Diophantine flavor of Kolmogorov complexity

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Plan of the talk:

I. *Some definitions and results in the theory of Kolmogorov complexity*

II. Main results in Diophantine computations

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An possible additional condition of *prefix-free* description mode can be imposed:

- The set $\mathcal{P} = \{A : \exists W \, \langle A, W \rangle \in D\}$ is prefix-free, i.e., no word from $\mathcal{P}$ is a prefix of another word from $\mathcal{P}$

Equivalently: if $\langle A, W \rangle \in D$ then $\langle AA', W' \rangle \notin D$ for every word W' and every non-empty word A'.

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Gregory Chaitin introduced a particular method of constructing an infinite word of so big prefix-free complexity. This word can be defined as the sequence of binary digits of some real number Ω. This number can be interpreted as the probability that a randomly selected Turing machine stops. Of course, digits of this word do not form a recursively enumerable set. However, there is an effectively computable increasing sequence $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \ldots, ...$ of rational numbers which converges to Ω.

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Consider the set $\mathfrak{M}$ such that

$$\langle a_1, \ldots, a_n \rangle \in \mathfrak{M} \Longleftrightarrow \exists x_1 \ldots x_m \{P(a_1, \ldots, a_n, x_1, \ldots, x_m) = 0\}.$$

Sets which can be defined in this way are called *Diophantine*, the above equivalence being called *Diophantine representation* of the set $\mathfrak{M}$.

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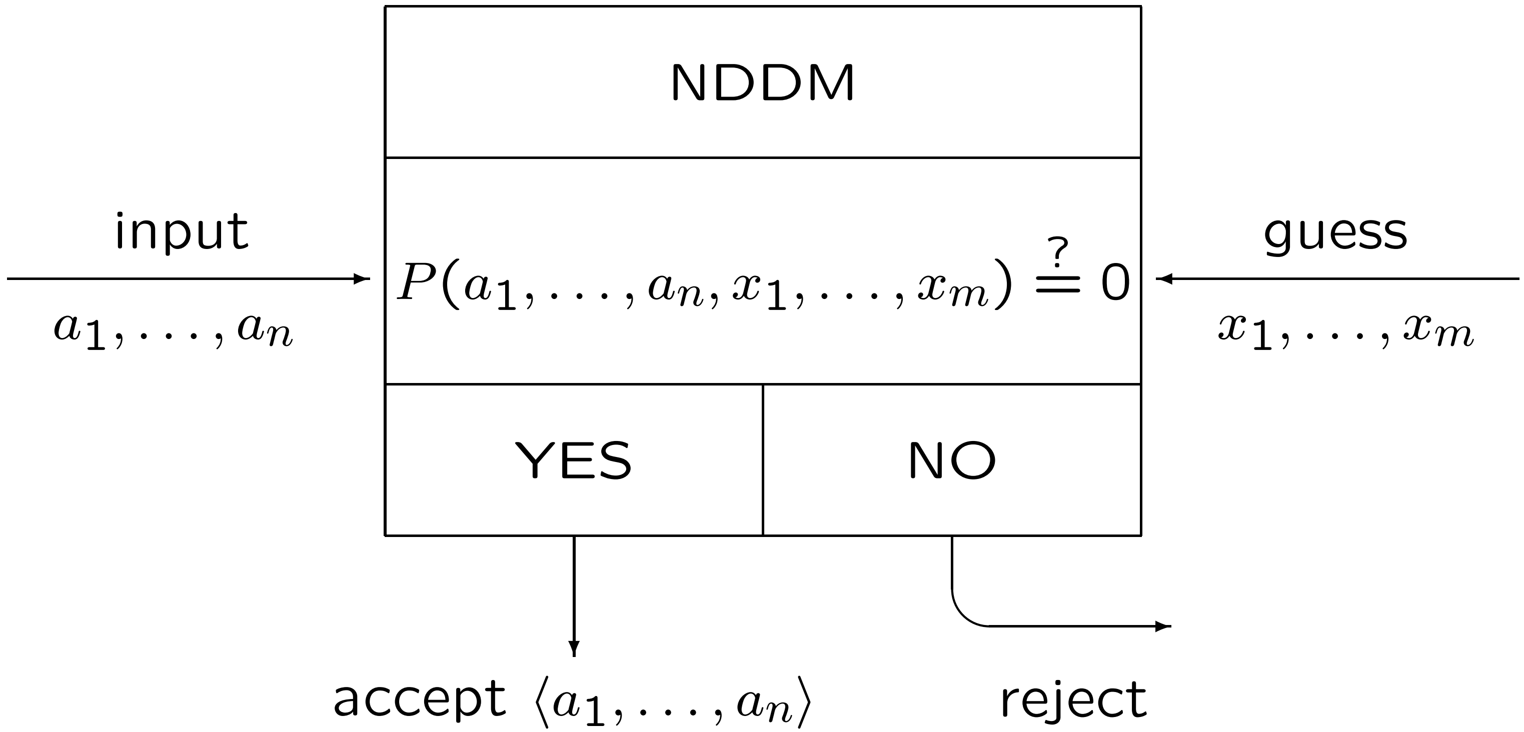
Main result (DPRM-theorem). *Every recursively enumerable set is Diophantine.*

DPRM: after Davis-Putnam-Robinson-Matiyasevich

Non-Deterministic Diophantine Machine (NDDM for short) was introduced by Leonard Adleman and Kenneth Manders.



