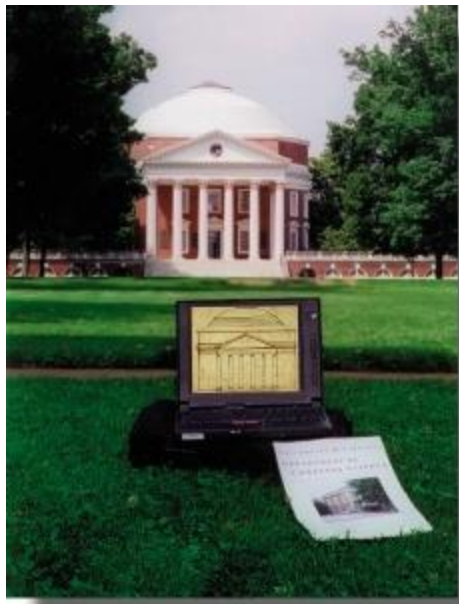


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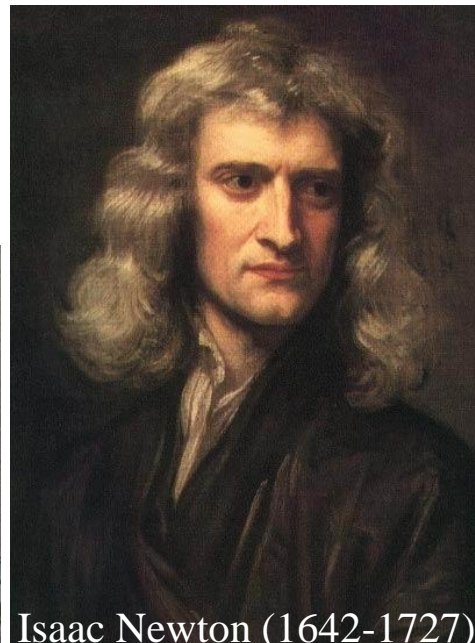
- Knowing the “big picture” is empowering
- Science and mathematics builds heavily on past
- Often the simplest ideas are the most subtle
- Most fundamental progress was done by a few
- We learn much by observing the best minds
- Research benefits from seeing connections
- The field of computer science has many “parents”
- We get inspired and motivated by excellence
- The giants can show us what is possible to achieve
- It is fun to know these things!

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”

- Aristotle, **Euclid**, Archimedes, Eratosthenes
- Abu Ali al-Hasan ibn al-Haytham
- Fibonacci, Descartes, Fermat, Pascal
- Newton, **Euler**, Gauss, Hamilton
- **Boole, De Morgan**
- **Babbage, Ada Lovelace**
- Venn, Carroll



Ada Lovelace
(1815-1852)



Isaac Newton (1642-1727)



Euclid (300 BC)

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”

- **Cantor**, Hilbert, Russell
- Hardy, Ramanujan, Ramsey
- **Gödel**, Church, **Turing**
- **von Neumann**, **Shannon**
- Kleene, **Chomsky**
- Hoare, McCarthy, Erdos
- Knuth, Backus, Dijkstra

Many others...



Georg Cantor (1845-1918)



Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)



David Hilbert (1862-1943)



Kurt Gödel (1906-1978)

MAKING PHILOSOPHY ACCESSIBLE: POP-UP PLATO

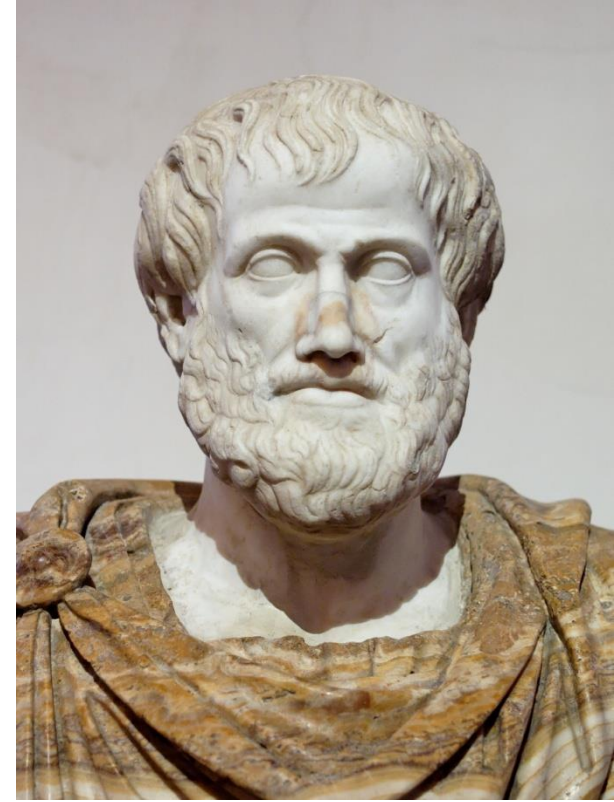


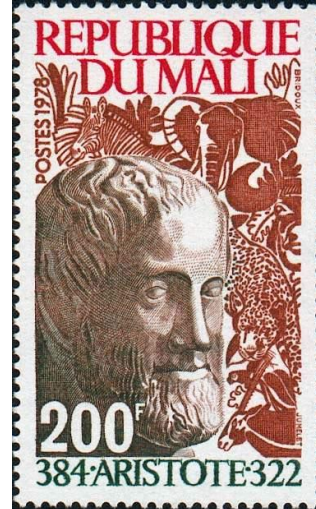
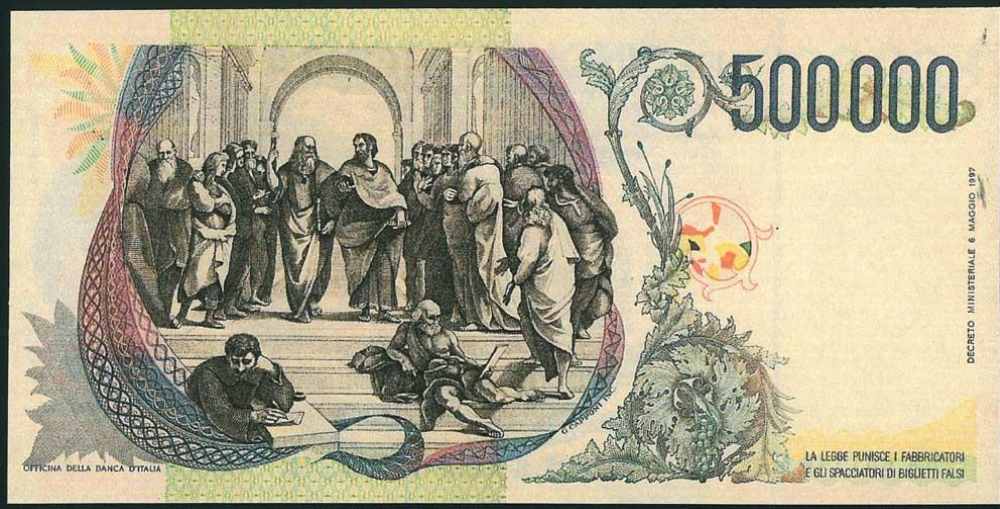
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Aristotle (384BC-322BC)

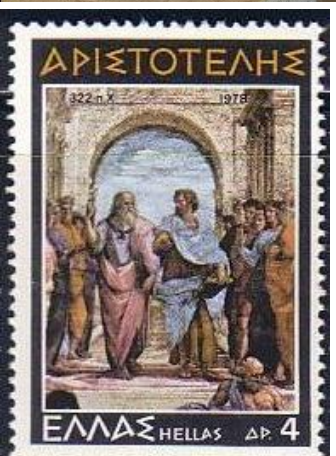
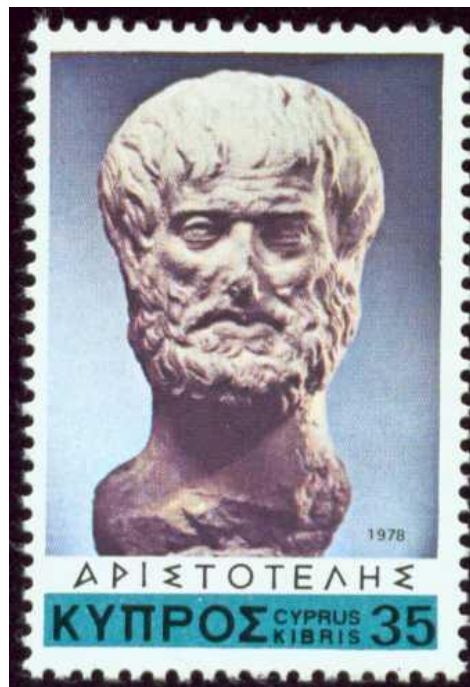
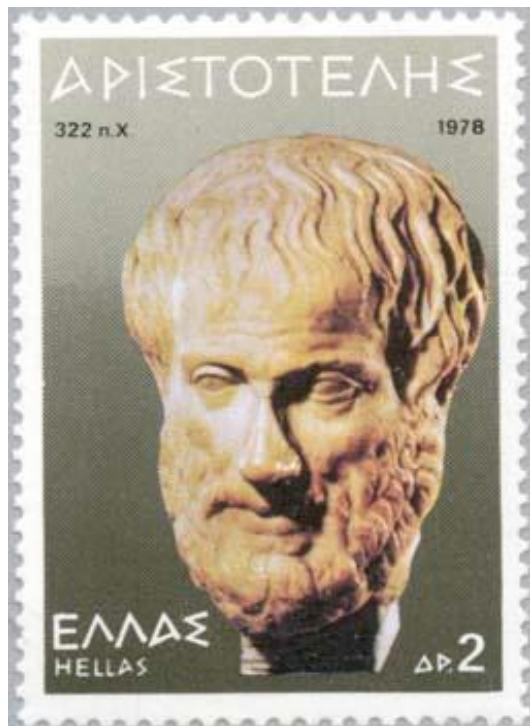
- Founded Western philosophy
- Student of Plato
- Taught Alexander the Great
- “Aristotelianism”
- Developed the “scientific method”
- One of the most influential people ever
- Wrote on physics, theatre, poetry, music, logic, rhetoric, politics, government, ethics, biology, zoology, morality, optics, science, aesthetics, psychology, metaphysics, ...
- Last person to know everything known in his own time!

“Almost every serious intellectual advance has had to begin with an attack on some Aristotelian doctrine.” – Bertrand Russell





“Wit is educated insolence.”
- Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)





“The School of Athens” (by Raphael, 1483-1520)

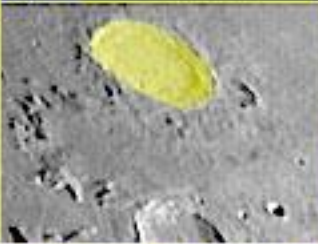
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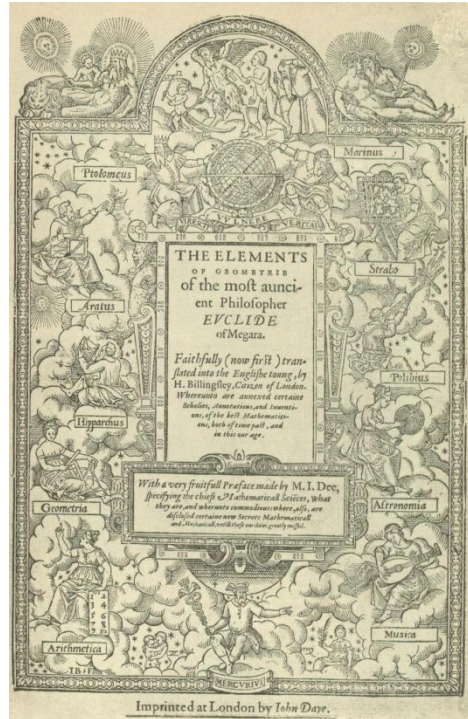


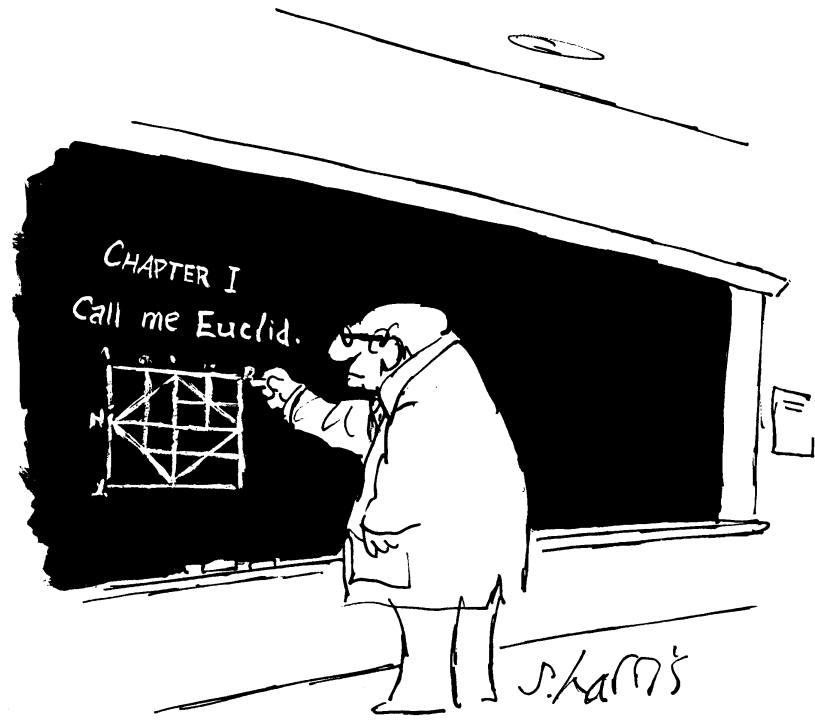
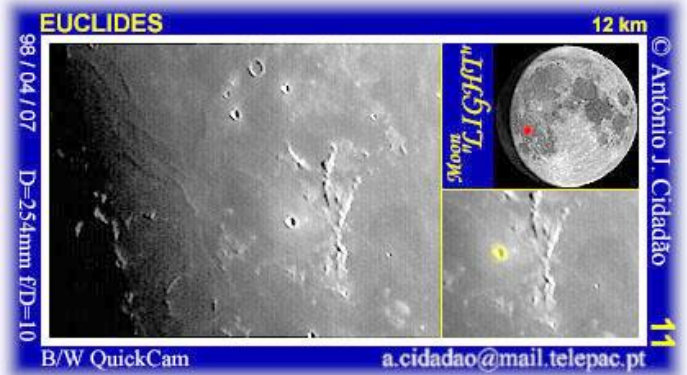
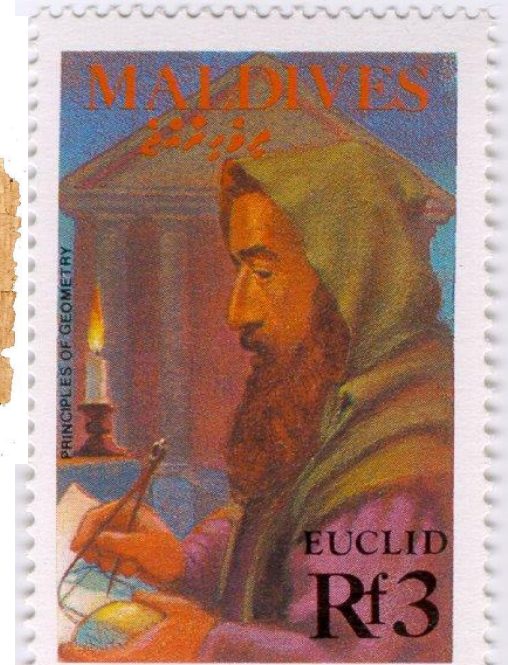
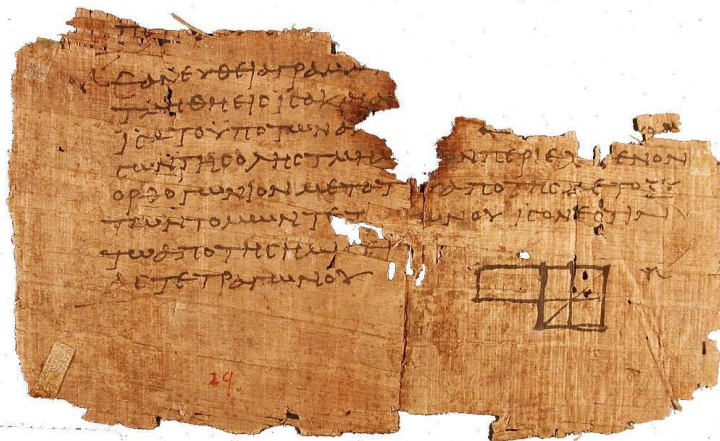
"The periodic table."

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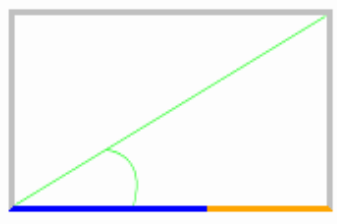
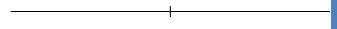
Euclid (325BC-265BC)

- Founder of geometry & the **axiomatic method**
- “**Elements**” – oldest and most impactful textbook
- Unified logic & math
- Introduced rigor and “**Euclidean**” geometry
- Influenced all other fields of science: Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, Newton, Russell, Lincoln, Einstein & many others

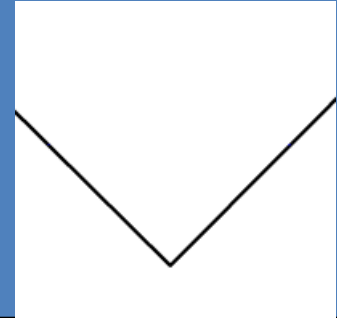
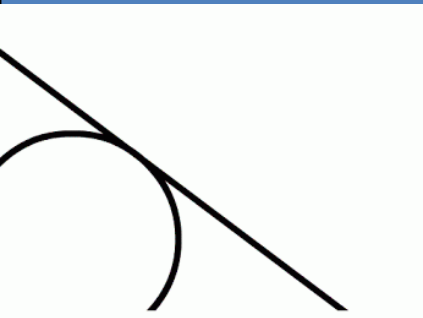
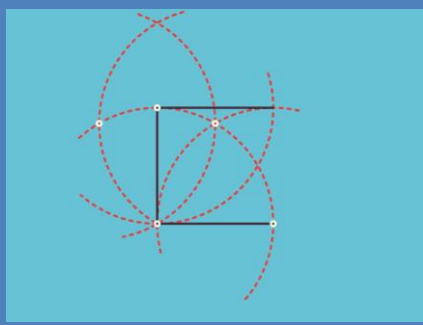
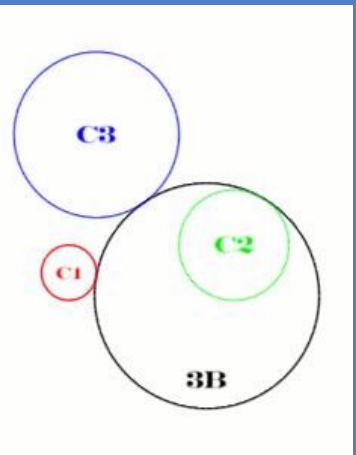
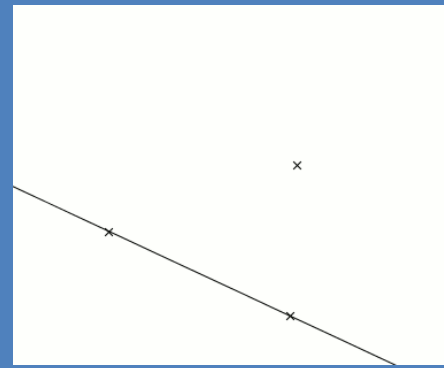
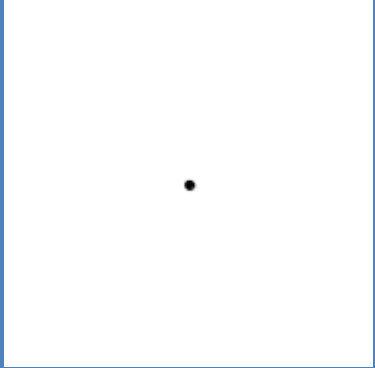
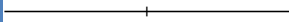




Euclid's Straight-Edge and Compass Geometric Constructions



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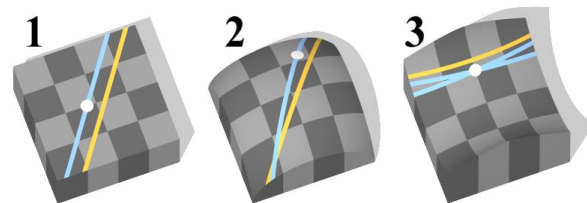
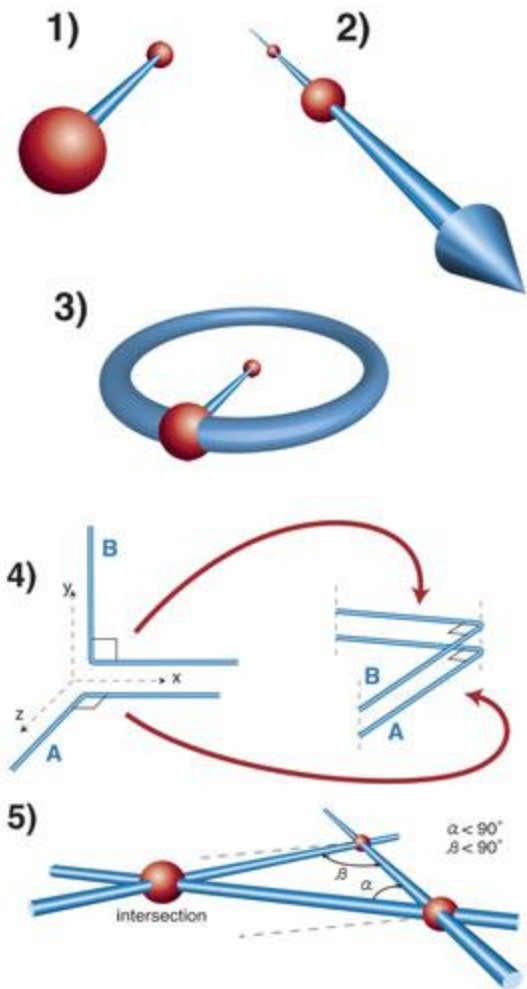
Euclid's Axioms

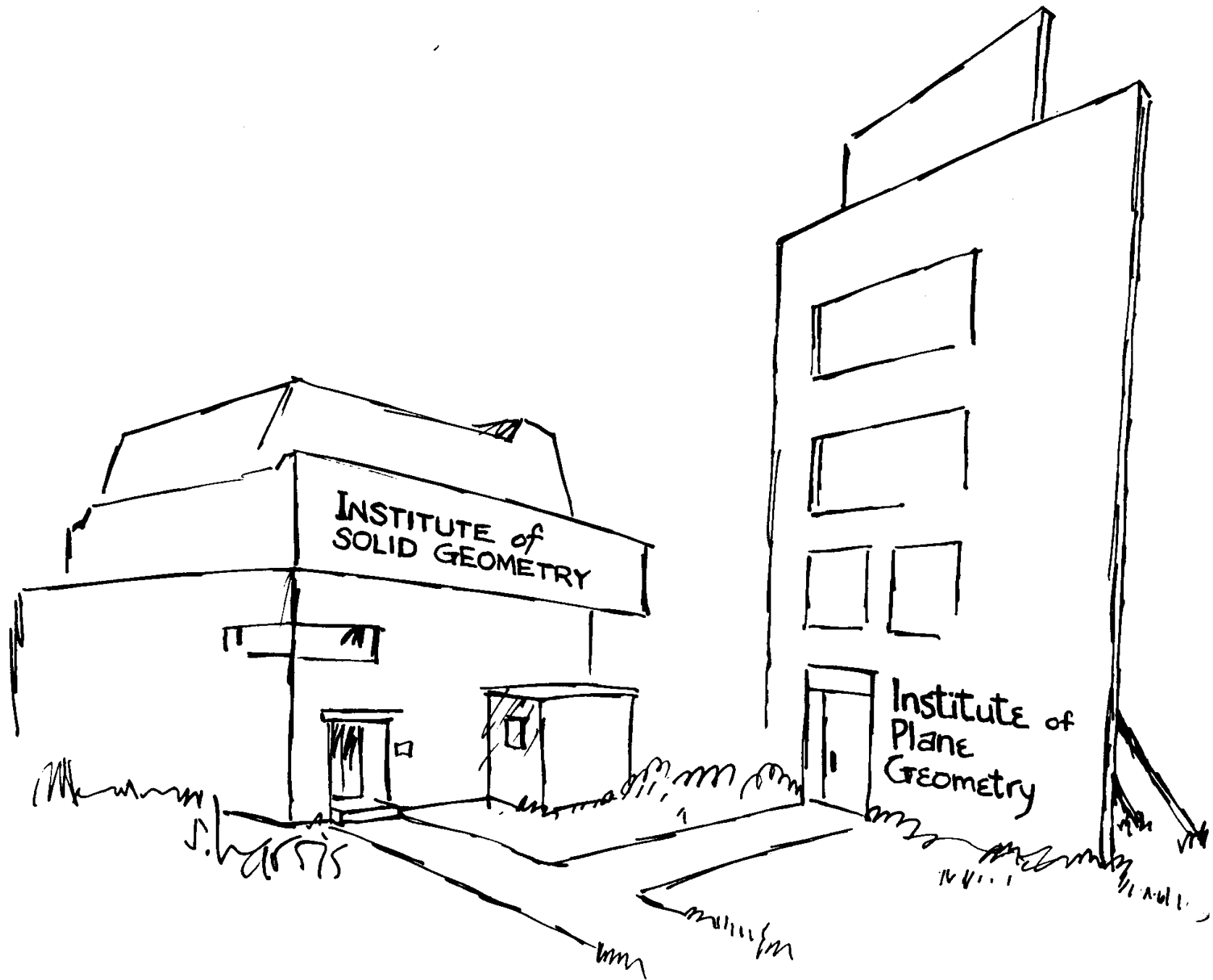
- 1: Any two points can be connected by exactly one straight line.
- 2: Any segment can be extended indefinitely into a straight line.
- 3: A circle exists for any given center and radius.
- 4: All right angles are equal to each other.
- 5: The **parallel postulate**: Given a line and a point off that line, there is exactly one line passing through the point, which does not intersect the first line.

The first 28 propositions of Euclid's Elements were proven without using the parallel postulate!

Theorem [Beltrami, 1868]: The parallel postulate is **independent** of the other axioms of Euclidean geometry.

The parallel postulate can be **modified** to yield **non-Euclidean geometries**!





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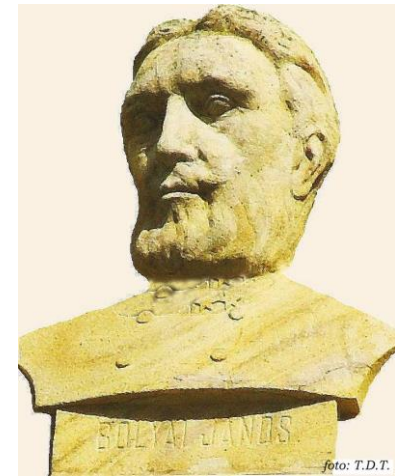
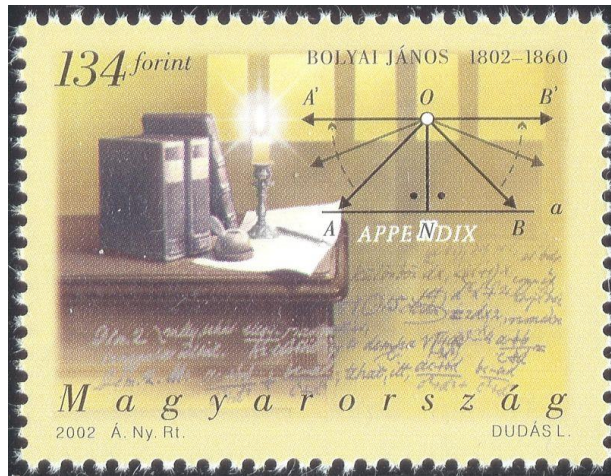
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Founders of Non-Euclidean Geometry

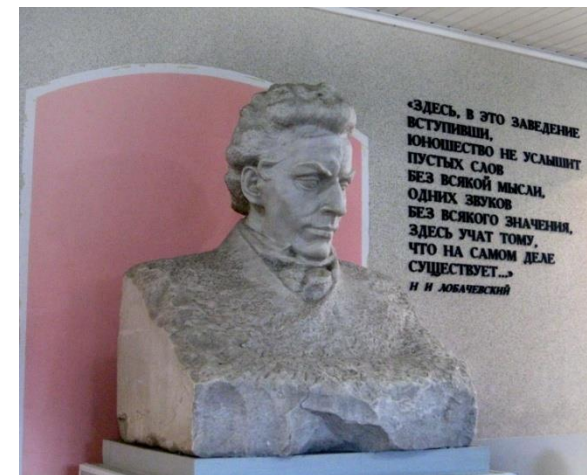
János **Bolyai** (1802-1860)

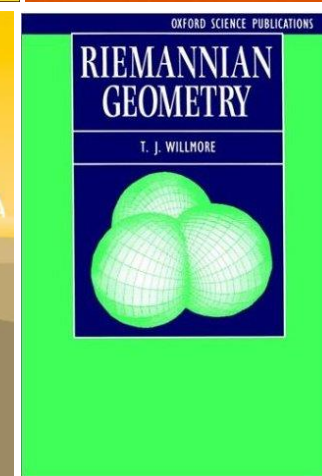
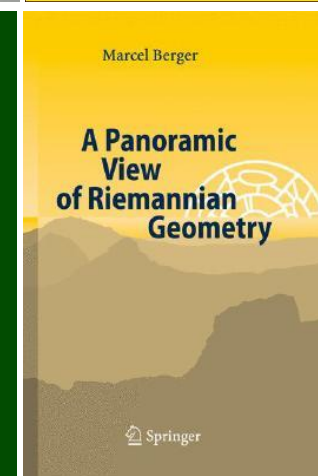
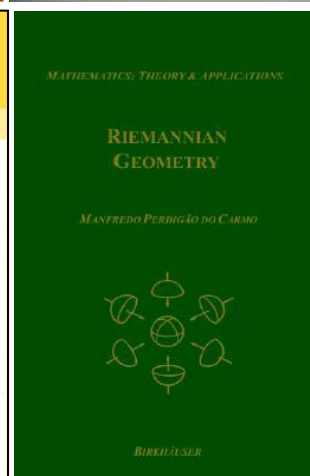
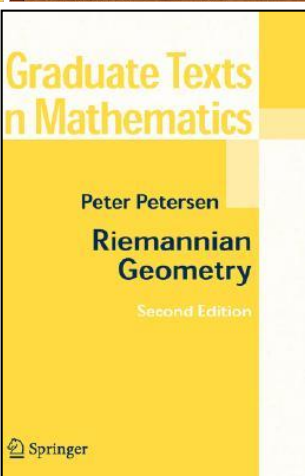
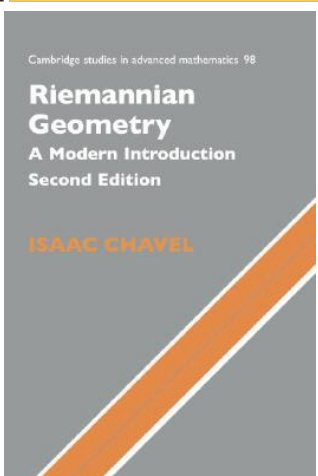
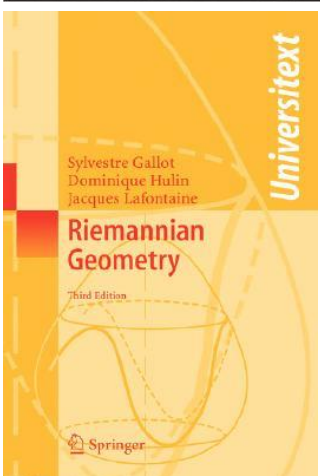
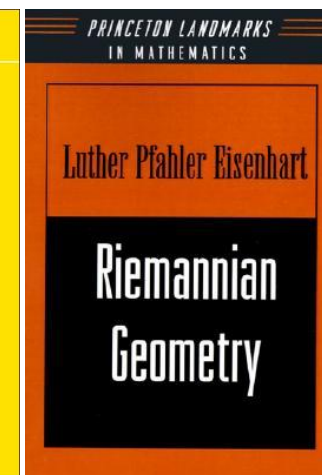
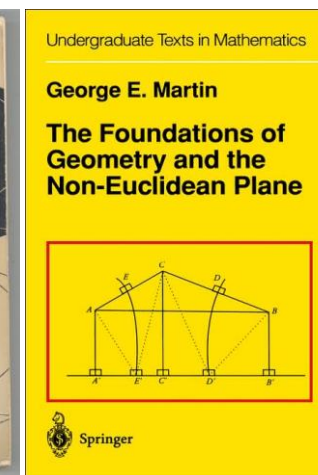
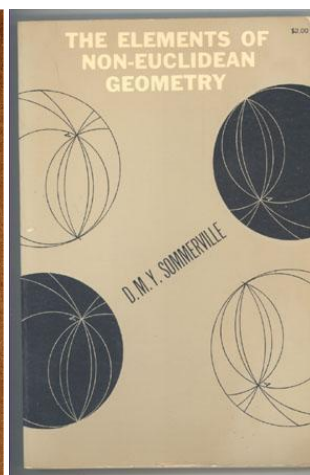
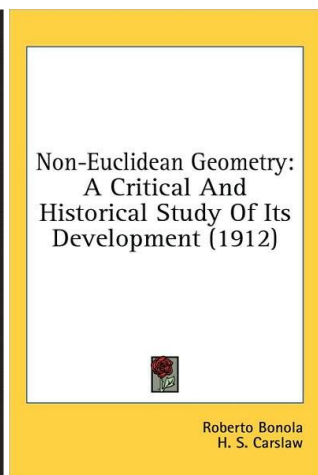
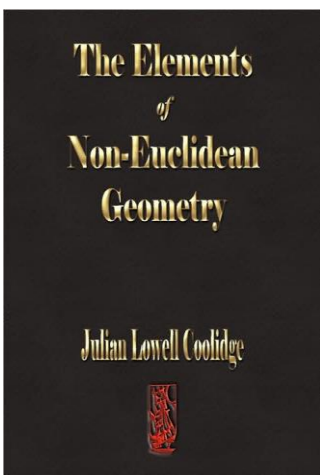
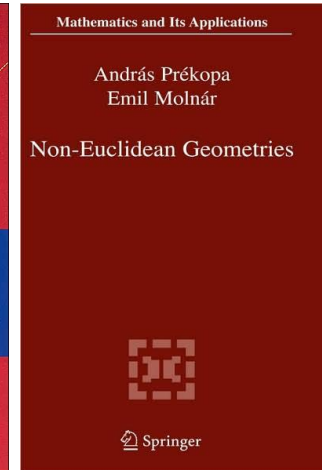
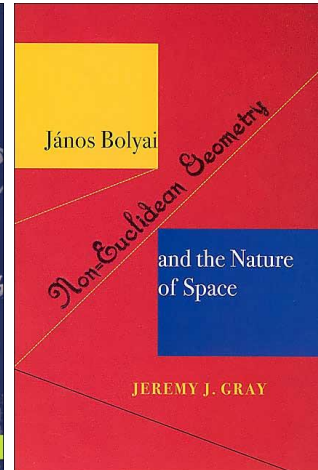
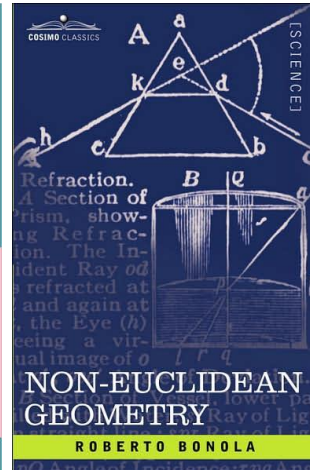
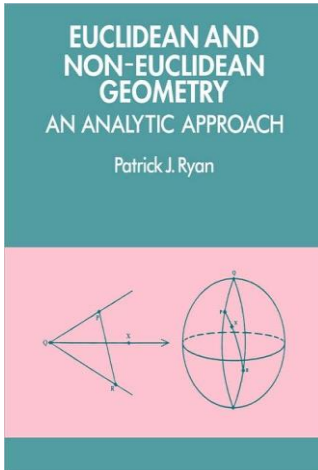
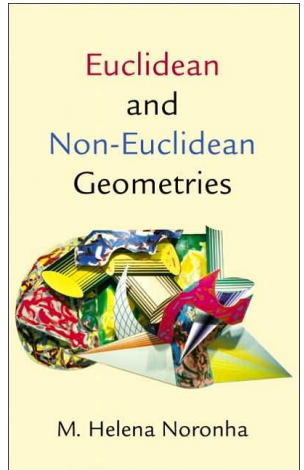
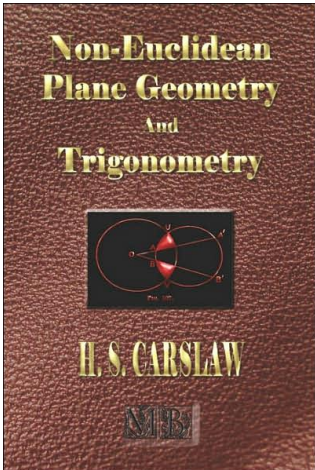


Nikolai Ivanovich **Lobachevsky** (1792-1856)

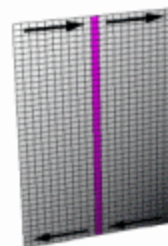
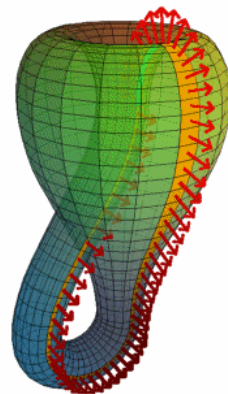
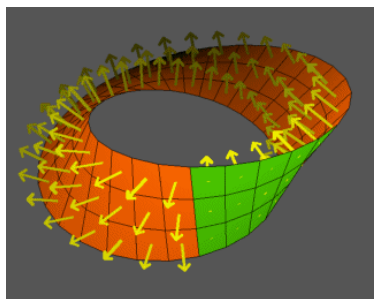
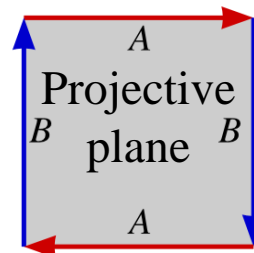
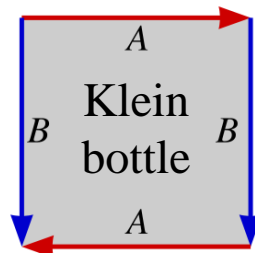
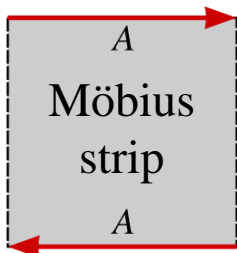


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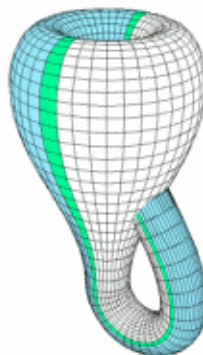
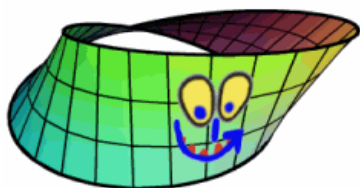




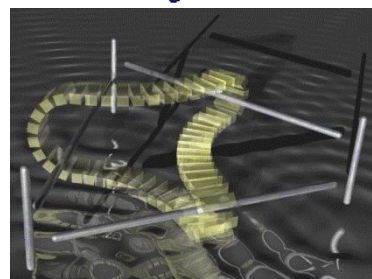
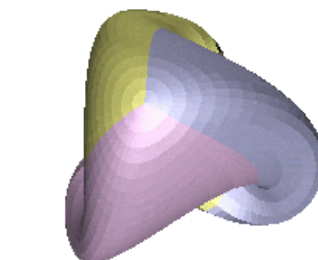
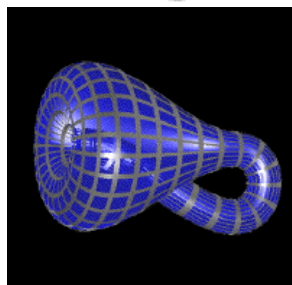
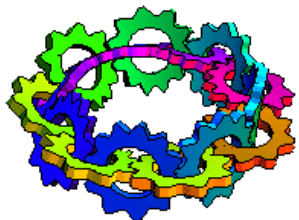
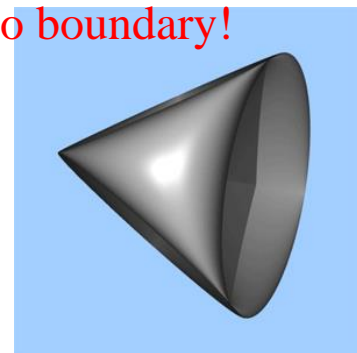
Non-Euclidean Non-Orientable Surfaces



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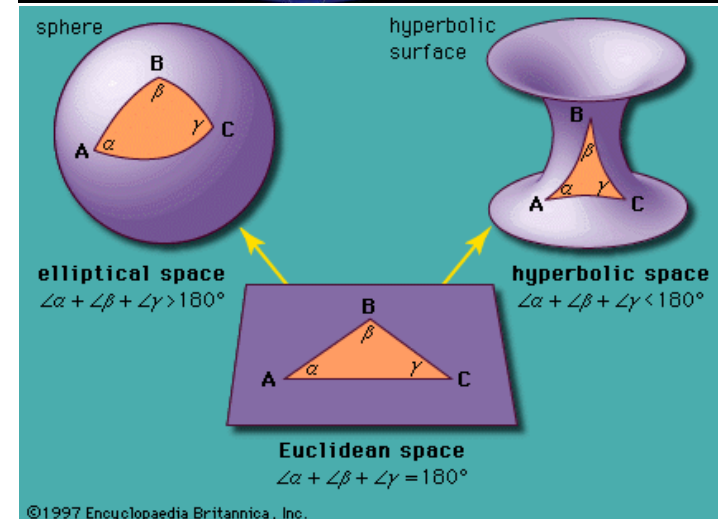
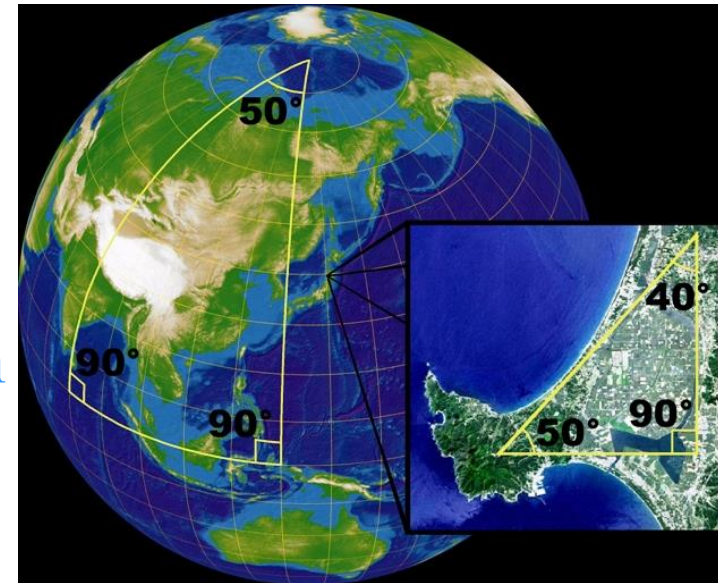
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Non-Euclidean Geometries

Spherical / Elliptic geometry: Given a line and a point off that line, there are **no lines** passing through that point that do not intersect the first line.

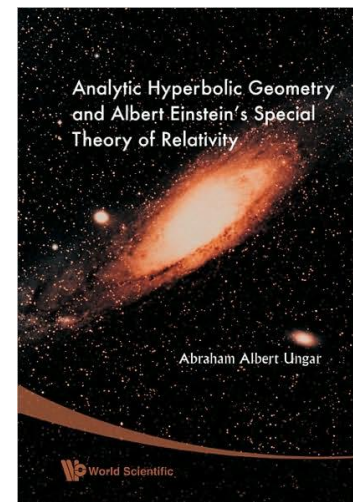
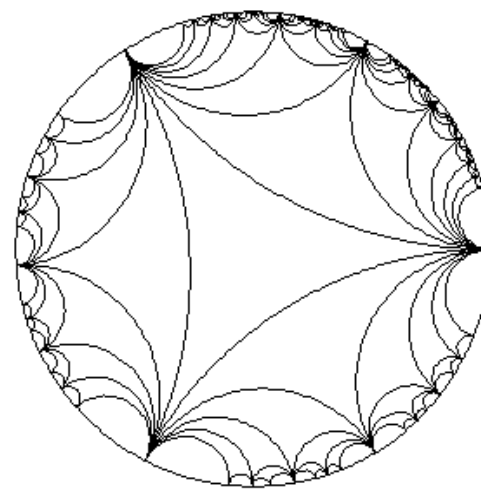
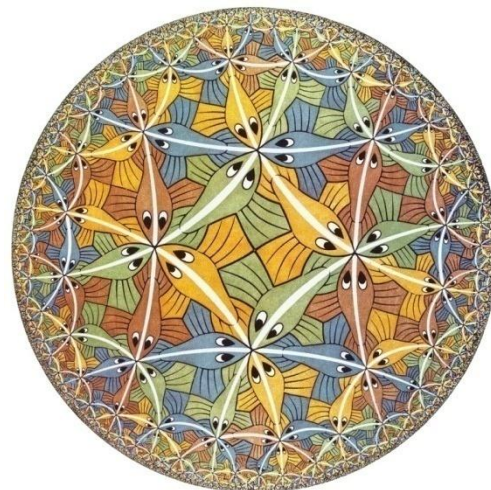
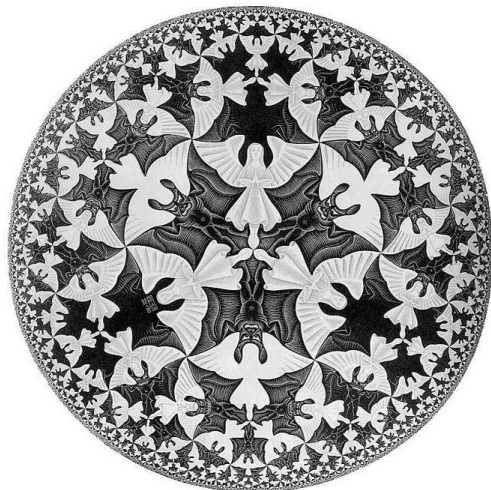
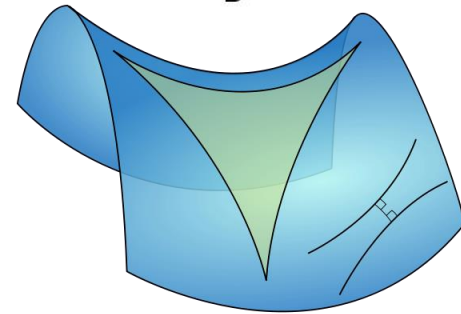
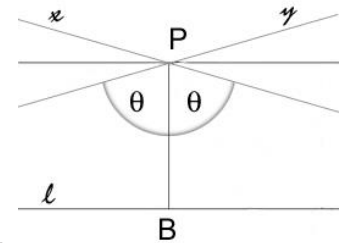
- Lines are **geodesics** - “great circles”
- Sum of triangle angles is $> 180^\circ$
- Not all triangles have same **angle sum**
- Figures can not scale up indefinitely
- **Area** does not scale as the **square**
- **Volume** does not scale as the **cube**
- The **Pythagorean theorem** fails
- **Self-consistent**, and **complete**



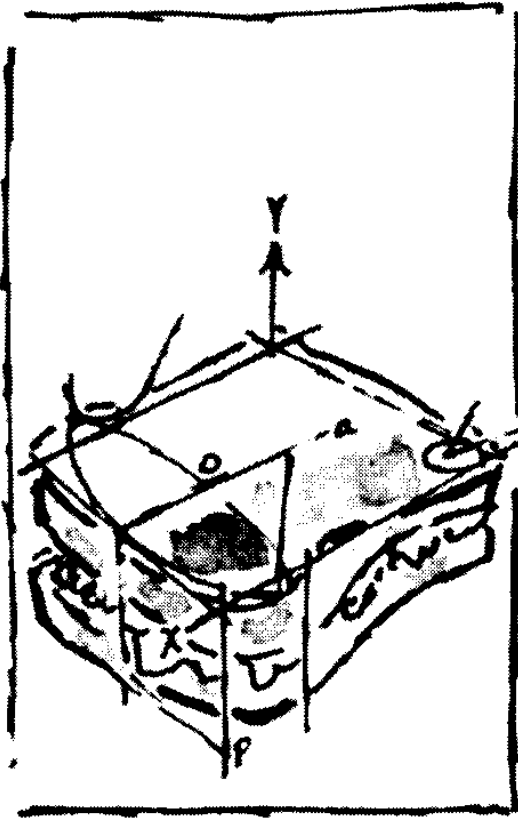
Non-Euclidean Geometries

Hyperbolic geometry: Given a line and a point off that line, there are an **infinity of lines** passing through that point that do not intersect the first line.

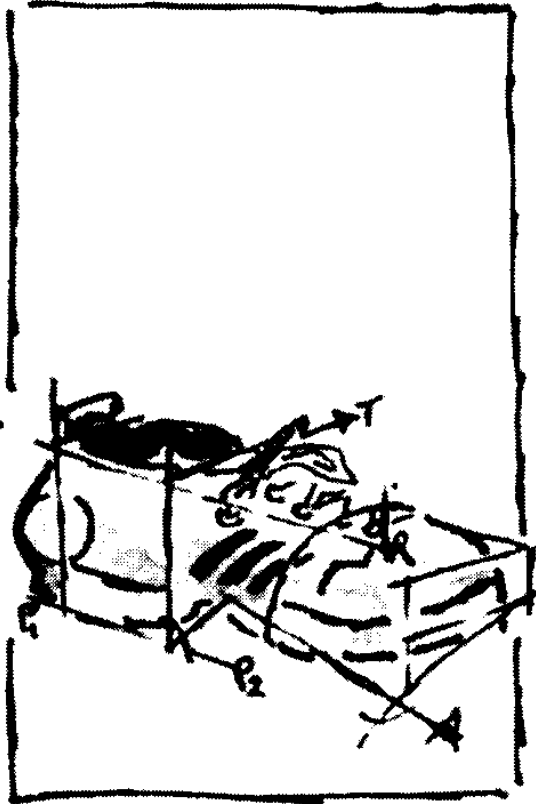
- Sum of triangle angles is **less than 180°**
- Different triangles have **different angle sum**
- Triangles with **same angles** have **same area**
- There are **no similar triangles**
- Used in **relativity theory**



THE GEOMETRY OF EVERYDAY LIFE



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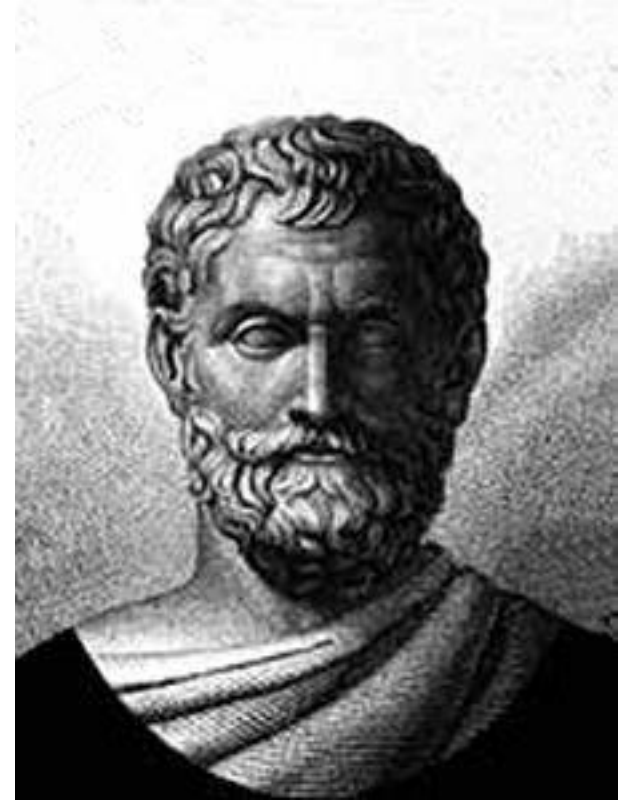
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Historical Perspectives

Eratosthenes (276BC-194BC)

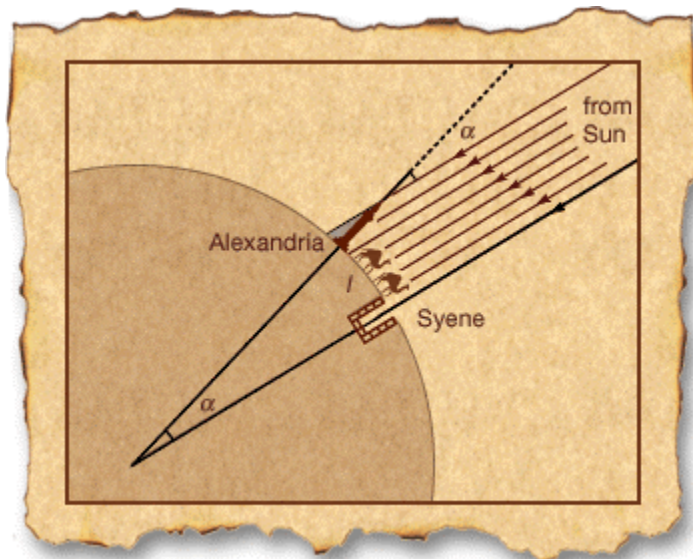
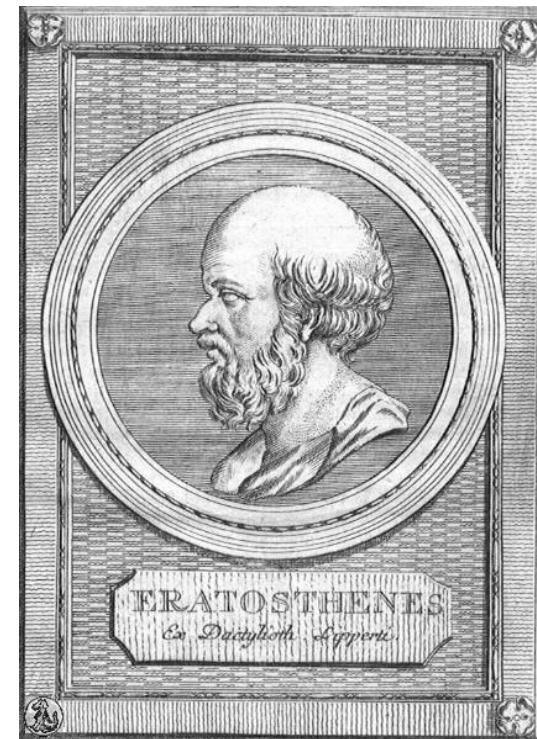
- Chief librarian at Library of Alexandria
- Measured the **Earth's size** (<1% error!)
- Calculated the Earth-Sun distance
- Invented **latitude** and **longitude**
- Primes - “**Sieve of Eratosthenes**”
- Chronology of ancient history
- Wrote on astronomy, geography, history, mathematics, philosophy, and literature



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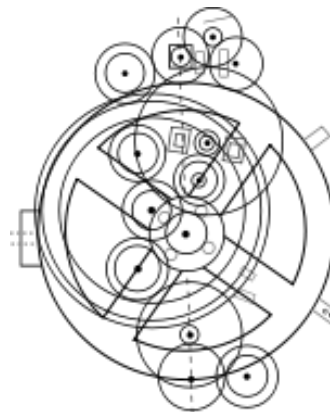
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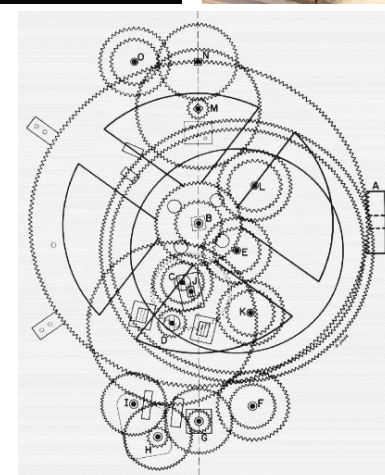
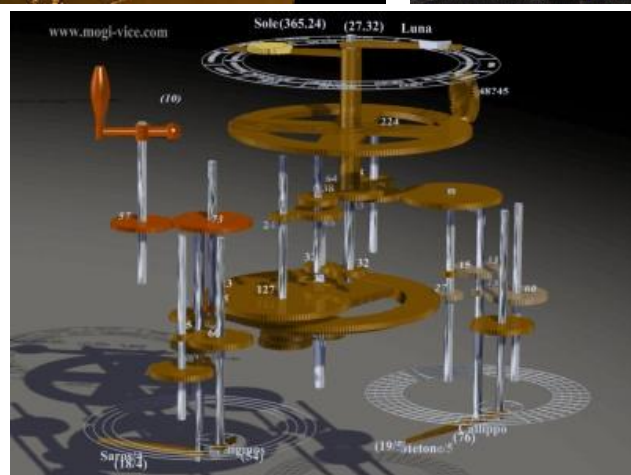
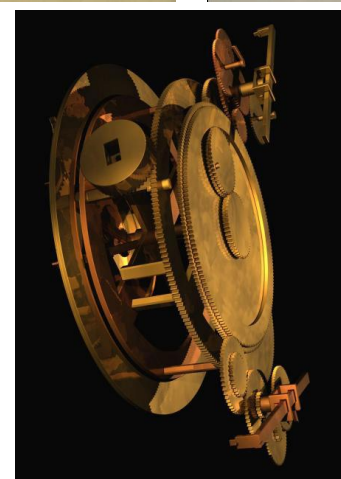
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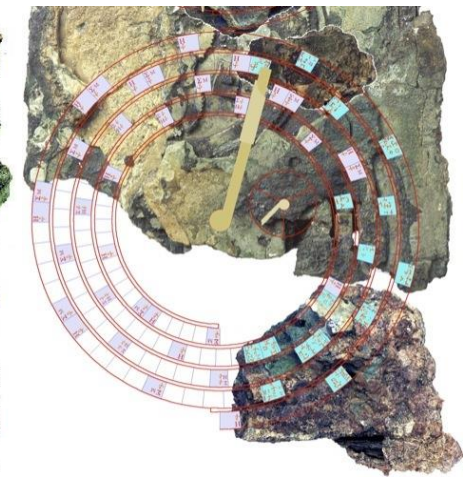
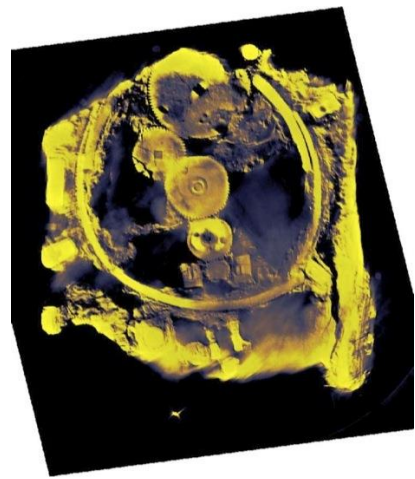


An Ancient Computer: The Antikythera

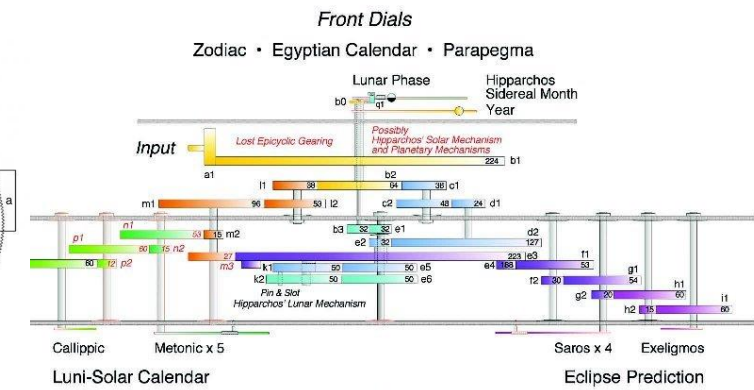
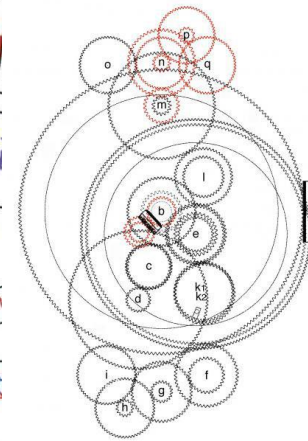
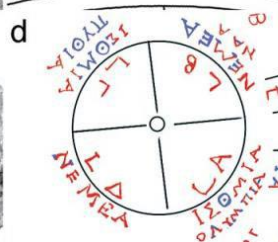
- Oldest known mechanical computer
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- Calculates eclipses and astronomical positions of sun, moon, and planets
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- Has an attached "instructions manual"
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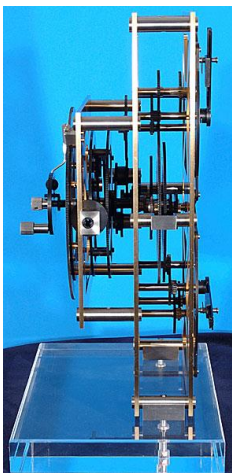




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DECODING AN Ancient Computer

New explorations have revealed how the Antikythera mechanism modeled lunar motion and predicted eclipses, among other sophisticated tricks

By Tony Freeth



KEY CONCEPTS

- The Antikythera mechanism is a unique mechanical calculator from second-century B.C. Greece. Its sophistication surprised archaeologists when it was discovered in 1901. But no one had anticipated its true power.
- Advanced imaging tools have finally enabled researchers to reconstruct how the device predicted lunar and solar eclipses and the motion of the moon in the sky.
- Inscriptions on the mechanism suggest that it might have been built in the Greek city of Syracuse (now in modern Sicily), perhaps in a tradition that originated with Archimedes.

—The Editors

If it had not been for two storms 2,000 years apart in the same area of the Mediterranean, the most important technological artifact from the ancient world could have been lost forever.

The first storm, in the middle of the 1st century B.C., sank a Roman merchant vessel laden with Greek treasures. The second storm, in A.D. 1900, drove a party of sponge divers to shelter off the tiny island of Antikythera, between Crete and the mainland of Greece. When the storm subsided, the divers tried their luck for sponges in the local waters and chanced on the wreck. Months later the divers returned, with backing from the Greek government. Over nine months they recovered a hoard of beautiful ancient Greek objects—rare bronzes, stunning glassware, amphorae, pottery and jewelry—in one of the first major underwater archaeological excavations in history.

One item attracted little attention at first: an undistinguished, heavily calcified lump the size of a phone book. Some months later it fell apart, revealing the remains of corroded bronze gearwheels—all sandwiched together and with teeth just one and a half millimeters long—along with plates covered in scientific scales and Greek in-

scriptions. The discovery was a shock: until then, the ancients were thought to have made gears only for crude mechanical tasks.

Three of the main fragments of the Antikythera mechanism, as the device has come to be known, are now on display at the Greek National Archaeological Museum in Athens. They look small and fragile, surrounded by imposing bronze statues and other artistic glories of ancient Greece. But their subtle power is even more shocking than anyone had imagined at first.

I first heard about the mechanism in 2000. I was a filmmaker, and astronomer Mike Edmunds of Cardiff University in Wales contacted me because he thought the mechanism would make a great subject for a TV documentary. I learned that over many decades researchers studying the mechanism had made considerable progress, suggesting that it calculated astronomical data, but they still had not been able to fully grasp how it worked. As a former mathematician, I became intensely interested in understanding the mechanism myself.

Edmunds and I gathered an international collaboration that eventually included historians, astronomers and two teams of imaging experts. In the past few years our group has reconstruct-

ed how nearly all the surviving parts worked and what functions they performed. The mechanism calculated the dates of lunar and solar eclipses, modeled the moon's subtle apparent motions through the sky to the best of the available knowledge, and kept track of the dates of events of social significance, such as the Olympic Games. Nothing of comparable technological sophistication is known anywhere in the world for at least a millennium afterward. Had this unique specimen not survived, historians would have thought that it could not have existed at that time.

Early Pioneers

German philologist Albert Rehm was the first person to understand, around 1905, that the Antikythera mechanism was an astronomical calculator. Half a century later, when science historian Derek J. de Solla Price, then at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., described the device in a *Scientific American* article, it still had revealed few of its secrets.

The device, Price suggested, was operated by turning a crank on its side, and it displayed its output by moving pointers on dials located on its front and back. By turning the crank, the user could set the machine on a certain date as indi-

cated on a 365-day calendar dial in the front. (The dial could be rotated to adjust for an extra day every four years, as in today's leap years.) At the same time, the crank powered all the other gears in the mechanism to yield the information corresponding to the set date.

A second front dial, concentric with the calendar, was marked out with 360 degrees and with the 12 signs representing the constellations of the zodiac [see box on pages 80 and 81]. These are the constellations crossed by the sun in its apparent motion with respect to the "fixed" stars—"motion" that in fact results from Earth's orbiting the sun—along the path called the ecliptic. Price surmised that the front of the mechanism probably had a pointer showing where along the ecliptic the sun would be at the desired date.

In the surviving fragments, Price identified the remains of a dozen gears that had been part of the mechanism's innards. He also estimated their tooth counts—which is all one can do given that nearly all the gears are damaged and incomplete. Later, in a landmark 1974 study, Price described 27 gears in the main fragment and provided improved tooth counts based on the first x-rays of the mechanism, by Greek radiologist Charalambos Karakalos.

ANCIENT GREEKS knew how to calculate the recurring patterns of lunar eclipses thanks to observations made for centuries by the Babylonians. The Antikythera mechanism would have done those calculations for them—or perhaps for the wealthy Romans who could afford to own it. The depiction here is based on a theoretical reconstruction by the author and his collaborators.

[THE PLACES]



The Greek and Roman worlds, circa 145 B.C.

Where Was It From?

The Antikythera mechanism was built around the middle of the 2nd century B.C., a time when Rome was expanding at the expense of the Greek-dominated Hellenistic kingdoms (green). Divers recovered its corroded remnants (including fragment at left) in A.D. 1901 from a shipwreck near the island of Antikythera. The ship sank around 65 B.C. while carrying Greek artistic treasures, perhaps from Pergamon to Rome. Rhodes had one of the major traditions of Greek astronomy, but the latest evidence points to a Corinthian origin. Syracuse, which had been a Corinthian colony in Sicily, is a possibility: the great Greek inventor Archimedes had lived there and may have left behind a technological tradition.

Tooth counts indicate what the mechanism calculated. For example, turning the crank to give a full turn to a primary 64-tooth gear represented the passage of a year, as shown by a pointer on the calendar dial. That primary gear was also paired to two 38-tooth secondary gears, each of which consequently turned by 64/38 times for every year. Similarly, the motion relayed from gear to gear throughout the mechanism; at each step, the ratio of the numbers of gear teeth represents a different fraction. The motion eventually transmitted to the pointers, which thus turned at rates corresponding to different astronomical cycles. Price discovered that the ratios of one of these gear trains embodied an ancient Babylonian cycle of the moon.

Price, like Rehm before him, suggested that the mechanism also contained epicyclic gearing—gears spinning on bearings that are themselves attached to other gears, like the cups on a Mad Hatter teacup ride. Epicyclic gears extend the range of formulas gears can calculate beyond multiplications of fractions to additions and subtractions. No other example of epicyclic gearing is known to have existed in Western technology for another 1,500 years.

Several other researchers studied the mechanism, most notably Michael Wright, a curator at the Science Museum in London, in collaboration

with computer scientist Allan Bromley of the University of Sydney. They took the first three-dimensional x-rays of the mechanism and showed that Price's model of the mechanism had to be wrong. Bromley died in 2002, but Wright persisted and made significant advances. For example, he found evidence that the back dials, which at first look like concentric rings, are in fact spirals and discovered an epicyclic mechanism at the front that calculated the phase of the moon.

Wright also adopted one of Price's insights, namely that the dial on the upper back might be a lunar calendar, based on the 19-year, 235-lunar-month cycle called the Metonic cycle. This calendar is named after fifth-century B.C. astronomer Meton of Athens—although it had been discovered earlier by the Babylonians—and is still used today to determine the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah and the Christian festival of Easter. Later, we would discover that the pointer was extensible, so that a pin on its end could follow a groove around each successive turn of the spiral.

BladeRunner in Athens

As our group began its efforts, we were hampered by a frustrating lack of data. We had no access to the previous x-ray studies, and we did not even have a good set of still photographs.

Two images in a science magazine—x-rays of a goldfish and an enhanced photograph of a Babylonian clay tablet—suggested to me new ways to get better data.

We asked Hewlett-Packard in California to perform state-of-the-art photographic imaging and X-Tek Systems in the U.K. to do three-dimensional x-ray imaging. After four years of careful diplomacy, John Seiradakis of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Xenophon Moussas of the University of Athens obtained the required permissions, and we arranged for the imaging teams to bring their tools to Athens, a necessary step because the Antikythera mechanism is too fragile to travel.

Meanwhile we had a totally unexpected call from Mary Zafeiropoulou at the museum. She had been to the basement storage and found boxes of bits labeled "Antikythera." Might we be interested? Of course we were interested. We now had a total of 82 fragments, up from about 20.

The HP team, led by Tom Malzbender, assembled a mysterious-looking dome about five feet across and covered in electronic flashbulbs that provided lighting from a range of different angles. The team exploited a technique from the computer gaming industry, called polynomial texture mapping, to enhance surface details. In-

scriptions Price had found difficult to read were now clearly legible, and fine details could be enhanced on the computer screen by controlling the reflectance of the surface and the angle of the lighting. The inscriptions are essentially an instruction manual written on the outer plates.

A month later local police had to clear the streets in central Athens so that a truck carrying the BladeRunner, X-Tek's eight-ton x-ray machine, could gain access to the museum. The BladeRunner performs computed tomography similar to a hospital's CT scan, but with finer detail. X-Tek's Roger Hadland and his group had specially modified it with enough x-ray power to penetrate the fragments of the Antikythera mechanism. The resulting 3-D reconstruction was wonderful: whereas Price could see only a puzzle of overlapping gears, we could now isolate layers inside the fragment and see all the fine details of the gear teeth.

Unexpectedly, the x-rays revealed more than 2,000 new text characters that had been hidden deep inside the fragments. (We have now identified and interpreted a total of 3,000 characters out of perhaps 15,000 that existed originally.) In Athens, Moussas, and Yanis Bitsakis, also at the University of Athens, and Agamemnon Telikas of the Center for History and Palaeography be-

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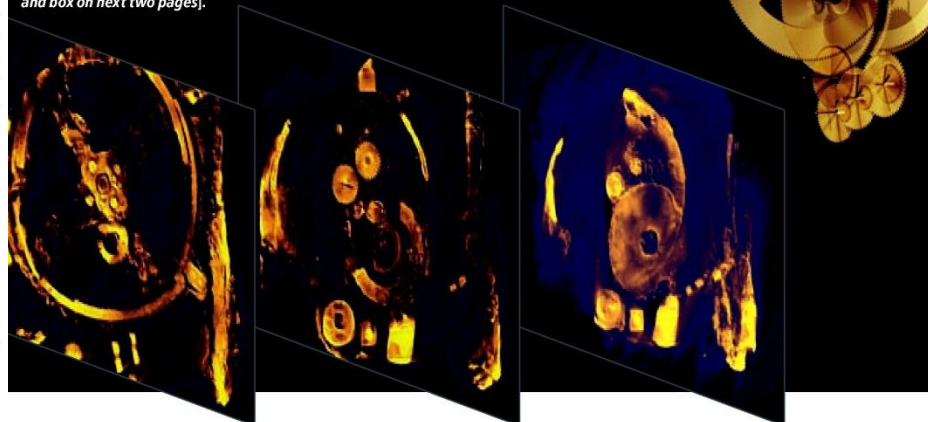
Tony Freeth's academic background is in mathematics and mathematical logic (in which he holds a Ph.D.). His award-winning career as a filmmaker culminated in a series of documentaries about increasing crop yields in sub-Saharan Africa, featuring the late Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Norman Borlaug. Since 2000 Freeth has returned to an academic focus with research on the Antikythera mechanism. He is managing director of the film and television production company Images First, and he is now developing a film on the mechanism.



[THE RECONSTRUCTION]

Anatomy of a Relic

Computed tomography—a 3-D mapping obtained from multiple x-ray shots—enabled the author and his colleagues to get inside views of the Antikythera mechanism's remnants. For example, a CT scan can be used to virtually slice up an object (below, slices of main fragment). The information helped the team see how the surviving gears connected and estimate their tooth counts, which determined what calculations they performed. The team could then reconstruct most of the device [see model at right and box on next two pages].



[INSIDE THE ANTIKYTHERA MECHANISM]

Astronomical Clockwork

gan to discover inscriptions that had been invisible to human eyes for more than 2,000 years. One translated as "... spiral subdivisions 235..." confirming that the upper back dial was a spiral describing the Metonic calendar.

Babylon System

Back at home in London, I began to examine the CT scans as well. Certain fragments were clearly all part of a spiral dial in the lower back. An estimate of the total number of divisions in the dial's four-turn spiral suggested 220 to 225.

The prime number 223 was the obvious contender. The ancient Babylonians had discovered that if a lunar eclipse is observed—something that can happen only during a full moon—usually a similar lunar eclipse will take place 223 full moons later. Similarly, if the Babylonians saw a solar eclipse—which can take place only during a new moon—they could predict that 223 new moons later there would be a similar one (although they could not always see it: solar eclipses are visible only from specific locations, and ancient astronomers could not predict them reliably). Eclipses repeat this way because every 223 lunar months the sun, Earth and the moon return to approximately the same alignment with respect to one another, a periodicity known as the Saros cycle.

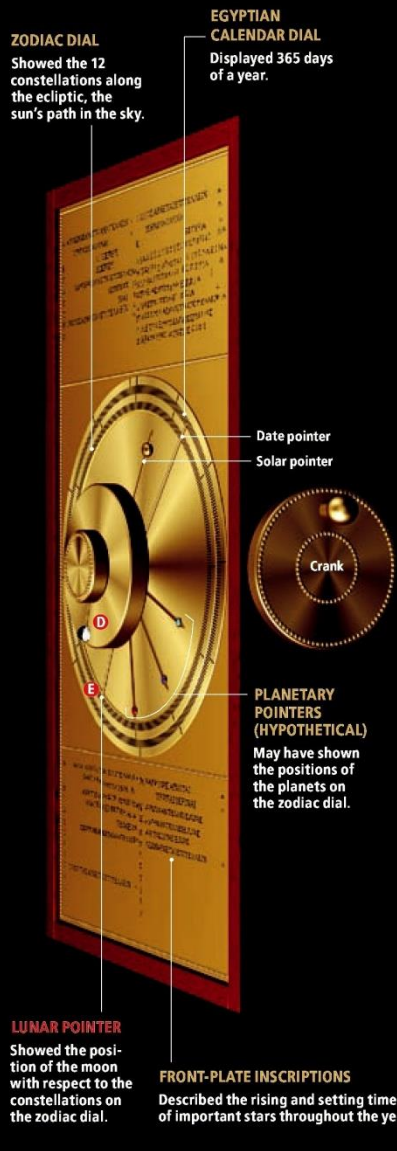
Between the scale divisions were blocks of symbols, nearly all containing Σ (*sigma*) or *H* (*eta*), or both. I soon realized that Σ stands for $\Sigma\epsilon\lambda\eta\nu\eta$ (*selene*), Greek for "moon," indicating a lunar eclipse; *H* stands for $\text{H}\lambda\omega\sigma$ (*helios*), Greek for "sun," indicating a solar eclipse. The Babylonians also knew that within the 223-month period, eclipses can take place only in particular months, arranged in a predictable pattern and separated by gaps of five or six months; the distribution of symbols around the dial exactly matched that pattern.

I now needed to follow the trail of clues into the heart of the mechanism to discover where this new insight would lead. The first step was to find a gear with 223 teeth to drive this new Saros dial. Karakalos had estimated that a large gear visible at the back of the main fragment had 222 teeth. But Wright had revised this estimate to 223, and Edmunds confirmed this. With plausible tooth counts for other gears and with the addition of a small, hypothetical gear, this 223-tooth gear could perform the required calculation.

But a huge problem still remained unsolved and proved to be the hardest part of the gearing to crack. In addition to calculating the Saros cy-

This exploded view of the mechanism shows all but one of the 30 known gears, plus a few that have been hypothesized. Turning a crank on the side activated all the gears in the mechanism and moved pointers on the front and back dials: the arrows colored blue, red and yellow explain how the motion transmitted from one gear to the next. The user would choose a date on the Egyptian, 365-day calendar dial on the front or on the Metonic, 235-lunar-month calen-

dar on the back and then read the astronomical predictions for that time—such as the position and phases of the moon—from the other dials. Alternatively, one could turn the crank to set a particular event on an astronomical dial and then see on what date it would occur. Other gears, now lost, may have calculated the positions of the sun and of some or all of the five planets known in antiquity and displayed them via pointers on the zodiac dial.

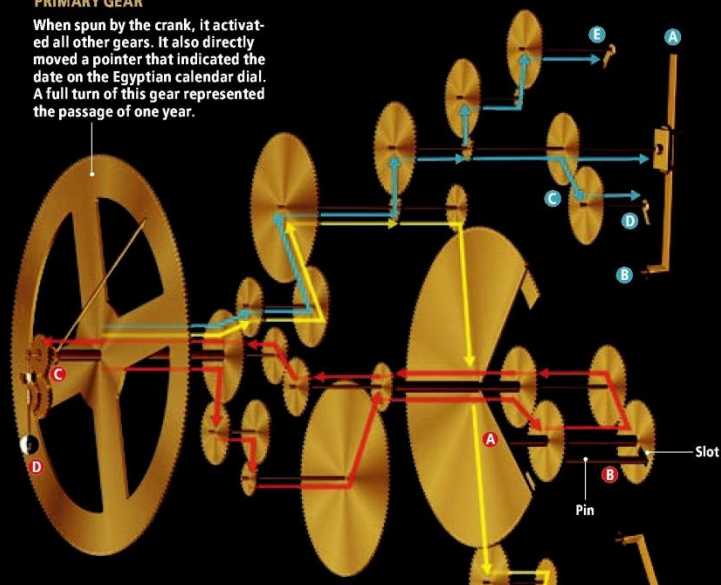


METONIC GEAR TRAIN

Calculated the month in the Metonic calendar, made of 235 lunar months, and displayed it via a pointer (A) on the Metonic calendar dial on the back. A pin (B) at the pointer's tip followed the spiral groove, and the pointer extended in length as it reached months marked on successive, outer twists. Auxiliary gears (C) turned a pointer (D) on a smaller dial indicating four-year cycles of Olympiads and other games. Other gears moved a pointer on another small dial (E), which may have indicated a 76-year cycle.

PRIMARY GEAR

When spun by the crank, it activated all other gears. It also directly moved a pointer that indicated the date on the Egyptian calendar dial. A full turn of this gear represented the passage of one year.

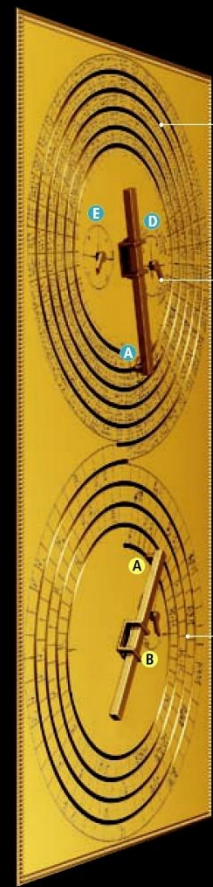


LUNAR GEAR TRAIN

A system that included epicyclic gears simulated variations in the moon's motion now know to stem from its changing orbital velocity. The epicyclic gears were attached to a larger gear (A) like the cups on a Mad Hatter teacup ride. One gear turned the other via a pin-and-slot mechanism (B). The motion was then transmitted through the other gears and to the front of the mechanism. There, another epicyclic system (C) turned a half-black, half-white sphere (D) to show the lunar phases, and a pointer (E) showed the position of the moon on the zodiac dial.

ECLIPSE GEAR TRAIN

Calculated the month in the 223-lunar-month Saros cycle of recurring eclipses. It displayed the month on the Saros dial with an extensible pointer (A) similar to the one on the Metonic dial. Auxiliary gears moved a pointer (B) on a smaller dial. That pointer made one third of a turn for each 223-month cycle to indicate that the corresponding eclipse time would be offset by eight hours.

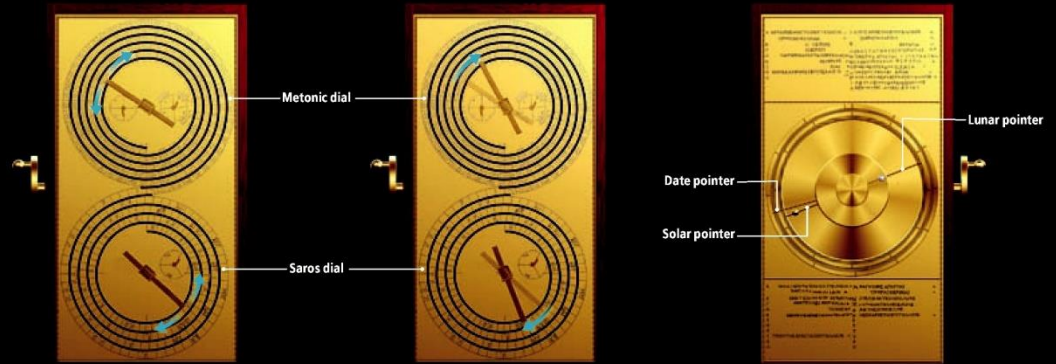


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[A USER'S MANUAL]

How to Predict an Eclipse

Operating the Antikythera mechanism may have required only a small amount of practice and astronomical knowledge. After an initial calibration by an expert, the mechanism could provide fairly accurate predictions of events several decades in the past or future. The inscriptions on the Saros dial, coming at intervals of five or six months, corresponded to months when Earth, the sun and the moon come to a near alignment (and so represented potential solar and lunar eclipses) in a 223-lunar-month cycle. Once the month of an eclipse was known, the actual day could be calculated on the front dials using the fact that solar eclipses always happen during new moons and lunar eclipses during full moons.



RESET DATE

Begin by turning the crank to set the current month and year on the Metonic calendar. The lower pointer will turn to the corresponding month on the Saros (eclipse) dial.

FIND ECLIPSE MONTH

Turn the crank to move time forward until the pointer on the Saros dial points to an eclipse inscription. The inscription will indicate month and time of the day (but not the day) of an eclipse and whether it will be solar or lunar.

CALCULATE DAY

Adjust the crank until the lunar and solar pointers are aligned (for a solar eclipse) or at 180 degrees (for a lunar eclipse). The Egyptian calendar pointer will move correspondingly and indicate the day of the eclipse.

cle, the large 223-tooth gear also carried the epicyclic system noticed by Price: a sandwich of two small gears attached to the larger gear in teacup-ride fashion. Each epicyclic gear also connected to another small gear. Confusingly, all four small gears appeared to have the same tooth count—50—which seemed nonsensical because the output would then be the same as the input.

After months of frustration, I remembered that Wright had observed that one of the two epicyclic gears has a pin on its face that engages with a slot on the other. His key idea was that the two gears turned on slightly different axes, separated by about a millimeter. As a consequence, the angle turned by one gear alternated between being slightly wider and being slightly narrower than the angle turned by the other gear. Thus, if one gear turned at a constant rate, the other gear's rate kept varying between slightly faster and slightly slower.

Ask for the Moon

Although Wright rejected his own observation, I realized that the varying rotation rate is precisely what is needed to calculate the moon's motion according to the most advanced astronomical theory of the second century B.C., the one often attributed to Hipparchos of Rhodes. Before Eratosthenes (A.D. 1605), no one understood that orbits are elliptical and that the moon accelerates toward the perigee—its closest point to Earth—and slows down toward the apogee, the opposite point. But the ancients did know that the moon's motion against the zodiac appears to periodically slow down and speed up. In Hipparchos's model, the moon moved at a constant rate around a circle whose center itself moved around a circle at a constant rate—a fairly good approximation of the moon's apparent motion. These circles on circles, themselves called epicycles, dominated astronomical thinking for the next 1,800 years.

There was one further complication: the apogee and perigee are not fixed, because the ellipse of the moon's orbit rotates by a full turn about every nine years. The time it takes for the body to get back to the perigee is thus a bit longer than the time it takes it to come back to the same point in the zodiac. The difference was just 0.112579655 turns a year. With the input gear having 27 teeth, the rotation of the large gear was slightly too big; with 26 teeth, it was slightly too small. The right result seemed to be about halfway in between. So I tried the impossible idea that the input gear had 26 1/2 teeth. I pressed the key on my calculator, and it gave 0.112579655—

exactly the right answer. It could not be a coincidence to nine places of decimals! But gears cannot have fractional numbers of teeth.

Then I realized that $26 \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 53$. In fact, Wright had estimated a crucial gear to have 53 teeth, and I now saw that that count made everything work out. The designer had mounted the pin and slot epicyclically to subtly slow down the period of its variation while keeping the basic rotation the same, a conception of pure genius. Thanks to Edmunds, we also realized that the epicyclic gearing system, which is in the back of the mechanism, moved a shaft that turned inside another, hollow shaft through the rest of the mechanism and to the front, so that the lunar motion could be represented on the zodiac dial and on the lunar phase display. All gear counts were now explained, with the exception of one small gear that remains a mystery to this day.

Further research has caused us to make some modifications to our model. One was about a small subsidiary dial that is positioned in the back, inside the Metonic dial, and is divided into four quadrants. The first clue came when I read the word "NEMEA" under one of the quadrants. Alexander Jones, a New York University historian, explained that it refers to the Nemean Games, one of the major athletic events in ancient Greece. Eventually we found, engraved round the four sectors of the dial, most of "ISTHMIJA," for games at Corinth, "PYTHIA," for games at Delphi, "NAA," for minor games at Dodona, and "OLYMPIA," for the most important games of the Greek world, the Olympics. All games took place every two or four years. Previously we had considered the mechanism to be

purely an instrument of mathematical astronomy, but the Olympiad dial—as we named it—gave it an entirely unexpected social function.

Twenty-nine of the 30 surviving gears calculate cycles of the sun and the moon. But our studies of the inscriptions at the front of the mechanism have also yielded a trove of information on the risings and settings of significant stars and of the planets. Moreover, on the "primary" gear-wheel at the front of the mechanism remnants of bearings stand witness to a lost epicyclic system that could well have modeled the back-and-forth motions of the planets along the ecliptic (as well as the anomalies in the sun's own motion). All these clues strongly support the inclusion of the sun and of at least some of the five planets known in ancient times—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Wright built a model of the mechanism with epicyclic systems for all five planets. But his ingenious layout does not agree with all the evidence. With its 40 extra gears, it may also be too complex to match the brilliant simplicity of the rest of the mechanism. The ultimate answer may still lie 50 meters down on the ocean floor.

Eureka?

The question of where the mechanism came from and who created it is still open. Most of the cargo in the wrecked ship came from the eastern Greek world, from places such as Pergamon, Kos and Rhodes. It was a natural guess that Hipparchos or another Rhodian astronomer built the mechanism. But text hidden between the 235 monthly scale divisions of the Metonic calendar contradicts this view. Some of the month names

were used only in specific locations in the ancient Greek world and suggest a Corinthian origin. If the mechanism was from Corinth itself, it was almost certainly made before Corinth was completely devastated by the Romans in 146 B.C. Perhaps more likely is that it was made to use in one of the Corinthian colonies in northwestern Greece or Sicily.

Sicily suggests a remarkable possibility. The island's city of Syracuse was home to Archimedes, the greatest scientist of antiquity. In the first century B.C. Roman statesman Cicero tells how in 212 Archimedes was killed at the siege of Syracuse and how the victorious Roman general, Marcellus, took away with him only one piece of plunder—an astronomical instrument made by Archimedes. Was that the Antikythera mechanism? We believe not, because it appears to have been made many decades after Archimedes died. But it could have been constructed in a tradition of instrument making that originated with the eureka man himself.

Many questions about the Antikythera mechanism remain unanswered—perhaps the greatest being why this powerful technology seems to have been so little exploited in its own era and in succeeding centuries.

In *Scientific American*, Price wrote:

It is a bit frightening to know that just before the fall of their great civilization the ancient Greeks had come so close to our age, not only in their thought, but also in their scientific technology.

Our discoveries have shown that the Antikythera mechanism was even closer to our world than Price had conceived.

