

Computable Analysis via Representations

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1 Computing over countable sets with notations

Notations, e.g., of natural numbers

Example

Given: a digital computer.

Task: perform some computation

involving natural numbers $n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

Necessary: one has to encode natural numbers via bits 0, 1.

Possibilities:

- ▶ unary encoding: e.g. number 9 \cong encoded as 111111111.
- ▶ binary encoding: e.g. number 9 \cong encoded as 101.

Notations, e.g., of natural numbers

Now, let's be more formal.

In the following

- ▶ $f : \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ means: f is a function
 - ▶ defined on some subset of X
 - ▶ with range in Y .
- ▶ Σ, Σ' , etc. are finite, non-empty sets, i.e., **alphabets**, e.g., $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.
- ▶ Σ^* is the set of all finite strings over Σ .

Definition

A **notation** of a set X is a surjective function $\nu : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow X$.

(*surjective*

= *onto*

= for every $x \in X$ there is some $w \in \Sigma^*$ with $\nu(w) = x$)

Then any w with $\nu(w) = x$ is a **ν -name** for x .

Examples

- ▶ **Unary notation:** $\nu_{\text{unary}} : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ with

$$\nu_{\text{unary}}(1^n) := n.$$

- ▶ **Binary notation:** $\nu_{\text{binary}} : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ with

$$\nu_{\text{binary}}(a_k \dots a_0) := \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \cdot 2^i & \text{if } a_k, \dots, a_0 \in \{0, 1\}, a_k \neq 0 \\ & \text{or if } k = 0 \text{ and } a_k = 0, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Notations: Reducibility and Equivalence

Definition

Let $\nu_1 : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow X$ and $\nu_2 : \subseteq \Sigma'^* \rightarrow X$ be notations. Then

- ▶ ν_1 is reducible to ν_2 , written $\nu_1 \leq \nu_2$, if there is a computable “translator” $T : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma'^*$ with

$$\nu_1(w) = \nu_2(T(w))$$

for all $w \in \text{dom } \nu_1$.

- ▶ ν_1 is equivalent to ν_2 , written $\nu_1 \equiv \nu_2$, if $\nu_1 \leq \nu_2$ and $\nu_2 \leq \nu_1$.

Example

ν_{unary} and ν_{binary} are equivalent.

Notations: Complexity Considerations

The reducibility and equivalence relations just introduced are quite rough.
For practice also important: complexity considerations.

Example

$\mathcal{V}_{\text{unary}}$ and $\mathcal{V}_{\text{binary}}$ are *not* “polynomial time equivalent”:
there is *no* translator from $\mathcal{V}_{\text{binary}}$ to $\mathcal{V}_{\text{unary}}$ that works in polynomial time!

Relative Computability: Functions

Definition

Let $\nu_X : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow X$ and $\nu_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^* \rightarrow Y$ be notations. A function $f : \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ is (ν_X, ν_Y) -**computable** or **computable with respect to ν_X and ν_Y** if there is a computable “realizer” $F : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma'^*$ with

$$f\nu_X(w) = \nu_Y F(w)$$

for all $w \in \text{dom } f\nu_X$.

Examples

- ▶ Addition of natural numbers: $+ : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $(n, m) \rightarrow n + m$, is $(\nu_{\text{binary}}^2, \nu_{\text{binary}})$ -computable, i.e., computable with respect to ν_{binary} .
- ▶ Addition of natural numbers is computable with respect ν_{unary} as well.

Here ν_{binary}^2 is defined by

$$\nu_{\text{binary}}^2(w_1 \# w_2) = (\nu_{\text{binary}}(w_1), \nu_{\text{binary}}(w_2))$$

if $w_1, w_2 \in \text{dom } \nu_{\text{binary}}$.

Lemma

Let $\nu_X, \nu'_X : \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightarrow X$ and $\nu_Y, \nu'_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^* \rightarrow Y$ be notations.

If $\nu_X \equiv \nu'_X$ and $\nu_Y \equiv \nu'_Y$, then for any function $f : \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$:

f is (ν_X, ν_Y) -computable $\iff f$ is (ν'_X, ν'_Y) -computable.

Relative Computability: Sets

For subsets $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ important notions:

- ▶ computability (decidability)
- ▶ computable enumerability (recursive enumerability).

They can also be relativised in a natural way.

(Omitted).

