

On the Values for Factor Complexity

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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 $W \subseteq X^*$, $T \subseteq \{w : |w| = n\}$

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

Prefixes of infinite strings $\xi[0..n] \in X^*$, $|\xi[0..n]| = n$

ω -Languages $F \subseteq X^\omega$

Subword (factor) complexity

Definition (Asymptotic subword complexity)

$$\tau(\xi) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_r |\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^n|}{n}$$

$$\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^{n+m} \subseteq (\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^n) \cdot (\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^m)$$

Fact

The limit exists and equals $\tau(\xi) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\log_r |\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^n|}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$.

Fact

$0 \leq \tau(\xi) \leq 1$ and $\mathbf{infix}(\xi) = X^*$ if and only if $\tau(\xi) = 1$.

Problem

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For which $t, 0 \leq t \leq 1$, there is a $\xi \in X^\omega$ with $\tau(\xi) = t$?

Lemma (CAI/HARTMANIS '94)

For the (asymptotic) KOLMOGOROV complexity $\underline{\kappa} : X^\omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ the following holds:

For every $t, 0 \leq t \leq 1$, there is a $\xi \in X^\omega$ with $\underline{\kappa}(\xi) = t$.

Lemma (Staiger '93)

Let $W \subseteq X^*$ be a regular language. Then there is a $\xi \in X^\omega$ with

$$\tau(\xi) = \mathbf{H}_W := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_r(1 + |W \cap X^n|)}{n}.$$

Main theorem: One-dimensional case

Theorem

Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. Then there is an ω -language $F \subseteq X^\omega$ closed in the Cantor topology and computable in α such that

- ① $\dim F = \alpha$,
- ② $\tau(\xi) = \alpha$ for all $\xi \in F$, and
- ③ there is a $\xi \in F$ such that $\underline{\kappa}(\xi) = \alpha$.

If, moreover, α is a right-computable real number then $\mathbf{pref}(F)$ can be chosen to be computable.

Main theorem: Multi-dimensional case

Definition (Multi-dimensional infixes)

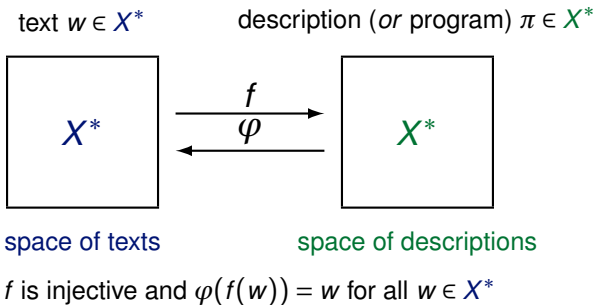
Let $\xi \in X^{\mathbb{N}^d}$. A *multi-dimensional subword* of ξ is a hypercube B of size n^d of ξ .

$$\tau_d(\xi) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_r |\{B : B \in \mathbf{infix}_d(\xi) \wedge \mathbf{size}(B) = n^d\}|}{n}$$

Theorem

Let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}, d \geq 2$. Then, given a decreasing sequence of rationals $(q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ converging to α , there is an algorithm which constructs a nonempty set $M \subseteq X^{\mathbb{N}^d}$ such that $\tau_d(\xi) = \alpha$ for all $\xi \in M$.

Compression: The principle of loss-less compression



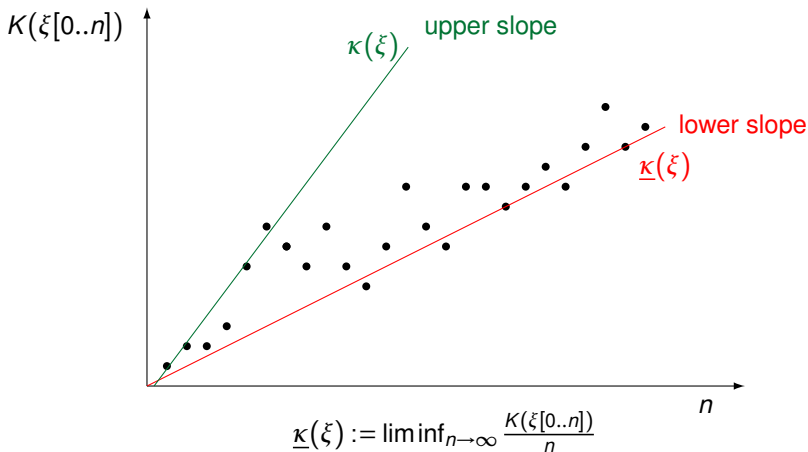
Complexity of w w.r.t. φ : $K_\varphi(w) := \inf\{|\pi| : \varphi(\pi) = w\}$

Fact (Combinatorial lower bound)

If $W \subseteq X^$ has at least m elements then there is a $w \in W$ such that $K_\varphi(w) \geq \log_r m$.*

Complexity of infinite words

Plot of the function $K(\xi[0..n])$



Also known as *constructive dimension*.

