

ω -automata: Topology and Measure

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ω -automata

- Circuit Design
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Model Checking: Automata-theoretic properties

Quotation from a recent paper by DIEKERT, MUSCHOLL and WALUKIEWICZ

The common theme in *automata on infinite words* is that finite state devices serve to classify ω -regular properties. The most prominent classes are:

Deterministic properties: there exists a DBA.^a

Deterministic properties which are simultaneously co-deterministic: there exists a DWA.

Safety properties: there exists a DBA where all states are final.

Cosafety properties: the complement is a safety property.

Liveness properties: there exists a BA where from all states there is a path to some final state lying in a strongly connected component.

Monitorable properties: there exists a monitor.”

^adeterministic BÜCHI automaton

Relations to Topology

Correspondence to topological properties

Safety: closed sets = \mathbb{F} .

Co-safety: open sets = \mathbb{G} .

Liveness: dense = closure is the whole space.

Deterministic: \mathbb{G}_δ

Co-deterministic: \mathbb{F}_σ

Deterministic and simultaneously co-deterministic: $\mathbb{G}_\delta \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$

Monitorable: the boundary is *nowhere dense*.



Fair Correctness [Varacca and Völzer]

The set of runs which satisfy the specification is *large* from a topological point of view.

Notation: Strings and Languages

Finite Alphabet $X = \{0, \dots, r-1\}$, **cardinality** $|X| = r$

Finite strings (words) $w = x_1 \cdots x_n \in \{0, 1\}^*$, $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$

Length $|w| = n$

Languages $W \subseteq X^*$

Infinite strings (ω -words) $\xi = x_1 \cdots x_n \cdots \in X^\omega$

Prefixes of infinite strings $\xi \upharpoonright n \in X^*$, $|\xi \upharpoonright n| = n$

$$\mathbf{pref}(\xi) = \{\xi \upharpoonright n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

ω -Languages $F \subseteq X^\omega$

X^ω as CANTOR space

Metric: $\rho(\eta, \xi) := \inf \{r^{-|w|} : w \in \mathbf{pref}(\eta) \cap \mathbf{pref}(\xi)\}$

Balls: $w \cdot X^\omega = \{\eta : w \in \mathbf{pref}(\eta)\} = \{\eta : w \sqsubset \eta\}$

Diameter: $\text{diam } w \cdot X^\omega = r^{-|w|}$

$\text{diam } F = \inf \{r^{-|w|} : F \subseteq w \cdot X^\omega\}$

Open sets: $W \cdot X^\omega = \bigcup_{w \in W} w \cdot X^\omega$

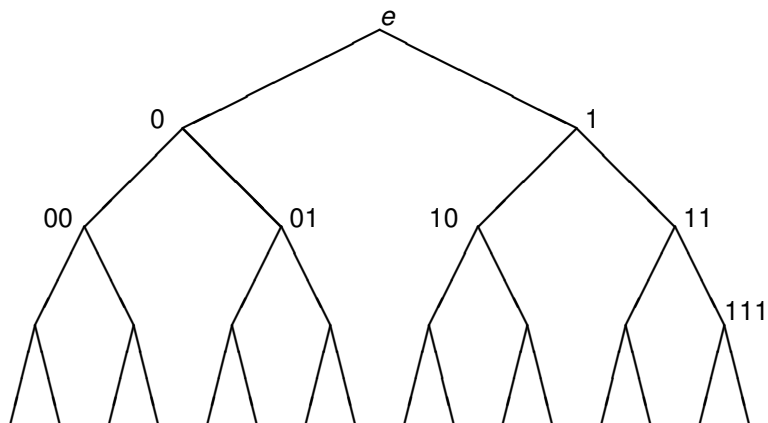
Closure: (Smallest closed set containing F)

$C(F) = \{\xi : \mathbf{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \mathbf{pref}(F)\}$

Fact

$F \subseteq X^\omega$ is **closed** if and only if $\mathbf{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \mathbf{pref}(F)$ implies $\xi \in F$.

