# Computing Non-Repetitive Sequences Using the Lovász Local Lemma 

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## Introduction and Background

## LLL Background

- The Lovász local lemma (LLL) is a technique from the probabilistic method for showing the existence of finite objects.
- The original LLL by Erdös and Lovász (1975) is non-constructive.
- Finite and non-constructive - at first, LLL does not seem useful for computability theory.


## Constructive LLL

- Much effort was put into constructivising the LLL.
- Moser and Tardos (2010) made a breakthrough with their resampling algorithm.
- Constructive but still finite - one step closer being computable.


## LLL Background

- Rumyantsev and Shen (2014) used the Moser-Tardos algorithm to prove an effective version of the LLL (CLLL).
- CLLL has been used in the reverse math of combinatorial theorems (Liu, Monin, and Patey, 2018; Csima, Dzhafarov, Hirschfeldt, Jockusch, Solomon, and Westrick, 2019; Hirschfeldt and Reitzes, 2022)


## Goals

- What else can CLLL be used for?
- Can generalizations of the LLL also be effectivised?

We will effectivise combinatorial theorems proven using LLL but which fall outside of the scope of CLLL. To do this, we will use a "lefthanded" version of the CLLL based on a "lefthanded" version of the LLL.

## Lovász Local Lemma

$$
\operatorname{Pr}(A) \leq z(A) \prod_{B \in \Gamma(A)}(1-z(B))
$$

Figure: The main condition of the LLL (not important for this talk!).

## The Probabilistic Method

The Probabilistic Method is a technique from combinatorics for showing existence results.

- Suppose you want to show that there is an $X \in \mathcal{F}$ with the property $P$. Then,
(1) Specify a way to "randomly choose" a $Y \in \mathcal{F}$.
(2) Show that the $\operatorname{Pr}(Y$ has property $P)>0$.
(3) Therefore, there is a $X \in \mathcal{F}$ with property $P$.

Example: If $\mathcal{F}$ is the class of binary strings of size $n$, we can "randomly choose" a $Y \in \mathcal{F}$ by flipping a coin for each entry of the string.

## Mutually Independent Events

Suppose that $\mathcal{A}=\left\{A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots A_{r}\right\}$ is a finite set of "bad" events that we wish to avoid.

If the bad events are mutually independent and each has positive probability to be false, then they have positive probability to all be false.

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## The Lovász Local Lemma

## Lemma (Erdős and Lovász, 1975)

Let $\mathcal{A}=\left\{A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots, A_{n}\right\}$ be events in an arbitrary probability space. Let $\Gamma\left(A_{i}\right) \subset \mathcal{A}$ be such that $A_{i}$ is mutually independent of all $A_{j} \notin \Gamma\left(A_{i}\right)$. If the probabilities of each $A_{i} \in \mathcal{A}$ are small enough relative to the size $\Gamma\left(A_{i}\right)$, then

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left(\bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \bar{A}\right)>0
$$

Remark: To be precise, "small enough relative to the sizes of the $\Gamma(A)$ ", means that there exists a function $z: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for each $A_{i} \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left(A_{i}\right) \leq z\left(A_{i}\right) \prod_{B \in \Gamma\left(A_{i}\right)}(1-z(B)) .
$$

## Satisfiability of Sentences in Conjunctive Normal Form

A crucial application of the LLL is to satisfiability of propositional formulas in conjunctive normal form.

Fix propositional variables $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, \ldots$ with values ranging over $\{T, F\}$.

## Definition (Conjunctive Normal Form)

A formula is in conjunctive normal form (CNF) if it is a (possibly countable) conjunction of disjunctive clauses over the $x_{i}$ and $\neg x_{i}$.

## Example

$\mathcal{C}_{1} \equiv\left(x_{3} \vee \neg x_{7} \vee x_{9} \vee x_{10}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{1} \vee x_{2} \vee x_{3}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{9}\right)$ is a CNF with three clauses.

The length of a clause is the number of $x_{i}$ in the clause. If two clauses share a variable, then they are called neighbors. A CNF is considered satisfiable if there is a valuation of the $x_{i}$ which makes it true.

