# Presenting the effectively closed Medvedev degrees requires  $0^{\prime\prime\prime}$

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#### Today's theorem:

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An r.e. separating class is a mass problem of the form

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for disjoint r.e. sets A and B. An r.e. separating degree is the Medvedev degree of an r.e. separating class.

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Key property: If  $\mathcal{Z}_{e} \leq_{s} \mathcal{S}_{0,n}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \leq_{s} \mathcal{Z}_{e} + \mathcal{R}_{n}$ , then  $\mathcal{Z}_{e} \geq_{s} \mathcal{X}$  iff  $n \in \mathcal{C}$ .

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The witnesses will eventually be found because  $z_{i,j} = deg_s(S_{i,j})$ and  $\mathbf{y} = \text{deg}_{s}(\mathcal{R}_n)$  satisfy (i)-(v).

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Now recall the key property of X: If  $\mathcal{Z}_{e} \leq S_{0,n}$  and  $V \leq_{\epsilon} Z_{\epsilon} + \mathcal{R}_n$ , then  $\mathcal{Z}_{\epsilon} >_{\epsilon} \mathcal{X}$  iff  $n \in \mathcal{C}$ .



#### <span id="page-46-0"></span>Thanks for coming to my talk! Do you have any questions about it?