

# Subclasses of effective supermartingales: completeness phenomenon

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# Review——effective randomness

- ▶ What is randomness?
- ▶ Randomness  $\Leftrightarrow$  “No pattern”.
- ▶ Strings with some “pattern”: 010101010101,  
01100011110000011111.

# Review——effective randomness

- ▶ Effective randomness  $\Leftrightarrow$  No effective pattern.
- ▶ Effective pattern: a sequence  $(V_n \subseteq 2^{<\omega} : n \in \omega)$  of uniformly c.e. sets (with  $[V_n] \supseteq [V_{n+1}]$ ) such that  $m(V_n) \leq 2^{-n}$  (known as *Martin-Löf test*).

# Review——effective randomness

## Definition 1

A real  $X \in 2^\omega$  is *Martin-Löf random* (also called *1-random*) if no Martin-Löf test  $(V_n : n \in \omega)$  succeed on  $X$ . i.e.,  $X \notin \bigcap_n [V_n]$ .

- ▶ Many definitions of effective randomness turn out to be equivalent (to 1-randomness).
- ▶ For example,  $X$  is 1-random iff there is no left-c.e. supermartingale  $M$  succeeding on  $X$  (i.e.,  $\limsup_n M(X \upharpoonright n) < \infty$ ).
- ▶ Here a *left-c.e. supermartingale* is a non decreasing computable array  $(M[t] : t \in \omega)$  of supermartingales such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M[t](\sigma) = M(\sigma)$  exists for all  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ .

**Does a given subclass of left-c.e. supermartingales define 1-randomness.**

# Motivation-summary

- 1 Can 1-randomness be decomposed;
- 2 How many mind changes (of a supermartingale or martingale) does it need to define 1-randomness.

# Motivation—can 1-randomness be decomposed

- ▶ If a left-c.e. supermartingale  $M : 2^{<\omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  succeeds on  $X$ , is it because of its betting strategy of outcome or its strategy of money allocation;
- ▶ Here we say  $M$  is  $i$ -sided at  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$  iff  $M(\sigma i) \geq M(\sigma^\frown(1-i))$ .

## Question 2 (Kasterman?)

Can we decompose  $M$  into  $M_0, M_1$  (meaning  $M_0 + M_1$  succeeds on all reals on which  $M$  succeeds) such that  $M_i$  is  $i$ -sided.

## Motivation—How many mind changes a left c.e. supermartingale need to define 1-random

The betting process of KL-machines give rise to  $\Delta_2$  martingale (a martingale who admits computable approximation). We wonder how many mind changes does a martingale need to define 1-randomness.



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## Motivation—How many mind changes a left c.e. supermartingale need to define 1-random

For computable function  $f \in \omega^\omega$ , consider the class  $\mathcal{M}_f$  of supermartingale sequences  $M[\leq t]$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} M[s] \text{ dominates } M[s-1] \text{ for all } s \leq t \text{ and} \\ \text{the mind changes of } M[s](\sigma) \text{ is bounded by } f(|\sigma|). \text{ i.e.,} \\ |\{s \leq t : M[s](\sigma) \neq M[s-1](\sigma)\}| \leq f(|\sigma|) \end{aligned} \tag{0.1}$$

### Question 3

For which function  $f$  does computable  $\mathcal{M}_f$ -gale define 1-randomness.

## Question 4

Can “natural” subclass of left-c.e. supermartingale define 1-randomness?

- 1 Subclass of left-c.e. supermartingales
- 2 Main result
- 3 An outline of the proof
- 4 Further discussion

# kastergale

- ▶ For a computable martingale  $M$ , we could know (computably) whether  $M(\sigma 1) \geq M(\sigma 0)$ .
- ▶ For a function  $p : \subseteq 2^{<\omega} \rightarrow 2$ , we say  $M$  is  $p$ -sided if for every  $\sigma \in \text{dom}(p)$ ,  $M$  is  $p(\sigma)$ -sided at  $\sigma$ , and for every  $\sigma \notin \text{dom}(p)$ ,  $M$  is both 0-sided, 1-sided at  $\sigma$ .