$\{0, 1\}^\omega$ as a Tree



The BOREL-Hierarchy: First Levels

Open Sets: $W \cdot X^\omega$

Closed Sets: $F = \mathcal{C}(F)$, $F = X^\omega \setminus W \cdot X^\omega$ [\mathbb{F} – ferme, *fr.*]

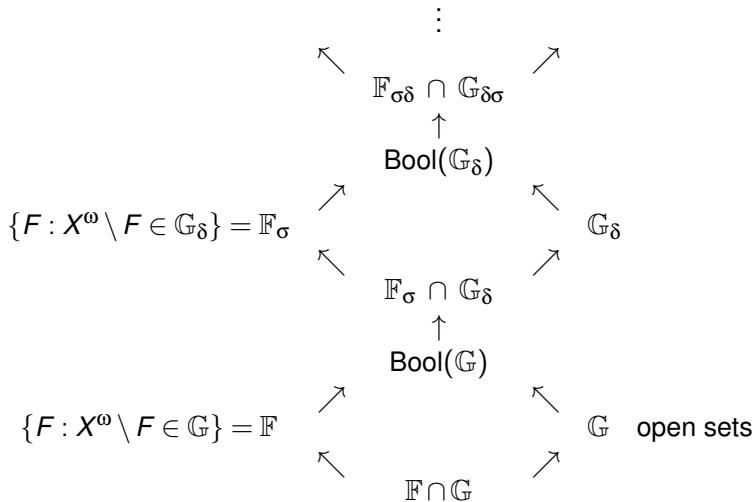
\mathbb{F}_σ -Sets: $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_i$ (F_i closed) [$\sigma \approx \Sigma$ – sum]

\mathbb{G}_δ -Sets: $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} E_i$ (E_i open), $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} W_i \cdot X^\omega$
 [δ – Durchschnitt, *german* for intersection]



	Example	Closure properties	
Open sets	$0^*1 \cdot X^\omega$	\cap	\cup
Closed sets	$\{0^\omega\}$	\cup	\cap
\mathbb{F}_σ -sets	$\{0, 1\}^* \cdot 0^\omega$	\cap	$\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
\mathbb{G}_δ -sets	$(0^*1)^\omega$	\cup	$\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$

The BOREL-Hierarchy of ω -languages



Automata on ω -words: BÜCHI-automata

$\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Delta, q_0, Q_{\text{fin}})$ is a BÜCHI-Automaton over X : \iff

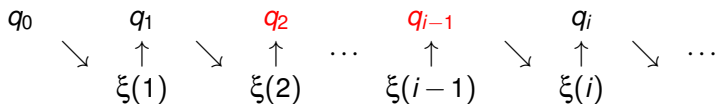
- 1 Q is a non-empty set (*states*)
- 2 $q_0 \in Q$ (*initial state*)
- 3 $\Delta \subseteq Q \times X \times Q$ (*transitions*)
- 4 $Q_{\text{fin}} \subseteq Q$ (*final states*)



- \mathcal{A} is a *finite* automaton, if Q is finite.
- \mathcal{A} is a *deterministic* automaton, if $(q, x, q'), (q, x, q'') \in \Delta$ implies $q' = q''$.

BÜCHI-automata: Acceptance

Run on ξ : $(q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $\forall i \geq 0 : (q_i, \xi(i+1), q_{i+1}) \in \Delta$



\Rightarrow

\mathcal{A} accepts ξ : $\exists (q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \quad \forall i \geq 0 : (q_i, \xi(i+1), q_{i+1}) \in \Delta \quad \wedge$
 $\exists^\infty k : q_k \in Q_{\text{fin}}$

\mathcal{A} accepts F : $F = \{ \xi : \mathcal{A} \text{ accepts } \xi \}$

Automata on ω -words

Other types of ω -automata

- MULLER-automata
 - RABIN-automata
 - STREETT-automata
- The difference consists in acceptance conditions.
- **Deterministic** variants are as powerful as **non-deterministic** BÜCHI-automata.

Automata on ω -words: MULLER-automata

$\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Delta, q_0, \mathcal{T})$ is a MULLER-Automaton over X : \iff

- ① Q is a non-empty set (*states*)
- ② $q_0 \in Q$ (*initial state*)
- ③ $\Delta \subseteq Q \times X \times Q$ (*transitions*)
- ④ $\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^Q$ (*table of final sets*)

\implies

\mathcal{A} accepts ξ : $\exists (q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \quad \forall i \geq 0 : (q_i, \xi(i+1), q_{i+1}) \in \Delta \quad \wedge$
 $\{q : \exists^\infty k (q_k = q)\} \in \mathcal{T}$

\mathcal{A} accepts F : $F = \{\xi : \mathcal{A} \text{ accepts } \xi\}$

Regular ω -languages

Definition (Regular ω -language)

An ω -language $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is called *regular* if and only if F is accepted by a finite automaton

Theorem (BÜCHI 1962)

- ① An ω -language $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is regular if and only if

$$F = \bigcup_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot V_i^\omega$$

for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and regular languages $W_i, V_i \subseteq X^*$.

