

# Monte Carlo Computability

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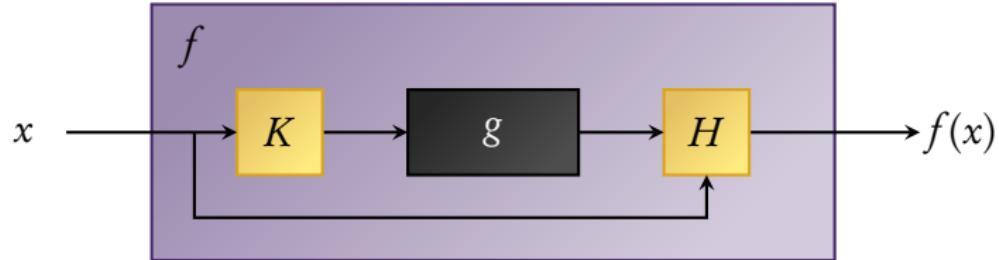
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# Preliminaries

# Weihrauch degrees

- 1 We look at mathematical tasks where a problem instance is given to a black box, and the black box has to return a solution.
- 2 For one such instance there may be multiple solutions. This is modeled by *multi-valued* functions mapping to *sets* of solutions.
- 3 The problem and solution descriptions may be infinite objects.
- 4 **Example.** Given a bounded sequence of rationals, the black box has to produce an accumulation point.
- 5 **Reducibility.** Assume we have a black box solving a certain problem  $g$ . Can we use it to solve another problem  $f$ ?

## (Weak) Weihrauch reducibility $f \leq_w g$



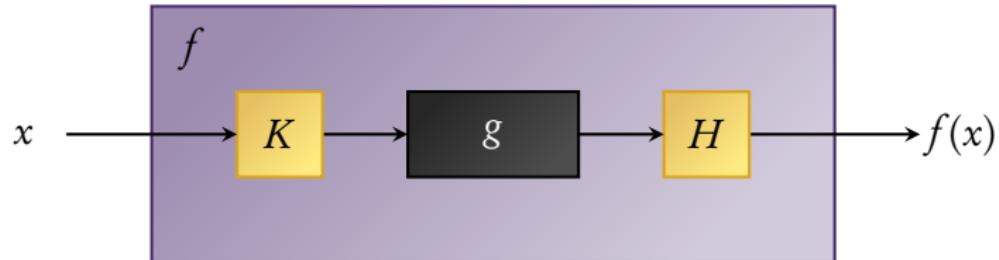
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# Choice

- 1 **Closed Choice**  $C_X$ : Get closed  $A \subseteq X$ , need to output an  $x \in A$ .
- 2 **Positive Closed Choice**  $PC_X$ :  $C_X$  restricted to  $\{A : \mu_X(A) > 0\}$ .
- 3 **Weak König's Lemma**:  $WKL = C_{2^{\mathbb{N}}}$ .
- 4 **Weak Weak König's Lemma**:  $WWKL = PC_{2^{\mathbb{N}}}$ .
- 5 **Positive  $G_\delta$  Choice**  $\Pi_2^0 PC_X$ : Like  $PC_X$ , but for  $G_\delta$  sets.

# Algebraic operations

- 1 **Product**  $A \times B$ . Get instances of  $A$  and  $B$ , need to solve both.
- 2 **Compositional product**  $A * B$ . The degree of the hardest problems that can be solved by first (weakly) reducing to  $B$ , then making some computation, then (weakly) reducing to  $A$ .
- 3 **Jump**  $A'$ . The same as  $A$ , but instead of an instance of  $A$  we are only given a sequence converging to such an instance.

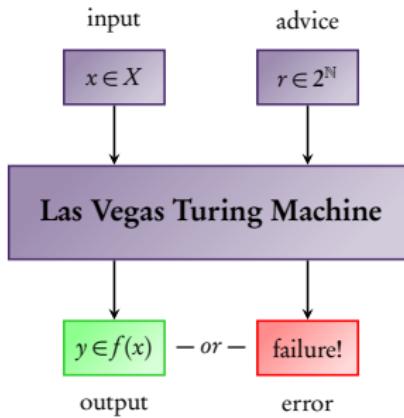
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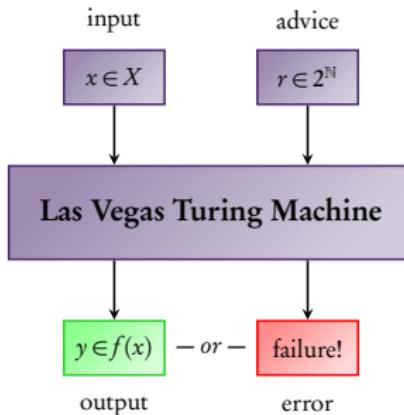


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**1 Definition.**\*  $f: \subseteq X \rightrightarrows Y$  is *Monte Carlo computable* if there are

- computable  $F_1: \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}} \times 2^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,
- limit-comp.  $F_2: \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}} \times 2^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  with  $\text{dom}(f) \times 2^{\mathbb{N}} \subseteq \text{dom}(F_2)$ ,
- and for each  $x \in \text{dom}(f)$  it holds that
  - for  $R_x := \{r \in 2^{\mathbb{N}} : F_2(x, r) = 0^{\mathbb{N}}\}$  we have  $\mu_{2^{\mathbb{N}}}(R_x) > 0$ ,
  - $F_1(x, r) \in f(x)$  for all  $r \in R_x$ .

