# Irreversibility What and Why? 

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## What is irreversability?


$\varepsilon$-Machine of forwards process


- How common is this?


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?? I haven't had to do this yet, and I have reversed the entire library up to 6 states


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## How common is irreversibility?

| States | \# <br> Machines | Reversible word <br> support | Same number of <br> states (top $\varepsilon M)$ | $f-\varepsilon M$ and $r-\varepsilon M$ <br> share state |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 2 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 3 | 78 | $60(\sim 77 \%)$ | $64(\sim 82 \%)$ | $70(\sim 90 \%)$ |
| 4 | 1388 | $364(\sim 26 \%)$ | $590(\sim 43 \%)$ | $1322(\sim 95 \%)$ |
| 5 | 35186 | $2604(\sim 7.5 \%)$ | $6736(\sim 19 \%)$ | $33970(\sim 97 \%)$ |
| 6 | 1.132 .613 | $17108(\sim 1.5 \%)$ | $84174(\sim 7.5 \%)$ | $1111897(\sim 98 \%)$ |

## Number of reversestates?

5-state machines


## Conclusion:

## Reversibility <br> What and Why?

Thanks for listening

