

# Solvability Complexity Index (=SCI) and Towers of Algorithms

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# Definition of a Tower

## PROBLEM

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$\Lambda$ : evaluation set, e.g.  $f_{ij} : A \mapsto \langle Ae_j, e_j \rangle$  for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{N}))$

$\mathcal{M}$ : metric space

$\Xi$ : problem function  $\Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ , such as  $\sigma(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\ell^2(\mathbb{N}))$

## TOWER

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## Matrices continues

radicals,  $z \mapsto |z|$  available, then convergent iterations exist for solving roots of polynomials

input finite: the complex coefficients of the polynomial

## Computabilities...

"Turing view": problem computable if a computing device exists which solves the problem

Computation in the limit and higher hierarchies

BSS (Blum, Shub, Smale)  $\mathbb{R}$ -machine model

IBC (information based complexity) uses BSS, "tractability"

constructivism, computability on  $\mathbb{Z}$  and within computable numbers

## Any compact can be spectrum

Represent compact  $K \subset \mathbb{C}$  from outside:

$$K = \bigcap K_n$$

where

$$\dots \subset K_{n+1} \subset K_n \subset \dots$$

and testing  $z \notin K_n$  "easy"

## Any compact can be spectrum, so look at Julia sets

We first look at the Julia set  $\mathcal{J}$  for the quadratic polynomial  $z^2 + 4$ .

Consider the question

$$z \in \mathcal{J} ?$$

Then the corresponding question for the spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  is

$$\lambda \in \sigma(A) ?$$

The natural formulation of these questions is, can you **decide** whether the answer is yes or no?

## 2.1 Julia set $\mathcal{J}$ for $z^2 + 4$

Let

$$p(z) = z^2 + 4$$

Iterate

$$z_{n+1} = p(z_n)$$

If  $z_n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $z_0 \notin \mathcal{J}$ .

Note that if  $|z_k| > 1 + \sqrt{5}$  for some  $k$ , then  $|z_{k+1}| > 2|z_k|$  and then  $z_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

For this  $p(z)$  the Julia set is **homeomorphic to a Cantor set**.

Observe that  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{J}$  is open.

S. Smale and coworkers:  $\mathcal{J}$  is **not decidable**  
("semidecidable")

## Computation in the limit...

Output as follows:

if  $|z_k| \leq 1 + \sqrt{5}$ , then  $Out(k) = 1$

if  $|z_k| > 1 + \sqrt{5}$ , then  $Out(k) = 0$ .

So depending on the initial value we obtain sequences of the form

$$1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, 0 \dots$$

and

$$1, 1, 1, \dots$$

In either case **the limit exists**; and then you (would) know



## Similar question for the spectrum in abstract Banach algebra

Consider the subalgebra generated by just one element  $a$  (say, in Banach algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ ). Then the spectrum within the subalgebra is  $\text{fill}(\sigma(a))$ .

If we are allowed to produce polynomials of  $a$  and compute their norms but inverting is not allowed, then:

The question

$$\lambda \notin \text{fill}(\sigma(a))$$

is semidecidable as follows:

If answer **positive: finite termination** with sure answer, while

if **negative, you will never know** (the one you look after does not exist)

# What exists is easier to find!

**Conclude:** Think positive, construct the resolvent

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus \text{fill}(\sigma(A)) \rightarrow B(X)$$

$$\lambda \mapsto (\lambda - A)^{-1}$$

instead!

Get a **multicentric holomorphic calculus** - but not during this talk...

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## Another example

We define  $A \in B(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}))$  using diagonal blocks:

$$A = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} A_{k(j)}$$

where  $A_k$  are  $k \times k$ -matrices with number 1's in the corners, like

$$A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $k(j) \geq 2$  is some sequence. Thus,  $A$  is algebraic,  
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## Example

Then for each such fixed algorithm one can "tailor" a sequence  $\{k(j)\}$  such that the algorithm keeps the number 1 as a candidate for the spectrum for the operator

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## Idea of a tower for the example

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$$P_n(A - tI)$$

when restricted to the range of  $P_m$ :  $P_m \ell_2(\mathbb{N})$ .

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Applied to

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the matrices  $A_{nm}(t)$  shall consist of a finite number of square blocks and possibly one rectangle which for **fixed  $m$  and all large enough  $n$**  is of the form

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- ▶ Limits in the Hausdorff distance between compact sets in  $\mathbb{C}$

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## Dispersion known, again lowers the index

Dispersion: there is a **known** function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\max\{\|(I - P_{f(n)})AP_n\|, \|P_nA(I - P_{f(n)})\|\} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

For example, if **bandwidth =  $d$**  one has  $f(n) = n + d$ .

If  $f$  is known for  $A$ , then  $SCI = 2$

and if **both resolvent control  $g$**  and **dispersion function  $f$**  are known, then  $SCI=1$ .

SCI=1 for  $\sigma(A)$  with  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}))$  compact

So, this is the situation in which computing **eigenvalues of finite sections**  $A_n = (a_{ij})_{i,j \leq n}$  and studying their limit behavior **is ok**.

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- ▶ if we know that  $A$  is compact, then  $\text{SCI}=0$ , since  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(A) = \{0\}$ .

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