**2 Remark.** It's a generalisation of Las Vegas computability where  $F_2$  need not be computable, but only limit-computable.

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# Algebraic characterisation

- 1 **Theorem.**  $f$  is Monte Carlo computable  $\Leftrightarrow f \leq_{\text{W}} \Pi_2^0 \text{PC}_{2^{\mathbb{N}}}.$
- 2 **Theorem (Brattka, Gherardi, Hözl, Nobrega, Pauly).**

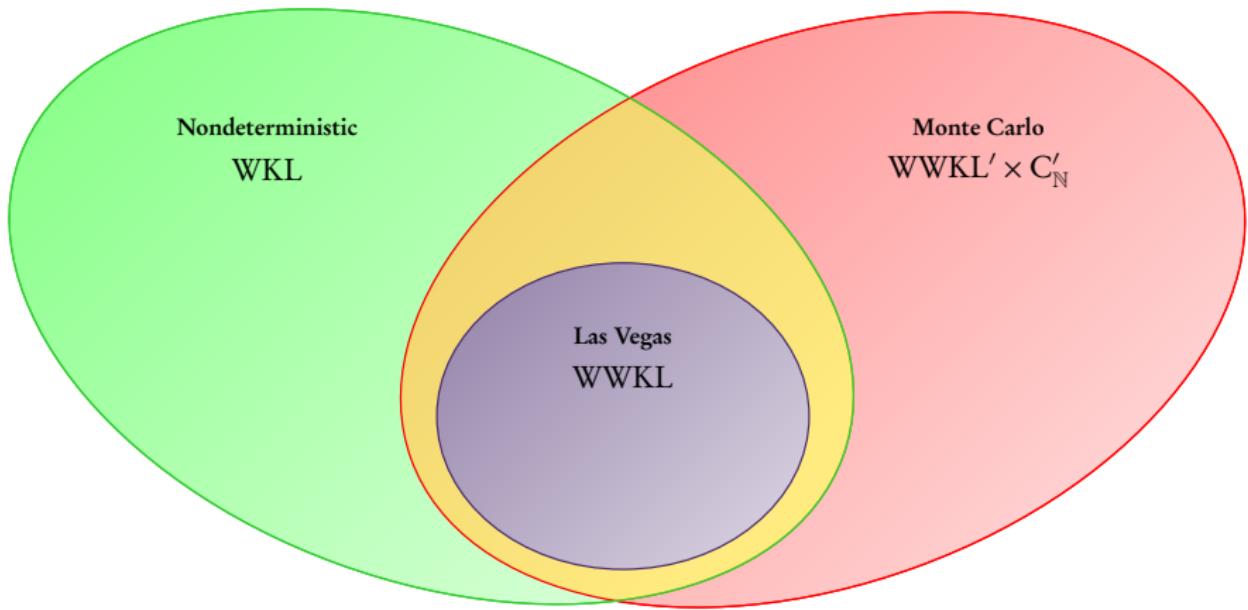
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- 3 **Corollary.**  $f$  is Monte Carlo computable
  - $\Leftrightarrow f \leq_{\text{W}} \text{PC}'_{\mathbb{R}}$
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- 4 **Theorem (Bienvenu, Kuyper).**  $\text{PC}'_{\mathbb{R}} * \text{PC}'_{\mathbb{R}} \equiv_{\text{W}} \text{PC}'_{\mathbb{R}}.$
- 5 **Corollary.** Compositions of Monte Carlo computable functions are again Monte Carlo computable.

