

# Orders

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# 1 Preorders

We begin by studying the properties of preorders. Basically, we define a *property* as a class which is close under isomorphism. We then define the sum operation on preorders. This will be used to create new properties from old ones.

**Definitions 1.1** ((Labeled) preorder). A preorder is a set  $M$  together with a binary relation  $\leq$  on  $M$  such that  $\leq$  is reflexive and transitive.

A labeled preorder is a preorder  $M$  together with a labeling function  $\gamma : M \rightarrow C$ , where  $C$  is a set of labels (colors).

**Definition 1.2** (Property of preorders). A property  $\mathbf{P}$  of preorders is a class of labeled preorders which is closed under isomorphism.

**Definition 1.3.** A property  $\mathbf{P}$  of preorders is monotone if for every preorder  $M$ ,  $M \in \mathbf{P}$  implies that every suborder of  $M$  is in  $\mathbf{P}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $M$  be a (labeled) preorder.

Then  $M^*$  is the dual/reverse (labeled) preorder of  $M$ .

**Definition 1.5** (Sum of preorders). Let  $I$  be a preorder, and let  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of labeled preorders.

The sum  $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$  is defined as follows:

The domain is  $M = \bigsqcup_{i \in I} M_i$  (a disjoint union).

Let  $\leq_i$  be the preorder on  $M_i$ .

Let  $x \in M_i$  and  $y \in M_j$ .

Then we define  $x \leq y$  iff either  $i = j$  and  $x \leq_i y$  or  $i < j$ .

The labels are defined naturally.

If  $I = 2$ , we define  $M_1 + M_2 := \sum_{i \in 2} M_i$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $I$  be a preorder, and let  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of preorders.

Then  $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$  is a preorder.

*Proof.* Reflexivity is clear.

For transitivity, suppose  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ .

Suppose  $x \in M_i$ ,  $y \in M_j$ ,  $z \in M_k$ .

Then  $i \leq j$  and  $j \leq k$ , so  $i \leq k$ . If  $i = k$ , then necessarily  $i = j = k$ , and so  $x \leq_i y$  and  $y \leq_i z$ , so  $x \leq_i z$ , so  $x \leq z$ , as required.

Otherwise,  $i < k$ , and thus  $x \leq z$ , as required.  $\square$

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$  be properties of preorders.

Then we define

$$\mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_2 := \{M_1 + M_2 : M_1 \in \mathbf{P}_1 \wedge M_2 \in \mathbf{P}_2\}$$

**Definition 1.8.** A property  $\mathbf{P}$  of preorders is an additive property if for every preorders  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ,  $M_1 + M_2 \in \mathbf{P}$  iff  $M_1, M_2 \in \mathbf{P}$ .

**Definition 1.9** (Kleene plus). *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a property of preorders.*

*We define its Kleene plus as the smallest property of preorders  $\mathbf{P}^+$  which contains  $\mathbf{P}$  and is closed under finite sums.*

*That is,  $1^+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , and  $\mathbf{P}^+ = \sum_{1^+} \mathbf{P}$ .*

**Definition 1.10** (Sum of a property over a preorder). *Let  $I$  be a preorder.*

*Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of preorders.*

*Then we define*

$$\sum_I \mathbf{Q} := \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} M_i : \forall i \in I. M_i \in \mathbf{Q} \right\}$$

**Definition 1.11** (Sum of a family of properties over a preorder). *Let  $I$  be a preorder.*

*Let  $\{\mathbf{Q}_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of properties of preorders.*

*Then we define*

$$\sum_{i \in I} \mathbf{Q}_i := \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} M_i : \forall i \in I. M_i \in \mathbf{Q}_i \right\}$$

**Note 1.12.** *By the previous two definitions,*

$$\sum_I \mathbf{Q} = \sum_{i \in I} \mathbf{Q}$$

**Definition 1.13** (Sum of properties over a labeled preorder). *Let  $I$  be a labeled preorder, with a labeling function  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \vec{C}$ , where  $\vec{C}$  is a set of colors.*

*Let  $\vec{\mathbf{Q}} = \{\mathbf{Q}_c\}_{c \in \vec{C}}$  be a family of properties of preorders, indexed by the colors.*

