

# CR06 - Final exam

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## Exercise 1: \*\*

Let  $A = \{\langle a, b \rangle : W_a \subseteq W_b\}$ . What is the complexity of  $A$  in the arithmetical hierarchy? Show that it is complete for its complexity.

### Solution 1:

$$A = \{\langle a, b \rangle : \forall n(n \notin W_a \vee n \in W_b)\}$$

Since  $n \notin W_a$  is  $\Pi_1^0$  and  $n \in W_b$  is  $\Sigma_1^0$ , the overall formula is  $\Pi_2^0$ . Let us show that  $A$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete. Let  $a$  be such that  $W_a = \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $Tot = \{b : \langle a, b \rangle \in A\}$ , so  $Tot$  is many-one reducible to  $A$ . Since  $Tot$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete, then  $A$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete.

## Exercise 2: \*\*

Let  $A$  be a non-c.e. set. Use the finite extension method to prove that there exists a set  $B$  which is hyperimmune relative to  $A$ , and such that  $A$  is not  $B$ -c.e.

### Solution 2:

We want to satisfy the following requirements for every  $e \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- $\mathcal{R}_e$ :  $\exists x \Phi_e^A(x) \uparrow \vee \exists x \Phi_e^A(x) < p_B(x)$ .
- $\mathcal{S}_e$ :  $W_e^B \neq A$ .

If all the  $\mathcal{R}$ -requirements are satisfied, then  $B$  is  $A$ -hyperimmune. If all the  $\mathcal{S}$ -requirements are satisfied, then  $A$  is not  $B$ -c.e.

*Satisfying  $\mathcal{R}_e$ .* Assume  $\sigma_n$  is defined. If  $\Phi_e^A$  is partial, then simply take  $\sigma_{n+1} = \sigma_n$ . Otherwise, let  $\sigma_{n+1} = \sigma_n 0000 \dots 0001$  where we add  $\Phi_e^A(|\sigma_n|) + 1$  0's in the string. This way,  $p_B(|\sigma_n|) > \Phi_e^A(|\sigma_n|)$ .

*Satisfying  $\mathcal{S}_e$ .* Assume  $\sigma_n$  is defined. We have three cases:

- Case 1: there is some  $k \notin A$  and some  $\tau \succeq \sigma_n$  such that  $k \in W_e^\tau$ . Then let  $\sigma_{n+1} = \tau$ .
- Case 2: there is some  $k \in A$  such that for every  $\tau \succeq \sigma_n$ ,  $k \notin W_e^\tau$ . Then let  $\sigma_{n+1} = \sigma_n$ .
- Case 3: none of the cases above hold. Then  $A = \{k : \exists \tau \succeq \sigma_n k \in W_e^\tau\}$  so  $A$  is c.e., contradiction.

## Exercise 3: \*\*\*

Let  $A$  be a non-c.e. set. Prove that every non-empty  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $\mathcal{C}$  has a member  $X$  such that  $A$  is not  $X$ -c.e.

### Solution 3:

We build an infinite decreasing sequence of non-empty  $\Pi_1^0$  classes

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_0 \supseteq \mathcal{C}_1 \supseteq \mathcal{C}_2 \supseteq \dots$$

such that for every  $e$ , and every  $X \in \mathcal{C}_{e+1}$ ,  $W_e^X \neq A$ . If we succeed, then for every  $X \in \bigcap_n \mathcal{C}_n$ ,  $A$  is not  $X$ -c.e. Since an infinite decreasing sequence of compacts is compact,  $\bigcap_n \mathcal{C}_n \neq \emptyset$ , so pick any  $X \in \mathcal{C}_{e+1}$ ,  $W_e^X \neq A$ .

Construction: Assume  $\mathcal{C}_e$  is defined. We have three cases:

- Case 1: there is some  $n \notin A$  such that for every  $X \in \mathcal{C}_e$ ,  $n \in W_e^X$ . Then let  $\mathcal{C}_{e+1} = \mathcal{C}_e$ .
- Case 2: there is some  $n \in A$  and some  $X \in \mathcal{C}_e$  such that  $n \notin W_e^X$ . Then let  $\mathcal{C}_{e+1} = \{X \in \mathcal{C}_e : n \notin W_e^X\}$
- Case 3: none of the cases above hold. Then  $A = \{n : \forall X \in \mathcal{C}_e n \in W_e^X\}$  so  $A$  is c.e. contradiction.

