Effective Descriptive Set Theory what it is about

Lecture 2, Effective Borel, analytic and co-analytic pointsets

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Outline

Lecture 1. Recursion in Polish spaces

Lecture 2. Effective Borel, analytic and co-analytic pointsets

Lecture 3. Structure theory for pointclasses

• Definitions and basic facts in the first lecture:

- Recursive Polish space just space from now on
- Pointset: a subset $P \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ of a space
- Pointclass: a collection Γ of pointsets, $\Gamma(\mathcal{X}) = \{P \subseteq \mathcal{X} : P \in \Gamma\}$
- $-\Sigma_1^0$: the pointclass of semirecursive pointsets
- Locally recursive partial functions $f : \mathcal{X}
 ightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
- The points of Γ : $y \in \Gamma \iff \mathcal{U}(y) = \{s : y \in N_s(\mathcal{Y})\} \in \Gamma(\mathbb{N})$
- **\star** The Refined Surjection Theorem
- ★ Parametrized pointclasses, the 2nd Recursion Theorem
- The Kleene calculus for local recursion, the 2nd Recursion Theorem

Two basic facts from Lecture 1

- If a pointclass Γ is parametrized, then
- (1) Γ is closed under total recursive substitutions, and
- (2) every Γ(X) has a parametrization, a pointset G ∈ Γ(N × X) such that for every P ∈ Γ(N × X), there is a total recursive S^P : N → N satisfying P(α, x) ⇔ G(S^P(α), x)

$$\Rightarrow \text{ 2nd } \mathsf{RT}: P \in \Gamma(\mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{X}) \implies (\exists \text{ recursive } \widetilde{\varepsilon}) \ P(\widetilde{\varepsilon}, x) \iff G(\widetilde{\varepsilon}, x)$$

• Refined Surjection Theorem For every space \mathcal{X} , there is a total recursive function $\pi : \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{X}$ and a Π_1^0 set $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\pi$$
 is one-to-one on $F, \pi[F] = \mathcal{X}$,
and $\{(x, s) : \pi^{-1}(x) \in N_s(\mathcal{N}) \cap F\}$ is Σ_2^0

– Used to prove results for ${\cal N}$ and then transfer them to all ${\cal X}$

Relativized and boldface versions of pointclasses

If Γ is parametrized, then:

• The relativization $\Gamma[x]$ of Γ to a point $x \in \mathcal{X}$ is the pointclass of all *x*-sections of pointsets in Γ ,

$$\begin{split} & \Gamma[x](\mathcal{Y}) = \{ P_x \subseteq \mathcal{Y} : P \in \Gamma(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) \}, \\ & \text{where } P_x(y) \iff P(x,y) \quad (\alpha \in \Sigma_1^0[\beta] \iff \alpha \text{ is recursive in } \beta) \end{split}$$

- \Rightarrow Each $\Gamma[x]$ is parametrized
- The boldface version Γ of Γ is the union of all its relativizations,

$$\Gamma = \bigcup_{\mathcal{X}, x \in \mathcal{X}} \Gamma[x] = \bigcup_{\varepsilon \in \mathcal{N}} \Gamma[\varepsilon]$$

• The ambiguous (self-dual) pointclass of Γ is $\Delta = \Gamma \cap \neg \Gamma$; this is not in general parametrized, and (by definition)

$$\Delta[x] = \Gamma[x] \cap \neg \Gamma[x], \quad \mathbf{\Delta} = \mathbf{\Gamma} \cap \neg \mathbf{\Gamma}$$

The analytical and projective pointclasses

• The arithmetical pointclasses are defined by induction on $k \ge 1$:

$$\Sigma^0_1, \quad \Pi^0_k = \neg \Sigma^0_k, \quad \Sigma^0_{k+1} = \exists^{\mathbb{N}} \Pi^0_k, \quad \Delta^0_k = \Sigma^0_k \cap \Pi^0_k$$

• The Borel pointclasses of finite order are their boldface versions

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}_k^0, \ \ \mathbf{\Pi}_k^0, \ \ \mathbf{\Delta}_k^0 = \mathbf{\Sigma}_k^0 \cap \mathbf{\Pi}_k^0$$

• The analytical pointclasses are defined by induction on $k \ge 1$:

$$\Sigma_1^1 = \exists^{\mathcal{N}} \Pi_2^0, \quad \Pi_k^1 = \neg \Sigma_k^1, \quad \Sigma_{k+1}^1 = \exists^{\mathcal{N}} \Pi_k^1, \quad \Delta_k^1 = \Sigma_k^1 \cap \Pi_k^1$$

