

Some properties of c.e. reals in the *sw*-degrees

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Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. We say that B is strongly weak truth table reducible (*sw-reducible*) to A , and write $B \leq_{sw} A$, if there is a Turing reduction Γ such that $B = \Gamma^A$ and the use $\gamma(x) \leq x + c$ for some constant c . For reals $\alpha = 0.\chi_A$ and $\beta = 0.\chi_B$, we say that β is sw-reducible to α , and write $\beta \leq_{sw} \alpha$ if $B \leq_{sw} A$.

The sw degrees have a number of nice aspects

For instance, Downey, Hirschfeldt, and Nies proved sw -reducibility satisfies Solovay property and

Theorem (Downey, Hirschfeldt, Laforte)

Let α and β be c.e. reals such that

$\liminf_n H(\alpha \upharpoonright n) - H(\beta \upharpoonright n) = \infty$. Then $\beta \leq_{sw} \alpha$.

Furthermore if α is a c.e. real which is noncomputable, then there is a noncomputable strongly c.e. real $\beta \leq_{sw} \alpha$, and this is not true in general, for \leq_S .

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However, we still are interested in *sw*-reducibility since it has some nice properties and it is helpful for studying Turing-degrees by exploring the *sw*-degrees. Further, we may study the structure of c.e. reals in the *sw*-degrees.

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There exist nearly c.e. sets A and B such that for all nearly c.e. $W \geq_{sw} A, B$ there is a nearly c.e. Q with $A, B \leq_{sw} Q$ but $W \not\leq_{sw} Q$. Thus the sw-degrees of c.e. reals do not form an uppersemilattice.

Yu Liang and Ding Decheng pointed out that we can not characterize randomness by sw -reducibility by proving that there is no a largest c.e. sw -degree.

Theorem (Yu and Ding)

There is no sw -complete c.e. real. Even more, there is a pair of c.e. reals for which there is no c.e. real above both of them respect to sw -reducibility.

Theorem (Fan and Lu)

Let $\{\alpha_e\}_{e \in \omega}$ be an effective enumeration of strongly c.e. reals. Then there are strongly c.e. reals β_0, β_1 such that $\beta_0 \not\leq_{sw} \alpha_e$ or $\beta_1 \not\leq_{sw} \alpha_e$ for every α_e .

Proof

$$R_{e,i} : \Phi_i^{\alpha_e} \neq \beta_0 \vee \Psi_i^{\alpha_e} \neq \beta_1,$$

where $\phi_i(x) \leq x + i$ and $\psi_i(x) \leq x + i$.

Pick a large number $k_{e,i}$ for $R_{e,i}$ such that $k_{e,i} > e, i$ and $k_{e,i} > 3k_{e',i'}$ for all $e' < e$ or $e = e', i' < i$.

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Proof

$$R_e : \Gamma_e^\beta = \alpha_e,$$

where Γ_e is defined by us such that $\gamma_e(x) \leq x + e + 3$.

- 1) Check whether there exist some R_e such that $\alpha_e(x)$ changes.
- 2) Choose the least $e \leq s$ such that $\exists(x \leq s)[\alpha_{e,s+1}(x) \neq \alpha_{e,s}(x)]$.
- 3) Set $\beta_{s+1} = \beta_s \upharpoonright (x + e + 3) + 2^{-(x+e+3)}$.

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Lemma

Given (n, k) , there is a strongly c.e. real β_0 , a c.e. real β_1 and l such that there exists a function $\Gamma : [0, 1) \times [0, 1) \rightarrow R$ satisfies $\Gamma(\beta_0 \upharpoonright l, \beta_1 \upharpoonright l) \geq n$ and $\beta_0 \upharpoonright k = 0$. Moreover, β_0, β_1 and l can be computed uniformly from (n, k) .

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The proof of the lemma is divided into two cases: (1) the induction on n ; (2) the induction on k .

Now consider the case for the induction on n . Fixed n , assume that $\Gamma(\beta_{0,i,k} \upharpoonright l_{i,k}, \beta_{1,i,k} \upharpoonright l_{i,k}) \geq i$ and $\beta_{0,i,k} \upharpoonright k = 0$ for every $i \leq n, k \in N$. Let $l_{n+1,0}$ be equal to $(l_{n,l_{n,0}} + 1)$.

Step 1. Imitate our programme for putting numbers into $A_{n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}, B_{n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}$, and do the similar action on the natural number between 2 and $l_{n+1,0}$.

