Randomness for computable measures, and complexity

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**I** Theorem (Levin, Schnorr).  $X \in 2^{\omega}$  is Martin-Löf random iff

 $\forall n \operatorname{K}(X \upharpoonright n) \ge n - O(1).$ 

**2** This is the special case for Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$  of this general statement for arbitrary computable measures  $\mu$ :

**Theorem (Levin, Schnorr).**  $X \in 2^{\omega}$  is  $\mu$ -Martin-Löf random iff

$$\forall n \operatorname{K}(X \upharpoonright n) \ge -\log(\mu(\llbracket X \upharpoonright n \rrbracket)) - O(1).$$

**Solution** Therefore: The possible growth rates of K for  $\mu$ -random sequences are related to the structure of  $\mu$ .

- Study how properties of  $\mu$  are reflected in the growth rates of K for  $\mu$ -random sequences.
- **2** Study the growth rates of K for *proper* sequences, i.e., sequences random for *some* computable measure  $\mu$ .
- Use the techniques and results to study computable measures whose set of randoms is "small." (in a sense to be explained)

# Preliminaries

- **Definition.**  $\mu$  is *computable* if  $\sigma \mapsto \mu(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)$  is a computable real-valued function.
- **2** Definition.  $\mu$  is *atomic* if there is  $X \in 2^{\omega}$  with  $\mu(\{X\}) > 0$ .
  - Then X is called an *atom* of  $\mu$ .
  - Atoms<sub> $\mu$ </sub> is the set of all atoms of  $\mu$ .
- **5** Fact. Atoms of a computable measure  $\mu$  are trivially  $\mu$ -random and computable.
- **4** Definition. If  $\mu$  is not atomic, then it is *continuous*.



**Definition.** X is *complex* if there is a computable order  $h: \omega \to \omega$  such that

 $\forall n \operatorname{K}(X \upharpoonright n) \ge b(n).$ 

**Intuition.** For complex sequences a certain Kolmogorov complexity growth rate is guaranteed everywhere.

#### From continuity to complexity

- Theorem (essentially Bienvenu, Porter). If  $X \in 2^{\omega}$  is  $\mu$ -Martin-Löf random for  $\mu$  computable and continuous, then X is complex.
- **2** The converse is false, as there are complex non-proper sequences.
  - Miller showed that there is a sequence of effective Hausdorff dimension <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> that does not compute a sequence of higher effective Hausdorff dimension.
  - Such a sequence is clearly complex.
  - If it computed any (non-computable) proper sequence, then it would compute an MLR sequence (Zvonkin, Levin; Kautz), contradiction.
- Question. For given computable and continuous μ, is there a single computable order function witnessing complexity of μ-random sequences?

- **1** There is a restricted converse of the Theorem.
- **2** Theorem (Hölzl, Porter). Let  $X \in 2^{\omega}$  be proper. If X is complex, then  $X \in MLR_{\mu}$  for some computable, continuous measure  $\mu$ .
- I Proof idea.
  - Let *v* be a computable non-continuous measure witnessing *X*'s properness.
  - The complexity of X allows "patching" v to remove the (non-complex) atoms without affecting X's randomness.
- Question. Can we remove the atoms, while protecting the randomness of *all* non-atom random sequences?

**Definition (Reimann, Slaman).** For  $\mu$  continuous, the *granularity of*  $\mu$  is defined as

$$g_{\mu} \colon n \mapsto \min\{\ell \colon \forall \sigma \in 2^{\ell} \colon \mu(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket) < 2^{-n}\}.$$

- **2** Lemma (Hölzl, Porter). If  $\mu$  is continuous and computable, there is a computable order *b* such that  $|b(n) g_{\mu}^{-1}(n)| \le O(1)$  and for every  $X \in MLR_{\mu}$ ,  $K(X \upharpoonright n) \ge b(n)$ .
- **3** Intuition.
  - $g_{\mu}^{-1}$  provides a global lower bound for the initial segment complexity of *every*  $\mu$ -random sequence.
  - $g_{\mu}$  itself is in general not computable, but  $g_{\mu}^{-1}$  can be replaced by the computable *h* above.

