has $\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{d} < \mathbf{r}_1 < \inf(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{1}) < \mathbf{1}$. Here \mathbf{d} is the weak degree of the diagonally nonrecursive functions, and \mathbf{r}_n is the weak degree of the n -random reals. It is known that \mathbf{r}_1 can be characterized as the maximum weak degree of a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω of positive measure. We now show that $\inf(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{1})$ can be characterized as the maximum weak degree of a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω whose Turing upward closure is of positive measure. We exhibit a natural embedding of \mathcal{R}_T into \mathcal{P}_w which is one-to-one, preserves the semilattice structure of \mathcal{R}_T , carries $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{0}$, and carries $\mathbf{0}'$ to $\mathbf{1}$. Identifying \mathcal{R}_T with its image in \mathcal{P}_w , we show that all of the degrees in \mathcal{R}_T except $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$ are incomparable with the specific degrees \mathbf{d} , \mathbf{r}_1 , and $\inf(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{1})$ in \mathcal{P}_w .

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1 Introduction

A principal object of study in recursion theory going back to the seminal work of Turing [36] and Post [25] has been the countable upper semilattice \mathcal{R}_T of *recursively enumerable Turing degrees*, i.e., Turing degrees of recursively enumerable sets of positive integers. See the monographs of Sacks [27], Rogers [26], Soare [35], and Odifreddi [22, 23].

A major difficulty or obstacle in the study of \mathcal{R}_T has been the lack of natural examples. Although it has long been known that \mathcal{R}_T is infinite and structurally rich, to this day no specific, natural examples of recursively enumerable Turing degrees are known, beyond the two examples originally noted by Turing: $\mathbf{0}' =$ the Turing degree of the Halting Problem, and $\mathbf{0} =$ the Turing degree of solvable problems. Furthermore, $\mathbf{0}'$ and $\mathbf{0}$ are respectively the top and bottom elements of \mathcal{R}_T . This paucity of examples in \mathcal{R}_T is striking, because it is widely recognized that most other branches of mathematics are motivated and nurtured by a rich stock of examples. Clearly it ought to be of interest to somehow overcome this deficiency in the study of \mathcal{R}_T .

In 1999 [30, 31] we defined a degree structure, here denoted \mathcal{P}_w , which is closely related to \mathcal{R}_T , but superior to \mathcal{R}_T in at least two respects. First, \mathcal{P}_w exhibits better structural behavior than \mathcal{R}_T , in the sense that \mathcal{P}_w is a countable distributive lattice, while \mathcal{R}_T is not even a lattice. Second and more importantly, there are plenty of specific, natural degrees in \mathcal{P}_w which are intermediate between $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{0}$, the top and bottom elements of \mathcal{P}_w . Thus \mathcal{P}_w does not suffer from the above-mentioned lack of examples, which plagues \mathcal{R}_T .

In more detail, let \mathcal{P}_w be the lattice of *weak degrees* (a.k.a., *Muchnik degrees*) of mass problems given by nonempty Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω . In 1999 [30] we showed that among the intermediate degrees in \mathcal{P}_w is the specific degree \mathbf{r}_1 associated with the set of 1-random reals. The concept of 1-randomness was already well

known from algorithmic information theory [19]. After 1999, we and other authors [2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 33, 34] continued the study of \mathcal{P}_w , using priority arguments to prove structural properties, just as for \mathcal{R}_T . In addition, we [33] discovered families of specific, natural, intermediate degrees in \mathcal{P}_w related to foundationally interesting topics such as reverse mathematics, Gentzen-style proof theory, and computational complexity. Some additional degrees of this kind are presented in Sections 3 and 4 below.

The purpose of the present paper is to further clarify the relationship between the semilattice \mathcal{R}_T and the lattice \mathcal{P}_w . Namely, we exhibit a specific, natural embedding $\phi : \mathcal{R}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w$ which is one-to-one, preserves the semilattice structure of \mathcal{R}_T , and carries the top and bottom elements of \mathcal{R}_T to the top and bottom elements of \mathcal{P}_w . See Theorem 5.5 below. By identifying \mathcal{R}_T with its image in \mathcal{P}_w , we place the recursively enumerable Turing degrees into a wider context, where natural intermediate degrees occur. We view this as a step toward overcoming the above-mentioned difficulties concerning \mathcal{R}_T .

At the same time, our embedding of \mathcal{R}_T into \mathcal{P}_w fails to solve the long standing open problem of finding a specific, natural, intermediate degree within \mathcal{R}_T itself. Indeed, we shall see below (Theorem 5.6) that, regrettably, all of the intermediate degrees belonging to the image of \mathcal{R}_T under our embedding are incomparable with all of the known natural intermediate degrees in \mathcal{P}_w .

2 Background: \mathcal{R}_T and \mathcal{P}_w

In this section we review some basic information concerning the semilattice \mathcal{R}_T and the lattice \mathcal{P}_w .

Throughout this paper we shall use standard recursion-theoretic notation from Rogers [26] and Soare [35]. For special aspects of mass problems and Π_1^0 sets, a convenient reference is [33].

