

# Superhighness and strong jump traceability

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**Abstract.** Let  $A$  be a c.e. set. Then  $A$  is strongly jump traceable if and only if  $A$  is Turing below each superhigh Martin-Löf random set. The proof combines priority with measure theoretic arguments.

## 1 Introduction

A lowness property of a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  specifies a sense in which  $A$  is computationally weak.

(I) Usually this means that  $A$  has limited strength when used as an oracle. An example is superlowness,  $A' \leq_{tt} \emptyset'$ . Further examples are given by traceability properties of  $A$ . Such a property specifies how to effectively approximate the values of certain functions (partial) computable in  $A$ . For instance,  $A$  is *jump traceable* [1] if  $J^A(n) \downarrow$  implies  $J^A(n) \in T_n$ , for some uniformly c.e. sequence  $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of computably bounded size. Here  $J$  is the jump functional: If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , we write  $J^X(n)$  for  $\Phi_n^X(n)$ .

(II) A further way to be computationally weak is to be easy to compute. A lowness property of this kind specifies a sense in which many oracles compute  $A$ . For instance, consider the property to be a base for ML-randomness, introduced in [2]. Here the class of oracles computing  $A$  is large enough to admit a set that is ML-random relative to  $A$ . By [3] this property coincides with the type (I) lowness property of being low for ML-randomness.

As our main result, we show a surprising further coincidence of a type (I) and a type (II) lowness property for c.e. sets. The type (I) property is strong jump traceability, introduced in [4], and studied in more depth in [5]. We say that a computable function  $h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  is an *order function* if  $h$  is nondecreasing and unbounded.

**Definition 1.**  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is strongly jump traceable (s.j.t.) if for each order function  $h$ , there is a uniformly c.e. sequence  $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\forall n |T_n| \leq h(n)$  and  $\forall n [J^A(n) \downarrow \rightarrow J^A(n) \in T_n]$ .

Figueira, Nies and Stephan [4] built a promptly simple set that is strongly jump traceable. Cholak, Downey and Greenberg [5] showed that the strongly jump traceable c.e. sets form a proper subideal of the  $K$ -trivial c.e. sets under Turing reducibility.

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We say that a set  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is *superhigh* if  $\emptyset'' \leq_{\text{tt}} Y'$ . This notion was first studied by Mohrherr [6] for c.e. sets. For background and results on superhighness see [7, 8]. The type (II) property is to be Turing below each superhigh ML-random set. Thus our main result is that *a c.e. set  $A$  is strongly jump traceable* if and only if  *$A$  is Turing below each superhigh Martin-Löf random set*.

The property to be Turing below each superhigh ML-random set can be put into a more general context. For a class  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq 2^\omega$ , we define the corresponding diamond class

$$\mathcal{H}^\diamond = \{A: A \text{ is c.e.} \ \& \ \forall Y \in \mathcal{H} \cap \text{MLR} [A \leq_T Y]\}.$$

Here MLR is the class of ML-random sets. Note that  $\mathcal{H}^\diamond$  determines an ideal in the c.e. Turing degrees. By a result of Hirschfeldt and Miller (see [7, 5.3.15]), for each null  $\Sigma_3^0$  class, the corresponding diamond class contains a promptly simple set  $A$ . Their construction of  $A$  is via a non-adaptive cost-function construction (see [7, Section 5.3] for details on cost functions). That is, the cost function can be given in advance. This means that the construction can be viewed as injury-free. In contrast, the direct construction of a promptly simple strongly jump traceable set in [4] varies Post's construction of a low simple set, and therefore has injury.

In [9] a result similar to our main result was obtained when  $\mathcal{H}$  is the class of superlow sets  $Y$  (namely,  $Y' \leq_{\text{tt}} \emptyset'$ ). Earlier, Hirschfeldt and Nies had obtained such a coincidence for the class  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\omega$ -c.e. sets  $Y$  (namely,  $Y' \leq_{\text{tt}} \emptyset'$ ).

In all cases, to show that a c.e. strongly jump traceable set  $A$  is in the required diamond class, one finds an appropriate collection of benign cost functions; this key concept was introduced by Greenberg and Nies [10]. The set  $A$  obeys each benign cost function by the main result of [10]. This implies that  $A$  is in the diamond class.

It is harder to prove the converse inclusion: each c.e. set in  $\mathcal{H}^\diamond$  is s.j.t. Suppose an order function  $h$  is given. For one thing, similar to the proof of the analogous inclusion in [9], we use a variant of the golden run method introduced in [12]. One wants to restrict the changes of  $A$  to the extent that  $A$  is strongly jump traceable. To this end, one attempts to define a “naughty set”  $Y \in \mathcal{H} \cap \text{MLR}$ . It exploits the changes of  $A$  in order to avoid being Turing above  $A$ . The number of levels in the golden run construction is infinite, with the  $e$ -th level based on the Turing functional  $\Phi_e$ . If the golden run fails to exist at level  $e$  then  $A \neq \Phi_e^Y$ . If this is so for all  $e$  then  $A \not\leq_T Y$ , contrary to the hypothesis that  $A \in \mathcal{H}^\diamond$ . Hence a golden run must exist. Since it is golden it successfully builds the required trace for  $J^A$  with bound  $h$ .

A further ingredient of our proof stems from ideas that started in Kurtz [13] and were elaborated further, for instance, in Nies [12, 14]: mixing priority arguments and measure theoretic arguments. In contrast, the proof in [9] is not measure theoretic. (Indeed, they prove, more generally, that for *each* non-empty  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $P$ , each c.e. set Turing below every superlow member of  $P$  must be strongly jump traceable. This stronger statement has no analog for superhighness, for instance because all members of  $P$  could be computable.)

