# A classification of the natural Many-one degrees. 

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In this talk we will study a similar phenomenon in Computability Theory.

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- closure of the projection and successor functions,
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- Hamiltonian path problem.
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Theorem: [Kihara, M.] There is a one-to-one correspondence between $\left(\equiv_{T}, \equiv_{m}\right)$-Ul functions ordered by $\leq_{m}^{\nabla}$ and $\mathcal{P}\left(2^{\mathbb{N}}\right)$ ordered by Wadge reducibility.

The version for ( $\equiv_{T}, \equiv_{T}$ )-invariant is known as Martin's conjecture, and the uniform case was proved by Slaman and Steel in [Steel 82][Slaman, Steel 88]

