

# Countable Reductions, Borel Equivalence Relations, and Computable Structure Theory

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# Borel reducibility and computable reducibility

## Fundamental Definition

A *reduction* of an equivalence relation  $E$  on a set  $S$  to another equivalence relation  $F$  on a set  $T$  is a function  $f : S \rightarrow T$  such that

$$(\forall (a, b) \in S \times S) [ a E b \iff f(a) F f(b) ].$$

First example:  $E$  on  $2^\omega$  is *Borel reducible* to  $F$  on  $2^\omega$  (or other Polish spaces) if there exists a *Borel reduction*  $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$  of  $E$  to  $F$ .

Second example:  $E$  on  $\omega$  is *computably reducible* to  $F$  on  $\omega$  (or other subsets of  $\omega$ ) if there is a *computable reduction*  $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  of  $E$  to  $F$ .

## Related work by many researchers

Computable reducibility has arisen independently several times.

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# Notation

We usually assume that one can determine from the equivalence relations  $E$  and  $F$  whether these are relations on  $\omega$  or on  $2^\omega$  (or other spaces). Our notation allows for various generalizations.

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For relations on  $\omega$ ,  $E \leq_{\mathbf{d}} F$  means that  $E$  is  $\mathbf{d}$ -computably reducible to  $F$ . Thus  $E \leq_{\mathbf{0}} F$  denotes that a computable reduction of  $E$  to  $F$  exists.

For relations on  $2^\omega$ ,  $E \leq_B F$  means that  $E$  is Borel-reducible to  $F$ , i.e., that a Borel reduction of  $E$  to  $F$  exists. More specific versions, such as  $E \leq_0 F$  or  $E \leq_\alpha F$  will correspond to specific Borel functions, with the ordinal  $\alpha$  denoting the number of jumps required to compute the reduction.

Superscripts (e.g.,  $\leq_0^n$ ) will be added shortly for *bounded* reductions.

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Them ( $E_{\min}^{ce}$ )

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Us ( $E_{\max}^{ce}$ )

$W_i$ : 0, 1

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2-ary reducibility  $\leq_0^2$  is just the familiar many-one reducibility  $E \leq_m F$ .

## Within $n$ -ary reducibility...

A strange fact about  $E_{max}^{ce}$ .

### Theorem (RGM-Ng)

$E_{max}^{ce}$  is complete among all  $\Pi_2^0$  equivalence relations under 3-ary reducibility  $\leq_0^3$ , but not under 4-ary reducibility  $\leq_0^4$ .

The proof uses the  $=^{ce}$  relation on  $\omega$ :  $i =^{ce} j \iff W_i = W_j$ .

Since  $=^{ce}$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete under finitary reducibility  $\leq_0^{<\omega}$  (to be seen below), we show that  $=^{ce} \leq_0^3 E_{max}^{ce}$ , but that  $=^{ce} \not\leq_0^4 E_{max}^{ce}$ .

### 3-ary reduction: $=^{ce} \leq_0^3 E_{max}^{ce}$

Define  $g(i, j, k) = (\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$ : find the least difference between  $W_i$  and  $W_j$ , between  $W_i$  and  $W_k$ , and between  $W_j$  and  $W_k$  at each stage. Each time one of these differences changes from the previous stage, add more elements to  $W_{\hat{i}}$ ,  $W_{\hat{j}}$ , and  $W_{\hat{k}}$  to reflect the new situation.

- If  $W_i = W_j = W_k$ , then all three sets we build wind up with  $\max +\infty$ .
- If  $W_i = W_j \neq W_k$ , then the least difference between  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  keeps changing, so  $W_{\hat{i}}$  and  $W_{\hat{j}}$  both have  $\max +\infty$ . But eventually the least difference between  $W_k$  and each of them stabilized, so  $W_{\hat{k}}$  has finite maximum.
- If the three sets are all distinct, then by some stage their (pairwise) least differences had all appeared, and from that stage on, the maxima of  $W_{\hat{i}}$ ,  $W_{\hat{j}}$ , and  $W_{\hat{k}}$  will be the same three distinct (finite) values.

