The Algorithmic Theory of Information and its Applications to Geometric Measure Theory Doctoral Dissertation Defense

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Background

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Hausdorff Measures

We work over a metric space (Ω, d) and consider a typical family of outer measures on this space.

Definition (\mathcal{H}^{s} -Measures)

For any $s \ge 0$, define the *s*-dimensional Hausdorff outer measure of a subset $X \subseteq \Omega$ to be:

$$\mathcal{H}^{s}(X) = \sup_{\delta > 0} \inf_{(U_{i})_{i \in \omega}} \left\{ \sum_{i} \operatorname{diam}(U_{i})^{s} : \operatorname{diam} U_{i} \leq \delta \text{ and } \bigcup_{i} U_{i} \supseteq X \right\}.$$

Observation:

- $\mathcal{H}^{s}(X) < \infty$ implies $\mathcal{H}^{s_{+}}(X) = 0$ for all $s_{+} > s$.
- $\mathcal{H}^{s}(X) > 0$ implies $\mathcal{H}^{s_{-}}(X) = \infty$ for all $0 \le s_{-} < s$.

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Hausdorff Dimension

The map $s \mapsto \mathcal{H}^{s}(X)$ looks like a step function:



This motivates the definition for the **Hausdorff dimension** of a set *X* :

 $\dim_{\mathrm{H}}(X) := \inf \{ s > 0 : \mathcal{H}^{s}(X) = 0 \}.$

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A primary goal of *Geometric Measure Theory* (GMT) is to understand the fractal properties of sets (e.g., measure and dimension).

Examples:

- Marstrand-Mattila Projection Theorem: on achieving large Hausdorff dimension under orthogonal projections,
- **Kakeya Problem**: on the Hausdorff dimension of sets which largely intersect with a line in each direction,
- **Besicovitch's Theorem**: on the existence of closed subsets of positive, finite \mathcal{H}^s -measure.

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A primary goal of *Algorithmic Information Theory* (AIT) is to study a robust notion for the information content of a piece of data and for algorithmic randomness.

Three Paradigms:

- Unpredictability: algorithmic mass spreading or betting strategies,
- Typicality: algorithmic randomness tests,
- Incompressibility: complexity w.r.t. universal Turing machines.

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Progress in the 2000s in connecting the GMT and AIT pursuits:

- **Correspondence Principle**: a pointwise formula for Hausdorff dimension for simple sets,
- Point-to-Set Principle: this formula relativized applies to general sets,
- Finer point-to-set principles: pointwise formulas and conditions for the Hausdorff \mathcal{H}^s -measures.

Theorem (Point-to-Set Principle for \dim_{H} over \mathbb{R}^{n} ; J. Lutz & N. Lutz 2018)

For any $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ *, we have*

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}} X = \min_{B \in 2^{\leq \omega}} \sup_{x \in X} \dim^{B}(x).$$

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Applying AIT to GMT

• The power of PTS is in proving *lower bounds* for dim_H: if *B* is an oracle witnessing PTS for *X*, then

$$(\exists x \in X)[\dim^B(x) \ge s] \implies \dim_H X \ge s.$$

• The effective dimension of a real x is the limiting value of *normalized Kolmogorov complexity*: $K(x \upharpoonright r)/r$, along its dyadic approximations. So, we may argue on the level of dyadic approximations:

$$(\forall^{\infty} r)[K(x \upharpoonright r) \ge^+ sr] \implies \dim(x) \ge s.$$

• Thus, AIT might offer a finer language for deducing geometric measure theoretic results: they follow from statements about individual points and their approximations.

Background My Work

Where My Dissertation Fits In

- 1. How does effective dimension behave under conditioning?
 - Establish stronger robustness properties of effective dimension over Euclidean space.
- 2. How does effective dimension distribute along function graphs?
 - Elucidate the distribution of effective dimension over Euclidean space.

3. Can we develop AIT for GMT on a broader class of metric spaces?

- Leverage the combinatorial structure of *nets* to algorithmically characterize fractal properties over a more generic class of metric spaces.
- 4. Put these ideas to work.
 - Witness GMT results via effective arguments.

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Computability Theory

Computability Theory

Let *M* be a Turing machine (TM) from natural numbers to natural numbers.

• *M* computes a partial function $\Phi_M :\subseteq \omega \to \omega$ satisfying

 $[n \in \operatorname{dom}(\Phi_M) \iff M(n) \downarrow]$ and $[n \in \operatorname{dom}(\Phi_M) \implies M(n) \downarrow = \Phi_M(n)].$

- *M* computably enumerates $A \subseteq \omega$ if *A* is the range of Φ_M .
- There exists a **universal** TM **U** which simulates all other TMs.
- One may relativize these notions for oracle machines which also accept oracles of the form $B \in 2^{\omega}$.
- **Lower-semicomputability**: the ability to computably approximate a quantity or function from below, i.e.,
 - For $x \in \mathbb{R}$: if its left-Dedekind cut $\{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q < x\}$ is c.e.,
 - For $f : \omega \to \mathbb{R}$: if its lower graph $\{(\sigma, q) \in \omega \times \mathbb{Q} : q < f(\sigma)\}$ is c.e., or

often expressible as having a computable function lower-approximating f.

