

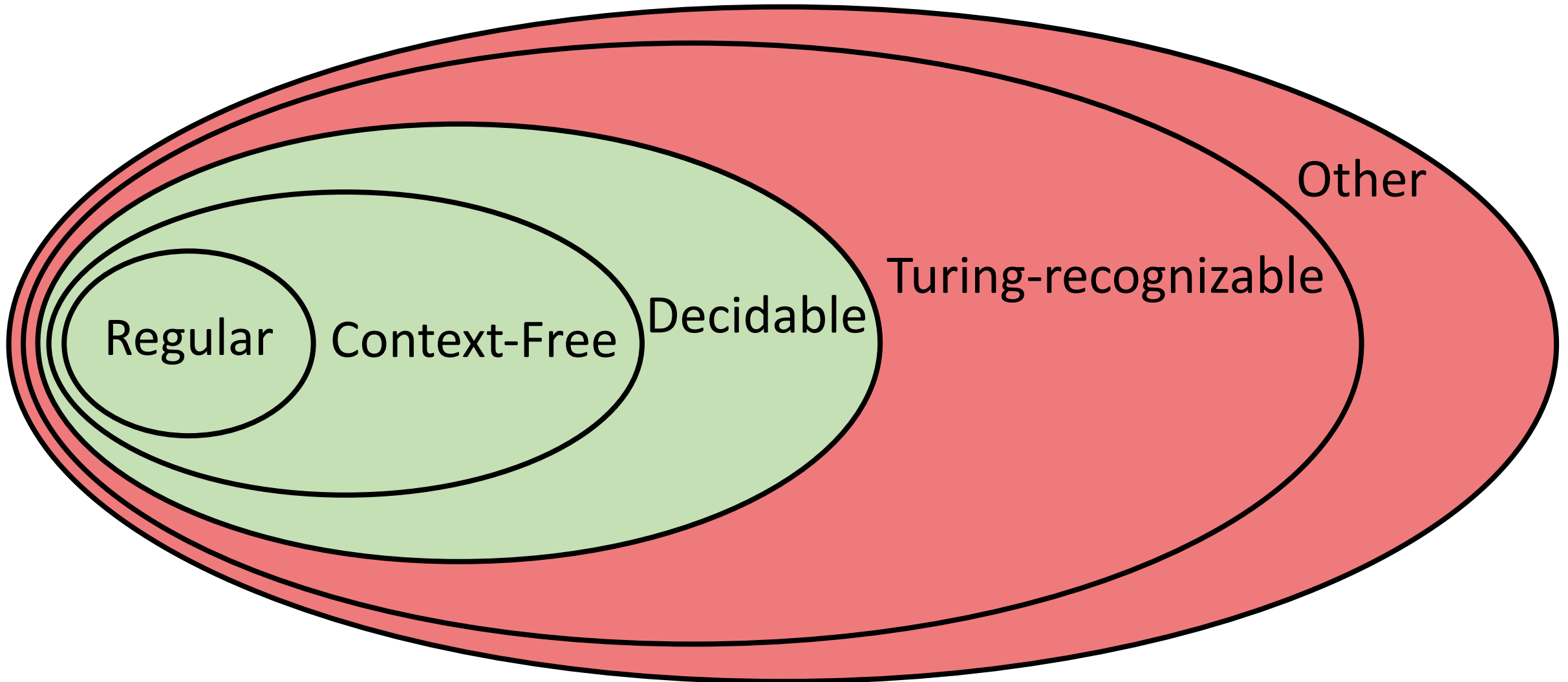
Decidability

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Decidable

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Computability Hierarchy



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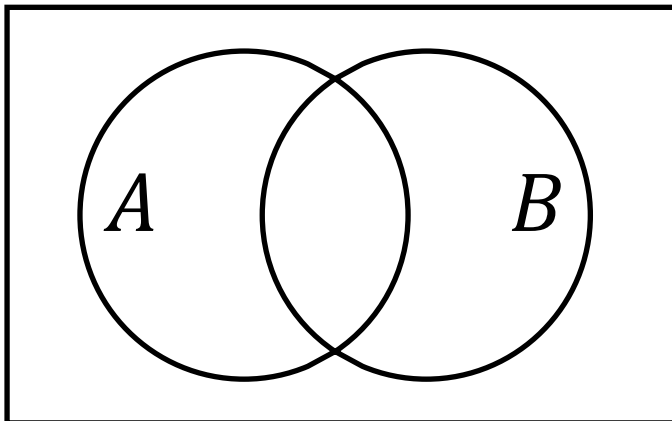