- ② The set of regular ω -languages over X is closed under Boolean operations.

Ultimately Periodic ω -words

Definition (Ultimately periodic ω -words)

$\text{Ult} := \{w \cdot v^\omega : w, v \in X^* \wedge v \neq e\}$ the set of *ultimately periodic* ω -words.

Theorem (BÜCHI 1962)








- ① Every non-empty regular ω -language contains an ultimately periodic ω -word.
- ② Let $E, F \subseteq X^\omega$ be regular. Then

$$E = F \iff E \cap \text{Ult} = F \cap \text{Ult}.$$

Lemma

If $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is regular then its *prefix language* $\text{pref}(F) \subseteq X^*$ and its *closure* $C(F)$ are also regular, and if $W \subseteq X^*$ is a regular language, then $W \cdot F$ is regular.

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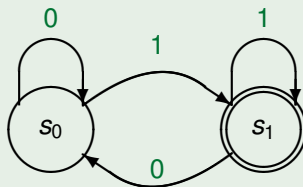
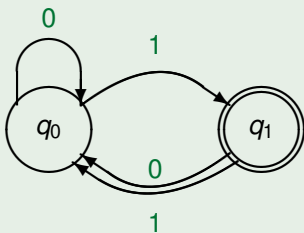
Automata and Topology: Deterministic ω -languages

Theorem (Landweber 1969)

An ω -language $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is accepted by a finite *deterministic* BÜCHI-automaton (DBA) if and only if F is regular and a \mathbb{G}_δ -set. [F is *deterministic* regular.]



Example (Two automata accepting $F = (0^*1)^\omega$ (Muller 1963))



Weak BÜCHI Automata: Co-deterministic ω -languages

Definition (Weak BÜCHI automata)

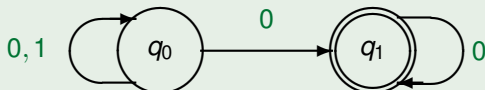
An automaton $\mathcal{A} = (X, Q, \Delta, q_0, Q_{\text{fin}})$ is referred to as a *weak BÜCHI automaton* provided Q_{fin} is a union of strongly connected components.

Theorem (St. and Wagner 1974, Wagner 1979)

$F \subseteq X^\omega$ is accepted by a finite weak BÜCHI automaton (NWA) if and only if F is regular and an \mathbb{F}_σ -set.



Example (An automaton accepting $\{0, 1\}^* \cdot 0^\omega$)



Weak BÜCHI Automata and BOREL hierarchy

Theorem (St. and Wagner 1974, Wagner 1979)

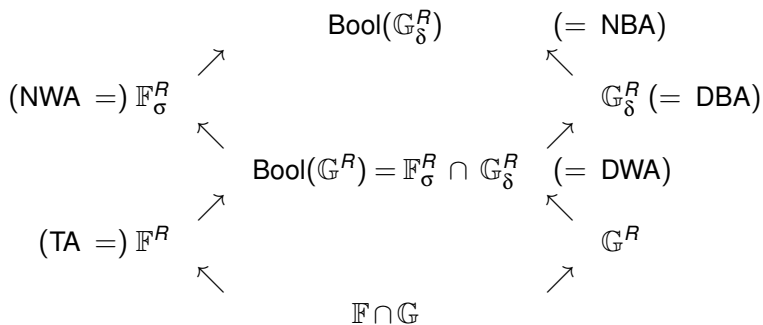
- 1 $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is accepted by a finite *deterministic weak* BÜCHI automaton (DWA) if and only if F is regular and simultaneously an \mathbb{F}_σ - and a \mathbb{G}_δ -set.
- 2 If $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is regular and simultaneously an \mathbb{F}_σ - and a \mathbb{G}_δ -set then it is a Boolean combination of open regular ω -languages.



Theorem (St. and Wagner 1974, Wagner 1979)

Given a deterministic BÜCHI-automaton, it is decidable in polynomial time whether the accepted ω -language is simultaneously an \mathbb{F}_σ - and a \mathbb{G}_δ -set.

