

Alan Turing

“Founder of computer science”

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Alan Turing, *The purpose of Ordinal Logics*, 1938

*“Mathematical reasoning may be regarded rather schematically as the exercise of a combination of two facilities, which we may call **intuition** and **ingenuity**.”*



Alan Turing: The Enigma

1st edition, 1983.

Centenary edition,
2012.

Definitive biography
by Andrew Hodges,
Wadham College,
Oxford.

Alan Turing *the enigma*

THE
EXTRAORDINARY
STORY OF THE BRILLIANT
SCIENTIST WHO BROKE "ENIGMA,"
GERMANY'S MOST SECRET WORLD WAR
II CODE, WHO PIONEERED THE MODERN
COMPUTER AGE, AND WHO FINALLY
FELL VICTIM TO THE COLD-WAR WORLD
OF MILITARY SECRETS AND
SEXUAL SCANDAL

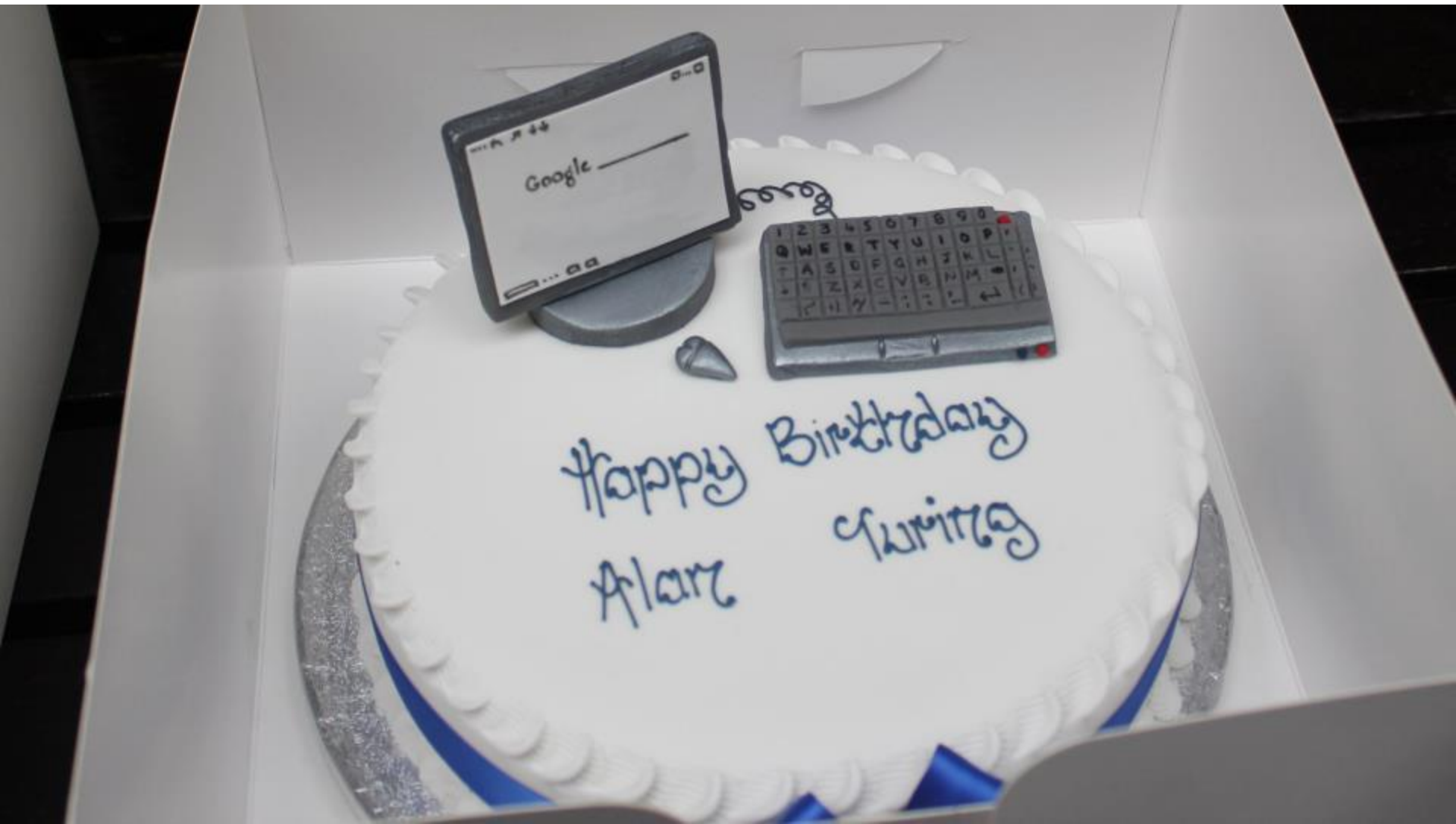
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Hodges

Overview

- **Alan Mathison Turing**, OBE, FRS
(23 June 1912 – 7 June 1954)
- Mathematician and codebreaker
- “Founder/father of computer science”
- Centenary meetings at Bletchley Park, Cambridge, Manchester, Oxford, etc., in 2012
- Increasingly in the public consciousness



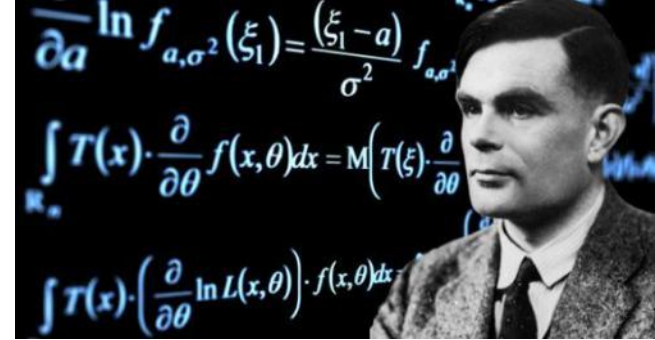
Happy Birthday Alan Turing! (2012)



Turing citations

Small number of highly influential papers

– c. 5 citations per day



Alan Turing

Reader, University of Manchester

Mathematics - Computer Science - Cryptography - Artificial Intelligence - Morphogenesis

Google Scholar

Citation indices

| | All | Since 2008 |
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| Citations | 24136 | 9113 |
| h-index | 32 | 20 |
| i10-index | 50 | 29 |

Citations to my articles



Turing's top 10 papers

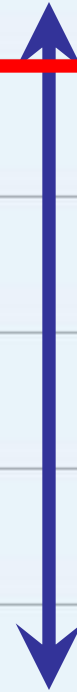
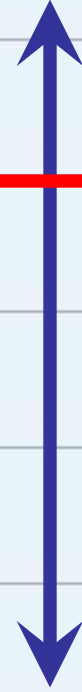
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| The chemical basis of morphogenesis AM Turing Bulletin of Mathematical Biology 52 (1), 153-197 | 7256 | 1952 |
| On computable numbers, with an application to the Entscheidungsproblem AM Turing Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society 42 (2), 230-265 | 6295 | 1936 |
| Computing machinery and intelligence AM Turing Mind 59 (236), 433-460 | 6067 | 1950 |
| Systems of logic based on ordinals AM Turing Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society 2 (1), 161-228 | 586 | 1939 |
| Intelligent machinery (1948) A Turing B. Jack Copeland, 395 | 491 | 2004 |
| Rounding-off errors in matrix processes AM Turing The Quarterly Journal of Mechanics and Applied Mathematics 1 (1), 287-308 | 338 | 1948 |
| with corrections from Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society AM Turing Series 2 (43), 544-546 | 338 * | 1937 |
| Computing machinery and intelligence AM Turing Computers & Thought, 11-35 | 337 | 1995 |
| Computability and λ-definability AM Turing The Journal of Symbolic Logic 2 (4), 153-163 | 247 | 1937 |
| Checking a large routine A Turing The early British computer conferences, 70-72 | 227 | 1948 |

Bioinformatics

Theoretical computer science

Artificial Intelligence



Contributions

- **The Universal Machine (1936)**
- **Codebreaking (WW II)**
- **Computers and computing (1946)**
- **Artificial Intelligence (1950)**
- **Morphogenesis (1952)**

Life

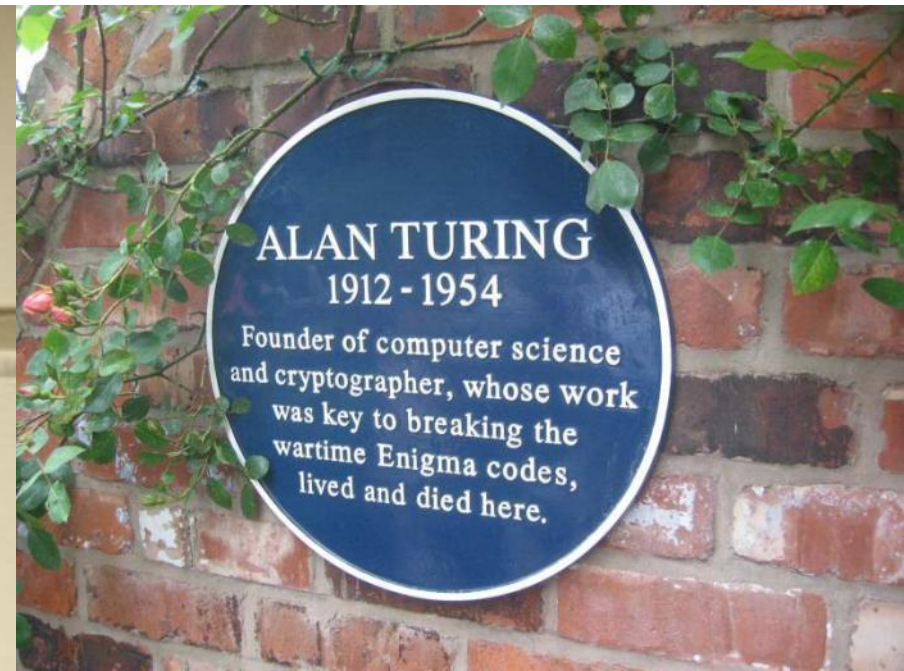
- Born 1912
- Died 1954, aged 41

Born at Colonnade Hotel
Maida Vale, London



Alan Turing as a child

Died in Wilmslow, Cheshire



Southampton to Sherborne

Arrival at new school: Bicycle ride during
the General Strike, 1926



Stayed at the Crown
Hotel Blandford Forum

Read and
understood
Einstein
aged 16

Max Newman – Turing's mentor

- King's College, Cambridge (1931–34), then Fellow
- Maxwell Herman Alexander **Newman**, FRS (1897–1984), mathematician and codebreaker
- Newman's 1935 lectures on the foundations of mathematics inspired Turing
- Later at Bletchley Park / Manchester
- One of Turing's few co-authors

Newman, M. H. A. (1955). "Alan Mathison Turing. 1912–1954". *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society*, 1:253–226.

[doi:10.1098/rsbm.1955.0019](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsbm.1955.0019)



Hilbert and Gödel

- David Hilbert (1862–1943)
- Hilbert's program
- Kurt Friedrich Gödel (1906–1978)
- Completeness theorem (1929)
- Incompleteness theorems (1931)
- Turing's 1936 paper



Turing, A.M. (1936–7) On Computable Numbers with an Application to the Entscheidungsproblem.

Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, Series 2, **42**(1):230–265.

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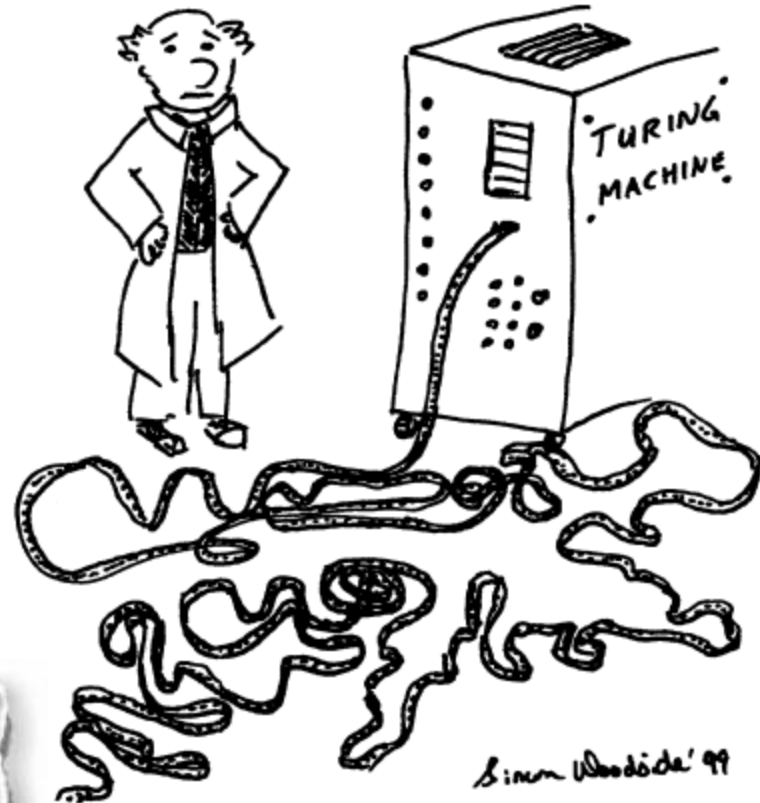
Decidability and the Entscheidungsproblem

- Decision problem
- Turing machine
 - theoretical
- Halting problem
- Computability

ON COMPUTABLE NUMBERS, WITH AN APPLICATION TO
THE ENTSCHEIDUNGSPROBLEM

By A. M. TURING.