KOLMOGOROV complexity and subword complexity

Theorem (SOLOMONOFF '64, KOLMOGOROV '65, CHAITIN '66)

There is an optimal partial-recursive function φ such that for all partial-recursive functions ψ there is a constant c_ψ such that

$$\forall w (w \in X^* \rightarrow K_\varphi(w) \leq K_\psi(w) + c_\psi).$$

Lemma (KOLMOGOROV '65)

If φ is an optimal partial-recursive function and

$$\underline{\kappa}(\xi) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{K_\varphi(\xi[0..n])}{n} \text{ then } \underline{\kappa}(\xi) \leq \tau(\xi).$$

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)

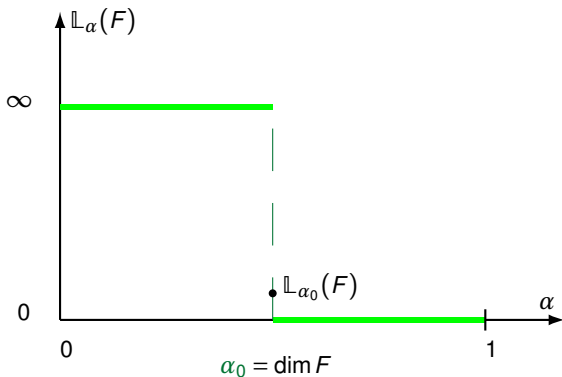
$\mathcal{C}(F) = \{\xi : \mathbf{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \mathbf{pref}(F)\}$

Fact

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

HAUSDORFF dimension: Definition

$$\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} r^{-\alpha \cdot |v|} : F \subseteq \bigcup_{v \in V} v \cdot X^\omega \wedge \min_{v \in V} |v| \geq n \right\}$$



$$\dim F := \inf\{\alpha : \mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) = 0\} = \sup\{\alpha : \mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) = \infty\}$$

HAUSDORFF dimension: Properties

Fact

- ① *dim is monotone and countably stable:*

$$\dim \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_i = \sup \{ \dim F_i : i \in \mathbb{N} \}, \text{ and } \dim \{ \xi \} = 0$$

- ② *If $T \subseteq X^\ell$ then $\dim T^\omega = \frac{\log_{|X|} |T|}{\ell}$.*

Theorem (Mass distribution principle)

Let μ be a measure on X^ω such that $\mu(F) > 0$ and suppose that for some α there are numbers $c_0 > 0$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\forall w (w \in X^* \wedge n_0 \leq |w| \rightarrow \mu(w \cdot X^\omega) \leq c_0 \cdot (r^{-|w|})^\alpha).$$

Then $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) \geq \mu(F)/c_0$.

HAUSDORFF dimension: Relations to τ

Lemma (RYABKO '86, Staiger '93)

If $F \subseteq X^\omega$ is not empty then $\dim F \leq \sup\{\tau(\xi) : \xi \in F\}$.

Lemma (Staiger '93)

If $T \subseteq X^*$ is finite then $\dim T^\omega = \sup\{\tau(\xi) : \xi \in T\}$ and $\tau(\xi) = \dim T^\omega$ for some $\xi \in T$.

An auxiliary theorem

Theorem

Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Then there is an ω -language $F \subseteq X^\omega$ closed in the Cantor topology such that

- 1 F has non-null α -dimensional measure $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F)$.
- 2 $\tau(\xi) = \alpha$ for all $\xi \in F$.
- 3 $\mathbf{pref}(F)$ is computable in α .

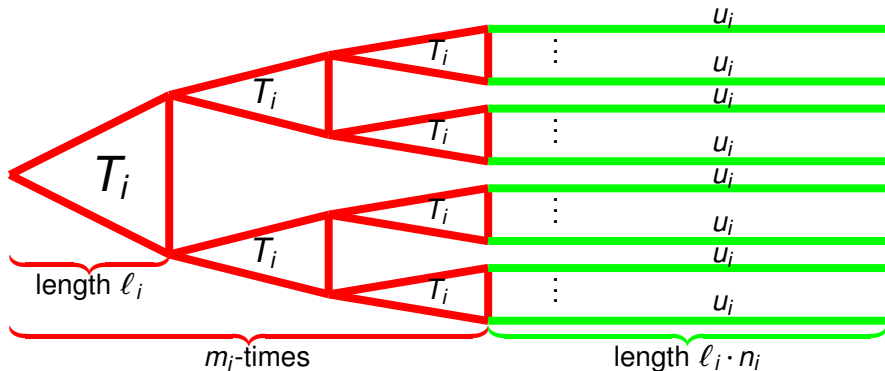
If, moreover, α is a right-computable real number then $\mathbf{pref}(F)$ is computable.

