

Part II : Ramsey's theorem computes through sparsity

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Ramsey's theorem

$[X]^n$ is the set of **unordered n -tuples** of elements of X

A **k -coloring** of $[X]^n$ is a map $f : [X]^n \rightarrow k$

A set $H \subseteq X$ is **homogeneous** for f if $|f([H]^n)| = 1$.

RT _{k} ^{n}

Every k -coloring of $[\mathbb{N}]^n$ admits
an infinite homogeneous set.

Encodability vs Domination

Encodability

A set S is **P-encodable** if there is an instance of P such that every solution computes S

Domination

A function f is **P-dominated** if there is an instance of P such that every solution computes a function dominating f .

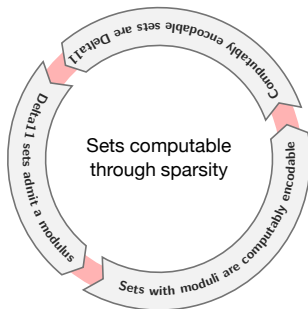
What sets are
 RT_k^n -encodable?

Thm (Jockusch)

Every function is RT_2^2 -dominated.

Given $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega$, an interval $[x, y]$ is **g -large** if $y \geq g(x)$.
Otherwise it is **g -small**.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } [x, y] \text{ is } g\text{-large} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

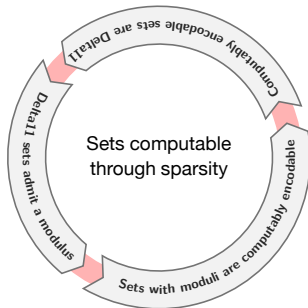


Every Δ_1^1 set is RT_2^2 -encodable

Thm (Folklore)

Every RT_k^n -encodable set is computably encodable.

For every coloring $f : [\mathbb{N}]^n \rightarrow k$ and every infinite $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ there is an infinite f -homogeneous set $Y \subseteq X$.



Whenever $n \geq 2$ and $k \geq 2$,

$$\text{RT}_k^n\text{-encodable} \equiv \Delta_1^1$$

The encodability power
of RT_k^n comes from the

sparsity

of its homogeneous sets.

Thm (Dzhafarov and Jockusch)

The RT_2^1 -encodable sets are the computable sets.

0	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28

Sparsity of red implies
non-sparsity of blue
and conversely.

Cone avoidance 101

Strategy

Examples

Cohen forcing
Jockusch-Soare forcing

Pattern

Forcing question

Application

Pigeonhole forcing

Forcing in Computability Theory

Partial order

(\mathbb{P}, \leq)

Condition

$p \in \mathbb{P}$

approximation

Denotation

$[p] \subseteq 2^\omega$

class of candidates

Compatibility

If $q \leq p$ then $[q] \subseteq [p]$

Forcing in Computability Theory

Filter $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathbb{P}$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall p \in \mathcal{F} \forall q \geq p \quad q \in \mathcal{F} \\ \forall p, q \in \mathcal{F}, \exists r \in \mathcal{F} \quad r \leq p, q \end{aligned}$$

Dense set $D \subseteq \mathbb{P}$

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{P} \exists q \leq p \quad q \in D$$

Denotation

$$[\mathcal{F}] = \bigcap_{p \in \mathcal{F}} [p]$$

Forcing $p \Vdash \varphi(G)$

$$\forall G \in [p] \quad \varphi(G)$$

Cohen forcing

$$(2^{<\omega}, \preceq)$$

$2^{<\omega}$ is the set of all **finite binary strings**

$\sigma \preceq \tau$ means σ is a **prefix** of τ

$$[\sigma] = \{X \in 2^\omega : \sigma \prec X\}$$

Thm (Folklore)

Let $C \not\leq_T \emptyset$. For every sufficiently Cohen generic G , $C \not\leq_T G$.

