

# COMPUTABILITY-THEORETIC CATEGORICITY AND SCOTT FAMILIES

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ABSTRACT. Computability-theoretic investigation of complexity of isomorphisms between countable structures is a key topic in computable model theory since Fröhlich and Shepherdson, Mal'cev, and Metakides and Nerode. A computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is called  $\Delta_n^0$ -categorical, for  $n \geq 1$ , if for every computable isomorphic  $\mathcal{B}$  there is a  $\Delta_n^0$  isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}$ . More generally,  $\mathcal{A}$  is relatively  $\Delta_n^0$ -categorical if for every isomorphic  $\mathcal{B}$  there is an isomorphism that is  $\Delta_n^0$  relative to the atomic diagram of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Equivalently,  $\mathcal{A}$  is relatively  $\Delta_n^0$ -categorical if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a computably enumerable Scott family of computable (infinitary)  $\Sigma_n$  formulas. Relative  $\Delta_n^0$ -categoricity implies  $\Delta_n^0$ -categoricity, but not *vice versa*.

In this paper, we present an example of a computable Fraïssé limit that is computably categorical (that is,  $\Delta_1^0$ -categorical) but not relatively computably categorical. We also present examples of  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical structures in natural classes such as trees of finite and infinite heights, abelian  $p$ -groups, and homogenous completely decomposable abelian groups. It is known that for structures from these classes computable categoricity and relative computable categoricity coincide.

By relativizing the notion of a computable categoricity to a Turing degree  $\mathbf{d}$ , we obtain a notion of  $\mathbf{d}$ -computable categoricity. The categoricity spectrum of a computable structure  $\mathcal{M}$  is the set of all Turing degrees  $\mathbf{d}$  such that  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\mathbf{d}$ -computably categorical. The degree of categoricity of  $\mathcal{M}$  is the least degree in the categoricity spectrum of  $\mathcal{M}$ , if such a degree exists. Here we compute degrees of categoricity for relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras and relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -groups.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

In computable model theory we use the tools and techniques of computability theory to investigate algorithmic content of notions and constructions in classical mathematics. We consider only countable structures for computable languages, which are often finite. Such an infinite structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is *computable* if its universe can be identified with the set  $\omega$  of natural numbers in such a way that the relations and operations of  $\mathcal{A}$  are uniformly computable. A finite structure is always computable. A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is called  *$n$ -decidable*, for  $n \geq 1$ , if the  $\Sigma_n$ -diagram of  $\mathcal{A}$  is decidable. Computable categoricity is one of the main topics in computable model theory. It dates back to Fröhlich and Shepherdson [22] who produced examples of computable fields that are not computably isomorphic. A computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *computably categorical* if for every computable structure  $\mathcal{B}$  isomorphic to

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$\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a computable isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}$ . For example, Ershov [20] established that a computable algebraically closed field is computably categorical if and only if it has a finite transcendence degree over its prime subfield. Miller and Schoutens [47] recently constructed a computably categorical field of infinite transcendence degree over the field of rational numbers.

The notion of computable categoricity can be extended to higher level of hyperarithmetical hierarchy. Let  $\alpha$  be a computable ordinal. A computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical if for every computable structure  $\mathcal{B}$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a  $\Delta_\alpha^0$  isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}$ . More generally, a computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is *relatively*  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical if for every  $\mathcal{B}$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}$ , there is an isomorphism from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ , which is  $\Delta_\alpha^0$  relative to the atomic diagram of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Clearly, a relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical structure is  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical. The converse is not always true.

Relative  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categoricity has a syntactic characterization that involves the existence of certain Scott families of computable formulas. Roughly speaking, computable formulas are infinitary formulas with disjunctions and conjunctions over computable enumerable (c.e.) sets. A *Scott family* for a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is a countable family  $\Phi$  of  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -formulas with finitely many fixed parameters from  $\mathcal{A}$  such that:

- (i) Each finite tuple in  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies some  $\psi \in \Phi$ ;
- (ii) If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  are tuples in  $\mathcal{A}$ , of the same length, satisfying the same formulas in  $\Phi$ , then there is an automorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$ , which maps  $\bar{a}$  to  $\bar{b}$ .

Ash [3] defined computable  $\Sigma_\alpha$  and  $\Pi_\alpha$  formulas of  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ , where  $\alpha$  is a computable ordinal, recursively and simultaneously and together with their Gödel numbers. The computable  $\Sigma_0$  and  $\Pi_0$  formulas are the finitary quantifier-free formulas. The computable  $\Sigma_{\alpha+1}$  formulas are of the form

$$\bigvee_{n \in W_e} \exists \bar{y}_n \psi_n(\bar{x}, \bar{y}_n),$$

where for  $n \in W_e$ ,  $\psi_n$  is a  $\Pi_\alpha$  formula indexed by its Gödel number  $n$ , and  $\exists \bar{y}_n$  is a finite block of existential quantifiers. Similarly,  $\Pi_{\alpha+1}$  formulas are c.e. conjunctions of  $\forall \Sigma_\alpha$  formulas. If  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then  $\Sigma_\alpha$  ( $\Pi_\alpha$ , respectively) formulas are of the form  $\bigvee_{n \in W_e} \psi_n$  ( $\bigwedge_{n \in W_e} \psi_n$ , respectively), such that there is a sequence  $(\alpha_n)_{n \in W_e}$  of ordinals less than  $\alpha$ , given by the ordinal notation for  $\alpha$ , and every  $\psi_n$  is a  $\Sigma_{\alpha_n}$  ( $\Pi_{\alpha_n}$ , respectively) formula. For a more precise definition see [3].

A *formally*  $\Sigma_\alpha^0$  *Scott family* is a  $\Sigma_\alpha^0$  Scott family consisting of computable  $\Sigma_\alpha$  formulas. It follows that a formally c.e. Scott family is also a c.e. Scott family of finitary existential formulas.

The following equivalence (i)–(ii)–(iii) for a computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  was established by Goncharov [26] for  $\alpha = 1$ , and by Ash, Knight, Manasse, and Slaman [4] and independently by Chisholm [11] for any computable ordinal  $\alpha$ :

- (i) The structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical.
- (ii) The structure  $\mathcal{A}$  has a formally  $\Sigma_\alpha^0$  Scott family.
- (iii) The structure  $\mathcal{A}$  has a c.e. Scott family consisting of computable  $\Sigma_\alpha$  formulas.

Infinitary language is essential for Scott families. Cholak, Shore, and Solomon [14] proved the existence of a computably categorical rigid graph that does not have

a Scott family of finitary formulas. It follows that this structure is not relatively computably categorical.

Goncharov [25] was the first to show that computable categoricity of a computable structure does not imply relative computable categoricity. The result of Goncharov was lifted to higher levels in the hyperarithmetic hierarchy by Goncharov, Harizanov, Knight, McCoy, R. Miller, and Solomon for successor ordinals [28], and by Chisholm, Fokina, Goncharov, Harizanov, Knight, and Quinn for limit ordinals [12]. Hence, for every computable ordinal  $\alpha$ , there is a  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical structure. It follows from results by Hirschfeldt, Khoussainov, Shore, and Slinko in [33] that there are (computable) computably categorical but not relatively computably categorical structures in the following classes: partial orders, lattices, 2-step nilpotent groups, commutative semigroups, and integral domains of arbitrary characteristic. Recently, Hirschfeldt, Kramer, R. Miller, and Shlapentokh [31] showed that there is a computably categorical algebraic field, which is not relatively computably categorical.

Cholak, Goncharov, Khoussainov, and Shore [13] showed that there is a computable structure, which is computably categorical, but ceases to be after naming any element of the structure. Clearly, this structure is not relatively computably categorical. Khoussainov and Shore [37] proved that there is a computably categorical structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , which is not relatively computably categorical, but the expansion of  $\mathcal{A}$  by any finite number of constants is computably categorical. Previously, T. Millar [43] showed that if a computably categorical structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is 1-decidable, then any expansion of  $\mathcal{A}$  by finitely many constants remains computably categorical.

Goncharov's graph in [25], which is computably categorical but not relatively computably categorical, is rigid, and hence computably stable but not relatively computably stable. A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -stable if for every computable copy  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , all isomorphisms from  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{B}$  are  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ . Similarly, we define relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -stable structures. A *defining family* for a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is a set  $\Phi$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$  formulas with one free variable and a fixed finite tuple of parameters from  $\mathcal{A}$  such that:

- (i) Every element of  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies some formula  $\psi \in \Phi$ ;
- (ii) No formula of  $\Phi$  is satisfied by more than one element of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

The existence of a defining family is equivalent to rigidity relative to a finite set of parameters. A countable structure is rigid if and only if it has a defining family with no parameters. A computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -stable if and only if it has a formally  $\Sigma_\alpha^0$  defining family.

Downey, Kach, Lempp, Lewis, Montalbán, and Turetsky [16] proved that for every computable ordinal  $\alpha$ , there is a computably categorical structure, which is not relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical. In fact, it follows from their construction that the structure is rigid. Thus, they answered positively the following question from [28, 12]: For a computable ordinal  $\alpha > 1$ , is there a computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  that is  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -stable but not relatively  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -stable? On the other hand, a natural open question arising from [16] is whether there is a computably categorical structure that is not relatively hyperarithmetically categorical.

Ash [2] proved that a computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Delta_1^1$ -categorical if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categorical for some computable ordinal  $\alpha$ . It is not known whether every computable  $\Delta_1^1$ -categorical structure is relatively  $\Delta_1^1$ -categorical. A similar question has been resolved for relations on structures – intrinsically  $\Delta_1^1$  and relatively

intrinsically  $\Delta_1^1$  relations are the same (see [29]). Namely, it follows from a result by Soskov [51] that for a computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  and a relation  $R$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , if  $R$  is invariant under automorphisms of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\Delta_1^1$ , then  $R$  is definable in  $\mathcal{A}$  by a computable infinitary formula with no parameters. This is used to establish that if  $R$  is intrinsically  $\Delta_1^1$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $R$  is relatively intrinsically  $\Delta_1^1$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

The authors of [16] also proved that the index set of computable categorical structures is  $\Pi_1^1$ -complete. Hence computable categoricity has no simple syntactic characterization. On the other hand, the index set of relatively computably categorical structures is  $\Sigma_3^0$ -complete (see [16]).

An injection structure is a structure  $(A, f)$  where  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is a 1 – 1 function. For a linear order [27, 48], a Boolean algebra [27, 49], a tree of finite height [40], an abelian  $p$ -group [24, 50, 7], an equivalence structure [9], an injection structure [10], and an algebraic field with a splitting algorithm [46], computable categoricity coincides with relative computable categoricity.

