

# On the complexity of some reachability problems

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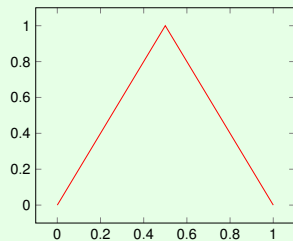
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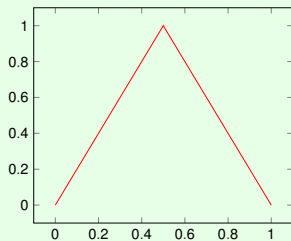
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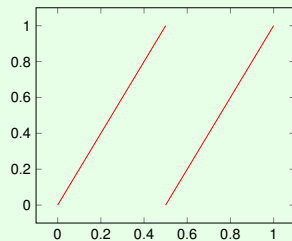
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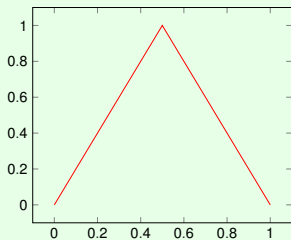
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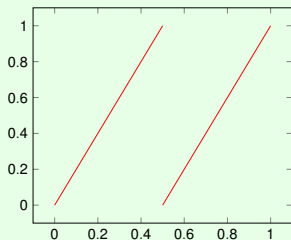
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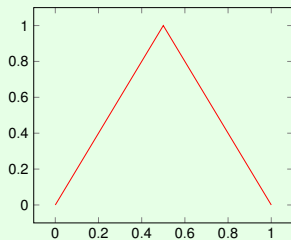


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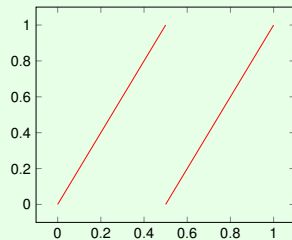
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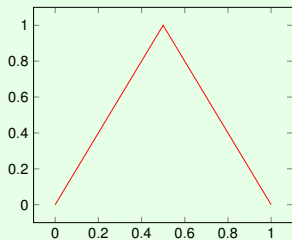
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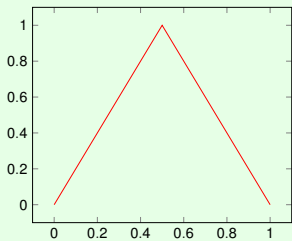
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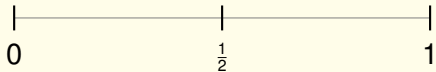
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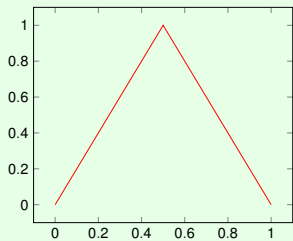
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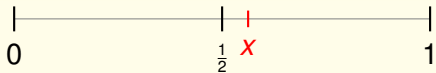
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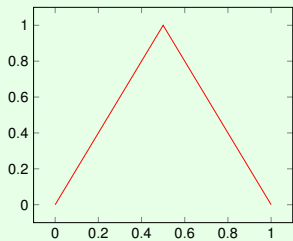


