

# Relative Set Genericity

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## Abstract

A set of natural numbers is generic relatively a set  $B$  if and only if it is the preimage of some set  $A$  using a  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration such that both  $A$  and its complement are  $e$ -reducible to  $B$ .

## Introduction

The genericity and set genericity, as defined by Copestake in [2], are widely explored, and have important role in studying the structure of the enumeration degrees.

In this paper we consider the genericity relative a set of natural numbers, which is in fact a *set  $n$ -genericity*. We refer to some well known facts in this area, most of which can be found in [2] and [1] and can be used to prove similar properties for the relative genericity.

Further we provide some results concerning *regular enumerations* of the set of the natural numbers that we use to prove a characterization theorem. Concerning the regular enumerations, the used notions and results are taken mostly from Soskov's course on Recursion Theory and the author's Master's Thesis.

## Basic notions and definitions

By  $\omega$  we denote the set of all natural numbers,  $2\omega$  denotes the set of all even and  $2\omega + 1$  - the set of all odd natural numbers; by  $[0..n - 1]$ , where  $n \in \omega$ , we denote the set  $\{x \in \omega \mid x < n\}$ . We use  $N$  to denote an arbitrary denumerable set.

We use bijective recursive coding of pairs of natural numbers  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , the notation  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \rangle$  means  $\langle x_1, \langle x_2, \dots, x_k \rangle \rangle$ , and of finite sets -  $D_v$  denotes the finite set with code  $v$ . By  $\varphi, \psi \dots$  we denote partial functions from  $\omega$  into  $\omega$  and let  $Gr(\varphi) = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid \varphi(x) = y\}$  be the graph of the function  $\varphi$ . The notation  $\varphi(x) \downarrow$  means  $x \in Dom(\varphi)$ , and  $\varphi(x) \uparrow$  means  $x \notin Dom(\varphi)$ . The notation  $\subseteq$  is used to denote *inclusion* between sets, *extension* between functions,  $\omega$ -strings or 0-1-strings, considered as finite functions.

By  $C_A$  we denote the semicharacteristic function of a set  $A \subseteq \omega$ , and its characteristic function - by  $\chi_A$ , where

$$\chi_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } x \in A \\ 1 & , \text{ if } x \notin A \end{cases}$$

If each of  $P$  and  $Q$  denotes some property of natural numbers we use the following abbreviation:

$$\mu y_{\in \omega}[Q(y)][P(y)] \simeq \begin{cases} \mu y_{\in \omega}[Q(y) \& P(y)] & , \text{ if } \exists y(P(y) \& Q(y)) \\ \mu y_{\in \omega}[Q(y)] & , \text{ if } \exists y(Q(y)) \text{ and } \neg(P(y) \& Q(y)) , \\ \uparrow & , \text{ if } \forall y(\neg Q(y)) \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu y_{\in \omega}[Q(y)]$  is the least  $y$  having the property  $Q$ .

Let  $A, B$  and  $C \dots$  be sets of natural numbers. We use the following standard definitions and notations:

$A \leq_e B$  if and only if  $A = \Psi_a(B)$  for some  $e$ -operator  $\Psi_a$ , defined as follows:  $\Psi_a(B) = \{x \mid \exists v(\langle x, v \rangle \in W_a \& D_v \subseteq B)\}$ , where  $W_a$  is the recursively enumerable set with Gödel code  $a$ .  $A \equiv_e B$  if and only if  $A \leq_e B$  and  $B \leq_e A$ . The enumeration degree (e-degree) of the set  $A$  is the equivalence class  $Deg_e(A) = \{B \subseteq \omega \mid A \equiv_e B\}$ . We denote the e-degrees by  $a, b, c \dots$

We use the standard *join* operation of two sets  $A \oplus B = \{2x \mid x \in A\} \cup \{2x+1 \mid x \in B\}$  having the property that  $Deg_e(A \oplus B)$  is the least upper bound of  $Deg_e(A)$  and  $Deg_e(B)$ .