For an injection structure  $\mathcal{A} = (A, f)$  and  $a \in A$ , we define the orbit of  $a$ :

$$\mathcal{O}_f(a) = \{b \in A : (\exists n \in \omega)[f^n(a) = b \vee f^n(b) = a]\}.$$

Center, Harizanov, and Remmel [10] established that a computable injection structure is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if it has finitely many orbits of type  $\omega$  or finitely many orbits of type  $\mathbb{Z}$ . They showed that every  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical injection structure is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. It is not hard to see that every computable injection structure is relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical.

Calvert, Center, Harizanov, and Morozov [9] proved that a computable equivalence structure is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if it either has finitely many infinite equivalence classes, or there is an upper bound on the size of its finite equivalence classes. They also have partial results towards characterizing  $\Delta_2^0$ -categoricity. First we need some definitions. A function  $f : \omega^2 \rightarrow \omega$  is a Khisamiev *s-function* if for every  $i$  and  $s$ ,  $f(i, s) \leq f(i, s + 1)$ , and the limit  $m_i = \lim_t f(i, t)$  exists. If, in addition,  $m_i < m_{i+1}$  for every  $i$ , then we say that  $f$  is a Khisamiev *s<sub>1</sub>-function*. If an equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A}$  has no upper bound on the size of the finite equivalence classes, then Khisamiev *s<sub>1</sub>-function* for  $\mathcal{A}$  is such that  $\mathcal{A}$  contains an equivalence class of size  $m_i$  for every  $i$ . If an equivalence structure  $\mathcal{A}$  has infinitely many infinite equivalence classes, no upper bound on the size of its finite equivalence classes, and has a computable Khisamiev *s<sub>1</sub>-function*, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is not  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical (see [9]). Kach and Turetsky [35] showed that there exists a  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical equivalence structure  $\mathcal{M}$ , which is not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. Their equivalence structure  $\mathcal{M}$  has infinitely many infinite equivalence classes and unbounded character, but has no computable Khisamiev's *s<sub>1</sub>-function*, and has only finitely many equivalence classes of size  $k$  for any finite  $k$ . Every computable equivalence structure is relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical.

Goncharov and Dzgoev [27], and independently Remmel [48] proved that a computable linear order is computably categorical (also, relatively computably categorical) if and only if it has only finitely many adjacencies (successor pairs). In [41], McCoy characterized relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical linear orders as follows. By  $\omega^*$  we denote the reverse order of  $\omega$ , and by  $\eta$  the order type of rationals. A computable linear order is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if it is a sum of finitely many intervals, each of type  $m$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\omega^*$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $n \cdot \eta$ , so that each interval of type  $n \cdot \eta$  has a

supremum and an infimum. McCoy [41] also characterized, after adding certain extra predicates,  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical linear orders. However, it still remains open whether there is a  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical linear order, which is not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. In [42], McCoy proved that there are  $2^{\aleph_0}$  relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical linear orders.

Goncharov and Dzegoev [27], and independently Remmel [49] established that a computable Boolean algebra is computably categorical (also, relatively computably categorical) if and only if it has finitely many atoms (see also LaRoche [39]). In [41], McCoy characterized computable relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras as those that can be expressed as finite direct sums of subalgebras  $\mathcal{C}_0 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{C}_k$  where each  $\mathcal{C}_k$  is either atomless, an atom, or a 1-atom. Using McCoy's characterization, Bazhenov [8] showed that for Boolean algebras the notions of  $\Delta_2^0$ -categoricity and relative  $\Delta_2^0$ -categoricity coincide. Harris gave another proof in [30]. In [42], McCoy gave a complete description of relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras.

Fokina, Kalimullin, and R. Miller [21] introduced the following notions trying to capture the set of all Turing degrees capable of computing isomorphisms between computable structures. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a computable structure. The *categoricity spectrum* of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the following set of Turing degrees:

$$\text{CatSpec}(\mathcal{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} : \mathcal{A} \text{ is } \mathbf{x}\text{-computably categorical}\}.$$

The *degree of categoricity* of  $\mathcal{A}$ , if it exists, is the least Turing degree in  $\text{CatSpec}(\mathcal{A})$ . If  $\mathbf{d}$  is a non-hyperarithmetic degree, then  $\mathbf{d}$  cannot be the degree of categoricity of a computable structure. A Turing degree  $\mathbf{d}$  is called *categorically definable* if it is the degree of categoricity of some computable structure. Fokina, Kalimullin, and R. Miller [21] investigated which arithmetic degrees are categorically definable. Csima, Franklin, and Shore [15] extended their results to hyperarithmetic degrees. For sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , we say that  $Y$  is *c.e. in and above* (c.e.a. in)  $X$  if  $Y$  is c.e. relative to  $X$ , and  $X \leq_T Y$ . Csima, Franklin, and Shore [15] proved that for every computable ordinal  $\alpha$ ,  $\mathbf{0}^{(\alpha)}$  is categorically definable. They also established that for a computable successor ordinal  $\alpha$ , every degree  $\mathbf{d}$  that is c.e.a. in  $\mathbf{0}^{(\alpha)}$  is categorically definable. There were also negative results in [21, 15]. Anderson and Csima [1] showed that there exists a  $\Sigma_2^0$  set the degree of which is not categorically definable. They also showed that no noncomputable hyperimmune-free degree is categorically definable. It is an open question whether all  $\Delta_2^0$  degrees are categorically definable.

Not every computable structure has the degree of categoricity. The first negative example was built by R. Miller [44]. Further interesting examples of structures without the degrees of categoricity were built by Fokina, Frolov, and Kalimullin [19]. It is an open question whether there is a computable structure the categoricity spectrum of which is the set of all noncomputable Turing degrees.

In this paper, we present some new examples of structures in natural classes, which are computably categorical but not relatively computably categorical, as well as  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. In Section 2, we present 1-decidable structure that is a Fraïssé limit, which is computably categorical but not relatively computably categorical. In Section 3, we build computable  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical trees of finite and infinite heights. Here, a tree can be viewed both as a partial order and as a directed graph. In Section 4, we present an abelian  $p$ -group that is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. In Section 5, we prove that there is a homogenous completely decomposable abelian group, which is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. In Section 6, we

compute the degrees of categoricity for relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -groups. This parallels Frolov's work in [23] where he computed degrees of categoricity for relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical linear orders. We further compute the degrees of categoricity for relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras. This extends Bazhenov's work in [8] where he computed the degrees of categoricity for relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras.

## 2. COMPUTABLY CATEGORICAL BUT NOT RELATIVELY COMPUTABLY CATEGORICAL FRAÏSSÉ LIMITS

For a computable ordinal  $\alpha$ , the notions of  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categoricity and relative  $\Delta_\alpha^0$ -categoricity of a computable structure  $\mathcal{A}$  coincide if  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies certain extra decidability conditions (see Goncharov [26] and Ash [2]). Goncharov [26] proved that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is 2-decidable, then computable categoricity and relative computable categoricity of  $\mathcal{A}$  coincide. Kudinov [38] showed that the assumption of 2-decidability cannot be weakened to 1-decidability, by giving an example of 1-decidable and computably categorical structure, which is not relatively computably categorical. On the other hand, Downey, Kach, Lempp, and Turetsky [17] showed that any 1-decidable computably categorical structure is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.

The proofs by Goncharov and by Downey, Kach, Lempp, and Turetsky use the decidability of the structure to determine if certain finitely generated substructures can be extended to various larger finitely generated substructures. Because of the special properties of a Fraïssé limit, one might expect that all such questions would be trivial to determine, and so the decidability condition could be weakened or dropped entirely for such structures. However, this is not the case. Here, we give an example of 1-decidable and computably categorical Fraïssé limit which is not relatively computably categorical.

Let us recall the definition of a Fraïssé limit (see [34, Chapter 6]). The *age* of a structure  $\mathcal{M}$  is the class of all finitely generated structures that can be embedded in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Fraïssé showed that a (nonempty) finite or countable class  $\mathbb{K}$  of finitely generated structures is the age of a finite or a countable structure if and only if  $\mathbb{K}$  has the hereditary property and the joint embedding property. A class  $\mathbb{K}$  has the *hereditary property* if whenever  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{K}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  is a finitely generated substructure of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $\mathcal{S}$  is isomorphic to some structure in  $\mathbb{K}$ . A class  $\mathbb{K}$  has the *joint embedding property* if for every  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{K}$  there is  $\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{K}$  such that  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  embed into  $\mathcal{D}$ . A structure  $\mathcal{U}$  is *ultrahomogeneous* if every isomorphism between finitely generated substructures of  $\mathcal{U}$  extends to an automorphism of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Definition 1.** (see [34, Chapter 6]) A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is a *Fraïssé limit* of a class of finitely generated structures  $\mathbb{K}$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  is countable, ultrahomogeneous, and has age  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Fraïssé proved that the Fraïssé limit of a class of finitely generated structures is unique up to isomorphism. We say that a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Fraïssé limit if for some class  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  is the Fraïssé limit of  $\mathbb{K}$ . First we show that every Fraïssé limit is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a computable structure which is a Fraïssé limit. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.*

*Proof.* Because of ultrahomogeneity, we can construct isomorphisms between  $\mathcal{A}$  and an isomorphic structure  $\mathcal{B}$  using a back-and-forth argument, as long as we can determine, for every  $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\bar{b} \in \mathcal{B}$ , whether there is an isomorphism from the structure generated by  $\bar{a}$  to the structure generated by  $\bar{b}$  that maps  $\bar{a}$  to  $\bar{b}$  in order. This can be determined by  $(\mathcal{B})'$ , since there is such an isomorphism precisely if there is no atomic formula  $\phi$  with  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi(\bar{a})$  and  $\mathcal{B} \not\models \phi(\bar{b})$ . This is a  $\Pi_1^0$  condition relative to  $\mathcal{A} \oplus \mathcal{B} \equiv_T \mathcal{B}$ .

Therefore, we can use  $(\mathcal{B})'$  as an oracle to perform the back-and-forth construction of an isomorphism, and so there is a  $\Delta_2^0(\mathcal{B})$  isomorphism.  $\square$

Note that if the language of  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite and relational, then there are only finitely many atomic formulas  $\phi$  to consider, and the set of such formulas can be effectively determined. Hence, if the language is finite and relational, then a Fraïssé limit is necessarily relatively computably categorical.