## No 4-ary reduction: $=^{ce} \not\leq_0^4 E_{max}^{ce}$

Given a potential 4-ary reduction  $g$ , we build four c.e. sets.  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  use only odd numbers, while  $W_m$  and  $W_n$  use only even numbers. By making  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  equal whenever their images have distinct maxima at some stage, and unequal whenever their images have the same maxima, we drive those maxima to  $+\infty$ , leaving  $W_i = W_j$ . With  $W_m$  and  $W_n$ , we do exactly the same. So all four images have maximum  $+\infty$ , yet  $W_i \neq W_m$ .

This reflects the fact that in  $E_{max}^{ce}$ , there is exactly one equivalence class (namely **Inf**) which is  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete as a set, whereas relations such as  $=^{ce}$  have infinitely many  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete classes. The putative 4-ary reduction had to use that single class **Inf** to compare  $W_i$  with  $W_j$ , and also to compare  $W_m$  with  $W_n$ .



## $\Pi_n^0$ -Completeness

Ilanovski, RGM, Ng, and Nies have shown that for  $n \geq 2$ , no  $\Pi_n^0$  equivalence relation on  $\omega$  can be complete among  $\Pi_n^0$ -ER's under computable reducibility. However....

### Theorem (RGM-Ng)

For every oracle set  $X \subseteq \omega$ , the equivalence relation  $E_{=}^X$  given by

$$i E_{=}^X j \iff W_i^X = W_j^X$$

is complete among all  $\Pi_2^X$  equivalence relations under finitary (computable) reducibility  $\leq_0^{<\omega}$ .

### Corollary

For every  $n \geq 0$ , the  $\Pi_{n+2}^0$  equivalence relation  $E_{=}^{\emptyset^{(n)}}$  (i.e. equality on  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  sets) is complete among  $\Pi_{n+2}^0$  ER's under finitary reducibility.

# Finitary and $d$ -computable reducibility

## Same theorem, repeated (RGM-Ng)

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## Corollary

For every Turing degree  $\mathbf{d}$ , there exist equivalence relations  $E$  and  $F$  such that  $E \leq_0^{<\omega} F$ , but  $E \not\leq_{\mathbf{d}} F$ . (That is, there is no  $\mathbf{d}$ -computable reduction from  $E$  to  $F$ , but there is a computable finitary reduction.)

Proof: Let  $F$  be  $E_{=}^{\mathbf{d}}$ , which is  $\Pi_2^{\mathbf{d}}$ -complete under finitary reducibility, but  $\Pi_2^{\mathbf{d}}$ -incomplete under  $\mathbf{d}$ -computable reducibility, by a relativization of our previous result.

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But maybe if we go back to ER's on  $2^\omega$  . . . . .

## Extending the paradigm to $2^\omega$

Now let  $E, F$  be ER's on  $2^\omega$ . What happens in Borel reducibility?

### Definition

$E$  is  $\omega$ -reducible to  $F$  (written  $E \leq_0^\omega F$ ) if there exists a Turing functional  $\Phi$  such that whenever  $A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots \in 2^\omega$  and  $A = \bigoplus_i A_i$ ,

$$(\forall j, k \in \omega) \left[ A_j E A_k \iff (\Phi^A)^{(j)} F (\Phi^A)^{(k)} \right].$$

We also have weaker versions, analogous to the earlier ones:

$E$  is  $n$ -arily reducible to  $F$  (written  $E \leq_0^n F$ ) if there exists a Turing functional  $\Phi$  such that whenever  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in 2^\omega$

$$(\forall j < k \leq n) \left[ A_j E A_k \iff (\Phi^{A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n})^{(j)} F (\Phi^{A_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A_n})^{(k)} \right].$$

$E$  is *finitely reducible* to  $F$ ,  $E \leq_0^{<\omega} F$ , if this can be done uniformly  $\forall n$ .