A set of natural numbers  $C$  is said to be *total* if its complement is  $e$ -reducible to  $C$ , i.e.  $\overline{C} \leq_e C$ , (which is equivalent to  $C \equiv_e C^+$ , where we define  $C^+ = C \oplus \overline{C}$ , and thus for every set  $C^+ \equiv_e Gr(\chi_C)$ ).

## 1 B-Generic sets

**Definition 1.1**  $\omega$ -*string* is a finite function from  $\omega$  into  $\omega$ , with domain an initial segment of  $\omega$ .  $\emptyset_\omega$  denotes the nowhere defined function, considered as *empty*  $\omega$ -*string*; note that *length* of  $\sigma_\omega$  is  $lh(\sigma_\omega) = \mu x[\neg \exists y(\sigma_\omega(x) = y)]$ ;

*0-1-string*, (or *2-valued string*) is an  $\omega$ -string  $\alpha_\omega$ , such that  $Rng(\alpha_\omega) \subseteq \{0, 1\}$ . For every 0-1-string  $\alpha_\omega$  we define the set  $\alpha_\omega^+ = \{x \mid \alpha_\omega(x) \simeq 0\}$ .

**Definition 1.2** The set  $A$  is *B-generic*, for  $B \subseteq \omega$ , if and only if for every set  $S$ , such that  $S$  is a set of 0-1-strings and  $S \leq_e B$

$$\exists \alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_A (\alpha_\omega \in S \vee \forall \beta_\omega \supseteq \alpha_\omega (\beta_\omega \notin S)).$$

The set  $A$  is *quasi-minimal over B*, if and only if

(1)  $B \leq_e A$ , but  $A \not\leq_e B$ ; and (2) If  $C$  is a total set such that  $C \leq_e A$ , then  $C \leq_e B$ .

The set  $A$  is *minimal-like over B*, if and only if

(1)  $B \leq_e A$ , but  $A \not\leq_e B$ ; and (2) For every partial function  $\varphi$ , such that  $\varphi \leq_e A$ , there exists partial function  $\psi$ , such that  $\varphi \subseteq \psi$  and  $\psi \leq_e B$ .

In analogue to the definitions in [1], an e-degree containing such set is said to be strongly minimal-like over  $B$ .

Here we mention some of the properties of the  $B$ -generic sets, that we will need later:  $A$  is  $B$ -generic if and only if  $\overline{A}$  is  $B$ -generic; if  $A$  is  $B$ -generic, there is no

infinite  $e$ -reducible to  $B$ , subset of  $A$ ; every  $B$ -generic set  $A$  is infinite and not  $e$ -reducible to  $B$ .

Concerning the existence of a  $B$ -generic set, a minimal like set over any set  $B$  and the existence of a quasi-minimal set over any set  $B$ , see [1], [2], it is proven that for an arbitrary  $B$ -generic set  $A$ , the set  $A \oplus B$  is minimal like and quasi-minimal over  $B$ .

**Theorem 1.3**

Let  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_n, \dots$  be a sequence of sets of natural numbers. There exists a set of natural numbers  $A$ , which is *minimal-like over this sequence*, i.e. such that the next two conditions hold:

- 1)  $\forall n (B_n \leq_e A)$ ;
- 2) For every partial function  $\varphi$ , such that  $\varphi \leq_e A$ , there exist a partial function  $\psi$  and natural number  $n$ , such that  $\varphi \subseteq \psi$  and  $\psi \leq_e B_0 \oplus \dots \oplus B_n$ .

PROOF:

In the following proof the notation  $\forall^\infty x P(x)$  is equivalent to  $\exists y \forall x (x \geq y \Rightarrow P(x))$ . We define a set  $A$ , satisfying two requirements:

- (a)  $\forall n \forall^\infty x (\langle x, n \rangle \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in B_n)$ , and
- (b)  $\forall e (\Psi_e(A) \text{ is a function} \Rightarrow \exists \psi (\Psi_e(A) \subseteq \psi \ \& \ \psi \leq_e B_0 \oplus \dots \oplus B_{2e+1}))$ ,

building finite sets  $A_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq A_s \subseteq \dots$ , having the next property:

$\forall s (\langle x, m \rangle \in A_{s+1} \setminus A_s \ \& \ m \leq s \Rightarrow x \in B)$ , for all  $x$  and  $m$ .