We write $\omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ for the set of natural numbers, ω^ω for the space of total functions from ω into ω , and 2^ω for the space of total functions from ω into $\{0, 1\}$. We sometimes identify a set $A \subseteq \omega$ with its characteristic function $\chi_A \in 2^\omega$ given by $\chi_A(n) = 1$ if $n \in A$, 0 if $n \notin A$. For $e, n, m \in \omega$ and $f \in \omega^\omega$ we write $\{e\}^f(n) = m$ to mean that the Turing machine with Gödel number e and oracle f and input n eventually halts with output m . In the absence of an oracle f , we write $\{e\}(n) = m$. For $P \subseteq \omega^\omega$ we consider *recursive functionals* $\Phi : P \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ given by $\Phi(f)(n) = \{e\}^f(n)$ for some $e \in \omega$ and all $f \in P$ and $n \in \omega$. A function $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ is said to be *recursive* if there exists $e \in \omega$ such that $h(n) = \{e\}(n)$ for all $n \in \omega$. A set $A \subseteq \omega$ is said to be *recursively enumerable* if it is the image of a recursive function, i.e., $A = \{m \mid \exists n (h(n) = m)\}$ for some recursive $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$.

For $f, g \in \omega^\omega$ we write $f \leq_T g$ to mean that f is *Turing reducible* to g , i.e., $\exists e \forall n (f(n) = \{e\}^g(n))$. The *Turing degree* of f , denoted $\deg_T(f)$, is the set of all g such that $f \equiv_T g$, i.e., $f \leq_T g$ and $g \leq_T f$. The set \mathcal{D}_T of all Turing degrees is partially ordered by putting $\deg_T(f) \leq \deg_T(g)$ if and only if $f \leq_T g$. Under this partial ordering, the bottom element of \mathcal{D}_T is $\mathbf{0} = \{f \in \omega^\omega \mid f$

is recursive}. Within \mathcal{D}_T , the least upper bound of $\deg_T(f)$ and $\deg_T(g)$ is $\deg_T(f \oplus g)$ where $(f \oplus g)(2n) = f(n)$ and $(f \oplus g)(2n+1) = g(n)$ for all $n \in \omega$. A Turing degree \mathbf{a} is said to be *recursively enumerable* if $\mathbf{a} = \deg_T(\chi_A)$ where $A \subseteq \omega$ is recursively enumerable. The set of all recursively enumerable Turing degrees is denoted \mathcal{R}_T . It is easy to see that \mathcal{R}_T is closed under the least upper bound operation inherited from \mathcal{D}_T . The top and bottom elements of \mathcal{R}_T are $\mathbf{0}'$ and $\mathbf{0}$ respectively, where $\mathbf{0}' = \deg_T(H)$ is the Turing degree of the Halting Problem, $H = \{e \mid \exists m (\{e\}(0) = m)\}$. Thus \mathcal{R}_T is a countable upper semilattice with a top and bottom element.

Definition 2.1. Let P, Q be subsets of ω^ω . We say that P is *weakly reducible* to Q , written $P \leq_w Q$, if for all $g \in Q$ there exists $f \in P$ such that $f \leq_T g$. The *weak degree* of P , written $\deg_w(P)$, is the set of all Q such that $P \equiv_w Q$, i.e., $P \leq_w Q$ and $Q \leq_w P$. The set \mathcal{D}_w of all weak degrees is partially ordered by putting $\deg_w(P) \leq \deg_w(Q)$ if and only if $P \leq_w Q$. The concept of weak reducibility goes back to Muchnik [21] and has sometimes been called *Muchnik reducibility*.

Theorem 2.2. \mathcal{D}_w is a complete distributive lattice.

Proof. The least upper bound of $\deg_w(P)$ and $\deg_w(Q)$ in \mathcal{D}_w is $\deg_w(P \times Q)$ where

$$P \times Q = \{f \oplus g \mid f \in P \text{ and } g \in Q\}.$$

The greatest lower bound of $\deg_w(P)$ and $\deg_w(Q)$ in \mathcal{D}_w is $\deg_w(P \cup Q)$. The bottom element of \mathcal{D}_w is

$$\mathbf{0} = \{P \subseteq \omega^\omega \mid \exists f (f \in P \text{ and } f \text{ is recursive})\}.$$

Note that $P \leq_w Q$ if and only if $\widehat{P} \supseteq \widehat{Q}$, where \widehat{P} is the *Turing upward closure* of P ,

$$\widehat{P} = \{g \in \omega^\omega \mid (\exists f \in P) (f \leq_T g)\}.$$

Thus the lattice of weak degrees, \mathcal{D}_w , is inversely isomorphic to the lattice of subsets of ω^ω which are upward closed with respect to \leq_T . It follows that \mathcal{D}_w is a complete distributive lattice. \square

Remark 2.3. There is an obvious, natural embedding of \mathcal{D}_T into \mathcal{D}_w given by $\deg_T(f) \mapsto \deg_w(\{f\})$. Here $\{f\}$ is the singleton set whose only member is f . This embedding is one-to-one, preserves the partial ordering relation and least upper bound operation from \mathcal{D}_T , and carries $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{0}$. Compare this with our embedding of \mathcal{R}_T into \mathcal{P}_w in Theorem 5.5 below.

Definition 2.4. A predicate $R \subseteq \omega^\omega \times \omega$ is said to be *recursive* if

$$\exists e \forall f \forall n (\{e\}^f(n) = 1 \text{ if } R(f, n), \text{ and } \{e\}^f(n) = 0 \text{ if } \neg R(f, n)).$$

A set $P \subseteq \omega^\omega$ is said to be Π_1^0 if there exists a recursive predicate $R \subseteq \omega^\omega \times \omega$ such that $P = \{f \mid \forall n R(f, n)\}$. A set $S \subseteq \omega^\omega$ is said to be Σ_3^0 if there exists a recursive predicate $R \subseteq \omega^\omega \times \omega \times \omega \times \omega$ such that $S = \{f \mid \exists k \forall m \exists n R(f, k, m, n)\}$. Other levels of the arithmetical hierarchy are defined similarly.

