

(Almost) Lowness for K and Finite Self-Information

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We can relax these definitions slightly:

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For a function $f : 2^{<\omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ a real $A \in 2^\omega$ is called *low for K up to f* if there is a constant c such that for all $\sigma \in 2^{<\omega}$

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We let \mathcal{LK}_f denote the class of reals low for K up to f and \mathcal{KT}_g denote the class of reals that are K -trivial up to g .

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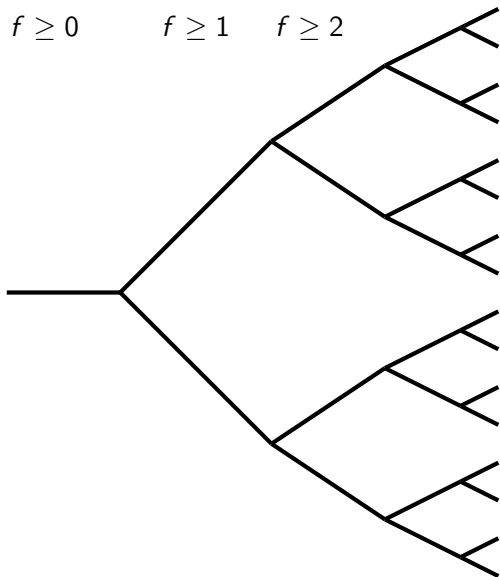
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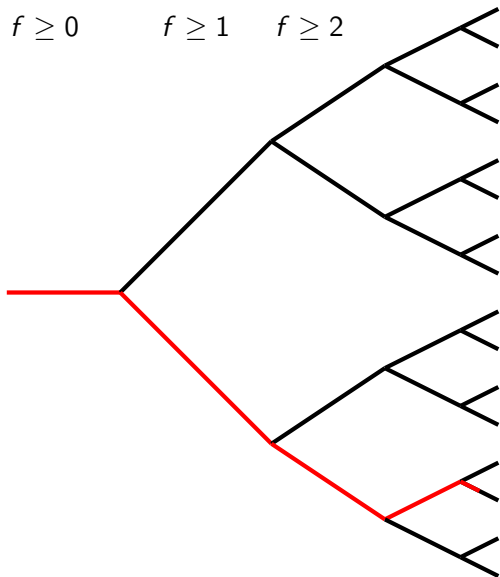