Note that $\Gamma(\beta_{0,n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}, \beta_{1,n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}) \geq n, \beta_{0,n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,0} = 0$. It must be $\Gamma(\beta_{0,n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}, \beta_{1,n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}) = n$ and $\beta_{0,n,l_{n,0}} \upharpoonright l_{n,0} = 0$ at some stage t . Hence, at stage t , $\Gamma_t(\beta_{0,n+1,0,t} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}, \beta_{1,n+1,0,t} \upharpoonright l_{n,l_{n,0}}) = n/2$, and $A_{n+1,0,t} \upharpoonright l_{n,0} + 1 = 0, B_{n+1,0,t} \upharpoonright 1 = 0$.

Step 2. At stage $t + 1$, let $A_{n+1,0}$ active and $B_{n+1,0}$ waiting, set $A_{n+1,0,t+1}(1) = 1$, which forces

$\Gamma_{t+1}(\beta_{0,n+1,0,t+1} \upharpoonright I_{n,l_{n,0}}, \beta_{1,n+1,0,t+1} \upharpoonright I_{n,l_{n,0}})$ equal to $n/2 + 1/2$.

At stage $t + 2$, let $A_{n+1,0}$ be waiting and $B_{n+1,0}$ active, set

$B_{n+1,0,t+2}(1) = 1$, $B_{n+1,0,t+2}(q) = 0$ ($q > 1$), which forces

$\Gamma_{t+2}(\beta_{0,n+1,0,t+2} \upharpoonright I_{n+1,0}, \beta_{1,n+1,0,t+2} \upharpoonright I_{n+1,0}) = n/2 + 1$.

Step 3. Imitate the programme of the changes of

$A_{n,0} \upharpoonright I_{n,0}, B_{n,0} \upharpoonright I_{n,0}$. Note that $A_{n+1,0,t+2}(x) = B_{n+1,0,t+2}(x) = 0$ ($2 \leq x \leq l_{n,0} + 1$), do the following similar actions. Imitate the programme

Note that $\Gamma(\beta_{0,n,0} \upharpoonright I_{n,0}, \beta_{1,n,0} \upharpoonright I_{n,0}) \geq n$. The effect of the changes on $[2, l_{n,0}]$ of $A_{n+1,0}$ and $B_{n+1,0}$ induces

$\Gamma(\beta_{0,n+1,0} \upharpoonright I_{n+1,0}, \beta_{1,n+1,0} \upharpoonright I_{n+1,0}) \geq n + 1$.

Next consider the case for the induction on k . Fix (n, k) , assume that $\Gamma(\beta_{0,i,j} \upharpoonright l_{i,j}, \beta_{1,i,j} \upharpoonright l_{i,j}) \geq i$ and $\beta_{0,i,j} \upharpoonright j = 0$ for every $i \leq n$ or $j \leq k$. We can win by controlling $A_{n,k+1} \upharpoonright l_{n,k+1}, B_{n,k+1} \upharpoonright l_{n,k+1}$ as follows. Let $l_{n,k+1}$ be equal to $l_{n-1,l_{n,k}} + 1$.

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Note that $\Gamma(\beta_{0,n-1,l_{n,k}} \upharpoonright l_{n-1,l_{n,k}}, \beta_{1,n-1,l_{n,k}} \upharpoonright l_{n-1,l_{n,k}}) \geq n-1$,

$\beta_{0,n-1,l_{n,k}} \upharpoonright l_{n,k} = 0$. It must be

$$\Gamma(\beta_{0,n-1,l_{n,k}} \upharpoonright l_{n-1,l_{n,k}}, \beta_{1,n-1,l_{n,k}} \upharpoonright l_{n-1,l_{n,k}}) = n+1,$$

$\beta_{0,n-1,l_{n,k}} \upharpoonright l_{n,k} = 0$ at some stage t . Hence, at stage t ,

$$\Gamma_t(\beta_{0,n,k+1,t}, \beta_{1,n,k+1,t}) = (n-1)/2, \text{ and } A_{n,k+1,t} \upharpoonright l_{n,k,t} + 1 = 0.$$

Step 2. At stage $t + 1$, let $A_{n,k+1}$ waiting and $B_{n,k+1}$ active, set $B_{n,k+1,t+2}(1) = 1$, $B_{n,k+1,t+2}(q) = 0$ ($q > 1$), which forces $\Gamma_{t+1}(\beta_{0,n,k+1,t+1} \upharpoonright I_{n,k+1}, \beta_{1,n,k+1,t+1} \upharpoonright I_{n,k+1}) = n/2$.

Step 3. Imitate the programme of the changes of $A_{n,k} \upharpoonright I_{n,k}, B_{n,k} \upharpoonright I_{n,k}$. Here $A_{n,k+1,t+1}(x) = B_{n,k+1,t+1}(x) = 0$ ($2 \leq x \leq I_{n,k} + 1$).

