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On Creating Pairs of Derandomization Theorems

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I've uploaded a new paper to my site, with the intention of eventually uploading it to arXiv and submission for publication. The main contribution is a resource bounded EL Theorem and a general formula for resource bounded randomization, in the sense of [Eps22]. In this blog, I show an example of taking a theorem produced from non-constructive probabilistic proof and producing a pair of derandomization theorems, one that is resource free and one that is resource bounded.

A hypergraph is a pair J=(V,E) of vertices V and edges $E\subseteq \mathcal{P}(V)$. Thus each edge can connect ≥ 2 vertices. A hypergraph is k-uniform of the size |e|=k for all edges $e\in E$. A 2-uniform hypergraph is just a simple graph. A valid C-coloring of a hypergraph (V,E) is a mapping $f:V\to\{1,\ldots,C\}$ where every edge $e\in E$ is not monochromatic $|\{f(v):v\in e\}|>1$. The following classic result uses Lovasz Local Lemma.

Theorem. [Probabilistic Method] Let G = (V, E) be a k-regular hypergraph. If for each edge f, there are at most $2^{k-1}/e-1$ edges $h \in E$ such that $h \cap f \neq \emptyset$, then there exists a valid 2-coloring of G.

We can now use derandomization, in the sense of [Eps22], to produce bounds on the Kolmogorov complexity of the simpliest such 2-coloring of G.

Theorem. [Derandomization] Let G = (V, E) be a k-regular hypergraph. If, for each edge f, there are at most $2^{k-1}/e - 1$ edges $h \in E$ such that $h \cap f \neq \emptyset$, then there exists a valid 2-coloring x of G with

$$\mathbf{K}(x) <^{\log} \mathbf{K}(n,k) + ne/2^{k-1} + \mathbf{I}(G;\mathcal{H}).$$

The function \mathbf{K} is the prefix free Kolmogorov complexity. $\mathbf{I}(G;\mathcal{H}) = \mathbf{K}(G) - \mathbf{K}(G|\mathcal{H})$ is the amount of asymmetric information the halting sequence $\mathcal{H} \in \{0,1\}^{\infty}$ has about the graph G. We can now use resource derandomization, introduced in http://www.jptheorygroup.org/doc/Resource.pdf, to achieve bounds for the smallest time-bounded Kolmogorov complexity $\mathbf{K}^t(x) = \min\{p: U(p) = x \text{ in } t(\|x\|) \text{ steps}\}$ of a 2-coloring of G. Crypto is the assumption that there exists a language in $\mathbf{DTIME}(2^{O(n)})$ that does not have size $2^{O(n)}$ circuits with Σ_2^p gates.

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Theorem. [Resource Bounded Derandomization] Assume Crypto. Let $G_n = (V, E)$ be a k-regular hypergraph where ||V|| = n, uniformly polynomial time computable in n. Furthermore, for each edge f in G_n there are at most $2^{k-1}/e - 1$ edges $h \in E$ such that $h \cap f \neq \emptyset$. Then there is a polynomial p, and a valid 2-coloring x of G_n with

$$\mathbf{K}^p(x) < ne/2^{k-1} + O(\log n).$$

References

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