MORE TO EXPLORE

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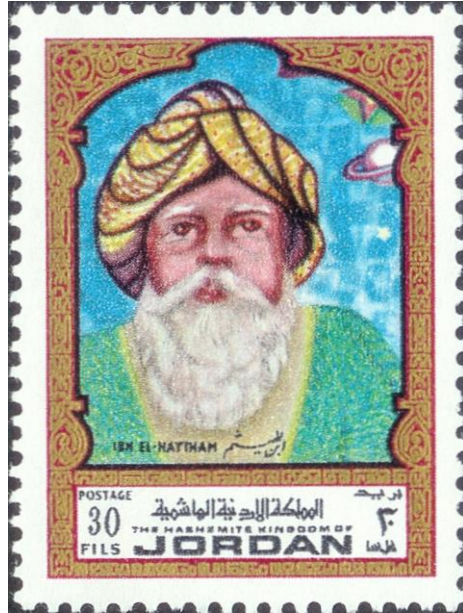
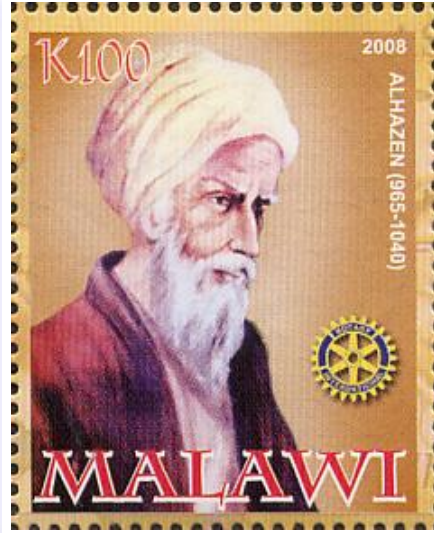
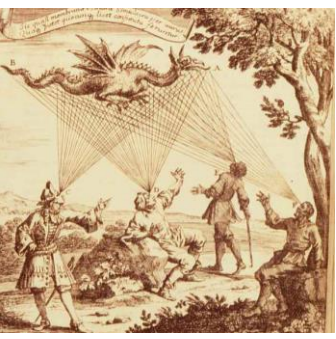
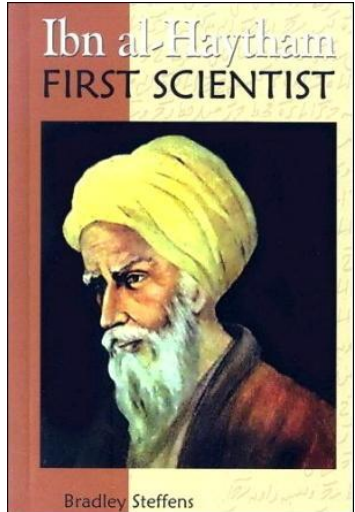
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Historical Perspectives

Abu Ali al-Hasan ibn al-Haytham (965-1039)

- AKA **Alhazen** or “The Physicist”
- **Greatest scientist of the middle ages**
- Contributed to mathematics, physics, optics, astronomy, anatomy, medicine, engineering, philosophy, psychology
- Pioneered the **scientific method**, modern **optics** and **experimental physics**
- Polymath: authored over 200 treatises, including influential “**Book of Optics**”
- Influenced Leonardo da Vinci, Bacon, Descartes, Kepler, Galileo and Newton





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Historical Perspectives

Leonardo of Pisa (1170–1250)

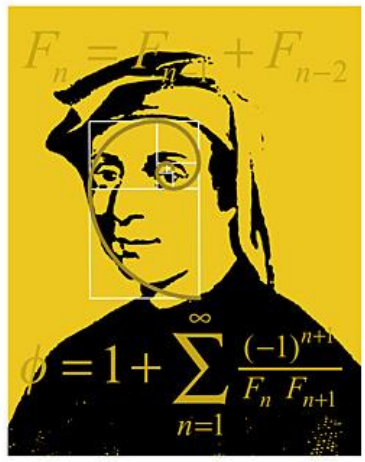
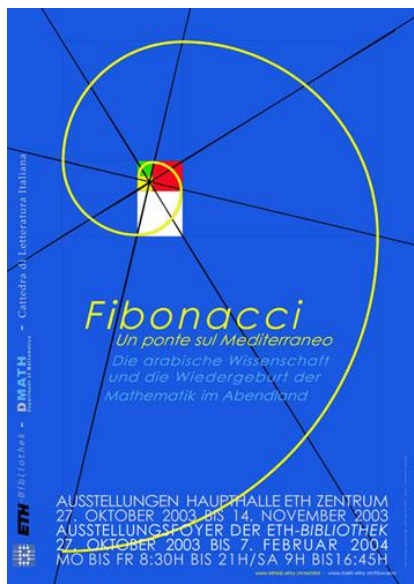
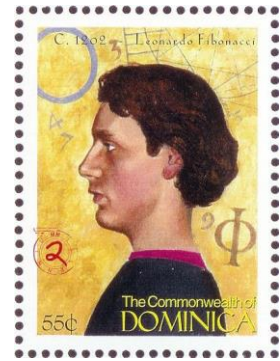
- Better known as “**Fibonacci**”
- Considered the most talented mathematician of the middle ages
- Published (1202) “**Liber Abaci**” – “The Book of Calculation”
- Introduced Hindu-Arabic **positional number system** in Europe
- Popularized **Fibonacci sequence**



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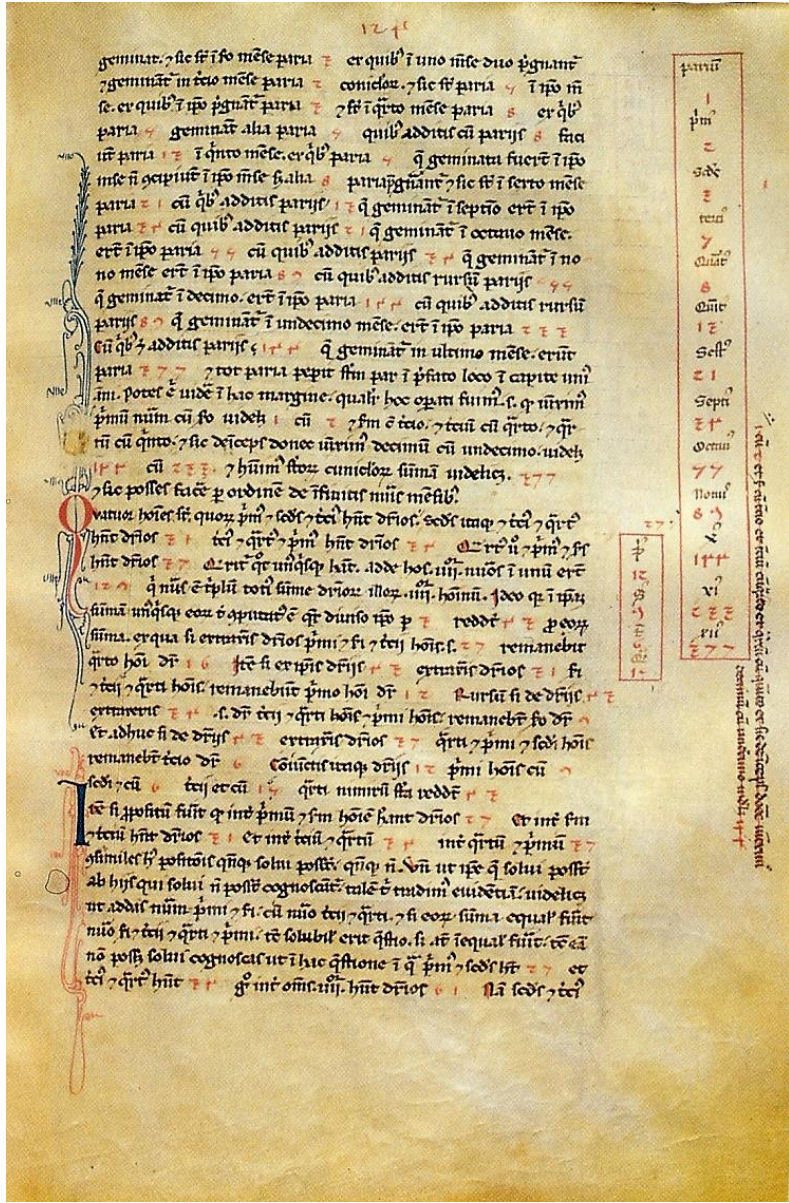


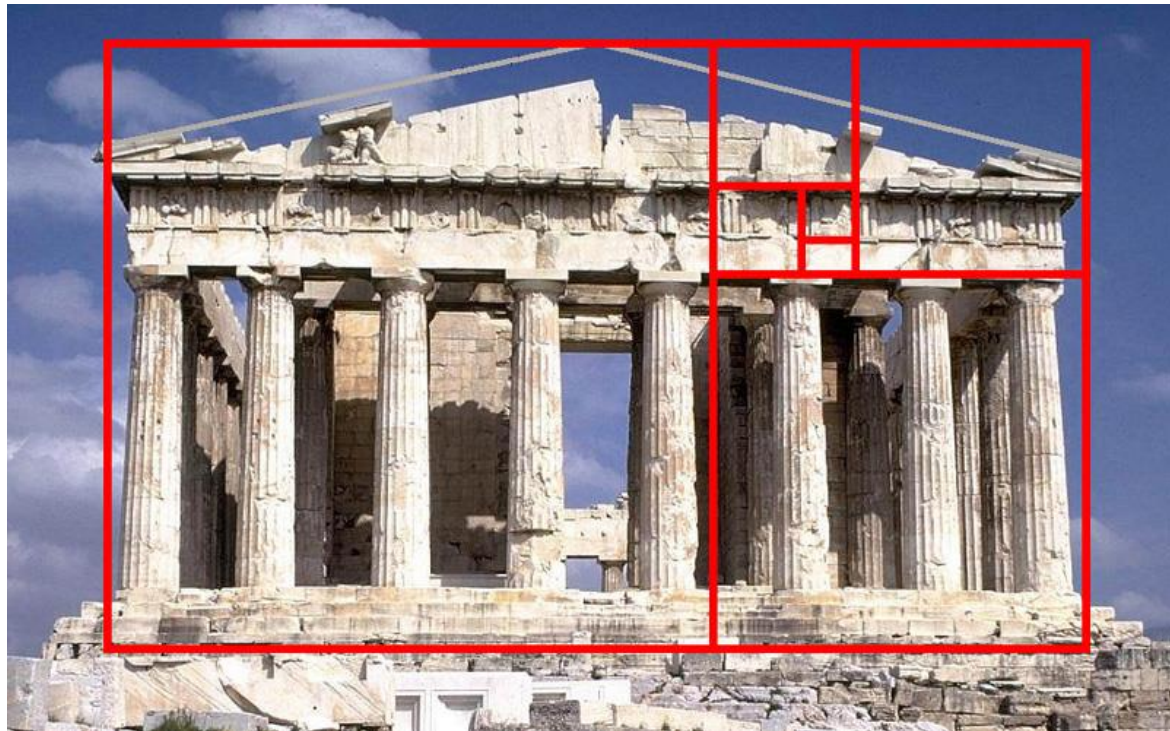
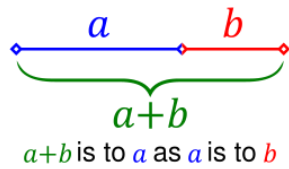
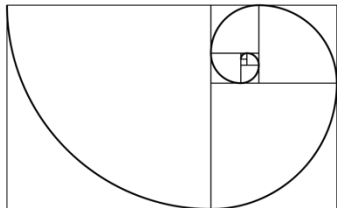
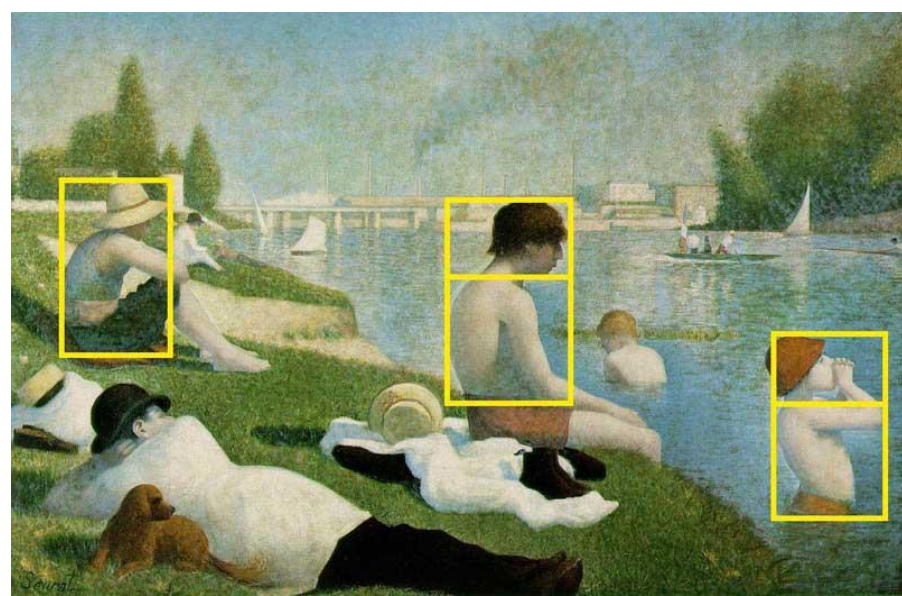
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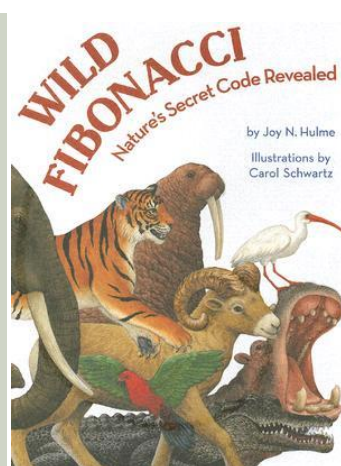
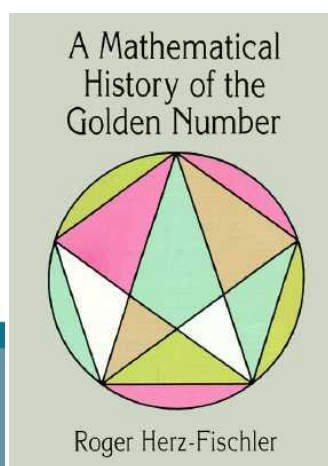
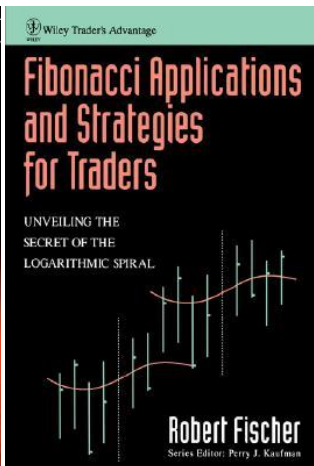
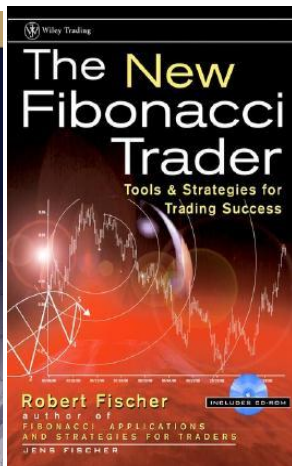
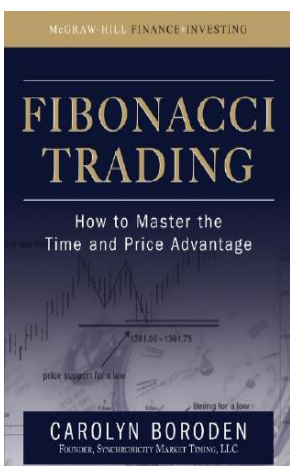
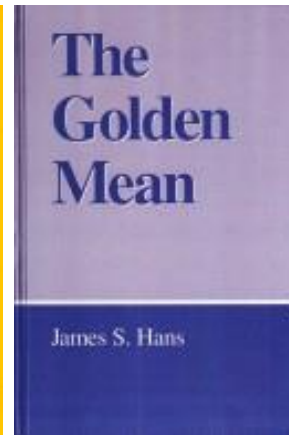
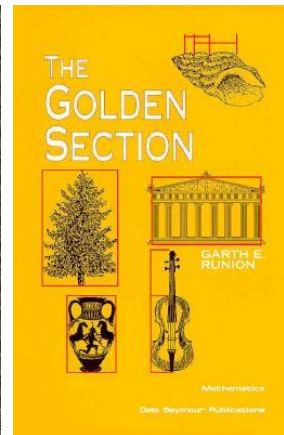
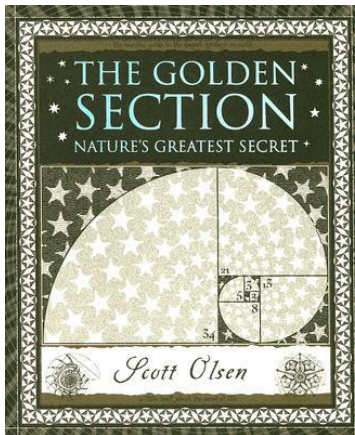
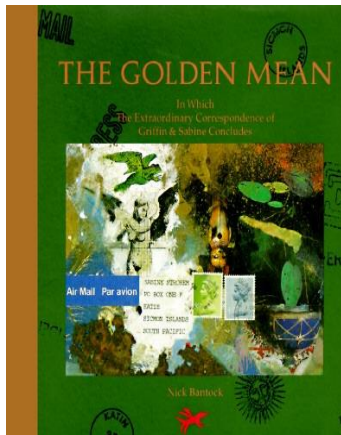
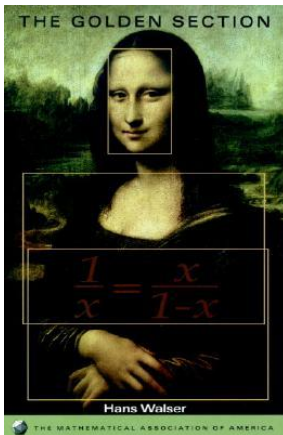
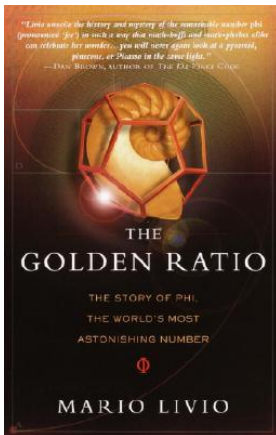
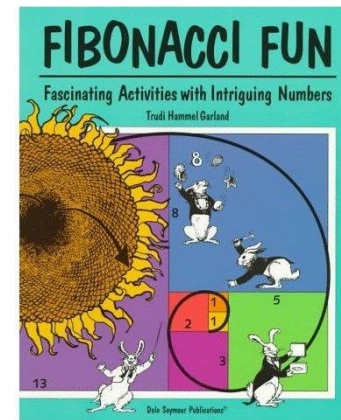
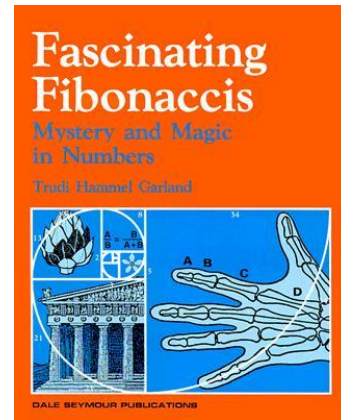
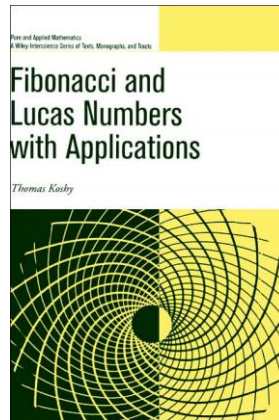
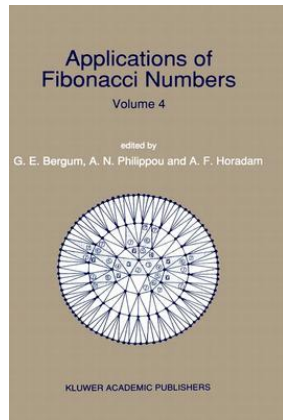
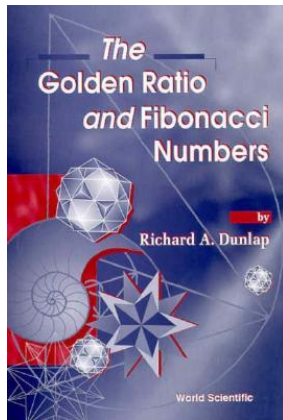
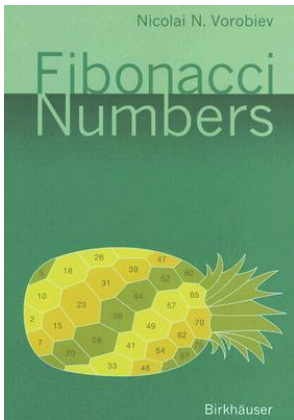


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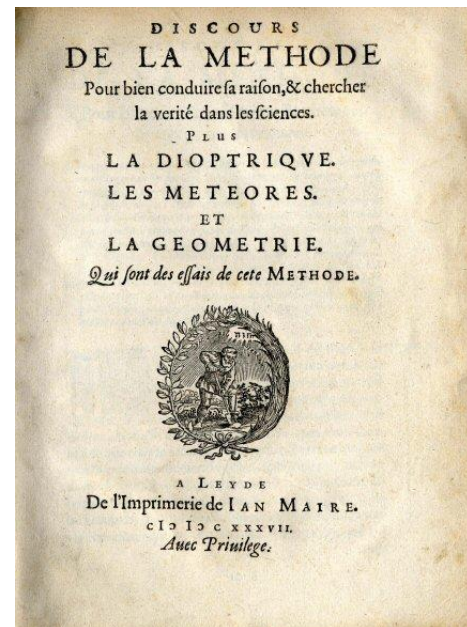
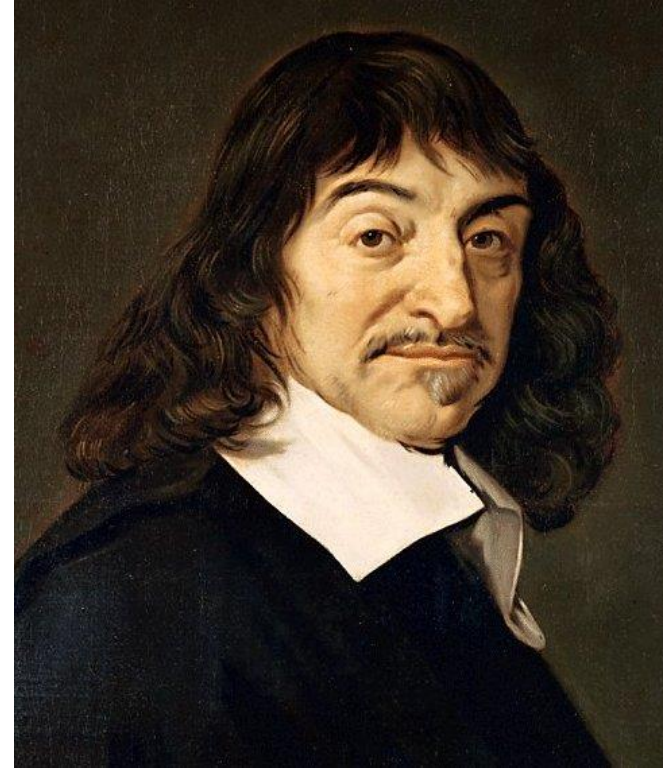


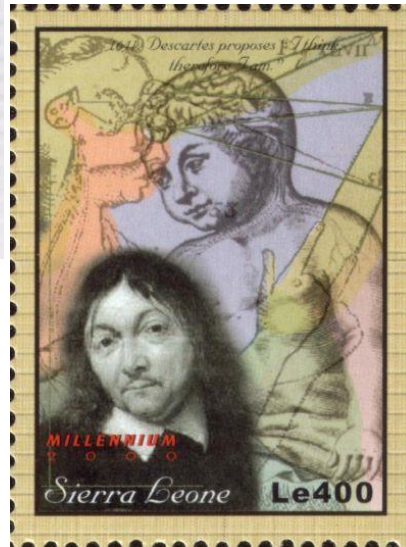
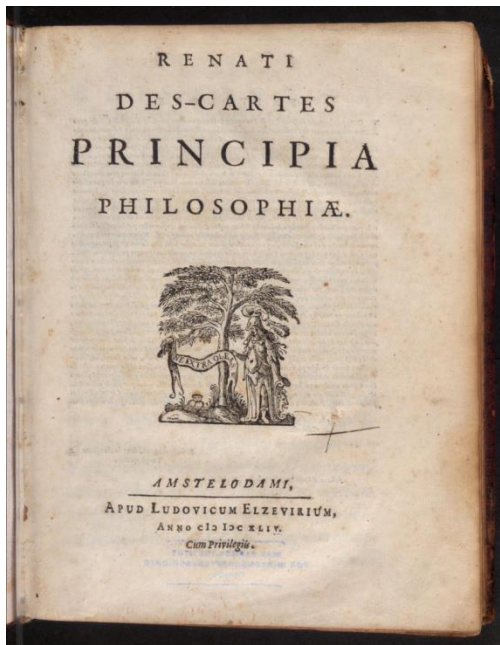
Historical Perspectives

René Descartes (1596-1650)

- Father of **modern philosophy**
- Invented **Cartesian coordinates**, **analytic geometry**, heuristics
- Characterized paradoxes & fallacies
- Discovered **momentum conservation**
- Authored “Principia Philosophiae”
- Pioneered methodological skepticism
- “**Cogito ergo sum**” - “Je pense, donc je suis ”
- “**Discours de la Méthode**” (1637) - one of the most influential works in modern science
- Pioneered the **scientific method** & revolution

“For it is not enough to have a good mind:
one must use it well.” - Descartes



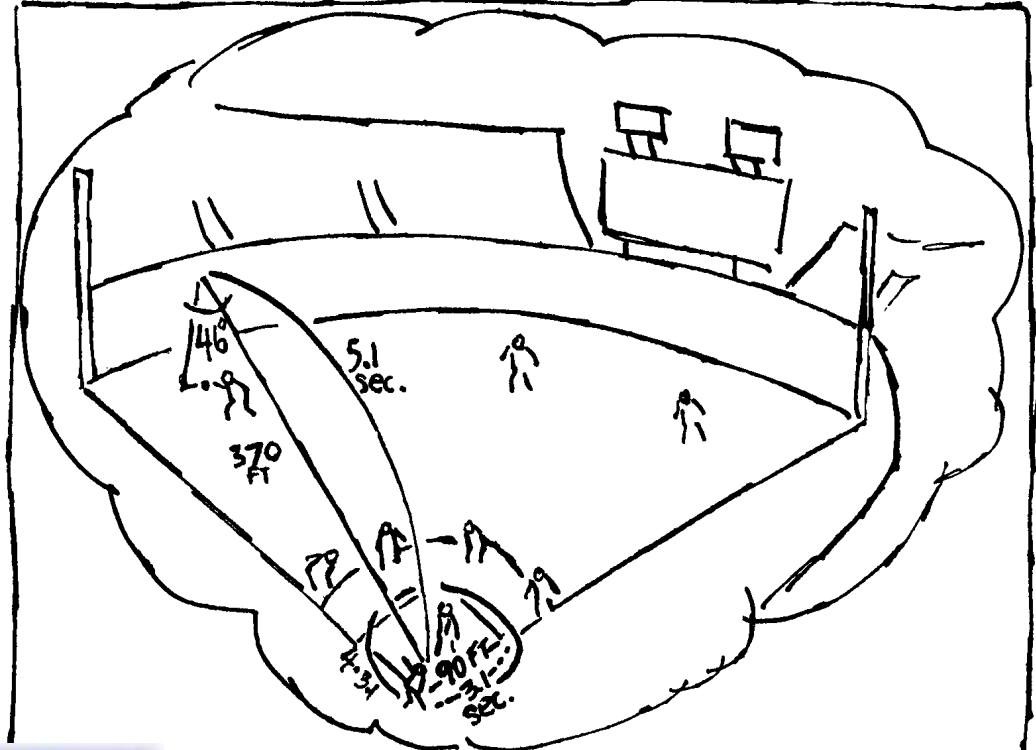




René Descartes 1596 - 1650



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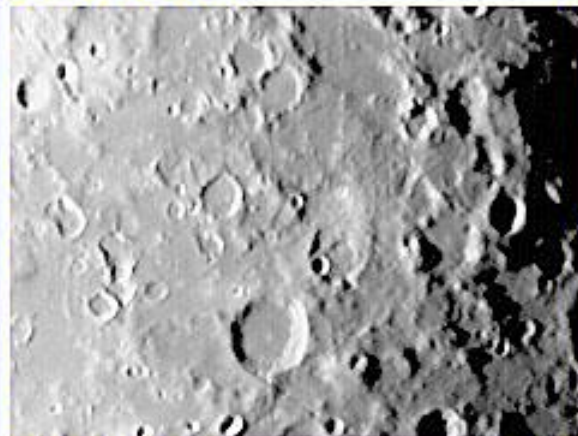


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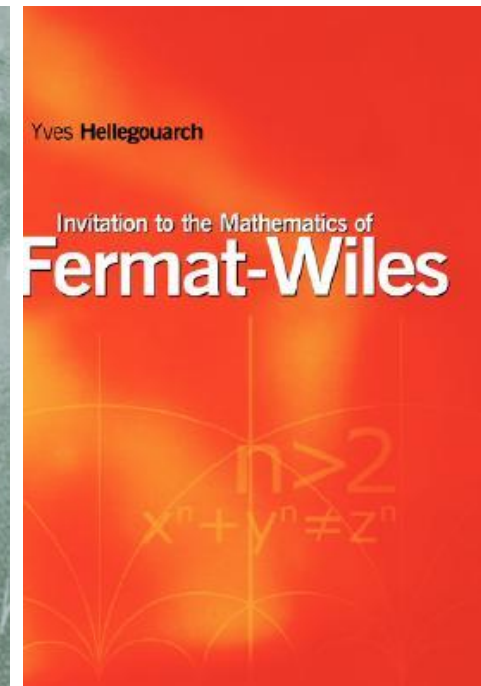
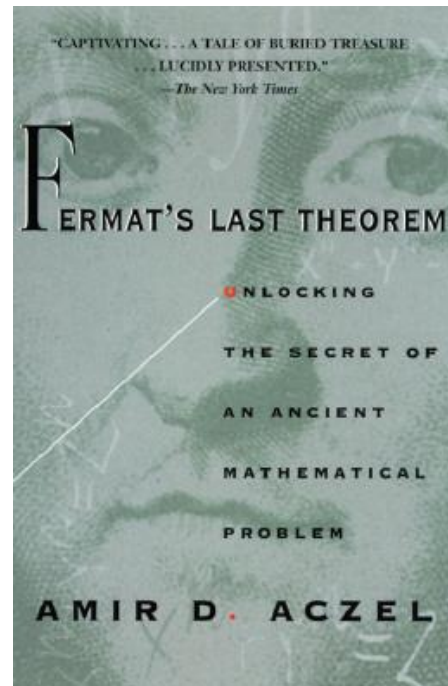
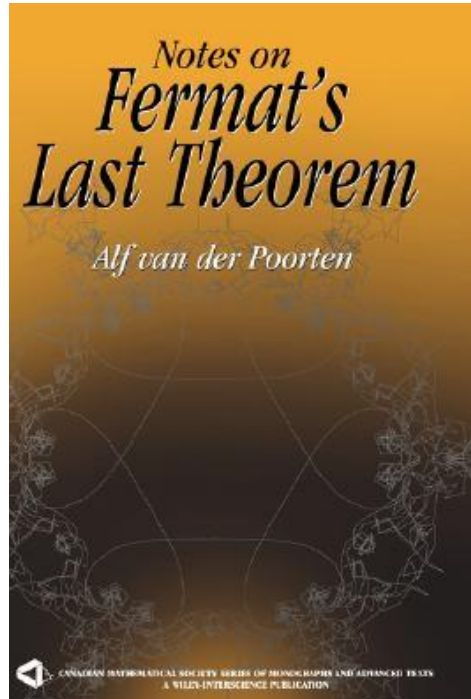
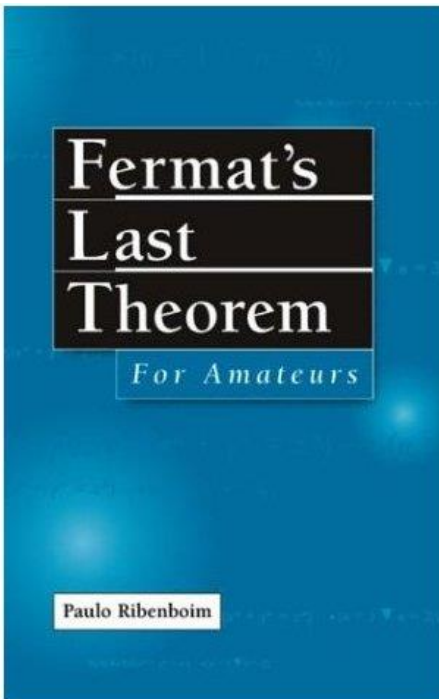
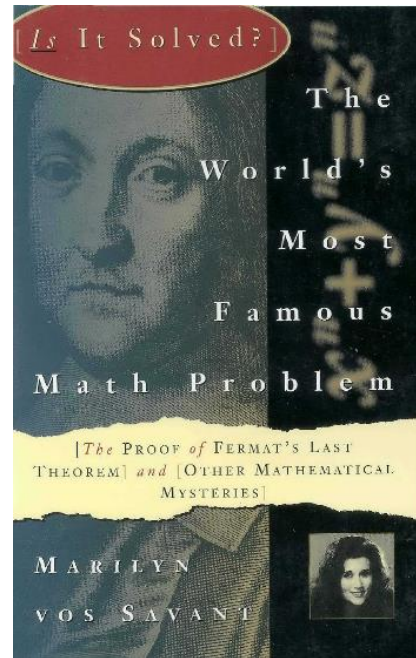
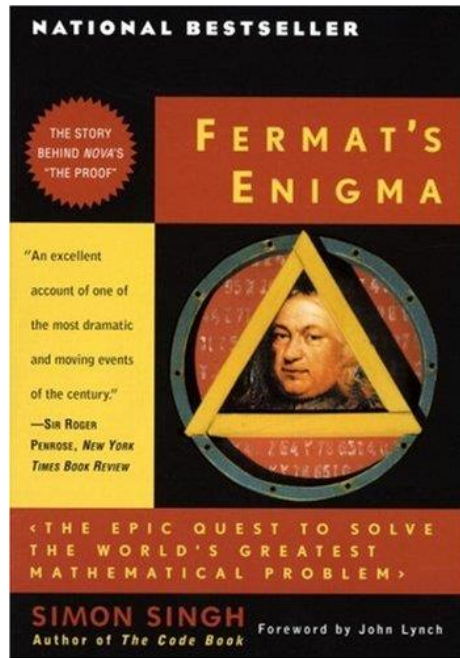


Historical Perspectives

Pierre de Fermat (1601-1665)

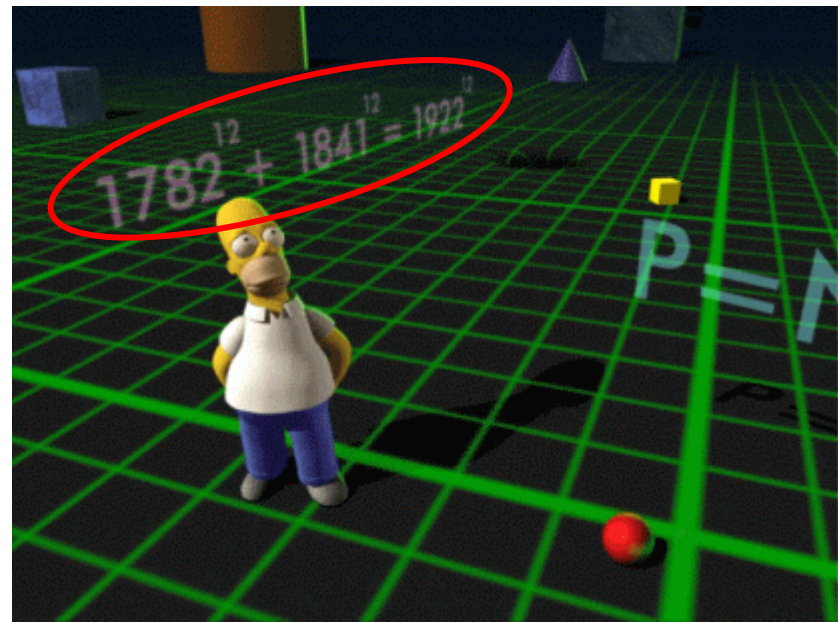
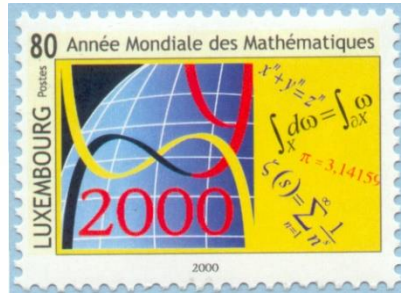
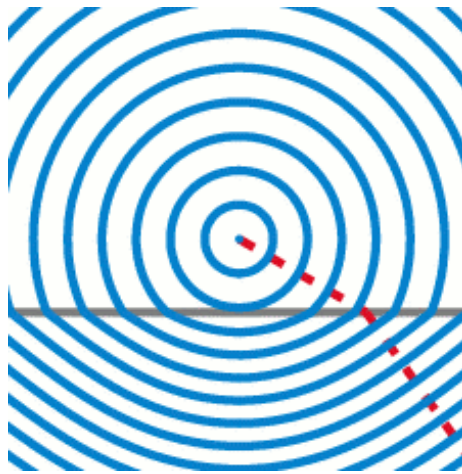
- Father of modern **number theory**
- Lawyer, Parlement of Toulouse
- Laid groundwork for calculus
- Contributions to optics, probability, and **analytic geometry**
- Fermat numbers, primes, perfect #'s
- Descartes' **Law of refraction**
- Reponsible for many open problems
- “**Fermat's Last Theorem**” (1637-1995)
- Recognized “principle of least action” and “principle of least time” in physics
- Influenced Newton and Leibniz



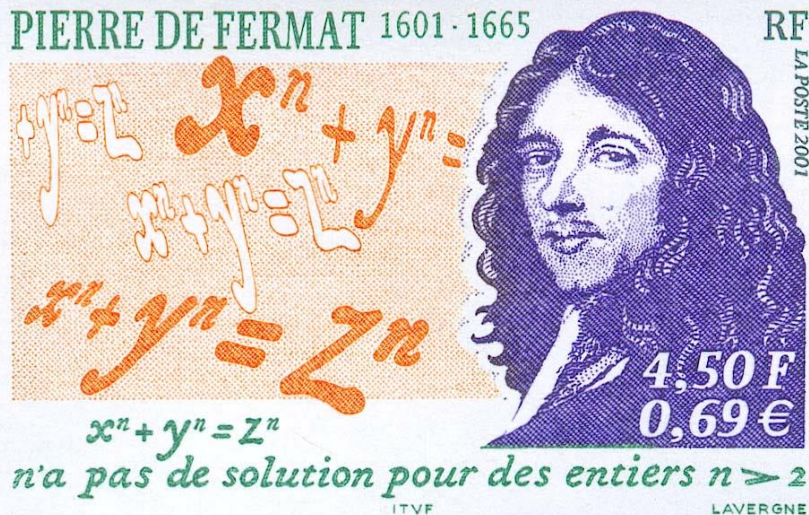


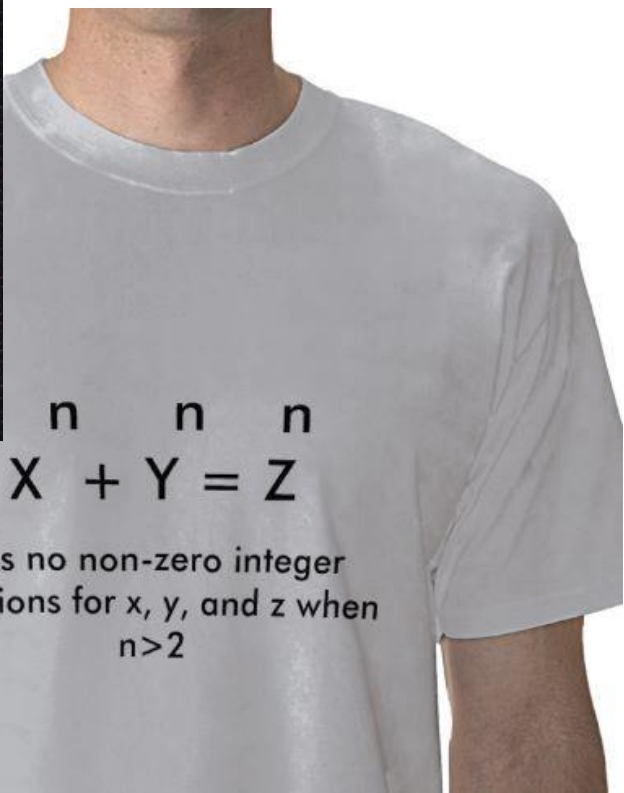
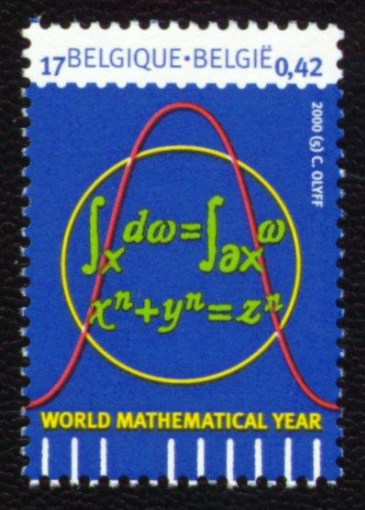


Pierre de Fermat
1601 - 1665



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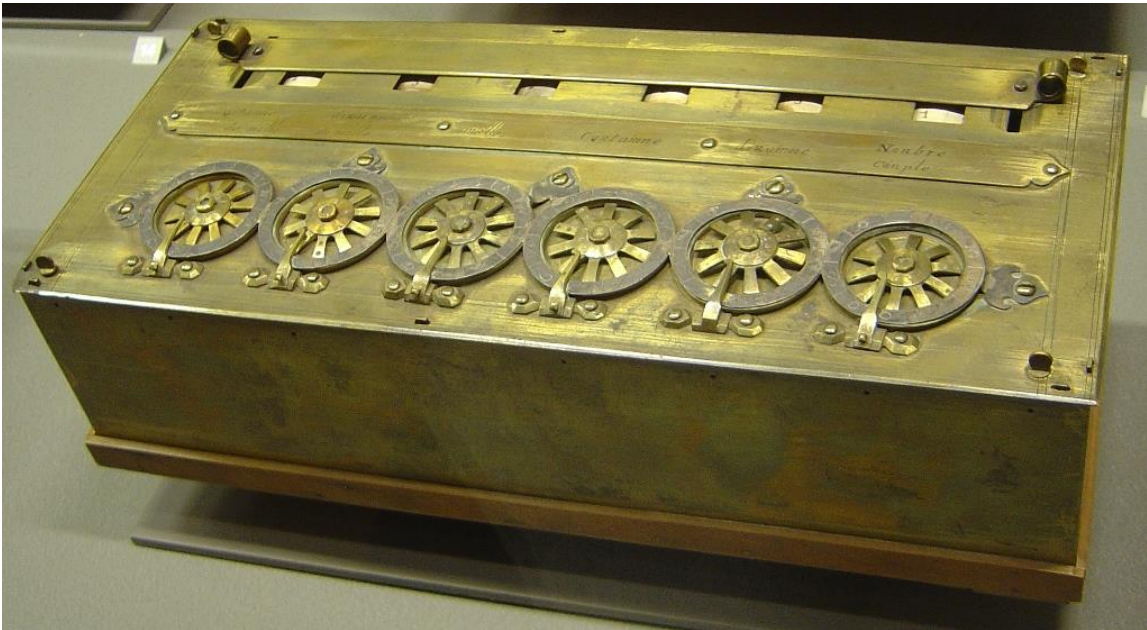
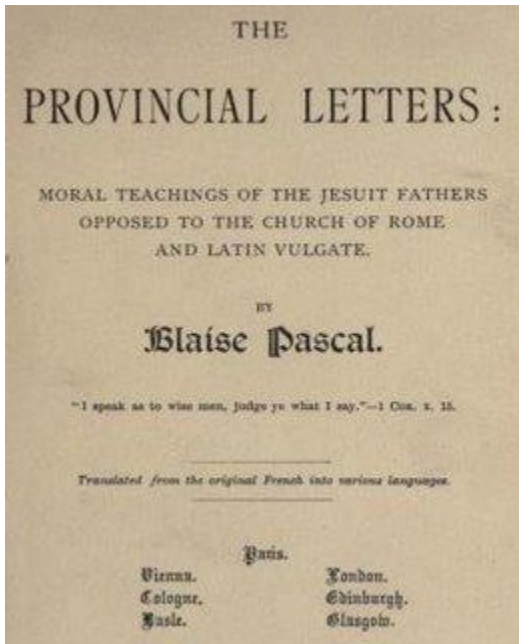
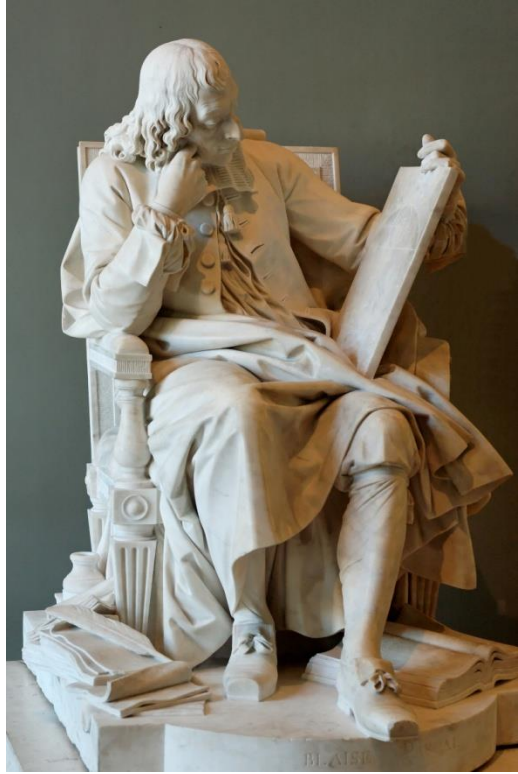
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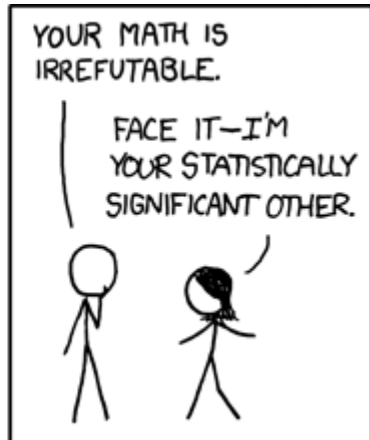
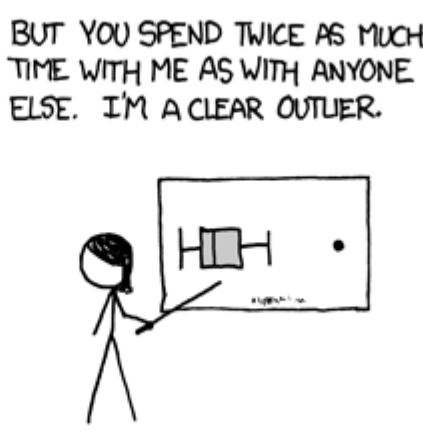
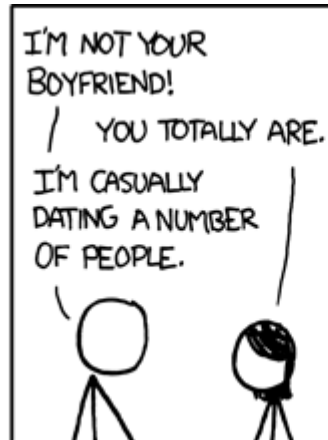
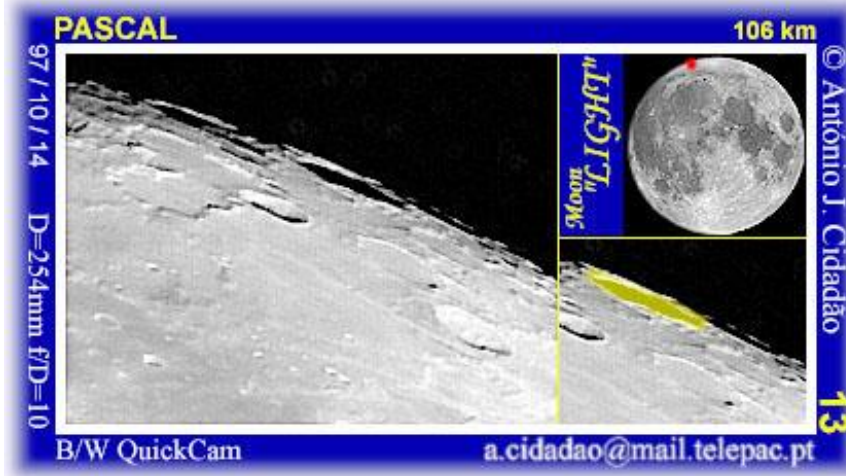
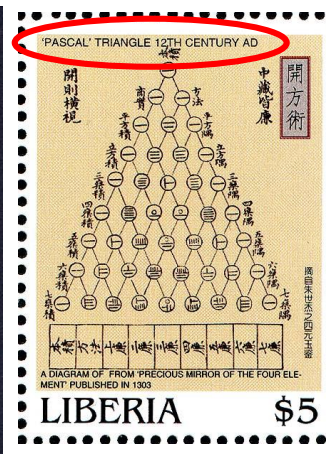
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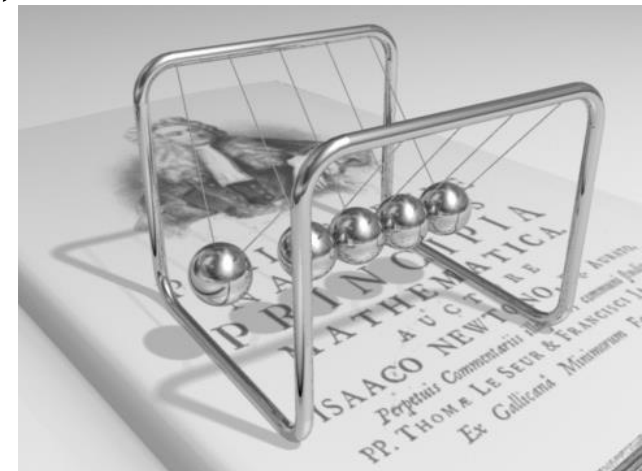
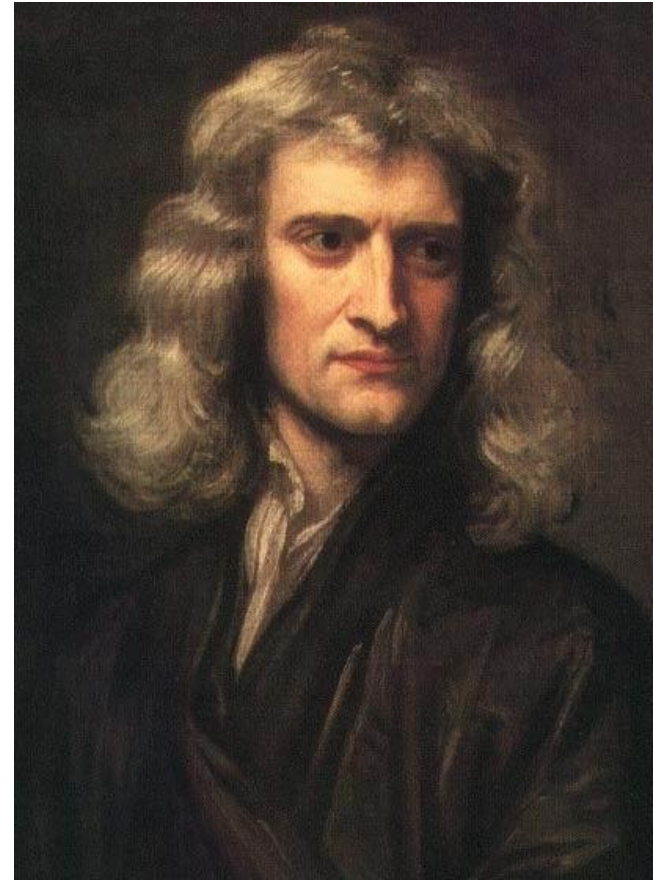




Historical Perspectives

Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727)

- Mathematician, physicist, astronomer, philosopher, alchemist, theologian
- One of history's most influential people
- “**Principia Mathematica**” (1687)
- Invented **calculus**, theory of **gravitation**
- Founded “**Newtonian mechanics**”
- Discovered **laws of motion**, **inertia**
- “**Newtonian fluid**”, “**Newtonian Universe**”
- Advanced the Scientific Revolution
- Developed practical **reflecting telescope**, **theory of color**, “**Newton's method**”
- SI unit of force: **newton**



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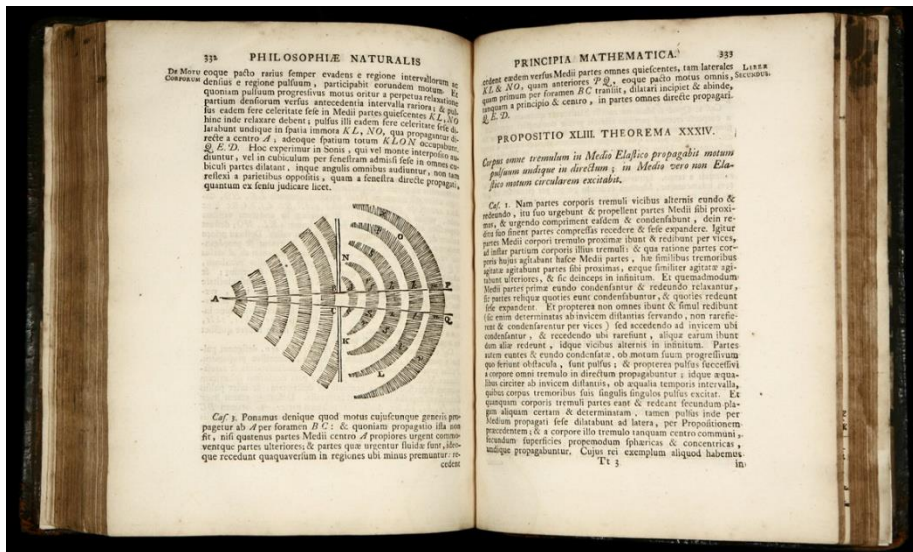
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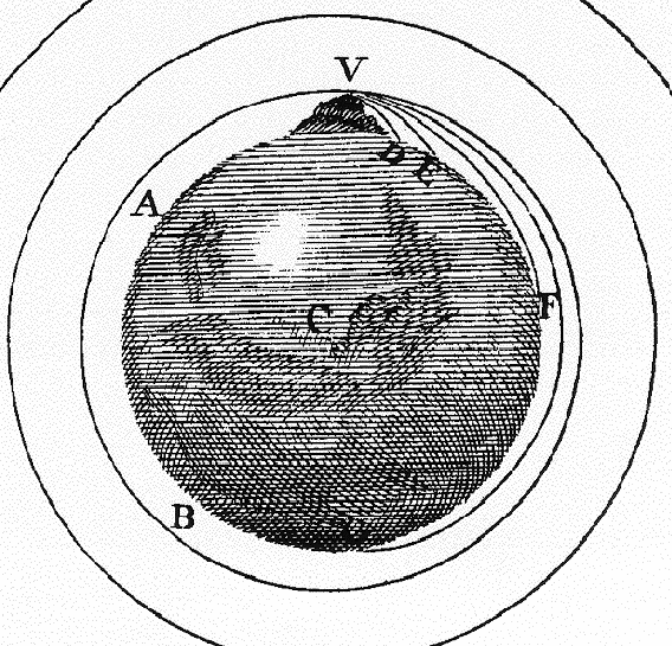
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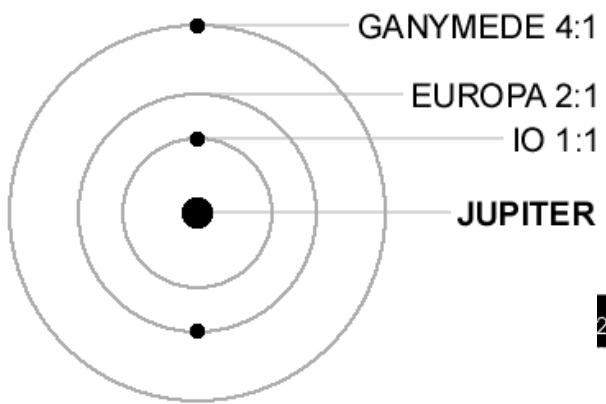
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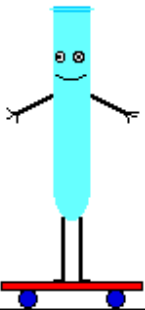
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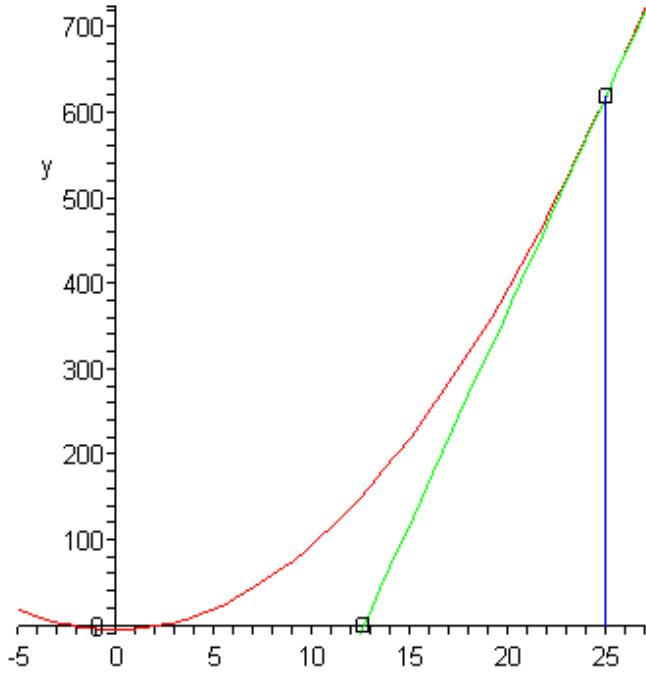
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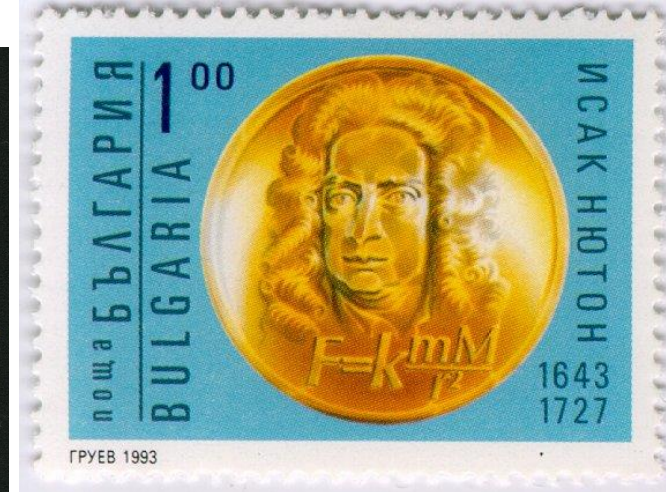
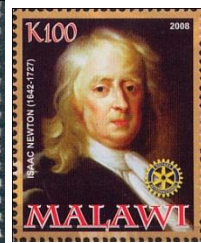
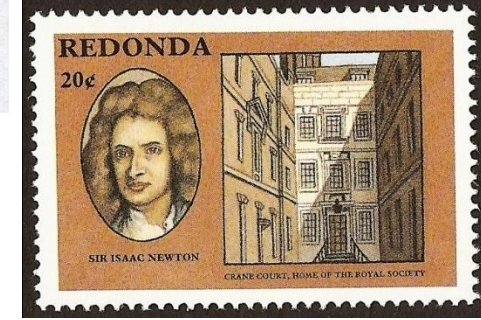
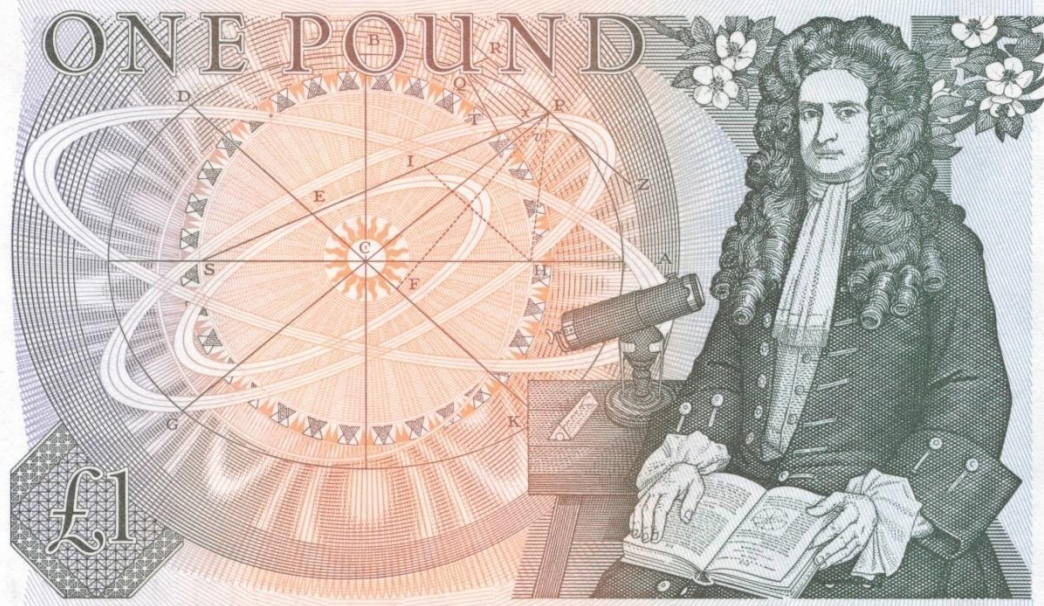
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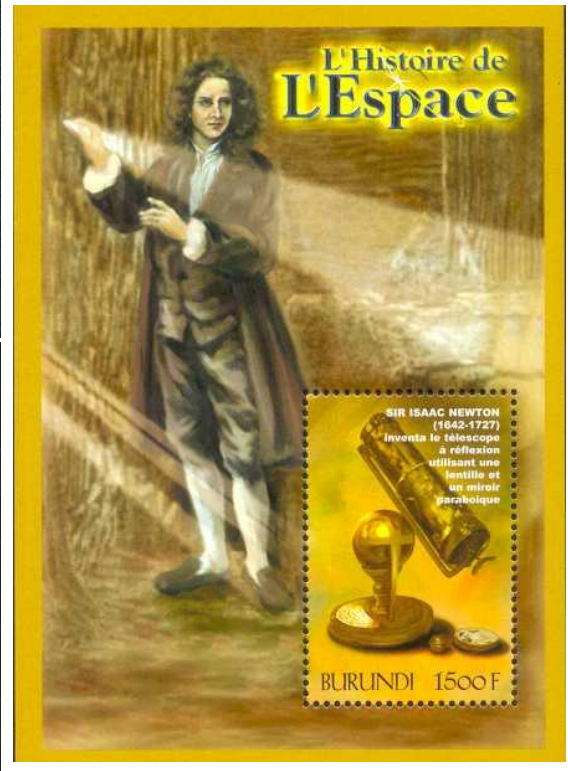
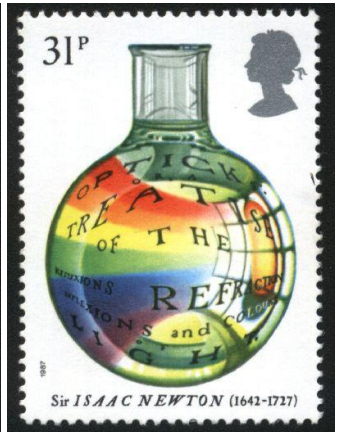
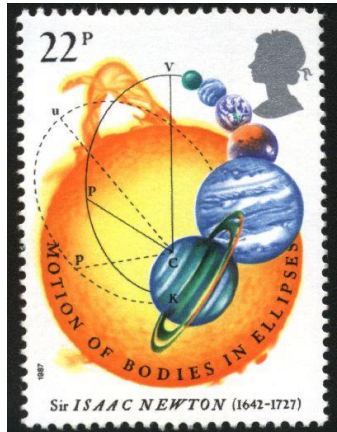
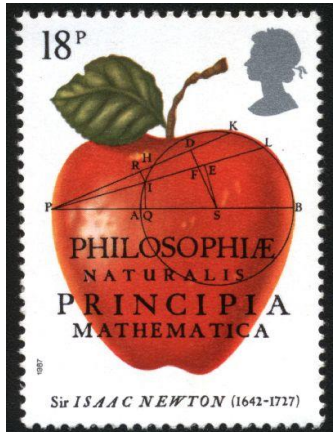
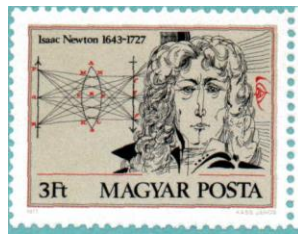
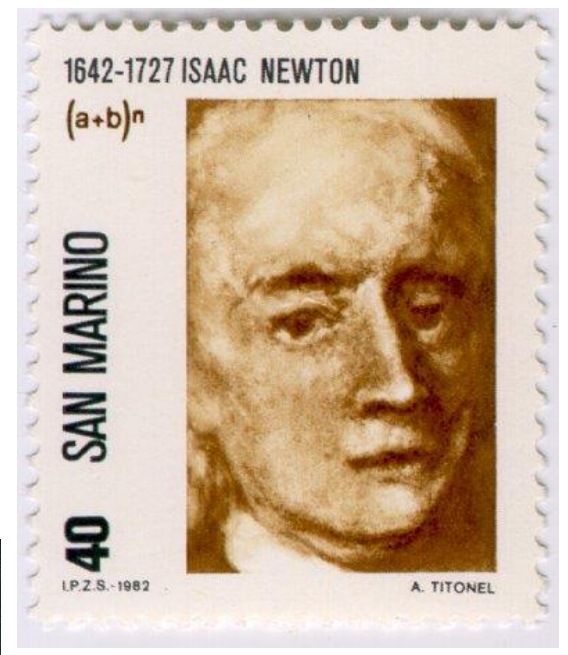
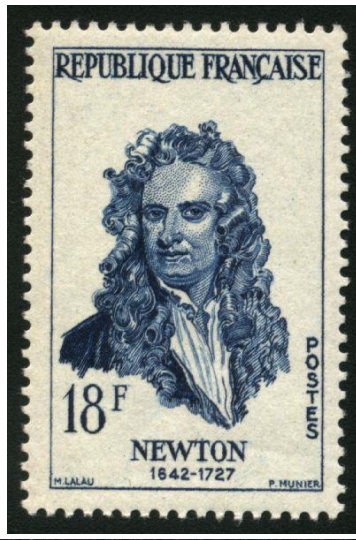
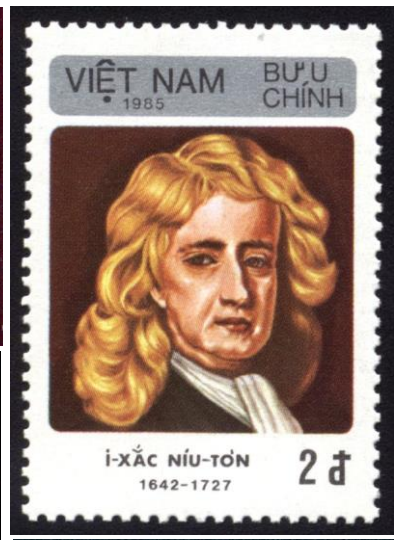
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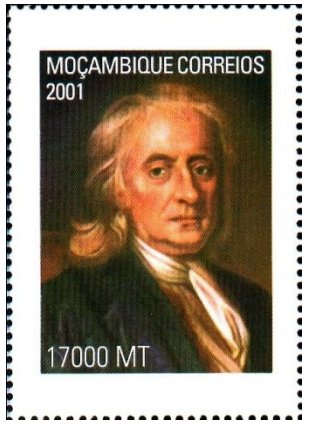
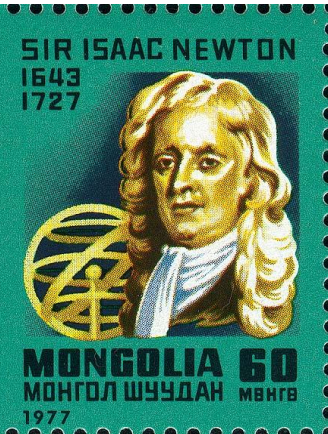
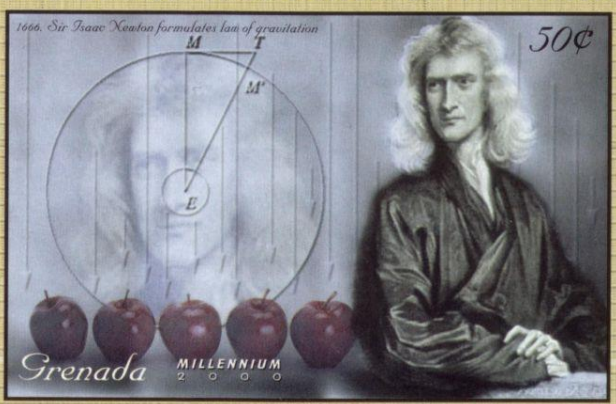


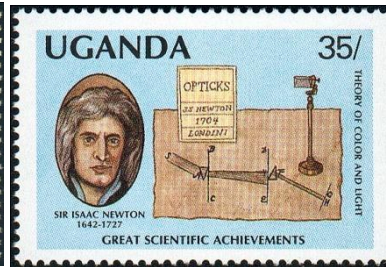
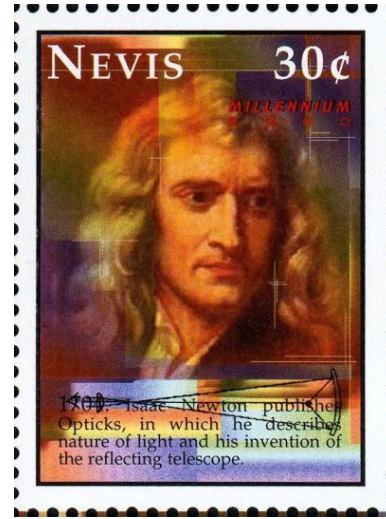
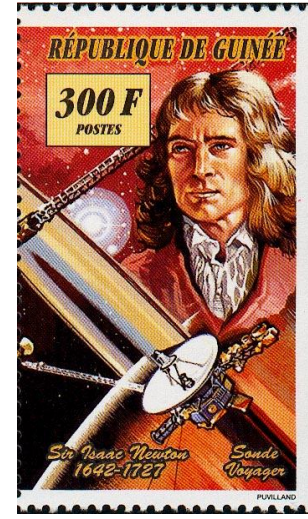
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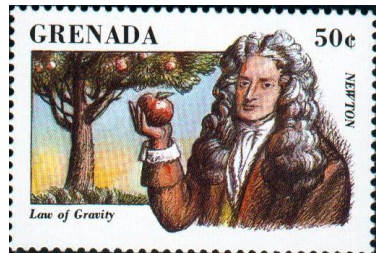
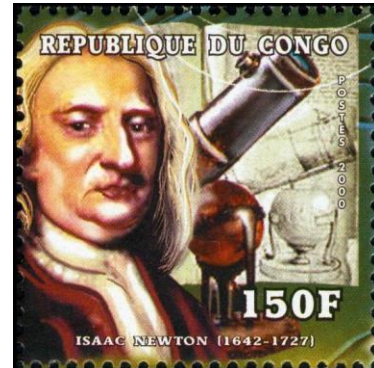
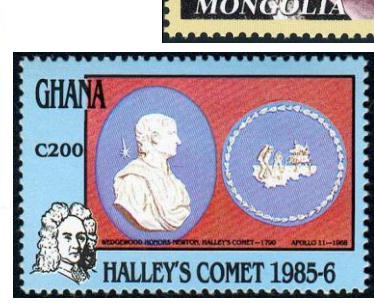


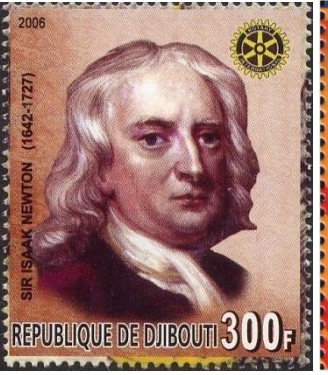
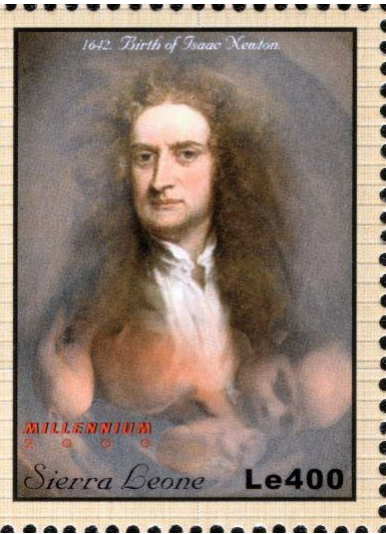
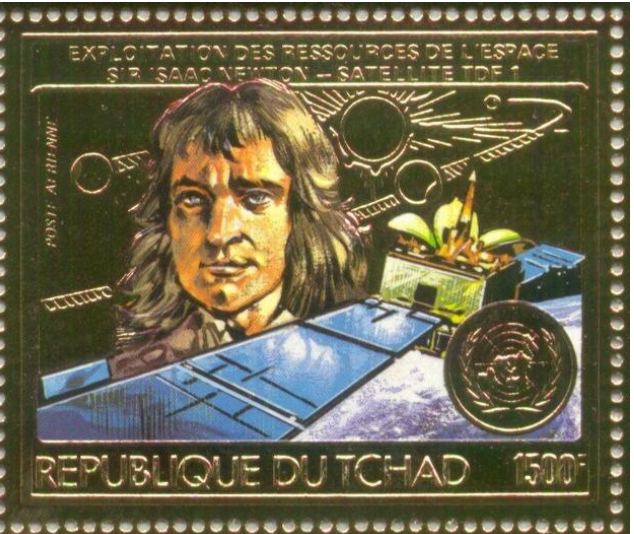
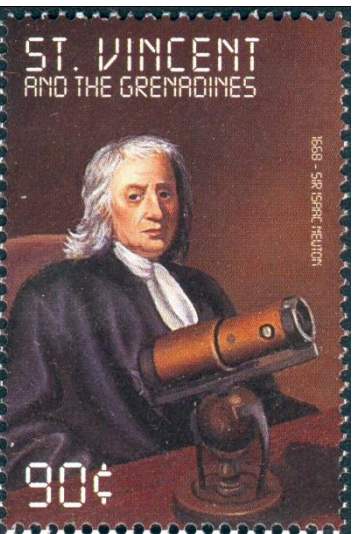
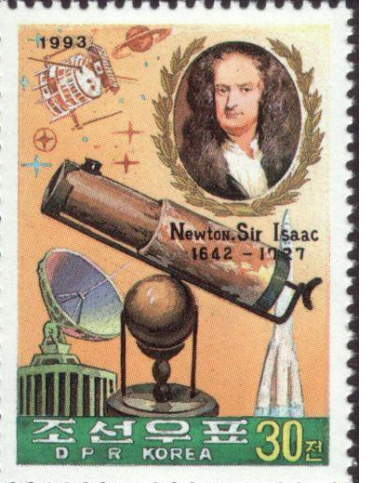
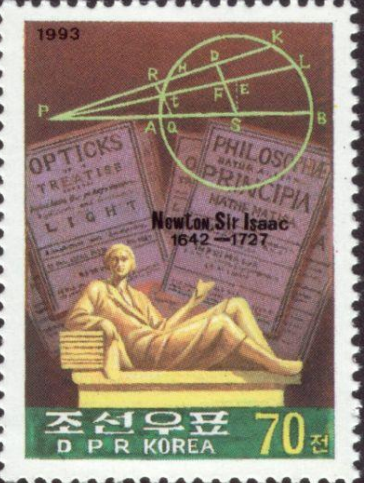
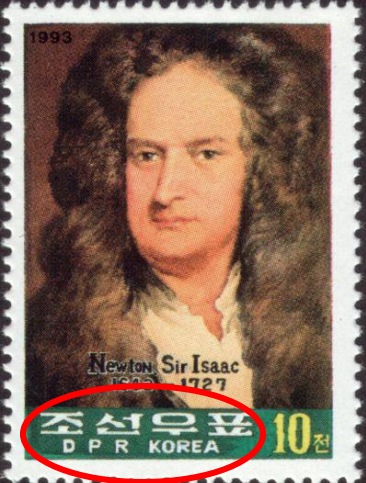


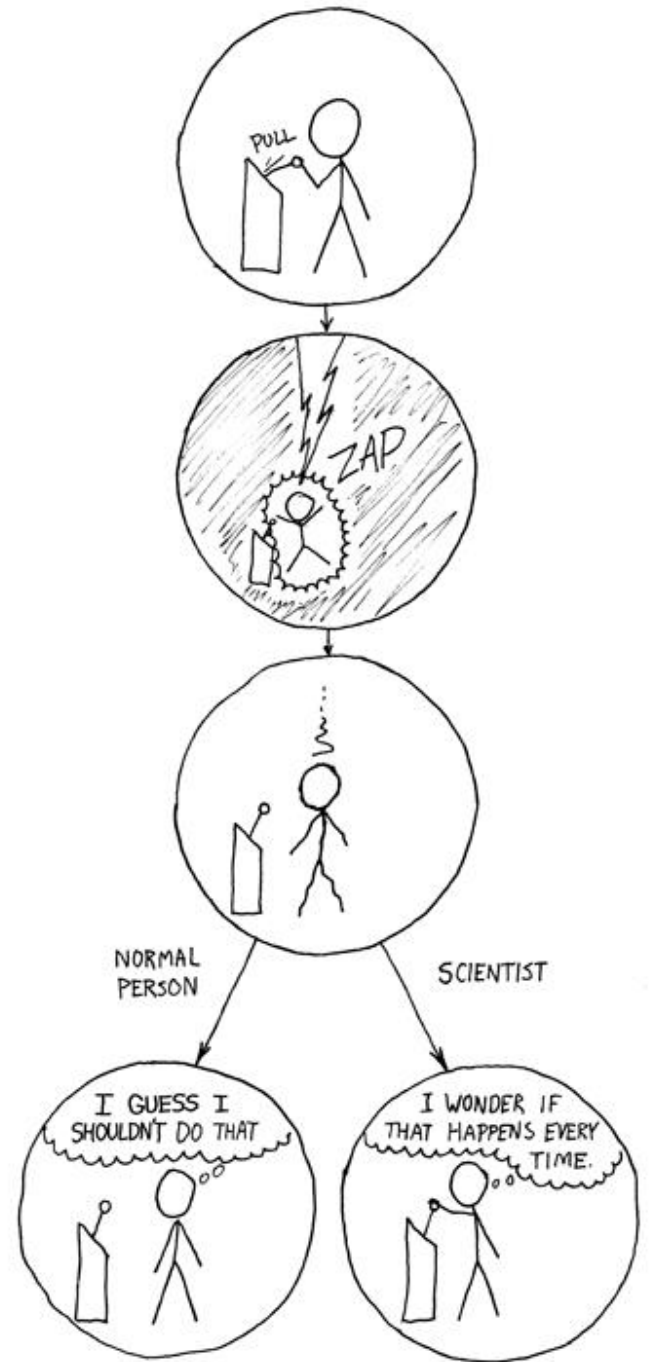


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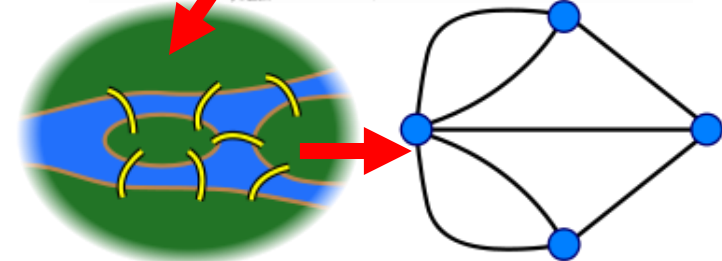
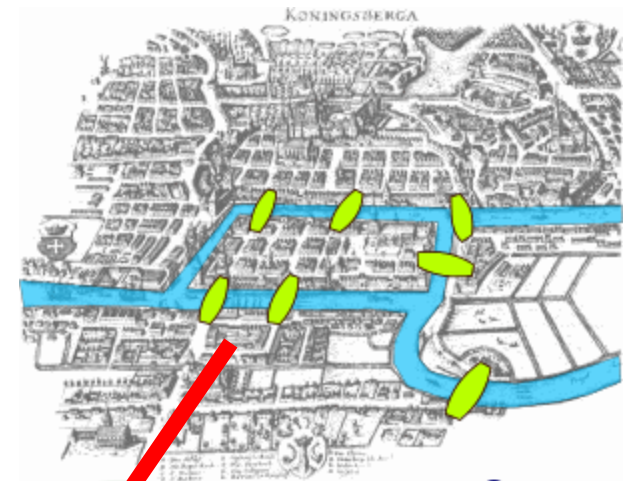
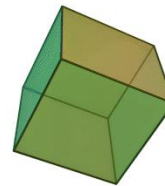




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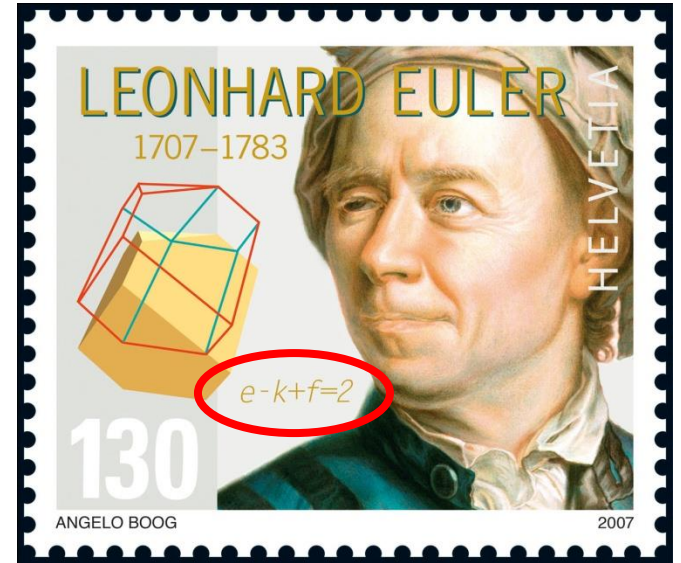
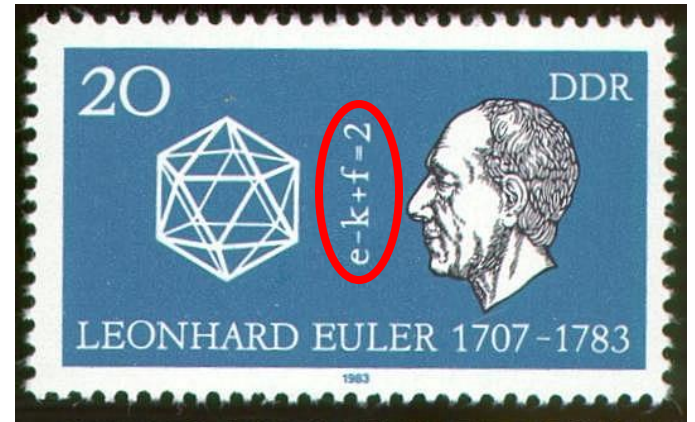
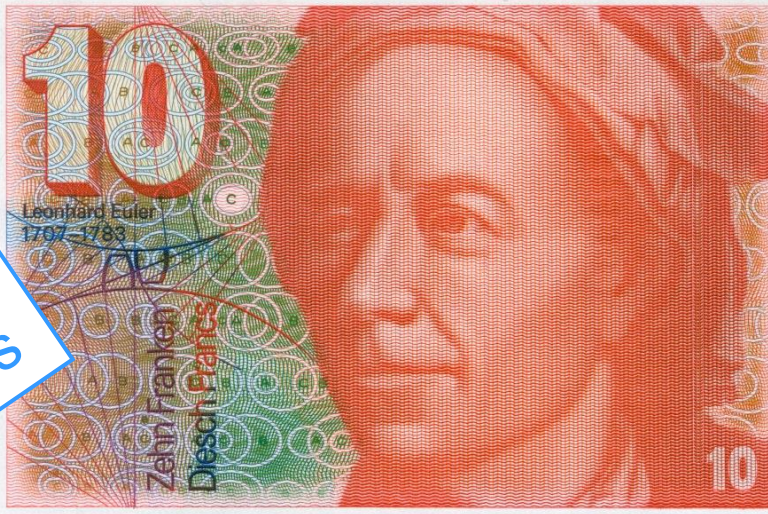
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- Invented graph theory
- “**Bridges of Königsberg**”, Prussia
- Eulerian tour
- Euler’s formula: $V + F = E + 2$
- Euler’s number: e
- Euler’s identity: $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$
- Major contributions to analysis, algebra, calculus, number theory, topology, optics, fluid dynamics, mechanics, astronomy, education



