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Abstract

Certain reducibilities which generalize many-one reducibility are studied. Let \leq_{rm} be the result of eliminating the bounded quantifier in the definition of Σ_1 . It is shown that \mathcal{S}_1 differs from the reducibility \leq_{rm} on sets of the same Kleene-Post degree. Also, a characterization of " Σ_n in" is given, which for $n = 1$ enables us to make more precise the difference between " $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ " and " $A \mathcal{S}_1 B$ ".

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Introduction.

Concepts and notation present in this paper refer to our paper [3]. For brevity, Theorem x.y of [3] will be cited here as Theorem I.x.y. For the convenience of the reader we repeat here the following two definitions.

Definition 1. If \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{X} are binary relations defined on the set of all subsets of ω , then \mathcal{R} is an \mathcal{X} -reducibility relation, if \mathcal{R} is reflexive, \mathcal{R} is transitive, and for all sets A and B , if $A\mathcal{R}B$, then $A\mathcal{X}B$.

Definition 2. $A \mathcal{S}_n B \leftrightarrow \forall X [B \in \Sigma_1^X \rightarrow A \in \Sigma_n^X]$, $n \geq 1$.

$A \mathcal{P}_n B \leftrightarrow \forall X [B \in \Pi_n^X \rightarrow A \in \Pi_n^X]$, $n \geq 1$. $A \mathcal{J}_1 B \leftrightarrow$ there exist recursive functions f and g so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y \forall z_{z < f(y)} g(x, y, z) \in B)$.

The Σ_n -reducibilities \mathcal{S}_n , $n \geq 1$, (and to a lesser extent the Π_n -reducibilities \mathcal{P}_n , $n \geq 1$), were studied in Chapter 2 of [3]. Also, citing Theorem I.2.8, $A \mathcal{S}_1 B \leftrightarrow A \mathcal{J}_1 B$ for all sets A and B so that $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$. It was shown that none of the reducibilities \mathcal{S}_n generalize relative recursion, but it is an immediate consequence of Theorem I.2.8 and the hierarchy theorem, Theorem I.2.3, that each \mathcal{S}_n does generalize many-one reducibility.

One aim of the present paper is to make clearer the difference between \mathcal{S}_1 and " Σ_1 in". The first two sections are largely devoted to this end. Central to this discussion is the concept of a positive reducibility to be introduced in section 1. Also, this concept will enable us to elaborate on the principal open questions raised in [3].

Another aim of this paper is to study certain other reducibilities which also generalize many-one reducibility. In this direction, our attention is restricted to certain Σ_1 -reducibilities which arise naturally from our considerations of the sequence \mathcal{S}_n , $n \geq 1$. This study will be taken up in sections 3 and 4. In section 3 we study a reducibility, \leq_{rm} , which is the result of eliminating the bounded quantifier in the definition of \mathcal{J}_1 . It is proved in this section that \mathcal{S}_1 differs from \leq_{rm} on sets of the same Kleene-Post degree. In section 4 we study the reducibility $\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_1$. As is easily seen (Theorem 6), $\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_1$ is a proper subrecursive reducibility.

1. Positive Reducibilities.

Definition 3. Let A and B be any two sets. If $A \in \Sigma_n^B$, then $A \in \Sigma_n^B$ in a positive sense if there is a predicate $\exists y S(x,y)$ which satisfies the following two properties:

- (i) $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y S(x,y))$; and
- (ii) S is constructed using the propositional connectives \wedge and \vee , together with bounded quantifiers, from predicates $P_1, \dots, P_k, P_i \in \Sigma_n$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, $k \geq 1$, and from predicates $f(x,y) \in B$ and $f(x,y,x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B$, f recursive, x_1, \dots, x_n not free in S , $n \geq 1$.

Definition 4. A Σ_n -reducibility relation \mathfrak{R} is positive if for each set A and B so that $A \mathfrak{R} B$, $A \in \Sigma_n^B$ in a positive sense.

Theorem 1. If \mathfrak{R} is a positive Σ_n -reducibility, then $\mathfrak{R} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_n$.

Proof. The proof consists of an easy induction argument.

Essentially, if $A \mathfrak{R} B$ and $B \in \Sigma_n^C$, then there is a predicate $S(x, y)$ which satisfies properties (i) and (ii) of Definition 3, and there is a predicate R^C which is recursive in C so that $x \in B \leftrightarrow \exists z_1 \forall z_2 \dots Qz_n R^C(x, z_1, \dots, z_n)$. If all occurrences of B in S are replaced by $\exists z_1 \forall z_2 \dots Qz_n R^C(x, z_1, \dots, z_n)$, then, because S contains no occurrences of \sim and no occurrences of unbounded quantifiers, the resulting predicate can be put into prenex normal form ΠM , where the prefix Π consists of n -alternating quantifiers, and the matrix M is recursive in C . Thus $A \in \Sigma_n^C$.

