

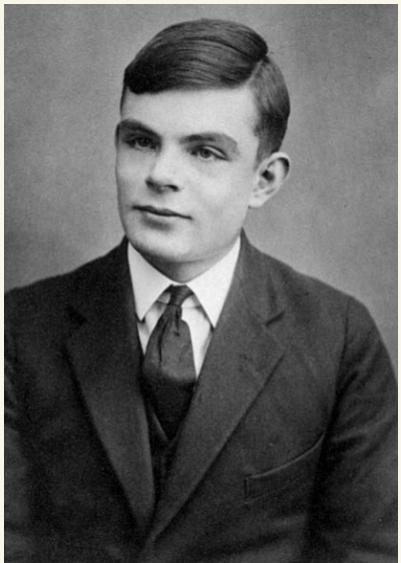
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TODAY: computability

# Turing Machines

"On Computable Numbers, with an application to the Entscheidungsproblem"  
1936



- Concept of 1<sup>st</sup> generally convincing general model of computation.
- Proved there is no algorithm for deciding truth in mathematics
- code breaking of Nazi ciphers WW II
- also worked in mathematical biology
- prosecuted in '52 for homosexuality

1912 - 1954

## Turing Machines

$$M = \{ Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, B, \{q_2\} \}$$

$Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_K\}$  states,  $K \geq 2$

$\Sigma$  = finite input alphabet, including 0, 1

$\Gamma$  = finite tape alphabet,  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ , includes B  
(blank symbol)

$q_1$  : start state

$q_2$  : halt state

$$\delta : Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$$

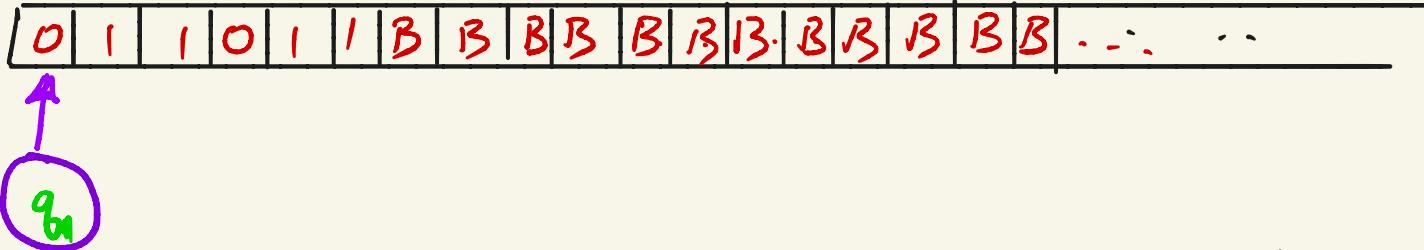
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- at any point in time, tape head points to some tape cell
- every cell contains an element of  $\Gamma$

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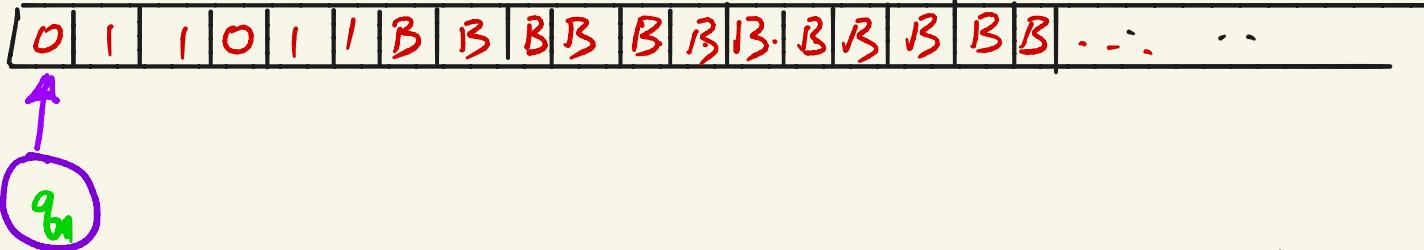
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0	1	1	0	1	1	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	...	...
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$q_0$

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$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}, \quad \Sigma = \{0, 1, B\}, \quad \Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}$$