*Stage 0* : Let  $A_0 = \emptyset$ .

*Stage  $2e+1$*  :  $A_s$  is built, where  $s = 2e$ . We have two cases:

*Case 1*: There exists  $\langle x, n \rangle$ , such that  $x \in B_n$  and  $\langle x, n \rangle \notin A_s$ . Then we can define  $A_{s+1} = A_s \cup \{\langle x, n \rangle\}$ , for the first such  $\langle x, n \rangle = \mu \langle x, n \rangle$ .

*Case 2*: Otherwise, define  $A_{s+1} = A_s$ .

*Stage  $2e+2$*  :  $A_s$  is built, where  $s = 2e + 1$ . Again we have two cases:

*Case 1*: There exists a finite set  $D_v$ , such that  $A_s \subseteq D_v$  and  $\Psi_e(D_v)$  is not a function (i.e.  $\exists x \exists y \exists z$  such that  $y \neq z \ \& \ \langle x, y \rangle \in \Psi_e(D_v) \ \& \ \langle x, z \rangle \in \Psi_e(D_v)$ ) and such that  $\forall t \forall m (\langle t, m \rangle \in D_v \setminus A_s \ \& \ m \leq s \Rightarrow t \in B_m)$ ?

Define  $A_{s+1}$  to be the least  $D_v$  (i.e. having the least code  $v$ ), with this property.

*Case 2*: Otherwise, define  $A_{s+1} = A_s$ .

*End.*

Finally define  $A = \bigcup_{s=0}^{\infty} A_s$ .

For this set we can prove the properties (a) and (b), from which our theorem follows.

The interesting direction of the proof of (a) is  $(\Rightarrow)$ . We can prove that  $\forall n \forall^\infty x (\langle x, n \rangle \in A \Rightarrow x \in B_n)$ . Assume it is not true, i.e. there exist  $n$  and infinitely many  $x_0 < \dots < x_i < \dots$ , such that  $\langle x_i, n \rangle \in A$  and  $x_i \notin B_n$ . Therefore  $\forall x_i \exists s_i (\langle x_i, n \rangle \in A_{s_i+1} \setminus A_{s_i})$ . But at every stage  $s$  the set  $A_{s+1} \setminus A_s$  is finite, then there exist infinitely many  $x_{s_0}, \dots, x_{s_i}, \dots$  from this sequence, such that at stages  $s_0 < \dots < s_i < \dots$  we have  $\langle x_{s_i}, n \rangle \in A_{s_i+1} \setminus A_{s_i}$ . But  $x_{s_i} \notin B_n$  and then the stages

$s_i + 1$  must be even (i.e.  $s_i + 1 = 2e_i + 2$ ), and we have *Case 1*, i.e.  $A_{s_i+1} = D_v$ , where  $D_v \supseteq A_{s_i}$  and  $\forall t \forall m (\langle t, m \rangle \in D_v \setminus A_{s_i} \ \& \ m \leq s_i \Rightarrow t \in B_m)$ . Therefore for every  $s_i \geq n$  if  $\langle x_{s_i}, n \rangle \in A_{s_i+1} \setminus A_{s_i}$ , then  $x_{s_i} \in B_n$ , which is a contradiction.

The proof of (b) consists in the following: supposing  $\Psi_e(A)$  to be a graph of some function, at *Stage  $2e+2$* , for  $s = 2e + 1$  we have *Case 2*. Define the set  $G_\psi = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid \exists D_v (D_v \supseteq A_s \ \& \ \langle x, y \rangle \in \Psi_e(D_v) \ \& \ \forall \langle t, m \rangle (\langle t, m \rangle \in D_v \setminus A_s \ \& \ m \leq s \Rightarrow t \in B_m))\}$ . Therefore the following conditions hold:

- $G_\psi \leq_e B_0 \oplus \dots \oplus B_s$ ;
- $G_\psi = Gr(\psi)$ , i.e.  $G_\psi$  is a graph of some function  $\psi$ , since assuming it not true, there exist  $x$  and  $y_1 \neq y_2$ , such that  $\langle x, y_1 \rangle \in G_\psi$  and  $\langle x, y_2 \rangle \in G_\psi$ . Therefore there exist finite sets  $D_{v_1}$  and  $D_{v_2}$ , both extending  $A$ , s.t.  $\langle x, y_1 \rangle \in \Psi_e(D_{v_1})$  and  $\forall \langle t, m \rangle (\langle t, m \rangle \in D_{v_1} \setminus A_s \ \& \ m \leq s \Rightarrow t \in B_m)$ . Then for  $D_v = D_{v_1} \cup D_{v_2}$ ,  $\Psi_e(D_v)$  is not a function and  $\forall \langle t, m \rangle (\langle t, m \rangle \in D_v \setminus A_s \ \& \ m \leq s \Rightarrow t \in B_m)$ , which is a contradiction with *Case 2*.
- $\Psi_e(A) \subseteq G_\psi$ , since assuming there is  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \Psi_e(A) \setminus G_\psi$ , there exists  $A_{s+p} \supseteq A_s$ , such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \Psi_e(A_{s+p})$  and  $\exists \langle t, m \rangle (\langle t, m \rangle \in A_{s+p} \setminus A_s \ \& \ m \leq s \ \& \ t \notin B_m)$ . It follows that there is  $i$ , such that  $0 \leq i < p$  and  $\langle t, m \rangle \in A_{s+i+1} \setminus A_{s+i}$ , and therefore  $m \leq s + i$ . Since  $A_{s+i+1} \setminus A_{s+i} \neq \emptyset$ , we have *Case 1* at *Stage  $s+i = 2e_i + 1$*  or *Case 1* at *Stage  $s+i = 2e_i$* . But in both cases it follows that  $t \in B_m$ , which is a contradiction.

This proves our proposition.  $\square$

As a corollary of the above theorem we obtain the existence of strongly minimal-like e-degree over an infinite ascending sequence of e-degrees.

## 2 B-Generic regular enumerations

In this paragraph we illustrate briefly some results obtained using the relative generic regular enumerations and many of the proofs will be only sketched.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $B \subseteq \omega$  be a non-empty set of natural numbers.

- 1) The total and surjective function  $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ , is called *B-regular  $\omega$ -enumeration*, if  $f(2\omega) = B$ , where  $f(2\omega) = \{f(2x) \mid x \in \omega\}$ .
- 2) An  $\omega$ -string  $\tau_\omega$  is *B-regular*, if  $\tau_\omega(2\omega) \subseteq B$ , where  $\tau_\omega(2\omega) = \{y \mid \exists x (\tau_\omega(2x) = y)\}$ .
- 3) The *B-regular  $\omega$ -enumeration  $f$*  is called *B-generic* if for every e-reducible to  $B$  set of  $\omega$ -strings  $F$ , the following holds:

$$\exists \sigma_\omega \subseteq f(\sigma_\omega \in F \vee \forall \tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega (\tau_\omega \notin F)).$$

For every non-empty set  $B$  one can iteratively build a *B-generic B-regular enumeration  $f$*  at stages, using  $\omega$ -strings to satisfy the requirements in the definition of  $f$ .

It is true that  $f \not\leq_e B$ , for every *B-generic B-regular enumeration  $f$* . This can be proved assuming  $f \leq_e B$ , and defining the e-reducible to  $B$  set of  $\omega$ -strings  $S = \{\tau_\omega \mid \tau_\omega(2\omega) \subseteq B \ \& \ \tau_\omega \not\leq_e f\}$ , that will lead to the contradiction.

**Proposition 2.2**

For every  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration  $f$ , for every set  $R$ , such that  $R \leq_e B$ ,  $\overline{R} \leq_e B$ ,  $R \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $\overline{R} \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , the set  $f^{-1}(R)$  is  $B$ -generic.