[Received 28 May, 1936.—Read 12 November, 1936.]



Turing solves the halting problem,
only to discover that the **REAL**
problem with his machine is
what to do with all the tape.

The Universal Turing Machine

An implementation of a Turing machine

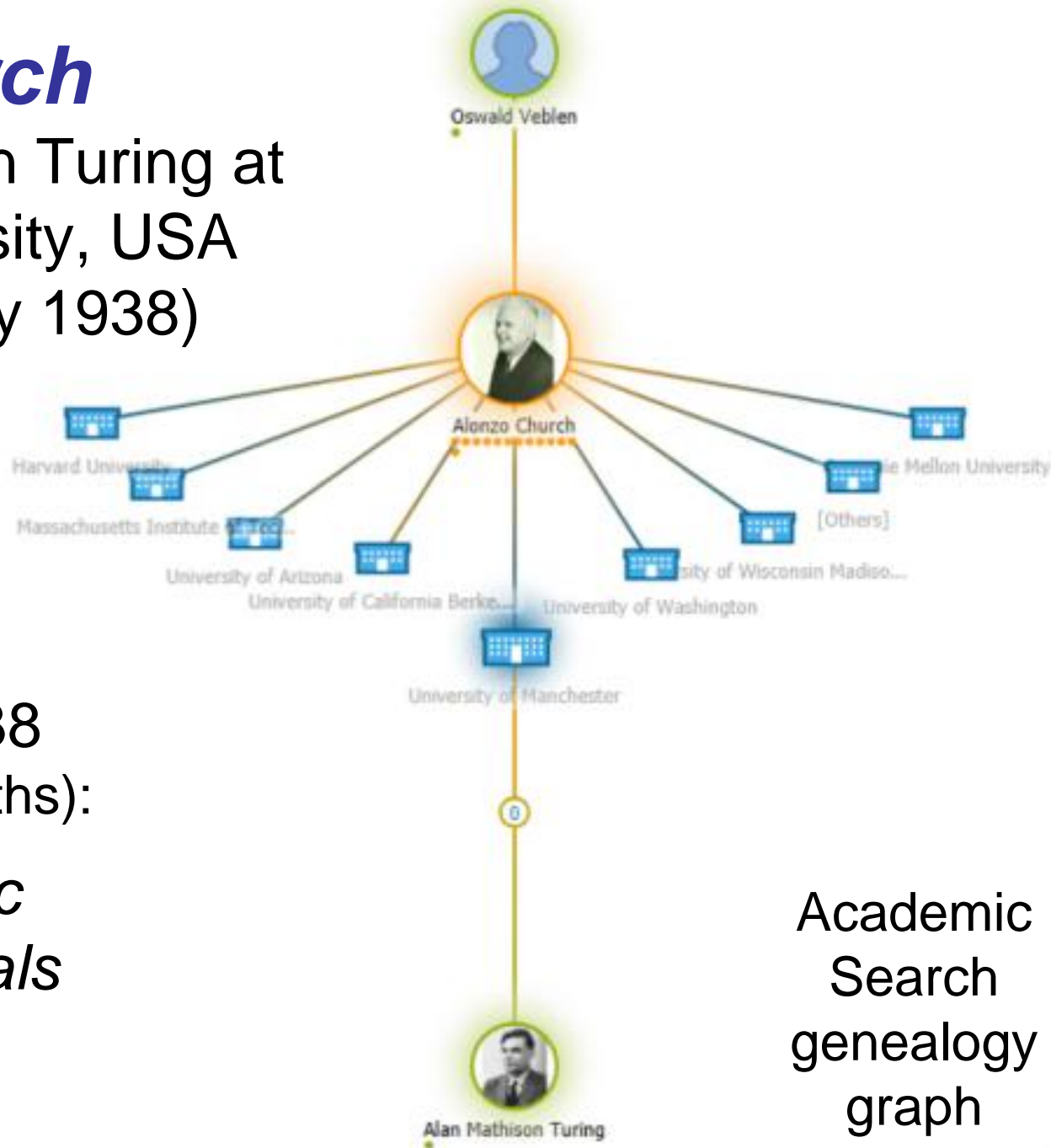


Alonzo Church

supervisor of Alan Turing at
Princeton University, USA
(Sept. 1936 – July 1938)

PhD in June 1938
(only 1 year 9 months):

*Systems of Logic
Based on Ordinals*



The Church–Turing thesis

- Alonzo Church (1903–1995)
- Undecidability of the Entscheidungsproblem
- Two independently developed approaches
- Turing could have stayed in the US, but...



Bletchley Park

- WW II codebreaking
- Enigma, etc.

Cottages in the
stableyard where
Turing did early
work on Enigma



Turing's
office in
Hut 8



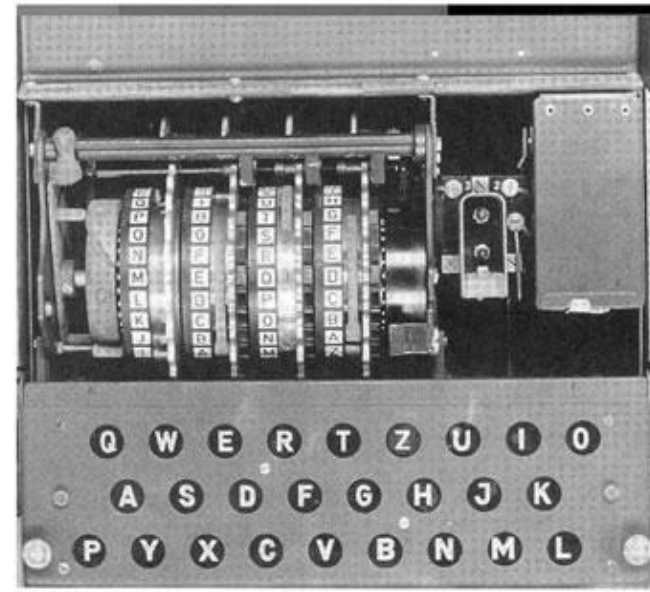
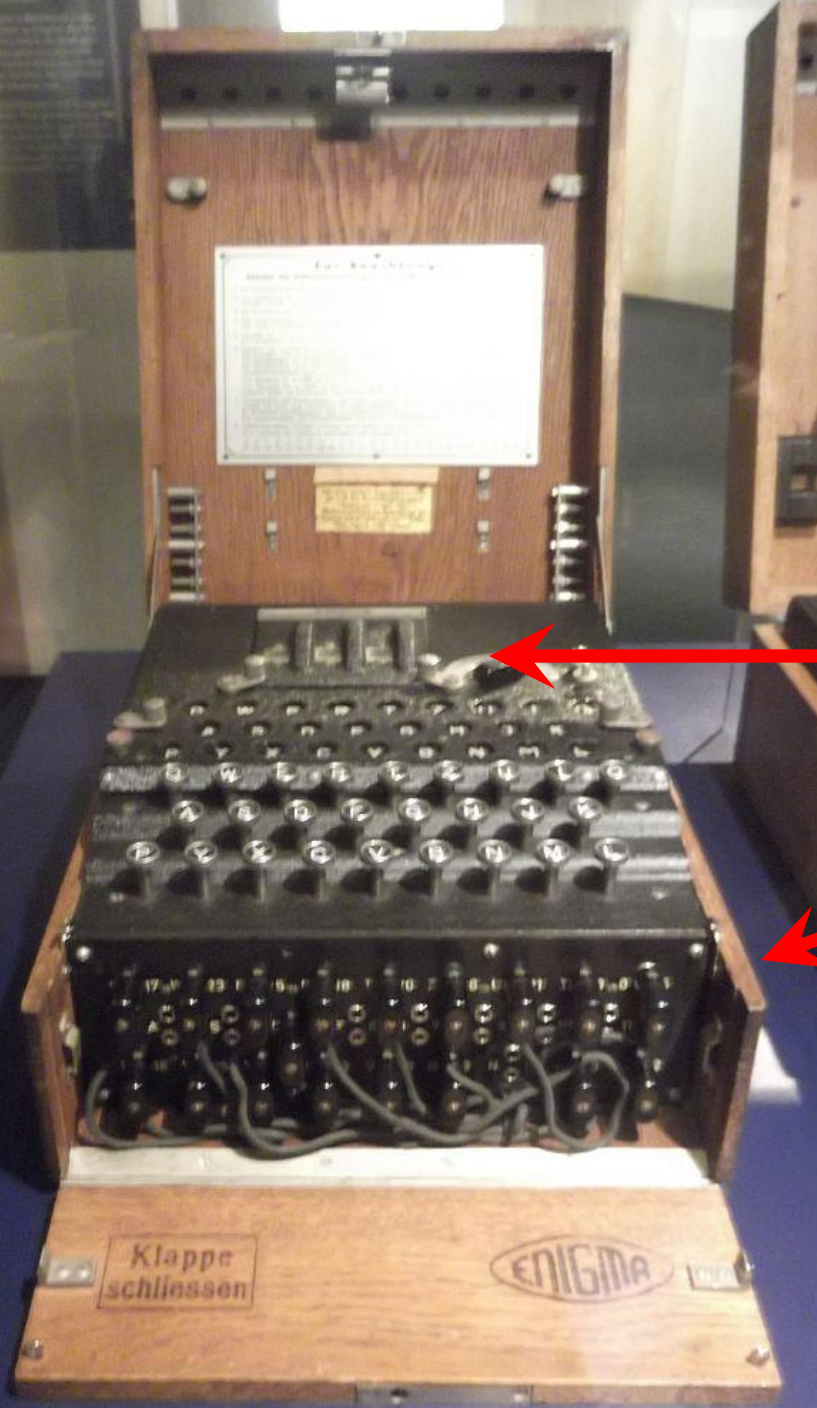
Alan Turing's office in Hut 8 Bletchley Park

Hut
used
by
Turing



German Naval Enigma

- Electro-mechanical rotor cipher machines
- Rotors and plugboard



Bombes

- Electromechanical deciphering device
- Initial design by Turing (1939)
- Bombe reconstruction at Bletchley Park

Jean Valentine, Bombe operator, now a guide at Bletchley Park



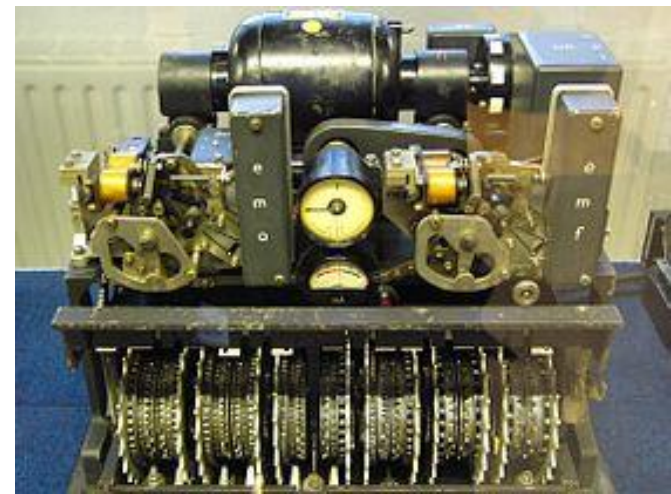
Banburismus and Turingery

- *Banburismus*: a cryptographic method developed by Turing for Enigma (Bombe pre-processing)
- Later used in *Turingery* (aka *Turing's Method* and *Turingismus*) for breaking the Lorenz cipher
- **Lorenz**: German army rotor stream cipher machines
- Nicknamed “*Tunny*” after “Fish” (non-Morse) cipher