**Theorem 2.** *There is a 1-decidable structure  $\mathcal{F}$  that is a Fraïssé limit and computably categorical, but not relatively computably categorical. Moreover, the language for such  $\mathcal{F}$  can be finite or relational.*

*Proof.* The proof is a modification of the first construction in Theorem 3.3 by Downey, Kach, Lempp, and Turetsky [17]; the only new ingredient we add is to make the resulting structure a Fraïssé limit. Instead of repeating the entire construction here, we only explain the modifications we must make.

The original construction was an undirected graph. We assured that the structure is made not relatively computably categorical by creating infinitely many connected components that were all accumulation points in the  $\Sigma_1$  type-space; this is similar to the technique used in Kudinov's construction in [38]. Then for any potential Scott family of  $\Sigma_1$  formulas, there must be some accumulation point in a component disjoint from the finitely many parameters of the family. Any  $\Sigma_1$  formula from the Scott family, which holds of the accumulation point would also need to hold of any other point that is "sufficiently close" in the type space, contradicting the definition of a Scott family.

The original construction created these accumulation points as vertices with loops of various sizes coming out of them. For each accumulation point, there would be a pair of computable sequences  $\{n_k\}_{k \in \omega}$  and  $\{m_k\}_{k \in \omega}$ . For every  $k$ , there would be a vertex  $v_k$  with attached loops of sizes  $n_0, \dots, n_k$  and a loop of size  $m_k$ . There would also be a vertex  $v_\infty$  with attached loops  $n_0, n_1, \dots$ . Each  $v_k$  and  $v_\infty$  would also have infinitely many *rays* – non-branching infinite paths originating from the vertex. The  $\Sigma_1$  type of  $v_\infty$  was then the limit of the  $\Sigma_1$  types of the  $v_k$ .

The original construction took place on a tree of strategies, where each accumulation point was created by an individual strategy. Because a strategy might be visited only finitely many times in the construction, not all strategies would create the full set of vertices described above. Each time a strategy was visited, it performed one of the following steps, in alternation:

- Increment  $k$ , choose  $n_{k+1}$  and attach a loop of size  $n_{k+1}$  to  $v_\infty$ .

- Choose  $m_k$ . Create the full  $v_k$  component.

Thus, if a strategy was only visited finitely many times, the  $v_\infty$ -component would have loops of sizes  $n_0, \dots, n_{k+1}$ , and the components  $v_0, \dots, v_{k-1}$  would have all been created, and possibly  $v_k$  as well. Numbers  $n_k$  and  $m_k$  are always chosen larger than the current stage, and two distinct strategies choose completely distinct numbers  $n_k$  and  $m_k$ . That is, any number is chosen by at most one strategy.

We describe now two ways of modifying this construction so that the structure is a Fraïssé limit. The first uses a finite language with function symbols, while the second uses an infinite relational language. Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 = \{E, f, g, h\}$ , where  $E$  is a binary relation symbol and  $f, g$  and  $h$  are unary function symbols. Let

$$\mathcal{L}_\infty = \{E\} \cup \{U_{i,j} : j < i \wedge i, j \in \omega\} \cup \{V_{i,j} : j \leq i \wedge i, j \in \omega\} \cup \{R_i : i \in \omega\} \cup \{S_i : i \in \omega\},$$

where  $E$  is a binary relation symbol and each  $U_{i,j}, V_{i,j}, R_i$  and  $S_i$  is a unary relation symbol.

The intention is that  $E$  is the edge relation of the graph from the original construction. That is, in both cases, the reduct of the structures we make to the language  $\{E\}$  will be the original structure in [17]. We will now describe the new functions and relations on the structure.

Suppose that  $v$  is one of the  $v_k$  or  $v_\infty$ , and  $a_0, \dots, a_{n_k-1}$  are vertices with  $vEa_0, a_iEa_{i+1}$  for all  $i < n_k - 1$ , and  $a_{n_k-1}Ev$ ; that is,  $v, a_0, \dots, a_{n_k-1}$  is the loop of size  $n_k$  attached to  $v$ . Suppose also that  $a_0$  has lower Gödel number than  $a_{n_k-1}$ , so that we have chosen a particular orientation of the loop. Then we define  $f(a_i) = a_{i+1}$ , and  $f(a_{n_k-1}) = v$ . We also define  $g(a_{i+1}) = a_i$  and  $g(a_0) = v$ . So  $f$  “walks” along the loop in one direction, and  $g$  “walks” along it in the other direction. We also define  $U_{n_k,i}(a_i)$  to hold for every  $i < n_k$ , while  $U_{n_k,i}(x)$  fails to hold for any other  $x$ .

For  $v_k$ , suppose that  $a_0, \dots, a_{m_k-1}$  are vertices as above, so that  $v_k, a_0, \dots, a_{m_k-1}$  is the loop of size  $m_k$  attached to  $v_k$ , again with a chosen orientation. Then we define  $f(a_i) = a_{i+1}$ ,  $f(a_{m_k-1}) = v_k$  and  $f(v_k) = a_0$ . We also define  $g(a_{i+1}) = a_i$ ,  $g(a_0) = v_k$  and  $g(v_k) = a_{m_k-1}$ . So again  $f$  and  $g$  walk along the loop in the opposite directions, but the walks continue through  $v_k$ . We also define  $V_{m_k,i}(a_i)$  to hold, and  $V_{m_k,i}(x)$  fails to hold for any other  $x$ , for every  $i < m_k$ . Finally, we define  $V_{m_k,m_k}(z)$  to hold for every vertex  $z$  in the same component as  $v_k$ .

Suppose that  $v$  is one of the  $v_k$ 's or  $v_\infty$ , and consider a ray of the form  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  with  $vEa_0$  and  $a_iEa_{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \omega$ . For infinitely many of these rays, we define  $f(a_i) = a_{i+1}$ ,  $g(a_{i+1}) = a_i$  and  $g(a_0) = v$ , and for infinitely many rays we define  $g(a_i) = a_{i+1}$ ,  $f(a_{i+1}) = a_i$  and  $f(a_0) = v$ . So for infinitely many rays,  $f$  walks away from  $v$ , while  $g$  walks towards  $v$ , and for infinitely many rays the reverse holds. For every ray, we define  $R_i(a_i)$  to hold.

For  $v_\infty$ , we choose some  $a_0$  from some ray with  $g(a_0) = v_\infty$  and define  $f(v_\infty) = a_0$ . We choose some  $b_0$  from some ray with  $f(b_0) = v_\infty$  and define  $g(v_\infty) = b_0$ .

Suppose that  $v$  is one of the  $v_k$ 's or  $v_\infty$ , and  $a$  is part of the loop of size  $n_0$  with  $g(a) = v$ . Then we define  $h(v) = a$ . For every other  $x$ , we define  $h(x) = f(x)$ .

For every vertex  $x$  in every component created by strategy  $i$  from the priority tree, we define  $S_i(x)$  to hold.



**Claim 1.** *In both  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ , if  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  generate substructures that are isomorphic via an isomorphism mapping  $\bar{x}$  to  $\bar{y}$ , then there is an automorphism of the full structure  $\mathcal{F}$  mapping  $\bar{x}$  to  $\bar{y}$ .*

*Proof.* We prove the result for singletons  $x$  and  $y$ . The general case proceeds similarly. The point is that if  $x \neq y$ , then they must both be vertices from rays within the same component, and they must be the same length along those rays. Then, for any two rays, there is an automorphism switching those rays and fixing the remainder of the structure. The argument is slightly longer for  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ , because rays come in two sorts, and there are two distinguished rays in the component of  $v_\infty$ .

In  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , through  $f$  or  $g$ , the substructure generated by  $x$  contains some vertex  $v_k$  or  $v_\infty$ . The same is true for  $y$ . Through  $h$ , the substructure also contains the entire loop of size  $n_0$ . Since  $n_0$  is unique to some strategy from the priority tree,  $x$  and  $y$  are both placed by the same strategy.

In  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ , there is some  $i$  such that  $S_i(x)$  and  $S_i(y)$  hold. So  $x$  and  $y$  must again both be placed by the same strategy.

In  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , if the substructure generated by  $x$  contains  $v_k$ , then through  $f(v_k)$  it also contains the loop of size  $m_k$ . If the substructure contains  $v_\infty$ , then through  $f(v_\infty)$  it also contains an infinite ray with  $f(v_\infty) = a_0$ . The same holds for  $y$ . This loop or ray uniquely characterizes the component, so  $x$  and  $y$  must be part of the same component.

In  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ , if the component of  $x$  contains  $v_k$ , then  $V_{m_k, m_k}(x)$  holds. If instead it contains  $v_\infty$ , then no  $V_{m_k, m_k}(x)$  holds for any  $k$ . The same is true for  $y$ . So  $x$  and  $y$  must be part of the same component.

In  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , there are four possibilities:  $f^i(x) = v$  and  $g^j(x) = v$  for some  $i$  and  $j$ ;  $f^i(x) = v$  for some  $i$  but  $g^j(x) \neq v$  for all  $j$ ;  $g^j(x) = v$  for some  $j$  but  $f^i(x) \neq v$  for all  $i$ ; or  $x = v$ . Note that  $v$  is uniquely characterized by having degree greater than 2, even in the substructures generated by  $x$  or  $y$ . In the first case,  $x$  must be  $a_{j-1}$  from the loop of size  $i + j$ . In the second case,  $x$  must be  $a_{i-1}$  from one of the rays in which  $f$  walks towards  $v$ . In the third case,  $x$  must be  $a_{j-1}$  from one of the rays in which  $g$  walks towards  $v$ . The same holds for  $y$ . The first case is unique in the component, so in this case we know that  $x = y$ . If  $v \neq v_\infty$ , there is a single orbit containing every instance of the second case, and another containing every instance of the third case, so there must be an automorphism mapping  $x$  to  $y$ . If  $v = v_\infty$ , then the second case breaks into two subcases:  $g(v) = f^{i-1}(x)$ , and  $g(v) \neq f^{i-1}(x)$ . The first subcase is unique in the component, so  $x = y$ , while the second subcase again comprises a single orbit. We reason similarly in the third case. The fourth case is again unique in the component.

In  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ , if  $x$  is part of some loop, then there is some  $U_{i,j}$  or  $V_{i,j}$  that holds of  $x$  and no other point. So  $x = y$ . If  $x$  is part of some ray, then there is some  $R_i$  that holds of  $x$  and only of the points on rays, which are distance  $i$  from  $v$ . So  $y$  is also a point on a ray, which is distance  $i$  from  $v$ . So there is an automorphism of the structure switching those two rays, and in particular sending  $x$  to  $y$ .

