

## Demuth's path to randomness

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## Remark

- ▶ It is a survey of Demuth's work in the area of
  - constructive analysis
  - algorithmic randomness and computability
- ▶ A special focus: differentiability of Markov computable functions, various randomness notions based on various levels of null classes motivated by constructive analysis, results on tt-reducibility and semigenericity
- ▶ Some recent developments in Demuth's program: a link between computable analysis and algorithmic randomness



Figure: Oswald Demuth

## Osvald Demuth (1936-1988)

Primary interest: constructive analysis in the Russian style

- ▶ Master degree: Charles University, Prague, 1959
- ▶ (equivalent of) PhD: 1964, Moscow, supervisor A.A. Markov
- ▶ Habilitation: 1968, Charles University, Prague
- ▶ period after 1969:
  - ▶ a revenge for his opposition to Russian invasion in 1968
    - a ban to lecture at the university (1972-1978)
    - a ban to travel abroad (1969-1987)
  - ▶ nevertheless he was allowed to continue his scientific work at the university

Demuth's **constructivism** changed over time:  
from a strong constructivism working with constructive objects  
(like computable reals) to larger classes of non-constructive objects  
(like  $\Delta_2^0$  reals, arithmetical reals or even all reals)

Demuth's approach: extended constructivism

**RUSS** = Russian school of constructive mathematics:

- ▶ constructive objects coded by words in a finite alphabet
- ▶ constructive interpretation of mathematical propositions  
( $\exists, \vee$ )  
double negation elimination permissible only as Markov's  
principle (for computable functions  $\neg\neg f(x) \downarrow \implies f(x) \downarrow$ )

### Demuth's papers:

written in notationally heavy formal constructive language

We phrase notions and results in the modern language

### Computable reals:

computable sequences of rationals with a computable cauchy property

### Remark.

Subtle difference:

- *constructively*: a computable real **is** a finite syntactic object (an index of the sequence)
- *modern approach*: computable reals are those reals having a computable name

$\mathbb{R}_c$  = the collection of computable reals

### Markov computable functions:

$g : \mathbb{R}_c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_c$  is Markov computable if from any index of a computable real  $x$  one can compute an index of computable real  $g(x)$

### standard computable functions

$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is computable if

- (i) for every computable sequence of reals  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , the sequence  $(f(x_k))_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is computable
- (ii)  $f$  is effectively uniformly continuous

**Restriction in what follows.** Only Markov computable functions defined on all  $\mathbb{R}_c$  and constant outside  $[0, 1]$ .

## Remark

- ▶ each Markov computable function is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}_c$  (Ceřtin or Kreisel, Lacombe Shoenfield)
- ▶ Markov computable functions are not necessarily uniformly continuous

(hint: take a  $\Sigma_1^0$  class  $S$  containing all computable reals with the complement of  $S$  nonempty and define  $f$  piecewise linear on intervals from  $S$  with growing maximum at midpoints of these intervals. Thus,  $f$  takes arbitrarily large values at computable reals close to reals  $r \notin S$ ).

## Notation.

$\emptyset^{(n)}$ -uniform continuity means uniform continuity where a modulus of uniform continuity can be computed by  $\emptyset^{(n)}$

## Remark

- ▶  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous MC-functions can be obtained by restricting standard computable functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}_c$
- ▶ standard computable functions can be obtained by extending  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous MC-functions from  $\mathbb{R}_c$  to  $\mathbb{R}$

## Notions of randomness in Demuth's work.

Demuth did not use notion "randomness". He used

"non-approximability in measure" instead of "randomness"

"approximability in measure" instead of "non-randomness"

*randomness:*

in the context of probability, statistics, information theory

*non-approximability in measure:*

in the context of constructive analysis

## Survey of randomness notions studied by Demuth

- ▶ ***B*-measure zero** (and *B*-measurability)  
equivalent to ***B*-Schnorr tests** (and relevant measurability)
- ▶ **Denjoy randomness**  
equivalent to **Computable Randomness**, (for Denjoy alternative for  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous Markov computable functions)
- ▶ **non-approximability in measure, NAP-sets**  
equivalent to **ML-randomness**, (for differentiability of Markov computable functions of bounded variation)
- ▶ **non-weakly approximability in measure, NWAP-sets**  
now **Demuth randomness** (for Denjoy alternative for Markov computable functions)
- ▶ **NWAP\*-sets**  
now **weak Demuth randomness** (for computability theory)

Demuth 1969: a notion "for almost every computable real"

He used sequences of (so called)  $S_\sigma$  sets.