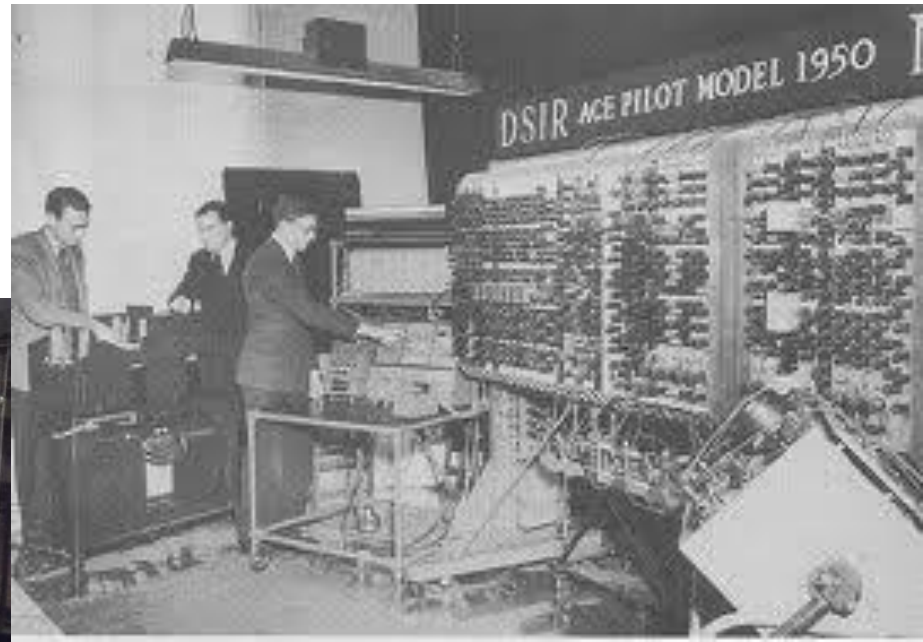
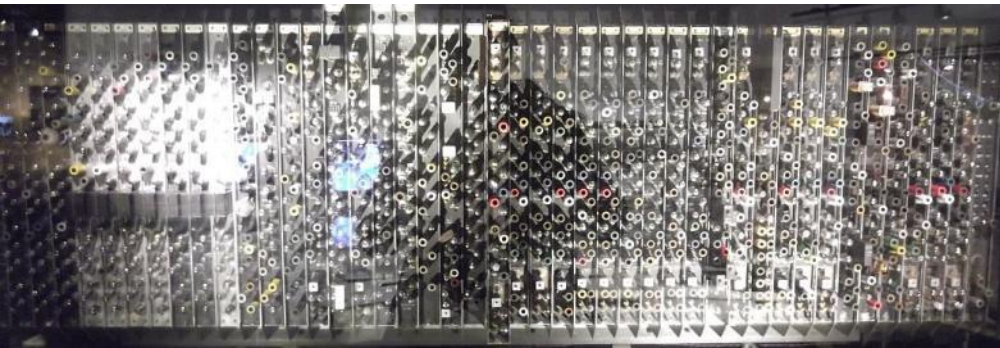
Cf.
BlackBerry
today

Awarded an
OBE in 1945



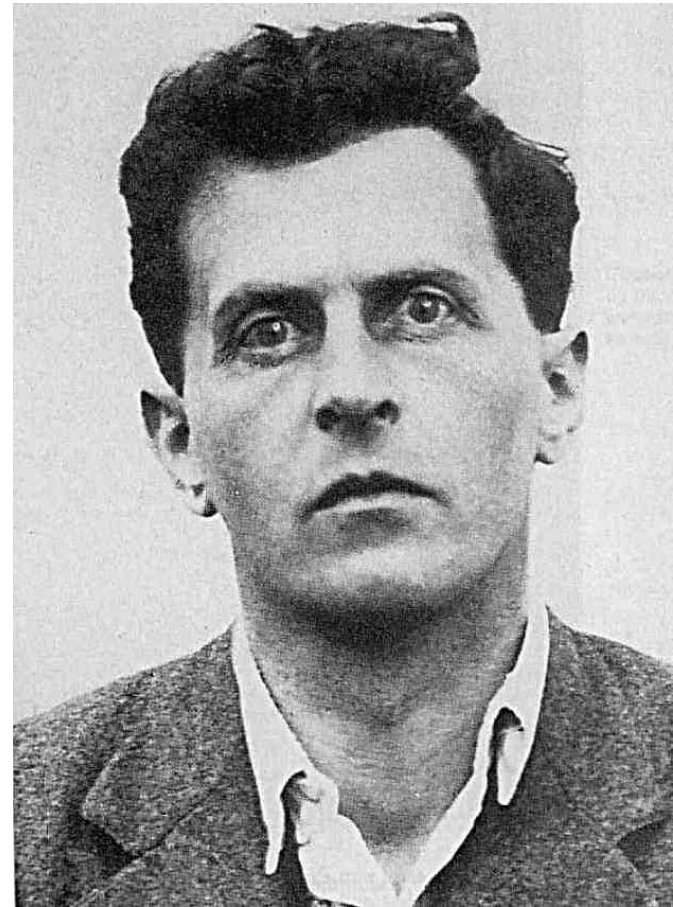
The ACE computer

- Turing at National Physical Laboratory, 1945–47
- Automatic Computing Engine (ACE), originally designed by Turing, 1946
- Smaller Pilot ACE finally implemented, 1950
- Now in the Science Museum, London



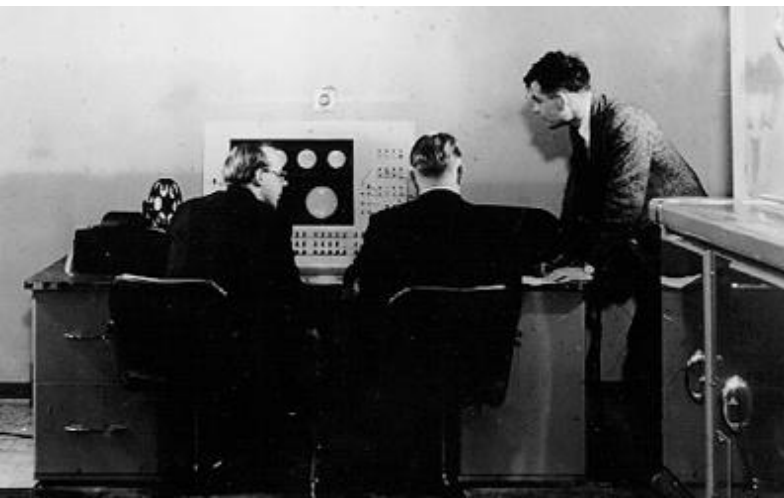
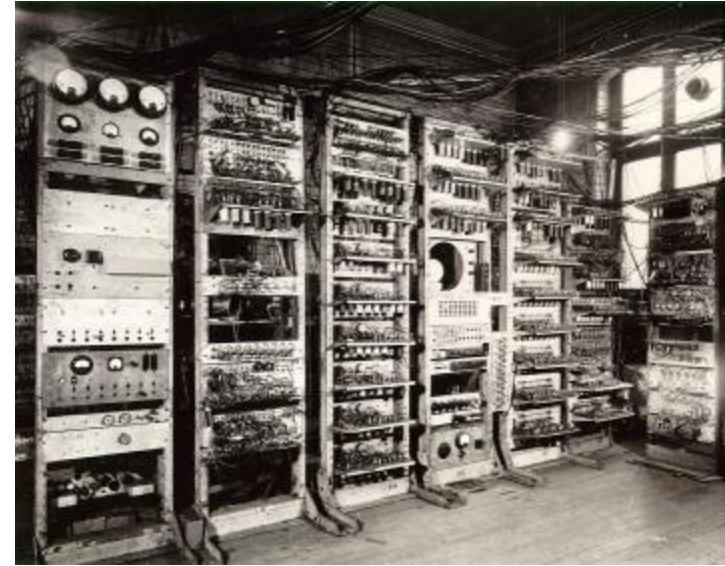
Wittgenstein and Turing

- Turing's sabbatical year in Cambridge (1947–48)
- Ludwig Wittgenstein, philosopher (1889–1951)
- Lectures at Cambridge attended (and understood!) by Turing
- Discovery vs. invention of mathematics



The Manchester computer

- Turing appointed 1948 (became a Reader)
- Manchester Mark I computer, June 1948
- Worked on software

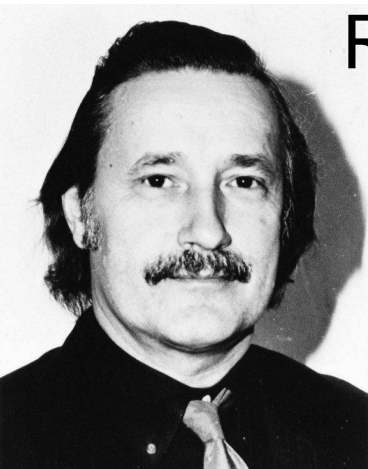


Alan Turing on the right standing at the console of the Manchester Ferranti computer.



Turing and programming

- Early meeting in Cambridge
 - “*Checking a large routine*” paper (1948)
- Turing’s influence or otherwise
- Computer chess and draughts
 - Christopher Strachey (1916–75), first head of the Programming Research Group, Oxford



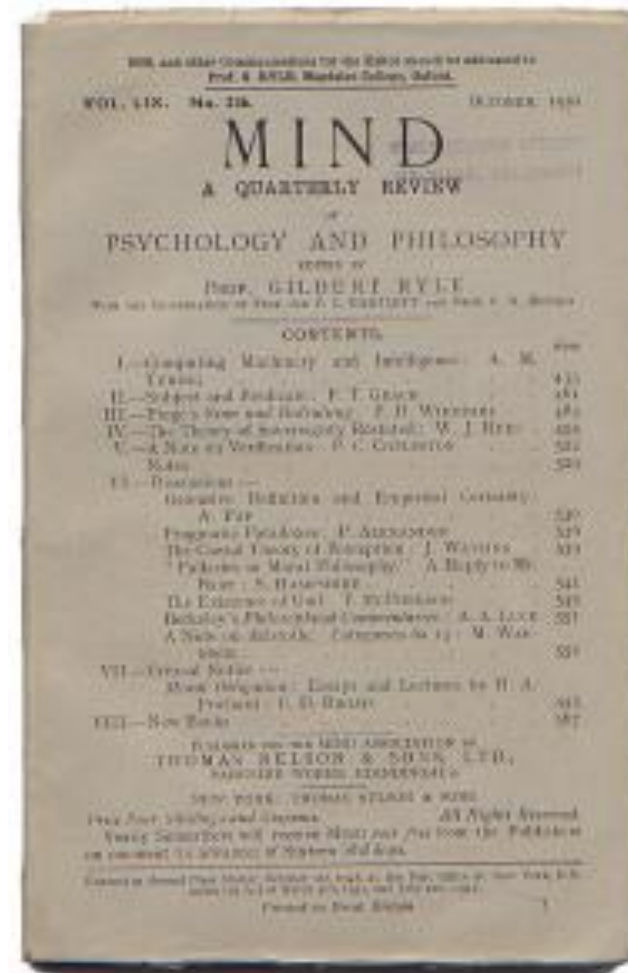
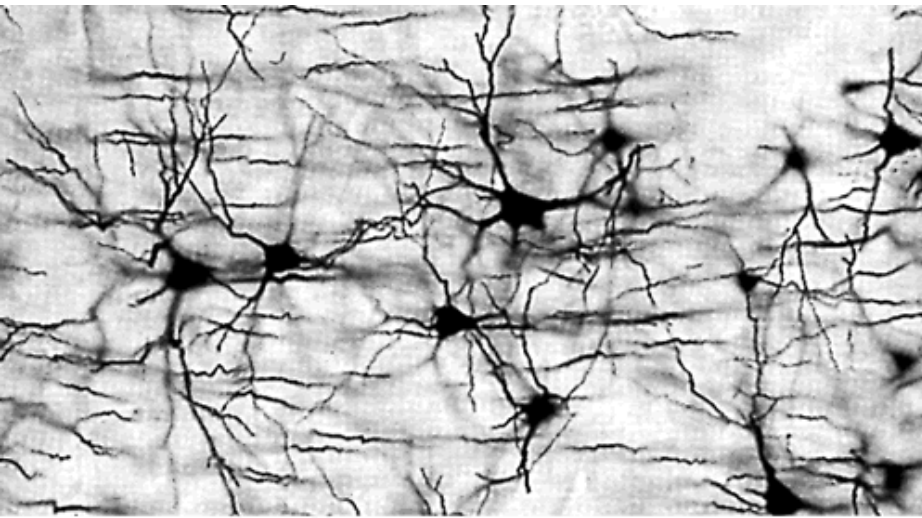
Punched cards for
Pilot ACE computer