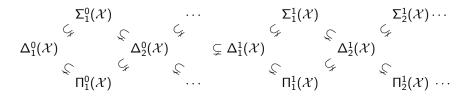
$$\begin{split} \Sigma_1^1(\mathcal{X}) &: P(x) \iff (\exists \alpha) (\forall t) Q(x, \alpha, t) \quad \text{with } Q \in \Sigma_1^0(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \\ \Pi_1^1(\mathcal{X}) &: P(x) \iff (\forall \alpha) (\exists t) Q(x, \alpha, t) \quad \text{with } Q \in \Pi_1^0(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \end{split}$$

• The (classical) projective pointclasses are their boldface versions,

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k}^{1}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Pi}_{k}^{1}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k}^{1} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k}^{1} \cap \boldsymbol{\Pi}_{k}^{1} \\ \boldsymbol{\Pi}_{1}^{1} \quad : \quad P(x) \iff (\forall \alpha) (\exists t) Q(\varepsilon, x, \alpha, t) \quad (Q \in \boldsymbol{\Pi}_{1}^{0}, \text{ some } \varepsilon \in \mathcal{N}) \end{split}$$

Elementary properties of the analytical pointclasses

The arithmetical and analytical hierarchies



The Hierarchy Theorem for infinite \mathcal{X}

 \Rightarrow In fact, for perfect \mathcal{X} and every $k \geq 1$,

 $\Sigma^1_k(\mathcal{X})\setminus \mathbf{\Delta}^1_k(\mathcal{X})
eq \emptyset$

• Classical regularity results: Every Σ_1^1 set $P \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ is Lebesgue measurable; it has the property of Baire; and if it is uncountable, then it has a non-empty perfect subset

• This is most of what can be proved about projective pointsets and the analytical and projective pointclasses in ZFC

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The limits of ZFC in Descriptive Set Theory

• An almost complete theory was developed in 1905 - 1938 for the classical pointclasses

$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1^1$ (analytic), $\boldsymbol{\Pi}_1^1$ (co-analytic) and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2^1$ (PCA)

and the pointsets in them, and effective versions of these results were quickly proved in the late 50's

• But this is as far as you can go in ZFC, for example

- in Gödel's L there is an uncountable Σ_2^1 set of real numbers which is not Lebesgue measurable, does not have the property of Baire and has no non-empty perfect subset (Gödel 1938, Addison 1959), and

- there are forcing models of ZFC in which all projective sets of real numbers have these regularity properties (Solovay 1970, assuming an inaccessible)

Determinacy and large cardinal hypotheses

• In the period 1966 - (roughly) 1990, all the basic facts about Σ_1^1, Π_1^1 and Σ_2^1 were extended to all the projective pointclasses on the basis of large cardinal hypotheses

• A key step was the introduction in 1967 of determinacy (game theoretic) hypotheses which were used to establish these results; in 1988 it was shown by Martin, Steel and Woodin that these hypotheses follow from the existence of Woodin cardinals

• The use of effective methods is essential in the derivation of consequences of projective determinacy—a fact which encouraged the development of EDST

• In the sequel we will formulate and derive some of the basic results about $\Sigma_1^1, \Pi_1^1, \Delta_1^1$ and their boldface versions $\Sigma_1^1, \Pi_1^1, \Delta_1^1$ on the basis of ZF+DC (the Axiom of Depended Choices)

• Whenever it is possible, we will use methods which can be used to extend these results to many other pointclasses

★ Borel and hyperarithmetical pointsets

• **B**(\mathcal{X}) is the smallest family of subsets of \mathcal{X} which contains all the open sets and is closed under complements and countable unions • To get the effective lightface version of **B**(\mathcal{X}), we code **B**(\mathcal{X}) in \mathcal{N} : **Def** Set K₁ = { $\alpha : \alpha(0) = 0$ } and for each $\xi > 1$, by recursion K_{ξ} = K₁ \cup { $\alpha : \alpha(0) \neq 0$ & $(\forall n) [(\alpha^*)_n \in \bigcup_{\eta < \xi} K_\eta]$ } ($\xi > 1$) **Def** For each \mathcal{X} , fix a parametrization $G^1 \subseteq \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{X}$ of $\Sigma_1^0(\mathcal{X})$ and set