PROOF:

Since  $f^{-1}(R) = \{x \mid f(x) \in R\}$ , we have that  $\chi_{f^{-1}(R)} = \chi_R \circ f$ . Assume  $f^{-1}(R)$  is not  $B$ -generic, i.e. there is e-reducible to  $B$  set of  $\omega$ -strings, such that

(1)  $\forall \alpha_\omega (\alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_{f^{-1}(R)} \Rightarrow \alpha_\omega \notin F \ \& \ \exists \beta_\omega (\beta_\omega \supseteq \alpha_\omega \ \& \ \beta_\omega \in F))$ .

Define  $S = \{\sigma_\omega \mid \exists \alpha_\omega (\alpha_\omega \in F \ \& \ \chi_R \circ \sigma_\omega = \alpha_\omega)\}$ , where  $\chi_R \circ \sigma_\omega = \alpha_\omega$  if and only if  $(lh(\alpha_\omega) = lh(\sigma_\omega) \ \& \ \forall x < lh(\alpha_\omega) (\alpha_\omega(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R))$ , therefore  $S$  is a set of  $B$ -regular  $\omega$ -strings and  $S \leq_e B$ . But  $f$  is  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration, so there is  $\sigma_\omega \subseteq f$ , such that either  $\sigma_\omega \in S$ , either  $\forall \tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega (\tau_\omega \notin S)$ .

Assuming  $\sigma_\omega \in S$ , there is  $\alpha_\omega \in F$ , such that  $\chi_R \circ \sigma_\omega = \alpha_\omega$ , but  $\sigma_\omega \subseteq f$  and then  $\chi_R \circ f \supseteq \alpha_\omega$ , i.e.  $\alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_{f^{-1}(R)}$ , which is a contradiction with (1). Therefore for that  $\sigma_\omega$  the following holds:

(2)  $\forall \tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega (\tau_\omega \notin S)$ .

Define  $\alpha_\omega = \chi_R \circ \sigma_\omega$ . Since  $\sigma_\omega \subseteq f$ , then  $\alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_R \circ f = \chi_{f^{-1}(R)}$ , and from (1) it follows that there exists  $\beta_\omega$ , such that  $\beta_\omega \supseteq \alpha_\omega$  and  $\beta_\omega \in F$ . Therefore  $\beta_\omega \supseteq \chi_R \circ \sigma_\omega = \alpha_\omega$  and  $lh(\beta_\omega) \geq lh(\alpha_\omega)$ . If we fix two elements of  $B$  -  $a \in R \cap B$  and  $b \in \overline{R} \cap B$ , we can define an  $\omega$ -string  $\tau_\omega$ , such that  $\tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega$ ,  $lh(\tau_\omega) = lh(\beta_\omega)$  and  $\forall x (lh(\sigma_\omega) \leq x \leq lh(\tau_\omega) \Rightarrow (\beta_\omega(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \tau_\omega(x) \in R))$ , i.e.  $\beta_\omega = \chi_R \circ \tau_\omega \supseteq \chi_R \circ \sigma_\omega = \alpha_\omega$ . Since  $\beta_\omega \in F$  and  $\chi_R \circ \tau_\omega = \beta_\omega$ , then  $\tau_\omega \in S$ , which is a contradiction with (2). Therefore  $f^{-1}(R)$  is not  $B$ -generic set. □

The following corollary follows directly from *Proposition 2.2* and from the properties of relative generic sets in §1.

**Corollary 2.3**

For every  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration  $f$ , for every set  $R$ , such that  $R \leq_e B$ ,  $\overline{R} \leq_e B$ ,  $R \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $\overline{R} \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , the set  $f^{-1}(R) \oplus B$  is quasi-minimal over  $B$ .

**Lemma 2.4**

Let  $A$  be  $B$ -generic. Let  $R \subseteq \omega$ , such that  $R \leq_e B$ ,  $\overline{R} \leq_e B$ ,  $R \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $\overline{R} \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\delta_\omega$  be an  $\omega$ -string, having the properties (1) and (2):

- (1)  $\delta_\omega$  is  $B$ -regular;
- (2)  $\forall x < lh(\delta_\omega) (x \in A \Leftrightarrow \delta_\omega(x) \in R)$ .

