

# Complete Axiomatization for the Total Variation Distance of MCs

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# Introduction

- **Kleene's Theorem:** fundamental correspondence between regular expressions and DFAs
- **Salomaa'66, Kozen'91:** complete axiomatization for proving equivalence of regular expressions
- **Milner'83:** applied the above program on process behaviors and LTSs
- **Rabinovich'83:** distributivity axiom capturing trace equivalence of LTSs
- Many variations of the above schema

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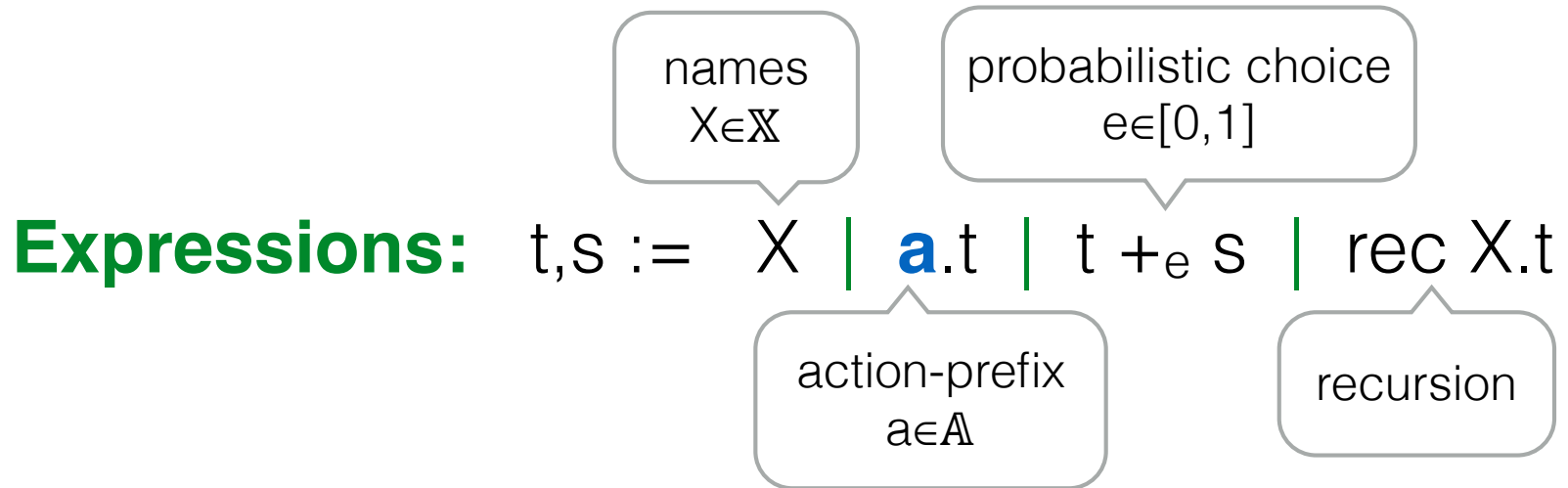
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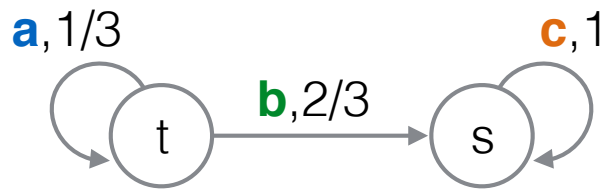
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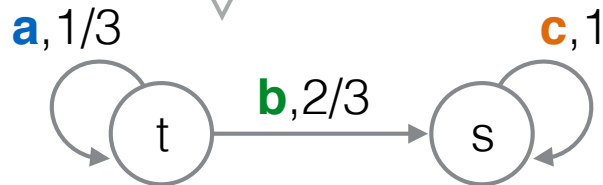
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# ...for probabilistic systems

- **Generative Markov chains:**  
Baeten-Bergstra-Smolka'95 & Stark-Smolka'00
- **Simple Probabilistic Automata:**  
Bandini-Segala'01
- **(fully) Probabilistic Automata:**  
Mislove-Ouaknine-Worrell'04 (strong-bisimulation)  
Deng-Palamidessi'07 (weak-bisimulation & behavioral eq.)
- **Quantitative Kleene Coalgebras:**  
Silva-Bonchi-Bonsangue-Rutten'11 (coagebraic bisim.)
- etc...