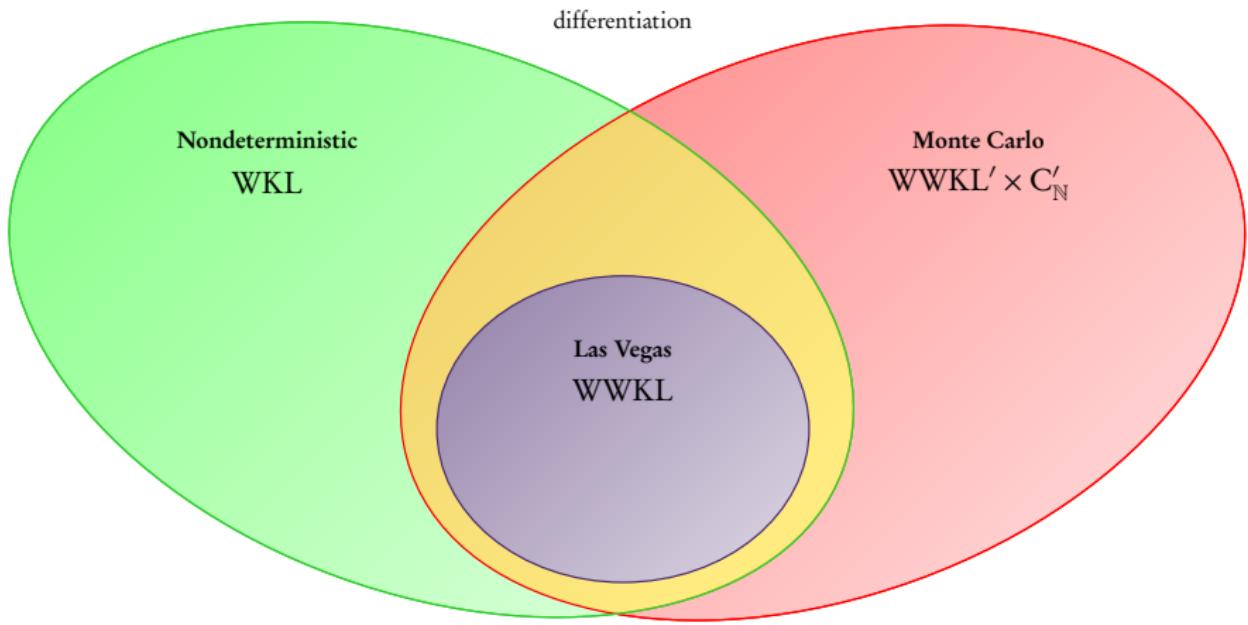
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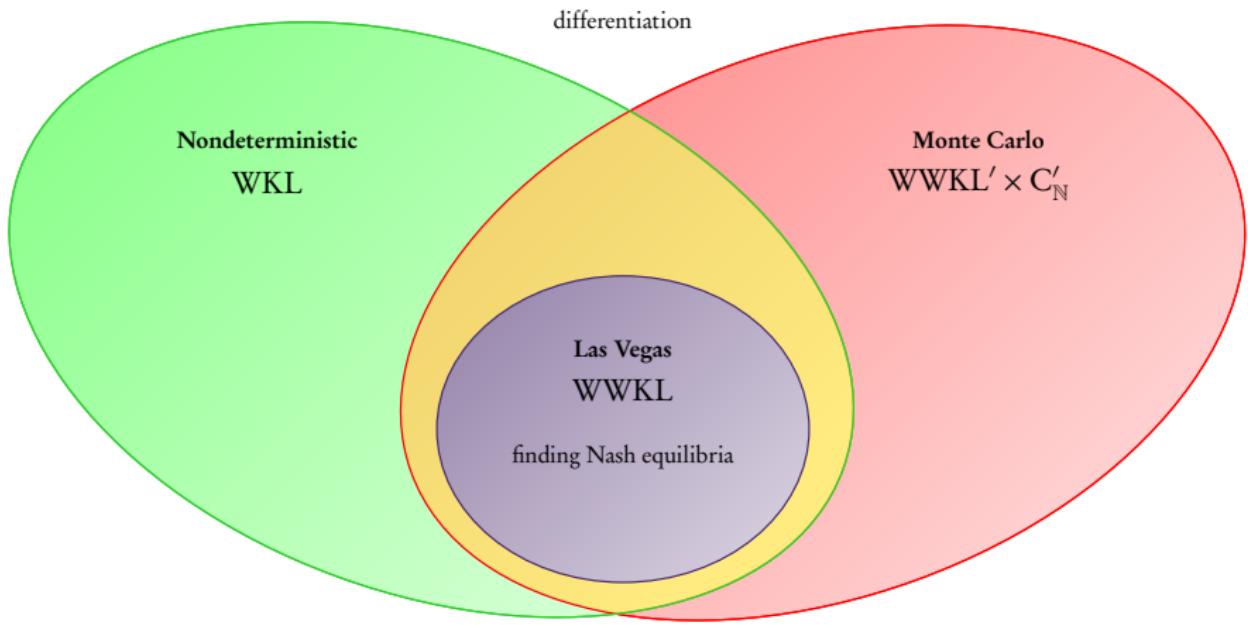
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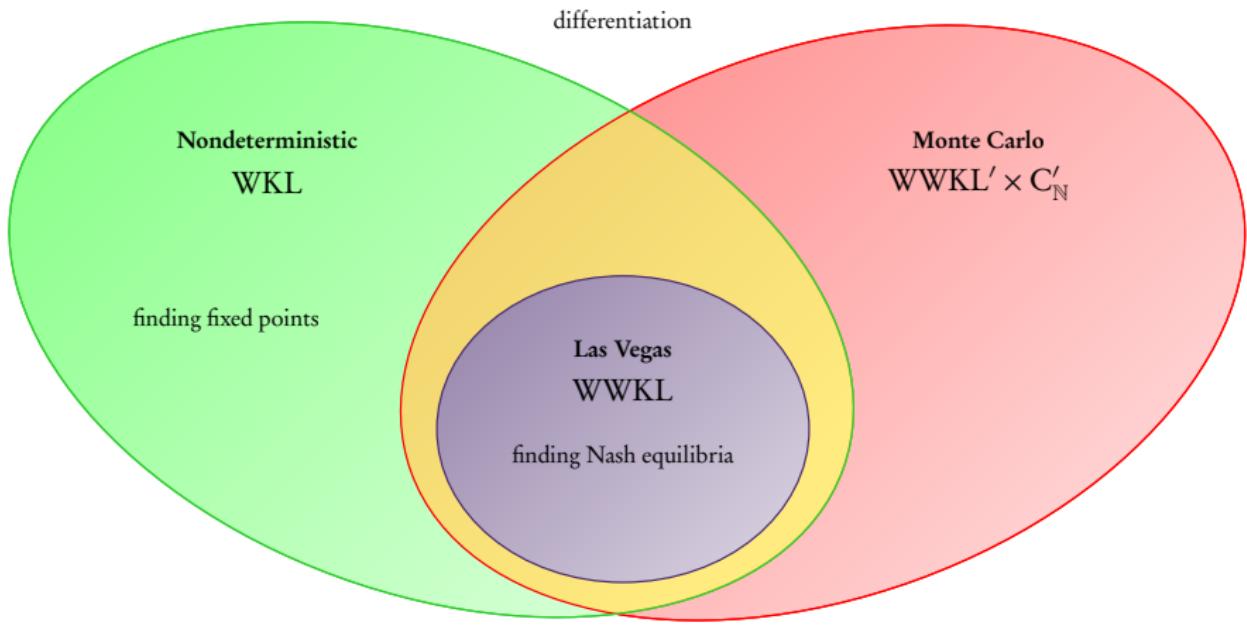