It is equivalent to Schnorr tests.

Later (extended constructivism) he defined relativized version of measure zero sets of reals and also the notion of relativized measure of sets of reals. The concept of *B-measure zero set of reals* is defined by means of *B-Schnorr tests* (i.e. Schnorr-tests relativized to  $B$ ).

Computable reals do not suffice to study the points of differentiability of Markov computable functions.

More reals are needed !

(There is an absolutely continuous Markov computable function not pseudo-differentiable at any computable real.)

Demuth 1975: introduced a notion equivalent to ML-randomness (not aware of 1966 paper by Martin-Löf). First for  $\Delta_2^0$  reals, later for arithmetical reals and eventually for all reals.

## Definition (Demuth 1975)

- ▶ A  $\Delta_2^0$  real  $x$  is a  $\Pi_1$ -number if there is a computable sequence of rationals  $(q_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n$  and a computable sequence of finite computable sets  $(C_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\lambda(\bigcup_{n \notin C_m} [q_n, q_{n+1}]) < 2^{-m}$ .
- ▶  $\Pi_2$ -numbers are those  $\Delta_2^0$  reals which are not  $\Pi_1$ -numbers.

## Facts.

- ▶  $\Pi_2$ -numbers are exactly  $\Delta_2^0$  reals which are ML-random.
- ▶  $\Pi_2$ -numbers are exactly  $\Delta_2^0$  reals which are finitely bounded random reals as defined by Brodhead, Downey, Ng.

## Some of Demuth's results (1975)

- ▶ There is a universal ML-test (in a different terminology)
- ▶ Using this test he later extended "ML-randomness" from  $\Delta_2^0$  reals to first  $\mathcal{A}_2$ -numbers (arithmetical ML-random reals) and yet later to all ML-random reals.
- ▶ Equivalence of Solovay randomness and ML-randomness (independently: a notion of Solovay tests).

## Algebraic operations on $\Pi_1$ -numbers and $\Pi_2$ -numbers

### Theorem (Demuth 1975)

- ▶ Any  $\Delta_2^0$  real can be expressed as the sum of two  $\Delta_2^0$  non-ML-random reals

*but*

- ▶ If  $\alpha$  is left-c.e. and ML-random, and  $\alpha = \beta_1 + \beta_2$  for left-c.e. reals  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  then at least one of them ( $\beta_1$  or  $\beta_2$ ) is also ML-random.

Theory of left-c.e. reals (developed by Solovay): an area of much interest in recent years.

## Differentiability of Markov computable functions.

**Problem:** such functions are only defined on the computable reals.

**Solution:** upper and lower “pseudo-derivatives” at a real  $z$ , taking the limit of slopes close to  $z$  where the function is defined.

Let  $g$  be a function defined on  $I_{\mathbb{Q}}$  (the rationals in  $[0, 1]$ ),  
 $z \in [0, 1]$ . Let

$$\tilde{D}g(z) =$$

$$\limsup_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \{S_g(a, b) : a, b \in I_{\mathbb{Q}} \wedge a \leq z \leq b \wedge 0 < b - a \leq h\}.$$

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$g$  is **pseudo-differentiable at**  $x$  if  $-\infty < \underline{D}g(x) = \tilde{D}g(x) < \infty$ ,  
in which case the value  $\underline{D}f(x) = \tilde{D}f(x)$  will be denoted  $f'(x)$ .

## Theorem (Demuth 75)

Let  $f$  be a Markov computable function of bounded variation.

- (i)  $f$  is pseudo-differentiable at any  $\Delta_2^0$  Martin-Löf random real.
- (ii) Furthermore, there is a Schnorr test relative to  $\emptyset'$  such that for any  $\Delta_2^0$  real  $\xi$  passing the test,  $\xi$  is Martin-Löf random,  $f'(\xi)$  exists, and  $f'(\xi)$  is a  $\Delta_2^0$  real which can be computed uniformly in  $\emptyset'$  and the representation of  $\xi$  as a  $\Delta_2^0$  real.

**Warning:** a Markov computable function of bounded variation

- ▶ need not be expressible as a difference of two non-decreasing Markov computable functions (Ceřtin and Zaslavskii)
- ▶ is expressible as  $f_1 - f_2$ , where  $f_1, f_2$  are non-decreasing *interval-c.e. functions*, but unfortunately, functions of this more general type need not be differentiable at each ML-random real (proved by Nies)
- ▶ a different and more complicated approach is needed.