Here we need to make the naughty set  $Y$  superhigh. This is done by coding  $\emptyset''$  (see [7, 3.3.2]) in the style of Kučera, but not quite into  $Y$ : the coding strings change due to the activity of the tracing procedures. The number of times they change is computably bounded. So the coding yields  $\emptyset'' \leq_{\text{tt}} Y'$ .

*Notation.* Suppose  $f$  is a unary function and  $\tilde{f}$  is binary. We write

$$\forall n f(n) = \lim_s^{\text{comp}} \tilde{f}(n, s)$$

if there is a computable function  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n$ , the set

$$\{s > 0 : \tilde{f}(n, s) \neq \tilde{f}(n, s-1)\}$$

has cardinality less than  $g(n)$ , and  $\lim_s \tilde{f}(n, s) = f(n)$ .

We let  $X' = \{n : J^X(n) \downarrow\}$ , and  $X'_t = \{n : J_t^X(n) \downarrow\}$ . We use Knuth's bracket notation in sums. For instance,  $\sum_n n^{-2} \llbracket n \text{ is odd} \rrbracket$  denotes  $1 + 1/9 + 1/25 + \dots = \pi^2/8$ .

A forthcoming paper by Greenberg, Hirschfeldt and Nies (Characterizing the s.j.t. sets via randomness) contains a new proof of Theorem 2 using the language of “golden pairs”. This makes it possible to cut some parameters.

## 2 Benign cost functions and Shigh $^\diamond$

Note that a function  $f$  is d.n.c. relative to  $\emptyset'$  if  $\forall x \neg f(x) = J^{\emptyset'}(x)$ . Let  $P$  be the  $\Pi_1^0(\emptyset')$  class of  $\{0, 1\}$ -valued functions that are d.n.c. relative to  $\emptyset'$ . The PA sets form a null class (see, for instance, [7, 8.5.12]). Relativizing this to  $\emptyset'$ , we obtain that the class  $\{Z : \exists f \leq_T Z \oplus \emptyset' [f \in P]\}$  is null. Then, since  $\text{GL}_1 = \{Z : Z' \equiv_T Z \oplus \emptyset'\}$  is conull, the following class, suggested by Simpson, is also null:

$$\mathcal{H} = \{Z : \exists f \leq_{\text{tt}} Z' [f \in P]\}. \quad (1)$$

This class clearly contains Shigh because  $\emptyset''$  truth-table computes a function that is d.n.c. relative to  $\emptyset'$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $\Sigma_3^0$ , by a result of Hirschfeldt and Miller (see [7, 5.3.15]) the class  $\mathcal{H}^\diamond$  contains a promptly simple set. We strengthen this:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A$  be a c.e. set that is strongly jump traceable. Then  $A \in \mathcal{H}^\diamond$ .*

*Proof.* In [10] a cost function  $c$  is defined to be *benign* if there is a computable function  $g$  with the following property: if  $x_0 < \dots < x_n$  and  $c(x_i, x_{i+1}) \geq 2^{-e}$  for each  $i$ , then  $n \leq g(e)$ . For each truth table reduction  $\Gamma$  we define a benign cost function  $c$  such that for each  $\Delta_2^0$  set  $A$ , and each ML-random set  $Y$ ,

$$A \text{ obeys } c \text{ and } \Gamma^{Y'} \text{ is } \{0, 1\}\text{-valued d.n.c. relative to } \emptyset' \Rightarrow A \leq_T Y.$$

Let  $(I_e)$  be the sequence of consecutive intervals of  $\mathbb{N}$  of length  $e$ . Thus  $\min I_e = e(e+1)/2$ . We define a function  $\alpha \leq_T \emptyset'$ . We are given a partial computable function  $p$  and (via the Recursion Theorem) think of  $p$  as a reduction function for  $\alpha$ , namely,  $p$  is total, increasing, and  $\forall x \alpha(x) \simeq J^{\emptyset'}(p(x))$ .

At stage  $s$  of the construction we define the approximation  $\alpha_s(x)$ . Suppose  $x \in I_e$ . If  $p(y)$  is undefined at stage  $s$  for some  $y \in I_e$  let  $\alpha_s(x) = 0$ . Otherwise, let

$$\mathcal{C}_{e,s} = \{Y : \exists t \ v \leq t \leq s \ \forall x \in I_e [1 - \alpha_t(x) = \Gamma(Y'_t, p(x))]\}, \quad (2)$$

where  $v \leq s$  is greatest such that  $v = 0$  or  $\alpha_v \upharpoonright I_e \neq \alpha_{v-1} \upharpoonright I_e$ . (Thus,  $\mathcal{C}_{e,s}$  is the set of oracles  $Y$  such that  $Y'$  computes  $\alpha$  correctly at some stage  $t$  after the last change of  $\alpha \upharpoonright I_e$ .)

*Construction of  $\alpha$ .*

Stage  $s > 0$ . For each  $e < s$ , if  $\lambda \mathcal{C}_{e,s-1} \leq 2^{-e+1}$  let  $\alpha_s \upharpoonright I_e = \alpha_{s-1} \upharpoonright I_e$ . Otherwise change  $\alpha \upharpoonright I_e$ : define  $\alpha_s \upharpoonright I_e$  in such a way that  $\lambda \mathcal{C}_{e,s} \leq 2^{-e}$ .

**Claim.**  $\alpha(x) = \lim_s \alpha_s(x)$  exists for each  $x$ .

We use a measure theoretic fact suggested by Hirschfeldt in a related context (see [7, 1.9.15]). Suppose  $N, e \in \mathbb{N}$ , and for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , the class  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is measurable and  $\lambda \mathcal{B}_i \geq 2^{-e}$ . If  $N > k2^e$  then there is a set  $F \subseteq \{1, \dots, N\}$  such that  $|F| = k + 1$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in F} \mathcal{B}_i \neq \emptyset$ .