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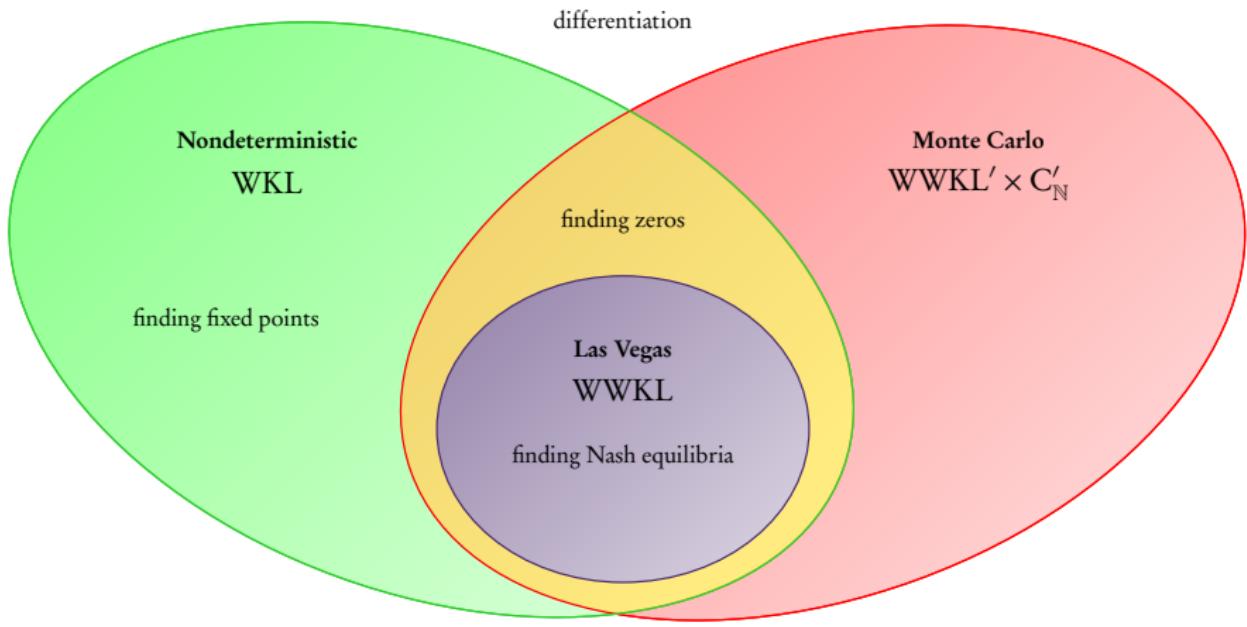
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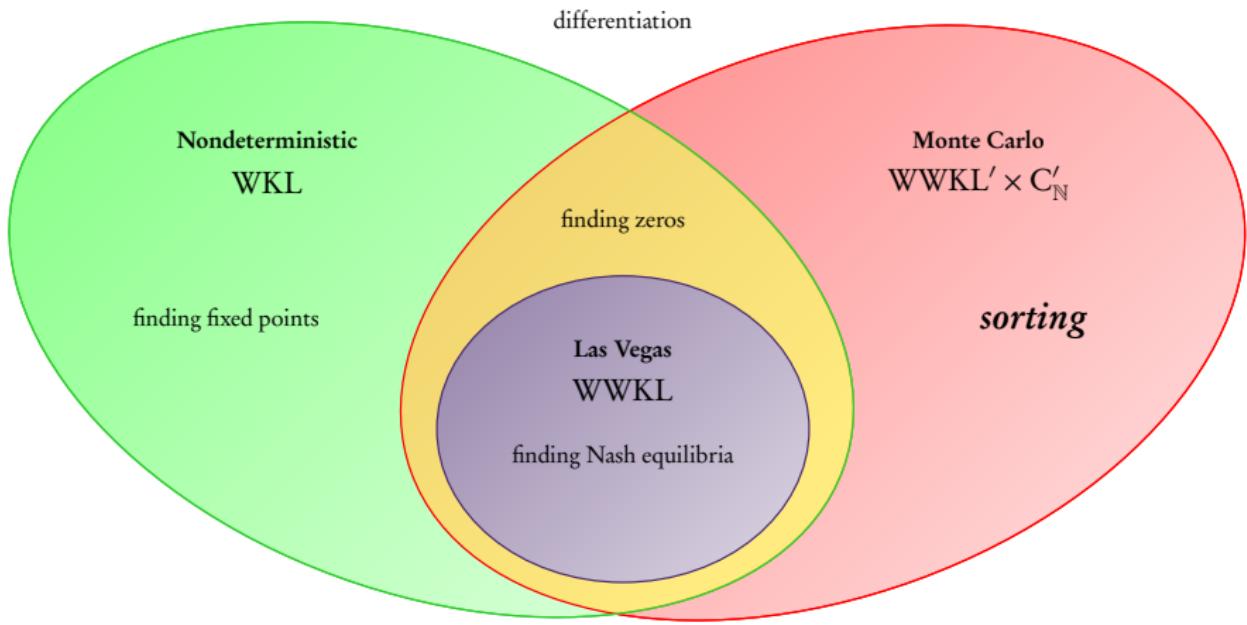
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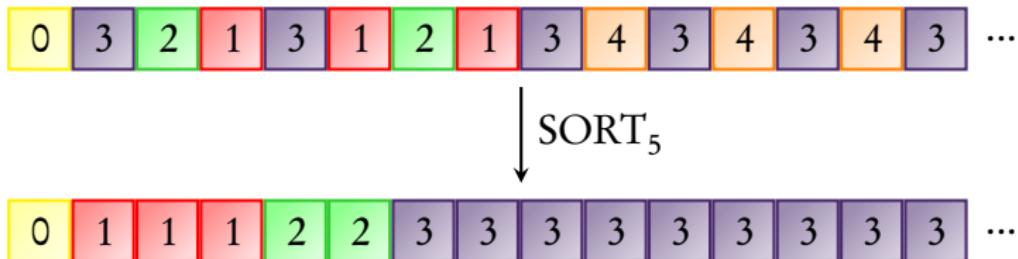