In  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ ,  $v_k$  is uniquely characterized by  $V_{m_k, m_k}(v_k)$  holding, some  $S_i(v_k)$  holding, and no other unary relation holding. So if  $x = v_k$ , then  $y = v_k$ . Also,  $v_\infty$  is uniquely

characterized by some  $S_i(v_\infty)$  holding and no other unary relation holding. So if  $x = v_\infty$ , then  $y = v_\infty$ .  $\square$

It follows that the structures we have described are Fraïssé limits. Observe that they are defined in a computable fashion. Finally, our expanded language does not provide an obstacle to 1-decidability, since  $n_k$  and  $m_k$  are always chosen larger than the current stage. Thus any statement about  $f^s(x)$ ,  $g^s(x)$ ,  $h^s(x)$ ,  $U_{s,j}(x)$ ,  $V_{s,j}(x)$ ,  $R_s(x)$  or  $S_s(x)$  can be decided by considering the construction up through stage  $s$ .  $\square$

### 3. $\Delta_2^0$ -CATEGORICAL BUT NOT RELATIVELY $\Delta_2^0$ -CATEGORICAL TREES

We consider trees as partial orders. R. Miller [45] established that no computable tree of infinite height is computably categorical. Lempp, McCoy, R. Miller, and Solomon [40] characterized computably categorical trees of finite height, and showed that for these structures, computable categoricity coincides with relative computable categoricity. There is no known characterization of  $\Delta_2^0$ -categoricity or higher level categoricity for trees of finite height. Lempp, McCoy, R. Miller, and Solomon [40] proved that for every  $n \geq 1$ , there is a computable tree of finite height, which is  $\Delta_{n+1}^0$ -categorical but not  $\Delta_n^0$ -categorical. We will establish the following result, which also holds when a tree is presented as a directed graph.

**Theorem 3.** *There is a computable  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical tree of finite height, which is not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.*

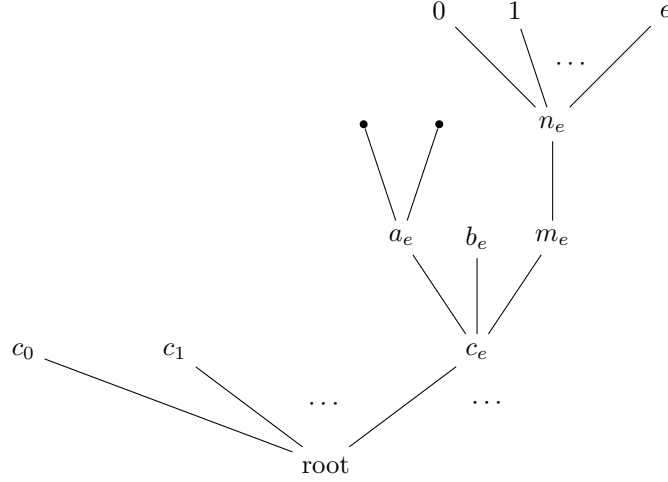
*Proof.* While building a computable tree  $\mathcal{T}$  (with domain  $\omega$ ), we diagonalize against all potential c.e. Scott families of computable  $\Sigma_2$  formulas with finitely many parameters. Thus, we consider all pairs  $(\mathcal{X}, \bar{p})$ , where  $\mathcal{X}$  is a c.e. family of computable  $\Sigma_2$  formulas and  $\bar{p}$  is a finite tuple of elements from the domain of  $\mathcal{T}$ , and we must ensure that for each pair  $(\mathcal{X}, \bar{p})$ ,  $\mathcal{X}$  with parameters  $\bar{p}$  is not a Scott family for  $\mathcal{T}$ . At the same time, we have to assure that every isomorphic computable tree is  $\mathbf{0}'$ -isomorphic to  $\mathcal{T}$ . The construction will be an infinite injury construction where strategies are arranged on a priority tree with the true path defined as usual.

The root of  $\mathcal{T}$  will have infinitely many “children,” which we label  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$ . Each  $c_e$  will have 3 children,  $a_e, b_e$  and  $m_e$ . The purpose of  $m_e$  is to uniquely identify  $c_e$ . The node  $m_e$  will have a child  $n_e$ , and  $n_e$  will have  $e+1$  many children. See the diagram.

At stage 0,  $a_e$  will have 2 children and  $b_e$  will have no children. Through the action of some strategy, more children may be added to  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  at later stages.

Let  $(\mathcal{X}_i, \bar{p}_i)_i$  be an enumeration of pairs, where  $\mathcal{X}_i$  is a c.e. family of computable  $\Sigma_2$  formulas, and  $\bar{p}_i$  is a tuple drawn from  $\omega$ , the domain of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We must meet the following categoricity and isomorphism requirements. Let  $M_0, M_1, \dots$  be an effective enumeration of all computable structures.

- $R_i$  :  $\mathcal{X}_i$  with parameters  $\bar{p}_i$  is not a Scott family for  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- $Q_j$  : If  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ , then there is a  $\mathbf{0}'$ -computable isomorphism between  $M_j$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ .



### Strategy for $R_i$

Our strategy will appear on a priority tree. When the strategy is visited,  $s$  is always the current stage, and  $t < s$  is the last stage at which the strategy took outcome  $\infty$  (or  $t = 0$  if the strategy has never before taken outcome  $\infty$ ). The first time the strategy is visited, we choose a large  $e$  to work with. In particular,  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  must not occur in  $\bar{p}_i$ , and  $e > s$ .

We will take advantage of the fact that if  $\phi(\bar{x})$  is a computable  $\Sigma_2$  formula and  $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{T}$ , then we have a computable approximation  $(\mathcal{T}_s)_s$  to  $\mathcal{T}$  such that  $\mathcal{T} \models \phi(\bar{a})$  if and only if  $\mathcal{T}_s \models \phi(\bar{a})$  for co-finitely many stages  $s$ . By modifying our assumption, we may assume that  $\mathcal{T}_s \not\models \phi(\bar{a})$  for any  $\bar{a}$  if  $\phi(\bar{x})$  is not one of the first  $s$  elements of  $\mathcal{X}_i$ .

We proceed as follows.

- (1) Among the first  $s$  elements of  $\mathcal{X}_i$ , locate the  $\phi(\bar{x})$  that minimizes the  $u$  such that  $\mathcal{T}_r \models \phi(a_e, \bar{p}_i) \wedge \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$  for every  $r \in (u, s]$ . Note that  $u = s$  always works. Decide ties by favoring earlier elements of  $\mathcal{X}_i$ .
- (2) Wait until there is an  $r \in (t, s]$  with  $\mathcal{T}_r \not\models \phi(a_e, \bar{p}_i) \wedge \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$ .
- (3) Add a child to both  $a_e$  and  $b_e$ , ensuring that these children are not elements of  $\bar{p}_i$ .
- (4) Return to Step (1).

We perform at most one step at every stage at which the strategy is visited. In particular, we never add more than 1 child to  $a_e$  at a single stage. This will be important for interactions with higher priority categoricity requirements. Note also that at every stage,  $a_e$  has exactly 2 more children than  $b_e$ .

The strategy has infinitely many outcomes:  $\infty$  and  $\mathbf{fin}_k$  for  $k \in \omega$ . Every time we reach Step (4), we take outcome  $\infty$  for a single stage. At all other stages, we take outcome  $\mathbf{fin}_k$ , where  $k$  is the number of previous stages at which we have taken outcome  $\infty$ .

### Strategy for $Q_j$

Suppose  $\sigma$  is a strategy for  $Q_j$ . This strategy will also appear on the priority tree. When  $\sigma$  is visited,  $s$  is always the current stage and  $t < s$  is the last stage at which the strategy took outcome  $\infty$  (or  $t = 0$  if  $\sigma$  has never before taken outcome  $\infty$ ).

We construct the isomorphism on  $c_e$  and its descendants independently of the isomorphism for all the other  $c_{e'}$ 's. We begin by searching for a tuple  $(r, c, m, n) \in M_j$  with

$$r \triangleleft_{M_j} c \triangleleft_{M_j} m \triangleleft_{M_j} n,$$

and  $n$  having  $e+1$  many children. When we find such a tuple, we map  $c_e$  to  $c$ ;  $m_e$  to  $m$ ;  $n_e$  to  $n$ ; and the children of  $n_e$  to the children of  $n$ . Of course, we may later see that the  $(e+2)$ nd child of  $n_e$  appear, in which case we have made a mistake. If this happens, we will discard our mapping and begin again. If  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ , eventually the tuple in  $M_j$  that respects the isomorphism is the Gödel least satisfying the above, and so we will define the correct mapping. The oracle  $\mathbf{O}'$  will be able to predict our mistakes, and so can ignore all mappings before the correct one.

Under the assumption that we have correctly mapped  $c_e$ , we must map  $a_e$  and  $b_e$ . This part will not rely on the oracle. We wait until  $\sigma$  is visited and  $s > e$ . If  $e$  has not been chosen by an  $R_i$ -strategy by this point, we know by construction that it will be never chosen. In this case, we search for an  $a \triangleright_{M_j} c$  such that  $a$  has two children and map  $a_e$  to  $a$ . We then search for any child  $b \triangleright_{M_j} c$  other than  $m$  or  $a$ , and map  $b_e$  to  $b$ .

If  $e$  has been chosen by an  $R_i$ -strategy, and that strategy is incomparable with  $\sigma$  on the tree, then, under the assumption that  $\sigma$  is along the true path, the strategy that chose  $e$  will never be visited again. So let  $p^e$  be the number of children of  $a_e$ . We search for an  $a \triangleright_{M_j} c$  such that  $a$  has  $p^e$  children, and map  $a_e$  to  $a$ . We then search for any  $b \triangleright_{M_j} c$  other  $m$  or  $a$ , and map  $b_e$  to  $b$ .

If  $e$  has been chosen by an  $R_i$ -strategy  $\tau$  with  $\tau \hat{\infty} \subseteq \sigma$ , then, under the assumption that  $\sigma$  is along the true path,  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  are automorphic. So we search for any  $a, b \triangleright_{M_j} c$  other than  $m$ , and map  $a_e$  to  $a$  and  $b_e$  to  $b$ .

If  $e$  has been chosen by an  $R_i$ -strategy  $\tau$  with  $\tau \hat{\text{fin}}_k \subseteq \sigma$ , then, under the assumption that  $\sigma$  is along the true path,  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  will never gain any more children. So let  $p^e$  be the number of children on  $a_e$ . We search for an  $a \triangleright_{M_j} c$  such that  $a$  has  $p^e$  children, and map  $a_e$  to  $a$ . We then search for any  $b \triangleright_{M_j} c$  other than  $m$  or  $a$ , and map  $b_e$  to  $b$ .