Definition 2.5. A set $P \subseteq \omega^\omega$ is said to be *recursively bounded* if there exists a recursive function h such that $\forall n (f(n) < h(n))$ for all $f \in P$.

Definition 2.6. For $P, Q \subseteq \omega^\omega$, a *recursive homeomorphism* of P onto Q is a recursive functional $\Phi : P \rightarrow Q$ mapping P one-to-one onto Q such that the inverse functional $\Phi^{-1} : Q \rightarrow P$ is recursive. In this case we say that P and Q are *recursively homeomorphic*.

Theorem 2.7. $P \subseteq \omega^\omega$ is recursively bounded Π_1^0 if and only if P is recursively homeomorphic to a Π_1^0 set $P^* \subseteq 2^\omega$.

Proof. See [33, Theorems 4.7 and 4.10]. □

Corollary 2.8. The weak degrees of nonempty recursively bounded Π_1^0 sets are the same as the weak degrees of nonempty Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω .

Proof. This is immediate from Theorem 2.7. □

Definition 2.9. \mathcal{P}_w is the set of weak degrees of nonempty Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω .

Theorem 2.10. \mathcal{P}_w is a countable distributive lattice with a top and bottom element, denoted $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{0}$ respectively.

Proof. If P and Q are Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω , then so are $P \times Q$ and $P \cup Q$. Thus \mathcal{P}_w is closed under the least upper bound and greatest lower bound operations inherited from \mathcal{D}_w . Clearly \mathcal{P}_w is countable, because there are only countably many Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω . Clearly $\mathbf{0} = \deg_w(2^\omega)$ is the bottom element of \mathcal{P}_w . Let PA be the set of completions of Peano Arithmetic. Identifying sentences with their Gödel numbers, we may view PA as a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω . By Scott [29], $\deg_w(\text{PA}) = \mathbf{1}$ is the top element of \mathcal{P}_w . See also [33, Section 6]. □

Remark 2.11. Just like the countable semilattice \mathcal{R}_T , the countable distributive lattice \mathcal{P}_w is known to be structurally rich. Binns/Simpson [2, 5] have shown that every countable distributive lattice is lattice embeddable in every nontrivial initial segment of \mathcal{P}_w . Binns [2, 3] has obtained the \mathcal{P}_w analog of the Sacks Splitting Theorem for \mathcal{R}_T [27]. Namely, for all $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} > \mathbf{0}$ in \mathcal{P}_w there exist $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2 \in \mathcal{P}_w$ such that $\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2 \not\leq \mathbf{p}$ and $\sup(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) = \mathbf{q}$. (The \mathcal{P}_w analog of the Sacks Density Theorem for \mathcal{R}_T [28] remains as an open problem.) These structural results for \mathcal{P}_w are proved by means of priority arguments. They invite comparison with the older, known results for \mathcal{R}_T , which were also proved by means of priority arguments.

We end this section by mentioning some technical notions and results concerning trees and almost recursiveness.

A finite sequence of natural numbers $\sigma = \langle \sigma(0), \dots, \sigma(k-1) \rangle$ is called a *string* of length k . The set of all strings is denoted $\omega^{<\omega}$. The set of strings of 0's and 1's is denoted $2^{<\omega}$. If σ, τ are strings of length k, l respectively, then the *concatenation*

$$\sigma \hat{\ } \tau = \langle \sigma(0), \dots, \sigma(k-1), \tau(0), \dots, \tau(l-1) \rangle$$

is a string of length $k+l$. We write $\sigma \subseteq \tau$ if $\sigma \hat{\ } \rho = \tau$ for some ρ . If σ is a string of length k , then for all $f \in \omega^\omega$ we have $\sigma \hat{\ } f \in \omega^\omega$ defined by $(\sigma \hat{\ } f)(i) = \sigma(i)$ for $i < k$, $f(i-k)$ for $i \geq k$. We write $\sigma \subset f$ if $\sigma \hat{\ } g = f$ for some $g \in \omega^\omega$.

A *tree* is a set $T \subseteq \omega^{<\omega}$ such that, for all $\sigma \subseteq \tau \in T$, $\sigma \in T$. A *path* through T is an $f \in \omega^\omega$ such that $(\forall \sigma \subset f)(\sigma \in T)$. The set of all paths through T is denoted $[T]$. We sometimes identify a string σ with its Gödel number $\#(\sigma) \in \omega$. A tree T is said to be *recursive* if $\{\#(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in T\}$ is recursive.

Theorem 2.12. $P \subseteq \omega^\omega$ is Π_1^0 if and only if $P = [T]$ for some recursive tree $T \subseteq \omega^{<\omega}$. $P \subseteq 2^\omega$ is Π_1^0 if and only if $P = [T]$ for some recursive tree $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$.

Proof. See [33, Theorem 4.3]. □

Definition 2.13. We say that $g \in \omega^\omega$ is *almost recursive* if for all $f \leq_T g$ there exists a recursive function h such that $\forall n (f(n) < h(n))$.

Theorem 2.14. Suppose g is almost recursive. Then for all $f \leq_T g$ we have $f = \Phi(g)$ for some total recursive functional $\Phi : \omega^\omega \rightarrow \omega^\omega$.

Proof. See [33, Theorem 4.18]. □

The following result is known as the Almost Recursive Basis Theorem.

Theorem 2.15. If $P \subseteq 2^\omega$ is Π_1^0 and nonempty, then there exists $g \in P$ such that g is almost recursive.

Proof. This is a restatement of the Hyperimmune-Free Basis Theorem of [15, Theorem 2.4]. See also [33, Theorem 4.19]. □

3 Some specific degrees in \mathcal{P}_w

In this section we identify and characterize some specific, natural degrees in \mathcal{P}_w , and we investigate their degree-theoretic properties.