The BOREL-Hierarchy of Regular ω -languages



MULLER-automata: Topology and Tables

Theorem (Landweber 1969, St. and Wagner 1974, Wagner 1979)

Let $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Delta, q_0, \mathcal{T})$ be a MULLER-automaton and F be accepted by \mathcal{A} .

- ① If \mathcal{A} is *deterministic* and \mathcal{T} is upwardly closed ($Q' \in \mathcal{T} \wedge Q' \subseteq Q'' \rightarrow Q'' \in \mathcal{T}$) then $F \in \mathbb{G}_\delta$.
- ② If \mathcal{T} is downwardly closed ($Q' \in \mathcal{T} \wedge Q' \supseteq Q'' \rightarrow Q'' \in \mathcal{T}$) then $F \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$.

Theorem (Landweber 1969, St. and Wagner 1974, Wagner 1979)






Let F be a regular ω -language.

- ① If $F \in \mathbb{G}_\delta$ then there is a deterministic MULLER-automaton $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Delta, q_0, \mathcal{T})$ with upwardly closed \mathcal{T} accepting F .
- ② If $F \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ then there is a deterministic MULLER-automaton $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Delta, q_0, \mathcal{T})$ with downwardly closed \mathcal{T} accepting F .

Characterisation by Regular Languages

CLASS	REPRESENTATION	COMMENT
1. \mathbb{G}^R	$W \cdot X^\omega$	W regular (and prefix-free)
2. \mathbb{F}^R	$\{\xi : \mathbf{pref}(\xi) \subseteq W\}$	W regular
3. $\mathbb{F}_\sigma^R \cap \mathbb{G}_\delta^R$	$\bigcup_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot F_i$	$F_i \subseteq X^\omega$ closed, W_i, F_i regular and W_i prefix-free
4. \mathbb{F}_σ^R	$\bigcup_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot F_i$	$F_i \subseteq X^\omega$ closed, W_i, F_i regular
5. \mathbb{G}_δ^R	$\bigcup_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot V_i^\omega$	W_i, V_i regular and prefix-free
6. regular	$\bigcup_{i=1}^n W_i \cdot V_i^\omega$	W_i, V_i regular (and V_i prefix-free)

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NERODE Right Congruence

Definition

$$u \sim_W v \quad :\Leftrightarrow \quad \forall w (w \in X^* \rightarrow (u \cdot w \in W \leftrightarrow v \cdot w \in W))$$

$$[v]_{\sim_W} \quad := \quad \{u : u \sim_W v\} \quad \text{[equivalence classes]}$$

$$\text{Ind}(\sim_W) \quad := \quad |\{[v]_{\sim_W} : v \in X^*\}|$$

Theorem (folklore)

$W \subseteq X^*$ is regular if and only if $\text{Ind}(\sim_W) < \infty$.

Left Derivative of Languages and ω -languages

Definition (Left derivative)

Let $B \subseteq X^* \cup X^\omega$ and $w \in X^*$.

$$B/w := \{\eta : w \cdot \eta \in B\}.$$

Property

$$B/v = B/w \iff v \sim_B w \text{ and } |\{B/w : w \in X^*\}| = \text{Ind}(\sim_B)$$



Definition (Associated automaton)

$\mathcal{A}_B = (\{B/w : w \in X^*\}, \Delta_B, B/e)$ where

$$\Delta_B = \{(B/w, x, B/wx) : w \in X^* \wedge x \in X\}$$

Theorem (folklore)

If $W \subseteq X^*$ then $\mathcal{A}_W = (\{W/v : v \in X^*\}, \Delta_B, B/e, \{W/u : u \in W\})$ is a minimal deterministic automaton accepting W .

NERODE Right Congruence for ω -languages

Definition: $u \sim_F v : \iff \forall \xi (\xi \in X^\omega \rightarrow (u \cdot \xi \in F \iff v \cdot \xi \in F))$

Theorem (Trakhtenbrot 1962, Jürgensen and Thierrin 1983)

- 1 [Tr] If $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is regular, then \sim_F has finite index ($\text{Ind}(\sim_F) < \infty$).
- 2 [Tr] If $\text{Ind}(\sim_F) < \infty$ and $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is closed then F is regular.
- 3 [JT] There are $2^{2^{\aleph_0}}$ ω -languages E with $\text{Ind}(\sim_E) = 1$.



Theorem (1983)

Let $F \subseteq X^\omega$ be in $\mathbb{F}_\sigma \cap \mathbb{G}_\delta$ and $\text{Ind}(\sim_F) < \infty$. Then

- 1 F is already regular and
- 2 F is accepted by its associated automaton \mathcal{A}_F .