### Idea:

(i)  $f$  is first truncated into a sequence of Lipschitz functions. By approximations of Lipschitz functions by polygonal functions it is proved that any Markov computable Lipschitz function is pseudo-differentiable at any ML-random real.

Then it is shown that outside of ML-null class of reals it yields pseudo-differentiability of  $f$ .

As to (ii), it uses the fact that there is a single Schnorr test (even Demuth test - see later) such that any  $z$  passing the test is  $GL_1$ .

### Remark:

Brattka, Miller, Nies proved a generalization of (i) for all ML-random reals (not only  $\Delta_2^0$ ).

### Definition (Demuth 1978, 1980)

We say that the *Denjoy alternative* holds for a (partial) function  $f$  at  $z \in [0, 1]$  if

$$\text{either } \tilde{D}f(z) = \underline{D}f(z) < \infty,$$

$$\text{or } \tilde{D}f(z) = \infty \text{ and } \underline{D}f(z) = -\infty.$$

### Definition (Demuth 1978, 1980)

A real  $z \in [0, 1]$  is called *Denjoy random* (or a *Denjoy set*) if for no Markov computable function  $g$  do we have  $\underline{D}g(z) = \infty$ .

Well-known fact from classical analysis (Denjoy, Young, Sacks):

For any function  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the reals  $z$  such that

$$\underline{D}g(z) = \infty \text{ form a null set.}$$

(Cater: a stronger fact. The reals  $z$  where the right lower derivative  $\underline{D}_+g(z)$  is infinite form a null set.)

### Theorem (Demuth 1978)

*If  $z \in [0, 1]$  is Denjoy random, then for every  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous Markov computable function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_c$  the Denjoy alternative holds at  $z$ .*

Combining this with the results of Bienvenu, Brattka, Hölzl, Miller, Nies it yields a characterization of computable randomness through differentiability of standard computable functions.

### Theorem (Bienvenu, Hölzl, Miller, Nies, 2014)

*The following are equivalent for a real  $z \in [0, 1]$ .*

- (i)  $z$  is Denjoy random.*
- (ii)  $z$  is computably random*
- (iii) for every standard computable  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the Denjoy alternative holds at  $z$ .*

## Remark

Demuth studied computable randomness indirectly via Denjoy randomness (Denjoy sets).

Example of his result.

## Theorem (Demuth 1988)

*Every Denjoy random set that is non-ML-random must be high.*

Nies, Stephan, Terwijn (2005) (independently) rediscovered this result and proved a kind of converse:

Each high degree contains a computably random set which is not ML-random.

## Question:

How much randomness is needed for Denjoy alternative for all Markov computable functions? ML-randomness is not sufficient.

## Theorem (Demuth 1976)

*There is a Markov computable function  $f$  such that the Denjoy alternative fails at some ML-random real  $z$ . Moreover,  $f$  is extendable to a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$ .*

This theorem has been reproved by Bienvenu, Hölzl, Miller and Nies and even strengthened: one can make such a  $z$  left-c.e.

Stronger randomness is needed ("Demuth randomness").

## Definition (Demuth 1982)

- ▶ A **Demuth test** is a sequence of c.e. open sets  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\forall m \lambda(S_m) \leq 2^{-m}$ , and there is a function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  with  $f \leq_{\text{wtt}} \emptyset'$  such that  $S_m = [W_{f(m)}]^\prec$ .  
A set  $Z$  *passes* the test if  $Z \not\subseteq S_m$  for almost every  $m$ . We say that  $Z$  is **Demuth random** if  $Z$  passes each Demuth test.
- ▶ We say that a set  $Z \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is **weakly Demuth random** if for each Demuth test  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  there is an  $m$  such that  $Z \not\subseteq S_m$ .