# Standard Borel equivalence relations, under $\leq_B$

$A E_0 B \iff |A \Delta B| < \infty$  (finite-difference relation, a.k.a.  $=^*$ )

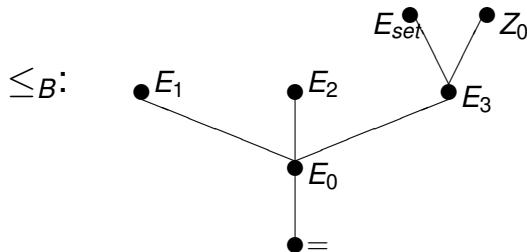
$A E_1 B \iff |\{n : (A)^n \neq (B)^n\}| < \infty$  (differ on  $< \infty$  columns)

$A E_2 B \iff \sum_{n \in A \Delta B} \frac{1}{n+1} < \infty.$

$A E_3 B \iff (\forall n) |(A)^n \Delta (B)^n| < \infty.$

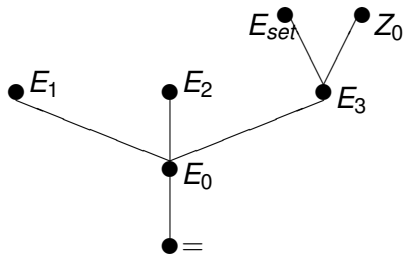
$A E_{set} B \iff \{(A)^n : n \in \omega\} = \{(B)^n : n \in \omega\}$  (same columns).

$A Z_0 B \iff (A \Delta B)$  has asymptotic density 0.



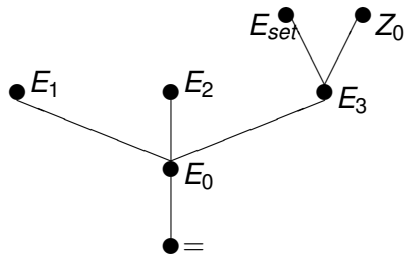
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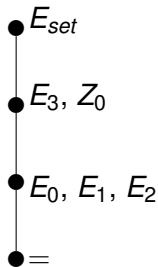


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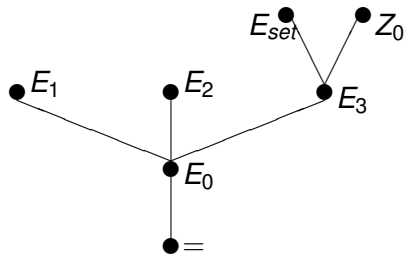
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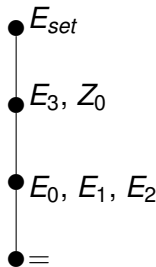


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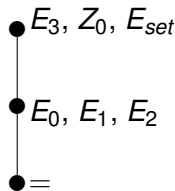
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Complexity:  $=$  is  $\Pi_1^0$ ;  
 $E_0, E_1,$  and  $E_2$  are all  $\Sigma_2^0$ ;  
 $E_3, Z_0,$  and  $E_{set}$  are all  $\Pi_3^0$ .

Details: R. Miller, Computable reducibility for Cantor space, chapter in *Structure and Randomness in Computability and Set Theory*, eds. D. Cenzer, C. Porter, & J. Zapletal (World Scientific, 2020), 155–196.

# Computable structure theory (joint with Ho-Knight)

All structures here will have domain  $\omega$ . Using a fixed Gödel coding, we identify such a structure  $A$  with its atomic diagram  $D(A)$ , viewed as an element of  $2^\omega$ .

Important classes of structures:

$$\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{ab}_r = \{D(A) : A \text{ is a torsion-free Abelian group of rank } r\}$$

$$\mathfrak{D}_r = \{D(F) : F \text{ is a field of tr. degree } r \text{ over } \mathbb{Q}\}.$$

Equivalently,  $A$  is a full-rank additive subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Q}^r, +, \vec{0})$ , and  $F$  is a full-degree subfield of the algebraic closure  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}(t_1, \dots, t_r)}$ . However, each  $A$  and  $F$  is presented as a *structure*. Divisibility of elements of  $A$  is  $\Sigma_1^{D(A)}$ , and existence of roots of polynomials in  $F$  is  $\Sigma_1^{D(F)}$ .