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Kolmogorov Complexity

Incompressibility & Kolmogorov Complexity

The **Kolmogorov complexity** of some data *x* captures the *minimal length of a program which produces x*. Fixing some universal Turing machine **U** (able to simulate all other Turing machines on all inputs), define:

 $C(x) = \min \{ \operatorname{len}(\operatorname{program}) : \mathbf{U}(\operatorname{program}) = x \}.$

There is also a conditional version:

 $C(x \mid y) = \min \{ \operatorname{len}(\operatorname{program}) : \mathbf{U}(\langle \operatorname{program}, y \rangle) = x \}.$

More often, a universal *prefix-free* Turing machine U_{PF} is used, which is only able to halt on a prefix-free set of programs. This defines **prefix complexity**:

 $K(x) = \min \{ \operatorname{len}(\operatorname{program}) : \mathbf{U}_{\operatorname{PF}}(\operatorname{program}) = x \}.$

 $K(x \mid y) = \min \{ \operatorname{len}(\operatorname{program}) : \mathbf{U}_{\operatorname{PF}}(\langle \operatorname{program}, y \rangle) = x \}.$

Theorem (Chain Rule for Prefix Complexity, Gács 1974)

For any finitary data x and y,

 $K(x,y) = K(y) + K(x \mid y) \pm [O(\log \operatorname{len}(x)) + O(1)].$

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Kolmogorov Complexity

Basic Observations for Prefix Complexity

Because U_{PF} can simulate any algorithm, the complexity of any input cannot be exceeded by the complexity of its output.

Theorem

Given a Turing machine Φ (i.e., algorithm) and finitary input x, it holds that

 $K(\Phi(x)) \leq K(x) + O_{\Phi}(1).$

A corresponding version exists for conditional complexity.

Theorem (Kraft Inequality)

$$\sum_{\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}} 2^{-K(\sigma)} \le 1.$$

Theorem (Chaitin's Counting Theorem 1976)

There exists a constant c > 0 *such that for any* $n, r \in \omega$ *,*

1. max {
$$K(\sigma) : \sigma \in 2^n$$
} = $n + K(n) \pm c$, and

2.
$$|\{\sigma \in 2^n : K(\sigma) \le n + K(n) - r\}| \le 2^{n-r+c}$$

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Kolmogorov Complexity

Lifting K to Euclidean Space

Take any subsets $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ and $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

Following A. Shen and N. Vereshchagin, define the **conditional prefix complexity of** *X* **given** *Y* as:

$$K(X \mid Y) := \max_{q} \left\{ \min_{p} \left\{ K(p \mid q) : p \in X \cap \mathbb{Q}^{m} \right\} : q \in Y \cap \mathbb{Q}^{n} \right\},\$$

while the **prefix complexity of** *X* is just:

 $K(X) := \min \left\{ K(p) : p \in X \cap \mathbb{Q}^m \right\}.$

Take any $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

The conditional prefix complexity of *x* to precision-level *r* given *y* to precision-level *s* is:

$$K_{r|s}(x \mid y) := K(B_{2^{-r}}(x) \mid B_{2^{-s}}(y)),$$

while the **prefix complexity of** *x* **to precision-level** *r* is:

$$K_r(x) := K(B_{2^{-r}}(x)).$$

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Kolmogorov Complexity

Known Approximations and the Chain Rule

Restricted versions of the Chain Rule and approximations to $K_{r|s}$ are known and have been used.

Fix $m, n \in \omega$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $r \ge s \in \omega$.

Lemma (Approximations by Dyadic Truncations; N. Lutz & D. Stull 2020)

 $K_{r|s}(x \mid y) = K(x \upharpoonright r \mid y \upharpoonright s) \pm [O(\log r) + O(\log s) + O_{m,n}(1)].$

Theorem (Approximate Chain Rule for *K_r*; N. Lutz & D. Stull 2020)

 $K_r(x,y) = K_r(y) + K_{r|r}(x \mid y) + [O(\log r) + O_{m,n,y}(1)].$

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Robustness of the Lift

The definition is robust up to a reordering of optimizers:

Proposition (Robustness of the Lift)

 $\min_p \max_q K(p \mid q) \approx \max_q \min_p K(p \mid q).$

So, the optimizations may be performed independently:

Lemma (Conditional Approximation by K-Minimizers)

If p^* , q^* , w^* denote the K-minimizers of $B_{2^{-r}}(x)$, $B_{2^{-s}}(y)$, and $B_{2^{-t}}(z)$, respectively,

 $K_{r,s|t}(x,y\mid z)\approx K(p^*,q^*\mid w^*).$

Both these equalities hold up to sub-linear terms:

 $\pm \left[O(\log r) + O(\log s) + O_{m,n,x,y}(1)\right].$

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Main Result for Prefix Complexity

Theorem (Conditional Chain Rule for Conditional Complexity)

Let $m, n, \ell \in \omega, x \in \mathbb{R}^m, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$, and $r, s, t \in \omega$. Then,

$$K_{r,s\mid t}(x,y\mid z)\approx K_{s\mid t}(y\mid z)+K_{r\mid s,t}(x\mid y,z),$$

with equality holding up to $\pm \left[O(\log r) + O(\log s) + O_{m,n,x,y}(1)\right]$.

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Effective Dimension

Effective Dimension

In 2002, E. Mayordomo established what is now the most commonly used definition for effective Hausdorff dimension using a quantity first studied by L. Staiger in 1989.

Definition

Take the **effective (Hausdorff) dimension** of a real $x \in \mathbb{R}$ to be its *lower incompressibility ratio* with respect to prefix complexity:

$$\dim(x) = \liminf_{r \to \infty} \frac{K_r(x)}{r} \in [0,1].$$

In fact, the limit superior gives an effective analog of *packing dimension*.