## Remark

A set  $Z$  is weakly Demuth random if and only if  $Z$  passes all **monotonic Demuth tests**, i.e. Demuth tests  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $S_m \supseteq S_{m+1}$ , for each  $m$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } S_0(q) &\equiv \forall k l (!\langle q \rangle(k, l) \& ! \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle q \rangle(k, t)), \\
 \hat{S}_0(q) &\equiv (S_0(q) \& \forall k (\hat{\mu}_1(\text{Lim}(s_1^1(q, k))) \leq 2^{-k})), \\
 \bar{S}_0(q) &\equiv (S_0(q) \& \forall k (\mu_0(\text{Lim}(s_1^1(q, k+1))) \leq 2^{-k-1})), \\
 \mathcal{K}(p, q) &\equiv (\mathcal{K}_0(q) \& \forall k (!\langle p \rangle(k) \& \text{Mis}(s_1^1(q, k)) \leq \langle p \rangle(k))),
 \end{aligned}$$

где  $\mathcal{K}$  одно из выражений  $S$ ,  $\hat{S}$  и  $\bar{S}$ ,

б) если верно  $S_0(q)$ , то

$$\mathcal{F}_q \equiv \bigcap_m \bigcup_{n \geq m} [W_{\text{Lim}(s_1^1(q, n))}] ,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_q^* \equiv \bigcup_m \bigcap_{n \geq m} [W_{\text{Lim}(s_1^1(q, n))}] ,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_q \equiv \bigcup_k [G_{\text{Lim}(s_1^1(q, k))}]_c ,$$

$$\text{в) } \mathcal{A}_\alpha \equiv \wedge X (\neg \neg \exists m (\hat{S}(p, m) \& X \in \mathcal{F}_m)) ;$$

$$2) \mathcal{A}_\alpha \equiv \wedge X (\neg \neg \exists p q (\hat{S}(p, q) \& X \in \mathcal{F}_q^*)) ,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\alpha^* \equiv \wedge X (\neg \neg \exists p q (\hat{S}(p, q) \& X \in \mathcal{F}_q^*)) ,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\beta \equiv \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{A}_\alpha .$$

Figure:  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$  is the definition of Demuth randomness (1982)

## Theorem (Demuth 1983)

*Let  $z$  be a Demuth random real. Then the Denjoy alternative holds at  $z$  for every Markov computable function.*

## Remark (Bienvenu, Hölzl, Miller and Nies, 2012)

- i) difference randomness (introduced by Franklin and Ng) is sufficient as a hypothesis on the real  $z$  in the above Theorem
- ii) the “randomness notion” to make the Denjoy alternative hold for each Markov computable function is incomparable with ML-randomness!

## Computability-theoretic properties of Demuth randomness

### Theorem (Demuth 1982, 1988)

*For any Demuth random  $z$*

- ▶  $z' \equiv_{\emptyset' - tt} z$   
and, thus,
- ▶  $z' \equiv_T z \oplus \emptyset'$  (i.e.  $z \in GL_1$ )

Warning:  $z' \equiv_{\emptyset' - tt} z$  does not imply  $z' \equiv_{tt} z \oplus \emptyset'$   
(due to a computable bound on the use of  $\emptyset'$  in a tt-reduction).

### Theorem (Demuth 1982, 1988)

*There is a single Demuth test  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that for every  $z$  for which  $z \in S_m$  for at most finitely many  $m$ ,  $z$  is generalized low.*

## Theorem (Demuth 1988)

Let  $y$  be Demuth random and  $x$  ML-random. If  $x \leq_T y$  then  $x$  is Demuth random.

A variant of this Theorem was only recently rediscovered.

Miller, Yu (2008): for every 2-random  $y$  and ML-random  $x$ ,  $x \leq_T y$  implies that  $x$  is 2-random.

More generally: it holds for any  $z$ -ML-random instead of 2-random.

Idea of these proofs: For a Turing functional  $\Phi$  and  $n > 0$  let

$$S_{\Phi,n}^A = [\{\sigma \in \{0,1\}^* : A \upharpoonright n \preceq \Phi^\sigma\}]^c.$$

Demuth and K. (1987), and independently Miller and Yu (2008) proved that if  $A$  is Martin-Löf random then there is a constant  $c$  such that  $\forall n \lambda(S_{\Phi,n}^A) \leq 2^{-n+c}$ .

### Theorem (Demuth 1988)

*For any  $z \geq_T \emptyset'$ , there is a Demuth random  $x$  such that  $x' \equiv_T z$ .*

### Corollary

*There exists a  $\Delta_2^0$  Demuth random real.*

The above theorem is proved by using the following strong result.