## CNF Examples

Example
$\mathcal{C}_{2} \equiv\left(x_{1}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{1} \vee x_{2}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{1} \vee \neg x_{2}\right)$ is a CNF that is not satisfiable.

## Example

$\mathcal{C}_{3} \equiv \bigwedge_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(x_{2 n} \vee x_{2 n+1} \vee x_{2 n+2}\right)=\left(x_{2} \vee x_{3} \vee x_{4}\right) \wedge\left(x_{4} \vee x_{5} \vee x_{6}\right) \wedge \ldots$ is a CNF with countably many clauses, each with length 3 and, except for the first clause, exactly 2 neighbors each.

## Example

The compactness theorem of propositional logic states that any infinite non-satisfiable CNF has a non-satisfiable finite initial segment.

## CNFs and LLL

## Example

Let $m>3$. A finite CNF such that each clause is of length at least $m$ and has at most $2^{m-2}$ many neighbors is satisfiable.

## Proof (sketch).

Let $\mathcal{F}$ be the set of valuations of the propositional variables.

- Let $\operatorname{Pr}\left(x_{i}\right)=1 / 2$ for each propositional variable $x_{i}$.
- Let $A_{i}=\{$ the $i$ 'th clause is false $\}$. Then, $\operatorname{Pr}\left(A_{i}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2^{m}}$.
- Let $\Gamma\left(A_{i}\right)=\left\{A_{j}\right.$ : the $i$ 'th and $j$ 'th clauses are neighbors $\}$.
- To use the LLL, show that each $\operatorname{Pr}\left(A_{i}\right)$ is "small enough" compared to the size (and probabilities) of its neighborhood.


## The Resample Algorithm: Constructive and Computable Lovász Local Lemma



Figure: Bad events are monochromatic triangles.

## Local Lemma Setup (Variable Context)

Algorithmic versions of the LLL benefit from a variable context, although there are generalizations beyond it (Harvey and Vondrak, 2020).

The variable context consists of

- The set $\mathcal{A}=\left\{A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots A_{r}\right\}$ of "bad" events.
- CNF: $A_{i}$ is the event that the $i$ 'th clause is false.
- A set $\mathcal{X}=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots x_{M-1}\right\}$ of mutually independent discrete random variables with finite ranges.
- CNF: $x_{i}$ is the $i$ 'th propositional variable with

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left(x_{i}=T\right)=\operatorname{Pr}\left(x_{i}=F\right)=1 / 2
$$

- For each $A_{i} \in \mathcal{A}$ a variable set $\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{i}\right) \subset \mathcal{X}$ such that truth of $A_{i}$ is completely determined by the valuation of the variables in $\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{i}\right)$.
- CNF: $\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{i}\right)$ is the set of variables present in the $i$ 'th clause.
- $A_{i} \in \Gamma\left(A_{j}\right)$ if the $i$ 'th clause and the $j$ 'th clause share a variable.


## Moser-Tardos Algorithm

- The resample algorithm tries to find a valuation of $\mathcal{X}=\left\{x_{0}, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{M-1}\right\}$ that makes each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ false.
- When $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is true, the resample algorithm takes fresh new samples of $\operatorname{vbl}(A) \subset \mathcal{X}$ and keeps the other variables the same.
- If multiple bad events are true, the decision of which gets resampled first does not matter.
- Once all of the bad events are false, the resample algorithm halts.


## Example Stage

Suppose we are applying the resample algorithm to

$$
\mathcal{C}=\left(\neg x_{1} \vee x_{2}\right) \wedge\left(x_{2} \vee \neg x_{3}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee x_{3}\right)
$$

Let $A_{i}$ be the event that $i$ 'th clause is false. We say that $A_{i}$ is good if the $i$ 'th clause is true (so $A_{i}$ is good if it is false).

## Example

- Suppose the initial valuation is $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)=(F, F, T)$.
- Then, $A_{1}$ is good, $A_{2}$ is bad, and $A_{3}$ is good.
- We resample one of the bad events: we can only pick $A_{2}$.
- $\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{2}\right)=\left\{x_{2}, x_{3}\right\}$, so we flip new coins for $x_{2}$ and $x_{3}$.
- Suppose the result is $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)=(F, F, F)$.
- Now, $A_{2}$ is now good!
- However, $A_{3}$ became bad. In the next stage, we will resample it.


