## Moron Maps and subspaces of $\mathrm{N}^{*}$

# what you need to know if you want to work on $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ 

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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 $\beta E$ 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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