# Acceptable Complexity Measures of Theorems 

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- Kraft's inequality: for a prefix-free set $S$, note $r_{k}=\operatorname{card}\left\{x \in S:|x|_{i}=k\right\}$. Then

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_{k} \cdot i^{-k} \leq 1
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## Kraft-Chaitin Theorem

Let $\left(n_{k}\right)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a computable sequence of non-negative integers such that

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Then we can effectively construct a prefix-free sequence of strings $\left(w_{k}\right)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that for each $k \geq 1,\left|w_{k}\right|_{i}=n_{k}$.

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