## Coding and decoding in classes of structures

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## Coding and decoding

- There are familiar ways of coding one structure in another, and for coding members of one class of structures in those of another class.
- Sometimes the coding is effective.
- Assuming this, it is interesting when there is effective decoding, and and it is also interesting when decoding is very difficult.

We consider some formal notions that describe coding and decoding, and test the notions in some examples.

#### Conventions

- Languages are computable.
- **2** Structures have universe  $\omega$ .
- **3** We may identify the structure A with D(A).
- ullet Classes  $\mathcal K$  are closed under isomorphism.

## Borel embedding

### Definition (Friedman, Stanley, 1989)

We say that a class  $\mathcal K$  of structures is *Borel embeddable* in a class of structures  $\mathcal K'$ , and we write  $\mathcal K \leq_B \mathcal K'$ , if there is a Borel function  $\Phi: \mathcal K \to \mathcal K'$  such that for  $\mathcal A, \mathcal B \in \mathcal K$ ,  $\mathcal A \cong \mathcal B$  iff  $\Phi(\mathcal A) \cong \Phi(\mathcal B)$ .

Note: We have a uniform Borel procedure for coding structures from structures of class  $\mathcal K$  in structures from  $\mathcal K'$ . As we shall see, there may or may not be a Borel decoding procedure.

## On top

#### Theorem

The following classes lie on top under  $\leq_B$ .

- undirected graphs (Lavrov,1963; Nies, 1996; Marker, 2002)
- fields of any fixed characteristic (Friedman-Stanley;
   R. Miller-Poonen-Schoutens-Shlapentokh, 2018)
- 2-step nilpotent groups (Mekler, 1981; Mal'tsev, 1949)
- Iinear orderings (Friedman-Stanley)

## Turing computable embeddings

## Definition (Calvert, Cummins, Knight, S. Miller, 2004)

We say that a class  $\mathcal{K}$  is *Turing computably embedded* in a class  $\mathcal{K}'$ , and we write  $\mathcal{K} \leq_{tc} \mathcal{K}'$ , if there is a Turing operator  $\Phi : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K}'$  such that for all  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{K}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{B}$  iff  $\Phi(\mathcal{A}) \cong \Phi(\mathcal{B})$ .

The notion of Turing computable embedding captures in a precise way the idea of uniform effective coding.

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The Borel embeddings of Friedman and Stanley, Miller, Poonen, Schoutens and Shlapentokh, Lavrov, Nies, Marker, Mekler, and Mal'tsev are all, in fact, Turing computable.

## Directed graphs $\leq_{tc}$ undirected graphs

### Example (Marker)

For a directed graph G the undirected graph  $\Theta(G)$  consists of the following:

- **1** For each point a in G,  $\Theta(G)$  has a point  $b_a$  connected to a triangle.
- ② For each ordered pair of points (a; a') from G,  $\Theta(G)$  has a special point  $p_{(a,a')}$  connected directly to  $b_a$  and with one stop to  $b'_a$ .
- **3** The point  $p_{(a,a')}$  is connected to a square if there is an arrow from a to a', and to a pentagon otherwise.

For structures  ${\cal A}$  with more relations, the same idea works.

## Medvedev reducibility

A problem is a subset of  $2^{\omega}$  or  $\omega^{\omega}$ .

Problem P is Medvedev reducible to problem Q if there is a Turing operator  $\Phi$  that takes elements of Q to elements of P.

#### **Definition**

We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is *Medvedev reducible* to  $\mathcal{B}$ , and we write  $\mathcal{A} \leq_s \mathcal{B}$ , if there is a Turing operator that takes copies of  $\mathcal{B}$  to copies of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Supposing that  $\mathcal{A}$  is coded in  $\mathcal{B}$ , a Medvedev reduction of  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  represents an effective decoding procedure.

For classes K and K', suppose that  $K \leq_{tc} K'$  via  $\Theta$ . A uniform effective decoding procedure is a Turing operator  $\Phi$  s.t. for all  $A \in K$ ,  $\Phi$  takes copies of  $\Theta(A)$  to copies of A.

## Decoding via nice defining formulas

Fact: For Marker's embedding  $\Theta$ , we have finitary existential formulas that, for all directed graphs G, define in  $\Theta(G)$  the following.