### Theorem (Demuth 1988)

*For any  $y, z$ , any  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq [0, 1]$  of  $y$ -measure zero, there is a  $x \notin \mathcal{E}$  such that  $x \leq_T y \oplus z$  and  $z \leq_T x \oplus y$ .*

## Theorem (Demuth 1988)

*There is a  $\emptyset'$ -computable function  $g$  such that for every Demuth random  $z$  and every  $z$ -partial computable function  $f$ ,  $f(n) \leq g(n)$  for almost every  $n$ .*

**Kurtz 1981:**  $\emptyset'$  is **uniformly almost everywhere dominating**, (i.e. there is a  $\emptyset'$ -computable function dominating every total function computable from a member of a measure one set of reals  $\mathcal{S}$ ).  
Demuth (unaware of this result) improved it in two ways,

- (1) by showing that  $\mathcal{S}$  includes every Demuth random real, and
- (2) by showing the function  $g$  dominates every **partial** function computable from every Demuth random.

**Kjos-Hanssen, Miller, Solomon, 2012:**

$C$  is **UAED** if and only if  $C \geq_{LR} \emptyset'$ .

## Demuth randomness and lowness notions

Examples of recent results:

- (i) [K, Nies, 2011](#): every c.e. set Turing below a Demuth random set is strongly jump traceable  
[Greenberg, Turetsky, 2014](#): every c.e. strongly jump traceable set has a Demuth random set Turing above
  
- (ii) [Nies, 2012](#): each base for Demuth randomness is strongly jump traceable.  
[Greenberg, Turetsky, 2014](#): This inclusion is proper.

Recall that the **lower density** of a measurable set  $\mathcal{P}$  at a real  $z$  is

$$\rho(\mathcal{P}|z) = \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0} \{ \lambda(\mathcal{P} \cap I) / \lambda(I) : I \text{ is an open interval, } z \in I \text{ \& } |I| < h \}.$$

## Definition

A real  $z$  is

- ▶ a **density-one point** if for every effectively closed class  $\mathcal{P}$  containing  $z$ ,  $\rho(\mathcal{P}|z) = 1$ .
- ▶ a **positive density point** if for every effectively closed class  $\mathcal{P}$  containing  $z$ ,  $\rho(\mathcal{P}|z) > 0$ .

## Theorem (Demuth 1982)

*Every weakly Demuth random is a density-one point.*

*Moreover, there is a single Demuth test  $(S_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that every real for which  $z \notin S_m$  for infinitely many  $m$  is a density-one point.*

A slightly stronger randomness than Demuth randomness

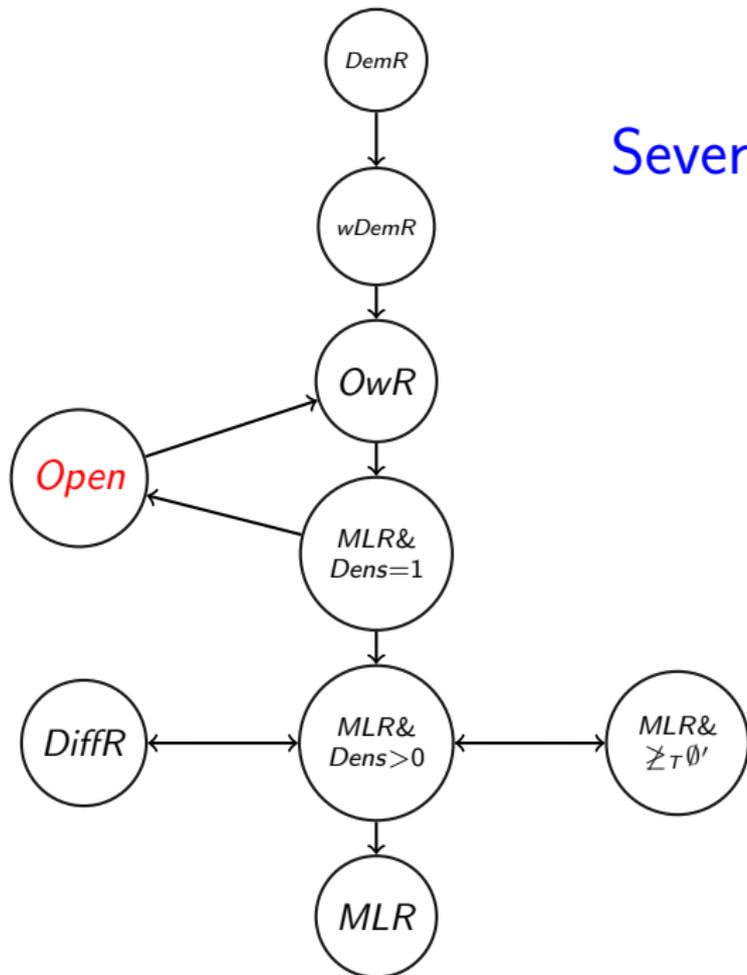
Definition (Bienvenu, Greenberg, K., Nies, Turetsky, s:2013)