Notations: Another Example

Example

A notation $\nu_{\mathbb{Q}}$ of rational numbers can be defined by:

$$\nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(s w_1 \# w_2) = s \frac{\nu_{\text{binary}}(w_1)}{\nu_{\text{binary}}(w_2)}$$

if $s \in \{+, -\}$, $w_1, w_2 \in \text{dom } \nu_{\text{binary}}$, $\nu_{\text{binary}}(w_2) \neq 0$.

Notations: Three Remarks

Remarks

1. For all countable sets over which one usually performs computations, a natural choice of a notation is usually “good”.
2. More care is required if complexity is also an issue (in practice always).
3. For many structures (= sets with operations on them) the wish to perform the operations effectively already determines which notation one should use, up to equivalence.

All this applies, e.g., to \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Q} . Therefore, we fix “good” notations for these sets and simply say that we are *computing with natural and rational numbers*.

2 Computing over uncountable sets with representations

Example

Given: a digital computer.

Task: perform some computation involving real numbers $r \in \mathbb{R}$.

Necessary: one has to encode real numbers via bits $0, 1$.

Problem:

There are only countably many binary strings, but there are uncountably many real numbers!

Idea:

Encode real numbers by *infinite* binary strings!

Representations, e.g., of Real Numbers

$\Sigma^\omega := \{\rho \mid \rho : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma\}$ = set of one-way infinite sequences over Σ .

Definition

A **representation** of a set X is a surjective function $\rho : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$.

Then any w with $\rho(w) = x$ is a **ρ -name** for x .

Examples

- ▶ Decimal representation: defined in the usual way, e.g.,
 $\rho_{\text{decimal}}(0.5000\dots) = 1/2$, $\rho_{\text{decimal}}(-3.1415927\dots) = -\pi$, ...
- ▶ Representation via rational intervals:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\text{interval}}(\rho) = x \iff & \rho = a_0 \# b_0 \# a_1 \# b_1 \# a_2 \# b_2 \# \dots \\ & \text{and } \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(a_0) < \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(a_1) < \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(a_2) < \dots < x \\ & \quad < \dots < \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(b_2) < \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(b_1) < \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(b_0) \\ & \text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(a_n) = x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(b_n). \end{aligned}$$

More Representations of Real Numbers

We say that p encodes a rational sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots if

$p = w_0 \# w_1 \# w_2 \# \dots$ with $\nu_{\mathbb{Q}}(w_i) = a_i$ for all i .

Examples

$\rho_{\text{naiveCauchy}}(p) = x \iff p$ encodes a rational sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots
with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x$.

$\rho_{\text{normedCauchy}}(p) = x \iff p$ encodes a rational sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots
with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x$ and $|a_n - a_m| \leq 2^{-\min\{m,n\}}$
for all n, m .

$\rho_{\text{increasing}}(p) = x \iff p$ encodes a rational sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots
with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x$ and $a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots$

$\rho_{\text{decreasing}}(p) = x \iff p$ encodes a rational sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots
with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x$ and $\dots < a_2 < a_1 < a_0$.

Which of these representations are useful?

Take care to choose a representation so that, using a digital computer, you can perform useful computations on these infinite descriptions of real numbers!

Relative Computability with Respect to Representations

Let $\rho : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\sigma : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow Y$ be representations.

We want useful notions:

1. ρ -computable elements of X ,
2. (ρ, σ) -computable (multi-valued) functions from X to Y ,
3. computability notions for subsets of X , relative to ρ (this will be omitted).

Need: Useful computability notions for

1. $p \in \Sigma^\omega$,
2. $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$,
3. subsets of Σ^ω (omitted).

Computable elements

A sequence $p \in \Sigma^\omega$ is **computable** if either of the two following equivalent conditions is fulfilled:

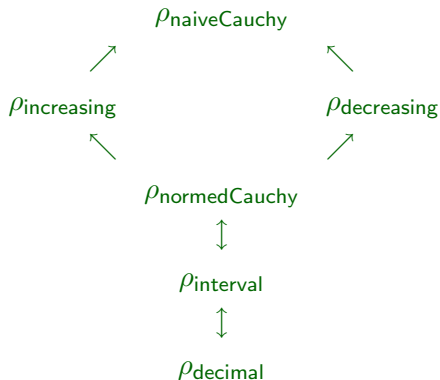
- ▶ There is a Turing machine that, given any n , computes $p(n)$.
- ▶ There is a Turing machine that outputs $p(0)$, $p(1)$, $p(2)$, and so on, without ever halting.

