Orders on Computable Torsion-Free Abelian Groups

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Outline

Torsion-Free Abelian Groups

Remark

Disclaimer: Hereout, the word *group* will always refer to a countable torsion-free abelian group. The words *computable group* will always refer to a (fixed) computable presentation.

Definition

A group $\mathcal{G} = (G : +, 0)$ is *torsion-free* if non-zero multiples of non-zero elements are non-zero, i.e., if

$$(\forall x \in G)(\forall n \in \omega)\left[x \neq 0 \wedge n \neq 0 \implies nx \neq 0\right].$$

Rank

Theorem

A countable abelian group is torsion-free if and only if it is a subgroup of $\mathbb{Q}^\omega$.

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The *rank* of a countable torsion-free abelian group $\mathcal{G}$ is the least cardinal κ such that $\mathcal{G}$ is a subgroup of $\mathbb{Q}^\kappa$.

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The subgroup $\mathcal{H}$ of $\mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}$ (viewed as having generators b_1 and b_2) generated by b_1, b_2, and $\frac{b_1+b_2}{2}$

$$\textit{So elements of } \mathcal{H} \textit{ look like } \beta_1 b_1 + \beta_2 b_2 + \alpha \frac{b_1+b_2}{2} \textit{ for } \beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

has rank two.

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Note that $\frac{b_1}{2}$ and $\frac{b_2}{2}$ do not belong to $\mathcal{H}$ despite their sum $\frac{b_1+b_2}{2}$ belonging to $\mathcal{H}$. We will often abuse notation and write such things as $\frac{1}{2}b_1 + \frac{1}{2}b_2$ for $\frac{b_1+b_2}{2}$.

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Note that the linear (in)dependence relation can be computed from a basis.

> *Given elements $a_{i_0}, \dots, a_{i_n}$, write each as a linear combination of the basis elements. Determine linear (in)dependence using linear algebra.*

Thus, it suffices to construct a computable group $\mathcal{G}$ for which the linear (in)dependence relation computes $\mathbf{0}'$.

Let $\mathcal{G}$ be the computable presentation of $\mathbb{Z}^\omega$ with generators $\{g_i\}_{i\in\omega}$. If i enters K at stage s, set $g_{2i+1} = s\, g_{2i}$.

Then $i \in K$ if and only if g_{2i} and g_{2i+1} are linearly dependent. □

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Combine Dobritsa's construction with the ACA_0 construction. □

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Let $r := X$ (with r irrational). Enumerate $B = \{b_i\}_{i \in \omega}$. The order on $\mathcal{G}$ induced by

$$b_0 = rb_1 \gg b_2 \gg b_3 \gg 0$$

has degree X.

In order to compute X from the order, determine whether 0 is in X by comparing b_0 and $2b_1$: note $0 \in X$ if $b_0 < 2b_1$ and $0 \notin X$ if $b_0 > 2b_1$. □

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Let $f : \omega \to \omega$ and $g : \omega \to \omega$ be computable functions with disjoint range. Let $\mathcal{G}$ be the abelian group with generators y and x_i for $i \in \omega$ with relations

$$p_{2n+1}x_{f(n)} = y \qquad \text{and} \qquad p_{2n}x_{g(n)} = -y$$

(where p_k is the kth prime).

Show this group exists (in RCA_0) and is torsion-free.

Note that any order computes a separating set as:

- $k \in \mathrm{range}(f)$ implies x_k and y have same sign
- $k \in \mathrm{range}(g)$ implies x_k and y have opposite sign.

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Build the computable presentation $\mathcal{G}$, a computable order $\leq$, and the set C simultaneously via a finite injury construction.

For each $i, e \in \omega$, satisfy the requirements

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_i &: \text{That } C \neq \Phi_i. \\ \mathcal{N}_e &: \text{If } \Phi_e^C \text{ is an order on } \mathcal{G}\text{, then } \leq_e^C \text{ is either } \leq \text{ or } \leq^*. \end{aligned}$$

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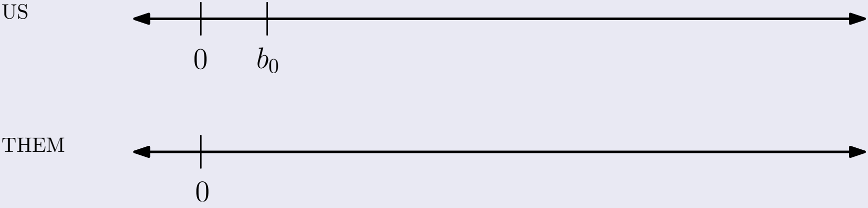