$$B_{\alpha,\xi}^{\mathcal{X}} = \begin{cases} G_{\alpha^*}^1 = \{x : G^1(\alpha^*, x)\}, & \text{if } \alpha(0) = 0\\ \bigcup_i \left(\mathcal{X} \setminus B_{(\alpha^*)_i, \eta(i)}^{\mathcal{X}} \right), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $\eta(i) = {\sf least}\ \eta$ so that $(lpha^*)_i \in {\sf K}_\eta$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \in (\mathsf{K}_{\xi} \cap \mathsf{K}_{\zeta}) \implies B_{\alpha,\xi}^{\mathcal{X}} = B_{\alpha,\zeta}^{\mathcal{X}} = B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}}; \quad \text{set } \mathsf{K} = \bigcup_{\xi} \mathsf{K}_{\xi}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad A \in \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{X}) \iff A = B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}} \text{ for some } \alpha \in \mathsf{K}$$
$$\textbf{Def } A \in \mathsf{HYP}(\mathcal{X}) \iff A = B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}} \text{ for some recursive } \alpha \in \mathsf{K}$$

Coded sets and uniformities

Def A coding of a set A on $I \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ is any surjection $\pi : I \twoheadrightarrow A$, and a coded set is any pair (A, π) of a set and a coding of it

- $\Pi^1_1(\mathcal{X})$ on \mathcal{N} by $\alpha \mapsto \mathcal{G}_{\alpha}$, with \mathcal{G} a parametrization of $\Pi^1_1(\mathcal{X})$
- $\Delta_1^1(\mathcal{X})$ on $\{\alpha \in \mathcal{N} : G_{(\alpha)_0} = \mathcal{X} \setminus G_{(\alpha)_1}\}$ by $\alpha \mapsto G_{(\alpha)_0}$ (same G)
- $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{X})$ on K by $\alpha \mapsto B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}}$

 \Rightarrow **B**(\mathcal{X}) *is uniformly closed under complementation*, i.e., there is a locally recursive $u : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\alpha \in \mathsf{K} \implies \left(u(\alpha) \downarrow \& u(\alpha) \in \mathsf{K} \& B^{\mathcal{X}}_{u(\alpha)} = \mathcal{X} \setminus B^{\mathcal{X}}_{\alpha} \right)$$

Proof. Let $v(\alpha) = (\lambda n)\alpha((n)_1)$; then $v(\alpha)(\langle i, t \rangle) = \alpha(t)$ for all t, so

$$\alpha \in \mathsf{K} \implies (\forall i)[(\mathsf{v}(\alpha))_i = \alpha \in \mathsf{K}] \implies B^{\mathcal{X}}_{(\mathsf{v}(\alpha))_i} = B^{\mathcal{X}}_{\alpha}$$

and we can set $u(\alpha) = \langle 1 \rangle^{2} v(\alpha) \bullet$ In this case, the uniformity u is total

Hyperarithmetical (effectively Borel) pointsets

• Each $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{X})$ is coded on K by $\alpha \mapsto B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}}$

Def A pointset $P \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ is hyperarithmetical (effectively Borel) if it has a recursive Borel code, i.e., $P = B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}}$ with a recursive α

• HYP(\mathcal{X}) is coded on { $\alpha \in \mathsf{K} : \alpha$ is recursive} by $\alpha \mapsto B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}}$

 $\Rightarrow \ \textit{The coded pointclass } \textbf{B} \ \textit{is uniformly closed under} \\ \&, \lor, \neg, \exists^{\mathbb{N}}, \forall^{\mathbb{N}}, \ \textit{continuous substitutions and countable unions} \\ \end{cases}$

⇒ The coded pointclass HYP is uniformly closed under &, \lor , \neg , $\exists^{\mathbb{N}}$, $\forall^{\mathbb{N}}$, recursive substitutions and recursive countable unions

 \Rightarrow These facts hold independently of the choice of a parametrization of $\Sigma_1^0(\mathcal{X})$ used to define the map $\alpha \mapsto B_\alpha^{\mathcal{X}}$, because different choices produce (suitably defined) equivalent codings

★ The easy half of the Suslin-Kleene Theorem

Theorem For each
$$\mathcal{X}$$
, $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{X}) \subseteq \mathbf{\Delta}_{1}^{1}(\mathcal{X})$ uniformly,
i.e., there is a locally recursive $u : \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$ such that
(*) $\alpha \in \mathsf{K} \implies \left(u(\alpha) \downarrow \& u(\alpha) \text{ is a } \mathbf{\Delta}_{1}^{1}(\mathcal{X})\text{-code of } B_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{X}}\right)$
Proof. Define first a locally recursive $v : \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall i)[\{\varepsilon\}^{\mathcal{N} \to \mathcal{N}}(\alpha)(i) \downarrow \text{ and is a } \mathbf{\Delta}_{1}^{1}\text{-code of } A_{i} \subseteq \mathcal{X}] \\ \implies \left(v(\varepsilon, \alpha) \downarrow \text{ and is a } \mathbf{\Delta}_{1}^{1}(\mathcal{X})\text{-code of } \bigcup_{i}(\mathcal{X} \setminus A_{i})\right) \end{aligned}$$