Definition

Let $\rho_X : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ be a representation. An element $x \in X$ is **ρ -computable** if there is a computable $p \in \Sigma^\omega$ with $\rho_X(p) = x$.

Relations between Computability Notions for Real Numbers

An arrow from ρ to σ means: ρ -computability implies σ -computability.



Computable Real Numbers

Definition

A real number is called **computable** if it is ρ_{interval} -computable.

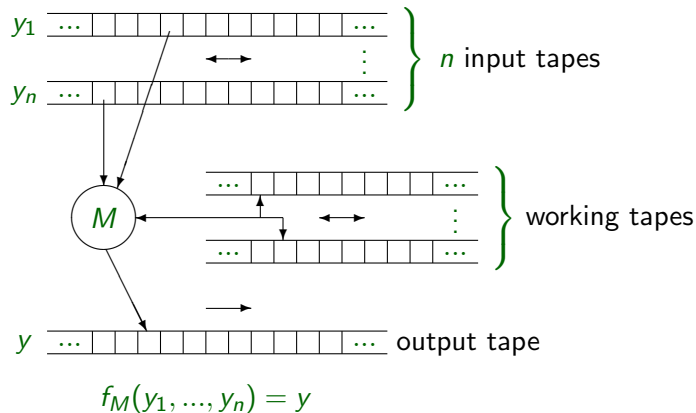
\mathbb{R}_c := the set of **computable** real numbers.

Theorem

\mathbb{R}_c is a field, real-algebraically closed, and closed under “effective” limit.

Computable Functions on Infinite Strings

Turing machine



Computable Functions on Infinite Strings

Definition

A function $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ is **computable** if there exists a Turing machine M which on input $p \in \Sigma^\omega$ behaves as follows:

- ▶ if $p \in \text{dom } F$, then M writes $F(p)(0)$, $F(p)(1)$, $F(p)(2)$, ... step by step on the output tape without ever going backwards on the output tape.
- ▶ if $p \notin \text{dom } F$, the M does not produce an infinite output.

Remark

Note that each output bit $F(p)(i)$ must have been written after finitely many steps.

And until then, M can have read only finitely many input bits $p(0)$, $p(1)$, $p(2)$, ...

Representations: Reducibility and Equivalence

Definition

Let $\rho_1 : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\rho_2 : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow X$ be representations. Then

- ▶ ρ_1 is reducible to ρ_2 , written $\rho_1 \leq \rho_2$, if there is a computable “translator” $T : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ with

$$\rho_1(p) = \rho_2(T(p))$$

for all $p \in \text{dom } \rho_1$.

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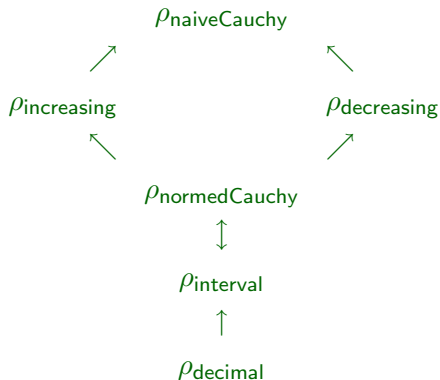
Example

ρ^{interval} and $\rho^{\text{normedCauchy}}$ are equivalent.

ρ^{interval} and ρ^{decimal} are not equivalent.

Relations between Real Number Representations

An arrow from ρ to σ means: $\rho \leq \sigma$.



Reducibility and Computable Elements

Lemma

1. If $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ is computable and $p \in \text{dom } F$ is computable, then also $F(p)$ is computable.
2. If $\rho_1 \leq \rho_2$, then for $x \in X$: ρ_1 -computable \Rightarrow ρ_2 -computable.
3. If $\rho_1 \equiv \rho_2$, then for $x \in X$: ρ_1 -computable \iff ρ_2 -computable.

The inverse of the 2nd statement is not true!

Example

On the one hand:

$\rho_{\text{decimal}} \leq \rho_{\text{interval}}$, but $\rho_{\text{interval}} \not\leq \rho_{\text{decimal}}$.

On the other hand for real numbers:

$\rho_{\text{decimal}}\text{-computable} \iff \rho_{\text{interval}}\text{-computable}$!

Relative Computability: Functions

Definition

Let $\rho_X : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\rho_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow Y$ be representations. A function $f : \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ is (ρ_X, ρ_Y) -computable or computable with respect to ρ_X and ρ_Y if there is a computable “realizer” $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ with

$$f \nu_X(p) = \nu_Y F(p)$$

for all $p \in \text{dom } f \nu_X$.