Definition

Take the **effective packing dimension** of a real $x \in \mathbb{R}$ to be its *upper incompressibility ratio* with respect to prefix complexity:

$$\operatorname{Dim}(x) = \limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{K_r(x)}{r} \in [0, 1].$$

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Effective Dimension

Variant 1: Mutual Dimension

One variant of effective dimension is **mutual dimension** as defined by A. Case and J. Lutz in 2014.

Definition (Mutual Information)

Let $a, b \in 2^{<\omega}$, $x \in X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, $y \in Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, and $r, s \in \omega$.

- $I(a:b) := K(a) K(a \mid b) \approx K(a) + K(b) K(a,b),$
- $I(X : Y) := \min \{ I(p : q) : p \in X \cap \mathbb{Q}^m \text{ and } q \in Y \cap \mathbb{Q}^n \},$
- $I_{r:s}(x:y) := I(B_{2^{-r}}(x):B_{2^{-s}}(y)).$

Definition (Lower and Upper Mutual Dimensions)

$$\operatorname{mdim}(x:y) := \liminf_{r \to \infty} \frac{I_{r,r}(x:y)}{r}, \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Mdim}(x:y) := \limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{I_{r,r}(x:y)}{r}.$$

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Variant 2: Conditional Dimension

A conditional version of effective dimension was first defined by J. Lutz and N. Lutz in 2018.

Definition (Lower and Upper Conditional Dimensions)

$$\dim(x \mid y) = \liminf_{r \to \infty} \frac{K_{r|r}(x \mid y)}{r}, \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Dim}(x \mid y) = \limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{K_{r|r}(x \mid y)}{r}.$$

Theorem (Chain Rule for Conditional Dimension; J. Lutz & N. Lutz 2018)

 $\dim(x) + \dim(y \mid x) \le \dim(x, y) \le \dim(x) + \dim(y \mid x) \le \dim(x, y) \le \dim(x) + \dim(y \mid x).$

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Effective Dimension Variants and Transformations

Using the conditional Chain Rule for $K_{r|s}$, we extend the work of J. Reimann, A. Case, and J. Lutz, confirming that conditional dimension behaves predictably under computable, uniformly continuous maps.

Theorem (Invariance)

Suppose $f : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ are both bi-computable and bi-Lipschitz continuous. Then,

 $\dim(f(x) \mid g(y)) = \dim(x \mid y).$

As dim $(\cdot | \cdot)$ and mdim $(\cdot : \cdot)$ are both invariant under these maps, we might view the effectivization of fractal geometry modulo the group of bi-computable, bi-Lipschitz continuous transformations.

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Relating the Effective Dimension Variants

Another consequence of the conditional Chain Rule:

Proposition (Inclusion-Exclusion, partially due to A. Case & J. Lutz 2014)

For each $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\dim(x \mid y) \le \dim(x) - \min(x : y) \le Dim(x \mid y),$$

$$\dim(x \mid y) \le Dim(x) - Mdim(x : y) \le Dim(x \mid y).$$



Effective Dimension along Function Graphs

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Points on Function Graphs

Problem: Given $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, how does dim(x, f(x)) relate to dim(x) and f?

- *f* being computable and Lipschitz continuous $\implies \dim(x, f(x)) = \dim(x)$.
- Otherwise, suppose f is computable given some parameters a. What uniform continuity properties guarantee a relation between dim(x, f(x)) and dim(x), dim(a), etc.?

In 2017, N. Lutz and D. Stull established a result on the effective dimension of points on a planar line:

Theorem (Points on Planar Lines, N. Lutz & D. Stull 2017)

For every $a, b, x \in \mathbb{R}$,

 $\dim(x, ax + b) \ge \dim(x|a, b) + \min\left\{\dim(a, b), \dim^{a, b}(x)\right\}.$

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Framework for Function Families

Planar Lines. Recast the family of non-vertical lines written in slope-intercept form,

 $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}; \qquad \Phi(a, b, x) = ax + b.$

Going forward, fix some slope-intercept pairs (*a*, *b*) and (*u*, *v*), and inputs $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

More generally, a **computable absolutely Lipschitz family (CALF)** takes the form of a partial computable map, $\Phi :\subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^\ell \to \mathbb{R}^n$.

Fix two parameters $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^m$. It might happen that only certain components cause the value of $\Phi^{\alpha} - \Phi^{\beta}$ to vary independently of ||x||, i.e.,

$$\left\| \left(\Phi^{\alpha'}(x) - \Phi^{\beta'}(x) \right) - \left(\Phi^{\alpha}(x) - \Phi^{\beta}(x) \right) \right\| \le O\left(\left\| \alpha' - \alpha \right\| + \left\| \beta' - \beta \right\| \right).$$

Collect into $(\alpha - \beta)_{cL}$ all the rest.