Set $u(\alpha) = \{\widetilde{\varepsilon}\}(\alpha)$, where by the 2nd RT for partial functions

$$\{\widetilde{\varepsilon}\}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{a} \ \mathbf{\Delta}_1^1(\mathcal{X})\text{-code of } \mathcal{G}_{\alpha^*}^1, & \text{if } \alpha(0) = 0, \\ \nu(\widetilde{\varepsilon}, \alpha^*) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof of (*) is by induction on the least ξ such that $\alpha \in K_{\xi}$

• Effective transfinite recursion, the most basic tool of EDST

★ The Suslin-Kleene Theorem

Theorem For each \mathcal{X} , $\mathbf{\Delta}_1^1(\mathcal{X}) \subseteq \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{X})$ uniformly i.e., there is a locally recursive $u : \mathcal{N} \rightharpoonup \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\text{if } \alpha \text{ is a } \mathbf{\Delta}_1^1 \text{-code of } A \subseteq \mathcal{X} \text{, then } \left(u(\alpha) \!\downarrow, u(\alpha) \in \mathsf{K} \And A = B_{u(\alpha)}^\mathcal{X} \right) \\$$

 \Rightarrow (Suslin 1916) For every \mathcal{X} , $\mathbf{\Delta}_{1}^{1}(\mathcal{X}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{X})$ Constructive proof!

 \Rightarrow (Kleene 1955) $\Delta_1^1(\mathbb{N}) = HYP(\mathbb{N})$ uniformly (with his codings)

• There are several proofs. They all first prove the result for \mathcal{N} using *Effective Transfinite Recursion* and the *Normal Form Theorem for* $\Pi_1^1(\mathcal{N})$ *pointsets* (coming up next) and then they appeal to the *Refined Surjection Theorem*

 \Rightarrow (Classical Corollary, may or may not be interesting) There is a G_{δ} set $C \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ and a continuous $u : C \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ such that

if
$$\alpha$$
 is a $\mathbf{\Delta}_1^1$ -code of $A \subseteq \mathcal{X}$, then $\left(\alpha \in \mathcal{C} \& A = B_{u(\alpha)}^{\mathcal{X}}\right)$

• No proof of this is known which does not use effective methods but .

* The Normal Form Theorems for $\Pi_1^1(\mathcal{N}), \Sigma_1^1(\mathcal{N})$

Theorem If $P \in \Pi_1^1(\mathcal{N})$, then for some recursive $R \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

$$P(\alpha) \iff (\forall \beta)(\exists t)R(\overline{\alpha}(t),\overline{\beta}(t))$$

where
$$\overline{lpha}(t) = \langle lpha(0), \dots, lpha(t-1)
angle = 2^{lpha(0)+1} \cdots p_{t-1}^{lpha(t-1)+1}$$

is the sequence code of $(lpha(\mathsf{0}),\ldots,lpha(t-1))$

- because if $Q \in \Sigma^0_1(\mathcal{N}^2)$, then $Q(\alpha, \beta) \iff (\exists t) R(\overline{\alpha}(t), \overline{\beta}(t))$

Theorem If $P \in \Sigma_1^1(\mathcal{N})$, then for some recursive $R \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

$$\alpha \in P \iff (\exists \beta)(\forall t)R(\overline{\alpha}(t),\overline{\beta}(t))$$

and so

$$P = \operatorname{proj}[C]$$
 with $C = \{(\alpha, \beta) : (\forall t) R(\overline{\alpha}(t), \overline{\beta}(t))\}$ in Π_1^0

so that, in particular, C is closed

• Similar equivalences (trivially) hold for $\Pi_1^1[\varepsilon](\mathcal{N}^n)$ and $\Sigma_1^1[\varepsilon](\mathcal{N}^n)$

The Effective Perfect Set Theorem

Theorem (Suslin 1916) Every uncountable Σ_1^1 pointset has a non-empty perfect subset (and so has cardinality 2^{\aleph_0})

• This was previously proved for Borel sets by Hausdorff and Alexandroff (independently) and was a big deal at the time

It is the strongest result about the Continuum Hypothesis which can be proved in ZFC

Theorem (Harrison 1967) If $A \in \Sigma_1^1[x](\mathcal{Y})$ and A has a member $y \notin \Delta_1^1[x]$, then A has a non-empty perfect subset

