

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 $\gamma : I \rightarrow C$, where C is a set of colors.*

Let F be a function (or a lambda expression) assigning each color $c \in C$ a property of preorders.

Then we define

$$\sum_I F := \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} M_i : \forall i \in I. M_i \in F(\gamma(i)) \right\}$$

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 F be a function (or a lambda expression) assigning each color $c \in C$ a property of preorders.

Then we define,

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

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, ∞) 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, ∞) 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} .
- $\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$ is the class of linear orders M such that for every $x \in M$, the left-bounded ray $[x, \infty)$ is in \mathbf{P} .
- $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$ is the class of linear orders M such that for every $x \in M$, the right-bounded ray $(-\infty, x]$ 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. $\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] = \{M : M + 1 \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]\}$
2. $\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] = \{M : 1 + M \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]\}$
3. $\mathbf{P} = \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] = \{M : 1 + M + 1 \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]\}$

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, $M \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$.

Conversely, if $M \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$, 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 $[x, y] = [x, \infty] = [x, \infty) + \{\infty\}$, 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 $M \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$.

If $M \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \cap \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$, 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 $M \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$.

4. TBC.

□

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

Then,

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

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

Thus,

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

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

Lemma 2.16. *Let \mathbf{P} be a property of linear orders.*

Let $M \in \mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}]$ be a linear order.

Let $x \in M$ be a non-extreme point in M .

Then $[x, \infty) \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$ and $(-\infty, x] \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$.

Furthermore, $[x, \infty) \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$ iff $M \in \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]$, and $(-\infty, x] \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$ iff $M \in \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}]$.

Proof. This follows immediately from definitions 2.10. □

Corollary 2.17.

$$\mathcal{B}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus (\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \cup \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]) = (\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}]) + (\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{P}] \setminus \mathcal{R}[\mathbf{P}])$$

Lemma 2.18 (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 2.19 (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 2.20. *We define \mathbf{CNT} as the class of all countable linear orders.*

Definition 2.21. *Let $\gamma \geq \omega$ be a limit ordinal.*

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

We define $\Omega := \Gamma_\omega$.

Example 2.22.

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

Observation 2.23. *Let $\gamma \geq \omega$ be a limit ordinal.*

Then Γ_γ 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}^α for every ordinal α as follows:

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

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

- For α 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 α, δ 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 δ 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 α be an ordinal.

We define $\mathbf{Q}^{=\alpha} := \mathbf{Q}^{\alpha+1} \setminus \mathbf{Q}^\alpha$.

Definition 3.5. 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 α .

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 β . (Recall that the supremum of the empty set is defined to be 0.)

Example 3.6. 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 ω -Hausdorff rank

Definitions 4.1. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

We define:

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

The names will soon be justified.

Lemma 4.2. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

Then,

1. $\mathcal{R}[\Omega^\alpha] = \sum_\omega \Omega^\alpha$.
2. $\mathcal{L}[\Omega^\alpha] = \sum_{\omega^*} \Omega^\alpha$.
3. $\mathcal{B}[\Omega^\alpha] = \sum_{\omega^* + \omega} \Omega^\alpha$.

Proof. Let us prove the first part. (\supseteq) Let $M \in \sum_\omega \Omega^\alpha$ be a linear order.

Let $M = \sum_{i \in \omega} M_i$ be the decomposition of M , where $M_i \in \Omega^\alpha$.

Let $x, y \in M$ be any two points in M . WLOG $x \leq y$.

Suppose $x \in M_i$ and $y \in M_j$ for $i, j \in \omega$.

Since i and j have a finite distance in ω , we conclude $[x, y] \subseteq M_i + \dots + M_j$,

and thus $[x, y] \subseteq (\Omega^\alpha)^+ = \Omega^\alpha$.

(\subseteq) Let $M \in \mathcal{B}[\Omega^\alpha]$ be a linear order.

Since M is countable, let $\{x_i\}_{i \in \omega} M$ be a bidirectionally cofinal ω -sequence in M .

Then $M = \sum_{i \in \omega} M_i$ where $M_i = [x_i, x_{i'}]$ for i' the successor of i in I .

But M_i is a bounded interval and thus $M_i \in \Omega^\alpha$, so $M \in \sum_\omega \Omega^\alpha$.