- $oldsymbol{0}$  the set of points  $b_a$  connected to a triangle,
- 2 the set of ordered pairs such that the special point  $p_{(a,a')}$  is part of a square,
- the set of ordered pairs  $(b_a, b_{a'})$  such that the special point  $p_{(a,a')}$  is part of a pentagon.

This guarantees a uniform effective procedure that, for any copy of  $\Theta(G)$ , computes a copy of G. We have uniform effective decoding.

## Effective interpretability

### Definition (Montlbán)

A structure  $\mathcal{A} = (A, R_i)$  is *effectively interpreted* in a structure  $\mathcal{B}$  if there is a set  $D \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$  and relations  $\sim$  and  $R_i^*$  on D, such that

- ② there are computable  $\Sigma_1$ -formulas with no parameters defining a set  $D \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$  and relations  $(\neg) \sim$  and  $(\neg)R_i^*$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  (effectively determined).

### Example

The usual definition of the ring of integers  $\mathbb Z$  involves an interpretation in the semi-ring of natural numbers  $\mathbb N$ . Let D be the set of ordered pairs (m,n) of natural numbers. We think of the pair (m,n) as representing the integer m-n. We can easily give finitary existential formulas that define ternary relations of addition and multiplication on D, and the complements of these relations, and a congruence relation  $\sim$  on D, and the complement of this relation, such that  $(D,+,\cdot)/_{\sim}\cong \mathbb Z$ .

## Computable functor

### Definition (R. Miller)

A computable functor from  $\mathcal B$  to  $\mathcal A$  is a pair of Turing operators  $\Phi, \Psi$  such that  $\Phi$  takes copies of  $\mathcal B$  to copies of  $\mathcal A$  and  $\Psi$  takes isomorphisms between copies of  $\mathcal B$  to isomorphisms between the corresponding copies of  $\mathcal A$ , so as to preserve identity and composition.

More precisely,  $\Psi$  is defined on triples  $(\mathcal{B}_1, f, \mathcal{B}_2)$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$  are copies of  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\mathcal{B}_1 \cong_f \mathcal{B}_2$ .

## Equivalence

The main result gives the equivalence of the two definitions.

Theorem (Harrison-Trainor, Melnikov, R. Miller and Montalbán, 2017)

For structures  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  is effectively interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$  iff there is a computable functor  $\Phi, \Psi$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Note: In the proof, it is important that D consist of tuples of arbitrary arity.

### Corollary

If A is effectively interpreted in B, then  $A \leq_s B$ .

# Coding and Decoding

### Proposition (Kalimullin, 2010)

There exist  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \leq_s \mathcal{B}$  but  $\mathcal{A}$  is not effectively interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

There exist  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is effectively interpreted in  $(\mathcal{B}, \bar{b})$  but  $\mathcal{A}$  is not effectively interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

### Proposition

If  $\mathcal A$  is computable, then it is effectively interpreted in all structures  $\mathcal B.$ 

#### Proof.

Let  $D=\mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$ . Let  $\bar{b}\sim\bar{c}$  if  $\bar{b},\bar{c}$  are tuples of the same length. For simplicity, suppose  $\mathcal{A}=(\omega,R)$ , where R is binary. If  $\mathcal{A}\models R(m,n)$ , then  $R^*(\bar{b},\bar{c})$  for all  $\bar{b}$  of length m and  $\bar{c}$  of length n. Thus,  $(D,R^*)/_\sim\cong\mathcal{A}$ .

## Borel interpretability

Harrison-Trainor, R. Miller and Montlbán, 2018, defined Borel versions of the notion of effective interpretation and computable functor.

#### **Definition**

- For a Borel interpretation of  $\mathcal{A}=(A,R_i)$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  the set  $D\subseteq \mathcal{B}^{<\omega}$  the relations  $\sim$  and  $R_i^*$  on D, are definable by formulas of  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ .
- 2 For a Borel functor from  $\mathcal B$  to  $\mathcal A$ , the operators  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are Borel.

Their main result gives the equivalence of the two definitions.

## Theorem (Harrison-Trainor, R. Miller and Montlbán, 2018)

A structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is interpreted in  $\mathcal{B}$  using  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -formulas iff there is a Borel functor  $\Phi, \Psi$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Graphs and linear orderings

Graphs and linear orderings both lie on top under Turing computable embeddings.

