

# The density theorem for the Muchnik lattice

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Let  $\mathcal{E}_T$  be the upper semilattice of recursively enumerable Turing degrees. There is a strong analogy between  $\mathcal{E}_T$  and  $\mathcal{E}_w$ , the lattice of Muchnik degrees of nonempty  $\Pi_1^0$  subsets of  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . The most famous structural theorems concerning  $\mathcal{E}_T$  are the Splitting Theorem (Sacks 1962) and the Density Theorem (Sacks 1964). The analogous Splitting Theorem for  $\mathcal{E}_w$  was proved by Stephen Binns and published in 2003. The analogous Density Theorem for  $\mathcal{E}_w$  has been a long-standing open question, but it was recently proved by Binns, Shore, and Simpson and will appear in a forthcoming paper. In this talk I shall sketch the proof of the Density Theorem for  $\mathcal{E}_w$ . The proof involves a small amount of hyperarithmetical theory.