## Runtime

## Theorem (Moser and Tardos, 2010)

If the set of events $\mathcal{A}$ satisfies the hypothesis of the LLL, then, with probability 1 , the resample algorithm halts on an assignment of the $x_{0}, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{M-1}$ that makes each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ false.
Furthermore, the expected value of the halting time $\tau$ for the resample algorithm is "basically" linear in the size of $\mathcal{A}$.

By "basically" linear, we mean that

$$
\mathbb{E}(\tau) \leq \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{z(A)}{1-z(A)}
$$

so it is linear if there is a maximum value on $\operatorname{Pr}(A)$.

## Computable LLL

## Infinite LLL

Theorem (Beck, 1984)
Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{X}=\left\{x_{0}, x_{1}, \ldots\right\}$ form a variable context such that he variable set $\mathrm{vbl}(A)$ is finite for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$.
Then, if each finite subset of $\mathcal{A}$ satisfies the conditions of the LLL, we have that there exists a valuation of $\mathcal{X}$ making each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ false.

- By the LLL, for each $M$, there is a valuation of $\mathcal{X}_{M}=\left\{x_{0}, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{M-1}\right\}$ that makes each relevant $A \in \mathcal{A}$ false (relevant meaning that $\mathrm{vb}(A) \subset \mathcal{X}_{M}$ ).
- These finite valuations form an infinite finitely branching tree.
- By Königs lemma, this tree has a path. This path is the required valuation. By low basis theorem (Jockusch and Soare, 1972), there is a path with low Turing degree.


## Question

Is there an algorithm which effectivizes this use of König's Lemma?

## Computable Local Lemma Setup

- Let $\mathcal{X}=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots\right\}$ be a countable set of random variables with finite ranges.
- Let $\mathcal{A}=\left\{A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots\right\}$ be a countable set of events such that
- Each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is determined by a finite set of variables $\operatorname{vb}(A) \subset \mathcal{X}$.
* For each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, the set of neighbors

$$
\Gamma(A)=\{B \in \mathcal{A}: \operatorname{vbl}(A) \cap \operatorname{vbl}(B) \neq \emptyset\} \text { is finite. }
$$

$\star$ For each $x_{i},\left\{A_{j}: x_{i} \in \operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{j}\right)\right\}$ is finite.
Along with some reasonable computability conditions (can you think of what is required?).

## Computable Lovász Local Lemma

Theorem (Computable Local Lemma (CLL) Rumyantsev and Shen, 2014)
Under the previously stated conditions, if the neighborhoods of events in $\mathcal{A}$ is small enough compared to their probabilities, then there is a computable assignment of the $x_{0}, x_{1} \ldots$ which makes each $A_{i} \in \mathcal{A}$ false.

## Proof Sketch: Computable Lovász Local Lemma

First, we note that the infinitary resample algorithm behaves analogously to the finite case.

Lemma (Rumyantsev and Shen, 2014)
Given the conditions of the CLLL,

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left(A l l x_{i} \text { are resampled finitely many times each }\right)=1
$$

Furthermore, let $y_{i}$ be the final value of $x_{i}$. Then, $\operatorname{Pr}\left(\right.$ The valuation $y_{0}, y_{1}, y_{2} \ldots$ makes each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ false $)=1$.

However, at a fixed stage $s$, we cannot guarantee that any $x_{i}$ does not get resampled after stage $s$, so we cannot compute $y_{0}, y_{1}, y_{2} \ldots$

## Proof Sketch: Computable Lovász Local Lemma

Lemma (Rumyantsev and Shen, 2014)
There is a computable function $f: \omega^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ such that

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left(x_{i} \text { is resampled after stage } s\right) \leq f(i, s)
$$

and $\lim _{s \rightarrow \infty} f(i, s)=0$ for every $i$.
To compute initial segment $y_{0}, \ldots, y_{M-1}$ of a witness to the infinite LLL,

- Simulate the resample algorithm for every possible result of each resampling of each $x_{i}$ up to the required use.
- Do this for a large enough number of steps $s$ to approximate the probability distribution on the final values $y_{0}, \ldots, y_{M-1}$.
- Pick a valuation of $y_{0}, \ldots y_{M-1}$ that has approximate probability greater than $\sum_{i=1}^{M} f(i, s)$.