Suppose now that  $0 = v_0 < v_1 < \dots < v_N$  are consecutive stages at which  $\alpha \upharpoonright I_e$  changes. Thus  $p \upharpoonright I_e$  is defined. Then  $\lambda \mathcal{B}_i \geq 2^{-e}$  for each  $i \leq N$ , where

$$\mathcal{B}_i = \{Y : Y'_{v_{i+1}} \upharpoonright k \neq Y'_{v_i} \upharpoonright k\},$$

and  $k = \text{use } \Gamma(\max p(I_e))$ , because  $\lambda \mathcal{C}_e$  increased by at least  $2^{-e}$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_{i+1}$ . Note that the intersection of any  $k + 1$  of the  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is empty. Thus  $N \leq 2^e k$  by the measure theoretic fact.  $\diamond$

Since  $\alpha$  is  $\Delta_2^0$ , by the Recursion Theorem, we can now assume that  $p$  is a reduction function for  $\alpha$ . Then in fact we have a computable bound  $g$  on the number of changes of  $\alpha \upharpoonright I_e$  given by  $g(e) = 2^e \text{use } \Gamma(\max p(I_e))$ .

To complete the proof, let  $A$  be a c.e. set that is strongly jump traceable. We define a cost function  $c$  by  $c(x, s) = 2^{-x}$  for each  $x \geq s$ ; if  $x < s$ , and  $e \leq x$  is least such that  $e = x$  or  $\alpha_s \upharpoonright I_e \neq \alpha_{s-1} \upharpoonright I_e$ , let

$$c(x, s) = \max(c(x, s-1), 2^{-e}).$$

Note that the cost function  $c$  is benign as defined in [10]: if  $x_0 < \dots < x_n$  and  $c(x_i, x_{i+1}) \geq 2^{-e}$  for each  $i$ , then  $\alpha_s \upharpoonright I_e \neq \alpha_{s-1} \upharpoonright I_e$  for some  $s$  such that  $x_i < s \leq x_{i+1}$ . Hence  $n \leq g(e)$  where  $g$  is defined after the claim.

By [10] fix a computable enumeration  $(A_s)_{s \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $A$  that obeys  $c$ . (The rest of the argument actually works for a computable approximation  $(A_s)_{s \in \mathbb{N}}$  of a  $\Delta_2^0$  set  $A$ .)

We build a Solovay test  $\mathcal{G}$  as follows: when  $A_{t-1}(x) \neq A_t(x)$ , we put  $\mathcal{C}_{e,t}$  defined in (2) into  $\mathcal{G}$  where  $e$  is largest such that  $\alpha \upharpoonright I_e$  has been stable from  $x$  to  $t$ . Then  $2^{-e} \leq c(x, t)$ . Since  $\lambda \mathcal{C}_{e,t} \leq 2^{-e+1} \leq 2c(x, t)$  and the computable approximation of  $A$  obeys  $c$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$  is indeed a Solovay test.

Choose  $s_0$  such that  $\sigma \not\leq_T Y$  for each  $[\sigma]$  enumerated into  $\mathcal{G}$  after stage  $s_0$ . To show  $A \leq_T Y$ , given an input  $y \geq s_0$ , using  $Y$  as an oracle, compute  $s > y$  such that  $\alpha_s(x) = \Gamma(Y'_s; x)$  for each  $x < y$ . Then  $A_s(y) = A(y)$ : if  $A_u(y) \neq A_{u-1}(y)$  for  $u > s$ , let  $e \leq y$  be largest such that  $\alpha \upharpoonright I_e$  has been stable from  $y$  to  $u$ .

Then by stage  $s > y$  the set  $Y$  is in  $\mathcal{C}_{e,s} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{e,t}$ , so we put  $Y$  into  $\mathcal{G}$  at stage  $u$ , contradiction.

In the following we give a direct construction of a null  $\Sigma_3^0$  class containing the superhigh sets. Note that the class  $\mathcal{H}$  defined in (1) is such a class. However, the proof below uses techniques of independent interest. For instance, they might be of use to resolve the open question whether superhighness itself is a  $\Sigma_3^0$  property.

**Proposition 1.** *There is a null  $\Sigma_3^0$  class containing the superhigh sets.*

*Proof.* For each truth-table reduction  $\Phi$ , we uniformly define a null  $\Pi_2^0$  class  $\mathcal{S}_\Phi$  such that  $\emptyset'' = \Phi(Y') \rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{S}_\Phi$ .

We build a  $\Delta_2^0$  set  $D_\Phi$ . Then, by the Recursion Theorem we have a truth-table reduction  $\Gamma_\Phi$  such that  $\emptyset'' = \Phi(Y') \rightarrow D_\Phi = \Gamma(Y')$ . We define  $D_\Phi$  in such a way that  $\mathcal{S}_\Phi = \{Y : D_\Phi = \Gamma(Y')\}$  is null. Also,  $\mathcal{S}_\Phi$  is  $\Pi_2^0$  because

$$Y \in \mathcal{S}_\Phi \leftrightarrow \forall w \forall i > w \exists s > i D_\Phi(w, s) = \Gamma(Y'_s; w).$$

**Claim.** *For each string  $\sigma$ , the real number  $r_\sigma = \lambda\{Z : \sigma \prec Z'\}$  is the difference of left-c.e. reals uniformly in  $\sigma$  (see [7, 1.8.15]).*

To see this, note that for each finite set  $F$  the class  $\mathcal{C}_F = \{Z : F \subseteq Z'\}$  is uniformly  $\Sigma_1^0$ . Let  $F(\sigma) = \{j < |\sigma| : \sigma(j) = 1\}$ , then

$$r_\sigma = \lambda(\mathcal{C}_{F(\sigma)} - \bigcup_{r < |\sigma| \& \sigma(r)=0} \mathcal{C}_{\{r\} \cup F(\sigma)}).$$

This proves the claim. Now, for each  $\tau$  let  $b_\tau = \lambda\{Z : \tau \prec \Gamma(Z')\}$ . Then  $b_\tau = \sum_\sigma r_\sigma \llbracket \tau = \Gamma^\sigma \rrbracket$  is uniformly difference left-c.e.