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## Sorting

**1** Definition (Neumann, Pauly; generalised from  $n=2$ ).



$\text{SORT}_n : \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is the map

$$x \mapsto 0^{k_0} 1^{k_1} 2^{k_2} \dots (m-1)^{k_{m-1}} m^{\mathbb{N}}$$

where

- $m < n$  is the smallest number appearing infinitely often in  $x$ ,
  - each  $i < m$  appears exactly  $k_i$  times in  $x$ .

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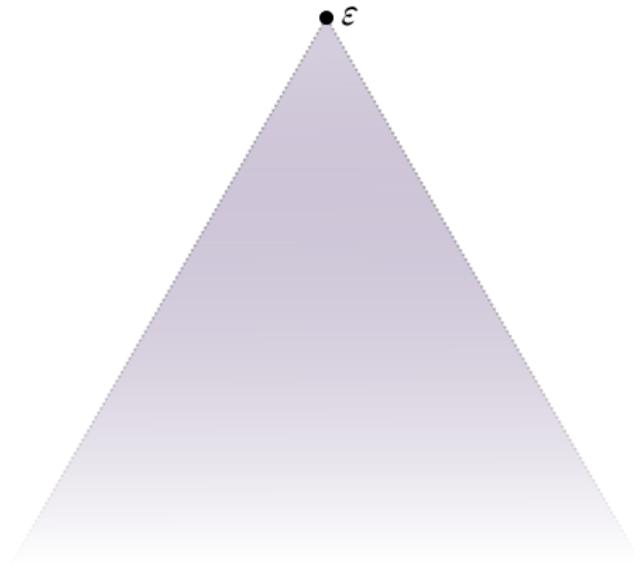
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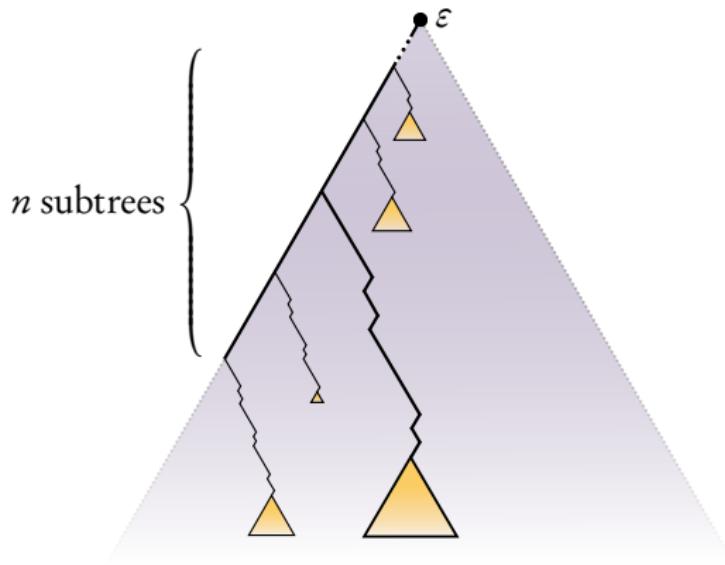