Minimisation of ω -automata

Lemma

If $F \subseteq X^\omega$ then every deterministic BÜCHI- (MULLER-) automaton accepting F has \mathcal{A}_F as a homomorphic image.

Corollary

If a deterministic (co-)BÜCHI- (MULLER-) automaton \mathcal{A} accepts $F \subseteq X^\omega$ then \mathcal{A} has at least $\text{Ind}(\sim_F)$ states.



Fact








- ① *There are regular ω -languages $F \subseteq X^\omega$ having more than one minimal-state BÜCHI- (MULLER-) automaton \mathcal{A} accepting F .*
- ② *There are regular ω -languages $F \subseteq X^\omega$ having exactly one minimal-state BÜCHI- (MULLER-) automaton \mathcal{A} accepting F but not being accepted by \mathcal{A}_F .*

Minimisation of ω -automata: $n \log n$ -algorithm

Theorem (Löding 2001)

There is an algorithm minimising an n -state deterministic weak BÜCHI automaton accepting an ω -language F in $O(n \log n)$ time to the associated automaton \mathcal{A}_F .

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Small and Large Sets in CANTOR Topology

dense:

$$C(F) = X^\omega, \text{pref}(F) = X^*$$

nowhere dense:

$$w \cdot X^\omega \not\subseteq C(F) \quad \text{for all } w \in X^*$$

The closure does not contain an open set.

First BAIRE category

or meagre

$$: \quad \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_i \quad (F_i \text{ nowhere dense})$$

Second BAIRE category:

not of first BAIRE category

residual:

$X^\omega \setminus F$ is of first BAIRE category

Small and Large Sets

	Topology	Closure properties	
very large	F is residual	superset	$\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
large	F is of 2 nd BAIRE category	superset	–
small	F is of 1 st BAIRE category	subset	$\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$
very small	F is nowhere dense	subset	\cup



	Logical description	Example
very large	infinitely many ones	$(0^*1)^\omega$
large		$0(0^*1)^\omega \cup 1\{0,1\}^* \cdot 0^\omega$
small	finitely many ones	$\{0,1\}^* \cdot 0^\omega$
very small	$\leq n$ ones	$\bigcup_{i=0}^n (0^*1)^i \cdot 0^\omega$

Small and Large Sets: BOREL classes

Lemma

In every complete metric space (X, ρ) the following are true.

- ① *Every nowhere dense set is contained in a closed nowhere dense set.*
- ② *Every set of 1st BAIRE category is a subset of an \mathbb{F}_σ -set of 1st BAIRE category.*
- ③ *Every \mathbb{G}_δ -set of 1st BAIRE category is nowhere dense.*
- ④ *If M is a \mathbb{G}_δ -set then $C_\rho(M) \setminus M$ is a set of 1st BAIRE category.*
- ⑤ *Every residual set contains a residual \mathbb{G}_δ -set.*
- ⑥ *Every residual set is dense.*

Small Regular ω -languages

Example (Forbidden subwords)

$E = X^\omega \setminus X^* \cdot v \cdot X^\omega$ is nowhere dense because $E \cap w \cdot v \cdot X^\omega = \emptyset$ for all $w \in X^*$.



Theorem (1976)

Let $F \subseteq X^\omega$ be a regular ω -language.

- ① F is nowhere dense if and only if there is a $v \in X^*$ such that $F \subseteq X^\omega \setminus X^* \cdot v \cdot X^\omega$.
- ② F is of 1st BAIRE category if and only if $F \subseteq \bigcup_{v \in X^*} (X^\omega \setminus X^* \cdot v \cdot X^\omega)$.

Visualisation: r -adic Expansion

$$Y = \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$$

$$0.\eta \in [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R} \xleftarrow{v_r} \eta \in Y^\omega$$

$$(0.\text{proj}_1 \xi, \dots, 0.\text{proj}_d \xi) \in [0, 1]^d \xleftarrow{v_r} \xi \in \underbrace{(Y \times \dots \times Y)}_{d\text{-times}}^\omega$$