*Then we define*

$$\sum_I [\vec{C} \leftarrow \vec{\mathbf{Q}}] := \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} M_i : \forall i \in I. M_i \in \mathbf{Q}_{\gamma(i)} \right\}$$

**Notes 1.14.** 1. *We can see a sum over an unlabeled preorder  $I$  as a sum over a labeled preorder with a constant labeling function  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \{1\}$ .*

2. *We can see  $P_1 + P_2$  as a sum over  $I = \{1, 2\}$ , colored with  $\gamma(i) = i$ .*

**Definition 1.15** (Sum of a property over a property). *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a property of unlabeled preorders.*

*Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of preorders.*

*Then we define,*

$$\sum_{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{Q} := \left\{ \sum_I \mathbf{Q} : I \in \mathbf{P} \right\}$$

**Definition 1.16** (Sum of a property over a labeled property). *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a property of labeled preorders, over a set of colors  $\vec{C}$ .*

*Let  $\vec{\mathbf{Q}} = \{\mathbf{Q}_c\}_{c \in \vec{C}}$  be a family of properties of preorders,  
Then we define,*

$$\sum_{\mathbf{P}} [\vec{C} \leftarrow \vec{\mathbf{Q}}] := \left\{ \sum_I [\vec{C} \leftarrow \vec{M}] : I \in \mathbf{P} \right\}$$

## 2 Linear Orders

**Definitions 2.1** ((Labeled) linear order). A (labeled) linear order  $a$  (labeled) preorder which is symmetric and total.

**Definition 2.2** (Property of linear orders). A property  $\mathbf{P}$  of linear orders is a class of labeled linear orders which is closed under isomorphism.

**Definition 2.3.** Subintervals Let  $M$  be a linear order, and let  $x, y \in M$ , such that  $x \leq y$ .

Then we define the bounded subintervals  $[x, y]$ ,  $(x, y]$ ,  $[x, y)$  and  $(x, y)$  as usual.

We also define the semi-bounded subintervals  $(-\infty, x]$ ,  $[x, \infty)$ ,  $(-\infty, x)$  and  $(x, \infty)$  as usual.

We also define the unbounded subinterval  $(-\infty, \infty)$  as the whole linear order  $M$ , as usual.

A subinterval is either a bounded subinterval, a semi-bounded subinterval or the unbounded subinterval.

If  $x > y$  then we define the intervals as follows:

$$[x, y] := [y, x]$$

$$(x, y] := (y, x]$$

$$[x, y) := [y, x)$$

$$(x, y) := (y, x)$$

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $M$  be a linear order.

A set  $A \subseteq M$  is left cofinal in  $M$  if for every  $x \in M$ , there exists  $y \in A$  such that  $y < x$ .

A set  $A \subseteq M$  is right cofinal in  $M$  if for every  $x \in M$ , there exists  $y \in A$  such that  $x < y$ .

A set  $A \subseteq M$  is bi-directionally cofinal in  $M$  if it is both left and right cofinal.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an additive property of linear orders.

Let  $M \in \mathbf{P}$  be a linear order.

Let  $x, y \in M$  be any two points in a linear order  $M$ .

Then,  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ .

*Proof.* WLOG, suppose  $x \leq y$ .

Note that,

$$M = (-\infty, \infty) = (-\infty, x) + [x, y] + (y, \infty)$$

when  $(-\infty, x)$  and/or  $(y, \infty)$  may be empty.

Since  $\mathbf{P}$  is an additive property, we conclude that  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ . □

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a nontrivial additive property of linear orders.

Then  $1 \in \mathbf{P}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M \in \mathbf{P}$  be any linear order and let  $x \in M$  be any point in  $M$ .

Apply lemma 2.5 to the linear order  $M$ , and the points  $x$  and  $x$ , to conclude that  $[x, x] \equiv 1 \in \mathbf{P}$ .  $\square$

**Note 2.7.** Note that corollary 2.6 is false if we do not restrict ourselves to linear orders.

For example,  $(1 \oplus 1)^+$  is a property of preorders which is additive, but does not contain 1.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an additive property of linear orders.