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(Trans)  $\{t = u, u = s\} \vdash t = s$

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# Quantitative Theories

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**(Max)**  $\{t =_{\varepsilon} s\} \vdash t =_{\varepsilon+\delta} s$  — for  $\delta > 0$

**(Arch)**  $\{t =_{\delta} s \mid \delta > \varepsilon\} \vdash t =_{\varepsilon} s$



# Quantitative Semantics

## Quantitative Algebra

$$\mathcal{A} = (A, \Sigma_A, d_A) \begin{cases} \rightarrow (A, \Sigma_A) \text{ — Universal algebra} \\ \rightarrow (A, d_A) \text{ — (pseudo)metric space} \end{cases}$$

## Satisfiability

$$\mathcal{A} \models \left( \{t_i =_{\varepsilon_i} s_i \mid i \in I\} \vdash t =_{\varepsilon} s \right)$$

iff

for all  $i \in I$ .  $d_A(\llbracket t_i \rrbracket, \llbracket s_i \rrbracket) \leq \varepsilon_i$  implies  $d_A(\llbracket t \rrbracket, \llbracket s \rrbracket) \leq \varepsilon$

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**soundness**

# The Quantitative Universal Algebra

# Universal Algebra of MCs

**Signature:**  $X : 0$  |  $\mathbf{a}.\_ : 1$  |  $+_e : 2$  |  $\text{rec } X : 1$

$$(X)_{\text{MC}} = \boxed{X}$$

$$(\mathbf{a}.\_ )_{\text{MC}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{a.m} \\ \downarrow \mathbf{a},1 \\ \text{m} \\ \text{M} \end{array}$$

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# Total variation distance

$$tv(m,n) = \sup_{E \in \sigma(\Pi)} | P(m)(E) - P(n)(E) |$$

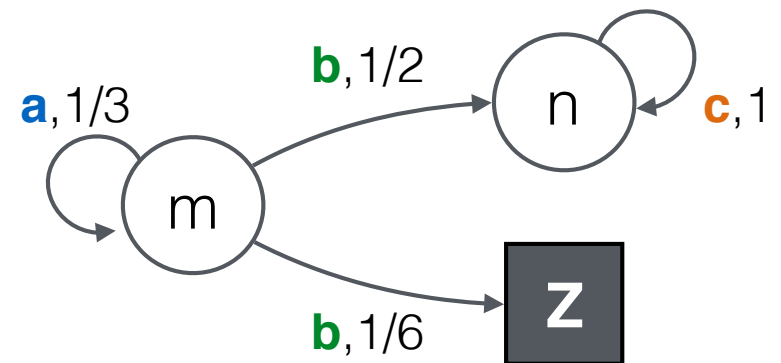
$$\Pi = \mathbb{A}^\omega \cup \mathbb{A}^* \mathbb{X} \quad (\text{observable traces})$$

$\omega$ -traces  
over  $\mathbb{A}$

finite traces over  $\mathbb{A}$   
terminating in  $\mathbb{X}$

$$P(m)(\mathfrak{C}(aabc)) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1$$