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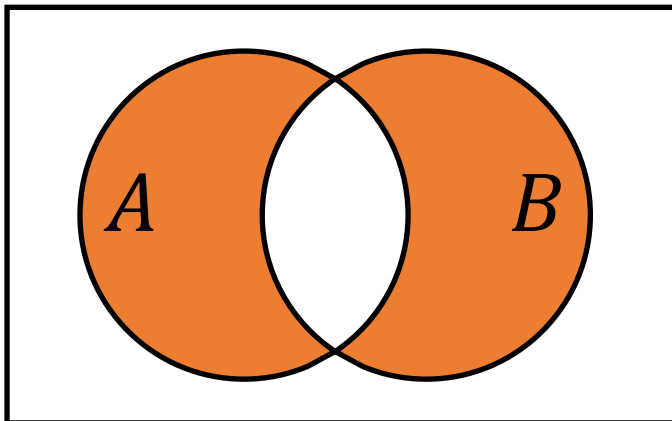
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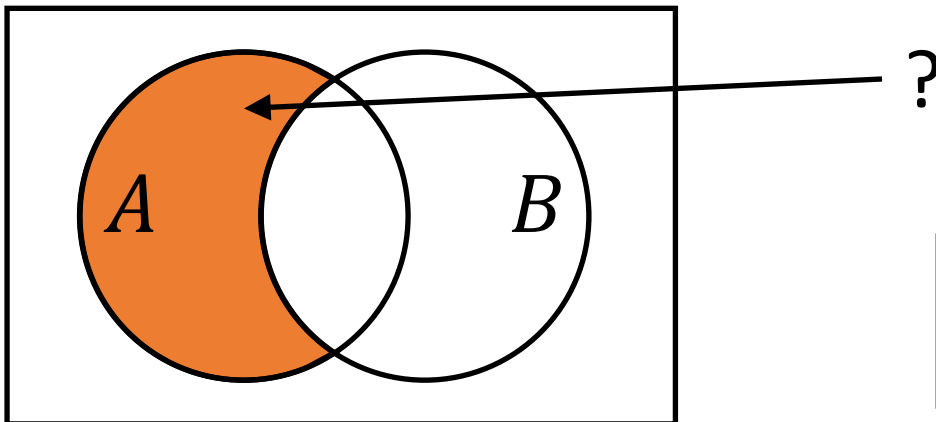
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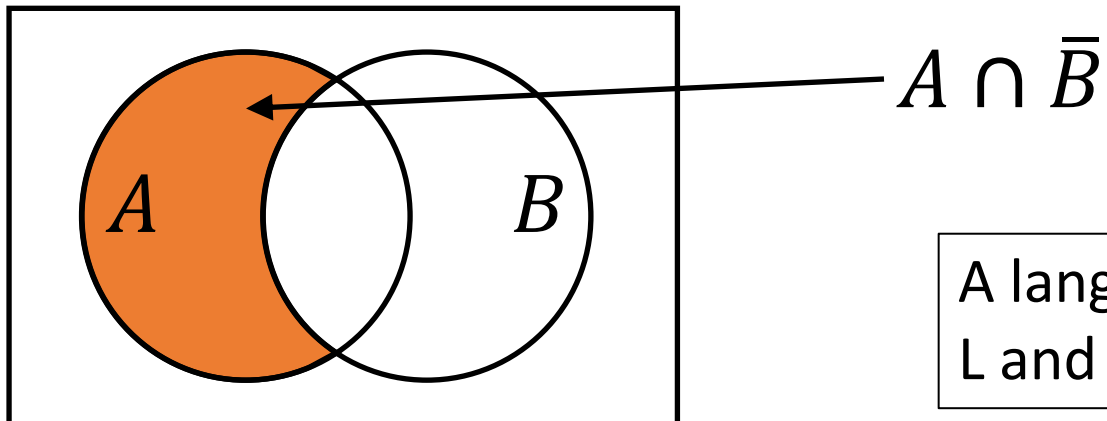