Machine intelligence

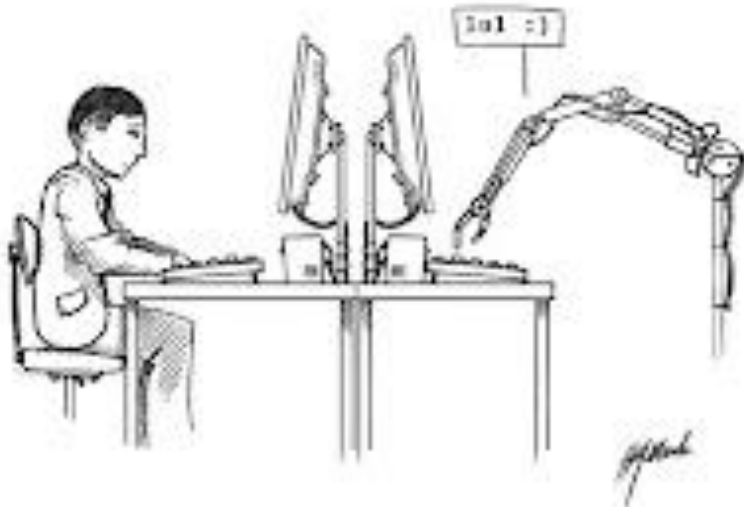
Turing foresaw *Artificial Intelligence* (AI)

Turing, A.M. (October 1950),
“Computing Machinery and
Intelligence”, *Mind*, **LIX**(236):433–460.
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The Turing Test

- The imitation game
- “Child machines” – educable
- Social communication



“On the Internet, nobody knows you’re a dog.” – New Yorker

Thought

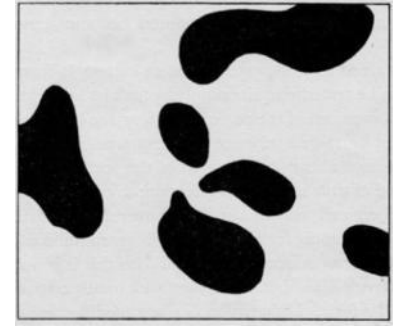


*“... at the end of the [20th] century,
... one will be able to speak of
machines thinking without
expecting to be contradicted.”*

– Alan Turing

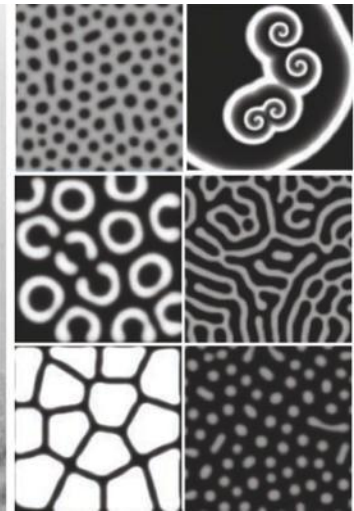
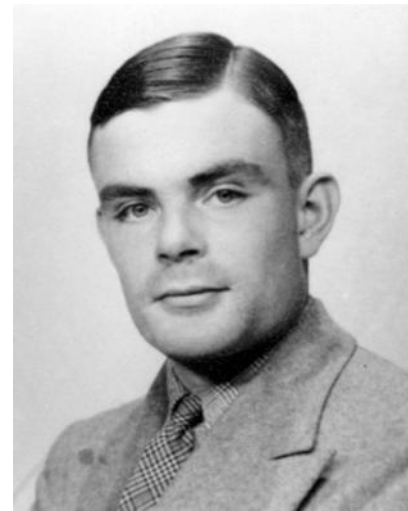
Awarded Fellowship of the Royal Society
(**FRS**), 1951.

Morphogenesis

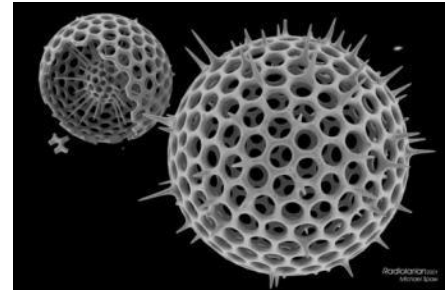


- The "beginning of the shape"
– biological process, patterns
- Turing not completely correct,
but close enough
- Chaos theory

Turing, A.M. (1952). "The Chemical Basis of Morphogenesis". *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, **237**(641):37–64.
[doi:10.1098/rstb.1952.0012](https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.1952.0012)



Last student



- Bernard Richards
- Masters student under Turing at Manchester from 1953



On Alan Turing: *“The day he died felt like driving through a tunnel and the lights being switched off.”*

Poem from Turing to Robin Gandy

*Hyperboloids of wondrous Light;
Rolling for aye through Space and Time;
Harbour those Waves which somehow Might;
Play out God's holy pantomime.*

Robin Gandy (1919–1995),
student of Turing at
Cambridge, later at
Wolfson College, Oxford





Epitaph

“A sort of scientific Shelley.”

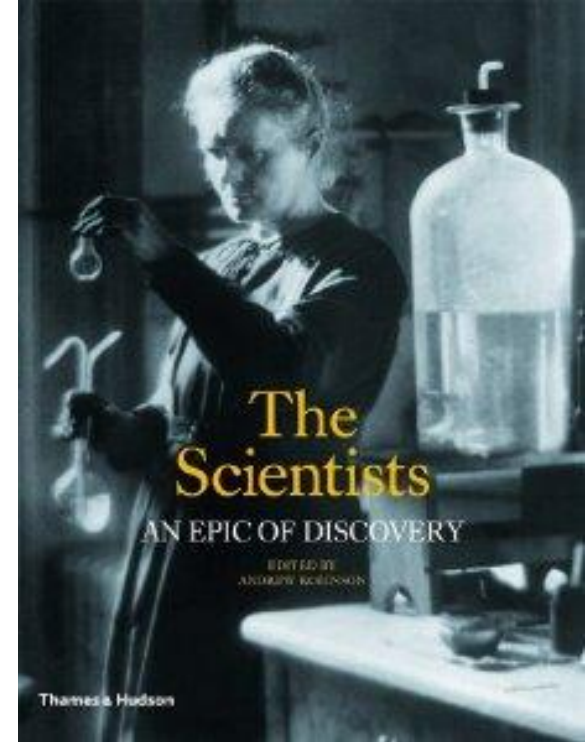
– Sir Geoffrey Jefferson FRS (1886–1961)
Professor of Neurosurgery at Manchester

Shelley Memorial,
University College,
Oxford



The Scientists: An epic of discovery

- Andrew Robinson (ed.),
Thames & Hudson, 2012
- 43 scientists through history
- Two computer scientists:
 - Alan Turing, “Turing Machine”
 - John von Neumann(1903–1957),
“von Neumann Machine”



Epilogue

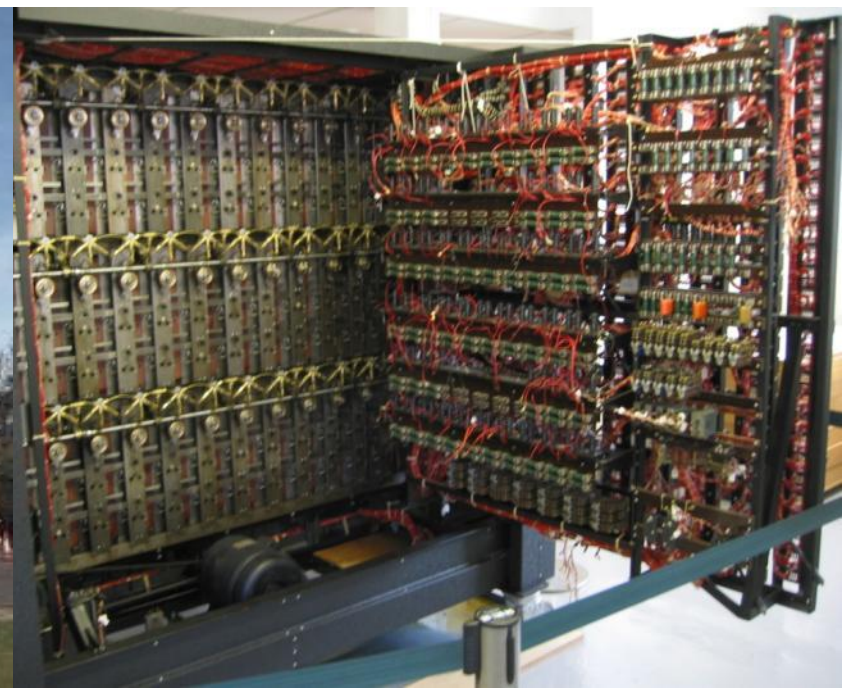


- ACM Turing Award, first awarded 1966
- Increasing public consciousness
- Government apology/pardon
- Turing papers: auction
- Google donation to Bletchley Park



Bletchley Park – now

- Bombe and Colossus reconstructions
- National Museum of Computing
- Now safe, but needs further funding

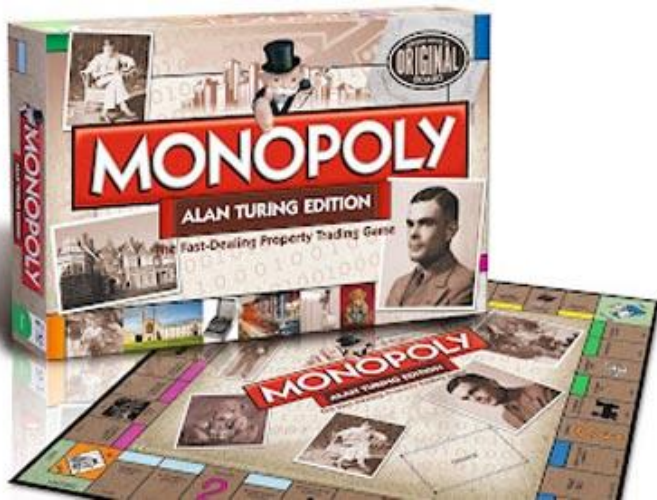


Memorials

- E.g., slate statue at Bletchley Park by Stephen Kettle
- Also statue in Manchester



Alan Turing exhibition at the Science Museum (2012)



Even Alan Turing Monopoly!
(2012 special edition)

Alan Turing – online resources

- Centenary year in 2012
 - www.turingcentenary.eu
- Andrew Hodges (Turing biographer)
 - *Alan Turing: the Enigma* (1983)
 - www.turing.org.uk
- The Turing Digital Archive (3,000 images)
 - King's College Cambridge
 - www.turingarchive.org
- Jack Copeland's *Turing Archive* (facsimiles)
 - www.alanturing.net



Turing's Worlds (23–24 June 2012)

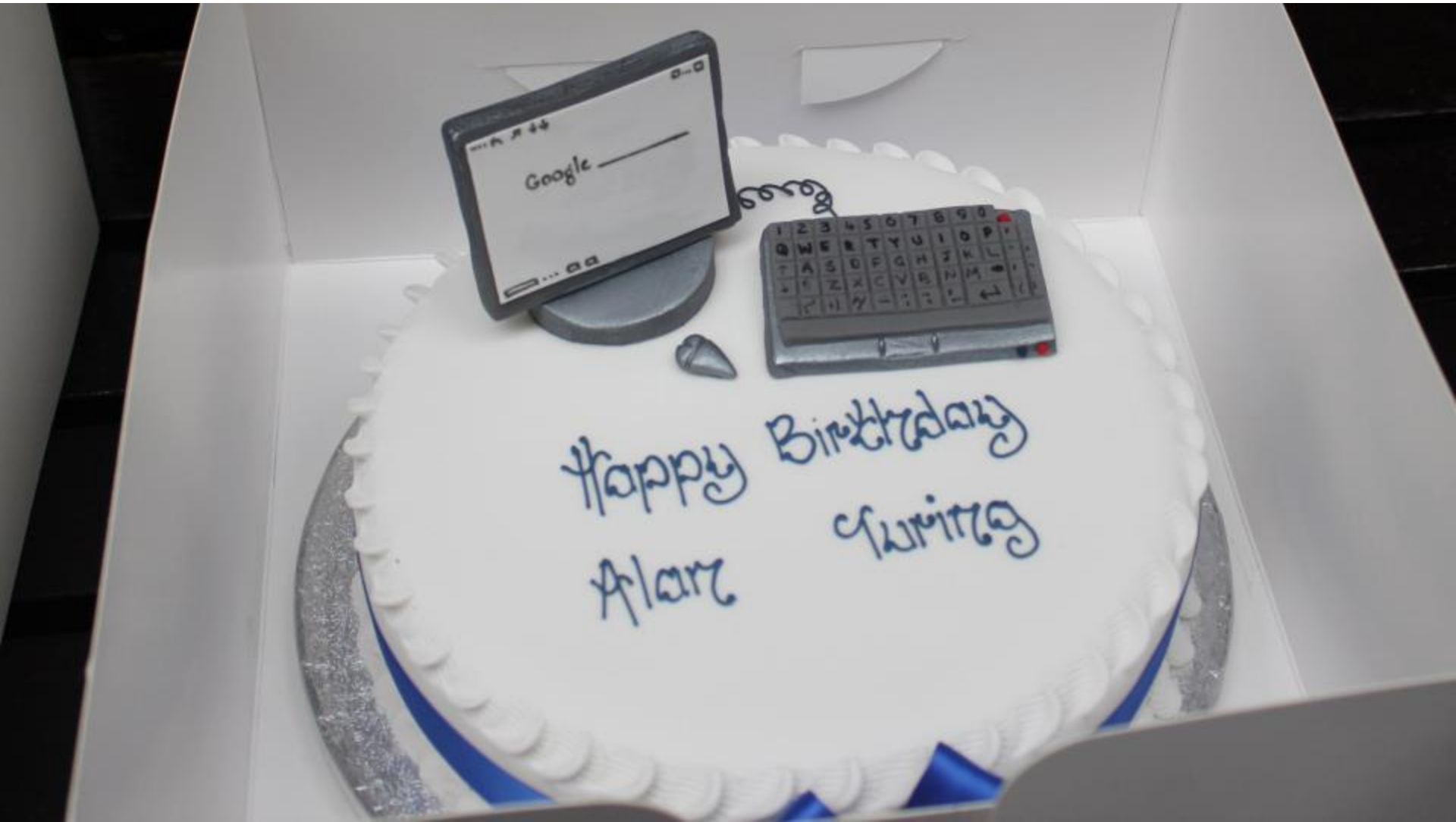
Department of Continuing Education, Oxford

http://ormalmethods.wikia.com/wiki/Turing's_Worlds



Happy Birthday Alan Turing!