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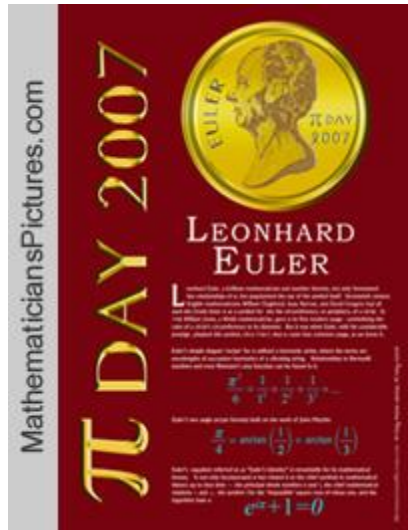
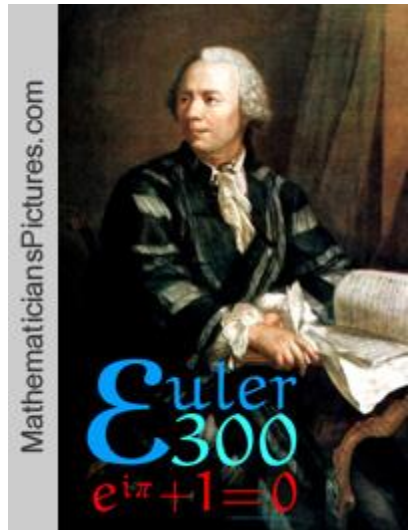
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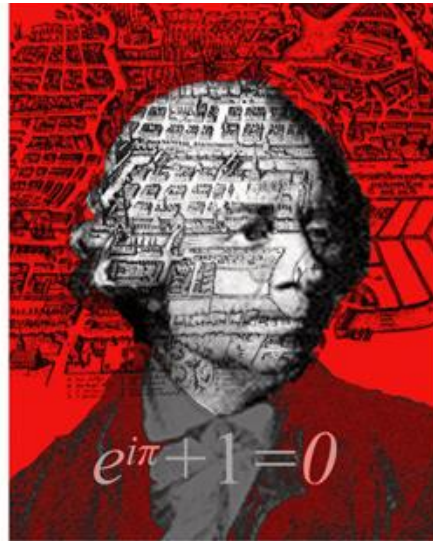
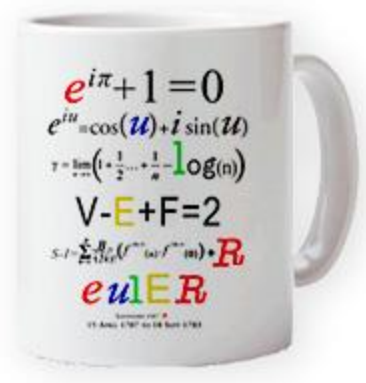
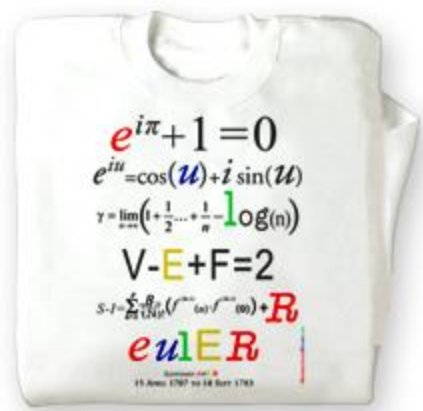
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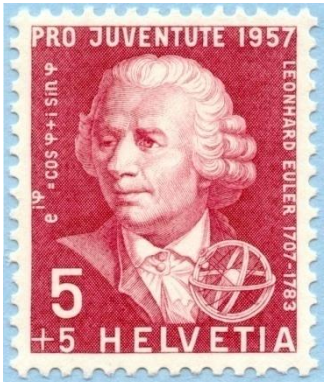
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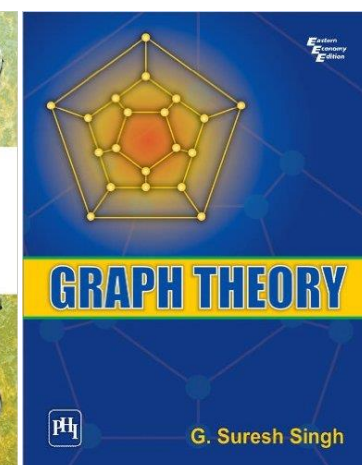
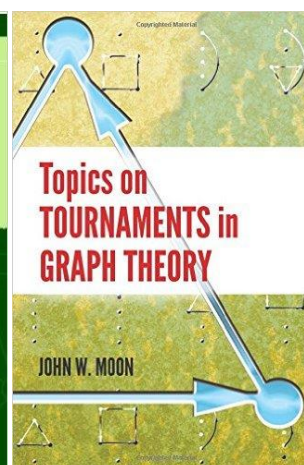
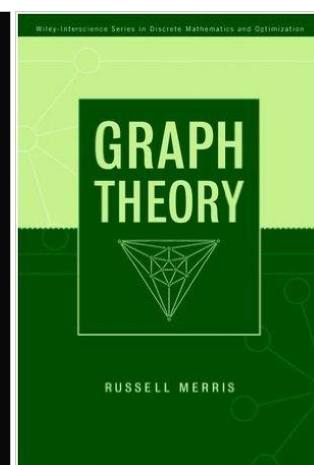
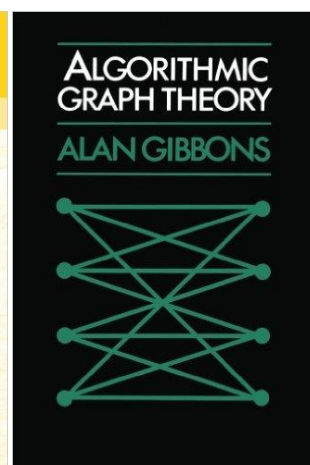
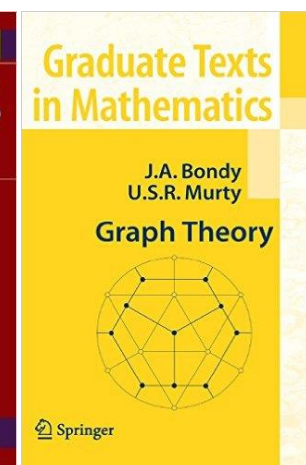
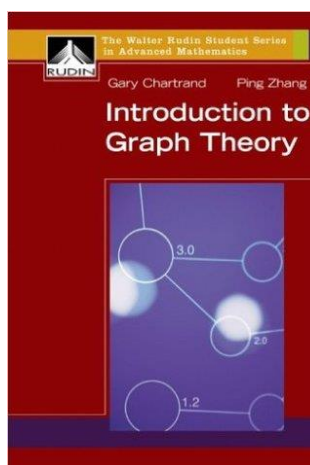
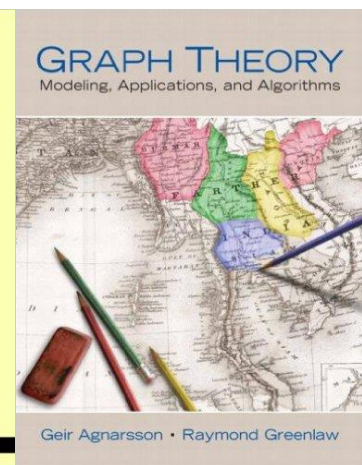
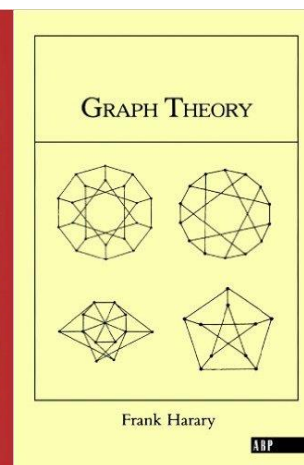
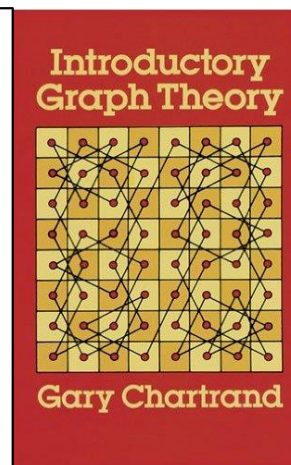
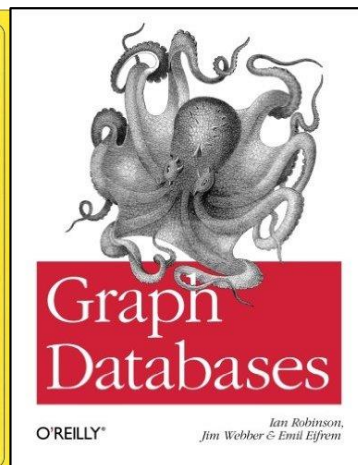
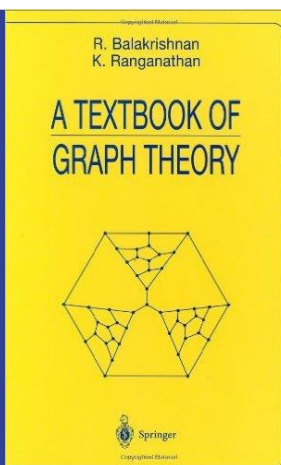
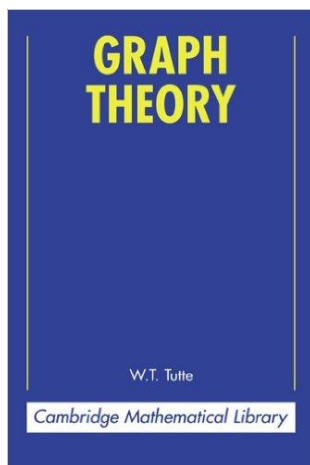
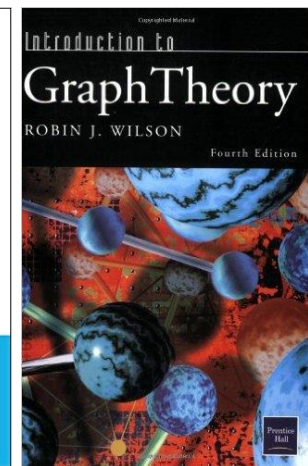
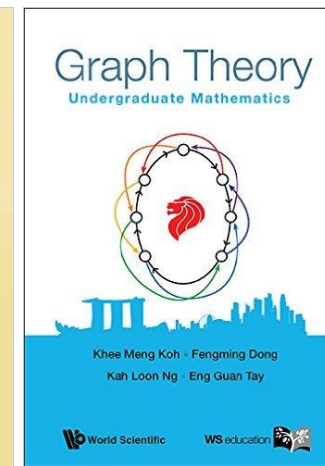
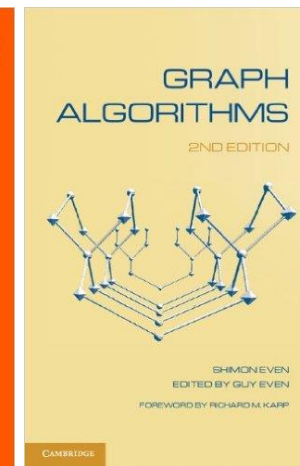
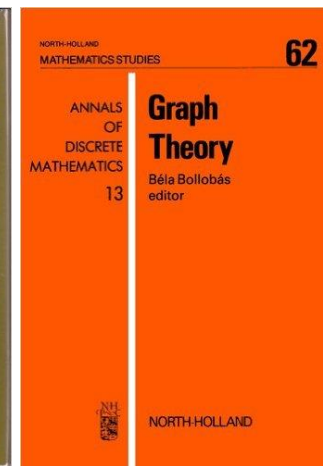
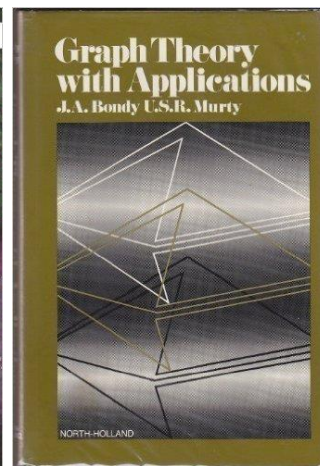
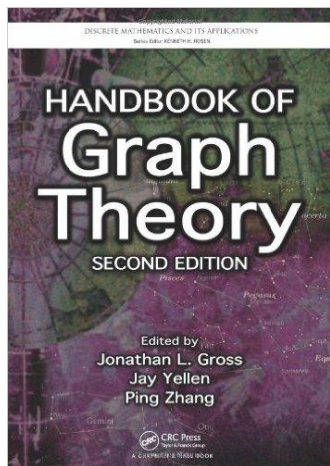
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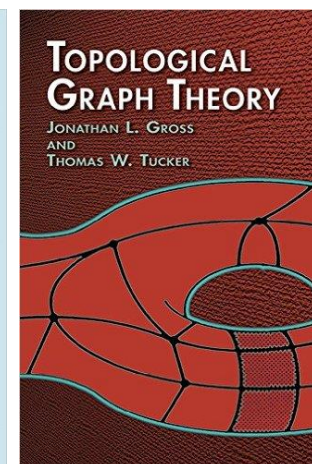
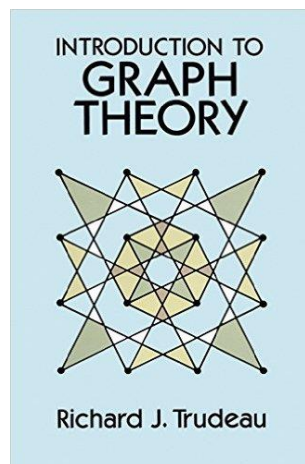
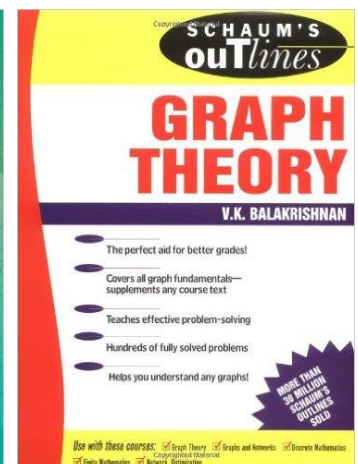
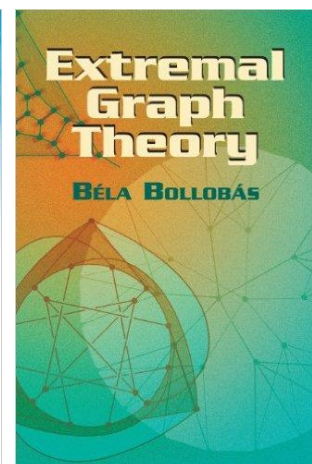
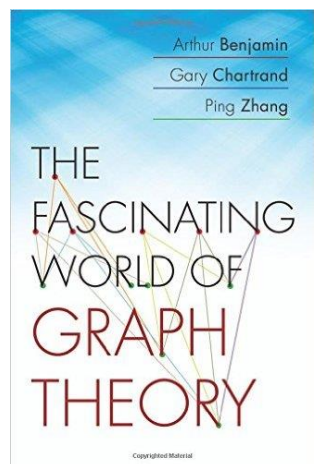
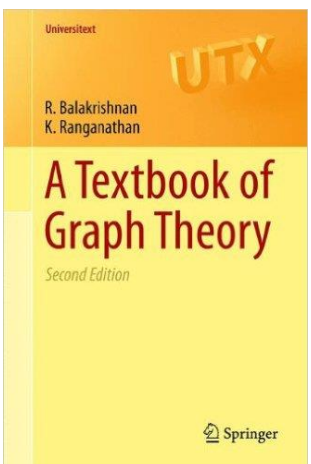
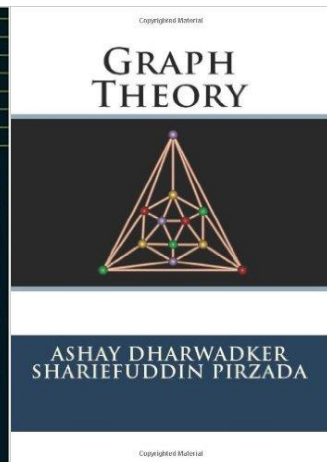
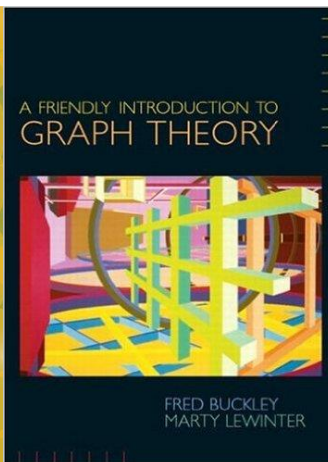
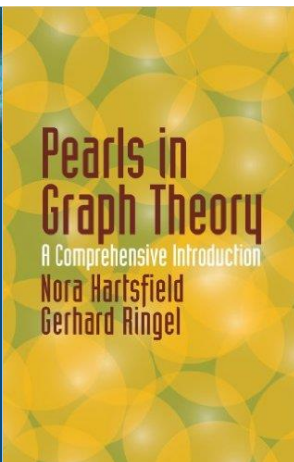
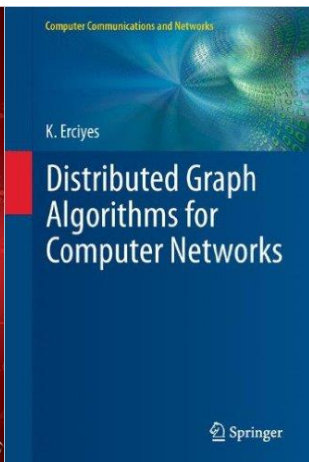
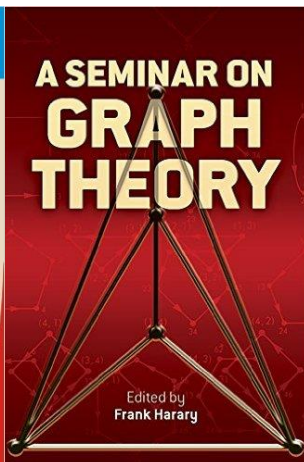
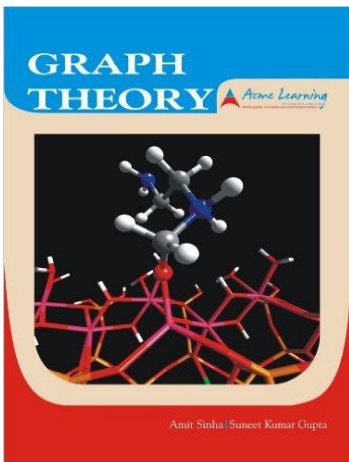
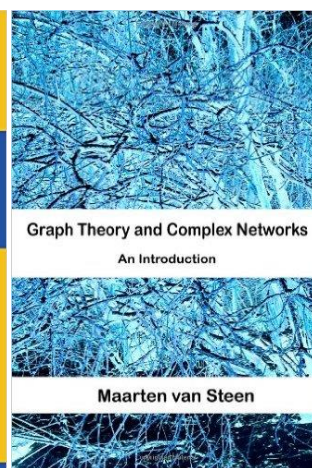
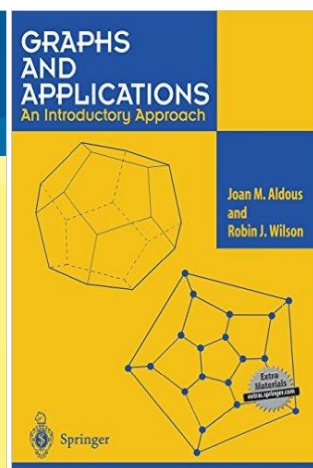
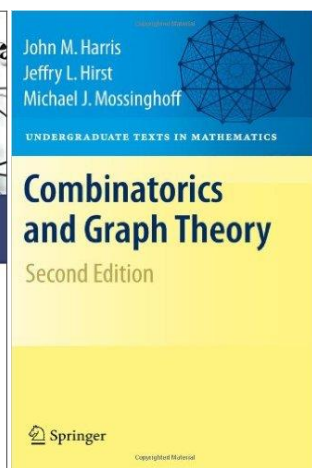
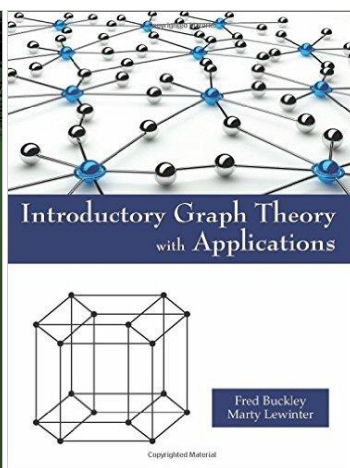
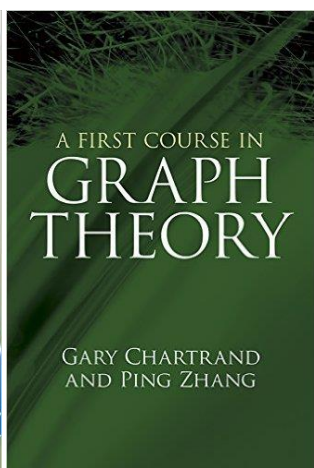
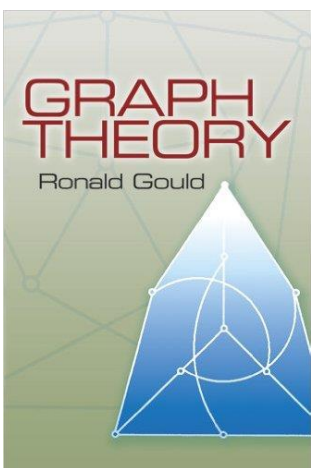
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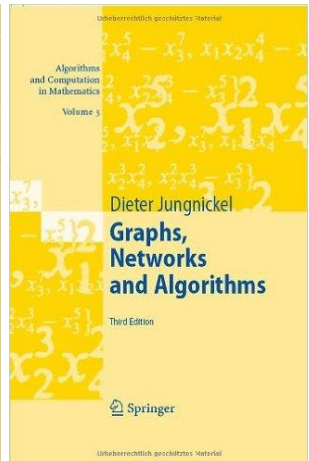
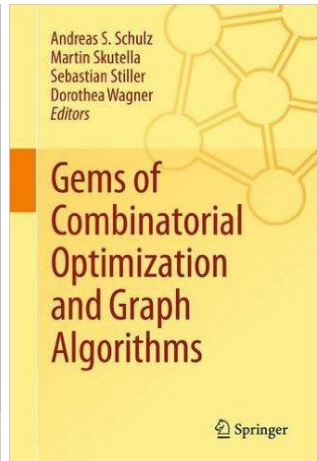
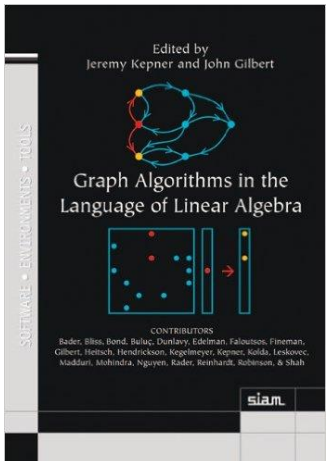
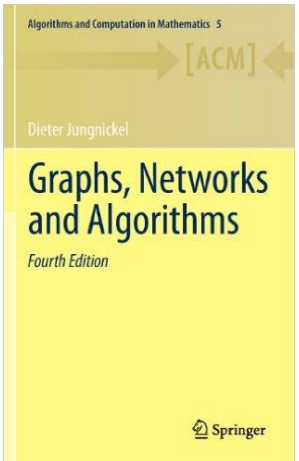
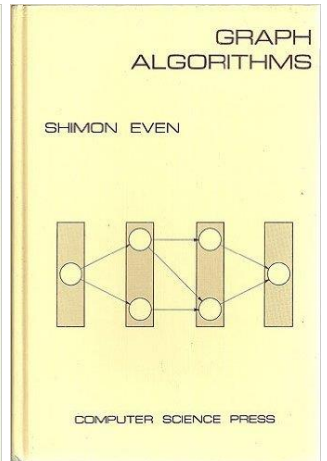
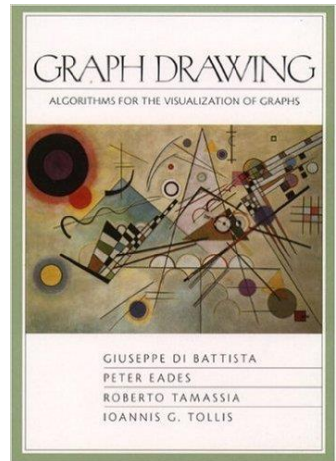
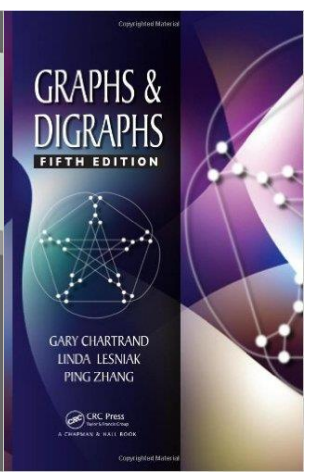
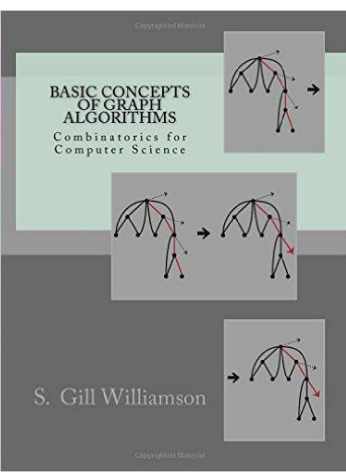
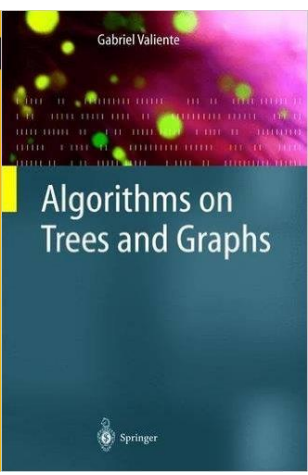
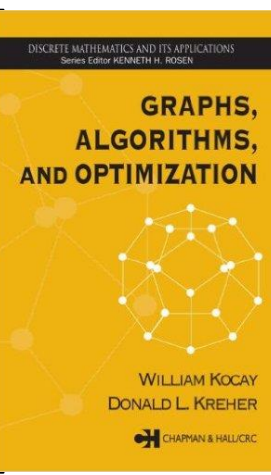
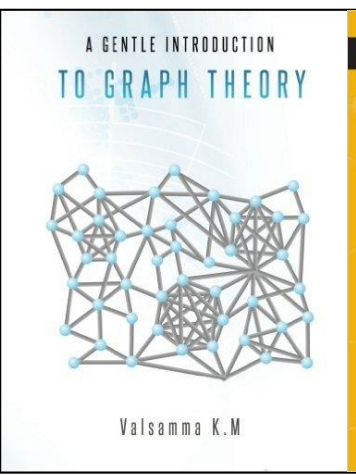
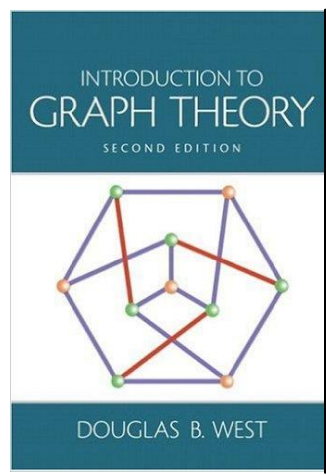
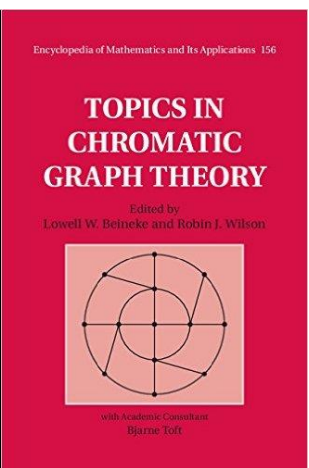
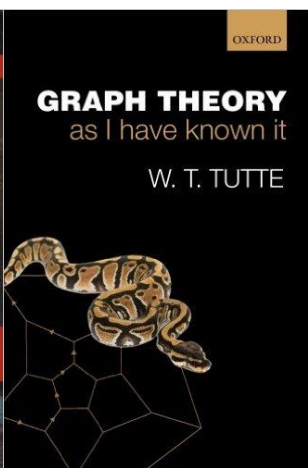
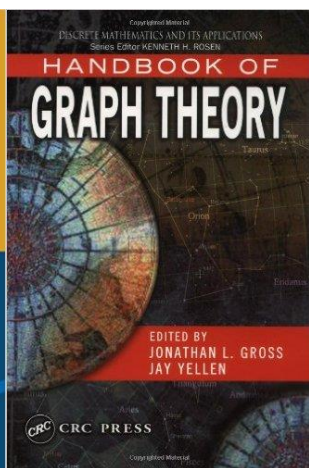
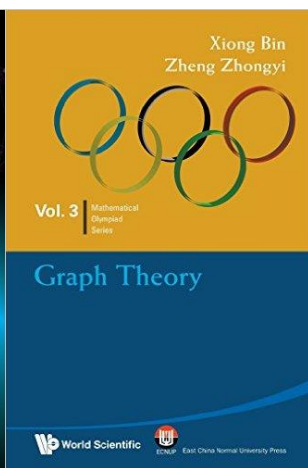
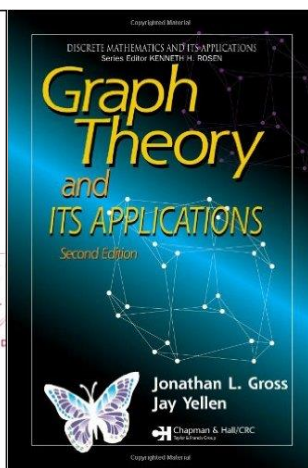
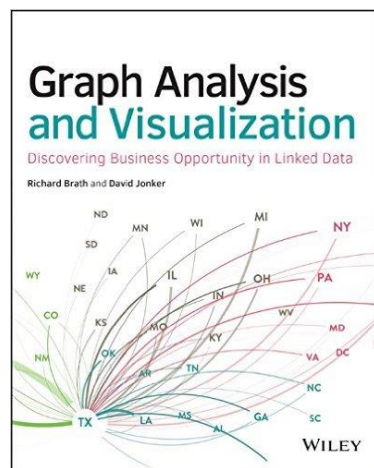
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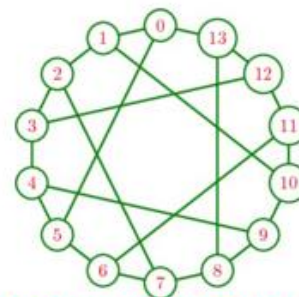
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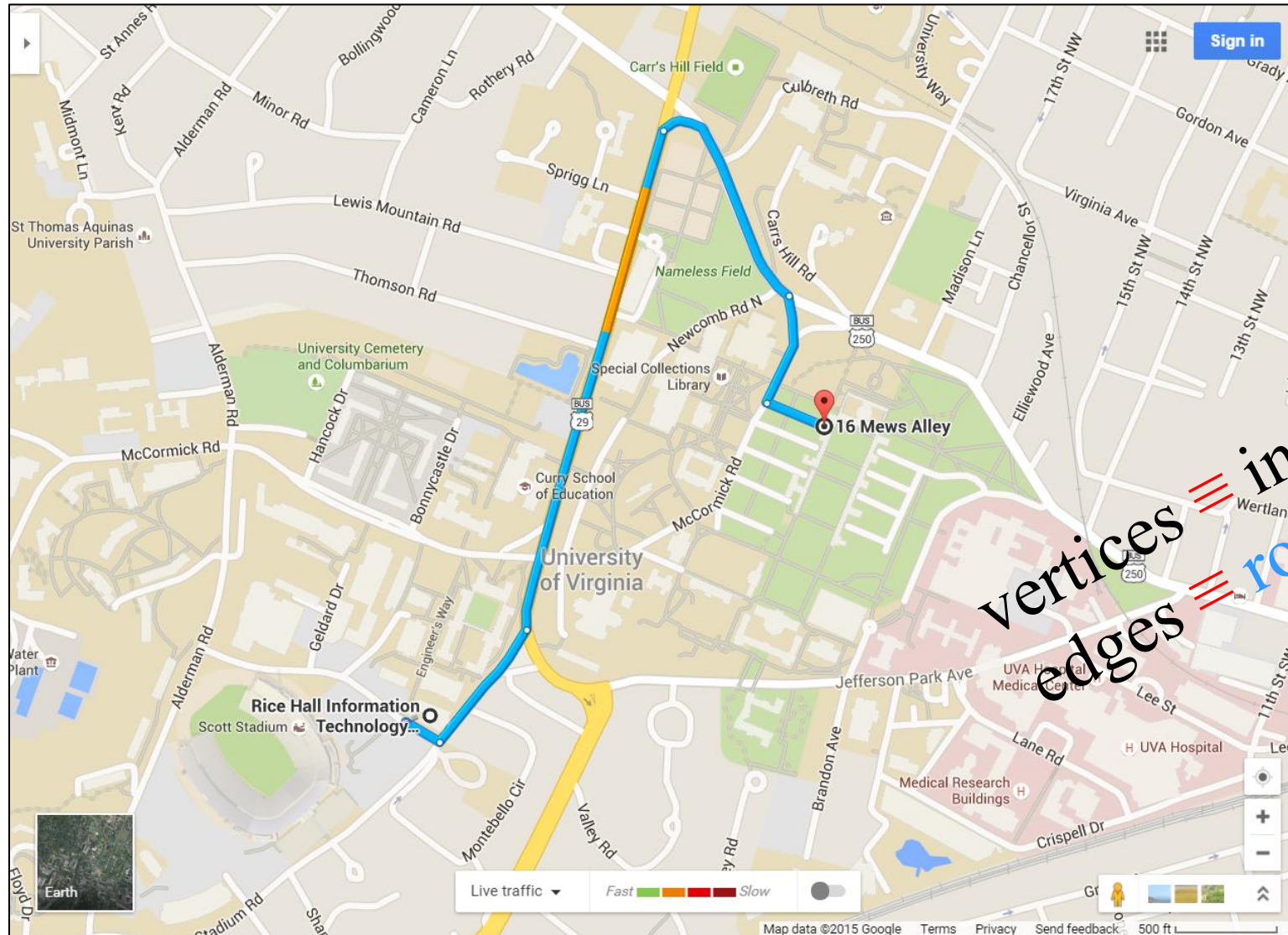


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- Geographical information / GPS systems



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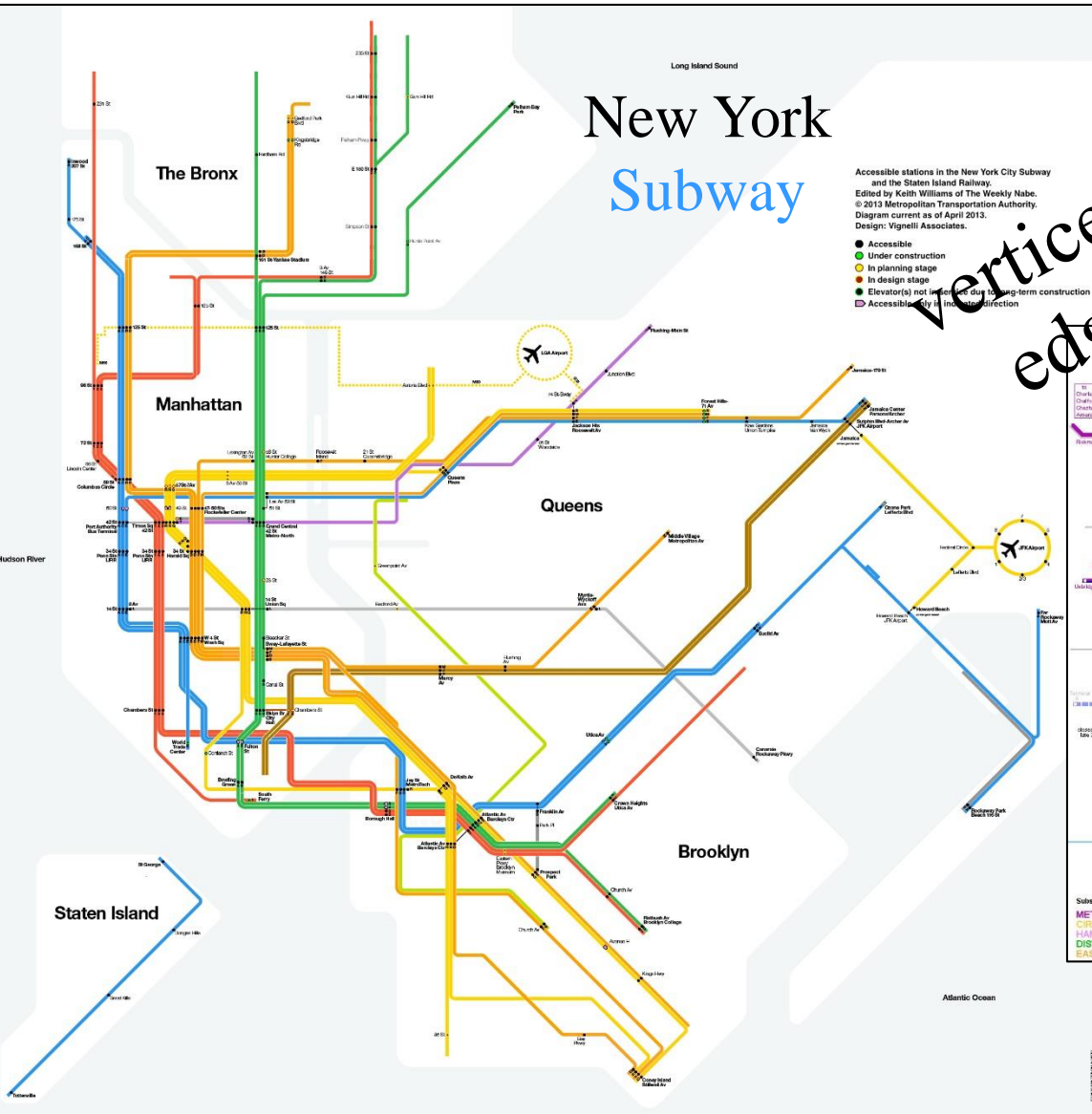
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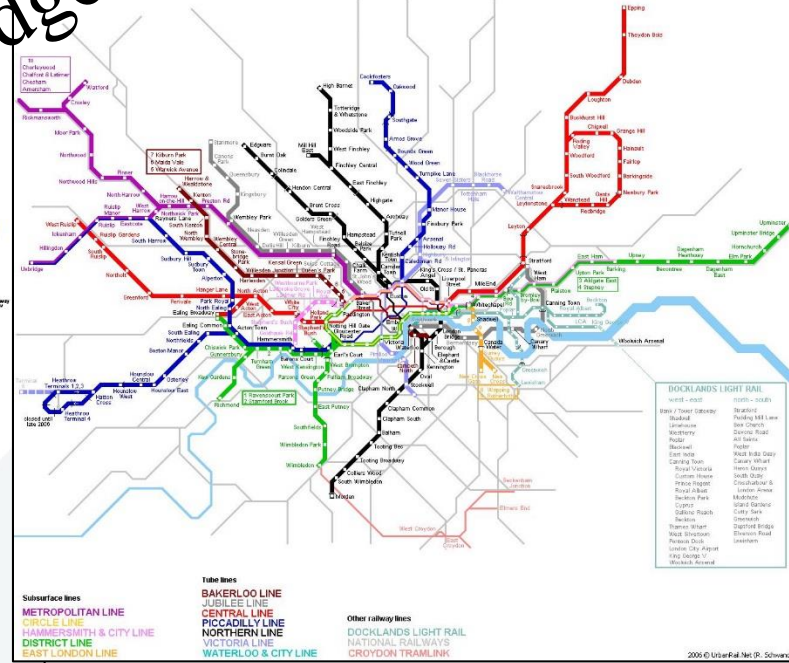


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- Subway maps



vertices ≡ stations
edges ≡ tracks



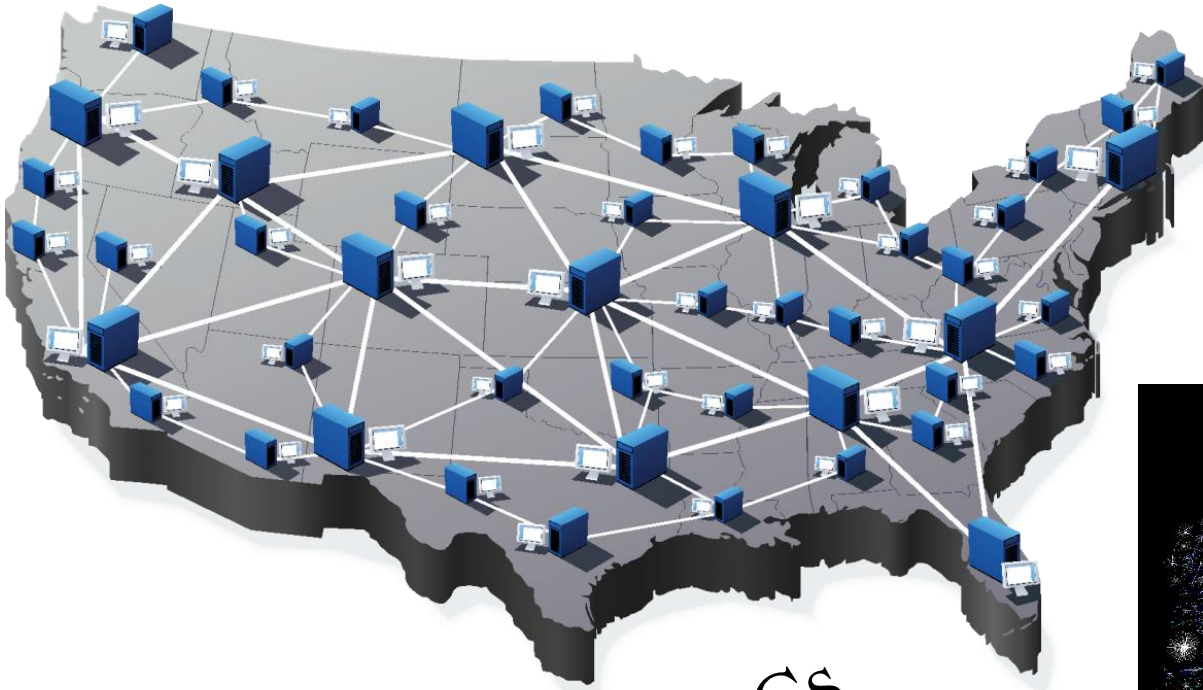
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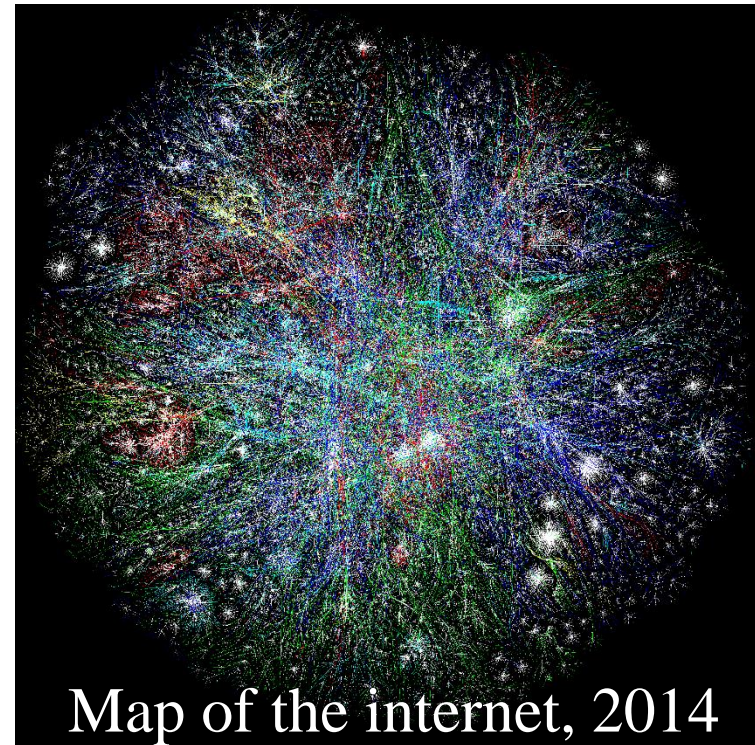


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- Computer networks



vertices \equiv routers / PCs
edges \equiv fiber / links



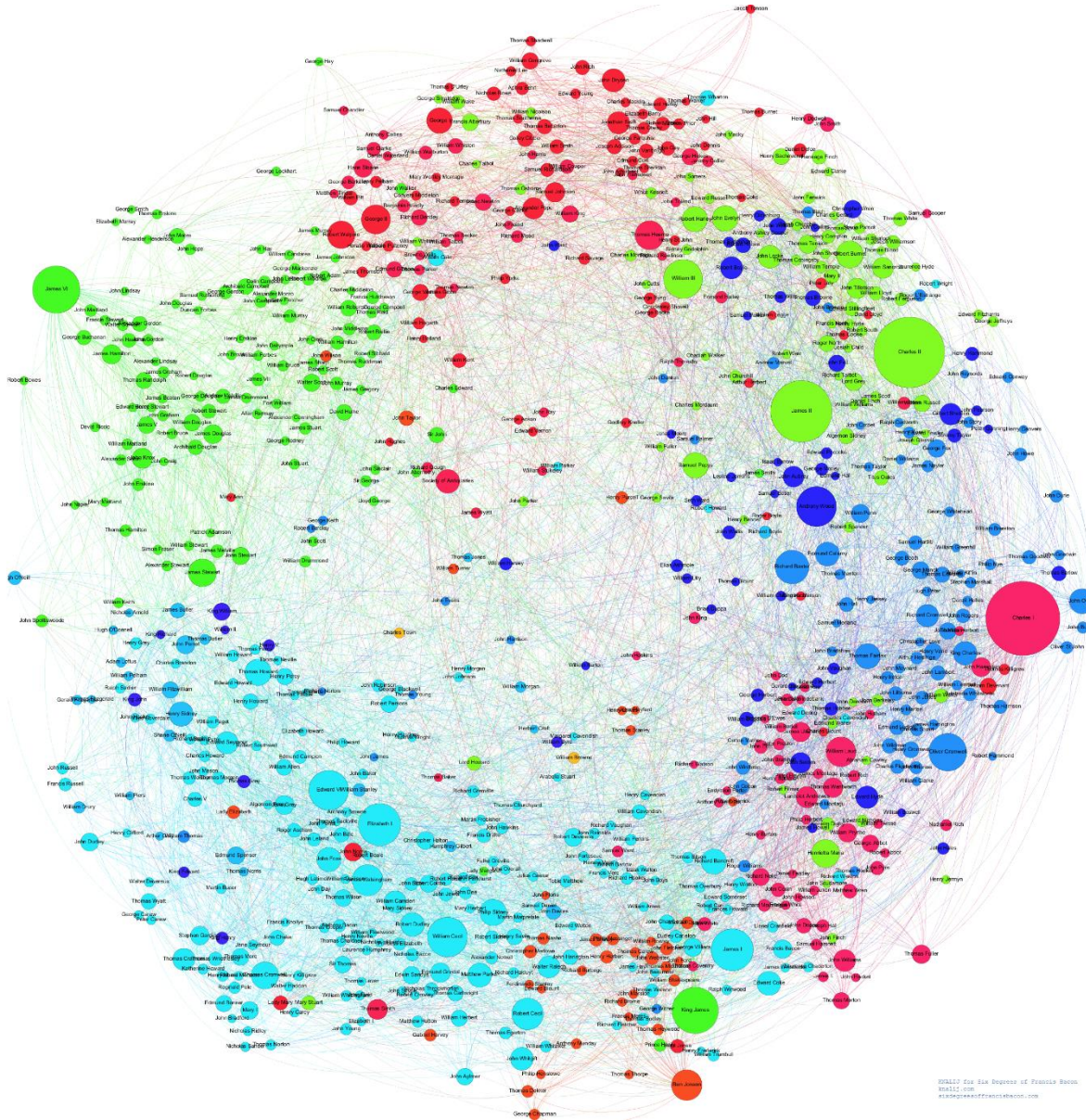
Map of the internet, 2014

Applications of Graphs



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1707–1783

- World Wide Web



vertices \equiv pages
edges \equiv URLs

Applications of Graphs



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- Social networks



vertices \equiv people
edges \equiv "friends"

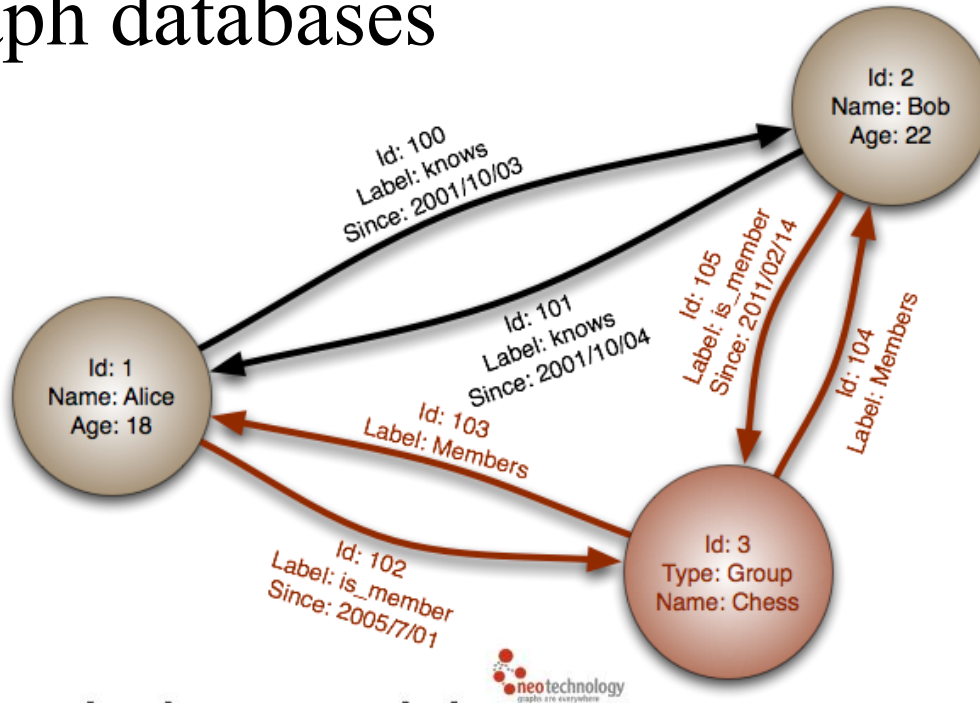


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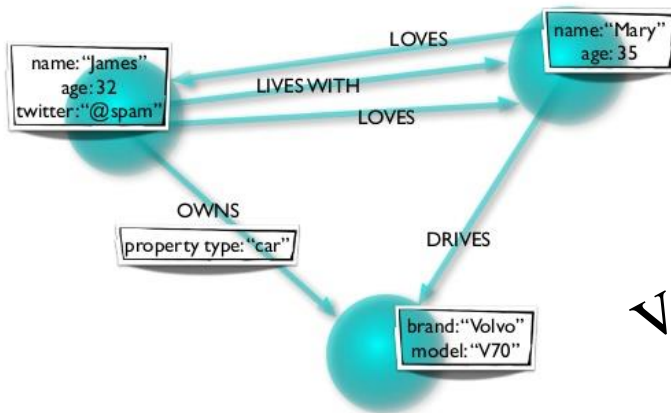


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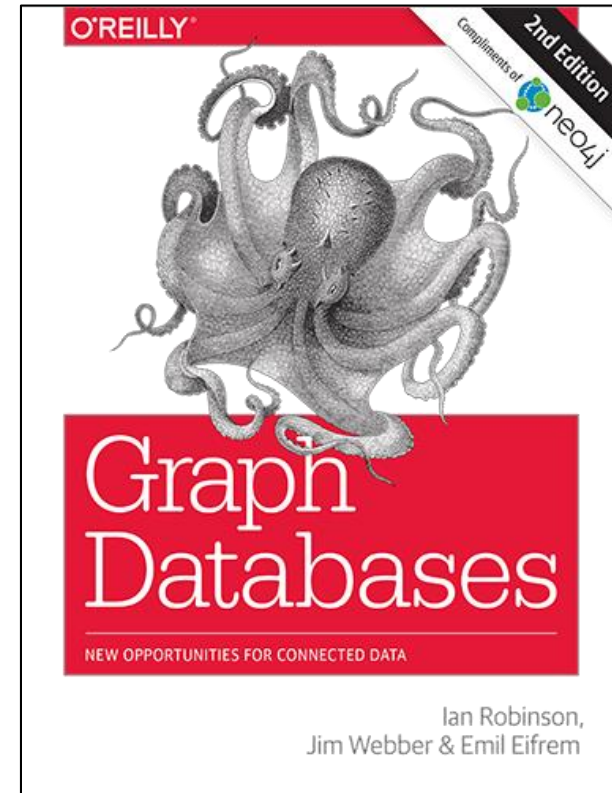
- Graph databases



Graph data model



vertices \equiv records
edges \equiv relations

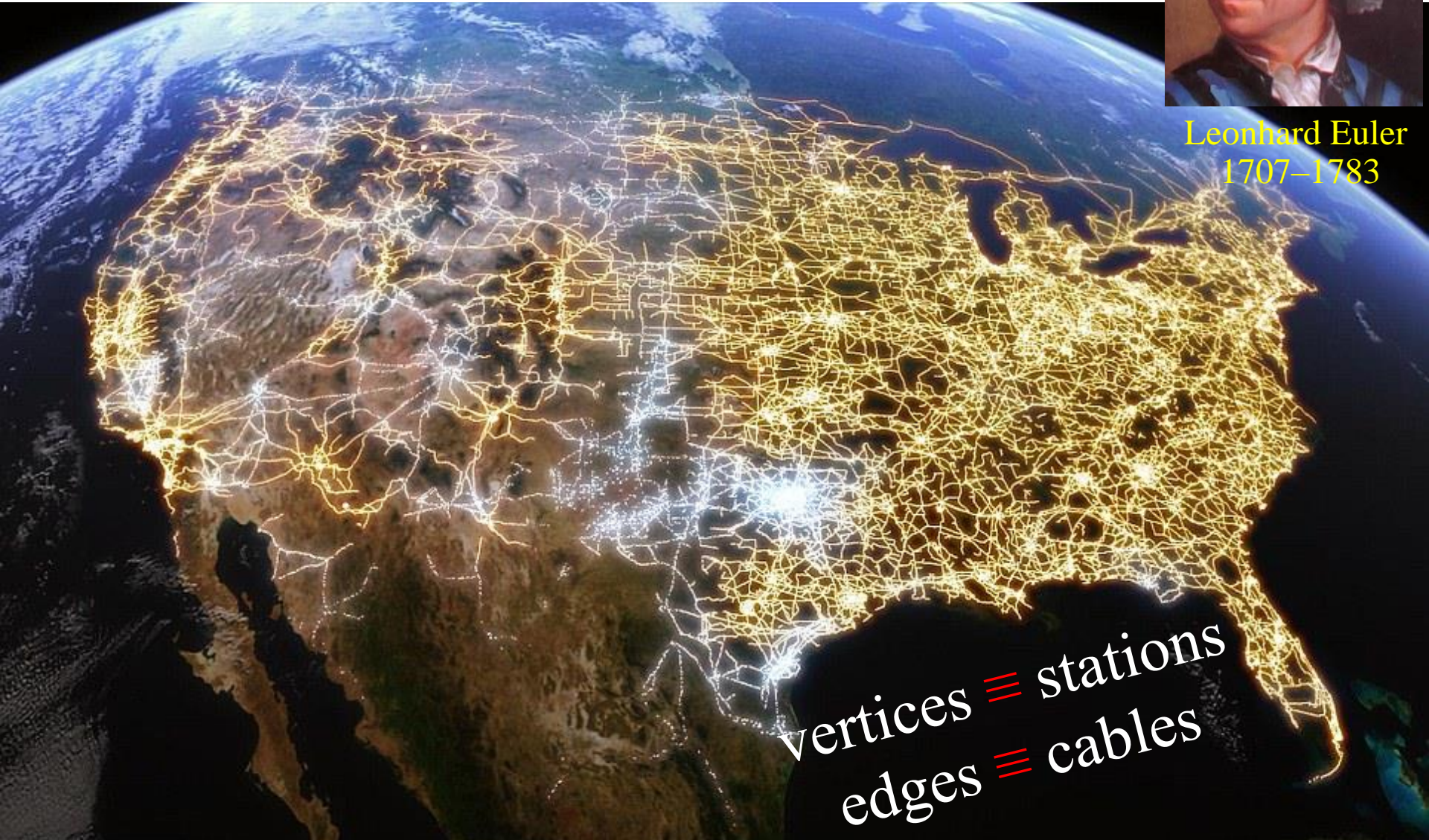


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- Electrical grids



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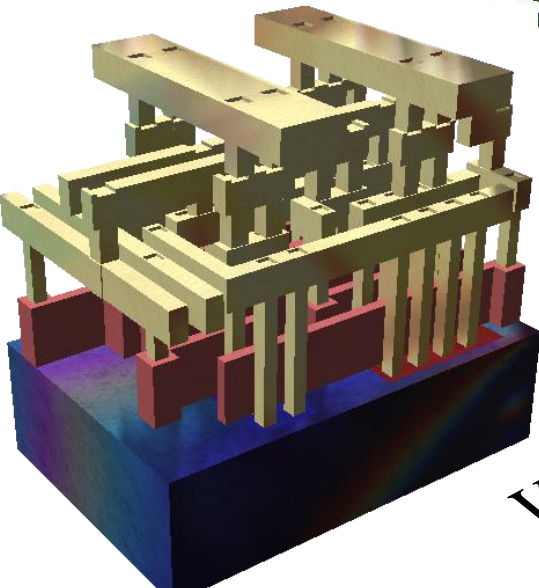
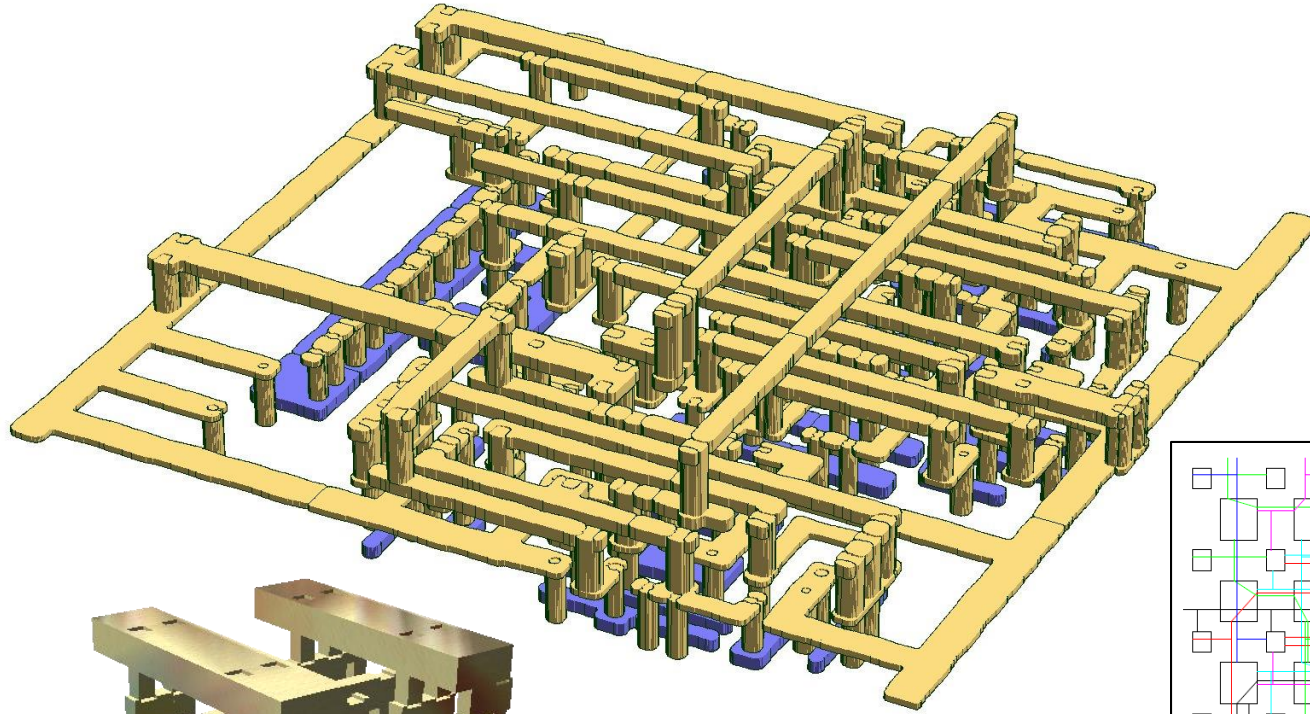
vertices \equiv stations
edges \equiv cables

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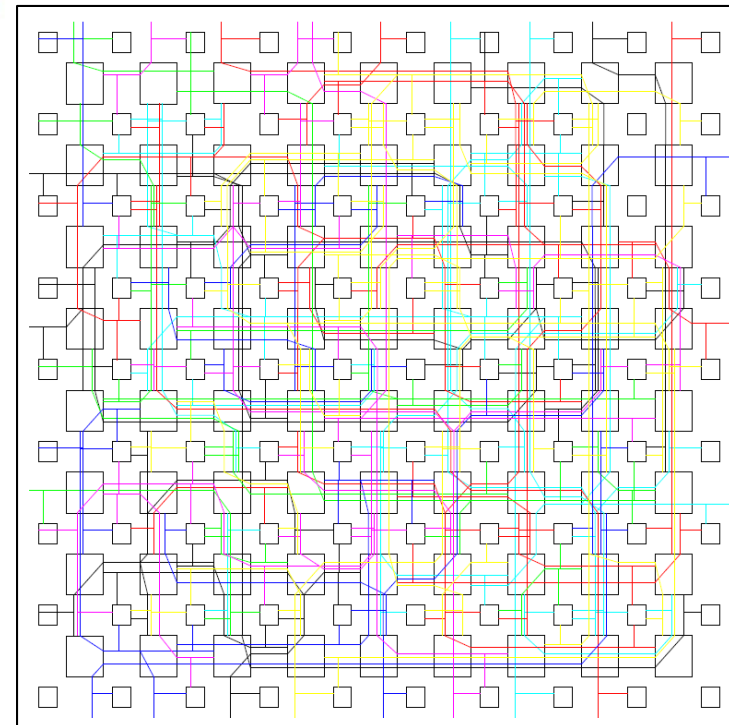


Leonhard Euler
1707–1783

- Integrated circuit design (VLSI chips)



vertices \equiv transistors
edges \equiv wires



Applications of Graphs

- CAD / building HVAC design



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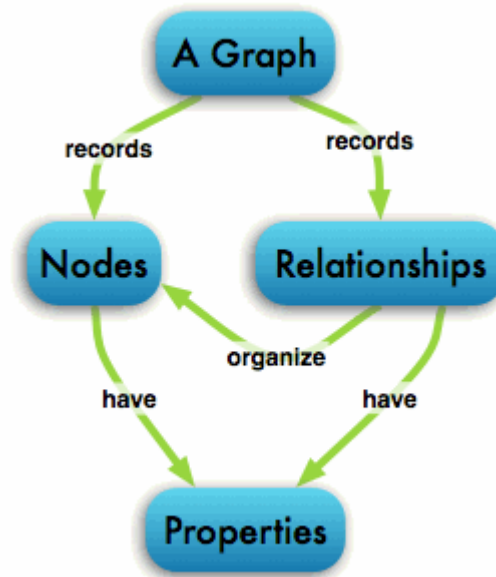
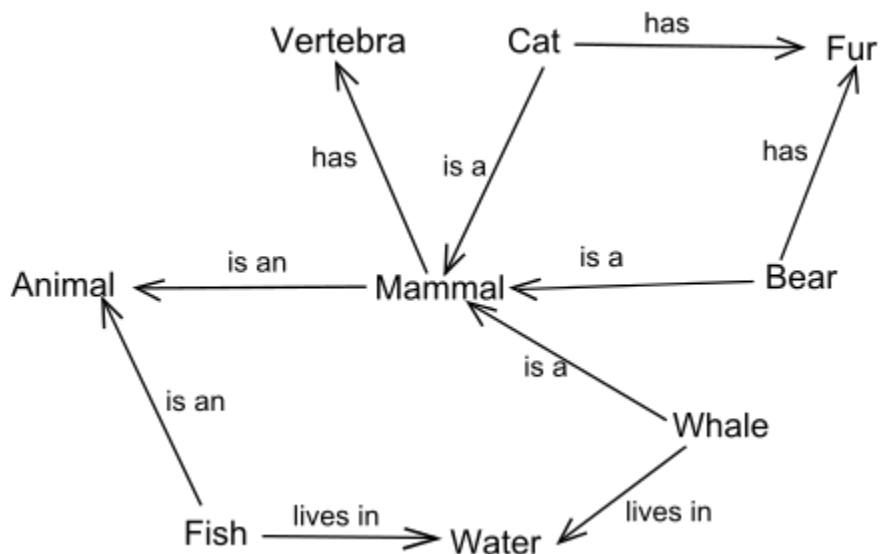
vertices \equiv connectors
edges \equiv ducts

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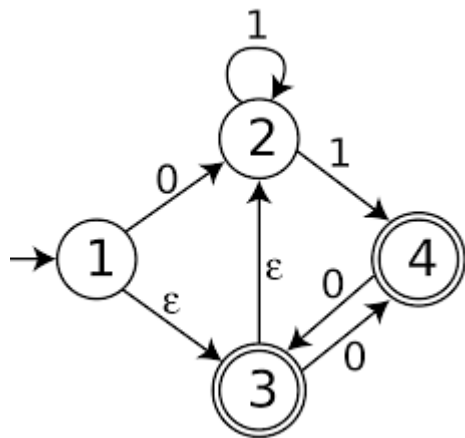


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- Semantic nets



- Finite automata



vertices \equiv states
edges \equiv transitions

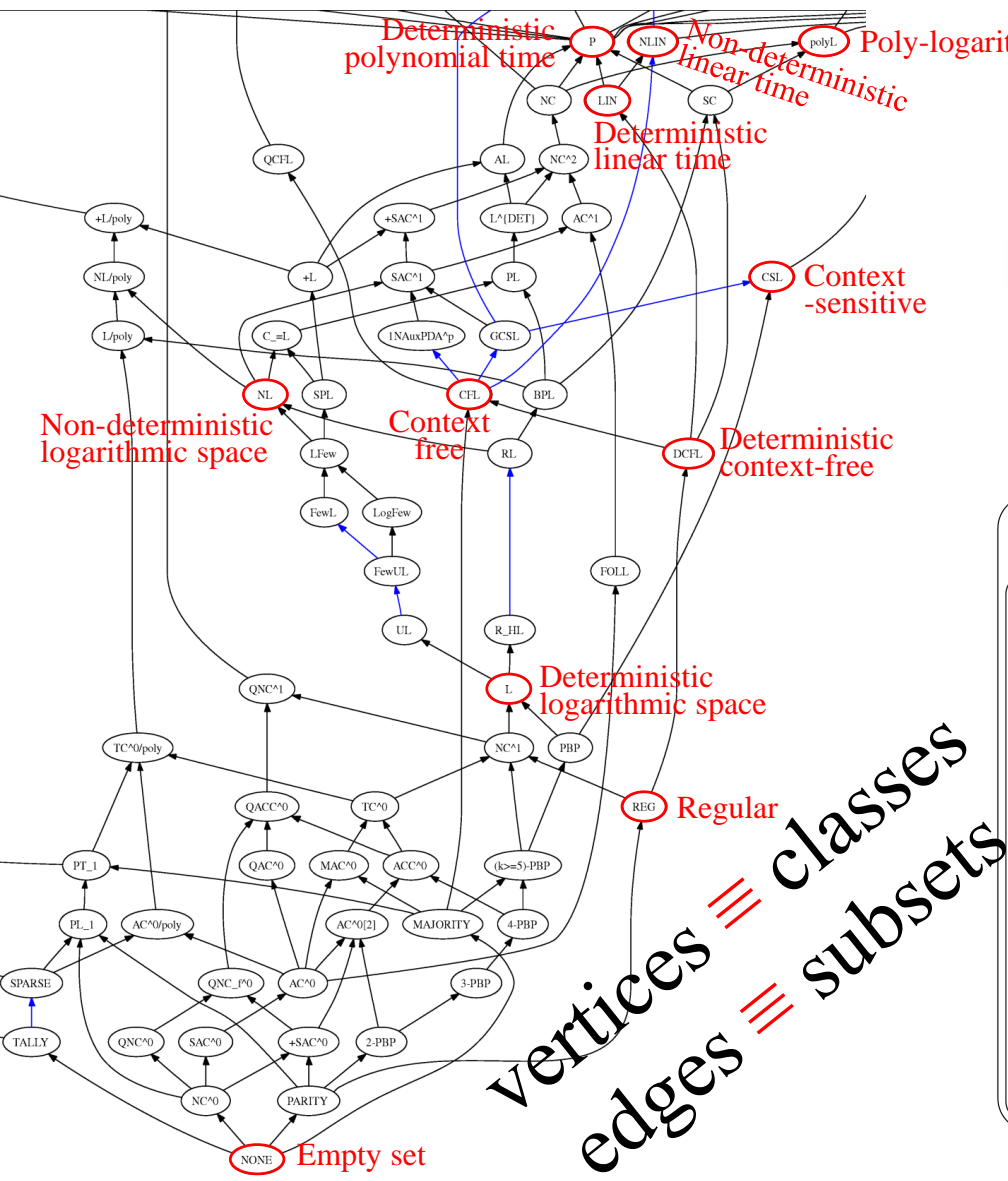
vertices \equiv objects
edges \equiv relations

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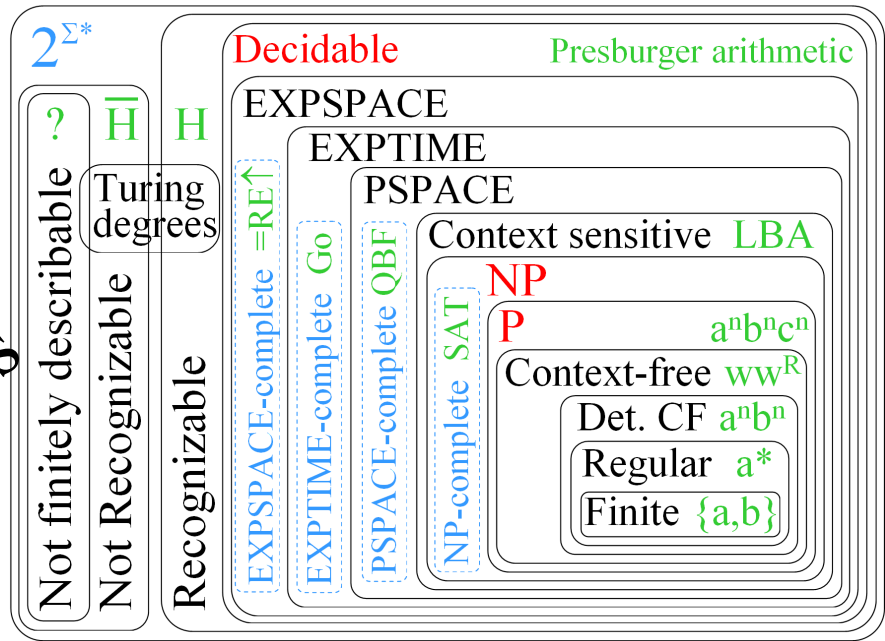


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- Time / space complexity classes



The Extended Chomsky Hierarchy



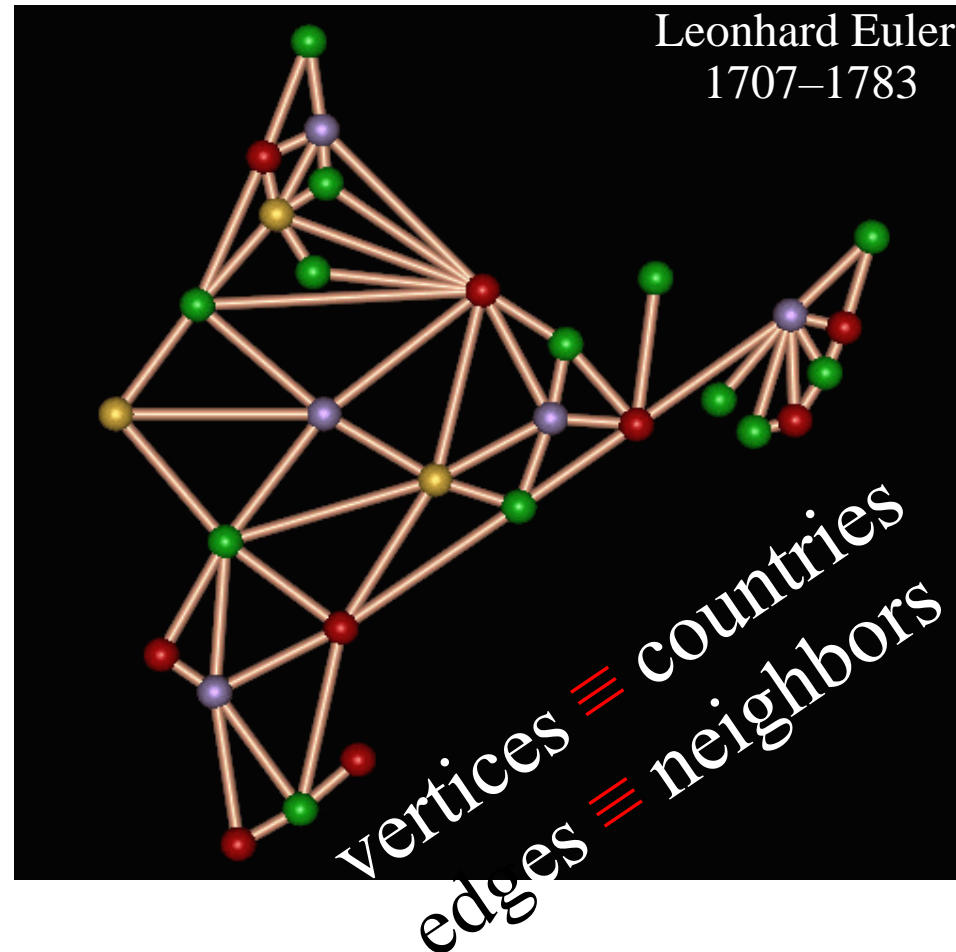
vertices \equiv classes
edges \equiv subsets

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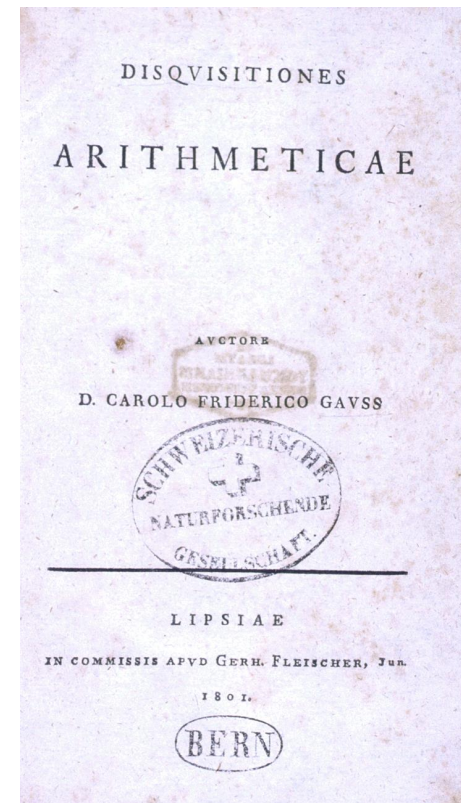
- Map coloring



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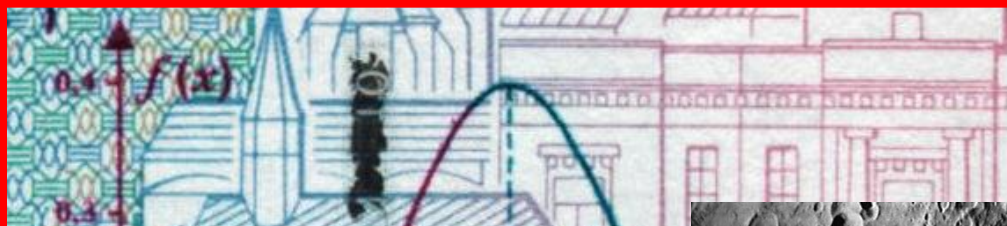
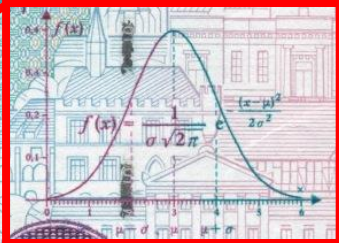
Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855)

- “Prince of Mathematics”
- Founded modern number theory
- Authored “**Disquisitiones Arithmeticae**”
- Fundamental Theorem of Algebra
- Major contributions to astronomy, optics, electromagnetism, statistics, geometry
- **Gaussian distribution, Gaussian elimination, Gaussian noise, Gaussian integers & primes, Gauss’ Law, Gauss’ constant, “degaussing”**
- SI unit of magnetic field strength: **gauss**
- Students: Dedekind, Riemann, Bessel

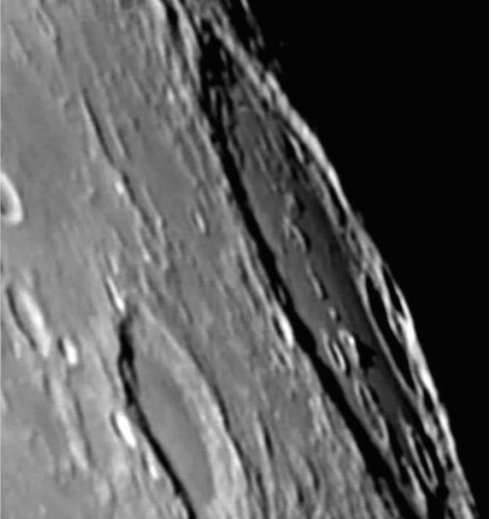
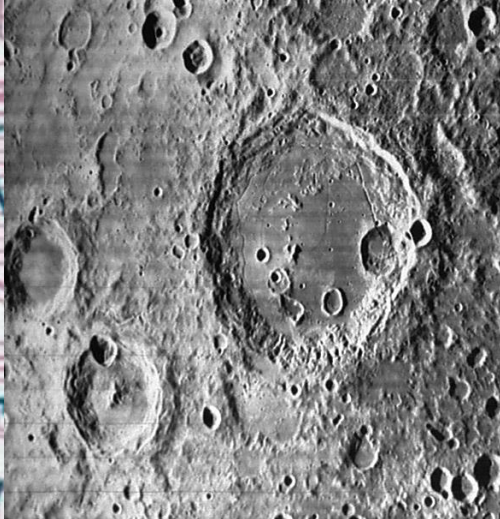


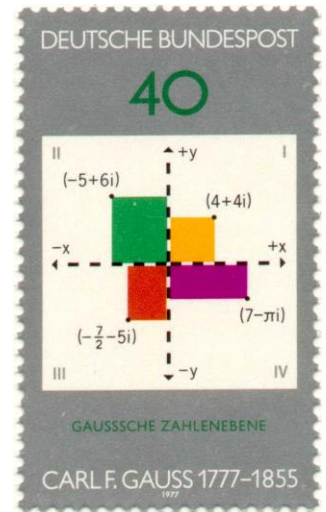
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Historical Perspectives

William R. Hamilton (1805-1865)

- Mathematician, physicist, and astronomer
- Contributed to algebra, mechanics, optics
- Formulated **Hamiltonian mechanics**
- Discovered **quaternions**, conical refraction, Hamilton function, Hamilton principle, Hamiltonian group
- Invented “**Icosian Calculus**”, dot & cross products, **Hamiltonian paths**
- Influenced **computer graphics**, mechanics, electromagnetism, relativity, quantum theory, vector algebra

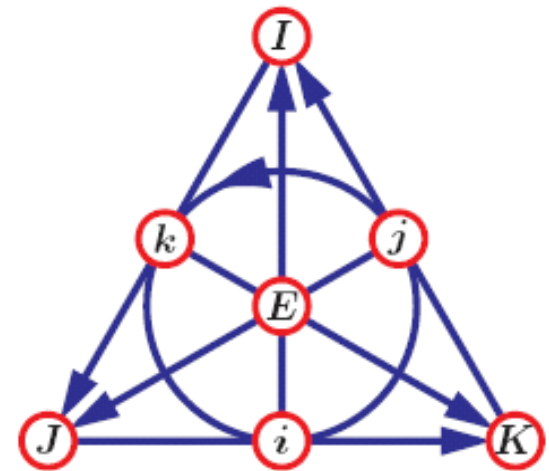


Here as he walked by
on the 16th of October 1843
Sir William Rowan Hamilton
in a flash of genius discovered
the fundamental formula for
quaternion multiplication
 $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$
& cut it on a stone of this bridge

Octonions: Generalization of Quaternions

- **Non-associative!** (e.g., $(ij)K = -E \neq E = i(jK)$)
- Discovered by John Graves (1843), friend of **Hamilton**
- Useful in general relativity, quantum logic, string theory

\times	i	j	k	E	I	J	K
i	-1	k	$-j$	I	$-E$	$-K$	J
j	$-k$	-1	i	J	K	$-E$	$-I$
k	j	$-i$	-1	K	$-J$	I	$-E$
E	$-I$	$-J$	$-K$	-1	i	j	k
I	E	$-K$	J	$-i$	-1	$-k$	j
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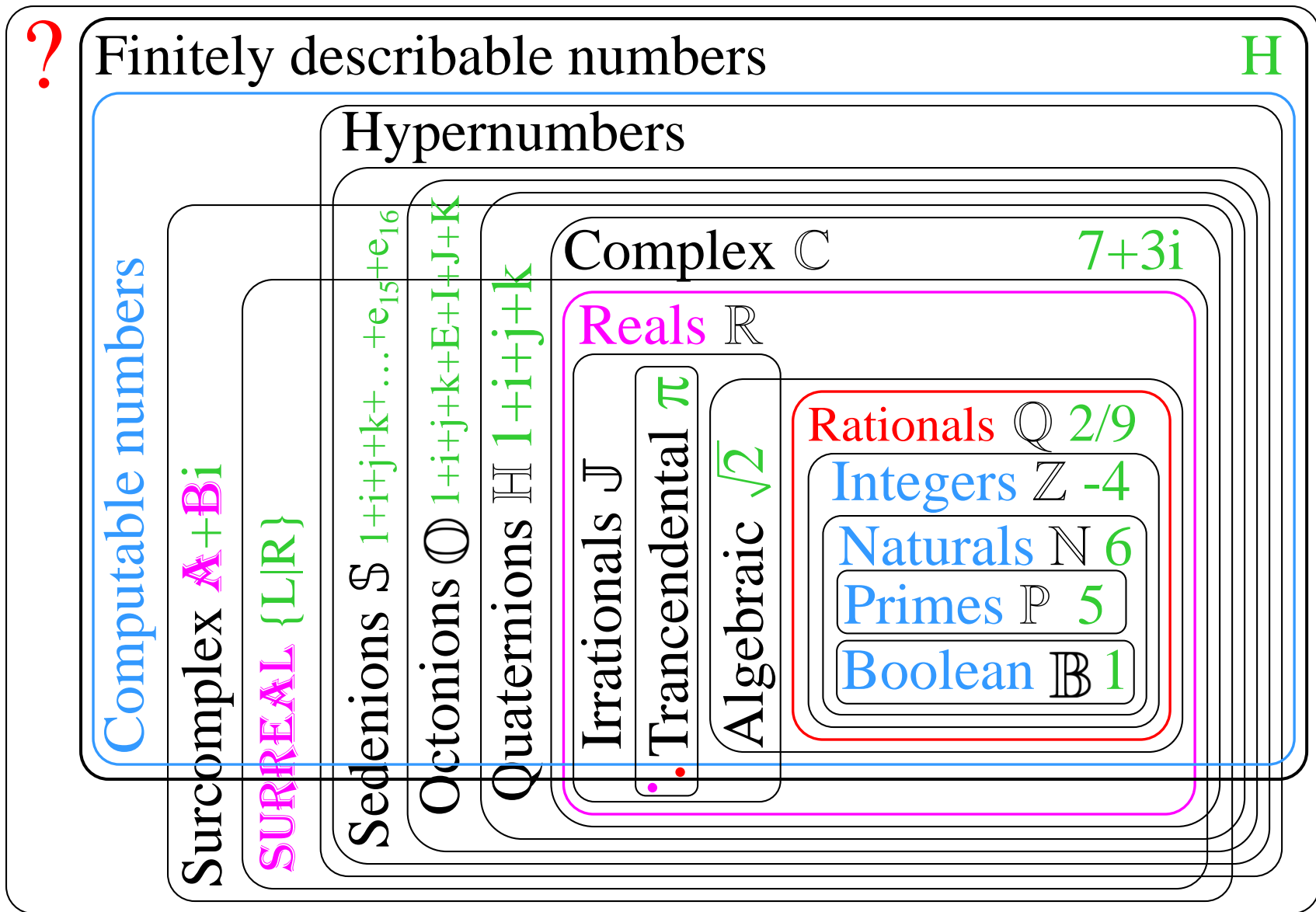
Mnemonic diagram for unit octonions products

Sedenions: Generalization of Octonions

- **Non-alternative!** (i.e., $x(xy)=(xx)y$ doesn't hold)

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Generalized Numbers



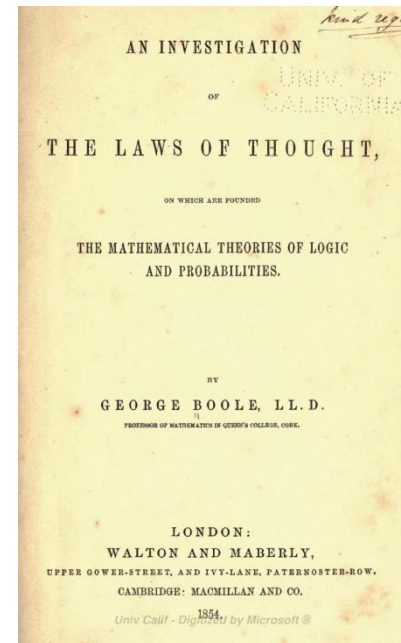
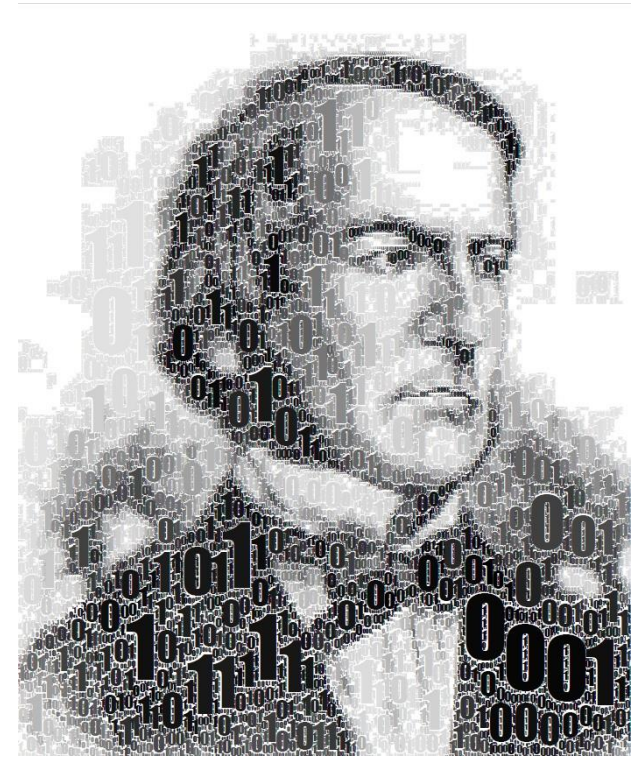
Theorem: some real numbers are not finitely describable!


Theorem: some finitely describable real numbers are not computable!

Historical Perspectives

George Boole (1815-1864)

- Mathematician and philosopher
- Invented symbolic / **Boolean logic**
- Invented **Boolean algebra**, i.e. “calculus of reasoning”
- A **founder of computer science**
- “An Investigation into the Laws of Thought”
- **Influenced** De Morgan, Schröder, Shannon
- All modern computers, electronics, phones, data transmission, rely on **Boolean principles**



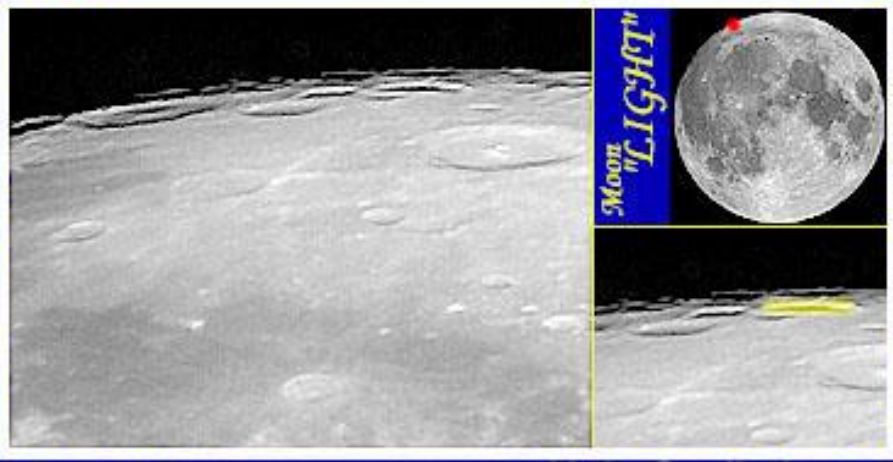

GEORGE BOOLE
 LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.
 1815 - 1864
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BOOLE

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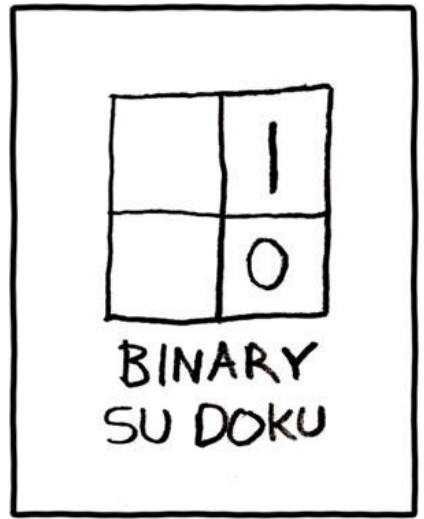
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All cats have four legs.
 I have four legs.
 Therefore, I am a cat.



BOOLE ORDERS LUNCH

NO, NO, YES, NO, NO, YES,
YES, NO, NO, NO, YES...



**Boolean
humor**

There are only 10 types
of people in the world:
Those who understand binary
and those who don't.

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S. Hart's

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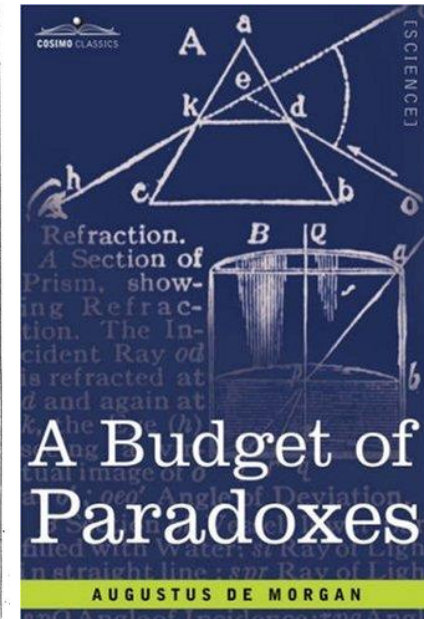
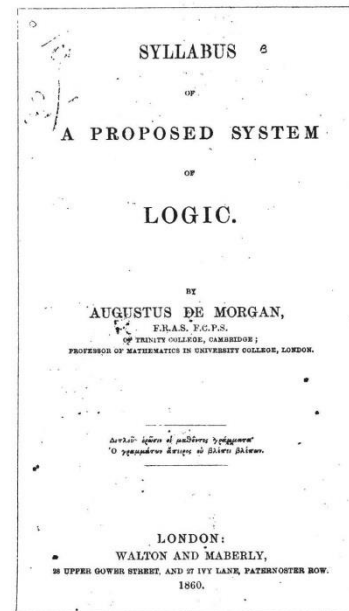
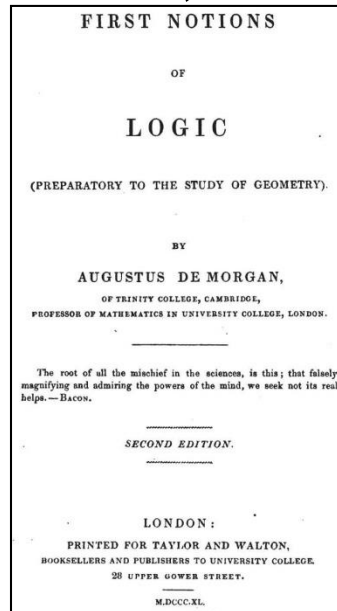
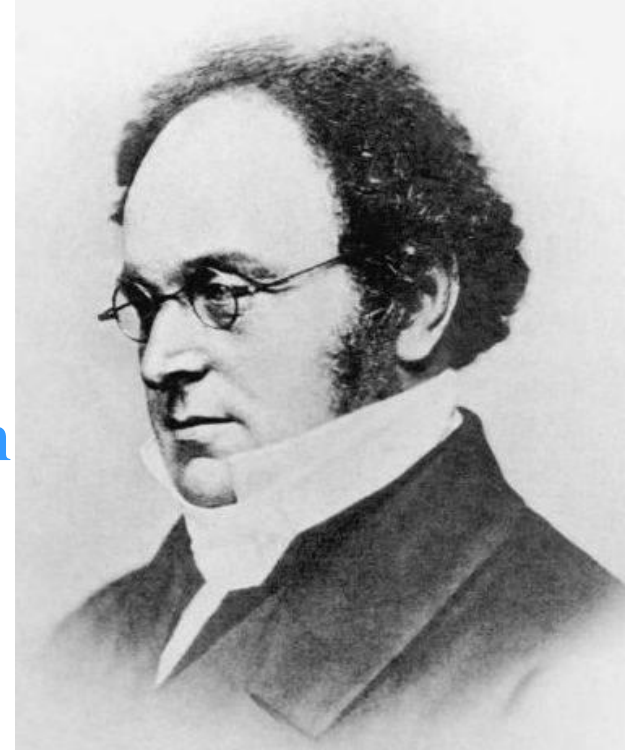


Mozart writing the digital version of his symphony No. 38
in D major.