Definition 3.1. Let μ be the “fair coin” probability measure on 2^ω given by $\mu(\{f \in 2^\omega \mid f \supset \sigma\}) = 1/2^{|\sigma|}$ for all $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$. Let C be a Turing oracle. A point $f \in 2^\omega$ is said to be C -*random* if there does not exist a recursive sequence of $\Sigma_1^{0,C}$ sets $U_i^C \subseteq 2^\omega$, $i \in \omega$, such that $\mu(U_i^C) \leq 1/2^i$ and $f \in \bigcap_{i=0}^\infty U_i^C$. If $C = 0^{(n-1)}$ = the $(n-1)$ st Turing jump of 0, where 0 is recursive and $n \geq 1$, then f is said to be n -*random*.

Thus f is 1-random if and only if f is *random* in the sense of Martin-Löf [20], and f is 2-random if and only if f is random relative to the Halting Problem. For a thorough treatment of randomness and n -randomness, see Kautz [16] or Downey/Hirschfeldt [8]. We write

$$R_n = \{f \in 2^\omega \mid f \text{ is } n\text{-random}\}.$$

Note that $\mu(R_n) = 1$.

Lemma 3.2. R_n is Σ_{n+1}^0 . In particular, R_1 is Σ_2^0 , and R_2 is Σ_3^0 .

Proof. It is well known (see for instance [33, Theorem 8.3]) that $R = R_1$ is Σ_2^0 . Relativizing to C we see that $R^C = \{f \in 2^\omega \mid f \text{ is } C\text{-random}\}$ is $\Sigma_2^{0,C}$, i.e., Σ_2^0 relative to C . Putting $C = 0^{(n-1)}$, we see that R_n is Σ_2^0 relative to $0^{(n-1)}$. From this it follows easily that R_n is Σ_{n+1}^0 . \square

Lemma 3.3. Let $S \subseteq \omega^\omega$ be Σ_3^0 , and let $P \subseteq 2^\omega$ be nonempty Π_1^0 . Then we can find a nonempty Π_1^0 set $Q \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $Q \equiv_w S \cup P$.

Proof. First use a Skolem function technique to reduce to the case where S is Π_1^0 . Namely, fix a recursive predicate R such that $S = \{f \mid \exists k \forall n \exists m R(f, k, n, m)\}$, and replace S by the set of all $\langle k \rangle \hat{\ } (f \oplus g) \in \omega^\omega$ such that $\forall n R(f, k, n, g(n))$ holds. Clearly the latter set is $\equiv_w S$ and Π_1^0 . Assuming now that S is a Π_1^0 subset of ω^ω , let T_S be a recursive subtree of $\omega^{<\omega}$ such that S is the set of paths through T_S . We may safely assume that, for all $\tau \in T_S$ and $n < \text{length of } \tau$, $\tau(n) \geq 2$. Let T_P be a recursive subtree of $2^{<\omega}$ such that P is the set of paths through T_P . Define T_Q to be the set of strings $\rho \in \omega^{<\omega}$ of the form

$$\rho = \sigma_0 \hat{\ } \langle m_0 \rangle \hat{\ } \sigma_1 \hat{\ } \langle m_1 \rangle \hat{\ } \cdots \hat{\ } \langle m_{k-1} \rangle \hat{\ } \sigma_k$$

where $\langle m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{k-1} \rangle \in T_S$, $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k \in T_P$, and $\rho(n) \leq \max(n, 2)$ for all $n < \text{length of } \rho$. Thus T_Q is a recursive subtree of $\omega^{<\omega}$. Let $Q \subseteq \omega^\omega$ be the set of paths through T_Q . (Compare the construction of \mathcal{T} in Jockusch/Soare [14].) It is straightforward to verify that $Q \equiv_w S \cup P$. Note that Q is Π_1^0 and recursively bounded. By Theorem 2.7 we can find a Π_1^0 set $Q^* \subseteq 2^\omega$ which is recursively homeomorphic to Q . This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 3.4. There exist Π_1^0 sets $P_1, P_2 \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $P_1 \equiv_w R_1$ and

$$P_2 \equiv_w R_2 \cup \text{PA}.$$

Proof. By Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3 we can find Π_1^0 sets $P_1, P_2 \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $P_1 \equiv_w R_1 \cup \text{PA}$ and $P_2 \equiv_w R_2 \cup \text{PA}$. Since R_1 is nonempty and Σ_2^0 , there is a nonempty Π_1^0 set $Q \subseteq R_1$. Then $Q \leq_w \text{PA}$, hence $R_1 \leq_w \text{PA}$, hence $P_1 \equiv_w R_1 \cup \text{PA} \equiv_w R_1$. \square

Definition 3.5. We write $\mathbf{r}_n = \text{deg}_w(R_n)$ and

$$\mathbf{r}_n^* = \inf(\mathbf{r}_n, \mathbf{1}) = \text{deg}_w(R_n \cup \text{PA}).$$

Theorem 3.6. We have $\mathbf{r}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_w$ and $\mathbf{r}_2^* \in \mathcal{P}_w$ and $\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{r}_1 < \mathbf{r}_2^* < \mathbf{1}$.