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Required Property: Scaling Lipschitz Continuous

Planar Lines. By the triangle inequality,

 $|(a \cdot x_1 + b) - (u \cdot x_2 + v)| \le (|x_1| + 1 + |x_1 - x_2|) \cdot ||(a, b) - (u, v)|| + |a| \cdot |x_1 - x_2|.$

Scaling Lipschitz Continuous. For all α , β and x_1 , x_2 ,

$$\left\| \Phi^{\alpha}(x_{1}) - \Phi^{\beta}(x_{2}) \right\| \le \left(O(\|x_{1}\| + 1) + o(1) \right) \cdot \left\| \alpha - \beta \right\| + O(\|\alpha\| + 1) \cdot \|x_{1} - x_{2}\|.$$

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Required Property: Scaling co-Lipschitz Continuous Differences

Planar Lines. Two lines have constant difference iff their slopes match, and

 $|a - u| \cdot |x_1 - x_2| = \left| \left[(a \cdot x_1 + b) - (u \cdot x_1 + v) \right] - \left[(a \cdot x_2 + b) - (u \cdot x_2 + v) \right] \right|.$

Scaling co-Lipschitz Continuous Differences. For all finitary α , β , it holds that $\Phi^{\alpha} - \Phi^{\beta}$ is either constant or *scaling co-Lipschitz continuous*,

$$\left\| (\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\beta})_{cL} \right\| \cdot \|x_1 - x_2\| = O\left(\left\| \left[\Phi^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(x_1) - \Phi^{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(x_1) \right] - \left[\Phi^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(x_2) - \Phi^{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(x_2) \right] \right\| \right),$$

and there is an algorithm deciding this from α and β .

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Required Property: Dense Intersections

Planar Lines. If *a* and *b* are *r*-dyadic, we have by Lutz & Stull,

• **Geometric Machine Construction**: may use $x \upharpoonright r$, $(ax + b) \upharpoonright r$, r, and $(a, b) \upharpoonright 1$ to produce a nearby line $(u_0, v_0) \in B_{2^{-r}}(a, b)$ satisfying,

$$\left| \left[u_0 \cdot (x \upharpoonright r) + v_0 \right] - (ax+b) \upharpoonright r \right| < 2^{-r} \cdot (|u_0| + |x \upharpoonright r| + 3).$$

• **Density Argument**: there exists *r*-dyadic $(u, v) \in B_{2^{\gamma-r}}(u_0, v_0)$ such that $u \neq a$, where $\gamma = \log(2|a| + |x| + 5)$. Moreover, (u, v) will agree in output with (a, b) at input *x* up to precision $2^{-r+\gamma}$.

Dense Intersections. For all $r \in \omega$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}_r^m$, and $x \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$, there is an algorithm using $x \upharpoonright r$ and $\Phi^{\alpha}(x) \upharpoonright r$ (as well as r, m, n, ℓ , and $\alpha \upharpoonright O(1)$) to compute a $(2^{-r} \cdot O_{\|\alpha\|, \|x\|, m, n}(1))$ -approximation to some $\beta \in B_{2^{-r} \cdot O_{\|\alpha\|, \|x\|, m, n}(1)}(\alpha) \cap \mathbb{D}_r^m$ satisfying $\Phi^{\alpha} - \Phi^{\beta}$ is scaling co-Lipschitz continuous with

$$-\log_2 \left\| (\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\beta})_{\mathrm{cL}} \right\| \leq r - O_{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|, \|\boldsymbol{x}\|, m, n}(1).$$

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Results for CALFs

Theorem (Finitary Theorem)

Let $\Phi :\subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^\ell \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a CALF. Let $d < \delta \in [0, \ell]$ and α and x be r-dyadic.

If for each $k \le r$: $K(\alpha \upharpoonright k) \ge dk - o(k)$, and $K(x \upharpoonright k \mid \alpha) \ge \delta k - o(k)$, Then: $K(x, \Phi^{\alpha}(x)) \ge K(\alpha, x) - m \cdot \frac{K(\alpha) - dr}{\delta - d} - o(r)$.

Theorem (Infinitary Theorem)

Let $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^\ell \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a CALF. Then, for every α and x,

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\dim(x, \Phi^{\alpha}(x)) \ge \dim(x|\alpha) + \min\left\{\dim(\alpha), \dim^{\alpha}(x)\right\}.
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Theorem (Dimension Spectrum)

For every $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \Omega$ and $\delta \in (0, \ell)$, we have

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}}\left(\left\{x\in\mathbb{R}^{\ell}:\dim(x,\Phi^{\alpha}(x))<\delta+\frac{\dim(\alpha)}{2}\right\}\right)\leq\delta.$$

GMT by AIT on Nets

The Algorithmic Theory of Information and its Applications to Geometric Measure Theory GMT by AIT on Nets Algorithmic Randomness

Cantor Space

Cantor space: 2^{ω} , the space of all infinite binary sequences. Viewed as the space of extensions to all the finite binary strings $2^{<\omega}$.

Cylinder sets: *B*, the collection of all clopen cylinders:



 $[\sigma] := \{ x \in 2^{\omega} : \sigma \le x \}, \text{ where } \sigma \in 2^{<\omega}.$

Compatible Metric: with respect to the product topology on 2^{ω} ,

$$d(x,y) := \begin{cases} 2^{-N} & \text{if } x \neq y \text{ and } N = \min \{n \in \omega : x(n) \neq y(n)\}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases}$$

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Prototypical Nets

Nets are modeled on the prototypical countable, nested, and computable collections of subsets. These collections also facilitate AIT.

• The family Q^n of dyadic rational cubes in \mathbb{R}^n :



• The basis *B* of clopen cylinders on Cantor space 2^ω:



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Net Axioms



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Basic Observations about Nets

Observations:

• \subseteq -relation on N induces a tree structure, and a **rank**:

 $\operatorname{rank}(N) := 1 + \max \left\{ \operatorname{rank}(N') : N \subsetneq N' \in \mathcal{N} \right\}.$

• For any $x \in \Omega$, denote the **set of representations:** $\mathcal{R}(x)$, of x:

 $(\forall n)[x \in N_{i_n}]$ and diam $(N_{i_n}) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

- Net spaces generalize Mayordomo's nicely covered spaces.
- Any separable, ultrametric space possesses many nets. This holds for the spaces: 2^ω, ℝⁿ, ω^ω, and ℚ_p.