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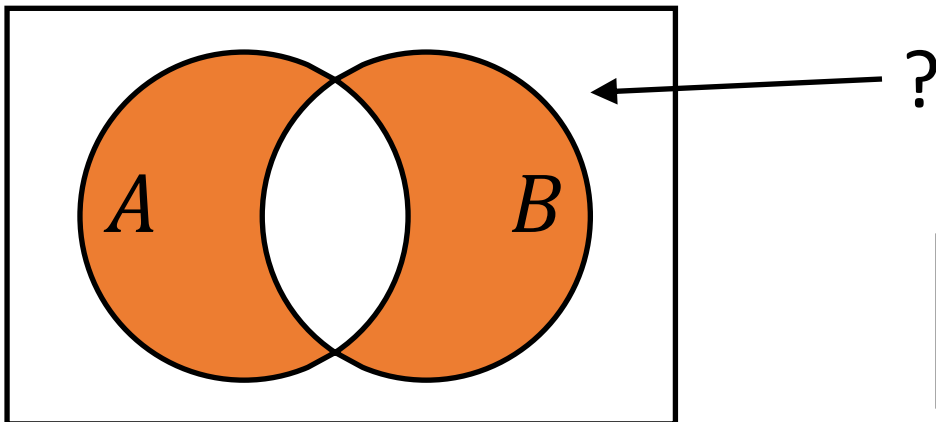
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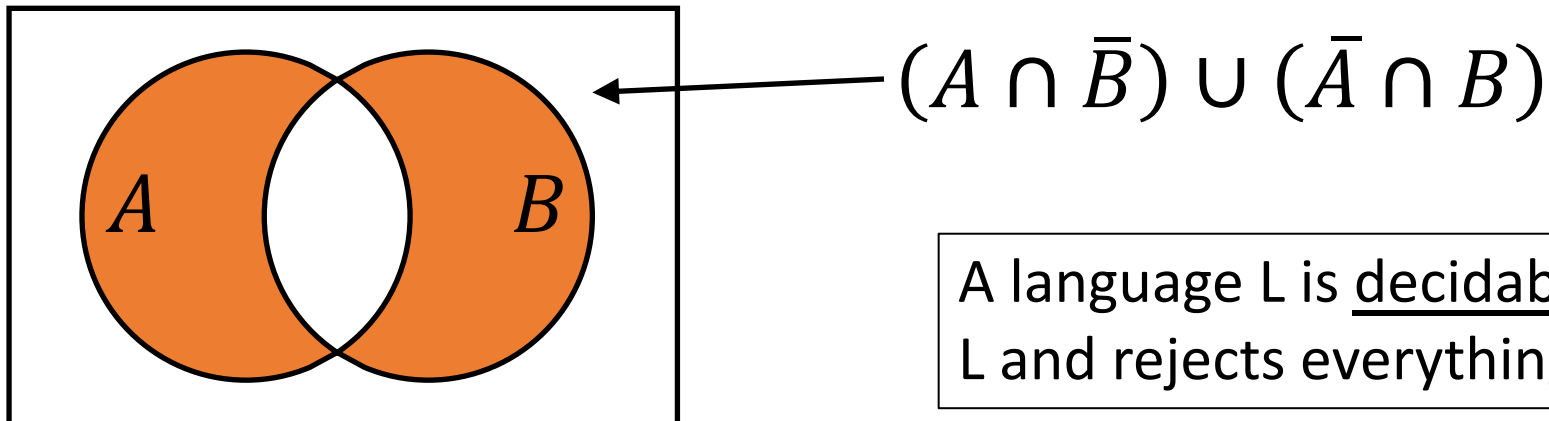
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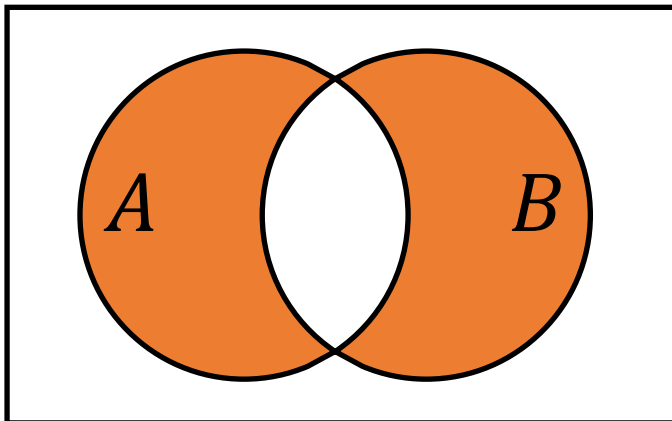