$$P(m)(\mathfrak{C}(aabZ)) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

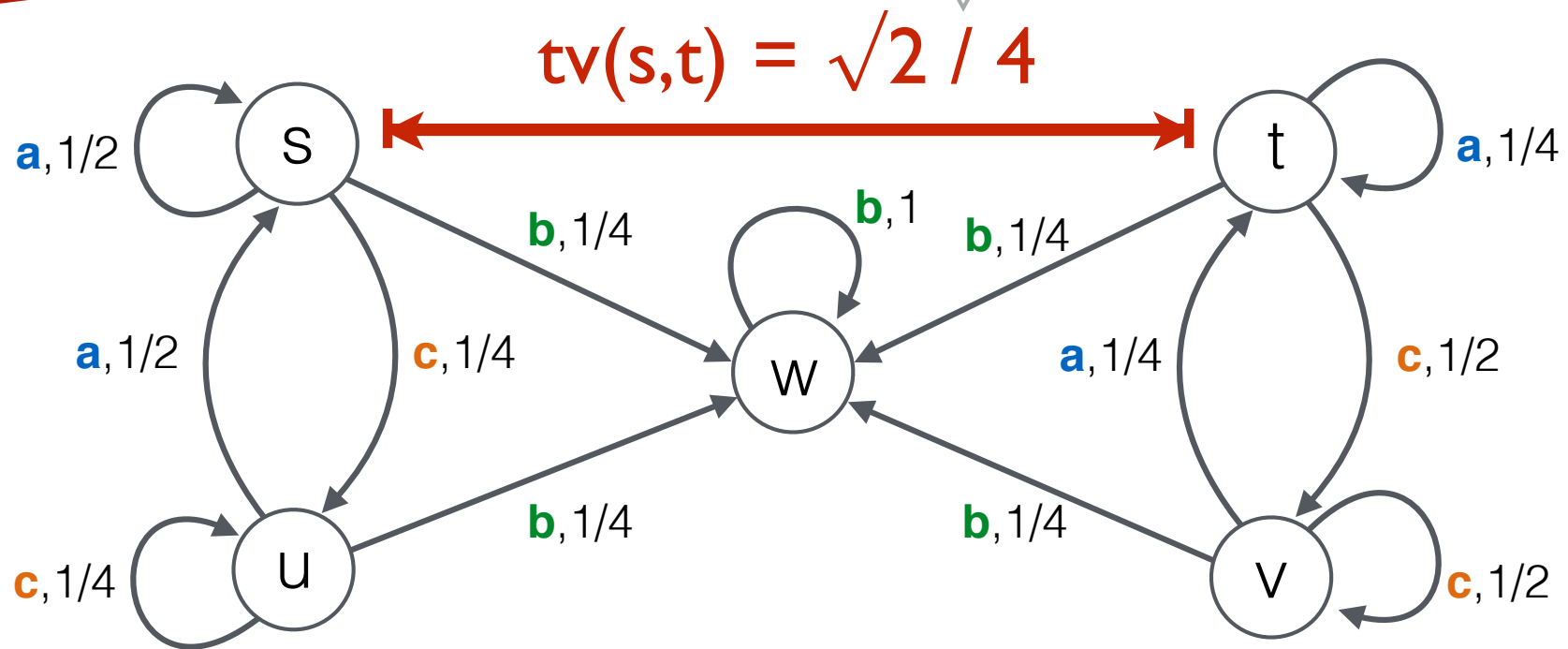


# A tiny yet tricky example

(from Chen-Kiefer LICS'14)

maximizing event  
is not  $\omega$ -regular!