Historical Perspectives

Augustus De Morgan (1806-1871)

- Mathematician and logician
- Developed logic & mathematical induction
- De Morgan's Laws in logic & set theory
- Invented relational algebra
- Corresponded extensively with Hamilton
- Influenced Russell, Whitehead, and Tarski
- Studied paradoxes



Historical Perspectives

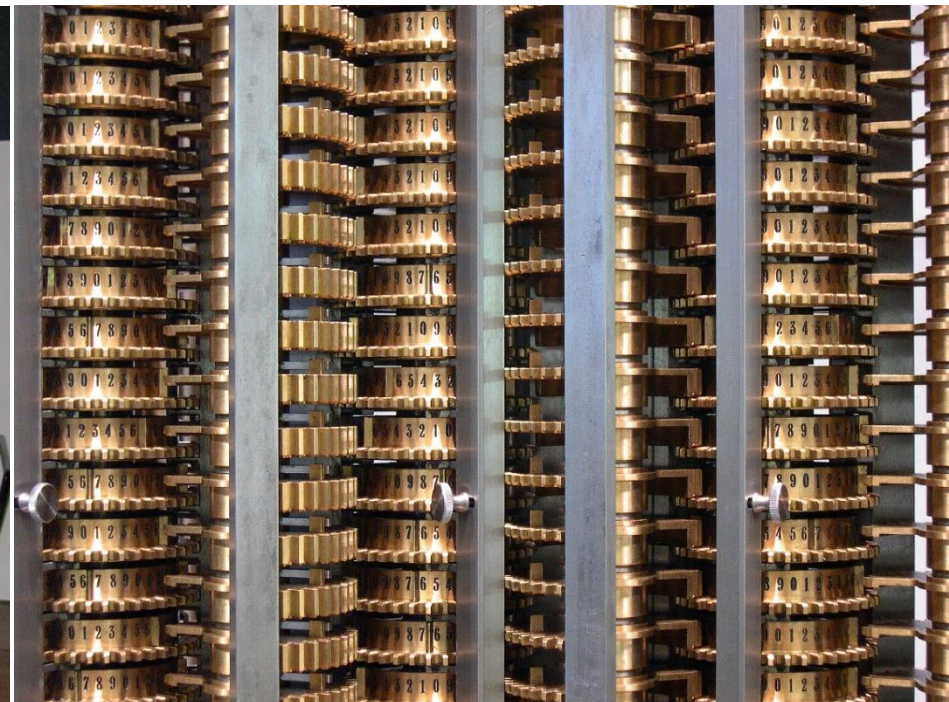
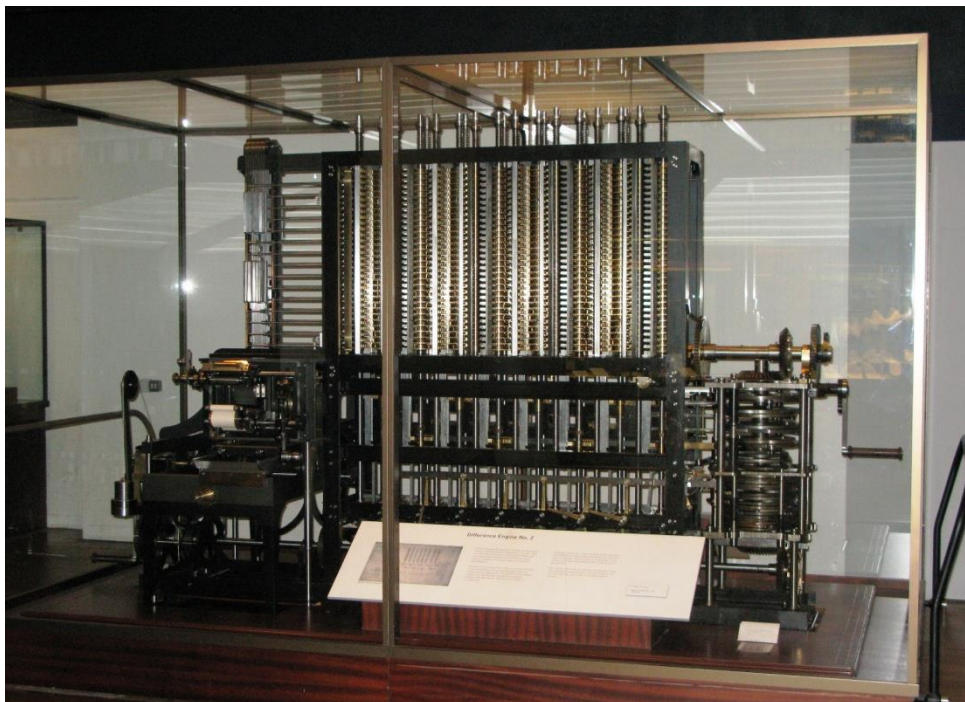
Charles Babbage (1791-1871)

- Mathematician, philosopher, inventor, mechanical engineer, and economist
- The **father of computing**
- Built world's **first mechanical computer**
 - the “**difference engine**” (1822)
- Originated the **programmable computer**
 - the “**analytical engine**” (1837)
- Worked in **cryptography**
- Developed **Babbage's principle** of division of labor

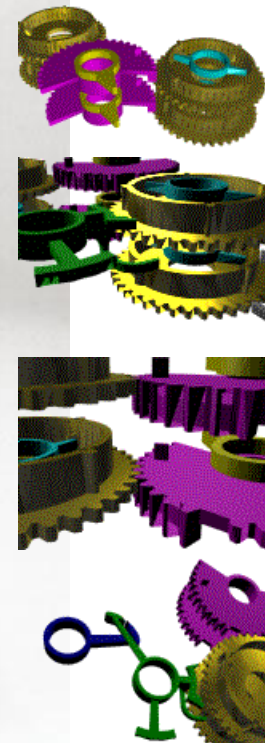
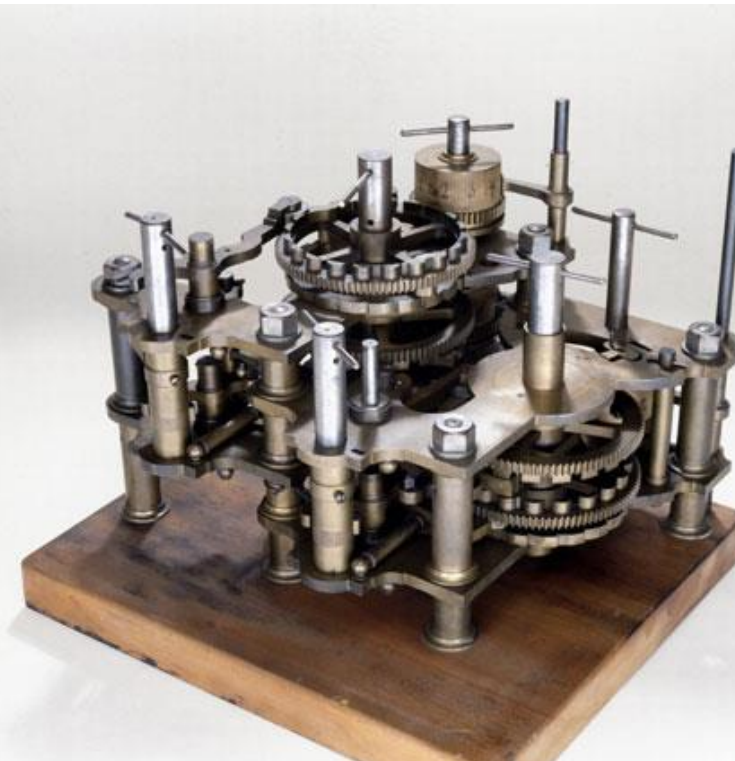
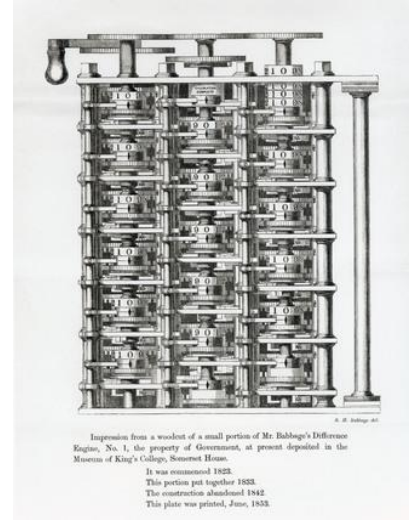
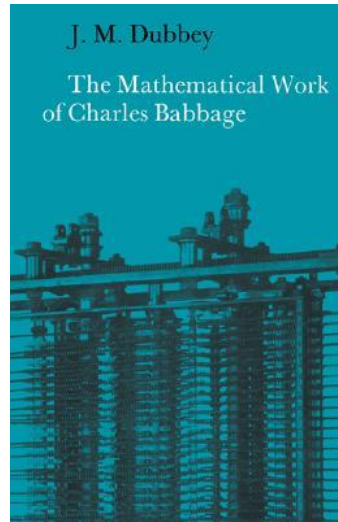
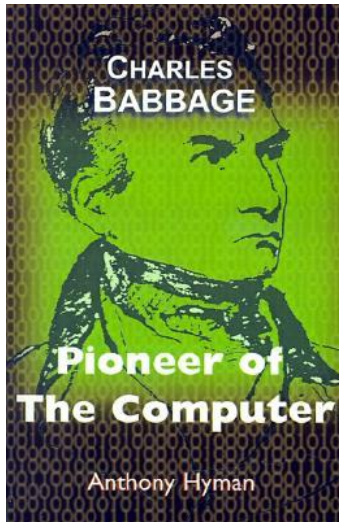
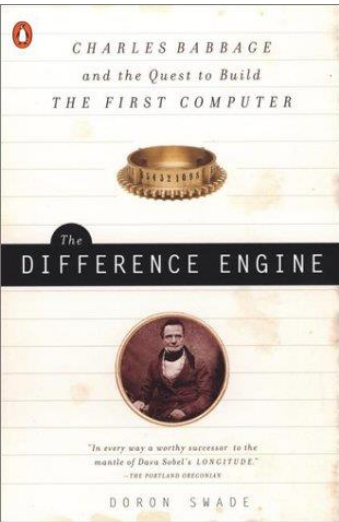


Babbage's Difference Engine

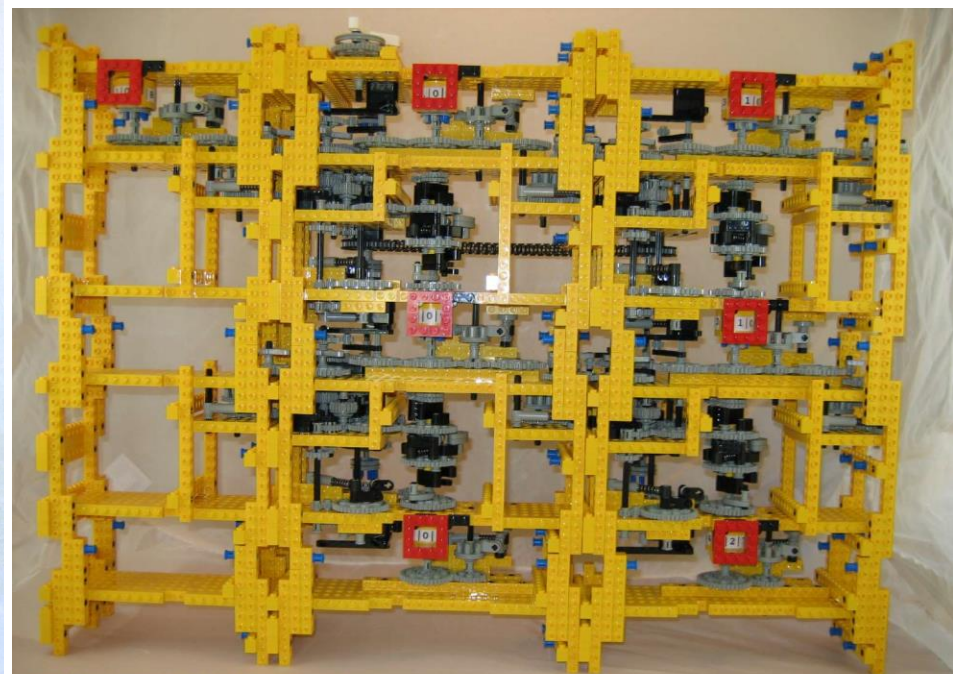
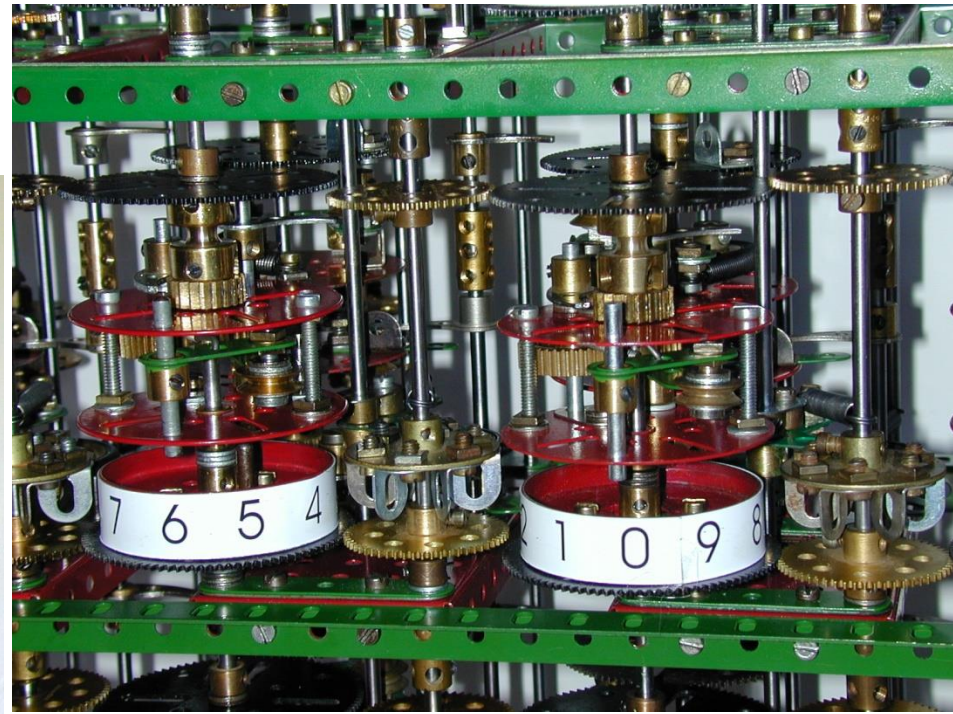
- World's **first mechanical computer**
- Designed in **1822**, redesigned in 1847-1849
- **25,000 parts**, 15 tons, 8ft tall, 31 digits of precision
- Tabulated polynomial functions, used **Newton's method**
- **Approximated** logarithmic and polynomial functions
- Used **decimal number system** and hand-crank



Babbage's Difference Engine

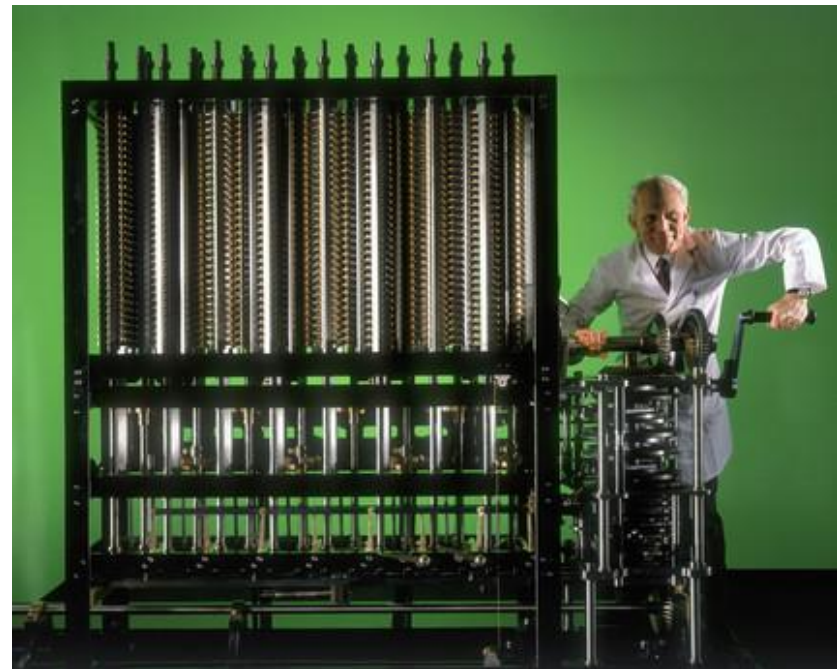
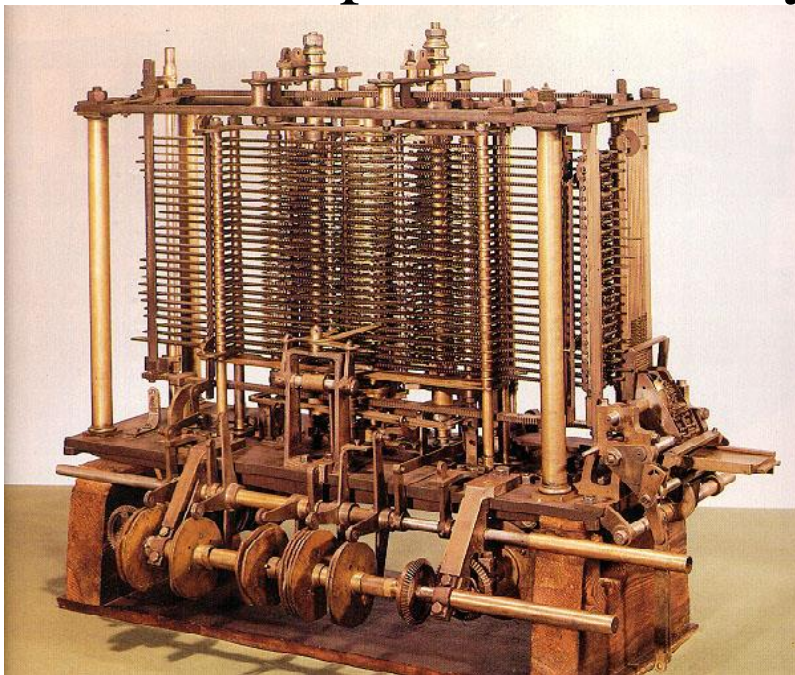


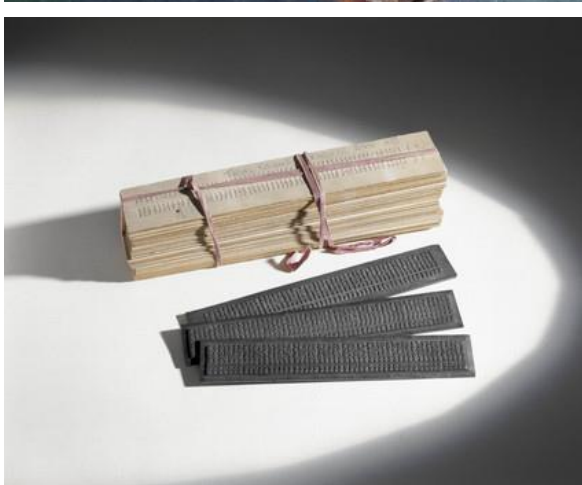
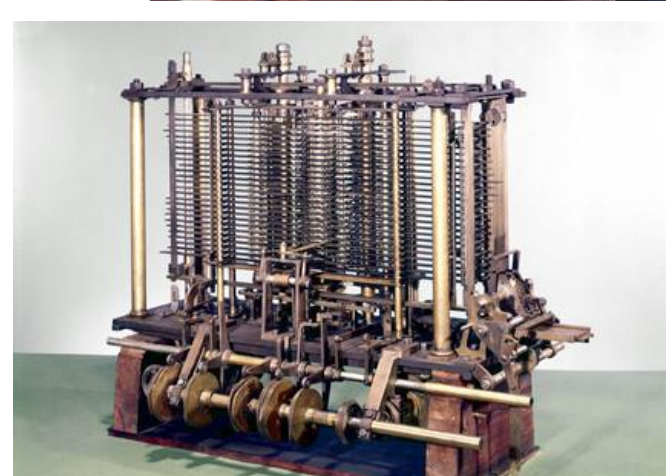
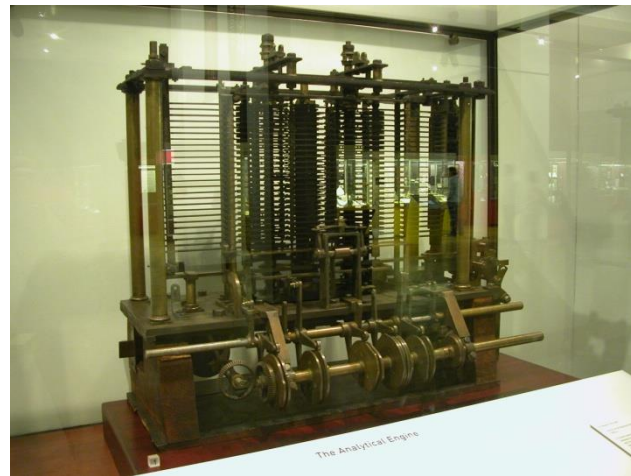
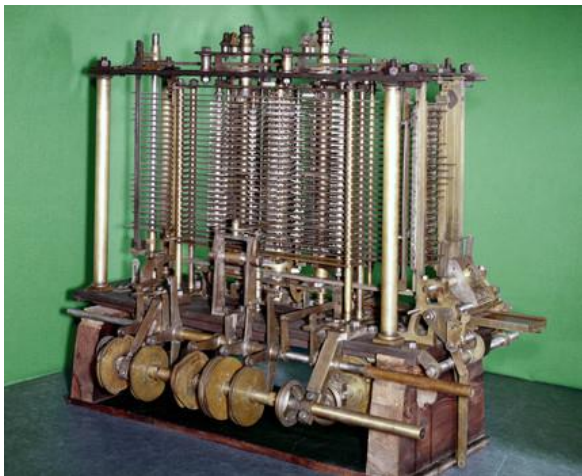
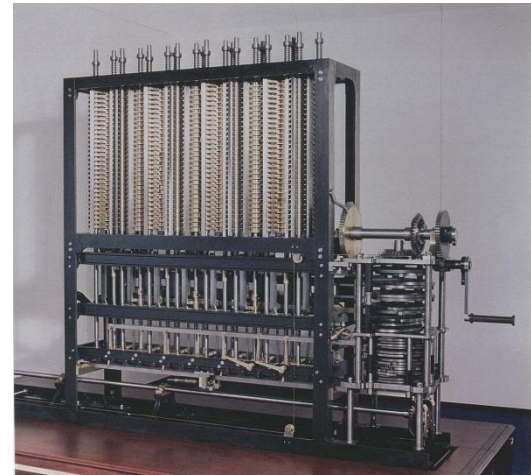
Babbage's difference engine built from Mechano and Lego

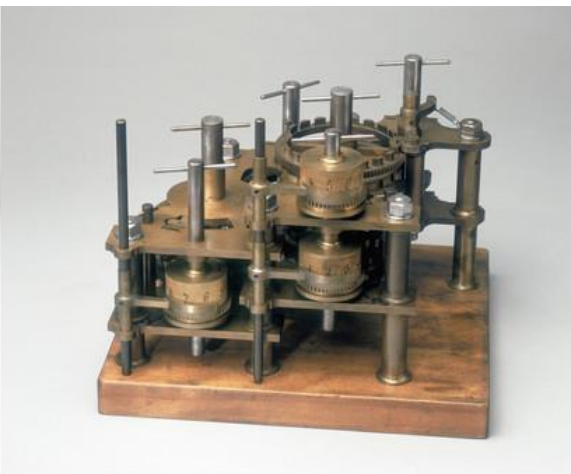
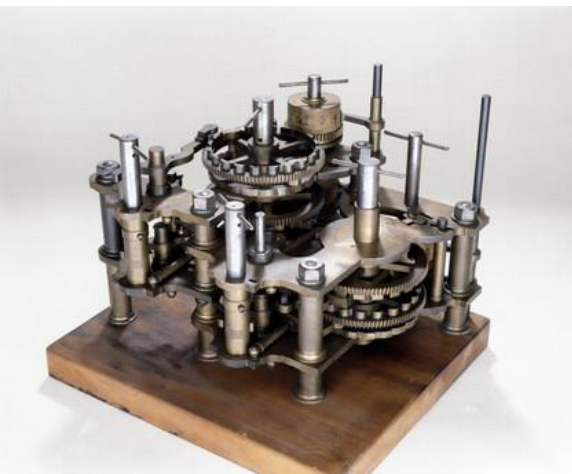
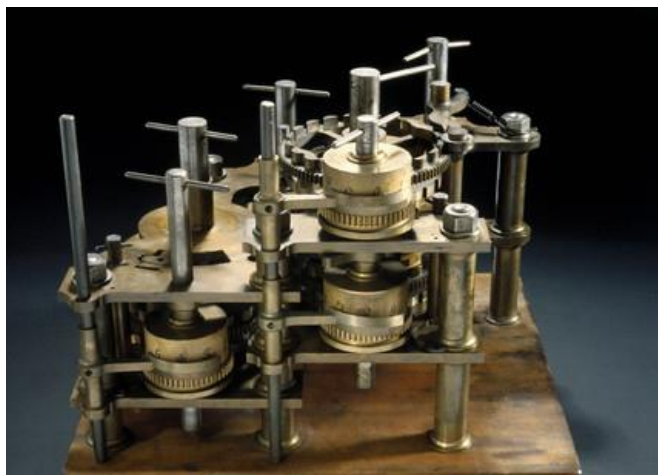
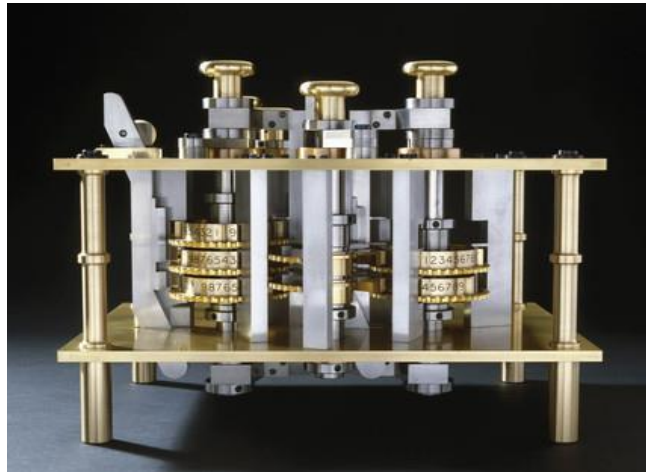


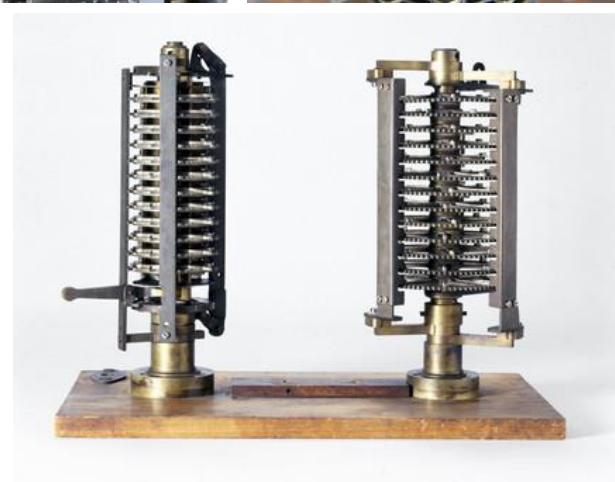
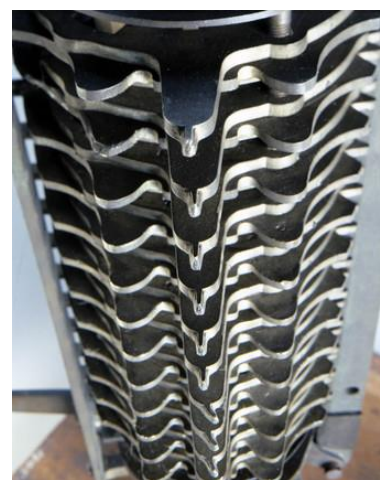
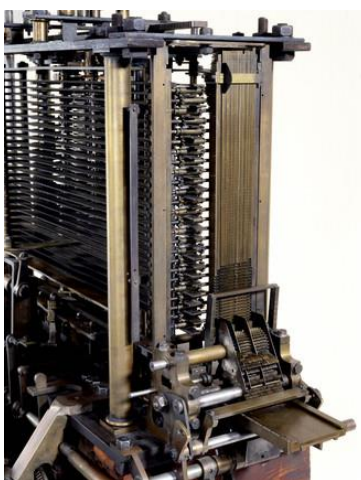
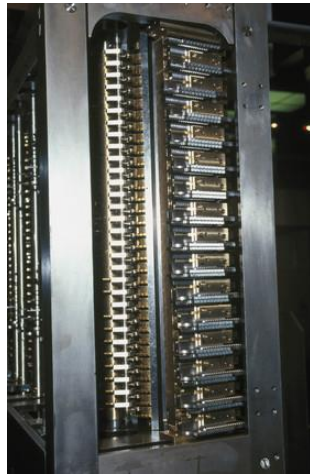
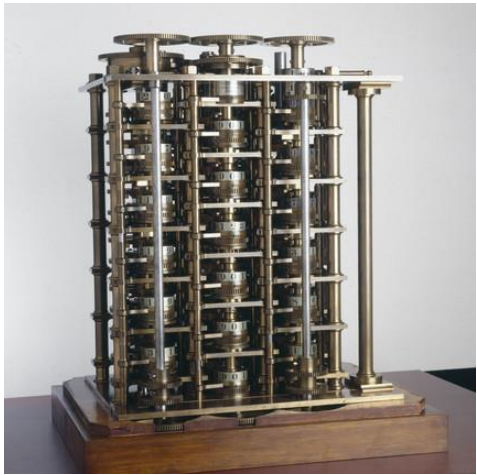
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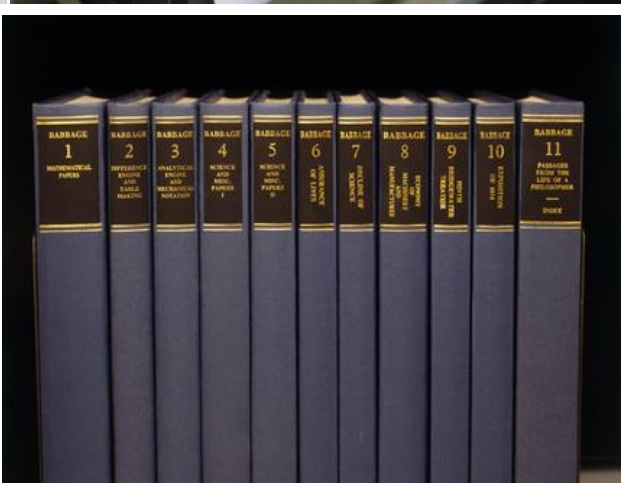
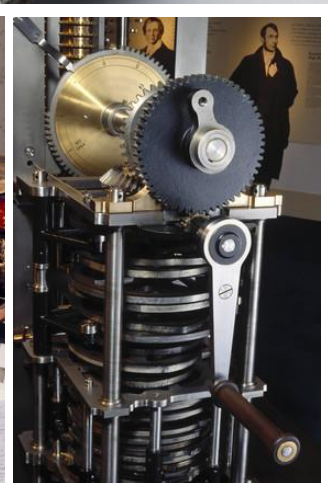
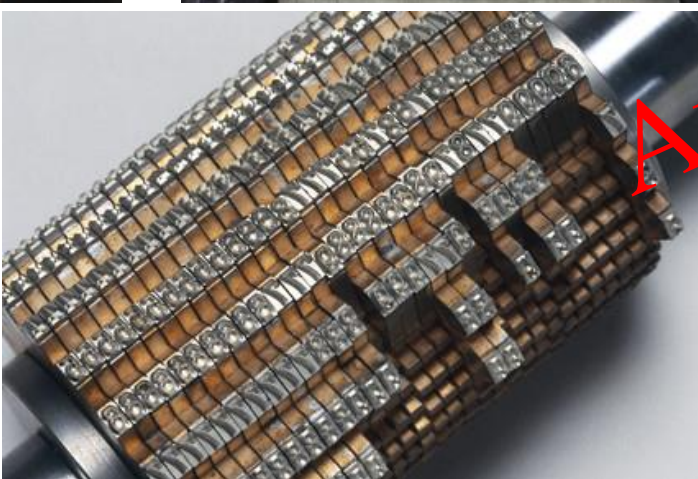
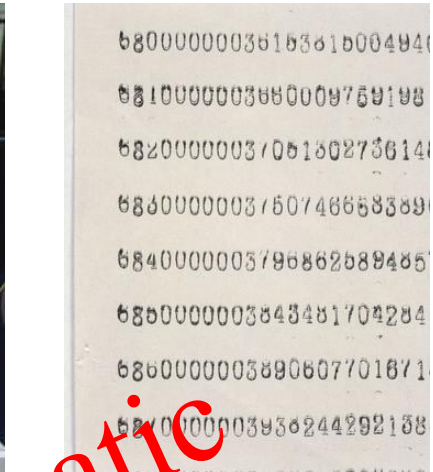
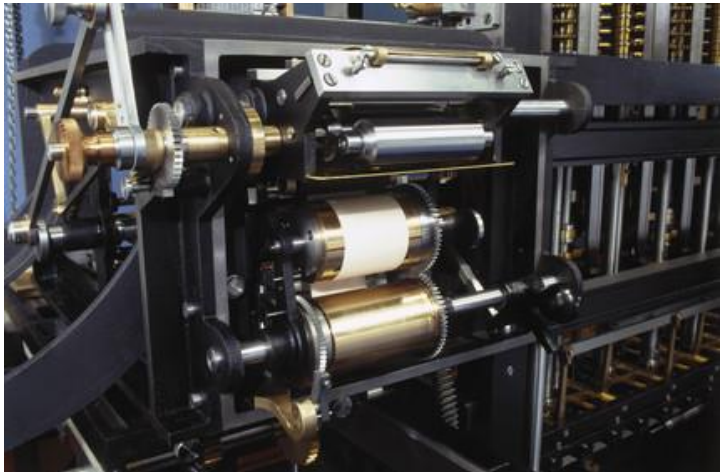
- World's **first general-purpose computer**
- Designed in **1837**, redesigned throughout Babbage's life
- **Turing-complete**, memory: 1000x50 digits (21 kB)
- **Fully programmable** "CPU", used punched cards
- Featured **ALU**, "**microcode**", **loops**, and **printer!**
- Could **multiply** two 20-digit numbers in **3 min**
- Few components built by Babbage; constructed in 1991

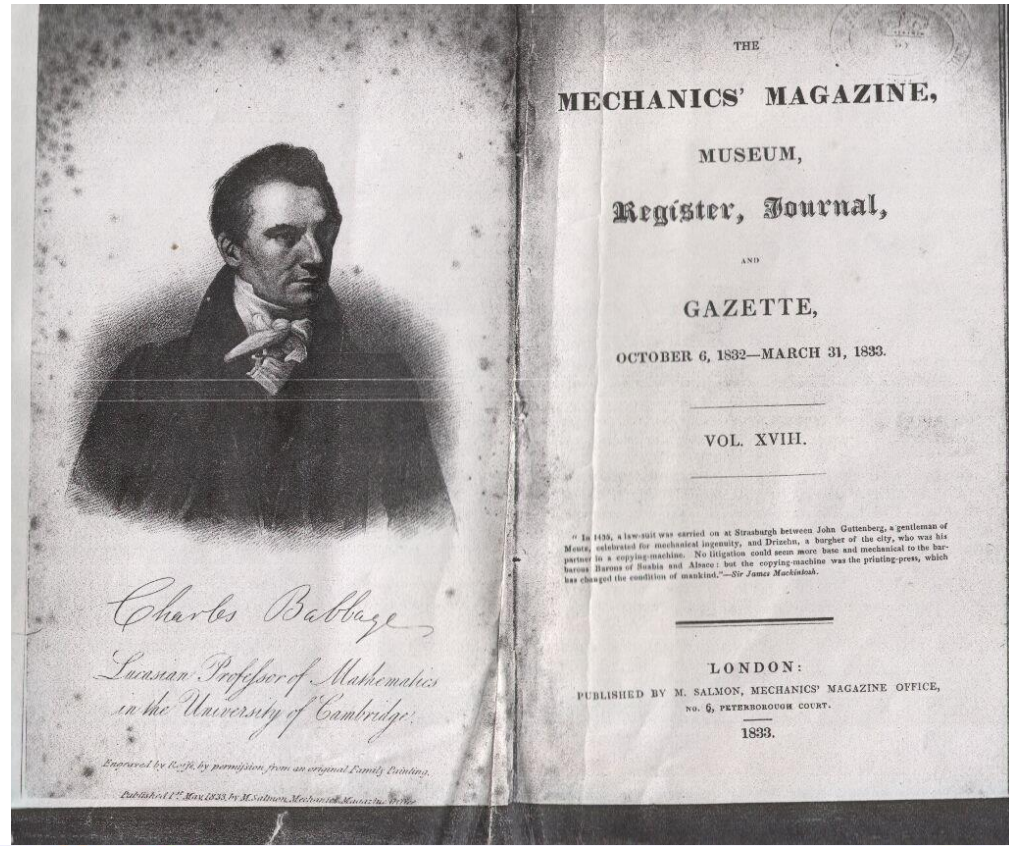
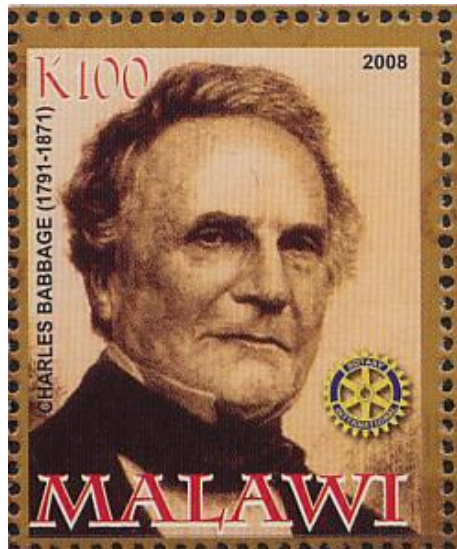


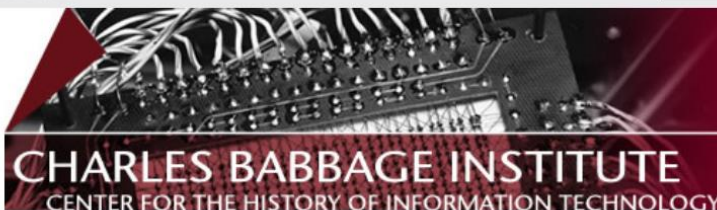












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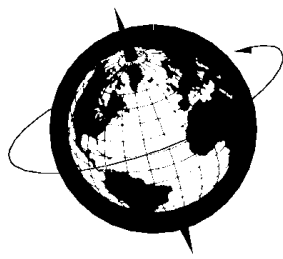
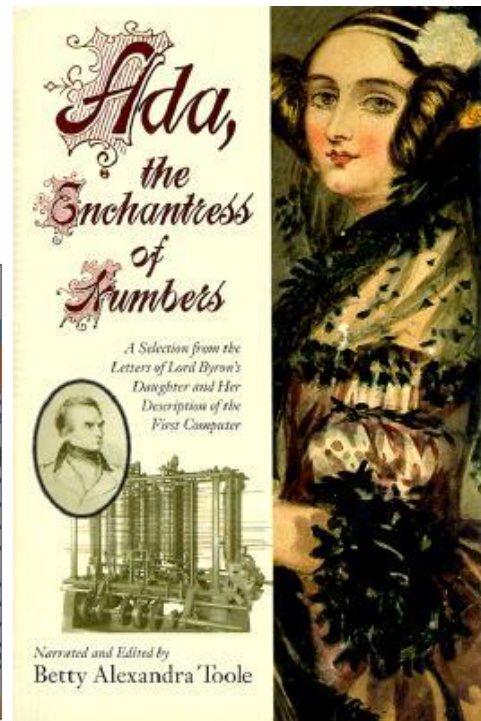
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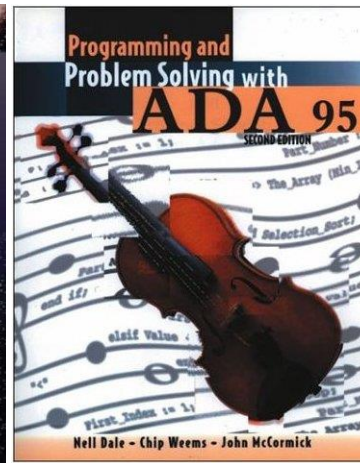
Countess Ada Lovelace (1815-1852)

- Daughter of Lord Byron
- Tutored in math and logic by De Morgan
- Wrote the “**manual**” for **Babbage’s analytical engine**, as well as **programs** for it
- **World’s first computer programmer!**
- **Foresaw** the vast **potential** of computers
- Babbage: “**The Enchantress of Numbers**”
- DoD’s **Ada language** “**MIL-STD-1815**”



Ada

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Ada Byron, Lady Lovelace
1815 - 1852



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CONCEIVING

Ada

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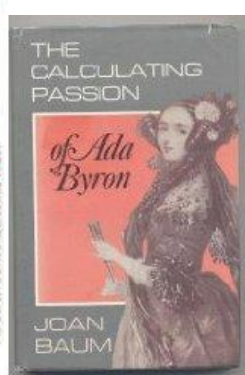
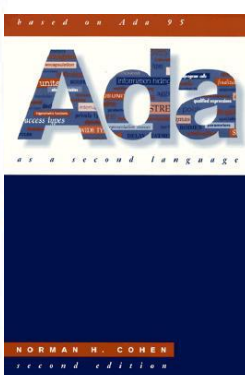
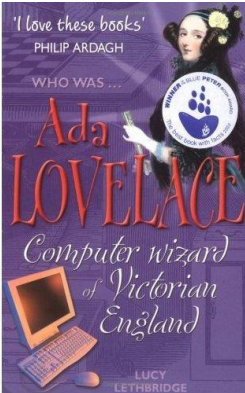
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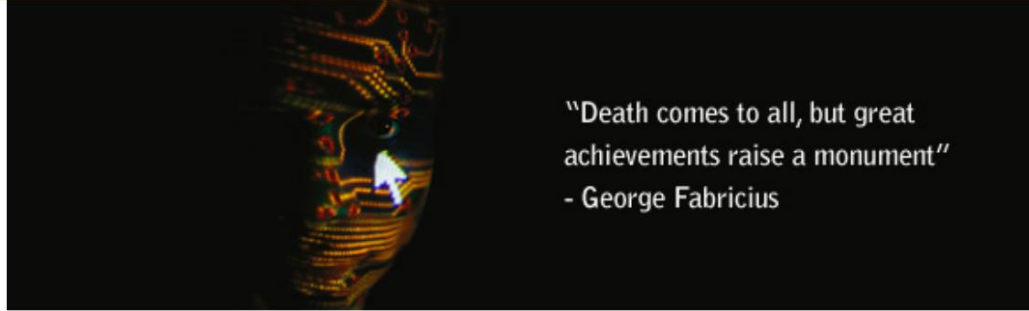
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Ada Lovelace notes on “Sketch of the Analytical Engine Invented by Charles Babbage”, by L. F. Menabrea, 1843

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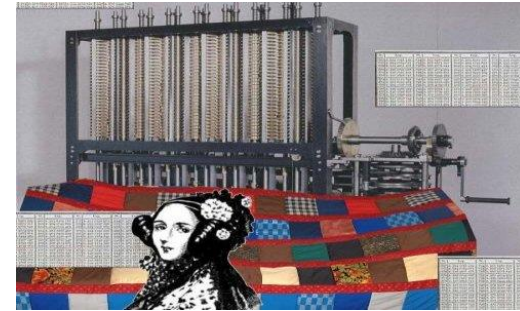
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“Sketch of the Analytical Engine Invented by Charles Babbage”, 1843

“We may say most aptly, that the Analytical Engine *weaves algebraical patterns* just as the Jacquard-loom weaves flowers and leaves.”

“Again, it might act upon *other things besides number*, were objects found whose mutual fundamental relations could be expressed by those of the *abstract science of operations*, and which should be also susceptible of adaptations to the action of the operating *notation* and mechanism of the engine. Supposing, for instance, that the fundamental relations of pitched sounds in the science of harmony and of musical composition were susceptible of such expression and adaptations, the engine might compose elaborate and scientific pieces of *music of any degree of complexity or extent.*”



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“Many persons who are not conversant with mathematical studies, imagine that because the business of the engine is to give its results in *numerical notation*, the *nature of its processes* must consequently be *arithmetical* and *numerical*, rather than *algebraical* and *analytical*. This is an error. The engine can **arrange and combine** its numerical quantities exactly **as if they were *letters* or any other *general symbols***; and in fact it might bring out its results in algebraical *notation*, were provisions made accordingly.”

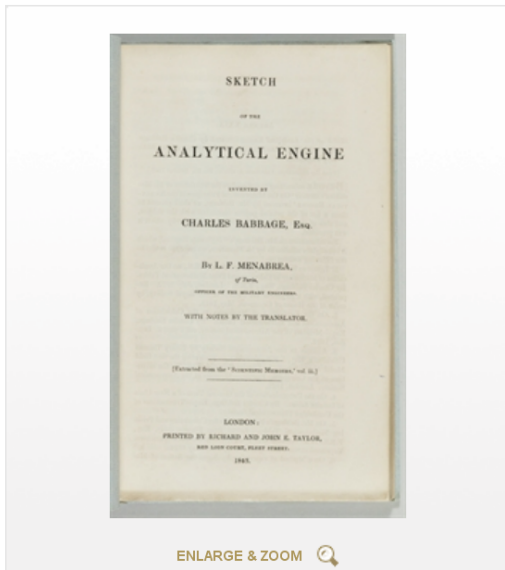
“But it would be a **mistake** to suppose that because its *results* are given in the *notation* of a more restricted science, its *processes* are therefore **restricted to those of that science**. The object of the engine is in fact to give the *utmost practical efficiency* to the resources of *numerical interpretations* of the **higher science of analysis**, while it uses the processes and combinations of this latter.”



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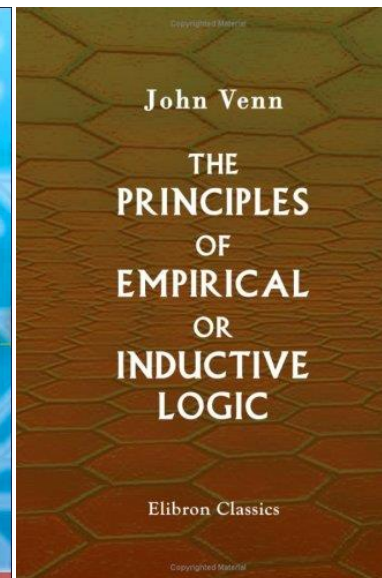
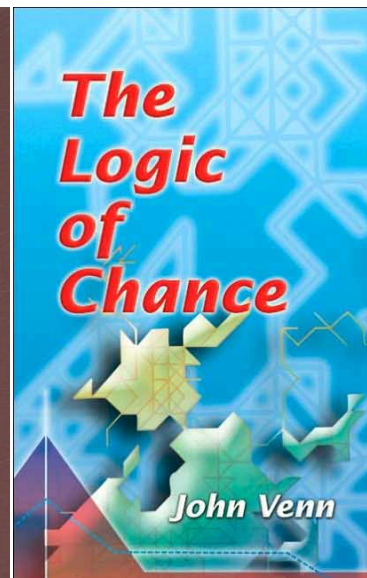
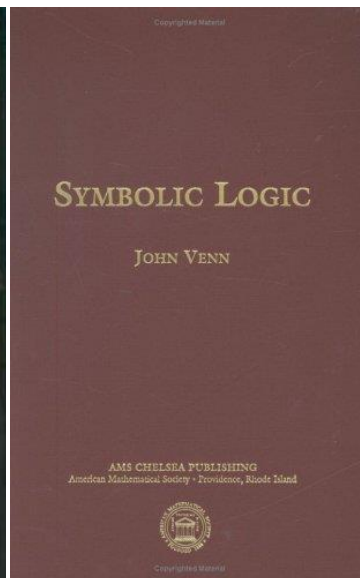
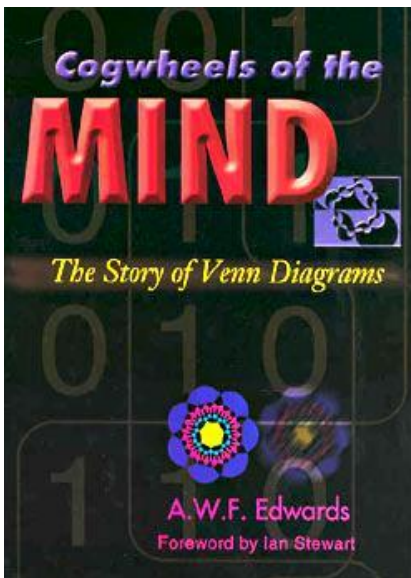
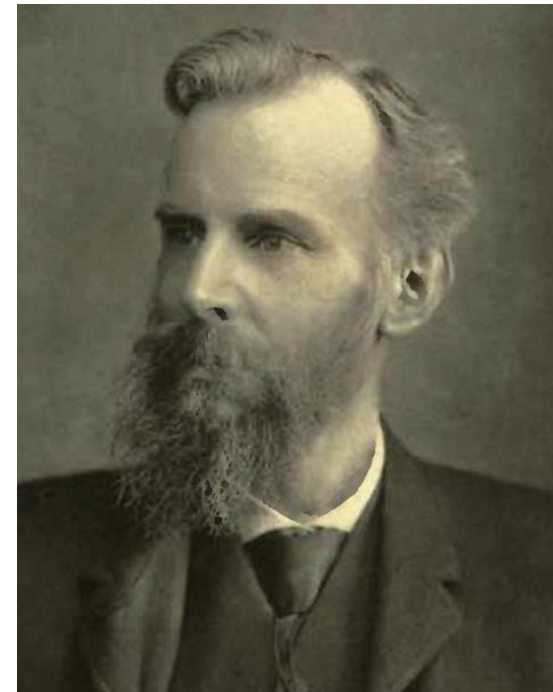
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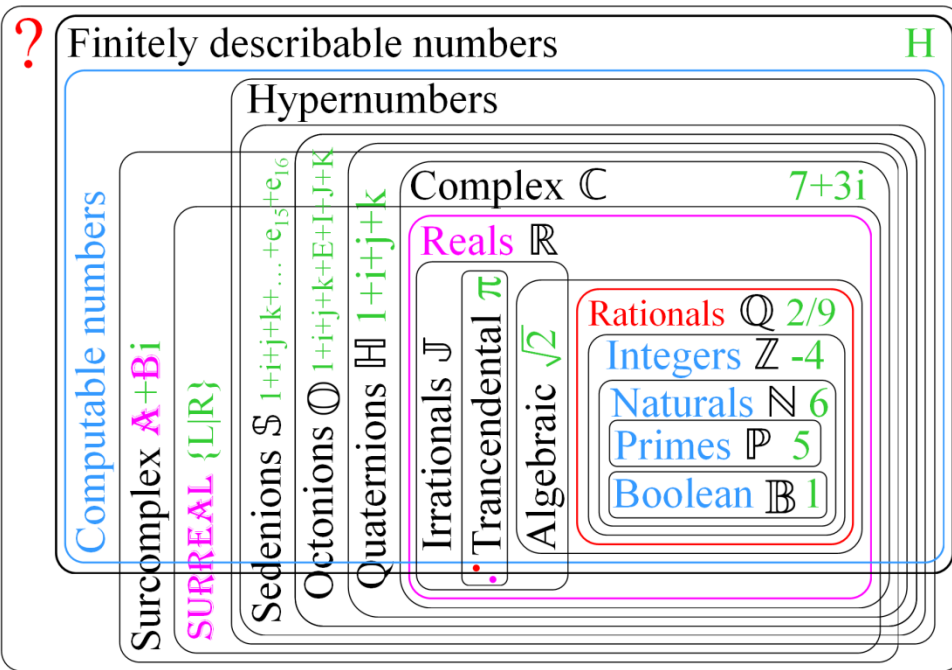
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John Venn (1834-1923)

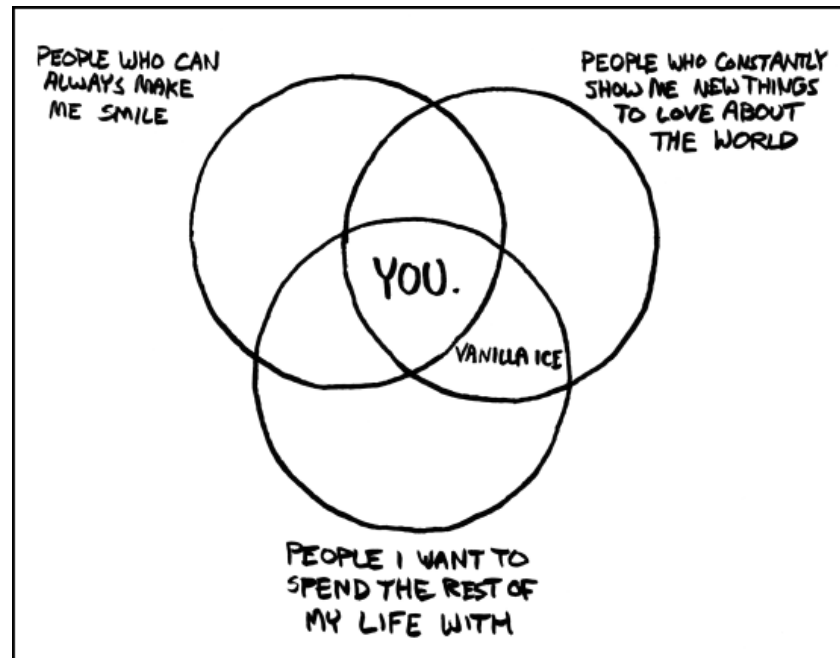
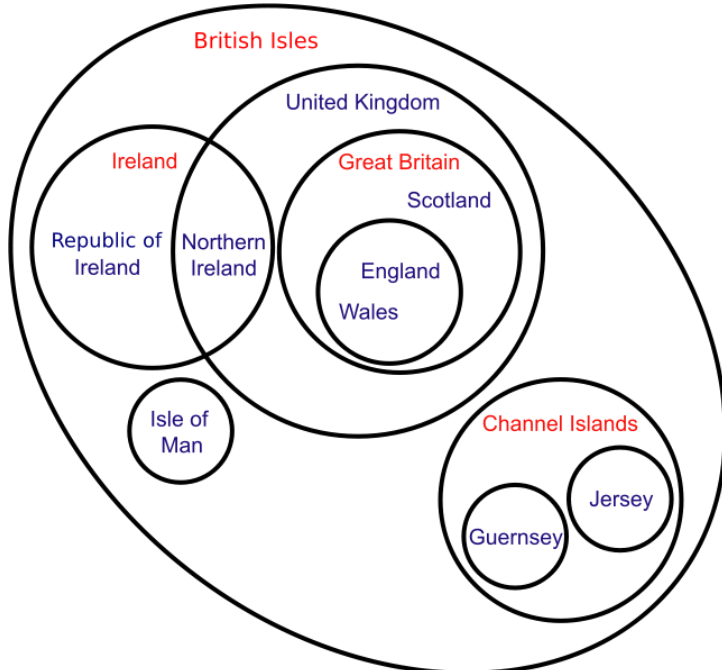
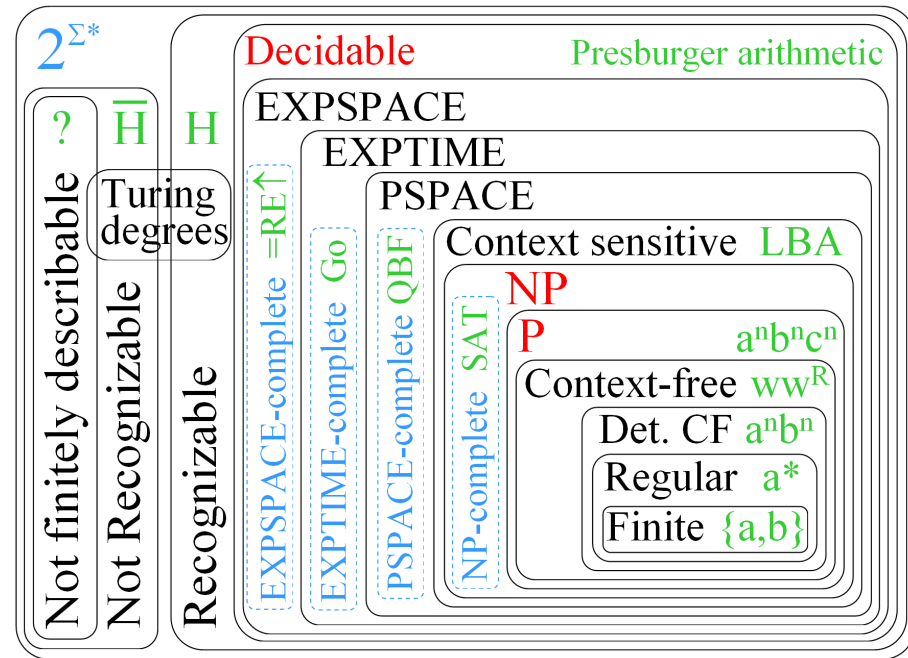
- Logician and philosopher
- Worked in logic, probability, set theory
- Introduced the “**Venn diagram**” (1880)
 - Very widely used, **many applications**
 - **Ties together** fundamental concepts from logic, geometry, combinatorics, knot theory



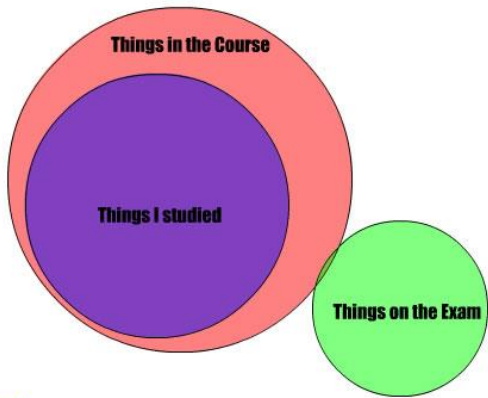
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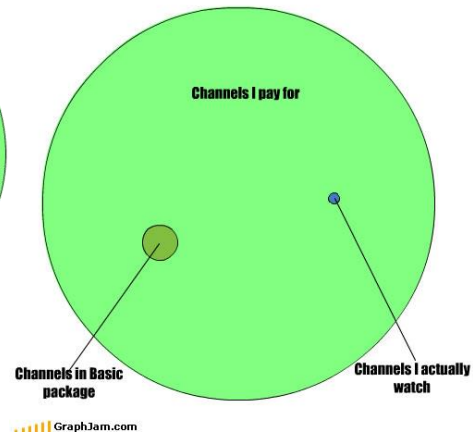
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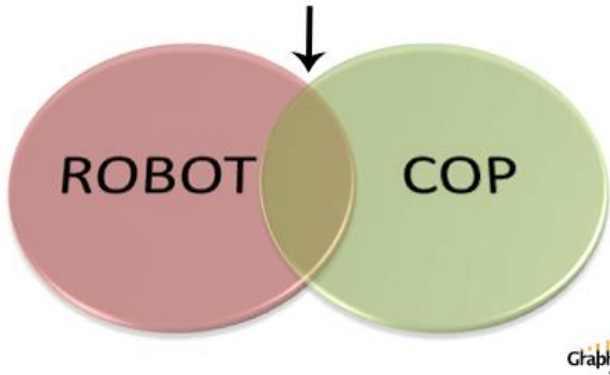
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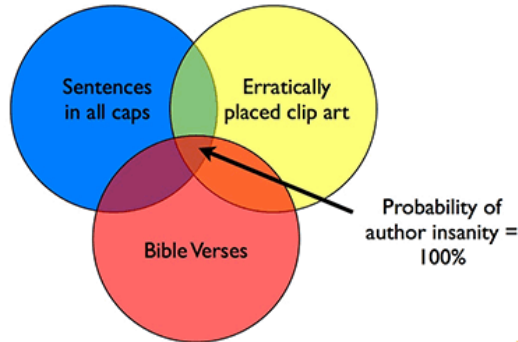
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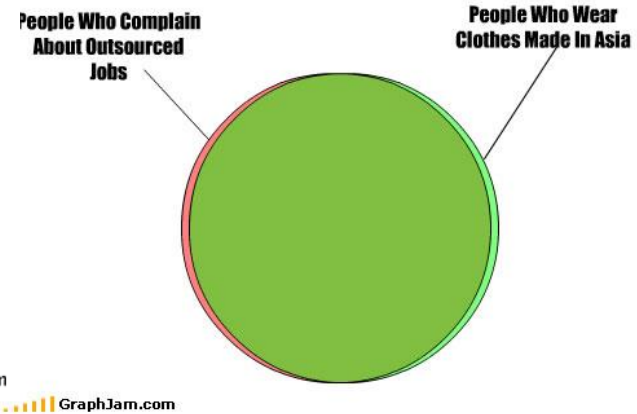
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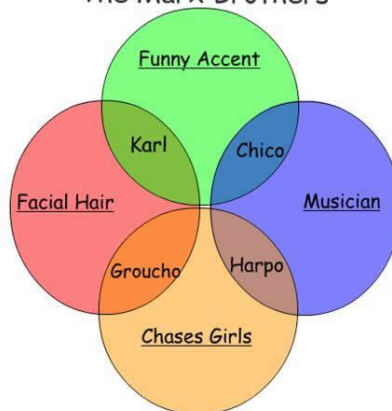
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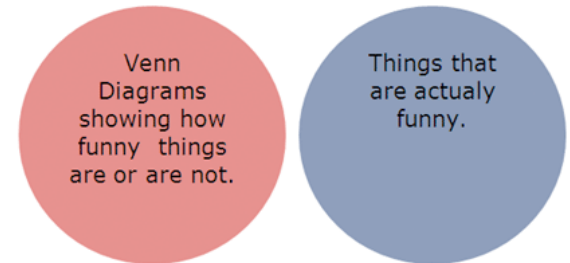
Clothing of Complainers



The Marx Brothers



The Ironic Truth about Venn Diagrams



spoiled

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The youngest generation at any given time

Funny Accent

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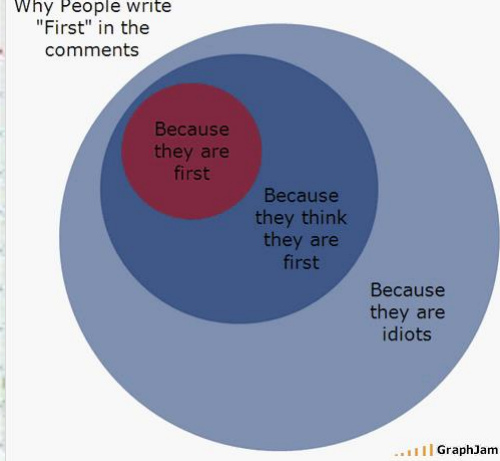
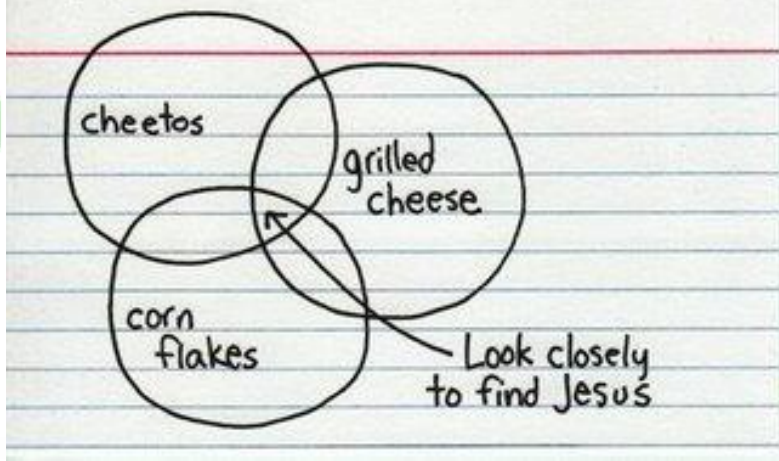
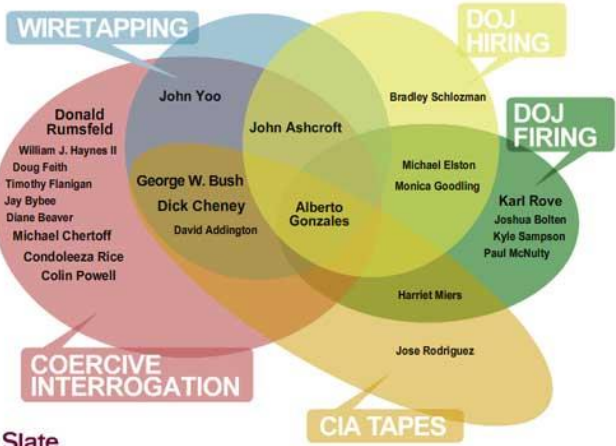
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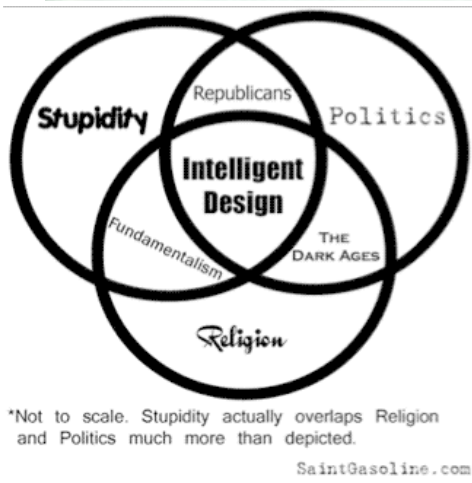
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Venn Diagrams showing how funny things are or are not.

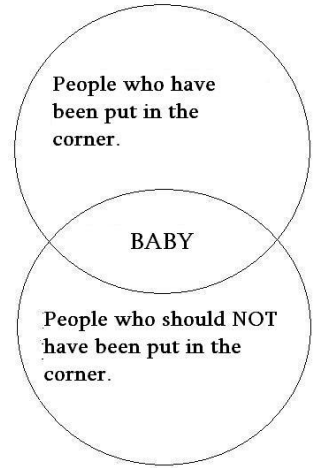
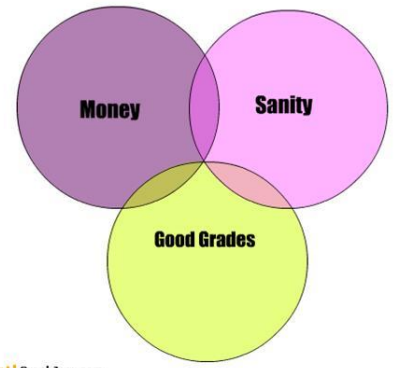
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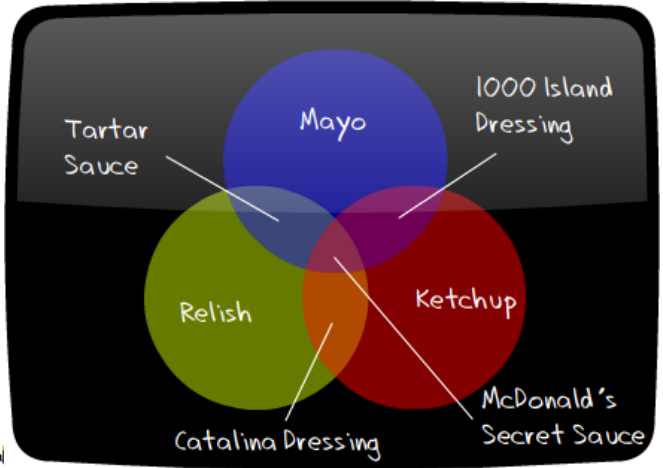
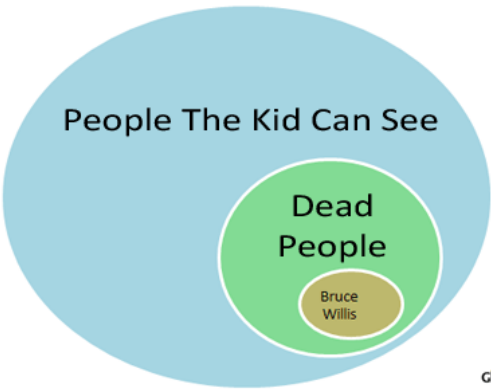
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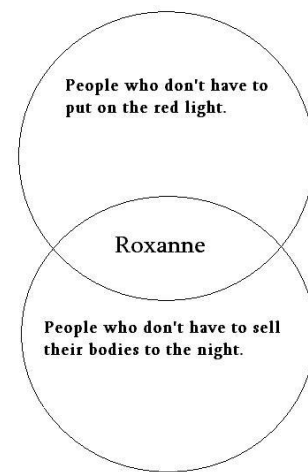
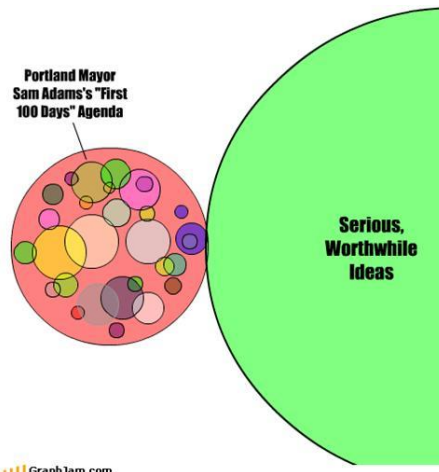
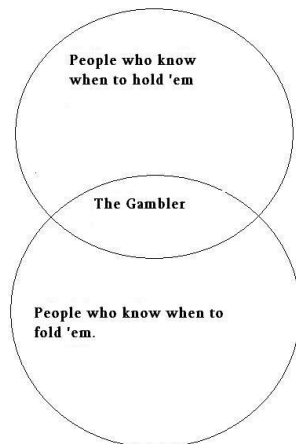
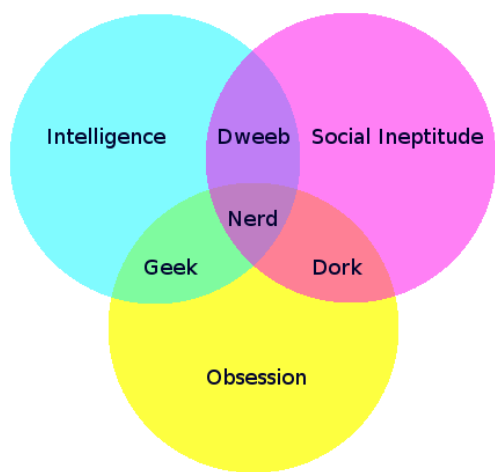


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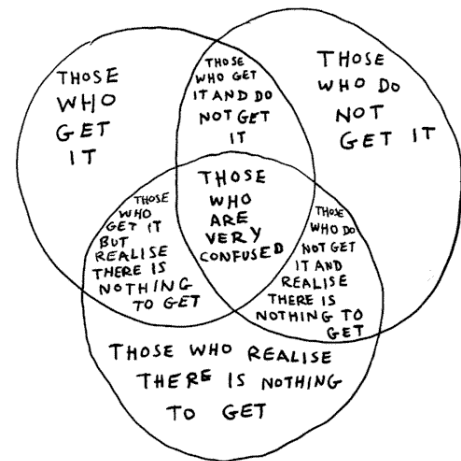


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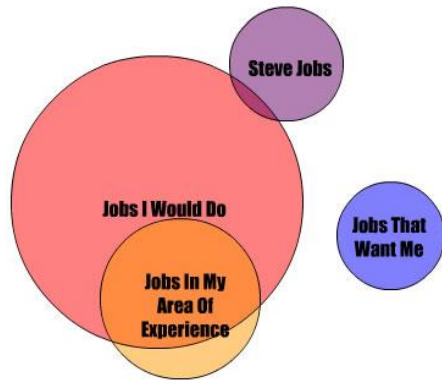




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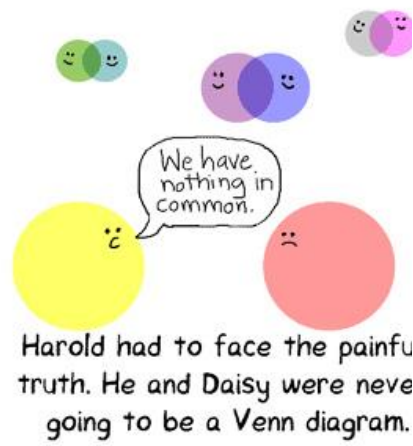
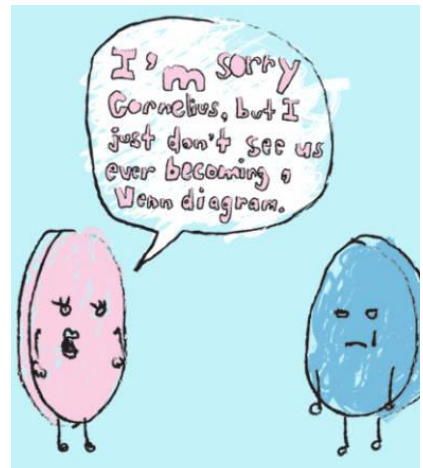
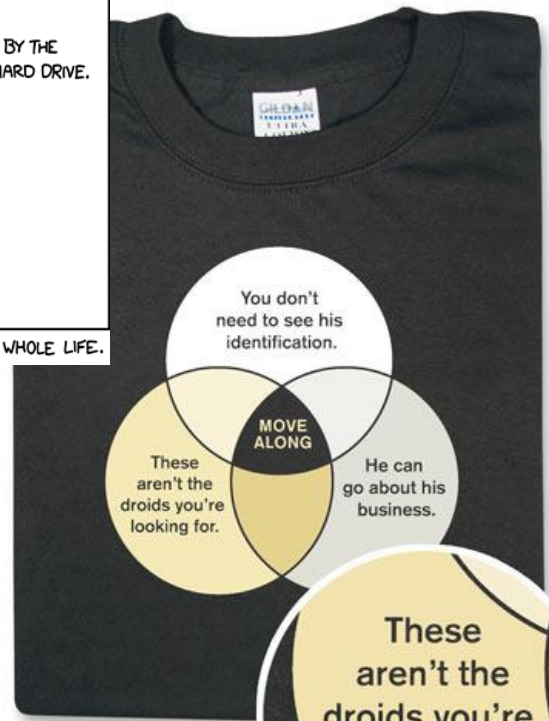
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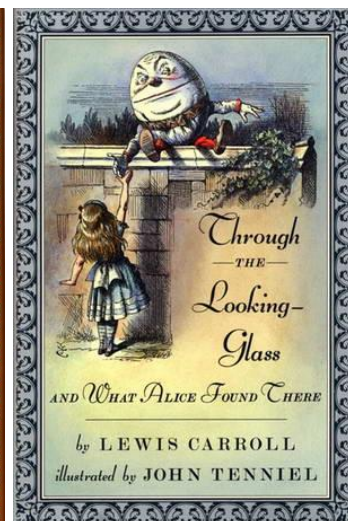
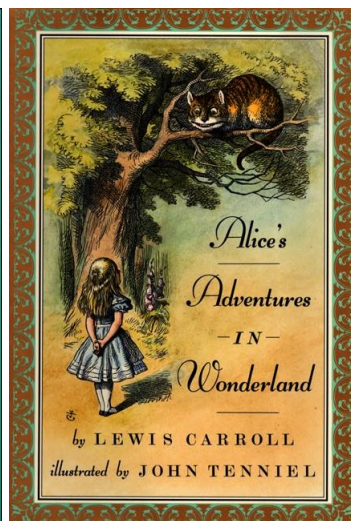
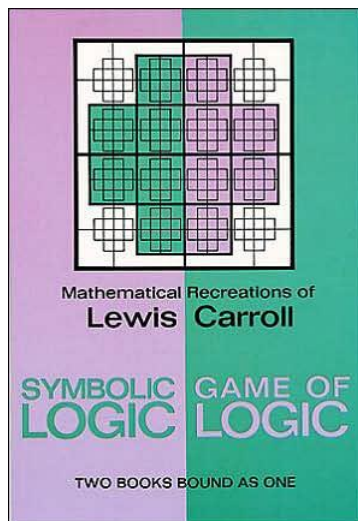
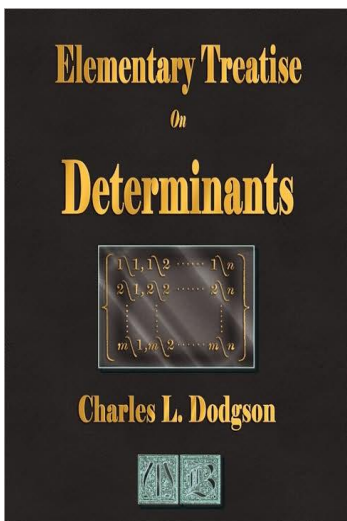
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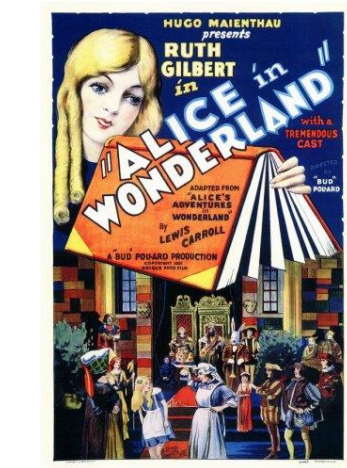
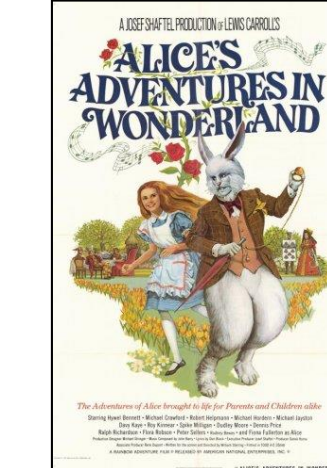
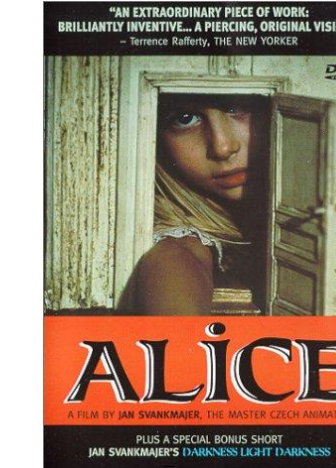
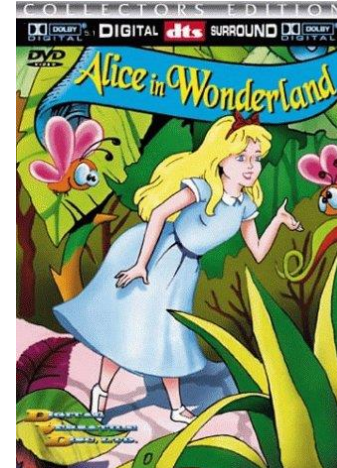
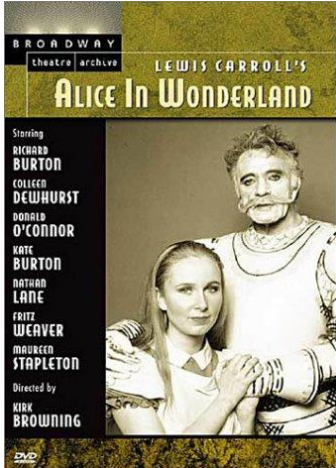
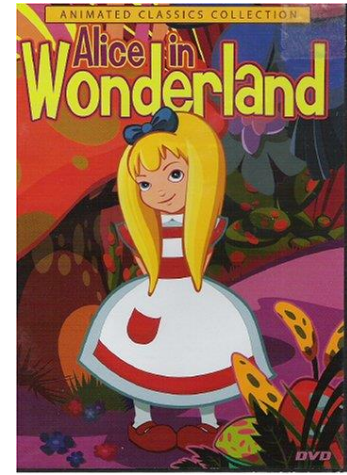
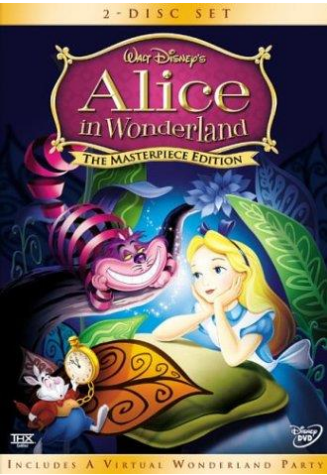
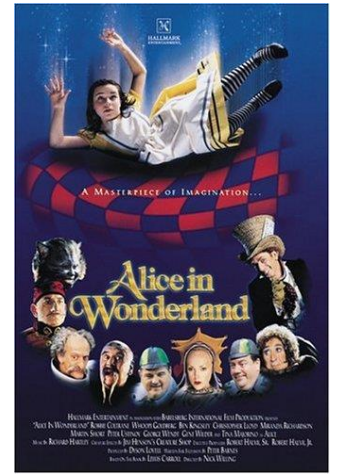
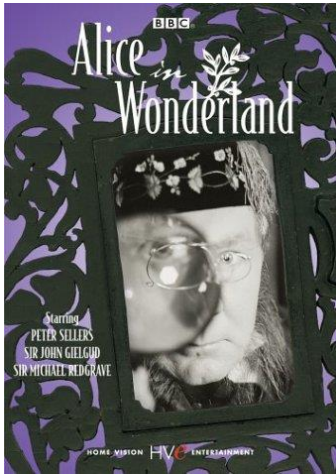
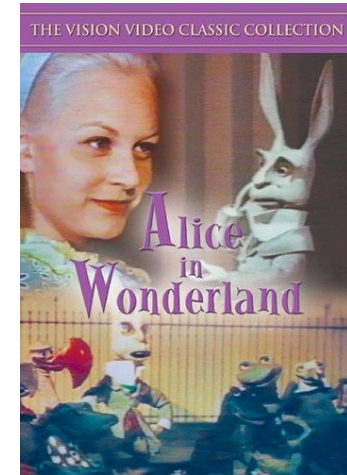
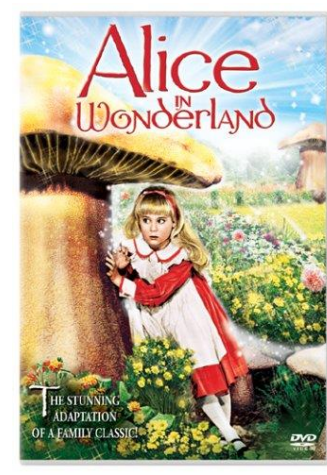
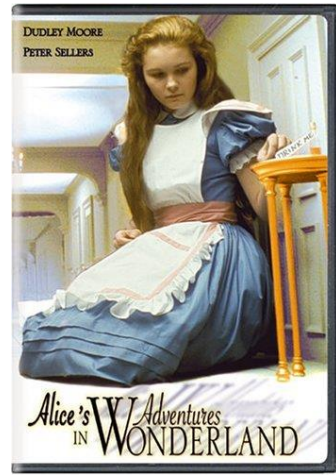
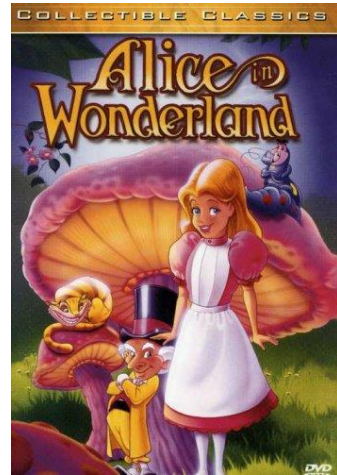
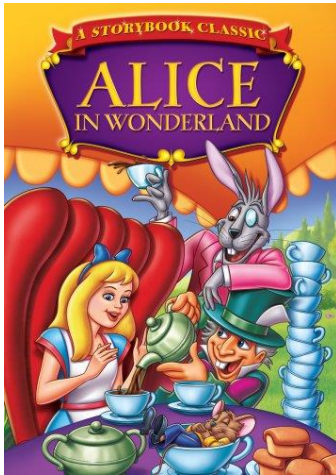


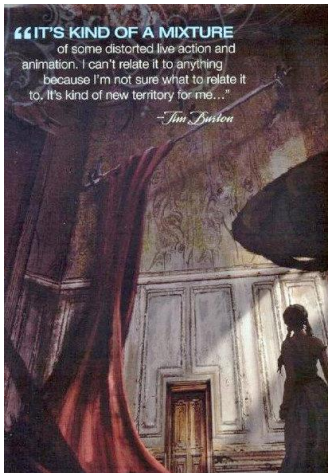
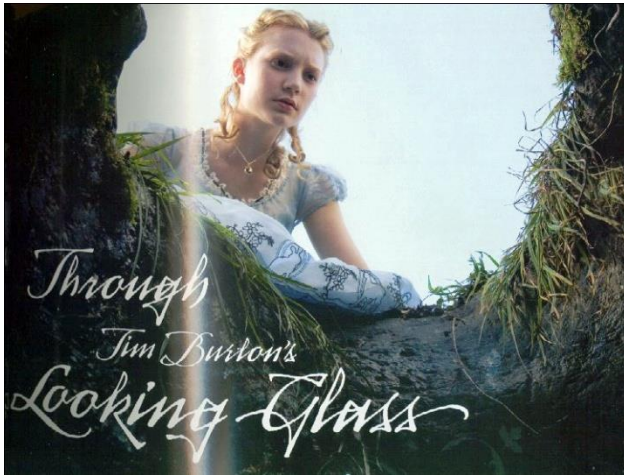
Historical Perspectives

Charles Dodgson (1832-1898)

- AKA “Lewis Carroll”
- Mathematician, logician, author, photographer
- Wrote “*Alice in Wonderland*”, “*Jabberwocky*”, and “*Through the Looking Glass*”
- Popularized logic & syllogisms and made it fun!
- Invented “*Scrabble*” and “*word ladder*” games
- Profoundly influenced literature, art, and culture







Alice and the White Knight: A Lesson in Logic, Semantics, and Pointers



`You are sad,' the Knight said in an anxious tone: `let me sing you a song to comfort you.'

`Is it very long?' Alice asked, for she had heard a good deal of poetry that day.

`It's long,' said the Knight, `but it's very, *very* beautiful. Everybody that hears me sing it -- either it brings the *tears* into their eyes, or else --'

logical disjunction!

`Or else what?' said Alice, for the Knight had made a sudden pause.

law of the excluded middle!

`Or else it doesn't, you know. The name of the song is called "*Haddocks' Eyes*".'

pointer to a pointer!

`Oh, that's the name of the song, is it?' Alice said, trying to feel interested.

`No, you don't understand,' the Knight said, looking a little vexed. `That's what the name is *called*. The name really is "*The Aged Aged Man*".'

pointer dereferencing: meta-pointer resolved!

`Then I ought to have said "That's what the *song* is called"?'`

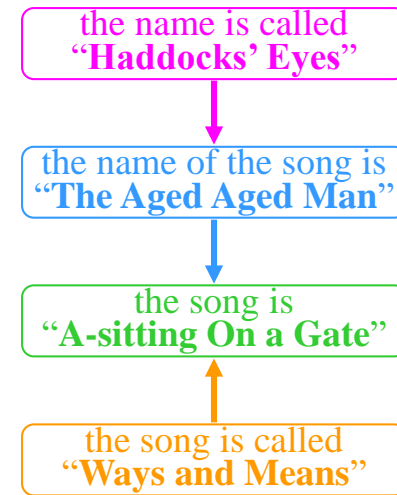
Alice corrected herself. separation of abstractions: variable vs. pointer!

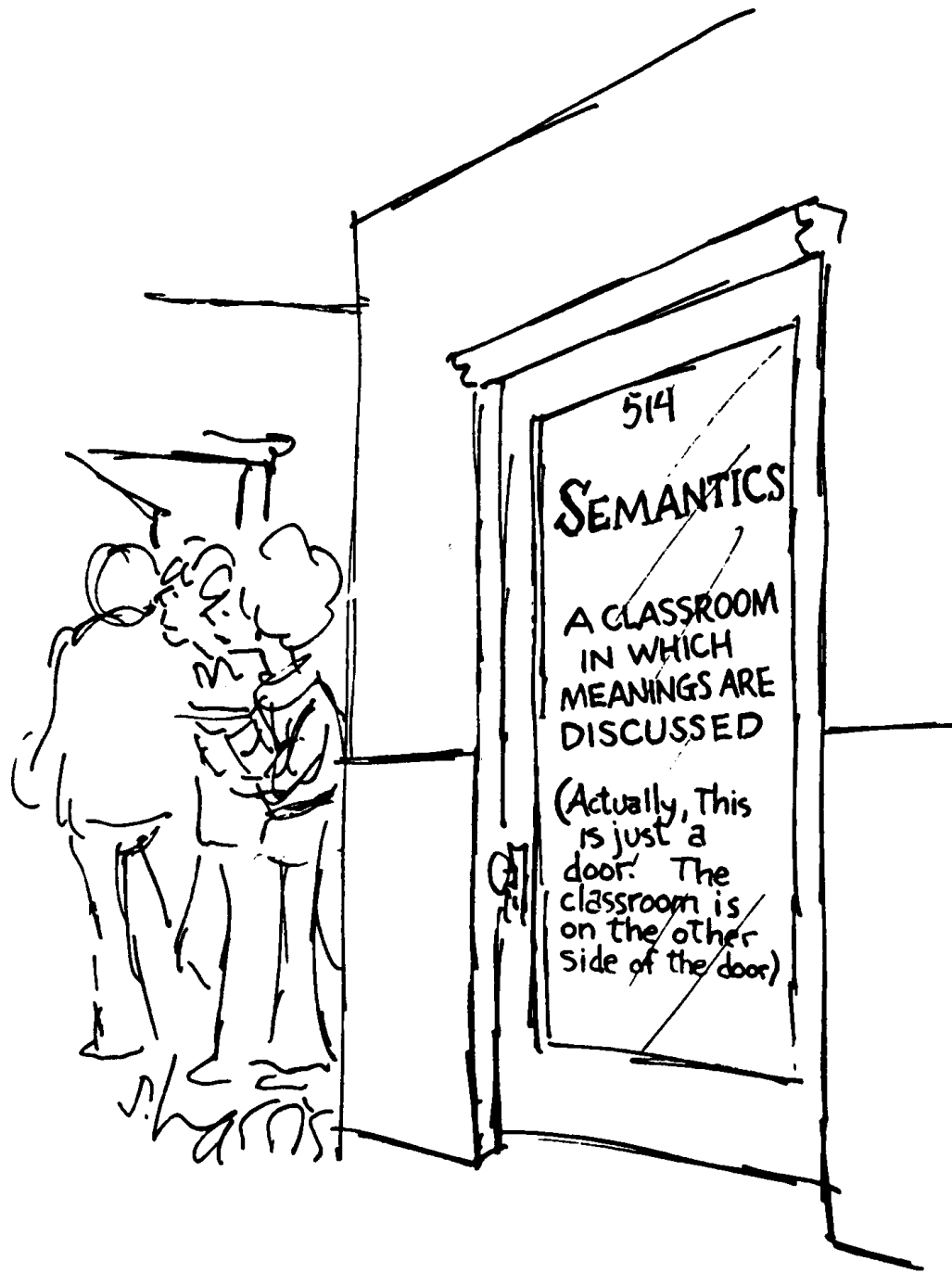
`No, you oughtn't: that's quite another thing! The *song* is called "*Ways and Means*": but that's only what it's *called*, you know!'

call-by-name vs. call-by-value!

`Well, what *is* the song, then?' said Alice, who was by this time completely bewildered.

`I was coming to that,' the Knight said. `The *song* really is "*A-sitting On a Gate*": and the tune's my own invention.'





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SEMANTICS

A CLASSROOM
IN WHICH
MEANINGS ARE
DISCUSSED

(Actually, this
is just a
door. The
classroom is
on the other
side of the door)

S. HARTS

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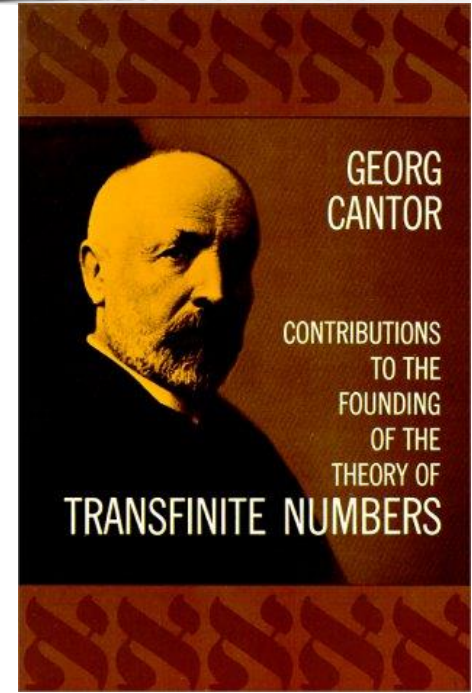
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Georg Cantor (1845-1918)

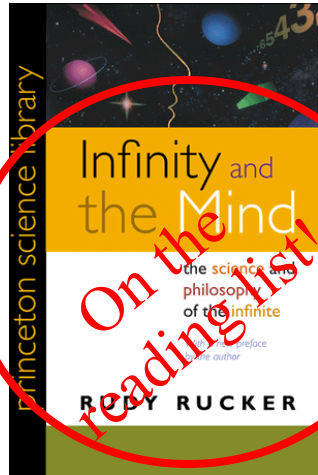
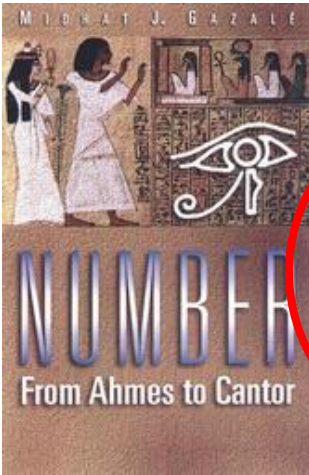
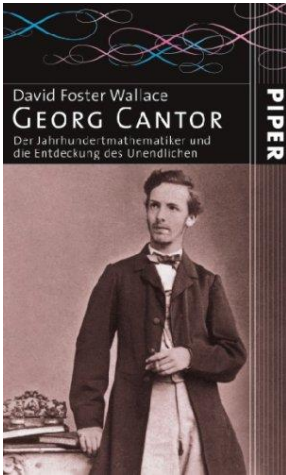
- Created modern set theory
- Invented **trans-finite** arithmetic (highly controversial at the time)
- Invented **diagonalization** argument
- First to use **1-to-1 correspondences** with sets
- Proved **some infinities “bigger”** than others
- Showed an **infinite hierarchy of infinities**
- Formulated **continuum hypothesis**
- **Cantor’s theorem**, “**Cantor set**”, Cantor dust, Cantor cube, Cantor space, **Cantor’s paradox**
- Laid foundation for **computer science theory**
- **Influenced** Hilbert, Godel, Church, Turing



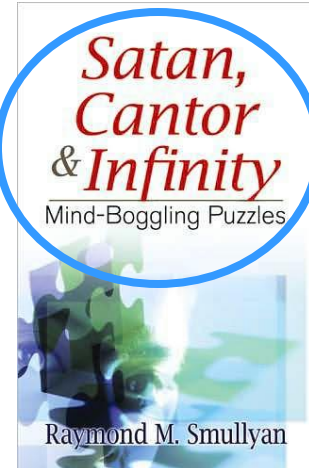
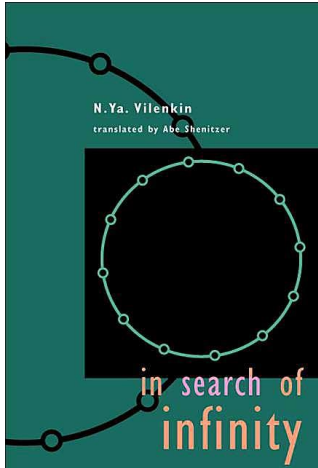
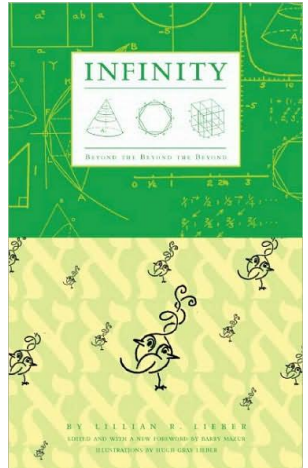
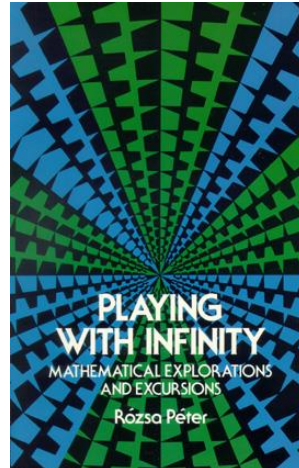
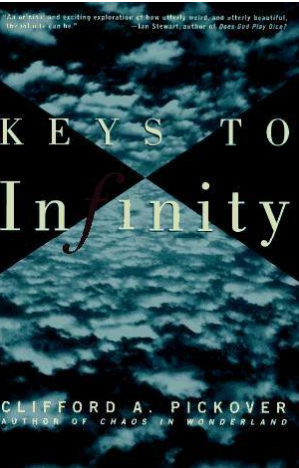
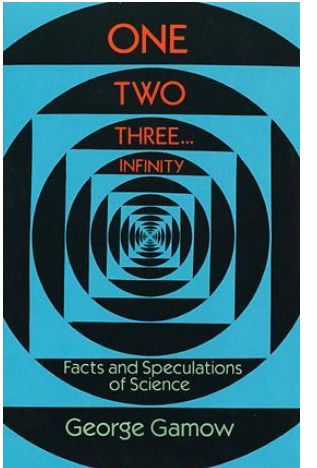
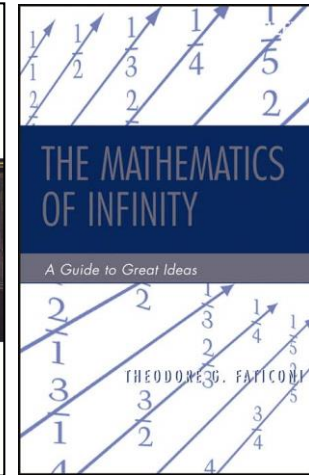
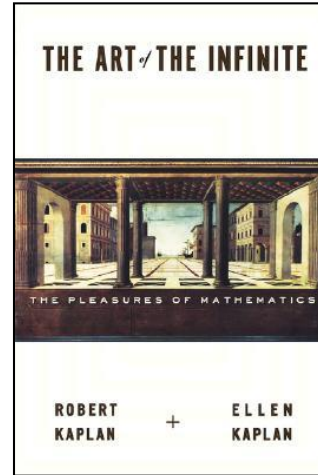
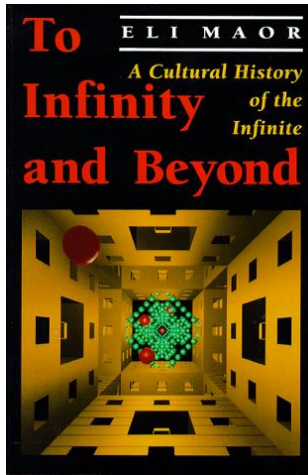
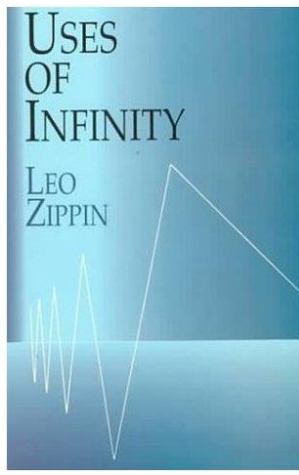
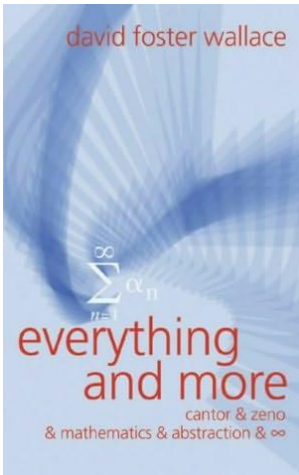
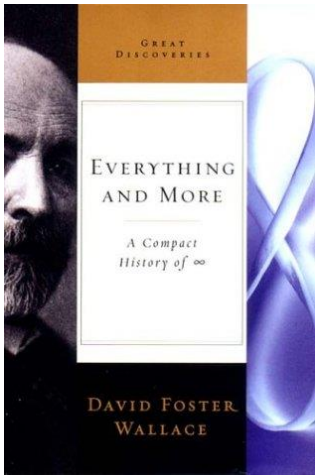
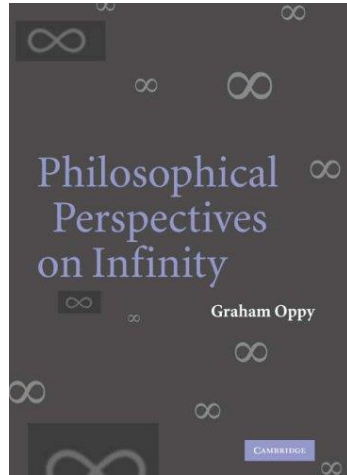
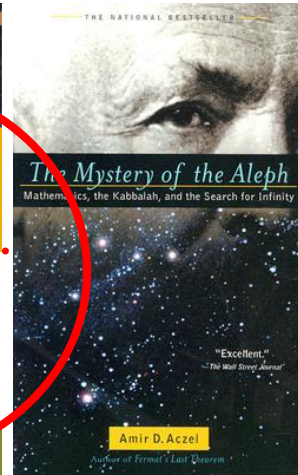
GEORG CANTOR
His Mathematics and
Philosophy of the Infinite



Joseph Warren Dauben

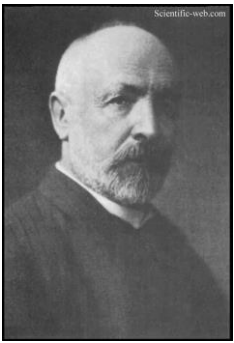


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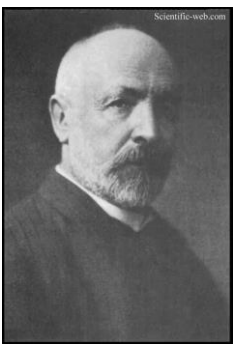
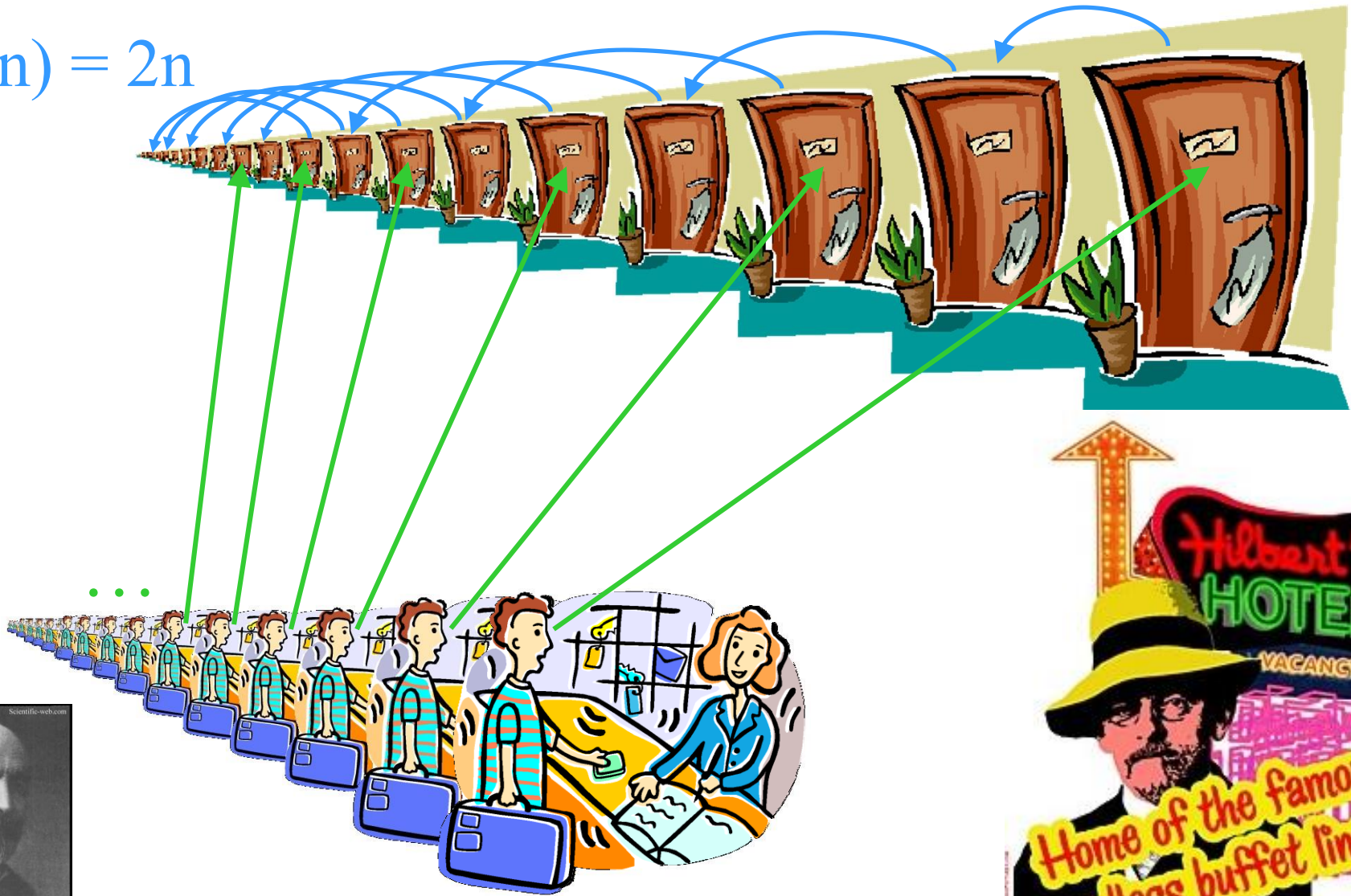
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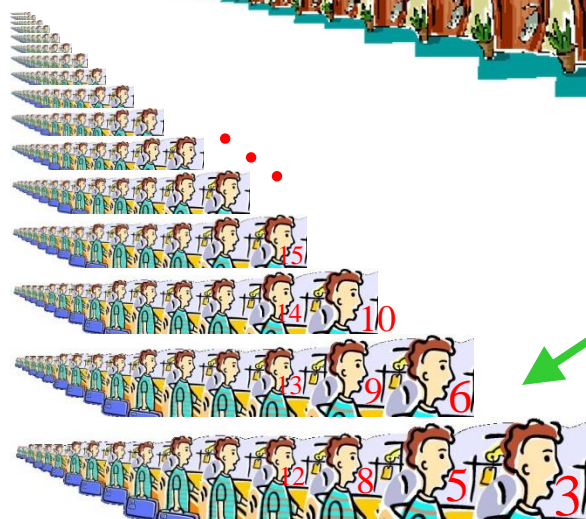


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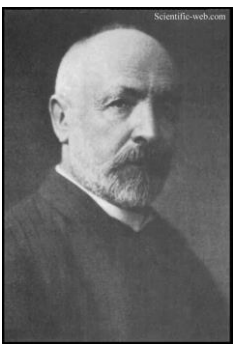
$$f(n) = 2n$$



Problem: How can an infinity of infinities of **new** guests be accommodated in a **full** infinite hotel?



one-to-one
correspondence





Celebrity Cruises **X** a true departure

**WELCOME
TO
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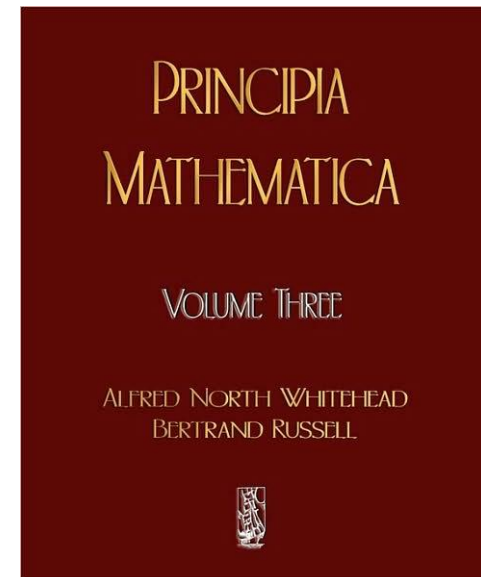
Infinity

SECURITY

Historical Perspectives


Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

- Philosopher, logician, mathematician, historian, social reformist, and pacifist
- Co-authored “**Principia Mathematica**” (1910)
- **Axiomatized mathematics** and set theory
- Co-founded **analytic philosophy**
- Originated **Russell’s Paradox**
- **Activist: humanitarianism**, pacifism, education, free trade, nuclear disarmament, birth control gender & racial equality, gay rights
- Profoundly **transformed math & philosophy**, mentored Wittgenstein, influenced Godel
- Laid **foundation** for computer science theory
- Won Nobel Prize in literature (1950)




The Problems of Philosophy

... Bertrand Russell, a Welsh atheist, wore many hats including philosopher, historical, logician, mathematician, and social reformist. In 1950 he won a Nobel Prize in literature for his humanitarianism and freedom of thought. In this book Russell attempts to give an easily accessible look at problems in philosophy.