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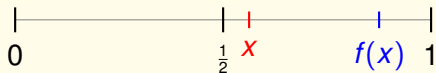
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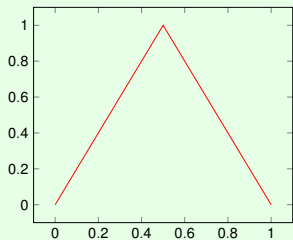
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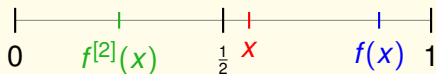
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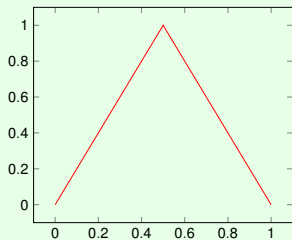
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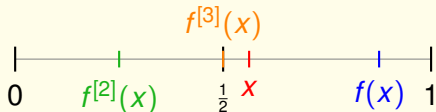
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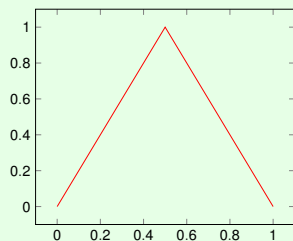
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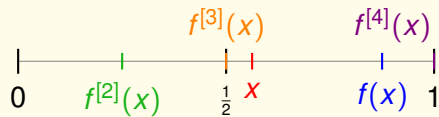
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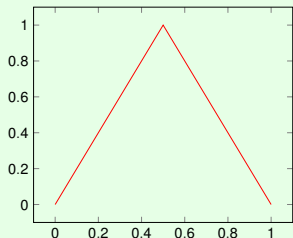
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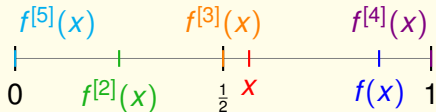
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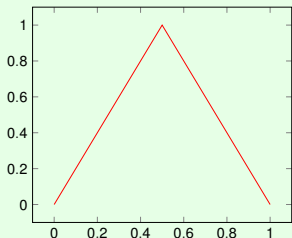
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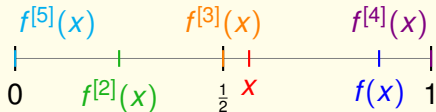
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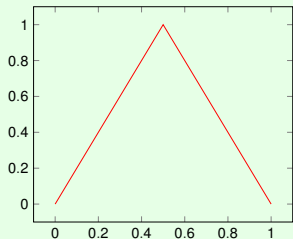
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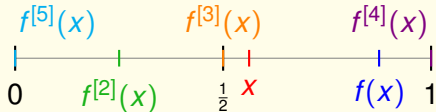
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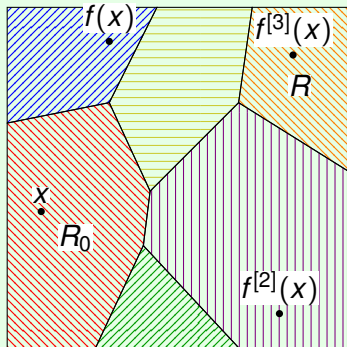
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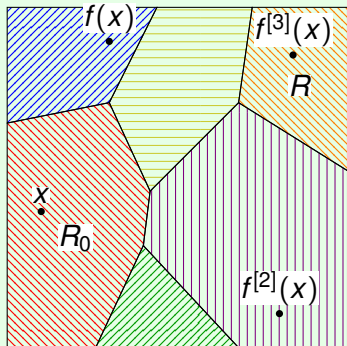


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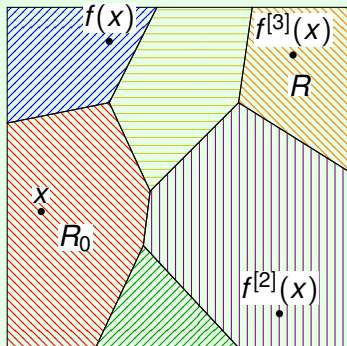
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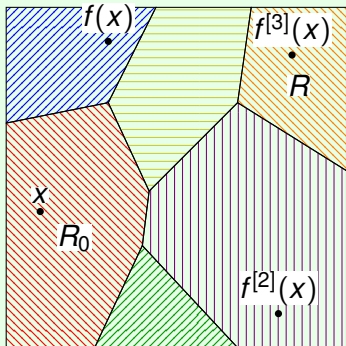