Remark. It is clear that Theorem 1 will not hold if material implication and negation are used in the underlying propositional logic of Definition 3 (ii). (Also, see Theorem 3 and the discussion preceding Theorem 3). Moreover, suppose Φ is an arbitrary truth function of two arguments and suppose ϕ is the binary connective whose truth-table is given by Φ . Direct examination of the sixteen distinct truth-functions of two arguments shows that at least one of the following holds:

- (1) ϕ is defined in the logic generated by $\{\wedge, \vee\}$;
- (2) Φ is a constant function;
- (3) negation is definable in the propositional logic generated by $\{\phi, \wedge, \vee\}$;

(4) $\exists x A(x) \cap B$ is not equivalent to $\exists x [A(x) \cap B]$, or
 $B \cap \exists x A(x)$ is not equivalent to $\exists x [B \cap A(x)]$.

Therefore, except for the constant truth-functions, $\{\wedge, \vee\}$ generates the largest underlying propositional logic which can be used in Definition 3.

Theorem 2. \mathcal{S}_1 is a positive Σ_1 -reducibility.

Proof. The theorem is a corollary of Theorem I.2.8 for all but the special cases. For the special cases, $B = \emptyset$ and $B = \omega$, observe that if $A \in \Sigma_1$, then $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ in a positive sense for all B .

Corollary 1. If $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ in a positive sense, $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$, then there exist recursive functions f and g so that

$$\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y \forall z_{z < f(y)} g(x, y, z) \in B).$$

Corollary 1 is interesting, since Definition 3 allows for predicates $\exists y S$ of arbitrary finite length.

Is \mathcal{S}_n , for $n > 1$, a maximal Σ_n -reducibility? Is there something analogous to Theorem I.2.8 for $n > 1$? We conjecture that the converse of Theorem 1 is true. We state this in the following Conjecture 2.

An argument identical to the proof of Theorem 1 proves the following lemma.

Lemma 1. If $A \in \Sigma_n^B$ in a positive sense and $B \in \Sigma_n^C$ in a positive sense, then $A \in \Sigma_n^C$ in a positive sense.

Conjecture 1. S_n is a positive Σ_n -reducibility.

Conjecture 2. $A \in \Sigma_n^B$ in a positive sense $\leftrightarrow \forall X [B \in \Sigma_n^X$ in a positive sense $\rightarrow A \in \Sigma_n^X]$.

By Lemma 1, the implication from left to right of Conjecture 2 is true. By Corollary I.2.1, Theorem 1, and Theorem 2, both Conjectures 1 and 2 are true for the case $n = 1$. Conjecture 2 implies both Conjecture 1 and the maximality of S_n . In fact for $n > 1$, let J_n denote the relation defined by $A J_n B \leftrightarrow A \in \Sigma_n^B$ in a positive sense. (By Corollary 1, Theorem I.2.8, and Theorem I.2.2, if $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$, then $A J_1 B \leftrightarrow A \in \Sigma_1^B$ in a positive sense.) Then, suppose $J_n \subset \mathcal{R} \subseteq "$ Σ_n in", and suppose Conjecture 2 is true. There exist sets A and B so that $A \mathcal{R} B$ and $A \not\prec_{J_n} B$. Thus $\exists X [B J_n X \ \& \ A \notin \Sigma_n^X]$. $A \mathcal{R} B$ and $B \mathcal{R} X$, but $A \notin \Sigma_n^X$. Therefore, \mathcal{R} is not transitive. By Lemma 1, J_n is transitive. Hence J_n is a maximal Σ_n -reducibility relation. By Theorem 1, $J_n \subseteq S_n$. Hence $J_n = S_n$ and S_n is a maximal Σ_n -reducibility.

2. The Relations " Σ_n in".

The following Theorem 3 gives a characterization of $A \in \Sigma_n^B$, $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$. A comparison of this characterization for $n = 1$ with Corollary 1 pinpoints the difference between " $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ " and " $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ in a positive sense".

Theorem 3. For all sets A and B , $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$, the following are equivalent:

$$(1) \quad A \in \Sigma_n^B;$$

(2) there exists a recursive predicate R and recursive functions f, g, h so that if n is odd, then

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n [R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \& \forall y_{y < f(x_n)} (g(x_n, y) \in B \& h(x_n, y) \notin B)]), \end{aligned}$$

and if n is even, then

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \forall x_n [R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vee \exists y_{y < f(x_n)} (g(x_n, y) \in B \vee h(x_n, y) \notin B)]), \end{aligned}$$

(3) there exist recursive functions f, g, h so that if n is odd, then

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n \forall y_{y < f(x_n)} \\ (g(x, y, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B \& h(x_n, y) \notin B)), \end{aligned}$$

and if n is even, then

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \forall x_n \exists y_{y < f(x_n)} \\ (g(x, y, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B \vee h(x_n, y) \notin B)). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Suppose $A \in \Sigma_n^B$, $B \neq \emptyset$, $B \neq \omega$, and n is odd.

Let $Ch(z) \equiv z$ is characteristic sequence number. (See [3, Chapter 2, §1].) For some e , $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n \mathbf{T}_n^1(\bar{h}(x_n), e, x, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}))$, where h is the characteristic function of the set B .

