

Wadge classes in Generalized Descriptive Set Theory

at the second level of the Borel hierarchy

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Let κ be an uncountable cardinal that satisfies the condition $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$.

We consider the **Generalized Cantor space** $({}^\kappa 2, \tau_b)$, where τ_b is the *bounded topology*, i.e. the topology generated by the sets

$$N_s({}^\kappa 2) := \{ x \in {}^\kappa 2 \mid s \subseteq x \}, \quad s \in {}^{<\kappa} 2.$$

We denote by **Bor** (κ^+) the κ^+ -algebra generated by τ_b .

We recall that the **Bor** (κ^+) -sets admit a stratification into $\Sigma_\xi^0(\kappa^+)$, $\Pi_\xi^0(\kappa^+)$ and $\Delta_\xi^0(\kappa^+)$ sets, $1 \leq \xi < \kappa^+$.

Wadge (or continuous) reducibility

Definition

Let X, Y be topological spaces. Given $A \subseteq X, B \subseteq Y$

$$A \leq_W^{X,Y} B$$

if there exists a continuous $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f^{-1}(B) = A$.

- Continuous reducibility is a transitive and reflexive relation, that is, a preorder (or quasi-order).
- We set:
 - $A <_W^X B$ iff $A \leq_W^X B$ and $B \not\leq_W^X A$.
 - $A \equiv_W^X B$ iff $A \leq_W^X B$ and $B \leq_W^X A$.

The equivalence classes induced by \leq_W^X are called Wadge degrees:

$$[A]_W^X = \{B \mid A \equiv_W^X B\}$$

- The preorder \leq_W^X induces a partial order on $\mathcal{P}(X)/\equiv_W^X$ we call this partial order the **Wadge hierarchy** on X .

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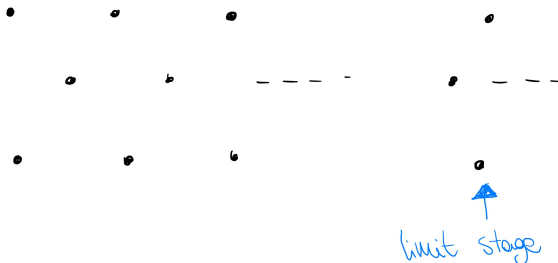
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Recall: there is no κ^+ -Borel determinacy when $\kappa > \omega$!

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The Wadge hierarchy on Borel subsets of ${}^\omega 2$ has the following properties:

- it is semi-well-ordered;
- selfdual degrees and nonselfdual pairs alternate, starting with the nonselfdual pair $\{[{}^\omega 2]_W, [\emptyset]_W\}$ at the bottom, followed by the selfdual degree of all nontrivial clopen subsets;
- at limit levels there is a nonselfdual pair.



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By SLO, every non-selfdual boldface pointclass $\Gamma(X)$ is a Wadge class:

Let Γ be a non-selfdual boldface pointclass. If $\text{SLO}(\Gamma)$ holds, then

$$A \text{ is } \Gamma\text{-complete} \iff A \in \Gamma(X) \setminus \check{\Gamma}(X).$$

N.B not all selfdual boldface pointclasses in X are Wadge classes.

Wadge pointclasses

The Wadge hierarchy is isomorphic to the structure of all Wadge classes ordered by inclusion: $[A]_W \mapsto A \downarrow$.

In particular:

- If $\Gamma = A \downarrow_X$ then Γ is selfdual if and only if A (or $[A]_W$) is selfdual.
- A nonselfdual pair $\{[A]_W, [\neg A]_W\}$ corresponds to the pair of distinct nonselfdual Wadge classes $(\Gamma, \check{\Gamma})$, with $\Gamma = A \downarrow_X$.
- If $\text{SLO}(\Gamma)$ holds, then for every $\Gamma', \Gamma'' \subseteq \Gamma$,

$$\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma'' \text{ or } \check{\Gamma}'' \subseteq \Gamma'$$

- For every Wadge class Γ , we can consider the coarse Wadge class $\Gamma^* = \Gamma \cup \check{\Gamma}$. If SLO holds and \leq_W^X is well founded, then \subseteq on coarse Wadge classes is a well-order.