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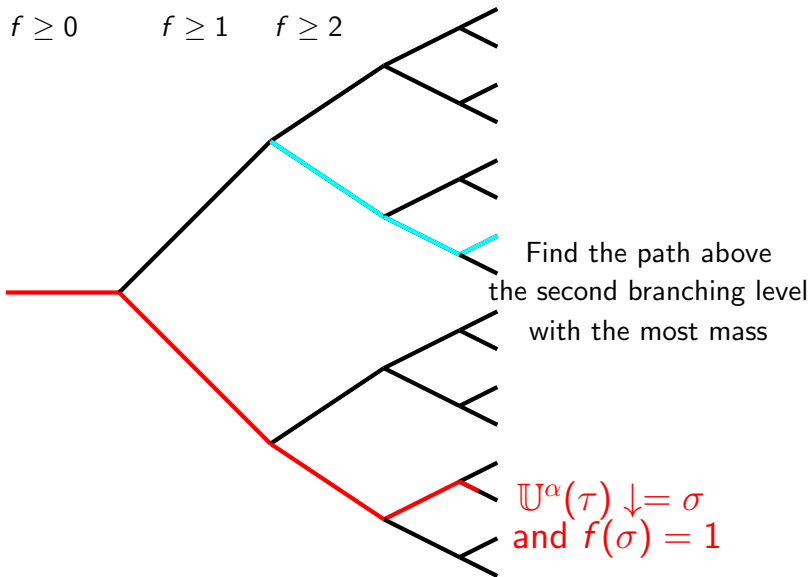
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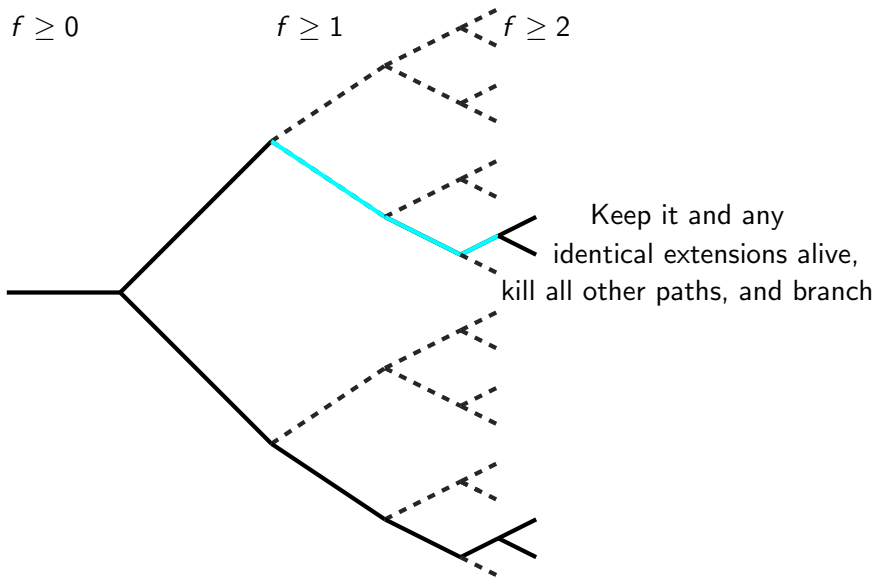


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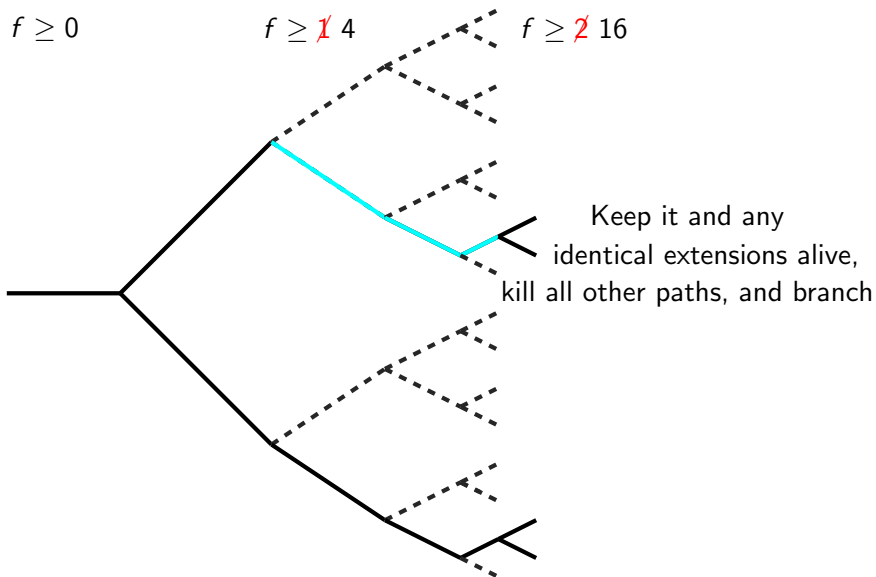


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The harder case

To build a tree that works for all f is more complicated. We don't know beforehand which approximations $\phi_{e,s}$ actually correspond to orders. We have to make one tree and use the $(2e)$ th branchings to guess whether or not $\phi_{e,s}$ gives an order.

The tree we want will then be the subtree that gets all these guesses right, and, by virtue of being right, it will only be injured finitely often.

Changing Gears - Mutual Information

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(Athreya, Hitchcock, Lutz, and Mayordomo) The *effective packing dimension* of a real S is

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Definition

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