THE ISOMETRY DEGREE OF A COMPUTABLE COPY OF $\ell^p$

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ABSTRACT. When $p$ is a computable real so that $p \geq 1$, we define the isometry degree of a computable presentation of $\ell^p$ to be the least powerful Turing degree $d$ by which it is $d$-computably isometrically isomorphic to the standard presentation of $\ell^p$. We show that this degree always exists and that when $p \neq 2$ these degrees are precisely the c.e. degrees.

1. Introduction

Complexity of isomorphisms is a recurring theme of computable structure theory. For example, a computably presentable structure is computably categorical if there is a computable isomorphism between any two of its computable presentations; it is $\Delta^0_n$-categorical if there is an $\Delta^0_n$ isomorphism between any two of its computable copies. The degree of categoricity of a computable structure is the least powerful oracle that computes an isomorphism between any two of its computable copies [5]. There is at this time no characterization of the degrees of categoricity. Partial results can be found in [1], [4], and [5].

Throughout most of its development, computable structure theory has focused on countable structures. However, there has recently emerged a program to apply the concepts of computable structure theory to the uncountable structures commonly encountered in analysis such as metric spaces and Banach spaces. For example, A.G. Melnikov has shown that $C[0,1]$ is not computably categorical as a metric space [10], and Melnikov and Ng have shown that $C[0,1]$ is not computably categorical as a Banach space [11]. In their seminal text, Pour-El and Richards proved that $\ell^1$ is not computably categorical and that $\ell^2$ is computably categorical (though the results were not framed in the language of computable structure theory). In 2013 Melnikov asked if $\ell^p$ is computably categorical for any values of $p$ besides 2 [10]. In 2015 McNicholl answered this question in the negative and later showed that $\ell^p$ is $\Delta^0_2$-categorical whenever $p$ is a computable real so that $p \geq 1$ [8], [9].

Here we put forward the study of a new notion: the degree of isomorphism for a pair $(A^#, A^+)$ of computable presentations of a structure $A$; this is defined to be the least powerful oracle that computes an isomorphism of $A^#$ onto $A^+$. This notion fits in with the general theme of studying complexity of isomorphisms and is a local version of the concept of degree of categoricity. If among all computable presentations of $A$ one is regarded as standard, then we define the isomorphism degree of a single computable presentation $A^#$ of $A$ to be the least power oracle that computes an isomorphism of the standard presentation with $A^#$. 

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We propose to study degrees of isomorphism in the context of the new intersection of computable structure theory and computable analysis, specifically with regard to computable copies of $\ell^p$. So, whenever $(\ell^p)^\#$ is a computable presentation of $\ell^p$, we define the isometry degree of $(\ell^p)^\#$ to be the least powerful Turing degree that computes a linear isometry of the standard presentation of $\ell^p$ onto $(\ell^p)^\#$.

It is not obvious that degrees of isomorphism always exist. For example, R. Miller has produced a computable structure with no degree of computable categoricity [12]. We are thus pleasantly surprised to find that computable presentations of $\ell^p$ always have an isometry degree and that we can say precisely what these degrees are. Specifically, we prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.1.** When $p$ is a computable real so that $p \geq 1$, every computable presentation of $\ell^p$ has a degree of isometry, and this degree is c.e.

**Theorem 1.2.** When $p$ is a computable real so that $p \geq 1$ and $p \neq 2$, the isometry degrees of the computable presentations of $\ell^p$ are precisely the c.e. degrees.

One direction of Theorem 1.2 is already known; namely that every c.e. degree is an isometry degree [9]. However, we give a new proof which we believe is simpler and more intuitive.

The paper is organized as follows. Sections 2 and 3 cover background and preliminaries from functional analysis and computable analysis. Section 4 contains a required result on the complexity of uniformly right-c.e. sequences of reals which is perhaps interesting in its own right. Section 5 contains the new proof that, when $p \neq 2$, every c.e. degree is the isometry degree of a computable presentation of $\ell^p$. In Section 6 we show that every computable presentation of $\ell^p$ has a degree of linear isometry and that this degree is c.e.

2. Background

2.1. Arboreal matters. Let $\mathbb{N}^*$ denote the set of all finite sequence of natural numbers. Note that $\mathbb{N}^*$ contains the empty sequence which we denote by $\lambda$. When $\nu \in \mathbb{N}^*$, let $|\nu|$ denote its length; i.e. the cardinality of its domain. When $\nu, \nu' \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we write $\nu \subset \nu'$ to mean that $\nu$ is a prefix of $\nu'$; for, in this case, since $\nu$ and $\nu'$ are sets of ordered pairs, it indeed is equivalent to say that $\nu$ is a proper subset of $\nu'$. When $\nu \subset \nu'$, we say that $\nu$ is an ancestor of $\nu'$. The maximal ancestor of a nonempty $\nu \in \mathbb{N}^*$ is its parent. If $\nu$ is the parent of $\nu'$, then we say $\nu'$ is a child of $\nu$. We let $\nu^{-}$ denote the parent of $\nu$.

A tree is a subset $S$ of $\mathbb{N}^*$ that is closed under ancestors; that is, whenever $\nu \in S$, every ancestor of $\nu$ is in $S$. Suppose $S$ is a tree. When $\nu \in S$ we refer to $\nu$ as a node of $S$. Thus, $\lambda$ is a node of every tree; we refer to $\lambda$ as the root node. We say a node $\nu$ of $S$ is terminal if none of its children belong to $S$. Finally, we say that a function $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is decreasing if $f(\nu) > f(\nu')$ whenever $\nu' \in S$ and $\nu \subset \nu'$.