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in A &\leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n T_n^1(\bar{h}(x_n), e, x, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\
&\leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n [\text{Ch}(x_n) \ \& \ \forall y < \ell h(x_n) ((x_n)_y = 1 \\
&\leftrightarrow y \in B) \ \& \ T_n^1(x_n, e, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \equiv \text{Ch}(x_n) \ \& \ T_n^1(x_n, e, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in A &\leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n [R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\
&\ \& \ \forall y < \ell h(x_n) ((x_n)_y = 1 \leftrightarrow y \in B)].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\forall y < \ell h(x_n) ((x_n)_y = 1 \leftrightarrow y \in B) &\leftrightarrow \forall y < \ell h(x_n) ((x_n)_y = 1 \\
&\rightarrow y \in B) \ \& \ \forall y < \ell h(x_n) (y \in B \rightarrow (x_n)_y = 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Let $a \in B$ and $b \notin B$. Define

$$g(x_n, y) = \begin{cases} y, & (x_n)_y = 1 \\ a, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define

$$h(x_n, y) = \begin{cases} y, & (x_n)_y = 2 \\ b, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\forall y < \ell h(x_n) ((x_n)_y = 1 \rightarrow y \in B) \leftrightarrow \forall y < \ell h(x_n) g(x_n, y) \in B.$$

Also,

$$\forall y < \ell h(x_n) (y \in B \rightarrow (x_n)_y = 1) \leftrightarrow \forall y < \ell h(x_n) h(x_n, y) \notin B.$$

Thus, $x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n [R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \ \& \ \forall y < lh(x_n) g(x_n, y) \in B$
 $\ \& \ \forall y < lh(x_n) h(x_n, y) \notin B]$. Let $f(x_n) = lh(x_n)$. Then,
 $x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n [R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \ \& \ \forall y < f(x_n) (g(x_n, y) \in B \ \& \ h(x_n, y) \notin B)]$.
Hence, for n odd, (1) implies (2).

Define

$$g_1(x, y, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} g(x_n, y), R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ b \quad , \bar{R}(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{cases}$$

Then, $R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \ \& \ \forall x < f(x_n) g(x_n, y) \in B \leftrightarrow \forall x < f(x_n)$
 $g_1(x, y, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B$. Thus $x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n [\forall x < f(x_n)$
 $(g_1(x, y, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B \ \& \ h(x_n, y) \notin B)]$. That is, (2) \rightarrow (3), for n odd.
It is clear that (3) \rightarrow (1).

Now, suppose n is even. $A \in \Sigma_n^B$. Thus, for some e ,
 $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \forall x_n \bar{T}_n^1(\bar{h}(x_n), e, x, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}))$ where h is
the characteristic function of B .

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A &\leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \forall x_n \bar{T}_n^1(\bar{h}(x_n), e, x, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \\ &\leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \forall x_n [Ch(x_n) \ \& \ \forall y < lh(x_n) ((x_n)_y = 1 \\ &\leftrightarrow y \in B) \rightarrow \bar{T}_n^1(x_n, e, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})] \\ &\leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \neg \exists x_n [Ch(x_n) \ \& \ \forall y < lh(x_n) ((x_n)_{y-1} \\ &\leftrightarrow y \in B) \ \& \ T_n^1(x_n, e, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})]. \end{aligned}$$

As for the case n odd, there exists a recursive predicate
 $R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and recursive functions g and h so that

$x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \neg \exists x_n [R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \ \& \ \forall y < lh(x_n) g(x_n, y) \in B$
 $\ \& \ \forall y < lh(x_n) h(x_n, y) \notin B]$. As before, let $f(x_n) = lh(x_n)$. Then,

$$x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_{n-1} \forall x_n [\bar{R}(x, x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vee \exists y < f(x_n) (g(x_n, y) \notin B \vee h(x_n, y) \in B)].$$

Interchanging g and h , and \bar{R} and R , we have (1) \rightarrow (2).

(2) \rightarrow (3) is proved as in the case n odd. And, again, it is clear that (3) \rightarrow (1). Thus, the proof of Theorem 3 is complete.

Corollary 2. For all sets A and B , $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$, $A \in \Sigma_n^B$

if and only if:

(1) if n odd, there exists a recursive predicate R and a recursive function f so that

$$\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \exists x_n \forall y_{y < f(x_n)} \exists u \in B \exists v \notin B \\ R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n, y, u, v));$$

(2) if n even, there exists a recursive predicate R and a recursive function f so that

$$\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists x_1 \dots \forall x_n \exists y_{y < f(x_n)} \exists u \in B \exists v \notin B \\ R(x, x_1, \dots, x_n, y, u, v)).$$

For any two sets A and B , we have shown, in Theorems 1 and 2, that $A \leq_1 B \leftrightarrow A \in \Sigma_1^B$ in a positive sense. Moreover, by Theorem I.2.8, Theorem 2, and Corollary 1, if $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$, then $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ in a

positive sense if and only if there exist f, g , recursive so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y \forall z_{z < f(y)} g(x, y, z) \in B)$. Compare this with the following Corollary 3.

Corollary 3. If $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$, then $A \in \Sigma_1^B$ if and only if there exist recursive functions f, g and h so that

$$\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y \forall z_{z < f(y)} (g(x, y, z) \in B \ \& \ h(y, z) \notin B)).$$

3. The Σ_1 -reducibility \leq_{rm} .

We consider in this section the effect of eliminating the bounded quantifier in the definition of \mathfrak{J}_1 .

Definition 5. $A \leq_{rm} B \leftrightarrow$ there exists a recursive function f so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y f(x, y) \in B)$.

Theorem 4.