Let  $M$  be a linear order.

Let  $x, y \in M$  be any two points in a linear order  $M$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{P}$
2.  $(x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$
3.  $[x, y) \in \mathbf{P}$
4.  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$

*Proof.* This is just applying the definition of an additive property to the orders  $[x, y]$  and 1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an additive property of linear orders.

Let  $M$  be a linear order.

Let  $x, y, z \in M$  be any three points in a linear order  $M$ , such that  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $[y, z] \in \mathbf{P}$ .

Then  $[x, z] \in \mathbf{P}$ .

*Proof.* If  $y \in [x, z]$ , then  $[x, z] = [x, y] + (y, z]$ , and  $(y, z] \in \mathbf{P}$  by corollary 2.8.

Otherwise, either  $x \in [y, z]$  or  $z \in [x, y]$ . WLOG, suppose  $z \in [x, y]$ .

Then  $[x, y] = [x, z] + (z, y]$ , so  $[x, z] \in \mathbf{P}$  by the fact that  $\mathbf{P}$  is additive.  $\square$

**Definitions 2.10.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a property of linear orders.

We define the following properties of linear orders:

- $\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$  is the class of linear orders  $M$  such that for every  $x, y \in M$ , the bounded subinterval  $[x, y]$  is in  $\mathbf{P}$ .
- $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$  is the class of linear orders  $M$  such that for every  $x \in M$ , the left-bounded ray  $[x, \infty) = \{y \in M : x \leq y\}$  is in  $\mathbf{P}$ .
- $\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$  is the class of linear orders  $M$  such that for every  $x \in M$ , the right-bounded ray  $(-\infty, x] = \{y \in M : y \leq x\}$  is in  $\mathbf{P}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** A property  $\mathbf{P}$  of linear orders is a star property if for every linear orders  $M$ , and every family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  of subintervals of  $M$  such that  $J_1 \cap J_2 \neq \emptyset$  for every  $J_1, J_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ , we have that  $\bigcup \mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{P}$ .

**Lemma 2.12.** *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a star property.*

*Then for every linear order  $M$ , and every point  $x \in M$ , there exists a largest subinterval  $J \subseteq M$  such that  $J \in \mathbf{P}$ .*

*Equivalently, we can define a convex equivalence relation  $\sim_{\mathbf{P}}$  on  $M$  such that  $x \sim_{\mathbf{P}} y$  iff  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ .*

*That is,  $x \sim_{\mathbf{P}} y$  iff  $x$  and  $y$  are in the same largest  $\mathbf{P}$ -subinterval.*

*Proof.* Let  $J \subseteq M$  be the union of all  $\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ -subintervals containing  $x$ . All such subintervals intersect at  $x$ .

Therefore, by the star lemma,  $J$  is in  $\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ , and by definition  $J$  is the largest  $\mathbf{P}$ -subinterval containing  $x$ .

Thus we can define the equivalence relation  $\sim_{\mathbf{P}}$  as above.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.13** (Star Lemma). *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an additive property of linear orders.*

*Then the property  $\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$  is a star property.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a linear order, and let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$  be a family of subintervals of  $M$ .

Let  $[x, y] \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{F}$  be any bounded subinterval. We need to prove it is in  $\mathbf{P}$ .

Suppose  $x \in J_1$  and  $y \in J_2$  for  $J_1, J_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Since  $J_1 \cap J_2 \neq \emptyset$ , we can take  $z \in J_1 \cap J_2$ .

Then  $[x, z] \subseteq J_1$  and  $[z, y] \subseteq J_2$ , and thus by the definition of  $\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ ,  $[x, z], [z, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ . Since  $\mathbf{P}$  is additive, by corollary 2.9, we have  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.14.** *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an additive property of linear orders.*

*Then,*

1.  $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] = \{M : M + 1 \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]\}$
2.  $\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] = \{M : 1 + M \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]\}$
3.  $\mathbf{P} = \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] = \{M : 1 + M + 1 \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]\}$

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a linear order.

1. Suppose  $M + \{\infty\} \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ . Then for every  $x \in M$ , we have  $[x, \infty] \in \mathbf{P}$ , and thus  $[x, \infty) \in \mathbf{P}$ . Therefore,  $M \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$ .

