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The first half of the paper studies the definability of certain classes of oracles and complexity classes. The authors show that the set of oracles \mathbf{O} which separate \mathbf{P} from \mathbf{NP} is a lightface Π_2^0 subset of the Cantor space 2^ω ; the improvement over the obvious Σ_3^0 definition is achieved by using a universal non-deterministic Turing machine (TM). \mathbf{O} is also shown to be boldface Π_2^0 -hard (and hence complete): A continuous reduction of the set $\{b \in 2^\omega : b(n) = 1 \text{ for infinitely many } n\}$ to \mathbf{O} is provided, by constructing an oracle A by layers, in such a way that for every 0 term in b , a layer of a fixed \mathbf{EXP} -complete language is added to A , and for every 1 term, a family of \mathbf{P} computations is diagonalized out, in a way similar to [T. Baker, J. Gill, and R. Solovay, *SIAM J. Comput.* **4** (1975) no. 4, 431–442. MR0395311].

The authors then review *quantum* TMs and obtain in an analogous way that the set of oracles \mathbf{Q} separating \mathbf{NP} from \mathbf{BPQ} (which is the set of languages recognizable in polynomial time and with probability $\frac{2}{3}$ by a quantum TM) is boldface Π_2^0 -complete. It is later shown that the set of oracles \mathbf{S} separating the polynomial hierarchy \mathbf{PH} from \mathbf{PSPACE} is Π_2^0 -complete as well.

Finally, \mathbf{P} is proved to be Σ_2^0 -complete; the authors state that the method extends to many other familiar complexity classes going from \mathbf{L} to \mathbf{EXP} .

The second half of the paper begins with a review of infinite dimensional Ramsey theory and the Ellentuck topology on space of infinite subsets of the natural numbers. After this, the authors show that \mathbf{O} is Ramsey-positive (actually showing that the set of oracles separating \mathbf{NP} from \mathbf{coNP} is). The argument is later adjusted to obtain the same result for \mathbf{Q} .

The authors also show that the set of oracles A which satisfy $\mathbf{PSPACE}^A \subseteq \mathbf{IP}^A$ is Ramsey-large: This is obtained by thinning out any oracle to a *tame* one (which has at most one string of each length); the inclusion holds for all of those.

This last result favors the Ramsey perspective over the measure-theoretic one, since the set of all such A has measure zero [Chang, Richard; Chor, Benny; Goldreich, Oded; et al. The random oracle hypothesis is false, *J. Comput. System Sci.* **49** (1994), no. 1, 24–39. MR1284589]. Other results in the same line show that if \mathbf{O} or \mathbf{Q} (respectively, \mathbf{S}) were shown to Ramsey-large (-positive), then the unrelativized separations would hold; the concept of (*very*) tame oracle is useful here too.