One can define the  $\Delta_2^0$  set  $D = D_\Phi$  in such a way that  $2b_{D \upharpoonright_{n+1}} \leq b_{D \upharpoonright_n}$  for each  $n$ . Then  $2^{-n} \geq \lambda\{Y : D_\Phi \upharpoonright_n = \Gamma(Y') \upharpoonright_n\}$  for each  $n$ , so  $\mathcal{S}_\Phi$  is null.

### 3 Each set in Shigh $^\diamond$ is strongly jump traceable

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A$  be a c.e. set that is Turing below all ML-random superhigh sets. Then  $A$  is strongly jump traceable.*

*Proof.* Let  $h$  be an order function. We will define a ML-random superhigh set  $Z$  such that  $A \leq_T Z$  implies that  $A$  is jump traceable via bound  $h$ . In fact for an arbitrary given set  $G$  we can define  $Z$  such that  $G \leq_{tt} Z'$ . If also  $G \geq_{tt} \emptyset''$ , then  $Z$  is superhigh.

*Preliminaries.* Let  $\lambda$  denote the uniform measure on Cantor space. We will need a lower bound on the measure of a non-empty  $\Pi_1^0$  class of ML-random sets. This bound is given uniformly in an index for the class (Kučera; see [7, 3.3.3]). Let  $Q_0 \subseteq \text{MLR}$  be the complement  $2^\omega - \mathcal{R}_1$  of the second component of the standard universal ML-test.

**Lemma 1.** *Given an effective listing  $(P^v)_{v \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\Pi_1^0$  classes,  $P^v \subseteq Q_0$ , there is a constant  $c_0$  such that  $\lambda P^v \leq 2^{-K(v)-c_0} \rightarrow P^v = \emptyset$ .*

We assume an indexing of all the  $\Pi_1^0$  classes. Given an index for a  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $P$  we have an effective approximation  $P = \bigcap_t P_t$  where  $P_t$  is a clopen set ([7, Section 1.8]).

*The basic set-up.* For each  $e$ , a procedure  $R^e$  (with further parameters to be discussed later) builds a c.e. trace  $(T_x)_{x \in \mathbb{N}}$  with bound  $h$ . Either for almost all  $x$ ,  $J^A(x) \downarrow$  implies  $J^A(x) \in T_x$ , or  $R^e$  shows that  $A \neq \Phi_e^Z$ . Since  $Z$  is superhigh, the first alternative must hold for some  $e$ .

When a new computation  $w = J^A(x) \downarrow$  with use  $u$  appears,  $R^e$  activates a sub-procedure  $S_x^e$ . This sub-procedure waits for evidence that  $A \upharpoonright_u$  is stable before putting  $w$  into the trace set  $T_x$ . By first waiting long enough, it makes sure that an  $A \upharpoonright_u$  change after this tracing can happen for at most  $h(x)$  times, so that  $|T_x| \leq h(x)$ .  $S_x^e$  also calls an instance of the next procedure  $R^{e+1}$ . Thus, during the construction we can have many runs of each of the procedures  $R^e$  and  $S_x^e$ .

*The environment of a procedure.* Each  $R^e$  has as further parameters a  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $P$  and a number  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . It assumes that  $Z \in P$  and  $2^{-r} < \lambda P$ . Each  $S_x^e$  activated by  $R^e(P, r)$  will specify an appropriate subclass  $Q \subseteq P$  and a number  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , and call  $R^{e+1}(Q, q)$ .

Initially we call  $R^0(Q_0, 2)$

*The two phases of  $S_x^e$ .* A procedure  $S_x^e$  alternates between Phases I, and II. When changing phases it returns control to  $R^e$ . In our first approximation to describing the construction, once a computation  $w = J^A(x) \downarrow$  with use  $u$  appears,  $S_x^e$  enters Phase I. It considers the  $\Sigma_1^0$  class  $C = \{Z : \Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u = A \upharpoonright_u\}$ . It calls  $R^{e+1}(Q, q)$  where  $Q = P - C$  and  $q$  is obtained by Lemma 1. If it stays here then, because  $Z \in Q$ , its outcome is that  $\Phi_e^Z \neq A$ .

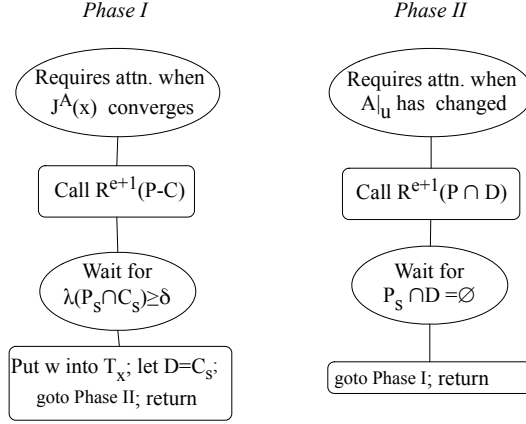
For a threshold  $\delta$  depending only on  $r$  and  $x$ , once  $\lambda(P_s \cap C_s) > \delta$  at stage  $s$  it lets  $D = C_s$  and puts  $w$  into  $T_x$ . Now the outcome is that  $J^A(x)$  has been traced. So  $S_x^e$  can return and stay inactive unless  $A \upharpoonright_u$  changes.