# kastergale

## Definition 5 (kastergale)

For left-c.e. supermartingale  $M$ , we say  $M$  is *partially-computably-sided* (known as *kastergale*) iff:

for some partial computable function  $p$ ,  $M[t]$  is  $p[t]$ -sided.

i.e., For each  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ ,  $M$  has only one chance to decide its sidedness at  $\sigma$  and before it makes that decision, it has to be both 0, 1-sided at  $\sigma$ .

# muchgale

## Definition 6 (muchgale)

A supermartingale  $M$  is  *$(l, i)$ -betting* if for every  $\sigma$  such that  $|\sigma| \equiv i \pmod{l}$ , we have  $M(\sigma) \geq \max\{M(\sigma 0), M(\sigma 1)\}$ . i.e.,  $M$  does not bet at certain steps. A *muchgale* is a left-c.e. supermartingale that is  $(l, i)$ -betting for some  $l, i$ .

# Bounded mind change supermartingale

## Definition 7

For  $f \in \omega^\omega$ , a left-c.e. supermartingale  $(M[t] : t \in \omega)$  has *mind change bounded by  $f$*  iff for every  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ , the number of mind changes of  $M$  at  $\sigma$  is bounded by  $f(|\sigma|)$ . i.e.,  $|\{s : M[s](\sigma) \neq M[s-1](\sigma)\}| \leq f(|\sigma|)$



# Questions and known results

- ▶ Kasterman wondered if kastergales define 1-randomness (i.e., whether for every non-1-random real  $X$  there is a kastergale succeeding on  $X$ ) [Downey, 2012];
- ▶ Hitchcock asked the same question with respect to a subclass of kastergale where the biased proportion  $M(\sigma i)/M(\sigma)$  is  $\Sigma_1^0$  function;
- ▶ Barmpalias, Fang and Lewis-Pye [Barmpalias et al., 2020] considered single-sided ( $p$ -sided with  $p \equiv i$  for some  $i \in 2$ ) left-c.e. supermartingales whose bias is non decreasing and showed that they do not define 1-randomness.
- ▶ Muchnick [Muchnik, 2009] considered  $(2, i)$ -betting left-c.e. supermartingales and showed that they do not define 1-randomness.

# Conclusion-kastergale and muchgale do not define 1-randomness

## Theorem 8 ([Barmpalias and Liu, 2021])

*The union of kastergales and muchgales does not define 1-randomness. i.e., there is a non-1-random real  $X$  on which no kastergale or **muchgale** succeed.*

# Conclusion-Universality

Our analysis shows that

If a reasonable subclass of left-c.e. (2.1)  
supermartingales defines 1-randomness, it almost  
means a **single member** of that class can do so.

# Conclusion-how many mind change is needed

## Theorem 9 (Downey, Liu, Tureskey)

We have

- ▶ *For computable function  $f \in \omega^\omega$  with  $f(n) = o(\log(n))$ , the left c.e. supermartingales whose mind changes is bounded by  $f$  does not define 1-randomness.*
- ▶ *For function  $f(n) = n^{2+\delta}$  (with  $\delta > 0$  arbitrary), there is a left c.e. supermartingales whose mind changes is bounded by  $f$  that define 1-randomness.*

## Formalize (2.1)

- ▶ A class of *supermartingale-approximations* is a set  $\mathcal{M}$  of supermartingale sequences  $M[\leq t] = (M[0], \dots, M[t])$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{M}$  is *non decreasing* iff:  $M[t]$  dominates  $M[t-1]$ ;
- ▶  $\mathcal{M}$  is *scale-closed* iff: iff for every  $M[\leq t] \in \mathcal{M}$ , every  $c > 0$ ,  $cM[\leq t] \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- ▶ We say  $\mathcal{M}$  is *subsequence-closed* iff for every  $M[\leq t] \in \mathcal{M}$ , every  $t_0 < \dots < t_{s-1} \leq t$ ,  $(M[t_0], \dots, M[t_{s-1}]) \in \mathcal{M}$ .