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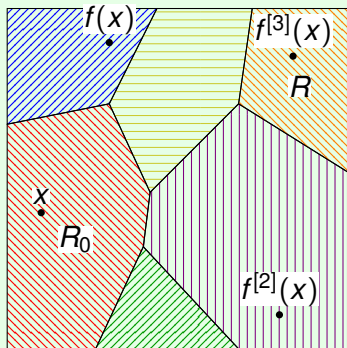
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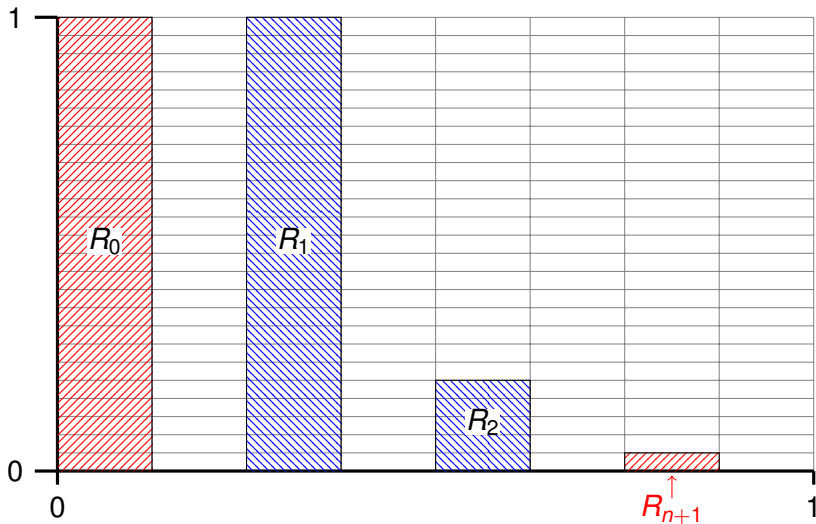
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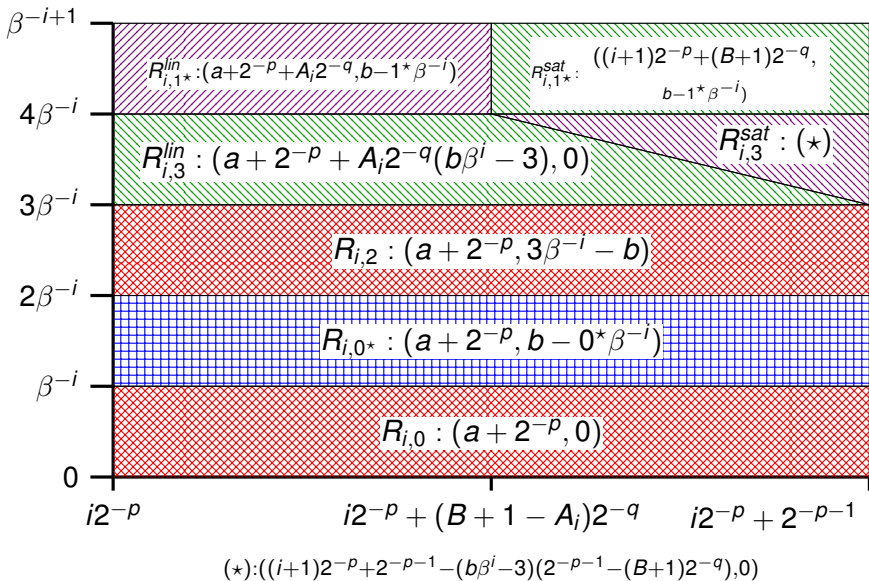
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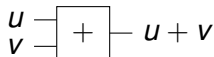


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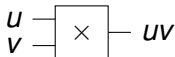
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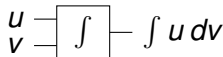
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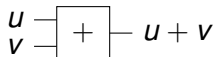
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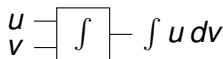
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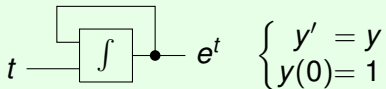
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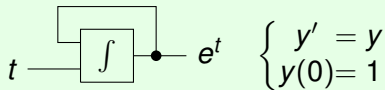
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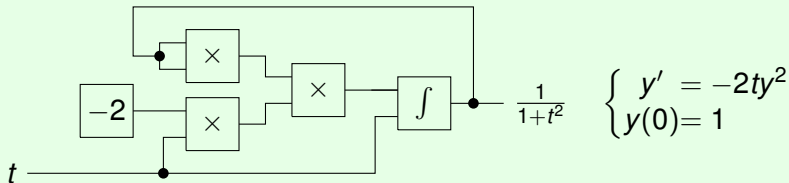
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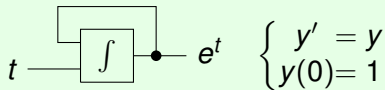