## Cohesive sets

Let  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, R_2, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of sets of integers. An infinite set  $C \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive (or cohesive for  $\vec{R}$ ) if for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $C \subseteq^* R_i$  or  $C \subseteq^* \bar{R}_i$ . Here,  $X \subseteq^* Y$  is a notation to say that  $X$  is included in  $Y$  up to finitely many elements, that is,  $|X \setminus Y| < \infty$ .

### Exercise 4: \*

Show that for every countable sequence of sets  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, R_2, \dots$ , there exists an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set.

### Solution 4:

We build an infinite sequence of integers  $a_0 < a_1 < \dots$  together with an infinite decreasing sequence of infinite sets  $\mathbb{N} = A_0 \supseteq A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$  as follows: First,  $a_0 = 0$  and  $\mathbb{N} = A_0$ . Assuming  $a_n$  and  $A_n$  are defined. Pick  $a_{n+1} \in A_n$  such that  $a_{n+1} > a_n$ . Such element exists since  $A_n$  is infinite. Then, if  $A_n \cap R_n$  is infinite, let  $A_{n+1} = A_n \cap R_n$ . Otherwise, let  $A_{n+1} = A_n \cap \bar{R}_n$ .

Let  $C = \{a_0 < a_1 < \dots\}$ . We claim that  $C$  is  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive. Indeed, given  $n$ ,

$$\{a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\} \subseteq A_{n+1}$$

and either  $A_{n+1} \subseteq R_n$  or  $A_{n+1} \subseteq \bar{R}_n$ , so  $C \subseteq^* R_n$  or  $C \subseteq^* \bar{R}_n$ .

### Exercise 5: \*

Let  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, \dots$  be the sequence of all computable sets. Show that no infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set is computable.

### Solution 5:

Suppose for the contradiction that  $C = \{a_0 < a_1 < \dots\}$  is a computable  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set. Then  $D = \{a_{2n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is also computable. In particular,  $C \cap D$  and  $C \cap \bar{D}$  are both infinite. But since  $C$  is cohesive for all the computable sets,  $C \subseteq^* D$  or  $C \subseteq^* \bar{D}$ , contradiction.

### Exercise 6: \*\*

Let  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, \dots$  be the sequence of all computable sets. Show that every infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set is hyperimmune.

**Solution 6:**

There are multiple ways to prove this, using either the definition of hyperimmunity in terms for c.e. arrays or in terms of functions. Deeply, they are the same. Let  $C$  be an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set.

Let  $\{F_{f(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a c.e. array. Let us show that  $C \cap F_{f(n)} = \emptyset$  for some  $n$ .

We can define a computable function  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that (1) for every  $n$ , there is some  $k$  such that  $g(n) = f(k)$ , and (2) for every  $n$ ,  $\max F_{g(n)} < \min F_{g(n+1)}$ . In other words,  $\{F_{g(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a c.e. sub-array of  $\{F_{f(n)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  which is strictly increasing in a strong sense. Then the set  $R = \bigcup_n F_{g(2n)}$  is computable. Since  $C$  is  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive,  $C \subseteq^* R$  or  $C \subseteq^* \bar{R}$ .

If  $C \subseteq^* R$ , then for any  $n$  sufficiently large,  $C \cap F_{g(2n+1)} = \emptyset$ . If  $C \subseteq^* \bar{R}$ , then for any  $n$  sufficiently large,  $C \cap F_{g(2n)} = \emptyset$ . In both cases, there is some  $n$  such that  $C \cap F_{f(n)} = \emptyset$ .

Recall that a sequence of sets  $R_0, R_1, \dots$  is *uniformly computable* if there is a total computable function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for every  $i$ ,  $\Phi_{f(i)} = R_i$ . In other words, a sequence of sets is uniformly computable if there is a total computable function  $\Phi_e$  such that for every  $i, x \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Phi_e(\langle i, x \rangle) = 1$  iff  $x \in R_i$ .