- (1) \leq_{rm} is a Σ_1 -reducibility relation;
- (2) $A \leq_m B \rightarrow A \leq_{rm} B \rightarrow A \leq_{g_1} B$;
- (3) $(A \leq_{rm} \emptyset \rightarrow A = \emptyset) \ \& \ (A \leq_{rm} \omega \rightarrow A = \omega)$;
- (4) $B \neq \emptyset \ \& \ B \neq \omega \rightarrow (A \in \Sigma_1 \rightarrow A \leq_{rm} B)$;
- (5) $A \leq_{rm} B \ \& \ B \in \Sigma_1 \rightarrow A \in \Sigma_1$;
- (6) $\leq_r \not\subseteq \leq_{rm}$.

Proof. The proofs follow immediately from the definition. We will present the proof of (4). Suppose $A \in \Sigma_1$ & $A \neq \emptyset$. Let $a \in B$ and $b \notin B$. Define

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} a, & R(x,y) \\ b, & \bar{R}(x,y), \end{cases}$$

where $x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y R(x,y)$. Then, $x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y f(x,y) \in B$. Suppose $A = \emptyset$.

Choose $b \notin B$. Define $f(x,y) = b$, all x and y . Then, $x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y f(x,y) \in B$.

Corollary 4. $A \leq_{rm} B \nleftrightarrow A \leq_m B$.

Proof. Let $A \in \Sigma_1$ so that A is not recursive. Then $A \leq_m B$ only if B is not recursive. Thus, (4) above is not true for \leq_m .

We show now that $A \leq_{g_1} B \nleftrightarrow A \leq_{rm} B$. Thus, the bounded quantifier in the definition of Σ_1 , Theorem I.2.8 and Corollary 1 cannot be eliminated.

Lemma 2. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $g(x) = (x+1)^2$. Then $\forall x \forall y (x > 0 \ \& \ y > 0 \rightarrow f(x) \neq g(y))$.

Proof. If $x^2 + 1 = (y+1)^2$, then $(y+1)^2 - x^2 = 1$.

$(y+1+x)(y+1-x) = 1$. Thus, $y+1+x = -1$ and $y+1-x = 1$,

or $y+1+x = 1$ and $y+1-x = 1$. Thus $y = -2$ and $x = 0$,

or $x = y = 0$.

Lemma 3. There exist functions α and β so that:

(1) $\forall x (\alpha(x) = 0 \text{ or } \alpha(x) = 1), \forall x (\beta(x) = 0 \text{ or } \beta(x) = 1)$;

(2) $\forall x (\alpha(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \beta(x^2+1) = \beta((x+1)^2) = 0)$,

$\forall x (\beta(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \alpha(x^2+1) = \alpha((x+1)^2) = 0)$;

(3) there is no partial recursive function h so that
 $\alpha(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \exists y \beta(h(x,y)) = 0$;

(4) there is no partial recursive function h so that
 $\beta(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \exists y \alpha(h(x,y)) = 0$.

Proof. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $g(x) = (x+1)^2$. For each natural number, define $C(x)$ inductively by:

- (i) $x \in C(x)$;
- (ii) $y \in C(x) \rightarrow f(y) \in C(x) \wedge g(y) \in C(x)$;
- (iii) $C(x)$ is the smallest set satisfying clauses (i) and (ii).

We define functions α and β by induction. This construction differs from the constructions in [3] in that at stage $s + 1$ not only are initial segments α_{s+1} and β_{s+1} defined, but, for each $x < lh(\alpha_{s+1})$ so that $(\alpha_{s+1})_x = 1$, and for each $x < lh(\beta_{s+1})$ so that $(\beta_{s+1})_x = 1$, α and β are defined on $C(x)$, so that (2) is satisfied, as follows: If $y \in C(x)$ and $\alpha(y) = 0$, then $\beta(f(y)) = \beta(g(y)) = 0$. If $y \in C(x)$ and $\beta(y) = 0$, then $\alpha(f(y)) = \alpha(g(y)) = 0$. Thus, at stage $s + 1$, infinitely many values of α are defined.

Condition (3) is equivalent to the following (3'):

(3') $\forall e \exists x \{ [\alpha(x) = 0 \ \& \ \forall y \{ (e)(x,y) \text{ defined} \rightarrow \beta(\{e\}(x,y)) = 1 \}]$
or $[\alpha(x) = 1 \ \& \ \exists y \beta(\{e\}(x,y)) = 0] \}$.

Condition (4) is equivalent to the following (4'):

(4') $\forall e \exists x \{ [\beta(x) = 0 \ \& \ \forall y \{ (e)(x,y) \text{ defined} \rightarrow \alpha(\{e\}(x,y)) = 1 \}]$
or $[\beta(x) = 1 \ \& \ \exists y \alpha(\{e\}(x,y)) = 0] \}$.

Stage 0. Define $\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = 1$.

Stage s + 1. By induction hypothesis α_s and β_s are already defined. Also, the following conditions are satisfied:

(5) $\forall x[\alpha(x)$ defined & $\alpha(x) = 0 \rightarrow \beta(f(x))$ is defined and $\beta(g(x))$ is defined & $\beta(f(x)) = \beta(g(x)) = 0]$.