Conversely, if  $M \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$ , let  $x, y \in M$  be any two points in  $M + 1$ .

If  $y < \infty$ , then  $[x, y] \subseteq [x, \infty)$ . Since  $[x, \infty) \in \mathbf{P}$ , we conclude that  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ . Otherwise, if  $y = \infty$ , then  $[x, y] = [x, \infty] = [x, \infty) + \{\text{inf ty}\}$ , and thus  $[x, y] \in \mathbf{P}$ .

2. The second case is dual to the first case.

3. We will show a triple inclusion.

If  $M \in \mathbf{P}$ , then by additivity,  $1 + M \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $M + 1 \in \mathbf{P}$ , and thus  $M \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$ .

If  $M \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$ , then by lemma 2.13,  $1 + M + 1 \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ .

If  $1 + M + 1 \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ , then  $M$  is a bounded subinterval of  $1 + M + 1$ , so  $M \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ .

□

**Lemma 2.15.** *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be an additive property of linear orders.*

*Then,*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}] &= \mathbf{P} \\ &\uplus (\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]) \\ &\uplus (\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]) \\ &\uplus (\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus (\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cup \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]))\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By lemma 2.14, we conclude that  $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}], \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \subseteq \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ , since  $M+1 \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $1+M \in \mathbf{P}$  both imply  $1+M+1 \in \mathbf{P}$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}] &= (\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]) \\ &\uplus (\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]) \\ &\uplus (\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]) \\ &\uplus (\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus (\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cup \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]))\end{aligned}$$

Since by lemma 2.14  $\mathbf{P} = \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$ , we conclude what we wanted to prove. □

**Lemma 2.16** (Associativity of sum). *Let  $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\mathbf{P}_3$  be properties.*

*Then  $\sum_{\mathbf{P}_1} \sum_{\mathbf{P}_2} \mathbf{P}_3 = \sum_{\sum_{\mathbf{P}_1} \mathbf{P}_2} \mathbf{P}_3$ .*

*Proof.* It follows directly from the associativity of the sum operation on linear orders. Actually, it generalizes to any algebraic equation which holds on linear orders. □

**Lemma 2.17** (Sum and union commute). *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of properties.*

*Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property.*

*Then  $\sum_{\bigcup \mathcal{P}} \mathbf{Q} = \bigcup_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{Q}$ .*

*Proof.* This is obvious from the definition of the sum operation. □

**Definition 2.18.** *We define  $\mathbf{CNT}$  as the class of all countable linear orders.*

**Definition 2.19.** *Let  $\beta \geq \omega$  be a limit ordinal.*

*We define  $\Gamma_\beta := \{\gamma : \gamma \subseteq \beta^* + \beta\}^+$ .*

**Example 2.20.**

$$\Gamma_\omega = \{1, \omega, \omega^*\}^+$$

**Observation 2.21.** *Let  $\beta \geq \omega$  be a limit ordinal.*

*Then  $\Gamma_\beta$  is a monotone, additive property of linear orders.*



### 3 General Hausdorff Rank

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of linear orders.

We define a property  $\mathbf{Q}^\alpha$  for every ordinal  $\alpha \geq 0$  as follows:

- For  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}^0 = \{1\}$ .
- For  $\alpha = \gamma + 1$ ,

$$\mathbf{Q}^\alpha = \sum_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}^\gamma$$

- For  $\alpha$  a limit ordinal,

$$\mathbf{Q}^\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \mathbf{Q}^\beta$$

**Example 3.2.** Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of linear orders.

Then  $\mathbf{Q}^1 = \mathbf{Q}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of linear orders.

Let  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$  be ordinals.

Then,

$$\mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+\delta} = \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^\delta} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha$$

*Proof.* We shall prove this by induction on  $\delta \geq 0$ .

For  $\delta = 0$  we need to prove

$$\mathbf{Q}^\alpha = \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^0} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha.$$

Which is true by definition, since  $\mathbf{Q}^0 = \{1\}$ .

