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Church-Turing Thesis

Alonzo Church \Rightarrow lambda-calculus

first programming language

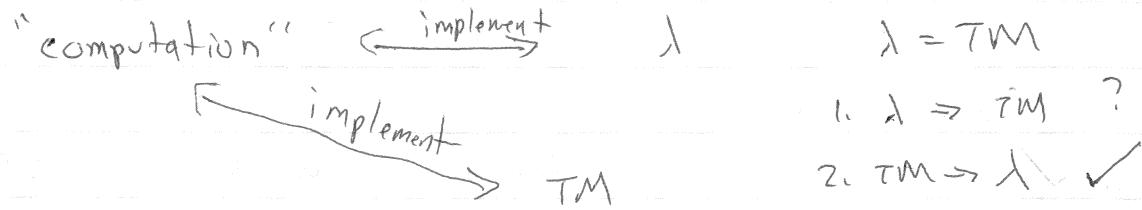
Alan Turing \Rightarrow Turing machine

first "elegant" general-purpose computer

Church - λ -calculus - software

Turing - TM - hardware

"Any computation can be implemented w/
 λ -calculus or TMs"



λ = software = all PLs

TM = hardware = all real computers

TMs = Deciders & Recognizers

May not
diverge

may diverge

ALL - not possible

Σ_1 - not useful

Σ_0 - useful

↓
"useful"

"not useful"

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Properties of TMs

Σ_0 (deciders)

Closed under union?

$A \in \Sigma_0$ and $B \in \Sigma_0$ then $A \cup B \in \Sigma_0$?

totally possible

$w\#w \in \Sigma_0$

$a^n b^n c^n \in \Sigma_0$

$(w\#w) \cup (a^n b^n c^n) \in \Sigma_0$?

$\Sigma_0 \checkmark$

TM union (TM x , TM y) = bool (word w) {
if ($x(w)$) then return true;
else if ($y(w)$) then return true;
else return false; }.

$\Sigma_1 \checkmark$

run 1 step of x , then 1 step of y , return true if
any does

Concatenation

$\Sigma_1 \checkmark \quad \Sigma_0 \checkmark$

$uv \in A \circ B$ if $u \in A$ and $v \in B$

input: w

for all i : between 0 and $|w|$

divide w at i into u and v ,

then run $x(u) \oplus y(v)$

non-deterministically choose i

Σ_0

Σ_1

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$w \in A^*$ means $w = w_0 \dots w_n$ where $w_i \in A$

$A = w\#w \quad A^* = (w\#w)^*$ "dog\#dog Jay#\#Jay UU\#UU" $n=2 \quad w_0 = \text{dog}\#\text{dog} \in A = w\#w$

$w_1 = \text{Jay}\#\text{Jay} \in A$

$w_2 = \text{UU}\#\text{UU} \in A$

$i \in [0, |w|]$

$\Sigma_0 \checkmark$

$\Sigma_1 \checkmark$

Intersect

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Complement

$w \in A^c$ if $w \notin A$ f is a TM for A

✓ Σ_0 : input: w do: $\text{if}(f(w)) \in \{\text{ret } F\}$ else $\{\text{ret } T\}$

✗ Σ_1 :

↗ future claim
if $(\underline{f(w)}) \in$
ret F → if $w \in A$, then it rets $T \rightarrow \checkmark$
 $\notin w$ if $w \notin A$, then it rets $F \rightarrow \checkmark$
ret T OR diverges

new
possible

→ [1. figure that it is diverging ←
2. stop, and say yes]

if Σ_1 were closed under complement

then $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1$

