

Graphs between computable and highly computable

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Computable Sets

A subset of \mathbb{N} is computable if there is some algorithm which determines membership.

Algorithm means... C++ program... or Turing machine. The algorithm is finite, but we have unlimited time and space.

$\{\varphi_e\}_{e \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a complete, effective list of all algorithms.

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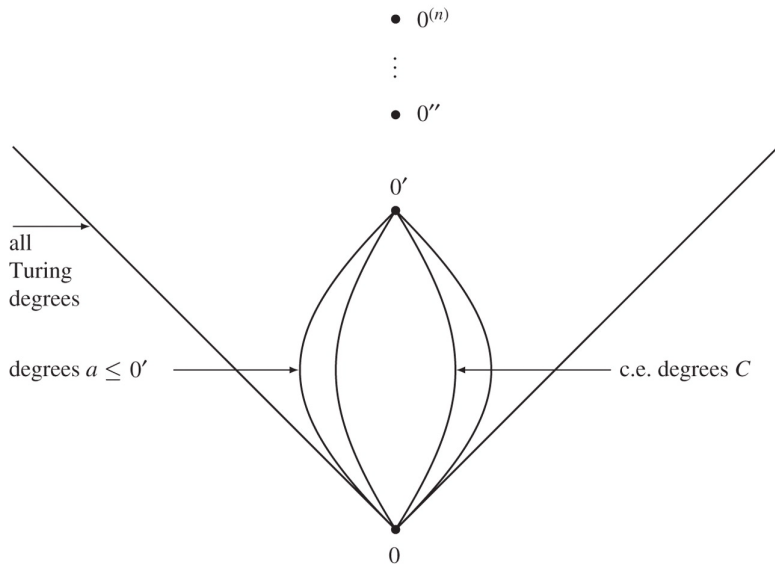
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(A small part of) The Big Picture



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Classification of sets low for graph neighborhood

Theorem (JLM)

Let $A \leq_T K$ be a non-computable set. The following are equivalent.

- 1 A is low for graph neighborhood.*
- 2 Every c.e. set $B \leq_T A$ is computable.*
- 3 Every A -computable graph with finite chromatic number has finite computable chromatic number.*
- 4 Every A -computable graph with an Euler path has a computable Euler path.*

Thanks

Slides and paper:



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