Example: $r = 2$

$$\frac{3}{4} \xleftarrow{v_2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.11000\dots \\ 0.10111\dots \end{array} \right.$$

$$(x_\beta, y_\beta) \in [0, 1]^2 \xleftarrow{v_2}$$

$$\beta \in \{(0, 0), \dots, (1, 1)\}^\omega$$

$$x_\beta = 0.x_1x_2x_3\dots \xleftarrow{v_2}$$

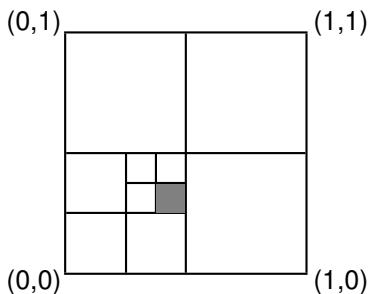
$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

$$y_\beta = 0.y_1y_2y_3\dots$$

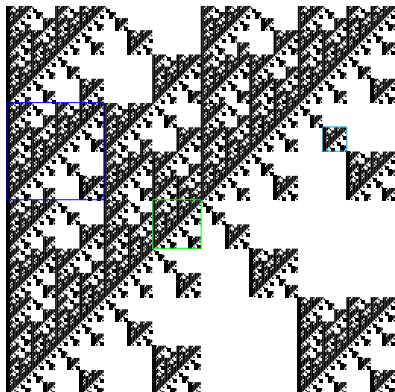
Visualisation in the Unit Square $[0, 1]^2$

Notation ($r = 2$): $X := \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$

Quadrant in $[0, 1]^2$: $\mathbf{Q}_{(0,0)(1,1)(1,0)} = \nu_2((0,0)(1,1)(1,0)) \cdot X^\omega$



Visualisation: A Regular Nowhere Dense Set



$$u = (1, 1) \cdot (0, 1) \cdot (1, 0) \cdot (0, 1)$$

$$w = (1, 0) \cdot (0, 0)$$

$$v = (0, 0) \cdot (1, 1) \cdot (1, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= (0, 1) \cdot S_3 \cup (0, 0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 0) \cdot S_2 \\ S_2 &= (0, 1) \cdot S_2 \cup (0, 0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 1) \cdot S_3 \cup (1, 0) \cdot S_1 \\ S_3 &= (0, 1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 0) \cdot S_3 \end{aligned}$$

BERNOULLI Measures $\bar{\mu}$ on X^ω

BERNOULLI measure on X^* : $\mu: X^* \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x \in X} \mu(x) = 1, \mu(x) > 0;$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(w \cdot v) := \mu(w) \cdot \mu(v)$$



Property

If $W \subseteq X^*$ is prefix-free then $\sum_{w \in W} \mu(w) \leq 1$



Definition (BERNOULLI measure on X^ω)

Measure on balls: $\bar{\mu}(w \cdot X^\omega) := \mu(w)$

Measure on open sets: If $W \subseteq X^*$ is prefix-free then

$$\bar{\mu}(W \cdot X^\omega) := \sum_{w \in W} \mu(w)$$

Comparison of Small and Large Sets

	Measure [$\mu(X^\omega) = 1$]	Topology
very large	$\bar{\mu}(F) = 1$	F is residual
large	$\bar{\mu}(F) > 0$ or F is not measurable	F is of 2 nd BAIRE category
small	$\bar{\mu}(F) = 0$	F is of 1 st BAIRE category
very small	$\bar{\mu}(C(F)) = 0$ \implies	F is nowhere dense



Proposition (Incomparability (cf. OXToby: *Measure and Category*))

- 1 There is a nowhere dense set $F \subseteq X^\omega$ such that $\bar{\mu}(F) > 0$.
- 2 There is a set of 1st BAIRE category such that $\bar{\mu}(F) = 1$.
There is a residual set $E \subseteq X^\omega$ such that $\bar{\mu}(E) = 0$.

Probabilistic Arguments

Bad news for probabilistic arguments

Example

The set of BERNOULLI- (BOREL-normal) sequences over X is of 1st BAIRE category.