Lemma

Let $\rho_X, \rho'_X : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\rho_Y, \rho'_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow Y$ be representations. If $\rho_X \equiv \rho'_X$ and $\rho_Y \equiv \rho'_Y$, then for any function $f : \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$:

f is (ρ_X, ρ_Y) -computable $\iff f$ is (ρ'_X, ρ'_Y) -computable.

Relative Computability w.r.t. ρ_{decimal}

For a representation ρ , define ρ^2 by

$$\rho^2(p) := (\rho(p(0)p(2)p(4)\dots), \rho(p(1)p(3)p(5)\dots)).$$

Is addition on real numbers: $+ : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (x, y) \rightarrow x + y$ a $(\rho_{\text{decimal}}^2, \rho_{\text{decimal}})$ -computable function?

Let us look at input $.44444\dots$ and $.55555\dots$

How should the output start: $.9$ or 1.0 ?

Impossible to decide after reading only finitely many input digits! So, addition is *not* computable w.r.t. ρ_{decimal} !

Similar observation for multiplication.

Relative Computability w.r.t. ρ_{interval}

Theorem

The following functions over the real numbers are computable with respect to ρ_{interval} .

- ▶ $+, -, *, / : \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,
- ▶ $x \rightarrow |x|$ and $\min, \max : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,
- ▶ the constant function $x \rightarrow c$ if c is a computable real number,
- ▶ $\exp, \sin, \cos, \log, \sqrt{\cdot}$.

The representations equivalent to ρ_{interval} are the most useful representations of \mathbb{R} (w.r.t to computability; w.r.t complexity one still has to be more selective).

We call a real function **computable** if it is computable with respect to ρ_{interval} .

The Role of Continuity

Lemma

The function $d : \Sigma^\omega \times \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$d(p, q) := \begin{cases} 2^{-\min\{i \mid p(i) \neq q(i)\}} & \text{if } p \neq q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a metric on Σ^ω .

Lemma

The representation ρ_{interval} is continuous,
as is every representation equivalent to it.

Furthermore, all representations equivalent to it have an open and surjective restriction.

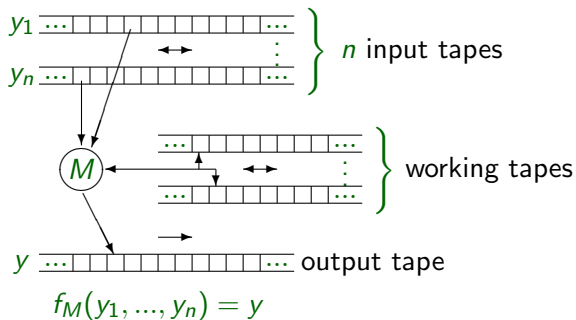
Continuity of Computable Functions on Strings

Theorem

Every computable function $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ is continuous.

Proof.

Remember that each output bit $F(p)(i)$ must have been written after finitely many steps. And until then, M can have read only finitely many input bits $p(0), p(1), p(2), \dots$



Continuity of Computable Functions over the Real Numbers

Theorem

Every (w.r.t. ρ_{interval}) computable function $f : \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous.

Proof.

Consider $n = 1$ and some TM computing a realizer for f .

Fix some $x \in \text{dom } f$ and some $\varepsilon > 0$.

Let p be a ρ_{interval} -name of x . After finitely many steps, the TM must have produced an output interval J with length $< \varepsilon$.

But during these finitely many steps, the TM has read only a finite prefix of p . This prefix is also the prefix of ρ_{interval} -names of all real numbers y in some open interval I containing x .

Hence, $y \in I \implies f(y) \in J$.

That means: f is continuous. □

Admissible Representations

Definition

A representation ρ of a topological space X is called **admissible** if every representation σ of X is *continuously reducible* to ρ , i.e. there exists a continuous “translator” T with $\rho(p) = \sigma T(p)$ for all $p \in \text{dom } \rho$.