We view  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{ab}_r$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_r$  as topological subspaces of  $2^\omega$ , equating  $A$  with  $D(A)$ , and place the ER of isomorphism on each subspace.

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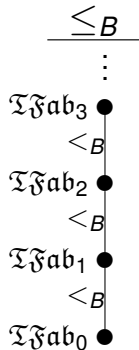
In the language of Knight et al, this implies that there is no *Turing-computable embedding* of  $\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{ab}_{r+1}$  into  $\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{ab}_r$ . In contrast, the reverse embedding is easily built:

$$(\forall G, H \in \mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{ab}_r) [G \cong H \iff (G \oplus \mathbb{Z}) \cong (H \oplus \mathbb{Z})].$$

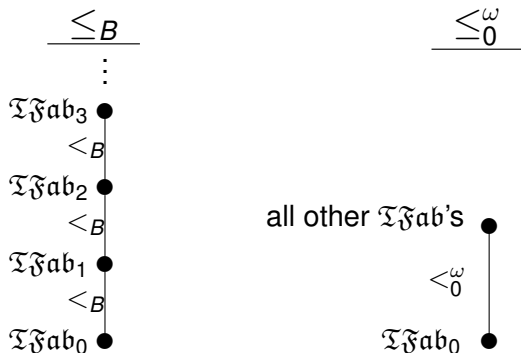
Computing a presentation of  $(G \oplus \mathbb{Z})$  uniformly from each  $G \in \mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{ab}_r$  is easy, and the equivalence exactly satisfies the definition of a TC-embedding  $\Phi$  of a class  $\mathfrak{K}$  into another  $\mathfrak{K}'$ :

$$(\forall \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathfrak{K}) [\Phi^{\mathcal{A}}, \Phi^{\mathcal{B}} \in \mathfrak{K}', \text{ with } \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B} \iff \Phi^{\mathcal{A}} \cong \Phi^{\mathcal{B}}].$$

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Fact: Every  $\mathcal{IFab}_r$  with  $r > 0$  has a countable computable reduction to  $\mathcal{IFab}_1$ .

This is surprising. Isomorphism on  $\mathcal{IFab}_1$  seems simpler than the others! (Cf. Baer, Kurosh, Mal'cev, finally Hjorth-Thomas.)

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For  $G \in \mathfrak{F}ab_1$ , fix any nonzero  $x \in G$  and define

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For  $r > 1$  and  $G, H \in \mathfrak{F}ab_r$ ,  $G \cong H$  iff

$$(\exists \text{ bases } \vec{b} \in G^r, \vec{c} \in H^r)(\forall \vec{q} \in \mathbb{Q}^r) \left[ \sum q_i b_i \in G \iff \sum q_i c_i \in H \right].$$

This seems more complicated, but it is again  $\Sigma_3$ . Indeed, the isomorphism problem on computable  $\mathfrak{F}ab_r$  groups is  $\Sigma_3$ -complete.

So it is plausible that the countable computable reduction works.



## Fields of finite transcendence degree

$\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{D}_r$  is very similar, except for  $r = 0$ . Isomorphism is again  $\Sigma_3^0$ ; for a fixed transcendence basis  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$  of  $F$ , the isomorphism type is determined by  $\{f \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1, \dots, X_r, Y] : f(\vec{x}, Y) \text{ has a root in } F\}$ . Two fields are isomorphic iff they have bases over which these index sets are equal.

When  $r = 0$ :  $\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{D}_0$  is nontrivial (as opposed to  $\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}_0$ ), but now isomorphism is  $\Pi_2^0$ , as the only possible basis is  $\emptyset$ .

# Going upwards in fields

## Conjecture (HKM)

$$\mathfrak{TD}_r \leq_0 \mathfrak{TD}_{r+1}.$$

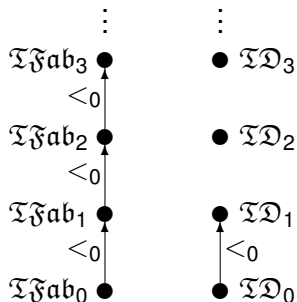
For  $r = 0$ , this is immediate. If  $E, F \in \mathfrak{TD}_0$ , then all their elements are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and no other elements of the purely transcendental extension  $E(t)$  are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus  $E \cong F \iff E(t) \cong F(t)$ .