irrational number



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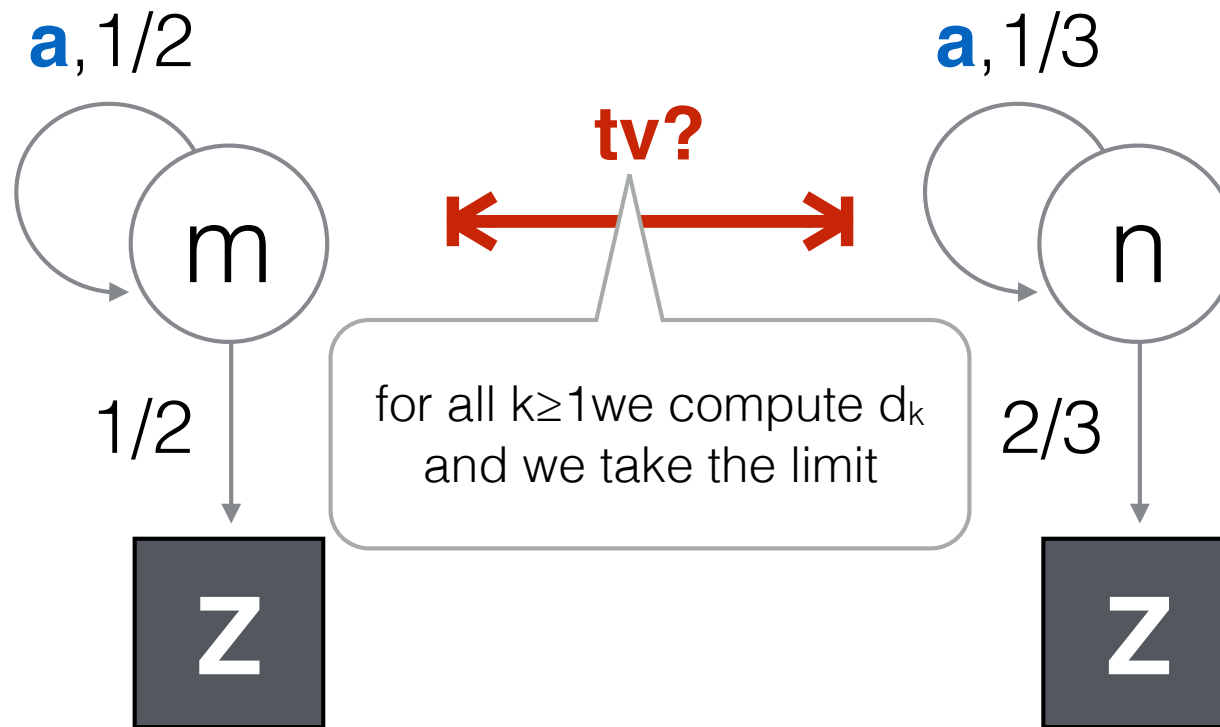
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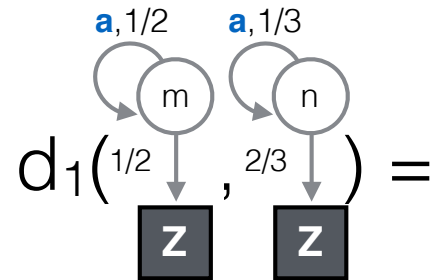
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Optimal coupling matrix  $\omega^*$  showing transition probabilities between states m and n, and their transitions to state z.

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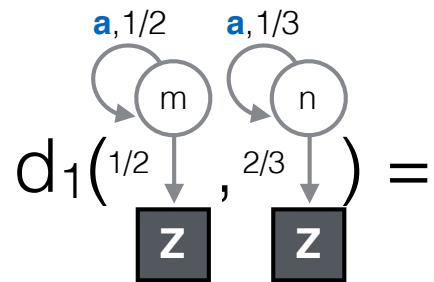


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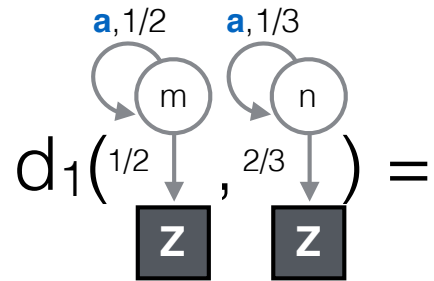
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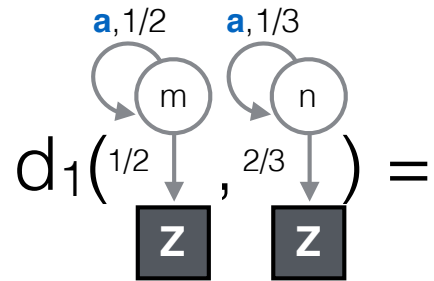
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by the convergence theorem...

$$tv\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{k-1}}{2(3^k - 1)} = \frac{1}{6}$$

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(see paper for the counterexample)