The second part is symmetric.

The third part follows from corollary 2.17:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}[\Omega^\alpha] &= \mathcal{L}[\Omega^\alpha] + \mathcal{R}[\Omega^\alpha] \\ &= \sum_{\omega^*} \Omega^\alpha + \sum_{\omega} \Omega^\alpha \\ &= \sum_{\omega^* + \omega} \Omega^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 4.3. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

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

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

Then, we have the following:

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

Note 4.4. For the proof of this lemma, we actually use the fact that we work over Ω . This proof would not have worked over Γ_β for $\beta > \omega$.

Proof. TBC. □

Corollary 4.5. Let $\alpha, \delta > 0$ be ordinals.

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

Then,

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

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

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

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

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

□

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} .

Definition 5.2. A property \mathbf{P} of preorders is computable if $n \mapsto \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{P}]$ is a computable function.

Lemma 5.3. Let \mathbf{Q} be a property of preorders, labeled with finitely many colors.

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 $a \geq f(n)$, $\mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^a] = \mathbf{type}_n[\mathbf{Q}^{f(n)}]$.

Proof. Since there are only finitely many n -types, and the ω -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 5.4. 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 $c_1 \equiv c_2 \pmod{b(n)}$,

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

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

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

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

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 $c = a(n)$ is by the definition of $a(n)$ and $b(n)$.

Suppose the induction hypothesis holds for c .

Let $M \in \mathbf{Q}^{=c+1}$.

Write $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$ where $M_i \in \mathbf{Q}^{<c+1}$, and $M_i \in \mathbf{Q}^{=c}$ infinitely many times.

By the induction hypothesis, if $M_i \in \mathbf{Q}^{=c}$, we can find $N_i \equiv_n M_i$ with $N_i \in \mathbf{Q}^{=c+b(n)}$. 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 $N \in \mathbf{Q}^{=c+b(n)+1}$. So overall,

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

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

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

We conclude that $N := \sum_{i \in I} N_i$ is n -equivalent to M . However, clearly $N \in \mathbf{Q}^{=c+1}$. 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 5.5. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $\alpha \geq \omega$ be an ordinal.*

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

Then there exists a computable function $b(n)$ such that for all $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $c_1, c_2 \geq a(n)$ 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 5.3, since $\mathcal{S}_c^1 = \mathbf{Q}^c$ and $c \geq a(n) \geq f(n)$ for $c \in \{c_1, c_2\}$.

For $s \in \{\omega, \omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$, it follows easily from lemma 4.3 and lemma 5.4. \square

Lemma 5.6. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $\alpha \geq \omega$ be an ordinal.*

$$\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_\alpha^1] = \mathbf{type}_n \left[\bigcup_{c < a(n)+b(n)} \Omega^{=c} \right]$$

In particular, $\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_\alpha^1]$ can be computed, and is independent of the choice of $\alpha \geq \omega$.

Proof. TBC. \square

Lemma 5.7. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $\alpha \geq \omega$ be an ordinal.*

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

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

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

Lemma 5.8. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $\alpha \geq \omega$ be an ordinal.
Let $\delta > 0$ be an ordinal.*

$$\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_{\alpha+\delta}^1] = \mathbf{type}_n \left[\bigcup_{c < a(n)+b(n)} \Omega^{=c} \right]$$

In particular, $\mathbf{type}_n [\mathcal{S}_{\alpha}^1]$ can be computed, and is independent of the choice of $\alpha \geq \omega$.

Proof. TBC. □

6 Decidability of the rank

Definition 6.1. Let \mathbf{Q} be a property of linear orders.

Let M be a linear order.

We define the predicate $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{Q}}(J)$ as true in M iff J is a \mathbf{Q} -subinterval of M .

Lemma 6.2. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

The predicates $\mathcal{I}_{\Omega \leq \alpha}$ and $\mathcal{I}_{\Omega = \alpha}$ are **MSO**-expressible over **MSO** $[\mathcal{I}_{\Omega < \alpha}]$.

Proof. Obviously,

$$\mathcal{I}_{\Omega = \alpha} \iff \mathcal{I}_{\Omega \leq \alpha} \wedge \neg \mathcal{I}_{\Omega < \alpha}$$

So it is enough to express $\mathcal{I}_{\Omega \leq \alpha}$.