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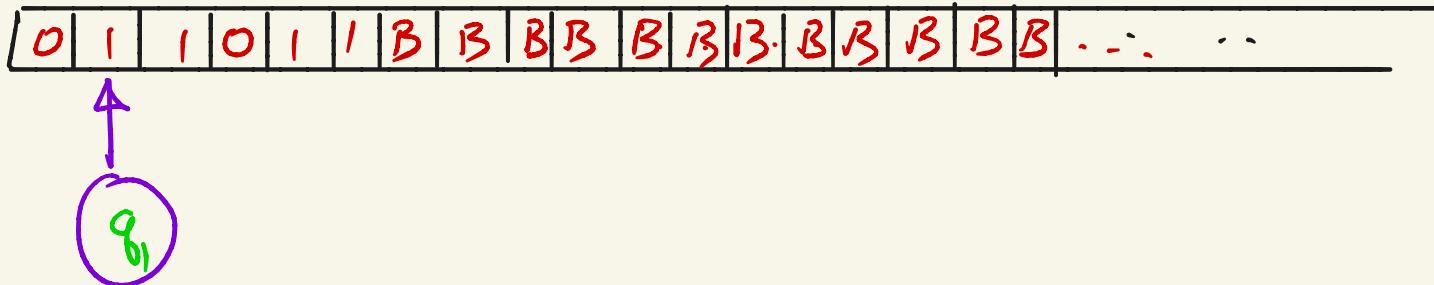
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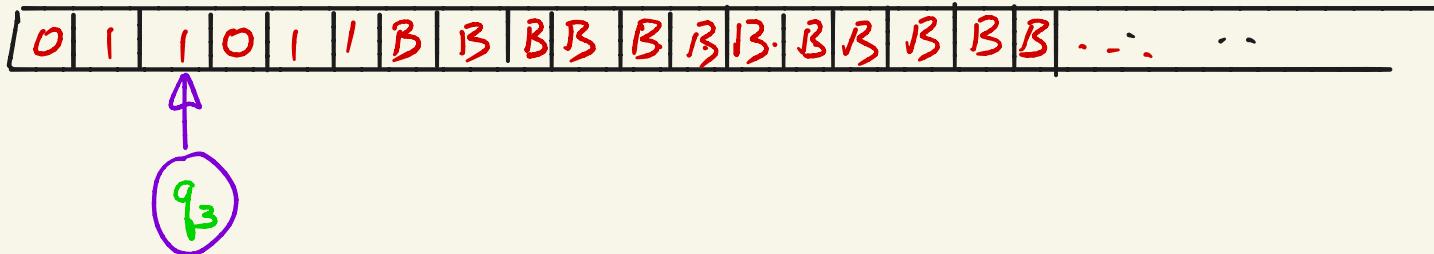
Input  $x = 011011 \dots$



- $\delta:$
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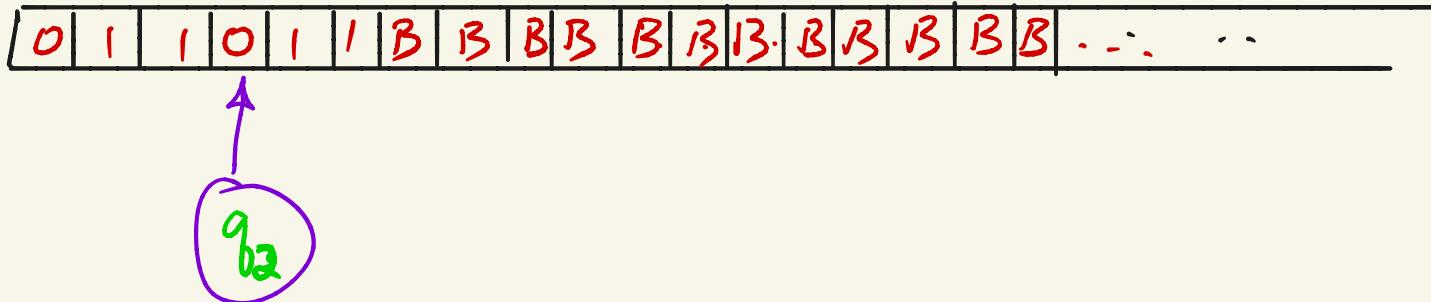
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Encoding of  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  example

$(3, 10, 8) : \underline{\hspace{2cm} 112} \underline{\hspace{2cm} 1010} \underline{\hspace{2cm} 2} \underline{\hspace{2cm} 100}$