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$$D_1(C_0) = C_0 \quad D_2(C_0, C_1) = C_0 \setminus C_1 \quad D_3(C_0, C_1, C_2) = C_0 \setminus C_1 \cup C_2 \quad D_\omega((C_i)_{i < \omega}) =$$

$$\bigcup_{i < \omega} (C_{2i} \setminus C_{2i+1})$$



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For $\theta \geq 1$, X a topological space and $\Gamma(X)$ boldface pointclass, we let:

$$\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma(X)) = \{ D_\theta((C_\eta)_{\eta < \theta}) \mid C_\eta \in \Gamma(X), \eta < \theta \}.$$

We also define $\check{\mathbf{Dif}}_\theta(\Gamma(X))$ to be the dual class of $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma(X))$.

- $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma)$ is a boldface pointclass.
- $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma) \cup \check{\mathbf{Dif}}_\theta(\Gamma) \subseteq \mathbf{Dif}_{\theta+1}(\Gamma) \cap \check{\mathbf{Dif}}_{\theta+1}(\Gamma)$
- if $Y \subseteq X$, then $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma(Y)) = \{ A \cap Y \mid A \in \mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma(X)) \}$.

Difference hierarchy on ${}^\omega 2$

1. For every $\alpha < \omega_1$, the difference hierarchy over $\Pi_\alpha^0({}^\omega 2)$ has length ω_1 .
2. The first ω_1 -many nonselfdual levels of the Wadge hierarchy on ${}^\omega 2$ are occupied by the difference classes $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Pi_1^0({}^\omega 2))$ and their duals.
3. The Hausdorff-Kuratowski theorem holds:

Theorem (Hausdorff, Kuratowski)

In every polish space X and for any $1 \leq \alpha < \omega_1$,

$$\Delta_{\alpha+1}^0(X) = \bigcup_{1 \leq \theta < \omega_1} \mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Pi_\alpha^0(X)).$$

Difference hierarchy on ${}^{\kappa}2$

Recall: Given X topological space, if $\mathbf{\Gamma}(X)$ is selfdual, then there is no X -universal set for $\mathbf{\Gamma}(X)$.

Proposition

Let X be a topological space of weight $\leq \kappa$, $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ a boldface pointclass. If $\mathbf{\Gamma}(X)$ has a ${}^{\kappa}2$ -universal set, then $\mathbf{Dif}_{\theta}(\mathbf{\Gamma}(X))$ has a ${}^{\kappa}2$ -universal set for every $1 < \theta < \kappa^+$.

In particular, $\mathbf{Dif}_{\theta}(\mathbf{\Pi}_{\alpha}^0(\kappa^+)) \neq \check{\mathbf{Dif}}_{\theta}(\mathbf{\Pi}_{\alpha}^0(\kappa^+))$ is nonselfdual for every $1 < \theta < \kappa^+$ and $\alpha < \kappa^+$.

As a consequence:

- The difference hierarchy on $\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)$ has length κ^+ .
- $\mathbf{Dif}_{\theta}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)) \cap \check{\mathbf{Dif}}_{\theta}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)) \subsetneq \mathbf{Dif}_{\theta}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)) \subsetneq \mathbf{Dif}_{\theta+1}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+)) \cap \check{\mathbf{Dif}}_{\theta+1}(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$

Difference hierarchy on κ^2

Are the difference classes $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+))$ (and their duals) Wadge classes ?

Complete canonical sets for $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+))$

Let $\mathcal{C}^{(1)}$ be any proper $\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+)$ -set. Recursively, for every $1 \leq \alpha < \kappa^+$:

$$\mathcal{C}^{(\alpha+1)} = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} 0^{(\alpha)} \frown \langle 1 \rangle \frown \mathcal{C}^{(\alpha)} & \text{for } \alpha \text{ odd;} \\ \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} 0^{(\alpha)} \frown \langle 1 \rangle \frown \mathcal{C}^{(\alpha)} \cup \{0^\kappa\} & \text{for } \alpha \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

and for $\alpha < \kappa^+$ limit ordinal we define

$$\mathcal{C}^{(\alpha)} = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{i < \text{cof}(\gamma)} \bigcup_{\beta < \kappa} 0^{(\text{cof}(\gamma) \cdot \beta + i)} \frown \langle 1 \rangle \frown \mathcal{C}^{(\alpha_i)} & \text{if } \text{cof}(\alpha) < \kappa; \\ \bigcup_{i < \text{cof}(\gamma)} 0^{(i)} \frown \langle 1 \rangle \frown \mathcal{C}^{(\alpha_i)} & \text{if } \text{cof}(\alpha) = \kappa. \end{cases}$$

where $\langle \alpha_i \mid i < \text{cof}(\alpha) \rangle$ is cofinal in α and for every $i < \text{cof}(\alpha)$, $\mathcal{C}^{(\alpha_i)}$ is complete for $\mathbf{Dif}_{\alpha_i}(\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+))$.

