

The third approach to randomness is via unpredictability

Intuitively, unpredictability means if we gamble on what will happen, there is no fixed strategy can ensure either player will win eventually

To characterize this we introduce the notion: Martingale

Def A function $d: \mathcal{Z}^{\omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ is a martingale if for all ω

$$d(\omega) = \frac{d(\omega 0) + d(\omega 1)}{2}$$

It is a supermartingale if

$$d(\omega) \geq \frac{d(\omega 0) + d(\omega 1)}{2}$$

A (super) martingale d succeeds on a set A if

$$\limsup_n d(A^n) = \infty$$

Define the succeed set of d

$$S(d) = \{ A \in \mathcal{Z}^{\omega} \mid d \text{ succeeds on } A \}$$

Idea: A martingale d is a betting strategy

Normally $d(\langle \rangle) > 0$ (empty sequence) (o.w. d is a constant function with value 0)
denotes the starting capital

Note the exact value of $d(\langle \rangle)$ is actually irrelevant. (see below)

A player bets on a sequence of tosses of a coin, if it comes up heads or comes up tails.

If he win a bet (right on head / tail) he wins double of his stake, if not he loses the stake

At the first run, following the strategy, he bet

$d(0)/2$ on head

$d(1)/2$ on tail

Note $d(0)/2 + d(1)/2 = \frac{d(0) + d(1)}{2} = d(\cdot)$ (if d is martingale)
(if d is supermartingale)

As god, we know he is playing on A , assume $A(0) = 0$

then the player will have $2 \cdot (d(0)/2) = d(0)$ at the end of this run.

Inductively, at the beginning of step n , the player will have capital $d(A^n)$, and he follows the strategy bets $d(A^{n-1})/2$ on 0, $d(A^{n-1})/2$ on 1 for this run.

And he will have $d(A^{n+1})$ at the end of this run.

Supermartingale allow the player to discard part of his capital (for better life)

Fact Let d be (super) martingale, $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is a positive real, and $f: \mathcal{Z}^{\omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ s.t. $f = r \cdot d$, i.e. $f(\omega) = r \cdot d(\omega)$ for all $\omega \in \mathcal{Z}^{\omega}$

Then f is a (super) martingale. And $S[f] = S[d]$

Fact If d_1, d_2, \dots are (super) martingale such that $\sum_n d_n(\omega) < \infty$ then $\sum_n d_n$ (the function d s.t. $d(\omega) = \sum_n d_n(\omega)$) is a (super) martingale

Kolmogorov's Inequality

Thm Let d be a (super) martingale

(i) For any string $\omega \in \mathcal{Z}^{\omega}$ and any prefix-free set S of extensions of ω , we have

$$\sum_{\tau \in S} 2^{-|\tau|} d(\tau) \leq 2^{-|\omega|} d(\omega)$$

(ii) Let $R_k = \{\omega \mid d(\omega) \geq k\}$. Then $\mu[R_k] \leq \frac{d(\cdot)}{k}$

Proof (i), First, note for $i=0,1$

$$\frac{d(2^{-i})}{2} \leq \frac{d(2^{-i}) + d(2^{-(i-1)})}{2} \leq d(\delta)$$

By induction on $|\tau| - |\delta|$, we can prove that if $\delta \leq \tau$, then

$$2^{-|\tau|+|\delta|} \cdot d(\tau) \leq d(\delta) \quad \text{so}$$

$$2^{-|\tau|} d(\tau) \leq 2^{-|\delta|} d(\delta)$$

This is the case for $|\delta|=1$

We prove the the cases for $|\delta|=n$ by induction

Assume $|\delta|=n+1$

Let $v \geq \delta$ be the longest s.t. every $\tau \in S$ extends v .

$$\text{Then } \{ \tau \in 2^{\omega} \mid \tau \geq v_0 \} \cap S = S_0 \neq \emptyset$$

$$\{ \tau \in 2^{\omega} \mid \tau \geq v_1 \} \cap S = S_1 \neq \emptyset$$

For otherwise either v_0 or v_1 is longer than v satisfying the same property.