$a_1$  in binary       $a_2$  in binary       $a_3$  in binary

separated by "2"

Let  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  be the encoding of  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

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TM M on input x halts when it enters  
halt state ( $q_2$ )

If M halts on x, the output y is the  
shortest string on tape with no B symbol

## Turing Machines

Let  $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a total function

M computes f if for every n-tuple  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$   
M on input  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  outputs  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$   
(in binary)

If there is a TM M that computes f,  
then f is a total computable function

## Turing Machines

Let  $f : (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\})^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  be a partial function

(so  $f(c_1, \dots, c_n) = \infty$  if any  $c_i = \infty$ )

$M$  computes  $f$  if for all  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  in domain of  $f$

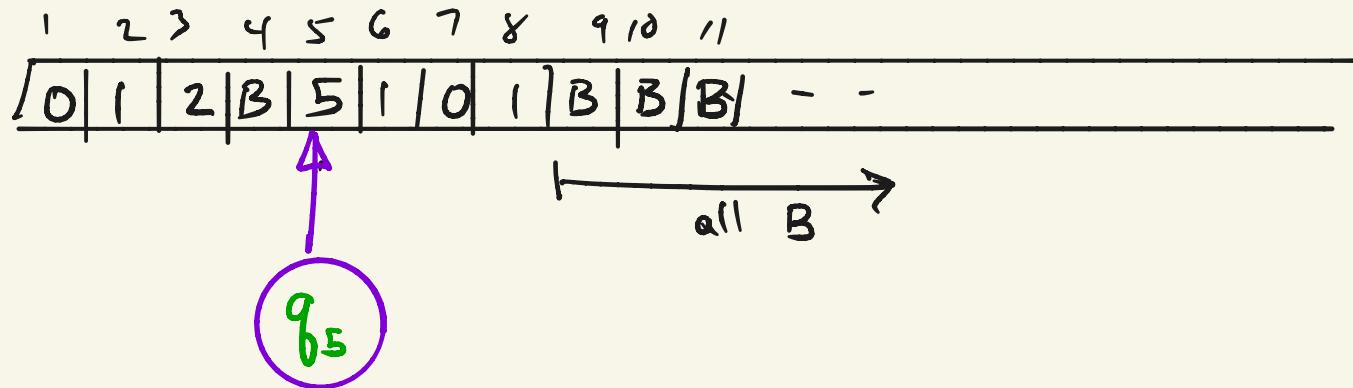
$M$  on input  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  outputs  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

\*  $M$  may not halt on inputs not in domain of  $f$

If  $f$  (a partial function) is computed by some  $M$   
then  $f$  is a computable partial function

## Turing Machine Configurations

- A configuration describes entire state of a TM at some point in time



Configuration :  $0, 1, 2, B, (q_{05}, 5), 1, 0, 1$

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$t=0$	$(q_1, 0)$	0	1	1	0	2	B	..
$t=1$	2	$(q_1, 0)$	1	1	0	2	B	..
$t=2$	2	2	$(q_1, 1)$	1	0	2	B	..
$t=3$	2	2	2	$(q_1, 1)$	0	2	B	..
$t=4$	2	2	2	2	$(q_1, 0)$	2	B	..
$t=5$	2	2	2	2	2	$(q_1, 2)$	B	..
$t=6$	2	2	1	2	2	2	$(q_2, B)$	..

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At time  
 $t = m$ ,  
tableaux is  
 $m \times m$

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## Encoding Turing Machines

$$M = (\Sigma, Q, \Gamma, \delta, q_1, B, \{q_2\})$$

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$

$Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n\}$

$\Gamma = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  where  $x_1=0 \quad x_2=1 \quad x_3=2 \quad x_4=B$

$D_1 = \text{left} \quad D_2 = \text{right}$

We represent transition  $\delta(q_i, x_j) \rightarrow (q_k, x_l, D_m)$  by  
 $0^i 1 0^j 1 0^k 1 0^l 1 0^m$

Code for  $M$ : 111 code<sub>1</sub> 11 code<sub>2</sub> 11 ... 11 code<sub>r</sub> 1 1 1  
where  $\text{code}_1, \dots, \text{code}_r$  are the codes for  
transition function