Proof.

Construct F as the limit of spherically symmetric trees $T_i \subseteq X^{\ell_i}$. □

The construction of T_{i+1}

$$T_{i+1} := T_i^{m_i} \cdot u_i \text{ where } u_i \in T_i^{n_i} \text{ and } \tau(u_i) \supseteq T_i$$



Properties of T_{i+1}

Start with $T_0 := X$, let $T_{i+1} := T_i^{m_i} \cdot u_i$, where $u_i \in T_i^*$ and

$$F := \{\xi : \xi \in X^\omega \wedge \text{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{pref}(T_i)\}.$$

Then

- 1 $T_{i+1} \subseteq T_i^{m_i+n_i}$,
- 2 $T_i \subseteq X^{\ell_i}$, where $\ell_0 = 1$ and $\ell_{i+1} = m_i \cdot \ell_i + n_i \cdot \ell_i$, that is,
- 3 $\ell_i = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (m_j + n_j)$,
- 4 $|T_i| = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} m_j$, and consequently,
- 5 $\dim T_i^\omega = \frac{\log_{|X|} |T_i|}{\ell_i} = \frac{m_0}{m_0+n_0} \cdots \frac{m_{i-1}}{m_{i-1}+n_{i-1}}$.
- 6 $F \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} T_i^\omega$, and consequently,
- 7 $\dim F \leq \inf\{\dim T_i^\omega : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Properties of F

$$F := \{\xi : \xi \in X^\omega \wedge \mathbf{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{pref}(T_i)\}$$

The following holds, for T_i and $\ell \leq \ell_i$:

Inclusion: $\mathbf{pref}(T_i) \subseteq \mathbf{pref}(F)$,

Extension: $\mathbf{pref}(T_i) \cap X^\ell = \mathbf{pref}(T_{i+1}) \cap X^\ell$, and

Spherical symmetry: $\mathbf{pref}(T_i) \cap X^\ell = (\mathbf{pref}(T_i) \cap X^{\ell-1}) \cdot X$, or
 $|\mathbf{pref}(T_i) \cap X^\ell| = |\mathbf{pref}(T_i) \cap X^{\ell-1}|$

Conclusion

- 1 $\mathbf{pref}(F) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{pref}(T_i)$
- 2 $\mu(w \cdot X^\omega) := \begin{cases} 1/|\mathbf{pref}(F) \cap X^{|w|}|, & \text{if } w \in \mathbf{pref}(F), \text{ and} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
defines a measure on X^ω .

The rôle of α

Let $1 > q_0 > q_1 > \dots > q_i > \dots > \alpha = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} q_i$ where $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Then choose n_i and m_i in such a way that

$$n_i \geq |T_i| \text{ and } q_i = \frac{m_0}{m_0+n_0} \cdots \frac{m_i}{m_i+n_i},$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 &= \frac{m_0}{m_0+n_0}, \text{ and} \\ q_i/q_{i-1} &= \frac{m_i}{m_i+n_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally define u_i as a product of n_i words $w \in T_i$ (including all) in some (computable) order.

Conclusion

- 1 $\dim F \leq \alpha \leq q_i = \dim T_i^\omega$
- 2 since $\tau(u_i) \supseteq T_i$, we have $\tau(\xi) = \alpha$ for $\xi \in F$.

Dimension and KOLMOGOROV complexity

Lemma

The measure μ satisfies $\mu(w \cdot X^\omega) \leq r^{-\alpha \cdot |w|}$ for all $w \in X^*$.

Application to F via Mass Distribution Principle

F has HAUSDORFF dimension $\dim F = \alpha$ and $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) > 0$

Theorem (Staiger '93)

Let $E \subseteq X^\omega$ with $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(E) > 0$ and let $\varphi : X^* \rightarrow X^*$ be a partial function and $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} r^{-f(n)} < \infty$. Then

$$\exists \xi (\xi \in E \wedge \forall^\infty n (K_\varphi(\xi[0..n]) \geq \alpha \cdot n - f(n)))$$

Application to F

There is a $\xi \in F$ such that $\underline{\kappa}(\xi) = \alpha$.

Concluding remarks

On relative computability

For the proofs of lower bounds for the complexity K_φ we use only combinatorial bounds. Thus relativisation to computability in α is given.

To obtain upper bounds, observe that $K_\psi(w) \leq K_\varphi(w) + c$ when φ is an optimal partial-recursive function and ψ is an optimal partial-recursive function relative to a certain oracle M .

The construction of F is constructive in any decreasing sequence of rationals $(q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ converging to α .

On other complexities

In the theorem we can replace $\underline{\kappa}$ by other complexities (upper KOLMOGOROV complexity κ or finite-state dimensions).

Thank you

