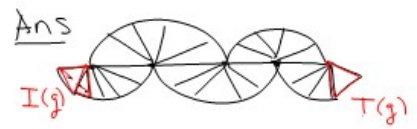


Lecture XII

Question: Why need $I(g), T(g)$?



Recall; A marking μ is a simplex base $(\mu) \subseteq \mathcal{C}(S)$ and a collection trans (μ) of transversals $\tau_i \in \mathcal{C}(\alpha_i)$ for some $\alpha_i \in \text{base}(\mu)$.

Thm (Hierarchies exist)

Def: Say $H' = \{g\}$ is a partial hier if ① + ③ are satisfied and ②' is satisfied [replace "unique" by "at most one"]

If H' is a partial hierarchy and $Y \subseteq S, b, f \in H'$ s.t. $b \stackrel{d}{\leftarrow} Y \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} f$ and $\nexists k \in H' \text{ s.t. } D(k) = Y$, then call (Y, b, f) unutilized.

Pf, Base case: Given P, Q markings of S . Set $H_0 = \{g_H\}$ where $g = g_H$ is a tight geodesic connecting some $\alpha \in \text{base}(P)$ to some $\beta \in \text{base}(Q)$.
Let $I(g) = P, T(g) = Q$.

[Question: Have to choose α, β ? Ans: Yes]
In fact [Exercise] tight geodesics generally not unique. [Exercise: Find α, β s.t. $d_S(\alpha, \beta) \geq 3$ and \exists unique tight geodesic between them.]

Inductive step, Suppose H_n is partial and (Y_n, b_n, f_n) unutilized.

$$\text{Let } M_n(n) = \# \left\{ Y \mid \begin{array}{l} Y \text{ is a comp'd down} \\ \text{of } H_n, k = \xi(Y) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$U_n = (M_{-1}(n), M_1(n), M_2(n), \dots, M_{\xi(S)}(n))$$

Let $T(Y, f_n), I(Y, b_n)$ be def. as before. pick $g_n \in \mathcal{C}(Y_n)$ tight,

$$\text{with } I(g_n) = I(Y_n, b_n) \\ T(g_n) = T(Y_n, f_n)$$

$$\text{Let } H_{n+1} = H_n \cup \{g_n\}$$

Notice that for all comp'd domains $Z \neq g_n, Z \subseteq Y_n$ so $\xi(Z) < \xi(Y_n)$

Thus $U_{n+1} < U_n$ in lex-order. //

So take $H = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H_n$

Def: For H a hierarchy, $Y \subseteq S$

$$\Sigma_H^+(Y) = \left\{ f \in H \mid Y \subseteq D(f) \text{ and } T(f)|_Y \neq \emptyset \right\}$$

$\Sigma_H^-(Y)$ defined similarly

Thm [structure of Σ^+]

① If $\Sigma_H^\pm(Y) \neq \emptyset$ then it has the

$$\text{form } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_0 \downarrow f_1 \downarrow f_2 \downarrow \dots \downarrow f_n = g_H \\ g_H = b_m \downarrow b_{m-1} \downarrow \dots \downarrow b_1 \downarrow b_0 \end{array} \right\}$$

② If Σ^\pm both nonempty then

$$f_0 = b_0, \text{ all vertices of } f_0 \text{ cut } Y$$

③ If Y is a comp domain of some $k \in H$

Then $\forall f \in H, Y \downarrow f$ iff $f \in \Sigma^+(Y)$

(Similarly for Σ^-)

If both $\Sigma^\pm \neq \emptyset$ then $Y = D(f_0) = D(b_0)$

④ If $h, h' \in H, D(h) = D(h')$ then $h = h'$.

Lemma (Subord I) H hier, $Y \subseteq S$

1) if $Y \downarrow h$ then $h \in \Sigma_H^+(Y)$

2) If $h \in \Sigma^+, h \downarrow f$, then $f \in \Sigma^+$

3) If $Y \downarrow f$ then $f \in \Sigma^+$.

Pf: (3) follows from ① + ② and def of \downarrow . [Trans closure of \downarrow].

(1) + (2) Next time.