

New Examples of Degrees of Categoricity

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Computable categoricity

Definition

A computable structure \mathcal{A} is **d**-computably categorical if for every computable $\mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{A}$ there is a **d**-computable isomorphism $f : \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$.

If $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$, then \mathcal{A} is said to be *computably categorical*.

- Investigation of computable categoricity started with work of Fröhlich and Shepherdson and Ershov in the 1960's.
- Captures the algorithmic complexity of a structure: If \mathcal{A} is **d**-computably categorical then mod **d**, all of \mathcal{A} 's computable copies are computationally equivalent.

Example: Using $\mathbf{0}'$ we can compute an isomorphism between any two copies of (\mathbb{N}, \leq) . So, in particular given an isomorphism invariant relation R on (\mathbb{N}, \leq) we can compute $R^{\mathcal{A}}$ using $\mathbf{0}'$ for any computable $\mathcal{A} \cong (\mathbb{N}, \leq)$.

Definition (Fokina, Kalimullin, R. Miller 2010)

Let \mathcal{A} be a computable structure. The *categoricity spectrum* of \mathcal{A} is the set

$$CatSp(\mathcal{A}) = \bigcap_{\mathcal{B} \in \mathbf{0}: \mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{A}} \{deg(X) : \exists (f : \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}) f \leq_T X\}.$$

If \mathbf{d} is the Turing least element of $CatSp(\mathcal{A})$, then \mathbf{d} is the *degree of categoricity* of \mathcal{A} .

One of the main questions about degrees of categoricity is to characterize them. I.e.:

- Which Turing degrees are degrees of categoricity?
- Which Turing degrees can not be degrees of categoricity?

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What about degrees $\mathbf{d} \in [\mathbf{0}^{(\alpha)}, \mathbf{0}^{(\alpha+1)}]$ for $\alpha > 1$, in particular what if α is a limit?

Csima and Ng '21 conjectured that all such degrees are degrees of categoricity.

Especially the limit case seems to require new techniques.

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A computable structure \mathcal{S} has *computable dimension* $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, \omega\}$ if it has α computable copies up to computable isomorphism.

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There is a computable structure with computable dimension 2 that is not hyperarithmetically categorical.

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- If we can eliminate the $\mathbf{0}''$ then one could get results about degrees of categoricity. E.g.:

Dream

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Our result is obtained by combining true stage techniques with their argument to obtain a set $D = \emptyset' \oplus \hat{D}$ with the above properties.

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The proof is an infinite injury construction. There are three parts in building \mathcal{S}_T :

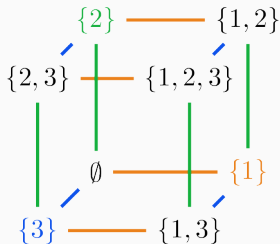
1. Coding $[T]$ into the automorphisms of \mathcal{S}_T
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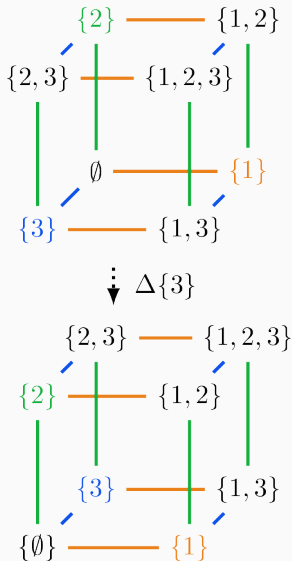
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g is an automorphism of $([\omega]^{<\omega}, (E_i)_{i \in \omega})$ iff $g(F) = F \Delta H$ for fixed $H \in [\omega]^{<\omega}$.



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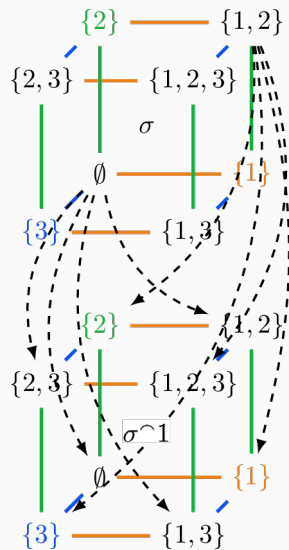
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Say there is an automorphism g that acts on σ by $\Delta\{1, 2\}$. Can we deduce how g acts on $\sigma \hat{\ } 1$? It needs to swap even with odd elements, e.g. it could act by $\Delta\{3\}$.

In particular if g acts on σ non-trivially by ΔH , then if $i \in H$ it needs to act non-trivially on $\sigma \hat{\ } i \in T$.

Our goal is that g can act by ΔH for $H \neq \emptyset$ if and only if for every $i \in H$, $[\sigma \hat{\ } i] \cap [T] \neq \emptyset$. To achieve this we do the following.



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- Given automorphism g , compute a path f as follows: Given $f(k)$ for $k < n$ take

$$f(n) = \mu m [m \in \pi_1^2(g((\emptyset, \{f(x) : x < n\})))]$$

We have achieved the first goal of the construction.

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 - \mathcal{A} is still computably categorical.

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Getting the main results

Theorem (folklore; Jockusch, McLaughlin '69)

Every degree \mathbf{d} such that $\mathbf{d} \in [\mathbf{0}^{(\alpha)}, \mathbf{0}^{(\alpha+1)}]$ for some computable α contains a Π_1^0 singleton.

Corollary (Csimá, R.)

Every degree $\mathbf{d} \in [\mathbf{0}^{(2+\alpha)}, \mathbf{0}^{(2+\alpha+1)}]$ for α a computable ordinal is the degree of categoricity of a rigid structure with computable dimension 2.

Csimá and Ng '21 showed that every Δ_2^0 degree is the degree of categoricity of a structure. So this only leaves open the question for the interval $[\mathbf{0}', \mathbf{0}'']$. Using Marker extensions such as in Fokina, Kalumullin, R. Miller '10 one gets.

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