$$\text{So } (|S_0| \leq n \quad \text{and} \quad |S_1| \leq n)$$

By induction hypothesis,

$$\sum_{\tau \in S_0} 2^{-|\tau|} \cdot d(\tau) \leq 2^{-|v_0|} \cdot d(v_0)$$

$$\sum_{\tau \in S_1} 2^{-|\tau|} \cdot d(\tau) \leq 2^{-|v_1|} \cdot d(v_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \sum_{\tau \in S} 2^{-|\tau|} d(\tau) &\leq 2^{-|v|-1} \cdot (d(v_0) + d(v_1)) \\ &\leq 2^{-|v|} d(v) \quad [\text{since } \frac{d(v_0) + d(v_1)}{2} \leq d(v), \text{ by definition}] \\ &\leq 2^{-|\delta|} d(\delta) \quad [\text{the case } |\delta|=1] \end{aligned}$$

Note: if $S = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots\}$ is infinite and $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^{-|\tau_i|} d(\tau_i) > 2^{-|\delta|} d(\delta)$

then there is already some n s.t. $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^{-|\tau_i|} d(\tau_i) > 2^{-|\delta|} d(\delta)$

So it is sufficient to prove the case where S is finite

(ii) Let $P \in \mathcal{R}_c$ be prefix-free s.t. $\llbracket P \rrbracket = \llbracket R_k \rrbracket$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \mu \llbracket P \rrbracket &= \sum_{\tau \in P} 2^{-|\tau|} \leq \sum_{\tau \in P} 2^{-|\tau|} \cdot \frac{d(\tau)}{k} \quad (\text{since } \frac{d(\tau)}{k} \geq 1) \\ &\leq \frac{d(\delta)}{k} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

We say a (super) martingale is computably enumerable (c.e.)

if its values are uniformly left c.e. i.e. there is a computable

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Thm (Schnorr)

A set is 1-random iff there is no c.e. (super) martingale succeeds on it

Proof (\Rightarrow) Let $A \in 2^{\omega}$. d is a c.e. (super) martingale, s.t. $d(s) = 1$

Assume $A \in S[d]$. We define a M-L test to "capture" A .

Let $U_n = \{ \{ s \in 2^{\omega} \mid d(s) \geq 2^{-n} \} \}$

Then $\mu U_n \leq \frac{d(s)}{2^{-n}} = 2^{-n}$

Since d is c.e. $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is uniformly c.e.

[Once we find $d(s)$ exceeds 2^{-n} , we put s into the basis of U_n]

Therefore $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a M-L test.

Since $A \in S[d]$. For each n , there is m s.t. $d(A \upharpoonright m) \geq 2^{-n}$
i.e. $A \in U_n$ so $A \in \bigcap_n U_n$ "captured" by the M-L test

so A is not 1-random.

(\Leftarrow) If A is captured the M-L test $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Let $\{R_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a uniformly c.e. prefix-free bases of $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

We define a sequence of martingale d_n bets on the fact that A will enter U_n

At beginning, we let every d_n be constant function with value 0,

We uniformly enumerate $\{R_n\}$ now, once Δ enters R_k

We put more weight on betting Δ as follow:

we add 1 to the value of $d_n(\tau)$ for all $\tau \geq \Delta$

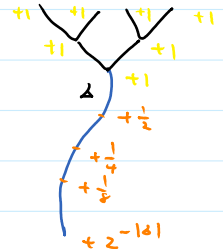
and we add $2^{k-|\Delta|}$ to $d_n(\Delta^k)$ for all $k < |\Delta|$.

In this way, we keep d_n as a martingale

$$\text{Let } d = \sum_n d_n$$

$$\text{Then } d(\langle \cdot \rangle) = \sum_n \sum_{\Delta \in R_n} 2^{-|\Delta|}$$

$$= \sum_n \mu[R_n] = \sum_n \mu U_n \leq \sum_n 2^{-n} < \infty$$



So d is a martingale, clearly, d is c.e. by construction.

If $A \in \cap_n U_n$, then for each n , there is k , for all $i < n$,

$$A^k \geq \Delta; \text{ for some } \Delta_i \in R_i$$

then $d(A^k) \geq n$

$$\text{so } A \in S[d]$$

□

Corollary There is a universal c.e. martingale d , that is

for any c.e. martingale f , $S[f] \subseteq S[d]$

Proof Let $\{U_n\}$ now be a universal M-L test,

Use the argument in the previous theorem, define a martingale d s.t.

$$\text{If } A \in \cap_n U_n \text{ then } A \in S[d]$$

Now for each c.e. martingale f , if $A \in S[f]$, then A is not M-L random

so A is captured by the universal M-L test and so $A \in S[d]$ □