2.2. Background from functional analysis. We assume that the field of scalars is the complex numbers although all results hold when the field of scalars is the real numbers. A scalar is unimodular if $|\lambda| = 1$.

Recall that a Banach space is a complete normed linear space. A subset of a Banach space $\mathcal{B}$ is linearly dense if its linear span is dense in $\mathcal{B}$.
The simplest example of a Banach space is $\mathbb{C}^n$ where the norm is given by

$$ \|(z_1, \ldots, z_n)\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{n} |z_j|^2}. $$

Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$. Recall that $\ell^p$ is the set of all functions $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{C}$ so that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |f(n)|^p < \infty$. When, $f \in \ell^p$, the $\ell^p$-norm of $f$ is defined to be

$$ \|f\|_p = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |f(n)|^p\right)^{1/p}. $$

It is well-known that $\ell^p$ is a Banach space. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $e_n = \chi_{\{n\}}$. Then, \{e_0, e_1, \ldots\} is the standard basis for $\ell^p$.

Suppose that $\mathcal{B}_0$ and $\mathcal{B}_1$ are Banach spaces and that $T : \mathcal{B}_0 \to \mathcal{B}_1$. If there is a constant $C > 0$ so that $\|T(v)\|_{\mathcal{B}_1} \leq C \|v\|_{\mathcal{B}_0}$ for all $v \in \mathcal{B}_0$, then $T$ is bounded. If $T$ is linear, then $T$ is continuous if and only if $T$ is bounded. $T$ is an isomorphism if it is a linear homeomorphism. $T$ is isometric if $\|T(u) - T(v)\|_{\mathcal{B}_1} = \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{B}_0}$ whenever $u, v \in \mathcal{B}_0$. An isometric isomorphism thus preserves the linear and metric structure of the Banach spaces. Finally, if $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathbb{C}$, then $T$ is a functional.

Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ (i.e. $q$ is the conjugate of $p$). When $f \in \ell^p$ and $g \in \ell^q$, let

$$ \langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(n)\overline{g(n)}. $$

When $f \in \ell^q$, let $f^*(g) = \langle g, f \rangle$ for all $g \in \ell^p$. It follows from Hölder’s inequality that $|f^*(g)| \leq \|g\|_p \|f\|_q$ and so $f^*$ is a bounded linear functional on $\ell^p$.

When $f \in \ell^p$, the support of $f$, which we denote by supp($f$), is the set of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $f(n) \neq 0$. Vectors $f, g \in \ell^p$ are disjointly supported if their supports are disjoint. A subset of $\ell^p$ is disjointly supported if any two of its elements are disjointly supported.

**Proposition 2.1.** Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $\{g_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of nonzero disjointly supported vectors of $\ell^p$. Then, there is a unique linear isometry $T : \ell^p \to \ell^p$ so that $T(e_n) = \|g_n\|^{-1} g_n$.

When $f, g \in \ell^p$, let $\sigma_0(f, g) = |2(\|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_p^p) - \|f + g\|_p^p - \|f - g\|_p^p|$. The following was proven in 1956 by O. Hanner and independently by J. Lamperti in 1958 [6], [7].

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $p \neq 2$. Then, $f, g \in \ell^p$ are disjointly supported if and only if $\sigma_0(f, g) = 0$.

The following are more or less immediate consequences of Proposition 2.2. They were first observed by S. Banach and later rigorously proven by J. Lamperti [2], [7].

**Theorem 2.3.** Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $p \neq 2$. If $T : \ell^p \to \ell^p$ is linear and isometric, then $T$ preserves disjointness of support. That is, $T(f)$ and $T(g)$ are disjointly supported whenever $f, g \in \ell^p$ are disjointly supported.

**Theorem 2.4.** Suppose $p$ is a real number so that $p \geq 1$ and $p \neq 2$. Let $T$ be a linear map of $\ell^p$ onto $\ell^p$. Then, $T$ is an isometric isomorphism if and only if there is a permutation $\phi$ of $\mathbb{N}$ and a sequence of unimodular scalars, $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, so that $T(e_n) = \lambda_n e_{\phi(n)}$ for all $n$. Furthermore, if $\phi$ is a permutation of $\mathbb{N}$, and if
If \( \Lambda = \{ \lambda_n \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is a sequence of unimodular scalars, then there is a unique isometric isomorphism \( T_{\phi, \Lambda} \) of \( \ell^p \) so that \( T_{\phi, \Lambda}(e_n) = \lambda_n \varepsilon_{\phi(n)} \) for each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \).

We now summarize some definitions and results from [8]. When \( f, g \in \ell^p \), write \( f \preceq g \) if and only if \( f = g \cdot \chi_A \) for some \( A \subseteq \mathbb{N} \). In this case we say \( f \) is a subvector of \( g \). It follows that the subvector relation is a partial order on \( \ell^p \). Accordingly, if \( B \) is a subspace of \( \ell^p \), then \( f \in B \) is an atom of \( B \) if there is no \( g \in B \) so that \( 0 < g < f \). It follows that \( f \) is an atom of \( \ell^p \) if and only if \( f \) is a unimodular scalar multiple of a standard basis vector.

Note that \( f \) is a subvector of \( g \) if and only if \( f \) and \( g - f \) are disjointly supported. Thus, when \( p \neq 2 \), the subvector ordering of \( \ell^p \) is preserved by linear isometries.

Suppose \( S \) is a tree and \( \phi : S \to \ell^p \). We say \( \phi \) is separating if \( \phi(\nu) \) and \( \phi(\nu') \) are disjointly supported whenever \( \nu, \nu' \in S \) are incomparable. We say \( \phi \) is summative if for every nonterminal node \( \nu \) of \( S \), \( \phi(\nu) = \sum_{\nu'} \phi(\nu') \) where \( \nu' \) ranges over the children of \( \nu \) in \( S \). Finally, we say \( \phi \) is a disintegration if it is injective, separating, summative, never zero, and if its range is linearly dense in \( \ell^p \).