Graphs also lie on top under effective interpretation.

Question: What about linear orderings under effective interpretation?

And under using  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -formulas?

## Interpreting graphs in linear orderings

### Proposition (Knight-S.-Vatev)

There is a graph G such that for all linear orderings L,  $G \not\leq_s L$ .

#### Proof.

Let S be a non-computable set. Let G be a graph such that every copy computes S.

We may take G to be a "daisy" graph", consisting of a center node with a "petal" of length 2n+3 if  $n \in S$  and 2n+4 if  $n \notin S$ .

Now, apply:

### Proposition (Richter)

For a linear ordering L, the only sets computable in all copies of L are the computable sets.

# Interpreting a graph in the jump of linear ordering

We are identifying a structure  $\mathcal A$  with its atomic diagram. We may consider an interpretation of  $\mathcal A$  in the jump  $\mathcal B'$  of  $\mathcal B$ . Note that the relations definable in  $\mathcal B'$  by computable  $\Sigma_1$  relations are the ones definable in  $\mathcal B$  by computable  $\Sigma_2$  relations.

## Proposition (Knight-S.-Vatev)

There is a graph G such that for all linear orderings L,  $G \not\leq_s L'$ .

#### Proof.

Let S be a non- $\Delta_2^0$  set. Let G be a graph such that every copy computes S. Then apply:

### Proposition (Knight, 1986)

For a linear ordering L, the only sets computable in all copies of L' (or in the jumps of all copies of L), are the  $\Delta_2^0$  sets.



# Interpreting a graph in the second jump of linear ordering

### **Proposition**

For any set S, there is a linear ordering L such that for all copies of L, the second jump computes S.

#### Proof.

We may take L to be a "shuffle sum" of n+1 for  $n\in S\oplus S^c$  and  $\omega.$ 

### Proposition

For any graph G, there is a linear ordering L such that  $G \leq_s L''$ . In fact, G is interpreted in L using computable  $\Sigma_3$  formulas.

#### Proof.

Let S be the diagram of a specific copy  $G_0$  of G and let L be a linear order such that  $S \leq_s L''$ . We have computable functor that takes the second jump of any copy of L to  $G_0$ , and takes all isomorphisms between copies of L to the identity isomorphism on  $G_0$ .

# Friedman-Stanley embedding of graphs in orderings

Friedman and Stanley determined a Turing computable embedding  $L:G\to L(G)$ , where L(G) is a sub-ordering of  $Q^{<\omega}$  under the lexicographic ordering.

- **1** Let  $(A_n)_{n\in\omega}$  be an effective partition of  $\mathbb Q$  into disjoint dense sets.
- 2 Let  $(t_n)_{1 \le n}$  be a list of the atomic types in the language of directed graphs.

#### Definition

For a graph G, the elements of L(G) are the finite sequences  $r_0q_1r_1\ldots r_{n-1}q_nr_nk\in\mathbb{Q}^{<\omega}$  such that for  $i< n,\ r_i\in A_0,\ r_n\in A_1$ , and for some  $a_1,\ldots,a_n\in G$ , satisfying  $t_m,\ q_i\in A_{a_i}$  and k< m.

# Properties of L(G)

#### **Definition**

Let  $b = r_0 q_1 r_1 \dots r_{n-1} q_n r_n k \in L(G)$ , and let  $\bar{a}$  be the tuple in G such that  $q_i \in A_{a_i}$ . Then we say that b mentions  $\bar{a}$ .

#### Lemma

Suppose  $b \in L(G)$  mentions  $\bar{a}$ . Then b lies in maximal discrete interval of some finite size  $m \ge 1$ .

Note that if b mentions  $\bar{a}$  of length n, then b has length 2n + 2.

#### Lemma

If  $b \in L(G)$  has length 2n + 2, then there is an infinite interval around b that consists entirely of elements of length at least 2n + 2.

#### Lemma

Let b < b' in L(G), and let d be an element of [b, b'] of minimum length. If d mentions  $\bar{c}$ , then all elements of [b, b'] mention extensions of  $\bar{c}$ .

# No uniform interpretation of G in L(G)

## Theorem (Knight-S.-Vatev, HarrisonTrainor-Montlbán)

There are no  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$  formulas that, for all graphs G, interpret G in L(G).

