Curious Computation Models

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Ada Lovelace

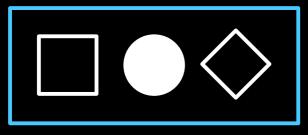
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Goal: at least one green symbol in each box





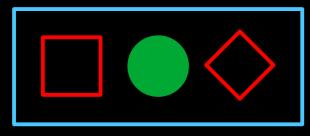


Rules

- two colors: red, green
- if a hollow symbol is red, then the same solid symbol must be green and vice versa example: means

A simple game: possible solution

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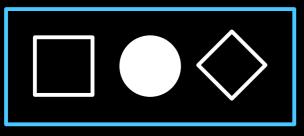


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This game solves logical formulas!

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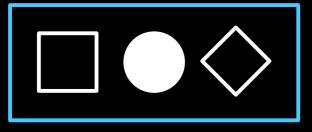
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Credit: Martina Seidl (Uni Linz)

Solving the game

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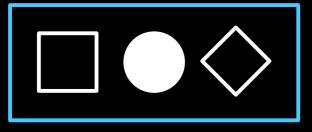




- An example algorithm:
 - 1) guess the correct answer if one exists
 - 2) check that the answer solves the game

Solving the game

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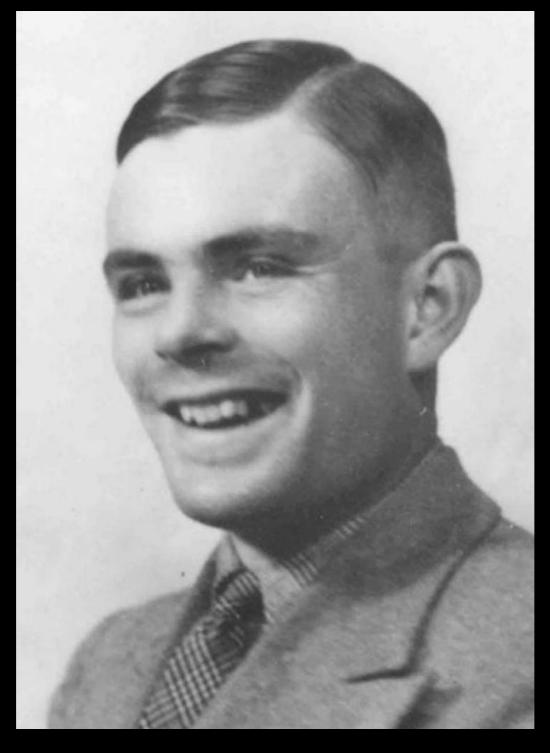




- Another algorithm:
 - 1) pick arbitrary colors for the hollow symbols, then set the colors for solid symbols by the rules
 - 2) check if each box contains a green symbol
 - 3) repeat if necessary

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which *problems* can be solved by algorithms? answer depends on *model of computation*!



Alan Turing

ON COMPUTABLE NUMBERS, WITH AN APPLICATION TO THE ENTSCHEIDUNGSPROBLEM

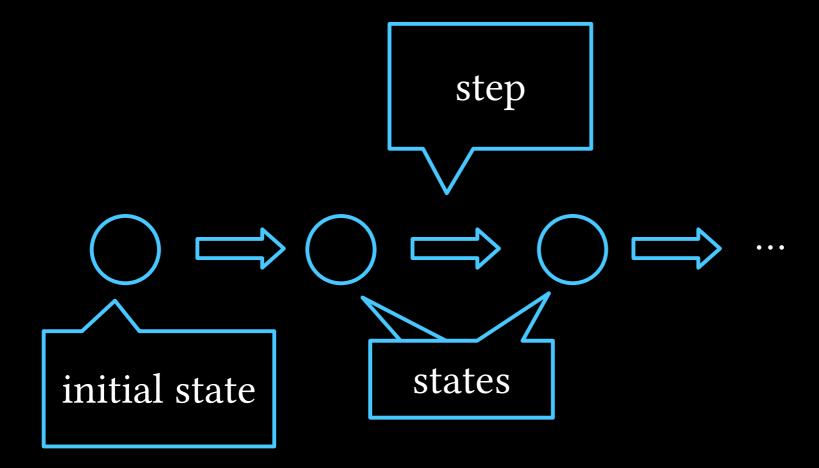
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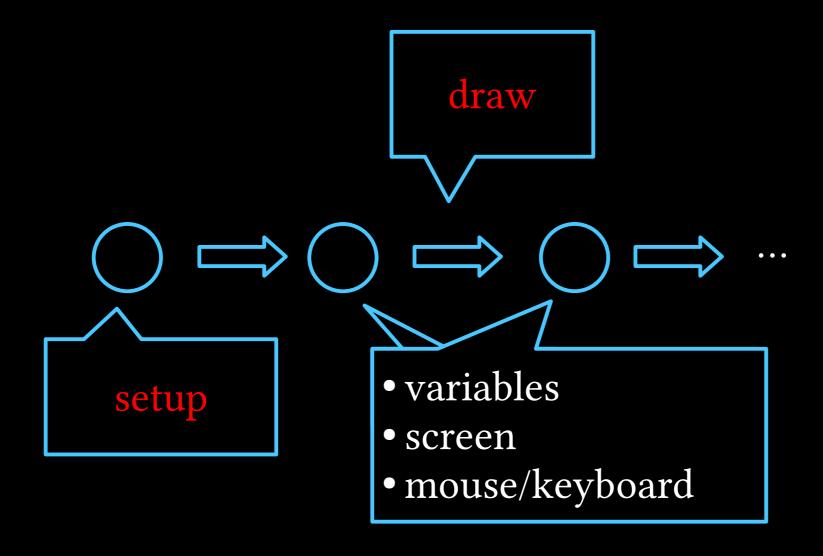