Once  $A \upharpoonright_u$  has changed,  $S_x^e$  enters Phase II by calling  $R^{e+1}(Q, q)$  where now  $Q = P \cap D$  and  $q$  is obtained by Lemma 1. Its outcome is again that  $\Phi_e^Z \neq A$ , this time because  $\Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u$  is the previous value of  $A \upharpoonright_u$  (here we use that  $A$  is c.e.).

If, later on,  $P \cap D$  becomes empty, then  $S_x^e$  returns. It is now turned back to the beginning and may start again in Phase I when a new computation  $J^A(x)$  appears. Note that  $P$  has now lost a measure of  $\delta$ . So  $S_x^e$  can go back to Phase I for at most  $1/\delta$  times.

*The golden run.* For some  $e$  we want a run of  $R^e$  such that each sub-procedure  $S_x^e$  it calls returns. For then, the c.e. trace  $(T_x)_{x \in \mathbb{N}}$  this run of  $R^e$  builds is a trace for  $J^A$ . If no such run  $R^e$  exists then each run of  $R^e$  eventually calls some  $S_x^e$  which does not return, and therefore permanently runs a procedure  $R^{e+1}$ . If  $Z \in \bigcap_e P_e$  where  $P_e$  is the parameter of the final run of a procedure  $R^e$ , then  $A \not\leq_T Z$ . So we have a contradiction if we can define a set  $Z \in \bigcap_e P_e$  such that  $G \leq_{tt} Z'$ .

*Ensuring that  $G \leq_{tt} Z'$ .* For this we have to introduce new parameters into the procedures  $S_x^e$ .



**Fig. 1.** Diagram for the procedure  $S_x^c$

Note that  $G \leq_{tt} Z'$  iff there is a binary function  $f \leq_T Z$  such that  $\forall x G \upharpoonright_x = \lim_s^{\text{comp}} f(x, s)$  (namely, the number of changes is computably bounded). We will define  $Z$  such that  $Z'$  encodes  $G$ . We use a variant of Kučera's method to code into ML-random sets. We define strings  $z_\gamma = \lim_s^{\text{comp}} z_{\gamma, s}$  and let  $Z = \bigcup_{\gamma \prec G} z_\gamma$ . The strings  $z_{\gamma, s}$  are given effectively, and for each  $s$  they are pairwise incomparable. Then we let  $f(x, s) = \gamma$  if  $|\gamma| = x$  and  $z_{\gamma, s} \prec Z$ , and  $f(x, s) = \emptyset$  if there is no such  $\gamma$ .

Firstly, we review Kučera's coding into a member of a  $\Pi_1^0$ -class  $P$  of positive measure. For a string  $x$  let  $\lambda(P|x) = 2^{|x|} \lambda(P \cap [x])$ .

**Lemma 2 (Kučera; see [7], 3.3.1).** *Suppose that  $P$  is a  $\Pi_1^0$  class,  $x$  is a string, and  $\lambda(P|x) \geq 2^{-l}$  where  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there are at least two strings  $w \succeq x$  of length  $|x| + l + 1$  such that  $\lambda(P|w) > 2^{-l-1}$ . We let  $w_0$  be the leftmost and  $w_1$  be the rightmost such string.*

In the following we code a string  $\beta$  into a string  $y_\beta$  on a  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $P$ .

**Definition 2.** Given a  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $P$ , a string  $z$  such that  $P \subseteq [z]$ , and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $2^{-r} < \lambda P$ , we define a string

$$y_\beta = \text{kuc}(P, r, z, \beta)$$

as follows:  $y_\emptyset = z$ ; if  $x = y_\beta$  has been defined, let  $l = r + |\beta|$ , and let  $y_{\beta \frown b} = w_b$  for  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , where the strings  $w_b$  are defined as in Lemma 2.

Note that for each  $\beta$  we have  $\lambda(P \upharpoonright y_\beta) \geq 2^{-r-|\beta|}$  and

$$|y_\beta| \leq |z| + |\beta|(r + |\beta| + 1). \quad (3)$$

At stage  $s$  we have the approximation  $y_{\beta, s} = \text{kuc}(P_s \cap [z], r, z, \beta)$ . While  $y_{\beta, s}$  is stable, the string  $w_b$  in the recursive definition above changes at most  $2^l$  times. Thus, inductively,  $y_{\beta, s}$  changes at most  $2^{|\beta|(r+|\beta|+1)}$  times.

For each  $e, \eta$  we may have a version of  $R^e$  denoted  $R^{e, \eta}(P, r, z_\eta)$ . It assumes that  $\eta$  has already been coded into the initial segment  $z_\eta$  of  $Z$ , and works within  $P \subseteq [z_\eta]$ . It calls procedures  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P, r, z_\eta)$  for certain  $x, \alpha$ . In this case we let  $z_{\eta\alpha} = y_\alpha = \text{kuc}(P, r, z_\eta, \alpha)$ .

For each  $x$ , once  $J^A(x) \downarrow$ ,  $R^{e, \eta}$  wishes to run  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha$  of a certain length  $m$  defined in (5) below, which increases with  $h(x)$ . Thus, as  $x$  increases, more and more bits beyond  $\eta$  are coded into  $Z$ . The trace set  $T_x$  will contain all the numbers enumerated by procedures  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}$  where  $|\alpha| = m$ . We ensure that  $m$  is small enough so that  $|T_x| \leq h(x)$ . To summarize, a typical sequences of calls of procedures is

$$R^{e, \eta} \rightarrow S_x^{e, \eta\alpha} \rightarrow R^{e+1, \eta\alpha}.$$

*Formal details.* Some ML-random set  $Y \not\leq_T \emptyset'$  is superhigh by pseudo jump inversion as in [7, 6.3.14]. Since  $A \leq_T Y$  and  $A$  is c.e.,  $A$  is a base for ML-randomness; see [7, 5.1.18]. Thus  $A$  is superlow. Hence there is an order function  $g$  and a computable enumeration of  $A$  such that  $J^A(x)[s]$  becomes undefined for at most  $g(x)$  times.

