

Proof mining in ergodic theory

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We will survey some recent applications of proof theory, more precisely proof mining, to ergodic theory. The focus will be on general techniques for extracting computational information from seemingly non-constructive proofs. First, we will present and discuss some computability and some non-computability results related to the Mean Ergodic Theorem and the Pointwise Ergodic Theorem. Then we will sketch a recent analysis (by Avigad and Towsner) of the Furstenberg structure theorem, which is central to applications of ergodic theory to combinatorics.