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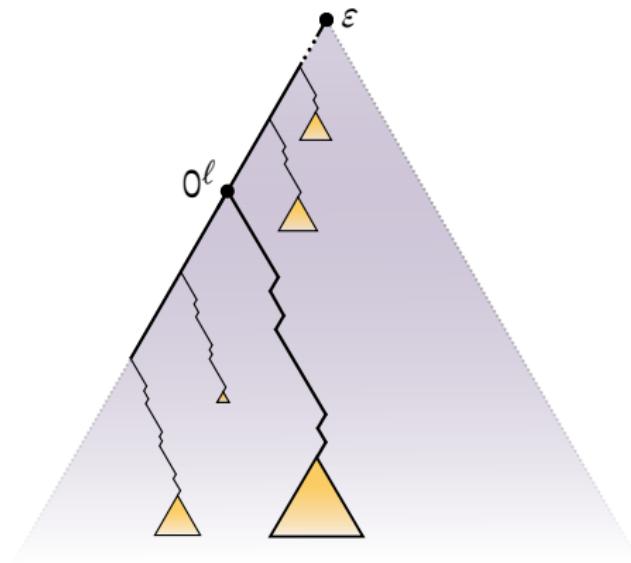
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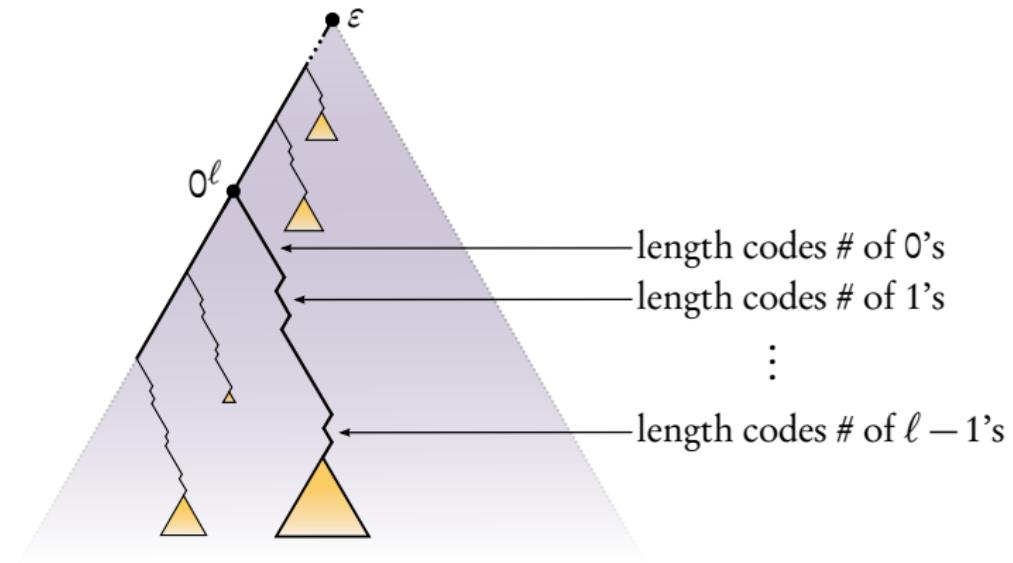
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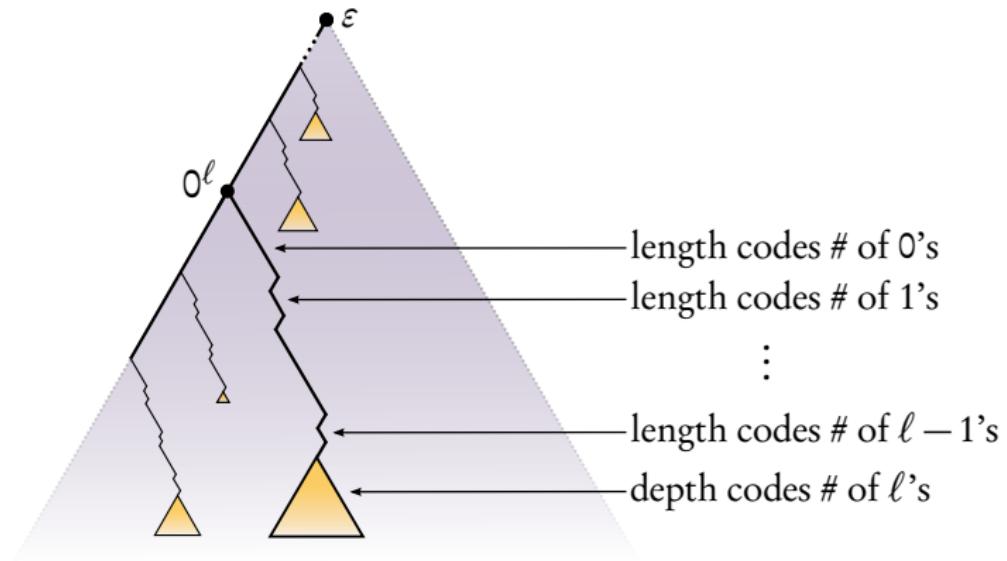
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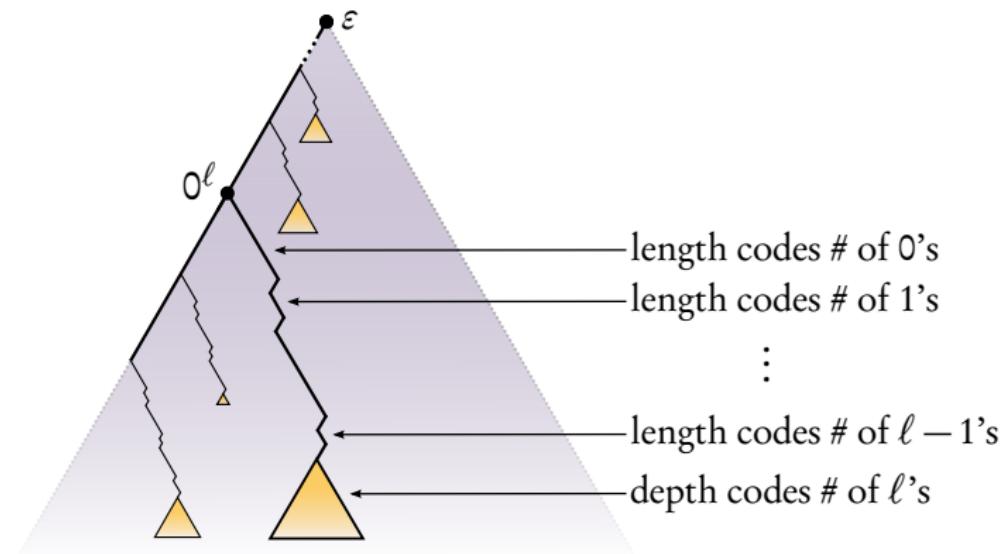
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As  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , more symbols are found; so the lengths may increase.