Alonzo Church

Computation



Computational model of Processing



Church's Lambda Calculus

$$(\lambda x. A[x]) \rightleftharpoons (\lambda y. A[y])$$

 $(\lambda x. A[x]) B \longrightarrow A[B]$

Examples:

$$(\lambda x. x + 1) 7 \longrightarrow 7 + 1 \quad (= 8)$$
$$(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y y) \longrightarrow ???$$

Chemical Abstract Machine

There are only two basic rules:

parallel:

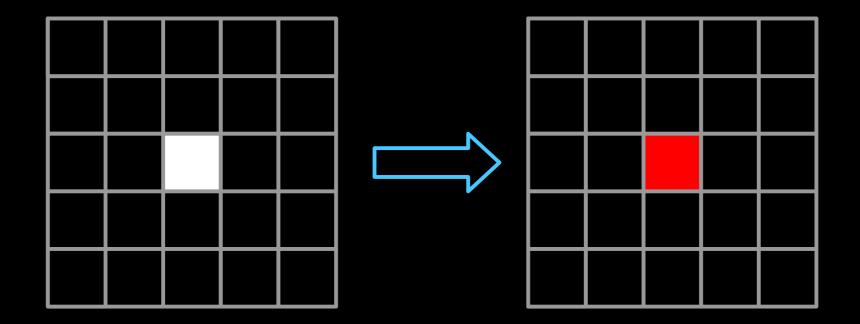
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reaction:

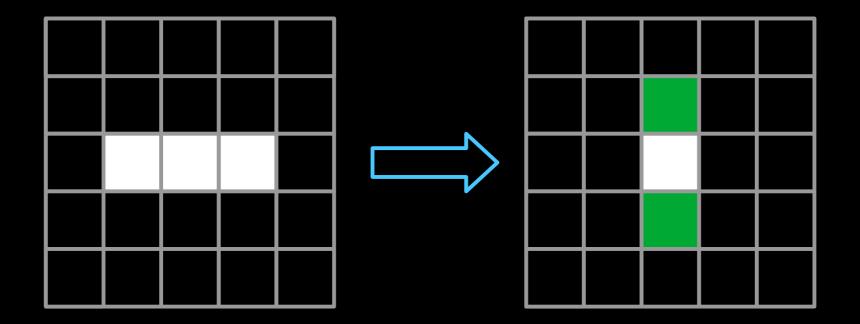
$$a.p, \overline{a}.q \rightarrow p, q$$

Note: for general computation add $|p \rightleftharpoons p| |p$

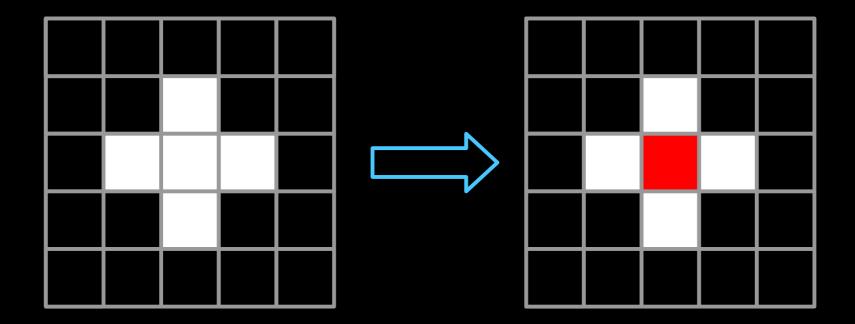
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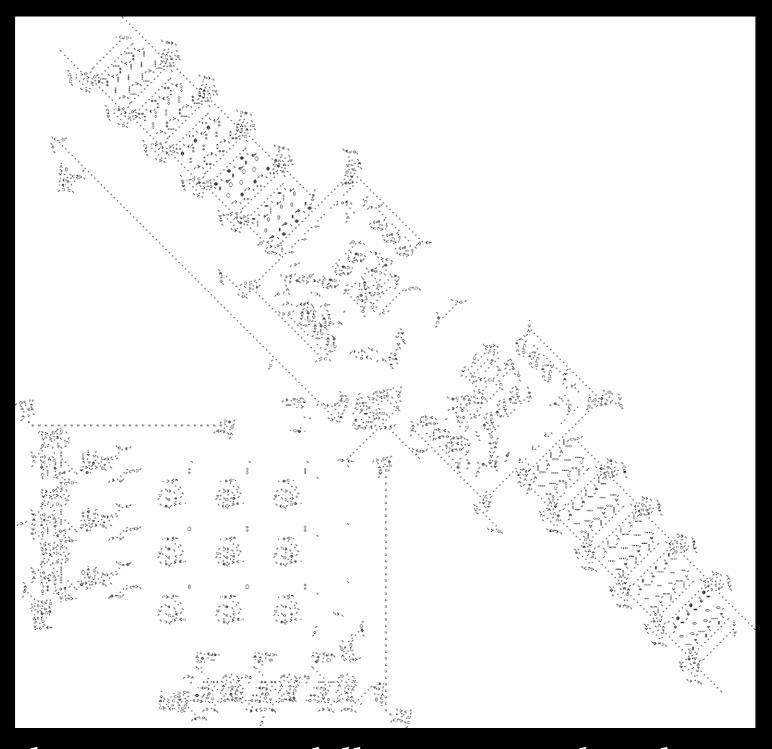


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