- Also Ivor Grattan-Guinness, historian of mathematics and logic (born 23 June 1941)



The Imitation Game (2014)



Historical drama film on the life of Alan Turing, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley (based on *Alan Turing: The Enigma*).

Filming at King's
Cross Station,
London
October 2013



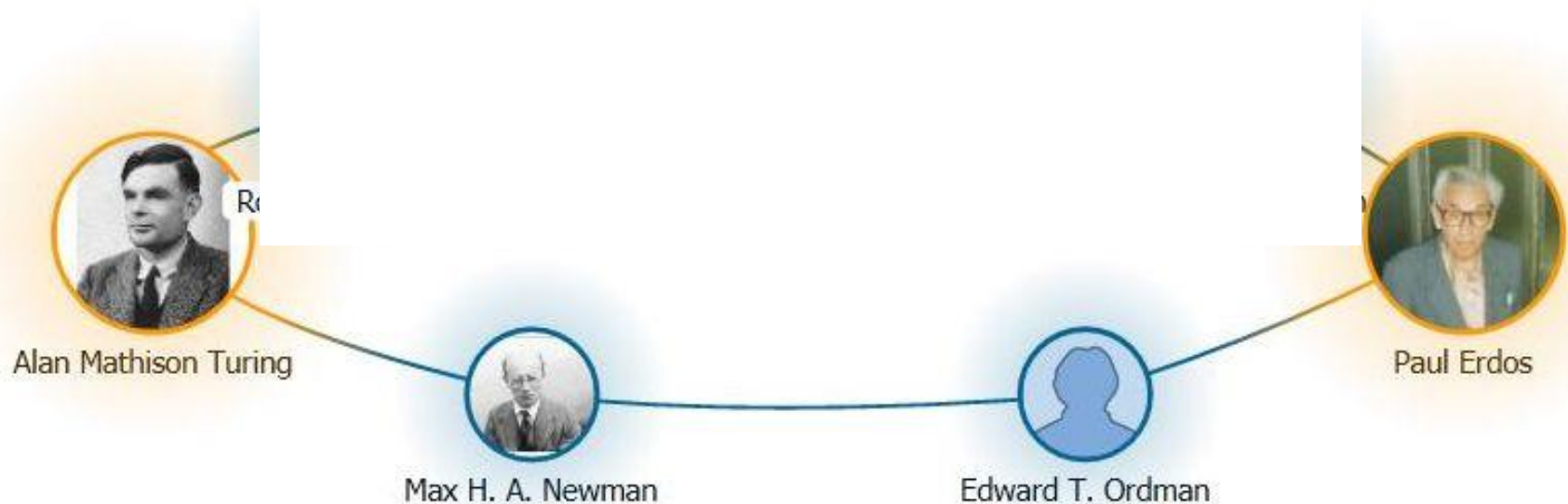
The Erdős number (an aside)



- **Paul Erdős (1913–1996)**
 - Hungarian mathematician
 - Erdős number 0
 - Co-authored over 1,000 publications
- **511 co-authors**
 - Erdős number 1
 - Co-authors of Erdős co-authors
 - Erdős number 2, etc.

The “Turing number”

- Minimum distance from Turing by co-author
- Main co-author: Max Newman
- Small number of very influential papers



“Turing number”



The Turing Guide

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- Book due in 2015
(2014, 60th anniversary of Turing's death)
- To be published by Oxford University Press
- Edited by Jonathan Bowen, Jack Copeland, Mark Sprevak, and Robin Wilson
- 42 chapters by contributors largely from Oxford, Cambridge, Bletchley Park meetings

The Turing Guide

Possible front cover...



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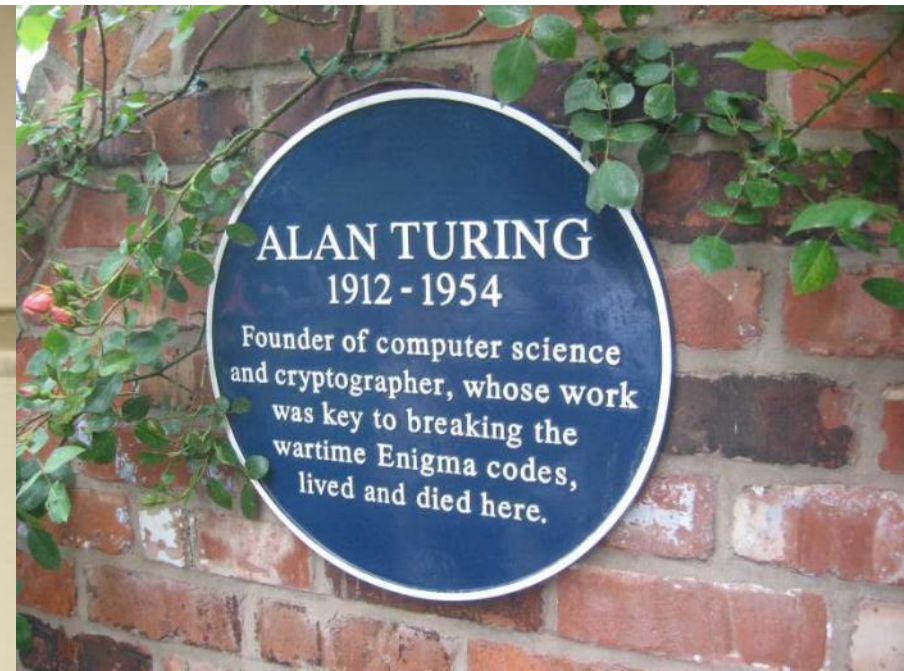


1. *Turing's life and work*

- Jonathan P. Bowen, et al.
- Biography

Born at Colonnade Hotel
Maida Vale, London

Died in Wilmslow, Cheshire



2. John Dermot Turing: The man with the terrible trousers

- Sir John Dermot Turing
 - nephew of Alan Turing
- Personal view

At an exhibition on Alan Turing
at Bletchley Park, 2012



3. Remembering Turing

- Peter Hilton (1923–2010)
- Scholarship to Queen's College, Oxford
- Codebreaker and mathematician
- Joined Bletchley Park in 1942 (age 18)
- Worked with Turing on German naval Enigma codes (based in Hut 8)
- Subsequently an academic at Cambridge, Manchester and Birmingham



4. *The suicide controversy*

- Jack Copeland
- Lack of evidence
- Cyanide experiments
- Apple not tested...

*"We owe him a huge debt, especially as he **committed suicide** after being chemically castrated after being taken to court for an act of gay love."*

– Stephen Fry

POST MORTEM EXAMINATION REPORT

Name of deceased: Alan Matheson TURING

Observers present at examination: Chief Inspector Hudson, Sergeant Cottrell, no. 128

Date and Time: 8 p.m., Tuesday 8th. June 1954

Place where performed: The Public Mortuary, Wilmslow.

Estimated time of death: More than 24 hours previously, in my opinion/during the night of 6th & 7th. June 1954. There was slight residual warmth of abdomen.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Apparent age: 40

Height 5 ft. 10 ins.

Rigor Mortis: Very strong spasm of all the muscles of the body, the left arm was flexed at 90 degrees across the body, the right was extended, the body lying to the left, but

II. The Universal Machine and Beyond

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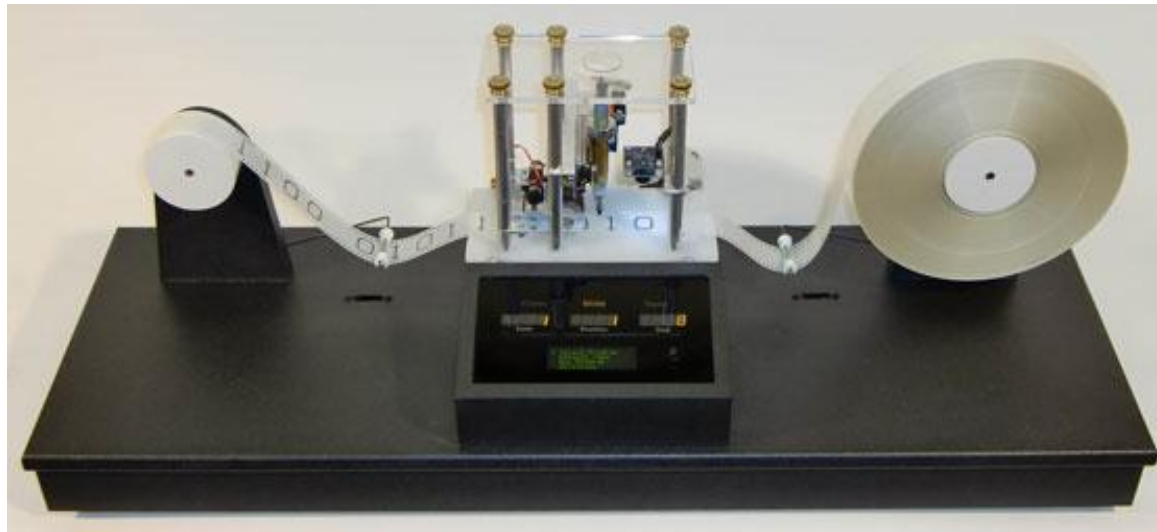
5. A century of Turing

- Stephen Wolfram
- Wolfram Research
- Mathematica
 - “birthday” (23 June 1988)
- Based on a blog



6. *Turing's great invention: the universal computing machine*

- Jack Copeland – the “Turing machine”
- Top British inventions nomination:
“Right, Stephen Fry here. I’m nominating Alan Turing’s Universal Engine, the Universal Turing Machine.”



7. *Sinking Hilbert*

- Jack Copeland
- David Hilbert (1862–1943)
- Hilbert's program
- Kurt Friedrich Gödel (1906–1978)
- Completeness theorem (1929)
- Incompleteness theorems (1931)
- Turing's 1936 paper



8. *Turing and the origins of digital computers*

- Brian Randell
School of Computing Science
Newcastle University
- Historian of computing
- See also Chapter 17



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9. *Turing at Bletchley Park*

- Jack Copeland
- Enigma, etc.

