The cohesive principle and the Bolzano-Weierstraß principle

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The Bolzano-Weierstraß principle

A real number is a sequence of rational numbers with Cauchy-rate 2^{-n}.

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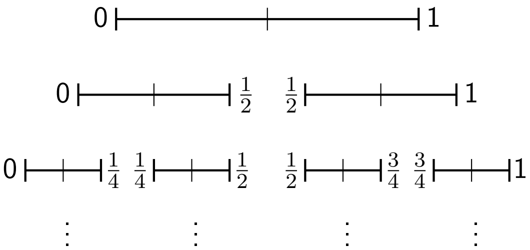

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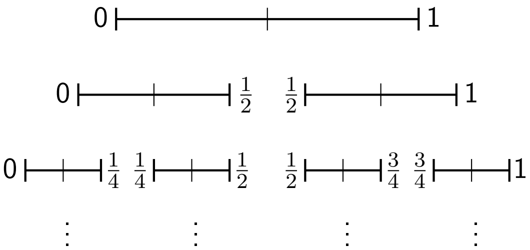

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- The partitions form a Π^0_2-0/1-tree.
- This is a Π^0_1-0/1-tree in $0'$.
- WKL relativized to $0'$ yields an infinite branch and therefore computes the sequence of partitions.

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By the low basis theorem:

Corollary

BW *has for computable instances a solution* low *relative to* $0'$*, i.e. the first Turing jump of a solution is computable in* $0''$*.*

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Suppose that $(y_n)_{n<m}$ is an initial segment that has already been computed. Deciding, whether there is an extension $(y_n)_{n<l}$, such that

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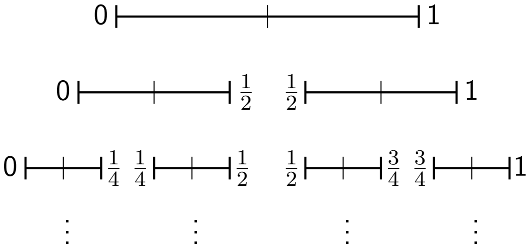

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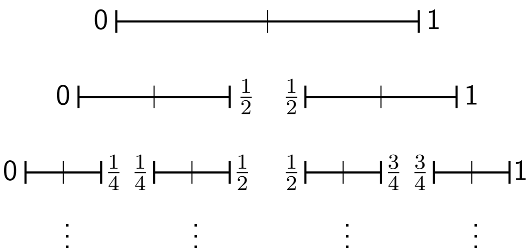

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- Let $(y_n)_{n<m}$ be the initial segment of (y_n) computed up to the k-th step.
  At the k-th step extend this to $(y_n)_{n<l}$ by elements in the k-th chosen interval, such that $\Phi_k^{(y_n)_{n<l}}\!\downarrow$, if possible.
- Then extend this by another element of the interval.

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Corollary

$\mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}}$ *has* low_2 *solutions,*
i.e. $(y_n)''$ *is computable in* $0''$.

Proof.

$$(y_n)' \leq_T 0' + \mathsf{WKL} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad (y_n)'' \leq_T 0''$$ □

$\mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}}$ does not compute $0'$
and is therefore strictly weaker than BW.

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- *For each sequence $(x_n)_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ there exists $(R_n)_n \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$, such that from an infinite cohesive set for (R_n) one can compute a Cauchy-subsequence of (x_n) and vice versa.*
- $\mathrm{RCA}_0 \vdash \mathrm{BW}_{\mathrm{weak}} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{COH} \wedge B\Sigma^0_2$
  Moreover, this equivalence also holds instance-wise.

Theorem

- COH *and hence also* $\mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}}$ *do not compute solutions to* WKL *in general. (Cholak, Jockusch, Slaman '01)*
- *There are instance of these principle which have no* low *solutions. (Jockusch, Stephan '93)*

Proof of the low_2-ness of $\mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}}$ is a streamlined version of the low_2-ness of COH (Jockusch, Stephan '93).

Theorem (Chong, Slaman, Yang '10)

$\mathsf{RCA}_0 + \mathsf{COH} + B\Sigma^0_2$ *and thus* $\mathsf{RCA}_0 + \mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}}$ *are* Π^1_1*-conservative over* $\mathsf{RCA}_0 + B\Sigma^0_2$.

Theorem (K., Kohlenbach '10)

If $\mathsf{WKL}_0 + \mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}} \vdash \forall f\, \exists y\, \phi(f, y)$
for quantifier free ϕ,
then one can extract from a given proof
a ***primitive recursive*** *function(al)* t *such that* $\forall f\, \phi(f, t(f))$.

- "Proof mining"

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- *For each bounded sequence $(x_n) \subseteq \ell_2$ there is a weak cluster point x computable in $0''$.*
- *There is a bounded and computable sequence $(x_n) \subseteq \ell_2$, such that each weak cluster point of it computes $0''$.*
- *Over* RCA_0 *the principles* Π^0_2-CA *and* weak-BW *are* ***instance-wise*** *equivalent.*

Summary

- BW is equivalent to WKL for $0'$-computable trees.
- $\mathsf{BW}_{\mathsf{weak}}$ is equivalent to COH.
  - Hence, it does not imply $0'$.
  - It admits extraction of primitive recursive terms.
- weak-BW is equivalent to $0''$.

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