

Computable Functors and Effective Interpretability

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The main theorem (stated roughly)

All structures are countable with domain ω .

Throughout, \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} will be structures.

Theorem

There is a correspondence between “effective interpretations” and “computable functors”.

Example

Let \mathcal{A} be the equivalence structure with one equivalence class of size n for each n .

Let \mathcal{B} be the graph which consists of a cycle of size n for each n .

\mathcal{A} is effectively interpretable in \mathcal{B} (in fact, they are bi-interpretable).

Computability	Syntactic
Muchnik reducibility	
Medvedev reducibility	
Computable functor	Σ -reducibility/effective interpretations

A *relation* on \mathcal{A} is a subset of $\mathcal{A}^{<\omega}$ (not \mathcal{A}^n for some n).

For example this allows us to code subsets of $\mathcal{A}^{<\omega} \times \omega$ as subsets of $\mathcal{A}^{<\omega}$ in an effective way using the length of tuples.

Many results which were originally proven for subsets of \mathcal{A}^n still hold for subsets of $\mathcal{A}^{<\omega}$.

R.i.c.e. relations

Let R be a relation on $\mathcal{A}^{<\omega}$.

Definition

R is *uniformly relatively intrinsically computably enumerable* (*u.r.i.c.e.*) if there is a c.e. operator W such that for every copy $(\mathcal{B}, R^{\mathcal{B}})$ of (\mathcal{A}, R) , $R^{\mathcal{B}} = W^{D(\mathcal{B})}$.

R is *uniformly relatively intrinsically computable* (*u.r.i.c.*) if there is a computable operator Ψ such that for every copy $(\mathcal{B}, R^{\mathcal{B}})$ of (\mathcal{A}, R) , $R^{\mathcal{B}} = \Psi^{D(\mathcal{B})}$.

Recall:

Theorem (Ash-Knight-Manasse-Slaman, Chisholm)

R is *u.r.i.c.e.* if and only if it is definable by a Σ_1^c formula without parameters.

Effective interpretations

Let $\mathcal{A} = (A; P_0^{\mathcal{A}}, P_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots)$ where $P_i^{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq A^{a(i)}$.

Definition

\mathcal{A} is *effectively interpretable* in \mathcal{B} if there exist a u.r.i. computable sequence of relations $(\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}}, \sim, R_0, R_1, \dots)$ such that

- (1) $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}} \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$,
- (2) \sim is an equivalence relation on $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}}$,
- (3) $R_i \subseteq (\mathcal{B}^{<\omega})^{a(i)}$ is closed under \sim within $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}}$,

and a function $f_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}}: \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ which induces an isomorphism:

$$(\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}} / \sim; R_0 / \sim, R_1 / \sim, \dots) \cong (A; P_0^{\mathcal{A}}, P_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \dots).$$

This is equivalent to Σ -reducibility without parameters.

Definition

$\text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ is the category of copies of \mathcal{A} with domain ω . The morphisms are isomorphisms between copies of \mathcal{A} .

Recall: a functor F from $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ to $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{B})$

- (1) assigns to each copy $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}$ in $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ a structure $F(\widehat{\mathcal{A}})$ in $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{B})$,
- (2) assigns to each isomorphism $f: \widehat{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}$ in $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ an isomorphism $F(f): F(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}) \rightarrow F(\widetilde{\mathcal{A}})$ in $\text{Iso}(\mathcal{B})$.

Definition

F is *computable* if there are computable operators Φ and Φ_* such that

- (1) for every $\widehat{\mathcal{A}} \in \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$, $\Phi^{D(\widehat{\mathcal{A}})}$ is the atomic diagram of $F(\widehat{\mathcal{A}})$,
- (2) for every isomorphism $f: \widehat{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}$, $F(f) = \Phi_*^{D(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}) \oplus f \oplus D(\widetilde{\mathcal{A}})}$.

The main theorem

Theorem

\mathcal{A} is effectively interpretable in \mathcal{B}
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there is a computable functor F from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{A} .

Question

If \mathcal{A} is a computable structure, is this vacuous?

Effective isomorphisms of functors

Let $F, G: \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ be computable functors.

