

Algebraic Fields and Computable Categoricity

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Defn.

A computable structure \mathcal{A} is *computably categorical* if for each computable $\mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{A}$ there is a computable isomorphism from \mathcal{A} onto \mathcal{B} .

Examples: (Dzgoev, Goncharov; Remmel; Lempp, McCoy, M., Solomon)

- A linear order is computably categorical iff it has only finitely many adjacencies.
- A Boolean algebra is computably categorical iff it has only finitely many atoms.
- An ordered Abelian group is computably categorical iff it has finite rank (\equiv basis as \mathbb{Z} -module).
- For trees, the known criterion is recursive in the height and not easily stated!

Computably Categorical Fields

The following fields are all computably categorical:

- \mathbb{Q} .
- All finitely generated extensions of \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{F}_p .
- Every algebraically closed field of finite transcendence degree over \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{F}_p .
- All normal algebraic extensions of \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{F}_p .
- Some (but not all) non-normal algebraic extensions of \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{F}_p .
- Certain fields (but not very many!) of infinite transcendence degree over \mathbb{Q} . (Miller-Schoutens.)

Relative Computable Categoricity

Defn.

A computable structure \mathcal{A} is *relatively computably categorical* if for each $\mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{A}$ with domain ω , there is an isomorphism from \mathcal{A} onto \mathcal{B} which is computable from an oracle for \mathcal{B} .

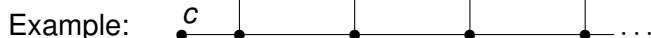
Clearly this implies computable categoricity – but the converse is false! Certain computably categorical structures are not relatively computably categorical.

Scott Families

Defn.

A *Scott family* for a structure \mathcal{A} is a set Σ of formulas $\psi(x_0, \dots, x_n, \vec{c})$, over a fixed finite tuple \vec{c} of parameters from \mathcal{A} , such that

- For all $\vec{a} \in \mathcal{A}^{<\omega}$, some $\psi \in \Sigma$ has $\models_{\mathcal{A}} \psi(\vec{a}, \vec{c})$.
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathcal{A}^n$ satisfy the same $\psi \in \Sigma$, then some $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{A})$ has $\alpha(a_i) = b_i$ for all $i \leq n$.



Thm. (Ash-Knight-Manasse-Slaman; Chisholm)

A computable structure \mathcal{A} is relatively computably categorical iff \mathcal{A} has a computably enumerable Scott family of existential formulas.

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Facts:

- All finite algebraic extensions of \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{F}_p have splitting algorithms, uniformly in their generators.
- An algebraic field F has a splitting algorithm iff all computable fields isomorphic to F have splitting algorithms.

Orbit Relations for Fields

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For a computable field F , the *full orbit relation* A_F for F is the set:

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For algebraic $F \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$ in general, B_F is Π_2^0 :

$$\langle a; b \rangle \in B_F \text{ iff } (\forall q \in \mathbb{Q}[X, Y]) [q(a, Y) \in R_F \iff q(b, Y) \in R_F].$$

However, when F has a splitting algorithm, B_F becomes Π_1^0 . (And when $F \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$ is a *normal* algebraic extension, B_F is computable.)

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Corollary

A computable algebraic field with a splitting algorithm is computably categorical iff it is relatively computably categorical.

(The proof below relativizes easily.)

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Then find all roots $z_1, \dots, z_d \in E$ of the image $\bar{p}(X)$ of $p(X)$ under f_s . Define $f_{s+1}(a)$ to be any z_k for which all the polynomials $\bar{q}_j(z_k, Y)$ have roots in E . Then $f_s \subseteq f_{s+1}$ and $\langle a, \psi^{-1}(z_k) \rangle \in B_F$, so f_{s+1} must extend to the isomorphism $\psi \circ \sigma : F \rightarrow E$, where $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(F)$ has $\sigma(a) = \psi^{-1}(z_k)$ and $(\forall i)\sigma(x_i) = x_i$. By iterating, we get a computable isomorphism.

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If $\varphi_e : F \rightarrow E$ is an isomorphism, with e minimal, then

$$(\forall s \geq s_0) [\varphi_{e,s}(a) \downarrow \implies (\forall b)[\langle a, b \rangle \in B_{F_s} \implies \langle a, b \rangle \in B_F]].$$

So B_F is c.e., as well as Π_1^0 .

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However, if F has no splitting algorithm, then B_F can be c.e., or even computable, with F *not* computably categorical.

Example: Begin to build $E = F = \mathbb{Q}(\theta_0)$ with $\theta_0^3 = 2$. If $\varphi_e(\theta_0) \downarrow = \theta_0$, then adjoin to E and F two more cube roots θ_1, θ_2 of 2. Also adjoin to E a square root of θ_0 , and to F a square root of θ_1 . Then $\varphi_e : E \rightarrow F$ is not an isomorphism, yet B_E and B_F remain computable.