## Applications of CLLL

The CLLL has been used to show that there are computable colorings $c: \omega \rightarrow\{0,1\}$ such that (not simultaneously)

- each $\mathrm{HT}^{=2}$ solution to $c$ is DNC relative to $0^{\prime}$ (CDHJSW, 2019).
- each thin- $\mathrm{HT}^{=2}$ solution to $c$ is DNC relative to $0^{\prime}$ (Hirschfeldt and Reitzes, 2022).
- each $\operatorname{OVW}(2,2)$-solution to $c$ is DNC relative to $0^{\prime}$ (Liu, Monin, and Patey, 2018), with $c$ interpreted as coloring $c: 2^{<\omega}$ of finite binary strings.


## Non-Repetitive Sequences

$$
a_{0} a_{1} a_{2} \ldots a_{11}=011010010001
$$

Figure: An example of repetition in binary sequence.

## Beck's Theorem

Jósef Beck (1984) used the infinite LLL to prove the existence of certain types of non-repetitive sequences.

Theorem (M.)
Beck's theorem is computably true.

Proof method:

- CLLL is the natural first choice. However, Beck's theorem does not satisfy the conditions.
- We develop a lefthanded version of the CLLL based on Pegdens (2011) lefthanded version of the LLL.


## Repetition

## Example

In the string

$$
a_{0} a_{1} a_{2} \ldots a_{11}=011010010001
$$

the only pair of identical blocks of size 4 are $[3,7)$ and $[6,10)$.

## Question

How non-repetitive can an infinite binary sequence be?

## Forced Repetition

Given any sequence, there is a hard minimum on how long you need to look before you find two identical blocks of fixed length $n$.

Proof:

- There are exactly $2^{n}+1$ many blocks of length $n$ between
$[k, k+n)$ and $\left[k+2^{n}, k+2^{n}+n\right)$.

- There are $2^{n}$ many binary sequences of length $n$.
- By pigeonhole principle, two of the blocks must be identical.

Hence there will always be a repetition of a block of length $n$ within distance $2^{n}$.

## Beck's Theorem

If you only care about long sequences, these repetitions can be forced to be almost as far apart as possible.

## Theorem (Beck, 1984)

For each $\varepsilon>0$ there is an $N_{\varepsilon}$ and an infinite $\{0,1\}$-valued sequence such that any two identical blocks

$$
[k, k+n) \text { and }[\ell, \ell+n)
$$

of length $n>N_{\varepsilon}$ have distance

$$
\ell-k>(2-\varepsilon)^{n}
$$



## Proof Sketch

## Theorem (Beck, 1984)

For each $\varepsilon>0$ there is an $N_{\varepsilon}$ and an infinite $\{0,1\}$-valued sequence such that any two identical blocks $[k, k+n)$ and $\left[\ell, \ell+n\right.$ ) of length $n>N_{\varepsilon}$ have distance $\ell-k$ greater than $(2-\varepsilon)^{n}$.

- Let $A_{k, \ell, n}=A_{[k, k+n],[\ell, \ell+n)}$ be the event that $[k, k+n)$ is identical to $[\ell, \ell+n)$.
- $A_{[k, k+n),[\ell, \ell+m)} \in \mathcal{A}$ if and only if $k<\ell<k+(2-\varepsilon)^{n}$.
- Let the random variable $x_{i}$ represent the value of the $i$ 'th entry.
- $\operatorname{Pr}\left(x_{i}=1\right)=\operatorname{Pr}\left(x_{i}=0\right)=\frac{1}{2}$ for all $i$.
- $\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{[k, k+n), ~}(\ell, \ell+n)\right)=[k, k+n) \cup[\ell, \ell+n)$.

Now apply the infinite LLL.
To effectivise: try using CLLL.

## Unsatisfied Conditions

The conditions of the CLLL do not hold for Beck's theorem!
The CLLL requires that each $x_{i}$ can be resampled by finitely many of the $A \in \mathcal{A}$.

However, $x_{i}$ can be resampled infinitely many events.