For every  $S$ , such that  $S$  is e-reducible to  $B$  set of  $\omega$ -strings, there exists  $\omega$ -string  $\sigma_\omega$ , having the properties (a), (b), (c) and (d) :

- (a)  $\sigma_\omega \supseteq \delta_\omega$ ;
- (b)  $\sigma_\omega$  is  $B$ -regular;
- (c)  $\forall x < lh(\sigma_\omega) (x \in A \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R)$ ;
- (d)  $\sigma_\omega \in S \vee \forall \tau_\omega (\tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega \Rightarrow \tau_\omega \notin S)$ .

PROOF:

Let us denote by  $\alpha_\omega \sim_R \sigma_\omega$  the property  $\forall x \in \text{Dom}(\sigma_\omega) (\alpha_\omega(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R)$ , where  $\alpha_\omega$  is a 0-1-string,  $\sigma_\omega$  is a  $\omega$ -string and  $R \subseteq \omega$ .

Define the set  $P = \{\alpha_\omega \mid \exists \sigma_\omega (\sigma_\omega \in S \ \& \ \sigma_\omega \supseteq \delta_\omega \ \& \ \sigma_\omega(2\omega) \subseteq B \ \& \ lh(\alpha_\omega) = lh(\sigma_\omega) \ \& \ \alpha_\omega \sim_R \sigma_\omega)\}$ , that is e-reducible to  $B$ . Since  $A$  is  $B$ -generic, we have two possibilities:

*Case 1.*  $\exists \alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_A$  ( $\alpha_\omega \in P$ ).

In this case there exists  $\sigma_\omega$  - a  $B$ -regular extension of  $\delta_\omega$  in  $S$  with the same length as  $\alpha_\omega$ , such that  $\alpha_\omega \sim_R \sigma_\omega$ . But  $\alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_A$ , then  $\forall x < lh(\sigma_\omega)$  ( $x \in A \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R$ ), i.e.  $\sigma_\omega$  has the properties (a), (b), (c) and (d).

*Case 2.*  $\exists \alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_A \forall \beta_\omega \supseteq \alpha_\omega (\beta_\omega \notin P)$ .

In this case  $\exists \alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_A (lh(\delta_\omega) \leq lh(\alpha_\omega) \ \& \ \forall \beta_\omega \supseteq \alpha_\omega (\beta_\omega \notin S))$ . Fix two elements  $a$  in  $R \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $b$  in  $\overline{R} \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Now we can define an  $\omega$ -string  $\sigma_\omega$ , such that  $\sigma_\omega \supseteq \delta_\omega$  and  $lh(\sigma_\omega) = lh(\alpha_\omega)$ , such that for the arguments  $x$ , s.t.  $lh(\delta_\omega) \leq x < lh(\alpha_\omega)$ ,  $\sigma_\omega(x) \simeq a$  if  $\alpha_\omega(x) = 0$ ; and  $\sigma_\omega(x) \simeq b$  if  $\alpha_\omega(x) = 1$ . Since  $\delta_\omega$  is  $B$ -regular,  $\sigma_\omega$  is  $B$ -regular too. And from (2) and  $\alpha_\omega \subseteq \chi_A$  follows that  $\forall x < lh(\sigma_\omega)$  ( $x \in A \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R$ ). So,  $\sigma_\omega$  has the properties (a), (b) and (c). It remains to verify (d).

First, notice that  $\alpha_\omega \sim_R \sigma_\omega$ . Assume that there exists  $\tau_\omega$ , such that  $\tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega \supseteq \delta_\omega$  and  $\tau_\omega \in S$ , (then  $\tau_\omega$  is  $B$ -regular). Therefore there exists 0-1-string  $\beta_\omega$ , such that  $\beta_\omega \supseteq \alpha_\omega$  and  $lh(\beta_\omega) = lh(\tau_\omega)$ , such that for the arguments  $lh(\alpha_\omega) \leq x < lh(\tau_\omega)$ ,  $\beta_\omega(x) \simeq 0$  if  $\tau_\omega(x) \in R$ ; and  $\beta_\omega(x) \simeq 1$  if  $\tau_\omega(x) \notin R$ . Since  $\alpha_\omega \sim_R \sigma_\omega$  for this  $\beta$  follows that  $\forall x < lh(\beta_\omega)$  ( $\beta_\omega(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \tau_\omega(x) \in R$ ), i.e.  $\beta_\omega \sim_R \tau_\omega$  and therefore  $\beta_\omega \in P$ , which is a contradiction with *Case 2*, then the property (d) holds.

