

# Lab10-Various Sets

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1. Prove the following statements.

- (a) If  $B$  is r.e. and  $A \cap B$  is productive, then  $A$  is productive.
- (b) If  $C$  is creative and  $A$  is an r.e. set such that  $A \cap C = \emptyset$ , then  $C \cup A$  is creative.

**Solution.** (a) We can define

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y \in W_x \wedge y \in B \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

According to the partial decidability of ' $y \in W_x$ ' and ' $x \in B$ ',  $f(x, y)$  is computable. The s-m-n theorem provides a total computable function  $k(x)$  such that  $f(x, y) \simeq \phi_{k(x)}(y)$ , and  $W_{k(x)} = W_x \cap B$ . For whenever  $W_x \subseteq A$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_x \subseteq A &\Rightarrow W_{k(x)} \subseteq A \cap B \Rightarrow g(k(x)) \in A \cap B \setminus W_{k(x)} \\ &\Rightarrow g(k(x)) \in A \cap B \setminus (W_x \cap B) = (A \setminus W_x) \cap B \\ &\Rightarrow g(k(x)) \in A \setminus W_x \end{aligned}$$

where  $g$  is the productive function of  $A \cap B$ . Hence,  $g(k(x))$  is the productive function of  $A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is productive.

- (b) For both  $A$  and  $C$  are r.e.,  $A \cup C$  is r.e. according to Theorem 7-2.13. We can define

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y \in W_x \vee y \in A \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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$$W_{k(x)} = W_x \cup A$$

For whenever  $W_x \subseteq \overline{C} \cap \overline{A}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_x \subseteq \overline{C} \cap \overline{A} &\Rightarrow W_x \subseteq \overline{C} \Rightarrow W_x \cup A \subseteq \overline{C} \cup A \Rightarrow W_{k(x)} \subseteq \overline{C} \\ &\Rightarrow g(k(x)) \in \overline{C} \setminus (A \cup W_x) \Rightarrow g(k(x)) \in \overline{C} \cap \overline{A} \setminus W_x \end{aligned}$$

where  $g$  is the productive function of  $\overline{C}$ . Hence,  $g(k(x))$  is the productive function of  $\overline{C} \cap \overline{A}$ . Therefore,  $C \cup A$  is creative. □

- 2. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a set of unary computable functions, and suppose that  $g \in \mathcal{B}$  is such that for all finite  $\theta \subseteq g$ ,  $\theta \notin \mathcal{B}$ . Prove that the set  $\{x \mid \phi_x \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is productive.

**Solution.** Let  $B = \{x \mid \phi_x \in \mathcal{B}\}$ . Define  $f(x, y)$  as

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} g(y) & \text{if } \neg H_n(x, x, y), \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

According to s-m-n theorem, there is a total computable function  $k(x)$ , such that  $\phi_{k(x)}(y) \simeq f(x, y)$ . Then

$$x \in W_x \Leftrightarrow \phi_{k(x)} \text{ is finite} \Leftrightarrow k(x) \notin B$$

$$x \notin W_x \Leftrightarrow \phi_{k(x)} = g \Leftrightarrow k(x) \in B$$

Therefore,  $x \in \overline{K} \Leftrightarrow k(x) \in B$ . Since  $\overline{K}$  is productive,  $B$  is productive.  $\square$

3. If  $A \oplus B = \{2x \mid x \in A\} \cup \{2x + 1 \mid x \in B\}$ ,  $A \otimes B = \{\pi(x, y) \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$ , prove the following statements.

- (a) Suppose  $B$  is r.e. If  $A$  is creative, then so are  $A \oplus B$  and  $A \otimes B$  (provided  $B \neq \emptyset$ ).
- (b) If  $B$  is recursive, then the implications in (a) reverse.
- (c) If  $A, B$  are simple sets, prove that  $A \otimes B$  is not simple but that  $\overline{A \otimes B}$  is simple.

**Solution.** (a) i. Since  $A$  is creative,  $\overline{A}$  is productive.

$$\begin{cases} x \in A \oplus B \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{2} \in A, \text{ If } x \text{ is an even number,} \\ x \in A \oplus B \Leftrightarrow \frac{x-1}{2} \in B, \text{ If } x \text{ is an odd number.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are both r.e.,  $A \oplus B$  is also r.e.

$$x \in \overline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \Leftrightarrow 2x \notin A \oplus B \Leftrightarrow 2x \in \overline{A \oplus B}$$

Since  $\overline{A}$  is productive,  $\overline{A \oplus B}$  is productive according to Theorem 7-3.2. Therefore,  $A \oplus B$  is creative.