- Fix $k$. The $x_{k} \in \operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{[k, k+n),[\ell, \ell+n)}\right)$ for all $n$ large enough relative to $\ell$.

We do not have probability 1 that each $x_{i}$ is resampled finitely many times.

Idea: Why bother resampling $[k, k+n)$ ?

## Modified Resample Algorithm: Lefthanded Computable Local Lemma

## Modified Resample Algorithm for Non-repetitive Sequences

We can fix this problem by only resampling the rightmost of a pair of identical intervals; If $A_{[k, k+n),[\ell, \ell+n)}$ is true, only resample

$$
\operatorname{rsp}\left(A_{[k, k+n),[\ell, \ell+n)}\right):=[\ell, \ell+n) .
$$

## 011010010001

Figure: $\operatorname{rsp}\left(A_{[3,7),[6,10)}\right)=[6,10)$.
We also leverage the order of resampling.
At each stage, resample $A_{\left[k_{0}, k_{0}+n_{0}\right),\left(\ell_{0}, \ell_{0}+n_{0}\right)} \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\ell_{0}$ is minimal among true $A_{[k, k+n),[\ell, \ell+n)} \in \mathcal{A}$.

## Example Stage (Lefthanded Resample Algorithm)

Recall that $A_{[k, k+n),(\ell, \ell+n)}$ denotes the "event" that $[k, k+n)$ and $[\ell, \ell+n)$ are identical. $\mathcal{A}$ denotes the set of such events whose intervals are too close together.

## Example

Suppose that $A_{[3,7) \text { ] }[10,14),}, A_{[0,4),[5,9)} \in \mathcal{A}$. If the current valuation is

$$
a_{0}, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{13}=01101001010100
$$

then $A_{[3,7),[10,13)}$ is true. So, the lefthanded resample algorithm takes new random samples for each of the underlined entries. A possible result (with probability $2^{-4}$ ) is

$$
a_{0}, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{13}=01101001010111 .
$$

Resampling $A_{[3,7),[10,14)}$ cannot cause $A_{[0,4),[5,9)}$ to go from false (good) to true (bad).

## Modified Resample Algorithm: General Case

Start with the conditions of the computable LLL.

- For each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, split $\operatorname{vbl}(A)$ into sets $\operatorname{stc}(A)$ and $\operatorname{rsp}(A)$ such that
- $\max (\operatorname{stc}(A))<\min (\operatorname{rsp}(A))$.
- $\operatorname{rsp}(A)$ is an interval.
- $\operatorname{vbl}(A) \subset(\operatorname{rsp}(A) \cup \operatorname{stc}(A))$.
- Prioritize the left-most true event. If

$$
\max (\operatorname{rsp}(A))<\max (\operatorname{rsp}(B))
$$

then prioritize $A$ before $B$.

- When $A$ is true and of maximal priority, only resample the $x \in \operatorname{rsp}(A)$ and keep the $x \in \operatorname{stc}(A)$ the same.
- Define $\Gamma_{\mathrm{rsp}}(A)=\{B: \operatorname{rsp}(A) \cap \operatorname{rsp}(B) \neq \emptyset\}$.


## Theorem (Lefthanded Computable Lovász Local Lemma (LCLLL))

Suppose all the conditions of the CLLL are true, with exceptions that

- Need that $x_{i}$ in finitely many rsp sets, instead of needing $x_{i}$ in finitely many vbl sets.
- Replace the LLL condition by

$$
P^{*}(A) \leq \alpha z(A) \prod_{B \in \Gamma_{\text {rsp }}(A)}(1-z(B))
$$

for some function $P^{*}(A)$ such that for each valuation $\mu$ of the variables in $\operatorname{stc}(A)$,

$$
P^{*}(A) \geq \operatorname{Pr}(A \mid x=\mu(x) \text { for all } x \in \operatorname{stc}(A))
$$

Then, there is a computable assignment of the variables in $\mathcal{X}$ which makes each event in $\mathcal{A}$ false.

## Applications

The LCLLL allows us to effectivise Beck's Theorem.

## Theorem (Effective Version of Beck's Theorem)

There are witnesses to Beck's theorem uniformly computable in $\varepsilon$. That is, there is a computable function q such that $\Phi_{q(n)}$ computes a non-repetitive sequence for $\varepsilon=1 / n$.