An Example: Łukasiewicz Language

Defining equation: $\mathfrak{L} = 0 \cup 1 \cdot \mathfrak{L}^3$

$$\mu(\mathfrak{L}) = \mu(0) + \mu(1) \cdot \mu(\mathfrak{L}^3)$$



- ① \mathfrak{L} is a simple deterministic context-free language, hence prefix-free.
- $\mu(\mathfrak{L}^n) = \mu(\mathfrak{L})^n$
- ② Eq. (2) $\mu(\mathfrak{L}) = (1 - \mu(1)) + \mu(1) \cdot \mu(\mathfrak{L}^3)$ has the positive solutions $t_0 = 1$ and $t_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu(1)} - \frac{3}{4}}$.
- ③ $\mu(\mathfrak{L})$ is the smallest positive solution of Eq. (2).
- ④ $\mu(\mathfrak{L}) = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} < 1$ for $\mu(1) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\mu(\mathfrak{L}) = 1$ for $\mu(1) \leq \frac{1}{3}$.
- $\bar{\mu}(\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{L}^n \cdot X^\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \mu(1) = 1/2, \text{ and} \\ 1 & \text{for } \mu(1) \leq 1/3 \end{cases}$
- ⑤ $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{L}^n \cdot X^\omega$ is a \mathbb{G}_δ -set and dense in $\{0, 1\}^\omega$, thus its complement is of 1st BAIRE category.

Topology and Measure in CANTOR space

Theorem (1976)

Let $\mu : X^* \rightarrow (0, 1)$ be a BERNOULLI measure and let $F \subseteq X^\omega$ be a regular ω -language.

Then F is of 1st BAIRE category if and only if $\bar{\mu}(F) = 0$.



Proof Scheme: Induction on BOREL CLASSES

closed F is nowhere dense if and only if $\bar{\mu}(F) = 0$.

\mathbb{F}_σ -sets F is a countable union of closed regular ω -languages.

\mathbb{G}_δ -sets $C(F)$ is the union of F and $C(F) \setminus F$, where $C(F) \setminus F$ is a regular ω -language in \mathbb{F}_σ of 1st BAIRE category.

general F is a countable union of regular ω -languages in \mathbb{G}_δ .

Balanced Measures

Definition

A finite measure $\bar{\mu}$ on X^ω is called *balanced* if the following holds true.

$$\exists c > 0 \forall w \in X^* \forall x \in X: \bar{\mu}(wx \cdot X^\omega) > c \cdot \bar{\mu}(w \cdot X^\omega) \quad \text{or} \\ \bar{\mu}(wx \cdot X^\omega) = 0$$

Definition (Support)

Let $\bar{\mu}$ be a finite measure on X^ω .

The smallest closed set F with $\bar{\mu}(F) = \bar{\mu}(X^\omega)$ is referred to as the *support* **supp**($\bar{\mu}$) of $\bar{\mu}$.

Relativisation: Nowhere dense sets

Definition (Relative density)

Let $S, F \subseteq X^\omega$, $S \neq \emptyset$. We call F nowhere dense in S if for every non-empty ball $S \cap w \cdot X^\omega$ in S there is a non-empty sub-ball $S \cap w \cdot v \cdot X^\omega$ disjoint with F .



Lemma (1998)

Let $S \subseteq X^\omega$ be a regular ω -language.

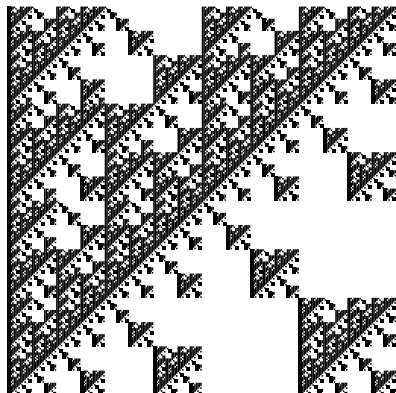
A regular ω -language $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is nowhere dense in S if and only if for every $w \in \mathbf{pref}(S)$ there is a $v \in X^*$ such that

- ① $|v| < \text{Ind}(\sim_F) \cdot \text{Ind}(\sim_S) + 1$ and
- ② and $w \cdot v \in \mathbf{pref}(S)$ and $w \cdot v \notin \mathbf{pref}(F)$.

Remark

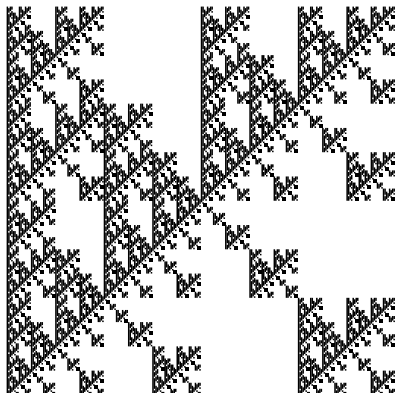
Observe that $S \cap w \cdot X^\omega \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $w \in \mathbf{pref}(S)$.

