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*Degrees of transcendence bases of computable fields.*

Downey, Lempp, and Wu showed that the only Turing degrees  $\mathbf{c}$  for which the adjacency relation on a linear order can be intrinsically of degree  $\mathbf{c}$  are the degrees  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$  (for finite linear orders) and  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}'$  (by an earlier result of Downey and Moses). We consider the same question for the natural  $\Pi_1$  relations of transcendence and algebraic independence on computable fields.

Fields prove to be more supple than linear orders. For every computably enumerable degree  $\mathbf{c}$ , these relations can both be intrinsically of degree  $\mathbf{c}$ . It is also possible for the spectra of these relations to be the upper cone of c.e. degrees above an arbitrary  $\Delta_2$  degree  $\mathbf{c}$ , or to equal the set of c.e. degrees that can enumerate an arbitrary  $\Sigma_2$  set  $S$ . Since the degree of the independence relation on a field is always the least degree of a transcendence basis for that field, these results describe the possible degrees of transcendence bases for these fields. In particular, this is the first proof that a computable field exists for which no computable copy has a computable transcendence basis. The proofs use algebraic curves of positive genus to code information into the transcendence and independence relations. (Received July 09, 2019)