We build a sequence of  $\Pi_1^0$  classes  $(P^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  as in Lemma 1. If  $n = \langle e, \gamma, x, i \rangle$ , then since  $K(n) \leq^+ 2 \log \langle e, \gamma \rangle + 2 \log x + 2 \log i$ , we have

$$P^{\langle e, \gamma, x, i \rangle} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \lambda P^{\langle e, \gamma, x, i \rangle} \geq 2^{-q} \quad (4)$$

where  $q = 2 \log \langle e, \gamma \rangle + 2 \log x + 2 \log i + c$  for some fixed  $c \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the Recursion Theorem we may assume that we know  $c$  in advance.

The construction starts off by calling  $R^{0, \emptyset}(Q_0, 3, \emptyset)$ .

*Procedure  $R^{e, \eta}(P, r, z)$ , where  $z \in 2^{<\omega}$ ,  $P \subseteq \text{MLR} \cap [z]$  is a  $\Pi_1^0$  class and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .* This procedure enumerates a c.e. trace  $(T_x)_{x \in \mathbb{N}}$ . (It assumes that  $2^{-r} < \lambda P$ .)

For each string  $\alpha$  of length at most the stage number  $s$ , see whether some procedure  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P)$  requires attention, or is at (b) or (e), and no procedure  $S_y^{e, \eta\beta}(P)$  for  $\beta \prec \alpha$  satisfies the same condition. If so, choose  $x$  least for  $\alpha$  and activate  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P)$ . (This suspends any runs  $S_z^{e, \rho}$  for  $\eta\alpha \preceq \rho$ . Such a run may be resumed later.)

*Procedure  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P, r, z)$ , where  $|\alpha|$  is the greatest  $m > 0$  such that, if  $n = m(r + m + 1)$ , we have*

$$2^{|\eta\alpha|} 2^{2n+r+2} \leq h(x). \quad (5)$$

There only is such a procedure if  $x$  is so large that  $m$  exists.

Let  $y_{\alpha, s} = \text{kuc}(P_s, \alpha, r, z)$ . Let

$$\delta = 2^{-|y_{\alpha, s}| - m - r - 1}.$$

(Comment:  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P, r, z)$  cannot change  $y_{\alpha, s}$ . It only changes “by itself” as  $P_s$  gets smaller. This makes the procedure go back to the beginning. So in the following we can assume  $y_\alpha$  is stable.)



*Phase I.*

(a)  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  requires attention if  $w = J^A(x) \downarrow$  with use  $u$ . Let

$$C = [y_\alpha] \cap \{Z: \Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u = A \upharpoonright_u\},$$

a  $\Sigma_1^0$  class. Let  $C_s = [y_{\alpha,s}] \cap \{Z: \Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u = A \upharpoonright_u [s]\}$  be its approximation at stage  $s$ , which is clopen.

(b) WHILE  $\lambda(P_s \cap C_s) < \delta$  run in case  $e < s$  the procedure

$$R^{e+1,\eta\alpha}(Q, q, y_{\alpha,s});$$

here  $Q$  is the  $\Pi_1^0$  class  $P \cap [y_{\alpha,s}] - C$ , and

$$q = 2 \log(e, \eta\alpha) + 2 \log x + 2 \log i + c,$$

where  $i$  is the number of times  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  has called  $R^{e+1,\eta\alpha}$  (the constant  $c$  was defined after (4) at the beginning of the formal construction). Then  $2^{-q} < \lambda Q$  unless  $Q = \emptyset$ . Meanwhile, if  $y_{\alpha,s} \neq y_{\alpha,s-1}$  put  $w$  into  $T_x$ , cancel all sub-runs, GOTO (a), and RETURN. Otherwise, if  $A_s \upharpoonright_u \neq A_{s-1} \upharpoonright_u$  cancel all sub-runs, GOTO (a) and RETURN.

(Comment: if the run  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  stays at (b) and  $Z \in Q$ , then  $A \upharpoonright_u = \Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u$  fails, so we have defeated  $\Phi_e$ .)

(c) Put  $w$  into  $T_x$ , let  $D = C_s$ , GOTO (d), and RETURN. (Thus, the next time we call  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}(P)$  it will be in Phase II.)

*Phase II.*

(d)  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  requires attention again if  $A \upharpoonright_u$  has changed.

(e) WHILE  $P_s \cap D \neq \emptyset$  RUN in case  $e < s$

$$R^{e+1}(P \cap D, q, y_{\alpha,s})$$

where  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  is defined as in (b). Meanwhile, if  $y_{\alpha,s} \neq y_{\alpha,s-1}$  cancel all sub-runs, GOTO (a), and RETURN.

(Comment: if the run  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  stays at (e) and  $Z \in Q$  then again  $A \upharpoonright_u = \Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u$  fails, this time because  $Z \in D$  and  $\Phi_e^Z \upharpoonright_u$  is an old version of  $A \upharpoonright_u$ .)

(f) GOTO (a) and RETURN.

*Verification.* The function  $g$  was defined at the beginning of the formal proof. First we compute bounds on how often a particular run  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  does certain things.

**Claim 1.** Consider a run  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}(P, r, z)$  called by  $R^{e,\eta}(P, r, z)$ . As in the construction, let  $m = |\alpha|$  and  $n = m(r + m + 1)$ .

- (i) While  $y_{\alpha,s}$  does not change, the run passes (f) for at most  $2^{m+r+1}$  times.
- (ii) The run enumerates at most  $2^{2n+r+2}$  elements into  $T_x$ .
- (iii) It calls a run  $R^{e+1,\eta\alpha}$  at (b) or (e) for at most  $2^{n+1}g(x)$  times.