Suppose \( \phi : S \to \ell^p \) is a disintegration. A chain \( C \subseteq S \) is almost norm-maximizing if whenever \( \nu \in C \) is a nonterminal node of \( S \), \( C \) contains a child \( \nu' \) of \( \nu \) so that

\[
\max_{\mu} \| \phi(\mu) \|_p^p \leq \| \nu' \|_p^p + 2^{-|\nu|}
\]

where \( \mu \) ranges over the children of \( \nu \) in \( S \). The existence of such a child follows from calculus.

The following is proven in [8].

**Theorem 2.5.** Suppose \( 1 \leq p < \infty \) and \( p \neq 2 \), and let \( \phi \) be a disintegration of \( \ell^p \).

1. If \( C \) is an almost norm-maximizing chain of \( \phi \), then the \( \preceq \)-infimum of \( \phi[C] \) exists and is either \( 0 \) or an atom of \( \preceq \). Furthermore, \( \inf \phi[C] \) is the limit in the \( \ell^p \) norm of \( \phi(\nu) \) as \( \nu \) traverses the nodes in \( C \) in increasing order.
2. If \( \{ C_n \}_{n=0}^\infty \) is a partition of \( \text{dom}(\phi) \) into almost norm-maximizing chains, then \( \inf \phi[C_0], \inf \phi[C_1], \ldots \) are disjointly supported. Furthermore, for each \( j \in \mathbb{N} \), there exists a unique \( n \) so that \( \{ j \} \) is the support of \( \inf \phi[C_n] \).

### 2.3. Background from computable analysis

We assume the reader is familiar with the central concepts of computability theory, including computable and computability enumerable sets, Turing reducibility, and enumeration reducibility. These are explained in [3]. We begin with the application of computability concepts to Banach spaces. Our approach is essentially the same as in [13].

A real \( r \) is left (right)-c.e. if its left (right) Dedekind cut is c.e.. A sequence \( \{ r_n \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) of reals is uniformly left (right)-c.e. if the left (right) Dedekind cut of \( r_n \) is c.e. uniformly in \( n \).

Let \( B \) be a Banach space. A function \( R : \mathbb{N} \to B \) is a structure on \( B \) if its range is linearly dense in \( B \). If \( R \) is a structure on \( B \), then \( (B, R) \) is a presentation of \( B \).

A Banach space may have a presentation that is designated as standard; such a space is identified with its standard presentation. In particular, if we let \( R(n) = e_n \), then \( (\ell^p, R) \) is the standard presentation of \( \ell^p \). If \( R(j) \) is the \( (j + 1) \)st vector in the standard basis for \( \mathbb{C}^n \) when \( j < n \), and if \( R(j) = 0 \) when \( j \geq n \), then \( (\mathbb{C}^n, R) \) is the standard presentation of \( \mathbb{C}^n \).

Suppose \( B^\# = (B, R) \) is a presentation of \( B \). Then, \( B^\# \) induces associated classes of rational vectors and rational open balls as follows. We say \( v \in B \) is a rational
vector of $\mathcal{B}^#$ if there exist $\alpha_0, \ldots, \alpha_M \in \mathbb{Q}(i)$ so that $v = \sum_{j=0}^{M} \alpha_j R(j)$. A rational open ball of $\mathcal{B}^#$ is an open ball whose center is a rational vector of $\mathcal{B}^#$ and whose radius is a positive rational number.

The rational vectors of $\mathcal{B}^#$ then give rise to associated classes of computable vectors and sequences. A vector $v \in \mathcal{B}$ is a computable vector of $\mathcal{B}^#$ if there is an algorithm that given any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ as input produces a rational vector $u$ of $\mathcal{B}^#$ so that $\|u - v\|_\mathcal{B} < 2^{-k}$. A sequence $\{v_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of vectors of $\mathcal{B}$ is a computable sequence of $\mathcal{B}^#$ if $v_n$ is a computable vector of $\mathcal{B}^#$ uniformly in $n$.

When $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, the classes of $X$-computable vectors and $X$-computable sequences of $\mathcal{B}^#$ are defined by means of the usual relativizations. If $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^*$, then the definitions of the classes of computable and $X$-computable maps from $S$ into $\mathcal{B}^#$ are similar to the definitions of computable and $X$-computable sequences of $\mathcal{B}^#$.

Presentations $\mathcal{B}_0^#$ and $\mathcal{B}_1^#$ of Banach spaces $\mathcal{B}_0$ and $\mathcal{B}_1$ respectively induce an associated class of computable maps from $\mathcal{B}_0^#$ into $\mathcal{B}_1^#$. Namely, a map $T : \mathcal{B}_0 \to \mathcal{B}_1$ is said to be a computable map of $\mathcal{B}_0^#$ into $\mathcal{B}_1^#$ if there is a computable function $P$ that maps rational balls of $\mathcal{B}_0^#$ to rational balls of $\mathcal{B}_1^#$ so that $T[B_1] \subseteq P(B_1)$ whenever $P(B_1)$ is defined and so that whenever $U$ is a neighborhood of $T(v)$, there is a rational ball $B_1$ of $\mathcal{B}_1^#$ so that $v \in B_1$ and $P(B_1) \subseteq U$. In other words, it is possible to compute arbitrarily good approximations of $T(v)$ from sufficiently good approximations of $v$. This definition relativizes in the obvious way.

When the map $T$ is linear, the following well-known characterization is useful.