(6) $\forall x[\beta(x)$ defined & $\beta(x) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha(f(x))$ is defined and $\alpha(g(x))$ is defined and $\alpha(f(x)) = \alpha(g(x)) = 0]$.

(7) $\forall x[\alpha(f(x))$ defined & $\alpha(f(x)) = 0 \rightarrow [\beta(x)$ defined & $\alpha(g(x))$ defined & $(\beta(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \alpha(g(x)) = 0)]]$.

(8) $\forall x[\alpha(g(x))$ defined & $\alpha(g(x)) = 0 \rightarrow [\beta(x)$ defined & $\alpha(f(x))$ defined & $(\beta(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \alpha(f(x)) = 0)]]$.

(9) $\forall x[\beta(f(x))$ defined & $\beta(f(x)) = 0 \rightarrow [\alpha(x)$ defined & $\alpha(g(x))$ defined & $(\alpha(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \alpha(g(x)) = 0)]]$.

(10) $\forall x[\beta(g(x))$ defined & $\beta(g(x)) = 0 \rightarrow [\alpha(x)$ defined & $\beta(f(x))$ defined & $(\alpha(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \beta(f(x)) = 0)]]$.

$\underline{s} \equiv \underline{2e}$. α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} shall be defined at this stage so that (3') is true at e for all extensions of α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} .

Case 1. $\exists x[(\alpha(x)$ has not been defined or $(\alpha(x)$ has been defined & $\alpha(x) = 0)) \& \forall y[\{e\}(x,y)$ defined $\rightarrow \beta(\{e\}(x,y)$ defined & $\beta(\{e\}(x,y)) = 1]]]$.

Note. $\alpha(x)$ defined includes both the case $x < lh(\alpha_{2e})$ and $x \geq lh(\alpha_{2e})$ where $\alpha(x)$ is defined at some stage $\leq 2e$. $\alpha(x) = 0$ includes the case $(\alpha_{2e})_x = 1$.

Let a be the least x satisfying the hypothesis of case 1.

Suppose $\alpha(a)$ is already defined and $\alpha(a) = 0$. Then (3') is already satisfied at e . If $\alpha(\text{lh}(\alpha_{2e}))$ is already defined, then define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot p_{\text{lh}(\alpha_{2e})}^{\alpha(\text{lh}(\alpha_{2e}))+1}$$

and $\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e}$. It is clear that α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} satisfy the induction hypotheses (5)-(10). If $\alpha(\text{lh}(\alpha_{2e}))$ is not defined, then define $\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot p_{\text{lh}(\alpha_{2e})}^2$ and $\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e}$. α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} satisfy (5)-(10).

Suppose $\alpha(a)$ has not been defined. If $a \neq f(b)$ and $a \neq g(b)$, for any b , then define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\text{lh}(\alpha_{2e}) \leq x < a} p_x^{h(x)} \cdot p_a^1,$$

where $h(x) = \alpha(x) + 1$, if $\alpha(x)$ is already defined, and $h(x) = 2$, otherwise. Define $\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e}$. Then, (3') is satisfied at e by α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} . α_{2e+1} is defined so that $\alpha(a) = 0$. Therefore, define values of α and β on $C(a)$ by the rules:

$y \in C(a) \ \& \ \alpha(y) = 0 \rightarrow \beta(f(y)) = \beta(g(y)) = 0$, and $y \in C(A) \ \& \ \beta(y) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha(f(y)) = \alpha(g(y)) = 0$. Then, α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} satisfy (5)-(10).

Suppose $\exists b \ a = g(b)$. By clause (6), $\beta(b)$ is not defined or, $\beta(b)$ is defined and $\beta(b) = 1$. (In fact, if the latter, then $b < \text{lh}(\beta_{2e})$.) Also, by (7), $\alpha(f(b))$ is not defined or, $\alpha(f(b))$ is

defined and $\alpha(f(b)) = 1$. Define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\ell h(\alpha_{2e}) \leq x < a} p_x^{h(x)} \cdot p_a^1,$$

where $h(x) = \alpha(x) + 1$, if $\alpha(x)$ is already defined, and $h(x) = 2$, otherwise. (Then, in particular, $\alpha(f(b)) = 1$, since $f(b) < g(b)$.)

If $\beta(b)$ is defined, define $\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e}$; if not define

$$\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\ell h(\beta_{2e}) \leq x \leq b} p_x^{h(x)},$$

where $h(x) = \beta(x) + 1$, if $\beta(x)$ is already defined, and $h(x) = 2$, otherwise. Also, define values of α and β on $C(a)$ as described above. Then (3') is satisfied at e for α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} , and α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} satisfy (5)-(10).

Suppose $\alpha(a)$ is not defined and $\exists b a = f(b)$. By clause (6), $\beta(b)$ is not defined or, $b < \ell h(\beta_{2e})$ and $(\beta_{2e})_b = 2$. Also, by clause (8), $\alpha(g(b))$ is not defined or, $\alpha(g(b))$ is defined and $\alpha(g(b)) = 1$. Since $a = f(b) < g(b)$, $g(b)$ is not defined. Define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\ell h(\alpha_{2e}) \leq x < a} p_x^{h(x)} \cdot p_a^1 \cdot \prod_{a < x \leq g(b)} p_x^{h(x)},$$

where $h(x)$ is defined as before. If $b < \ell h(\beta_{2e})$, define $\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e}$; otherwise define

$$\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\ell h(\beta_{2e}) \leq x \leq b} p_x^{h(x)},$$

where, again, $h(x)$ is defined as before. Define values α and β on $C(a)$ in the usual manner. Then, α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} satisfy (3') at (e) , and satisfy (5)-(10).