Lem

For every non-computable set C and Turing functional Φ_e , the following set is dense in $(2^{<\omega}, \preceq)$.

$$D = \{\sigma \in 2^{<\omega} : \sigma \Vdash \Phi_e^G \neq C\}$$

Given $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$, define the Σ_1^0 set

$$W = \{(x, v) : \exists \tau \succeq \sigma \Phi_e^\tau(x) \downarrow = v\}$$

- ▶ Case 1: $(x, 1 - C(x)) \in W$ for some x
Then τ is an extension forcing $\Phi_e^G \neq C$
- ▶ Case 2: $(x, C(x)) \notin W$ for some x
Then σ forces $\Phi_e^G \neq C$
- ▶ Case 3: W is a Σ_1^0 graph of C
Impossible, since $C \not\leq_T \emptyset$

Weak König's lemma

$2^{<\omega}$ is the set of all finite binary strings

A **binary tree** is a set $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$ closed under prefixes

A **path** through T is an infinite sequence P such that every initial segment is in T

WKL Every infinite binary tree admits
 an infinite path.

Jockusch-Soare forcing

$$(\mathcal{T}, \subseteq)$$

\mathcal{T} is the collection of infinite computable binary trees

$$[\mathcal{T}] = \{X \in 2^\omega : \forall \sigma \prec X \sigma \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

Thm (Jockusch-Soare)

Let $C \not\leq_T \emptyset$. For every infinite computable binary tree $T \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$, there is a path $P \in [T]$ such that $C \not\leq_T P$.

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Given $T \in \mathcal{T}$, define the Σ_1^0 set

$$W = \{(x, v) : \exists \ell \in \mathbb{N} \forall \sigma \in 2^\ell \cap T \Phi_e^\sigma(x) \downarrow = v\}$$

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Forcing question

$$p \text{ ?} \Vdash \varphi(\mathbf{G})$$

where $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $\varphi(\mathbf{G})$ is Σ_1^0

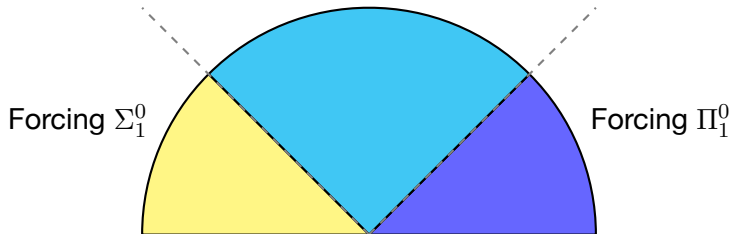
Lem

Let $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $\varphi(\mathbf{G})$ be a Σ_1^0 formula.

- (a) If $p \text{ ?} \Vdash \varphi(\mathbf{G})$, then $q \Vdash \varphi(\mathbf{G})$ for some $q \leq p$;
- (b) If $p \text{ ?} \not\Vdash \varphi(\mathbf{G})$, then $q \Vdash \neg \varphi(\mathbf{G})$ for some $q \leq p$.

Jockusch-Soare
forcing question

Cohen
forcing question



Suppose $p \Vdash \varphi(G)$ is uniformly Σ_1^0 whenever $\varphi(G)$ is Σ_1^0

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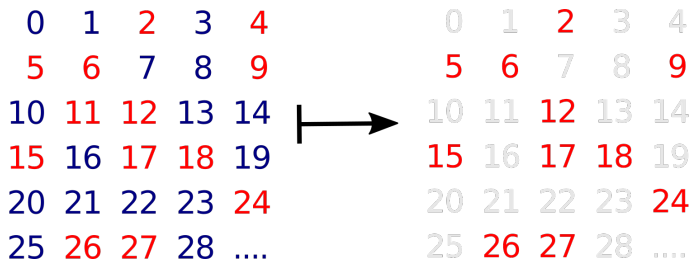
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Pigeonhole principle

RT_k^1

Every k -partition of \mathbb{N} admits an infinite subset of a part.