The idea of Proof by Knight-S.-Vatev: We may think of an ordering as a directed graph. It is enough to show the following.

### Proposition

- A  $\omega_1^{CK}$  is not interpreted in  $L(\omega_1^{CK})$  using computable infinitary formulas.
- B For all X,  $\omega_1^X$  is not interpreted in  $L(\omega_1^X)$  using X-computable infinitary formulas.

### Proof of A

The Harrison ordering H has order type  $\omega_1^{CK}(1+\eta)$ . It has a computable copy.

Let I be the initial segment of H of order type  $\omega_1^{CK}$ . Thinking of H as a directed graph, we can form the linear ordering L(H). We consider  $L(I) \subseteq L(H)$ .

#### Lemma

L(I) is a computable infinitary elementary substructure of L(H).

## Proposition (Main)

There do not exist computable infinitary formulas that define an interpretation of H in L(H) and an interpretation of I in L(I).

To prove A, we suppose that there are computable infinitary formulas interpreting  $\omega_1^{CK}$  in  $L(\omega_1^{CK})$ . Using Barwise Compactness theorem, we get essentially H and I with these formulas interpreting H in L(H) and I in L(I).

# Proof of the Proposition(Main)

#### Lemma

- For any  $\bar{b} \in L(I)$ , and  $c \in L(I)$  there is an automorphism of L(I) taking  $\bar{b}$  to a tuple  $\bar{b}'$  entirely to the right of c.
- **②** For any  $\bar{b} \in L(I)$ , and  $c \in L(I)$  there is also an automorphism taking  $\bar{b}$  to a tuple  $\bar{b}''$  entirely to the left of c.

#### Lemma

Suppose that we have computable  $\Sigma_{\gamma}$  formulas D,  $\otimes$  and  $\sim$ , defining an interpretation of H in L(H) and I in L(I). Then in  $D^{L(I)}$  there is a fixed n, and there are n-tuples, all satisfying the same  $\Sigma_{\gamma}$  formulas, and representing arbitrarily large ordinals  $\alpha < \omega_1^{CK}$ .

We arrive at a contradiction by producing tuples  $\bar{b}, \bar{b}', \bar{c}$  in  $D^{L(I)}$ ,  $\bar{b}$  and  $\bar{b}'$  are automorphic,  $\bar{b}, \bar{c}$  and  $\bar{c}, \bar{b}'$  satisfy the same  $\Sigma_{\gamma}$  formulas, and the ordinal represented by  $\bar{b}$  and  $\bar{b}'$  is smaller than that represented by  $\bar{c}$ . Then  $\bar{b}, \bar{c}$  should satisfy  $\otimes$ , while  $\bar{c}, \bar{b}'$  should not.

## Conjecture

We believe that Friedman and Stanley did the best that could be done.

**Conjecture**. For any Turing computable embedding  $\Theta$  of graphs in orderings, there do not exist  $L_{\omega_1\omega}$  formulas that, for all graphs G, define an interpretation of G in  $\Theta(G)$ .

M. Harrison-Trainor and A. Montlbán came to a similar result recently by a totally different construction. Their result is that there exist structures which cannot be computably recovered from their tree of tuples. They proved:

- There is a structure  $\mathcal A$  with no computable copy such that  $T(\mathcal A)$  has a computable copy.
- ② For each computable ordinal  $\alpha$  there is a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  such that the Friedman and Stanley Borel interpretation  $L(\mathcal{A})$  is computable but  $\mathcal{A}$  has no  $\Delta^0_{\alpha}$  copy.

## Mal'tsev embedding of fields in groups

If F is a field, we denote by H(F) the multiplicative group of matrices of kind

$$h(a,b,c) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$

where  $a, b, c \in F$ . Note that h(0, 0, 0) = 1. Groups of kind H(F) are known as Heisenberg groups.

### Theorem (Mal'tsev)

There is a copy of F defined in H(F) with parameters.



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# Definition of F in H(F)

Let u, v be a non-commuting pair in H(F).