**Theorem 2.6.** Suppose $\mathcal{B}_1^# = (\mathcal{B}_1, R_1)$ is a presentation of a Banach space and $\mathcal{B}_2^# = (\mathcal{B}_2, R_2)$ is a presentation of a Banach space. Suppose also that $T : \mathcal{B}_1 \to \mathcal{B}_2$ is linear. Then, $T$ is an $X$-computable map of $\mathcal{B}_1^#$ into $\mathcal{B}_2^#$ if and only if $\{T(R_1(n))\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an $X$-computable sequence of $\mathcal{B}_2^#$.

We say that a presentation $\mathcal{B}^#$ of a Banach space $\mathcal{B}$ is a computable presentation if the norm is a computable map from $\mathcal{B}^#$ into $\mathbb{C}$. It follows that the standard presentations of $\ell^p$ and $C$ are computable.

For a proof of the following see [15] or Section 6.3 of [14].

**Proposition 2.7.** Suppose $r$ is a computable positive number. If $f$ is a computable function on $\overline{D(0;r)}$, and if $f$ has exactly one zero, then this zero is a computable point. Furthermore, this zero can be computed uniformly in $f, r$.

The following is proven in [8].

**Theorem 2.8.** Suppose $p$ is a computable real so that $p \geq 1$ and $p \neq 2$. Then, every computable presentation of $\ell^p$ has a computable disintegration.

3. Preliminaries

3.1. Preliminaries from functional analysis. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$, and suppose $f$ is a unit atom of $\ell^p$ (i.e. an atom of norm 1). Then, $f$ is also a unit vector of $\ell^q$ where $q$ is the conjugate of $p$. So, $|f^*(g)| \leq \|g\|_p$. It also follows that $f^*(g)f \preceq g$ for all $g \in \ell^p$. Suppose $g$ is an atom of $\ell^p$. If $f^*(g) = 0$, then $f$ and $g$ are disjointly supported; otherwise $\text{supp}(f) = \text{supp}(g)$ and $f^*(g)f = g$.

Our proof of Theorem 1.2 will utilize the following.
Lemma 3.1. Suppose $1 \leq p < \infty$, and suppose $\phi : S \to \ell^p$ is a disintegration of $\ell^p$. Let $C \subseteq S$ be a chain so that whenever $\nu \in C$ is a nonterminal node of $S$, $C$ contains a child $\nu'$ of $\nu$ so that

$$\max\{\|\phi(\mu)\|_p^p : \mu \in \nu \mathbb{N}\} - \|\phi(\nu')\|_p^p < \min\{\|\phi(\nu)\|_p^p, 2^{-|\nu'|}\}.$$ 

Suppose $f$ is a unit atom of $\ell^p$.

1. If $\inf f[C]$ is nonzero, then there is a $\nu \in C$ so that
   \begin{equation}
   (3.1) \quad \|\phi(\nu) - f^*(\phi(\nu))f\|_p^p + \epsilon(\nu) < \|f^*(\phi(\nu))f\|_p^p.
   \end{equation}

2. If $\nu \in C$ satisfies (3.1), then $\inf f[C] = f^*(\phi(\nu))f$.

Proof. Let $g = \inf f[C]$. Let $\epsilon(\nu) = \min\{\|\phi(\nu)\|_p^p, 2^{-|\nu'|}\}$. Thus, $\epsilon$ is decreasing. Also, $C$ is almost norm-maximizing. Therefore, $g$ is either zero or an atom.

1: Suppose $g \neq 0$. Then, $g$ is an atom and so $f^*(g)f = g$.

Suppose C is finite. It follows that $C$ contains a terminal node $\nu$ of $S$. By Theorem 2.5, $\phi(\nu) = g$. Since $\epsilon(\nu) < \|\phi(\nu)\|_p^p$, it follows that $\nu$ satisfies (3.1).

Now, suppose $C$ is infinite. By assumption, $\lim_{\nu \in C} \epsilon(\nu) = 0$. By Theorem 2.6, $\lim_{\nu \in C} \phi(\nu) = g$ in the $\ell^p$-norm. Since $f^*$ is continuous, $\lim_{\nu \in C} f^*(\phi(\nu)) = f^*(g)$. Thus, $\lim_{\nu \in C} f^*(\phi(\nu))f = g$. The existence of a $\nu \in C$ that satisfies (3.1) follows.

2: Suppose $\nu \in C$ satisfies (3.1). Then, $f^*(\phi(\nu)) \neq 0$. Let $h = f^*(\phi(\nu))f$. Thus, $h$ is an atom and $h \leq \phi(\nu)$. Since $h$ is nonzero, it suffices to show that $h \leq \phi(\mu)$ for all $\mu \in C$. By way of contradiction, suppose $h \not\leq \phi(\mu)$ for some $\mu \in C$. Hence, $\nu \subseteq \mu$ and so $\mu^- \in C$. Without loss of generality, assume $h \leq \phi(\mu')$ for all $\mu' \subseteq \mu$.

Since $\phi$ is separating and summative, $h \leq \phi(\mu')$ for some sibling $\mu'$ of $\mu$. Therefore, $\|h\|_p^p \leq \|\phi(\mu')\|_p^p$. At the same time, since $\mu^- \in C$, $\|\phi(\mu')\|_p^p \leq \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^p + \epsilon(\mu^-)$. Seeing as $\phi$ is separating and summative, $\phi(\mu) \leq \phi(\mu^-) - h$. But, as $h \leq \phi(\mu^-) \leq \phi(\nu)$, $h \leq \phi(\nu) - h$ and so $\|\phi(\mu^-) - h\|_p^p \leq \|\phi(\nu) - h\|_p^p$. Since $\epsilon$ is decreasing, $\epsilon(\mu^-) \leq \epsilon(\nu)$, and so

$$\|h\|_p^p \leq \|\phi(\nu) - h\|_p^p + \epsilon(\nu) < \|h\|_p^p$$

which is a contradiction. $\square$

3.2. Preliminaries from computable analysis. We first extend some of the results in [8] on partitioning the domain of a disintegration into almost norm-maximizing chains.