# Formalize (2.1)

- ▶ We say  $\mathcal{M}$  is *homogeneous* iff, roughly speaking, looking at  $\mathcal{M}$  on a cone  $[\rho]^\preceq$  is the same as that on  $[\emptyset]^\preceq$ .
- ▶ Homogeneous, subsequence-closed, scale-closed,  $\Pi_1^0$  class:
  - kastergales;
  - given  $I$ ,  $\{(I, i)\text{-betting supermartingales} : i < I\}$ ;
  - muchgale.
- ▶ In (2.1), by reasonable, we mean scale-closed, subsequence-closed, homogeneous and  $\Pi_1^0$ .

- An  $\mathcal{M}$ -gale is: a  $\omega$ -sequence  $M[< \omega]$  such that  $M[\leq t] \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $t \in \omega$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M[t](\sigma)$  exists for all  $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$ .

### Remark 10

Clearly kastergale, muchgale and bounded mind change gale can all be defined by some class  $\mathcal{M}$  of supermartingale sequence (so they become computable  $\mathcal{M}$ -gale). Although, for bounded mind change gale,  $\mathcal{M}$  is not homogeneous on general. But our proof adapt to that case either.

# A game

Whether computable  $\mathcal{M}$ -gales define 1-randomness  $\leftrightarrow$

Whether Alice (controlling the Martin-Löf test) wins against Baby (controlling members of  $\mathcal{M}$ ) in the following game.



# A game

The finite version of this game:

## Definition 11 $((c, n, k)\text{-}\mathcal{M}\text{-game})$

At each round  $t \in \omega$ :

Alice: enumerates  $\sigma \in 2^n$ ;

Baby: presents  $M_j[t]$  (for each  $j < k$ ) such that:

- ▶  $\sum_j M_j[t](\hat{\sigma}) \geq 1$  for some  $\hat{\sigma} \preceq \sigma$  (for all  $\sigma \in A[t]$ );
- ▶  $M_j[\leq t] \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $j < k$ .

Alice wins if:  $\sum_j M_j[t](\emptyset) \geq c$ .

Let  $A$  denote the set of  $\sigma$  Alice enumerates when she wins.

# A game

- ▶ Roughly speaking, if Alice has a winning strategy for  $(c, n, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game with an arbitrary small cost  $m(A)$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  does not define 1-randomness.
- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{M} = \cup_I \mathcal{M}_I$  where  $\mathcal{M}_I \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{I+1}$  is  $\Pi_1^0$  (uniformly in  $I$ ), non decreasing, scale-closed, subsequence-closed and homogeneous.

## Claim 12

*If for every  $I, k \in \omega, \varepsilon > 0, c < 1$ , Alice has a winning strategy for  $(c, n, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}_I$ -game (for some  $n$ ) such that  $m(A) \leq \varepsilon$ , then computable  $\mathcal{M}$ -gales do not define 1-randomness.*

# The constant game

Let  $a, \Delta, \delta > 0, n, k \in \omega$ :

**Definition 13** (constant  $(a, \Delta, \delta, n, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game)

At each round  $t \in \omega$ :

Alice:  $\sigma \in 2^n$ ,

Baby:  $M_j[t]$  such that:

- ▶  $\sum_j M_j[t](\sigma) \geq 1$  (for all  $\sigma \in A[t]$ );
- ▶  $M_j[\leq t] \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $j < k$ .
- ▶  $\sum_j M_j[t](\rho) \leq 1 + \delta$  for all  $\rho \in 2^{\leq n}$ .