For  $r > 0$ , we conjecture that the same procedure succeeds.

A separate attempt would build  $E(t)$  from  $E$  and then adjoin the entire algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}(t)$ . This succeeds in the situation  $E \cap \overline{\mathbb{Q}} = F \cap \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . However, if  $E$  and  $F$  have nonisomorphic algebraic parts, this attempt obliterates that distinction. One can salvage the fact that  $\mathfrak{TD}_1 \leq_0 \mathfrak{TD}_2 \times \mathfrak{TD}_0$ .

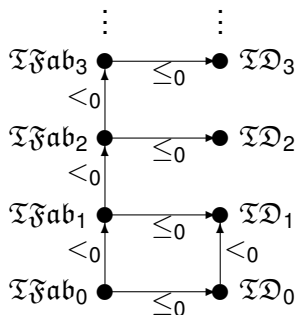
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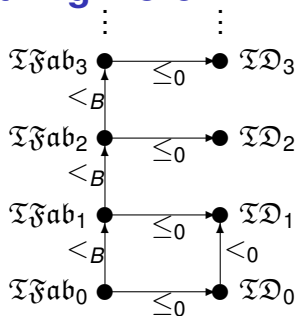
## $\mathfrak{F}ab_r \leq_0 \mathfrak{D}_r$

The idea of this reduction is simple: given  $G \in \mathfrak{F}ab_r$ , we write each  $v \in G$  as  $(a_1, \dots, a_r)$ , with respect to the first basis we find for  $G$ . We then build a field  $F = \Phi^G \in \mathfrak{D}_r$  with basis  $\{X_1, \dots, X_r\}$ , and include an element  $X_1^{a_1} \cdots X_r^{a_r}$  to represent  $v$ . Details:

- If we guess wrong about a basis  $\vec{u}$  for  $G$  – maybe it turns out that  $u_3 = \frac{2}{5}u_1 - \frac{7}{3}u_2$  – then the old  $X_3$  becomes  $X_1^{\frac{2}{5}}X_2^{-\frac{7}{3}}$  and we add a new  $X_3$  to  $F$  to represent the next element that appears independent over  $\{u_1, u_2\}$ .
- All powers of each  $X_i$  are positive in a fixed real closed field.
- To build  $F$ , close under the field operations.
- If we had used a different basis  $\vec{w}$  of  $G$ , there would be an  $A \in GL_r(\mathbb{Q})$  expressing  $\vec{u}$  w.r.t.  $\vec{w}$ . Applying  $A$  to the exponents of the monomials gives a field isomorphism between the outputs.

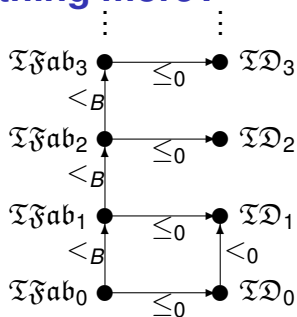
The hard part is to show that  $\Phi^G \cong \Phi^H \implies G \cong H$ .

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### Theorem (HKM)

For every  $r$ , there is a countable computable reduction  $\mathcal{ID}_r \leq_0^\omega \mathcal{IF}ab_1$ .

## $\mathfrak{D}_r \leq_0^\omega \mathfrak{Fab}_1$

Given fields  $F_0, F_1, \dots$  from  $\mathfrak{D}_r$ , we guess at the first basis  $\vec{x}_i$  in each  $F_i$ , “resetting” the construction of the corresponding  $G_i \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  whenever we reset the guess at a basis of  $F_i$ .

To each  $i < j$ , we assign primes  $p_{ijk}$  for all  $k$ , and use chips to approximate whether any of the first  $k$  tuples in  $F_j$  can be the image of  $\vec{x}_i$  under an isomorphism  $F_i \rightarrow F_j$ .