Full Construction: $B_F \leq_T \emptyset$, but F not C.C.

Lemma

For every Galois extension $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq E$ and every $d > 1$, there exists a monic $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ of degree d such that $\text{Gal}(K/\mathbb{Q}) \cong S_d$ and the splitting field K of $f(X)$ over \mathbb{Q} is linearly disjoint from E .

Corollary

There is a computable sequence f_0, f_1, \dots in $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ whose splitting fields K_i each have Galois group S_7 over \mathbb{Q} and such that each K_i is linearly disjoint from the compositum of all K_j ($j \neq i$).

Use this sequence to build F and \tilde{F} . For distinct roots r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 of K_i , first adjoin $(r_1 + r_2)$ to \mathbb{Q} in both F and \tilde{F} . If $\varphi_i(r_1 + r_2) \downarrow = (r_1 + r_2)$, then adjoin $(r_3 + r_4)$ to both fields, r_1 to F , and r_3 to \tilde{F} . Then $F \cong \tilde{F}$, but not via φ_i . However, F is rigid (except for interchanging r_1 with r_2 , if they entered F). Thus B_F is computable.

The Isomorphism Tree

Let $F \cong \tilde{F}$ be computable algebraic fields, and let z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots be a sequence of elements generating F . For simplicity, assume

$\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}(z_0) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(z_1) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(z_2) \subseteq \dots$, with $z_0 = 1$.

Compute polynomials $f_{i+1} \in \mathbb{Q}[Y, Z]$ s.t. $f_{i+1}(z_i, Z)$ is the minimal polynomial of z_{i+1} over $\mathbb{Q}(z_i)$, for each i .

Defn.

The *isomorphism tree* $I_{F\tilde{F}}$ is the following subtree of $\tilde{F}^{<\omega}$:

$$\{ \langle \tilde{z}_1, \tilde{z}_2, \dots, \tilde{z}_m \rangle : (\forall i < m) \tilde{f}_{i+1}(\tilde{z}_i, \tilde{z}_{i+1}) = 0 \}.$$

Here $\tilde{f}_i(Y, Z)$ is the image of $f_i(Y, Z)$ under the isomorphism of the prime subfields.

So $I_{F\tilde{F}}$ is a finite-branching tree, and paths through it correspond to isomorphisms from F onto \tilde{F} , with each path Turing-equivalent to its isomorphism.

Scott Families for Algebraic Fields

To enumerate a Scott family Σ for F , we need to give an \exists -formula ψ_i for each z_i such that, for all $z \in F$,

$$\psi_i(z) \text{ holds in } F \iff \langle z_i, z \rangle \in B_F.$$

For the finitely many roots of $f_i(z_{i-1}, Z)$ in F , ψ_i needs to know some level m of I_{FF} such that all nodes at level i with extensions to level m are extendible (i.e. lie on paths).

If we have a computable function which gives such a level m for every i , then F has a c.e. Scott family, hence is relatively computably categorical. This function gives a computable bound on the height of the tree I_{FF} above nonextendible nodes.

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Proof: a tree construction of F .

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Suppose ρ is on the true path. If $F \cong K_e$, then $\rho \hat{\langle \cong \rangle}$ will also be on the true path, and P_ρ will compute an isomorphism. (Finitely much information is needed: ρ , and the last stage at which ρ is initialized.)

Computable Categoricity, continued

Nodes τ at levels $2e + 1$ ensure that the e -th partial computable function φ_e does not compute an m -reduction from B_F to \emptyset'' . (If this holds for every e , then $B_F \not\leq_m \emptyset''$, hence cannot be Σ_2^0 .)

τ adds to F two \mathbb{Q} -conjugates x_τ and y_τ . At all stages, there will be two distinct z_s and z_t already in F such that the minimal polynomials of each over x_τ have no root over y_τ . Whenever $W_{\varphi_e(\langle x_\tau, y_\tau \rangle)}$ gets a new element, we add a root over y_τ of the minimal polynomial of z_s over x_τ (where $s < t$), but also add a new $u > t$ for which F has no root over y_τ of the minimal polynomial of z_u over x_τ . Therefore, if τ is never injured, then $\langle x_\tau, y_\tau \rangle \in B_F$ iff $W_{\varphi_e(\langle x_\tau, y_\tau \rangle)}$ is infinite.

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Definition

A computable algebraic extension F/L has *computably approximable Galois group* $\text{Gal}(F/L)$ if $B_{F/L}$ is computably enumerable.

$\text{Gal}(F/L)$ is essentially a type-2 computable object, in the sense of computable analysis. (It may have 2^ω -many elements!)

Automorphism Groups in General

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However, Steiner has found computable structures \mathcal{M} with all orbits finite and $A_{\mathcal{M}}$ computable, such that \mathcal{M} is not computably categorical. For instance, let \mathcal{M} be an equivalence relation with exactly one equivalence class of each finite size. We saw the same above for a computable algebraic field.

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