For  $\delta = \gamma + 1$ , using the induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+\delta} &= \mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+\gamma+1} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+\gamma} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{Q}} \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^\gamma} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha \\ &= \sum_{\sum_{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{Q}^\gamma} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^{\gamma+1}} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^\delta} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

For  $\delta$  a limit ordinal, using the induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+\delta} &= \bigcup_{\gamma < \delta} \mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+\gamma} \\
&= \bigcup_{\gamma < \delta} \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^\gamma} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha \\
&= \sum_{\bigcup_{\gamma < \delta} \mathbf{Q}^\gamma} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha \\
&= \sum_{\mathbf{Q}^\delta} \mathbf{Q}^\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of linear orders.

Let  $M$  be a linear order, such that  $M \in (\mathbf{Q}^\alpha)^+$  for some ordinal  $\alpha$ .

We define the  $\mathbf{Q}$ -Hausdorff rank of  $M$  as

$$\mathbf{hrank}_{\mathbf{Q}}(M) = \sup \left\{ \beta : M \notin (\mathbf{Q}^\beta)^+ \right\}$$

where the supremum is taken over all ordinals  $\beta$ . (Recall that the supremum of the empty set is defined to be 0.)

**Example 3.5.** Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of linear orders.

Let  $M$  be a linear order.

Then  $\mathbf{hrank}_{\mathbf{Q}}(M) = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is finite.

## 4 $\omega$ -Hausdorff rank

**Definitions 4.1.** Let  $\alpha \geq 0$

We define:

1.  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^1 := \mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$
2.  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^\omega := \mathcal{L}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha] \setminus \mathcal{R}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$
3.  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^{\omega^*} := \mathcal{R}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha] \setminus \mathcal{L}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$
4.  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^{\omega^*+\omega} := \mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha] \setminus (\mathcal{L}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha] \cup \mathcal{R}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha])$

The names will soon be justified.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\alpha \geq 0$  be an ordinal. Let  $s \in \{\omega, \omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$ .

Suppose that  $\alpha = \sup_{i \in s} (\alpha_i + 1)$  for ordinals  $\alpha_i > 0$  for all  $i \in s$ .

Then, we have the following:

$$\mathcal{S}_\alpha^s = \sum_{i \in s} \Gamma_\omega^{\alpha_i}$$

*Proof.* TBC. □

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $\alpha \geq 0, \delta \geq 0$  be ordinals.

Let  $s \in \{1, \omega, \omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$

Then,

$$\mathcal{S}_{\alpha+\delta}^s = \sum_{\mathcal{S}_\delta^s} \Gamma_\omega^\alpha$$

*Proof.* For  $s = 1$ , it follows from lemma 3.3.

Otherwise, suppose that  $\delta = \sup_{i \in s} (\delta_i + 1)$ .

Then  $\alpha + \delta = \sup_{i \in s} (\alpha_i + \delta_i + 1)$ .

$$\mathcal{S}_{\alpha+\delta}^s = \sum_{i \in s} \mathcal{S}_{\alpha+\delta_i+1}^s = \sum_{i \in s} \sum_{\Gamma_\omega^{\delta_i+1}} \Gamma_\omega^\alpha = \sum_{\sum_{i \in s} \Gamma_\omega^{\delta_i+1}} \Gamma_\omega^\alpha = \sum_{\mathcal{S}_\delta^s} \Gamma_\omega^\alpha$$

□

## 5 Type Theory

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a property of preorders.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We define  $\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{P}]$  as the set of all  $n$ -types satisfiable in  $\mathbf{P}$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a property of preorders.

There exists a computable function  $f_{\mathbf{Q}} = f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and all  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \geq f(n)$ ,  $\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^a] = \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{f(n)}]$ .

Equivalently, every preorders of finite rank is  $n$ -equivalent to some preorder of rank  $\leq f(n)$ .

*Proof.* Since there are only finitely many  $n$ -types, and the  $\omega$ -sequence

$$\{\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^k]\}_{k \in \omega}$$

is monotone, there must be some  $k$  where the sequence stabilizes.

