

# Minimal Pairs in the Generic Degrees

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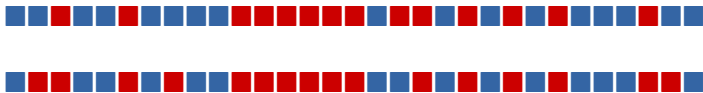
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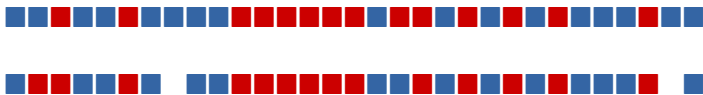
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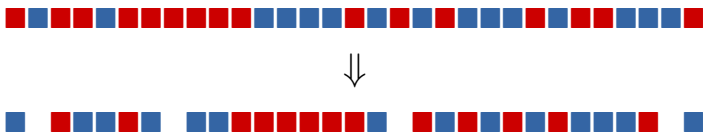
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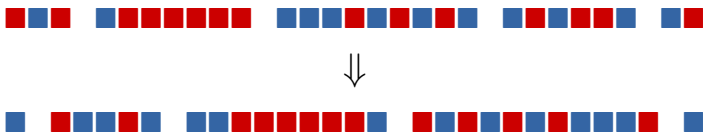


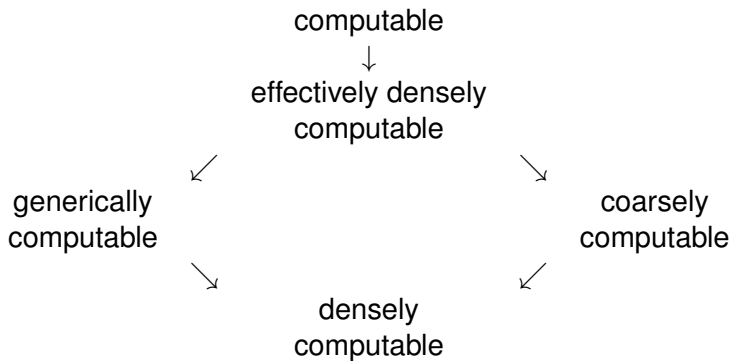
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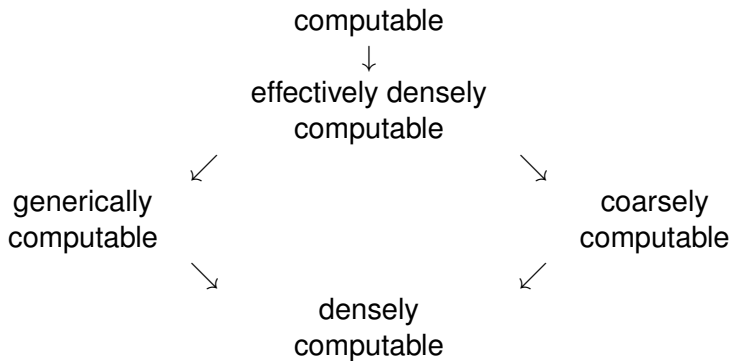
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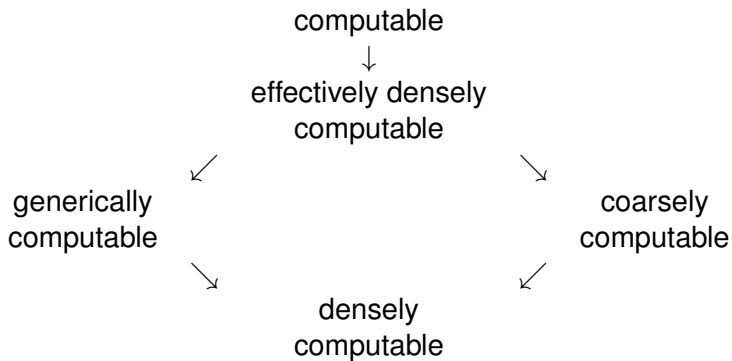
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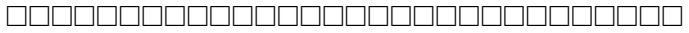
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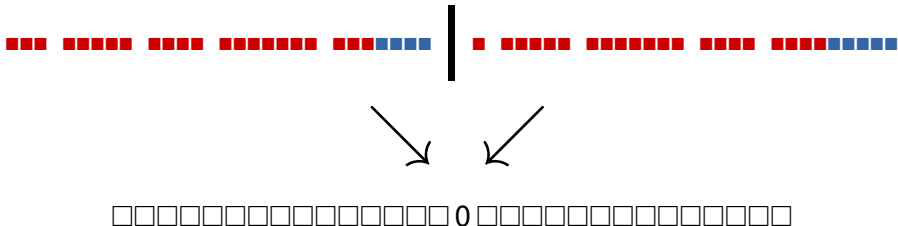
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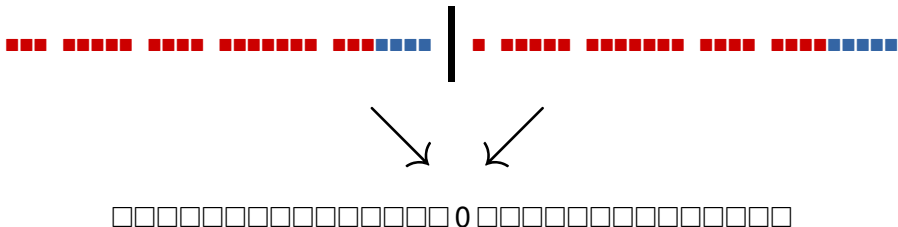
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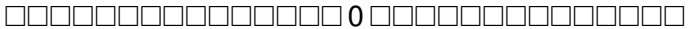
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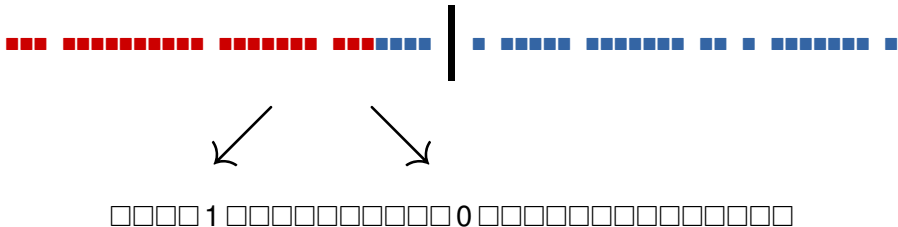
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Does every generic degree bound a nonzero generic degree containing a density-1 set?

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Are nontrivial upper cones in the coarse, dense, and effective dense degrees meager?

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We would expect “typical” sets to have quasiminimal degrees.

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**Open Question.** Is every 1-random quasiminimal in the uniform dense degrees?

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