

# Computability in $C[0,1]$

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In my talk:

- What is  $C[0, 1]$  and why do we care?
- Automatic continuous functions (unexpected results!)
- An effective characterization of  $C[0, 1]$
- The effective universality of  $C[0, 1]$
- Computable Banach–Stone duality

## Part 1: A brief introduction

$C[0, 1]$  stands for the Banach space of continuous functions

$$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

The norm is  $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} f(x)$ . The operations are pointwise.

- 1 In his book, Banach proved that  $C[0, 1]$  is universal among separable Banach spaces.
- 2 The space is one of the ‘standard’ and ‘classical’ spaces
- 3  $C[0, 1]$  is well-studied
- 4 Its generalisations, such as  $C[K]$ , are also well-studied
- 5 Traditionally,  $C[0, 1]$  is important in logic

## Logical aspects of $C[0, 1]$ :

- (Cherlin, 1980) The first-order theory of the *ring*  $C[0, 1]$  is not decidable
- (H. Friedman and Seress 1989, 1990) Decidability in elementary analysis I, II
- (Kechris and Woodin, 1986) Ranks of differentiable functions
- $C[0, 1]$  is a computable Banach space
- Every (Kleene) computable function on  $[0, 1]$  is continuous

Much of the early computable analysis was restricted to  $C[0, 1]$ .

## Part 2: Regular vs transducer functions

Khoussainov once told me that people still struggle to describe  
*automatic*

$$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

But it also seems there are not many such functions.

What is an automatic function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ?

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We say that a separable Banach space  $B$  is **computable** if there is a dense sequence  $(x_i)$  such that:

- $\|x_i - x_j\|$  is a computable real uniformly in  $i, j$
- the Banach space operations are computable functionals

Primitive recursive spaces are defined similarly.

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Here  $K$  is viewed [up to homeomorphism](#).

### Theorem (Kihara, Hoyrup, Selivanov 2020, Harrison-Trainor, M., Ng 2020)

For a Stone space  $K$ , TFAE:

- 1  $K$  is homeomorphic to a computable space
- 2  $K$  is homeomorphic to a computably compact space
- 3 The dual Boolean algebra  $\widehat{K}$  has a computable copy.

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