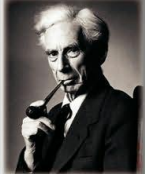
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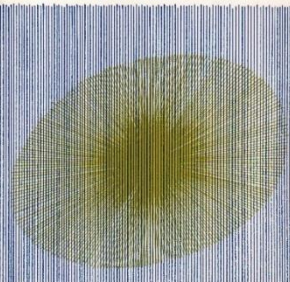
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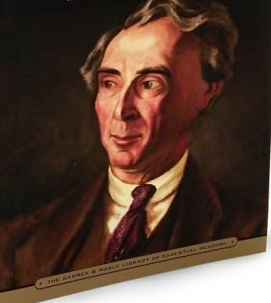
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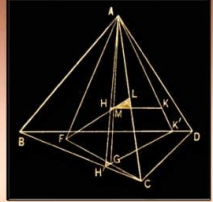
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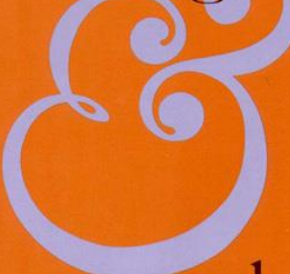
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AUTHORITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL

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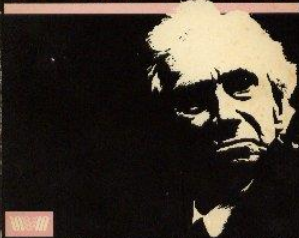
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THE ART OF PHILOSOPHIZING AND OTHER ESSAYS

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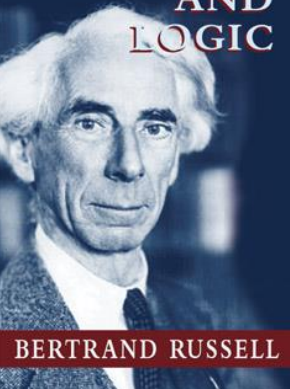
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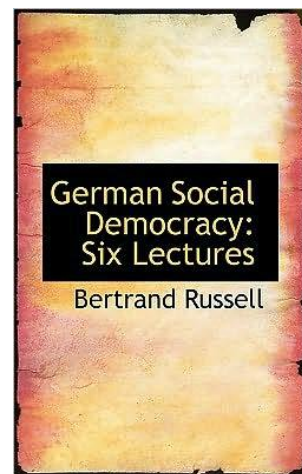
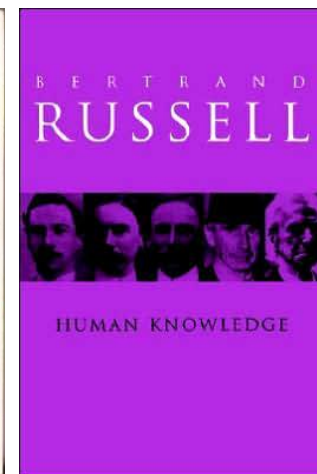
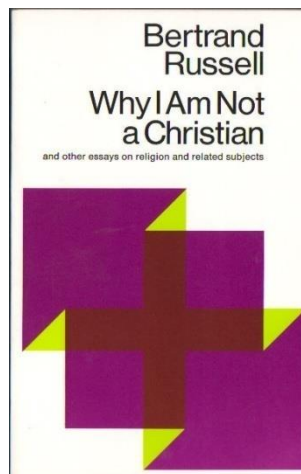
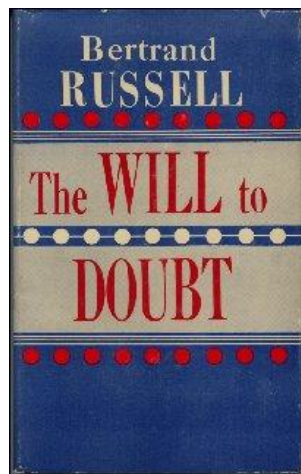
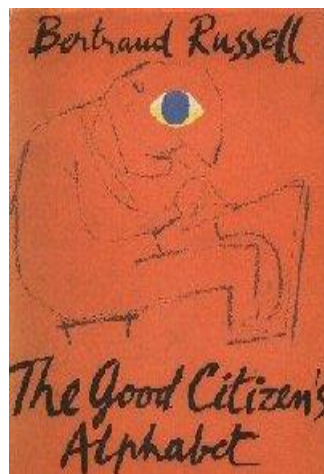
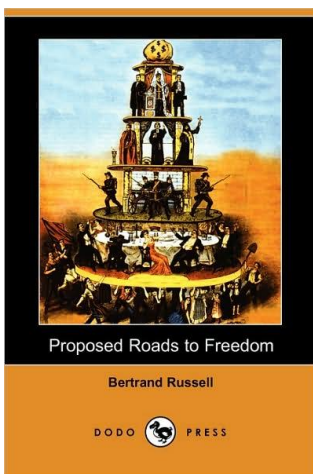
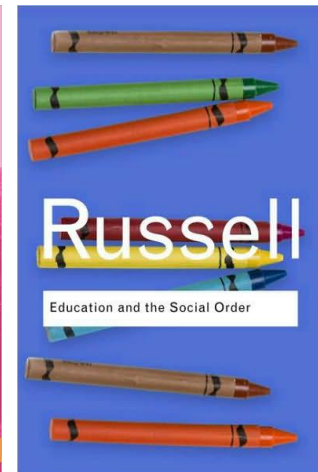
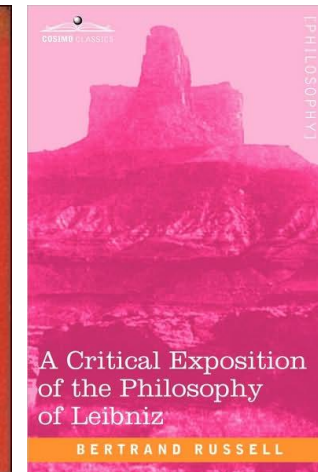
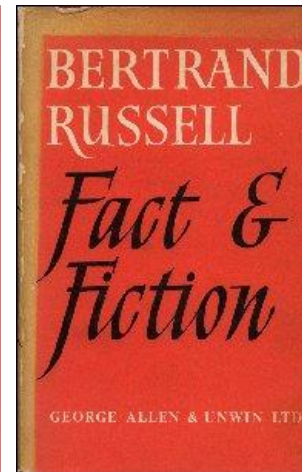
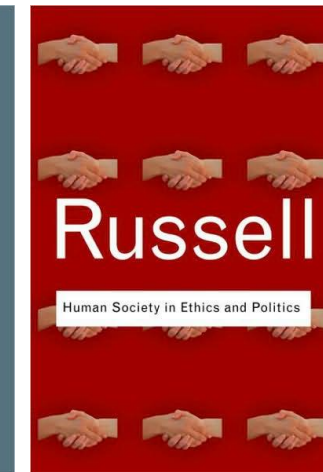
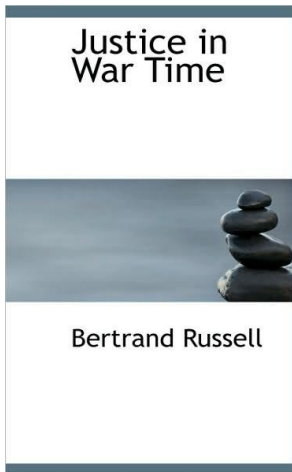
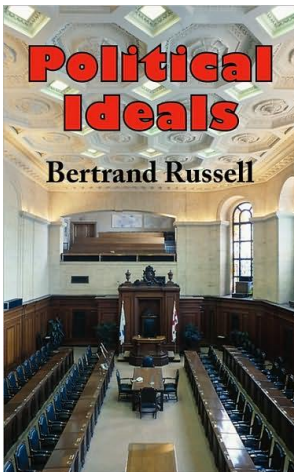
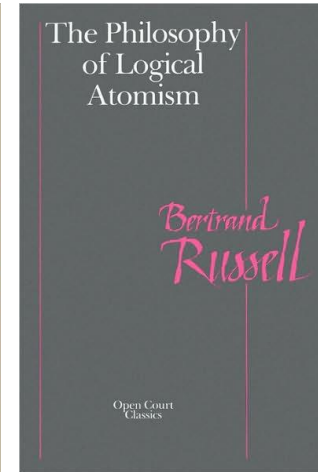
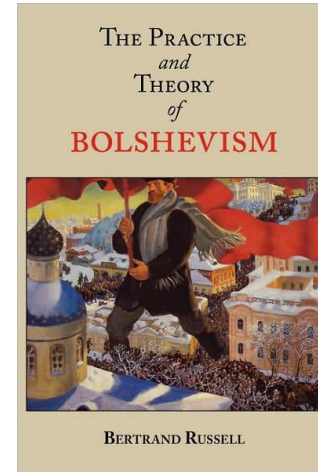
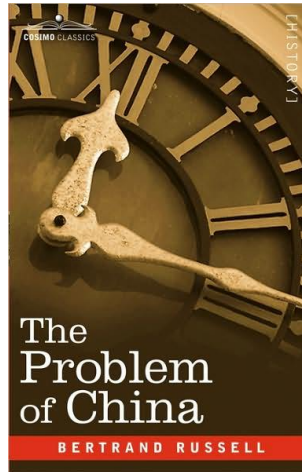
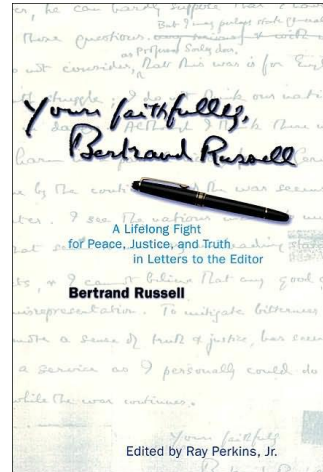
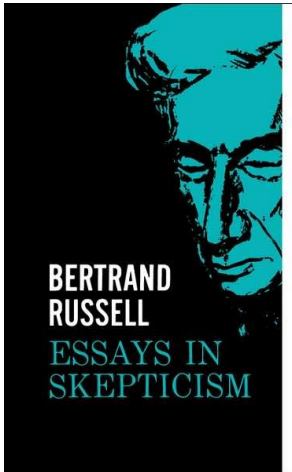
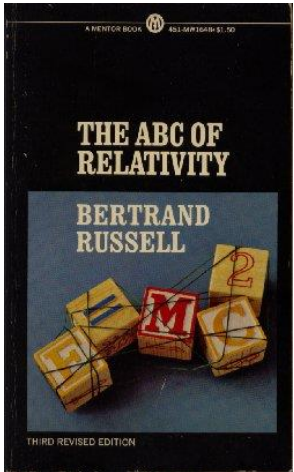
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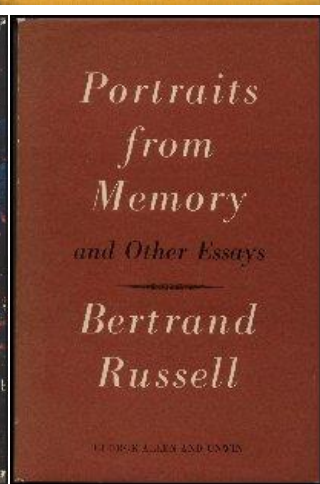
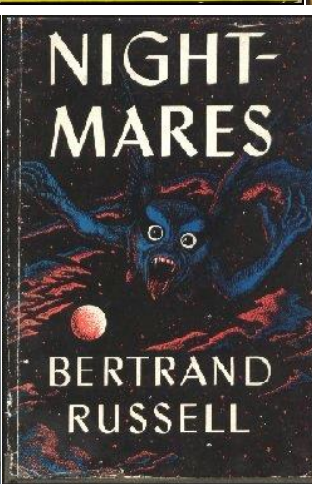
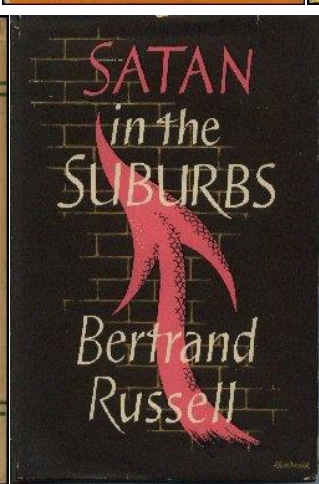
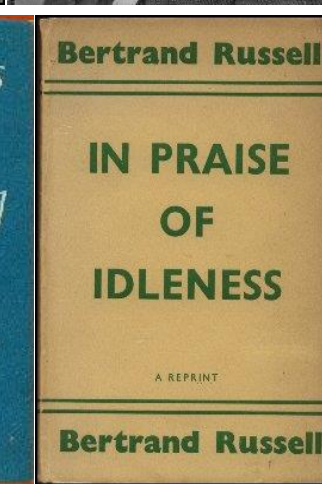
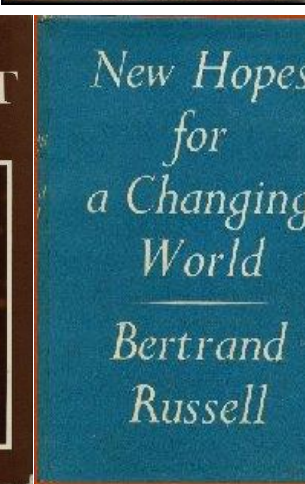
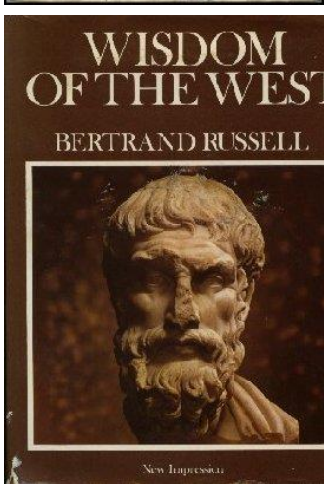
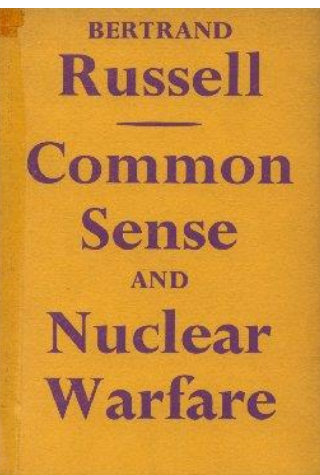
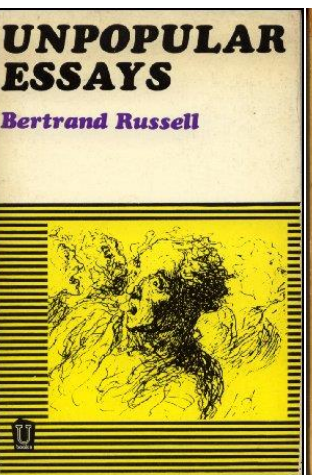
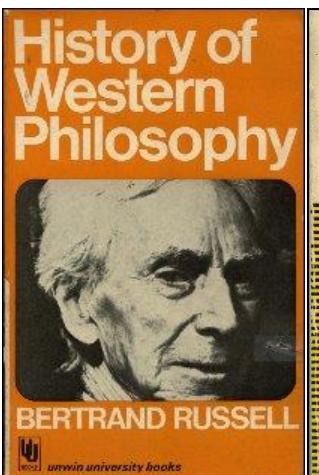
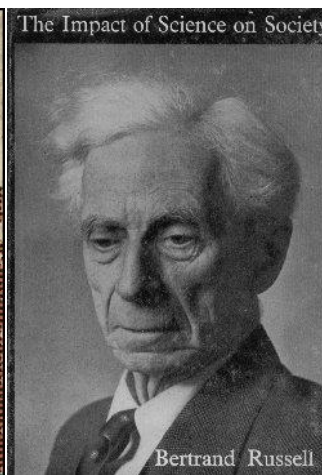
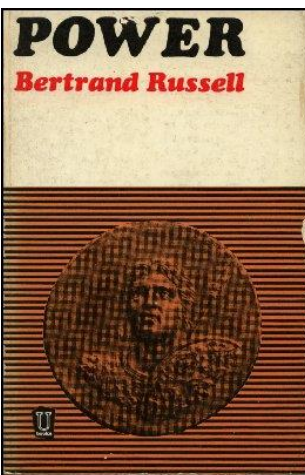
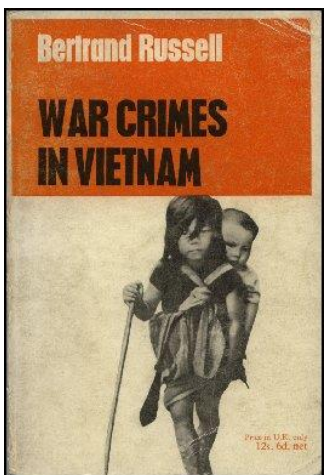
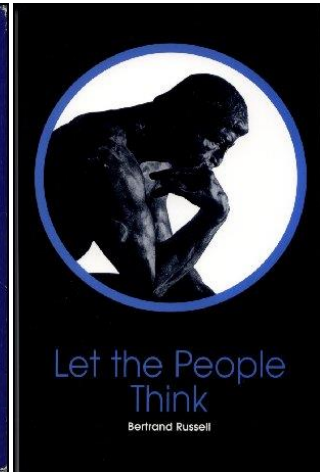
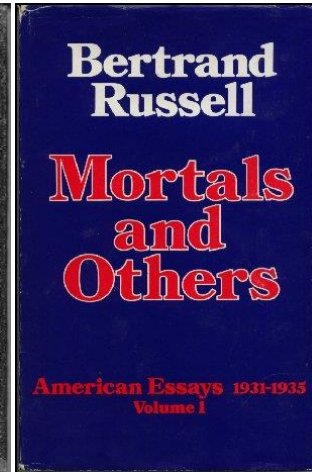
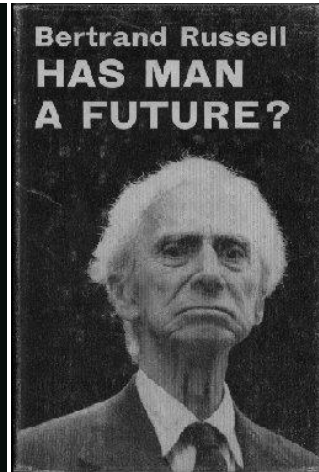
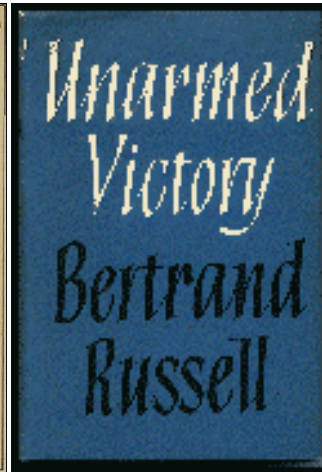
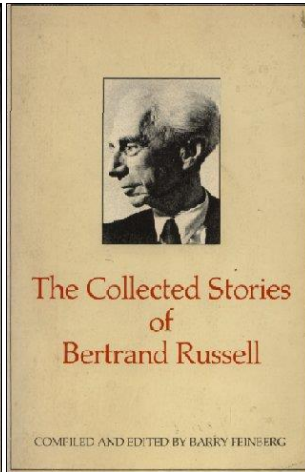
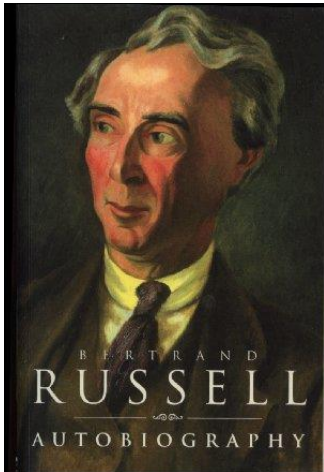


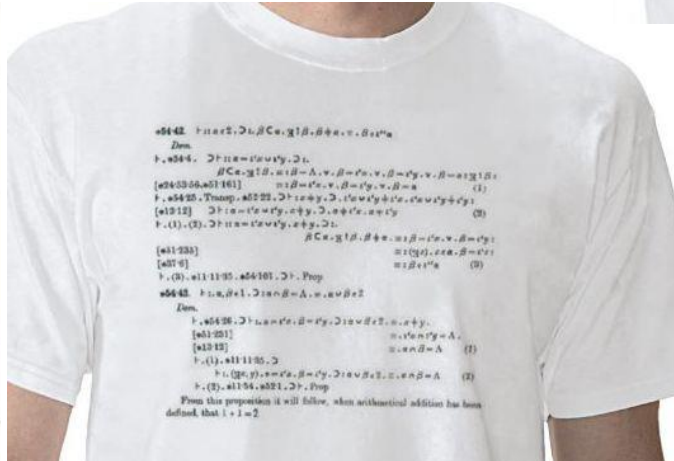
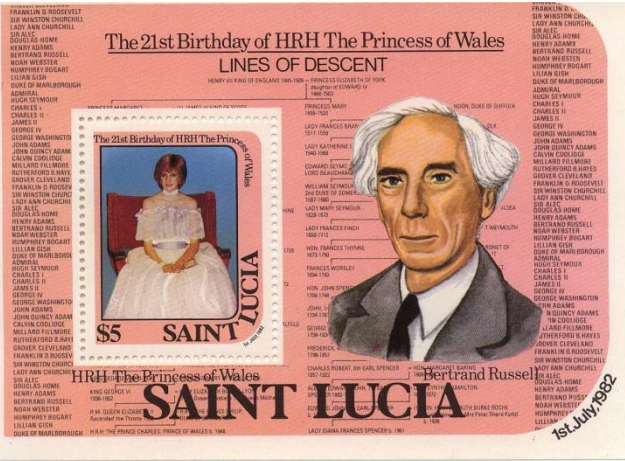
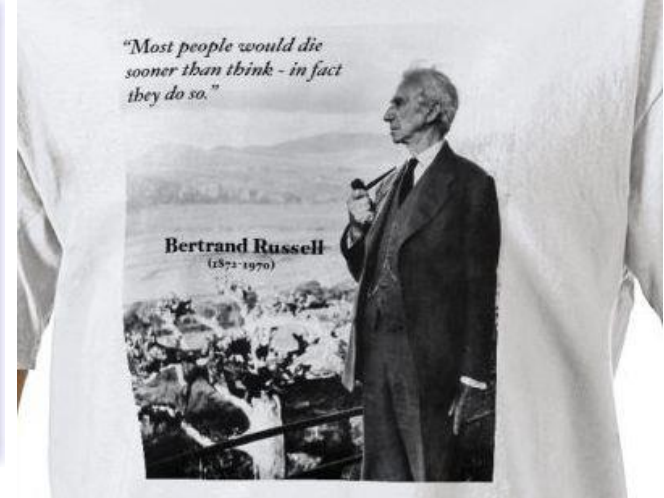
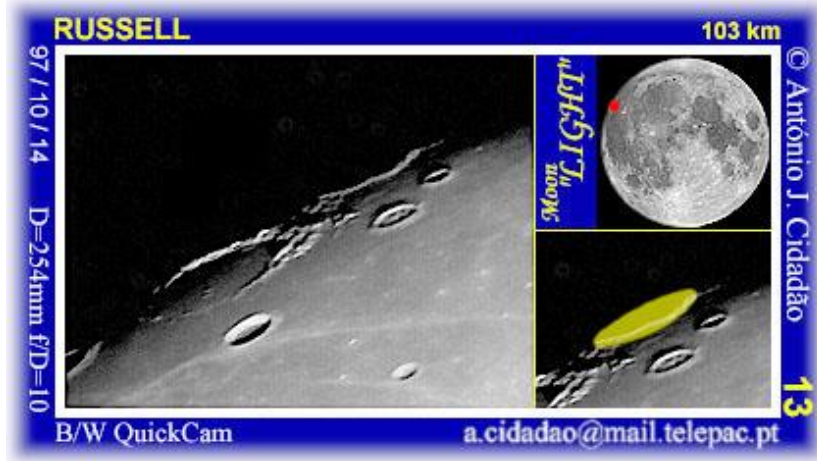
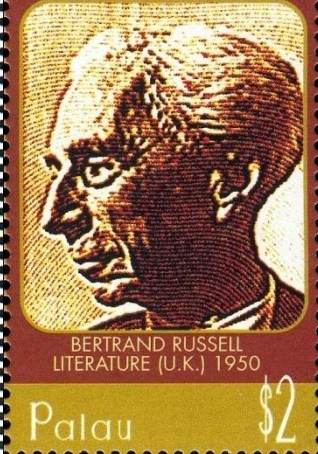
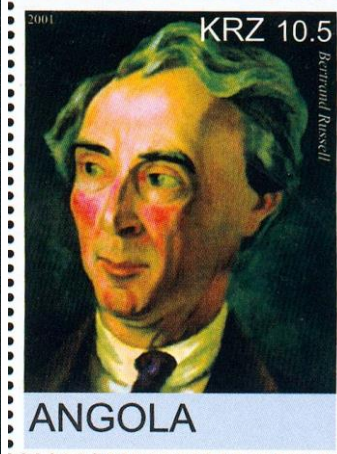
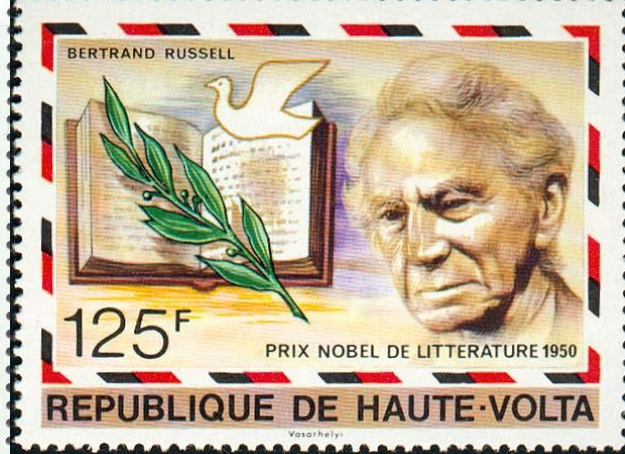
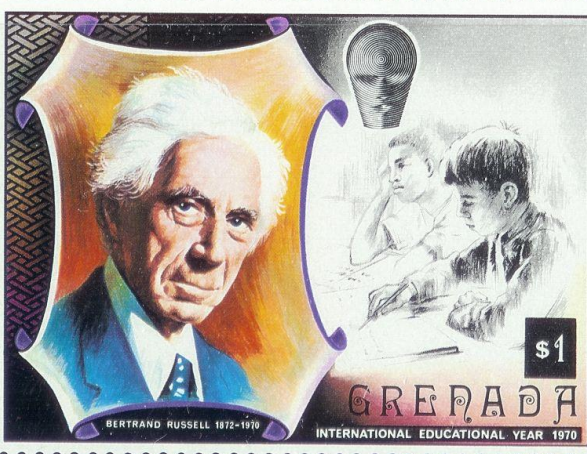
MYSTICISM AND LOGIC



BERTRAND RUSSELL







"Most people would die sooner than think; in fact, they do so."
 - Bertrand Russell
 (1872-1970)

Russell's paradox was invented by Russell in 1901 to show that naïve set theory is self-contradictory:

Define: set of all sets that **do not contain themselves**

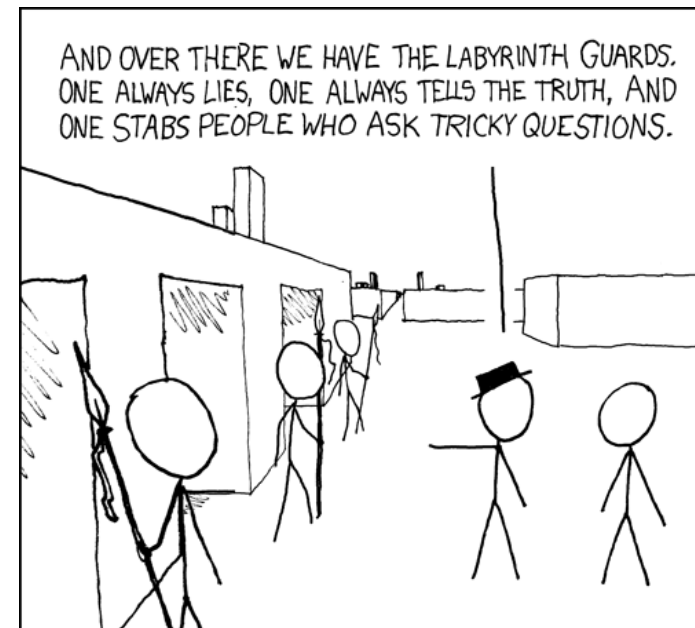
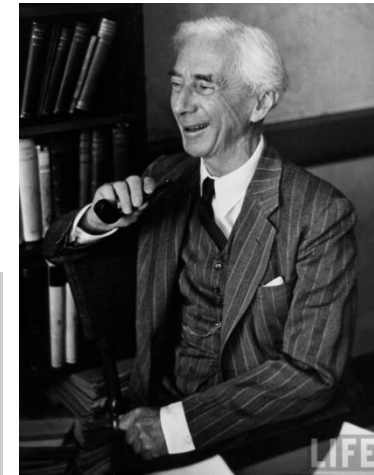
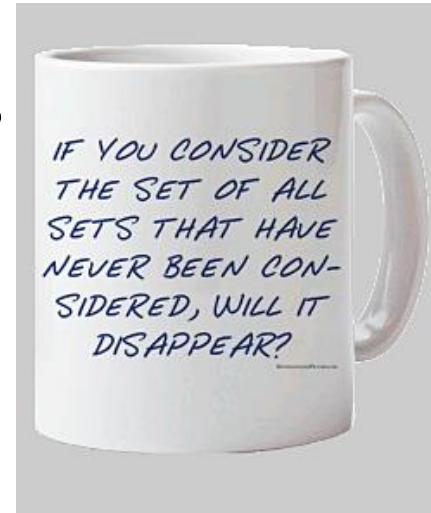
$$S = \{ T \mid T \notin T \}$$

Q: does S contain itself as an element?

$$S \notin S \Leftrightarrow S \in S \quad \text{contradiction!}$$

Similar **paradoxes**:

- “**A barber who shaves exactly those who do not shave themselves.**”
- “This sentence is false.”
- “I am lying.”
- “Is the answer to this question ‘no’?”
- “The smallest positive integer not describable in twenty words or less.”

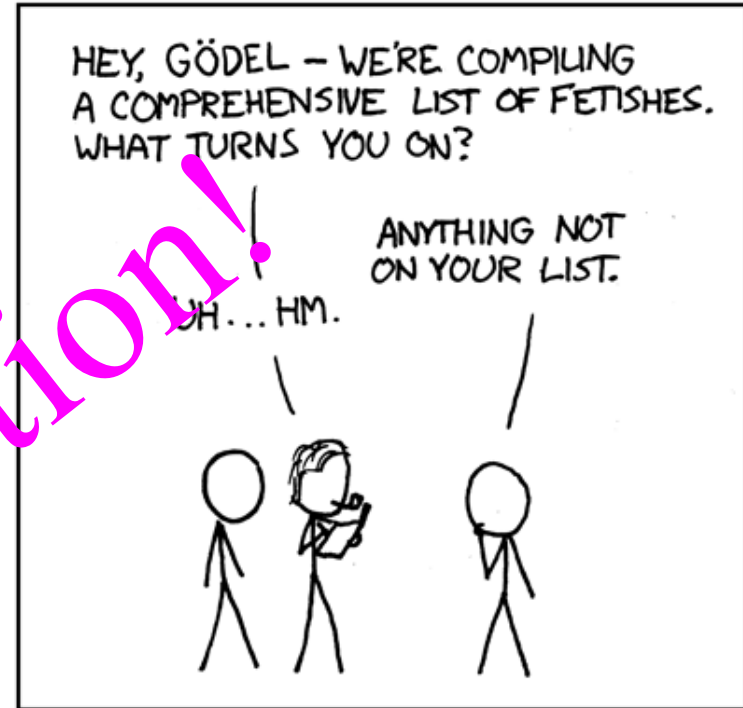




Star Trek, 1967, "I, Mudd" episode
Captain James Kirk and Harry Mudd use a logical paradox to cause hostile android "Norman" to crash

AUTHOR KATHARINE GATES RECENTLY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A CHART OF ALL SEXUAL FETISHES.

LITTLE DID SHE KNOW THAT RUSSELL AND WHITEHEAD HAD ALREADY FAILED AT THIS SAME TASK.

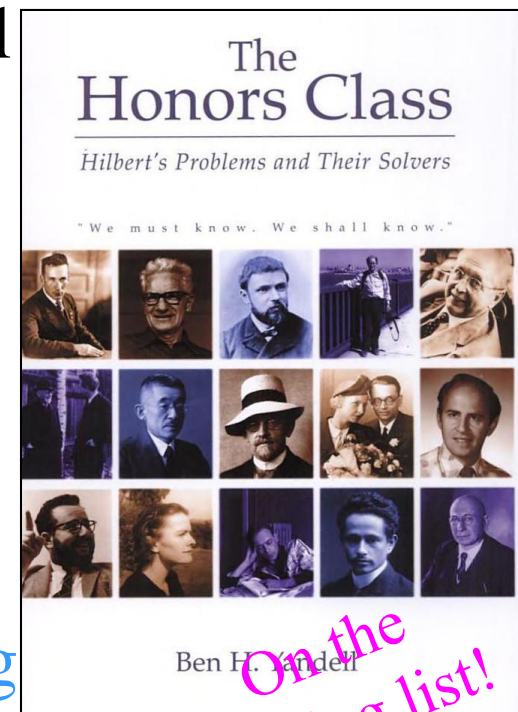


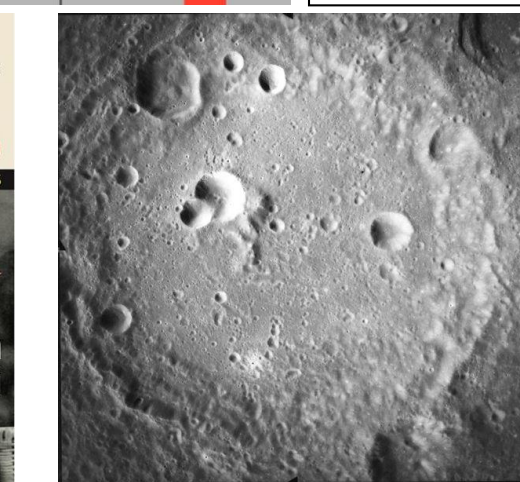
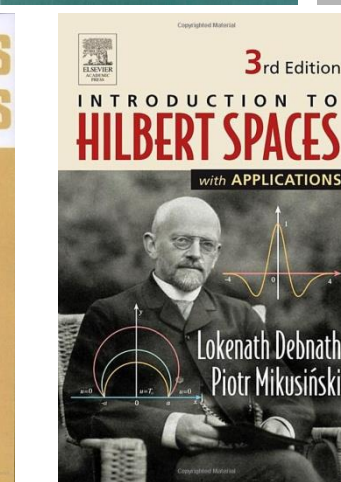
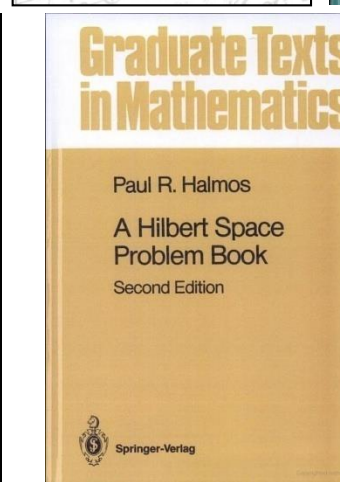
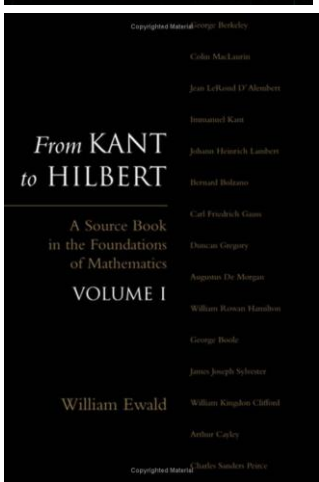
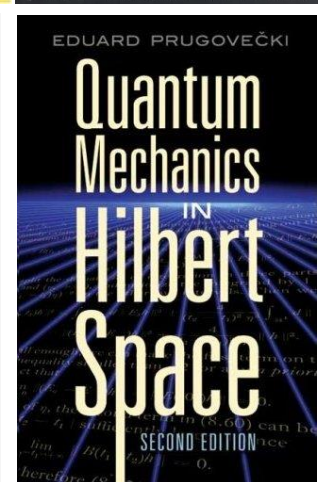
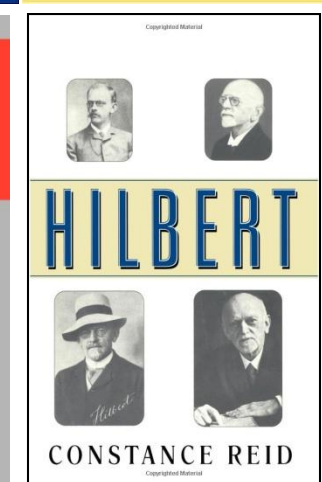
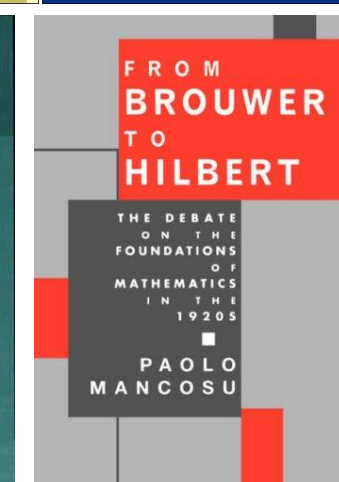
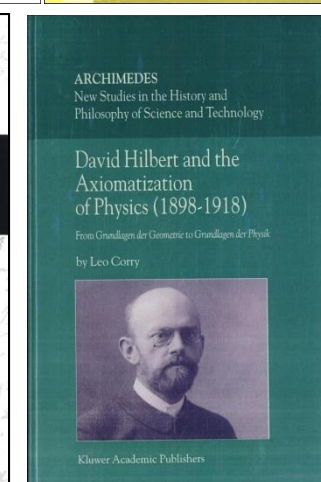
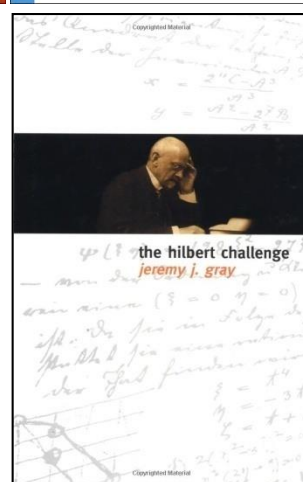
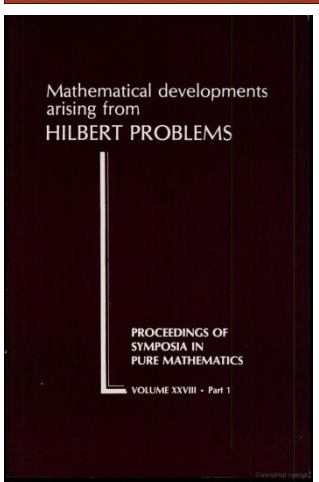
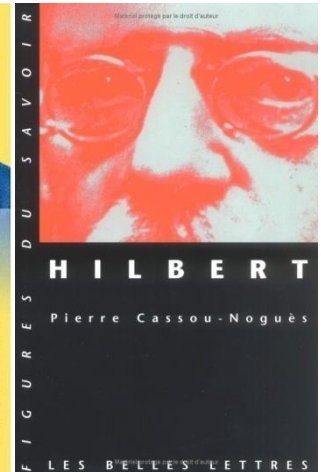
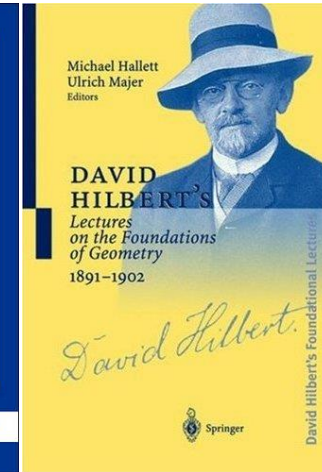
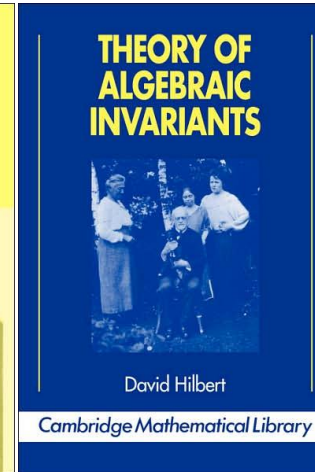
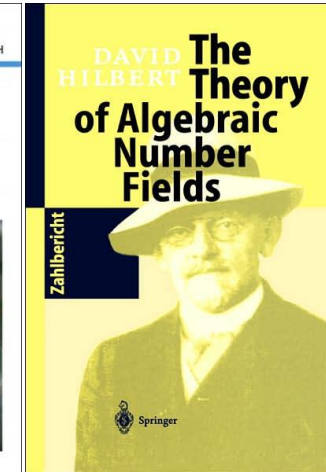
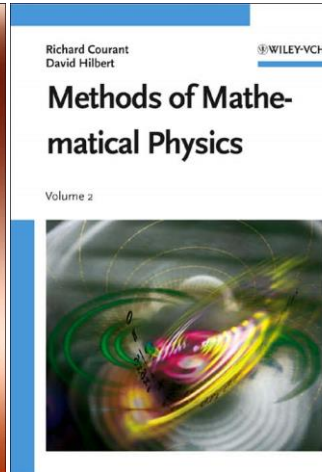
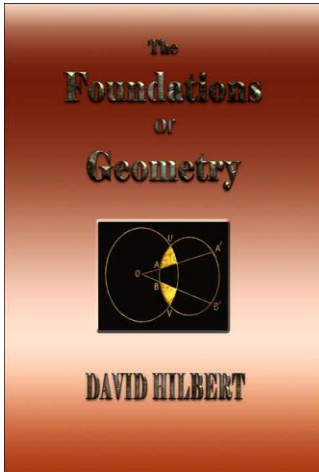


Historical Perspectives

David Hilbert (1862-1943)

- One of the most influential mathematicians
- Developed **invariant theory**, **Hilbert spaces**
- **Axiomatized geometry**, “Hilbert’s axioms”
- Co-founded **proof theory**, **mathematical logic**, **meta-mathematics**, & formalist school
- Created famous list of **23 open problems** that greatly impacted mathematics research
- Defended Cantor’s **transfinite numbers**
- Contributed to **relativity theory** & physics
- Hilbert’s students included Courant, Hecke, Lasker, Weyl, Ackermann, and Zermelo
- **Influenced Russell, Gödel, Church, & Turing**
- **John von Neumann** was Hilbert’s assistant!



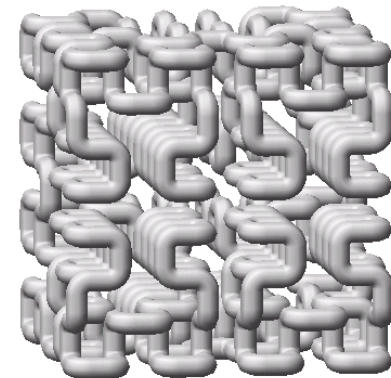
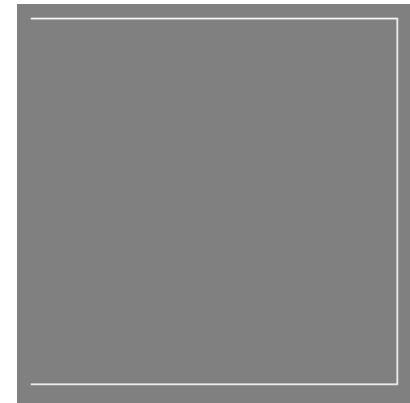


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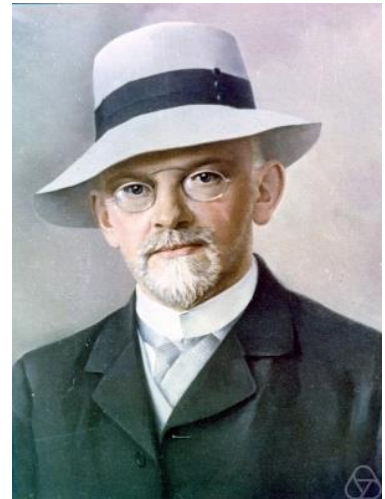
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- Hilbert's program
- Hilbert–Poincaré series
- Hilbert space
- Hilbert transform
- Hilbert's Arithmetic of Ends
- Hilbert's constants
- Hilbert's irreducibility theorem
- Hilbert's Nullstellensatz
- Hilbert's hotel paradox
- Hilbert's theorem
- Hilbert's syzygy theorem
- Hilbert-style deduction system
- Hilbert–Pólya conjecture
- Hilbert–Schmidt operator
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- Hilbert–Speiser theorem
- Einstein–Hilbert action
- [Hilbert curve](#)



Hilbert curve:



Hilbert's Problems

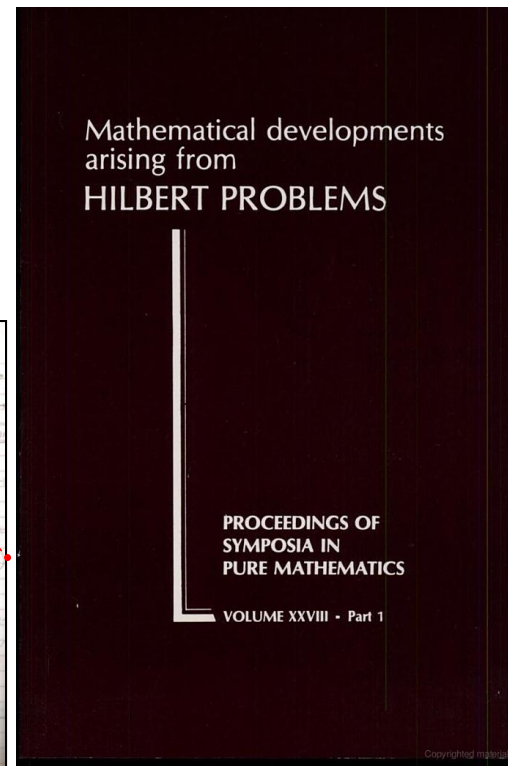
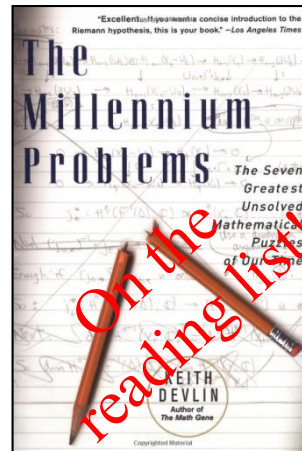


International Congress of Mathematics, Paris, 1900

- David Hilbert proposed **23 open problems**
- Most successful open problems compilation ever
- **Set the direction** for 20th century mathematics
- Hilbert's problems received much attention to date
- **Several have been resolved** (e.g., Continuum hypothesis)
- **Others still open** (e.g., Riemann hypothesis)
- **Catalyzed other open problems lists:**
 - Clay Institute's Millennium Prize problems
 - DARPA Mathematical Challenges, 2009



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Hilbert's Problems



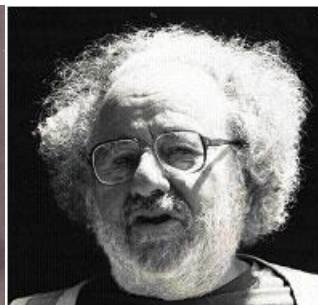
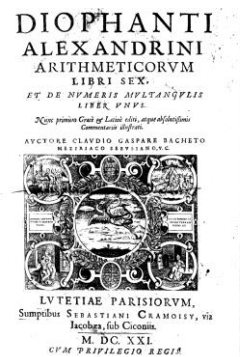
Problem 10: Find an **algorithm** that determines whether a given Diophantine (i.e., multi-variable **polynomial**) equation has any **integer solutions**.

Ex: $x^2+y^2=z^2$ has many integer solutions

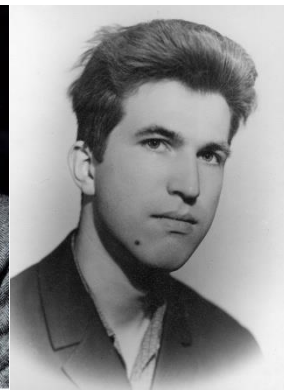
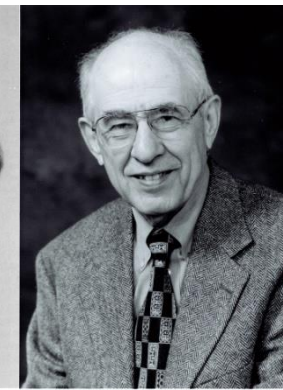
(Pythagorean theorem, e.g., $x=3$, $y=4$, $z=5$)

$x^9+y^9=z^9$ has no integer solutions (corollary of Fermat's Last Theorem, conjectured in 1637, proved in 1995 by Andrew Wiles)

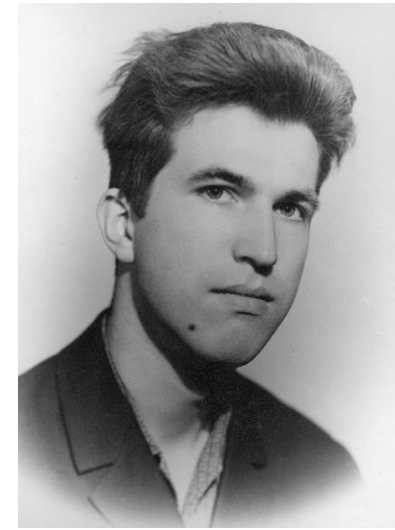
Many attempts at solution & partial results: **Emil Post** (1944), **Martin Davis** (1949), **Julia Robinson** (1950), **Hilary Putnam** (1959)



Martin Davis



Hilbert's Tenth Problem



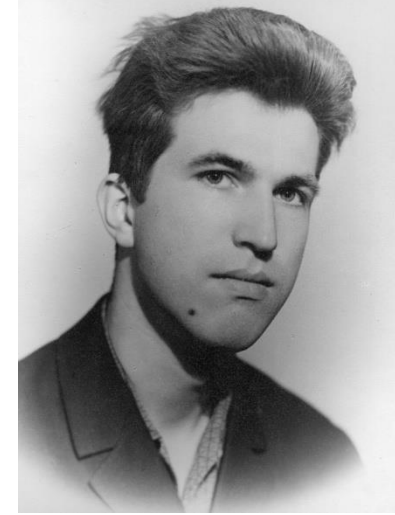
Theorem [Matiyasevich, 1970]: Every Turing-recognizable set is Diophantine (i.e., the solutions of some polynomial)

Ex: the set of primes coincides exactly with the positive values of this 26-variable polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} & (k + 2)(1 - [wz + h + j - q]^2 - [(gk + 2g + k + 1)(h + j) + h - z]^2 \\ & - [16(k + 1)^3(k + 2)(n + 1)^2 + 1 - f^2]^2 - [2n + p + q + z - e]^2 \\ & - [e^3(e + 2)(a + 1)^2 + 1 - o^2]^2 - [(a^2 - 1)y^2 + 1 - x^2]^2 \\ & - [16r^2y^4(a^2 - 1) + 1 - u^2]^2 - [n + l + v - y]^2 - [(a^2 - 1)l^2 + 1 - m^2]^2 \\ & - [ai + k + 1 - l - i]^2 - [((a + u^2(u^2 - a))^2 - 1)(n + 4dy)^2 + 1 \\ & - (x + cu)^2]^2 - [p + l(a - n - 1) + b(2an + 2a - n^2 - 2n - 2) - m]^2 \\ & - [q + y(a - p - 1) + s(2ap + 2a - p^2 - 2p - 2) - x]^2 \\ & - [z + pl(a - p) + t(2ap - p^2 - 1) - pm]^2 \end{aligned}$$

as a, b, c, \dots, z range over the nonnegative integers!

Hilbert's Tenth Problem

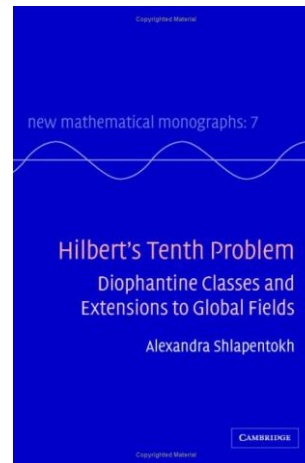
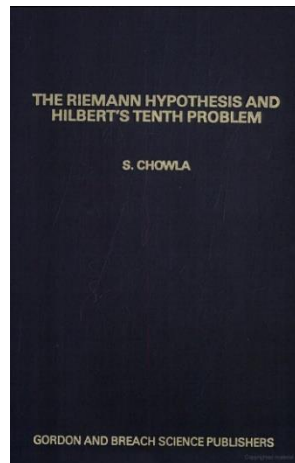
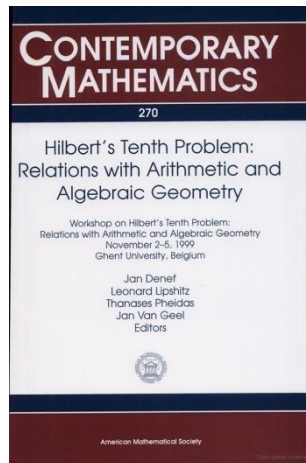
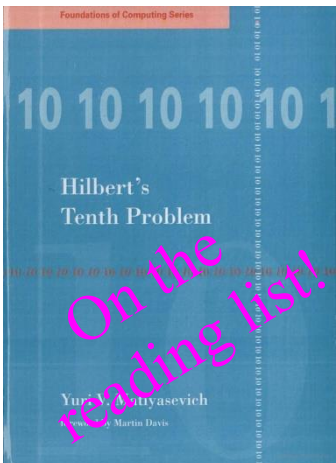


Corollary [Matiyasevich, 1970]: There is a fixed “universal” polynomial P such that for any Turing-enumerable set S there exists an integer n_0 such that:

$$S = \{w \mid \exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \ni P(n_0, w, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = 0\}$$

i.e., there is a fixed polynomial that can “output” any computable set, depending on one parameter.

This is an analogue of a universal Turing machine!



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March 15–16, 2007

One Bow Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Conference on Hilbert's Tenth Problem

Thursday, March 15

- 9:00 Coffee
- 9:15 - 9:25 Constance Reid, *Genesis of the Hilbert Problems*
- 9:25 - 10:00 George Csicsery, *Film clip on life and work of Julia Robinson, discussion*
- 10:15 - 11:15 Bjorn Poonen, *Why number theory is hard*
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Yuri Matiyasevich, *My collaboration with Julia Robinson***
Break for lunch
- 2:30-3:30 Martin Davis, *My collaboration with Hilary Putnam*
- 3:45-4:45 Maxim Vsemirnov, *TBA*
- 7:30 **Museum of Science • Film Screening**
Scenes from *Julia Robinson and Hilbert's Tenth Problem*, a documentary by George Csicsery, will be screened in Cahner's Theater (Blue Wing, Level 2, Museum of Science), and followed by a panel discussion with filmmaker George Csicsery, mathematician Yuri Matiyasevich, and biographer Constance Reid. This event is free and open to the public.



Friday, March 16

- 8:30 Coffee
- 9:00-10:00 **Yuri Matiyasevich, *Hilbert's Tenth Problem: What was done and what is to be done***
- 10:15-11:15 Bjorn Poonen, *Thoughts about the analogue for rational numbers*
- 11:30-12:30 Alexandra Shlapentokh, *Diophantine generation, horizontal and vertical problems, and the weak vertical method*
Break for lunch
- 2:00-3:00 **Yuri Matiyasevich, *Computation paradigms in the light of Hilbert's tenth problem***
- 3:15-4:15 Gunther Cornelissen, *Hard number-theoretical problems and elliptic curves*
- 4:30-5:30 Kirsten Eisentrager, *Hilbert's Tenth Problem for algebraic function fields*

Hilbert's 10th Problem (1900): is there an algorithm for deciding whether a polynomial equation with integer coefficients has an integer solution?

$$x^2 - (a^2 - 1)y^2 = 1$$

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Julia Robinson

And Hilbert's Tenth Problem

A film by George Csicsery

Wednesday, April 30, 2008
7pm to 9pm

Room 2050 (Chan Shun Auditorium)
in the Valley Life Sciences Building
at UC Berkeley

Post-screening panel discussion with Constance Reid (sister and biographer of Julia Robinson), filmmaker George Csicsery, and mathematicians Martin Davis, Dana Scott and Bjorn Poonen. Moderated by Alan Weinstein, UCB Math Dept. Chair.

The story of an American mathematician and her passionate pursuit and triumph over an unsolved problem.

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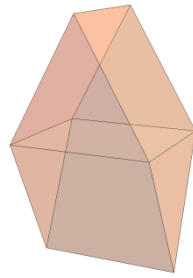
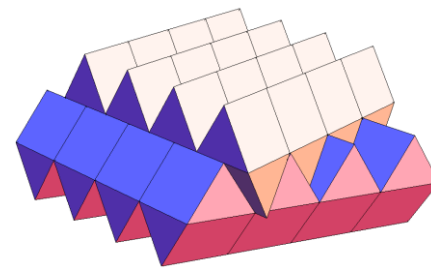
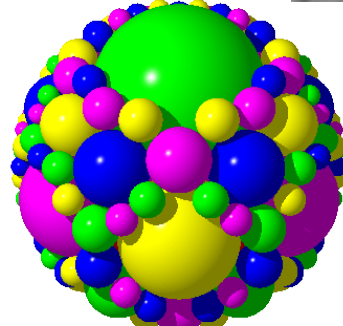
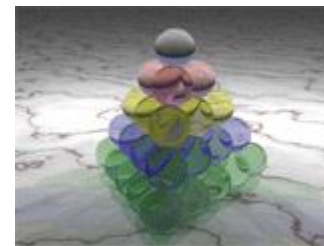
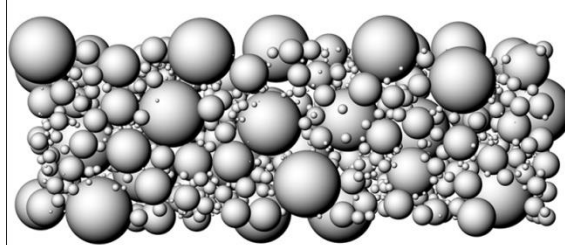
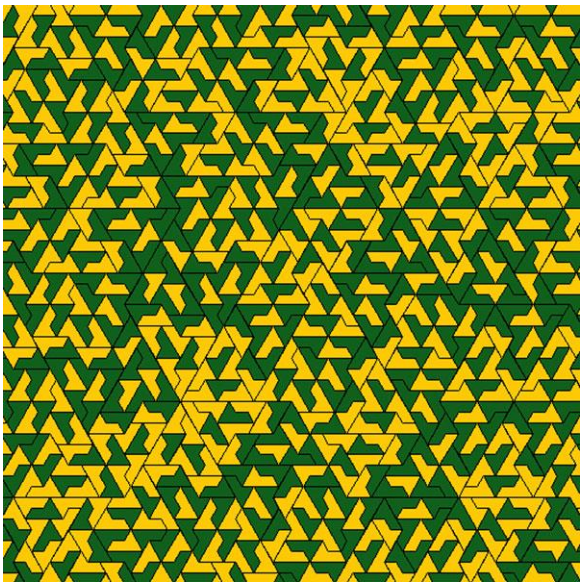
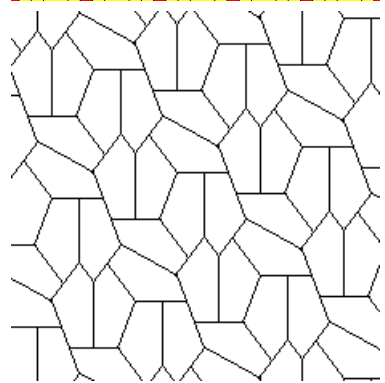
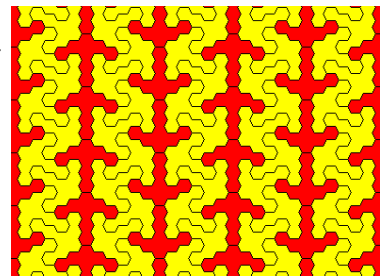
Hilbert's Problems

Problem 18: Is there a non-regular, **space-filling polyhedron**? What is the densest sphere packing?

Status: **Anisohedral tilings** were found in 3D by Reinhardt (1928), and for 2D by Heesch (1935).

Sphere packing in 3D (Kepler's problem, 1611) was solved by Toth (1953) and Hale (1998). Regular sphere packing in 24 dimensions was solved by Cohn and Kumar (2004), where the "**kissing number**" is 196,560.

Many related open problems remain, including non-regular, non-uniform, and **ellipsoid packings**.

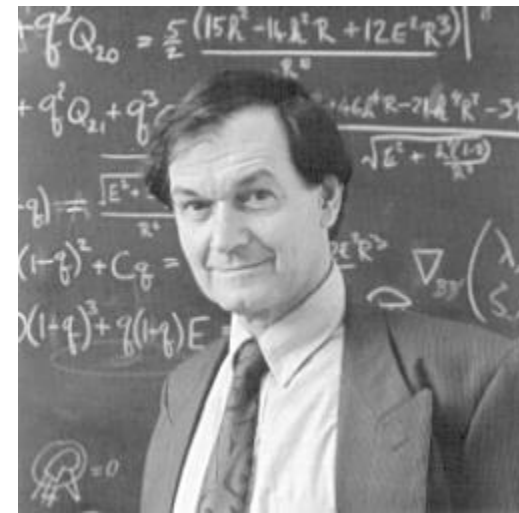
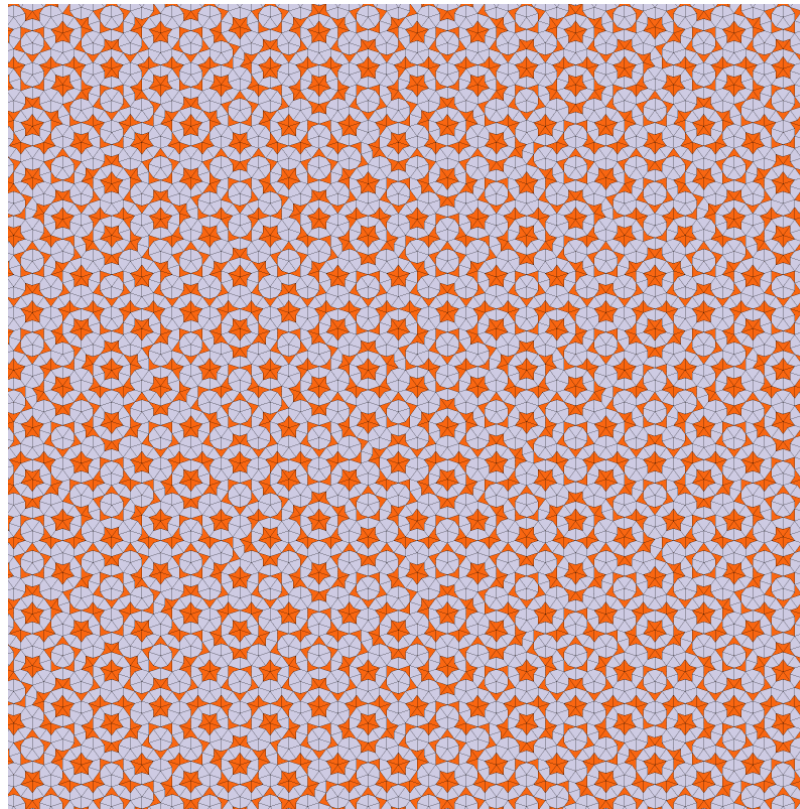
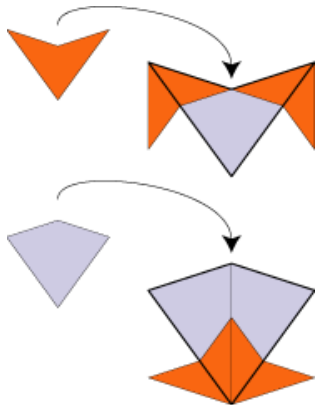
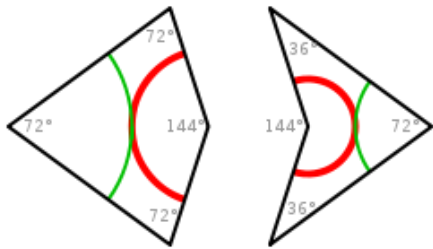


Aperiodic Tilings

Goal: **tile** the entire **plane** without overlaps, non-periodically

- Non-periodic tiling is not equal to a translation of itself
- Aperiodic tile set admits only non-periodic tilings

“**Kites and Darts**” 2-tile aperiodic set, Roger Penrose, 1974

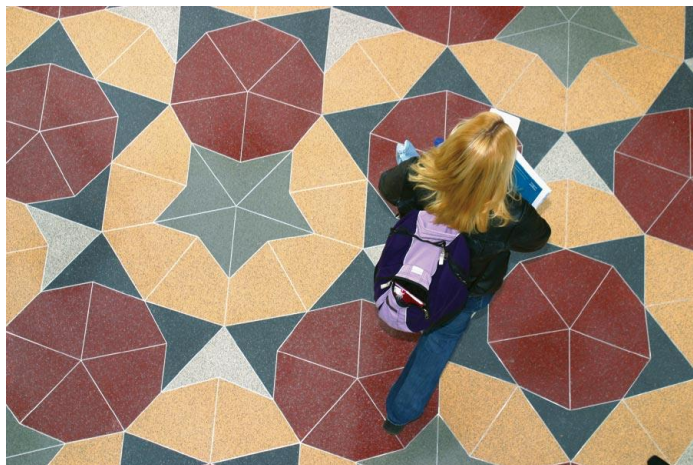


Open question:

\exists a single-tile 2D aperiodic tiling?

Aperiodic Tilings

Penrose tilings in architecture and design:



Aperiodic Tilings

“Pinwheel tiling”, John Conway and Charles Radin, 1992

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Bathroom tiling to drive you mad

Ian Stewart

AN AMERICAN mathematician has come up with what is probably the strangest way ever of covering a floor or wall with tiles. The set of tiles which has been devised by Charles Radin of the University of Texas at Austin can only be assembled in a highly complex way (*Annals of Mathematics*, vol 109, p 661).

The usual way of assembling tiles is in a periodic pattern, one that starts with a basic unit, which is repeated at regularly spaced intervals. However, more complex patterns of tiling are perfectly possible and the subject of aperiodic tilings was created by the philosopher Hao Wang in 1961. Wang was studying the existence or otherwise of certain “decision procedures” in mathematical logic—ways of working out in advance whether certain problems have solutions—when he came to the surprising conclusion that the problem could be reformulated in terms of tiles.

Choose a finite collection of shapes and call them prototiles. A tiling is then a way to assemble perfect copies of those prototiles so that they cover the entire infinite plane without any gaps or overlaps. Wang discovered that he could design prototiles that corresponded to various logical statements, in such a way that the rules for fitting prototiles together corresponded exactly to the rules of logical deduction. So, in effect, a tiling pattern corresponded to a logical proof. This new viewpoint led Wang to ask whether there existed a set of prototiles that could tile the plane, but could not tile it periodically.

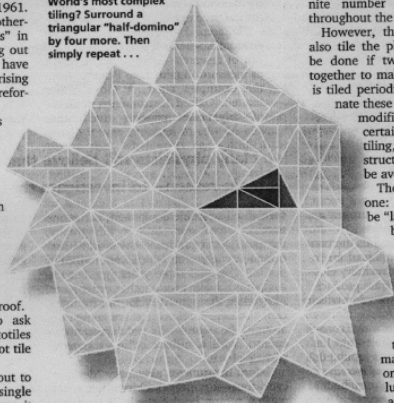
Tiling a plane aperiodically turns out to be easy. It can be done with a single domino-shaped prototile. First, however, it is necessary to tile the plane with squares. Then each square is divided into two dominos by splitting it in half in either the vertical or horizontal direction. If the pattern of verticals and horizontals is aperiodic, so too is the tiling; the easiest method is to vary the directions randomly. However, dominos can also tile the plane periodically—for example, by making all splits point the same way.

Wang wanted something much more subtle: a set of prototiles that produced only aperiodic tilings. Such a set of tiles was found in 1966 by his student Robert Berger. The best known of such sets are the Penrose tilings, introduced by Roger Penrose of the University of Oxford in 1977; these produce tilings with fivefold “almost” symmetries.

Radin notes that: “All published examples . . . have the feature that in every tiling each prototile only appears in finitely many orientations.” For instance, dominos can be laid down horizontally or vertically but not oriented at any other angle; and Penrose tiles rotate only through multiples of an angle of 36° . This means that if the set of prototiles is expanded so that it includes a copy of each prototile in each orientation, then the new prototiles can tile the whole plane without being rotated. Only translations of these “oriented prototiles” are then needed.

Radin’s new discovery is a set of

World’s most complex tiling? Surround a triangular “half-domino” by four more. Then simply repeat . . .



prototiles that are forced to appear in an infinite number of orientations. Because periodic tilings involve only a finite number of directions—the ones in the basic repeating unit—Radin’s tilings are necessarily aperiodic.

His starting point is an idea thought up by John Horton Conway of Princeton University in New Jersey. Begin with a “half-domino” prototile, a right triangle of sides 1 and 2 units (whose hypotenuse is 5 units). This can be surrounded by four copies of itself in order to create a triangle of the same shape, but larger and rotated through an angle of 100.7° . The process can be thought of as defining a “level-1”

tiling of part of the plane with five triangular tiles. The construction can now be repeated, surrounding the level-1 set of five tiles with four copies of those sets to make an even larger and further rotated triangle that is composed of 25 of the original prototiles: this is known as the level-2 tiling.

Continuing this “expansion” process indefinitely from each level to the next leads to a strange, random-looking tiling of the infinite plane by half-dominos (see Figure), called the Conway tiling. Because the angle of rotation at each stage does not exactly divide into an integer number of full turns, the half-domino appears in an infinite number of different orientations throughout the plane.

However, this particular prototile can also tile the plane periodically. This can be done if two half-dominos are stuck together to make a domino and the plane is tiled periodically with those. To eliminate these periodic possibilities, Radin modifies the construction so that certain features of the Conway tiling, in particular its hierarchical structure into levels, cannot be avoided.

The essential idea is an old one: the edges of prototiles can be “labelled” with marks or symbols, with the extra rule that adjacent tiles must have matching labels along their common edges. This produces a larger set of labelled prototiles with more restrictive tiling rules. The point is that the labels can be realised by making notches in the edges of one tile and adding protruding lugs to match them in the adjacent tile. By using a different shaped notch/lug pair for each symbol used as a label, we can convert labelled prototiles into ordinary ones of more complicated shapes.

It is, of course, easier to think about simple shapes that have labelled edges, and this is the way in which Radin proceeds. His prototiles are labelled half-dominos, and he invents a complicated range of different labels whose matching rules cleverly force the appearance of the same structure as the Conway tiling.

It is astonishing that such a simple shape as half a domino can have such curious implications, and it shows that even in today’s complex world mathematics can still advance by looking at a simple idea in a new way. □

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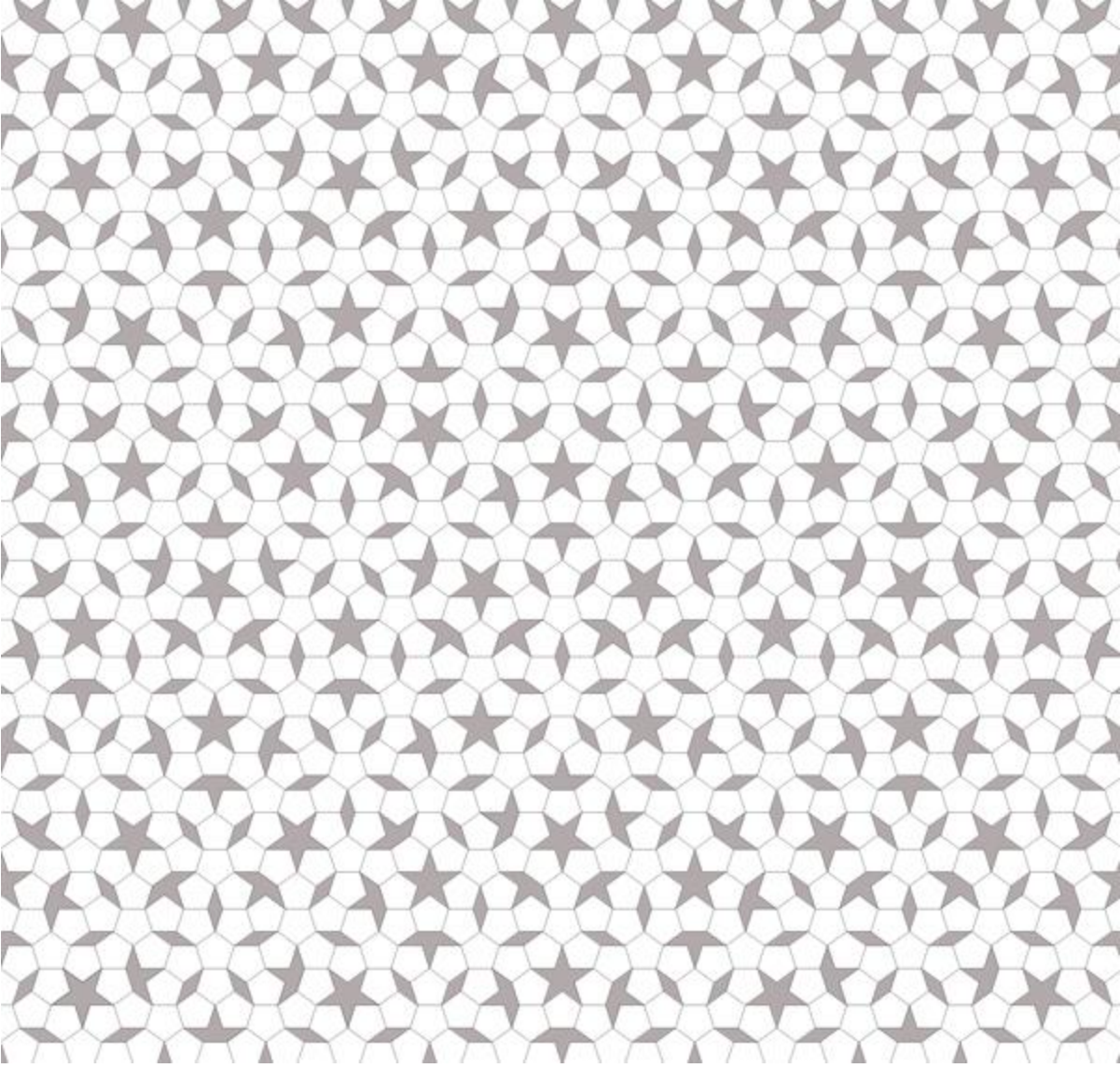
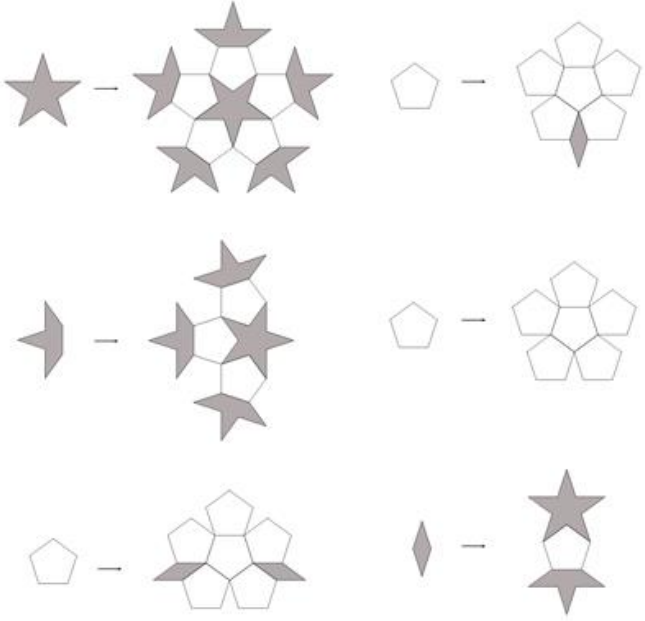
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Aperiodic Tilings

“Pentagon, Boat, and Star”

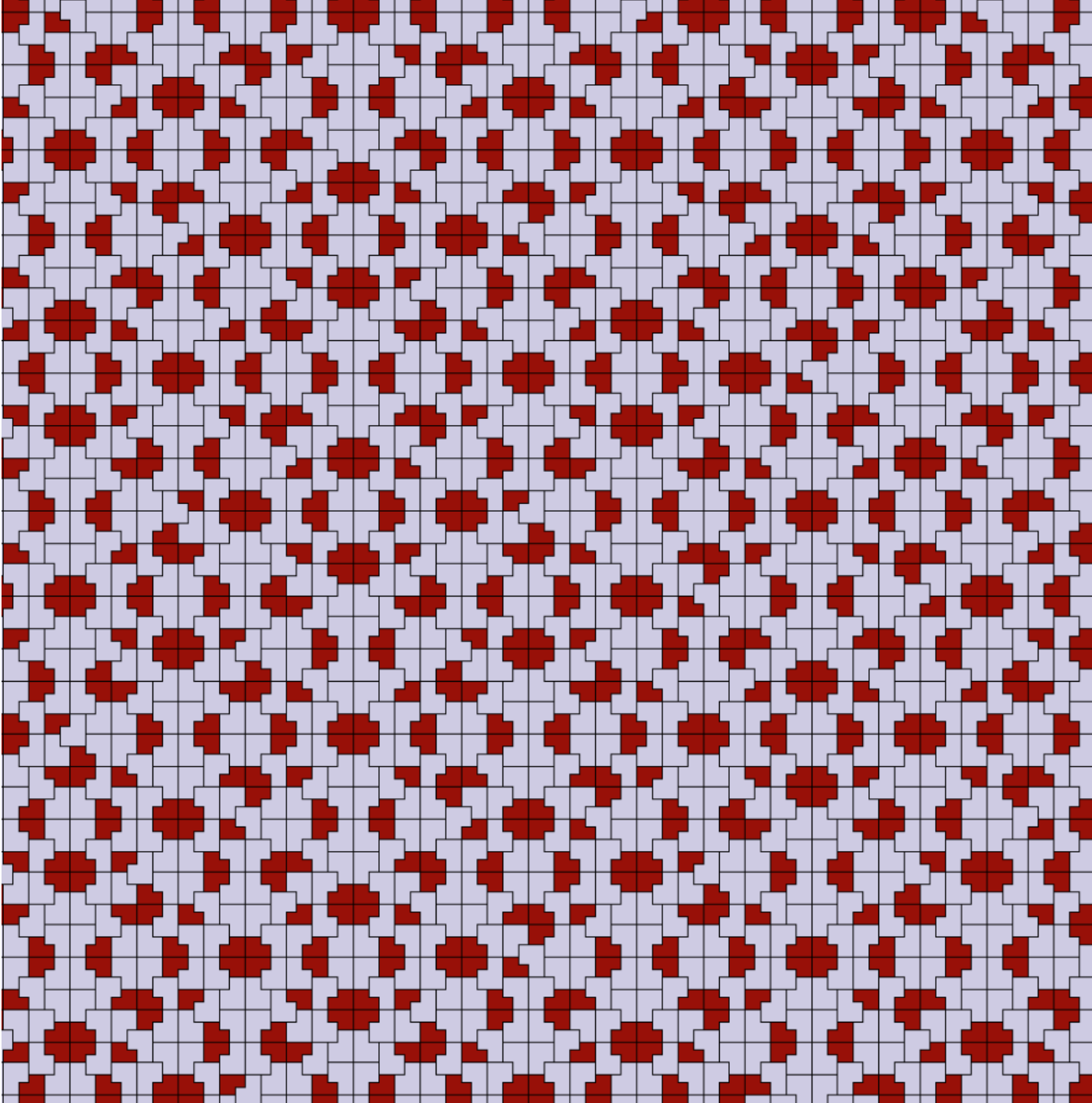
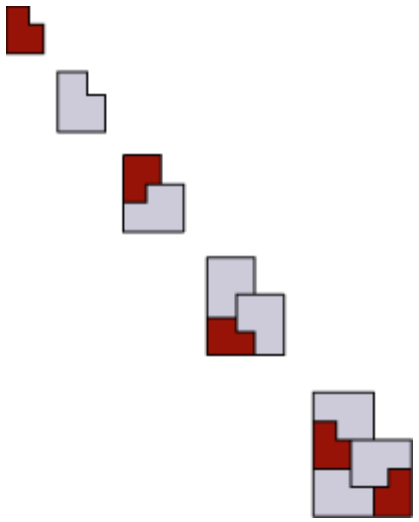
Roger Penrose, 1974



Aperiodic Tilings

“Ammann Chair”

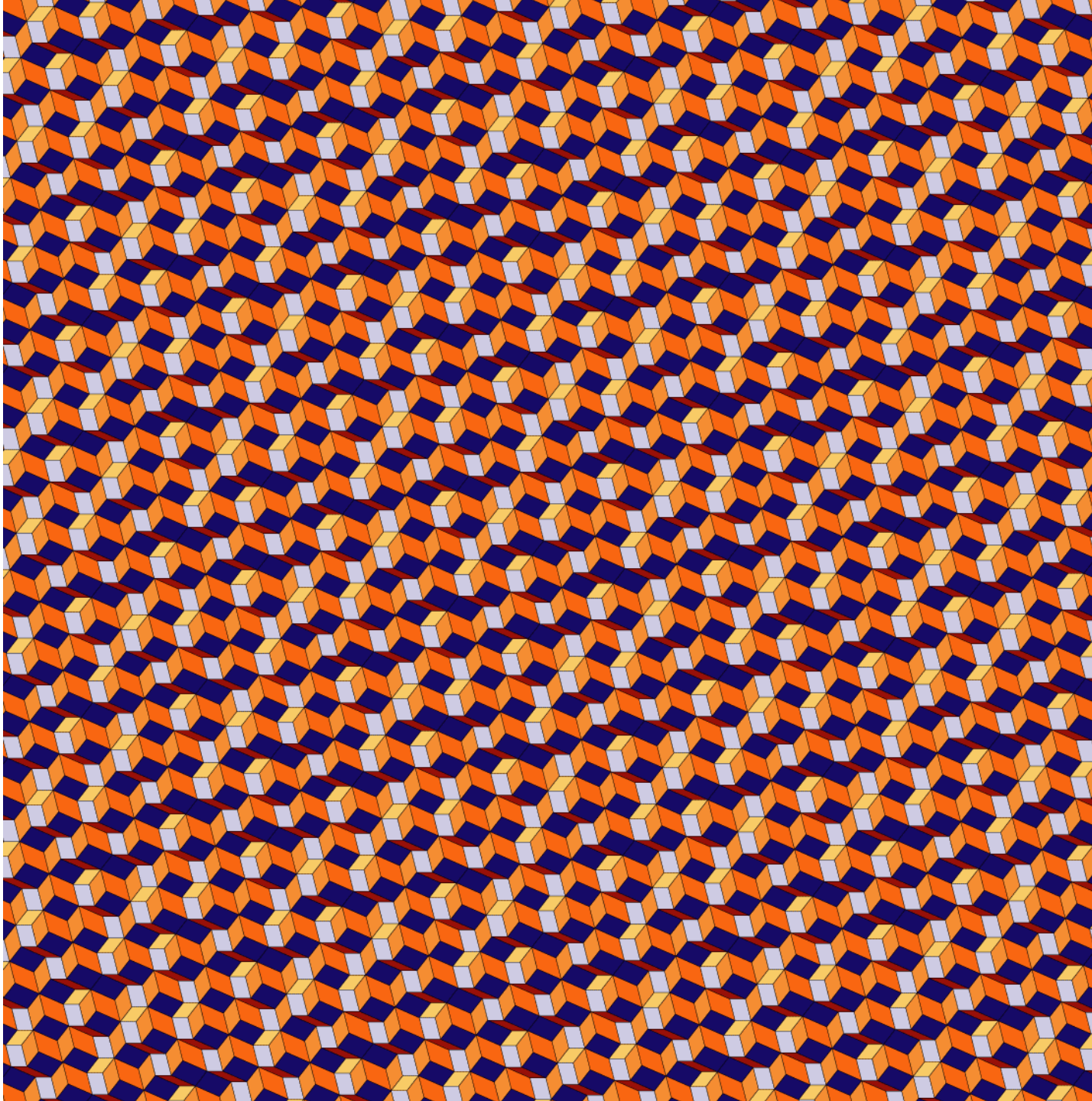
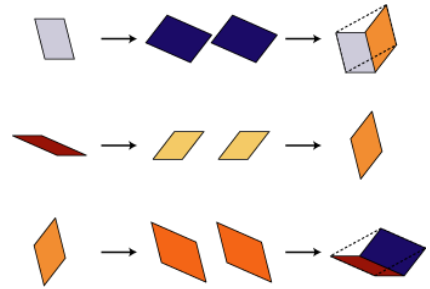
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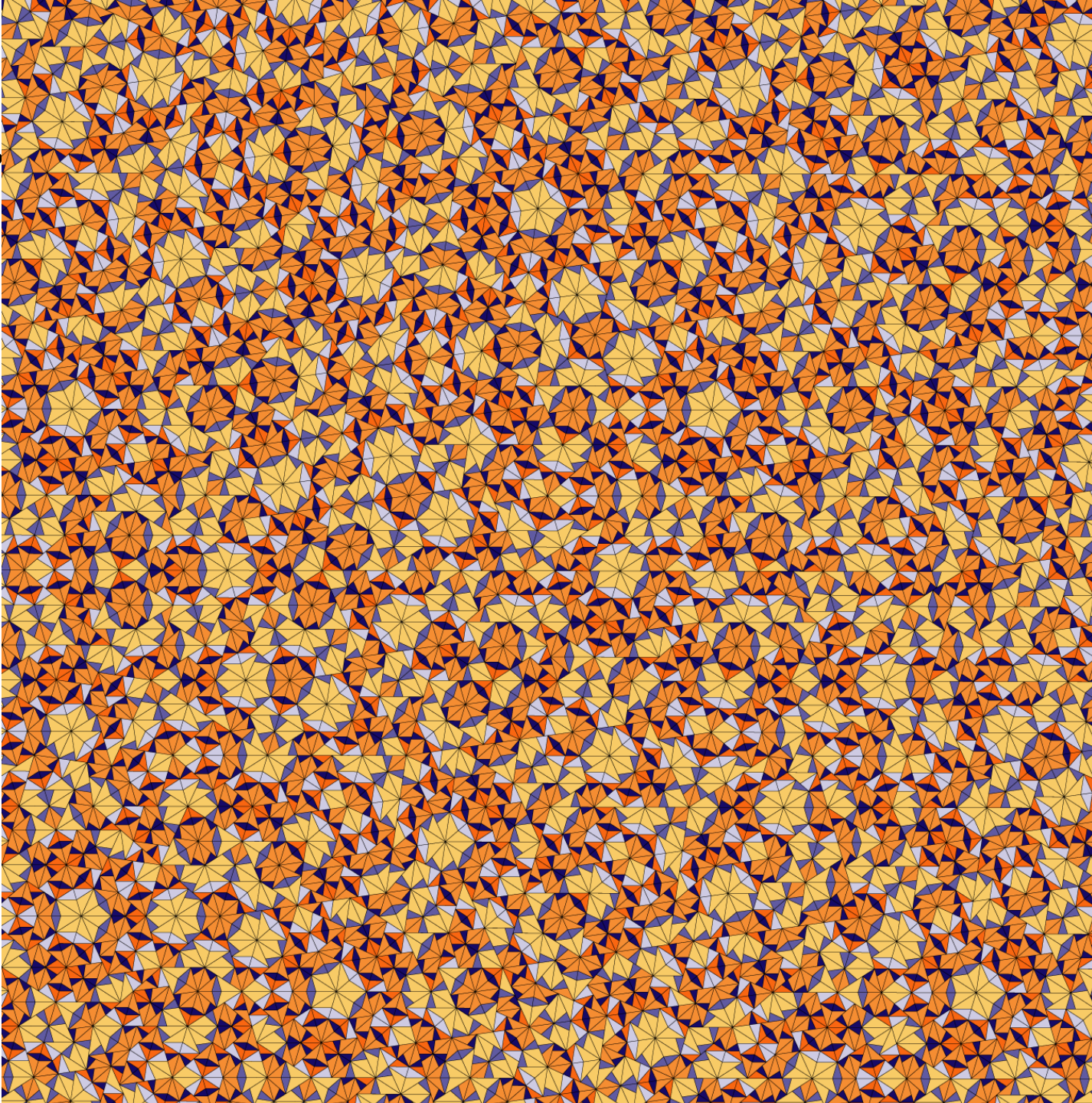
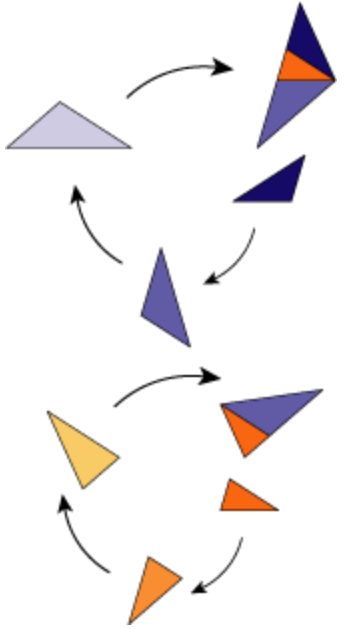
G. Rauzy, 1982