Theorem (Kreitz, Weihrauch)

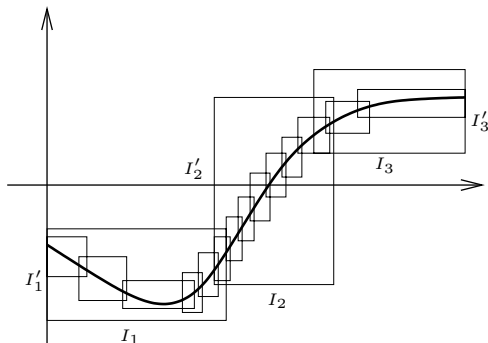
Let $\rho_X : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\rho_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow Y$ be admissible representations of T_0 -spaces with countable base. Then a function $f : \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if, and only if, f is (ρ_X, ρ_Y) -continuous, i.e. there exists a continuous realizer $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ with $f\rho_X(p) = \rho_Y F(p)$ for all $p \in \text{dom } f\rho_X$.

Remark

Further generalised by Schröder to admissibly represented “weak limit spaces”: there consider *sequential continuity*.

Representation of Continuous Real Functions f

$\rho_{\text{cont}}(p) = f \iff p$ enumerates a list of pairs of open rational intervals (I_i, I'_i) with $f(\text{closure}(I_i)) \subseteq I'_i$ and such that for any $x \in \text{dom}(f)$ there exist arbitrarily small I'_i with $x \in I_i$.



In a similar way a one can define a representation of continuous functions $F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ (with G_δ -domains).

Representations of Continuous Functions

From a suitable representation of (certain) continuous functions

$F : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow \Sigma'^\omega$ one obtains:

Theorem

Let $\rho_X : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\rho_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow Y$ be representations. Then there exist representations $[\rho_X, \rho_Y]$ of $X \times Y$ and $[\rho_X \rightarrow \rho_Y]$ of the space of (ρ_X, ρ_Y) -continuous functions with the following properties:

- ▶ (evaluation) the function

$$(f, x) \rightarrow f(x)$$

is $[[\rho_X \rightarrow \rho_Y], \rho_X], \rho_Y$ -computable,

- ▶ (type conversion) any function $f : Z \times X \rightarrow Y$ is $[\rho_Z, \rho_X], \rho_Y$ -computable if, and only if, the function

$$z \rightarrow (x \rightarrow f(z, x))$$

is $(\rho_Z, [\rho_X \rightarrow \rho_Y])$ -computable.

Representations of Continuous Functions

Theorem

Let $\rho_X : \subseteq \Sigma^\omega \rightarrow X$ and $\rho_Y : \subseteq \Sigma'^\omega \rightarrow Y$ be representations. For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ the following conditions are equivalent:

- ▶ f is (ρ_X, ρ_Y) -computable.
- ▶ f is a $[\rho_X \rightarrow \rho_Y]$ -computable element of the space of (ρ_X, ρ_Y) -continuous functions.

Computable Metric Space

A triple (X, d, α) is a **computable metric space** if

1. $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a metric on the set X ,
2. $\alpha : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ is a sequence dense in X ,
3. $d \circ (\alpha \times \alpha) : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a computable double sequence of real numbers.

Example

$(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|, \nu_{\mathbb{Q}})$, where $\nu_{\mathbb{Q}} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ is some standard numbering of the rational numbers.

Example

$(C[a, b], (f, g) \rightarrow \|f - g\|_{\infty}, \alpha)$, where $a < b$ are computable real numbers and $\alpha : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow C[a, b]$ is some standard numbering of spline functions on a, b with rational breakpoints.

Computable Metric Space: a Representation

Definition

Let (X, d, α) be a computable metric space. Then the representation $\rho_{X, \text{normedCauchy}}$ of X is defined as for \mathbb{R} :

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{X, \text{normedCauchy}}(p) = x \iff & p = w_0 \# w_1 \# w_2 \# \dots \\ & \text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha(w_n) = x \\ & \text{and } d(\alpha(w_n), \alpha(w_m)) \leq 2^{-\min\{n, m\}} \\ & \text{for all } n, m. \end{aligned}$$

Let $a < b$ be computable real numbers.

Lemma

Consider the computable metric space $(C[a, b], (g, h) \rightarrow \|g - h\|_\infty, \alpha)$.
Its two representations $[\rho_{interval}|^{[a,b]} \rightarrow \rho_{interval}]$ and $\rho_{C[a,b],normedCauchy}$ are equivalent.

Corollary

For a function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the following conditions are equivalent:

- ▶ f is computable w.r.t. $\rho_{interval}$ resp. its restriction to names of $[a, b]$.
- ▶ f is a $[\rho_{interval}|^{[a,b]} \rightarrow \rho_{interval}]$ -computable element of $C[a, b]$.
- ▶ f is a $\rho_{C[a,b],normedCauchy}$ -computable element of $C[a, b]$.