Lemma 3.2. Suppose $p \geq 1$ is computable and that $(\ell^p)^\#_1$ is a computable presentation of $\ell^p$. Suppose also that $\phi$ is a computable disintegration of $(\ell^p)^\#_1$. Then, from a nonterminal node $\nu$ of $\text{dom}(\phi)$ and a positive rational number $\epsilon$ it is possible to compute a child $\nu'$ of $\nu$ in $\text{dom}(\phi)$ so that

$$\max_\mu \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^p - \|\phi(\nu')\|_p^p < \epsilon$$

where $\mu$ ranges over all children of $\nu$ in $\text{dom}(\phi)$.

Proof. Let $S = \text{dom}(\phi)$. Since $\phi$ is computable, $S$ is c.e.. For each $s$, let $\nu_1^s, \ldots, \nu_{|s|}^s$ denote the set of children of $\nu$ that have been enumerated into $S$ by the end of stage $s$. 


Wait until a child $\nu_0'$ of $\nu$ in $S$ is enumerated. Then, wait for a stage $s$ so that
\[
\|\phi(\nu_0')\|_p^2 + \epsilon > \|\phi(\nu)\|_p^2 - \sum_{\mu \in \nu^+[s]} \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^2.
\]
As $\phi$ is summative, $\|\phi(\nu_0')\|_p^2 + \epsilon > \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^2$ whenever $\mu$ is a child of $\nu$ in $S$ so that
$\mu \notin \nu^+[s]$. We then compute and output a $\nu' \in \nu^+[s]$ so that $\|\phi(\nu')\|_p^2 + \epsilon > \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^2$
for all $\mu \in \nu^+[s]$.

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose $p \geq 1$ is computable and let $(\ell^p)^\#$ be a computable presentation of $\ell^p$. Suppose also that $\phi$ is a computable disintegration of $(\ell^p)^\#$ and that $\epsilon : \text{dom}(\phi) \to (0, \infty)$ is lower semicomputable. Then, there is a partition $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $\text{dom}(\phi)$ into uniformly computable chains so that whenever $\nu \in C_n$ is a nonterminal node of $\text{dom}(\phi)$, $C_n$ contains a child $\nu'$ of $\nu$ so that
\[
\max_{\mu} \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^2 - \|\phi(\nu')\|_p^2 < \epsilon(\nu)
\]
where $\mu$ ranges over all children of $\nu$ in $\text{dom}(\phi)$.

**Proof.** Let $S = \text{dom}(\phi)$. By Lemma 3.2 from a nonterminal node $\nu$ of $S$ is it possible to compute a child $\nu'$ of $\nu$ in $S$ so that
\[
\max_{\mu} \|\phi(\mu)\|_p^2 - \|\phi(\nu')\|_p^2 < \epsilon(\nu)
\]
where $\mu$ ranges over all children of $\nu$ in $\text{dom}(\phi)$; let $\psi(\nu) = \nu'$. Then, the orbits of $\psi$ form a decomposition of $S$ into chains with the required properties. Let
\[
U = \{\lambda\} \cup \{\nu \in S - \{\lambda\} : \nu \neq \psi(\nu^-)\}.
\]
Then, $U$ is computable. Let $\{v_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an effective enumeration of $U$. Let $C_n$ be the $\psi$-orbit of $v_n$. It follows that $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a one-to-one enumeration of the orbits of $\psi$ and that $C_n$ is computable uniformly in $n$. \hfill \Box

The proof of Theorem 1.2 will utilize the following.

**Proposition 3.4.** Suppose $p$ is a computable real so that $p \geq 1$, and let $(\ell^p)^\#$ be a computable presentation of $\ell^p$. Suppose $f$ is a unit atom of $\ell^p$. If $f$ is a computable vector of $(\ell^p)^\#$, then $f^*$ is a computable functional of $(\ell^p)^\#$.

**Proof.** Suppose $p = 2$. Thus, $p$ is its own conjugate. Since $f$ is a computable vector of $(\ell^p)^\#$, it follows from the polar identity that $f^*$ is a computable functional on $(\ell^p)^\#$.

Suppose $p \neq 2$. Let $(\ell^p)^\# = (\ell^p, R)$. By Theorem 2.4 it suffices to show that $\{f^*(R(j))\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a computable sequence of scalars. Let $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$ be given as input. Compute approximations of $\|R(j)\|_p$ until it is witnessed that $\|R(j)\|_p > 0$ or it is witnessed that $\|R(j)\|_p < 2^{-k}$. In the latter case, since $|f^*(R(j))| \leq \|R(j)\|_p$, we can output 0. Suppose it is witnessed that $\|R(j)\|_p < 2^{-k}$. Let $\phi(\lambda) = \sigma(R(j), R(j) - \lambda f)$ for each $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. It then follows from the remarks in Section 3.1 that $f^*(R(j))$ is the unique scalar $\lambda$ so that $\phi(\lambda) = 0$ and that the modulus of this scalar is no larger than $\|R(j)\|_p$. We can then deduce from Proposition 2.7 that it is now possible to compute a rational point $\hat{\lambda}$ so that $D(\hat{\lambda}; 2^{-k})$ contains a zero of $\phi$. So, we output $\hat{\lambda}$. In either case, we have computed a rational point that is less than $2^{-k}$ from $f^*(R(j))$. Furthermore, $\{f^*(R(j))\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is computable. \hfill \Box
4. A COMPRESSION THEOREM

Our proof of Theorem 4.1 will utilize the following theorem which we believe is interesting in its own right. Roughly speaking, it gives conditions under which the information in a sequence of reals can be compressed into a single real.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) be a sequence of real numbers.