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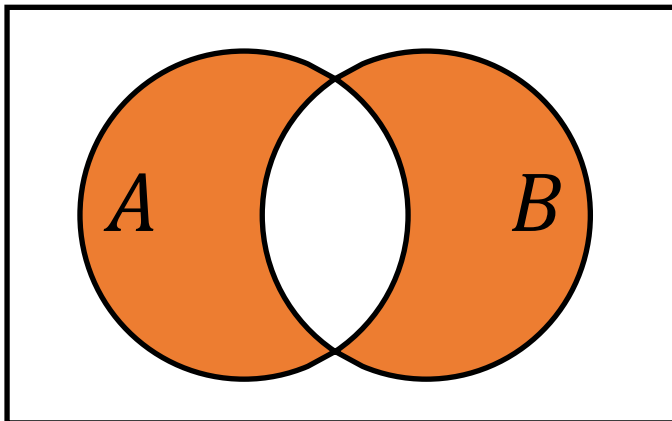
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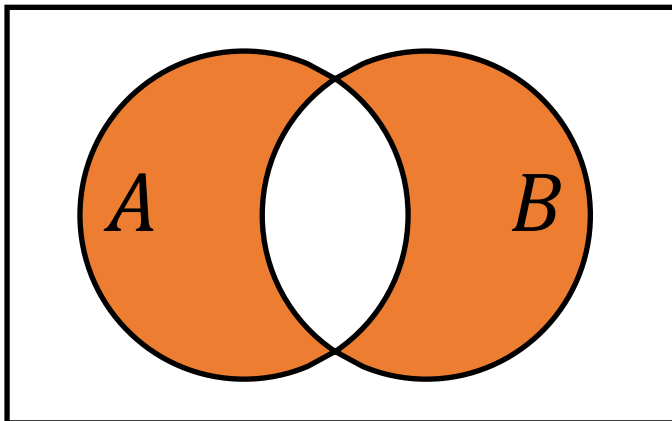
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Details???