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Measures on Metric Spaces

Definition

An **outer measure** on metric space (Ω, d) is a function $\mu : \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \to [0, +\infty]$ satisfying

- Monotonicity: $X \subseteq Y \subseteq \Omega \implies \mu(X) \le \mu(Y)$,
- **Countable Subadditivity**: $\mu(\bigcup_i X_i) \leq \sum_i \mu(X_i)$.

There is a standard method for producing outer measures from premeasures.

Theorem (Rogers' "Method II")

If ρ *is a premeasure on* $C \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ *, define for each* $X \subseteq \Omega$ *and* $\delta > 0$ *:*

$$\mathcal{H}^{\rho}_{\delta}(X) := \inf_{(C_i)_{i \in \omega} \subseteq C} \left\{ \sum_{i} \rho(C_i) : \operatorname{diam}_d(C_i) \leq \delta, \bigcup_i C_i \supseteq X \right\}, \quad and \quad \mathcal{H}^{\rho}(X) := \sup_{\delta > 0} \mathcal{H}^{\rho}_{\delta}(X).$$

Then \mathcal{H}^{ρ} is an outer measure on Ω .

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Hausdorff Measures

Definition

Any non-decreasing, right-continuous map $h : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty]$ with $h(t) = 0 \iff t = 0$ is a **dimension function**.

Associate to any dimension function *h* a **Hausdorff premeasure**:

$$\rho_h(X) := (h \circ \operatorname{diam}_d)(X),$$

and its corresponding Method II outer measure \mathcal{H}^h .

The family of *s*-dimensional Hausdorff premeasures:

$$\rho_s := \rho_{h_s}, \text{ where } h_s : t \mapsto t^s \text{ for any } s \ge 0,$$

and their corresponding Method II outer measures \mathcal{H}^s .

The Algorithmic Theory of Information and its Applications to Geometric Measure Theory GMT by AIT on Nets Net Measures

Net Measures

Definition

A *net premeasure* is a function ρ defined on $\mathcal{N} \cup \{\emptyset\}$ such that

$$\rho(\emptyset) = 0 \text{ and } 0 \le \rho(N) \le +\infty \text{ for all } N \in \mathcal{N}.$$

Fix a procedure from premeasures to outer measures *in a net N*:

Method II (in
$$\mathcal{N}$$
) : premeasure $\rho \mapsto$ net measure $(\mathcal{H} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N})^{\rho}$,
where $(\mathcal{H} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N})^{\rho}(X) := \sup_{\delta > 0} \inf_{(N_i) \subseteq \mathcal{N}} \left\{ \sum_i \rho(N_i) : (N_i)_i \text{ a } \delta\text{-cover of } X \right\}.$

Restricting ρ_s to N produces the net premeasure $\rho_s \upharpoonright N$, satisfying:

$$\mathcal{H}^{\rho_s \upharpoonright \mathcal{N}} = (\mathcal{H} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N})^s.$$

Computability and Structure of Nets

Coverings Rooted in Nets



Hausdorff coverings:

Classically: sequences of arbitrary subsets. **Effectively**: unif.-c.e. sequences of Σ_1^0 .

Net coverings:

Classically: sequences of net elements. **Effectively**: unif.-c.e. such sequences.

Define the **Hausdorff dimension of** *X* **restricted to** *N*:

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\dim_{\mathcal{N}}(X) := \inf \left\{ s > 0 : (\mathcal{H} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N})^{s}(X) = 0 \right\}.
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Here, covers may only use elements from the net, *N*.

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Presenting a Net

Computability: with respect to an ω -presentation \mathscr{R} of the net \mathcal{N} , computing:

• in : $\omega^2 \rightarrow \{\top, \bot\}$: the containment relation,

$$\operatorname{in}(i,j) \iff N_i \subseteq N_j,$$

• pred : $\omega^2 \rightarrow \{\top, \bot\}$: the predecessor relation,

 $\operatorname{pred}(i,j) \iff N_j \subsetneq N_i \land (\forall N \in \mathcal{N})[N_j \subsetneq N \subseteq N_i \to N = N_i],$

• diam : $\omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$: the diameter function,

$$\operatorname{diam}(i) = \operatorname{diam}_d(N_i) = \sup \left\{ \rho(x, y) : x, y \in N_i \right\},\$$

• root : $\omega \to \{\top, \bot\}$: the roots of N,

$$\operatorname{root}(i) \iff (\forall N \in \mathcal{N})[N \supseteq N_i \implies N = N_i],$$

under some indexing $\iota : \omega \to N$ which respects containment.

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Developing AIT over Net Spaces

Question: To what extent do the robustness and PTS results of 2^{ω} and \mathbb{R}^n extend to net spaces?

Outline:

- 1. Extend complexity notions.
- 2. Extend algorithmic randomness notions.
- 3. Find sufficient conditions for the various characterizations of complexity and effective dimension to agree.
- 4. Conclude PTS principles.

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Net Semimeasures

Goal: Get complexity notions by spreading mass along nets.





Discrete Net Semimeasure:

 $m: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

$$1\geq \sum_{N\in \mathcal{N}}m(N).$$

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Net Semimeasures

Idea: a net element is *simple* when a universal prior distribution (**M** or **m**) can dedicate mass to it. Restrict semimeasures to being *lower-semicomputable*.