This point  $k$  is computable as a function of  $n$ , because  $\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^k]$  is computable for every finite  $k$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.3.** There exist global computable functions  $a, b : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $c_1, c_2 \geq a(n)$  and  $c_1 \equiv c_2 \pmod{b(n)}$ ,

$$\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{=c_1}] = \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{=c_2}]$$

Equivalently, the sequence  $\{\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^k]\}_{k \in \omega}$  is ultimately periodic for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore, the starting point and the period itself can be computed as a function of  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since there are only finitely many sets of  $n$ -types, there exist (and can be computed) some  $a(n) > f(n)$ ,  $a(n) + b(n)$  such that

$$\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{=a(n)}] = \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{=a(n)+b(n)}]$$

holds for every  $s$ .

We shall prove by induction that for all  $c \geq a(n)$ ,

$$\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{=c}] = \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{=c+b(n)}]$$

This will complete the proof.

The base case  $c = a(n)$  has been proven in the beginning.

Suppose the induction hypothesis holds for  $c$ .

Let  $M$  be of rank  $c + 1$ .

Write  $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$  where  $M_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{\leq c+1}$ , and  $M_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c}$  infinitely many times.

By the induction hypothesis, if  $M_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c}$ , we can find  $N_i \equiv_n M_i$  with  $N_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c+b(n)}$ . Setting  $N_i := M_i$  for all other  $i$ , we conclude that  $N := \sum_{i \in I} N_i$  is  $n$ -equivalent to  $M$ .

However, clearly  $N \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c+b(n)+1}$ . So overall,

$$\mathbf{type}_n [\mathbf{Q}^{=c+1}] \subseteq \mathbf{type}_n [\mathbf{Q}^{=c+b(n)+1}]$$

Conversely, suppose  $M$  is of rank  $c + b(n) + 1$ . Write  $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$  where  $M_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{<c+b(n)+1}$ , and  $M_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c+b(n)}$  infinitely many times.

By the induction hypothesis, we can find for all  $i$  such that  $M_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c+b(n)}$  some  $N_i \equiv_n M_i$  with  $N_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c}$ . Furthermore, since  $c \geq a(n) > f(n)$ , we can find  $N_i \equiv_n M_i$  with  $N_i \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{f(n)<c}$  for all other  $i$ .

We conclude that  $N := \sum_{i \in I} N_i$  is  $n$ -equivalent to  $M$ . However, clearly  $N \in \Gamma_{\omega}^{=c+1}$ . So overall,

$$\mathbf{type}_n [\mathbf{Q}^{=c+b(n)+1}] \subseteq \mathbf{type}_n [\mathbf{Q}^{=c+1}]$$

So we have proven the induction step, and the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $\alpha \geq \omega$  be an ordinal.*

*Let  $s \in \{1, \omega, \omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$  be a shape.*

*Then there exists a computable function  $b(n)$  such that for all  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $c_1, c_2 > a(n)$  and  $c_1 \equiv c_2 \pmod{b(n)}$ , we have*

$$\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_{c_1}^s] = \mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_{c_2}^s]$$

*Proof.* For  $s = 1$ , it follows from lemma 5.2, since  $\mathcal{S}_c^1 = \mathbf{Q}^{<c} = \mathbf{Q}^{c-1}$ . and  $c > a(n) \geq f(n)$  so  $c - 1 \geq f(n)$  for  $c \in \{c_1, c_2\}$ .

For  $s \in \{\omega, \omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$ , it follows easily from lemma 4.2 and lemma 5.3.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $\alpha \geq \omega$  be an ordinal.*

*Let  $s \in \{1, \omega, \omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$  be a shape.*

$$\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_{\alpha}^s] = \bigcup_{c < b(n)} \mathcal{S}_{a(n)+c}^s$$

*In particular,  $\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_{\alpha}^s]$  can be computed, and is independent of the choice of  $\alpha \geq \omega$ .*

*Proof.* TBC.  $\square$

## 6 Decidability of the rank

**Definition 6.1.** Let  $\alpha \geq \omega$  be an ordinal.

Let  $M$  be a linear order and  $x \in M$ .

We define the convex equivalence relation:

$$\sim_\alpha := \sim_{\mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]}$$

and  $[x]_\alpha := [x]_{\mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]}$  (that is,  $[x]_\alpha$  is the largest  $\mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$ -subinterval containing  $x$  in  $M$ ).