■ Question, restated. For a computable, atomic measure  $\mu$  with  $\forall X \in 2^{\omega} (X \in MLR_{\mu} \setminus Atoms_{\mu} \Rightarrow X \text{ is complex}),$ is there a computable, continuous measure  $\nu$  such that

 $MLR_{\mu} \setminus Atoms_{\mu} \subseteq MLR_{\nu}$ ?

**2** Theorem (Hölzl, Porter). No. For some  $\mu$ , there is no such  $\nu$ .

#### Proof sketch.

- I Atomic measures obviously have no granularity function.
- **2** Definition. But we can define a *local granularity function*

$$g^X_{\mu}(n) = \min\{\ell : \mu(\llbracket X \upharpoonright \ell \rrbracket) < 2^{-n}\}.$$

- Suppose there is a computable, continuous measure v such that  $MLR_{\mu} \setminus Atoms_{\mu} \subseteq MLR_{\nu}$ .
- By the Lemma there is a common computable order *h* witnessing the complexity of all  $X \in MLR_{\nu} \supseteq MLR_{\mu} \setminus Atoms_{\mu}$ .
- **5** One can show that then  $g^X_{\mu}(n)$  for all such X is dominated by (a slight modification of) this single *h*.
- **5** So to obtain a contradiction, we need to build a  $\mu$  such that for *every* computable order *h* there is an  $X \in \text{MLR}_{\mu} \setminus \text{Atoms}_{\mu}$  for which  $g_{\mu}^{X}$  dominates *h*.



Cone  $[0^e1]$  is used to defeat  $\varphi_e$ , if it is a computable order. If  $\varphi_e$  is partial we ensure that all randoms in  $[0^e1]$  are atoms.







































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  - (Binns)  $\mathscr{C} \subseteq 2^{\omega}$  is *diminutive* if it does not contain a computably perfect subclass.
  - (Porter) Let  $\mu$  be a computable measure, and let  $(\mathcal{U}_i)_{i \in \omega}$  be the universal  $\mu$ -Martin-Löf test. Then  $\mu$  is *diminutive* if  $\mathcal{U}_i^c$  is diminutive for every *i*.
- **Intuition.** The collection of randoms is "small" for both types of measures.
  - (Higuchi, Kihara) The set of randoms for a diminutive measure has strong effective measure 0.
  - The randoms for a trivial measure may be of two types: countably many atoms measure 0 many non-atoms

- Proposition (Hölzl, Porter). Every computable trivial measure is diminutive.
- **Proposition (Hölzl, Porter).** A computable measure  $\mu$  is diminutive if and only if there is no complex  $X \in MLR_{\mu}$ .
- **I** Theorem (Hölzl, Porter). There is a computable diminutive measure *μ* that is not trivial.
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- 3 The same can be forced for  $X \notin \Xi(2^{\omega})$ . (But this is of no relevance here.)

**1** Now let  $\mu$  be the measure induced by  $\Lambda \circ \Xi$ , that is,

$$\mu(\mathscr{Y}) = \lambda\{Z \colon \Lambda \circ \Xi(Z) \in \mathscr{Y}\}$$

for all  $\mathscr{Y} \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ .

- 2 By the previous arguments, no  $X \in MLR_{\mu}$  is complex.
- **3** Then the Proposition implies that  $\mu$  is diminutive.
- But every sequence in Λ ο Ξ(𝔅) computes a fast-growing function, so is not computable, so is not an atom.
- **5** Then since  $\mu(\Lambda \circ \Xi(\mathcal{R})) = \lambda(\mathcal{R}) > 0$ , we have that  $\mu(\text{Atoms}_{\mu}) < 1$ , thus  $\mu$  is not trivial.

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