1. If \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is uniformly right-c.e., then there is a right-c.e. real \( r \) so that the join of the left Dedekind cuts of the \( r_n \)'s is enumeration-equivalent to the left Dedekind cut of \( r \).
2. If \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is uniformly left-c.e., then there is a left-c.e. real \( r \) so that the join of the right Dedekind cuts of the \( r_n \)'s is enumeration-equivalent to the right Dedekind cut of \( r \).

Our proof of Theorem 4.1 will employ the following definition.

**Definition 4.2.** Suppose \( \{r_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) is a sequence of real numbers. A modulus of summability for \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is a function \( f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N} \) so that \( |\sum_{n=N_0}^{\infty} r_n| < 2^{-k} \) whenever \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( N_0 \geq k \).

We note that if a sequence of reals has a modulus of summability, then its tails form a Cauchy sequence and so its partial sums form a Cauchy sequence; thus, it is summable.

We now come to our first step toward proving Theorem 4.1.

**Proposition 4.3.** Suppose \( f \) is a computable modulus of summability for \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \).

1. The left Dedekind cut of \( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \) is enumeration-reducible to the join of the left Dedekind cuts of the \( r_n \)'s.
2. The right Dedekind cut of \( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \) is enumeration-reducible to the join of the right Dedekind cuts of the \( r_n \)'s.

**Proof.** Let \( r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \).

Given an enumeration of the left Dedekind cuts of the \( r_n \)'s, we can compute an enumeration of the left Dedekind cut of \( \sum_{n=0}^{N_0} r_n \) uniformly in \( N_0 \). Whenever \( R \in \mathbb{Q} \) and \( N_0, k \in \mathbb{N} \) are found so that \( R < \sum_{n=0}^{N_0} r_n \) and \( N_0 \geq f(k) \), begin enumerating all rational numbers smaller than \( R - 2^{-k} \). Every rational number thus enumerated is smaller than \( r \). Suppose \( q < r \). Choose \( k \) so that \( 2^{-k} < \frac{1}{2}(r - q) \). Choose \( N_0 \) so that \( N_0 \geq f(k) \) and so that \( \sum_{n=0}^{N_0} r_n > \frac{1}{2}(r + q) \). Then, \( q < \sum_{n=0}^{N_0} r_n - 2^{-k} \), and so \( q < R - 2^{-k} \) whenever \( R \) is a number in \( (q + 2^{-k}, \sum_{n=0}^{N_0} r_n) \). It follows that every number in the left Dedekind cut of \( r \) is enumerated by this process.

Part (2) follows from part (1). \( \square \)

**Corollary 4.4.** Suppose \( f \) is a computable modulus of summability for \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \), and let \( r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \).

1. If \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is uniformly left-c.e., then the right Dedekind cut of \( r_n \) is enumeration-reducible to the right Dedekind cut of \( r \) uniformly in \( n \).
2. If \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is uniformly right-c.e., then the left Dedekind cut of \( r_n \) is enumeration-reducible to the left Dedekind cut of \( r \) uniformly in \( n \).

**Proof.** Suppose \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is uniformly left-c.e.. Without loss of generality, suppose \( n = 0 \). By Proposition 4.3, \( r - r_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n \) is left-c.e.. So, since \( r_0 = r - (r - r_0) \), from an enumeration of the right Dedekind cut of \( r \) we can compute an enumeration of the right Dedekind cut of \( r_0 \). Part (2) follows from part (1). \( \square \)
Proof. Suppose \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is uniformly right-c.e.. We first consider the case where \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is bounded. Suppose \( M \) is a rational number so that \( M > r_n \) for all \( n \). Let \( r'_n = 2^{-n}M^{-1}r_n \), and let \( f(k) = k + 2 \). It follows that \( \{r'_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \) is uniformly right-c.e. and that \( f \) is a computable modulus of summability for this sequence. Let \( r = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r'_n \). Thus, by Corollary 4.3 the left Dedekind cut of \( r'_n \) is enumeration-reducible to the left Dedekind cut of \( r \) uniformly in \( n \). So, the join of these left Dedekind cuts is enumeration reducible to the left Dedekind cut of \( r \). By Proposition 4.3 the left Dedekind cut of \( r \) is enumeration-equivalent to the join of the left Dedekind cuts of \( r'_0, r'_1, \ldots \). Therefore, the left Dedekind cut of \( r'_n \) is enumeration-equivalent to the left Dedekind cut of \( r_n \) uniformly in \( n \).

If \( \{r_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is not bounded, then apply the above procedure to \( \{\arctan(r_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \). Part (2) follows from part (1). \( \square \)

5. Every c.e. degree is a degree of linear isometry

Suppose \( p \) is a computable real so that \( p \geq 1 \) and so that \( p \neq 2 \). Let \( C \) be a c.e. set. Without loss of generality, we can assume \( C \) is incomputable. Let \( \{c_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) be a one-to-one effective enumeration of \( C \).

For each \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), let

\[
R(n) = \begin{cases} 
    e_n + c_{n+1} & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\
    e_{2c(n-1)/2} & \text{if } n \text{ odd}
\end{cases}
\]

Let \( B \) denote the closed linear span of \( \text{ran}(R) \), and let \( B^\# = (B, R) \). Since \( R \) is a computable sequence of \( \ell^p \), it follows that \( B^\# \) is a computable presentation of \( B \).