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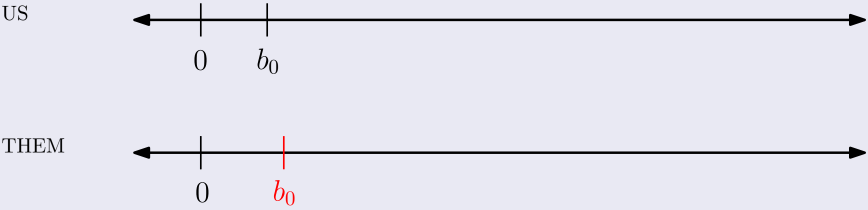

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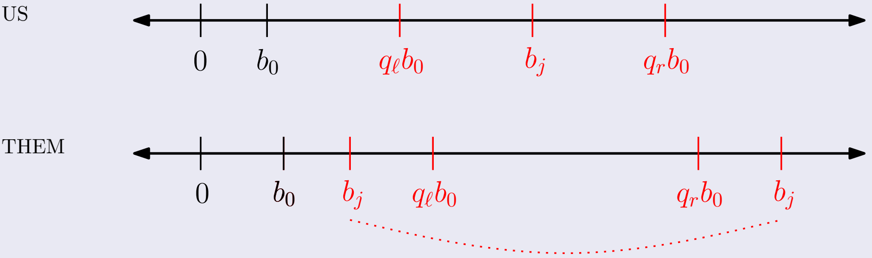

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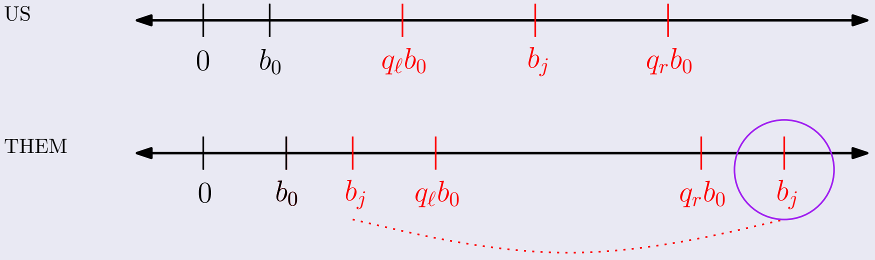

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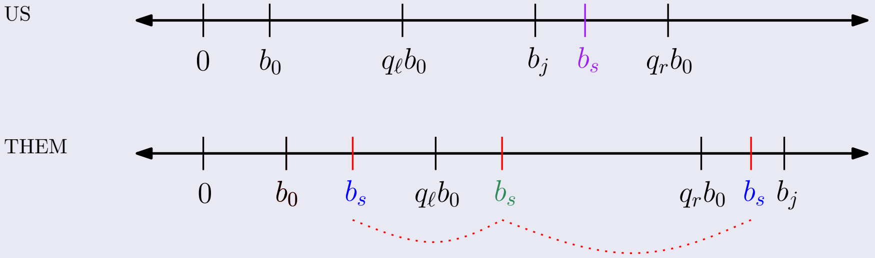

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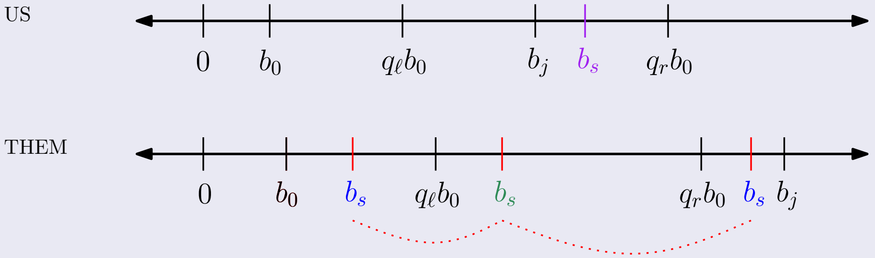

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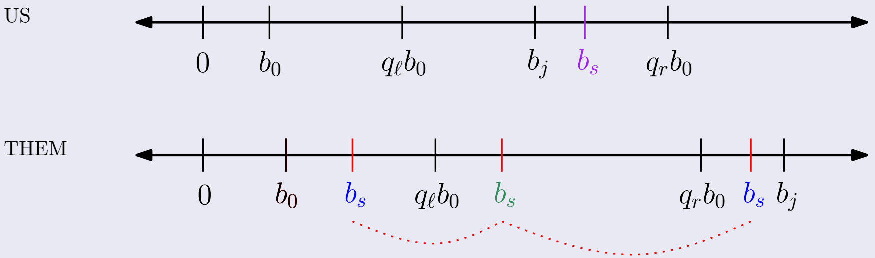

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As before. The major differences are that we can no longer measure *size* using only multiples of b_0 and we can no longer create arbitrary rational dependencies. □