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Output : an infinite set $G \subseteq A_i$ such that $C \not\leq_T G$

(F_0, F_1, X)



Initial segment



Reservoir

- ▶ F_i is **finite**, X is **infinite**, $\max F_i < \min X$ (Mathias condition)
- ▶ $C \not\leq_T X$ (Weakness property)
- ▶ $F_i \subseteq A_i$ (Combinatorics)

Extension

$$(E_0, E_1, Y) \leq (F_0, F_1, X)$$

$$\blacktriangleright F_i \subseteq E_i$$

$$\blacktriangleright Y \subseteq X$$

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Denotation


$$\langle G_0, G_1 \rangle \in [F_0, F_1, X]$$

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$$[E_0, E_1, Y] \subseteq [F_0, F_1, X]$$

$$(F_0, F_1, X) \models \varphi(G_0, G_1)$$


Condition Formula

$\varphi(G_0, G_1)$ holds for every $\langle G_0, G_1 \rangle \in [F_0, F_1, X]$

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The set $\{p \in \mathbb{P} : p \Vdash \Phi_{e_0}^{G_0} \neq C \vee \Phi_{e_1}^{G_1} \neq C\}$ is dense

Disjunctive forcing question

$$p \text{ ?} \Vdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$$

where $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $\varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0), \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$ are Σ_1^0

Lem

Let $p \in \mathbb{P}$ and $\varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0), \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$ be Σ_1^0 formulas.

- (a) If $p \text{ ?} \Vdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$, then $q \Vdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$ for some $q \leq p$;
- (b) If $p \text{ ?} \not\Vdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$, then $q \Vdash \neg \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \neg \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$ for some $q \leq p$.

Suppose the following relation is uniformly $\Sigma_1^0(X)$ whenever $\varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0), \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$ are Σ_1^0

$$(F_0, F_1, X) \text{ ?}\vdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$$

Lem

For every non-computable set C and Turing functionals Φ_{e_0}, Φ_{e_1} , the following set is dense in (\mathbb{P}, \leq) .

$$D = \{p \in \mathbb{P} : p \Vdash \Phi_{e_0}^{\mathbf{G}_0} \neq C \vee \Phi_{e_1}^{\mathbf{G}_1} \neq C\}$$

Consider the $\Sigma_1^0(X)$ set

$$W = \{(x, v) : p \text{ ?}\vdash \Phi_{e_0}^{\mathbf{G}_0}(x) \downarrow = v \vee \Phi_{e_1}^{\mathbf{G}_1}(x) \downarrow = v\}$$

Problem: complexity of the instance

“Can we find an extension for this instance of RT_2^1 ?”

Defi

$$\begin{aligned} (F_0, F_1, X) \text{ ?} \vdash \varphi_0(G_0) \vee \varphi_1(G_1) \\ \equiv \\ (\exists i < 2)(\exists E_i \subseteq X \cap A_i) \varphi_i(F_i \cup E_i) \end{aligned}$$

The formula is $\Sigma_1^0(X \oplus A_i)$

Idea: make an overapproximation

“Can we find an extension for every instance of $RT_{\frac{1}{2}}^1$?”

Defi

$$(F_0, F_1, X) \text{ ?} \vdash \varphi_0(G_0) \vee \varphi_1(G_1)$$

\equiv

$$(\forall B_0 \sqcup B_1 = \mathbb{N})(\exists i < 2)(\exists E_i \subseteq X \cap B_i) \varphi_i(F_i \cup E_i)$$

The formula is $\Sigma_1^0(X)$

Case 1: $p \Vdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$

Letting $B_i = A_i$, there is an extension $q \leq p$ forcing

$$\varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$$

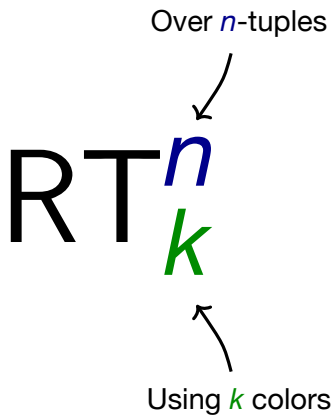
Case 2: $p \nVdash \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$

$$(\exists B_0 \sqcup B_1 = \mathbb{N})(\forall i < 2)(\forall E_i \subseteq X \cap B_i) \neg \varphi_i(F_i \cup E_i)$$

