# Memoryless Computation and Universal Simulation

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# 1. Introduction

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Example: 
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- **3** There is a transformation  $f \in \text{Tran}(A^m)$  that may simulate in quasi-parallel (i.e. with  $h \in \langle (f_1, \ldots, f_{m-1}, \text{pr}_m), F^{(m)} \rangle$ ) every finite sequence of  $\text{Tran}(A^n)$ .

# Thanks for listening!

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