- (i) A **left-c.e. bounded test** is an effective descending sequence  $(U_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  of effectively open sets in  $[0, 1]$  together with computable increasing sequence of rationals  $(\beta_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  with limit  $\beta$  such that  $\lambda(U_m) \leq \beta - \beta_m$  for every  $m$ .
- (ii) A real  $z$  is **Oberwolfach random** if and only if it passes every left-c.e. bounded test.

Theorem (Bienvenu, Greenberg, K., Nies, Turetsky, s:2013)

*Every Oberwolfach random is a density-one point.*

Several authors



## Importance of density-one points and positive density points

Notions of density-one and positive density were used for a solution of so-called "covering problem"

### Theorem (Group 1 and Group 2, 2014)

*A set  $A$  is  $K$ -trivial if and only if there is a set  $Z$  which is ML-random,  $A <_T Z$  and  $Z \not\leq_T \emptyset'$ .*

**Group 1:** Bienvenu, Greenberg, K, Nies, Turetsky  
(Every  $K$ -trivial is Turing below any ML-random which is not Oberwolfach random)

**Group 2:** Day, Miller  
(There is ML-random which is of positive density but not of density 1).

## Reducibilities based on constructive analysis

By  $R$  we denote an operator mapping a Markov computable function  $g$  to the maximal continuous extension  $R[g]$  of  $g$ .

### Definition (Demuth 1988)

Given  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ ,

- ▶  $\alpha$  is  **$f$ -reducible** to  $\beta$ , denoted  $\alpha \leq_f \beta$ , if there is a Markov computable function  $g$  such that  $R[g](\beta) = \alpha$ .
- ▶  $\alpha$  is  **$\emptyset$ -ucf-reducible** to  $\beta$ , denoted  $\alpha \leq_{\emptyset\text{-ucf}} \beta$ , if  $\alpha$  is  $f$ -reducible to  $\beta$  via a Markov computable function  $g$  that is  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous.
- ▶  $\alpha$  is **mf-reducible** to  $\beta$ , denoted  $\alpha \leq_{\text{mf}} \beta$ , if  $\alpha$  is  $f$ -reducible to  $\beta$  via a Markov computable function  $g$  that is monotonically increasing.

To compare these reducibilities to those from computability theory one needs to exclude a set  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  of  $\emptyset$ -measure zero that contains all finite and cofinite sequences.

### Theorem (Demuth 1988)

1. *For any  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous Markov computable function  $f$ , one can uniformly obtain an index of a tt-functional  $\Phi$  such that for every  $A, B \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $B \notin \mathcal{C}$ ,*

$$A \leq_{\emptyset\text{-ucf}} B \text{ via } f \text{ if and only if } A \leq_{\text{tt}} B \text{ via } \Phi.$$

2. *For any tt-functional  $\Phi$ , one can uniformly obtain the index of a  $\emptyset$ -uniformly continuous Markov computable function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that for any  $A, B \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $A, B \notin \mathcal{C}$*

$$A \leq_{\emptyset\text{-ucf}} B \text{ via } f \text{ if and only if } A \leq_{\text{tt}} B \text{ via } \Phi.$$

The following theorem is known as "Demuth's theorem".

Theorem (Demuth 1988, "Demuth's theorem")

*If  $B$  is non-computable and tt-reducible to a ML-random  $A$ , then there is a ML-random  $C$  such that*

$$B \leq_{\text{tt}} C \leq_T B.$$

Demuth's result is, in a sense, the best possible.

Theorem (Bienvenu, Porter, 2012)

*There is a ML-random  $A$  and a tt-functional  $\Phi$  such that  $\Phi(A)$  is non-computable and cannot wtt-compute any ML-random.*

Recent proofs (following Kautz): in terms of **computable measures**.