Cottages in the stableyard where Turing did early work on Enigma

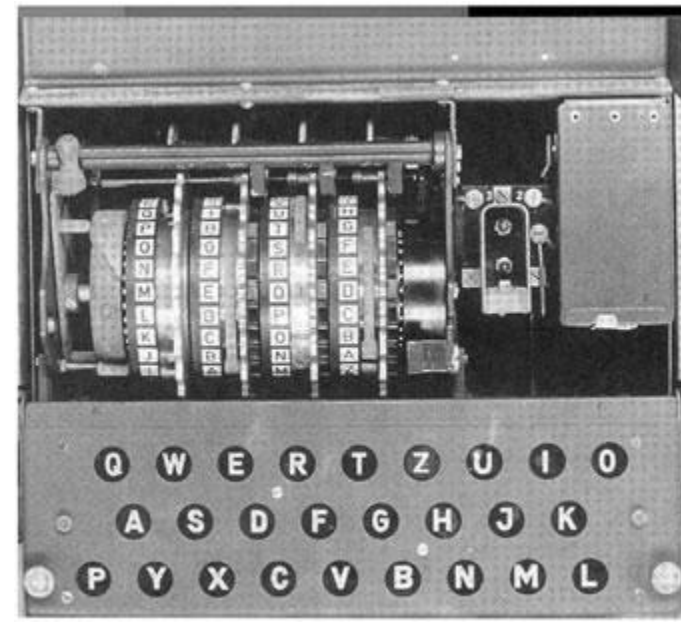


Hut
used
by
Turing



10. How the German Naval Enigma worked

- Joel Greenberg



11. Breaking machines with a pencil

- Mavis Batey, MBE (née Lever, 1921–2013)
- Enigma codebreaker at Bletchley Park with her husband Keith Batey
- Later a garden historian



12. *Bombes*

- Jack Copeland, **Jean Valentine**, and Catherine Caughey
- Bombe operator during WW II
- Bombe reconstruction
- Guide at Bletchley Park



13. *Depths, Bayes, and Banburismus*

Edward Simpson: Bayes at Bletchley Park

Edward Simpson still seemed to be in active maintenance in 1997, when he joined the Civil Service. His activities were, however, far from simple. He is the Secretary of Simpson's Indian Society, 'and of Simpson's parents' (the latter appears contradictory since he published in 1951 an article which has provided an account of his parents' lives). Perhaps more importantly, for the world as well as for his strains, from 1942 to 1949 he was a code breaker in Bletchley Park, where Alan Turing and others broke



How Edmund Simpson tells the hitherto unpublished story of the part that Russian aviation played in breaking out of the enemy cordon.

It seems a fairly simple and prima facie reasonable claim that the results of the long-distance-diffusion-light scattering is critical in understanding the burning of the Second World War. We certainly hope these all findings of his will contribute to the ongoing efforts on the history of Japanese science that the publications of the *Shimada* studies is to be used.

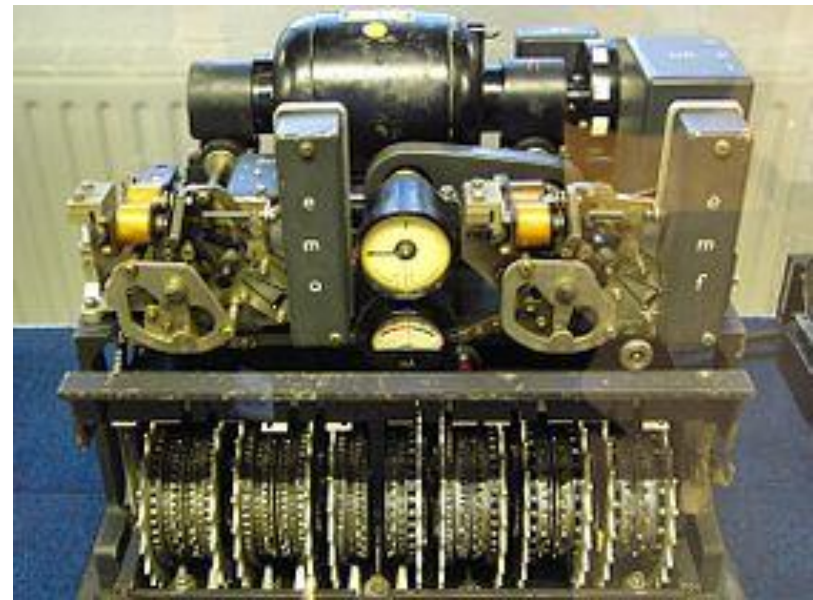
There is also some reason to believe that the business in Hungary has been the exception rather than the rule. It is certainly the case that Hungary is not a particularly attractive place for business. It has a small market, a weak infrastructure, and a high level of corruption. It is also a country with a high level of unemployment and a low level of investment in infrastructure. The fact that the business in Hungary has been successful is therefore a very interesting phenomenon.

It had people told more conservatively, and rather
difficult to find to be extremely close to them.
Through participating system was based on certain
criteria like having more the flexibility to find them
the correct self-regulation of highly-qualified students
in meeting the requirements with knowledge of it.

- Edward Simpson
(born 1922)
- Cryptanalyst at Bletchley Park (1942–45)
- Statistician
("Simpson's paradox")
- Banburismus: a cryptographic process developed by Turing

14. *Tunny*: Hitler's BlackBerry

- Jack Copeland
- **Lorenz**: German army rotor stream cipher machines used during WW II
- Nicknamed “*Tunny*” after “Fish” cipher



16. The Testery: breaking Hitler's most serious code

- Captain Jerry Roberts, MBE, (1920–2014)
- Cryptanalyst & German linguist, who worked on *Tunny* at Bletchley Park, 1941–45
- “*Testery*”: section at Bletchley Park, set up in October 1941 under Major *Ralph Tester*



Captain Jerry Roberts



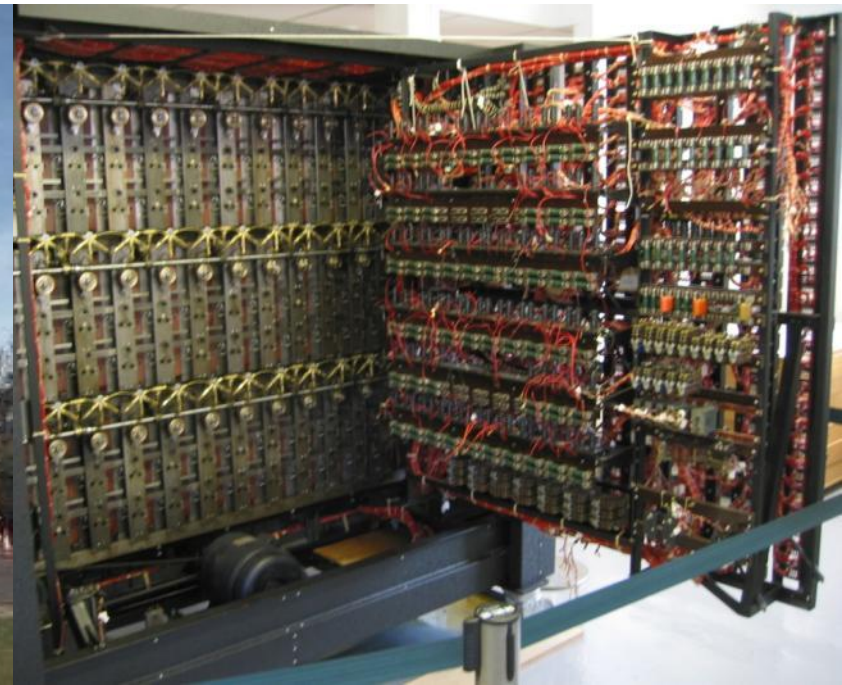
17. *Ultra* revelations

- Brian Randell
School of Computing Science
Newcastle University
- Historian of computing
- See also Chapter 8
- “*Ultra*” – designation by British military intelligence in June 1941 for WW II signals intelligence from encrypted enemy communications at Bletchley Park



19. How Bletchley Park became a national museum

- Simon Greenish, former Director
- Recent history of Bletchley Park
- Now safe



IV. The Birth of Modern Computing

- 20. Doron Swade: *Congruent worlds: Turing, Lovelace, and Babbage***
- 21. Martin Campbell-Kelly: *ACE***
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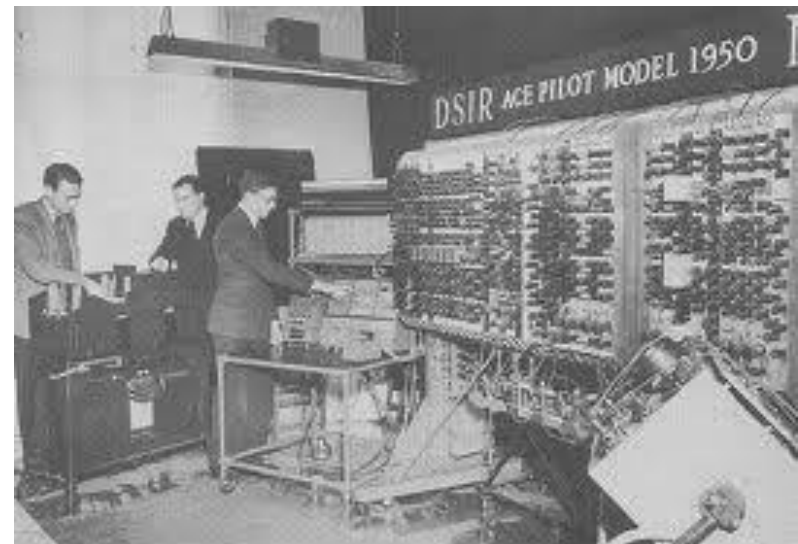
20. Congruent worlds: Turing, Lovelace, and Babbage

- Doron Swade, formerly computing curator at the Science Museum, London
- Comparing Turing's achievement with Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace
- Difference and Analytical Engine



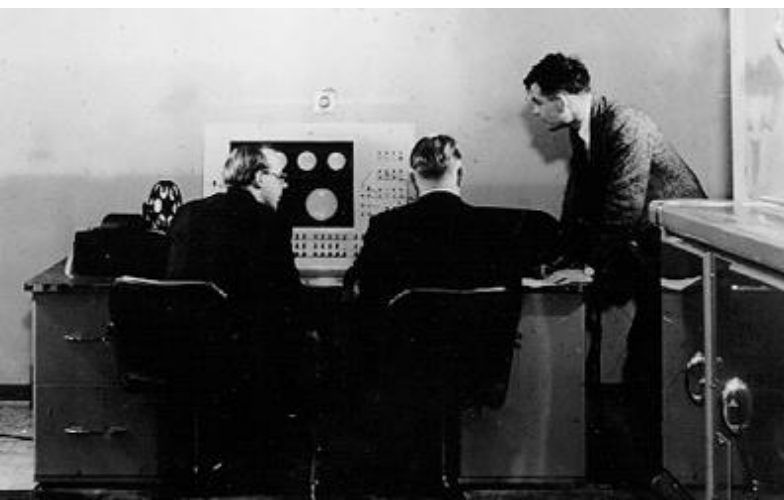
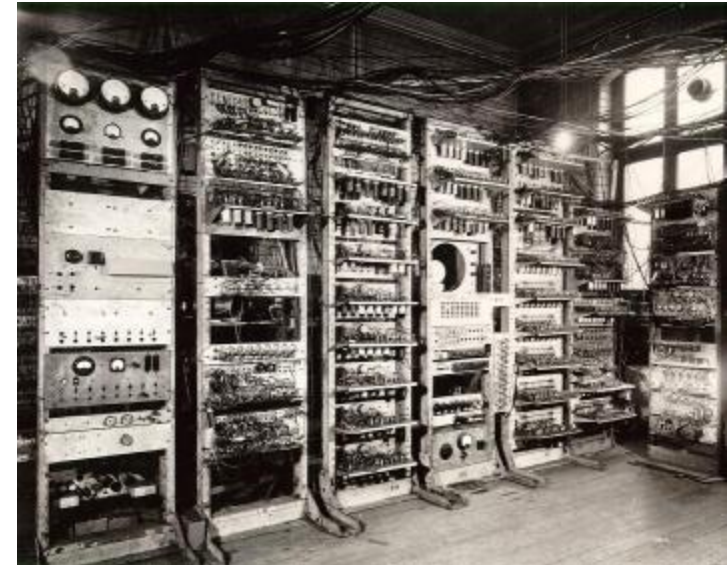
21. ACE

- Martin Campbell-Kelly
(historian of computing)
Department of Computer Science
University of Warwick
- Automatic Computing Engine (ACE),
National Physical Laboratory
- Pilot ACE, 1950

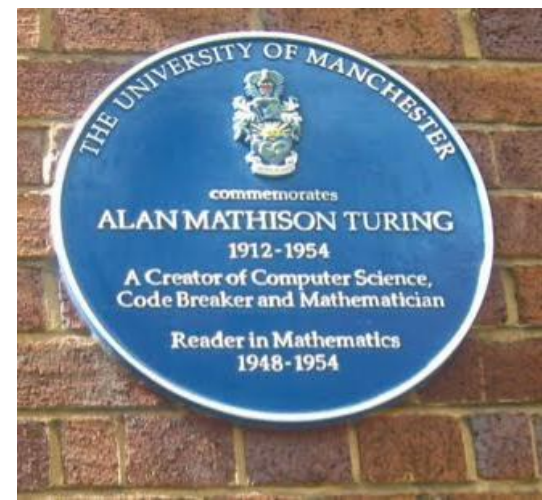


22. *The Manchester computer*

- Jack Copeland
- Manchester Mark I computer, June 1948
- Turing appointed Reader

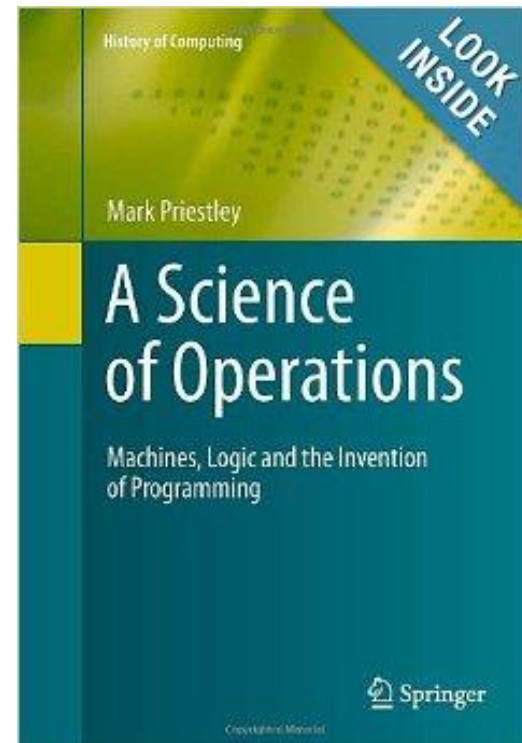


Alan Turing on the right standing at the console of the Manchester Ferranti computer.