Case 1 of stage $2e + 1$ is now complete.

Case 2. $\forall x[(\alpha(x)$ has not been defined or $\alpha(x) = 0) \rightarrow \exists y[\{e\}(x,y)$ defined & $(\beta(\{e\}(x,y))$ not defined or $\beta(\{e\}(x,y)) = 0)]]$.

Let a be the least x so that, for all y , $a \neq f(y)$ and $a \neq g(y)$, and so that $\alpha(a)$ is not yet defined. Let b be the least y satisfying the consequent of case 2 at $x = a$.

Suppose $\beta(\{e\}(a,b))$ is defined and $\beta(\{e\}(a,b)) = 0$. Then, define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\{h(\alpha_{2e}) \leq x \leq a\}} p_x^{h(x)},$$

$h(x) = \alpha(x) + 1$, if $\alpha(x)$ defined, $h(x) = 2$, otherwise. Define $\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e}$. Then, (5)-(10) hold, and (3') is satisfied at e for all extensions of α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} .

Suppose $\beta(\{e\}(a,b))$ is not defined. Also, suppose $\{e\}(a,b) \neq f(c)$ and $\{e\}(a,b) \neq g(c)$, for any c . First, define

$$\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\{h(\beta_{2e}) \leq x < \{e\}(a,b)\}} p_x^{h(x)} \cdot p_{\{e\}(a,b)}^1,$$

where $h(x) = \beta(x) + 1$, if $\beta(x)$ is already defined, and $\beta(x) = 2$, otherwise. Secondly, define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\{h(\alpha_{2e}) \leq x \leq a\}} p_x^{h(x)},$$

where $h(x) = \alpha(x) + 1$, if $\alpha(x)$ is already defined, and $h(x) = 2$, otherwise. In particular, $\alpha(a) = 1$ and $\beta(\{e\}(a,b)) = 0$. Thus (3') is satisfied by α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} at e . Since $\beta(\{e\}(a,b))$ has been defined so that $\beta(\{e\}(a,b)) = 0$, define the necessary values of α and β on $C(\{e\}(a,b))$ as before. That is, $(y \in C(\{e\}(a,b)) \& \beta(y) = 0) \rightarrow \alpha(f(y)) = \alpha(g(y)) = 0$, and $(y \in C(\{e\}(a,b)) \& \alpha(y) = 0) \rightarrow \beta(f(y)) = \beta(g(y)) = 0$. Then (5)-(10) are satisfied also.

Suppose $\beta(\{e\}(a,b))$ is not defined and $\exists c\{e\}(a,b) = g(c)$. By clause (5), $\alpha(c)$ is not defined or, $\alpha(c)$ is defined and $\alpha(c) = 1$. Also, by (9), $\beta(f(c))$ is not defined or, $\beta(f(c))$ is defined and $\beta(f(c)) = 1$. Firstly, define

$$\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\{h(\beta_{2e}) \leq x < \{e\}(a,b)\}} p_x^{h(x)} \cdot p_{\{e\}(a,b)}^1,$$

where $h(x) = \beta(x) + 1$, if $\beta(x)$ is already defined, and $\beta(x) = 2$, otherwise. (Then, in particular, $\beta(f(c)) = 1$, since $f(c) < g(c)$.) Secondly, define values of α and β on $C(\{e\}(a,b))$ in the usual manner. Now we want to extend α_{2e} so that $\alpha(a)$ is defined, $\alpha(a) = 1$, $\alpha(c)$ is defined, and $\alpha(c) = 1$. $c < g(c) = \{e\}(a,b)$. Thus, $c \notin C(\{e\}(a,b))$. Hence $\alpha(c)$ is still undefined, or $\alpha(c)$ is defined and $\alpha(c) = 1$. a was chosen so that, for all x , $a \neq f(x)$ and $a \neq g(x)$. Thus $\alpha(a)$ is still undefined. Define

$$\alpha_{2e+1} = \alpha_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\text{th}(\alpha_{2e}) \leq x \leq \max\{a,b\}} p_x^{h(x)},$$

where $h(x) = \alpha(x) + 1$, if $\alpha(x)$ is defined, and $\alpha(x) = 2$, otherwise. $\alpha(a) = 1$ and $\beta(\{e\}(a,b)) = 0$, thus (3') is satisfied at e . Also (5)-(10) are satisfied by this α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} . (The only important clause in this case is (9), which still holds, since $\beta(g(c)) = 0$, but $\beta(f(c)) = \alpha(e) = 1$.)