Note that \( e_{2k} + e_{2k+1} \in B \) for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) and that

\[
k \in C \iff e_{2k} \in B \iff e_{2k+1} \in B.
\]

Note also that if \( f \) is an atom of \( B \), then either there exists \( k \notin C \) so that \( f \) is a nonzero scalar multiple of \( e_{2k} + e_{2k+1} \) or there exists \( k \in C \) so that \( f \) is a nonzero scalar multiple of \( e_{2k+j} \) for some \( j \leq 1 \).

We first claim that \( C \) computes an isometric isomorphism of \( \ell^p \) onto \( B^\# \). For, let \( \{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) be the increasing enumeration of \( \mathbb{N} - C \). Let

\[
S(3k) = e_{2a_k} + e_{2a_k+1} \\
S(3k + 1) = e_{2a_k} \\
S(3k + 2) = e_{2a_k+1}
\]

Thus, \( S \) is a \( C \)-computable sequence of \( B^\# \). It also follows that \( \text{ran}(S) \subseteq B \) and that each vector in \( \text{ran}(R) \) belongs to the linear span of \( \text{ran}(S) \). Thus, \( \text{ran}(S) \) is linearly dense in \( B \). Since \( S \) is a sequence of disjointly supported nonzero vectors, by the remarks in Section 3.1 there is a unique isometric isomorphism \( T \) of \( \ell^p \) onto \( B \) so that \( T(e_n) = ||S(n)||_{p^{-1}}^{-1} S(n) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). By Theorem 2.6 \( T \) is a \( C \)-computable map of \( \ell^p \) onto \( B^\# \).

Now, suppose \( \mathbb{X} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \) computes an isometric isomorphism \( T_0 \) from \( \ell^p \) onto \( B^\# \). We show that \( X \) computes \( C \) as follows. We first note that since \( R \) is a computable sequence of \( \ell^p \), \( \{T_0(e_j)\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \) is an \( X \)-computable sequence of \( \ell^p \). We also note that, by the remarks in Section 2.2 \( T_0(e_j) \) is a unit atom of the subvector ordering of \( B \). Furthermore, if \( f \) is a unit atom of the subvector ordering of \( B \), then either \( f \) belongs to the subspace generated by \( 2^{-1/p}(e_{2n} + e_{2n+1}) \) for some \( n \notin C \) or \( f \) belongs to the subspace generated by \( e_{2n+k} \) for some \( n \in C \) and \( k \leq 1 \). Also, if \( f \)
is a unit atom of the subvector ordering of $B$, then $T_{n}^{-1}(f)$ is a unit atom of $\ell^p$ and so $f$ belongs to the subspace generated by $T_{n}(e_j)$ for some $j \in N$.

Hence, given $n \in N$, using oracle $X$ we wait until either $n$ is enumerated into $C$ or a $j \in N$ is found so that $\min\{\sigma(T_{0}(e_j), e_{2n}), \sigma(T_{0}(e_j), e_{2n+1})\} > 0$. In the latter case, we know that $2n, 2n + 1 \in \text{supp}(T_{0}(e_j))$ and so $n \notin C$. If $n \notin C$, then $2^{-1/p}(e_{2n} + e_{2n+1})$ is a unit atom of the subvector ordering of $B$, and so there is a $j \in N$ so that $T_{0}(e_j)$ is a unimodular scalar multiple of $2^{-1/p}(e_{2n} + e_{2n+1})$. For this $j$, $\min\{\sigma(T_{0}(e_j), e_{2n}), \sigma(T_{0}(e_j), e_{2n+1})\} > 0$. Thus, this search procedure always terminates.

6. Every computable copy of $\ell^p$ has a c.e. degree of isometry

Suppose $p \geq 1$ is computable, and let $(\ell^p)^\#$ be a computable presentation of $\ell^p$. If $p = 2$, then, as mentioned in the introduction, there is a computable isometric isomorphism of $\ell^p$ onto $(\ell^p)^\#$. So, suppose $p \neq 2$. Let $\phi$ is a computable disintegration of $(\ell^p)^\#$, and let $S = \text{dom}(\phi)$.

For each $\nu \in S$, let $\epsilon(\nu) = \min\{2^{-|\nu|}, \|\phi(\nu)\|_{p}^p\}$. Thus, $\epsilon$ is computable. It follows from Theorem 3.3 that there is a partition $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $S$ into uniformly computable chains so that for every $n$ and every nonterminal $\nu \in C_n$, $C_n$ contains a child $\nu'$ of $\nu$ so that

$$
\max_{\mu} \|\phi(\mu)\|_{p} - \|\phi(\nu')\|_{p} < \epsilon(\nu)
$$

where $\mu$ ranges over the children of $\nu$ in $S$. Thus, each $C_n$ is almost norm-maximizing. Let $g_n = \inf \phi[C_n]$.

The proof of Theorem 6.1 uses the following lemmas.

**Lemma 6.1.** If $\{\|g_n\|_p\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an $X$-computable sequence of reals, then $X$ computes an isometric isomorphism of $\ell^p$ onto $(\ell^p)^\#$.

**Lemma 6.2.** If $X$ computes an isometric isomorphism of $\ell^p$ onto $(\ell^p)^\#$, then $\{\|g_n\|_p\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is an $X$-computable sequence of reals.

**Proof of Lemma 6.1.** Suppose $\{g_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an $X$-computable sequence of reals.