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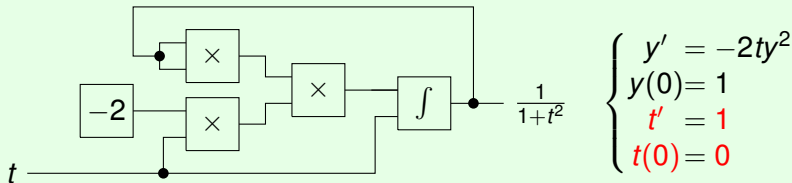


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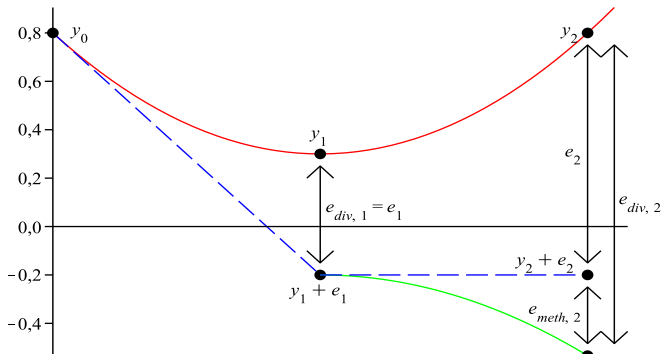
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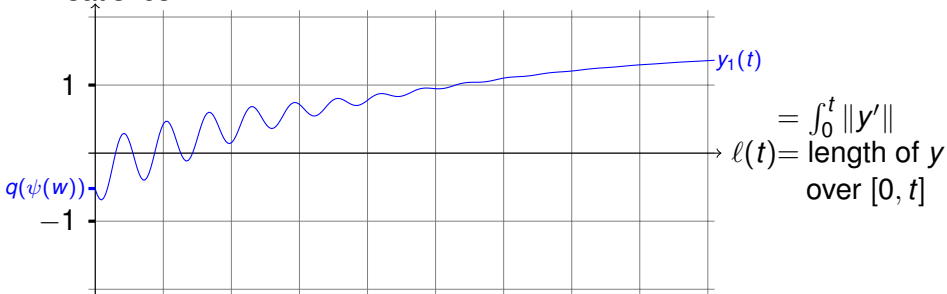
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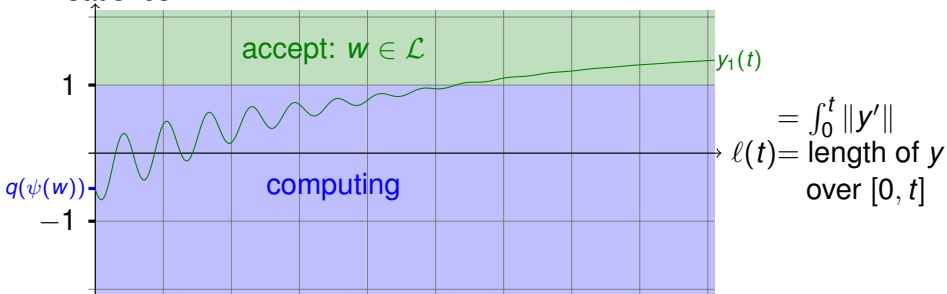


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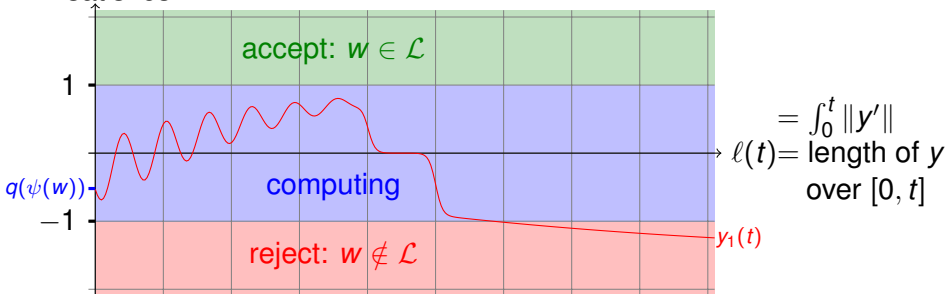


