

Coarse computability, the density metric, and Hausdorff
distances between Turing degrees

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For example, 1-randoms are attractive, by van Lambalgen’s Theorem.

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