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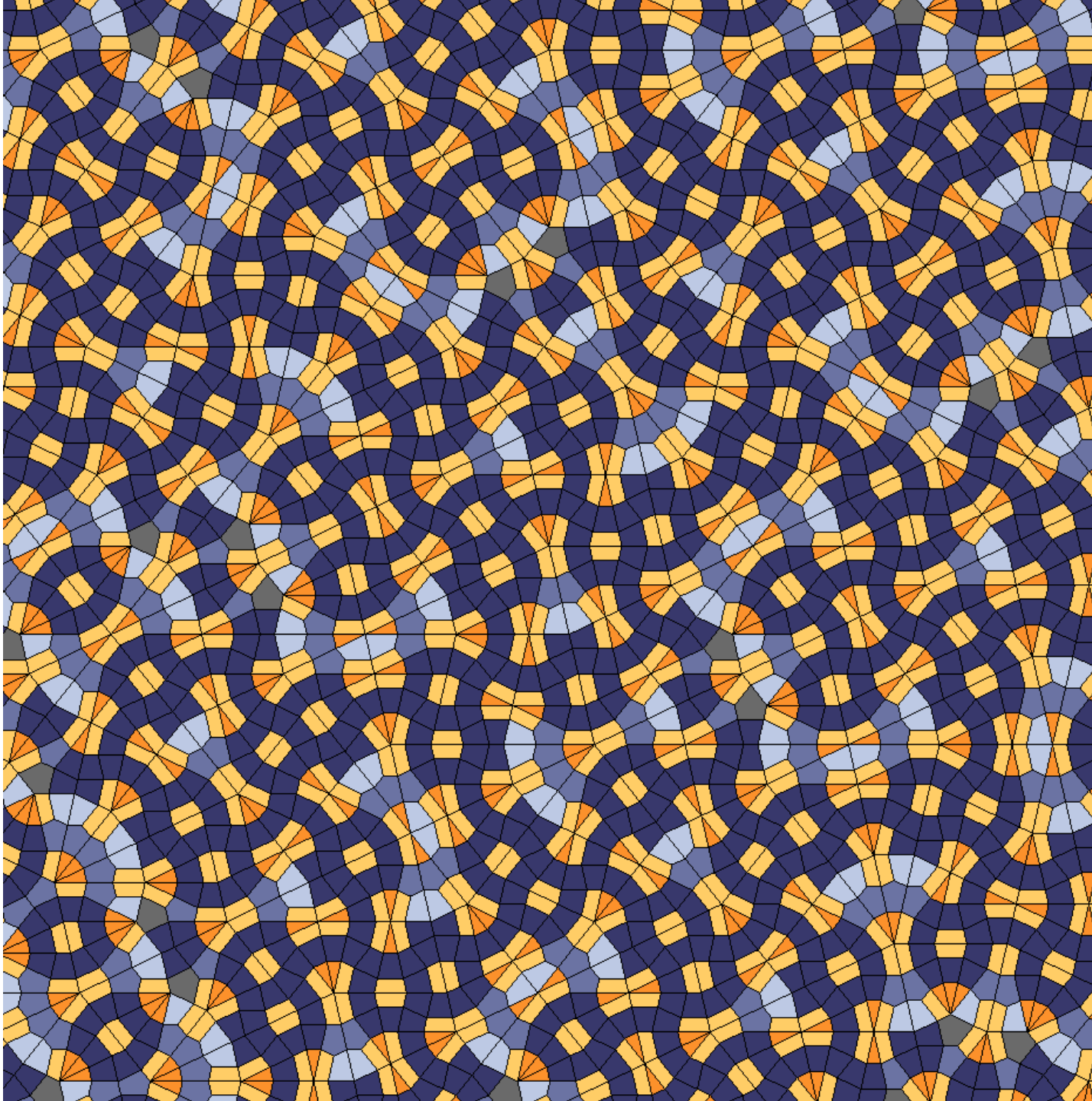
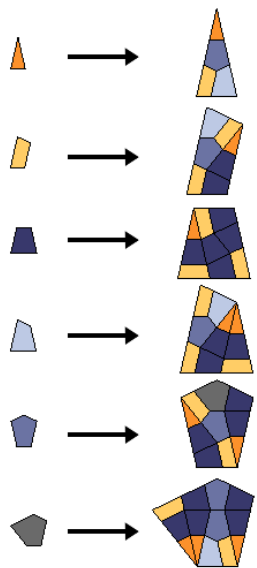
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“Cyclotomic
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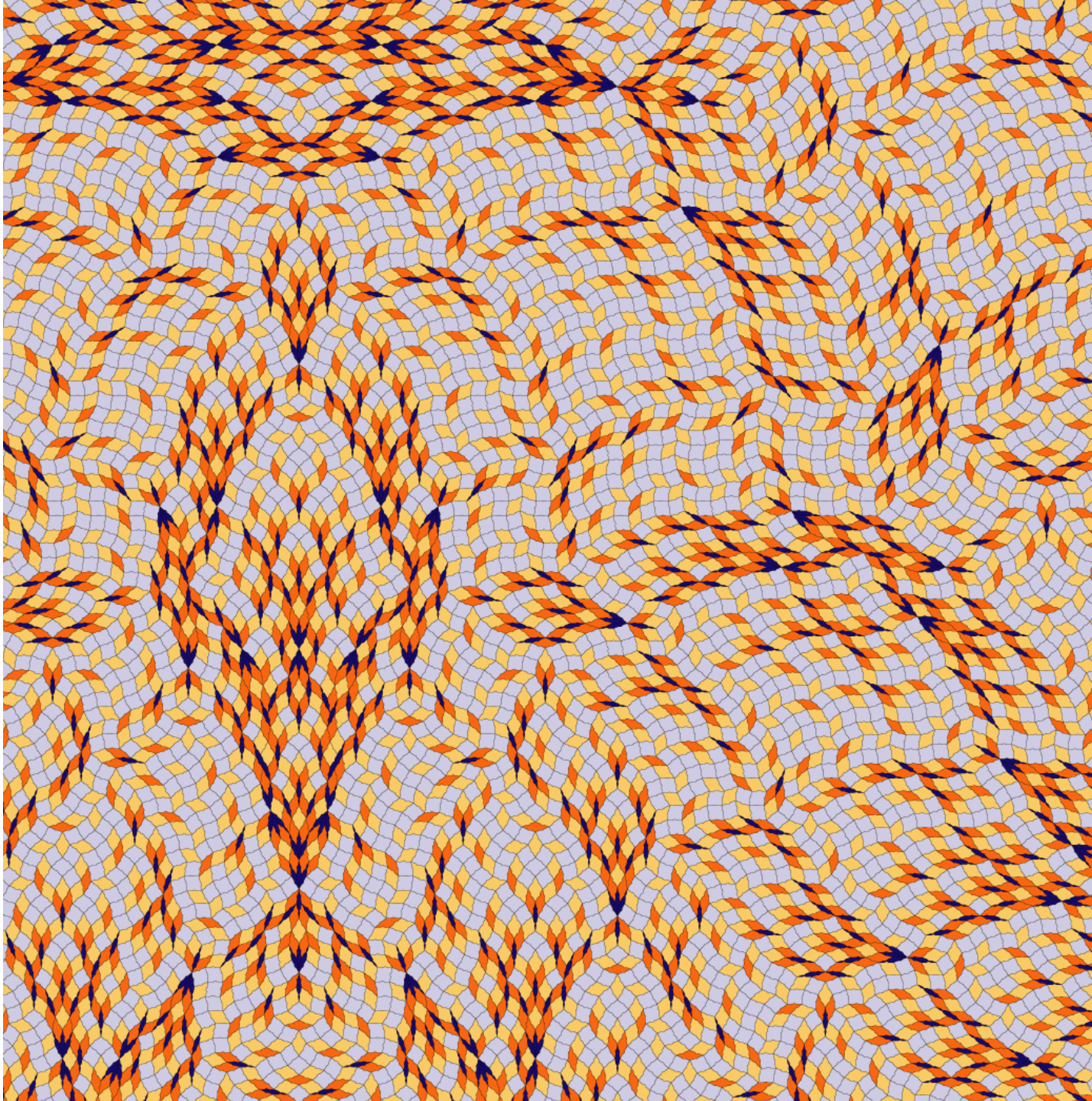
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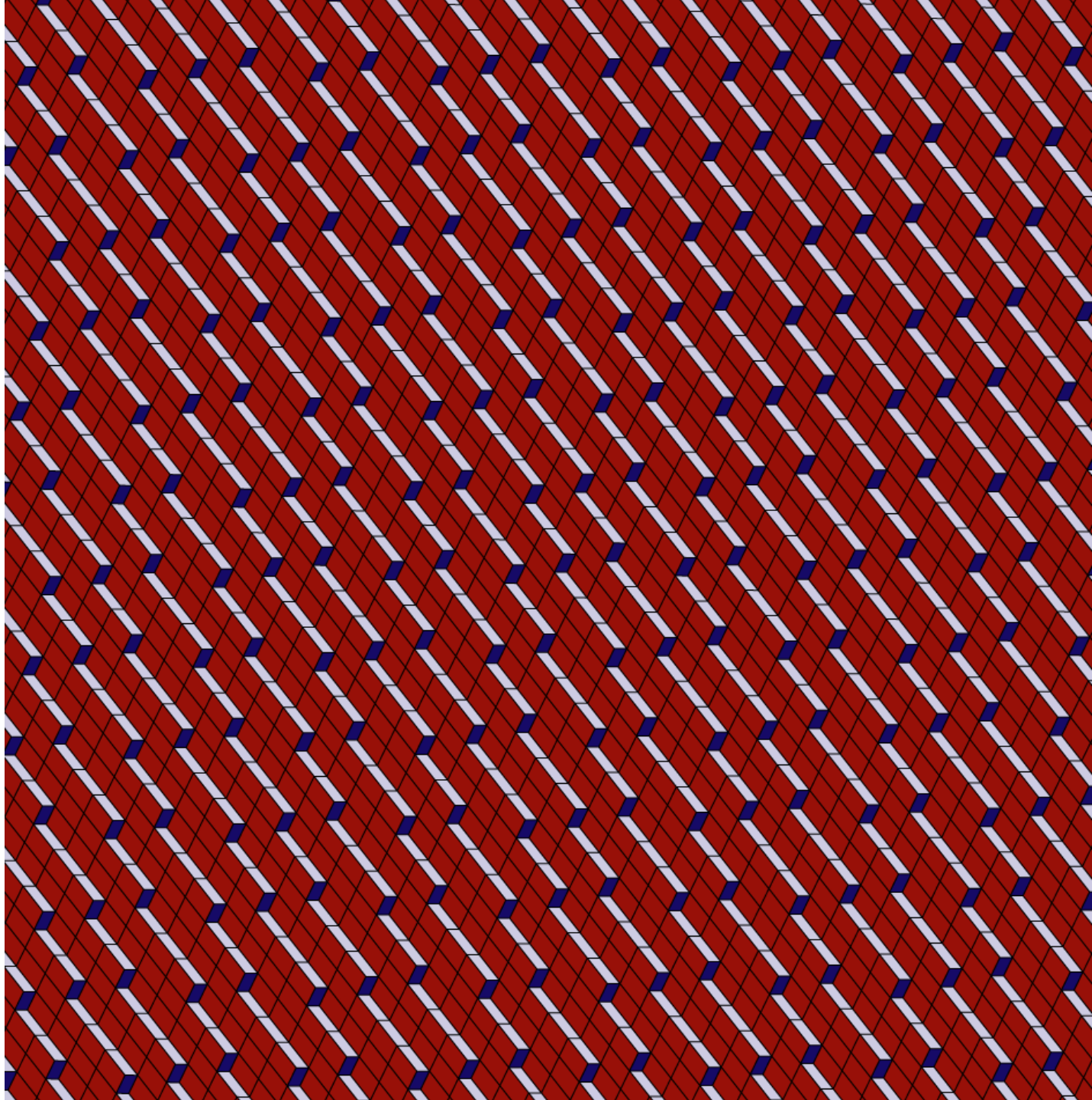
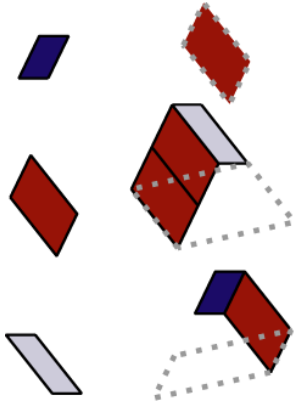
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“Kenyon (1,2,1)
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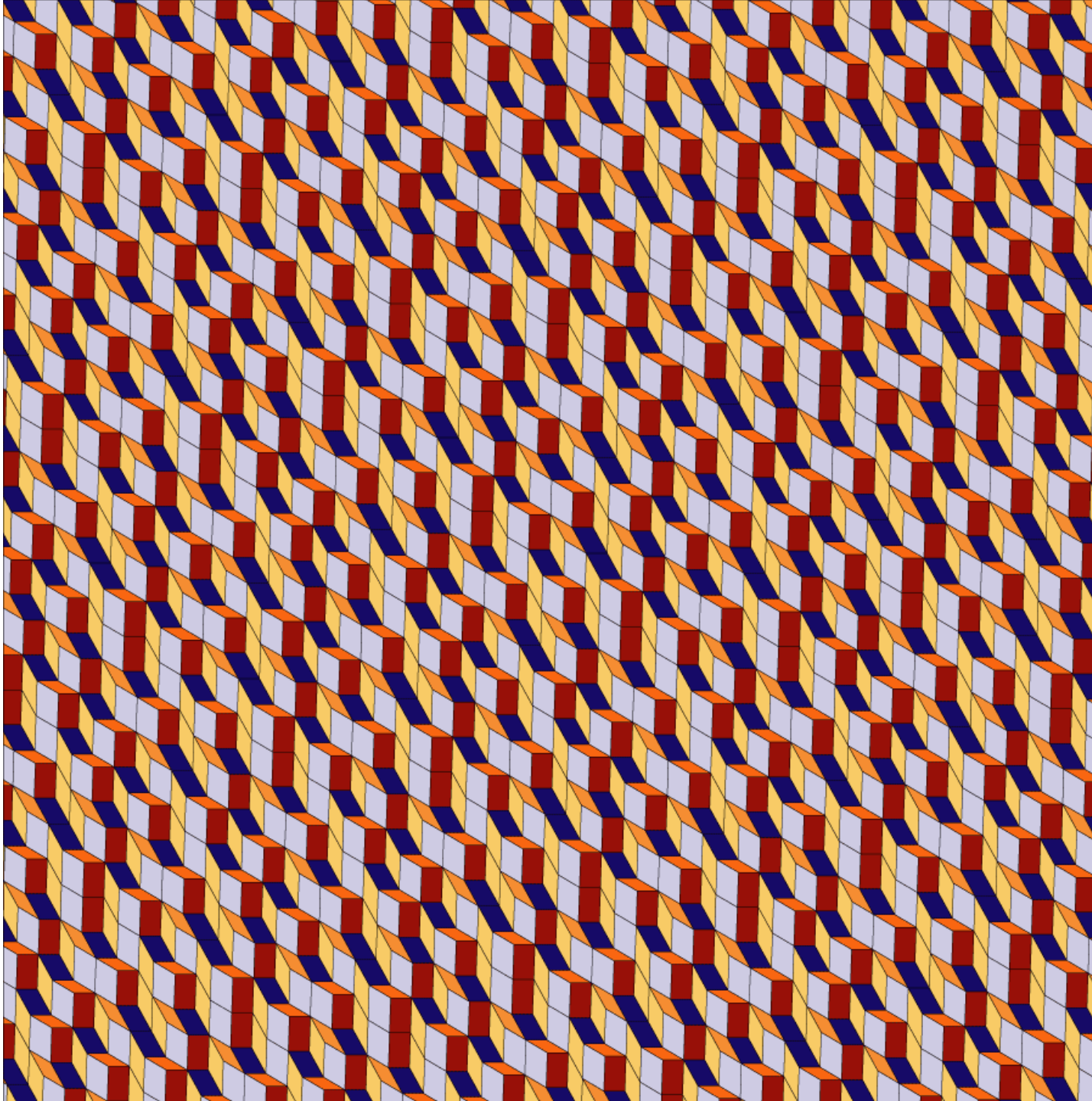
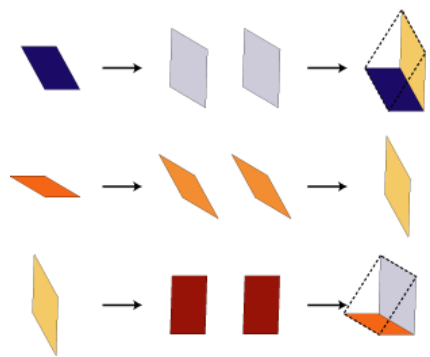
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Aperiodic Tilings

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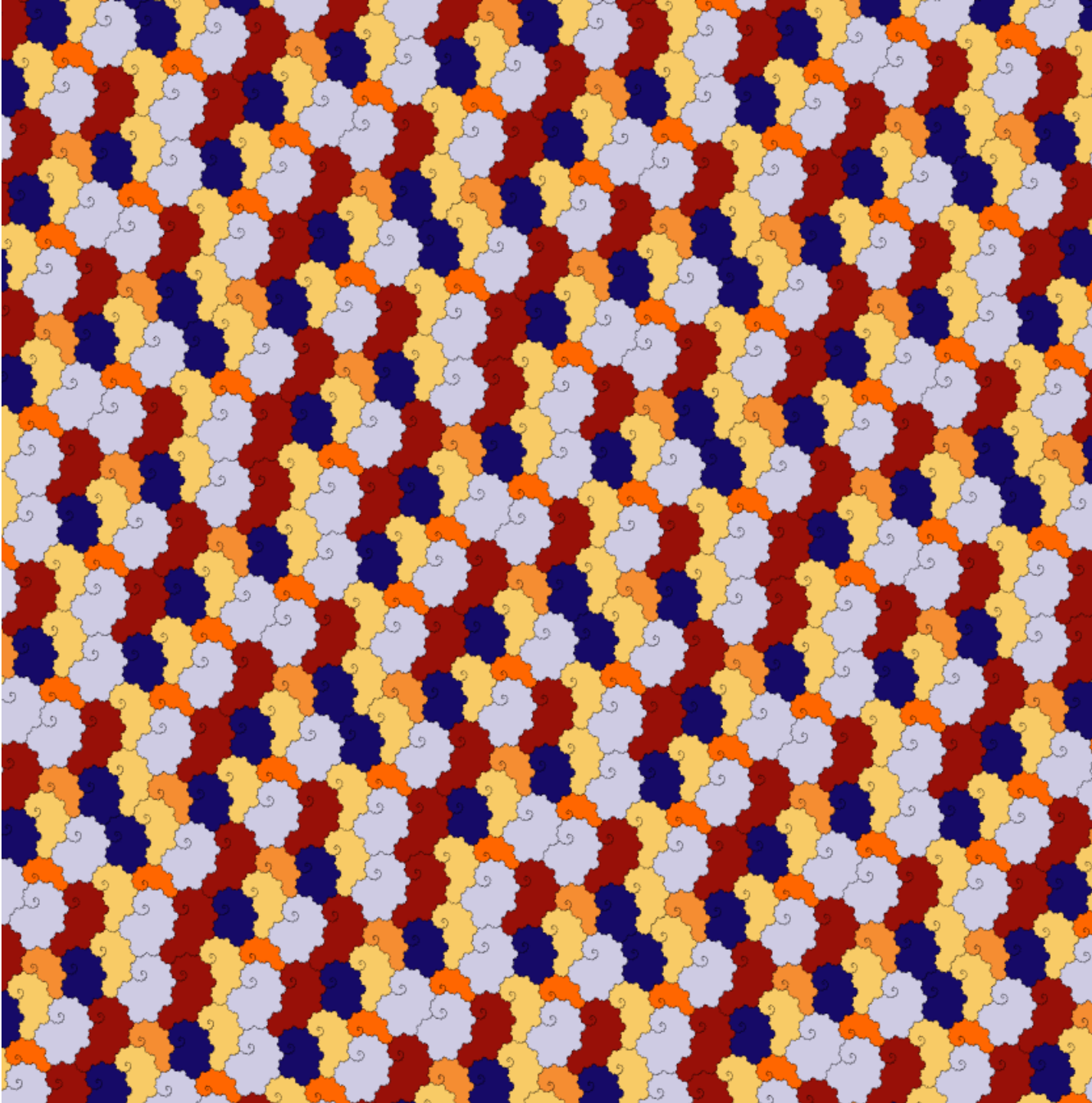
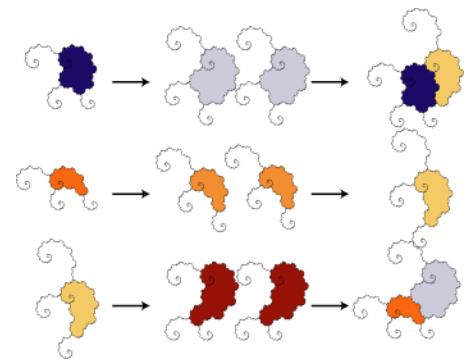
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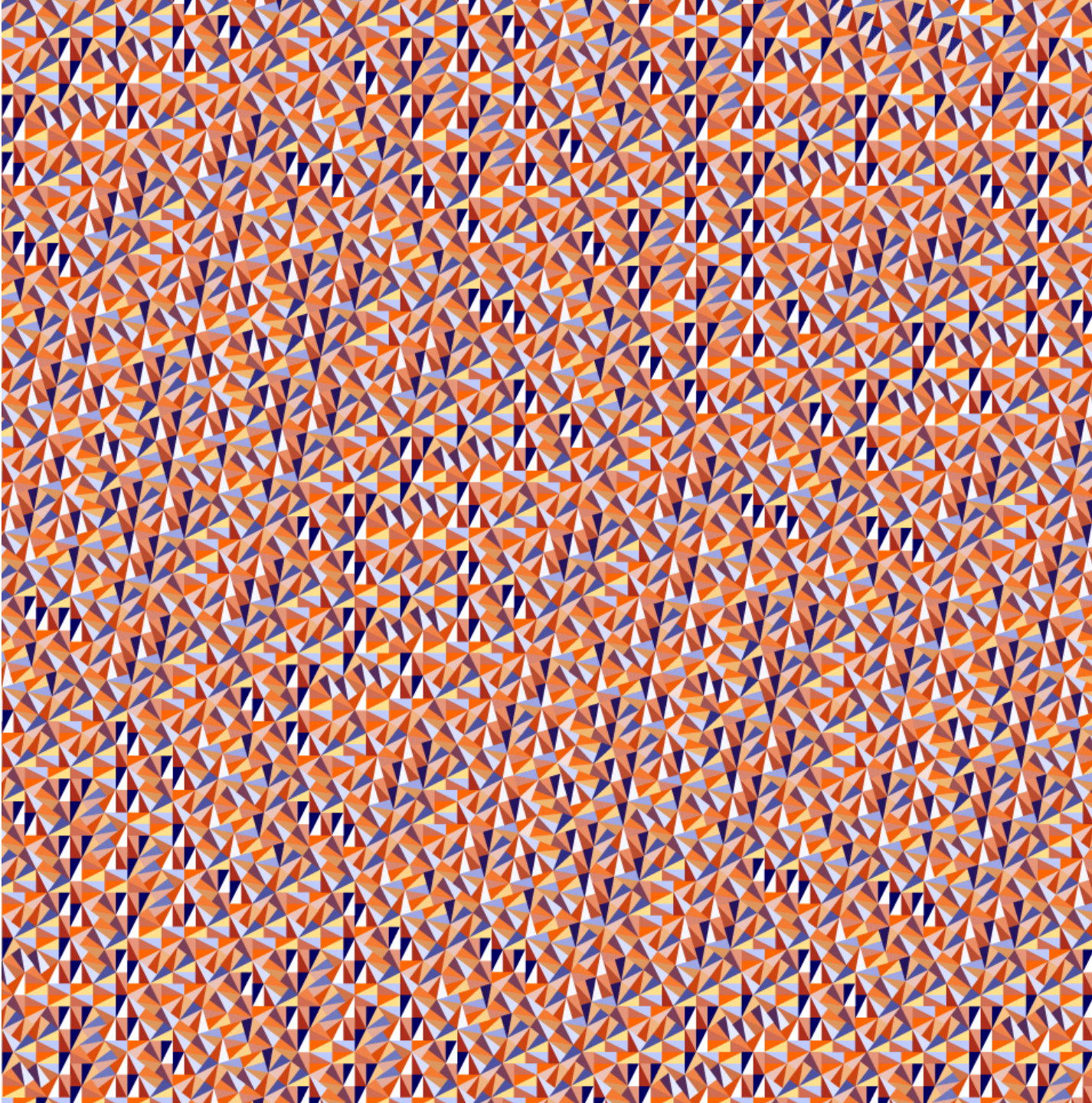
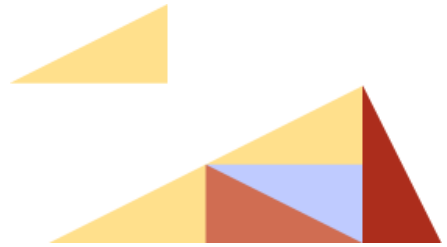
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“Pinwheel”

John Conway
and C. Radin



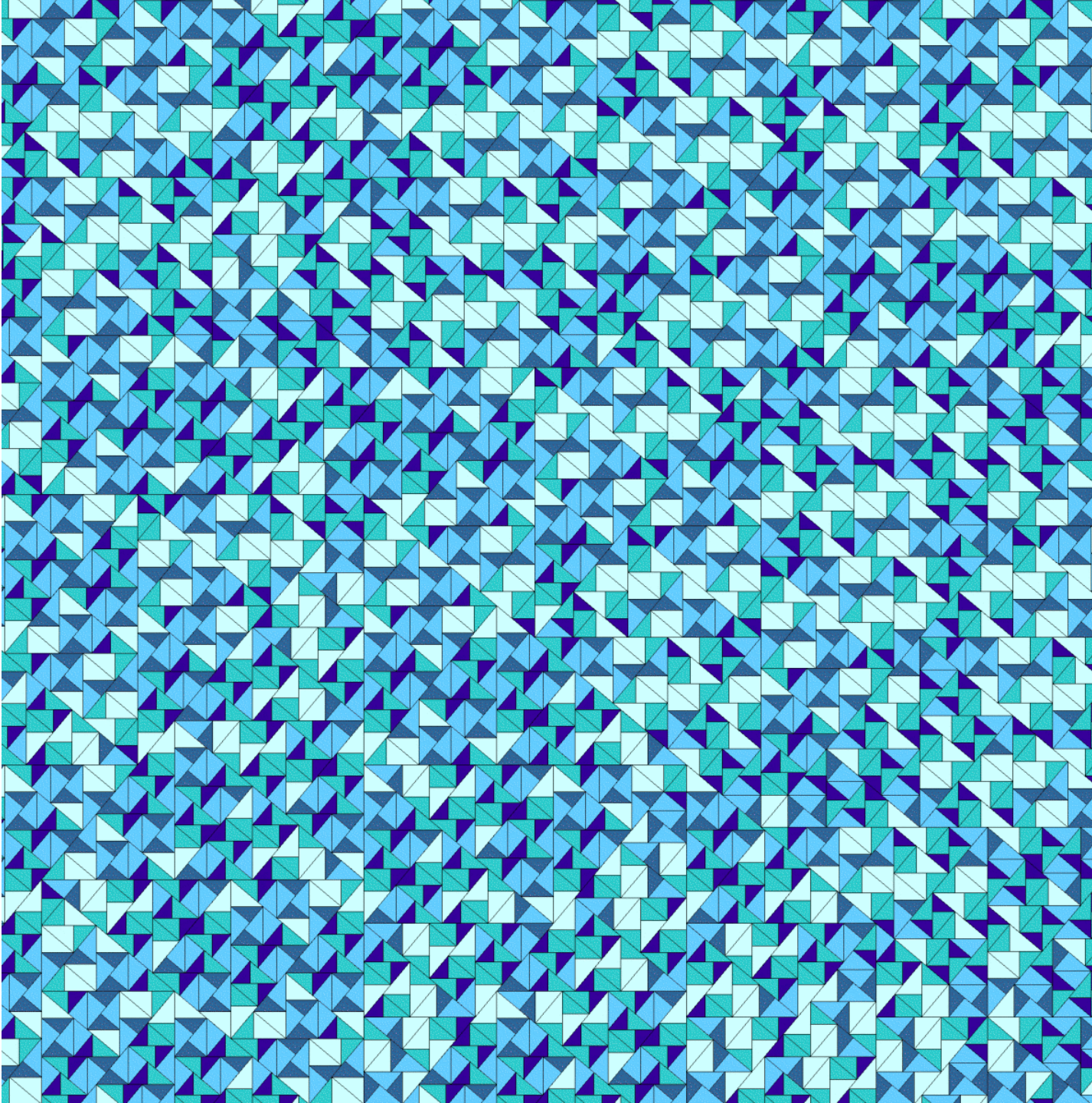
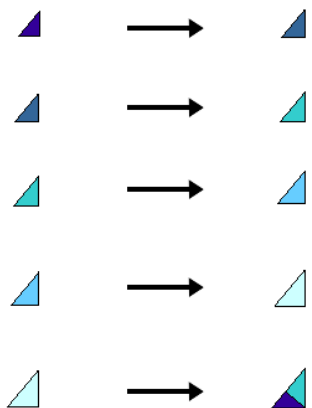
Tiles occur in infinitely
many orientations!

Despite **irrational edge
lengths** and
**incommensurable
angles**, all vertices of
tiles have **rational
coordinates**!

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“Pythagoras-3-1”

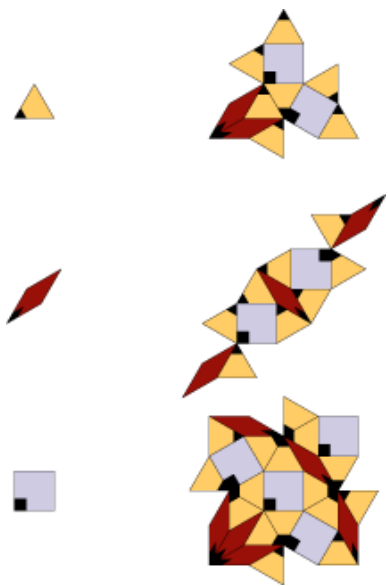
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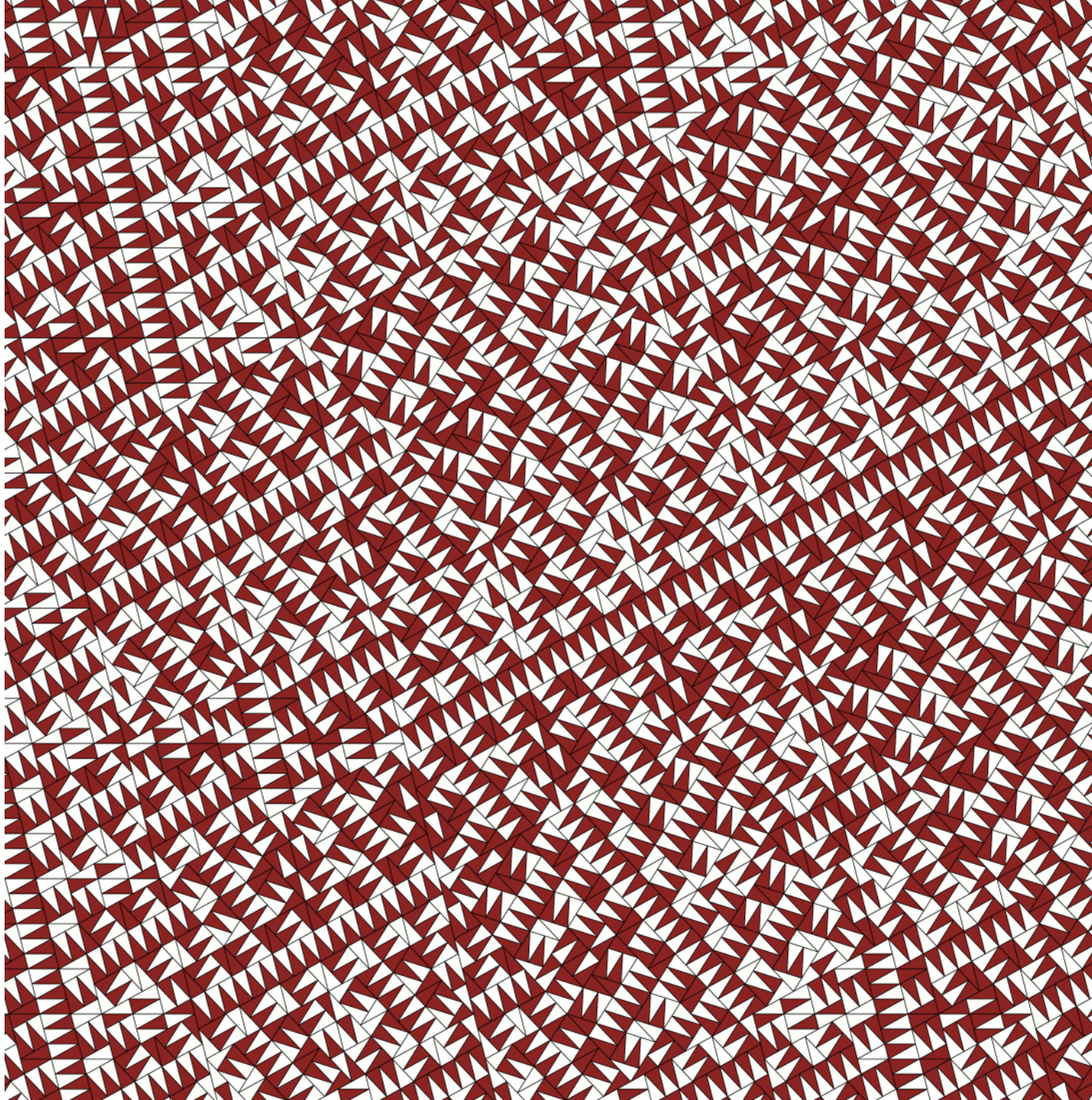
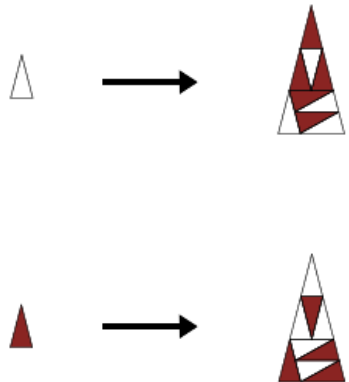
“Watanabe Ito
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Y. Watanabe,
T. Soma and
M. Ito, 1995



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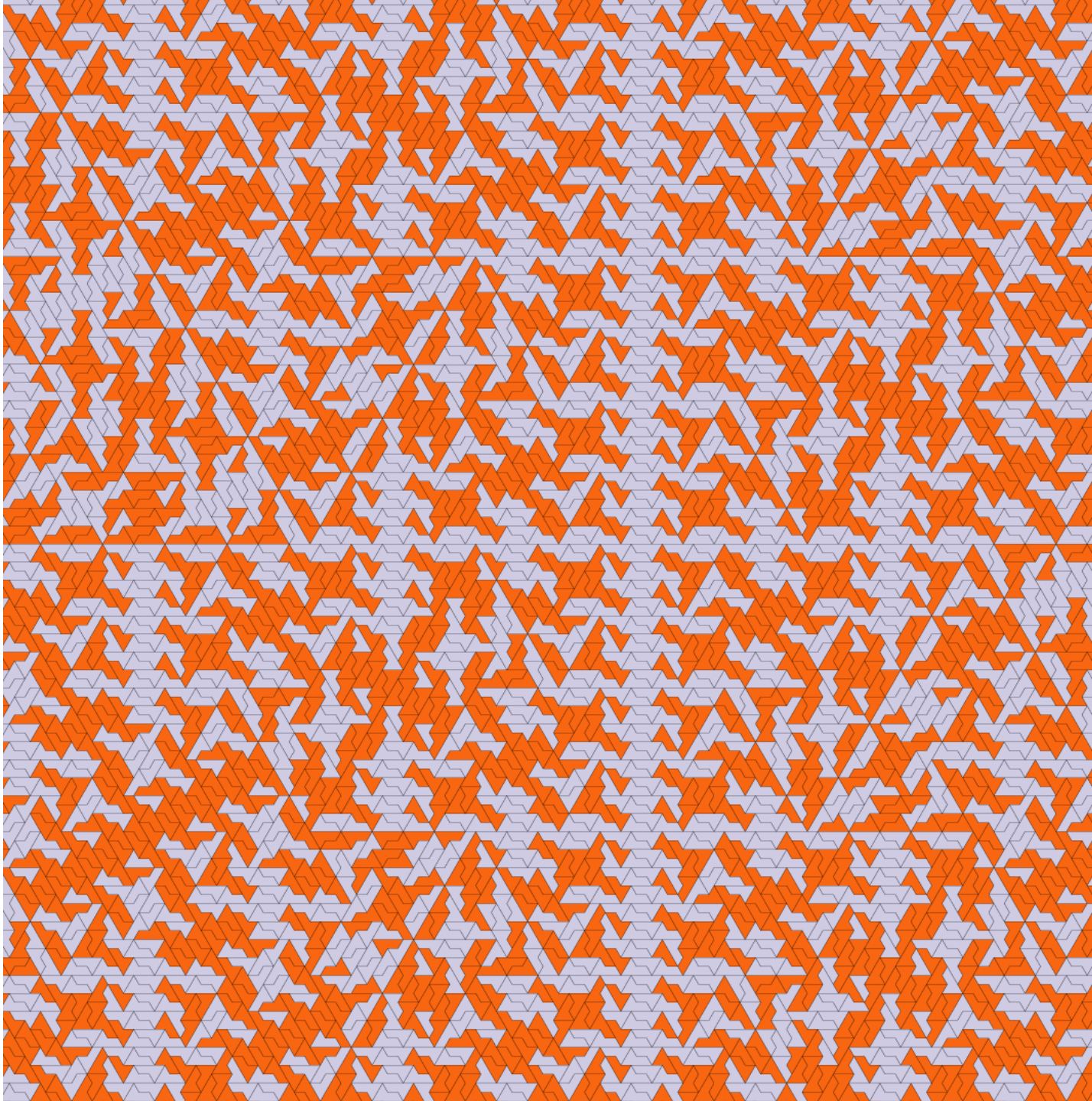
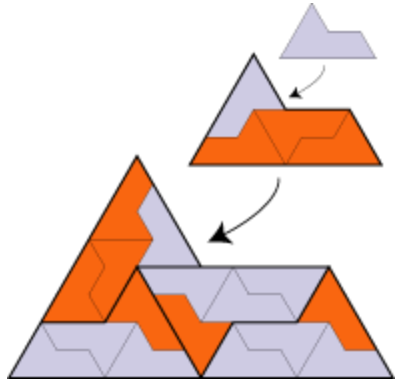
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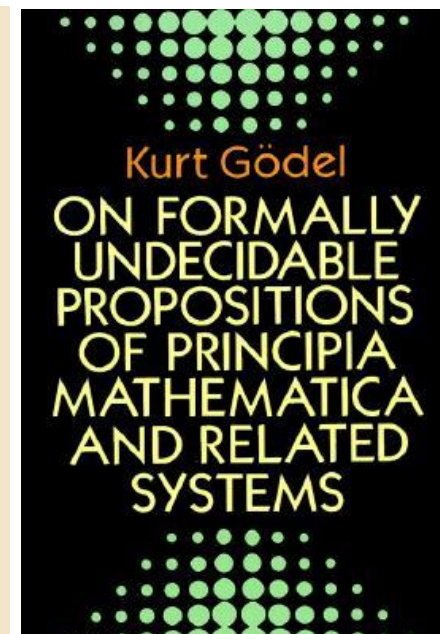
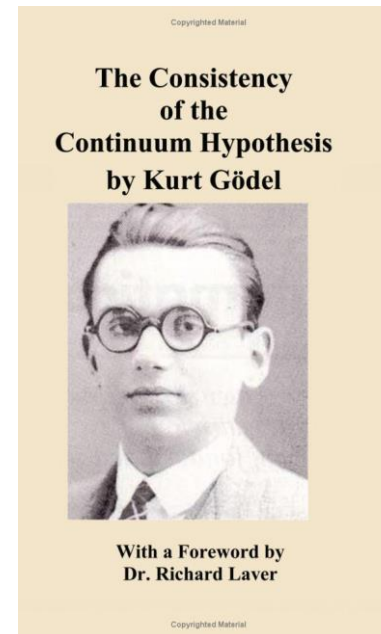
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Historical Perspectives

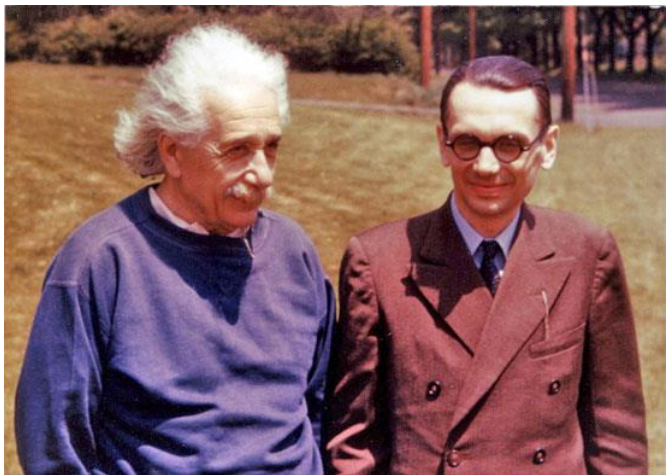
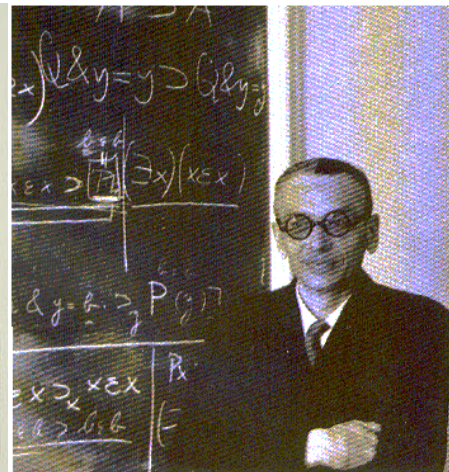
Kurt Gödel (1906-1978)

- Logician, mathematician, and philosopher
- Proved **completeness of predicate logic** and **Gödel's incompleteness theorem**
- Proved consistency of **axiom of choice** and the **continuum hypothesis**
- Invented “**Gödel numbering**” and “**Gödel fuzzy logic**”
- Developed “**Gödel metric**” and paradoxical relativity solutions: “**Gödel spacetime / universe**”
- Made enormous impact on logic, mathematics, and science

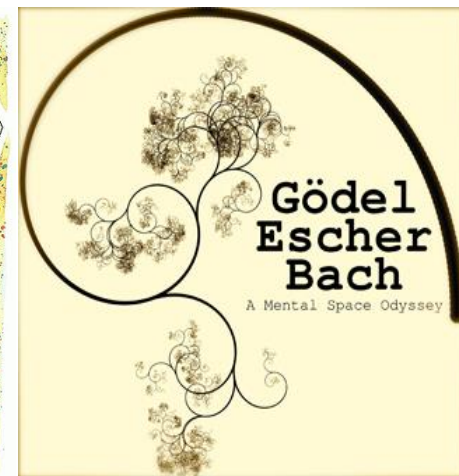


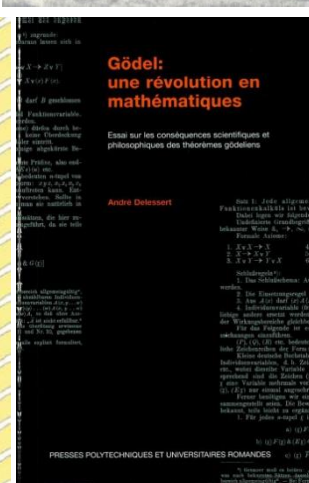
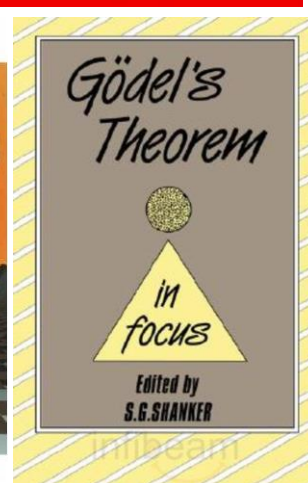
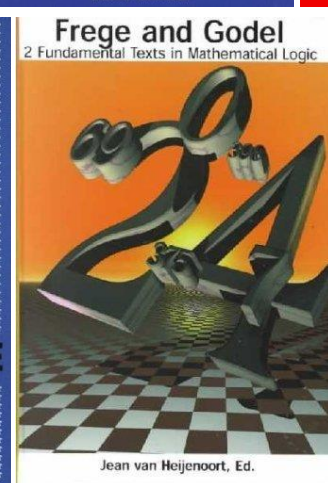
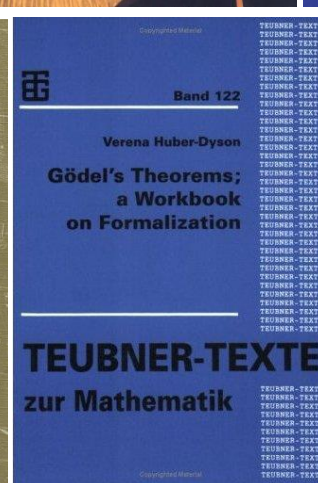
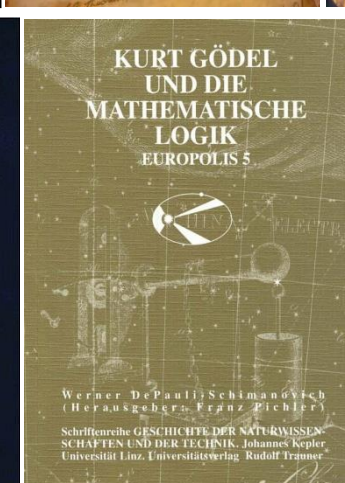
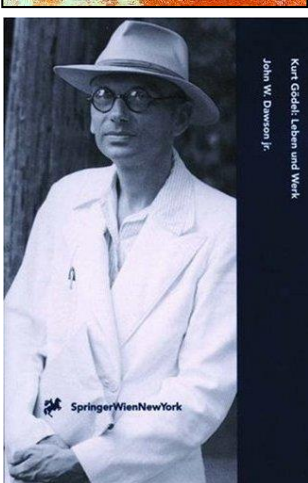
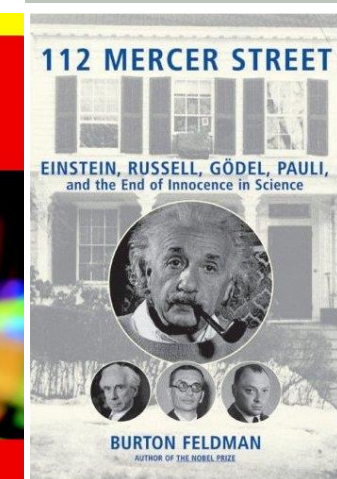
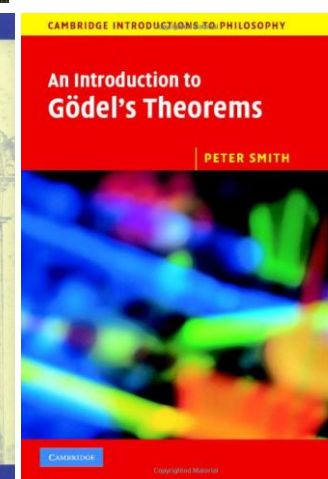
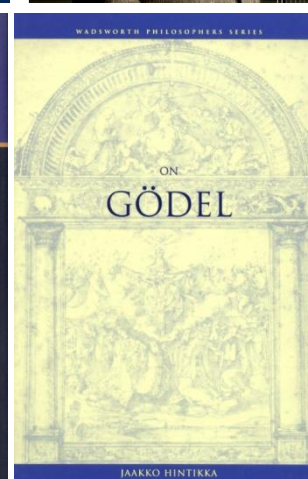
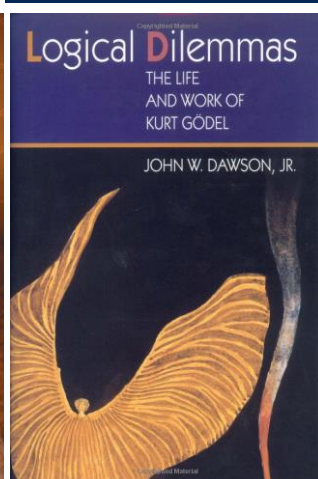
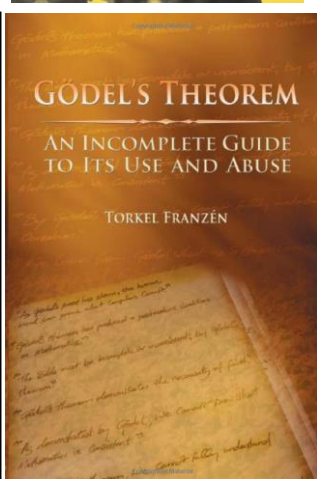
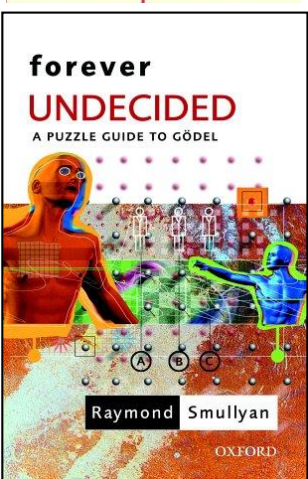
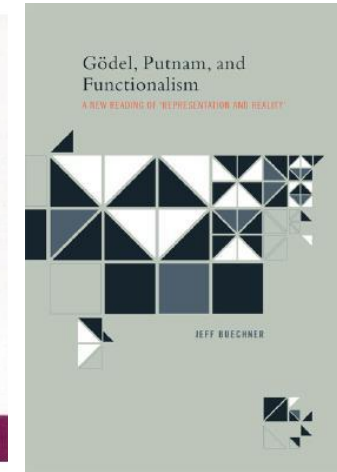
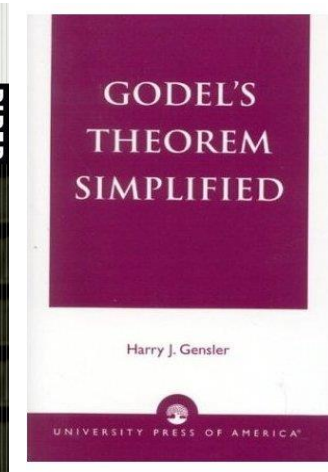
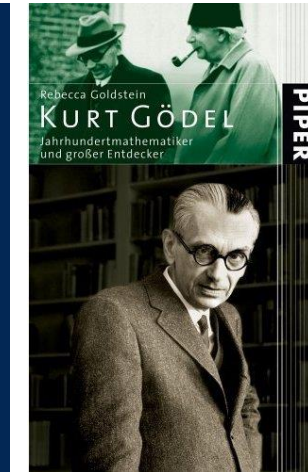
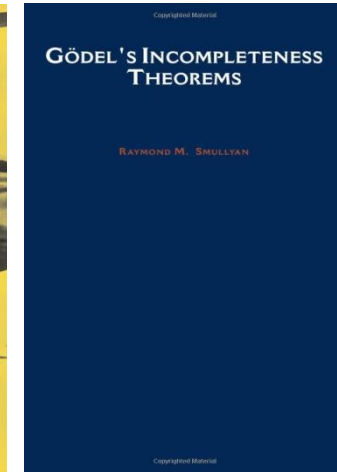
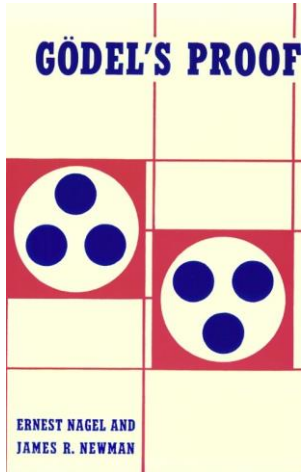


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Kurt Gödel
1906-1978

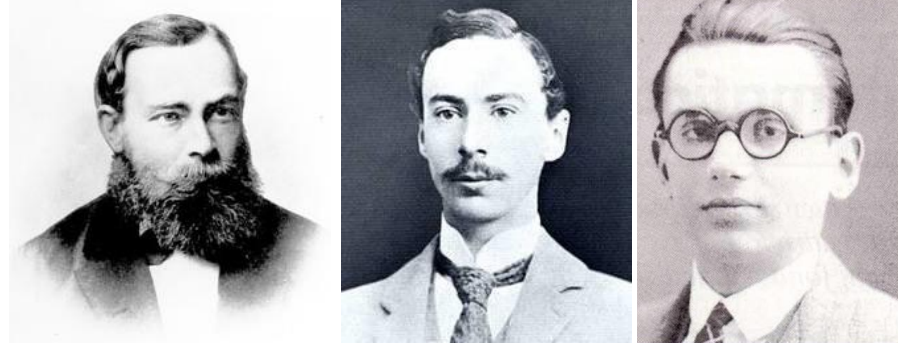




Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

Frege & Russell:

- Mechanically verifying proofs
- Automatic theorem proving



A set of axioms is:

- **Sound**: iff only true statements can be proved
- **Complete**: iff any statement **or** its negation can be proved
- **Consistent**: iff no statement **and** its negation can be proved

Hilbert's program: find an axiom set for **all** of mathematics
i.e., find a axiom set that is **consistent and complete**

Gödel: any **consistent axiomatic system** is **incomplete!**

(as long as it subsume elementary arithmetic)

i.e., any **consistent** axiomatic system must contain **true** but **unprovable** statements

Mathematical surprise: **truth** and **provability** are **not the same!**

Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

That **some** axiomatic systems are **incomplete** is **not surprising**, since an important axiom may be missing (e.g., Euclidean geometry without the parallel postulate)



However, that **every** consistent axiomatic system must be **incomplete** was an **unexpected shock** to mathematics!

This **undermined** not only a particular system (e.g., logic), but **axiomatic reasoning** and human thinking itself!

Truth = Provability

Justice ≠ Legality

Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

Gödel: **consistency** or **completeness** - pick one!



Which is **more important**?

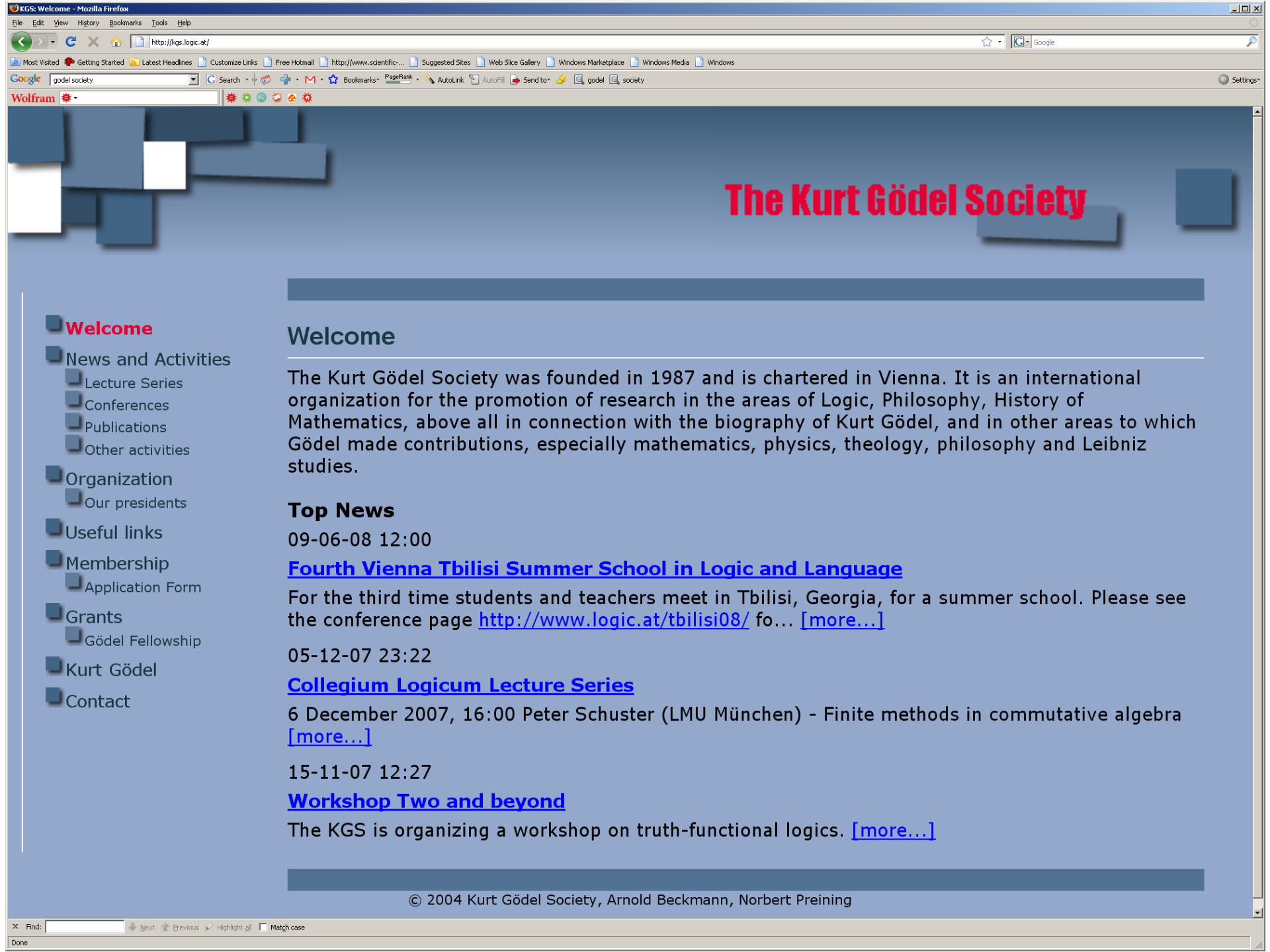
Incomplete: not all true statements can be proved.
But if useful theorems arise, the system is **still useful**.

Inconsistent: some false statement can be proved.
This can be **catastrophic** to the theory:

E.g., supposed in an axiomatic system we proved that “**1=2**”.
Then we can use this to prove that, e.g., all things are equal!

Consider the set: $\{\text{Trump}, \text{Pope}\}$
 $|\{\text{Trump}, \text{Pope}\}| = 2$
 $\Rightarrow |\{\text{Trump}, \text{Pope}\}| = 1$ (since **1=2**)
 $\Rightarrow \text{Trump} = \text{Pope}$ QED

\Rightarrow All things become true: system is “**complete**” but **useless**!



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Welcome

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The purpose of the Symposium is to commemorate the life, work, and foundational views of Kurt Gödel, perhaps the greatest logician of the twentieth century. In the spirit of Gödel's work, the Symposium will also explore current research advances and ideas for future possibilities in the fields of the foundations of mathematics and logic. The symposium intends to put Gödel's ideas and works into a more general context in the light of current understanding and perception. The symposium will also present various implications of his work for other areas of intellectual endeavor such as artificial intelligence, cosmology, philosophy, and theology.

The Symposium will take place 27-29 April in the Celebration Hall of the University of Vienna, famous for its architectural beauty and the murals of Klimt. More than 20 lectures by eminent scientists in the fields of logics, mathematics, philosophy, physics, and theology will provide new insights into the life and work of Kurt Gödel and their implications for future generations.

Contributions

The [program](#) will contain

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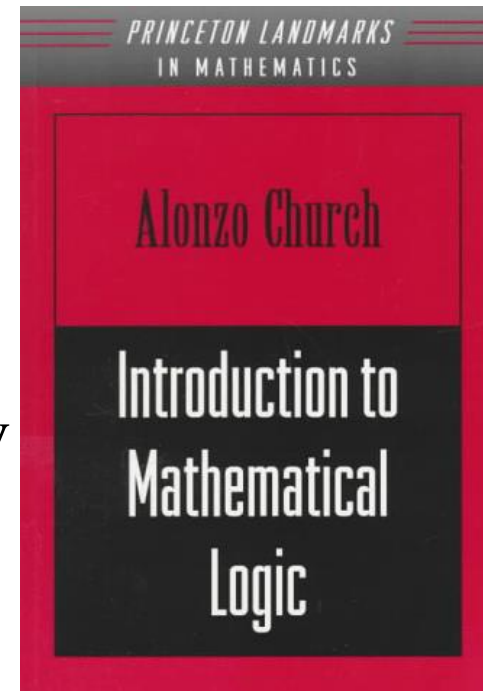
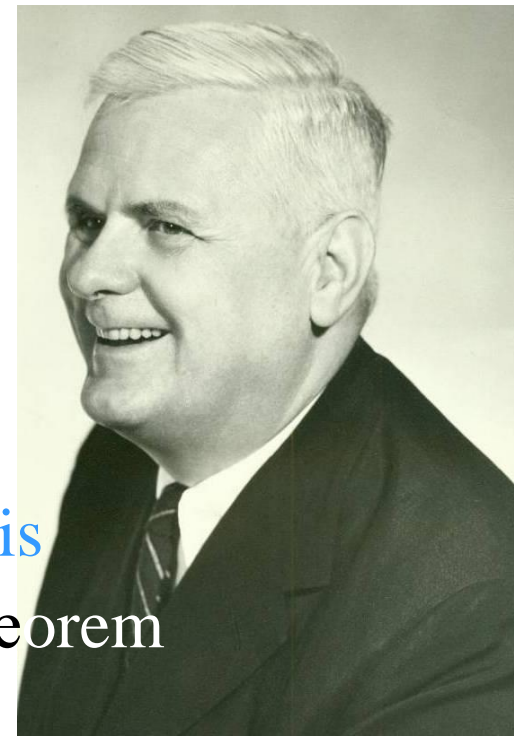
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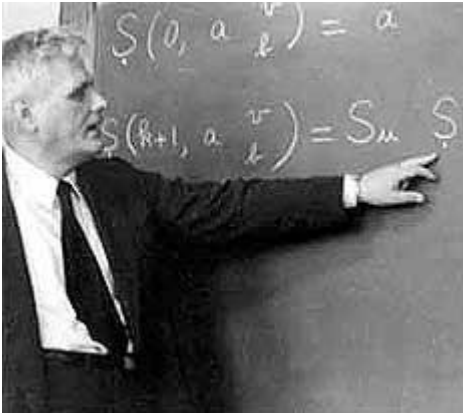
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Historical Perspectives

Alonzo Church (1903-1995)

- Founder of **theoretical computer science**
- Made major contributions to logic
- Invented **Lambda-calculus**, **Church-Turing Thesis**
- Originated Church-Frege Ontology, Church's theorem
Church encoding, Church-Kleene ordinal,
- Inspired **LISP** and **functional programming**
- Was **Turing's Ph.D. advisor!** Other students:
Davis, **Kleene**, Rabin, Rogers, Scott, Smullyan
- Founded / edited **Journal of Symbolic Logic**
- Taught at UCLA until 1990; published "A Theory
of the Meaning of Names" in 1995, at **age 92!**





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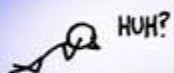
Church's Thesis
After 70 Years



THE CALCULI OF
LAMBDA-CONVERSION

ALONZO CHURCH

LAST NIGHT I DRIFTED OFF
WHILE READING A LISP BOOK.



SUDDENLY, I WAS BATHED
IN A SUFFUSION OF BLUE.

AT ONCE, JUST LIKE THEY SAID, I FELT A
GREAT ENLIGHTENMENT. I SAW THE NAKED
STRUCTURE OF LISP CODE UNFOLD BEFORE ME.



THE PATTERNS AND METAPATTERNS DANCED.
SYNTAX FADED, AND I SWAM IN THE PURITY OF
QUANTIFIED CONCEPTION. OF IDEAS MANIFEST.

TRULY, THIS WAS
THE LANGUAGE
FROM WHICH THE
GODS WROUGHT
THE UNIVERSE.



NO, IT'S NOT.

IT'S NOT?



I MEAN, OSTENSIBLY, YES.
HONESTLY, WE HACKED MOST
OF IT TOGETHER WITH PERL.

LISP IS OVER HALF A CENTURY OLD AND IT STILL HAS THIS PERFECT, TIMELESS AIR ABOUT IT.



I WONDER IF THE CYCLES WILL CONTINUE FOREVER.



A FEW CODERS FROM EACH NEW GENERATION RE- DISCOVERING THE LISP ARTS.

THESE ARE YOUR FATHER'S PARENTHESES



ELEGANT WEAPONS

FOR A MORE... CIVILIZED AGE.

A GOD'S LAMENT

SOME SAID THE WORLD SHOULD BE IN PERL;
SOME SAID IN LISP.
NOW, HAVING GIVEN BOTH A WHIRL,
I HELD WITH THOSE WHO FAVORED PERL.
BUT I FEAR WE PASSED TO MEN
A DISAPPOINTING FOUNDING MYTH,
AND SHOULD WE WRITE IT ALL AGAIN,
I'D END IT WITH
A CLOSE-PAREN.



AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE IN THE EIGHTH YEAR OF OUR NORTHERN WARS AGAINST THE HASKELLERS. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT MORE OF OUR TROOPS ARE DEFECTING TO THE OTHER SIDE EVERY DAY...



DON'T BE TEMPTED TO BREAK RANKS!

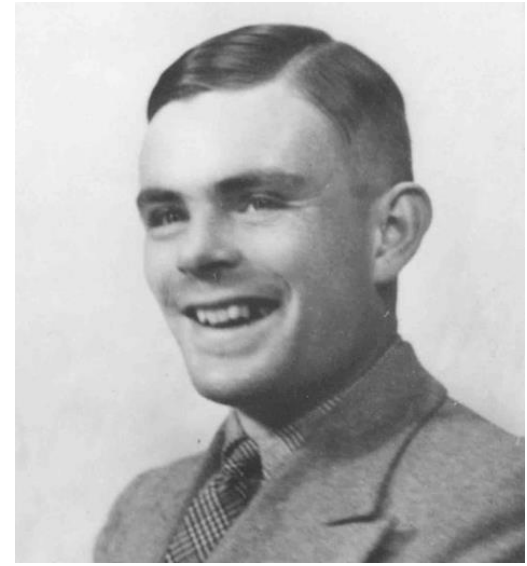


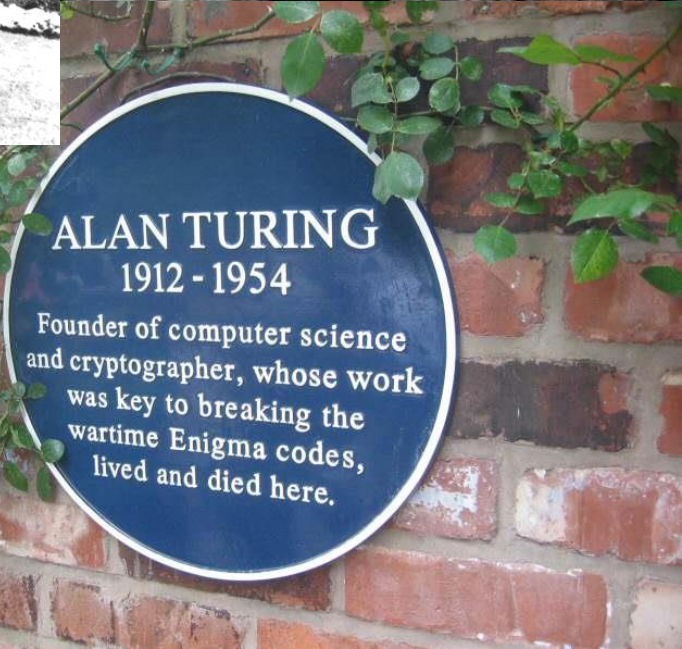
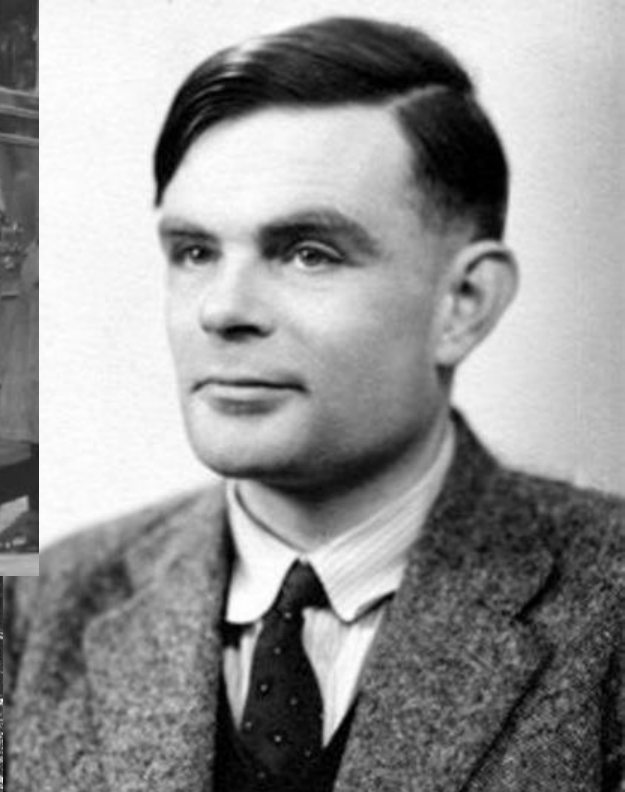
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Historical Perspectives

Alan Turing (1912-1954)

- Mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst, and founder of computer science
- First to formally define computation / algorithm
- Invented the Turing machine model
 - theoretical basis of all modern computers
- Investigated computational “universality”
- Introduced “definable” real numbers
- Proved undecidability of halting problem
- Originated oracles and the “Turing test”
- Pioneered artificial intelligence
- Anticipated neural networks
- Designed the Manchester Mark 1 (1948)
- Helped break the German Enigma cypher
- Turing Award was created in his honor





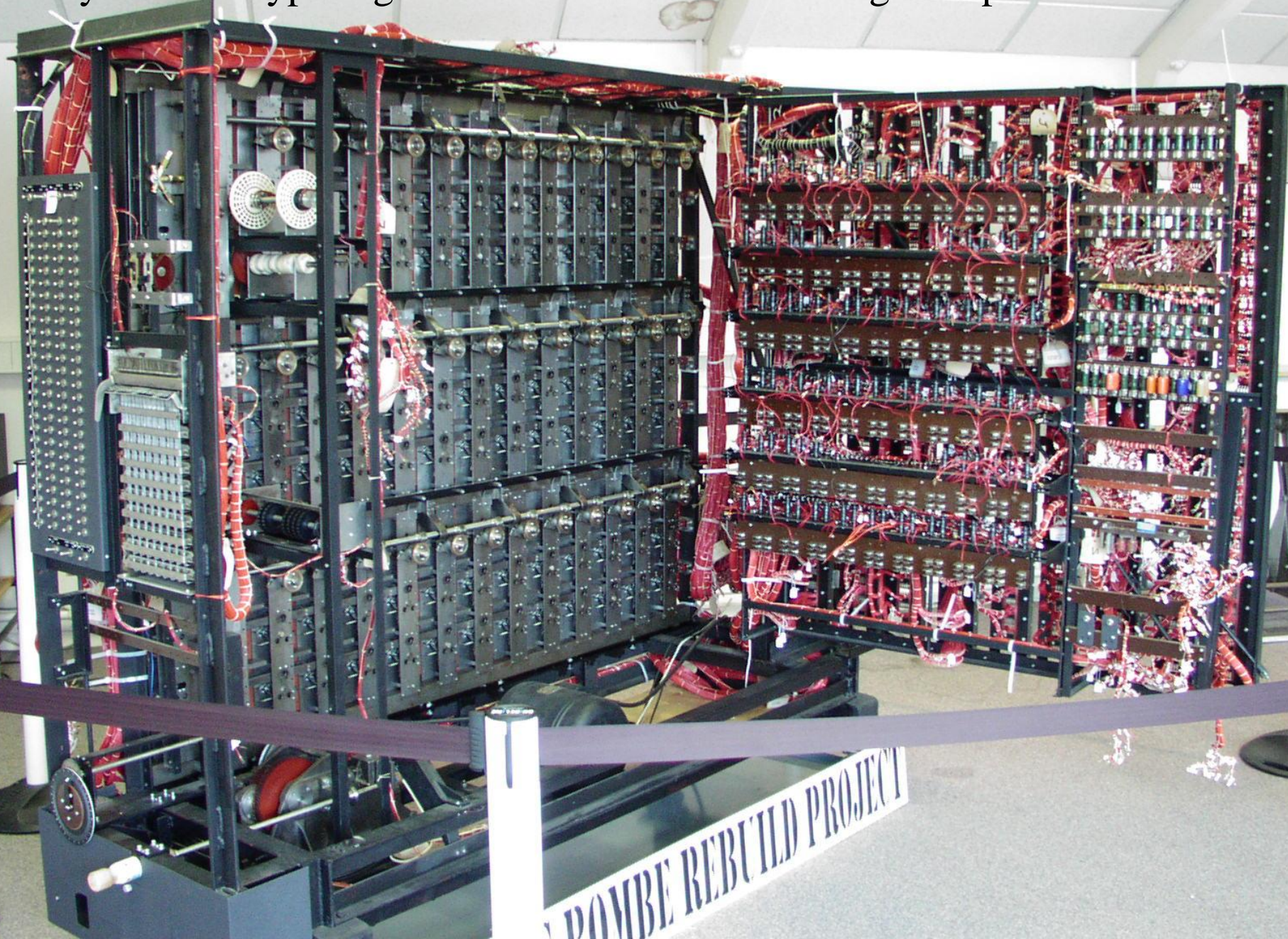
ALAN TURING
1912 - 1954

Founder of computer science and cryptographer, whose work was key to breaking the wartime Enigma codes, lived and died here.



Bletchley Park (“Station X”), Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, England
England’s code-breaking and cryptanalysis center during WWII

“Bombe” - electromechanical computer designed by Alan Turing.
Used by British cryptologists to break the German Enigma cipher

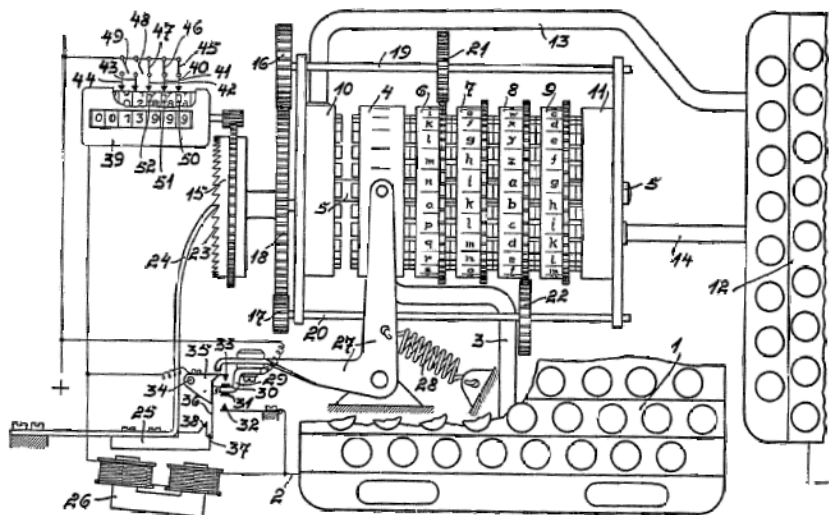




1918 First Enigma Patent

The official history of the Enigma starts in 1918, when the German **Arthur Scherbius** filed his first patent for the Enigma coding machine. It is listed as patent number 416219 in the archives of the German *Reichspatentamt* (patent office). Please note the time at which the Enigma was invented: **1918**, just after the First World War, more than 20 years before WWII! The image below clearly shows the coding wheels (rotors) in the centre part of the drawing. Below it is the keyboard and to the right is the lamp panel. At the top left is a counter, used to count the number of letters entered on the keyboard. This counter can still be found on certain Enigma models.

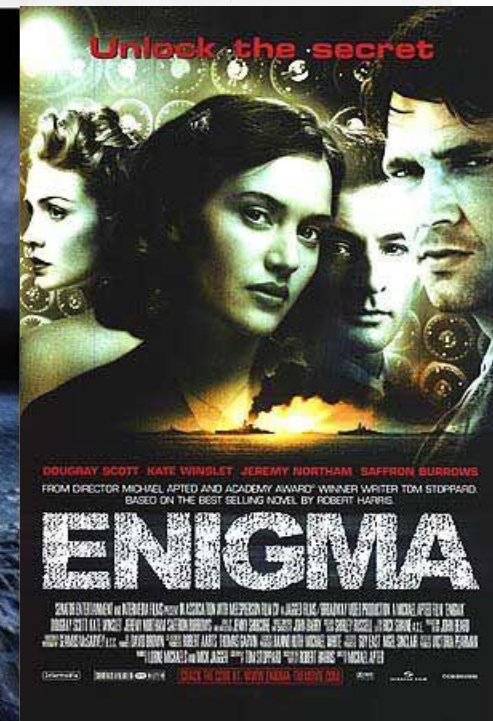
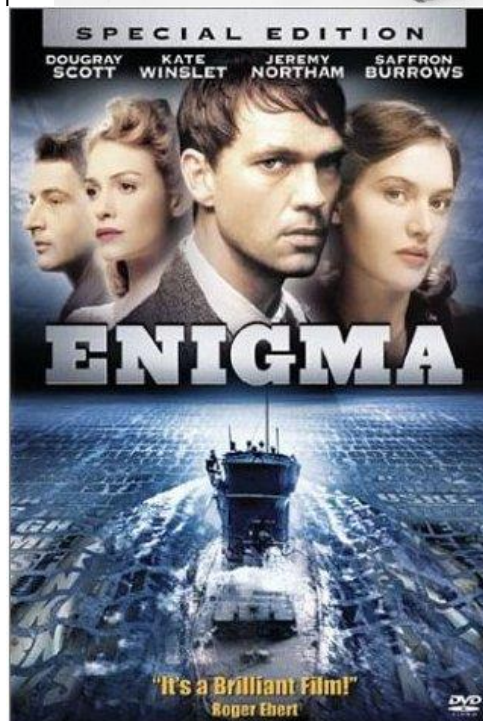
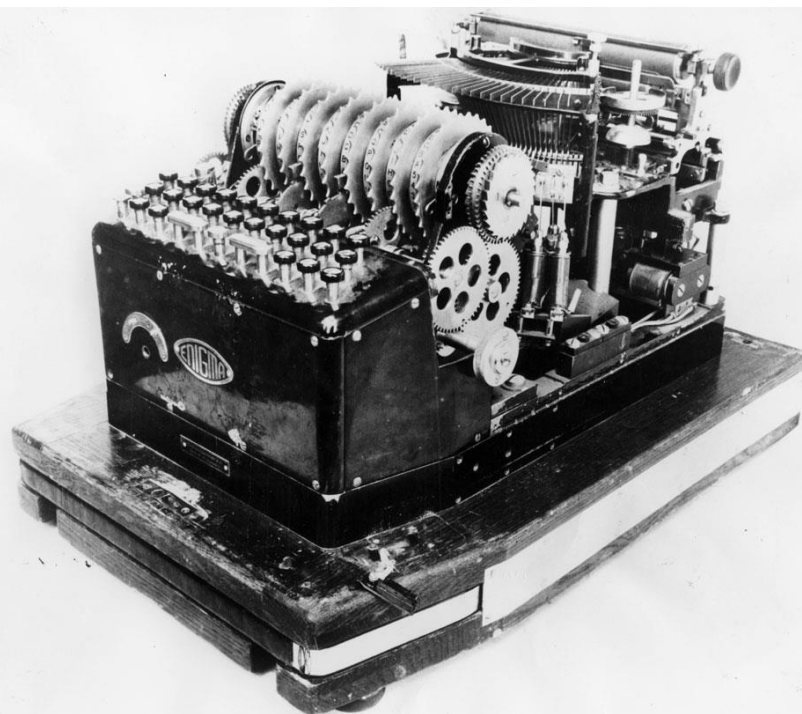
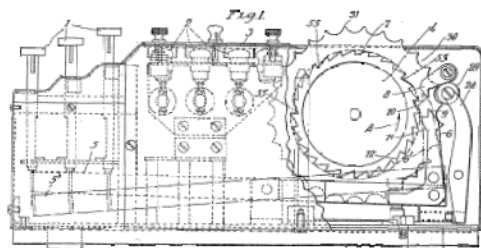
Arthur Scherbius' company **Securitas** was based in Berlin (Germany) and had an office in Amsterdam (The Netherlands). As he wanted to protect his invention outside Germany, he also registered his patent in the USA (1922), Great Britain (1923) and France (1923).



This image is taken from patent number 193,035 that was registered in Great Britain in 1923, long before WWII. It was also registered in a number of other countries, such as France and the USA.

During the 1920s the Enigma was available as a commercial device, available for use by companies and embassies for their confidential messages. Remember that in those days, most companies had to use morse code and radio links for long distance communication. The devices were advertised having over 800.000 possibilities.

In the following years, additional patents with improvements of the coding machine were applied. E.g. in GB Patent 267,482, dated 17 Jan 1927, the *Umkehrwalze* was added and a later patent of 14 Nov 1929 (GB 343,146) claims the addition of the *Ringstellung*, multiple notches, etc. One of the drawings of that patent shows a coding device, that we now know as The Enigma, in great detail.