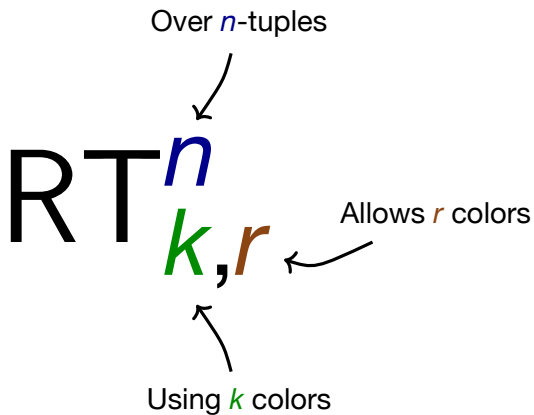
The condition $(F_0, F_1, X \cap B_i) \leq p$ forces

$$\neg \varphi_0(\mathbf{G}_0) \vee \neg \varphi_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$$

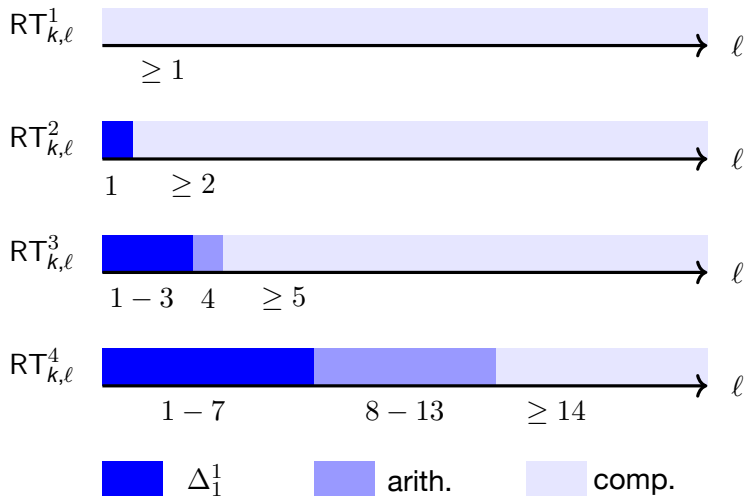
Ramsey's theorem



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$RT_{k,l}^n$ -encodable sets

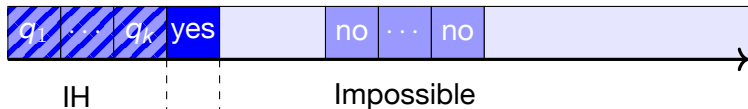


Thm (Cholak, P.)

Every function is $RT_{k,\ell}^n$ -dominated for $\ell < 2^{n-1}$.

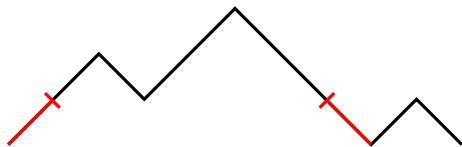
$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \langle [x_1, x_2] \text{ g-large?}, \dots, [x_{n-1}, x_n] \text{ g-large?} \rangle$$

- ▶ Case 1: the color $\langle no, \dots, no \rangle$ is avoided
- ▶ Case 2: the color $\langle q_1, \dots, q_k, yes, no, \dots, no \rangle$ is avoided



Catalan numbers

C_n is the number of trails of length $2n$.



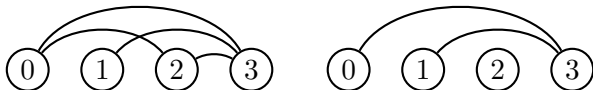
$$C_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad C_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n C_i C_{n-i}$$

1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, 4862, 16796, 58786, ...