- If  $k$  gets infinitely many chips, then 1 is infinitely divisible by  $p_{ijk}$  in every group  $G_m$ .
- Otherwise, 1 is divisible in  $G_i$  by one more power of  $p_{ijk}$  than in  $G_j$ . We also consider each of the fields  $F_m$  with  $m < i + j + k$ : guessing at the isomorphism relations among all these fields (including  $G_i$  and  $G_j$ ), and giving the 1 in  $G_m$  the appropriate amount of divisibility by  $p_{ijk}$ .



## This works!

If  $F_i \cong F_j$ , then there are only finitely many  $k$  where divisibility by  $p_{ijk}$  comes out different, and there are only finitely many  $(i', j', k')$  where it is left out of the guessing entirely. On each of these the divisibility of 1 differs only by finitely many powers of  $p_{ijk}$ , and for all other prime powers  $p^n$ ,  $\frac{1}{p^n}$  lies in  $G_i$  iff it lies in  $G_j$ . Hence  $G_i \cong G_j$ .

If  $F_i \not\cong F_j$ , then  $\forall k$  the 1 in  $G_i$  is divisible by one less power of  $p_{ijk}$  than the 1 in  $G_j$ , leaving  $G_i \not\cong G_j$ .

## A further point

The reduction  $\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}ab_r \leq_0 \mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{D}_r$ , mapping  $\vec{a} \in G$  to  $X_1^{a_1} \cdots X_r^{a_r} \in F$ , is not just a computable reduction. Indeed, it extends to a computable functor, where the categories in question are  $\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}ab_r$  under isomorphisms and  $\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{D}_r$  under isomorphisms. There is a Turing functional  $\Psi$  that, given any isomorphism  $g : G_0 \rightarrow G_1$  in  $\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{F}ab_r$ , outputs an isomorphism  $f : F_0 \rightarrow F_1$  for the corresponding fields, in a functorial way (respecting composition and the identity isomorphism).

For other Borel reductions on isomorphism relations in computable structure theory, one can investigate the same questions. Does the reduction extend to a functor? And if so, how many jumps (of the atomic diagrams of the structures) are needed in order to compute the entire functor?

## Does this generalize?

Thinking of the notion of computable functor, we ask whether anything similar applies to the known ER's (or others) in the Borel theory. These ER's do not ask  $\Sigma_1^1$ -hard questions, but isomorphism in  $\mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$  and  $\mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{D}$  is not  $\Sigma_1^1$ -hard either. For example, for the relation  $A Z_0 B$  defined by  $(A\Delta B)$  has asymptotic density 0, one could say that a function  $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  witnesses that  $A Z_0 B$  if  $f$  bounds the convergence to 0:

$$(\forall d)(\forall n > f(d)) \frac{|(A\Delta B) \cap \{0, \dots, n-1\}|}{n} \leq \frac{1}{d}.$$

Can one give a computable reduction  $\Phi$  of  $E_3$  to  $Z_0$  for which, given any  $A E_3 B$  and the function  $f(n) = \max((A)^n \Delta (B)^n)$ , some uniform procedure computes a witness to  $\Phi^A Z_0 \Phi^B$ ?

## Conclusions and questions

The proof that  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{D}_r \leq_0^\omega \mathcal{I}\mathcal{F}\text{ab}_1$  is totally in line with traditional computable structure theory. We believe that when  $\leq_0$  and  $\leq_0^\omega$  differ, methods beyond those traditional approaches will be required, as in the Hjorth-Thomas theorem. Somehow here the uncountability of the space becomes crucial.

What happens if, instead of considering only computable reductions, we allow reductions that use  $(D(A))'$  to compute the output for  $A$ ? Or  $(D(A))^{(\alpha)}$ ?

For isomorphism or other  $\Sigma_1^1$  relations, what sort of functoriality is possible, and how effective can it be?

How do bounded reducibilities such as  $\leq_0^\omega$  play into all of this? Computable reductions are continuous. Is there any topological notion analogous to countable computable reducibility?