23. *Turing's approach to programming*

- Mark Priestley, historian of computing
- Author of *A Science of Operations: Machines, Logic and the Invention of Programming* (Springer, 2011)



24. Turing's Zeitgeist

- **Brian E. Carpenter & Robert W. Doran**
Department of Computer Science
University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Whatever happened to the other Turing machine?



V. Artificial Intelligence and the Mind

- 25. Jack Copeland: *Machine intelligence*
- 26. Mark Sprevak: *Turing's model of the mind*
- 27. Diane Proudfoot: *The Turing test*
- 28. Diane Proudfoot:
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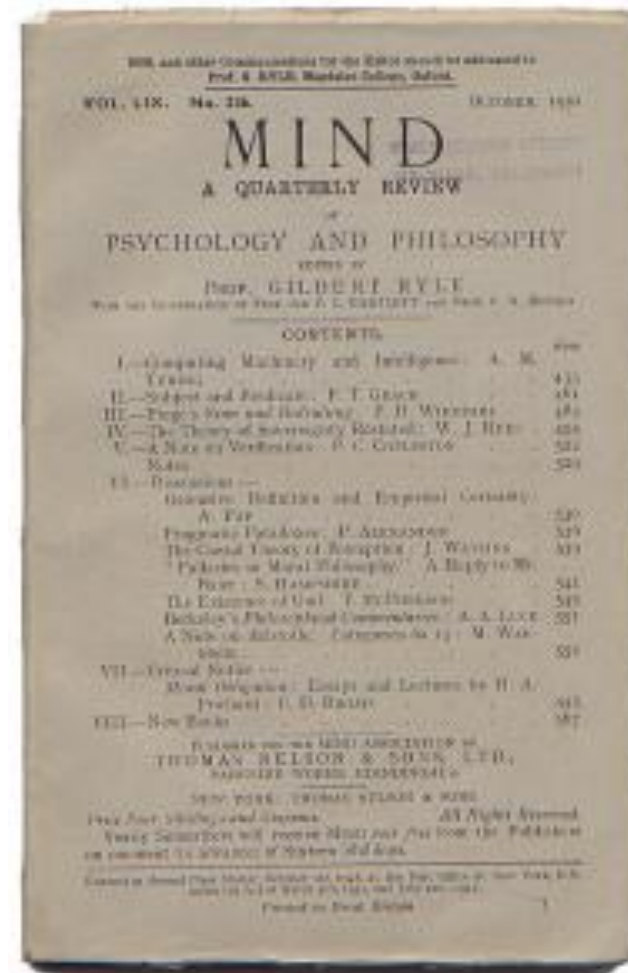
25. Machine intelligence

- Jack Copeland, philosopher
- DPhil at Oxford in modal and non-classical logic, supervised by **Dana Scott**
- Many Turing books (OUP)
- Editor of the *Rutherford Journal*, history and philosophy of science and technology



26. *Turing's model of the mind*

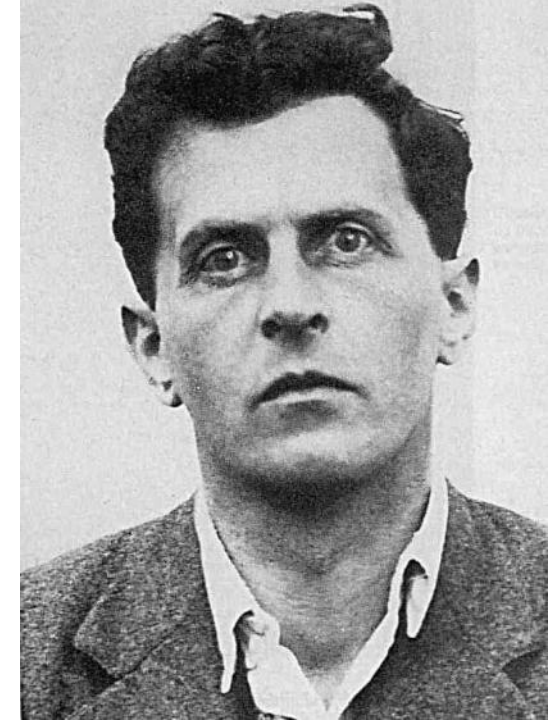
- Mark Sprevak (co-editor)
School of Philosophy,
Psychology and Language
Sciences
The University of Edinburgh
- Meeting
co-organizer
with Jack
Copeland



27. The Turing test

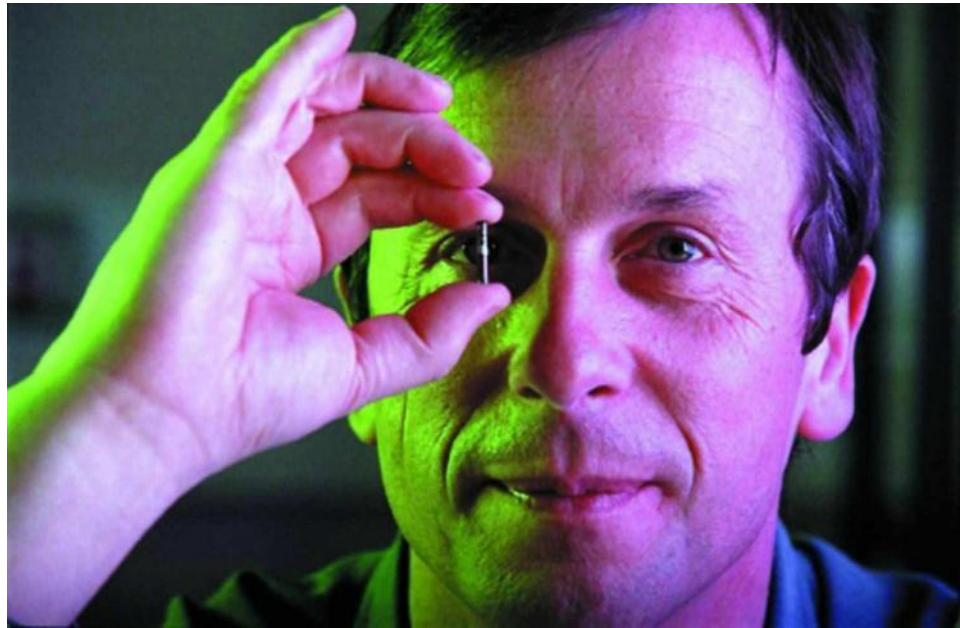
28. Turing's concept of intelligence

- Diane Proudfoot
University of Canterbury
New Zealand
- Ludwig Wittgenstein
(1889–1951)
- Lectures at the
University of Cambridge



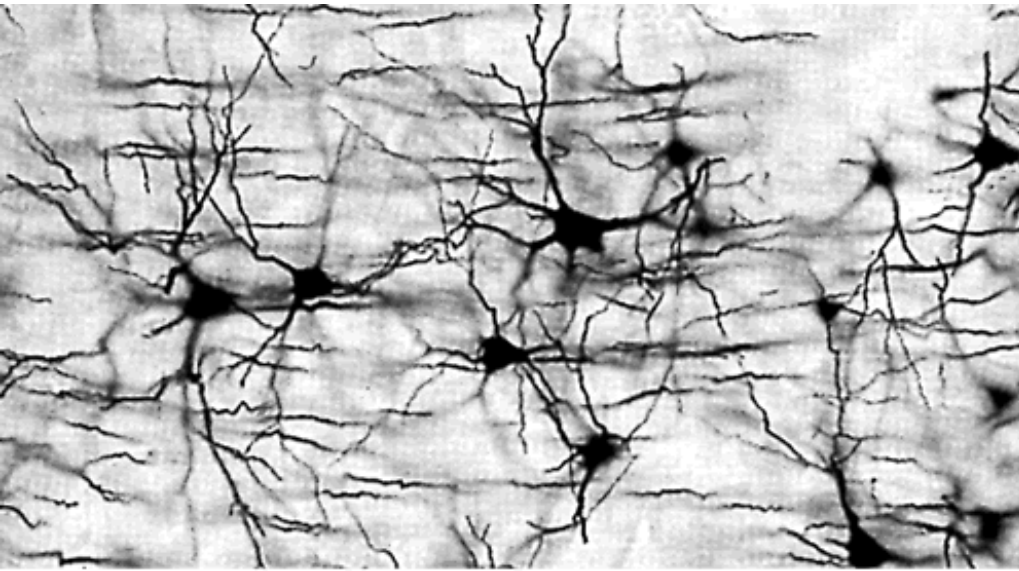
29. Taking the Turing test

- Kevin Warwick & Huma Shah
Department of **Cybernetics**
University of Reading
- Now at Coventry University
- The Turing test



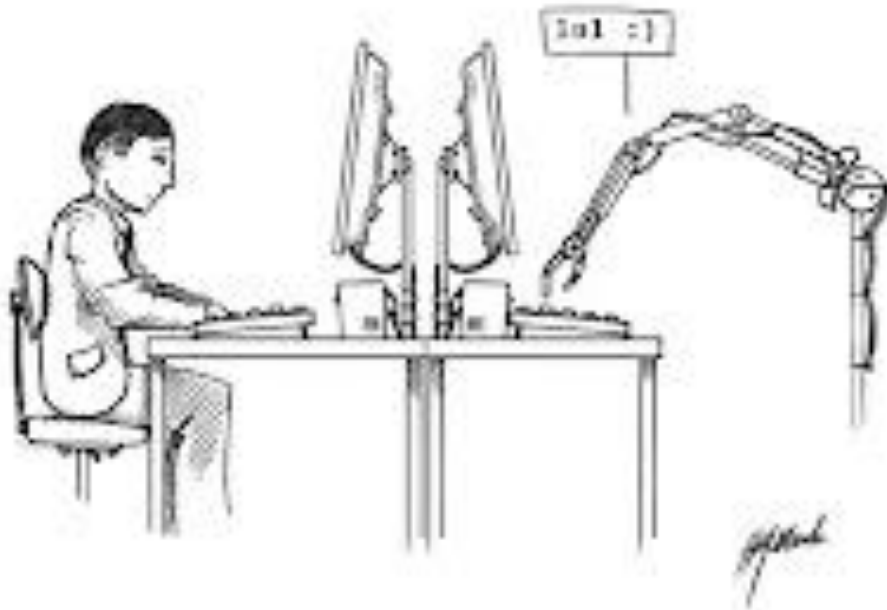
30. Connectionism: Computing with neurons

- Jack Copeland & Diane Proudfoot
Department of Philosophy
University of Canterbury
Christchurch, New Zealand



31. Turing's 'child machines'

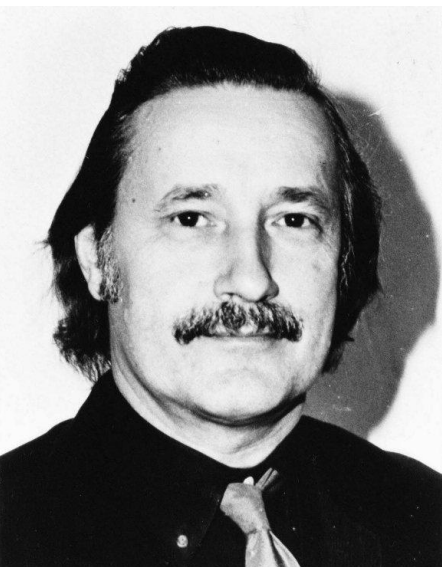
- Diane Proudfoot
- Educable machines
- Social communication