Proof. By Lemma 3.4 there are Π_1^0 sets $P_1, P_2 \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $\mathbf{r}_1 = \text{deg}_w(P_1)$ and $\mathbf{r}_2^* = \text{deg}_w(P_2)$. Thus $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2^* \in \mathcal{P}_w$ and $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2^* \leq \mathbf{1}$. Clearly $R_1 \supseteq R_2$, hence $\mathbf{r}_1 \leq \mathbf{r}_2$. Clearly R_1 has no recursive member, i.e., $\mathbf{r}_1 > \mathbf{0}$. By [33, Section 7] or [15, Corollary 5.4], the Turing upward closure of PA is of measure 0, i.e., $\text{PA} \not\leq_w S$ for all $S \subseteq 2^\omega$ of positive measure. In particular $\text{PA} \not\leq_w R_2$, i.e., $\mathbf{1} \not\leq \mathbf{r}_2$. Summarizing, we have now shown that $\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{r}_1 \leq \inf(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{r}_2^* < \mathbf{1}$.

It remains to show that $\mathbf{r}_1 \not\leq \mathbf{r}_2^*$, i.e., $R_1 \not\leq_w R_2 \cup \text{PA}$. By Lemma 3.2, let P be a nonempty Π_1^0 subset of R_1 . By the Almost Recursive Basis Theorem 2.15, let $g \in P$ be almost recursive. By Kautz [16, Theorem IV.2.4(iv)] or Dobrinen/Simpson [7, Remark 2.8], there is no almost recursive $f \in R_2$. In particular, there is no $f \in R_2$ such that $f \leq_T g$. Suppose there were $f \in \text{PA}$ such that $f \leq_T g$. By Theorem 2.14 let $\Phi : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ be a total recursive functional such that $f = \Phi(g)$. Put $\overline{P} = \{\overline{g} \in P \mid \Phi(\overline{g}) \in \text{PA}\}$. We have $\Phi(g) = f \in \text{PA}$, hence $g \in \overline{P}$, hence \overline{P} is nonempty. Since P and PA are Π_1^0 , it follows by [33, Theorem 4.4] that $\overline{P} \subseteq P \subseteq R_1$ is Π_1^0 . Hence, by [33, Lemma 8.8], \overline{P} is of positive measure. Since $\Phi : \overline{P} \rightarrow \text{PA}$, it follows that the Turing upward closure of PA is of positive measure, but this is a contradiction. We have now shown that, for a particular $g \in R_1$, there is no $f \leq_T g$ such that $f \in R_2 \cup \text{PA}$. Thus $R_2 \cup \text{PA} \not\leq_w R_1$, and this completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.7. As an application of Theorem 3.6, we can find essentially undecidable, finitely axiomatizable theories T_1 and T_2 in the first-order predicate calculus, with the following properties: every 1-random real computes a completion of T_1 ; every 2-random real but not every 1-random real computes a completion of T_2 . This follows from Theorem 3.6 plus the well known, general relationship between Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω and finitely axiomatizable theories. See [32, Theorem 3.18 and Remark 3.19] and Peretyatkin [24].

Theorem 3.8. *We can characterize \mathbf{r}_1 as the maximum weak degree of a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω of positive measure. We can characterize \mathbf{r}_2^* as the maximum weak degree of a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω whose Turing upward closure is of positive measure.*

Proof. The first statement is [33, Theorem 8.10]. For the second statement, assume that Q is a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω whose Turing upward closure \widehat{Q} is of positive measure. A computation in the style of Tarski and Kuratowski (compare Rogers [26, Section 14.3]) shows that \widehat{Q} is Σ_3^0 . Since \widehat{Q} is Σ_3^0 of positive measure, let $Q' \subseteq \widehat{Q}$ be Π_2^0 of positive measure. By Kautz [16, Lemma II.1.4(ii)] or Dobrinen/Simpson [7, Theorem 3.3], we may assume that Q' is Π_1^0 relative to $\mathbf{0}'$. Relativizing [33, Lemma 8.7] to $\mathbf{0}'$, we have $Q' \leq_w R_2$. Since $Q' \subseteq \widehat{Q}$, it follows that $\widehat{Q} \leq_w R_2$, hence $Q \leq_w R_2$. Furthermore, since Q is a nonempty Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω , we have $Q \leq_w \text{PA}$. We now see that $Q \leq_w R_2 \cup \text{PA}$, i.e., $\text{deg}_w(Q) \leq \mathbf{r}_2^*$. On the other hand, by Theorem 3.6 let P_2 be a Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω such that $\text{deg}_w(P_2) = \mathbf{r}_2^*$. Note that $\widehat{P_2} \supseteq R_2$, hence $\widehat{P_2}$ is of positive measure. We have now shown that \mathbf{r}_2^* is the maximum $\text{deg}_w(Q) \in \mathcal{P}_w$ such that \widehat{Q} is of positive measure. This completes the proof of our theorem. \square

Corollary 3.9. *Let Q be a nonempty Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω . Then $Q \leq_w R_2$ if and only if \widehat{Q} is of positive measure.*

Proof. If $Q \leq_w R_2$ then trivially $\widehat{Q} \supseteq R_2$, hence \widehat{Q} is of measure 1. Conversely, if \widehat{Q} is of positive measure, then by Theorem 3.8 we have $Q \leq_w R_2$. \square

Corollary 3.10. *We can find a Π_1^0 set $Q \subseteq 2^\omega$ whose Turing upward closure \widehat{Q} is of positive measure yet does not include any Π_1^0 set of positive measure.*

Proof. By Theorem 3.6 let $Q \subseteq 2^\omega$ be Π_1^0 such that $\deg_w(Q) = \mathbf{r}_2^*$. By Theorem 3.8, \widehat{Q} is of positive measure. If there were a Π_1^0 set $P \subseteq \widehat{Q}$ of positive measure, then by Theorem 3.8 we would have $\mathbf{r}_1 \geq \deg_w(P) \geq \deg_w(Q) = \mathbf{r}_2^*$, contradicting Theorem 3.6. \square