Definition

A C/D semimeasure **M** is **optimal** if for any other C/D semimeasure M:

 $(\exists \beta > 0)(\forall N \in \mathcal{N})[\mathbf{M}(N) \ge \beta \cdot M(N)].$

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Continuous<br/>Semimeasures\exists optimal lower-<br/>semicomputable MA priori complexity:<br/>KM(N) \equiv -\log M(N)Discrete<br/>Semimeasures\exists optimal lower-<br/>semicomputable m\negCoding Theorem<br/>for prefix complexity:<br/>Semimeasures\exists optimal lower-<br/>semicomputable m\neg
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The Algorithmic Theory of Information and its Applications to Geometric Measure Theory GMT by AIT on Nets Algorithmic Entropy

Algorithmic Complexity for Arbitrary Points and Subsets

- We have *K*, KM for net elements $N \in \mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$.
- Equivalent, cylinder-based characterizations $K_r(x)$ on 2^{ω} :

 $G_r(x) := \inf \{ K(\sigma) : [\sigma] \subseteq B_{2^{-r}}(x) \},$ $H_r(x) := \inf \{ K(\sigma) : x \in [\sigma] \text{ and } \operatorname{diam}([\sigma]) \le 2^{-r} \}.$

Definition

 (Ω, d, α) is a **computable metric space** if α is a dense sequence in (Ω, d) for which the function mapping $(i, j) \mapsto d(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)$ is computable.

• When (Ω, d, α) is a computable metric space, may define:

$$\mathbf{K}(X) := \min \left\{ \mathbf{K}(i) : \alpha(i) \in X \right\}.$$

And if N is also layered-disjoint and compatible with α , we get a locally optimal outer measure on Ω :

$$\boldsymbol{\kappa}(X) := 2^{-\mathbf{K}(X)}.$$

• Under stronger *grate* axioms, get $\mathbf{K}(N) \approx K(N)$ and $\mathbf{G}_r(x) \approx \mathbf{H}_r(x)$.

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Effective Dimension Notions

Fix a net space (Ω, N) , a representation \mathscr{R} of N, and a point $x \in \Omega$.

Definition (Unpredictability)

Local dimension w.r.t. a semimeasure or outer measure μ :

$$\dim_{\operatorname{loc}} \mu(x) = \inf_{(i_n)_n \in \mathcal{R}(x)} \left\{ \liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{\log \mu(N_{i_n})}{\log \operatorname{diam}(N_{i_n})} \right\}$$

For instance, \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{m} , or κ .

Definition (Typicality)

Effective Hausdorff dimension:

 $\operatorname{effdim}(x) := \inf \{ s > 0 : x \text{ is not Martin-Löf-} \mathcal{R}\text{-}s\text{-}random \}.$

Definition (Incompressibility)

Incompressibility ratio w.r.t. some complexity notion Cr:

$$\dim_{\mathbf{C}}(x) = \liminf_{r} \frac{\mathbf{C}_{r}^{\mathscr{R}}(x)}{r}$$

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Asymptotic Coincidences

Theorem

For any represented net space $(\Omega, \mathcal{N}, \mathscr{R})$ and point $x \in \Omega$,



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Net Dimension

Point-to-Net Principle for Net Spaces

Theorem ("Point-to-Net Principle")

Given a net space (Ω, \mathcal{N}) *and* $X \subseteq \Omega$ *,*

$$\dim_{\mathcal{N}}(X) = \inf_{\mathscr{R}} \dim_{\mathscr{R}}(X) = \inf_{\mathscr{R}} \sup_{x \in X} \dim_{\mathscr{R}}(x).$$

Proof.

Since dim_N has no computability restriction: dim_N(X) $\leq \inf_{\mathscr{R}} \dim_{\mathscr{R}}(X)$.

For each dim_{*N*}(*X*) < *s* ∈ \mathbb{Q} , there exists a sequence $(U_n^s)_{n \in \omega}$ where each $U_n^s \subseteq \omega$ satisfies DW_{*s*} $(U_n^s) \leq 2^{-n}$ and $(U_n^s)_n$ covers *X* in the sense of an ML-type test. Take any ω -presentation \mathscr{R} of N with:

$$\mathscr{R} \geq_{\mathrm{T}} \bigoplus \{ (U_n^s)_n : \dim_{\mathcal{N}}(X) < s \in \mathbb{Q} \}.$$

By definition, if $s > \dim_{\mathcal{N}}(X)$, then X is covered by $(U_n^s)_n$, which is an ML- \mathscr{R} -s-test. Therefore, $s \ge \dim_{\mathscr{R}}(X)$, as well. So, by definition, $\dim_{\mathscr{R}}(X) \le \dim_{\mathcal{N}}(X)$.

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Point-to-Set Principle for Net Spaces

Definition

A premeasure ρ is said to be *comparable* to ρ_s if for all $X \subseteq \Omega$,

 $\mathcal{H}^{\rho}(X) = 0 \iff \mathcal{H}^{s}(X) = 0.$

Theorem (Point-to-Set Principle for dim_H)

Let (Ω, d) be a metric space. Suppose for each s > 0, there exists a net on Ω and a corresponding net premeasure which is comparable to ρ_s . Then, for each $X \subseteq \Omega$,

 $\dim_{\mathrm{H}} X = \inf_{s>0} \inf_{\mathscr{R}_s} \sup_{x \in X} \dim_{\mathscr{R}_s}(x).$

Example: Rogers & Davies showed any separable, ultrametric space exhibits this richness of net measures.

