# Borel Complexity of Archimedean Orders

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Throughout,  $\Gamma$  is a countable group.

# Definition (Left-Orders on Groups)

A total order < on  $\Gamma$  is a **left-order** if it is invariant by multiplication on the left:

$$h < k \Longleftrightarrow gh < gk$$

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An equivalent formulation is the following:

#### Definition (Positive Cones)

A subset  $P \subset \Gamma$  is a **positive cone** if:

- *P* is a semigroup:  $P \cdot P \subset P$ .
- The group  $\Gamma$  is partitioned as  $\Gamma = P \sqcup \{1\} \sqcup P^{-1}$ .

Given a left-order <, an element g is **positive** if

g > 1.

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Definition (Space of left-orders)

The space of left-orders is

 $LO(\Gamma) = \{P \subset \Gamma : P \text{ is a positive cone.}\}$ 

This is a compact Polish space. There is a Borel action  $Aut(\Gamma) \curvearrowright LO(\Gamma)$  given by

$$h(\phi \cdot <) k \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \phi^{-1}(h) < \phi^{-1}(k)$$

This is the **automorphism action**. It also restricts to the **conjugacy action**  $\Gamma \curvearrowright LO(\Gamma)$ .

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# Definition (Archimedean Order + Space)

A left-order is **Archimedean** if for all g, h > 1, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

 $g < h^n$ .

The space of Archimedean orders  $Ar(\Gamma)$  is a  $G_{\delta}$  subset of  $LO(\Gamma)$ .

### Theorem (Hölder)

If  $(\Gamma, <)$  is an Archimedean ordered group, it is isomorphic (as ordered groups) to a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}$ . In particular, the only f.g Archimedean orderable groups are isomorphic (as groups) to  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ .

Main goal: link properties of  $\Gamma$  to complexity results on  $LO(\Gamma)$  or  $Ar(\Gamma)$ .

Theorem (Calderoni - Clay, 2020)

If  $E(\Gamma \frown LO(\Gamma)$  is smooth, then  $\Gamma$  is locally indicable. (Every f.g subgroups surjects onto  $\mathbb{Z}$ )

More work has be done by Filippo and Adam studying links to the L-space conjecture.

# Theorem (Calderoni - Clay, 2023)

The conjugacy relation for  $\Gamma = BS(1,2)$  is bireducible to  $E_0$ , providing the first such example.

Context Main Theorem

#### Theorem (Calderoni - Marker - Motto Ros - Shani)

The equivalence relation  $E(GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \curvearrowright Ar(\mathbb{Q}^2))$  is not smooth.

### Question - CMMRS

- Is  $E(GL_2(\mathbb{Q}) \frown Ar(\mathbb{Q}^2))$  hyperfinite?
- What is the complexity of E(GL<sub>n</sub>(ℚ) へ Ar(ℚ<sup>n</sup>)) for n ≥ 3?

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# Theorem (P.)

The equivalence relation  $E(GL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright Ar(\mathbb{Z}^n))$  is

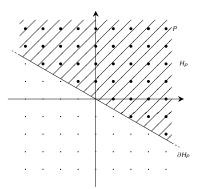
- hyperfinite if n = 2.
- not hyperfinite if  $n \ge 3$ .
- not treeable if  $n \ge 4$ .

Let us look at hyperfiniteness. Implicitly, we will often be jumping between index two equivalence relations, corresponding to:

- $SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$  vs  $GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$
- Choice of orientation of order: To every order <, there is a reverse order >.

What Hölder tells us The Grassmanian vs the dual

Hölder's theorem is really about linear algebra:



 $\{ \text{ Orders } \} = \{ \text{ Half-planes } \} = \{ (\text{Projectivized}) \text{ Functionals } \}$ 

We have actions of  $GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$  on

 $Gr(n, n-1) = \{ \text{co-dimension 1 hyperplanes} \} \text{ vs } \mathbf{P}_{>0}((\mathbb{R}^n)^*)$ 

There is a Plücker embedding:

$$\mathsf{P}\left(\bigwedge^{n-1}\mathbb{R}^n
ight)$$
 vs  $\mathsf{P}_{>0}((\mathbb{R}^n)^*)$ 

To deal away with projectivization, one uses work of Ronnie and Alekos on structurable equivalence relations.

We have actions of  $GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$  on

$$\bigwedge^{n-1} \mathbb{R}^n$$
 vs  $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ 

The question becomes: What are the actions induced by  $GL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^n$ ? These two are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as vector spaces.

For dual: Act by the adjoint/transpose through the isomorphism taking  $v \mapsto \langle v, \cdot \rangle$ .

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There is a basis for  $\bigwedge^{n-1} \mathbb{R}^n$  given by  $\widehat{e}_k = e_1 \land ... \land e_{k-1} \land e_{k+1} \land ... \land e_n$ . Calculation ...

If  $M \in GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , $\widetilde{M} \ \widehat{e}_i = ... + \det(M_{ij})\widehat{e}_j + ...$ 

where  $M_{ij}$  is the matrix with *i*th row and *j*th column removed.

So the induced action is almost by the "classical adjoint"!

adj 
$$M = \left( (-1)^{1+i+j} \det M_{ij} 
ight)$$

so once check that the classical adjoint is "surjective", one gets the same equivalence relation that  $E(GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^n)$ , so one studies that.

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# Thank you!

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