Alice wins if:

- ▶ (type-(a))  $1 - \sum_j M_j[t](\emptyset) \leq (1 - m(A[t]))/a$ ; or
- ▶ (type-(b)) for some  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1 \in A[t]$ ,  $\|\vec{M}[t](\sigma_0) - \vec{M}[t](\sigma_1)\|_1 \geq \Delta$

# constant $\mathcal{M}$ -game vs $\mathcal{M}$ -game

- ▶ “ $\sum_j M_j[t](\sigma) \geq 1$ ” vs  
“ $\sum_j M_j[t](\hat{\sigma}) \geq 1$  for some  $\hat{\sigma} \preceq \sigma$ ”;
- ▶  $\sum_j M_j[t](\rho) \leq 1 + \delta$ ;
- ▶ dynamic winning criterion “ $1 - \sum_j M_j[t](\emptyset) \leq (1 - m(A[t]))/a$ ” vs  
“ $\sum_j M_j[t](\emptyset) \geq c$ ”
- ▶ for some  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1 \in A[t]$ ,  $\|\vec{M}[t](\sigma_0) - \vec{M}[t](\sigma_1)\|_1 \geq \Delta$

# Reduce to constant game

- ▶ Roughly speaking, if Alice could win the constant  $\mathcal{M}$ -game (for  $k = 1$ ) with  $m(A) < 1$ , then she could win the  $\mathcal{M}$ -game (for all  $k$ ) with an arbitrary small  $m(A)$ .
- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be non decreasing and homogeneous.

## Claim 14

*If for every  $a > 0$ , there exist  $\Delta, \delta > 0, n \in \omega$  such that Alice has a winning strategy for the constant  $(a, \Delta, \delta, n, 1)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game with  $m(A) < 1$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0, c < 1, k \in \omega$  there is an  $n$  such that Alice has a winning strategy for  $(c, n, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game such that  $m(A) \leq \varepsilon$ .*

# Reduce to constant game

## Proof.

See [Barmpalias and Liu, 2021].  
section 2.1-2.2 (dynamic winning criterion),  
section 2.3 (restricting Baby's action),  
section 4.2 (type-(b) winning criterion),  
section 4.3 (reduce to  $k = 1$ ).



# Reduce to constant game

- ▶ For kastergale or  $(l, i)$ -betting supermartingale-approximation, it's easy to win the constant game (for  $k = 1$ ), thus Theorem 8 follows.
- ▶ Winning the constant game (for  $k = 1$ ) is the only part of the proof where we take advantage of sidedness and  $(l, i)$ -betting.

# Completeness phenomenon

- ▶ Moreover, if  $\mathcal{M}$  could define 1-randomness, then (for some  $a > 0$ , for every  $\Delta, \delta > 0$ , every  $n \in \omega$ ) Alice does not have a winning strategy for the constant  $(a, \Delta, \delta, n, 1)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game so that  $m(A) < 1$ .
- ▶ This almost means that a single member of  $\mathcal{M}$  (the one Baby used against Alice) could define 1-randomness.
- ▶ With that said, this is not a concrete proof of (2.1), but a strong evidence.



# A close look at iteration argument

Let  $c_i \leq 1, \varepsilon_i \geq 0, n_i \in \omega$  for each  $i < 2$ .

## Claim 15

*If (for each  $i < 2$ ) Alice has a winning strategy for  $(c_i, n_i, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game such that  $m(A) \leq \varepsilon_i$ . Then Alice has a winning strategy for  $(c_0 c_1, n_0 + n_1, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game such that  $m(A) \leq \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_1$ .*

## Proof.

- ▶ In  $(c_0 c_1, n_0 + n_1, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game, invoke winning strategy of  $(c_0, n_0, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game.
- ▶ But when the strategy tells you to enumerate  $\rho \in 2^{n_0}$ , instead of enumerating it, play the winning strategy of  $(c_1, n_1, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game at the board  $[\rho]^\preceq \cap 2^{n_0+n_1}$ .
- ▶ Hopefully, the sub-game will forces  $\sum_{j < k} M_j(\rho)[t] \geq c_1$ .