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In GMT, one often wishes to evaluate $\mathcal{H}^{s}(X)$, not just dim_H X. In 2024, P. Lutz & J. Miller provided pointwise formulas and conditions for these \mathcal{H}^{s} over 2^{ω} .

We extended these to any represented net space, (Ω, N, \mathcal{R}) .

Theorem

For every $X \subseteq \Omega$ *and* $s \ge 0$ *,*

 $\log(\mathcal{H} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N})^{s}(X) = \inf_{\mathscr{R}} \sup_{x \in X} \inf_{(i_{n})_{n} \in \mathcal{R}(x)} \liminf_{n \to \infty} [\mathrm{KM}^{\mathscr{R}}(i_{n}) + s \cdot \log_{2} \operatorname{diam}(i_{n})],$

and X is not σ -finite for $(\mathcal{H} \upharpoonright \mathcal{N})^s$ if and only if

 $(\forall \mathscr{R})(\exists x \in X)[x \text{ is strong Solovay-}\mathcal{R}\text{-s-random}].$

The Algorithmic Theory of Information and its Applications to Geometric Measure Theory GMT by AIT on Nets Compact Metric Spaces

Which Spaces have Effective Nets?

Certain metric spaces admit nets which are sufficiently effectively definable.

Theorem

Effective Rogers nets may be constructed on each of: 2^{ω} *,* \mathbb{R}^{n} *,* ω^{ω} *, and* \mathbb{Q}_{p} *.*

Theorem

Suppose that (Ω, d) is a compact, computable metric space. Then, there exists an arithmetically definable Rogers net of Σ_2^0 -classes over (Ω, d) .

Moreover, if $\mathcal{H}^{s}(\Omega) = 0$ *for some* s > 0*, then for any* $X \subseteq \Omega$ *,*

 $\dim_{\mathrm{H}} X = \inf_{\mathscr{R}} \sup_{x \in X} \dim_{\mathscr{R}}(x).$

Closed Subsets of Finite s-Measure

Application: Extending Besicovitch's Theorem

For a given metric space (Ω , d) and premeasure ρ on Ω , denote:

 $(*): \iff (\forall F \subseteq \Omega \text{ compact with } \mathcal{H}^{\rho}(F) > 0) (\exists E \subseteq F \text{ compact})[0 < \mathcal{H}^{\rho}(E) < \infty].$

Theorem (Besicovitch 1952)

Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\rho = \rho_s$. Then, (*) holds.

Theorem (Rogers & Davies 1970)

Let (Ω, N) be a net space and ρ a finite net premeasure on N such that \mathcal{H}^{ρ} has no infinite-measure points and such that any decreasing sequence of compact sets $(F_n)_n$ with $\mathcal{H}^{\rho}(\bigcup_n F_n) = 0$ has $\mathcal{H}^{\rho}_{\delta}(F_n) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Then, (*) holds.

Theorem (Joint work with E. Gruner and J. Reimann)

Let N *be a scaling, finitely-branching, layered-disjoint net and a subbasis on* (Ω, d) *having a net Hausdorff premeasure* ρ *. Then,* (*) *holds.*

Incompressibility Arguments for GMT

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A Short Example

Theorem

Suppose there is a locally Lipschitz continuous map $f : U \times W \twoheadrightarrow X$. Then

 $\dim_{\mathrm{H}} X \leq \dim_{\mathrm{H}} f(U \times W) \leq \dim_{\mathrm{H}} (U \times W) \leq \dim_{\mathrm{H}} U + \dim_{\mathrm{P}} W.$

Effective Proof.

Let $B \ge_T f$ be a Hausdorff oracle for X and U, and a packing oracle for W. For any point $x \in X$ there exists $u \in U$ and $w \in W$ such that for any $r \in \omega$,

$$K_r^B(x) = K_r^B(f(u, w)) \le K_r^B(u, w) + o(r) \le K_r^B(u) + K_r^B(w) + o(r).$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since *B* is a Hausdorff oracle for *X*, there exists $x \in X$ such that $\dim_{H} X \leq \dim^{B}(x) + \varepsilon$. Then,

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}} X - \varepsilon \leq \dim^{B}(x) = \liminf_{r \to \infty} \frac{K_{r}^{B}(x)}{r} \leq \liminf_{r \to \infty} \frac{K_{r}^{B}(u) + K_{r}^{B}(w)}{r}$$
$$\leq \dim^{B}(u) + \operatorname{Dim}^{B}(w) \leq \dim_{\mathrm{H}} U + \dim_{\mathrm{P}} W.$$

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Applications

Let $m \in \omega$ and $\|\cdot\|_*$ be a norm on \mathbb{R}^m .

Theorem (Orthogonal Projections)

For each direction $e \in \mathbb{S}^{m-1}$ and subset $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$,

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}}\left(\left\{\left\|\operatorname{proj}_{e}(x)\right\|_{*}: x \in X\right\}\right) \geq \dim_{\mathrm{H}} X - (m-1).$$

Theorem (Radial Projections)

For each point $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ *and subset* $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ *,*

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}}\left(\left\{\frac{x-z}{\|x-z\|_{*}}: x \in X\right\}\right) \ge \dim_{\mathrm{H}} X - 1.$$

Theorem (Pinned-Distance Sets, Altaf, Bushling & Wilson 2023)

For each point $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ *and subset* $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ *,*

 $\dim_{\mathrm{H}} \left(\{ ||x - z||_* : x \in X \} \right) \ge \dim_{\mathrm{H}} X - (m - 1).$

Orthogonal Projection Theorems

Theorem (Marstrand-Mattila Projection Theorem 1954)

Let 0 < n < m and $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ be analytic. Then,

 $\dim_{H}(\operatorname{proj}_{V}(X)) = \min \{\dim_{H} X, n\}, \quad for almost all n-dimensional subspaces V.$

Dialogue between AIT and GMT:

- In 2018, N. Lutz and D. Stull showed the same conclusion holds when dim_H X = dim_P X and n = 1, via effective arguments.
- In 2021, T. Orponen extended this for all *m* and *n*, instead via classical, combinatorial arguments.
- Important to Orponen's approach are two key lemmas. In joint work with R. Bushling supervised by J. Reimann, we prove these lemmas using incompressibility arguments.

