

Theory of Computation

Theory of a Computer, in terms of

Input \rightarrow Computation \rightarrow Output

Alan Turing

Martin Heidegger - A "Nazi Asshole" but a good philosopher.

What is Theory of Computation about?

Machines and the languages recognized by these machines

Finite Automata - Recognizes regular languages.

Alan Turing
Alonzo Church

Decision Problem \rightarrow Yes or No Answer
(But not all programs
will necessarily have this
output.)

Turing Proved that the decision problem is unsolvable. (1936)

Restricted Decision Problem (Entscheidungs Problem)

Logical formula \rightarrow First order Logic \rightarrow True or False Answer
Logical variables
and quantifiers

Kurt Gödel \rightarrow Incompleteness Theorems

There are two Incompleteness Theorems

1. There are no consistent set of axioms which are recursively enumerable such that all true theorems of arithmetic can be proven
2. Such set of axioms cannot prove it is consistent.