## Another Application

The LCLLL can also compute sequences whose adjacent intervals are very different. The following is an effective version of an exercise from The Probabilistic Method by Alon, Spencer, and Erdős.

## Theorem

There is a computable function $q$ such that $\Phi_{q(n)}$ computes a witness to the following statement for $\varepsilon=1 / n$.
For each $\varepsilon>0$, there is an $N_{\varepsilon}$ and a computable $\{0,1\}$-valued sequence such that any two adjacent intervals of length $n>N_{\varepsilon}$ have share at most $\left(\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon\right) n$ many entries.

## Runtime

We also get the following purely algorithmic extension of Moser and Tardos' result.

Let $\tau_{M}^{\prime}$ be the first stage of the modified resample algorithm at which $A_{1}, \ldots, A_{M}$ all false.

## Theorem

Under the same conditions as the lefthanded computable local lemma, the expected value of $\tau_{M}$ is finite and "basically" linear in $M$.

## Game Versions



## Binary Sequence Games

Pegden (2011) studies two player game versions of Beck's theorem.
Binary sequence game:

- Two players take turns selecting bits in a binary sequence.
- The binary sequence game generates the sequence

$$
a_{1} a_{2} a_{3} a_{4} a_{5} a_{6} \cdots=e_{1} d_{2} e_{3} d_{4} e_{5} d_{6} \ldots
$$

- The e's are chosen by player 1
- The d's are chosen by player 2 .
- Both players have knowledge of all previous bits before playing the next one.


## Strategies Which Force Non-Repetitiveness

## Theorem (Pegden, 2011)

For every $\varepsilon>0$ there is an $N_{\varepsilon}$ such that Player 1 has a strategy in the binary sequence game ensuring that any two identical blocks of length $n>N_{\varepsilon}$ have distance at least $f(n)=(2-\varepsilon)^{n / 2}$.

To prove this, Pegden develops a version of the LLL called the lefthanded local lemma. The mechanism it uses and the problem it solves are similar to LCLLL.

## Computably Defeating a Strategy

The LCLLL effectivises Pegden's use of the lefthanded local lemma.

## Theorem

For every $\varepsilon>0$ there is an $N_{\varepsilon}$ such that for each player 2 strategy $g$ in the binary sequence game, there is a g-computable sequence $e_{1} e_{3} e_{5} \ldots$ of player 1 moves that when played against $g$, any two identical blocks of length $n>N_{\varepsilon}$ in the resulting sequence have distance at least $f(n)=(2-\varepsilon)^{n / 2}$.

## Full Strategies

However, Pegden uses these counter-strategies in a (open) determinacy argument, showing that player 2 cannot have a winning strategy. Therefore, player 1 has a winning strategy.

Effectivising the determinacy argument is outside the scope of the LCLLL.

## Further Questions

- Are strategies to Pegden's binary sequence games computable?
- The determinacy argument can be replaced by a compactness argument, so we at least know that they form a $\Pi_{1}^{0}$ class.
- Are there more applications of the CLLL and the LCLLL?
- The LCLLL is a "lefthanded version of the computable local lemma." Can we get a "computable version of the lefthanded local lemma?"


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- The

$$
\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{i}\right)
$$

- For each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, the set of neighbors $\Gamma(A)=\{B \in \mathcal{A}: \operatorname{vbl}(A) \cap \operatorname{vbl}(B) \neq \emptyset\}$ is finite.
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- Each $A \in \mathcal{A}$ is determined by a finite set of variables $\operatorname{vbl}(A) \subset \mathcal{X}$ and the truth of $A$ is uniformly computable from any valuation of $\mathcal{X}$.
- The code numbers for $\operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{i}\right)$ are uniformly computable with respect to $i$.
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- For each $A \in \mathcal{A}$, the set of neighbors $\Gamma(A)=\{B \in \mathcal{A}: \operatorname{vbl}(A) \cap \operatorname{vbl}(B) \neq \emptyset\}$ is finite.
- For each $x_{i},\left\{A_{j}: x_{i} \in \operatorname{vbl}\left(A_{j}\right)\right\}$ is finite and has code number uniformly computable with respect to $i$.

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