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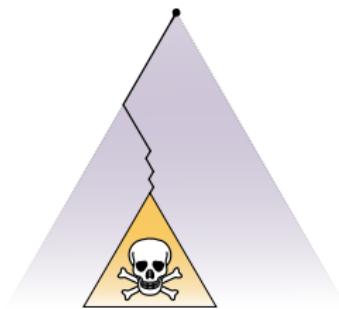
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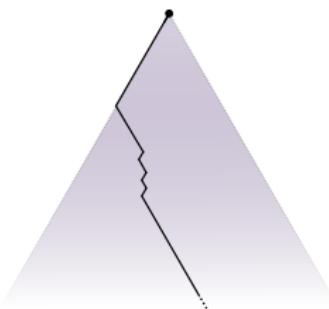
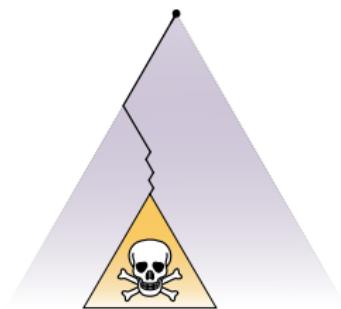
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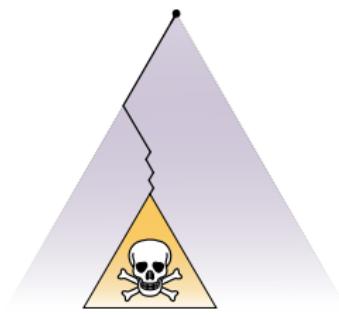
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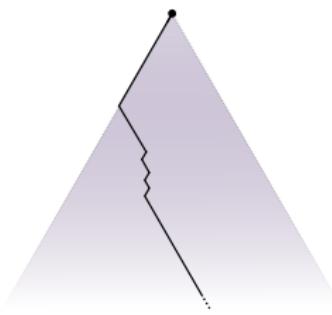
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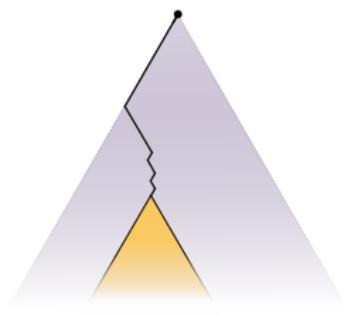
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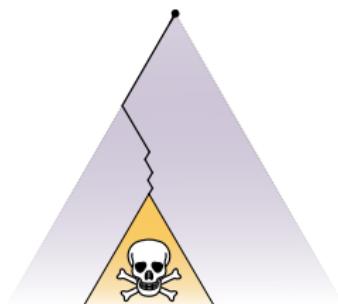
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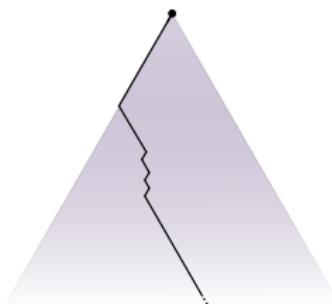
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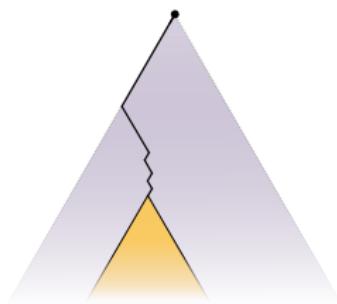
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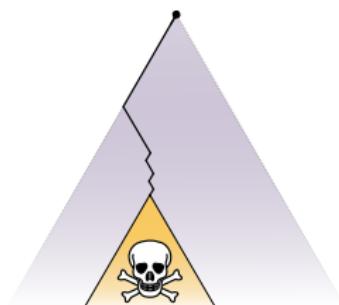


