# Memoryless Computation and Universal Simulation 

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## 1. Introduction

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## Update form

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■ The shortest length of a program computing $g \in\langle\mathcal{H}\rangle$ with instructions in $\mathcal{H}$ is called the memoryless complexity of $g$ with respect to $\mathcal{H}$.

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3 There is a transformation $f \in \operatorname{Tran}\left(A^{m}\right)$ that may simulate in quasi-parallel (i.e. with $\left.h \in\left\langle\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{m-1}, \operatorname{pr}_{m}\right), F^{(m)}\right\rangle\right)$ every finite sequence of $\operatorname{Tran}\left(A^{n}\right)$.

## Thanks for listening!

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