"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog." – New Yorker

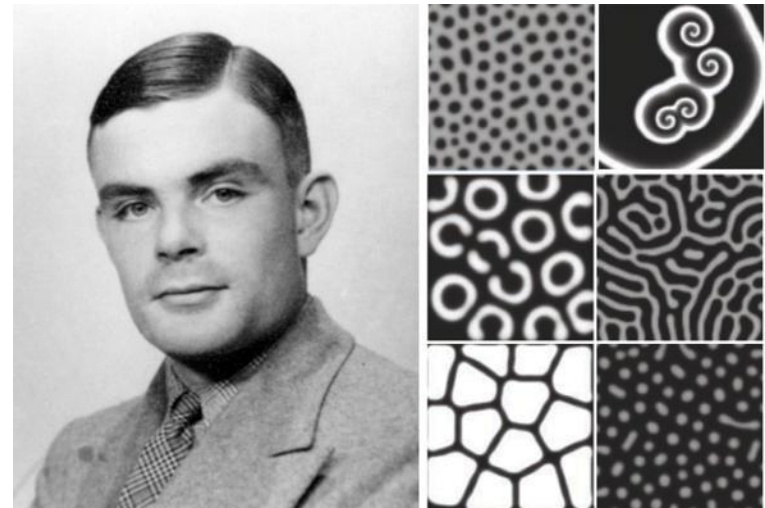
32. Computer chess: The first moments

- Jack Copeland & Dani Prinz
- Chess – and draughts
- **Christopher Strachey** (1916–1975), first head of the Programming Research Group, Oxford



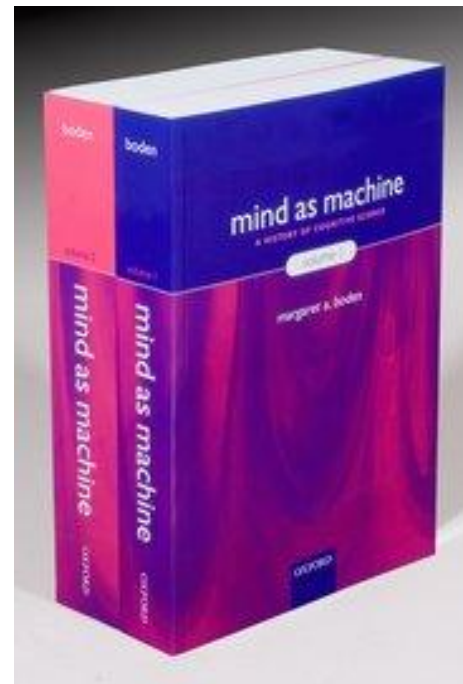
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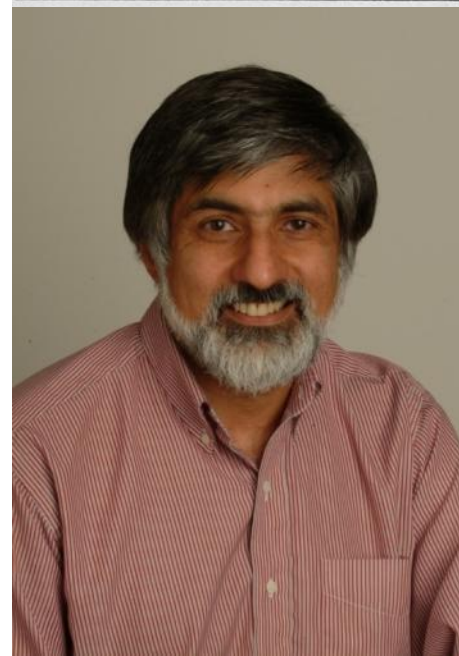
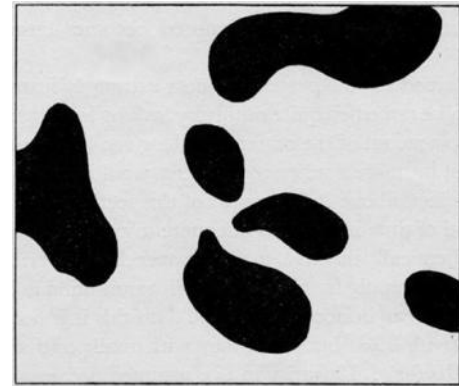
34. *Artificial life*

- Margaret Boden, OBE
Professor of Cognitive Science
Department of Informatics
University of Sussex
- Author of *Mind as Machine:
A History of Cognitive Science*
(OUP, 2006)

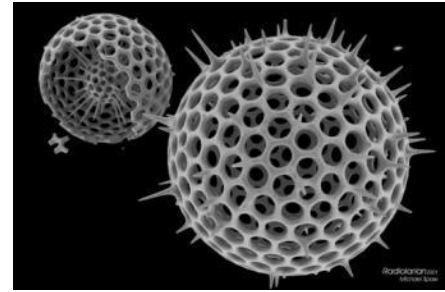


35. All models are wrong, but some are useful

- Thomas E. Woolley,
Ruth Baker & Philip Maini
Centre for Mathematical Biology
Mathematical Institute
University of Oxford
- Turing was not completely correct, but close enough



36. Radiolaria: Validating the Turing theory



- Bernard Richards
- Masters student under Turing at Manchester in 1953
- Protozoa with complex mineral skeletons



On Alan Turing: *“The day he died felt like driving through a tunnel and the lights being switched off.”*

VII. Mathematics

- 37. **Ivor Grattan-Guinness:**
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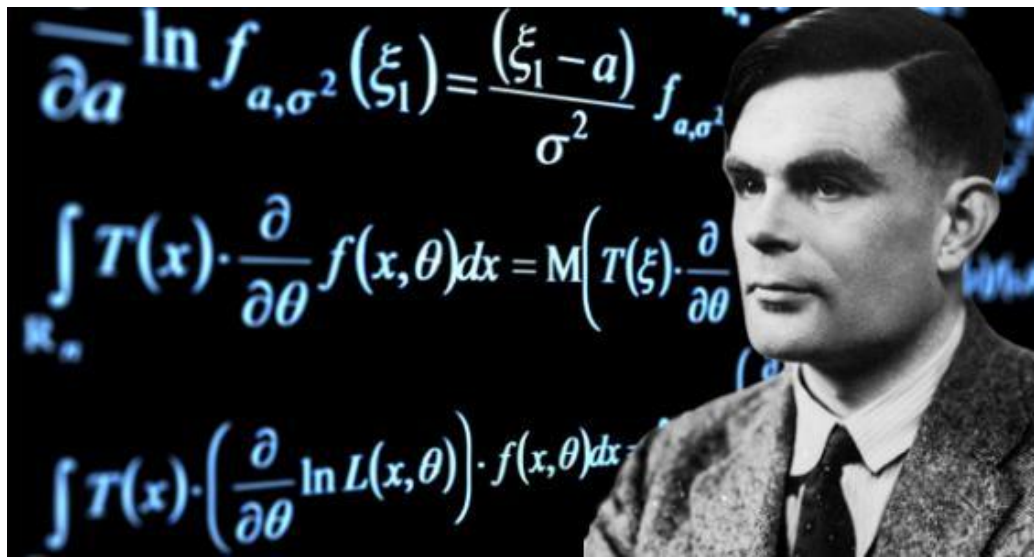
37. Turing's mentor, Max Newman

- Ivor Grattan-Guinness, historian of mathematics and logic. Middlesex University
- Maxwell Herman Alexander "**Max**" **Newman**, FRS (1897–1984), mathematician and codebreaker
- 1935 lectures on the Foundations of Mathematics at Cambridge inspired Turing



38. *Turing's mathematics*

- Robin Whitty & Robin Wilson (co-editor)
- *“Things like the **Poincaré conjecture**, and the **Riemann hypothesis**, and **zeta functions**, and all these rather glamorous sounding things which I course can't explain because I of course don't understand.”*
– Stephen Fry



39. Decidability and the Entscheidungsproblem

- Robin Whitty
- Decision problem
- Turing machine
- Halting problem

ON COMPUTABLE NUMBERS, WITH AN APPLICATION TO
THE ENTSCHEIDUNGSPROBLEM

By A. M. TURING.

[Received 28 May, 1936.—Read 12 November, 1936.]



Turing solves the halting problem, only to discover that the REAL problem with his machine is what to do with all the tape.

40. Turing and randomness

- Rod Downey
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and Operations Research
Victoria University of Wellington
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VII. Aftermath

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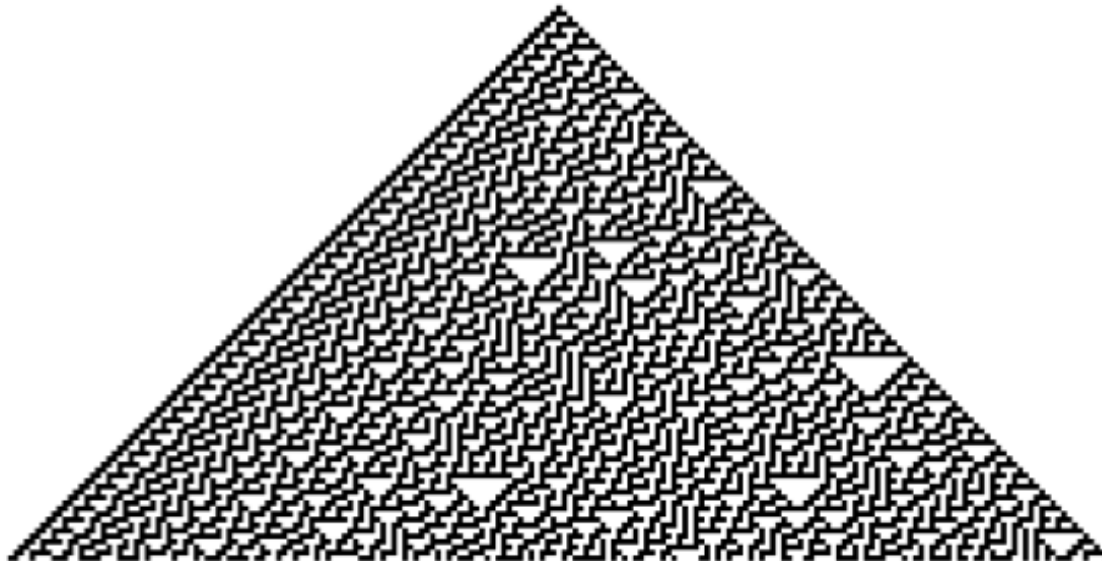
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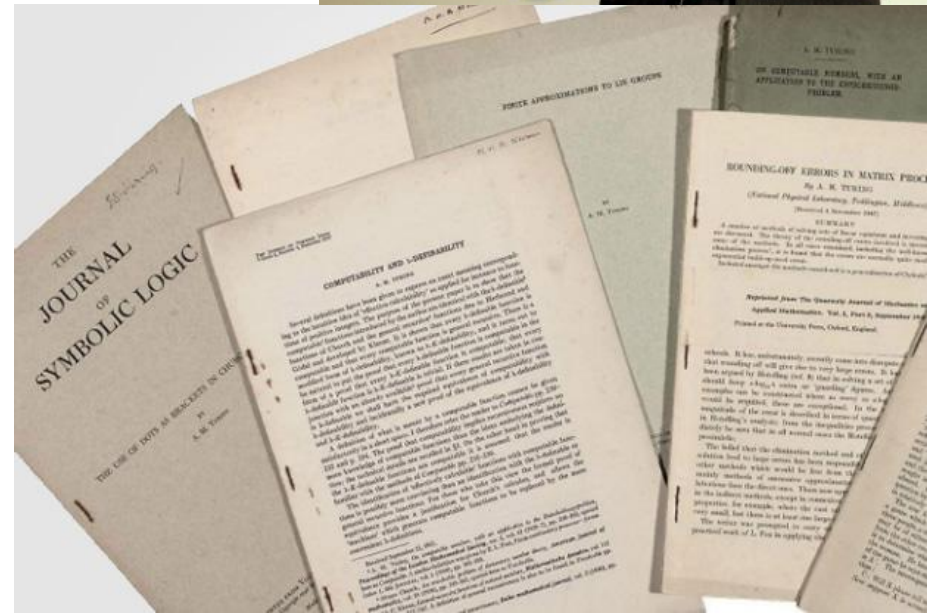
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- Jack Copeland & Oron Shagrir
- “Digital philosophy”



42. Turing's legacy

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- Public consciousness
- Google donation to Bletchley Park
- ...



Stephen Fry

“Turing was a genius who helped shorten the war through his extraordinary solutions to the Enigma and Tunny code machines that the Germans were using ... We owe him a huge debt.”



Thank you
Alan Turing
founder/father of
computer science



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