Visualisation: ω -language S



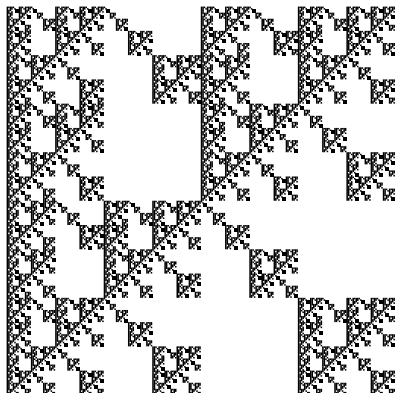
$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= (0, 1) \cdot S_3 \cup (0, 0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 0) \cdot S_2 \\
 S_2 &= (0, 1) \cdot S_2 \cup (0, 0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 1) \cdot S_3 \cup (1, 0) \cdot S_1 \\
 S_3 &= (0, 1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1, 0) \cdot S_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Visualisation: F_0 nowhere dense in S



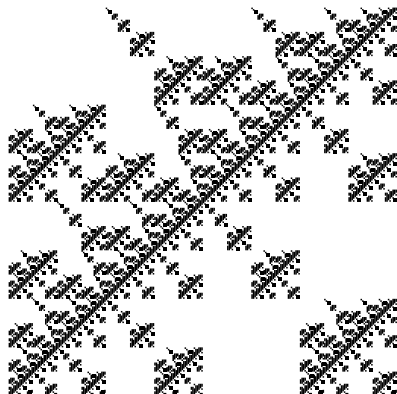
$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= (0,1) \cdot S_3 \cup (0,0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_2 \\
 S_2 &= (0,1) \cdot S_2 \cup (0,0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,1) \cdot \emptyset \cup (1,0) \cdot S_1 \\
 S_3 &= (0,1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Visualisation: F_1 nowhere dense in S



$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= (0,1) \cdot S_3 \cup (0,0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_2 \\
 S_2 &= (0,1) \cdot \emptyset \cup (0,0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,1) \cdot S_3 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_1 \\
 S_3 &= (0,1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Visualisation: F_2 nowhere dense in S



$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= (0,1) \cdot S_3 \cup (0,0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_2 \\
 S_2 &= (0,1) \cdot S_2 \cup (0,0) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,1) \cdot S_3 \cup (1,0) \cdot \emptyset \\
 S_3 &= (0,1) \cdot S_1 \cup (1,0) \cdot S_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Relativisation: Inhomogeneity

Example (Inhomogeneity)

For $S = 0 \cdot (0 \cdot X)^\omega \cup 1 \cdot X^\omega$ we have:

$F_1 = 0 \cdot (0 \cdot X)^\omega$ is of 2nd BAIRE category in S , and

$F_2 = 1 \cdot (0 \cdot X)^\omega$ is nowhere dense in S .

Relativisation: Topology and Measure in CANTOR space

Theorem (St. 1998, Varacca and Völzer 2006)

Let $S \subseteq X^\omega$ regular and closed and $F \subseteq S$ be regular. Then the following are equivalent.

- ① F is of 1st BAIRE category in S .
- ② There is a balanced finite measure $\bar{\mu}$ with support $\mathbf{supp}(\bar{\mu}) = S$ such that $\bar{\mu}(F) = 0$.
- ③ $\bar{\mu}(F) = 0$ for all balanced finite measures $\bar{\mu}$ with support $\mathbf{supp}(\bar{\mu}) = S$.






Corollary

Let $S \subseteq X^\omega$ regular and closed. Then

$$\bigcup \{F : F \subseteq S \wedge F \text{ is regular and nowhere dense in } S\}$$

is a null-set universal for all balanced finite measures $\bar{\mu}$ with support $\mathbf{supp}(\bar{\mu}) = S$.

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What ω -automata cannot prove

ω -automata cannot prove that

- 1 there are sets in BOREL classes higher than $\text{Bool}(\mathbb{G}_\delta)$,
- 2 there are sets in $(\mathbb{G}_\delta \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma) \setminus \text{Bool}(\mathbb{G})$,
- 3 there are nowhere dense BERNOULLI non-nullsets,
- 4 there are BERNOULLI nullsets of 2nd BAIRE category,
- 5 there are sets which are BERNOULLI nullsets w.r.t. measure $\bar{\mu}_1$ but not w.r.t. measure $\bar{\mu}_2$



but they are useful for proving largeness by probabilistic arguments.

Thank you

