

Ultralimits and computability

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Can also define $\delta_{\mathcal{U}}(\mathcal{S})$ for arbitrary families of sets \mathcal{S} .

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$$Y_i(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \Phi_e^{X_i}(n)[i] \downarrow = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\Phi_e^S = \Phi_e^{\lim_{\mathcal{U}}(Y)}$:

- $\sigma \prec S$ implies $\sigma \prec X_i$ for \mathcal{U} -many σ
- Look at $\sigma \prec S$ such that $\Phi_e^\sigma(n)[|\sigma|] \downarrow$.

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- Image requirements: each $Y \in \mathcal{J}$ is $\lim_{\mathcal{U}}(X)$ for some $X \leq_T \mathbf{a}$.
- Domain requirements: When we put sets into \mathcal{U} , we never force $\lim_{\mathcal{U}}(X)$ to be outside \mathcal{J} for any $X \leq_T \mathbf{a}$.

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Consistently with ZFC + PD, the theorem fails to generalize badly.

Specifically: for $V \models \text{ZFC} + \text{PD}$, there is a forcing extension $V[G]$ and a Turing ideal $\mathcal{I} \in V[G]$ such that

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