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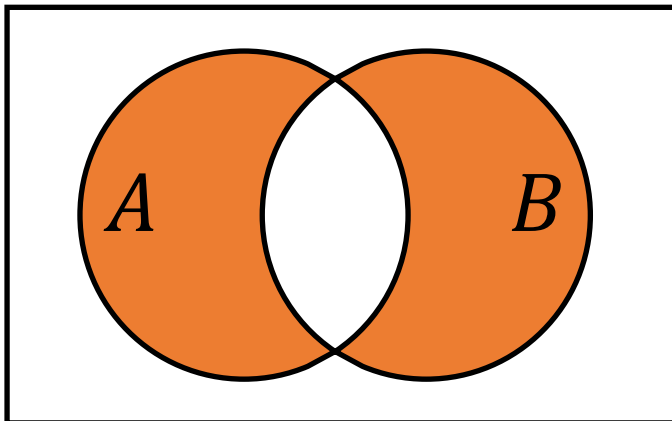
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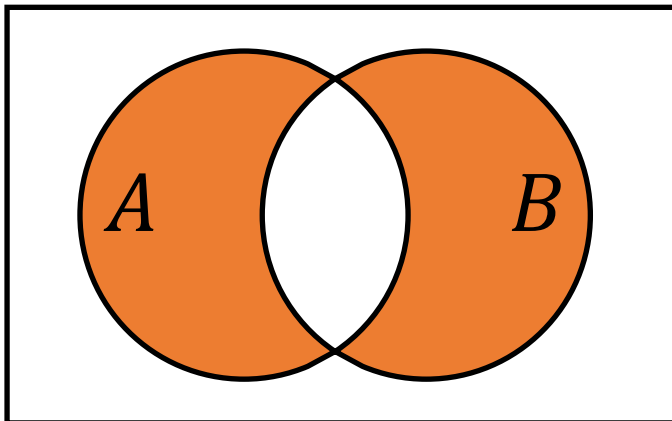
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3. Accept/Reject?



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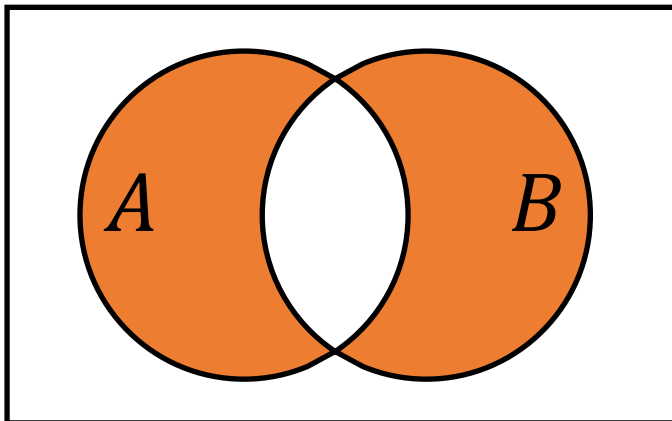
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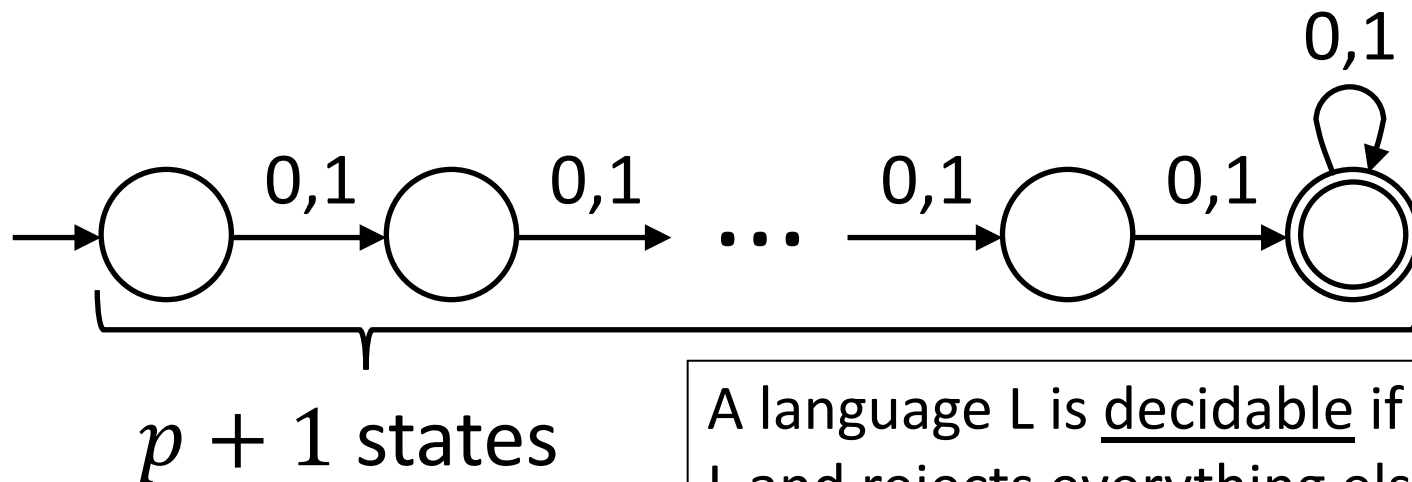
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 5. If Decider accepts, reject.