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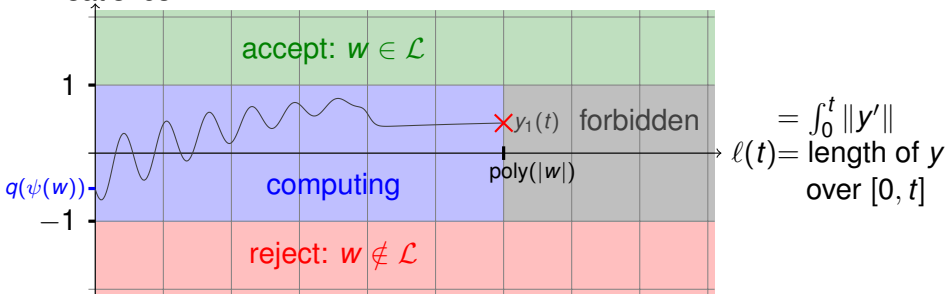
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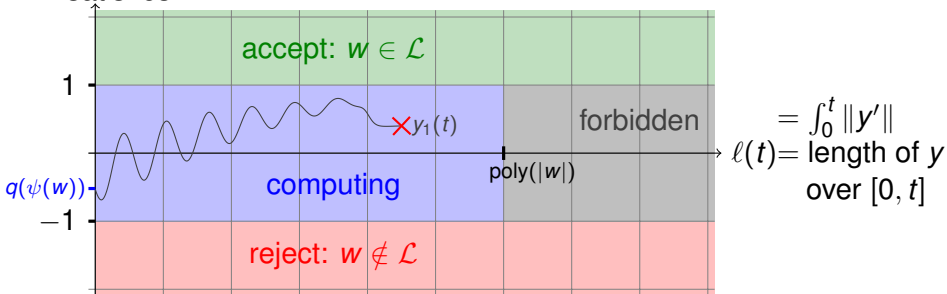
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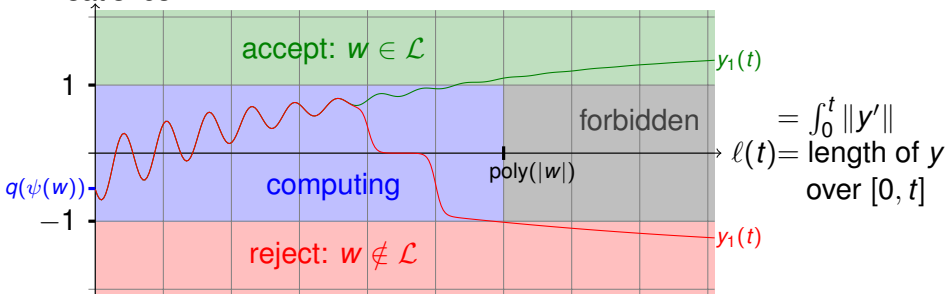
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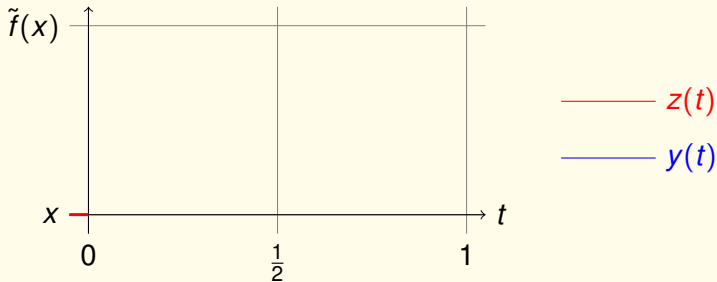
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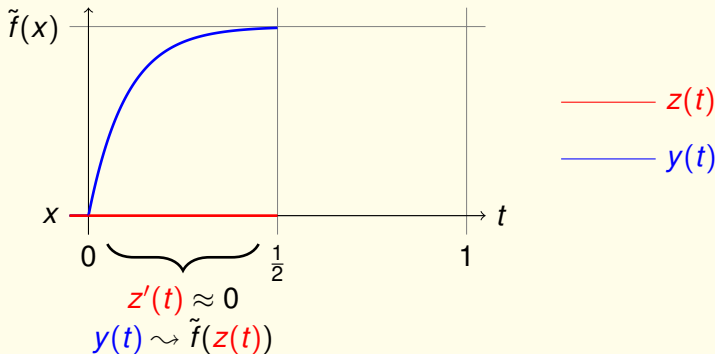
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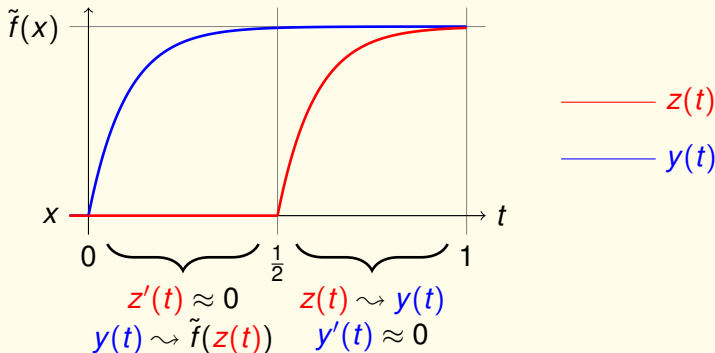
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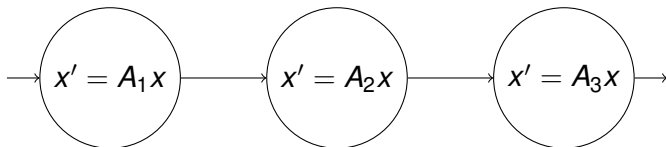
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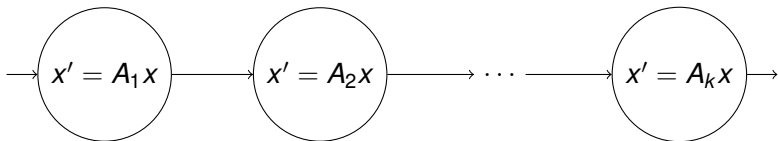
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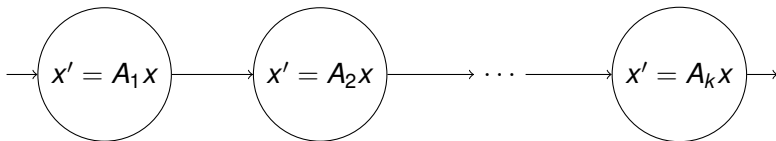