If  $e$  has been chosen by an  $R_i$ -strategy  $\tau$  with  $\sigma \hat{\text{fin}}_k \subseteq \tau$ , then we wait until a stage  $t$  when  $\sigma$  is accessible and  $t > e$ . At this stage, we know that  $\tau$  will never again be accessible (since  $\tau$  was visited before  $t$ ,  $\sigma$  had taken outcome  $\infty$  at least  $k$  times strictly before  $t$ , so at least  $k+1$  times by any stage after  $t$ , so any future outcomes of  $\sigma$  must be  $\infty$  or  $\text{fin}_{k'}$  for  $k' > k$ ). So let  $p^e$  be the number of children on  $a_e$ . We search for an  $a \triangleright_{M_j} c$  such that  $a$  has  $p^e$  children, and map  $a_e$  to  $a$ . We then search for any  $b \triangleright_{M_j} c$  other than  $m$  or  $a$ , and map  $b_e$  to  $b$ .

If  $e$  has been chosen by an  $R_i$ -strategy  $\tau$  with  $\sigma \hat{\infty} \subseteq \tau$ , then let  $p_s^e$  be the number of children on  $a_e$  at the beginning of stage  $s$ . We search for an  $a \triangleright_{M_j} c$  such that  $a$  has  $p_s^e$  children, and map  $a_e$  to  $a$ . We then search for any  $b \triangleright_{M_j} c$  other than  $m$  or  $a$ , and map  $b_e$  to  $b$ . Note that, unlike in the other cases,  $p_s^e$  may change, which is why we have subscripted it with the stage number.

The strategy has infinitely many outcomes:  $\infty$  and  $\mathbf{fin}_k$  for  $k \in \omega$ . At stage  $s$ , if the isomorphism is defined on  $a_e$  for every  $e < s$ , which has been chosen by a  $\tau$  extending  $\sigma \hat{\ } \infty$ , and further the image of  $a_e$  in  $M_j$  has  $p_s^e$  many children for every such  $e$ , then we take outcome  $\infty$ . Otherwise, we take outcome  $\mathbf{fin}_k$  where  $k$  is the number of previous stages at which we have taken outcome  $\infty$ .

### Construction

Arrange the strategies on a tree in some effective fashion, and at every stage allow strategies to be visited according to the outcome of previous strategies at that stage in the usual fashion.

### Verification

Define the true path in the usual fashion for a  $\mathbf{0}''$ -construction.

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose that  $\tau$  is an  $R_i$ -strategy along the true path. Then  $\tau$  ensures  $R_i$  is satisfied.*

*Proof.* Since  $\tau$  is along the true path, it is visited infinitely often. Suppose there is some  $\phi(\bar{x}) \in \mathcal{X}_i$  such that  $\mathcal{T} \models \phi(a_e, \bar{p}_i) \wedge \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$ . Let  $u$  be such that  $\mathcal{T}_r \models \phi(a_e, \bar{p}_i) \wedge \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$  for every  $r \in (u, \infty]$ . Then for any  $\psi(\bar{x}) \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , which is not one of the first  $u + 1$  elements of  $\mathcal{X}_i$ , we know that  $\tau$  will never choose  $\psi(\bar{x})$  because it will always prefer  $\phi(\bar{x})$ .

So if  $\tau$  were to take outcome  $\infty$  infinitely many times, by the pigeon hole principle, it would choose one of the first  $u + 1$  elements of  $\mathcal{X}_i$  infinitely many times. But if there are infinitely many  $r$  with  $\mathcal{T}_r \not\models \psi(a_e, \bar{p}_i) \wedge \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$ , then eventually  $\tau$  will prefer  $\phi$  over  $\psi$ , and so will stop choosing  $\psi$ . Thus,  $\tau$  cannot choose an element of  $\mathcal{X}_i$  infinitely many times. So  $\tau$  has true outcome  $\mathbf{fin}_k$  for some  $k$ , and  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  have different finite numbers of children. This means that  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  are not automorphic, so  $\phi$  witnesses the failure of  $(\mathcal{X}_i, \bar{p}_i)$  as a Scott family.

Suppose instead that there is no such  $\phi$ . Then for any  $\phi$ , there are infinitely many  $r$  with  $\mathcal{T}_r \not\models \phi(a_e, \bar{p}_i) \wedge \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$ . So with any chosen  $\phi$  we eventually reach Step (3), so  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  have infinitely many children. So  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  will be automorphic, and in particular there will be an automorphism permuting  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  and pointwise fixing  $\bar{p}_i$ . So for any  $\phi$  with  $\mathcal{T} \models \phi(a_e, \bar{p}_i)$ , we know that  $\mathcal{T} \models \phi(b_e, \bar{p}_i)$ . Hence there can be no such  $\phi \in \mathcal{X}_i$ , and thus  $\mathcal{X}_i$  fails to be a Scott family.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose that  $\sigma$  is a  $Q_j$ -strategy along the true path, that  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ , and  $e$  is chosen by some  $\tau \supseteq \sigma \hat{\ } \infty$ . Then  $\sigma$  eventually correctly maps  $a_e$  and  $b_e$ .*

*Proof.* Certainly,  $\sigma$  eventually correctly maps  $c_e$  and  $m_e$ , and defines some map for  $a_e$  and  $b_e$ . If  $\tau$  has true outcome  $\infty$ , then  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  are automorphic, so this is a correct map.

Suppose instead that  $\tau$  has true outcome  $\mathbf{fin}_k$  (thus  $a_e$  has  $k + 2$  children, and  $b_e$  has  $k$  children). Let  $s_0$  be the stage at which  $\sigma$  correctly maps  $c_e$ , and let  $t_0$  be the final stage at which  $\tau$  takes outcome  $\infty$ . Suppose that  $s_0 > t_0$ . Then at stage  $s_0$ ,  $\sigma$  searches for an  $a \triangleright_{M_j} c$  with  $p_{s_0}^e = k + 2$  children, and maps  $a_e$  to  $a$ . By

assumption,  $a_e$  never gains any more children, so, since  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ , the correct image of  $a_e$  is the only such child of  $c$ . The element  $b_e$  is correctly mapped by elimination.

If instead  $s_0 \leq t_0$ , then let  $a$  be the element to which  $\sigma$  has mapped  $a_e$  at stage  $t_0$ . (Such an element necessarily exists because  $\sigma$  must have taken outcome  $\infty$  at stage  $t_0$ .) Since  $a_e$  can gain at most one child during stage  $t_0$ , and will gain no children after stage  $t_0$ , it has at least  $k + 1$  children at the start of stage  $t_0$ . Since  $\sigma$  has outcome  $\infty$  at stage  $t_0$ ,  $a$  has at least  $p_{t_0}^e = k + 1$  children. Since  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ , the correct image of  $a_e$  is the only child of  $c$  with at least  $k + 1$  children, so  $a_e$  is correctly mapped. The element  $b_e$  is correctly mapped by elimination.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose that  $\sigma$  is a  $Q_j$ -strategy along the true path, and that  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ . Then  $\sigma$  has true outcome  $\infty$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Let  $t_0$  be the final stage at which  $\sigma$  takes outcome  $\infty$ . Then there are only finitely many  $e$  that are chosen by strategies extending  $\sigma \hat{\ } \infty$ , and, by Lemma 2,  $\sigma$  eventually correctly maps  $a_e$  for each of these  $e$ 's. Since  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\sigma$  eventually sees  $p_{t_0}^e$  many children below the target of  $a_e$  for each  $e$ , and so  $\sigma$  will take outcome  $\infty$  at some stage after  $t_0$ , contrary to our assumption.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *If  $M_j \cong \mathcal{T}$ , then there is a  $\Delta_2^0$  isomorphism between  $M_j$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ .*

*Proof.* Non-uniformly fix  $\sigma$  that is the  $Q_j$ -strategy along the true path. As argued before,  $\sigma$  eventually correctly maps every  $c_e$  and  $m_e$ , and  $\mathbf{O}'$  can determine when this occurs. By Lemma 2, or by the description of  $\sigma$ 's action,  $\sigma$  correctly maps  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  once  $c_e$  has been correctly mapped. The only new ingredient is the observation that since  $\sigma$  has true outcome  $\infty$ , there is eventually a stage  $s$  with  $t > e$ , thus treating those  $e$ 's chosen by strategies extending  $\sigma \hat{\ } \text{fin}_k$ .

Once  $a_e$  and  $b_e$  are mapped, their children can be mapped by a simple back-and-forth argument. Thus  $\mathbf{O}'$  can build an isomorphism.  $\square$

This completes the proof. Note that every step we have described above can be performed equally well for partial orders and directed graphs.  $\square$

We can modify the construction in the proof of the previous theorem to make the tree have infinite height by extending every child of  $a_e$ ,  $b_e$  and  $n_e$  to an infinite non-branching path. Once  $a_e$ ,  $b_e$  and  $n_e$  are correctly mapped, we then need to use the  $\mathbf{O}'$ -oracle to correctly map their descendants. Hence we have the following result, which is interesting, in particular, since there is no computably categorical tree of infinite height.

**Theorem 4.** *There is a computable  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical tree of infinite height, which is not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.*

4.  $\Delta_2^0$ -CATEGORICAL BUT NOT RELATIVELY  $\Delta_2^0$ -CATEGORICAL ABELIAN  
 $p$ -GROUPS

In this section, we will focus on  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -groups for a prime number  $p$ . A group  $G$  is called a  $p$ -group if for all  $g \in G$ , the order of  $g$  is a power of  $p$ . By  $\mathbb{Z}(p^n)$  we denote the cyclic group of order  $p^n$ . By  $\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$  we denote the quasicyclic (Prüfer) abelian  $p$ -group, the direct limit of the sequence  $\mathbb{Z}(p^n)$ , and also the set of rationals in  $[0, 1)$  of the form  $\frac{i}{p^n}$  with addition modulo 1. The *length* of an abelian  $p$ -group  $G$ ,  $\lambda(G)$ , is the least ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $p^{\alpha+1}G = p^\alpha G$ . Here,  $p^0G = G$ ,  $p^{\alpha+1}G = p(p^\alpha G)$ , and  $p^\lambda G = \bigcap_{\alpha < \lambda} p^\alpha G$  for limit  $\lambda$ . The divisible part of  $G$  is  $Div(G) = p^{\lambda(G)}G$  and it is a direct summand of  $G$ . The group  $G$  is said to be *reduced* if  $Div(G) = \{0\}$ . For an element  $g \in G$ , the *height* of  $g$ ,  $ht(g)$ , is  $\infty$  if  $g \in Div(G)$ , and is otherwise the least  $\alpha$  such that  $g \notin p^{\alpha+1}G$ . For a computable group  $G$ ,  $ht(g)$  can be an arbitrary computable ordinal. The height of  $G$  is the supremum of  $\{ht(g) : g \in G\}$ . Let  $o_G(g)$  be the order of  $g$  in  $G$ . The *period* of  $G$  is  $\max\{o(g) : g \in G\}$  if this quantity is finite, and it is  $\infty$  otherwise.