Then  $(D, +, \cdot_{(u,v)})$  is a copy of F, where

- D is the group center  $-x \in D \iff [x, u] = 1$  and [x, v] = 1,
- 2 x + y = z if x \* y = z, where \* is the group operation,
- ③  $x \cdot_{(u,v)} y = z$  if there exist x', y' such that [x', u] = [y', v] = 1, [x', v] = x, [u, y'] = y, and [x', y'] = z.

Here  $[x, y] = x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$ .

**Definability**: We have finitary existential formulas that define D and the relation + and its complement. For any non-commuting pair (u, v), we have finitary existential formulas, with parameters (u, v) that define the relation  $\cdot$  and its complement.

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## Natural isomorphisms

For a non-commuting pair (u, v), where  $u = h(u_1, u_2, u_3)$  and  $v = h(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ , let

$$\Delta_{(u,v)} = \left| \begin{array}{cc} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{array} \right|$$

### Theorem (Morozov)

The function f that takes  $x \in F$  to  $h(0,0,\Delta_{(u,v)} \cdot_F x)$  is an isomorphism.



## Morozov's isomorphism

#### Lemma

Let (u,v) and (u',v') be non-commuting pairs in G=H(F). Let  $F_{(u,v)}$  and  $F_{(u',v')}$  be the copies of F defined in G with these pairs of parameters. There is an isomorphism g from  $F_{(u,v)}$  onto  $F_{(u',v')}$  defined in G by an existential formula with parameters u,v,u',v'.

Note that  $\Delta_{(u,v)}$  is the multiplicative identity in  $F_{(u,v)}$ . Let  $g(x) = y \iff x = \Delta_{(u,v)} \cdot_{(u',v')} y$ .

## Computable functor

#### **Theorem**

There is a computable functor  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  from H(F) to F.

- For  $G \cong H(F)$ ,  $\Phi(G)$  is the copy of F obtained by taking the first non-commuting pair (u, v) in G and forming  $(D; +; \cdot_{(u,v)})$ .
- Take  $(G_1, f, G_2)$ , where  $G_i = H(F)$ , and  $G_1 \cong_f G_2$ . Let (u, v), (u', v') be the first non-commuting pairs in  $G_1, G_2$ , respectively.
  - Let h be the isomorphism from  $F_{(f(u),f(v))}$  onto  $F_{(u',v')}$  defined in  $G_2$  with parameters f(u), f(v), u', v'.
  - ▶ Let f' be the restriction of f to the center of  $G_1$ .
  - ► Then  $\Psi(G_1, f, G_2) = h \circ f'$ .

### Corollary

F is effectively interpreted in H(F).

## Defining the interpretation directly

### Proposition

(Alvir, Calvert, Harizanov, Knight, Miller, Morozov, S, Weisshaar)

There are finitary existential formulas that define a uniform effective interpretation of F in H(F), where the set of tuples from H(F) that represent elements of F has arity 3.

We define  $D \subseteq H(F)^3$ , binary relations  $\pm \sim$  on D, and ternary relations  $\oplus$ ,  $\otimes$  (which are binary operations on D), as follows:

- D is the set of triples (u, v, x) such that (u, v) is a non-commuting pair and x commutes with both u and v.
- ②  $(u, v, x) \sim (u', v', x')$  holds if the natural isomorphism  $f_{(u,v),(u',v')}$  from  $F_{(u,v)}$  to  $F_{(u',v')}$  takes x to x'.
- $\oplus$  ((u,v,x),(u',v',y),(u'',v'',z)) holds if there exist y',z' such that  $(u,v,y')\sim (u',v',y), (u,v,z')\sim (u'',v'',z),$  and  $F_{(u,v)}\models x+y'=z'.$
- $\otimes$  ((u', v, x), (u', v', y), (u'', v'', z)) holds if there exist y', z' such that  $(u, v, y') \sim (u', v', y), (u, v, z') \sim (u'', v'', z),$  and  $F_{(u,v)} \models xy' = z'$

# A question of bi-interpretability

If  $\mathcal B$  is interpreted in  $\mathcal A$ , we write  $\mathcal B^{\mathcal A}$  for the copy of  $\mathcal B$  given by the interpretation of  $\mathcal B$  in  $\mathcal A$ .