From now on, unless specified, we fix an infinite sequence of uniformly computable sets  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, R_2, \dots$ . Given a string  $\sigma \in 2^{<\mathbb{N}}$ , we write

$$\vec{R}_\sigma = \bigcap_{\sigma(i)=0} \bar{R}_i \bigcap_{\sigma(i)=1} R_i \quad \text{and} \quad T_{\vec{R}} = \{\sigma \in 2^{<\mathbb{N}} : \vec{R}_\sigma \text{ is infinite} \}$$

**Exercise 7: \*\***

Show that  $T_{\vec{R}}$  is an infinite tree and that any path through  $T_{\vec{R}}$  computes an  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive infinite set.

**Solution 7:**

This is an effective variation of the construction of Exercise 4. Let  $P$  be an infinite path through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ .

We build an infinite  $P$ -sequence of integers  $a_0 < a_1 < \dots$  as follows: First,  $a_0 = 0$ . Assuming  $a_n$  is defined, pick  $a_{n+1} \in \vec{R}_\sigma$  larger than  $a_n$ , where  $\sigma$  is the initial segment of  $P$  of length  $n + 1$ . Such an element exists since  $\vec{R}_\sigma$  is infinite, as  $P$  is a path through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ .

Let  $C = \{a_0 < a_1 < \dots\}$ . We claim that  $C$  is  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive. Indeed, given  $n$ ,

$$\{a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots\} \subseteq \vec{R}_\sigma$$

, where  $\sigma$  is the initial segment of  $P$  of length  $n + 1$ . By definition of  $\vec{R}_\sigma$ , either  $\sigma(n) = 0$  and  $\vec{R}_\sigma \subseteq \bar{R}_n$ , or  $\sigma(n) = 1$  and  $\vec{R}_\sigma \subseteq R_n$ . In both cases  $C \subseteq^* R_n$  or  $C \subseteq^* \bar{R}_n$ .

**Exercise 8: \***

Show that any PA degree relative to  $\emptyset'$  computes an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set.

**Solution 8:**

Let us show that  $T_{\vec{R}}$  is  $\emptyset'$ -co-c.e. Indeed, the predicate " $\vec{R}_\sigma$  is infinite" is uniformly  $\Pi_2^0$ , so  $T_{\vec{R}}$  is  $\Pi_2^0$ , hence  $\emptyset'$ -co-c.e.

We have seen that for every co-c.e. tree  $T$ , there is a computable tree  $S$  such that  $[S] = [T]$ . By relativization, there is a  $\emptyset'$ -computable tree  $S \subseteq 2^{<\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $[S] = [T_{\vec{R}}]$ .

Let  $P$  be a PA degree relative to  $\emptyset'$ . In particular,  $P$  computes an infinite path through  $S$ , hence through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ , so by the previous question,  $P$  computes an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set.

**Exercise 9: \*\*\***

Show that a set  $X$  computes an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set iff  $X'$  computes a path through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ .

**Solution 9:**

Suppose  $X$  computes an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set  $C$ . Let  $T = \{\sigma \in 2^{<\mathbb{N}} : C \subseteq^* \vec{R}_\sigma\}$ . Note that for every  $n$ , there is exactly one  $\sigma \in T$  of length  $n$ . Moreover,  $T$  is closed by prefix, and  $T \subseteq T_{\vec{R}}$ , so  $T$  is the set of initial segments of a path  $P$  through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ . Last,  $T$  is  $C'$ -computable, since for every  $n$ , it suffices to search for some  $\sigma$  of length  $n$  and some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall x \in C (x > k \rightarrow x \in \vec{R}_\sigma)$ . Then  $P$  is  $C'$ -computable.

Suppose now  $X'$  computes a path  $P$  through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ . By Shoenfield's limit lemma, there is a  $\Delta_2^0(X)$  approximation of  $P$ , that is, a uniformly  $X$ -computable sequence of sets  $P_0, P_1, \dots$  such that for every  $x$ ,  $\lim_y P_y(x) = P(x)$ . We construct a sequence of integers  $a_0 < a_1 < \dots$  as follows. First,  $a_0 = 0$ . Assuming  $a_n$  is defined, search for some  $t > n$  and some  $a_{n+1} \in \vec{R}_\sigma$  greater than  $a_n$  such that  $\sigma = P_t \upharpoonright_{n+1}$ . Such element must be found, since for any sufficiently large  $t$ ,  $P_t \upharpoonright_{n+1} = P \upharpoonright_{n+1}$ , and then  $\vec{R}_\sigma$  is infinite. Let  $C = \{a_0, a_1, \dots\}$ .