- ii. By the definition of  $A \otimes B$ ,  $z \in A \otimes B \Leftrightarrow \pi_1(z) \in A \wedge \pi_2(z) \in B$ . Since both  $A$  and  $B$  are r.e.,  $A \otimes B$  is also r.e.

For  $B \neq \emptyset$ , randomly pick  $y$  from  $B$ , such that

$$x \in \overline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \Leftrightarrow \pi(x, y) \notin A \otimes B \Leftrightarrow \pi(x, y) \in \overline{A \otimes B}.$$

Since  $\overline{A}$  is productive,  $\overline{A \otimes B}$  is productive according to Theorem 7-3.2. Therefore,  $A \otimes B$  is creative.

- (b) i. If  $A \oplus B$  is creative:

$$x \in A \Leftrightarrow 2x \in A \oplus B$$

$A \oplus B$  is r.e., therefore  $A$  is r.e..

Suppose  $g$  is the productive function of  $\overline{A \oplus B}$ . Define

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y \text{ is even and } y/2 \in W_x \\ 1 & \text{if } y \text{ is odd and } (y-1)/2 \notin W_x \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

There exists a total computable function  $k(x)$  such that  $\phi_{k(x)} \simeq f(x, y)$  by the s-m-n theorem. For any  $W_x \subseteq \overline{A}$ , we have  $W_{k(x)} \subseteq \overline{A \oplus B}$  and  $g(k(x)) \in \overline{A \oplus B} \setminus W_{k(x)} = \{x \mid x \text{ is even and } x/2 \in \overline{A} \text{ and } x/2 \notin W_x\}$ . Therefore  $g(k(x))/2 \in \overline{A} \setminus W_x$ , which is a productive function for  $\overline{A}$ .

Now we can conclude  $A$  is creative.

ii. If  $A \otimes B$  is creative:

Choose an arbitrary number  $y_0 \in B$ , we have

$$x \in A \Leftrightarrow \pi(x, y_0) \in A \otimes B$$

$A \otimes B$  is r.e., therefore  $A$  is r.e.

Choose an arbitrary number  $y_1 \notin B$ , define

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \pi_1(y) \in W_x \text{ or } \pi_2(y) \notin B \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

There exists a total computable function  $k(x)$  such that  $\phi_{k(x)} \simeq f(x, y)$  by the s-m-n theorem. For any  $W_x \subseteq \overline{A}$ , we have  $W_{k(x)} \subseteq \overline{A \otimes B}$  and  $g(k(x)) \in \overline{A \otimes B} \setminus W_{k(x)} = \overline{A \otimes B} \setminus \overline{W_x \otimes B}$ .  $\pi_1(g(k(x))) \in \overline{A} \setminus W_x$ , which is a productive function for  $\overline{A}$ .

Now we can conclude  $A$  is creative.

(c) i. Since  $\overline{A}$  is infinite, there is an  $a \notin A$ .

Since both  $\{a\}$  and  $B$  are r.e., we have  $\{a\} \otimes B \subset \overline{A \otimes B}$  is r.e. On the other hand, since  $B$  is not recursive, it must be infinite. Thus  $|\{a\} \otimes B| = |B|$  is also infinite. Therefore,  $\overline{A \otimes B}$  has an infinite r.e. subset, indicating it is not simple.

ii. By definition,  $\overline{\overline{A \otimes B}} = \{\pi(x, y) | x \in A \vee y \in B\}$ , then  $x \in \overline{\overline{A \otimes B}} \Leftrightarrow \pi_1(x) \in A \vee \pi_2(x) \in B$ , which is partially decidable since both  $A$  and  $B$  are r.e.

Therefore  $\overline{\overline{A \otimes B}}$  is r.e. And since  $\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{B}$  are both infinite,  $\overline{\overline{A \otimes B}}$  is infinite. Furthermore, if there is a r.e. set  $C \subseteq \overline{\overline{A \otimes B}}$ , then  $\pi_1(C) \subseteq \overline{A}$  and  $\pi_2(C) \subseteq \overline{B}$ , where  $|\pi_1(C)| * |\pi_2(C)| = |C|$ . Thus either  $\pi_1(C)$  and  $\pi_2(C)$  is an infinite set which leads to a contradiction.

Hence  $\overline{\overline{A \otimes B}}$  contains no r.e. subset. Therefore,  $\overline{\overline{A \otimes B}}$  is simple.

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