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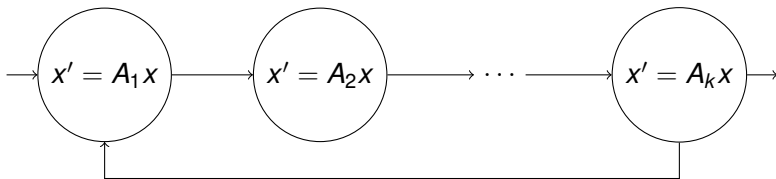
## Definition (Matrix-Exponential Problem)

Decide if there exists  $t_1, \dots, t_k \geq 0$  such that:

$$\prod_{i=1}^k e^{A_i t_i} = C.$$

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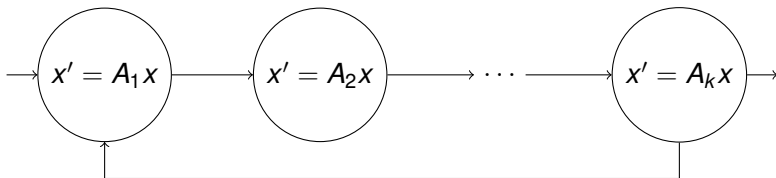
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## Definition (Matrix-Exponential Semigroup Problem)

Decide if  $C$  belongs to the semigroup generated by:

$$\{ \exp(A_i t) : t \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, k \}.$$



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### Theorem (General case)

In general, Matrix-Exponential and Matrix-Exponential Semigroup problems are undecidable.

## Questions ?

- Do you have any questions ?