We also define $\mathcal{U}^{(\alpha)} = {}^\kappa 2 \setminus \mathcal{C}^{(\alpha)}$ for every $1 \leq \alpha < \kappa^+$.

Proposition

For every $1 \leq \alpha < \kappa^+$, $\mathcal{C}^{(\alpha)}$ is complete for the $\mathbf{Dif}_\alpha(\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+))$, hence $\mathcal{U}^{(\alpha)}$ is complete for $\check{\mathbf{Dif}}_\alpha(\Pi_1^0(\kappa^+))$.

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The proof is by induction on $\theta < \kappa^+$. We will use the following fact:

Fact

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1. $\text{SLO}(\mathbf{\Gamma} \cap \check{\mathbf{\Gamma}})$
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let $A, B \in \Delta_1^0(\kappa^+)$. Assume $A, B \notin \{\emptyset, \kappa^2\} \Rightarrow \exists b \in B$
 $\exists c \in \kappa^2 \setminus B$

Set $f: \kappa^2 \rightarrow \kappa^2$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} b & \text{if } x \in A \\ c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Let $C \subseteq {}^\kappa 2$, $C \in \Pi_1^0(\kappa^+) \setminus \Sigma_1^0(\kappa^+)$ and $D \in \Pi_2^0(\kappa^+)$. Let $x \in \partial C$.

We want $D \leq_w C$. Consider $G_w(D, C)$:

- As long as I plays nodes of T_D ,
II plays initial segments of x .
- If I ever reaches $t \in \partial T_D$,
II picks an extension y of its previous play s.t. $y \notin C$
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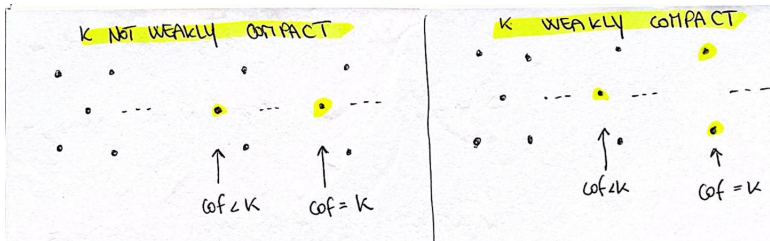
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$$Y_0 = \{x \in {}^\kappa 2 \mid \exists n < \omega \mid |\{\alpha < \kappa \mid x(\alpha) = 1\}| = 2n\}.$$

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Counterexample 2

Let $\lambda < \kappa$ be a limit ordinal.

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Proof:

- For every $A \subseteq {}^{\kappa}2$, $A \leq_W Y_0$ if and only if $A \leq_L Y_0$.
- Let $\Gamma({}^{\kappa}2)$ be non-selfdual and generated by a set A . If $\Gamma({}^{\kappa}2) = \{B \mid B \leq_L A\}$, then $\Gamma({}^{\kappa}2)$ admits a ${}^{\kappa}2$ -universal set.
- If $\Gamma({}^{\kappa}2)$ has ${}^{\kappa}2$ -universal sets, then for every $1 < \theta < \kappa^+$ there is a ${}^{\kappa}2$ -universal set for $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\Gamma({}^{\kappa}2))$.

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Let $Y = \{x \in {}^\kappa 2 \mid |\{\alpha < \kappa \mid x(\alpha) = 1\}| < \aleph_0\}$ and $S \subseteq \kappa$.

$$Y_S = Y_0 \cup \bigcup_{t \in \partial T_Y, |t| \in S} N_t$$

Then $Y_S \in \mathbf{\Delta}_2^0(\kappa^+)$, but not in $\mathbf{Dif}_\theta(\mathbf{\Pi}_1^0(\kappa^+))$ for any $\theta < \kappa^+$.

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Side note: when κ is singular

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