Note that $\Gamma(\beta_{0,n,k} \upharpoonright I_{n,k}, \beta_{1,n,k} \upharpoonright I_{n,k}) \geq (n - 1)$, $\beta_{0,n,k} \upharpoonright k = 0$. The effect of the changes on $[2, I_{n,k} + 1]$ of $A_{n,k+1}$ and $B_{n,k+1}$ induces $\Gamma(\beta_{0,n,k+1} \upharpoonright I_{n,k+1}, \beta_{1,n,k+1} \upharpoonright I_{n,k+1}) \geq n$ and $\beta_{0,n,k+1} \upharpoonright (k + 1) = 0$.

Since the construction is effective, $\beta_{0,n,k}$ is strongly c.e. and $\beta_{1,n,k+1}$ is c.e. for every n, k .

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For any noncomputable c.e. real α , there exist a c.e. real β such that $\beta \not\leq_{sw} \alpha$ and $\alpha \leq_T \beta$.

The proof of the theorem

It suffices to build a c.e. real α to meet the following requirements:

$$R_{\langle e, n \rangle} : \alpha = \Phi_e^{\beta_e} \Rightarrow \exists \Gamma (\Gamma^\alpha = \beta_e)$$

where each $\{\Phi_e, \beta_e\}_{e \in \omega}$ is an enumeration of sw-procedures and c.e. reals with use $\phi_e(x) \leq x + n (n \in \omega)$.

Without loss of generality, suppose that β_e is less than 0.1.

The special programm of the theorem

For any Φ_e , our aim is to make $\alpha \neq \Phi_e^{\beta_e}$ or to define a function Γ such that $\Gamma^\alpha = \beta_e$.

Assume that when we put some number ($\leq l(e, n)$) into α at expansionary stage, $\beta \uparrow (\phi_e(x) + 1)$ changes at the greatest position, i.e. the change is the slowest.

We assume that in digital expansion of β , there are infinite 1.

The strategy for $n = 0$

1. Wait for an expansionary stage when the first 1 appears in digital expansion of β , say at the position $m < l(e, n)$. Then we let $\alpha(m - 1)$ change to 1.
 2. Wait for next expansionary stage and once we find it, $\beta(m_1)$ must change to 1. Then we let $\alpha(m - 2)$ change to 1 and wait for next expansionary stage.
- Repeating the above strategy until β have to be ready to change at position 1, by our assumption, this is impossible. Hence we win.

The strategy for $n = 1$

1. Wait for an expansionary stage when the first 1 appears in digital expansion of β , say at the position $m < l(e, n)$.

Then we let $\alpha(m - 1)$ change to 1.

2. Wait for next expansionary stage and once we find it, $\beta(m - 1)$ must change. We let $\alpha(m - 2)$ change to 1 and wait for next expansionary stage.

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The strategy for $n = 2$

β	100	100	100	\Rightarrow	β	100	100	110	\Rightarrow
α	100	100	100		α	100	101	000	

β	100	101	0	\Rightarrow	β	100	110	0	\Rightarrow
α	100	101	1		α	100	111	0	

β	101	000	0
α	101	000	0

Similarly we can get

β	11	000	0	\Rightarrow	β	100	000	0
α	11	000	0		α	100	000	0

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Note that

β	10	000	0
α	11	000	0

can move left forever by using 1 with lifting 1 if it only meet 1 with lifting 1. We call such case 11.

Using 11, the above case can change to

β	100	000	0
α	111	000	0

 \Rightarrow

β	0110	000	0
α	1000	000	0

 \Rightarrow

β	100	000	0
α	101	000	0

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β	100	100	0
α	101	110	0

 \Rightarrow

β	101	000	0
α	110	000	0

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β	1100	000	0
α	1111	000	0

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β	10000	000	0
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The strategy for n

1. Wait for an expansionary stage, say s_0 when in β , the number of 1 is $\geq 2^{n-1} + 1$. Suppose that the position of the last 1 in β is t_0 .
2. Creating a situation such that we can apply $(n - 1)$ -strategy from next expansionary stage.
 - a) then add 1 to the position $t_0 - 1$ to the α to force β change at $t_0 - 1 + n$.
 - b) Waiting for next expansionary stage when in β , there appear a new 1, say at position t_1 , then add 1 to the position $t_1 - 1$ to the α to force β change at $t_1 - 1 + n$.
 - c) repeating until we can get more than $2^{n-2} + 1$ new good 1 with lifting $n - 1$ position after stage s_0 .