We first claim that $\{g_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an $X$-computable sequence of $(\ell^p)^\#$. For, let $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ be given. For each $\sigma \in C_n, g_n \preceq \phi(\sigma)$, and so $\|\phi(\sigma) - g_n\|_p = \sqrt{\|\phi(\sigma)\|_p^p - \|g_n\|_p^p}$. Thus, for each $\sigma \in C_n, X$ computes $\|\phi(\sigma) - g_n\|_p$ uniformly in $\sigma, n$. By Theorem 2.5.11 there is a $\sigma \in C_n$ so that $\|\phi(\sigma) - g_n\|_p < 2^{-(k+1)}$; using oracle $X$, such a $\sigma$ can be found by a search procedure. Since $\phi$ is computable, we can additionally compute a rational vector $f$ of $(\ell^p)^\#$ so that $\|f - \phi(\sigma)\|_p < 2^{-(k+1)}$. Thus, we have computed a rational vector $f$ of $(\ell^p)^#$ so that $\|f - g_n\|_p < 2^{-k}$.

Let $G$ denote the set of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $g_n$ is nonzero. Thus, $G$ is c.e. relative to $X$. By Theorem 2.5.2, for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ there is a unique $n \in G$ so that $\text{supp}(g_n) = \{j\}$. Thus, $G$ is infinite. So, $X$ computes a one-to-one enumeration $\{n_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $G$.

Let $h_k = \|g_{n_k}\|_p^{-1} g_{n_k}$. Thus, $\{h_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an $X$-computable sequence of $(\ell^p)^\#$.

Again, by Theorem 2.5.2, for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a unique $k \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $\text{supp}(h_k) = \{j\}$. So, there is a permutation $\phi$ of $\mathbb{N}$ so that $\text{supp}(h_k) = \{\phi(k)\}$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\|h_k\|_p = 1$, it follows that there is a unimodular scalar $\lambda_k$ so that $h_k = \lambda_k e_{\phi(k)}$. It then follows from Theorem 2.4 there is a unique isometric isomorphism $T$ of $\ell^p$ so that $T(e_k) = h_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. So, by Theorem 2.6, $T$ is an $X$-computable map of $\ell^p$ onto $(\ell^p)^\#$.\□
Proof of Lemma 6.2: Let \( n, k \in \mathbb{N} \) be given. We compute a rational number \( q \) so that \( |q - \|g_n\|_p| < 2^{-k} \) as follows. Using oracle \( X \), we search for \( \nu \in C_n \) so that either \( \|\phi(\nu)\|_p < 2^{-k} \) or so that for some \( j \in \mathbb{N} \)

\[
\|\phi(\nu) - T(e_j)^*(\phi(\nu))\|_p + \epsilon(\nu) < \|T(e_j)^*(\phi(\nu))T(e_j)\|_p.
\]

By Theorem 2.4 if \( g_n \neq 0 \), then there exists \( j \in \mathbb{N} \) so that \( T(e_j) \) and \( g_n \) have the same support and so \( T(e_j)^*(g_n) = g_n \). So, by Lemma 3.11 this search must terminate. If \( \|\phi(\nu)\|_p < 2^{-k} \), since \( g_n \preceq \phi(\nu) \), it follows that \( \|g_n\|_p < 2^{-k} \) and so we output 0. Otherwise, it follows from Lemma 3.12 that \( T(e_j)^*(\phi(\nu))T(e_j) = g_n \). So, using oracle \( X \), we compute and output a rational number \( q \) so that

\[
|q - \|T(e_j)^*(\phi(\nu))T(e_j)\|_p| < 2^{-k}.
\]

Let \( r_n = \|g_n\|_p \). Since \( g_n \preceq \phi(\nu) \) for all \( \nu \in C_n \), \( r_n \leq \|\phi(\nu)\|_p \) for all \( \nu \in C_n \). Since \( g_n = \inf \phi[C_n] \), it follows from Theorem 2.5 that \( r_n \) is right-c.e. uniformly in \( n \). So, by Theorem 4.1 there is a right-c.e. real \( r \) so that the left Dedekind cut of \( r \) is enumeration-equivalent to the join of the left Dedekind cuts of the \( r_n \)'s. Let \( D \) denote the left Dedekind cut of \( r \), and let \( d \) denote the Turing degree of \( D \). Thus, \( d \) is c.e.

We claim that \( d \) is the degree of isometric isomorphism of \( (\ell^p)^\# \). For, since \( \|g_n\|_p \) is right-c.e. uniformly in \( n \), \( \{\|g_n\|_p\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is a \( D \)-computable sequence. Thus, by Lemma 6.1 \( D \) computes an isometric isomorphism of \( \ell^p \) onto \( (\ell^p)^\# \). Conversely, suppose an oracle \( X \) computes an isometric isomorphism of \( \ell^p \) onto \( (\ell^p)^\# \). By Lemma 6.2 \( X \) computes \( \{\|g_n\|_p\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \). Thus, \( X \) computes the left Dedekind cut of \( r \). Therefore, \( X \) computes \( D \).

7. Conclusion

For a computable real \( p \geq 1 \) with \( p \neq 2 \), we have investigated the least powerful Turing degree that computes a surjective linear isometry of \( \ell^p \) onto one of its computable presentations. We have shown that this degree always exists, and, somewhat surprisingly, that these degrees are precisely the c.e. degrees. Thus computable analysis yields a computability-theoretic property that characterizes the c.e. degrees.

The isometry degree of a pair of computable copies of \( \ell^p \) is an instance of a more general notion of the isomorphism degree of an isomorphic pair of computable structures which is related to the concept of a degree of categoricity. Since there exist computable structures for which there is no degree of categoricity, this leads to the question “Is there a computable structure \( A \) for which there is no degree of computable categoricity but with the property that any two of its computable copies possess a degree of isomorphism?”

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