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# Axiomatization

Interpolative barycentric axioms

(Mardare-Panangaden-Plotkin LICS'16)

$$(B1) \vdash t +_1 s =_0 t$$

$$(B2) \vdash t +_e t =_0 t$$

$$(SC) \vdash t +_e s =_0 s +_{1-e} t$$

$$(SA) \vdash (t +_e s) +_{e'} u =_0 t +_{ee'} (s +_{\frac{e'-ee'}{1-ee'}} u) \quad \text{— for } e, e' \in [0, 1)$$

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Milner's recursion axioms

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$$(Fix) \{t = s[t / X]\} \vdash t =_0 \text{rec } X.s \quad \text{— for } X \text{ guarded in } t$$

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Rabinovich's distributivity axiom

$$(Dist-pref) \vdash \mathbf{a}.(t +_e s) = \mathbf{a}.t +_e \mathbf{a}.s$$

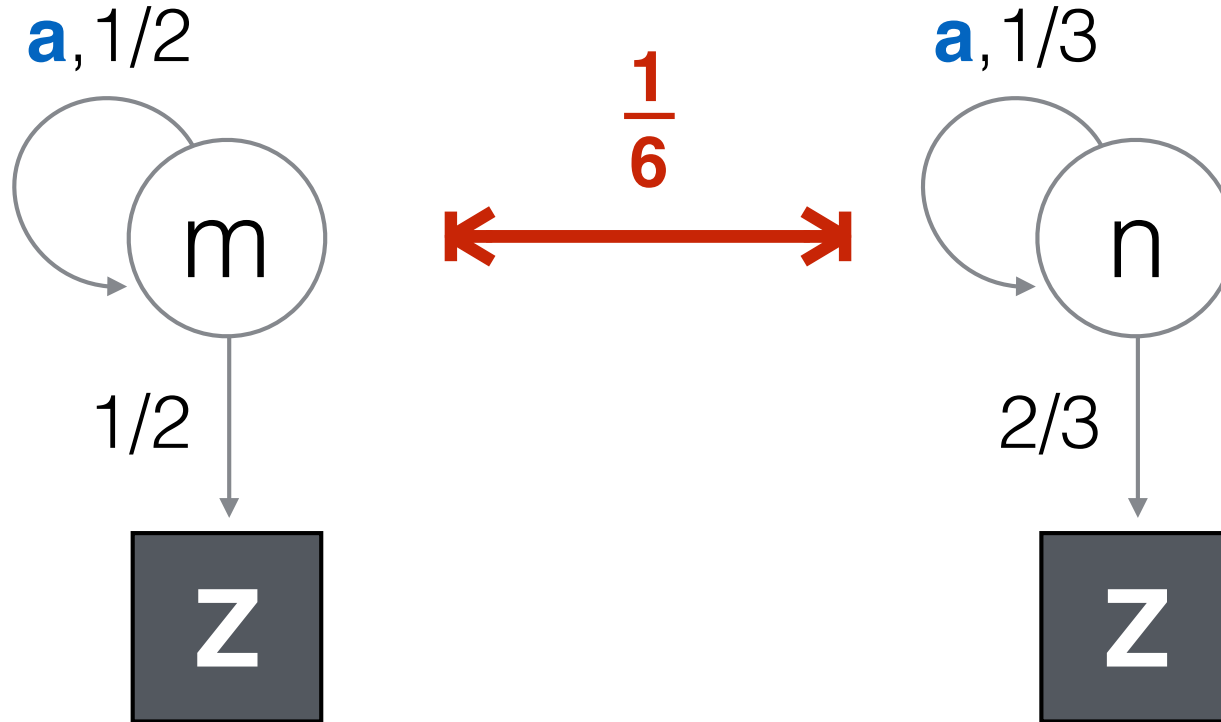
Weak NExp-axioms

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# proof of completeness (by example)