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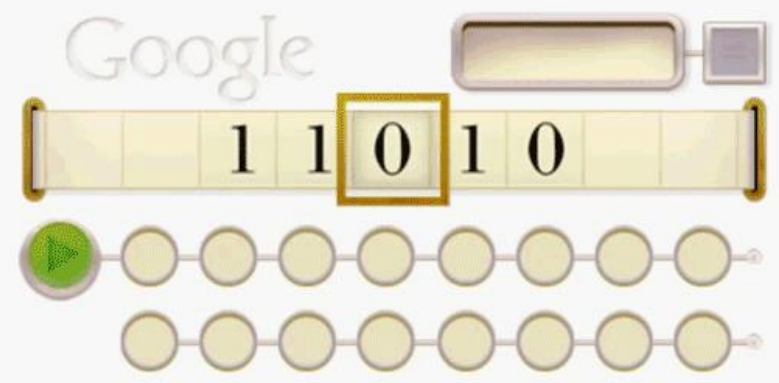
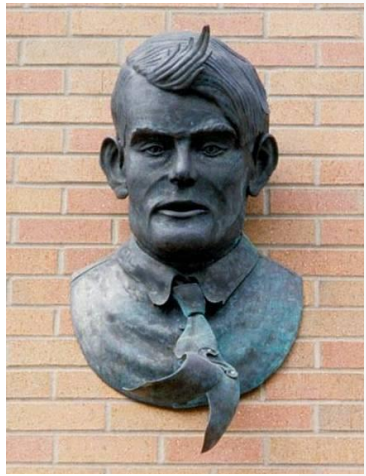
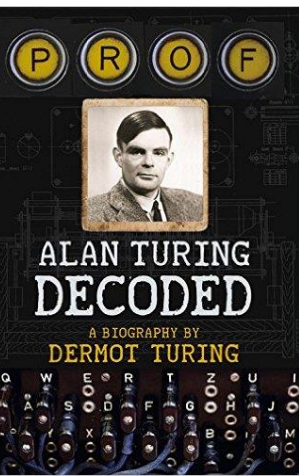
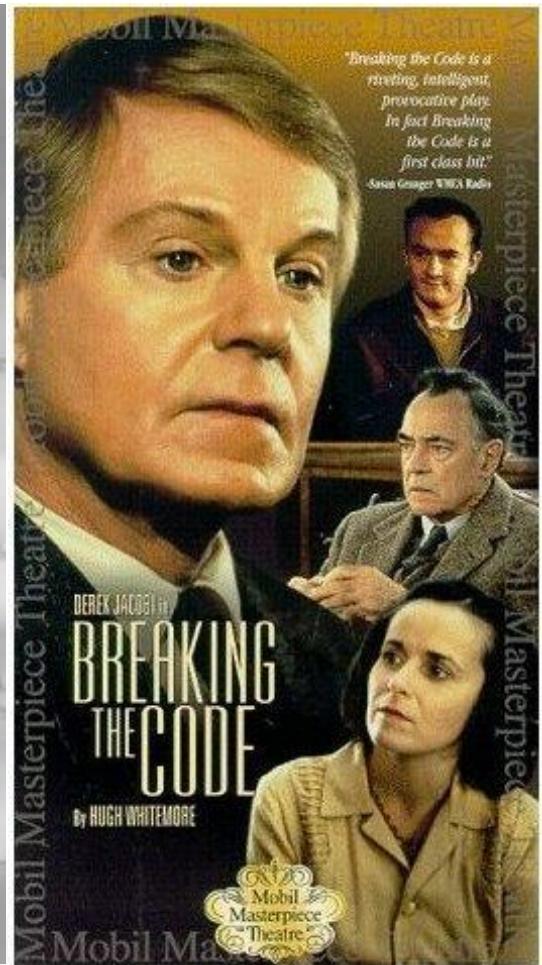
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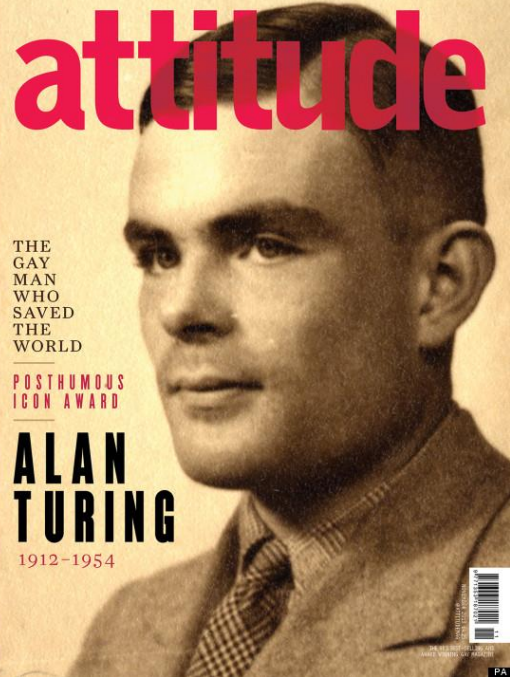
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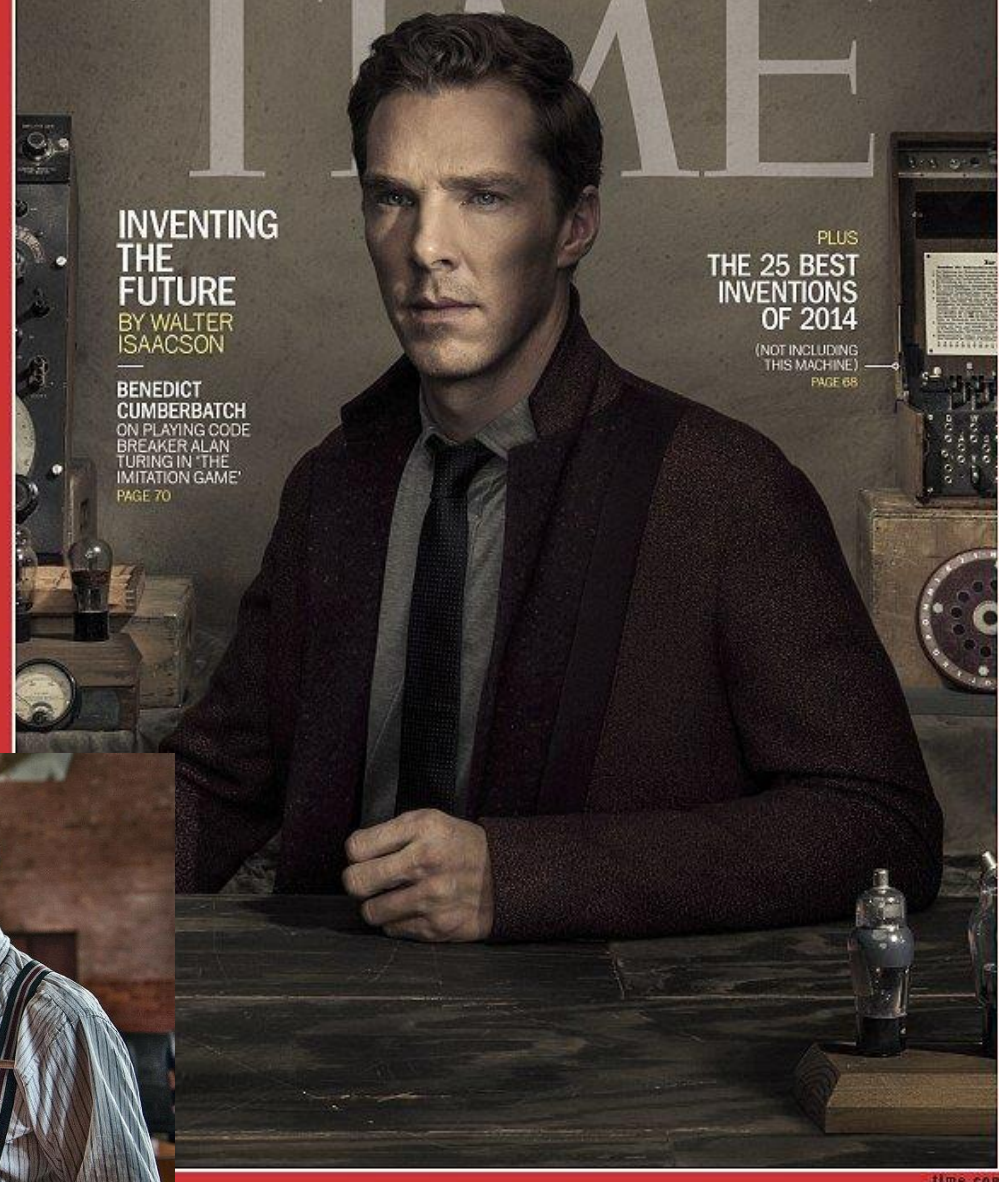
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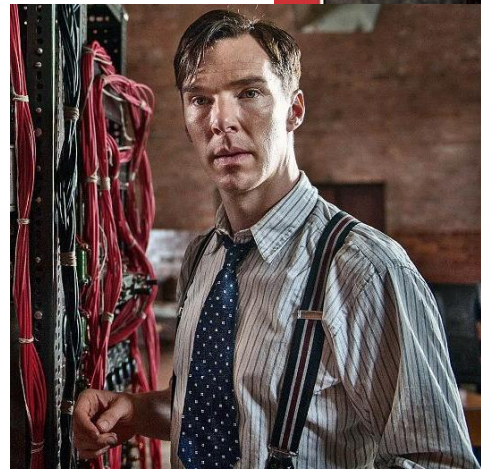


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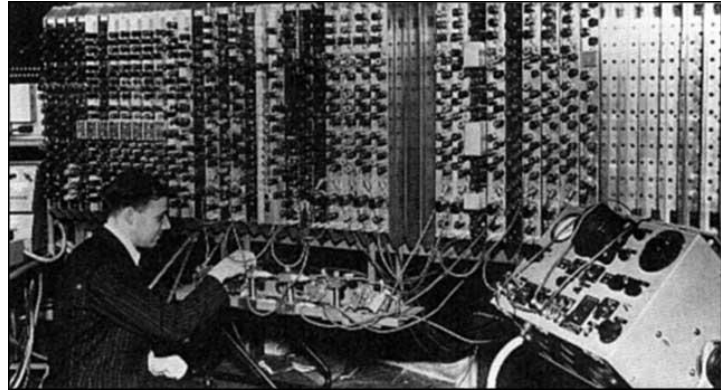
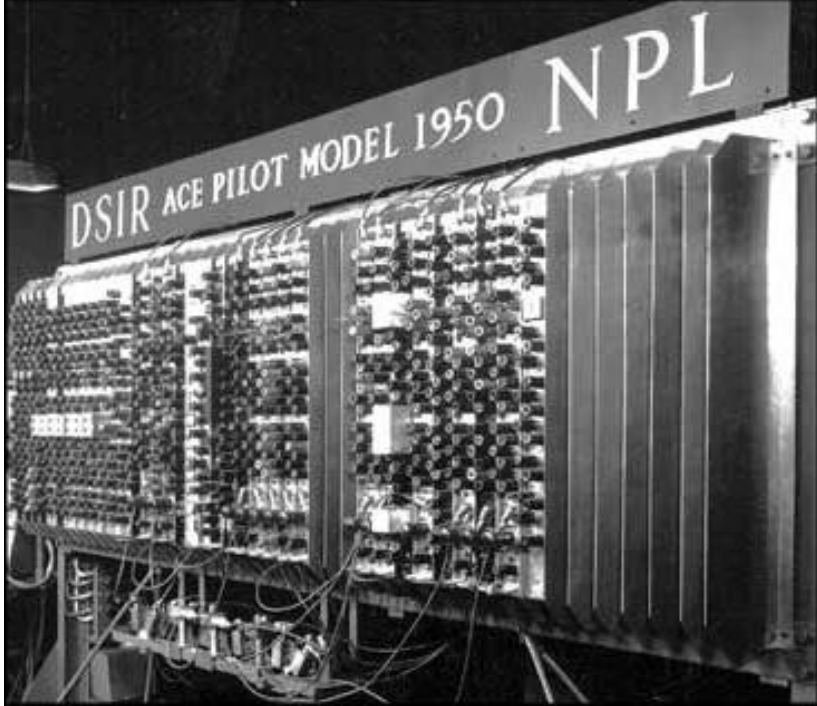
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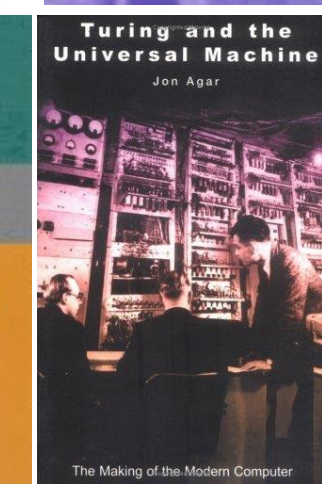
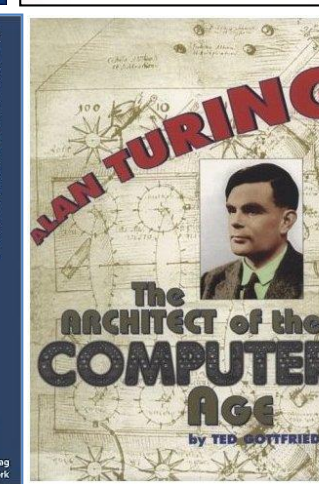
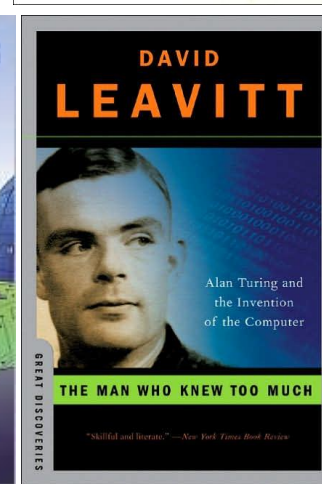
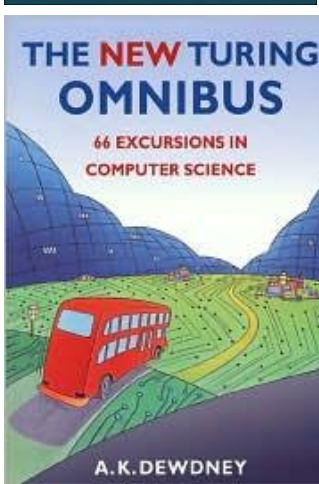
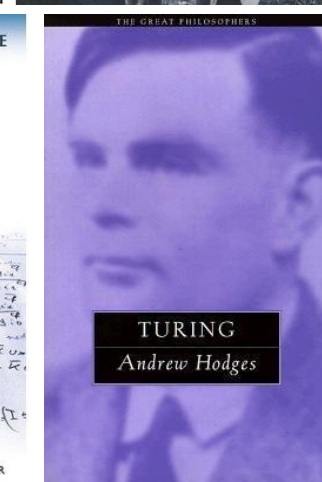
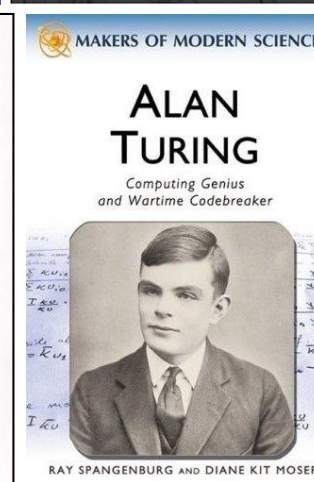
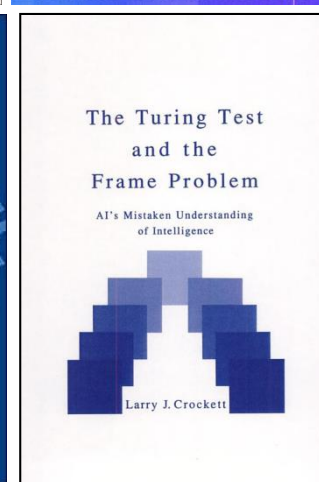
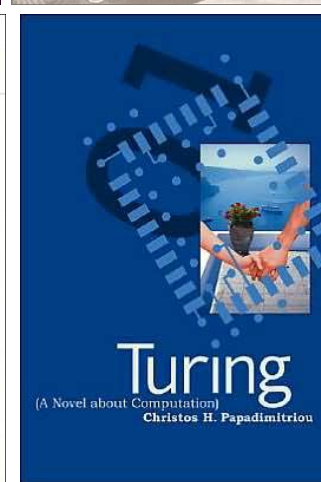
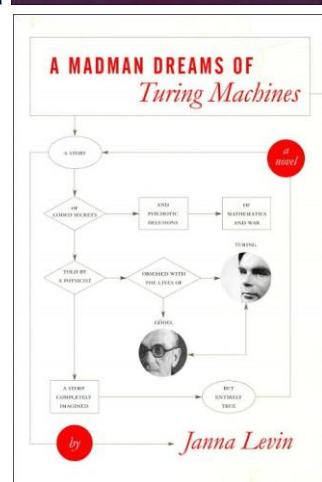
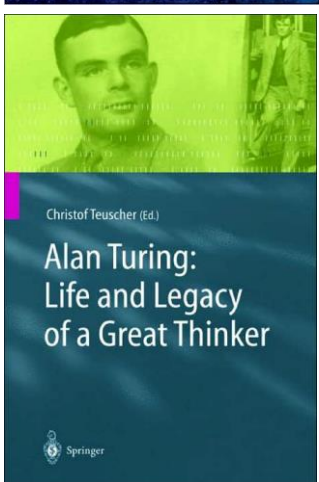
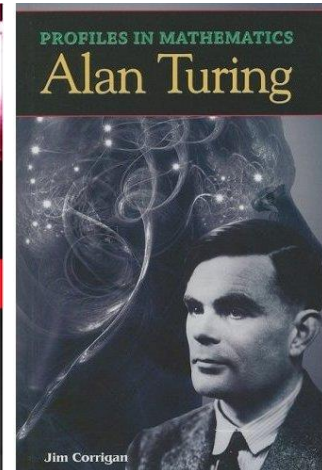
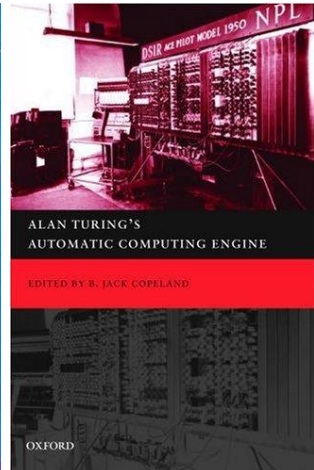
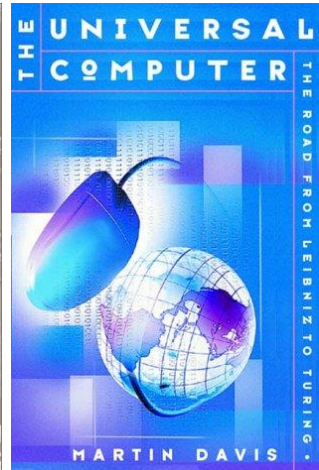
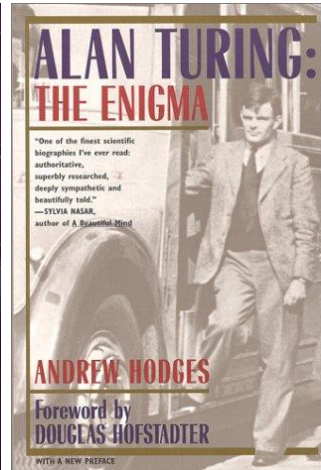
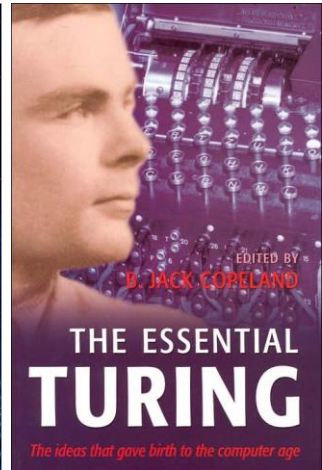
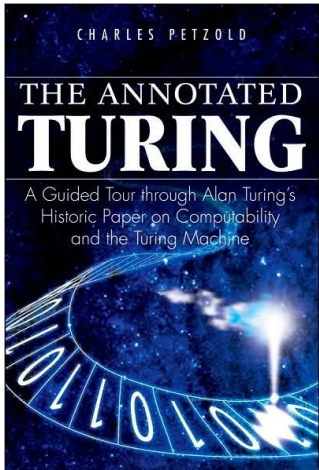
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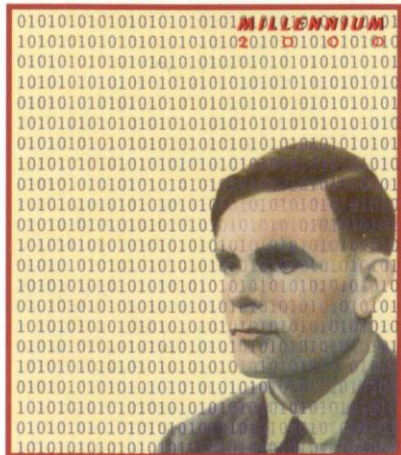
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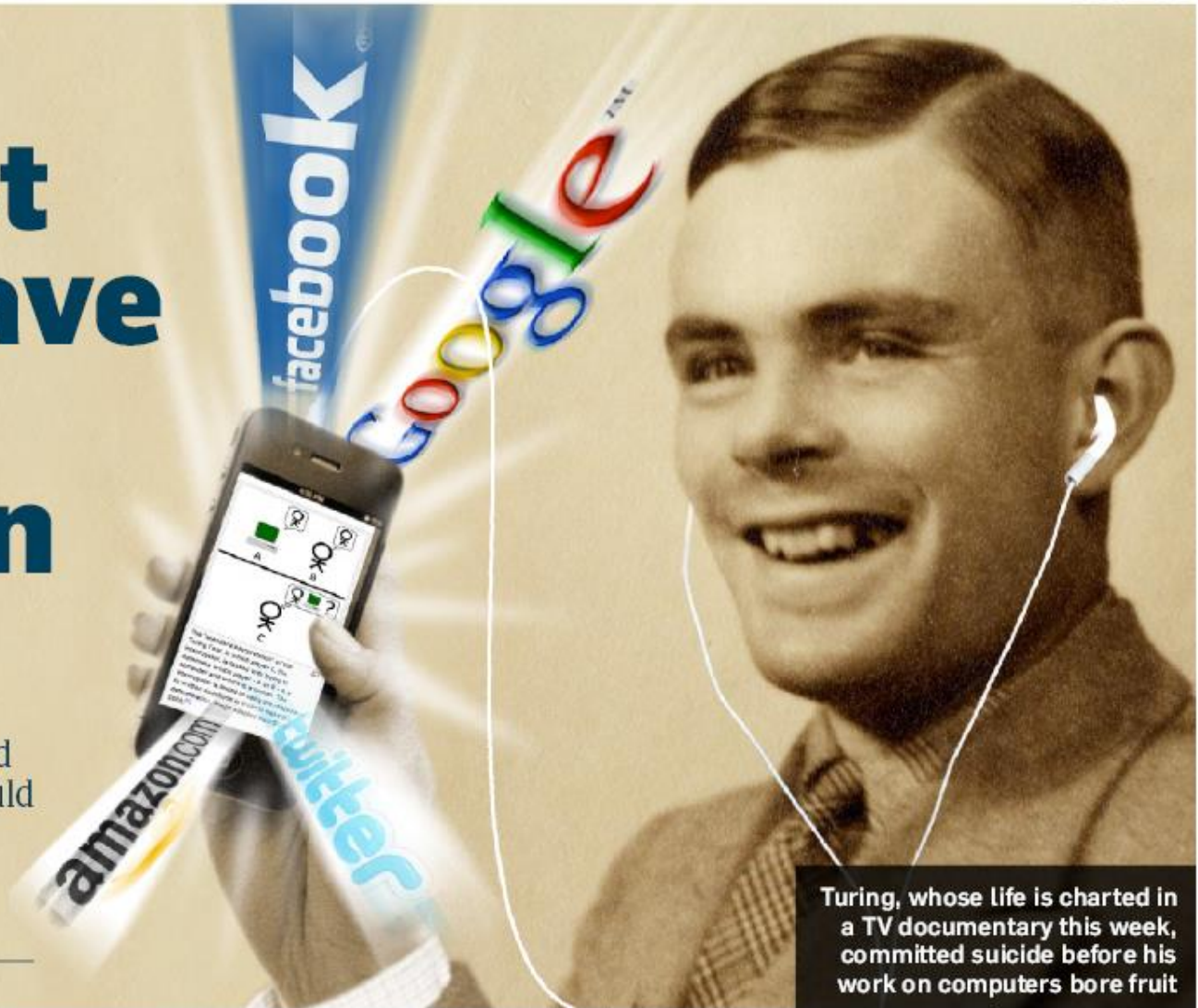
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TURING ARCHIVE

The outcast who gave us the modern world

Alan Turing's genius ushered in the digital era. Britain could have been at its centre, had it not treated him cruelly, writes **Michael Hanlon**



Turing, whose life is charted in a TV documentary this week, committed suicide before his work on computers bore fruit



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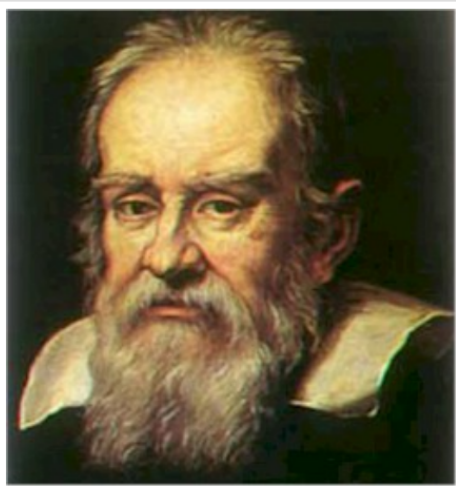
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Monday, September 10, 2007

1992: Catholic Church apologizes to Galileo, who died in 1642



In 1610, Century Italian astronomer/mathematician /inventor Galileo Galilei used a a telescope he built to observe the solar system, and deduced that the planets orbit the sun, not the earth.

This contradicted Church teachings, and some of the clergy accused Galileo of heresy. One friar went to the Inquisition, the Church court that investigated charges of heresy, and formally accused Galileo. (In 1600, a man named Giordano Bruno was

convicted of being a heretic for believing that the earth moved around the Sun, and that there were many planets throughout the universe where life existed. Bruno was burnt to death.)

Galileo moved on to other projects. He started writing about ocean tides, but instead of writing a scientific paper, he found it much more interesting to have an imaginary conversation among three fictional characters. One character, who would support Galileo's side of the argument, was brilliant. Another character would be open to either side of the argument. The final character, named Simplicio, was dogmatic and foolish, representing all of Galileo's enemies who ignored any evidence that Galileo was right. Soon, Galileo wrote up a sim dialogue called "Dialogue on the Two Great Systems of the V This book talked about the Copernican system.

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"Dialogue" was an immediate hit with the public, but not, of course, with the Church. The pope suspected that he was the model for Simplicio. He ordered the book banned, and also ordered Galileo to appear before the Inquisition in Rome for the crime of teaching the Copernican theory after being ordered not to do so.

Galileo was 68 years old and sick. Threatened with torture, he publicly confessed that he had been wrong to have said that the Earth moves around the Sun. Legend then has it that after his confession, Galileo quietly whispered "And yet, it moves."

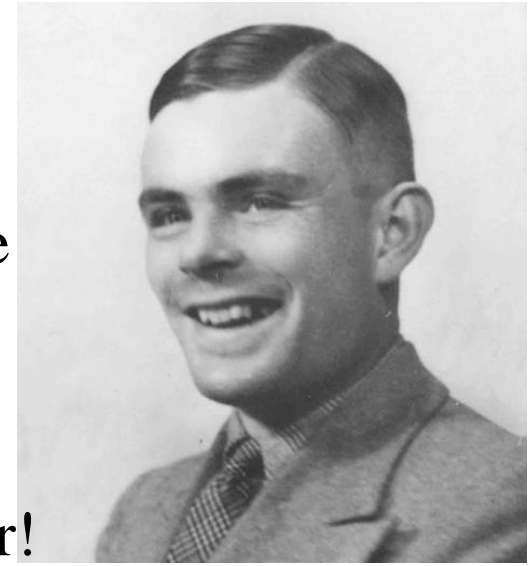
Unlike many less famous prisoners, Galileo was allowed to live under house arrest. Until his death in 1642, he continued to investigate science, and even published a book on force and motion after he had become blind.

The Church eventually lifted the ban on Galileo's Dialogue in 1822, when it was common knowledge that the Earth was not the center of the Universe. Still later, there were statements by the Vatican Council in the early 1960's and in 1979 that implied that Galileo was pardoned, and that he had suffered at the hands of the Church. Finally, in 1992, three years after Galileo Galilei's namesake spacecraft had been launched on its way to Jupiter, the Vatican formally and publicly cleared Galileo of any wrongdoing.

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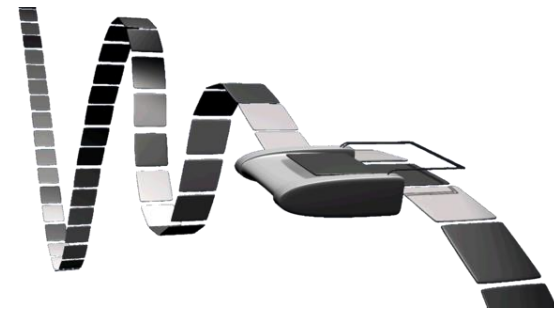
Theorem: A late apology is better than no apology.
Corollary: But sooner is better!

Turing's Seminal Paper



“**On Computable Numbers**, with an Application to the Entscheidungsproblem”, Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, 1937, pp. 230-265.

- One of the **most influential** & significant papers ever!
- First formal model of “**computation**”
- First ever definition of “**algorithm**”
- Invented “**Turing machines**”
- Introduced “computational **universality**”
i.e., “programmable”!
- Proved the **undecidability** of halting problem
- Explicates the **Church-Turing Thesis**

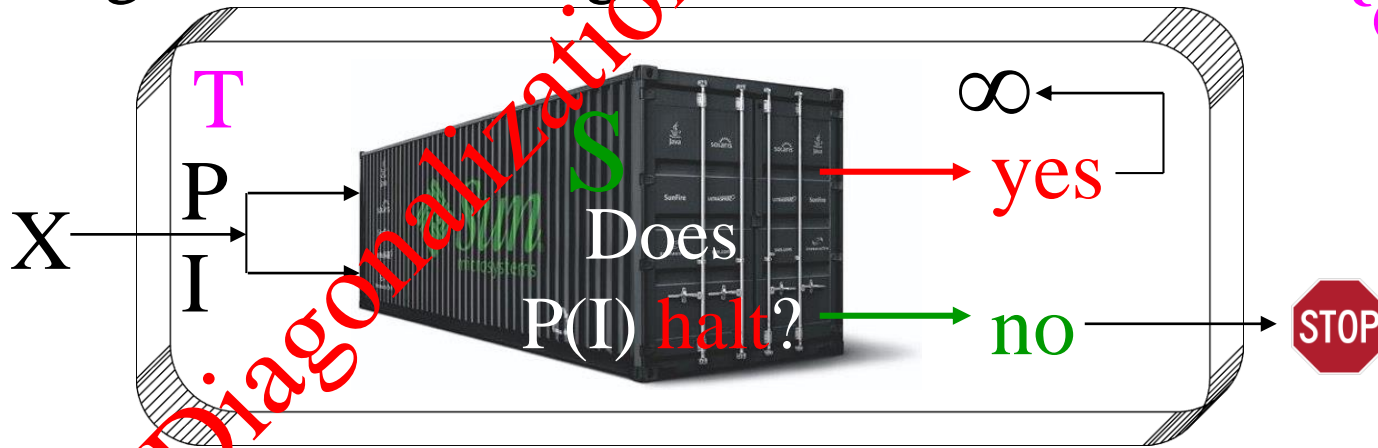


Theorem [Turing]: the **halting** problem (**H**) is not computable.

Proof: Assume \exists algorithm **S** that solves the **halting** problem **H**, that always **stops** with the **correct** answer for any **P** & **I**.



Using **S**, construct algorithm / TM **T**:



Non-existence proof!

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T(T) \text{ halts} \Rightarrow T(T) \text{ does not halt} \\ T(T) \text{ does not halt} \Rightarrow T(T) \text{ halts} \end{array} \right\} Q \Leftrightarrow \sim Q \Rightarrow \text{Contradiction!}$$

 \Rightarrow **S** cannot exist! (at least as an algorithm / program / TM)

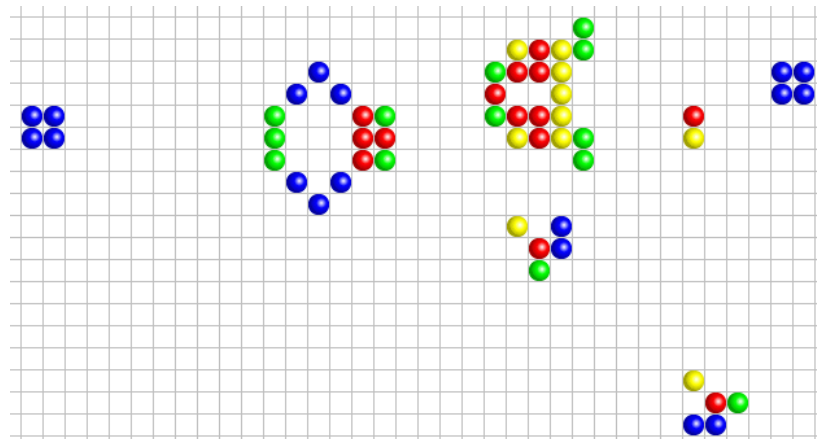
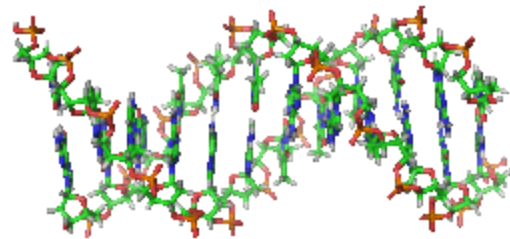
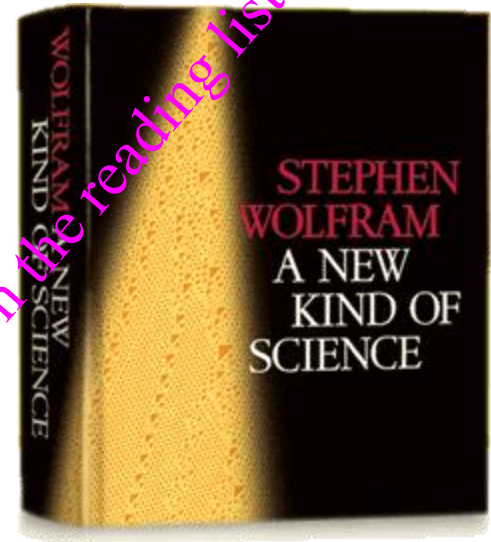
Computational Universality

Theorem: Many other systems are equivalent to Turing machines.

- Grammars $cS \rightarrow aNbc \mid S$
- λ -calculus $(\lambda X. X + 1)$
- Post tag systems $A \rightarrow bc$
- μ -recursive functions $\mu(f)(x,y) = z$
- Cellular automata
- Boolean circuits
- Diophantine equations $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 33$
- DNA
- Billiards!

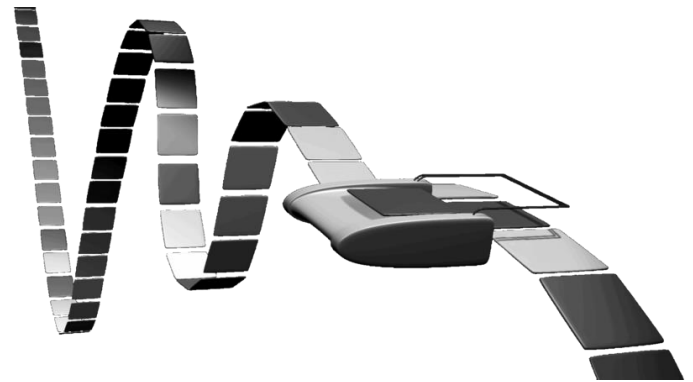
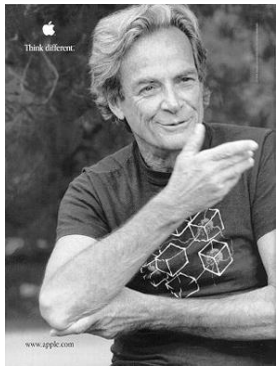
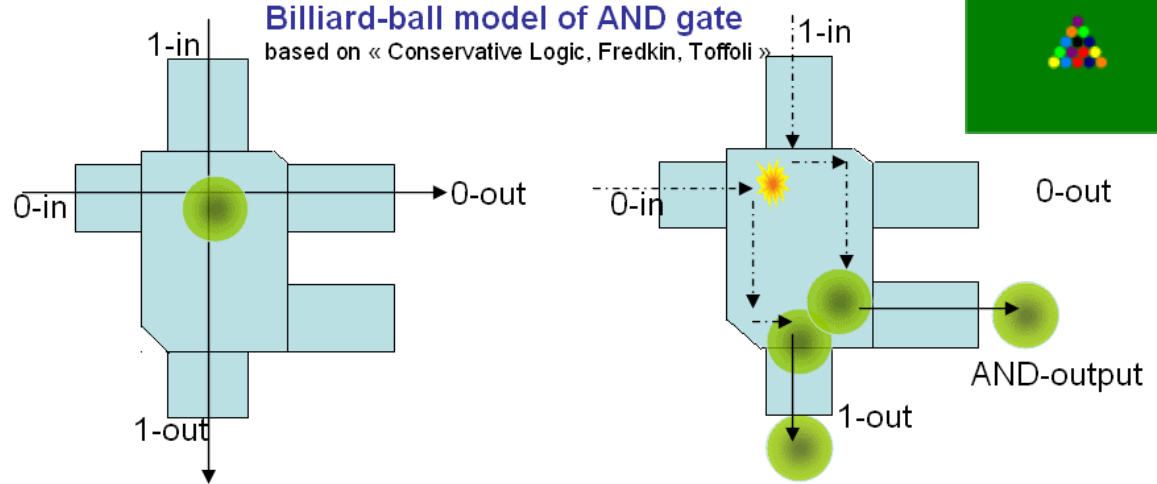
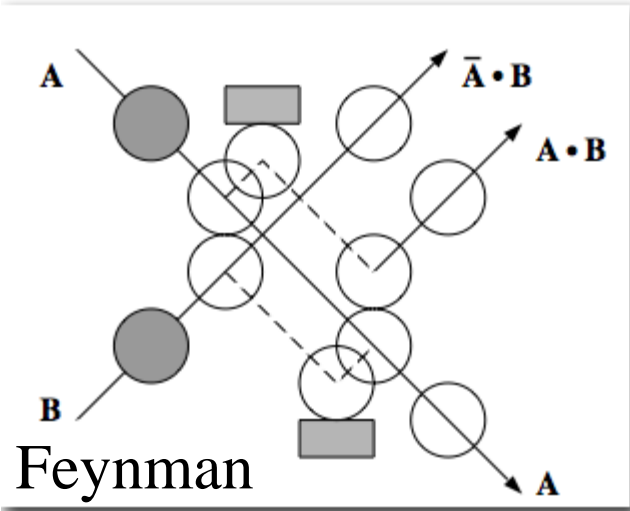
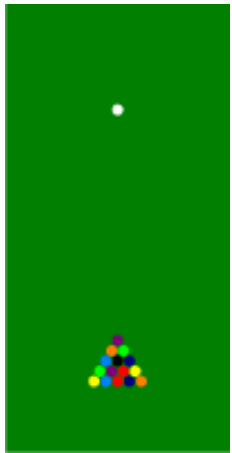


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Universality of Billiards

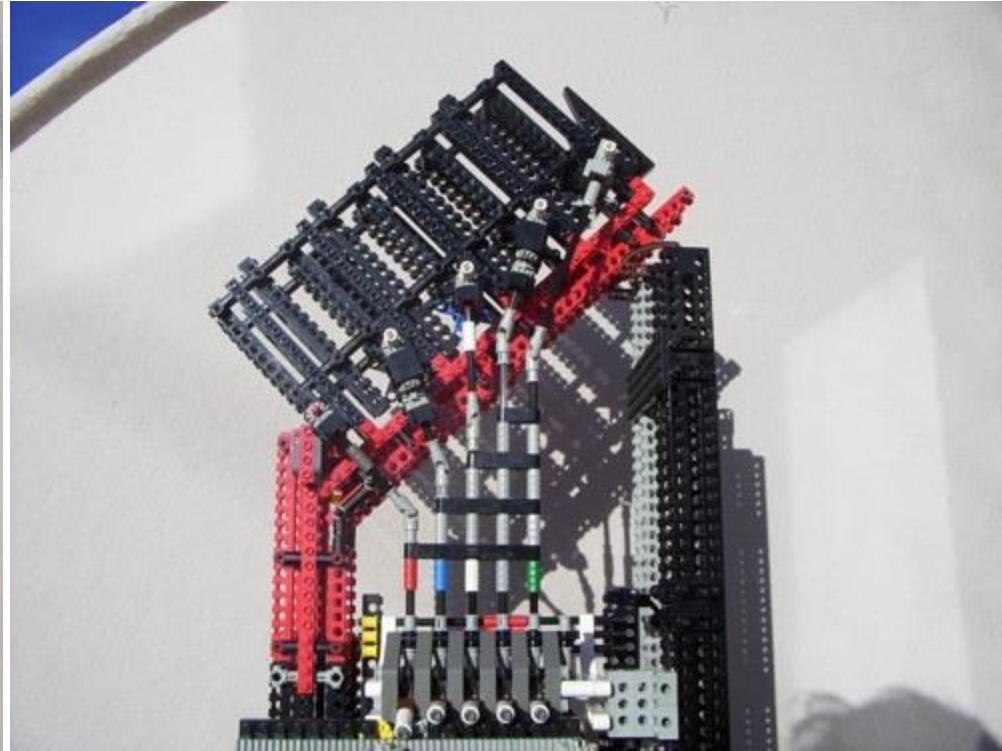
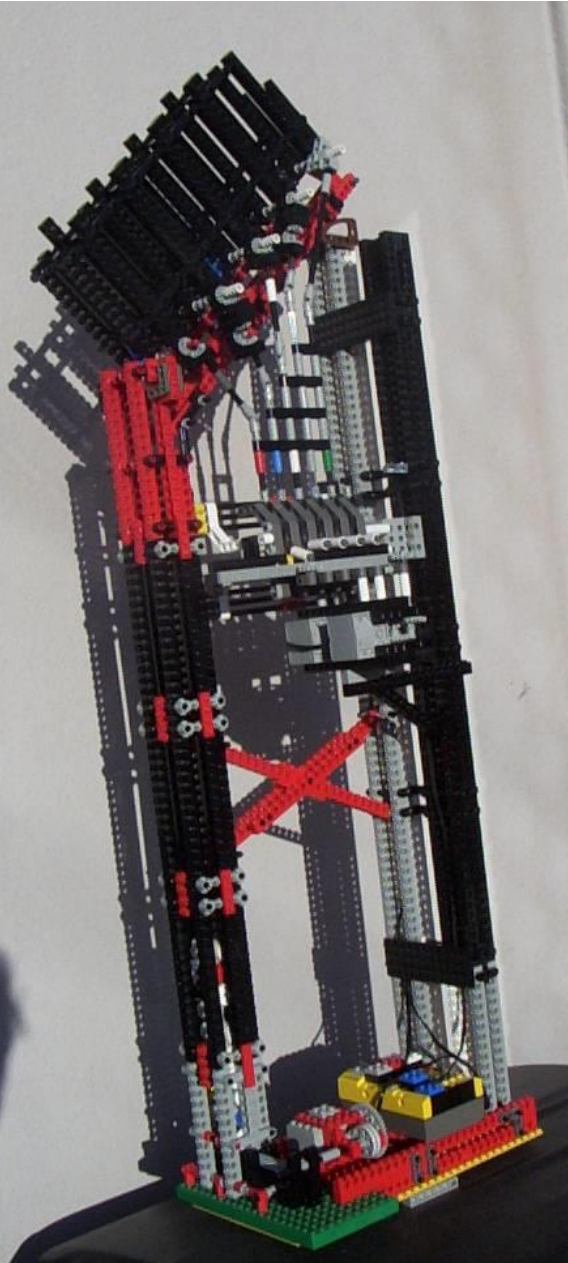
Theorem: Billiards is computationally universal!



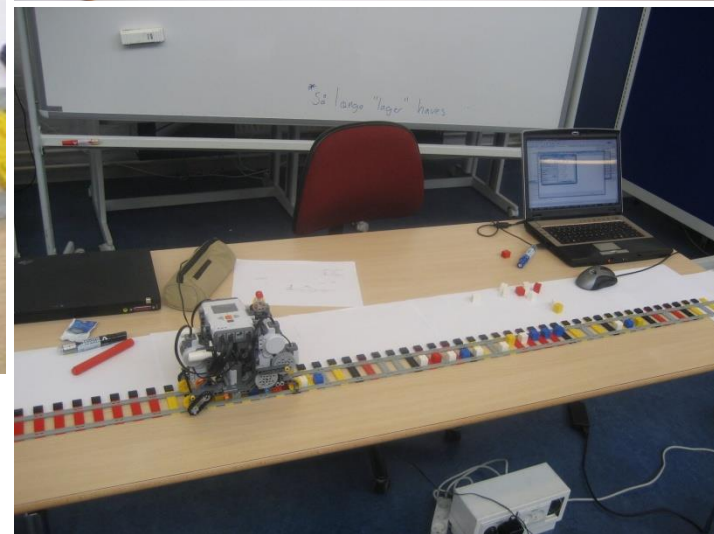
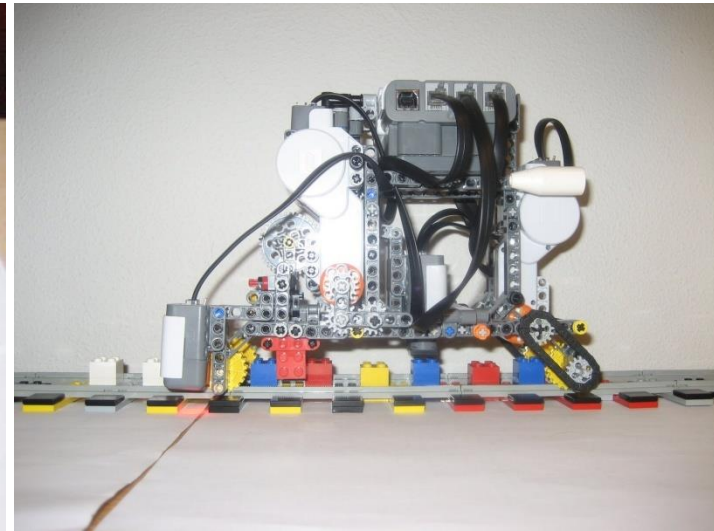
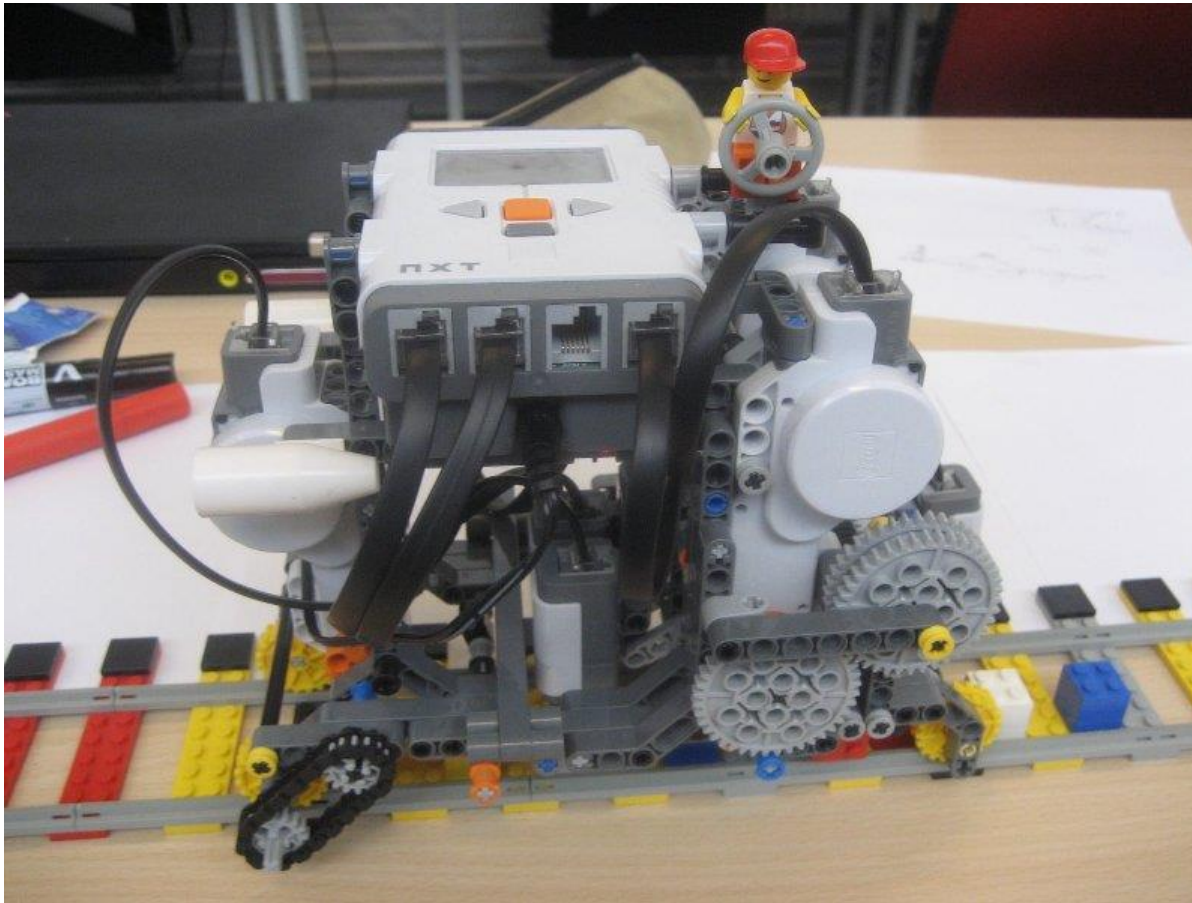
Corollary: Pool is “undecidable”!

Corollary: Newtonian mechanics is universal!

Lego Turing Machines

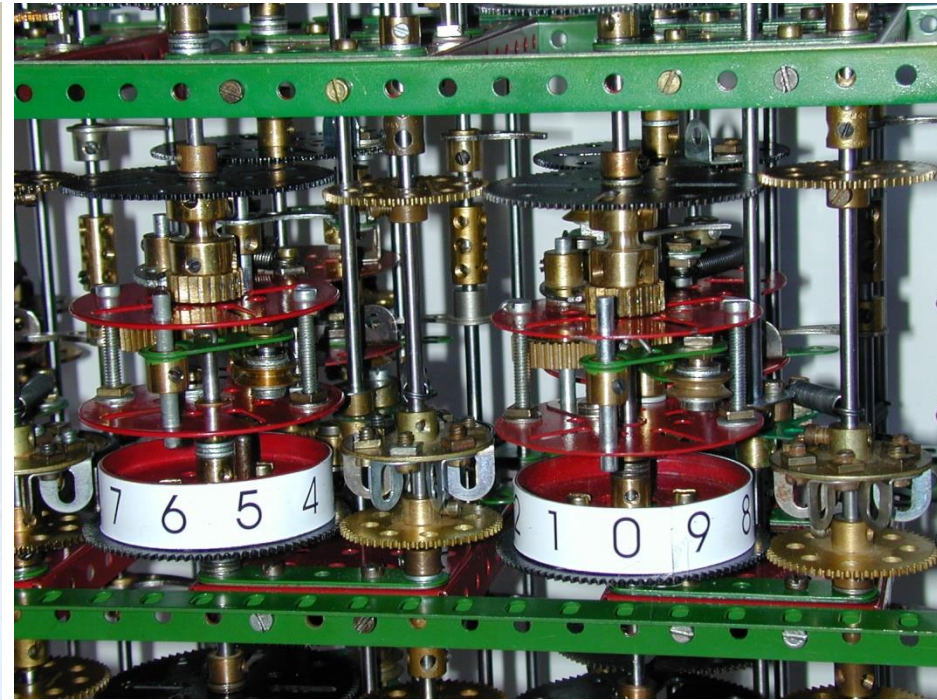


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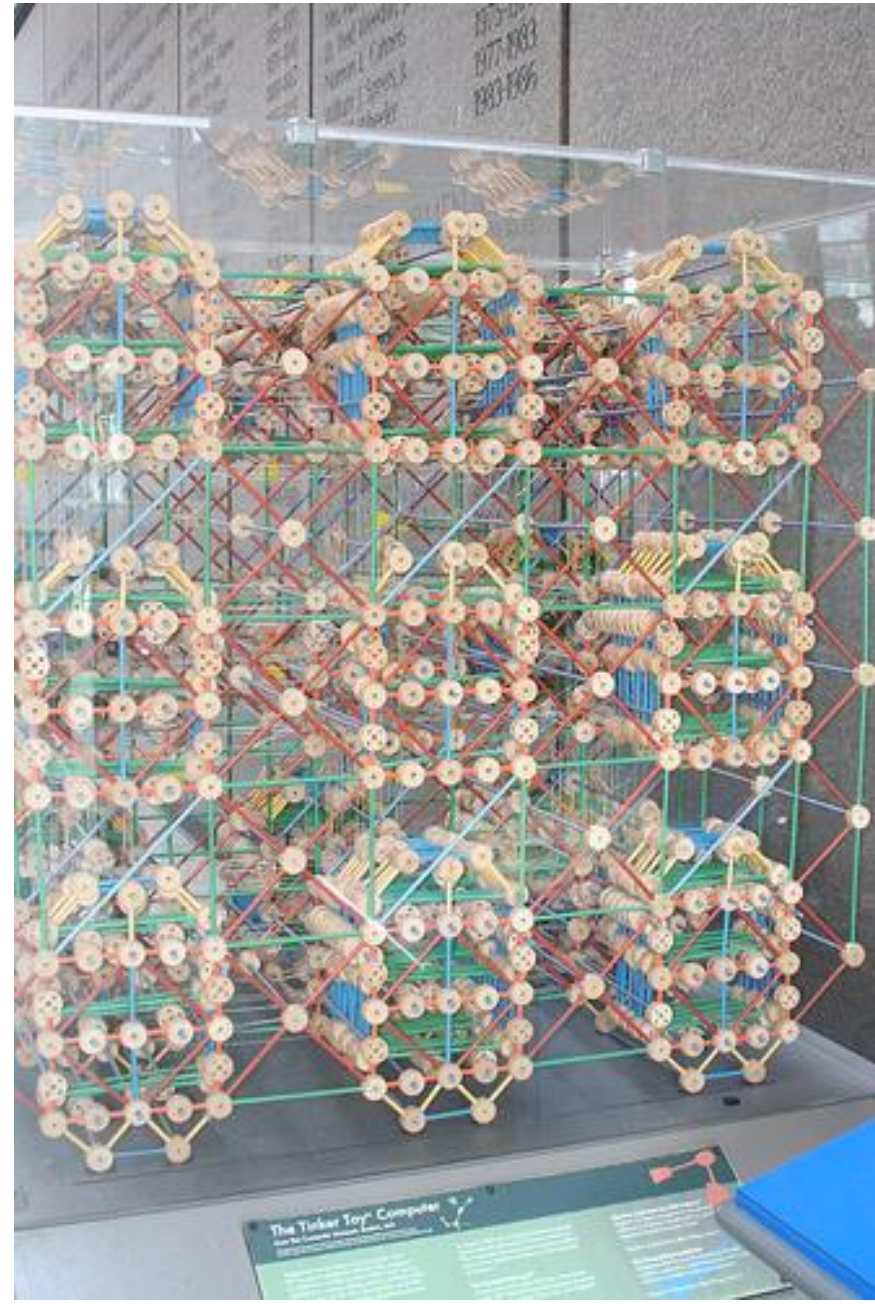
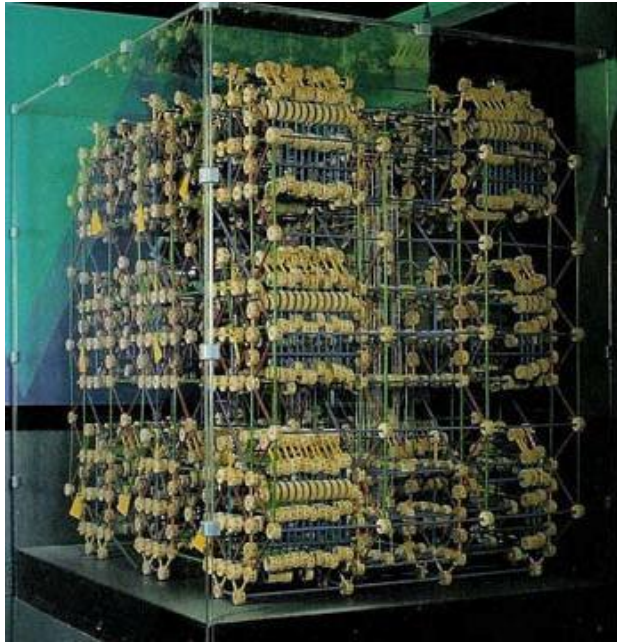
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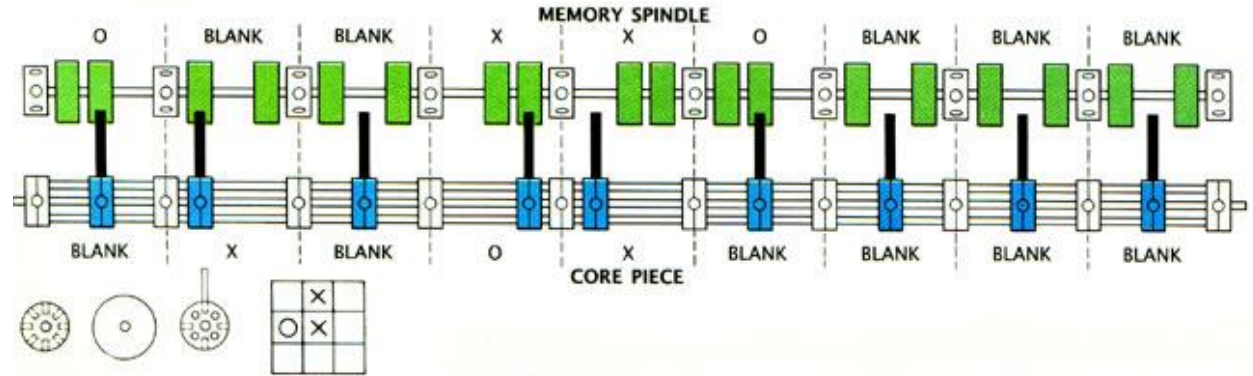
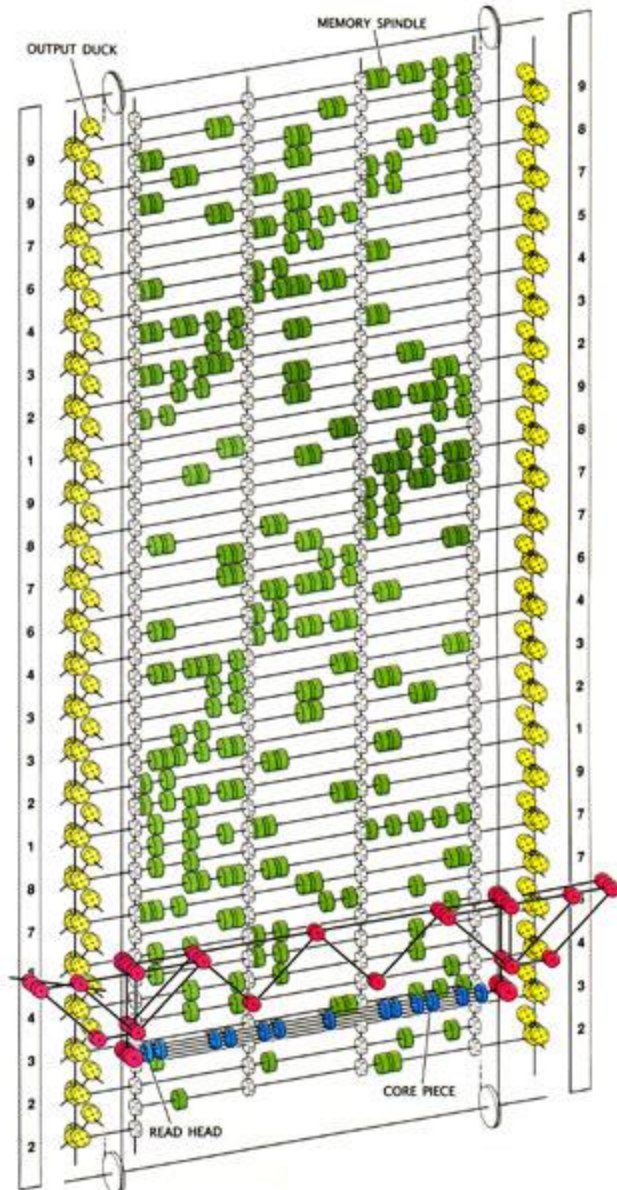
Babbage's difference engine

Tinker Toy Computers

Plays
tic-tac-toe!



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The Tinkertoy computer: ready for a game of tic-tac-toe

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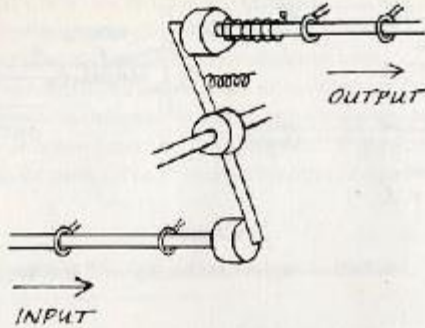


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Mechanical inverter

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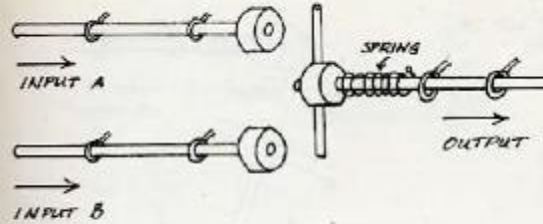
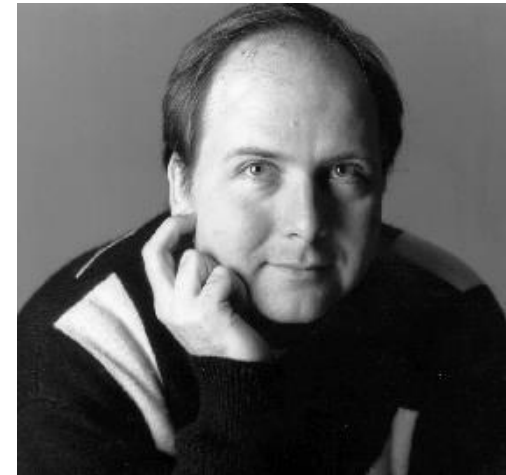


FIGURE 4

Mechanical implementation of the OR function



De Morgan's law!

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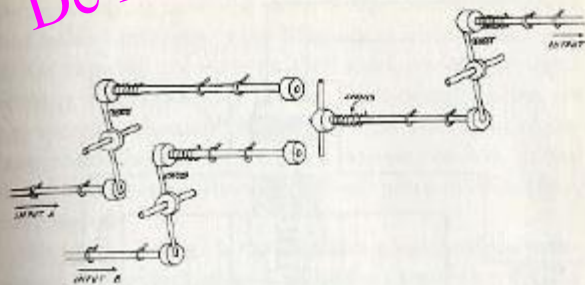
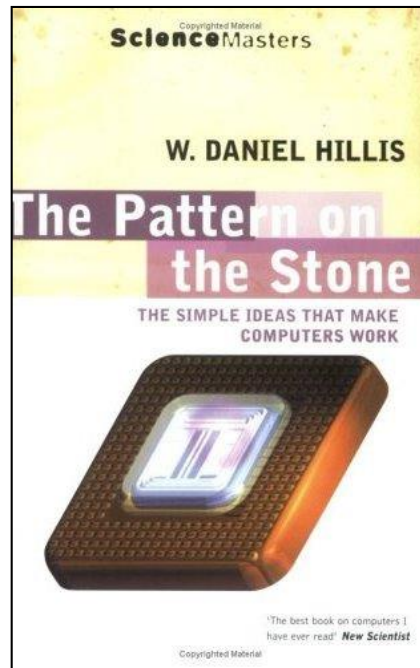
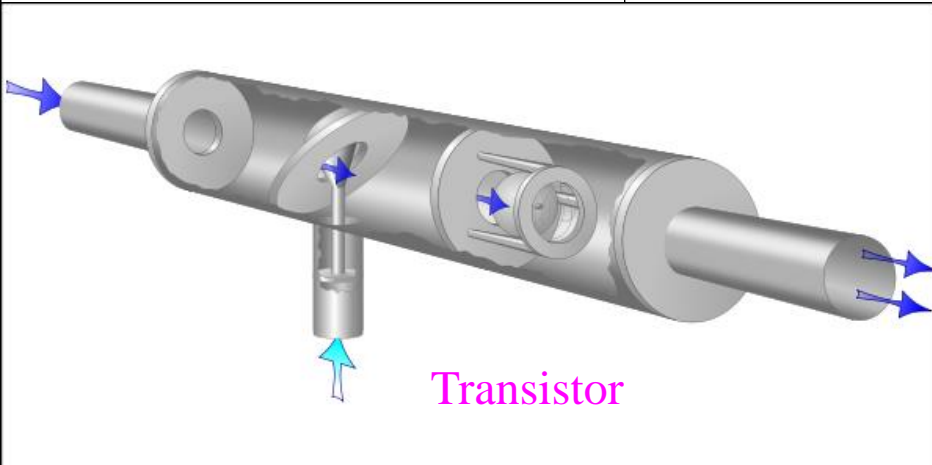
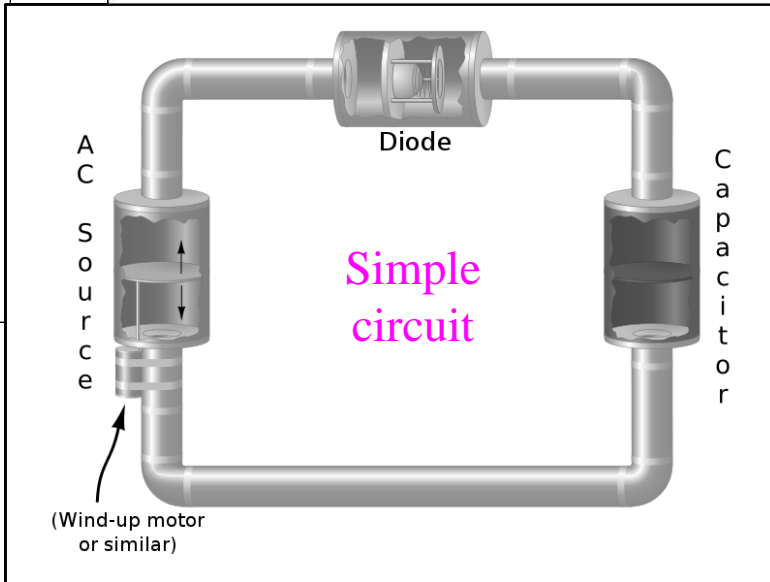
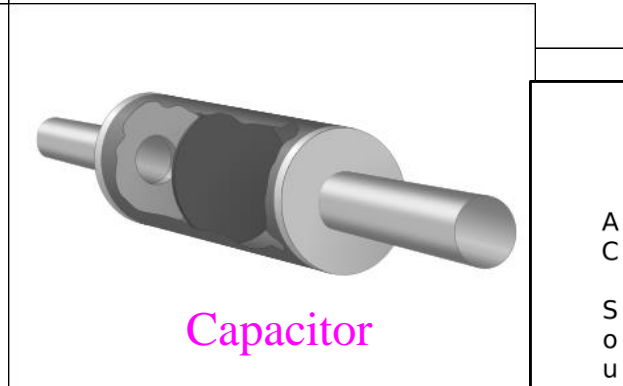
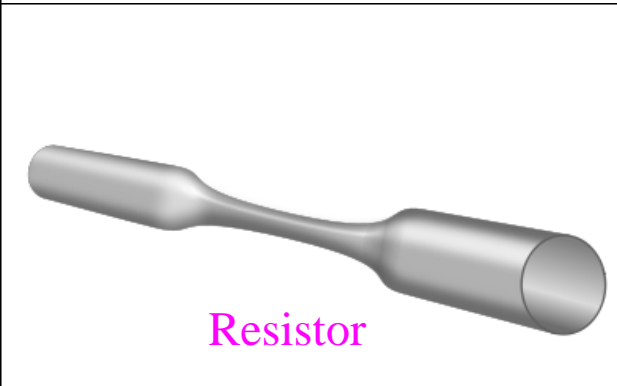
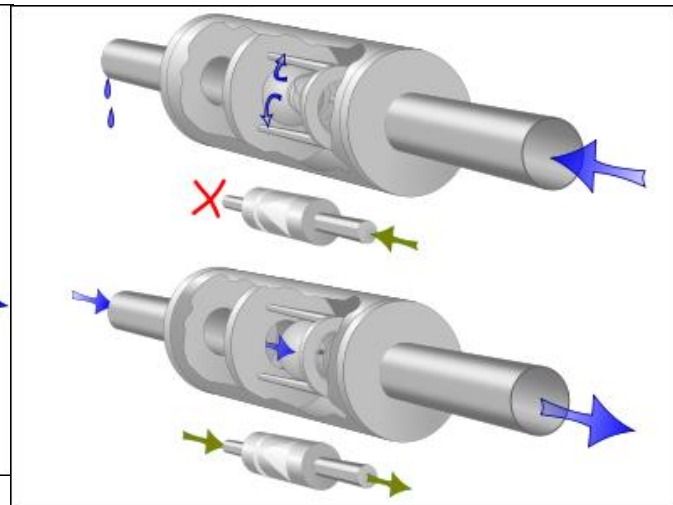
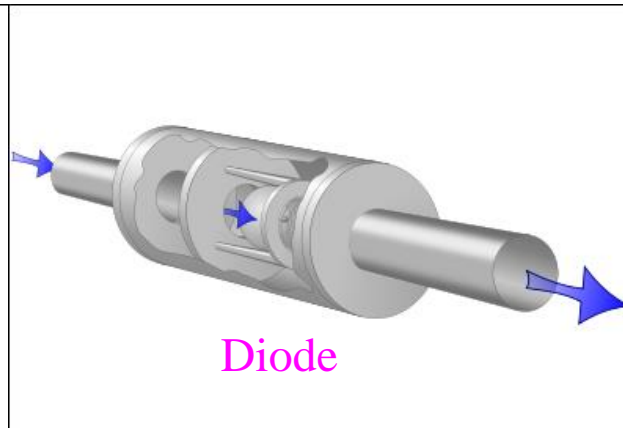
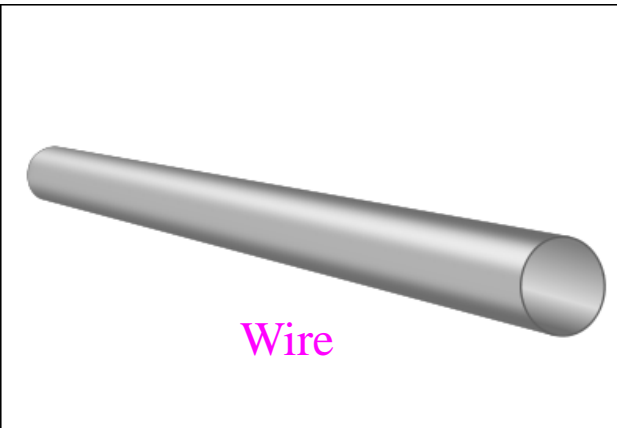


FIGURE 6

An And block constructed by connecting an Or block to inverters



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Theorem: fluid-based “circuits” are Turing-complete / universal!

THE WOLFRAM 2,3 TURING MACHINE RESEARCH PRIZE

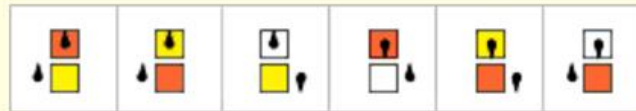
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We have the solution!
Wolfram's 2,3 Turing machine
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Congratulations Alex Smith.
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Is this Turing machine universal, or not?



*The machine has 2 states and 3 colors, and is 596440 in Wolfram's numbering scheme.
If it is universal then it is the smallest universal Turing machine that exists.*

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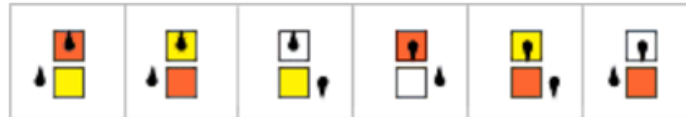
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*A universal Turing machine is powerful enough to emulate any standard computer.
The question is: how simple can the rules for a universal Turing machine be?*

*Since the 1960s it has been known that there is a universal 7,4 machine. In *A New Kind of Science*, Stephen Wolfram found a universal 2,5 machine, and suggested that the particular 2,3 machine that is the subject of this prize might be universal.*

The prize is for determining whether or not the 2,3 machine is in fact universal.

Wolfram's 2,3 Turing machine **is** universal!



The lower limit on Turing machine universality is proved—
*providing new evidence for **Wolfram's Principle of Computational Equivalence.***



The **Wolfram 2,3 Turing Machine Research Prize** has been won by 20-year-old **Alex Smith** of Birmingham, UK.

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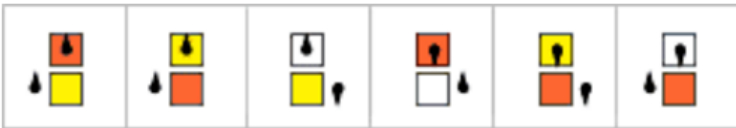
The Rules for the Machine

The rules for the Turing machine that is the subject of this prize are:

$\{\{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{1, 1, -1\}, \{1, 1\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, -1\}, \{1, 0\} \rightarrow \{2, 1, 1\},$
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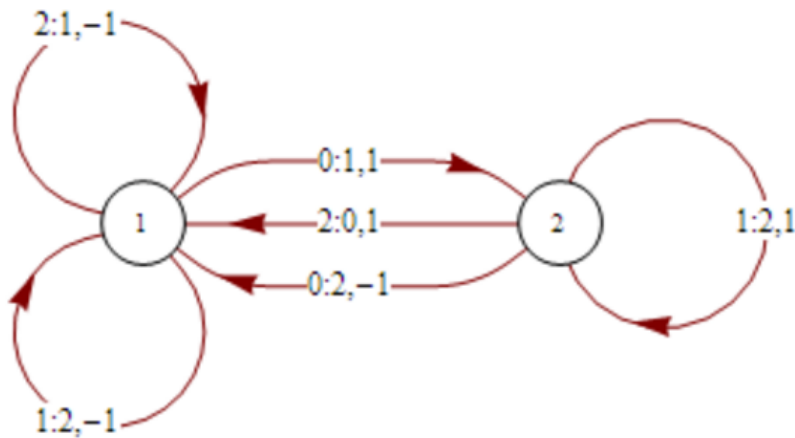
where this means {state, color} \rightarrow {state, color, offset}. (Colors of cells on the tape are sometimes instead thought of as "symbols" written to the tape.)

These rules can be represented pictorially by:



where the orientation of each arrow represents the state.

The rules can also be represented by the state transition diagram:



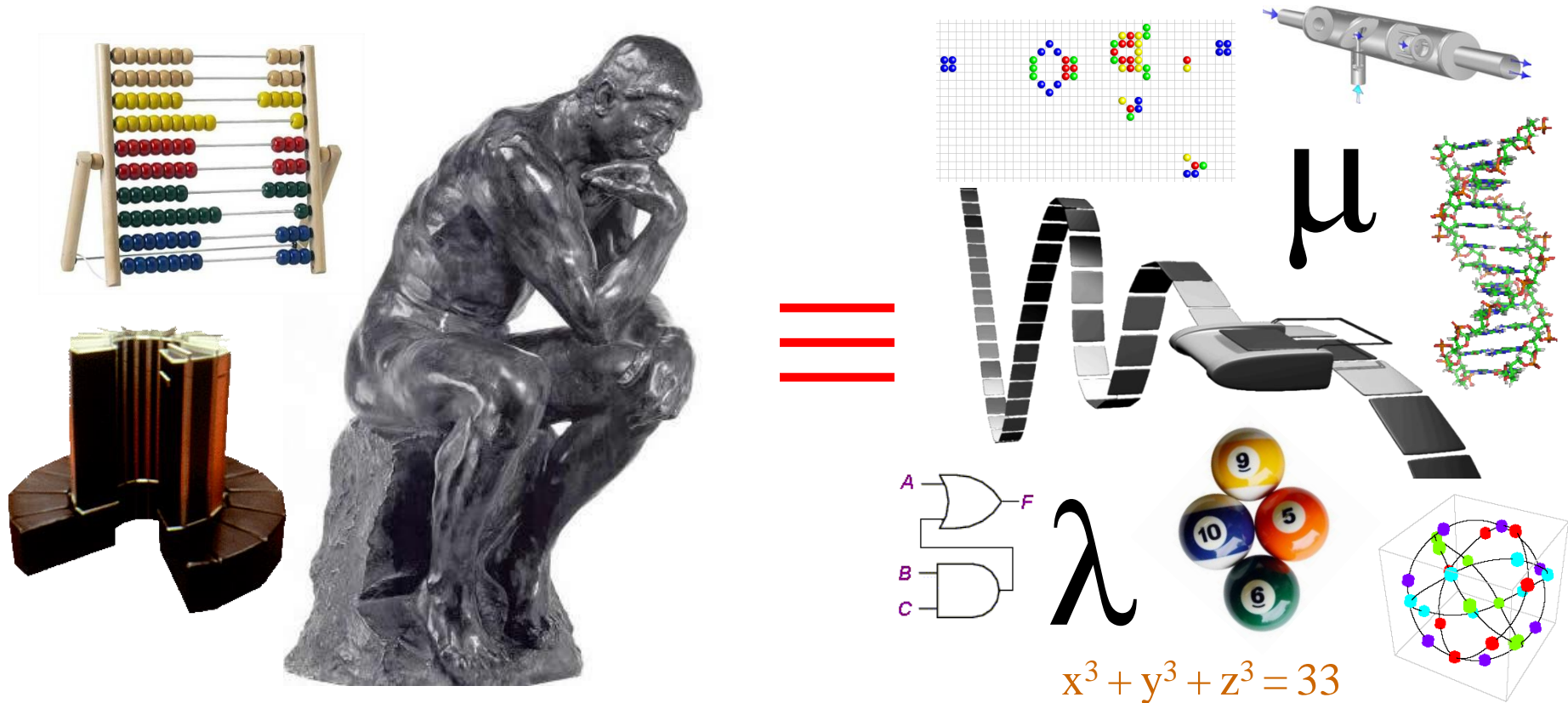
**A 2-state 3-symbol
universal Turing machine!
(the smallest possible)**

In Wolfram's numbering scheme for Turing machines, this is machine 596440. There are a total of $(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2)^2 \cdot 3 = 12^6 = 2985984$ machines with 2 states and 3 colors.

Note that there is no halt state for this Turing machine.

The Church-Turing Thesis

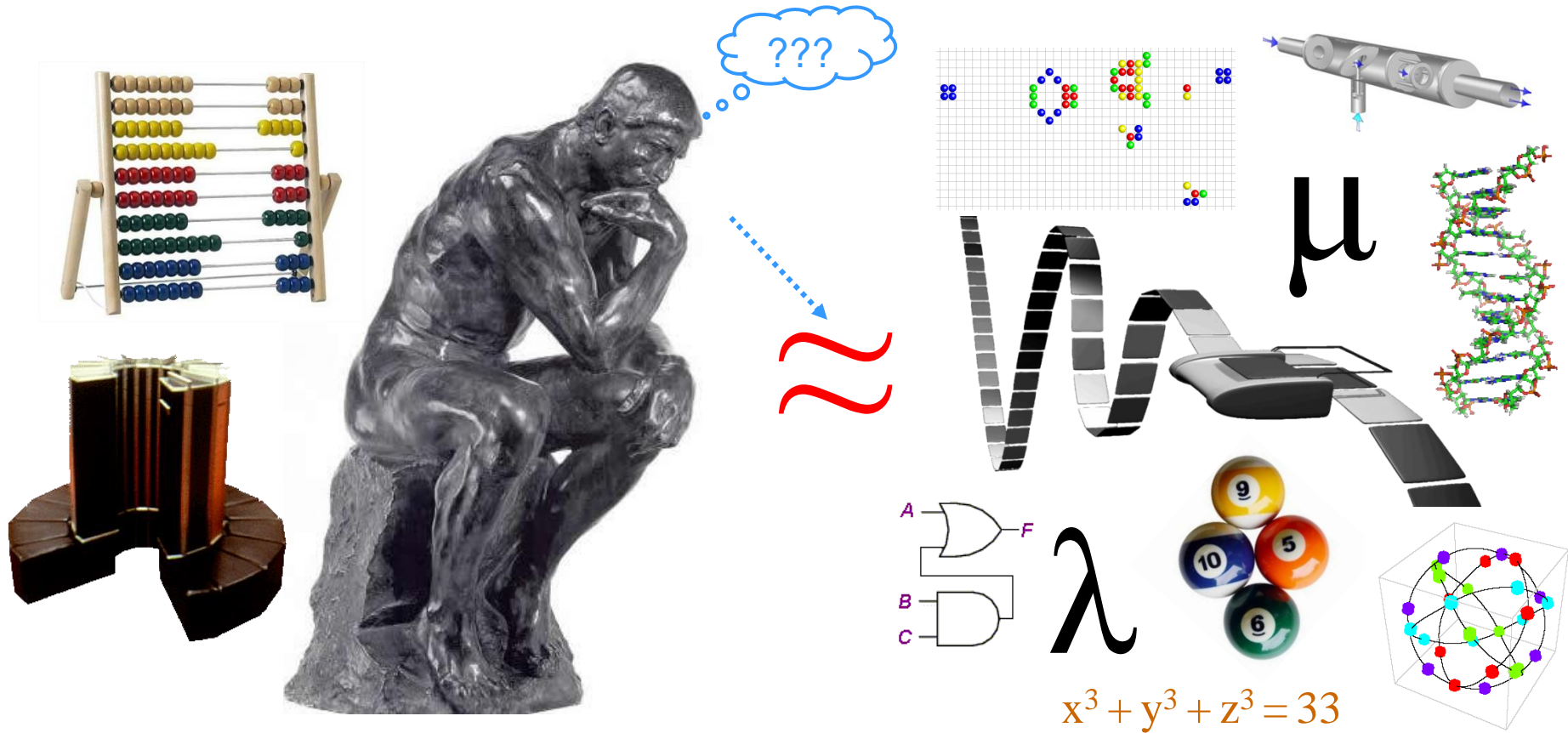
Q: What does it mean “to be computable”?



The Church-Turing Thesis: Anything that is “intuitively computable” is also Turing-machine computable.

The Church-Turing Thesis

Q: Why “thesis” and not “theorem”?



Undefined / informal tasks: produce (or even identify) good music, art, poetry, humor, aesthetics, justice, truth, etc.

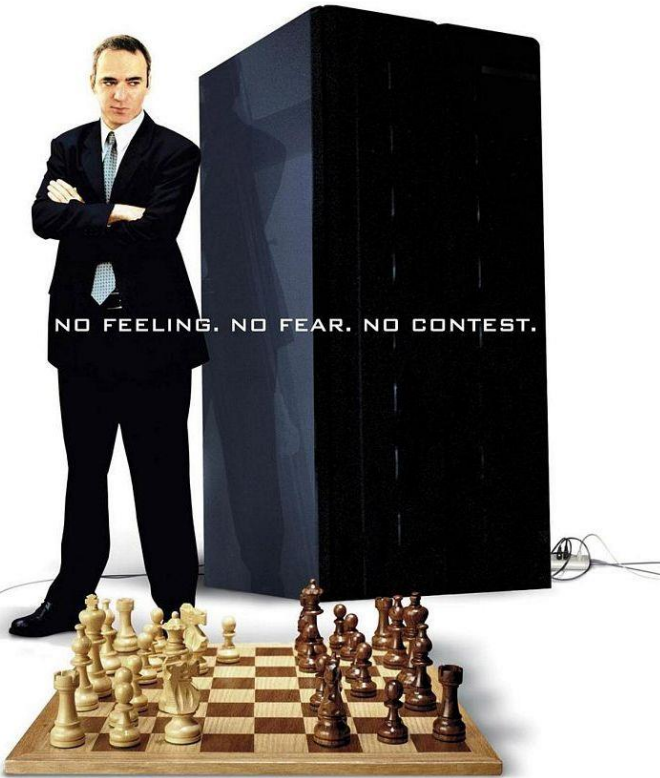
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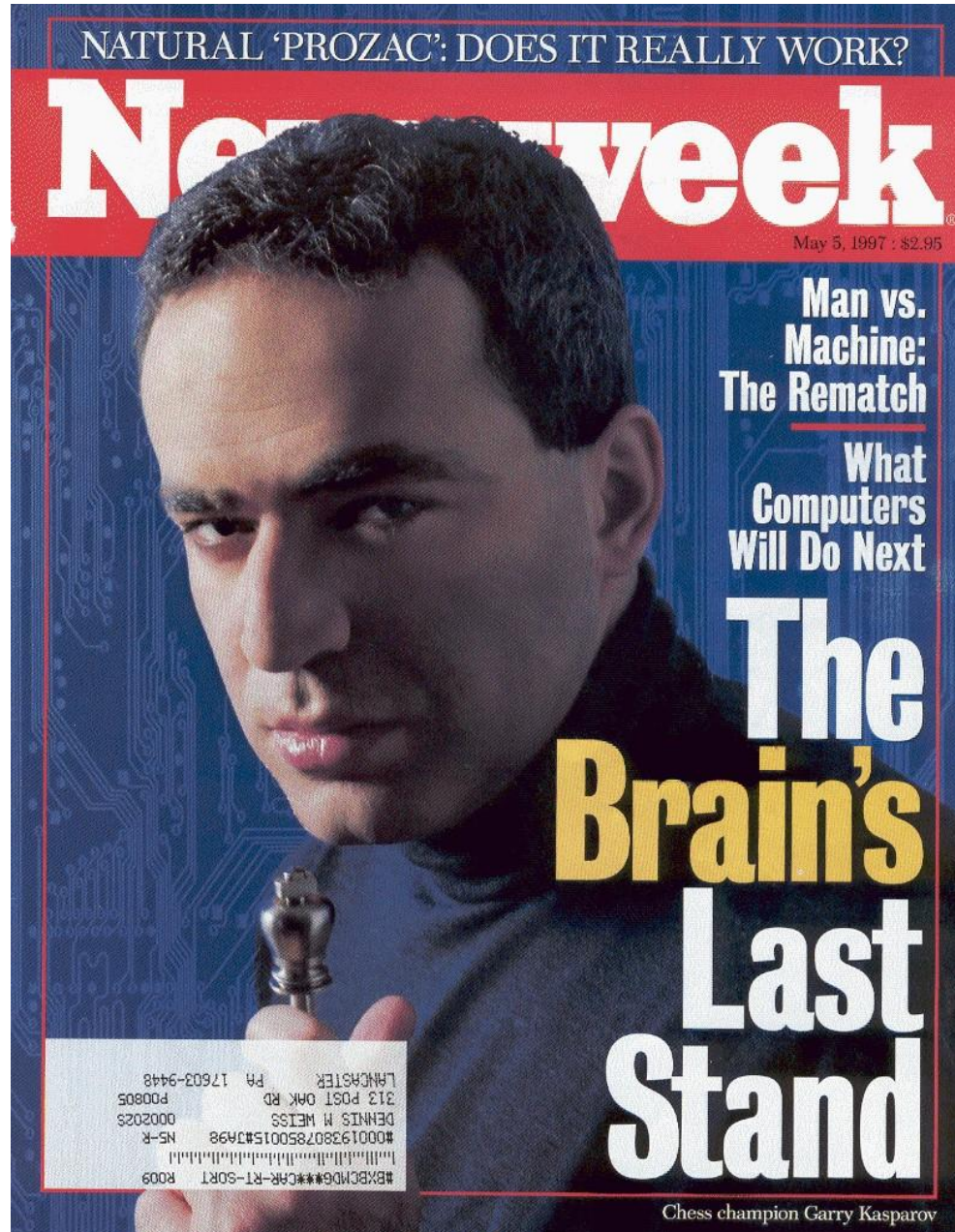
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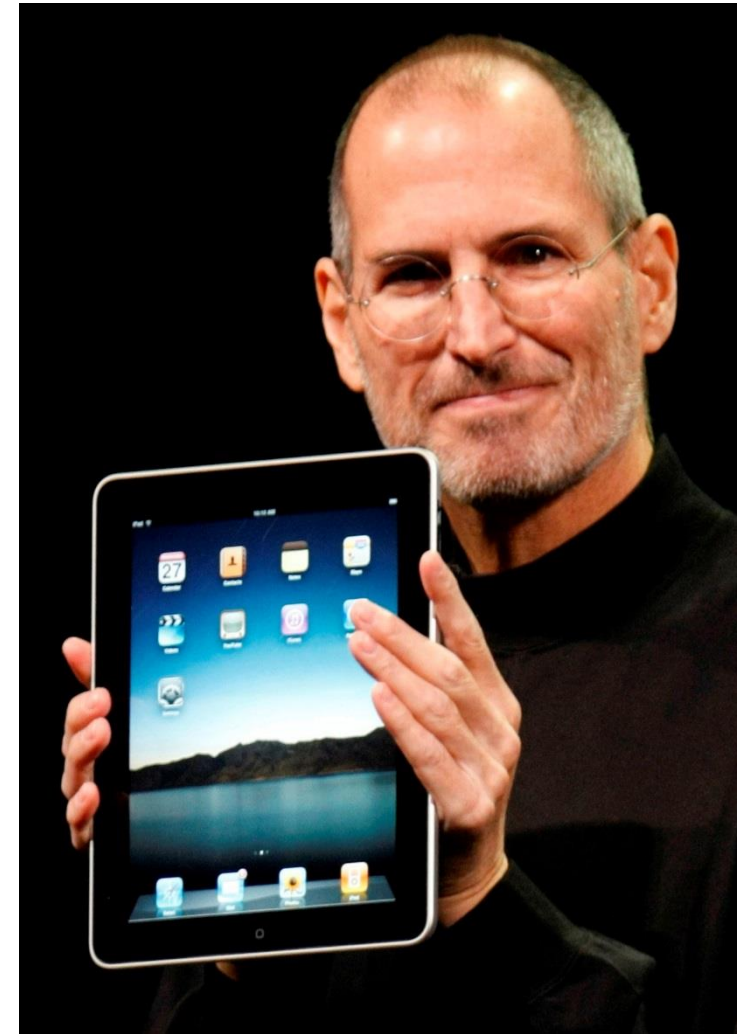
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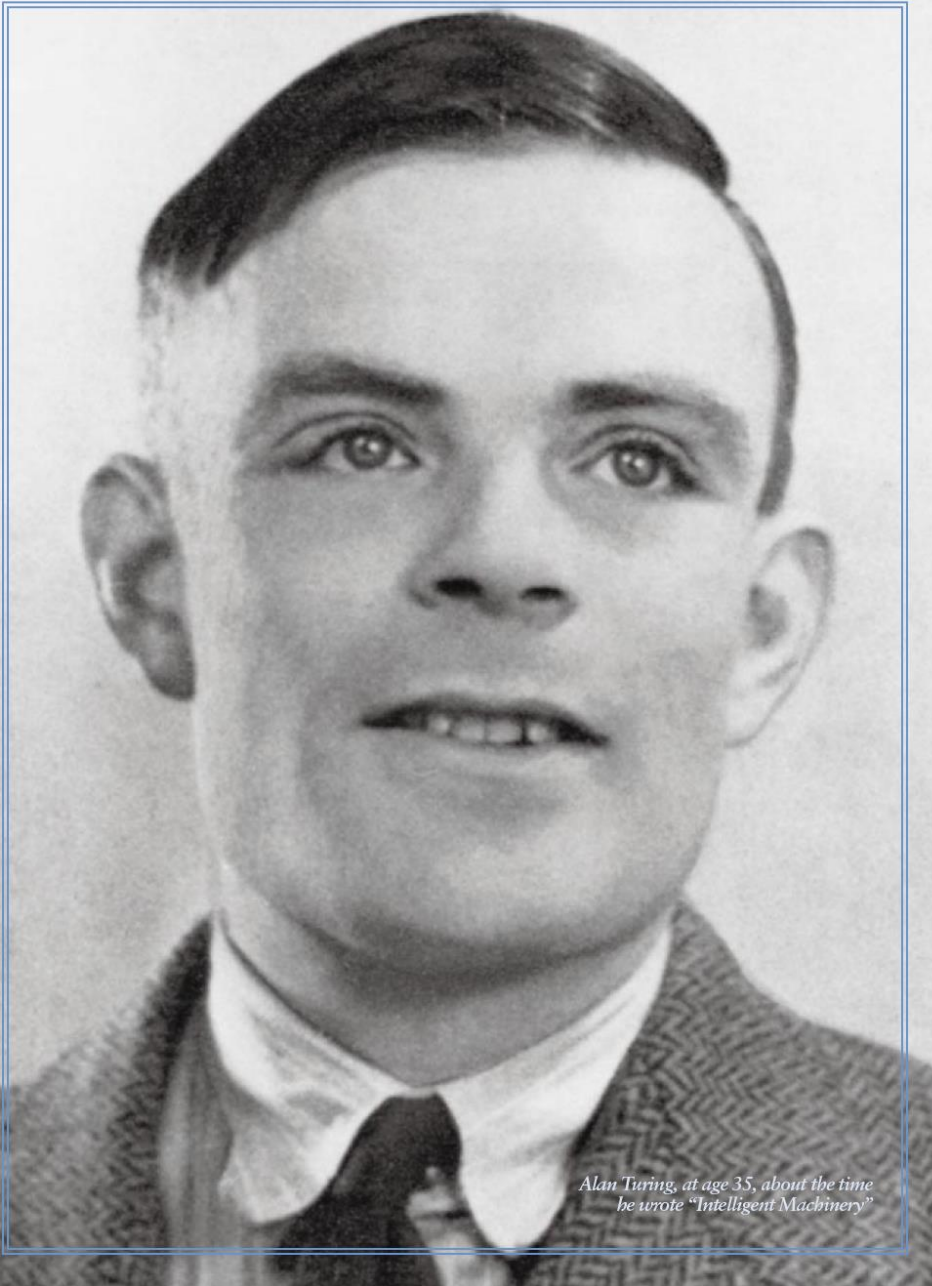
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Alan Turing, at age 35, about the time he wrote "Intelligent Machinery"

Alan Turing's Forgotten Ideas in Computer Science

Well known for the machine, test and thesis that bear his name, the British genius also anticipated neural-network computers and "hypercomputation"

by B. Jack Copeland and Diane Proudfoot

Alan Mathison Turing conceived of the modern computer in 1935. Today all digital computers are, in essence, "Turing machines." The British mathematician also pioneered the field of artificial intelligence, or AI, proposing the famous and widely debated Turing test as a way of determining whether a suitably programmed computer can think. During World War II, Turing was instrumental in breaking the German Enigma code in part of a top-secret British operation that historians say shortened the war in Europe by two years. When he died at the age of 41, Turing was doing the earliest work on what would now be called artificial life, simulating the chemistry of biological growth.

Throughout his remarkable career, Turing had no great interest in publicizing his ideas. Consequently, important aspects of his work have been neglected or forgotten over the years. In particular, few people—even those knowledgeable about computer science—are familiar with Turing's fascinating anticipation of connectionism, or neuronlike computing. Also neglected are his groundbreaking theoretical concepts in the exciting area of "hypercomputation." According to some experts, hypercomputers might one day solve problems heretofore deemed intractable.

The Turing Connection

Digital computers are superb number crunchers. Ask them to predict a rocket's trajectory or calculate the financial figures for a large multinational corporation, and they can churn out the answers in seconds. But seemingly simple actions that people routinely perform, such as recognizing a face or reading handwriting, have been devilishly tricky to program. Perhaps the networks of neurons that make up the brain have a natural facility for such tasks that standard computers lack. Scientists have thus been investigating computers modeled more closely on the human brain.

Connectionism is the emerging science of computing with networks of artificial neurons. Currently researchers usually simulate the neurons and their interconnections within an ordinary digital computer (just as engineers create virtual models of aircraft wings and skyscrapers). A training algorithm that runs on the computer adjusts the connections between the neurons, honing the network into a special-purpose machine dedicated to some particular function, such as forecasting international currency markets.

Modern connectionists look back to Frank Rosenblatt, who published the first of many papers on the topic in 1957, as the founder of their approach. Few realize that Turing had already investigated connectionist networks as early as 1948, in a little-known paper entitled "Intelligent Machinery."

Written while Turing was working for the National Physical Laboratory in London, the manuscript did not meet with his employer's approval. Sir Charles Darwin, the rather headmasterly director of the laboratory and grandson of the great English naturalist, dismissed it as a "schoolboy essay." In reality, this farsighted paper was the first manifesto of the field of artificial intelli-

gence. In the work—which remained unpublished until 1968, 14 years after Turing's death—the British mathematician not only set out the fundamentals of connectionism but also brilliantly introduced many of the concepts that were later to become central to AI, in some cases after reinvention by others.

In the paper, Turing invented a kind of neural network that he called a "B-type

be accomplished by groups of NAND neurons. Furthermore, he showed that even the connection modifiers themselves can be built out of NAND neurons. Thus, Turing specified a network made up of nothing more than NAND neurons and their connecting fibers—about the simplest possible model of the cortex.

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At the outset, B-types contain random interneuronal connections whose modifiers have been set by chance to either pass or interrupt. During training, unwanted connections are destroyed by switching their attached modifiers to interrupt mode. Conversely, changing a modifier from interrupt to pass in effect creates a connection. This selective culling and enlivening of connections hones the initially random network into one organized for a given job.

Turing wished to investigate other kinds of unorganized machines, and he longed to simulate a neural network and its training regimen using an ordinary digital computer. He would, he said, "allow the whole system to run for an appreciable period, and then break in as a kind of 'inspector of schools' and see what progress had been made." But his own work on neural networks was carried out shortly before the first general-purpose electronic computers became available. (It was not until 1954, the year of Turing's death, that Belmont G. Farley and Wesley A. Clark succeeded at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in running the first computer simulation of a small neural network.)

Paper and pencil were enough, though, for Turing to show that a sufficiently large B-type neural network can be configured (via its connection modifiers)

to simulate any logical operation that can be performed by a conventional computer. Turing selected NAND because every other logical (or Boolean) operation can

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Computing the Uncomputable

In 1935 Turing thought up the abstract device that has since become known as the "universal Turing machine." It consists of a limitless memory

that stores both program and data and a scanner that moves back and forth through the memory, symbol by symbol, reading the information and writing additional symbols. Each of the machine's basic actions is very simple—such as "identify the symbol on which the scanner is positioned," "write '1'" and "move one position to the left." Complexity is achieved by chaining together large numbers of these basic actions. Despite its simplicity, a universal Turing machine can execute any task that can be done by the most powerful of today's computers. In fact, all modern digital computers are in essence universal Turing machines [see "Turing Machines," by John E. Hopcroft; SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, May 1984].

Turing's aim in 1935 was to devise a machine—one as simple as possible—capable of any calculation that a human mathematician working in accordance with some algorithmic method could perform, given unlimited time, energy, paper and pencils, and perfect concentration. Calling a machine "universal" merely signifies that it is capable of all such calculations. As Turing himself wrote, "Electronic computers are in-

tended to carry out any definite rule-of-thumb process which could have been done by a human operator working in a disciplined but unintelligent manner."