Finally, suppose $\beta(\{e\}(a,b))$ is not defined and $\exists c\{e\}(a,b) = f(c)$. By clause (5), $\alpha(c)$ is not defined or, $\alpha(c)$ is defined and $\alpha(c) = 1$. Also, by (10), $\beta(g(c))$ is not defined or, $\beta(g(c))$ is defined and $\beta(g(c)) = 1$. Since $f(c)$ is not defined and $f(c) < g(c)$, $g(c)$ is not defined. Firstly, define

$$\beta_{2e+1} = \beta_{2e} \cdot \prod_{\text{th}(\beta_{2e}) \leq x < \{e\}(a,b)} p_x^{h(x)} \cdot p_{\{e\}(a,b)}^1 \cdot \prod_{\{e\}(a,b) < x \leq g(c)} p_x^{h(x)},$$

where $h(x)$ is defined as before. In particular β_{2e+1} is defined so that $\beta(\{e\}(a,b)) = \beta(f(c)) = 0$ and $\beta(g(c)) = 1$. Secondly, define the necessary values of α and β on $C(\{e\}(a,b))$. Now we want to extend α_{2e} so that $\alpha(a)$ is defined, $\alpha(a) = 1$, $\alpha(c)$ is defined, and $\alpha(c) = 1$. Proceed exactly as in the previous paragraph. Then α_{2e+1} and β_{2e+1} are obtained so that (3') at e and (5)-(10) are satisfied.

Case 2 of stage $2e + 1$ is now complete.

$s \equiv 2e + 1$. α_{2e+2} and β_{2e+2} shall be defined at this stage so that (4') is true at e for all extensions of α_{2e+2} and β_{2e+2} . Stage $2e + 2$ is the same mutatis mutandis as stage $2e + 1$.

Define α and β by $\alpha(x) = (\alpha_{\mu_s[x < \text{lh}(\alpha_s)]})_x \dot{-} 1$, and $\beta(x) = (\beta_{\mu_a[x < \text{lh}(\beta_a)]})_x \dot{-} 1$.

Clearly, α and β satisfy (3') and (4') and therefore (3) and (4). By induction clauses (5) and (6), $\alpha(x) = 0 \rightarrow \beta(x^2+1) = \beta((x+1)^2) = 0$, and $\beta(x) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha(x^2+1) = \alpha((x+1)^2) = 0$. By clauses (7)-(10), the converses are also true. Thus α and β satisfy clause (2).

The proof of Lemma 3 is complete.

Theorem 5. There exist sets A and B so that $A \leq_r B$, $A \leq_{s_1} B$, and $A \not\leq_{rm} B$. In fact, the s_1 -degrees of A and B are identical and the rm -degrees of A and B are incomparable.

Proof. Apply Lemma 3 to obtain functions α and β . Let $A = \{x \mid \alpha(x) = 0\}$ and $B = \{x \mid \beta(x) = 0\}$. Then, there exist recursive functions f and g so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow f(x) \in B \ \& \ g(x) \in B)$, and $\forall x(x \in B \leftrightarrow f(x) \in A \ \& \ g(x) \in A)$. Thus $A \leq_r B$. (Also, $B \leq_r A$.) By the definition of s_1 , $A \leq_{s_1} B$ and $B \leq_{s_1} A$. On the other hand, by Lemma 3, $A \not\leq_{rm} B$ and $B \not\leq_{rm} A$.

It is also interesting to notice that for two sets A and B , the existence of recursive functions f and g so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow f(x) \in B \ \& \ g(x) \in B)$ does not imply $A \leq_m B$.

By Theorem I.2.2 (10), $A \leq_r B$ does not imply $A \leq_{s_1} B$. Also, by Theorem 4 (6), $A \leq_r B$ does not imply $A \leq_{rm} B$. Theorem 5 gives an example of sets A and B so that $\underline{d}(A) = \underline{d}(B)$, $\underline{d}_{s_1}(A) = \underline{d}_{s_1}(B)$, and $\underline{d}_{rm}(A) \mid \underline{d}_{rm}(B)$. Is there a set A so that $\underline{d}_{s_1}(A) = \underline{d}_{s_1}(\bar{A})$ and $\underline{d}_{rm}(A) \mid \underline{d}_{rm}(\bar{A})$? This question is open. Notice that by the following argument Lemma 3 cannot be used to obtain such a set A . Suppose there exist recursive functions f and g so that $x \in A \leftrightarrow f(x) \notin A$ & $g(x) \notin A$ and $x \in \bar{A} \leftrightarrow f(x) \in A$ & $g(x) \in A$. Then, $x \in A \rightarrow f(x) \notin A$. Also $f(x) \notin A \rightarrow x \in A$, because $x \notin A \rightarrow f(x) \in A$. Thus $A \leq_m B$, which implies $A \leq_{rm} B$.

However, we have already established (Theorem I.2.9) the weaker result that there exists a set A so that A and \bar{A} are s_1 -incomparable, from which it follows that A and \bar{A} are also rm -incomparable.

4. The Reducibility $s_1 \cap p_1$.

We consider in this final section the reducibility relation $s_1 \cap p_1$. This reducibility is of some interest since it is easily defined and, as the next theorem shows, is between many-one reducibility and relative recursiveness.

Theorem 6.

- (1) $s_1 \cap p_1 \not\subseteq \{(A, B) \mid A \leq_r B\}$.
- (2) $\{(A, B) \mid A \leq_m B\} \not\subseteq s_1 \cap p_1$.

Proof.

(1) Follows from Theorems I.2.5, I.2.6, and I.2.2(2).