To prove (i), as before let  $\delta = 2^{-|y_\alpha| - m - r - 1}$ . Note that each time the run passes (f), the class  $P \cap [y_\alpha]$  loses  $\lambda D \geq \delta$  in measure. This can repeat itself at most  $2^{m+r+1}$  times. (This argument allows for the case that the run of  $S_x^{e,\eta^\alpha}$  is suspended due to the run of some  $S_z^{e,\eta^\beta}$  for  $\beta \prec \alpha$ . If  $S_z^{e,\eta^\beta}$  finishes then  $S_x^{e,\eta^\alpha}$ , with the same parameters, continues from the same point on where it was when it was suspended.)

(ii) There are at most  $2^n$  values for  $y_\alpha$  during a run of  $S_x^{e,\eta^\alpha}$  by the remarks after Definition 2. Therefore this run enumerates at most  $2^n 2^{n+r+1} + 2^n$  elements into  $T_x$  where at most  $2^n$  elements are enumerated when  $y_\alpha$  changes.

(iii): for each value  $y_\alpha$  there are at most  $2g(x)$  calls, namely, at most two for each computation  $J^A(x)$  ( $g$  is defined at the beginning of the formal proof).  $\diamond$

Note that  $|T_x| \leq h(x)$  by (ii) of Claim 1 and (5).

Strings  $z_{\gamma,s}$ ,  $\gamma \in 2^{<\omega}$  are used to code the given set  $G$  into  $Z'$ . Let  $z_{\emptyset,s} = \emptyset$ .

- If  $z_{\eta,s}$  has been defined and  $R^{e,\eta}(P, r, z_{\eta,s})$  is running at stage  $s$ , then for all  $\beta$  such that no procedure  $S^{e,\eta^\alpha}$  is running for any  $\alpha \prec \beta$ , let  $z_{\eta\beta,s} = \text{kuc}(P, r, z_{\eta,s}, \beta)$ .
- If  $\alpha$  is maximal under the prefix relation such that  $z_{\eta^\alpha,s}$  is now defined, it must be the case that  $R^{e+1,\eta^\alpha}(Q, q, z_{\eta^\alpha})$  runs. So we may continue the recursive definition. Note that  $|\alpha| > 0$  by the condition that  $m > 0$  in (5).

**Claim 2** For each  $\gamma$ ,  $z_\gamma = \lim_s z_{\gamma,s}$  exists, with the number of changes computably bounded in  $\gamma$ .

We say that a run of  $S_x^{e,\rho}$  is a  $k$ -run if  $|\rho| \leq k$ . For each number parameter  $p$  we will let  $\bar{p}(k, v)$  denote a computable upper bound for  $p$  computed from  $k, v$ . Such a function is always chosen nondecreasing in each argument.

To prove Claim 2, we think of  $k$  as fixed and define by simultaneous recursion on  $v \leq k$  computable functions  $\bar{r}(k, v), \bar{x}(k, v), \bar{b}(k, v), \bar{c}(k, v)$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $\bar{r}(k, v)$  bounds  $r$  in any call  $R^{e,\eta}(Q, r)$  where  $|\eta| \leq k$  and  $e \leq v$ .
- (ii)  $\bar{x}(k, v)$  bounds the largest  $x$  such that some  $k$ -run  $S_x^{e,\eta^\alpha}$  is started where  $e \leq v$ .
- (iii) For each  $x$ ,  $\bar{b}(k, v)$  bounds the number of times a  $k$ -run  $S_x^{e,\eta^\alpha}$  for  $e \leq v$  requires attention.
- (iv) For each  $x$ ,  $\bar{c}(k, v)$  bounds the number of times a run  $R^{e+1,\eta^\alpha}$  is started by some  $k$ -run  $S_x^{e,\eta^\alpha}$  for  $e \leq v$ .

Fix  $\gamma$  such that  $|\gamma| = k$ . In the following we may assume that  $\eta^\alpha \preceq \gamma$ , because then the actual bounds can be obtained by multiplying with  $2^k$ .

Suppose now  $k \geq v \geq 0$  and we have defined the bounds in (i)–(iv) for  $v-1$  in case  $v > 0$ . We define the bounds for  $v$  and verify (i)–(iv). We may assume  $e = v$ , because then the required bounds are obtained by adding the bounds for  $k, v-1$  to the bounds now obtained for  $e = v$ .

(i). First suppose that  $v = 0$ . Then  $\eta = \emptyset$ , so let  $\bar{r}(k, 0) = 3$ . If  $v > 0$ , we define a sequence of  $\Pi_1^0$  classes as in Lemma 1: if for the  $i$ -th time a run  $S_x^{e-1,\rho}$  calls a run  $R^{e,\rho}(Q, q)$  we let  $P^{(e,\rho,x,i)} = Q$ . By the inductive hypothesis (iii)

and (iv) for  $v - 1$  we have a bound  $\bar{i}(v, x)$  on the largest  $i$  such that a class  $P^{(v, \eta\alpha, x, i)}$  is defined (when  $S_x^{v-1, \eta}$  in (b) or (e) starts a run  $R^{v, \eta}$ ). Thus let  $\bar{r}(k, v) = 2 \log \langle v, \gamma \rangle + 2 \log \bar{x}(k, v - 1) + 2 \log \bar{i}(v, \bar{x}(k, v - 1)) + c$ .

To prove (ii) and (iii), suppose  $R^{e, \eta}(Q, r)$  calls  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}$ . Let  $m = |\alpha|$  and  $n = m(r + m + 1)$ . Then  $n \leq k(\bar{r}(k, v) + k + 1)$ .

(ii) We have  $h(x) < 2^{k+2k(\bar{r}(k, v)+k+1)+3}$  because  $m$  is chosen maximal in (5). Since  $h$  is an order function, this gives the desired computable bound  $\bar{x}(k, v)$  on  $x$ .