Recall that

$$y \in \Delta^1_1[x] \iff \mathcal{U}(y) = \{s : x \in N_s(\mathcal{Y})\} \in \Delta^1_1[x](\mathbb{N}),$$

and $\Delta_1^1[x](\mathbb{N})$ is countable, so $\{y : y \in \Delta_1^1[x]\}$ is countable, and Harrison's Theorem implies—and "explains"—Suslin's result

Plan for proving the

Effective Perfect Set Theorem If $A \in \Sigma_1^1[x](\mathcal{Y})$ and A has a member $y \notin \Delta_1^1[x]$, then A has a non-empty perfect subset

Lemma 1 If $A \in \Sigma_1^1[x](\mathcal{Y})$, $A \neq \emptyset$ and A has no $\Delta_1^1[x]$ member, then A has a non-empty perfect subset

• Proof on the next slide, basically a proof of the classical theorem Lemma 2 (Upper classification of $\Delta_1^1[x]$) For each point x, the pointset set $\{y \in \mathcal{Y} : y \in \Delta_1^1[x]\}$ is $\Pi_1^1[x]$

• We will derive Lemma 2 from some basic results of the effective theory in the next lecture

• Proof of the Theorem from the two lemmas. If $A \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ is $\Sigma_1^1[x]$ and has at least one member not in $\Delta_1^1[x]$, then, by Lemma 2, $A \setminus \{y \in \mathcal{Y} : y \in \Delta_1^1[x]\}$ is $\Sigma_1^1[x]$, not empty and has no $\Delta_1^1[x]$ member; and so it has a non-empty perfect subset by Lemma 1

Proof of Lemma 1 for ${\cal N}$

Lemma If $A \in \Sigma_1^1[\varepsilon](\mathcal{N})$, $A \neq \emptyset$ and A has no $\Delta_1^1[\varepsilon]$ member, then A has a non-empty, compact perfect subset

• By the Normal Form Theorem for $\Sigma_1^1[\varepsilon](\mathcal{N})$,

$$A = \operatorname{proj}(C)$$
 with $C \subseteq \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N}$ in $\Pi_1^0[\varepsilon]$

For any pair $w = (\pi_1(w), \pi_2(w))$ of sequence codes, let

$$C_{\mathsf{w}} = \{(\alpha,\beta) \in C : (\exists t)[\pi_1(\mathsf{w}) = \overline{\alpha}(t) \& \pi_2(\mathsf{w}) = \overline{\beta}(t)]\} \in \mathsf{\Pi}^0_1(\mathcal{N}^2)$$

 $\Rightarrow \boxed{\operatorname{proj}(C_w) \text{ is never a singleton}}; \text{ because if } \operatorname{proj}(C_w) = \{\alpha_0\}, \text{ then}$ $\alpha = \alpha_0 \iff (\exists \beta) [(\alpha, \beta) \in C_w] \text{ and so } \alpha_0 \text{ is } \Delta_1^1[\varepsilon]$ $\bullet \text{ For any } w = (\pi_1(w), \pi_2(w)), \text{ choose } w^0, w^1 \text{ such that}$ $\operatorname{proj}(C_w) \neq \emptyset) \implies \left(\operatorname{proj}(C_{w^0}) \neq \emptyset, \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^1}) \neq \emptyset, \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^0}) \cup \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^1}) \subset \operatorname{proj}(C_w), \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^0}) \cap \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^1}) = \emptyset\right)$

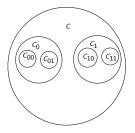
$$A = \operatorname{proj}(C) \text{ with } C \subseteq \mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{N} \text{ in } \Pi_1^0[\varepsilon]$$

$$C_w = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in C : (\exists t) [\pi_1(w) = \overline{\alpha}(t), \pi_2(w) = \overline{\beta}(t)] \in \Pi_1^0(\mathcal{N}^2)$$

$$\operatorname{proj}(C_w) \neq \emptyset \implies \left(\operatorname{proj}(C_{w^0}) \neq \emptyset, \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^1}) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\operatorname{proj}(C_{w^0}) \cup \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^1}) \subset \operatorname{proj}(C_w), \text{ and } \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^0}) \cap \operatorname{proj}(C_{w^1}) = \emptyset\right)$$

• For each code $w = \langle w_0, w_1, \dots, w_k \rangle$ of a binary sequence, define C_w so that $C_{\langle \ \rangle} = C$, $C_{w*\langle 0 \rangle} = C_{w^0}$, $C_{w*\langle 1 \rangle} = C_{w^1}$



• $\bigcup_{\gamma:\mathbb{N}\to\{0,1\}}\bigcap_t C_{\overline{\gamma}(t)}$ is the required compact, perfect subset of $\operatorname{proj}(C)$