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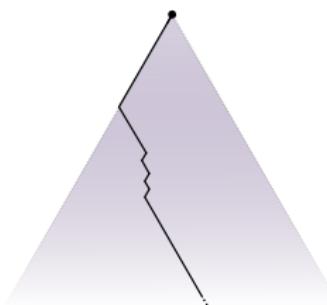
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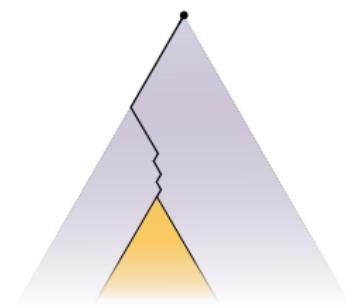
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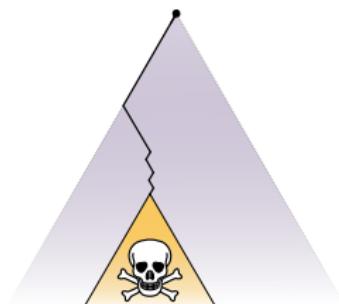


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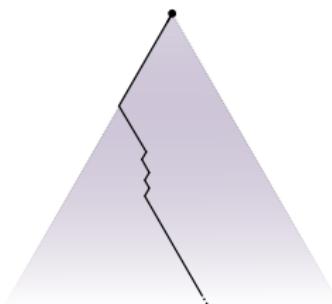
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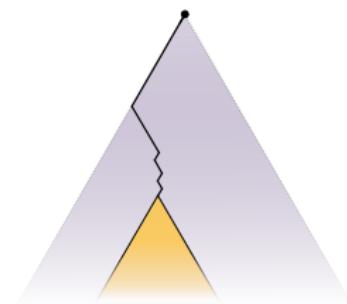
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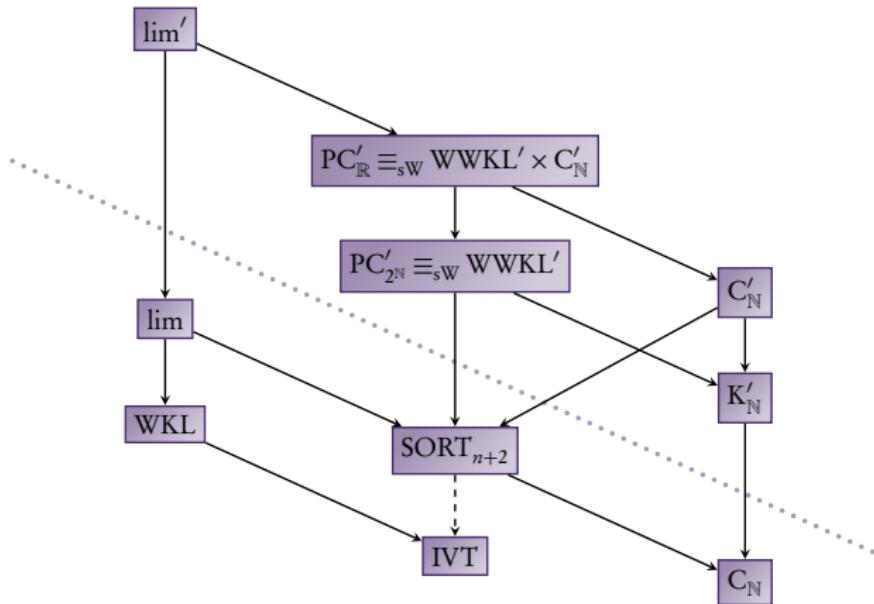
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