We claim that  $C \subseteq^* \vec{R}_\tau$  for every  $\tau \prec P$ . Fix  $\tau \prec P$  of length  $k$ . Let  $t_0$  be such that for every  $t > t_0$ ,  $P_t \upharpoonright_k = P \upharpoonright_k$ . Then for every  $n > t_0$ ,  $a_{n+1} \in \vec{R}_\sigma$  for some  $\sigma$  and  $t > n$  such that  $\sigma = P_t \upharpoonright_{n+1}$ . Since  $t > n > t_0$ , then  $P_t \upharpoonright_k = P \upharpoonright_k = \tau$ , so  $\tau \prec \sigma$ . It follows that  $a_{n+1} \in \vec{R}_\sigma \subseteq \vec{R}_\tau$ .

**Exercise 10: \***

Show that if there is no computable  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set, then there is no low  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set. Hint: use the previous questions.

**Solution 10:**

Suppose  $C$  is a low  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set. Then by Exercise 9,  $C'$  computes a path through  $T_{\vec{R}}$ . Since  $C$  is low, then  $C' \equiv_T \emptyset'$ , so  $T_{\vec{R}}$  has a  $\emptyset'$ -computable path, so still by Exercise 9, there is a computable infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set.

**Exercise 11: \*\***

Show that there is a uniformly computable sequence of sets  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, R_2, \dots$  such that  $[T_{\vec{R}}]$  contains only  $\text{DNC}_2$  functions relative to  $\emptyset'$ .

**Solution 11:**

For every  $n$ , and  $x$ , let  $R_n(x) = 1 - i$  if  $\Phi_n^{\emptyset'_x}(n)[x] \downarrow = i$ , and  $R_n(x)$  is the parity of  $x$  otherwise. Here,  $\emptyset'_x$  is the approximation of the halting set at time  $x$ .

We claim that every  $f \in [T_{\vec{R}}]$  is  $\text{DNC}_2$ . Indeed, suppose that  $\Phi_n^{\emptyset'_n}(n) \downarrow = i$  for some  $i < 2$ . Let  $s_0$  be the length of the oracle used for this computation. Let  $s_1$  be sufficiently large such that  $\emptyset'_{s_1} \upharpoonright_{s_0} = \emptyset' \upharpoonright_{s_0}$ , and let  $s_2 > s_1$  be larger than the time of computation of  $\Phi_n^{\emptyset'_n}(n) \downarrow$ . Then for every  $x > s_2$ ,  $\Phi_n^{\emptyset'_x}(n)[x] \downarrow = \Phi_n^{\emptyset'_n}(n) = i$ .

Thus, for every string  $\sigma$  of length larger than  $n$ , if  $R_\sigma$  is infinite, then  $\sigma(n) = 1 - i$ . It follows that for every path  $f \in [T_{\vec{R}}]$ ,  $f(n) = 1 - i$ , so  $f(n) \neq \Phi_n^{\emptyset'_n}(n)$ .

**Exercise 12: \***

Show that there exists a uniformly computable sequence of sets  $\vec{R} = R_0, R_1, R_2, \dots$  such that computing an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set is maximally difficult, in the sense that for every uniformly computable sequence of sets  $\vec{S} = S_0, S_1, S_2, \dots$ , every infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set computes an infinite  $\vec{S}$ -cohesive set. Hint: just combine the previous questions.

**Solution 12:**

By Exercise 11, there is a uniformly computable sequence of sets  $\vec{R}$  such that  $[T_{\vec{R}}]$  contains only  $\text{DNC}_2$  functions relative to  $\emptyset'$ . We claim that computing an infinite  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive is maximally difficult. Let  $\vec{s}$  be a uniformly computable sequence of sets and let  $C$  be an  $\vec{R}$ -cohesive set. By Exercise 9,  $C'$  computes a member of  $[T_{\vec{R}}]$ , hence  $C'$  is of PA degree relative to  $\emptyset'$ . In particular,  $C'$  computes a member of  $[T_{\vec{s}}]$ , so by Exercise 9,  $C$  computes an infinite  $\vec{S}$ -cohesive set.