

Turing Machines

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Hilbert's 10th problem (1900)

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diophantine equation (e.g. multivariate polynomial) with integer coefficients

e.g. $ax + by = c$, $aw^4 + bx^4 + cy^4 + dz^4 = 0$ $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

Entscheidungsproblem Problem [Hilbert and Ackermann (1928)]

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$$\neg \exists x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z} : (x^n + y^n = z^n) \wedge (n \geq 3)$$

Can Mathematics be mechanized?

▷ automatic theorem proving

Formalizing Computation

Alonzo Church (1935/1936)

Lambda Calculus is a reasonable notion of finite procedure “=algorithm”

Alan Turing (1936)

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AN UNSOLVABLE PROBLEM OF ELEMENTARY NUMBER
THEORY.¹

By ALONZO CHURCH.

ON COMPUTABLE NUMBERS, WITH AN APPLICATION TO
THE ENTSCHEIDUNGSPROBLEM

By A. M. TURING.

Alan Turing (1937)

Turing Machine = Lambda Calculus

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Matiyasevich-Robinson-Davis-Putnam (1970)

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