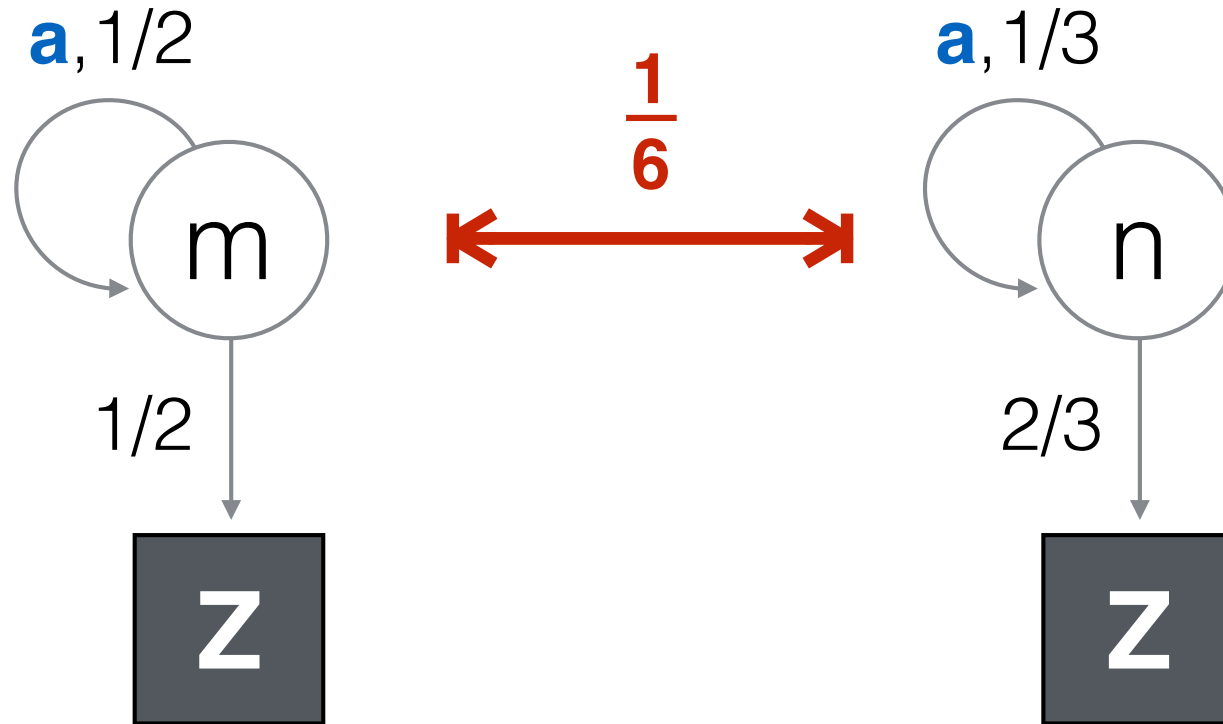
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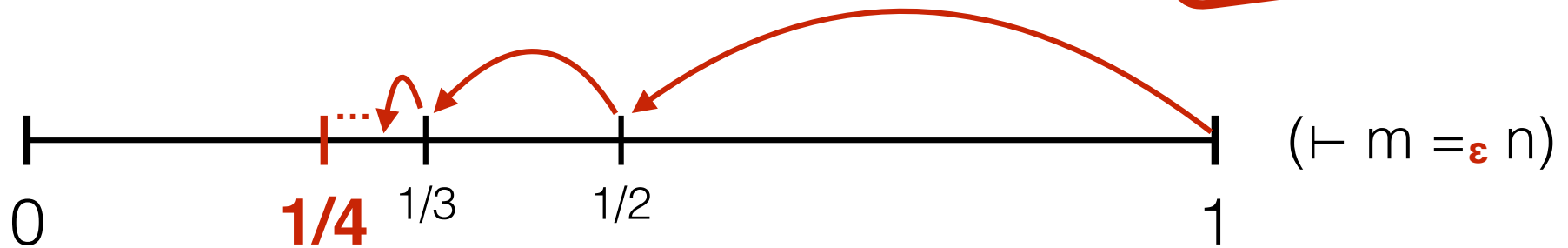