We define  $\sigma_\alpha(M)$  as the  $\alpha$ -shape of  $M$ .

**Lemma 6.2.** The property  $\Gamma_\omega^{\leq \alpha}$  is expressible over intervals in  $\mathbf{MSO}[\sim_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha]$ .

That is, there exists a formula  $\varphi_\alpha(\Pi, \Xi)$  such that for every linear order  $M$  and every  $\mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$ -subinterval  $I$  of  $M$ , we have

$$M, \Pi, \Xi \models \varphi_\alpha(\Pi, \Xi) \iff I = \sum_{i \in I} M_i \text{ where } M_i \in \Gamma_\omega^{\leq \alpha} \text{ for all } i$$

*Proof.* It is equivalent to being a sum of  $\sim_\alpha$ -subintervals, of which at least one has  $\sigma_\alpha \neq 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.3.** There is an oracle reduction from SAT for  $\mathbf{MSO}[\sim_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha]$ , to SAT for  $\mathbf{MSO}$ .

*Proof.* By the decomposition theorem, there exists a translation, that given an  $\mathbf{MSO}[\sim_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha]$  formula  $\varphi$  of quantifier-depth  $n$ , outputs an  $\mathbf{MSO}$  formula  $\psi(\Pi)$  such that...

Let  $\varphi$  be an  $\mathbf{MSO}[\sim_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha]$  formula, and let  $n$  be the quantifier-depth of  $\varphi$ .

WLOG, assume that  $\varphi$  is a sentence.

First, let us calculate the sets:

$$T_s := \mathbf{type}_n[S_\alpha^s]$$

for every shape  $s$ .

Now we create the formulae:

$$\theta_s(\Pi, \Xi) := \left\{ i : \bigvee_{\tau \in S_s} \Xi(\Pi(i)) = \tau \right\}$$

$$L(\Pi, \Xi) := \theta_\omega(\Pi, \Xi) \vee \theta_{\omega^* + \omega}(\Pi, \Xi)$$

$$R(\Pi, \Xi) := \theta_{\omega^*}(\Pi, \Xi) \vee \theta_{\omega^* + \omega}(\Pi, \Xi)$$

We create the formula  $\chi(\Pi, \Xi)$  as follows:

$$\chi := \Pi = \text{domain}(\Xi) \wedge \forall i, i'. i' = i + 1 \implies i \in R(\Pi, \Xi) \vee i' \in L(\Pi, \Xi)$$

Now we claim that  $\varphi$  is satisfiable in  $\mathbf{MSO}[\sim_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha]$  iff  $\psi \wedge \chi$  is satisfiable in  $\mathbf{MSO}$ .

If  $\varphi$  is satisfiable, then there exists a model  $M$  of  $\varphi$ .

Let  $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$  be the decomposition of  $M$  where  $I = \sim_\alpha$  and  $M_i$  are the  $\sim_\alpha$ -equivalence classes.

By the decomposition theorem,  $\Psi$  holds in  $I, \Pi := \mathbf{type}_n[\cdot]$ .

We claim that  $\chi$  holds in  $I, \Pi := \mathbf{type}_n[\cdot]$ .

It follows from the star property of  $\sim_\alpha$  that the constraint holds.

Conversely, suppose  $\psi \wedge \chi$  is satisfiable in  $\mathbf{MSO}$ .

Let  $I, \Pi := T$  be a model of  $\psi \wedge \chi$ .

Let us take a model  $M_i$  with the appropriate type. Now define  $M := \sum_{i \in I} M_i$ .

We claim that each  $M_i$  is a *maximum*  $\mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$ -subinterval of  $M$ .

Suppose  $[M_i, M_j]$  is a  $\mathcal{B}[\Gamma_\omega^\alpha]$ -subinterval of  $M$ .

In particular, it has a rank, so it is scattered. So in particular,  $[i, j] \subseteq I$  is a scattered interval.

