

# Generic complexity of two algorithmic problems about semigroups

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Kapovich, Myasnikov, Schupp and Shpilrain in 2003 developed generic approach to algorithmic problems, which considers an algorithmic problem on "most" of the inputs (i.e., on a generic set) instead of the entire domain and ignores it on the rest of inputs (a negligible set). It turned out, that many famous undecidable problems are easily decidable on most inputs.

Let  $I$  be the set of all inputs and  $I_n$  be the set of all inputs of size  $n$  (sphere of radius  $n$ ). For a subset  $S \subseteq I$  define the following sequence

$$\rho_n(S) = \frac{|S \cap I_n|}{|I_n|}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The **asymptotic density** of set  $S$  is the following limit (if it exists)

$$\rho(S) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_n(S).$$

$S$  is called **generic** if  $\rho(S) = 1$  and **negligible** if  $\rho(S) = 0$ .

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# Generic-case approach to word problem for groups

Kapovich, Myasnikov, Schupp and Shpilrain in 2003 constructed a polynomial generic algorithm for the word problem in a large class finitely defined groups. This class contains many famous groups with undecidable word problem: Novikov group, Boone group, Borisov group and etc. The generic algorithm uses an idea of some approximation of a "complicated" group with undecidable word problem by a "simple" group with decidable word problem. Justification of this algorithm involves the beautiful theory of random walks on Cayley graphs, developed by Woess and Bartholdi.

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Monoid  $\mathfrak{S}'$  can be embedded in Abelian group  $G$  with generators  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ . So we can check is  $w_1 = w_2$  in  $G$  and output NO, if  $w_1 \neq w_2$  in  $G$ , because then  $w_1 \neq w_2$  in  $\mathfrak{S}$ . And output «?», if  $w_1 = w_2$  in  $G$ .

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NO, otherwise.
- Best algorithm: subexponential algorithm of Babai (2015).
- If GI is NP-complete, then polynomial hierarchy collapses at 2nd level (Schoning, 1987) – something like P=NP.
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Therefore Semigroup isomorphism problem is not easier!

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Thank you for your attention!