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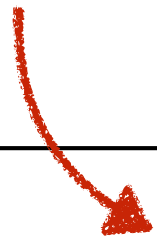
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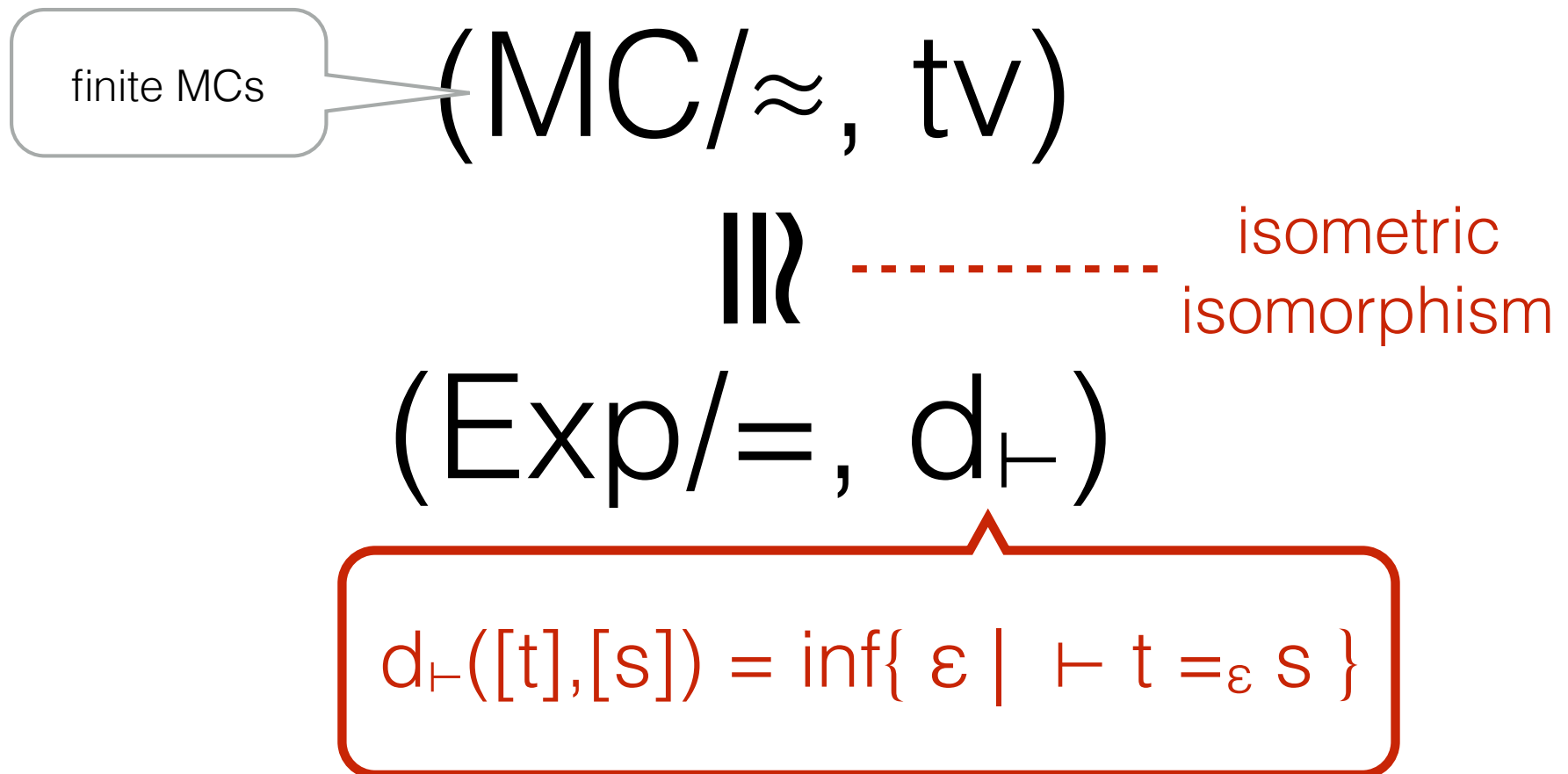
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