Theorem 3.11. *Let $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_w$. If $\mathbf{r}_1 \geq \inf(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ then either $\mathbf{r}_1 \geq \mathbf{p}$ or $\mathbf{r}_1 \geq \mathbf{q}$. If $\mathbf{r}_2^* \geq \inf(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ then either $\mathbf{r}_2^* \geq \mathbf{p}$ or $\mathbf{r}_2^* \geq \mathbf{q}$.*

Proof. The first statement is [33, Theorem 8.12, part 3]. For the second statement, let $P, Q \subseteq 2^\omega$ be nonempty Π_1^0 subsets of 2^ω with $\mathbf{p} = \deg_w(P)$ and $\mathbf{q} = \deg_w(Q)$. Trivially $\inf(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \deg_w(P \cup Q)$. Moreover $\widehat{P \cup Q} = \widehat{P} \cup \widehat{Q}$, hence $\widehat{P \cup Q}$ is of positive measure if and only if at least one of \widehat{P} and \widehat{Q} is of positive measure. By Corollary 3.9 this means that $\mathbf{r}_2^* \geq \inf(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ if and only if $\mathbf{r}_2^* \geq$ at least one of \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} . \square

Definition 3.12. As in [33, Section 7], say that $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{P}_w$ is *separating* if there is a pair of disjoint, recursively enumerable sets $A, B \subseteq \omega$ such that $\mathbf{s} = \deg_w(S)$ where $S = \{f \in 2^\omega \mid f \text{ separates } A, B\}$. In particular, $\mathbf{1}$ is separating.

Theorem 3.13. *If \mathbf{s} is separating and $\mathbf{s} \leq \sup(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}_n)$, then $\mathbf{s} \leq \mathbf{q}$.*

Proof. This is a special case of [33, Theorem 7.5]. \square

Corollary 3.14. *For all weak degrees $\mathbf{q} < \mathbf{1}$, we have $\sup(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}_2^*) < \mathbf{1}$.*

Proof. Assume $\mathbf{q} < \mathbf{1}$. By the definition of \mathbf{r}_2^* , we have $\mathbf{r}_2^* \leq \mathbf{1}$, hence $\sup(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}_2^*) \leq \mathbf{1}$. Since $\mathbf{1}$ is separating and $\mathbf{q} \not\leq \mathbf{1}$, Theorem 3.13 tells us that $\sup(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}_2^*) \not\leq \mathbf{1}$, hence $\sup(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}_2^*) \not\leq \mathbf{1}$. \square

Corollary 3.15. *Within the lattice \mathcal{P}_w , the degrees \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2^* are meet-irreducible and do not join to $\mathbf{1}$.*

Proof. This follows from Theorem 3.11 and Corollary 3.14. \square

4 Some additional, specific degrees in \mathcal{P}_w

In this section we identify some additional specific, natural, intermediate degrees in \mathcal{P}_w related to diagonal nonrecursiveness.

Definition 4.1. A function $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ is said to be *diagonally nonrecursive* if $g(n) \neq \{n\}(n)$ for all $n \in \omega$. We put $\mathbf{d} = \deg_w(\text{DNR})$ where

$$\text{DNR} = \{g \in \omega^\omega \mid g \text{ is diagonally nonrecursive}\}.$$

The Turing degrees of diagonally nonrecursive functions have been studied by Jockusch [12]. In particular, a Turing degree contains a diagonally nonrecursive function if and only if it contains a fixed point free function, if and only if it contains an effectively immune set, if and only if it contains an effectively biimmune set. Thus we see that the weak degree \mathbf{d} is recursion-theoretically natural.

Theorem 4.2. *We have $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{P}_w$.*

Proof. Put $\text{DNR}_2 = \{g \in 2^\omega \mid g \text{ is diagonally nonrecursive}\}$. Obviously DNR_2 is a nonempty Π_1^0 subset of 2^ω . By Lemma 3.3 we can find a nonempty Π_1^0 set $Q \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $Q \equiv_w \text{DNR} \cup \text{DNR}_2$. But $\text{DNR} \supseteq \text{DNR}_2$, hence $Q \equiv_w \text{DNR}$. We now see that $\mathbf{d} = \text{deg}_w(\text{DNR}) = \text{deg}_w(Q) \in \mathcal{P}_w$. \square

Theorem 4.3. *In \mathcal{P}_w we have*

$$\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{d} < \mathbf{r}_1 < \mathbf{r}_2^* < \mathbf{1}.$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.6 we have $\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{r}_1 < \mathbf{r}_2^* < \mathbf{1}$. Clearly DNR has no recursive member, i.e., $\mathbf{d} > \mathbf{0}$. By Giusto/Simpson [11, Lemma 6.18], for all $f \in R_1$ there exists $g \leq_T f$ such that $g \in \text{DNR}$. Thus we have $\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{d} \leq \mathbf{r}_1$. It remains to show that $\mathbf{d} \not\leq \mathbf{r}_1$. By Kumabe [18] there is a diagonally nonrecursive function which is of minimal Turing degree. But if $f \in 2^\omega$ is 1-random, then f is not of minimal Turing degree, because the functions g and h defined by $f = g \oplus h$ are Turing incomparable (see for instance van Lambalgen [37]). This proves $\mathbf{d} \not\leq \mathbf{r}_1$. An alternative reference for the conclusion $\mathbf{d} \not\leq \mathbf{r}_1$ is Ambos-Spies et al [1, Theorems 1.4 and 2.1]. \square

Definition 4.4. Let DNR_{REC} be the set of recursively bounded DNR functions. Thus we have

$$\text{DNR}_{\text{REC}} = \{g \in \text{DNR} \mid (\exists \text{ recursive } h) \forall n (g(n) < h(n))\}.$$

Put $\mathbf{d}_{\text{REC}} = \text{deg}_w(\text{DNR}_{\text{REC}})$. For an extended discussion of the recursion-theoretic naturalness of \mathbf{d}_{REC} and related weak degrees, see [33, Section 10].