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$$\delta$$
, s)-Sets"

Definition

Let s > 0, $k \in \omega$, and $C \ge 1$. A finite set $P \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$ is called a $(C, 2^{-k}, s)$ -set if,

$$\left|\left\{\sigma \in P : \sigma \geq \tau\right\}\right| \leq C \cdot \left(\frac{2^{-\operatorname{len}(\tau)}}{2^{-k}}\right)^s, \quad \text{for any} \quad \tau \in 2^{\leq k}.$$

Intuitively, " (δ, s) -sets" are finite collections of points which are guaranteed to not be very concentrated when viewed with granularity larger than δ .

Decomposition Lemma

Proposition (T. Orponen 2021)

Let $s \leq 1$, $k \in \omega$, and $X \subseteq 2^{\omega}$ be covered by at most $C \cdot 2^{sk}$ many (2^{-k}) -balls. Then, there exists a decomposition $X = X_{good} \sqcup X_{bad}$ such that:

- (i) $\mathcal{H}^s_{\infty}(X_{\text{bad}}) \leq 1/L$, and
- (ii) X_{good} is contained in the (2^{-k}) -neighborhood of a $(CL, 2^{-k}, s)$ -set.

Proof of (i).

Define the set of "bad strings":

$$S_{\text{bad}} := \left\{ \sigma \in 2^{\leq k} : [\sigma] \cap X \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad K(\sigma) < s \cdot \operatorname{len}(\sigma) - \log L \right\}$$

Take $X_{\text{bad}} = [S_{\text{bad}}]$. Then, by the Kraft Inequality,

$$\mathcal{H}^{s}_{\infty}(X_{\text{bad}}) \leq \mathrm{DW}_{s}(S_{\text{bad}}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{\text{bad}}} 2^{-s \cdot \operatorname{len}(\sigma)} \leq \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{\text{bad}}} 2^{-K(\sigma)} \leq \frac{1}{L}$$

Decomposition Lemma

Proof of (ii).

Put $X_{good} := X \setminus X_{bad}$, and $S_{good} := X_{good} \upharpoonright k$. Then, X_{good} is contained in the (2^{-k}) -neighborhood of S_{good} .

Claim: S_{good} is a (CL, 2^{-k} , s)-set.

Fix $\tau \in 2^{\leq k}$. If $\tau \in S_{\text{bad}}$, then $[\tau] \subseteq X_{\text{bad}}$, so S_{good} has no extensions of τ .

Now, assume that $\tau \notin S_{bad}$. Since X is covered by $C \cdot 2^{-s \cdot k}$ balls of radius 2^{-k} , we may bound the 2^{-k} -precision complexity of any $x \in X$:

 $K(x \upharpoonright k) \le s \cdot k + \log C + O(1).$

This works for any $\sigma \in X \upharpoonright k$:

 $K(\sigma) \le s \cdot \operatorname{len}(\sigma) + \log C + O(1).$

Decomposition Lemma

Proof of (ii).

Suppose $\sigma \geq \tau$ for $\sigma \in X \upharpoonright k$. The Coding Theorem and Counting Theorem together imply τ has at most

 $\mathbf{2}^{K(\sigma)-K(\tau)+K(k)+O(\log \operatorname{len}(\tau))+O(1)}$

many descriptions of length $K(\sigma) + O(\log \operatorname{len}(\tau)) + O(1)$.

But any $\sigma \geq \tau$ generates a two-part description of this form. So, we may bound the number of extensions of τ which are "good":

$$\begin{split} \left| \left\{ \sigma \in X_{\text{good}} \upharpoonright k : \sigma \geq \tau \right\} \right| &\leq \max \left\{ 2^{K(\sigma) - K(\tau) + K(k) + O(\log \operatorname{len}(\tau)) + O(1)} : \sigma \in X \upharpoonright k \right\} \\ &\leq 2^{(s \cdot k + \log C + O(1)) - (s \cdot \operatorname{len}(\tau) - \log L) + o(k)} \\ &= 2^{s(k - \operatorname{len}(\tau)) + \log C + \log L + o(k)} \\ &\leq C' L \left(\frac{2^{-\operatorname{len}(\tau)}}{2^{-k}} \right)^{s}. \end{split}$$

Open Questions

Further Opportunities for Research

- 1. How does the **choice of net** (or, computable dense subset) on a metric space affect its AIT?
- 2. Is there a robust version of conditional, mutual dimension?
- 3. Implications of Infinitary Theorem for CALFs to GMT?
- 4. Which other GMT results admit (or, follow from) finitary statements?
- 5. Opportunities for **effectivizing the density result** over Cantor or net spaces? Reverse math, forcing notions, continuous semimeasures approach, lowness results, etc.

Thank you!

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