(iii). By Claim 1(i), for each value of  $y_\alpha$ , the run can pass (f) for at most  $2^{k+\bar{r}(k, v)+1}$  times. Further, it can require attention  $2^n + g(\bar{x}(k, v))$  more times because  $y_\alpha$  changes or because  $J^A(x)$  changes. This allows us to define  $\bar{b}(k, v)$ .

(iv). By Claim 1(iv) a run  $R^{v+1, \eta\alpha}$  is started for at most  $\bar{b}(k, v)2^{k+1}g(\bar{x}(k, v))$  times.

This completes the recursive definition of the four functions. Now, to obtain Claim 2, fix  $\gamma$ . One reason that  $z_\gamma$  changes is that (A) some run  $S_y^{e, \rho}$  for  $\rho \preceq \gamma$ , calls  $R^{e+1, \rho}$  in (e). This run is a  $k$ -run for  $k = |\gamma|$ . By (ii) and (iii), the number of times this happens is computably bounded by  $\bar{b}(k, k)\bar{x}(k, k)$ . While it does not happen,  $z_\gamma$  can also change because (B) for some  $\eta\alpha \preceq \gamma$  as in the construction,  $y_\alpha$  changes because some  $P_s$ , which defines  $y_\alpha$ , decreases. Since there is a computable bound  $\bar{l}(k)$  on the length of  $z_\gamma$  by (i) of this claim and (3), while the first reason does not apply, this can happen for at most  $2^{\bar{l}(k)}$  times. Thus in total  $z_\gamma$  changes for at most  $\bar{b}(k, k)\bar{x}(k, k)2^{\bar{l}(k)}$  times.  $\diamond$

Now let  $Z = \bigcup_{\gamma \prec G} z_\gamma$ . By Claim 2 we have  $G \leq_{\text{tt}} Z'$ .

**Claim 3** (Golden Run Lemma) *For some  $\eta \prec G$  and some  $e$ , there is a run  $R^{e, \eta}(P, r)$  (called a golden run) that is not cancelled such that, each time it calls a run  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}$  where  $\eta\alpha \prec G$ , that run returns.*

Assume the claim fails. We verify the following for each  $e$ .

- (i) There is a run  $R^{e, \eta}$  that is not cancelled; further,  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P)$  is running for some  $x$ , where  $\eta\alpha \prec G$ , and eventually does not return.
- (ii)  $A \neq \Phi_e^Z$ .

(i) We use induction. For  $e = 0$  clearly the single run of  $R^{0, \emptyset}$  is not cancelled. Suppose now that a run of  $R^{e, \eta}$  is not cancelled. Since we assume the claim fails, some run  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}$ ,  $\eta\alpha \prec G$ , eventually does not return. From then on the computation  $J^A(x)$  it is based on and  $y_\alpha$  are stable. So the run calls  $R^{e+1, \eta\alpha}$  and that run is not cancelled.

(ii) Suppose the run  $S_x^{e, \eta\alpha}(P, r, z)$  that does not return has been called at stage  $s$ . Suppose further it now stays at (b) or (e), after having called  $R^{e, \eta\alpha}(Q, q, y_\alpha)$ . Since  $y_{\eta\alpha}$  is stable by stage  $s$ , we have  $Z \in Q$ . Hence  $A \neq \Phi_e^Z$  by the comments in (b) or (e).  $\diamond$

Let  $(T_x)_{x \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the c.e. trace enumerated by this golden run.

**Claim 4**  $(T_x)_{x \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a trace for  $J^A$  with bound  $h$ .

As remarked after Claim 1, we have  $|T_x| \leq h(x)$ . Suppose  $x$  is so large that  $m$  in (5) exists. Suppose further that the final value of  $w = J^A(x)$  appears at stage  $t$ . Let  $\eta\alpha \prec G$  such that  $|\alpha| = m$ .

As the run is golden and by Claim 1(i), eventually no procedure  $S_y^{e,\eta\beta}(P)$  for  $\beta \prec \alpha$  is at (b) or (e). Thus, from some stage  $s > t$  on, the run  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  is not suspended. If  $y_\alpha$  has not settled by stage  $s$  then  $w$  goes into  $T_x$ . Else  $\lambda(P \upharpoonright y_{\alpha,s}) > 2^{-r-|\alpha|}$ . Since  $S_x^{e,\eta\alpha}$  returns each time it is called, the run is at (a) at some stage after  $t$ . Also,  $P_s \cap C_s$  must reach the size  $\delta = 2^{-|y_\alpha|-|\alpha|-r-1}$  required for putting  $w$  into  $T_x$ .

As a consequence, we can separate highness properties within the ML-random sets. See [7, Def. 8.4.13] for the weak reducibility  $\leq_{JT}$ , and [10] for the highness property “ $\emptyset'$  is c.e. traceable by  $Y$ ”. Note that JT-hardness implies both this highness property and superhighness.

**Corollary 1.** *There is a ML-random superhigh  $\Delta_3^0$  set  $Z$  such that  $\emptyset'$  is not c.e. traceable by  $Z$ . In particular,  $Z$  is not JT-hard.*

*Proof.* By [7, Lemma 8.5.19] there is a benign cost function  $c$  such that each c.e. set  $A$  that obeys  $c$  is Turing below each ML-random set  $Y$  such that  $\emptyset'$  is c.e. traceable by  $Y$ . By [7, Exercise 8.5.8] there is an order function  $h$  such that some c.e. set  $A$  obeys  $c$  but is not jump traceable with bound  $h$ . Then by the proof of Theorem 2 there is a ML-random superhigh set  $Z \leq_T \emptyset''$  such that  $A \not\leq_T Z$ . Hence  $Z$  is not JT-hard.

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