3 Some Results for Illustration

Computable normed space, computable Banach space

In the following we assume that $(\mathbb{F}, d, \alpha_{\mathbb{F}})$ is either $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|, \nu_{\mathbb{Q}})$ or $(\mathbb{C}, d, \nu_{\mathbb{Q}[i]})$.

A tuple $(X, \|\cdot\|, e)$ is a **computable normed space** over \mathbb{F} if $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a normed linear space over \mathbb{F} with

1. e is a **fundamental sequence**, i.e., its linear span is dense in X ,
2. (X, d, α_e) with $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|$ and $\alpha_e \langle k, \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_{\mathbb{F}}(n_i) \cdot e_i$ is a computable metric space,
3. 0 is a computable element,
 $\cdot : \mathbb{F} \times X \rightarrow X, (a, x) \mapsto a \cdot x$ is computable,
 $+$: $X \times X \rightarrow X, (x, y) \mapsto x + y$ is computable

If such a space is complete then it is a **computable Banach space**.

First Main Theorem of Pour-El and Richards

Theorem

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|, e)$ and Y be computable Banach spaces,

$T : \text{dom}(T) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$ a closed linear operator with

$\{e_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \text{dom}(T)$ and

such that the sequence $(T(e_n))_n$ is a computable sequence in Y .

Then

1. if T is bounded, then T preserves computability,
2. if T is unbounded, then T does not preserve computability, i.e., there is some computable $x \in \text{dom}(f)$ such that $f(x) \in Y$ is not computable.

Remark

Claim 1 can be strengthened: "... , then T is computable w.r.t. the normed Cauchy representations".

Claim 2 is a stronger than the (trivial) claim: "... , then T is not computable w.r.t. the normed Cauchy representations".

Negative result for the wave equation

Three-dimensional wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = \Delta u, \\ u(0, x) = f(x), \quad u_t(0, x) = 0, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

For $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ there is a unique solution $u \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^4)$.

Corollary (Pour-El and Richards)

There exists a **computable** function $f = u(0, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ such that the function $u(1, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **not computable**.

Reason for the negative result

Three-dimensional wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = \Delta u, \\ u(0, x) = f(x), \quad u_t(0, x) = g(x), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

For $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $g \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^3)$ there is a unique solution $u \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^4)$ given by

$$u(t, x) = \int_{\text{unit sphere}} (tg(x + tn) + f(x + tn) + t(\text{grad } f)(x + tn)) d\sigma(n).$$

Derivative causes loss of one degree of smoothness
and causes unboundedness of the operator with respect to the $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -norm.

Positive result for the wave equation

Theorem (Weihrauch, Zhong 2002)

Let $k \geq 1$. The solution operator $S : C^k(\mathbb{R}^3) \times C^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^3) \rightarrow C^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^4)$ mapping (f, g) to the solution u is computable (with respect to suitable representations of the spaces $C^k(\mathbb{R}^3)$, $C^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^3)$!)

Corollary (Pour-El/Richards, Weihrauch/Zhong 2002)

If f and f' are computable and g is computable, then u is computable.

Note:

Theorem (Myhill 1971)

There exists a computable function $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ such that its derivative f' is not computable.

Another positive result for the wave equation

Theorem (Weihrauch, Zhong 2002)

Let $s \in \mathbb{R}$. The solution operator

$$\begin{aligned} S : H^s(\mathbb{R}^3) \times H^{s-1}(\mathbb{R}^3) \times \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow H^s(\mathbb{R}^3) \times H^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^4) \\ (f, g, t) &\rightarrow (u(t, \cdot), u'(t, \cdot)) \end{aligned}$$

is computable (with respect to the normed Cauchy representations induced by the respective norms of these Sobolev spaces!).

Not treated

- ▶ Computability notions for sets of real numbers.
- ▶ The importance of multi-valued functions.
- ▶ More about topological aspects of representations
- ▶ Representations and complexity theory.
- ▶ The relation of other computability notions for real number functions to the notion explained here (computability w.r.t. ρ_{interval}).

References

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Conclusion

Representation approach to computable analysis

- ▶ is a rather concrete approach to computability over the reals,
- ▶ stresses that one should not loosely speak about
“computing with mathematical objects”
but rather about
“computing with *information about* mathematical objects”