## Encoding Turing Machines

Example.  $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}$

$$\delta(q_1, 1) = (q_3, 0, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 0) = (q_1, 1, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, 1) = (q_2, 0, R)$$

$$\delta(q_3, B) = (q_3, 1, L)$$

$$0^1 0^2 1 0^3 1 0^1 1 0^2 \leftarrow c_1$$

$$0^3 1 0^1 1 0^2 1 0^2 \leftarrow c_2$$

$$0^3 1 0^2 1 0^2 1 0^1 1 0^2 \leftarrow c_3$$

$$0^3 1 0^3 1 0^3 1 0^2 1 0^1 \leftarrow c_4$$

$$M = |||c_1||c_2||c_3||c_4|||$$

$(M, 110110)$  encoded as

$$\underbrace{|||c_1||c_2||c_3||c_4|||}_{\#(M, x)} \overbrace{110110}^x$$

\* uniquely decodable

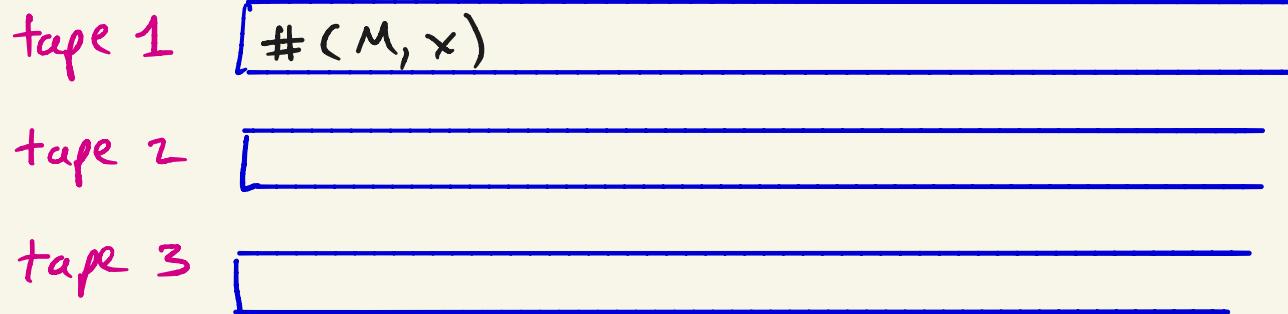
## Universal Turing Machines

U: Takes as input  $\#(M, x)$  and outputs  $y$  if  
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We describe a 3-tape TM (at a high level) for  $U$ .  
(3-tapes can be simulated by one tape)



# Universal Turing Machines

① initial state

tape 1  $\#(M, x)$

tape 2

tape 3

check that contents of tape 1 is  
legal encoding of  $M, x$

## Universal Turing Machines

(2)

tape 1

11 \$ code<sub>1</sub> 11 code<sub>2</sub> 11 ... 11 code<sub>r</sub> 11 |

encoding  
of M

tape 2

\$ 0 1 1 0  
  ^ x

contents  
of M's  
tape at  
start

tape 3

\$ 0

initial  
state of  
M

Initialize tapes 1 + 2 as above

and tape 3 to contain \$ 0

↑  
 $q_1$  in binary

## Universal Turing Machines

(2)

tape 1       $11\$ \text{ code}_1 11 \text{ code}_2 11 \dots 11 \text{ code}_r 11$

tape 2       $\$ X$

tape 3       $\$ O$

Loop

IF tape 3 contains \$00 (halt state) halt and output  
contents of tape 2 (to 1<sup>st</sup> "B")

OW simulate next state:

Store contents of tape 2 head and current state of M  
in U's state. Scan tape 1 to find corresponding code,  
Modify tapes 2,3 accordingly

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(2)

tape 1     $11\$ \text{ code}_1 11 \text{ code}_2 11 \dots 11 \text{ code}_r 111$

tape 2     $\$ 0012101BB\dots$

tape 3     $\$ 00BB\dots$

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tape 2     $\$ 001200^{\bullet} 1 B B \dots$

tape 3     $\$ 000 B \dots$

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## Notation

$\{x\} = \text{Turing machine } M \text{ such that } \#M = x$

$\{x\}_1 = \text{the unary function computed by } x$

$\{x\}_n = \text{the } n\text{-ary function computed by } x$

(can generalize earlier so  $M$  takes  $n$  inputs instead of 1)

A set is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  (usually  $n=1$ )

a set/relation / 0-1 valued total function :

$A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  then  $A(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$