Barker [6] proved that for every computable ordinal  $\alpha$ , there is a  $\Delta_{2\alpha+2}^0$ -categorical but not  $\Delta_{2\alpha+1}^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -group. Goncharov [24] and Smith [50] independently characterized computably categorical abelian  $p$ -groups as those that can be written in one of the following forms:

(i)  $\bigoplus_l \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) \oplus F$  for  $l \leq \omega$  and  $F$  is a finite group; or

(ii)  $\bigoplus_n \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) \oplus H \oplus \bigoplus_\omega \mathbb{Z}(p^k)$ , where  $n, k \in \omega$  and  $H$  is a finite group.

For these groups, computable categoricity and relative computable categoricity coincide (for a proof see also [7]).

In [7], Calvert, Cenzer, Harizanov, and Morozov established that a computable abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if:

(i)  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_l \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) \oplus H$ , where  $l \leq \omega$  and  $H$  has finite period; or

(ii) All elements in  $G$  are of finite height (equivalently,  $G$  is reduced with  $\lambda(G) \leq \omega$ ).

They also have partial results towards characterizing  $\Delta_2^0$ -categoricity. For example, if  $G$  is a computable group with reduced part  $H$  such that  $H$  has a computable copy and infinitely many elements of height  $\geq \omega$ , then  $G$  is not  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. If  $G$  is a computable group isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_l \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) \oplus H$ , where all elements of  $H$  are of finite height, then  $G$  is relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical (see [7]).

**Theorem 5.** *There is a computable  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -group, which is not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.*

*Proof.* Let  $((\omega, +_n, e_n))_{n \in \omega}$  be an enumeration of all partial computable abelian groups with universe  $\omega$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be a standard pairing function. By  $p^m \cdot_n z$  we

indicate  $z +_n z +_n \cdots +_n z$  where there are  $p^m$  summands. Define the following set:

$$\begin{aligned} k \in A \Leftrightarrow_{def} & \neg(\exists n < k) (\exists x < k) (\exists m < k) [(2\langle n, x \rangle < k) \wedge (p^m \cdot_n x \neq e_n) \\ & \wedge (p^{m+1} \cdot_n x = e_n) \\ & \wedge \exists z (p^{k-m-1} \cdot_n z = x) \\ & \wedge \neg \exists w (p^{k-m} \cdot_n w = x)]. \end{aligned}$$

Ignoring bounded quantifiers,  $A$  is defined by the conjunction of a  $\Sigma_1^0$  formula and a  $\Pi_1^0$  formula, and is thus  $\Delta_2^0$ . Furthermore, note that every  $\langle n, x \rangle$  can be the witness to at most one  $k \notin A$ . That is, if  $\langle n, x \rangle$  witnesses some  $k \notin A$ , and  $k' < k$ , then fix the  $m$  with  $p^m \cdot_n x \neq e_n$  and  $p^{m+1} \cdot_n x = e_n$ , and fix some  $z$  with  $p^{k-m-1} \cdot_n z = x$ . Then  $w = p^{k-k'-1} \cdot_n z$  is such that  $p^{k'-m} \cdot_n w = x$ . Since  $\langle n, x \rangle$  can only be the witness to  $k \notin A$  if  $k > 2\langle n, x \rangle$ , it follows that  $A$  is infinite.

Define

$$G = \bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty) \oplus \bigoplus_{k \in A} \mathbb{Z}(p^k).$$

Since  $A$  is  $\Delta_2^0$ , it can be easily shown that  $G$  has a computable isomorphic copy. The form of  $G$  shows that it is not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical (see [7]). We claim that  $G$  is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.

**Lemma 5.** *Suppose that  $(\omega, +_n, e_n) \cong G$ . Then the divisible part of  $(\omega, +_n, e_n)$  (the isomorphic image of  $\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ ) is computably enumerable.*

*Proof.* An element  $x \neq e_n$  is in the divisible part of  $(\omega, +_n, e_n)$  precisely if the following holds:

$$\exists m \exists k [(2\langle n, x \rangle < k) \wedge (p^m \cdot_n x \neq e_n) \wedge (p^{m+1} \cdot_n x = e_n) \wedge \exists z (p^{k-m-1} \cdot_n z = x)].$$

Clearly, if  $x$  is in the divisible part, then there are  $m, k$  and  $z$  as desired. Conversely, suppose that  $x$  is not in the divisible part. Fix  $m$  such that  $p^m \cdot_n x \neq e_n$  and  $p^{m+1} \cdot_n x = e_n$ . Since  $x$  is not divisible, fix  $k$  such that  $\exists z (p^{k-m-1} \cdot_n z = x)$  and  $\neg \exists z (p^{k-m} \cdot_n z = x)$ . Then since  $(\omega, +_n, e_n) \cong G$ , it must be that  $\mathbb{Z}(p^k)$  is a summand in  $G$ , and thus  $k \in A$ . By definition, this requires that  $k \leq 2\langle n, x \rangle$ , and so  $x$  cannot satisfy the above formula.  $\square$

Now suppose that  $(\omega, +_n, e_n) \cong G$ . We can construct a  $\mathbf{0}'$ -computable isomorphism as follows: since we can enumerate the divisible parts, we run a computable back-and-forth construction on those; meanwhile, for each  $k \in A$ , we use the  $\mathbf{0}'$ -oracle to locate an element  $x$  with  $p^k \cdot_n x = e_n$  but  $\neg \exists z (p \cdot_n z = x)$ , and use this to map the image of  $\mathbb{Z}(p^k)$ .  $\square$

## 5. $\Delta_2^0$ -CATEGORICAL BUT NOT RELATIVELY $\Delta_2^0$ -CATEGORICAL HOMOGENOUS COMPLETELY DECOMPOSABLE ABELIAN GROUPS

We will now consider certain torsion-free abelian groups. A *homogenous completely decomposable abelian group* is a group of the form  $\bigoplus_{i \in \kappa} H$ , where  $H$  is a subgroup of the additive group of the rationals,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ . Note that we have only a single  $H$  in the sum – any two summands are isomorphic. It is well known that



such a group is computably categorical if and only if  $\kappa$  is finite; the proof is similar to the analogous result that a computable vector space is computably categorical if and only if it has finite dimension. In the remainder of this section, we will restrict our attention to groups of infinite rank  $\kappa$ .

For  $P$  a set of primes, define  $Q^{(P)}$  to be the subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  generated by  $\{\frac{1}{p^k} : p \in P \wedge k \in \omega\}$ . Downey and Melnikov [18] showed that a computable homogenous completely decomposable abelian group of infinite rank is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if it is isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_{\omega} Q^{(P)}$ , where  $P$  is c.e. and the set  $(\text{Primes} - P)$  is semi-low. Recall that a set  $S \subseteq \omega$  is *semi-low* if the set  $H_S = \{e : W_e \cap S \neq \emptyset\}$  is computable from  $\emptyset'$ . Here, we will first fully characterize the computable relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical homogenous completely decomposable abelian groups of infinite rank.

**Theorem 6.** *A computable homogenous completely decomposable abelian group of infinite rank is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if it is isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_{\omega} Q^{(P)}$ , where  $P$  is a computable set of primes.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $G$  is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical. Since this implies that  $G$  is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical, by the above mentioned result of Downey and Melnikov, we know that  $G \cong \bigoplus_{\omega} Q^{(P)}$  for  $P$  a c.e. set of primes. We will show that  $P$  is also co-c.e.

Fix  $\mathcal{X}$ , a c.e. Scott family of computable  $\Sigma_2$  formulas for  $G$ , with parameters  $\bar{a} \in G^{<\omega}$ . Fix an element  $b \in G$ , which is independent of  $\bar{a}$ . Then  $b \mapsto p \cdot b$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $G$  fixing  $\bar{a}$  if and only if  $p \in P$ . Fix some formula  $\exists \bar{x} \theta(\bar{z}, \bar{x}, y) \in \mathcal{X}$ , where  $\theta$  is a computable  $\Pi_1$  formula and  $G \models \exists \bar{x} \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{x}, b)$ . Fix some tuple  $\bar{c} \in G$  such that  $G \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}, b)$ .

Now, decompose the elements of  $\bar{c}$  as  $c_i = d_i + e_i$ , where  $d_i$  is a rational multiple of  $b$ , and  $b$  is independent of  $\{\bar{a}, \bar{e}\}$ . One way to achieve this is to fix an isomorphism  $f : \bigoplus_{\omega} Q^{(P)} \rightarrow G$  such that  $b = f((q, 0, 0, 0, \dots))$  for some  $q \in Q^{(P)}$ , and then define  $v_i$  to be the projection of  $f^{-1}(c_i)$  onto the first coordinate,  $d_i = f(v_i)$ , and  $e_i = c_i - d_i$ . Observe that the map  $b \mapsto p \cdot b$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $G$  fixing  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{e}$  if and only if  $p \in P$ , and any such isomorphism would need to map  $d_i \mapsto p \cdot d_i$ .

Define  $\bar{c}^p$  by  $c_i^p = p \cdot d_i + e_i$ . Note that an isomorphism sending  $b \mapsto p \cdot b$  and fixing  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{e}$  would necessarily map  $\bar{c} \mapsto \bar{c}^p$ . So, if there is such an isomorphism, then  $G \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}^p, p \cdot b)$ . Conversely, if  $G \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}^p, p \cdot b)$  then  $G \models \exists \bar{x} \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{x}, p \cdot b)$ , and, by the definition of Scott family, there must be an isomorphism fixing  $\bar{a}$  and mapping  $b \mapsto p \cdot b$ . Thus,

$$p \in P \Leftrightarrow G \models \theta(\bar{a}, \bar{c}^p, p \cdot b).$$

Since  $\theta$  is a computable  $\Pi_1$  formula, and  $\bar{c}^p$  can be obtained effectively from  $p$ , it follows that  $P$  is co-c.e.  $\square$

Since there exist co-c.e. sets that are semi-low and noncomputable, we obtain the following categoricity result.

**Corollary 1.** *There is a computable homogenous completely decomposable abelian group, which is  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical.*

## 6. DEGREES OF CATEGORICITY OF CERTAIN BOOLEAN ALGEBRAS AND ABELIAN $p$ -GROUPS

Center, Harizanov, and Remmel established in [10] that the degrees of categoricity of computable injection structures can only be  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{0}'$  and  $\mathbf{0}''$ . Frolov [23] showed that the degrees of categoricity of relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical linear orders can only be  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{0}'$ . Using the characterization of relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras by McCoy in [41], Bazhenov [8] established that the degrees of categoricity of relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical (equivalently,  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical) Boolean algebras can only be  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{0}'$ . In this section, we will extend Bazhenov's result to relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras.

A Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  is *atomic* if for every  $a \in \mathcal{B}$  there is an atom  $b \leq a$ . An equivalence relation  $\sim$  on a Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined by:

$$a \sim b \text{ iff each of } a \cap \bar{b} \text{ and } b \cap \bar{a} \text{ is } \emptyset \text{ or a union of finitely many atoms of } \mathcal{A}.$$

A Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a *1-atom* if  $\mathcal{A}/\sim$  is a two-element algebra. A Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is *rank 1* if  $\mathcal{A}/\sim$  is a nontrivial atomless Boolean algebra. McCoy [42] proved that a countable rank 1 atomic Boolean algebra is isomorphic to  $I(2 \cdot \eta)$ .

In [41], McCoy established that a Boolean algebra is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical if and only if it is a finite direct sum of algebras that are atoms, atomless, or 1-atoms. Furthermore, in [42], McCoy characterized relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras as those computable Boolean algebras that can be expressed as finite direct sums of algebras that are atoms, atomless, 1-atoms, rank 1 atomic, or isomorphic to the interval algebra  $I(\omega + \eta)$ . In our next theorem, we will use this characterization and the following isomorphism result of Remmel [49].

**Lemma 6** (Remmel). *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Boolean algebra,  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is a subalgebra,  $\mathcal{B}$  has infinitely many atoms, every atom in  $\mathcal{B}$  is a finite join of atoms in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  and the elements below the atoms of  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{A}$ .*

**Theorem 7.** *The degrees of categoricity of relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras can only be  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{0}'$  and  $\mathbf{0}''$ .*

*Proof.* Fix a relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a finite join of atoms, 1-atoms and atomless Boolean algebras, then  $\mathcal{B}$  is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical, and so its degree of categoricity is either  $\mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{0}'$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{B}$  has a summand which is either rank 1 atomic or isomorphic to the interval algebra  $I(\omega + \eta)$ .

All of the potential summands in the characterization of relatively  $\Delta_3^0$ -categorical Boolean algebras have computable isomorphic copies in which the set of finite elements (that is, the elements  $a$  with  $a \sim 0$ ) is computable. We will show that both the rank 1 atomic algebra and  $I(\omega + \eta)$  have computable isomorphic copies where the set of finite elements is  $\Sigma_2^0$ -complete. It will follow that  $\mathcal{B}$  has a computable isomorphic copy in which the set of finite elements is computable, and another

computable isomorphic copy in which it is  $\Sigma_2^0$ -complete, and so any isomorphism between these two copies will compute  $\emptyset''$ .

We begin with the rank 1 atomic algebra. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a computable copy of this algebra in which the set of atoms is computable. Let  $\{a_i : i \in \omega\}$  be the atoms of  $\mathcal{C}$ . We will create an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  by extending  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $\phi(i, x)$  be a computable formula such that

$$i \in \emptyset'' \Leftrightarrow \exists^{<\infty} x \phi(i, x).$$

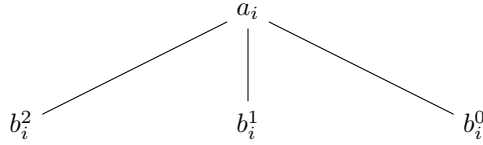
At every step  $s$ , we will consider whether  $\phi(i, s)$  holds. The first time  $\phi(i, s)$  holds, we choose three large elements  $b_i^0, b_i^1$  and  $b_i^2$  and use them to partition  $a_i$  into three pieces. That is,

$$b_i^0 \wedge b_i^1 = b_i^1 \wedge b_i^2 = b_i^2 \wedge b_i^0 = 0$$

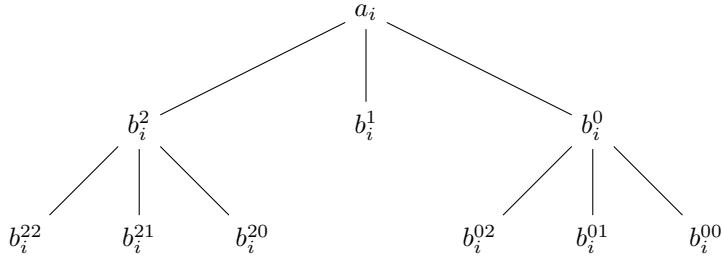
and

$$b_i^0 \vee b_i^1 \vee b_i^2 = a_i.$$

At the second stage at which we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold, we repeat the process on  $b_i^0$  and  $b_i^2$ . See the following diagrams.



Working with rank 1 atomic, the first time we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold.

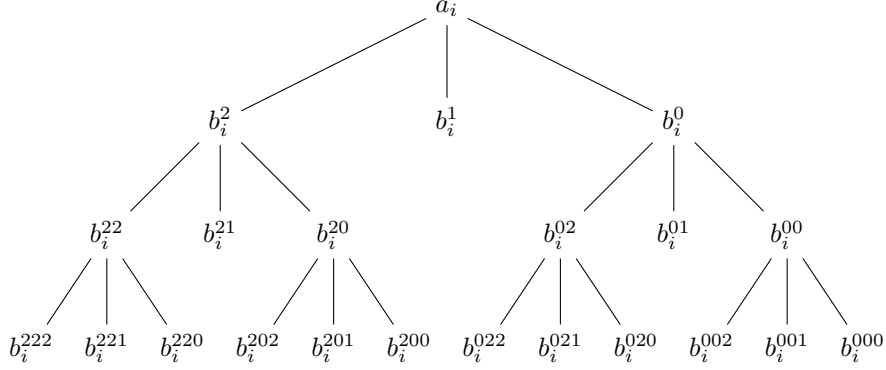


Working with rank 1 atomic, the second time we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold.

We then let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the Boolean algebra generated by  $\mathcal{C}$  along with these new elements we have added. Note that every element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the join of an element from  $\mathcal{C}$  and some of these new elements (among  $b_i^\sigma$ 's). That is, for all  $d \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $d = c \vee b_{i_0}^{\sigma_0} \vee b_{i_1}^{\sigma_1} \vee \dots \vee b_{i_k}^{\sigma_k}$  for some  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  and some  $b_{i_0}^{\sigma_0}, \dots, b_{i_k}^{\sigma_k}$ .

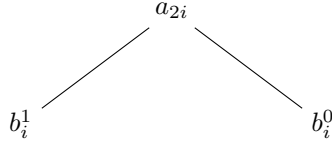
Observe that  $a_i$  is infinite in  $\mathcal{A}$  if and only if  $\phi(i, x)$  holds for infinitely many  $x$ , which is if and only if  $i \notin \emptyset''$ . Also,  $a_i$  necessarily bounds an atom in  $\mathcal{A}$ , e.g.,  $b_i^1$ . Finally, if  $a_i$  is infinite, then it can be partitioned into two infinite elements, e.g.,  $b_i^0$  and  $b_i^1 \vee b_i^2$ . Since every element of  $\mathcal{C}$  bounds an atom, and every infinite element of  $\mathcal{C}$  can be partitioned into two infinite elements, it follows that the same holds for every element of  $\mathcal{A}$ . This characterizes the rank 1 atomic algebra. Thus  $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{C}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is as desired.

Next, consider  $I(\omega + \eta)$ . Again, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a computable copy of  $I(\omega + \eta)$  in which the set of atoms is computable. Let  $\{a_i : i \in \omega\}$  be the atoms of  $\mathcal{C}$ . We again create

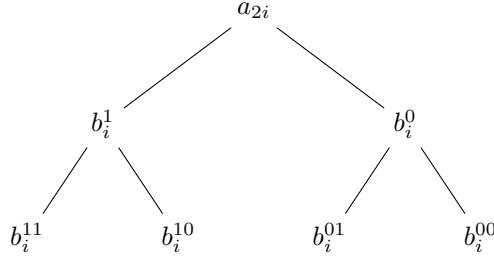


Working with rank 1 atomic, the third time we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold.

$\mathcal{A}$  extending  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $\phi(i, x)$  be as before. At every step  $s$ , if  $\phi(i, s)$  holds, we add new elements below  $a_{2i}$ . The first time  $\phi(i, s)$  holds, we partition  $a_{2i} = b_i^0 \vee b_i^1$ . The second time it holds, we partition  $b_i^0$  and  $b_i^1$ . See the diagrams.



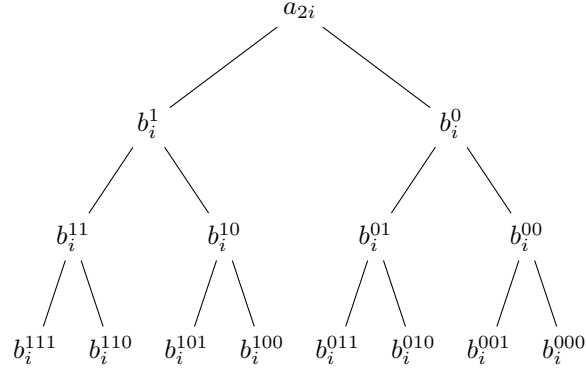
Working with  $I(\omega + \eta)$ , the first time we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold.



Working with  $I(\omega + \eta)$ , the second time we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold.

We again let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the Boolean algebra generated by  $\mathcal{C}$  along with these new elements. The isomorphism type of  $I(\omega + \eta)$  is characterized by three properties: there are infinitely many atoms; any element which bounds infinitely many atoms also bounds an atomless element; and no two disjoint elements both bound infinitely many atoms. Since every atom of  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded by an atom of  $\mathcal{C}$ , every atomless element of  $\mathcal{C}$  is still atomless in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and every atom of  $\mathcal{C}$  is either atomless or finite in  $\mathcal{A}$ , the second and the third properties are inherited from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Meanwhile, the first property is ensured by the fact that each  $a_{2i+1}$  is still an atom of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{C}$ . Also,  $a_{2i}$  is finite if and only if  $i \in \emptyset''$ , so  $\mathcal{A}$  is as desired.

This completes the proof.  $\square$



Working with  $I(\omega + \eta)$ , the third time we see  $\phi(i, s)$  hold.

It follows from proofs in [9] that the degrees of categoricity of computable relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical equivalence structures can only be  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{0}'$ . Using the characterization of relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -groups in [7] we can show the following.