If  $i = j$  we are done. Otherwise, let  $i', j'$  be such that  $i \leq i' < j' \leq j$ , and  $j' = i' + 1$ . But it cannot be the case by the constraint.  $\square$

**Definition 6.4.** Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  be ordinals.

We define  $C[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k]$  as the class of countable linear orders, labeled with  $\pi_{\alpha_i}$  and  $\sigma_{\alpha_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

**Theorem 6.5.** Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  be ordinals.

Let  $\alpha$  be an ordinal such that  $\alpha < \alpha_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Let  $\delta_i > 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  be such that  $\alpha_i = \alpha + \delta_i$ .

Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the class of countable linear orders,

Then  $C_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{P}} C_1$ .

**Definition 6.6.** A property  $\mathbf{P}$  of preorders is called a *computable property* if  $\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{P}]$  is computable as a function of  $n$ .

**Theorem 6.7** (Decomposition theorem). There exists a computable translation  $\mathcal{T}$  from MSO formulae to MSO formulae,

such that for any  $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$ , formula  $\varphi(\vec{X})$ , vector  $\vec{A}$  of the same length as  $\vec{X}$ , if  $n$  is the quantifier-depth of  $\varphi$ , then

$$M, \vec{X} := \vec{A} \models \varphi \iff I, \Pi \models \mathcal{T}\varphi$$

where  $\Pi(i) = \mathbf{type}_n[M_i]$ .

**Lemma 6.8.** There exists a global computable function  $h : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that the following holds.

Let  $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^k$  be a finite set of colors.

Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a property of linear orders, labeled by the colors  $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^k$ .

Let  $\{Q_i\}_{i=1}^k$  be a finite set of properties of linear orders.

Then  $\mathbf{type}_n \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{P}} \left[ \vec{C} \leftarrow \vec{Q} \right] \right]$  is a computable function of  $\mathbf{type}_{h(n)} [\mathbf{P}]$  and  $\mathbf{type}_n \left[ \vec{Q} \right] = \{ \mathbf{type}_n [\mathbf{Q}_i] \}_{i=1}^k$ .

*Proof.* TBC. □



## 7 Everything Better

**Theorem 7.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a computable property of linear orders, such that  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under taking subintervals, projections and inverse-projections (i.e, of one of the colors), and all finite-sums and  $\mathcal{C}$ -sums.*

*Let  $\mathbf{P}_1, \dots, \mathbf{P}_k \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  be computable properties of linear orders.*

*Let  $\mathbf{MSO}[P_1, \dots, P_k]$  be monadic second order logic of order over  $\mathcal{C}$ , with  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  as monadic predicates whose semantics are:  $P_i(X)$  holds iff  $X$  is a subinterval which satisfies  $\mathbf{P}_i$ .*

*Given  $\phi$  a formula of  $\mathbf{MSO}[P_1, \dots, P_k]$  (possibly with free variables) we define*

$$\mathcal{C}_\phi = \{M \in \mathcal{C} : M \models \phi\}$$

*(Note that  $M$  above may be a labeled linear order.)*

*Then  $\mathcal{C}_\phi$  is a computable property of linear orders.*

*Proof.* By structural induction on  $\phi$ .

Suppose  $\phi$  is an atomic formula. If  $\phi$  is of the form  $X \subseteq Y$  or  $X \leq Y$ ,

$$\mathcal{C}_\phi = \{M \in \mathcal{C} : M \models \phi\}$$

and thus,

$$\mathbf{type}_n[\mathcal{C}_\phi] = \{\tau \in \mathbf{type}_n[\mathcal{C}] : \tau \models \phi\}$$

which is computable since  $\mathbf{type}_n[\mathcal{C}]$  is computable, and we can then compute whether  $\tau \models \phi$  for each  $\tau \in \mathbf{type}_n[\mathcal{C}]$ .

If  $\phi$  is of the form  $P_i(X)$ , then

$$\mathcal{C}_\phi = \{M \in \mathcal{C} : M \models P_i(X)\}$$

and thus,

$$\mathbf{type}_n[\mathcal{C}_\phi] = \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{P}_i]$$

which is computable since  $\mathbf{P}_i$  is computable.

If  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$ , then

$$\mathcal{C}_\phi = \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{C}_{\phi_1}$$

□