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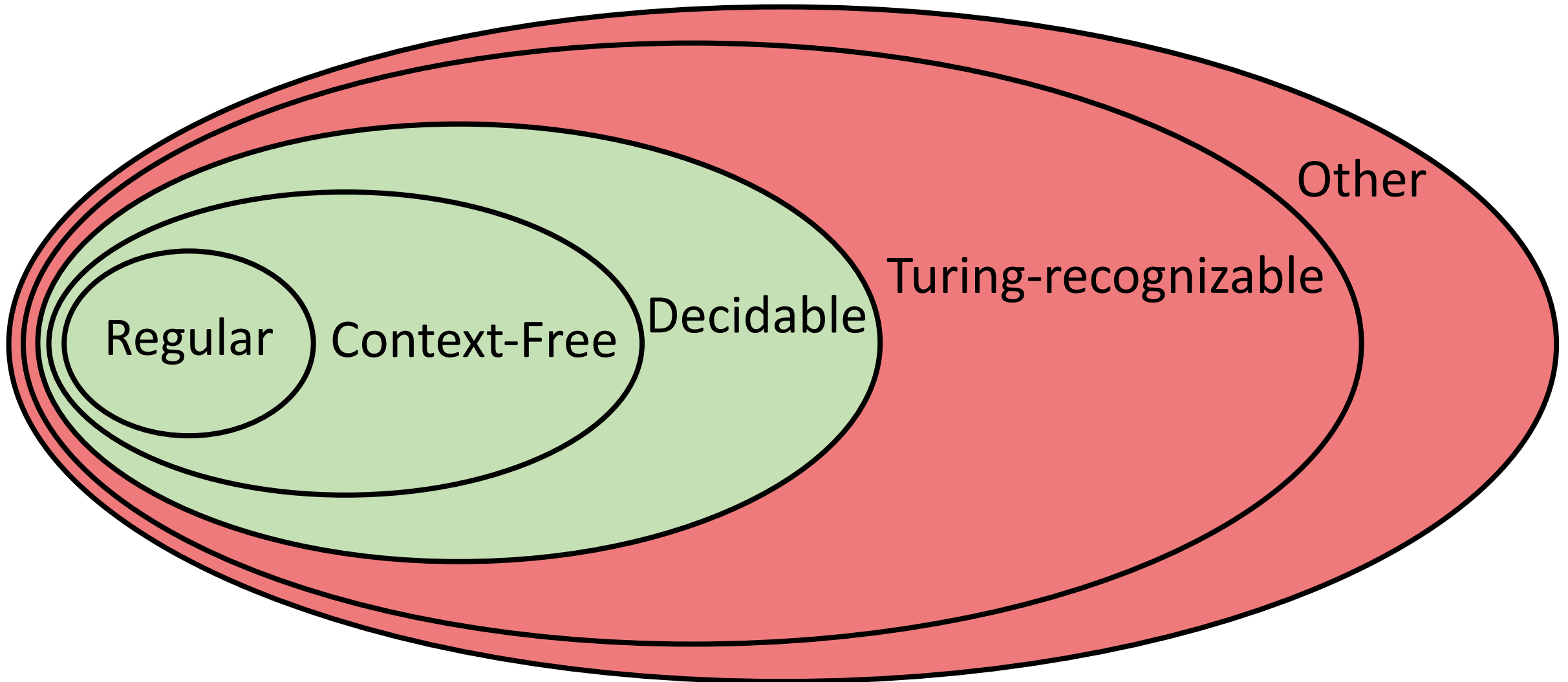
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Computability Hierarchy



A_{TM}

Claim: $A_{TM} = \{\langle M, \omega \rangle : M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts } \omega\}$ is decidable.

Proof:

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