DPRM-theorem says that NDDMs are as powerful as, say, non-deterministic Turing machines.

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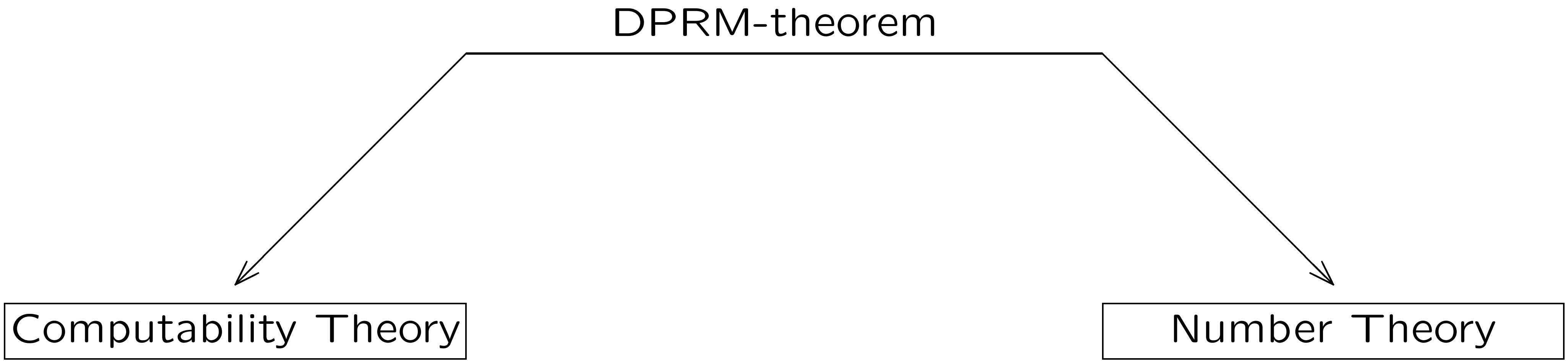

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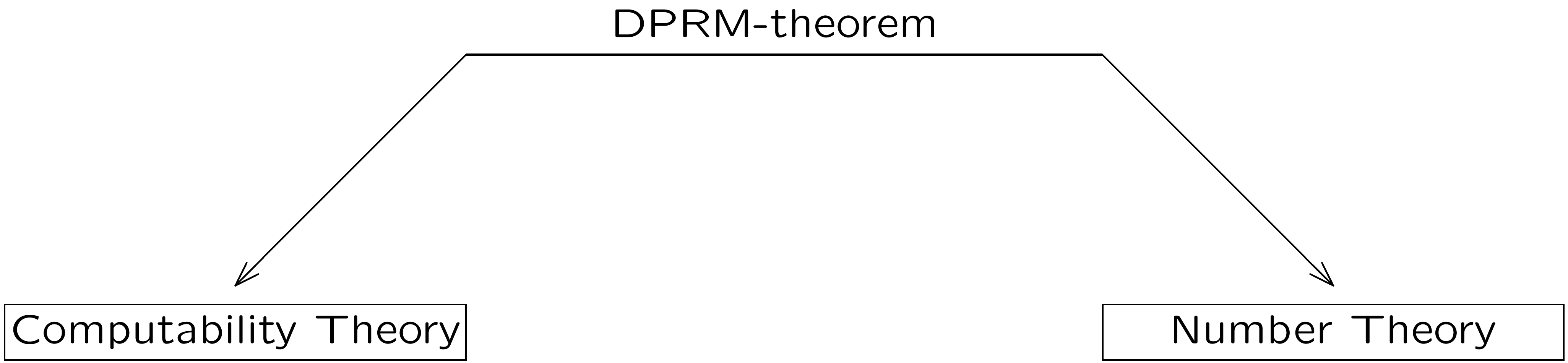

To represent words by natural numbers, we can use two-letter alphabet $\{1, 2\}$ and consider words in this alphabet as numbers written in base 2 notation.

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Hilary Putnam's trick: Given a Diophantine equation

$$P(a, b, x_1, \ldots, x_m) = 0$$

we can construct another Diophantine equation of the form

$$Q(a, y_1, \ldots, y_n) = b$$

such that the former equation has a solution in $x_1, \ldots, x_m$ for the same values of the parameters a and b for which the latter equation has a solutions in $y_1, \ldots, y_n$.

This trick works provided that the parameter b assumes only non-negative integer values.

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Open Problem. Could we improve any of the above mentioned definitions of Ω via the number of solutions of exponential Diophantine equations to similar definitions via the number of solutions of genuine (i.e., without exponentiation) Diophantine equations?