In both cases we found an  $\omega$ -string satisfying (a), (b), (c) and (d). □

### Proposition 2.5

Let  $A$  be  $B$ -generic and  $R$  be such that  $R \cap B \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\overline{R} \cap B \neq \emptyset$ ,  $R \leq_e B$  and  $\overline{R} \leq_e B$ . There exists  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration  $f$ , such that  $A = f^{-1}(R)$ .

PROOF:

Since  $f^{-1}(R) = \{x \mid f(x) \in R\}$ ,  $A = f^{-1}(R)$  is equivalent to  $\forall x (x \in A \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in R)$ .

We build a sequence of  $\omega$ -strings  $\sigma_\omega^0 \subseteq \sigma_\omega^1 \subseteq \dots \sigma_\omega^q \subseteq \dots$ , such that each  $\sigma_\omega^q$  has the properties (1) and (2):

- (1)  $\sigma_\omega^q$  is  $B$ -regular, i.e.  $\sigma_\omega^q(2\omega) \subseteq B$ ;
- (2)  $\forall x < lh(\sigma_\omega^q)$  ( $x \in A \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega^q(x) \in R$ ).

If (1) holds for all  $\sigma_\omega^q$ , then  $f(2\omega) \subseteq B$ . If (2) for each  $\sigma_\omega^q$  and from (3) it follows that  $A = f^{-1}(R)$ .

At *Stage*  $(2e + 1)$  we insure  $f$  to be total, surjective and  $f(2\omega) \subseteq B$ , i.e.

- (3)  $\forall q = 2e + 1$  ( $lh(\sigma_\omega^{q+1}) > lh(\sigma_\omega^q)$ );
- (4)  $\forall x \in \omega \exists q = 2e + 1$  ( $x \in \text{Rng}(\sigma_\omega^q)$ );
- (5)  $\forall x \in B \exists q = 2e + 1$  ( $x \in \sigma_\omega^q(2\omega)$ ).

At *Stage*  $(2e + 2)$  we insure  $f$  to be  $B$ -generic, i.e.

(6)  $\forall q = 2e + 2 \left( \text{If } \Psi_e(B) \text{ is a set of } B\text{-regular } \omega\text{-strings, then} \right.$   
 $\left. (\sigma_\omega^q \in \Psi_e(B) \vee \forall \tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega^q (\tau_\omega \notin \Psi_e(B))) \right)$ .

*Stage 0:* Define  $\sigma_\omega^0 = \emptyset_\omega$ .

*Stage  $2e+1$ :* At this stage  $\sigma_\omega^q$  is built, with  $q = 2e$ .

Let  $x_0, x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  be the first numbers, greater or equal to  $lh(\sigma_\omega^q)$ , that belong to  $2\omega \cap A$ ,  $(2\omega + 1) \cap A$ ,  $2\omega \cap \bar{A}$  and  $(2\omega + 1) \cap \bar{A}$  respectively. Such  $x_i$  exist, because assuming for example  $\forall x (x \geq lh(\sigma_\omega^q) \ \& \ x \in 2\omega \Rightarrow x \notin A)$ , the set  $C_0 = \{x \mid x \geq lh(\sigma_\omega^q) \ \& \ x \in 2\omega\}$  is infinite and recursively enumerable and  $C_0 \subseteq \bar{A}$ , which is a contradiction with the properties of the  $B$ -generic sets.