### Definition (Effective bi-interpretability)

Structures  $\mathcal A$  and  $\mathcal B$  are effectively bi-interpretable if we have interpretations of  $\mathcal A$  in  $\mathcal B$  and of  $\mathcal B$  in  $\mathcal A$  such that there are uniformly relatively intrinsically computable isomorphisms from  $\mathcal A$  to  $\mathcal A^{\mathcal B^{\mathcal A}}$  and from  $\mathcal B$  to  $\mathcal B^{\mathcal A^{\mathcal B}}$ .

## Question (Montalbán)

Do we have uniform effective bi-interpretability of F and H(F)?

The answer to this question is negative. In particular,  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $H(\mathbb{Q})$  are not effectively bi-interpretable. One way to see this is to note that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is rigid, while  $H(\mathbb{Q})$  is not—in particular, for a non-commuting pair, u, v, there is a group automorphism that takes (u, v) to (v, u). In his book Montalbán shows that if  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are effectively bi-interpretable and  $\mathcal{A}$  is rigid, then so is  $\mathcal{B}$ .

## Generalizing

### **Proposition**

Suppose  $\mathcal A$  has a copy  $\mathcal A_{\bar b}$  defined in  $(\mathcal B,\bar b)$ , using computable  $\Sigma_1$  formulas, where the orbit of  $\bar b$  is defined by a computable  $\Sigma_1$  formula  $\varphi(\bar x)$ . Suppose also that there is a computable  $\Sigma_1$  formula  $\psi(\bar b,\bar b',u,v)$  that, for any tuples  $\bar b$ ,  $\bar b'$  satisfying  $\varphi(\bar x)$ , defines a specific isomorphism  $f_{\bar b,\bar b'}$  from  $\mathcal A_{\bar b}$  onto  $\mathcal A_{\bar b'}$ . We suppose that for each  $\bar b$  satisfying  $\varphi$ ,  $f_{\bar b,\bar b}$  is the identity isomorphism, and for any  $\bar b$ ,  $\bar b'$ , and  $\bar b''$  satisfying  $\varphi$ ,  $f_{\bar b,\bar b'}$  of  $f_{\bar b,\bar b'}=f_{\bar b,\bar b''}$ . Then there is an effective interpretation of  $\mathcal A$  in  $\mathcal B$ .

# $SL_2(C)$

Let *C* be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and of infinite transcendence degree.

We consider  $SL_2(C)$  for the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over C with determinant 1.

### Proposition

F is interpreted in  $SL_2(F)$  with parameters.

Let A be the set of matrices of form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let M be the set of matrices of form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ .



# $SL_2(C)$

Let T consist of the pairs (X, Y) such that  $X \in A$  and  $Y \in M$  and Y has a square root Z such that  $Z * P * Z^{-1} = X$ .

For  $(X, Y) \in T$ , we define addition and multiplication relations as follows:

- **1**  $(X,Y) \oplus (X',Y') = (U,V)$  if X \* X' = U and  $(U,V) \in T$ ,
- ②  $(X,Y) \otimes (X',Y') = (U,V)$  if Y \* Y' = V and  $(U,V) \in T$ .

We define the set T with parameters.

#### Question

Are there formulas that, for all algebraically closed fields C of characteristic 0, define an effective interpretation of C in  $SL_2(C)$ ? Are there existential formulas that serve?



#### Remarks

Remarks. There are old model theoretic results, due to Poizat, that give uniform definability of a copy of C in  $SL_2(C)$  using elementary first order formulas without parameters. But we do not know the complexity of the defining formulas. We have a formula  $\varphi(u, v)$ , saying of the formulas D,  $\pm \sim$ ,  $\oplus$ , and  $\otimes$  that give our interpretation of C in  $SL_2(C)$  that they give an field, not of characteristic 2, in which every element has a square root. For any (u, v) satisfying this formula, we get an infinite field  $F_{(u,v)}$ . The theory of  $SL_2(C)$  is  $\omega$ -stable. By an old result of Macintyre,  $F_{(u,v)}$  must be algebraically closed. Poizat's results show that  $F_{(u,v)}$  is isomorphic to Cand that there are unique definable isomorphisms between the fields  $F_{(u,v)}$ corresponding to pairs (u, v) that satisfy  $\varphi(u, v)$ . These isomorphisms are functorial. So, we have, not necessarily an effective interpretation without parameters, but one that is defined by elementary first order formulas. We do not know the complexity of the formulas.

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