# More efficient winning strategy

For  $\mathcal{M} = \{(2, i)\text{-betting supermartingale-approximation}\}$ , Alice can win the  $(c, n, k)\text{-}\mathcal{M}$ -game with a cost  $m(A) \approx 1/2$  (for sufficiently large  $n$ ); moreover, this is optimal:

**Lemma 16 ([Barmpalias and Liu, 2022])**

- ▶ *There is a real  $X$  with  $\dim_H(X) = 1/2$  such that there is no  $(2, i)\text{-betting left-c.e. supermartingale}$  succeeding on  $X$ .*
- ▶ *For every real  $X$  with  $\dim_H(X) < 1/2$ , every  $i \in 2$ , there is a  $(2, i)\text{-betting left-c.e. supermartingale}$  succeeding on  $X$ ;*

# More efficient winning strategy

Alice can win the  $(c, n, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game (with  $c = 1, n = 2$ ) with a cost  $m(A) \leq \frac{3}{4}$ . Thus, let  $\dim_P(X)$  denote the *packing dimension* of  $X$ , namely  $\limsup_n K(X \upharpoonright n)/n$ .

**Theorem 17 ([Barmpalias and Liu, 2022])**

*There is a real  $X \in 2^\omega$  on which no  $(2, i)$ -betting left-c.e. supermartingale succeeds for all  $i < 2$  such that  $\dim_P(X) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \log_2(4/3)$ .*

# Proof of $n^{2+\delta}$ mind change is enough

We give a strategy of Baby (preventing Alice from winning with an arbitrary small cost).

For  $f \in \omega^\omega$ , for each  $n$ , let finite set  $Q_n := \{0 = q_0 < \dots < q_{f(n)-1} = 1\}$ ; let  $Q := (Q_n : n \in \omega)$ .

## Definition 18

For a prefix free finite set  $A \subseteq 2^{<\omega}$ , let  $M_{Q,A}$  be a supermartingale such that

- ①  $M_{Q,A}$  dominates function  $\rho \mapsto m(A|\rho)$ ;
- ②  $M_{Q,A}(\rho) \in Q_{|\rho|}$  for all  $\rho \in 2^{\leq n}$ ;
- ③  $M_{Q,A}$  is the minimal supermartingale satisfying the above items. i.e., if  $M$  is a supermartingale satisfying the first two items and  $M_{Q,A}$  dominates  $M$ , then  $M_{Q,A} = M$ .

- ▶ The strategy of Baby is to presents  $M[t] := M_{Q,A[t]}$  at round  $t$ .
- ▶ It is automatic (by setting of  $Q_n$ ) that  $M[\leq t]$  has mind change bounded by  $f$ .
- ▶ The setting of  $Q_n$  is inspired by the dynamic game. i.e., Baby try to cease Alice from reaching the dynamic winning criterion. This gives the  $Q_n := \{0 = q_{n,0} < \cdots < q_{n,f(n)-1} = 1\}$  where  $q_{n,m} = 1 - (\frac{1}{r_n})^m$  with  $r_n$  appropriately chosen.
- ▶ For  $f(n) = n^{2+\delta}$ , we set  $r_n := 2^{\frac{1}{n^{1+\delta/2}}}$

# Questions

Given a subclass  $\mathcal{M}$  of left-c.e. supermartingales,

## Question 19

Is there a real  $X$  with  $\dim_H(X) \geq d$  (resp.  $\dim_P(X) \geq d$ ) such that there is no member of  $\mathcal{M}$  succeeding on  $X$ .

## Question 20

Is there a winning strategy of Alice on the  $(c, n, k)$ - $\mathcal{M}$ -game (when  $n$  is sufficiently large) such that  $m(A) \leq \exp(-O(1)n)$ ?

## Question 21

For function  $f$  between  $n^{2+\delta}$  and  $\log(n)$ , does  $f$  bounded mind change left c.e. supermartingale define 1-randomness?

**Many thanks**  
**Is there any question?**



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