Moron Maps and subspaces of N*

what you need to know if you want to work on N*

and you should!

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E is a vD space if there is a 1-to-1 map $f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto E$ such that the extension $f = f^{\beta} : \beta \mathbb{N} \mapsto \beta E$ is \leq 2-to-1; and such a space exists. And βE can be embedded into $\beta \mathbb{N}$ so that *f* is a retract.

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Item 3 is our starting point for investigation.

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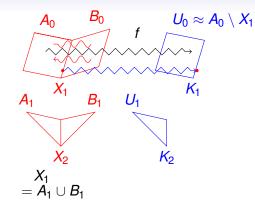
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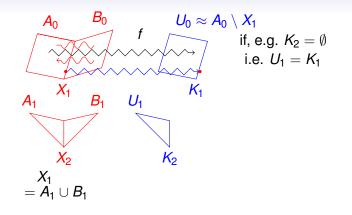


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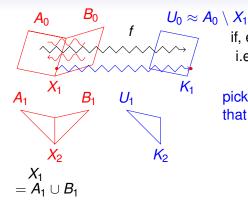
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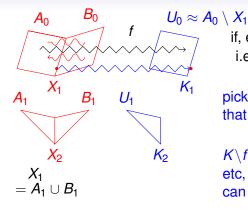


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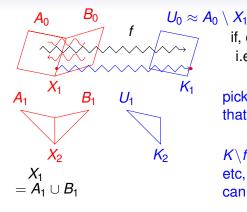


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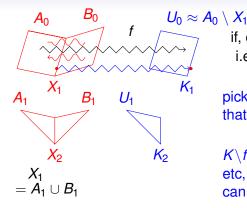
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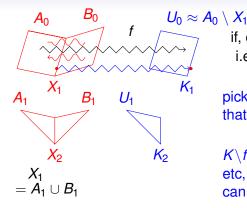
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