**Proposition 1.** *The categoricity degrees of computable relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical abelian  $p$ -groups can only be  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{0}'$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $G$  is a computable abelian  $p$ -group, which is relatively  $\Delta_2^0$ -categorical but not computably categorical. We will show that  $G$  has degree of categoricity  $\mathbf{0}'$ . From the earlier described classifications of categoricity, it follows that  $G$  is of one of the following two forms:

- (1)  $\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^k) \oplus \bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^m) \oplus H$ , where  $0 < k < m \leq \omega$ ; or
- (2) Every element of  $G$  has finite height, but  $G$  contains elements of arbitrarily large finite heights.

We will handle the two cases separately.

*First Case*

Consider elements  $x \in G$  with  $x \neq 0$ ,  $p \cdot x = 0$  and  $ht(x) = k - 1$ . Note that  $\mathbb{Z}(p^k)$  contains such an element (indeed,  $p - 1$  such elements). By the observation that  $G \cong \bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^k) \oplus G$ , we may assume that we have an effective enumeration  $\{a_n : n \in \omega\}$  of elements of this sort.

Fix  $\mu$  the modulus function of  $\emptyset'$ . We will build a second computable copy  $A$  such that the first  $\mu(n)$  elements of  $A$  contain at most  $n$  elements of the desired sort. Then given any isomorphism  $f : G \cong A$ , the function  $n \mapsto f(a_n)$  would necessarily dominate  $\mu$ . Thus, any isomorphism from  $G$  to  $A$  would compute  $\emptyset'$ .

The construction is now straightforward. By  $dom(F)$  we denote the domain and by  $ran(F)$  the range of a function  $F$ . We will build a  $\Delta_2^0$  homomorphism  $F : G \cong A$  and arrange that  $A = ran(F) \oplus \bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^m)$ . We begin with  $F_0 = \emptyset$ .

At stage  $s + 1$ , for every  $n \leq s$ , we consider every  $x \in G$  with  $n \leq ht(x) \leq s$ ,  $x \neq 0$ ,  $p \cdot x = 0$  and  $[ht(x)]^{G_s} < k$ . For each such element, if  $F_s(x) \leq \mu_s(n)$ , we define

$F_{s+1}(x)$  as some new large element. This requires that we also define  $F_{s+1}(y)$  for every  $y$  dividing such an  $x$ , to be some new large element. We let  $F_{s+1}(x) = F_s(x)$  for every other  $x$ . We then extend the domain of  $F_{s+1}$  to the next element of  $G$ . We let  $F_{s+1}$  induce the group operation on its range *via* pull-back.

Let  $D_{s+1} = \text{ran}(F_s) - \text{ran}(F_{s+1})$ . Note that every elements of  $D_s$  has height less than  $k$ . We add new elements to extend  $D_{s+1}$  to a copy of  $\bigoplus_l \mathbb{Z}(p^m)$  for some  $l < \omega$ . Also, for every  $a \in A_{s+1} - \text{ran}(F_{s+1})$  and every  $b \in \text{ran}(F_{s+1})$ , if  $A$  does not yet have an element corresponding to  $a + b$ , we add an appropriate element now. This completes stage  $s + 1$ .

Now we argue that  $F$  is a total  $\Delta_2^0$  function. Fix  $x \in G$  with  $x \neq 0$  and  $p \cdot x = 0$ . If  $F_{s+1}(x) \neq F_s(x)$ , then either our construction was deliberately redefining  $F(x)$ , or it was required to redefine  $F(x)$  because it deliberately redefined  $F(z)$  for some  $z$  that  $x$  divides. The only such  $z$ 's are of the form  $i \cdot x$  for  $1 \leq i < p$ . Let  $s_0$  be such that  $\mu_{s_0}(i \cdot x) = \mu(i \cdot x)$  for  $1 \leq i < p$ . Then at any stage  $s > s_0$  with  $F_{s+1}(x) \neq F_s(x)$ , necessarily  $F_{s+1}(i \cdot x) > \mu_s(i \cdot x) = \mu(i \cdot x)$ , since  $F_{s+1}(i \cdot x)$  is chosen to be large. Then at any stage  $t > s$ ,  $F_t(i \cdot x) > \mu(i \cdot x) = \mu_t(i \cdot x)$ , and so we will have  $F_{t+1}(x) = F_t(x)$ , and thus  $F(x)$  will reach a limit.

Now, consider  $y \in G$  with  $p^{\alpha+1} \cdot y = 0$ . Then  $p \cdot (p^\alpha \cdot y) = 0$ , and  $F_{s+1}(y) \neq F_s(y)$  only when  $F_{s+1}(p^\alpha \cdot y) \neq F_s(p^\alpha \cdot y)$ . Since we have just argued that  $F(p^\alpha \cdot y)$  reaches a limit, it follows that  $F(y)$  reaches a limit.

Note that  $A = \text{ran}(F) \oplus \bigoplus_\omega \mathbb{Z}(p^m)$  by construction. It follows that  $A \cong G$ . It also follows that every  $x \in A - \text{ran}(F)$  with  $p \cdot x = 0$  has height at least  $m - 1 \geq k$ . Finally, our construction ensured that there are at most  $n$  elements  $x \in G$  with  $p \cdot x = 0$ ,  $ht(x) < k$  and  $F(x) < \mu(n)$ . Thus, there are at most  $n$  elements  $x \in A$  with  $p \cdot x = 0$ ,  $ht(x) < k$  and  $x < \mu(n)$ , as desired.

### Second Case

By a result of Khisamiev [36] and independently of Ash, Knight and Oates [5], we know that

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}(p^{k_0}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(p^{k_1}) \oplus \dots,$$

where the sequence  $(k_i)_{i \in \omega}$  is uniformly computable from below. That is, there is a computable function  $g : \omega \times \omega \rightarrow \omega$  such that for all  $i$  and  $s$ ,  $g(i, s) \leq g(i, s + 1)$ , and for all  $i$ ,  $k_i = \lim_s g(i, s)$ . Fix such a function  $g$ . By our assumptions on  $G$ , we know that the  $k_i$ 's are unbounded.

We will construct a computable function  $h$  and a  $\Delta_2^0$  function  $\iota$  such that:

- (1) For all  $i$  and  $s$ ,  $h(i, s) \leq h(i, s + 1)$ ;
- (2)  $\iota : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  is a bijection;
- (3) For all  $i$ ,  $\lim_s h(i, s) = \lim_s g(\iota(i), s)$ ; and
- (4) For all  $n$  and all  $x \in G$  with  $x < \mu(n)$  and  $x \neq 0$ ,  $ht(x) + 1 < \lim_s h(2n, s)$ .

We will then let  $A = \mathbb{Z}(p^{\lim_s h(0,s)}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(p^{\lim_s h(0,s)}) \oplus \dots$ . By the first property above, this is a computable structure. By the second and the third properties,  $A \cong G$ . By the fourth property, given an isomorphism  $f : A \cong G$ , for any element  $x$  of the  $(2n)$ th summand of  $A$  with  $x \neq 0$  and  $p \cdot x = 0$ , it must be that  $f(x) \geq \mu(n)$ . Thus,  $f$  computes  $\emptyset'$ .

It remains to construct  $h$  and  $\iota$ . We begin with  $\iota_0 = \emptyset$  and  $h(i, 0) = 0$  for all  $i$ .

At stage  $s + 1$ , if there is an  $n$  with  $2n \in \text{dom}(\iota_s)$  and an  $x \in G$  with  $x < \mu(n)$ ,  $x \neq 0$  and  $[ht(x)]^{G_s} \geq h(2n, s)$ , we search for a large pair  $(j, t)$  with  $g(j, t) > h(2n, s)$ , and define  $\iota_{s+1}(2n) = j$  and  $h(2n, s + 1) = g(j, t)$ . We then choose a large  $m$  and define  $\iota_{s+1}(2m + 1) = \iota_s(2n)$ . We let  $\iota_{s+1}(k) = \iota_s(k)$  for every other  $k$ .

We then choose the least  $a \notin \text{dom}(\iota_{s+1})$  and the least  $b \notin \text{ran}(\iota_{s+1})$ , and define  $\iota_{s+1}(a) = b$ . Then, for every  $i \in \text{dom}(\iota_{s+1})$  with  $h(i, s + 1)$  not yet defined, we define  $h(i, s + 1) = \max\{g(\iota_{s+1}(i), s + 1), h(i, s)\}$ . For every  $i \notin \text{dom}(\iota_{s+1})$ , we define  $h(i, s + 1) = 0$ . This completes stage  $s + 1$ .

First, note that, by construction,  $h(i, s) \leq h(i, s + 1)$  for every  $i$  and  $s$ .

Next, we argue that  $\iota$  is a total  $\Delta_2^0$  function. Note that, by construction, for every  $i$ , there is eventually a stage  $s_0$  with  $\iota_s(i)$  defined for all  $s \geq s_0$ . If  $i$  is odd, then  $\iota_s(i) = \iota_{s_0}(i)$  for all  $s \geq s_0$ . If instead  $i = 2n$ , then at every stage  $s$  with  $\iota_s(i) \neq \iota_s(i + 1)$ , we have  $h(i, s + 1) \geq h(i, s) + 1$ . Let  $u = \max\{ht(x) : x \in G \wedge x < \mu(n)\}$ . So for sufficiently large  $s_1$ ,  $h(i, s_1) > u$ , and then  $h(i, s) = h(i, s_1)$  for all  $s \geq s_1$ .

Next, we argue that  $\iota$  is surjective. If  $b = \iota_{s_0}(a)$ , then either  $b = \iota_s(a)$  for all  $s > s_0$ , or there is a stage  $s_1 > s_0$  with  $b = \iota_{s_1}(c)$  for some odd  $c$ . By construction,  $\iota$  never changes on odd inputs, so  $b = \iota_s(c)$  for all  $s \geq s_1$ . By construction, every element is eventually added to the range of some  $\iota_s$ , so every element is in  $\text{ran}(\iota)$ .

By induction on  $s$ ,  $h(i, s) \leq \lim_s g(\iota_s(i), s)$  for all  $i$  and  $s$ , and so in particular,  $\lim_s h(i, s)$  exists and equals at most  $\lim_s g(\iota(i), s)$ . On the other hand,  $h(i, s) \geq g(\iota_s(i), s)$  for all  $i$  and  $s$  by construction, and so  $\lim_s h(i, s) = \lim_s g(\iota(i), s)$ , as desired.

Finally, for all  $n$  and all  $x \in G$  with  $x < \mu(n)$  and  $x \neq 0$ ,  $ht(x) + 1 < \lim_s h(2n, s)$ , as we deliberately increase  $h(2n, s)$  whenever this appears to be false. This completes the proof.  $\square$

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