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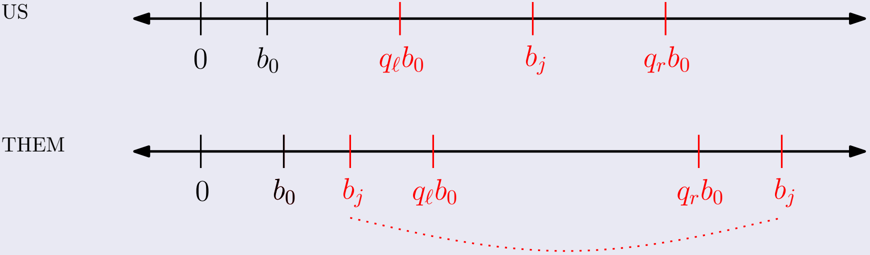

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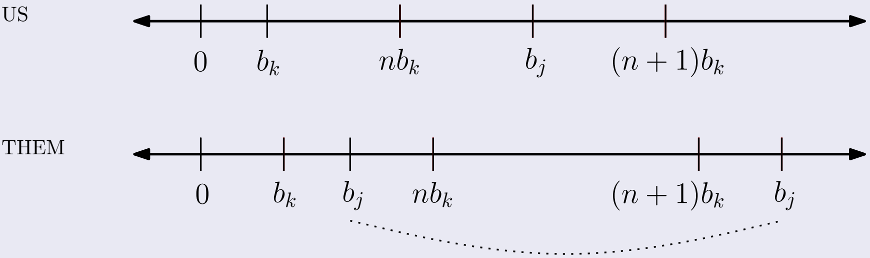

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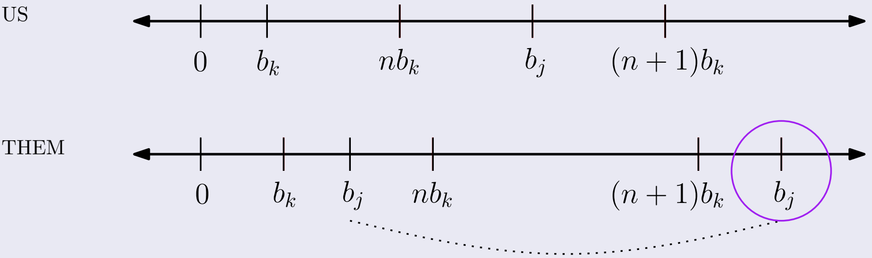

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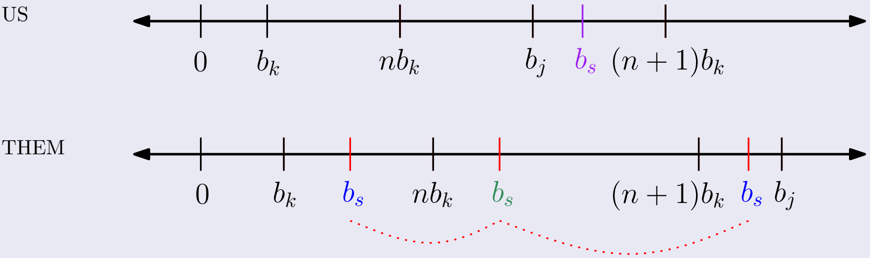

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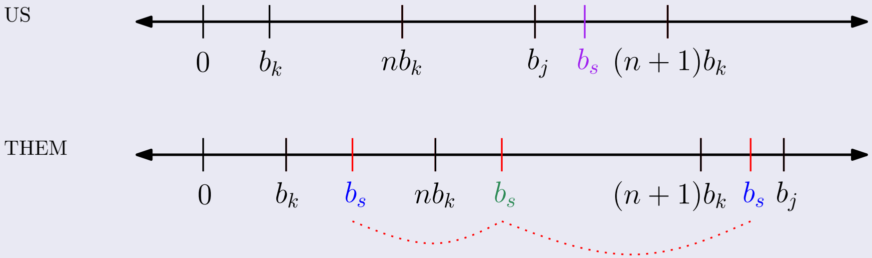

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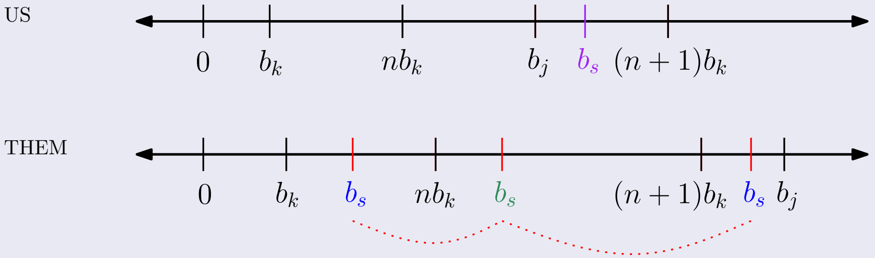

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