Now the numbers on α and β are:

β	010...01	0...0	010...01	...	010...01
α	100...00	0...0	100...00	...	100...00

to find the first fixed pair

β	0100...01	0...00	\Rightarrow	β	011...001	0...00	\Rightarrow
α	1000...00	0...0		α	110...000	0...0	
β	011...111	0...00	\Rightarrow	β	100...000	0...00	
α	111...100	0...00		α	111...110	0...00	

This is called the first fixed pair. Note that it corresponds to

β	0100...01	0...00
α	1000...00	0...00

to find the ability of the first fixed pair

when this first fixed point meet a block, we will prove that it can takeover the block, i.e.,

β	0	100...00	0...00
α	1	111...11	0...00

injure it, it changes to

β	00	10...01	0...00
α	10	00...00	0...00

 \Rightarrow

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α	11	11...10	0...00

 \Rightarrow

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α	10	000...00	0...00

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α	1	111...11	0...00

look for the last fixed pair

the last fixed pair corresponds to

β	0	1...1	0...00
α	1	0...0	0...00

By induction suppose that this is

β	100...00	0...00
α	a	0...00

when this last fixed pair meet a lifting n -number, i.e.,

β	1	100...00	0...00
α	1	a	0...00

applying this last fixed pair,

β	1	11...11	p	0...00
α	1	11...11	q	0...00

injure it

β	1	00...00	0...00
α	1	000...0	0...00

Note that there are 2^{n-1} fixed pairs.

leads to a contradiction

6) Applying the above result repeatedly. Then we can force β bigger enough. If we can applying it infinitely, then we can prove that $\beta \geq 0.1$, which is a contradiction. That is,

β	0.0 1	11...11	0...00
α	0. 01	11...11	0...00

then we can get

β	0.1 0	00...00	0...00
α	0.10	00...00	0...00

The single strategy for requirement $R_{e,n}$

1. Wait for the first expansionary stage, say s_1 . Then compute $\Psi(e, H, s_1)$.

(1) If $\Psi(e, H, s_1) = 1$, then we do nothing and go to next σ .

(2) If $\Psi(e, H, s_1) = 0$, then from this stage we wait for a stage such that either $\Psi(e, H) = 1$ or there are $2^{n-1} + 1 + 2^{n-2} + 1 + \dots + 2^{2-1} + 1$ times new 1 appear in β .

2. If later at the next expansionary stage after s_1 there are $2^{n-1} + 1 + 2^{n-2} + 1 + \dots + 2^{2-1} + 1$ times new 1 appear in β , then define (or redefine) $\Gamma^\alpha(x) = \beta_e(x)$ for any $x \leq l(e, n)$ with use $\gamma(x) = x + C$.

From this stage, at every expansionary stage, we should define and redefine $\Gamma^\alpha = \beta_e$. That is, if we find that $\beta(x)$ change to be 1 at some position x some expansionary stage and Γ^α do not know, then we put some number $\leq \gamma(x)$ into α , and initialise all strategies with lower priority.

Since we have got the prepared data, we can make a disagreement.

The strategies for two requirements R_0, R_1

Suppose that σ_0 and σ_1 work on R_0 -strategy and R_1 -strategy respectively. And $\sigma_0 \subseteq \sigma_1$.

The R_1 -strategy is:

1. Wait for the first expansionary stage, say s_1 . Then compute $\Psi(1, H, s_1)$.

(1) If $\Psi(1, H, s_1) = 1$, then we do nothing and go to next σ .

(2) If $\Psi(1, H, s_1) = 0$, then from this stage we wait for a stage such that either $\Psi(e, H) = 1$ or there are $2^{n_1+r-1} + 1 + 2^{n_1+r-2} + 1 + \dots + 2^{2-1} + 1$ times new 1 appear in β_1 .

2. If at the next expansionary stage, say s_2 there are $2^{n+r-1} + 1 + 2^{n+r-2} + 1 + \dots + 2^{2-1} + 1$ times new 1 appear in β , then define (or redefine) $\Gamma^\alpha(x) = \beta_e(x)$. From s_2 , at every expansionary stage, we should define and redefine $\Gamma^\alpha = \beta_1$.

Let $x_0 = \min\{\gamma_0(y) \mid \gamma_0(y) \text{ wants to enter into } \alpha\}$.
 $x_1 = \min\{\gamma_1(y) \mid \gamma_1(y) \text{ wants to enter into } \alpha\}$.

If $x_0 < x_1$, then use the programme given above to make disagreement and initialise R_1 .

If $x_0 \geq x_1$, then put x_0 into α , apply the programme given above from the position x_0 . If it make a disagreement, then we win. If not, then x_1 will eventually be put into α .
 Note that we delay putting x_1 into α here.