Theorem 4.5. *We have $\mathbf{d}_{\text{REC}} \in \mathcal{P}_w$ and*

$$\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{d} < \mathbf{d}_{\text{REC}} < \mathbf{r}_1 < \mathbf{r}_2^* < \mathbf{1}.$$

Proof. A Tarski/Kuratowski computation shows that DNR_{REC} is Σ_3^0 . Let DNR_2 be as in the proof of Theorem 4.2. By Lemma 3.3 we can find a nonempty Π_1^0 set $Q_{\text{REC}} \subseteq 2^\omega$ such that $Q_{\text{REC}} \equiv_w \text{DNR}_{\text{REC}} \cup \text{DNR}_2 = \text{DNR}_{\text{REC}}$. Thus $\mathbf{d}_{\text{REC}} = \text{deg}_w(\text{DNR}_{\text{REC}}) = \text{deg}_w(Q_{\text{REC}}) \in \mathcal{P}_w$. By Ambos-Spies et al [1, Theorems 1.4, 1.8, 1.9] we have $\mathbf{d} < \mathbf{d}_{\text{REC}} < \mathbf{r}_1$, and the rest is from Theorem 4.3. \square

Definition 4.6. For all $f \in \omega^\omega$ put

$$\text{DNR}^f = \{g \in \omega^\omega \mid \forall n (g(n) \neq \{n\}^f(n))\},$$

the set of functions which are diagonally nonrecursive relative to f . Put $\text{DNR}^1 = \text{DNR}$ and, for each $n \geq 1$,

$$\text{DNR}^{n+1} = \{f \oplus g \mid f \in \text{DNR}^n \text{ and } g \in \text{DNR}^f\}.$$

Clearly DNR^n is a Π_1^0 subset of ω^ω . Put $\mathbf{d}^n = \text{deg}_w(\text{DNR}^n)$.

Remark 4.7. Trivially $\mathbf{d}^1 = \mathbf{d}$ and $\mathbf{d}^n \leq \mathbf{d}^{n+1}$ for all $n \geq 1$. The proofs of Theorems 4.2 and 4.3 show that $\mathbf{d}^n \in \mathcal{P}_w$ and $\mathbf{d}^n < \mathbf{r}_1$ for all $n \geq 1$. By Kumabe [18] we have $\mathbf{d}^1 < \mathbf{d}^2$, and we conjecture that $\mathbf{d}^n < \mathbf{d}^{n+1}$ for all n . Thus in \mathcal{P}_w we apparently have

$$\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d}^1 < \mathbf{d}^2 < \cdots < \mathbf{d}^n < \mathbf{d}^{n+1} < \cdots < \mathbf{r}_1 < \mathbf{r}_2^* < \mathbf{1}.$$

Note also that the sequence $\mathbf{d}^1 < \cdots < \mathbf{d}^n < \cdots$ can be extended into the transfinite.

Remark 4.8. We conjecture that, for all $n \geq 2$, \mathbf{d}^n is incomparable with \mathbf{d}_{REC} . Note also that these \mathbf{d}^n 's are not to be confused with the \mathbf{d}_α 's of Simpson [33, Example 10.14]. Indeed, we conjecture that, for all $n \geq 2$ and $\alpha \geq 0$, \mathbf{d}^n is incomparable with \mathbf{d}_α .

Remark 4.9. We do not know of any specific, natural degrees in \mathcal{P}_w outside the interval from \mathbf{d} to \mathbf{r}_2^* , except $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$. On the other hand, by Theorem 4.5 and Remarks 4.7 and 4.8, the interval from \mathbf{d} to \mathbf{r}_2^* within \mathcal{P}_w appears to be remarkably rich in specific, natural degrees.

5 Embedding \mathcal{R}_T into \mathcal{P}_w

In this section we exhibit a specific, natural embedding of the countable upper semilattice \mathcal{R}_T into the countable distributive lattice \mathcal{P}_w .

Definition 5.1. A Π_2^0 *singleton* is a point $f \in \omega^\omega$ such that the singleton set $\{f\}$ is Π_2^0 .

Lemma 5.2. *Given a Π_2^0 singleton f , we have $\text{deg}_w(\{f\} \cup \text{PA}) \in \mathcal{P}_w$. Thus*

$$\phi : \text{deg}_T(f) \mapsto \text{deg}_w(\{f\} \cup \text{PA}) \tag{1}$$

is an upper semilattice homomorphism of the Turing degrees of Π_2^0 singletons into \mathcal{P}_w .