Now, J is a $\Omega^{\leq \alpha}$ -subinterval of M iff $J \in \sum_{\Omega} \Omega^{< \alpha}$. But this can be expressed, since it is expressible to check whether an arbitrary subset is in Ω . \square

Definition 6.3. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

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

We define the convex equivalence relation:

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

and $[x]_{\alpha} := [x]_{\mathcal{B}[\Omega^{\alpha}]}$.

That is, $[x]_{\alpha}$ is the largest $\mathcal{B}[\Omega^{\alpha}]$ -subinterval containing x in M .

We define $\sigma_{\alpha}(x)$ as the α -shape of $[x]_{\alpha}$.

Definition 6.4. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

The predicate $\pi_{\alpha}(x)$ is defined as the representation of the convex equivalence relation \sim_{α} .

Definition 6.5. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

The function $\sigma_{\alpha}(x)$ is defined as the α -shape of the convex equivalence class $[x]_{\alpha}$.

Lemma 6.6. Let $\alpha > 0$ be an ordinal.

The predicate $\mathcal{I}_{\Omega < \alpha}$ is **MSO**-expressible over **MSO** $[\pi_{\alpha}, \sigma_{\alpha}]$.

Proof. It can be proven that an interval J is a $\Omega^{< \alpha}$ -subinterval of M iff it is contained in a single \sim_{α} -equivalence class K , such that:

- If $K \notin \mathcal{R}[\Omega^{< \alpha}]$, then J is bounded in K on the left.
- If $K \notin \mathcal{L}[\Omega^{< \alpha}]$, then J is bounded in K on the right.

Since $\mathcal{R}[\Omega^{< \alpha}]$ and $\mathcal{L}[\Omega^{< \alpha}]$ are expressible, this finishes the proof. \square

Theorem 6.7. Let \mathbf{P} be a computable property of linear orders, labeled with finitely many colors C .

Let F be a function assigning to each color in C a computable property of linear orders, labeled with finitely many colors.

Then the sum $\sum_{\mathbf{P}} F$ is a computable property of linear orders.

Proof. We will use the decomposition theorem. Let $\tau(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ be an n -type.

Then we can compute a formula $\psi(\xi)$ (where ξ has the type of a coloring whose range is the set of n -types) such that for any linear order $M = \sum_{i \in I} M_i$, and any given $A_1, \dots, A_m \subseteq M$,

$$M \models \tau(A_1, \dots, A_m) \iff I \models \psi(\Xi)$$

where Ξ is the coloring assigning $i \in I$ the n -type of M_i .

TBC. □

Theorem 6.8. *Let α be an ordinal.*

Let C be the class of all countable linear orders labeled with $[\cdot]_\alpha$ and σ_α .

Let D_s for $s \in \{1, \omega, \omega^, \omega^* + \omega\}$ be the class \mathcal{S}_α^s , labeled (trivially) with $[\cdot]_\alpha$ and σ_α .*

Let \mathbf{G} be the class of all countable linear orders I , labeled with a coloring function γ whose range is $\{1, \omega, \omega^, \omega^* + \omega\}$, such that for pair $i, j \in I$ such that j is the successor of i , either $\gamma(i) \in \{\omega, \omega^* + \omega\}$ or $\gamma(j) \in \{\omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$.*

Then, $C = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} [s \mapsto D_s]$.

Proof. TBC. □

Theorem 6.9. *Let $\alpha, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_k$ be ordinals.*

Let $\alpha_i = \alpha + \delta_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$.

Let C be the class of all countable linear orders labeled with $[\cdot]_\alpha$ and σ_α , and $[\cdot]_{\alpha_i}$ and σ_{α_i} for $i = 1, \dots, k$.

Let \mathbf{G} be the class of all countable linear orders I , labeled with a coloring function γ whose range is $\{1, \omega, \omega^, \omega^* + \omega\}$, such that for pair $i, j \in I$ such that j is the successor of i , either $\gamma(i) \in \{\omega, \omega^* + \omega\}$ or $\gamma(j) \in \{\omega^*, \omega^* + \omega\}$.*

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 ϕ 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}_ϕ is a computable property of linear orders.

Proof. By structural induction on ϕ .

Suppose ϕ is an atomic formula. If ϕ 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 ϕ 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

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

□