Definition

F is *effectively isomorphic* to G if there is a computable Turing functional Λ such that for any $\tilde{\mathcal{B}} \in \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B})$, $\Lambda^{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}}$ is an isomorphism from $F(\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$ to $G(\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$, and the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathcal{A}} & \xrightarrow{h} & \hat{\mathcal{A}} \\ \downarrow F & & \downarrow F \\ F(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}) & \xrightarrow{F(h)} & F(\hat{\mathcal{A}}) \\ \downarrow G & & \downarrow G \\ G(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}) & \xrightarrow{G(h)} & G(\hat{\mathcal{A}}) \end{array}$$

$\Lambda^{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}$ and $\Lambda^{\hat{\mathcal{A}}}$ are vertical arrows from $F(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})$ to $G(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})$ and from $F(\hat{\mathcal{A}})$ to $G(\hat{\mathcal{A}})$ respectively.

A finer analysis

Let $F: \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ be a computable functor. Using the main theorem, we get an interpretation \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{A} in \mathcal{B} . Again using the main theorem, we get a functor $F_{\mathcal{I}}$ from this interpretation.

Proposition

These two functors are effectively isomorphic.

Example

Let $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} = (\omega, 0, +)$. Consider the functors:

$F :=$ identity functor

$G :=$ constant functor giving the standard presentation of ω

These are not effectively isomorphic, and the interpretations we get are faithful to the functor.

Bi-interpretations

Definition

\mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are *effectively bi-interpretable* if there are effective interpretations of each in the other, and u.r.i. computable isomorphisms $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{A}})} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ and $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}}^{(\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}})} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{B} \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \text{UI} \\ \mathcal{A} & \longrightarrow & \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}} \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \text{UI} \\ \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{A}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}}^{(\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}})} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{B} \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \text{UI} \\ \mathcal{A} & \longrightarrow & \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}} \\ & & \uparrow \\ & & \text{UI} \\ \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{A}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}}^{(\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{B}})} \end{array}} \right\} g$$

Computable bi-transformations

Definition

\mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are *computably bi-transformable* if there are computable functors $F: \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B})$ and $G: \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ such that both $F \circ G: \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{B})$ and $G \circ F: \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A})$ are effectively isomorphic to the identity functor.

So if $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}$ is a copy of \mathcal{B} , then $F(G(\widehat{\mathcal{B}})) \cong \widehat{\mathcal{B}}$ and the isomorphism can be computed uniformly in $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}$.

Theorem

\mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are effectively bi-interpretable

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\mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are computably bi-transformable.

Classes of structures

Let \mathfrak{C} and \mathfrak{D} be classes of structures.

Definition

\mathfrak{C} is *uniformly transformally reducible* to \mathfrak{D} if there is a subclass \mathfrak{D}' of \mathfrak{D} and computable functors $F: \mathfrak{C} \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}'$, $G: \mathfrak{D}' \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}$ such that $F \circ G$ and $G \circ F$ are effectively isomorphic to the identity functor.

Definition

\mathfrak{C} is *reducible via effective bi-interpretability* to \mathfrak{D} if for every $\mathcal{C} \in \mathfrak{C}$ there is a $\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{D}$ such that \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are effectively bi-interpretable and the formulas involved do not depend on the choice of \mathcal{C} or \mathcal{D} .

Theorem

\mathfrak{C} is reducible via effective bi-interpretability to \mathfrak{D}



\mathfrak{C} is uniformly transformally reducible to \mathfrak{D} .

Theorem (Hirschfeldt, Khoussainov, Shore, Slinko)

Every class is reducible via effective bi-interpretability to each of the following classes:

- 1 *undirected graphs,*
- 2 *partial orderings, and*
- 3 *lattices,*

and, after naming finitely many constants,

- 1 *integral domains,*
- 2 *commutative semigroups, and*
- 3 *2-step nilpotent groups.*

Theorem (Miller, Park, Poonen, Schoutens, Shlapentokh)

We can add fields of characteristic zero to the first list above.

Examples of interpretations above a jump

Theorem (Marker, Miller)

There is a computable functor from graphs to differentially closed fields (and an inverse functor, defined only on some differentially closed fields, which is $0'$ -computable).

Theorem (Ocasio)

There is a computable functor from linear orders to real closed fields (and an inverse functor, defined only on some real closed fields, which is $0'$ -computable).