(2) Clearly $A \leq_m B \rightarrow A \leq_{s_1} B$ & $A \leq_{p_1} B$. Lemma 3 and Theorem 5 give us sets A and B so that $x \in A \leftrightarrow f(x) \in B$ & $g(x) \in B$. Thus $A \leq_{s_1} B$ and $A \leq_{p_1} B$. On the other hand, A and B are constructed so that $A \not\leq_m B$.

Let R^X denote a number theoretic predicate recursive uniformly in X , where X is a set variable. By a theorem of Nerode [1, Theorem 11], A is truth-table reducible to B ($A \leq_{tt} B$) if and only if there exists such an R^X so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow R^B(x))$. \leq_m and \leq_1 can be expressed in this form. $A \leq_m B$ if and only if $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow f(x) \in B)$ for some recursive function f , and $A \leq_1 B$ if and only if $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow f(x) \in B)$ for some one-one recursive function f . In either case, $f(x) \in X$ is such an R^X . We will say that a subrecursive reducibility \mathcal{R} is defined by predicates R^X if for all A and B , $A \mathcal{R} B$ is and only if there exists R^X so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow R^B(x))$ and $\forall C, D[\forall x(x \in C \leftrightarrow R^D(x)) \rightarrow C \mathcal{R} D]$.

Lemma 4. $\exists A[A \leq_{s_1} \bar{A} \text{ \& \ } A \not\leq_{p_1} \bar{A}]$.

Proof. Choose $A \in \Sigma_1$ so that $A \notin \Pi_1$. Then $A \leq_{s_1} B$, all B . Thus, $A \leq_{s_1} \bar{A}$. $\bar{A} \in \Pi_1$, so $A \leq_{p_1} \bar{A} \rightarrow A \in \Pi_1$. Thus, $A \not\leq_{p_1} \bar{A}$.

Theorem 7. $A \leq_{tt} B$ does not imply $A \leq_{s_1 \cap p_1} B$.

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 4 since $A \leq_{tt} \bar{A}$ for all A .

Theorem 8. $A \leq_{g_1 \cap \rho_1} B$ does not imply $A \leq_{tt} B$.

Proof. There exist recursively enumerable sets A and B so that $d(A) = d(B)$ and $A \not\leq_{tt} B$ (see [2, §9.6]). $A \in \Sigma_1$, hence $A \leq_{g_1} B$. Since $B \in \Sigma_1$, $B \in \Pi_1^X \rightarrow B \leq_r X$. $B \leq_r X \rightarrow A \leq_r X \rightarrow A \in \Pi_1^X$. Thus, $A \leq_{\rho_1} B$. Therefore $A \leq_{g_1 \cap \rho_1} B$.

Definition 6. $\Theta_1 = \{R^X(x) \mid R^X(x) \text{ is uniformly recursive in } X \text{ and } \forall B \forall C [B \in \Sigma_1^C \rightarrow R^B \in \Sigma_1^C]\}$. $\Theta_2 = \{R^X(x,y) \mid R^X(x,y) \text{ is uniformly recursive in } X \text{ and } \forall B \forall C [B \in \Sigma_1^C \rightarrow R^B \in \Sigma_1^C]\}$.

Theorem 9. Suppose $B \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \omega$. Then $A \leq_{g_1} B \leftrightarrow$ there exists $R^X(x,y) \in \Theta_2$ so that $\forall x(x \in A \rightarrow \exists y R^B(x,y))$.

Proof. It is immediate from the definition of \mathcal{S}_1 that the right hand side implies the left hand side.

Suppose $A \leq_{g_1} B$. By Theorem I.2.8, there are recursive functions f and g so that $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow \exists y \forall z_{z < f(y)} g(x,y,z) \in B)$. Define $R^X(x,y) \equiv \forall z_{z < f(y)} g(x,y,z) \in X$, $R^X \in \Theta_2$. This completes the proof.

Theorem 10. $\Theta_1 = \{R^X(x,x) \mid R^X(x,y) \in \Theta_2\}$.

Proof. Obviously, $R^X(x,y) \in \Theta_2$ implies $R^X(x,x) \in \Theta_1$. If $R^X(x) \in \Theta_1$, define $R^X(x,y) \equiv R^X(x)$, then $R^X(x,y) \in \Theta_2$ and $R^X(x) \equiv R^X(x,x)$.

Open Questions.

1. By Theorem 8, $\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_1$ is not defined by predicates R^X uniformly recursive in X . If $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow R^B(x))$ and $R^X \in \mathcal{O}_1$, is $A \leq_{\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_1} B$? By definition of \mathcal{S}_1 , $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow R^B(x))$ and $R^X \in \mathcal{O}_1$ implies $A \leq_{\mathcal{S}_1} B$, therefore it is sufficient to show $A \leq_{\mathcal{P}_1} B$.

2. Is $\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{P}_1$ a maximal proper Σ_0 -reducibility?

Remark. $\mathcal{S}_2 \cap \mathcal{P}_2 \not\subseteq \{(A, B) \mid A \leq_r B\}$. Choose A and B so that $A \not\leq_r B$ but so that for some recursive R , $\forall x(x \in A \leftrightarrow x^2 \in B \ \& \ \forall z R(x, z))$.

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