**Demuth's proof** takes a different approach based on  **$\emptyset$ -ucf-reduction** and **mf-reduction**:

- 1) tt-reduction  $\Phi$  is replaced by an  $\emptyset$ -ucf reduction by some Markov computable function  $f$
- 2) From this function  $f$  a set  $C$  is constructed such that  $B \leq_{\text{mf}} C$  by a monotone Markov computable function  $g$
- 3) mf-reduction by  $g$  yields tt-reduction from  $B$  to  $C$ .

Close examination shows: the function  $g$  witnessing the mf-reduction is the distribution function of the computable measure induced by the initial tt-functional  $\Phi$ .

Thus, **both proofs are, in fact, similar**.

## Definition (Demuth 1987)

A non-computable set  $Z$  is called **semigeneric** if every  $\Pi_1^0$  class containing  $Z$  has a computable member (i.e. every  $\Sigma_1^0$  class containing every computable set contains also  $Z$ ).

Semigenericity means to be close to computable (the set cannot be separated from the computable sets by a  $\Pi_1^0$  class).

The notion was later studied by J. Miller (2002) (**unavoidability**) and by Kalantari and Welch (2003) (**shadow points**).

Semigenericity plays an important role in constructive analysis.

**Remark.** For every Markov computable function  $g$ , the classical extension  $R[g]$  of  $g$  is continuous at every semigeneric real.

## Definition

- ▶ **Ceitin 1970:** A set  $Z$  is **strongly undecidable** if there is a partial computable function  $p$  such that for any computable set  $M$  and any index  $v$  of its characteristic function,  $p(v) \downarrow$  &  $Z \upharpoonright p(v) \neq M \upharpoonright p(v)$ .
- ▶ **Miller 2002:** If the function  $p$  is total  $Z$  is **hyperavoidable**.

## Theorem (Demuth, K. 1987; Miller 2002)

*A non-computable set  $Z$  is semigeneric if and only if  $Z$  is not strongly undecidable.*

## Remark.

- ▶ unavoidable = computable or semigeneric
- ▶ avoidable = strongly undecidable =  
= non-computable and non-semigeneric
- ▶ hyperavoidable =  
= non-computable and non-weakly semigeneric  
(defined next)

## Easy fact.

A non-computable set  $A$  is semigeneric if  $A$  belongs to any  $\Sigma_1^0$  class  $[W_a]^\prec$  for which there is a partial computable function  $p$  such that for any computable set  $M$  and any index  $v$  of  $M$ ,  $p(v) \downarrow$  &  $\sigma \preceq M \upharpoonright p(v)$  for some string  $\sigma \in W_a$ .

## Definition

A non-computable set  $A$  is **weakly semigeneric** if  $A$  belongs to any  $\Sigma_1^0$  class  $[W_a]^\prec$  for which there is a **total** computable function  $h$  such that for any  $e$  if  $\varphi_e(j) \downarrow$  and  $\varphi_e(j) \leq 1$  for all  $j < h(e)$  then for  $\tau = \varphi_e(0) \dots \varphi_e(h(e) - 1)$  we have  $\sigma \preceq \tau$  for some string  $\sigma \in W_a$ .

Theorem (Kjos-Hanssen, Merkle, Stephan)

*Hyperavoidable sets are equivalent to **complex** sets*

*i.e. sets  $X$ ,  $C(X \upharpoonright n) \geq f(n)$  for some computable order  $f$ .*

## Theorem (Demuth 1987)

1. *No semigeneric real can tt-compute a ML-random real.  
(Bienvenu, Porter: the converse does not hold)*
2. *If a set  $Z$  is semigeneric then any set  $B$  such that  $\emptyset <_{\text{tt}} B \leq_{\text{tt}} Z$  is also semigeneric (non-computable semigeneric reals are closed downwards under tt-reducibility).*

Item (2): **similarity with Demuth's theorem.** The class of non-computable reals that are ML-random with respect to some computable measure is closed downwards under tt-reducibility.

A similar result to (1):

## Theorem (Demuth, K., 1987)

*No 1-generic can T-compute a ML-random.*

Demuth also established some connections between semigenericity and Denjoy randoms (computable randoms):

### Theorem (Demuth 1990)

- ▶ *every non-ML-random Denjoy random real is high*
- ▶ *every real of high degree can compute a semigeneric Denjoy random real*
- ▶ *there is a minimal Turing degree containing a semigeneric Denjoy random real*
- ▶ *every semigeneric Denjoy random real is  $\text{tt}$ -reducible to a Denjoy random that is neither semigeneric nor ML-random.*

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Thank you