Let  $m = \max\{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  Define  $\sigma_\omega^{q+1}$ , such that  $\sigma_\omega^{q+1} \supseteq \sigma_\omega^q$  and  $lh(\sigma_\omega^{q+1}) = m + 1 > lh(\sigma_\omega^q)$ , and for the arguments  $lh(\sigma_\omega^q) \leq x \leq m$ , define as follows:

$$\sigma_\omega^{q+1}(x) \simeq \begin{cases} \mu y [y \in R \cap B][y \notin Rng(\sigma_\omega^q)] & , x \in 2\omega \ \& \ x \in A \\ \mu y [y \in \bar{R} \cap B][y \notin Rng(\sigma_\omega^q)] & , x \in 2\omega \ \& \ x \notin A \\ \mu y [y \in R][y \notin Rng(\sigma_\omega^q)] & , x \notin 2\omega \ \& \ x \in A \\ \mu y [y \in \bar{R}][y \notin Rng(\sigma_\omega^q)] & , x \notin 2\omega \ \& \ x \notin A \end{cases}$$

*Stage  $2e+2$ :* At this stage  $\sigma_\omega^q$  is built, with  $q = 2e + 2$ .

Define  $G = \{\sigma_\omega \mid \sigma_\omega(2\omega) \subseteq B \ \& \ \forall x < lh(\sigma_\omega) (x \in A \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R)\}$ , i.e.  $G = \{\sigma_\omega \mid \text{for } \sigma_\omega \text{ (1) and (2) hold true}\}$ . We have two possibilities:

Case 1.  $\exists \sigma_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega^q \left( \sigma_\omega \in G \ \& \ (\sigma_\omega \in \Psi_e(B) \vee \forall \tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega (\tau_\omega \notin \Psi_e(B))) \right)$ . Define  $\sigma_\omega^{q+1}$  to be the least such  $\sigma_\omega$ .

Case 2.  $\forall \sigma_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega^q \left( \sigma_\omega \in G \Rightarrow (\sigma_\omega \notin \Psi_e(B) \ \& \ \exists \tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega (\tau_\omega \in \Psi_e(B))) \right)$ . Define  $\sigma_\omega^{q+1} = \sigma_\omega^q$ .

*End.*

$$\text{Define } f = \bigcup_{q=0}^{\infty} \sigma_\omega^q.$$

Using induction on  $q$  one can prove that for each  $\sigma_\omega^q$  the conditions (1) and (2) holds. At *Stage  $2e+1$*  we satisfy the requirements (3), (4) and (5). It follows that  $f$  is  $B$ -regular enumeration and  $A = f^{-1}(R)$ .

From (1) and (2) for  $\sigma_\omega$  it follows, that for every  $e \in \omega$ , if  $\Psi_e(B)$  is a set of  $B$ -regular  $\omega$ -strings, then there exists  $\sigma_\omega$ , having the properties (a), (b), (c) and (d) of *Lemma 2.4*, i.e.  $\sigma_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega^q$ ,  $\sigma_\omega$  is  $B$ -regular,  $\forall x < lh(\sigma_\omega) (x \in A \Leftrightarrow \sigma_\omega(x) \in R)$  and  $(\sigma_\omega \in \Psi_e(B) \vee \forall \tau_\omega (\tau_\omega \supseteq \sigma_\omega \Rightarrow \tau_\omega \notin \Psi_e(B)))$ . This means that if  $\Psi_e(B)$  is a set of  $B$ -regular  $\omega$ -strings, at *Stage  $2e+1$* , we never have Case 2, i.e the requirement (6) is satisfied.

Therefore our  $f$  is  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration, such that  $A = f^{-1}(R)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6**

Let  $B$  be a non-empty set of natural numbers. Any set  $A \subseteq \omega$  is  $B$ -generic if and only if there exist a set  $R$  and  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration  $f$ , such that  $R \leq_e B$  and  $\overline{R} \leq_e B$ , and  $A = f^{-1}(R)$ .

PROOF:

( $\Leftarrow$ ) The *Proposition 2.2*.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $A$  is  $B$ -generic and there exists at least two different elements in  $B$  (otherwise  $B$  is recursively enumerable and therefore e-equivalent to a set containing at least two different elements)  $a \neq b$ . Then for  $R = \{a\}$  the conditions in *Proposition 2.5* hold and therefore there exists  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration  $f$ , such that  $A = f^{-1}(R)$ , and for the existence of  $B$ -generic  $B$ -regular enumeration we need only  $B \neq \emptyset$ . □

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