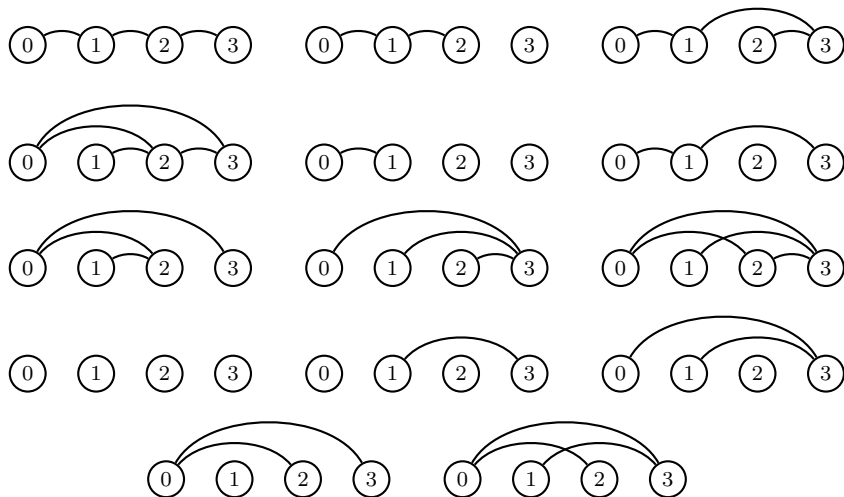
Defi

A **largeness graph** is a pair $(\{0, \dots, n-1\}, E)$ such that

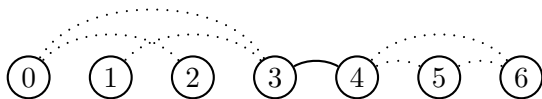
- (a) If $\{i, i+1\} \in E$, then for every $j > i+1$, $\{i, j\} \notin E$
- (b) If $i < j < n$, $\{i, i+1\} \notin E$ and $\{j, j+1\} \in E$, then $\{i, j+1\} \in E$
- (c) If $i+1 < j < n-1$ and $\{i, j\} \in E$, then $\{i, j+1\} \in E$
- (d) If $i+1 < j < k < n$ and $\{i, j\} \notin E$ but $\{i, k\} \in E$, then $\{j-1, k\} \in E$



Largeness graphs of size 4



Counting largeness graphs



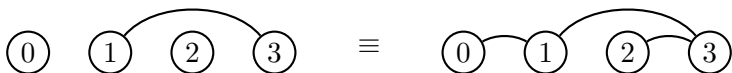
A largeness graph $\mathcal{G} = (\{0, \dots, n-1\}, E)$ is **packed** if for every $i < n-2$, $\{i, i+1\} \notin E$.

- ▶ L_n = number of largeness graphs of size n
- ▶ P_n = number of packed largeness graphs of size n

$$L_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad L_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^n P_{i+1} L_{n-i}$$

Counting packed largeness graphs

A largeness graph $\mathcal{G} = (\{0, \dots, n-1\}, E)$ of size $n \geq 2$ is **normal** if $\{n-2, n-1\} \in E$.



Thm (Cholak, P.)

The following are in one-to-one correspondance:

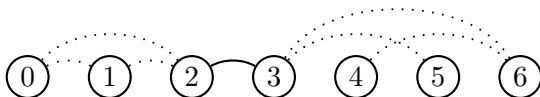
- (a) packed largeness graphs of size n
- (b) normal largeness graphs of size n
- (c) largeness graphs of size $n - 1$

Thm (Cholak, P.)

Every left-c.e. function is $RT_{k,\ell}^n$ -dominated for $\ell < C_n$.

$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) =$ the largeness graph of g

- ▶ Case 1: a packed graph is avoided
- ▶ Case 2: a graph of the following form is avoided



Conclusion

RT_k^n for $n \geq 2$ has instances having only **sparse solutions**, hence encodes all the Δ_1^1 sets

RT_k^1 cannot force having sparse solutions, so encodes only the **computable sets**

A **trichotomy** appears when we allow more colors in the solutions

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