Proof. The first statement is the special case of Lemma 3.3 with $S = \{f\}$ and $P = \text{PA}$. For the second statement, note that for any $f, g \in \omega^\omega$ and $P \subseteq \omega^\omega$ we have $\{f \oplus g\} \cup P \equiv_w (\{f\} \cup P) \times (\{g\} \cup P)$, and $f \leq_T g$ implies $\{f\} \cup P \leq_w \{g\} \cup P$. In particular this holds when f and g are Π_2^0 singletons and $P = \text{PA}$. \square

Lemma 5.3. *We have an upper semilattice homomorphism ϕ of the Turing degrees $\leq \mathbf{0}'$ into \mathcal{P}_w , given by (1). Moreover, $\phi(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ and $\phi(\mathbf{0}') = \mathbf{1}$.*

Proof. The first statement is a special case of Lemma 5.2, because $\deg_T(f) \leq \mathbf{0}'$ if and only if f is Δ_2^0 (see Kleene [17, Theorem XI, page 293]), which implies that f is a Π_2^0 singleton. It is easy to see that $\phi(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$. To show that $\phi(\mathbf{0}') = \mathbf{1}$, by Kleene [17, Theorem 38*, pages 401–402] let $f \in \text{PA}$ be Δ_2^0 . Then $\deg_T(f) \leq \mathbf{0}'$ and $\phi(\deg_T(f)) = \deg_w(\{f\} \cup \text{PA}) = \deg_w(\text{PA}) = \mathbf{1}$, hence $\phi(\mathbf{0}') = \mathbf{1}$. \square

Lemma 5.4. *If \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} are Turing degrees $\leq \mathbf{0}'$, and if $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}_T$, then $\mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{b}$ if and only if $\phi(\mathbf{a}) \leq \phi(\mathbf{b})$. In particular, the restriction of ϕ to \mathcal{R}_T is one-to-one.*

Proof. Let $f, g \in \omega^\omega$ be such that $\deg_T(f) = \mathbf{a}$ and $\deg_T(g) = \mathbf{b}$. We must show that $f \leq_T g$ if and only if $\{f\} \cup \text{PA} \leq_w \{g\} \cup \text{PA}$. The “only if” part is trivial. For the “if” part, suppose $\{f\} \cup \text{PA} \leq_w \{g\} \cup \text{PA}$. In particular, $\{f\} \cup \text{PA} \leq_w \{g\}$. If $f \not\leq_T g$, then $\text{PA} \leq_w \{g\}$, hence $\text{DNR} \leq_w \{g\}$, hence $\deg_T(g) = \mathbf{0}'$ by the Arslanov Completeness Criterion [12], hence $f \leq_T g$, a contradiction. Thus $f \leq_T g$. This proves our lemma. \square

We now obtain our main result.

Theorem 5.5. *We have an embedding $\phi : \mathcal{R}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w$ given by (1). The embedding ϕ is one-to-one, preserves the partial ordering relation and the least upper bound operation from \mathcal{R}_T , carries $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{0}$, and carries $\mathbf{0}'$ to $\mathbf{1}$.*

Proof. This result is obtained by combining Lemmas 5.3 and 5.4. \square

Theorem 5.6. *Let $\phi : \mathcal{R}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w$ be the embedding given by (1). Let $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{R}_T$ be a recursively enumerable Turing degree other than $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{0}'$. Then the weak degree $\phi(\mathbf{a}) \in \mathcal{P}_w$ is incomparable with each of the specific weak degrees $\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2^* \in \mathcal{P}_w$ of Theorem 4.3.*

Proof. By the Arslanov Completeness Criterion [12] we have $\phi(\mathbf{a}) \not\geq \mathbf{d}$. It remains to show that $\phi(\mathbf{a}) \not\leq \mathbf{r}_2^*$. This is obvious, because for any nonrecursive A we have $\mu(\{f \in 2^\omega \mid A \leq_T f\}) = 0$ [27, §10, Theorem 1]. \square

We finish by noting some generalizations of Theorem 5.5.

Remark 5.7. A set $A \subseteq \omega$ is said to be n -REA if $A = A_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_n$ where A_1 is recursively enumerable and, for each $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, A_{i+1} is recursively enumerable relative to A_i and $\geq_T A_i$. A Turing degree is said to be n -REA if it contains an n -REA set. Note that any n -REA set is a Π_2^0 singleton. Hence by Lemma 5.2 we have $\phi(\mathbf{a}) \in \mathcal{P}_w$ for all n -REA Turing degrees \mathbf{a} . Jockusch et al [13, Theorem 5.1] have generalized the Arslanov Completeness Criterion to n -REA Turing degrees. In our terms, their result says that if \mathbf{a} is an n -REA Turing degree for some $n \in \omega$, then $\phi(\mathbf{a}) \geq \mathbf{d}$ if and only if $\mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{0}'$, in which case $\phi(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{1}$. Therefore, letting $\mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}')$ denote the set of Turing degrees which are $\leq \mathbf{0}'$ and n -REA for some $n \in \omega$, we have as in Theorem 5.5 an embedding

$$\phi : \mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}') \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w$$

which is one-to-one, preserves the partial ordering relation and the least upper bound operation from $\mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}')$, and carries $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{0}'$ to $\mathbf{1}$. Moreover, for

all $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}')$ other than $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{0}'$, we have as in Theorem 5.6 that $\phi(\mathbf{a})$ is incomparable with $\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2^*$.

Remark 5.8. More generally, given $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_w$ such that $\mathbf{q} \geq \mathbf{d}$, we have an embedding

$$\phi_{\mathbf{q}} : \mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}') \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w(\leq \mathbf{q})$$

defined by $\phi_{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{a}) = \inf(\phi(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{q})$. The embedding $\phi_{\mathbf{q}}$ is one-to-one, preserves the partial ordering relation and least upper bound operation from $\mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}')$, carries $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{0}$, and carries $\mathbf{0}'$ to \mathbf{q} . If we set $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{1}$, we recover the embedding $\phi : \mathcal{R}_T^*(\leq \mathbf{0}') \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w$ of Remark 5.7. If we set $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{1}$ and restrict to \mathcal{R}_T , we recover the embedding $\phi : \mathcal{R}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_w$ of Theorem 5.5.

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