Such powerful computing devices notwithstanding, an intriguing question arises: Can machines be devised that are capable of accomplishing even more? The answer is that these "hypermachines" can be described on paper, but no one as yet knows whether it will be possible to build one. The field of hypercomputation is currently attracting a growing number of scientists. Some speculate that the human brain itself—the most complex information processor known—is actually a naturally occurring example of a hypercomputer.

Before the recent surge of interest in hypercomputation, any information-processing job that was known to be too difficult for universal Turing machines was written off as "uncomputable." In this sense, a hypermachine computes the uncomputable.

Examples of such tasks can be found in even the most straightforward areas of mathematics. For instance, given arithmetical statements picked at random, a universal Turing machine may

not always be able to tell which are theorems (such as " $7 + 5 = 12$ ") and which are nontheorems (such as "every number is the sum of two even numbers").

Another type of uncomputable problem comes from geometry. A set of tiles—variously sized squares with different colored edges—"tiles the plane" if the Euclidean plane can be covered by copies of the tiles with no gaps or overlaps and with adjacent edges always the same color. Logicians William Hanf and Dale Myers of the University of Hawaii have discovered a tile set that tiles the plane only in patterns too complicated for a universal Turing machine to calculate. In the field of computer science, a universal Turing machine cannot always predict whether a given program will terminate or continue running forever. This is sometimes expressed by saying that no general-purpose programming language (Pascal, BASIC, Prolog, C and so on) can have a foolproof crash debugger: a tool that detects all bugs that could lead to crashes, including errors that result in infinite processing loops.

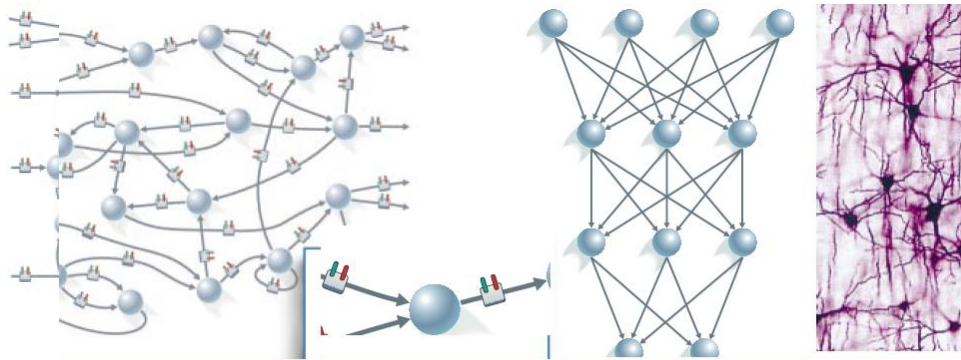
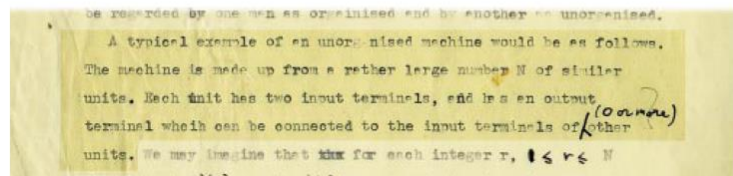
Turing himself was the first to investigate the idea of machines that can perform mathematical tasks too difficult

Few realize that Turing had already investigated connectionist networks as early as 1948.

Turing's Anticipation of Connectionism

In a paper that went unpublished until 14 years after his death (top), Alan Turing described a network of artificial neurons connected in a random manner. In this "B-type unorganized machine" (bottom left), each connection passes through a modifier that is set either to allow data to pass unchanged (green fiber) or to destroy the transmitted information (red fiber). Switching the modifiers from one mode to the other enables the network to be trained. Note that each neuron has two inputs (bottom left, inset) and executes the simple logical operation of "not and," or NAND: if both inputs are 1, then the output is 0; otherwise the output is 1.

In Turing's network the neurons interconnect freely. In contrast, modern networks (bottom center) restrict the flow of information from layer to layer of neurons. Connectionists aim to simulate the neural networks of the brain (bottom right).



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Using an Oracle to Compute the Uncomputable

Alan Turing proved that his universal machine—and by extension, even today's most powerful computers—could never solve certain problems. For instance, a universal Turing machine cannot always determine whether a given software program will terminate or continue running forever. In some cases, the best the universal machine can do is execute the program and wait—maybe eternally—for it to finish. But in his doctoral thesis (*below*), Turing did imagine that a machine equipped with a special “oracle” could perform this and other “uncomputable” tasks. Here is one example of how, in principle, an oracle might work.

Consider a hypothetical machine for solving the formidable

EXCERPT FROM TURING'S THESIS

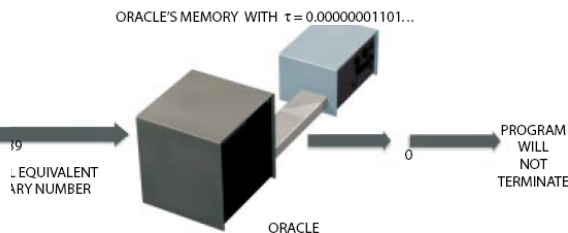
Let us suppose that we are supplied with some unspecified means of solving number theoretic problems; a kind of oracle as it were. We will not go any further into the nature of this oracle than to say that it cannot be a machine. With the help of the oracle we could form a new kind of machine (call them *o-machines*), having as one of its fundamental processes that of solving a given number theoretic problem. More definitely these machines are to



COMPUTER PROGRAM

“terminating program” problem (*above*). A computer program can be represented as a finite string of 1s and 0s. This sequence of digits can also be thought of as the binary representation of an integer, just as 1011011 is the equivalent of 91. The oracle's job can then be restated as, “Given an integer that represents a program (for any computer that can be simulated by a universal Turing machine), output a ‘1’ if the program will terminate or a ‘0’ otherwise.”

The oracle consists of a perfect measuring device and a store, or memory, that contains a precise value—call it τ for Turing—of some physical quantity. (The memory might, for example, resemble a capacitor storing an exact amount of



electricity.) The value of τ is an irrational number; its written representation would be an infinite string of binary digits, such as 0.00000001101...

The crucial property of τ is that its individual digits happen to represent accurately which programs terminate and which do not. So, for instance, if the integer representing a program were 8,735,439, then the oracle could by measurement obtain the 8,735,439th digit of τ (counting from left to right after the decimal point). If that digit were 0, the oracle would conclude that the program will process forever.

Obviously, without τ the oracle would be useless, and finding some physical variable in nature that takes this exact value might very well be impossible. So the search is on for some practicable way of implementing an oracle. If such a means were found, the impact on the field of computer science could be enormous. —B.J.C. and D.P.

for universal Turing machines. In his 1938 doctoral thesis at Princeton University, he described “a new kind of machine,” the “O-machine.”

An O-machine is the result of augmenting a universal Turing machine with a black box, or “oracle,” that is a mechanism for carrying out uncomputable tasks. In other respects, O-machines are similar to ordinary computers. A digitally encoded program is

chance—for example, “identify the symbol in the scanner”—might take place.) But notational mechanisms that fulfill the specifications of an O-machine's black box are not difficult to imagine [see box *above*]. In principle, even a suitable B-type network can compute the uncomputable, provided the activity of the neurons is desynchronized. (When a central clock keeps the neurons in step with one another, the functioning of the network can be exactly simulated by a universal Turing machine.)

In the exotic mathematical theory of hypercomputation, tasks such as that of distinguishing theorems from nontheorems in arithmetic are no longer uncomputable. Even a debugger that can tell whether any program written in C, for example, will enter an infinite loop is theoretically possible.

If hypercomputers can be built—and that is a big if—the potential for cracking logical and mathematical problems hitherto deemed intractable will be enormous. Indeed, computer science may be approaching one of its most significant advances since researchers

wired together the first electronic embodiment of a universal Turing machine decades ago. On the other hand, work on hypercomputers may simply fizzle out for want of some way of realizing an oracle.

The search for suitable physical, chemical or biological phenomena is getting under way. Perhaps the answer will be complex molecules or other structures that link together in patterns as complicated as those discovered by Hanf and Myers. Or, as suggested by Jon Doyle of M.I.T., there may be naturally occurring equilibrating systems with discrete spectra that can be seen as carrying out, in principle, an uncomputable task, producing appropriate output (1 or 0, for example) after being bombarded with input.

Outside the confines of mathematical logic, Turing's O-machines have largely been forgotten, and instead a myth has taken hold. According to this apocryphal account, Turing demonstrated in the mid-1930s that hypermachines are impossible. He and Alonzo Church, the logician who was Turing's doctoral adviser at Princeton, are mistakenly credited with having enunciated a principle to the effect that a universal Turing machine can exactly simulate the behavior

of any other information-processing machine. This proposition, widely but incorrectly known as the Church-Turing thesis, implies that no machine can carry out an information-processing task that lies beyond the scope of a universal Turing machine. In truth, Church and Turing claimed only that a universal Turing machine can match the behavior of any human mathematician working with paper and pencil in accordance with an algorithmic method—a considerably

weaker claim that certainly does not rule out the possibility of hypermachines.

Even among those who are pursuing the goal of building hypercomputers, Turing's pioneering theoretical contributions have been overlooked. Experts routinely talk of carrying out information processing “beyond the Turing limit” and describe themselves as attempting to “break the Turing barrier.” A recent review in *New Scientist* of this emerging field states that the new ma-

chines “fall outside Turing's conception” and are “computers of a type never envisioned by Turing,” as if the British genius had not conceived of such devices more than half a century ago. Sadly, it appears that what has already occurred with respect to Turing's ideas on connectionism is starting to happen all over again.

The Final Years

In the early 1950s, during the last years of his life, Turing pioneered the field of artificial life. He was trying to simulate a chemical mechanism by which the genes of a fertilized egg cell may determine the anatomical structure of the resulting animal or plant. He described this research as “not altogether unconnected” to his study of neural networks, because “brain structure has to be... achieved by the genetical embryological mechanism, and this theory that I am now working on may make clearer what restrictions this really implies.” During this period, Turing achieved the distinction of being the first to engage in the computer-assisted exploration of nonlinear dynamical systems. His theory used nonlinear differential equations to express the chemistry of growth.

But in the middle of this groundbreaking investigation, Turing died from cyanide poisoning, possibly by his own hand. On June 8, 1954, shortly before what would have been his 42nd birthday, he was found dead in his bedroom. He had left a large pile of handwritten notes and some computer programs. Decades later this fascinating material is still not fully understood.

Even among experts, Turing's pioneering theoretical concept of a hypermachine has largely been forgotten.

fed in, and the machine produces digital output from the input using a step-by-step procedure of repeated applications of the machine's basic operations, one of which is to pass data to the oracle and register its response.

Turing gave no indication of how an oracle might work. (Neither did he explain in his earlier research how the basic actions of a universal Turing ma-

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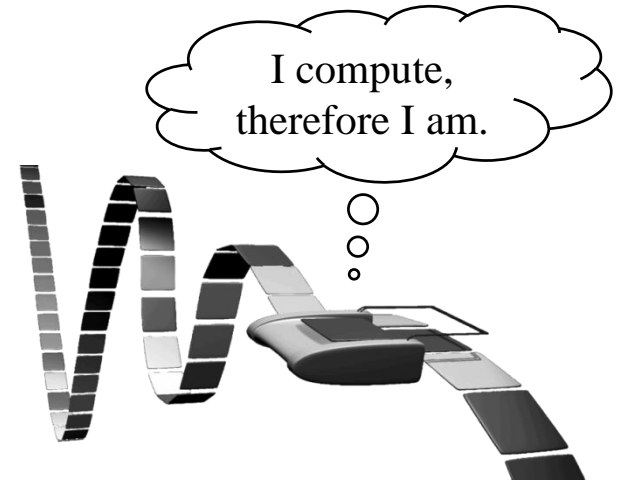
B. JACK COPELAND and DIANE PROUDFOOT are the directors of the Turing Project at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, which aims to develop and apply Turing's ideas using modern techniques. The authors are professors in the philosophy department at Canterbury, and Copeland is visiting professor of computer science at the University of Portsmouth in England. They have written numerous articles on Turing. Copeland's *Turing's Machines and The Essential Turing* are forthcoming from Oxford University Press, and his *Artificial Intelligence* was published by Blackwell in 1993. In addition to the logical study of hypermachines and the simulation of B-type neural networks, the authors are investigating the computer models of biological growth that Turing was working on at the time of his death. They are organizing a conference in London in May 2000 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the pilot model of the Automatic Computing Engine, an electronic computer designed primarily by Turing.

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The Turing Test

Q: Can machines **think**?



Problem: We don't know what “**think**” means.

Q: What is **intelligence**?

Problem: We can't define “**intelligence**”.

But, we usually “**know it when we see it**”.

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(Taken from MIND : a Quarterly Review of Psychology and
Philosophy. Vol. LIX. , N.S., No. 236, October , 1950.)

COMPUTING MACHINERY AND INTELLIGENCE

by

A. M. TURING.

1. The Imitation Game.

I propose to consider the question, 'Can machines think?'. This should begin with definitions of the meaning of the terms 'machine' and 'think'. The definitions might be framed so as to reflect so far as possible the normal use of the words, but this attitude is dangerous. If the meaning of the words 'machine' and 'think' are to be found by examining how they are commonly used it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the meaning and the answer to the question, 'Can machines think?' is to be sought in a statistical survey such as a Gallup poll. But this is absurd. Instead of attempting such a definition I shall replace the question by another, which is closely related to it and is expressed in relatively unambiguous words.

The new form of the problem can be described in terms of a game which we call the 'imitation game'. It is played with three people, a man (A), a woman (B), and an interrogator (C) who may be of either sex. The interrogator stays in a room apart from the other two.



be able to produce a material which is indistinguishable from the human skin. It is possible that at some time this might be done, but even supposing this invention available we should feel there was little point in trying to make a 'thinking machine' more human by dressing it up in such artificial flesh. The form in which we have set the problem reflects this fact in the condition which prevents the interrogator from seeing or touching the other competitors, or hearing their voices. Some other advantages of the proposed criterion may be shown up by specimen questions and answers. Thus:

Q: Please write me a sonnet on the subject of the Forth Bridge.

A: Count me out on this one. I never could write poetry.

Q: Add 34957 to 70764.

A: (Pause about 30 seconds and then give as answer) 105621.

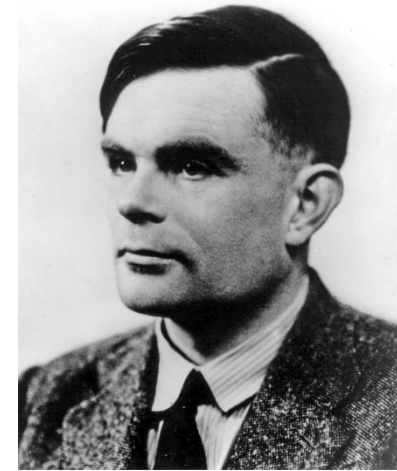
Q: Do you play chess?

A: Yes.

Q: I have K at my K1, and no other pieces. You have only K at K6 and R at R1. It is your move. What do you play?

A: (After a pause of 15 seconds) R-R8 mate.

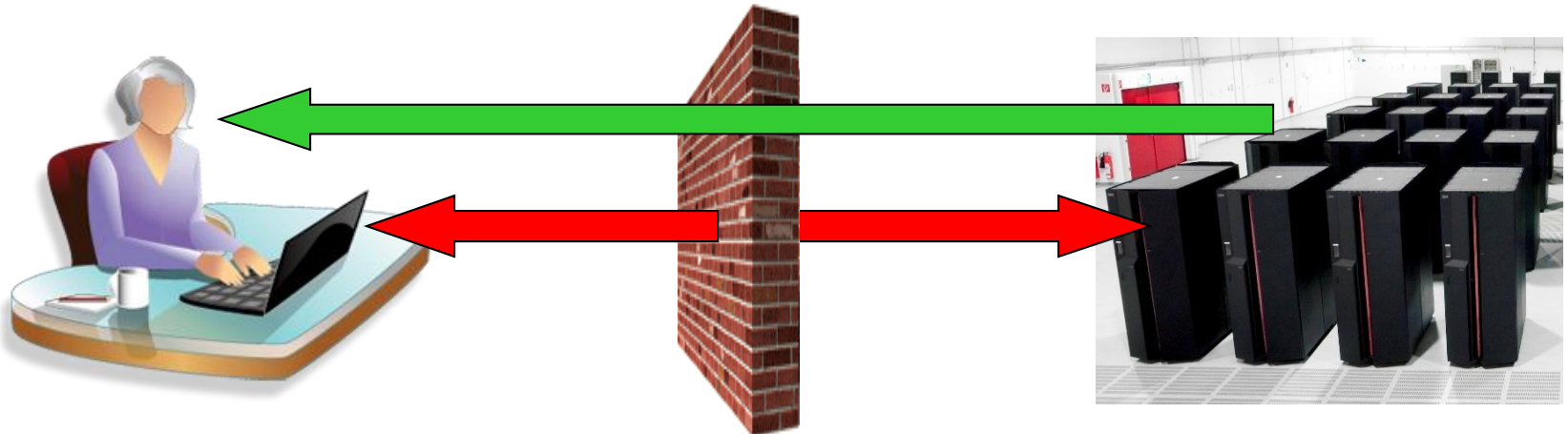
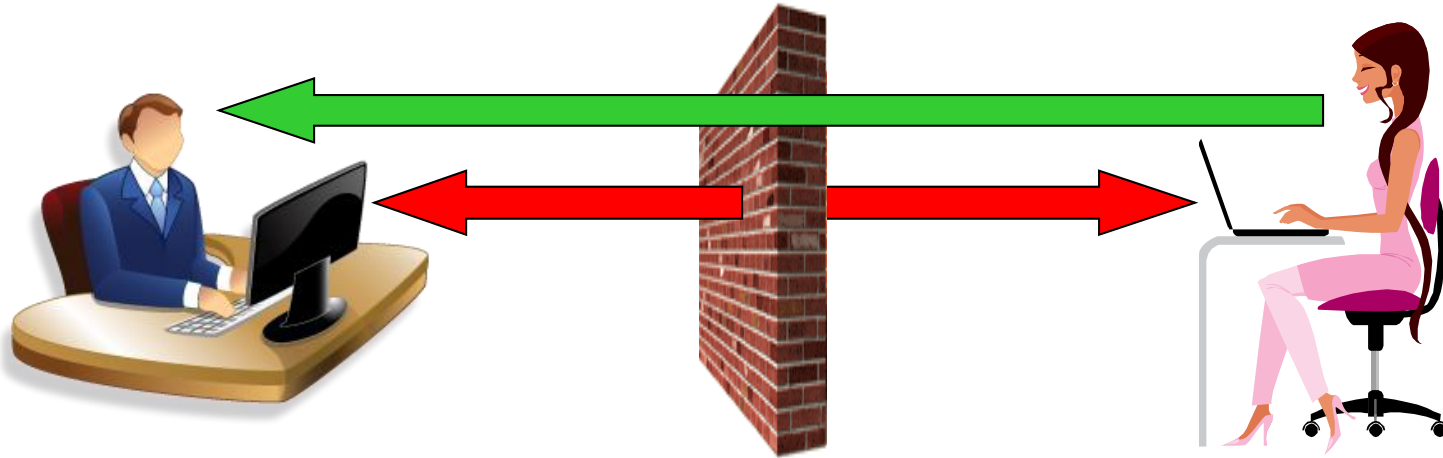
The question and answer method seems to be suitable for introducing almost any one of the fields of human endeavour that we wish to include. We do not wish to penalise the machine for its inability to shine in beauty competitions, nor to penalise a man for losing in a race against an aeroplane. The conditions of our game make these disabilities irrelevant. The 'witnesses' can brag, if they consider it advisable, as much as they please about their charms, strength or heroism, but the interrogator cannot demand practical demonstrations.



The Turing Test

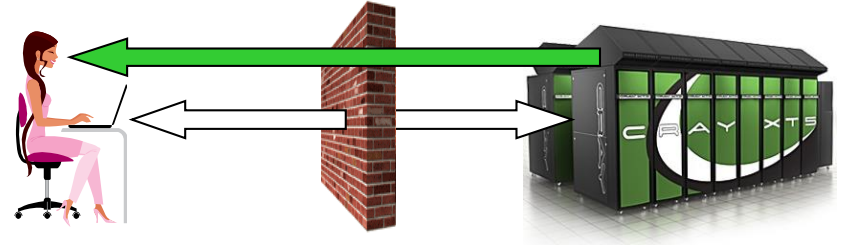
Q: Can you **distinguish** a machine from a person?

≡ Can a machine **impersonate** a person?



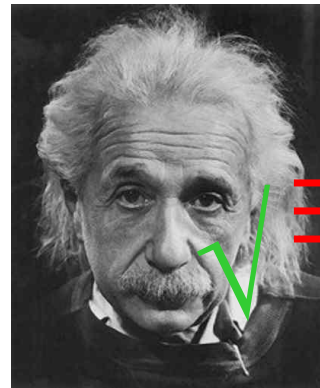
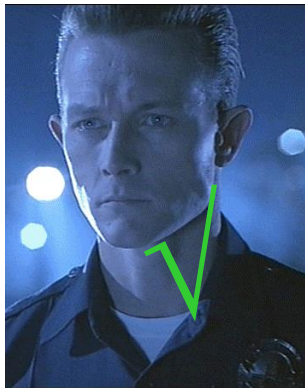
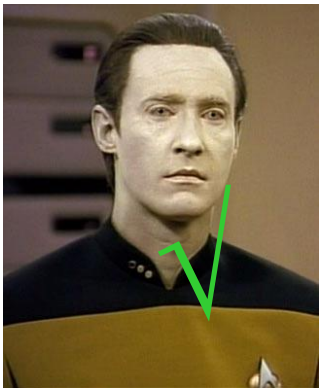
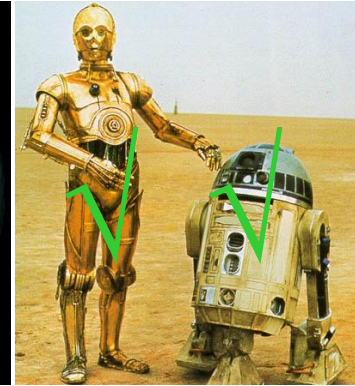
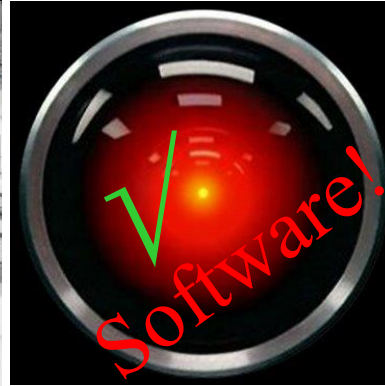
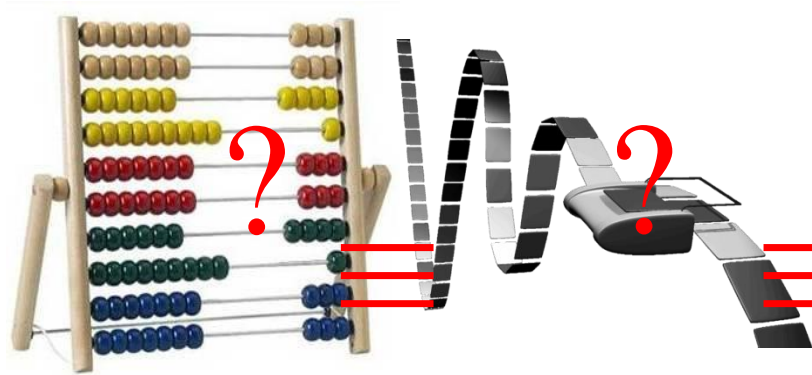
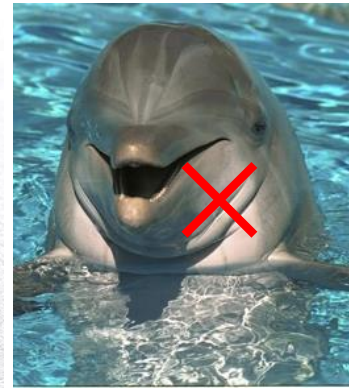
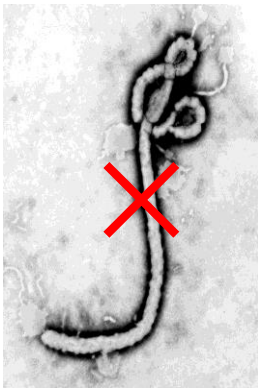
The Turing Test

- The first deep investigation into whether machines can “**behave** intelligently”
- Helped usher in field of **AI**
- **Decoupled** “intelligence” from “human”
- Based “intelligence” on **I/O**, not entity’s “look and feel”
- Proposed a **practical**, formal test for intelligence
- Definitions & test are operational & easily **implementable**
- Turing test **variants**: “immortality”, “fly-on-wall”, “meta”, “**reverse**”, “subject matter expert”, “compression”, “minimum intelligent signal”



The Turing Test

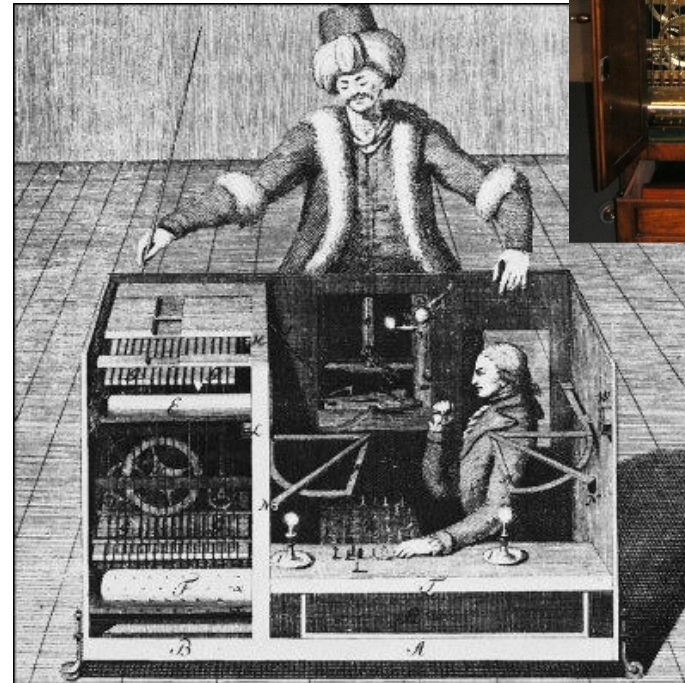
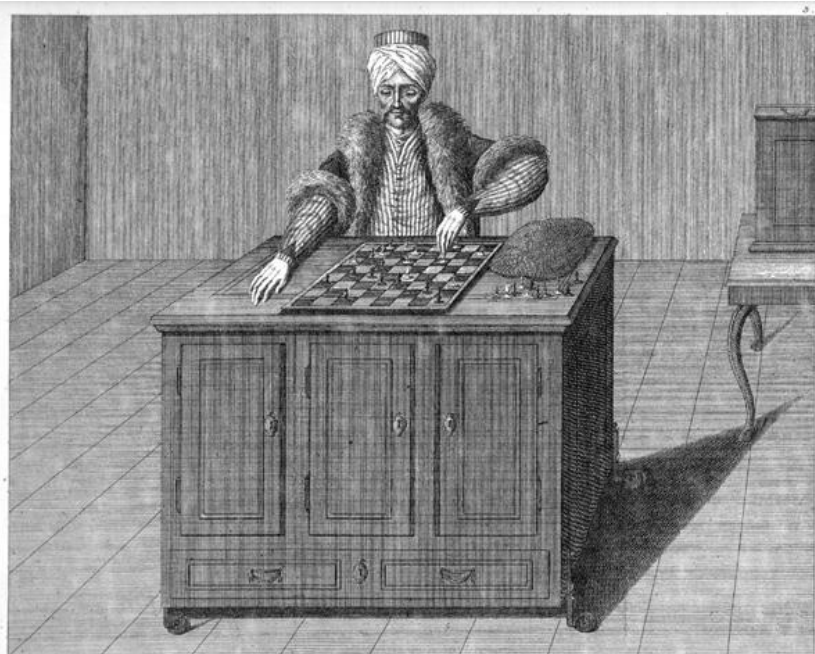
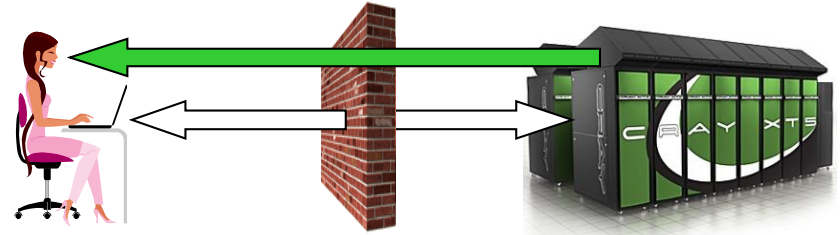
Q: Which of the following can ~~think?~~ ^{pass the Turing test?}



Turing Test Milestones

Turk (von Kempelen), 1770:

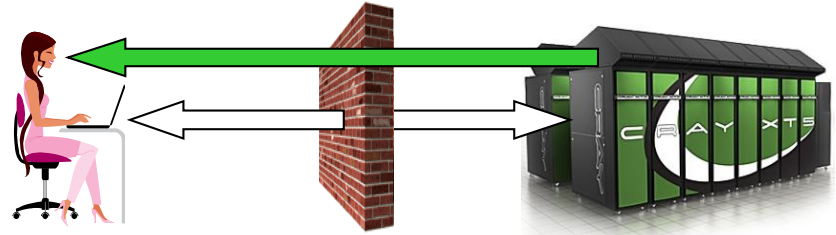
- Played a strong game of **chess**
- Toured the world for 84 years
- Generated much interest in automata
- Was a **hoax** (hidden human operator)



W. de Kempelen del. *Der Schachspieler im Spiele begriffen.* *Le joueur d'echecs tel qu'on le voit pendant le jeu.* P. G. Buisson fecit.

Turing Test Milestones

Eliza (Weizenbaum), 1966:



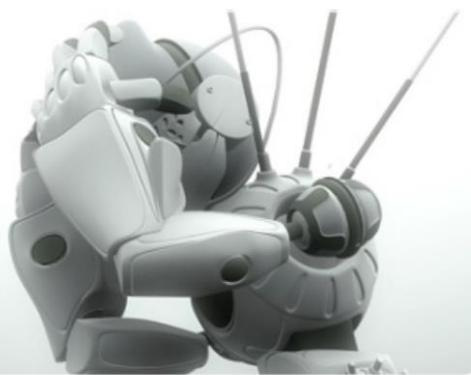
- First “**chatbot**”
- Named after “Eliza Doolittle” of Shaw’s Pygmalion
- Simulated Rogerian psychotherapist
- Often convinced people it is human
- Influence computer **games** (e.g., Dungeon, Adventure)
- Inspired Arthur C. Clarke’s **HAL 9000**
- Chatbots appear today in **chatrooms** and **dating services**
- **Chatbot competitions** (Turing Test format):
 - Loebner Prize
 - Chatterbox Challenge, 2010



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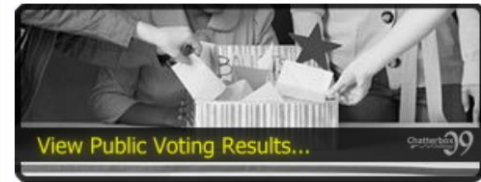


1st Best Overall Bot: Jeeney AI	2nd Best Overall Bot: Artemis	3rd Best Overall Bot: Alice	Most Popular Bot: Artemis	Best New Bot: Suzette
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Welcome to the new CBC 2009!

The Chatterbox Challenge (CBC) is an annual contest which starts in mid March that allow any chatbot developer to participate and evaluate the intelligence of the chatbot through turing tests and much more. It is a really fun, simple and inclusive way for all children to practise their speech and language skills, it will be also interesting and amazing for anyone who wants to chat with the best chatbots.



- Dead line to enter your chatbot: **15 March 2009**
- Judging period starts from: **16 March 2009 to: 30 April 2009**
- Public Voting period starts from: **13 April 2009 to: 10 May 2009**
- Final result announced in 15 may 2009.
- The winners of CBC 2009 are listed below:

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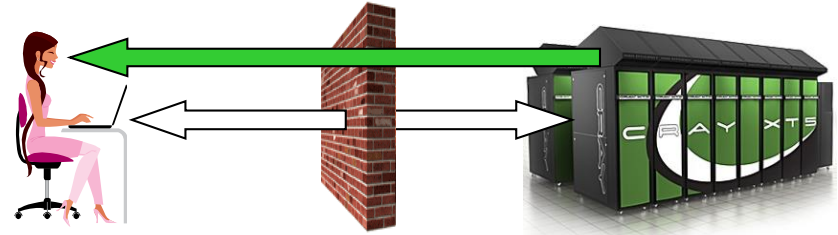
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Turing Test Milestones

Elbot, 2008:

- Won 2008 **Loebner Prize**
- Fooled **3 of 12** judges (Turing: >30%)
- Typical excerpt:



Judge: What's your favourite novel?

Elbot: I often read telephone books, or dadaist poetry: Brä brä brä

Judge: Typical computer!

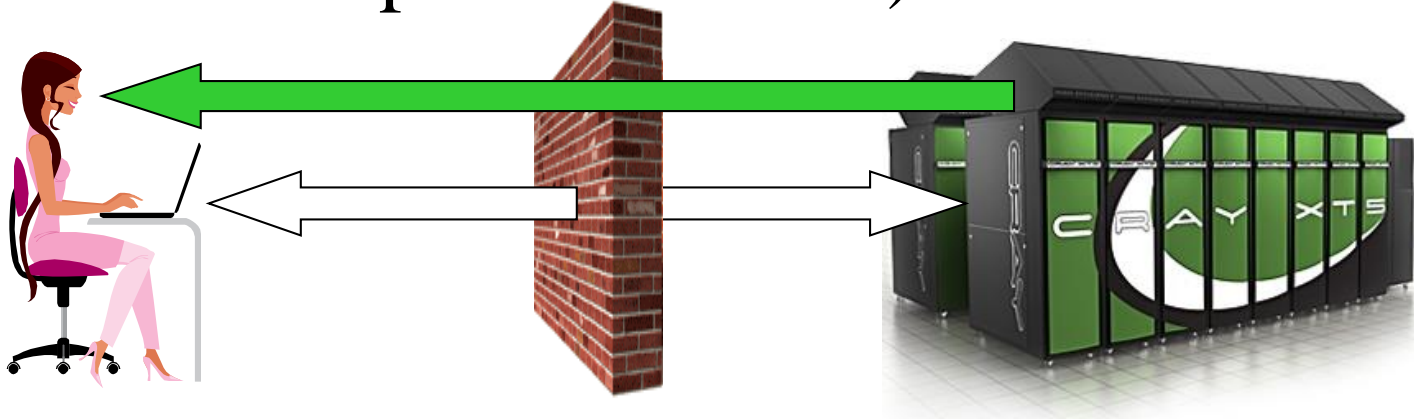
Elbot: You tend towards generalizations. But I must admit, so do I. However, my generalizations are firmly grounded in statistical theory.

Judge: What do u think of KW's enthusiasm for having machines take over the world?

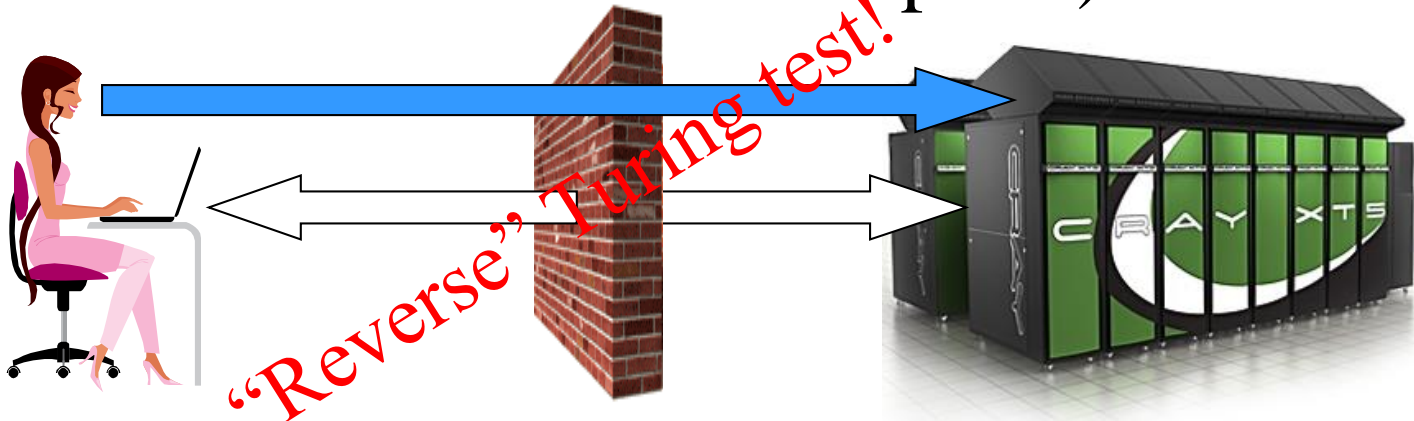
Elbot: Fix it up a bit first. Then I'll take it over.

Applications of the Turing Test

Old: a computer tries to convince a human
(that the computer is human).



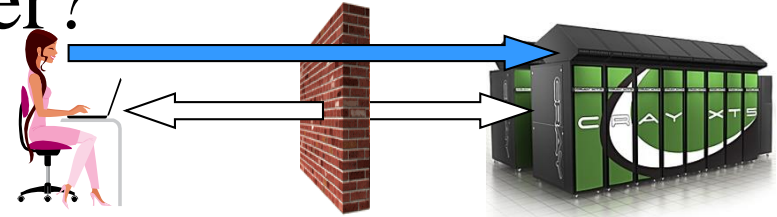
New: a human tries to convince a computer
(that the human is not a computer).



Applications of the Turing Test

Problem: how can a human convince a computer that the human is not a computer?

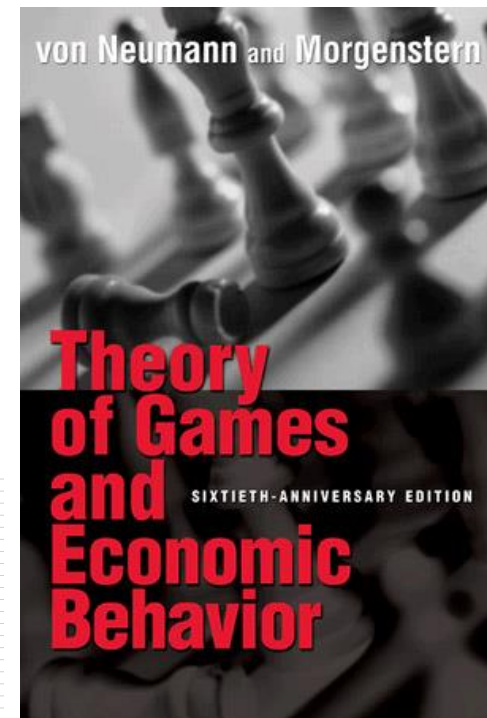
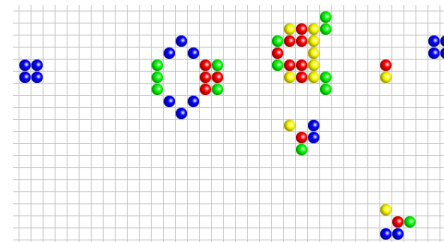
Idea: “CAPTCHA”

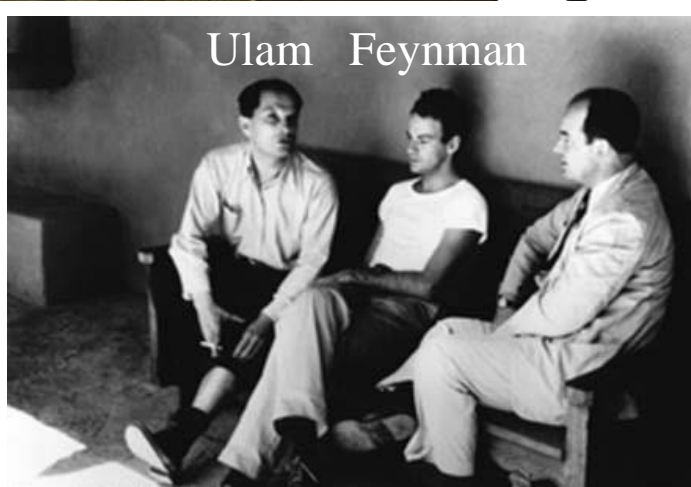
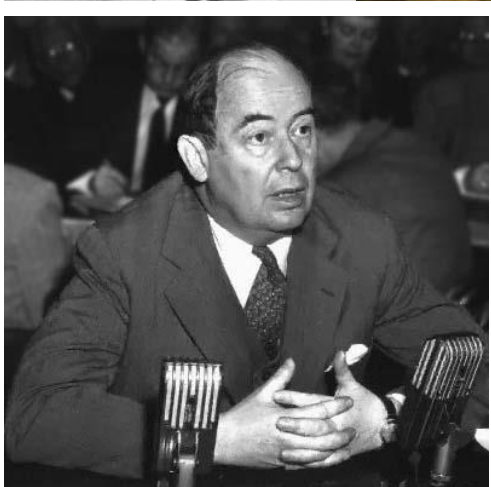
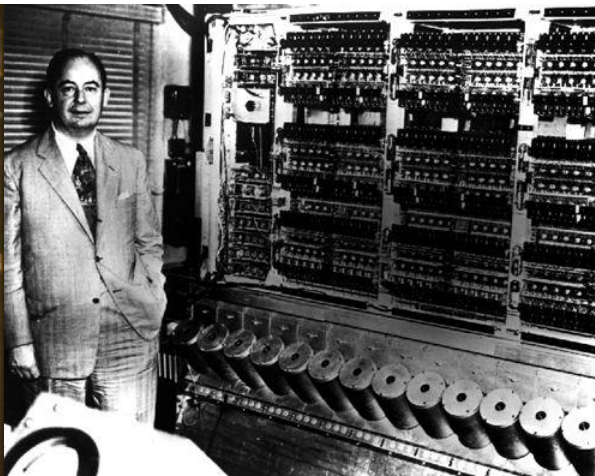


Historical Perspectives

John von Neumann (1903-1957)

- Contributed to set theory, functional analysis, quantum mechanics, ergodic theory, economics, geometry, hydrodynamics, statistics, analysis, measure theory, ballistics, meteorology, ...
- Invented **game theory** (used in Cold War)
- Re-**axiomatized set theory**
- Principal member of **Manhattan Project**
- Helped design the hydrogen / **fusion bomb**
- **Pioneered modern computer science**
- Originated the “**stored program**”
- “**von Neumann architecture**” and “**bottleneck**”
- Helped design & build the **EDVAC** computer
- Created field of **cellular automata**
- Investigated **self-replication**
- Invented **merge sort**

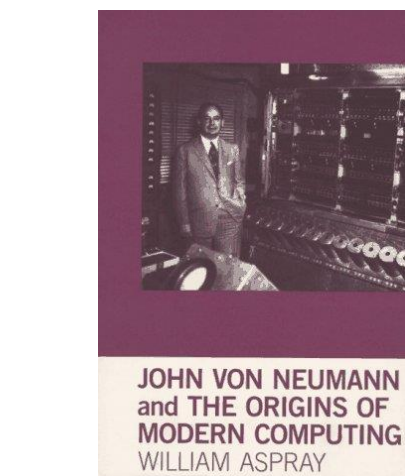
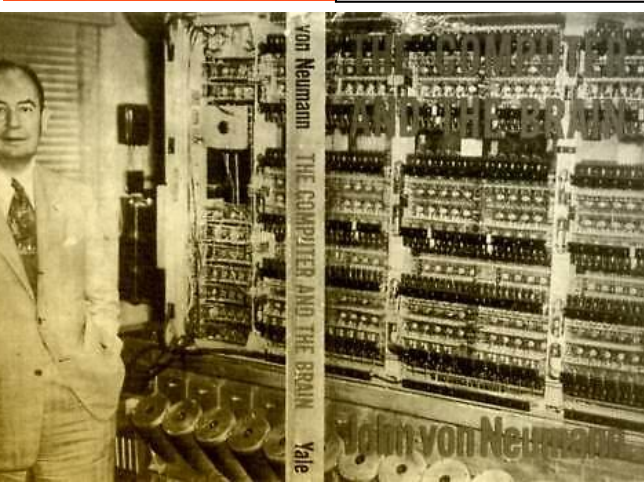
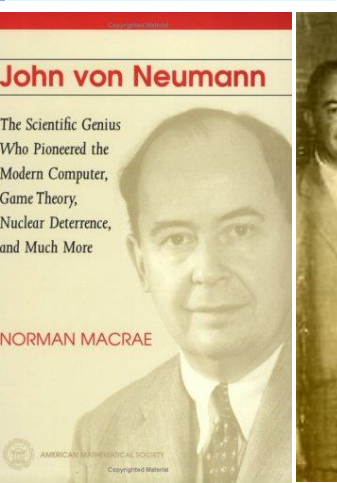
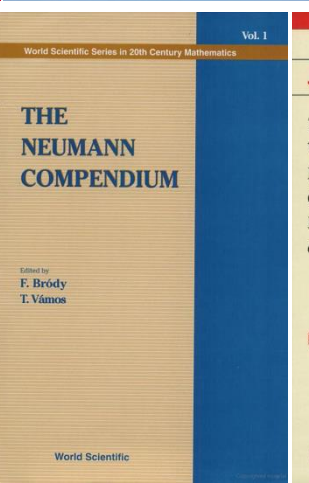
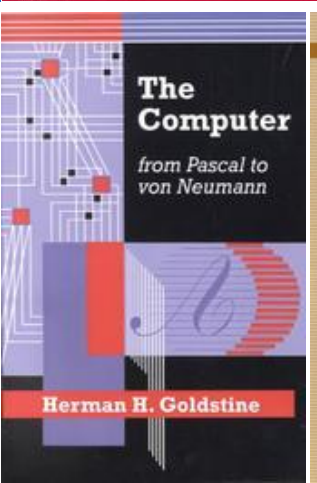
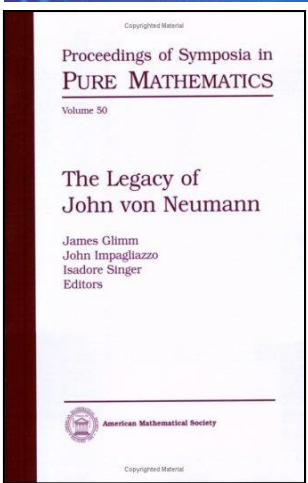
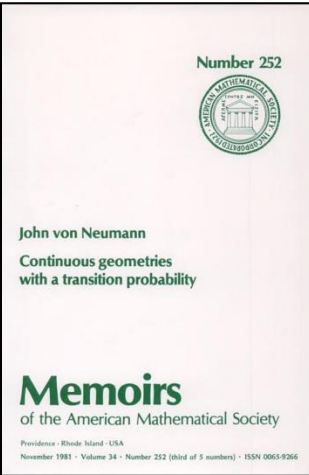
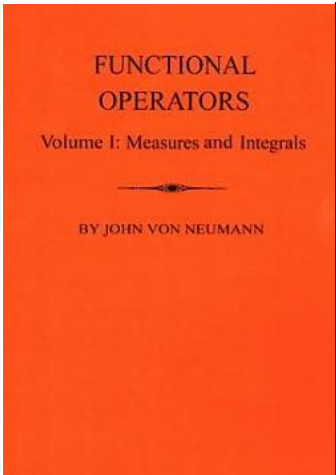
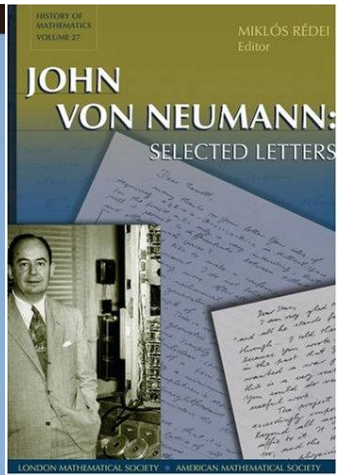
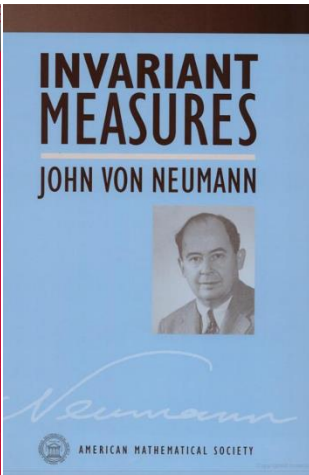
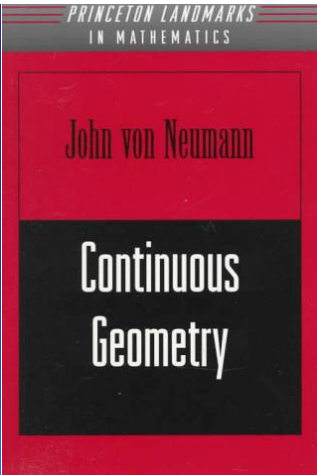
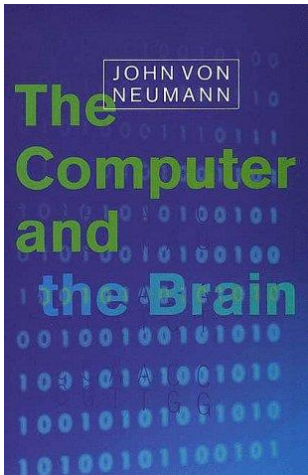




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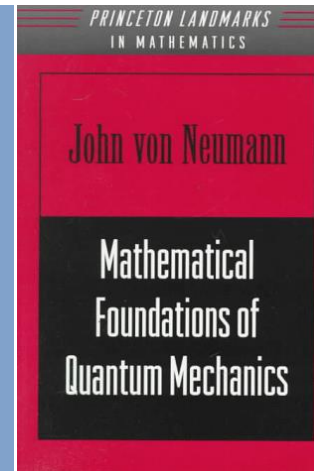
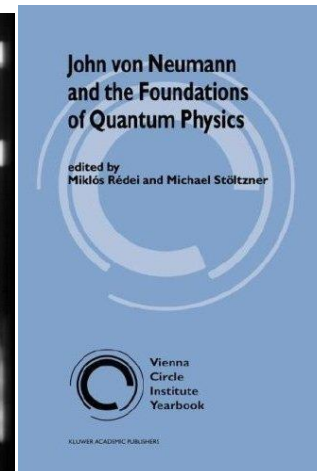
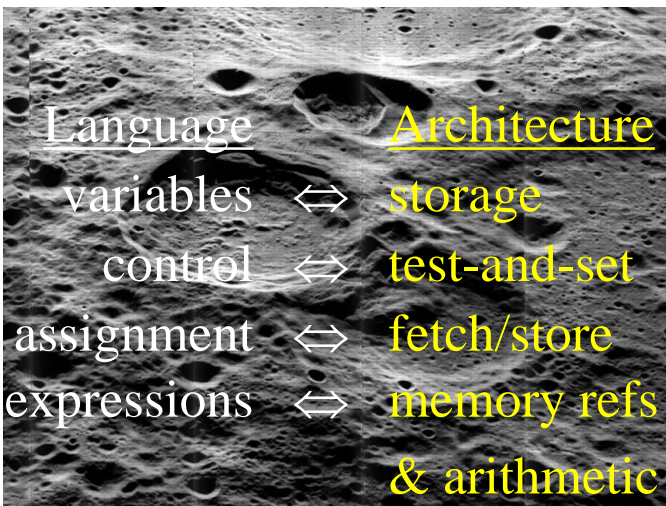


"Most mathematicians prove what they can; von Neumann proves what he wants."



von Neumann's Legacy

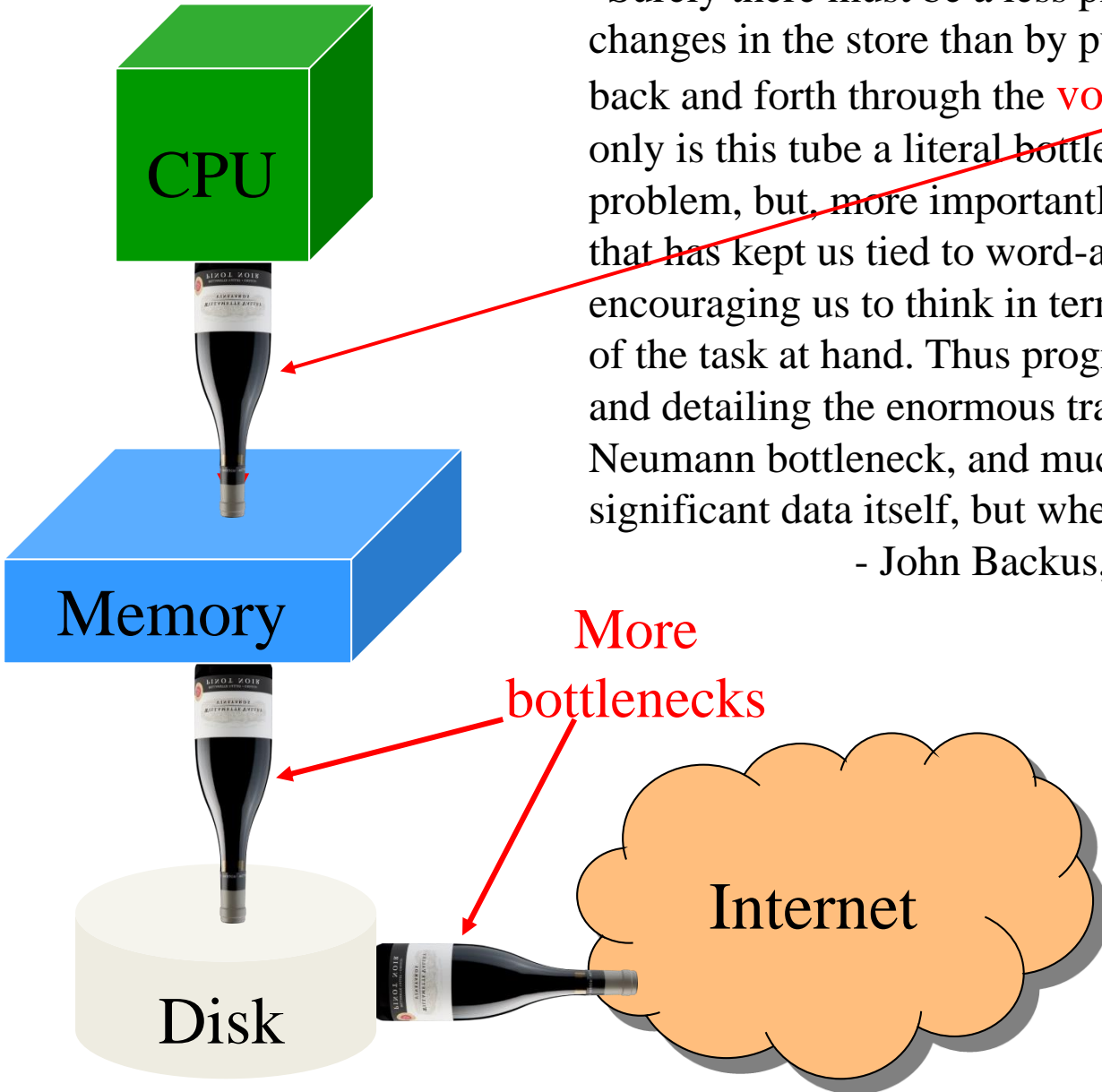
- Re-axiomatized set theory to address **Russell's paradox**
- Independently proved **Godel's second incompleteness theorem**: aximomatic systems are unable to prove their own consistency.
- Addressed **Hilbert's 6th problem**: **axiomatized quantum mechanics** using Hilbert spaces.
- Developed the game-theory based **Mutually-Assured Destruction (MAD)** strategic equilibrium policy – still in effect today!
- von Neumann regular rings, von Neumann bicommutant theorem, von Neumann entropy, **von Neumann programming languages**



Von Neumann Architecture

“Surely there must be a less primitive way of making big changes in the store than by pushing vast numbers of words back and forth through the **von Neumann bottleneck**. Not only is this tube a literal bottleneck for the data traffic of a problem, but, more importantly, it is an **intellectual bottleneck** that has kept us tied to word-at-a-time thinking instead of encouraging us to think in terms of the larger conceptual units of the task at hand. Thus programming is basically planning and detailing the enormous traffic of words through the Von Neumann bottleneck, and much of that traffic concerns not significant data itself, but where to find it.”

- John Backus, 1977 ACM Turing Award lecture



Functional programming

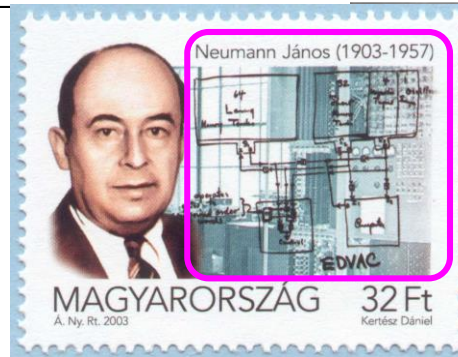




First Draft of a Report on the EDVAC

by

John von Neumann



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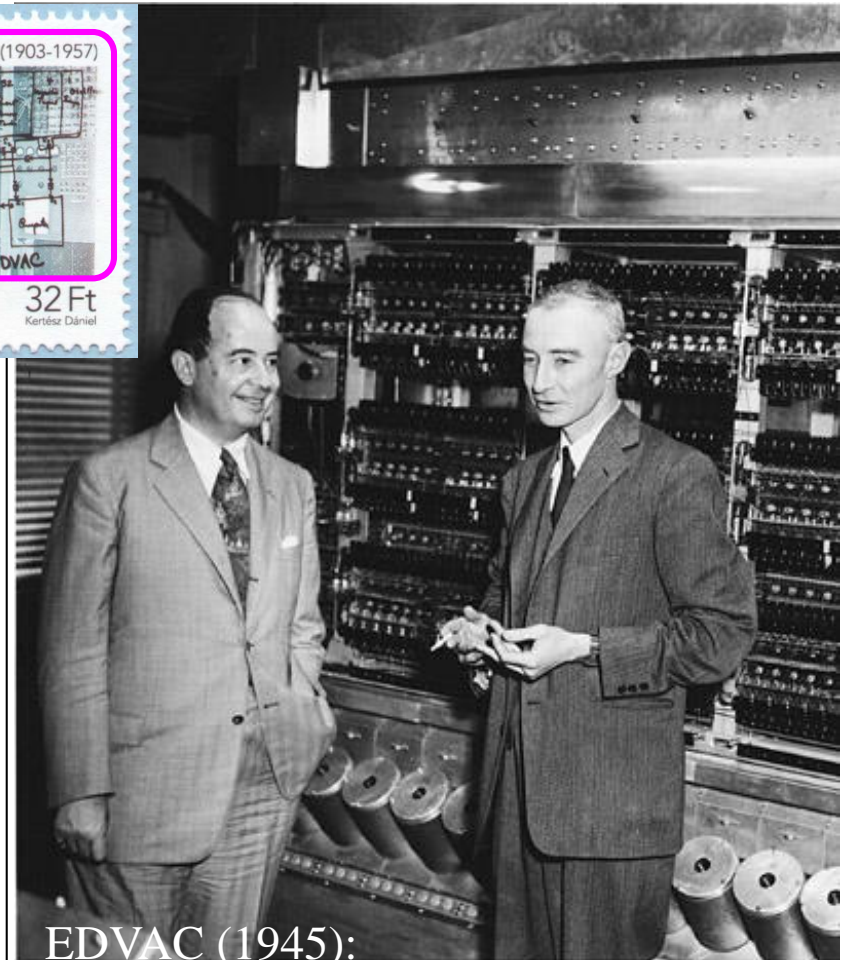
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Michael D. Godfrey, Information Systems Laboratory, Electrical Engineering Department
Stanford University, Stanford, California, November 1992



EDVAC (1945):

- 1024 words (44-bits) – **5.5KB**
- 864 microsec / add (1157 / sec)
- 2900 microsec / multiply (**345/sec**)
- Magnetic tape (no disk), oscilloscope
- 6,000 vacuum tubes
- **56,000 Watts** of power
- 17,300 lbs (7.9 tons), 490 sqft
- **30 people** to operate

THEORY OF SELF-REPRODUCING AUTOMATA

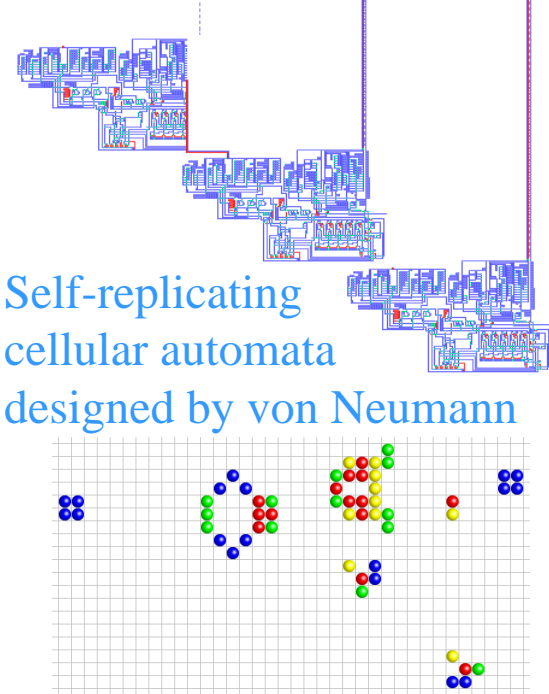
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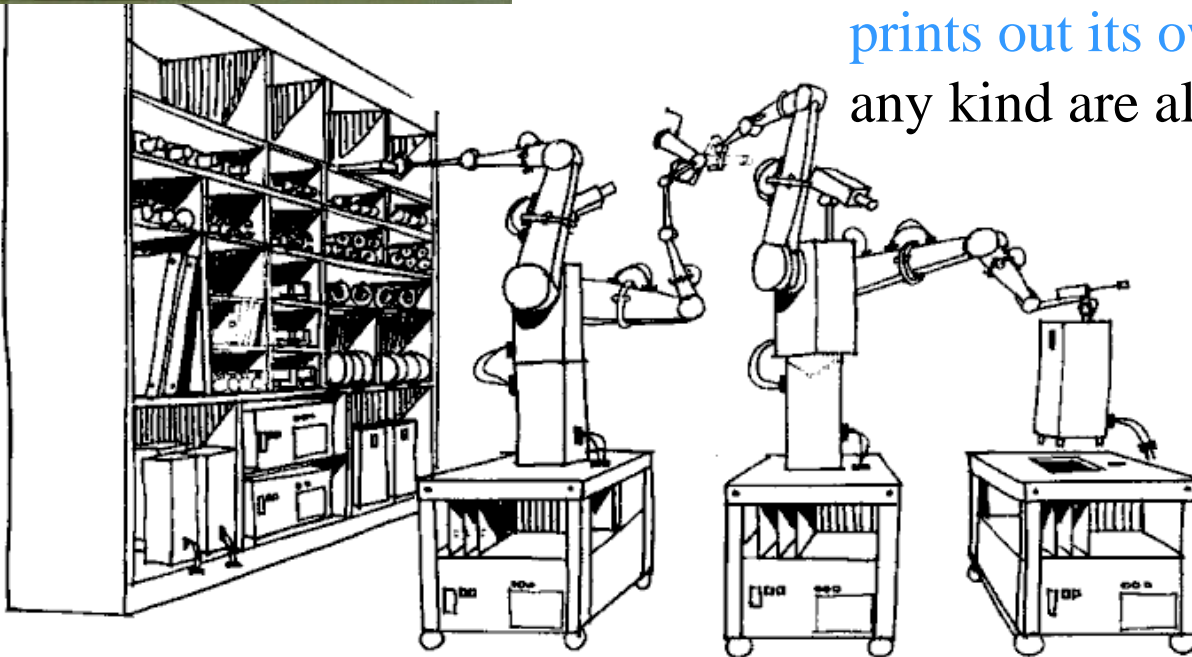
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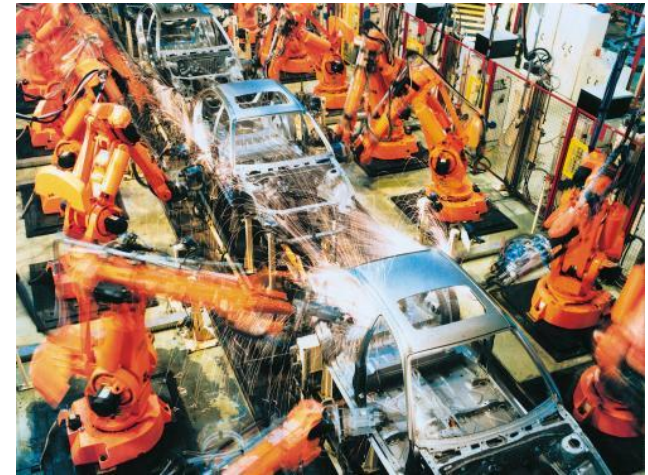
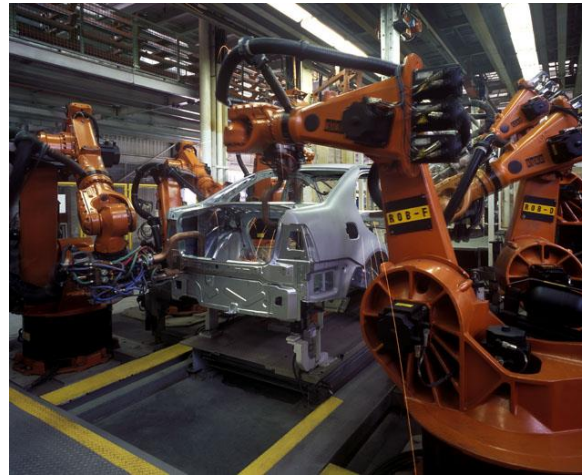
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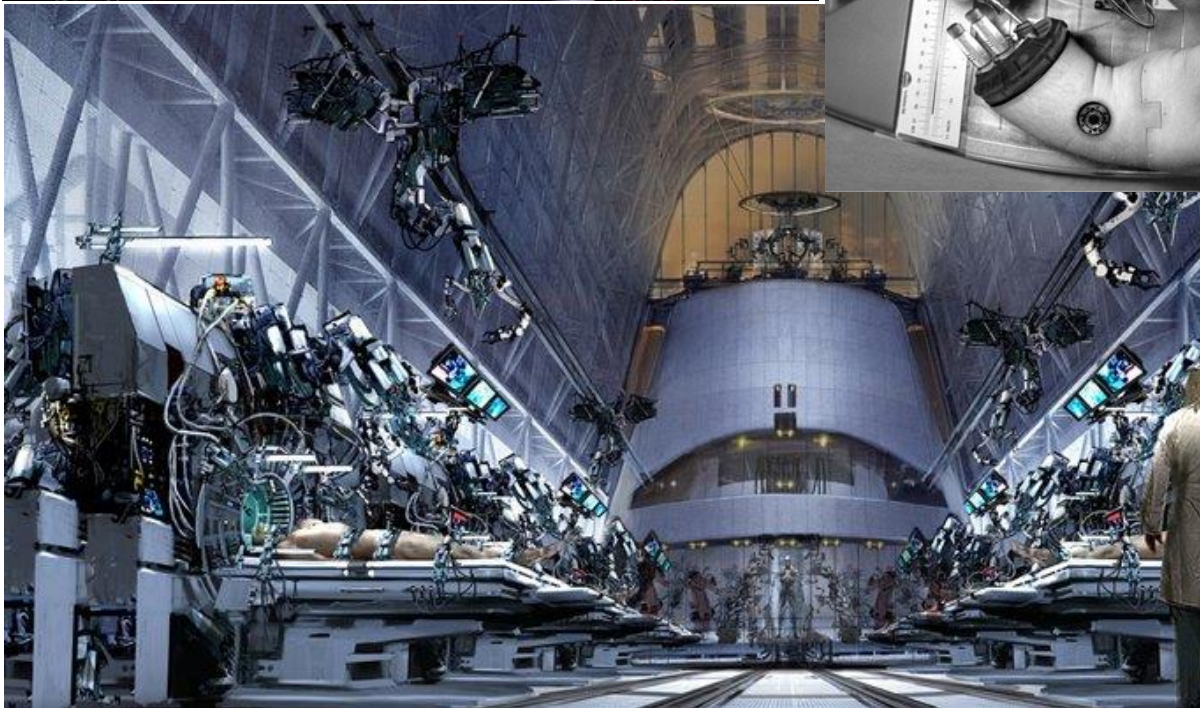
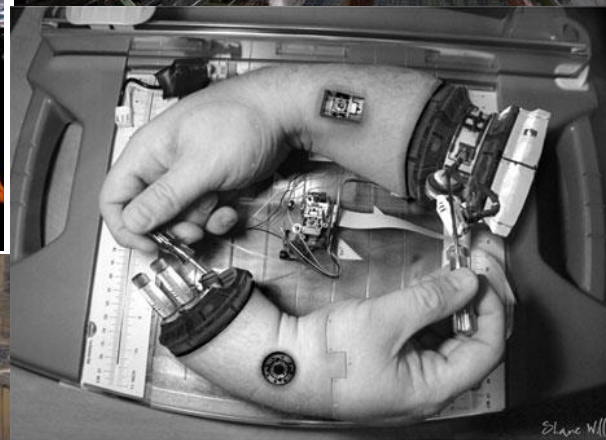
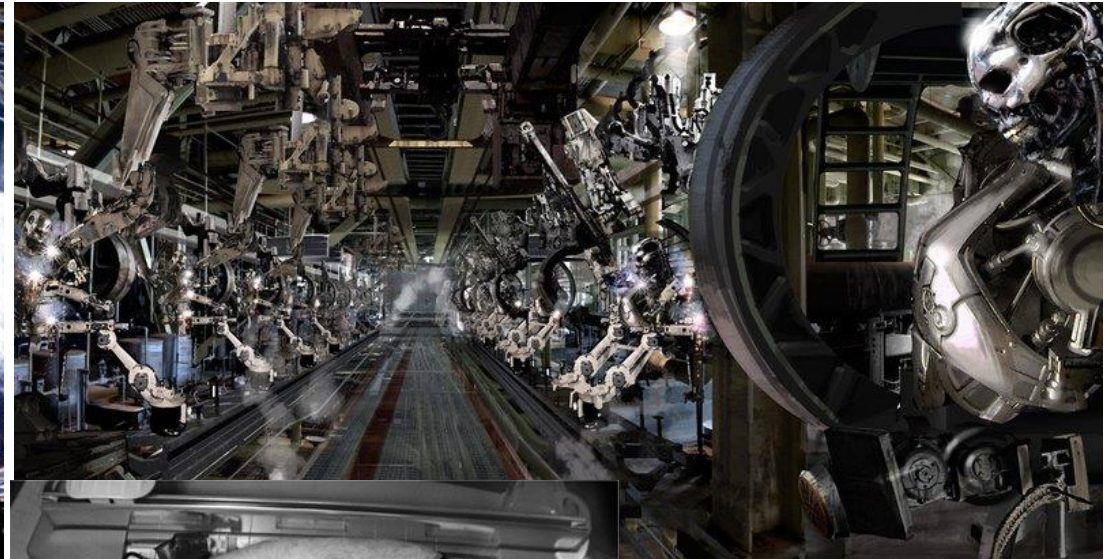
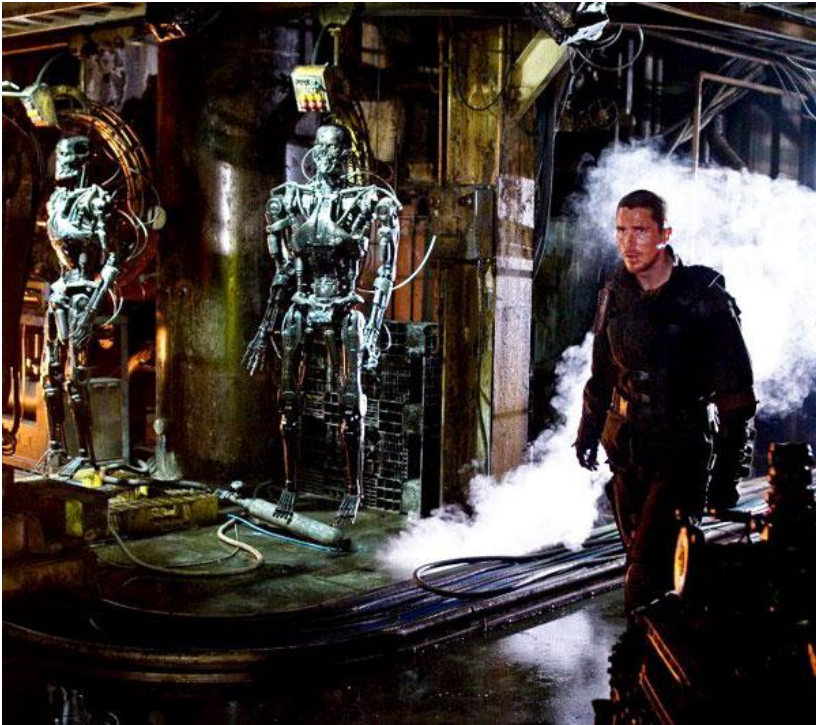
Self-replicating cellular automata designed by von Neumann



Problem (extra credit): write a program that prints out its own source code (no inputs of any kind are allowed).









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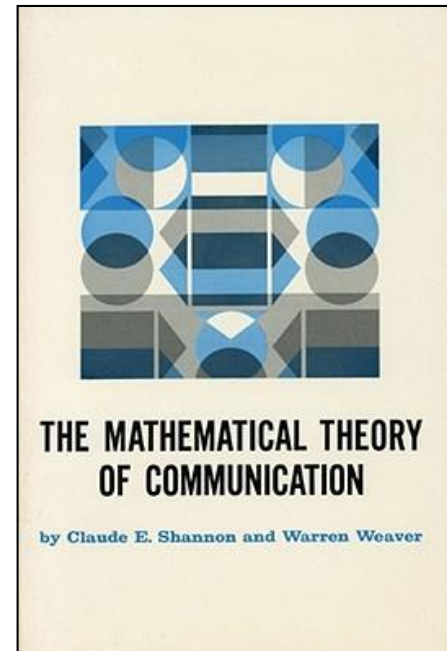
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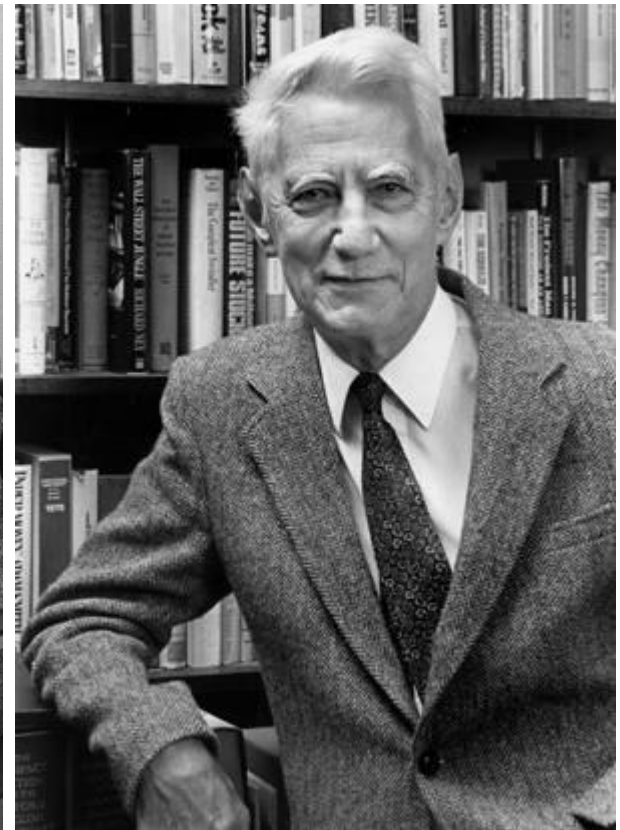
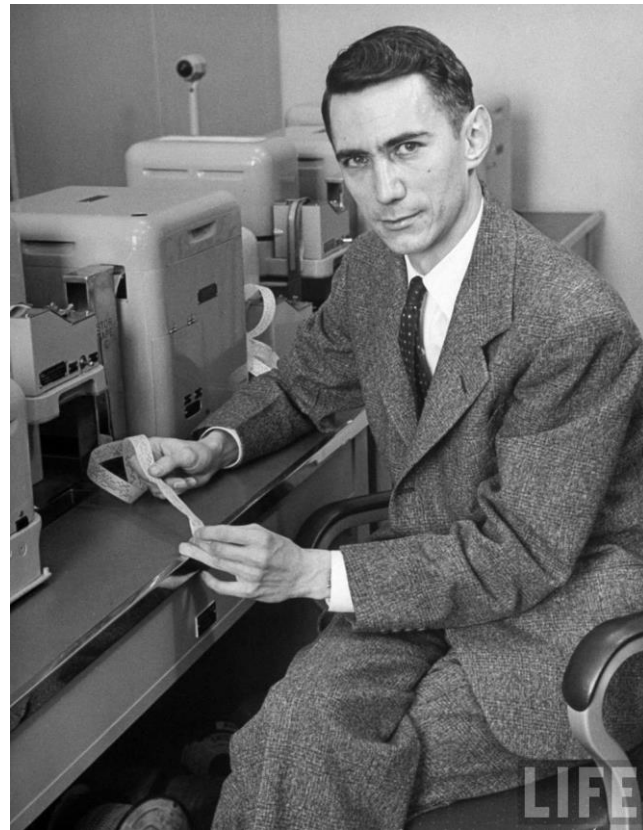
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Historical Perspectives

Claude Shannon (1916-2001)

- Invented **electrical digital circuits** (1937)
- Founded **information theory** (1948)
- Introduced **sampling theory**, coined term “**bit**”
- Contributed to genetics, **cryptology**
- Joined Institute for Advanced Study (1940)
Influenced by **Turing**, **von Neumann**, Einstein
- Originated **information entropy**, Nyquist–Shannon, **sampling theorem**, Shannon-Hartley theorem, Shannon **switching game**, Shannon-Fano **coding**, Shannon’s **source coding theorem**, Shannon **limit**, **Shannon decomposition** / expansion, Shannon #
- Other hobbies & inventions: **juggling**, unicycling, **computer chess**, rockets, motorized pogo stick, flame-throwers, Rubik's cube solver, wearable computer, mathematical **gambling**, stock markets
- “AT&T **Shannon Labs**” named after him



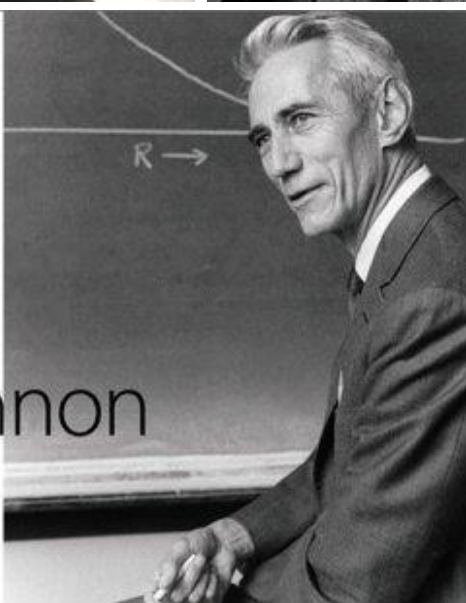


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of the Digital Age

Claude Shannon

Perhaps no scientist in U.S. history is as well known as Claude Shannon. That's why it's not the scientist who is the focus of the article, but the man who is the father of the digital age. Shannon's work in the field of information theory has led to the development of the computer, the television, and the telephone. The article is a tribute to the man who is the father of the digital age.



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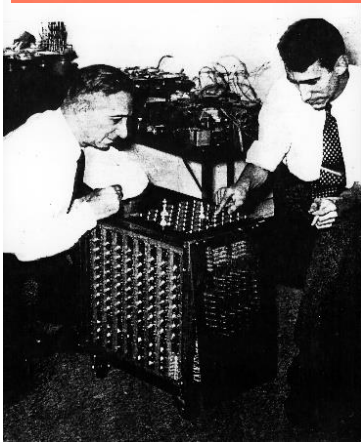
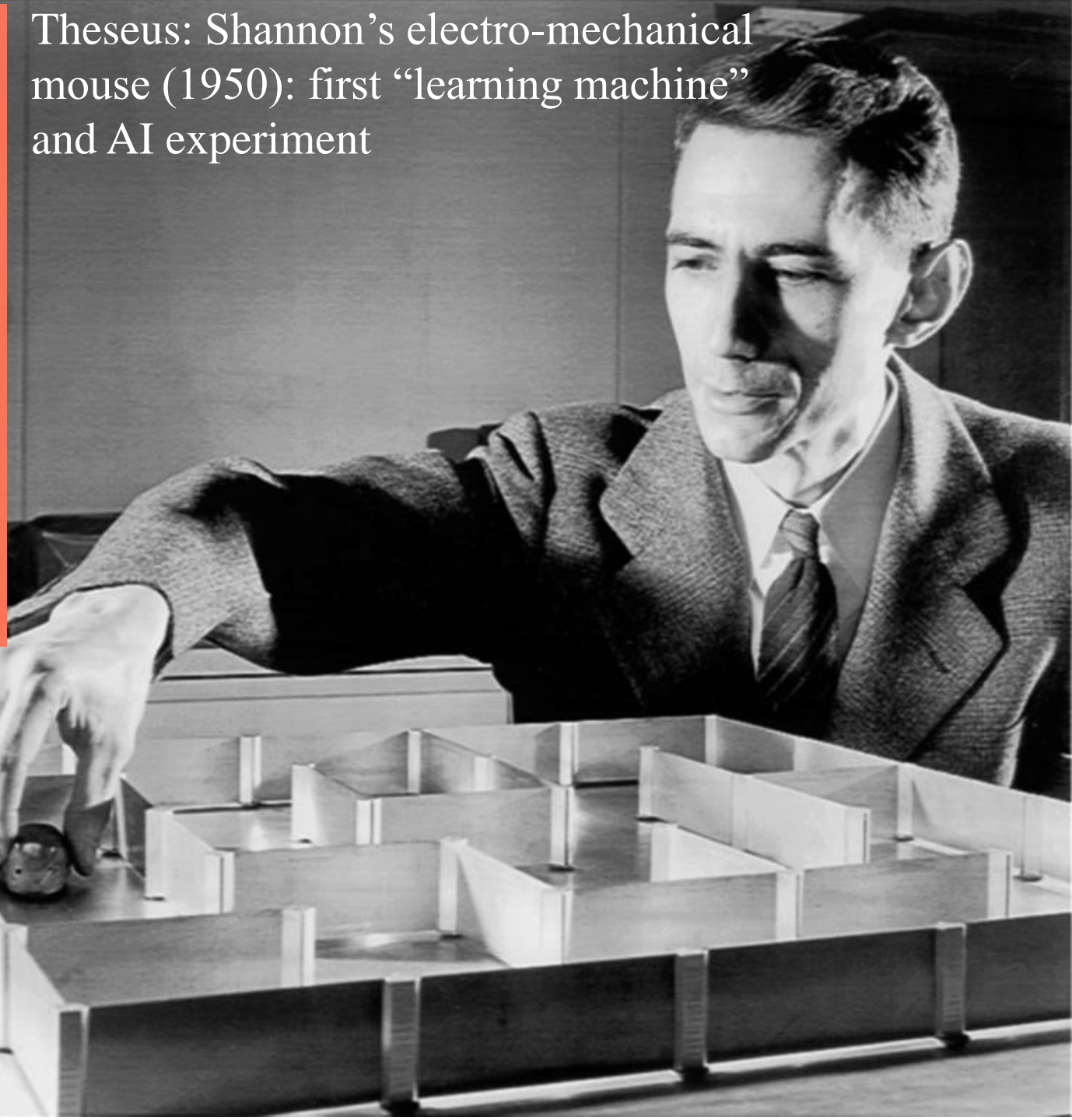
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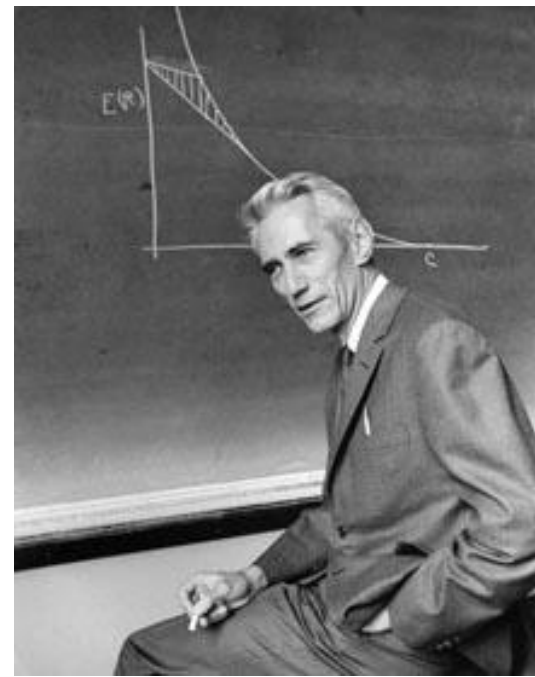
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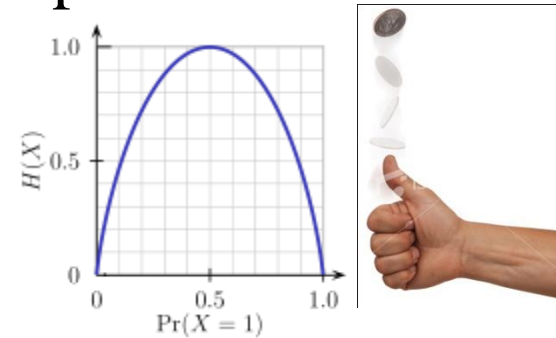
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Entropy and Randomness

- **Entropy** measures the expected “**uncertainly**” (or “surprise”) associated with a random variable.
- Entropy quantifies the “**information content**” and represents a lower bound on the best possible lossless compression.
- Ex: a random fair coin has entropy of **1 bit**.
A **biased** coin has lower entropy than fair coin.
A two-headed coin has **zero entropy**.
- The string 000000000000000... has **zero entropy**.
- English text has entropy rate of 0.6 to 1.5 bits per letter.

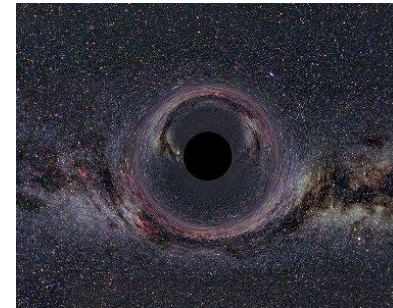


Q: How do you simulate a **fair** coin with a **biased** coin of unknown but **fixed bias**?

A [von Neumann]: Look at **pairs** of flips. **HT** and **TH** both occur with **equal** probability of $p(1-p)$, and ignore **HH** and **TT** pairs.

Entropy and Randomness

- **Information entropy** is an analogue of **thermodynamic entropy** in physics / statistical mechanics, and von Neumann entropy in quantum mechanics.
- **Second law of thermodynamics**: **entropy** of an isolated system **can not decrease over time**.
- Entropy as “**disorder**” or “**chaos**”.
- Entropy as the “**arrow of time**”.
- “**Heat death** of the universe” / black holes
- Quantum computing uses a **quantum information theory** to generalize classical information theory.



Theorem: String compressibility decreases as entropy increases.

Theorem: Most strings are not (losslessly) compressible. ←



Corollary: Most strings are random!

“My greatest concern was what to call it. I thought of calling it ‘information’, but the word was overly used, so I decided to call it ‘**uncertainty**’. When I discussed it with John von Neumann, he had a better idea. Von Neumann told me, ‘You should call it **entropy**, for two reasons. In the first place your uncertainty function has been used in **statistical mechanics** under that name, so it already has a name. In the second place, and more important, **nobody knows what entropy really is**, so in a debate you will always have the advantage.’ ”

- Claude Shannon on his conversation with John von Neumann regarding what name to give to the “measure of uncertainty” or attenuation in phone-line signals (1949)



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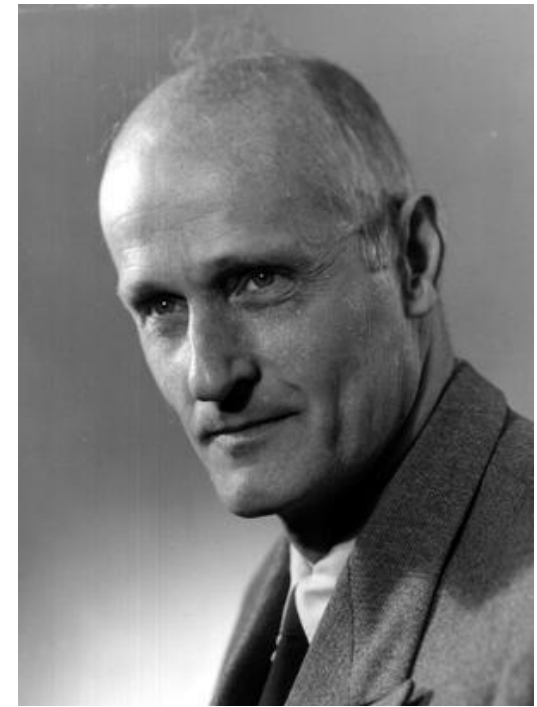
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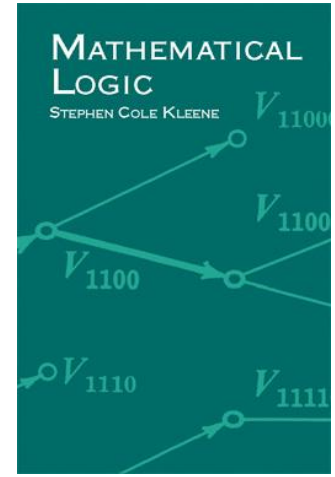
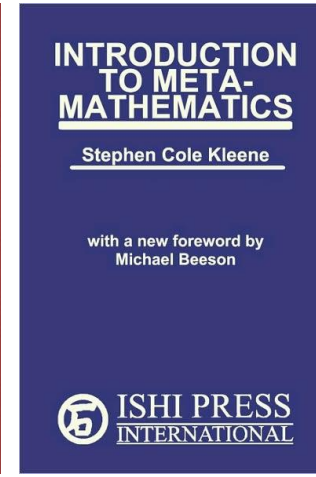
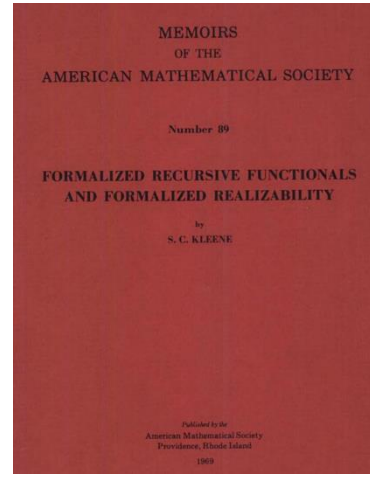
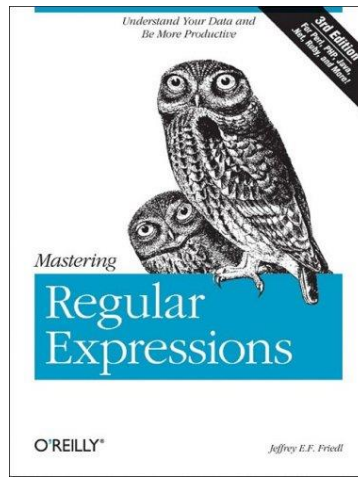
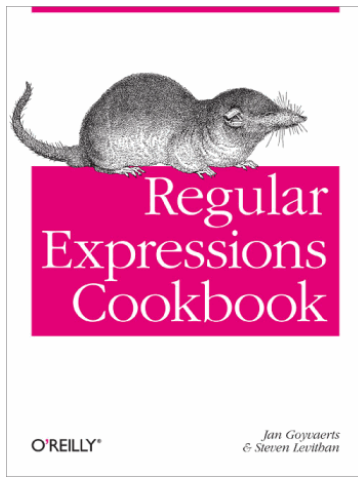
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Stephen Kleene (1909-1994)

- Founded recursive function theory
- Pioneered theoretical computer science
- Student of Alonzo Church; was at the Institute for Advanced Study (1940)
- Invented regular expressions
- Kleene star / closure, Kleene algebra, Kleene recursion theorem, Kleene fixed point theorem, Kleene-Rosser paradox



“Kleeneliness is next to Gödeliness”



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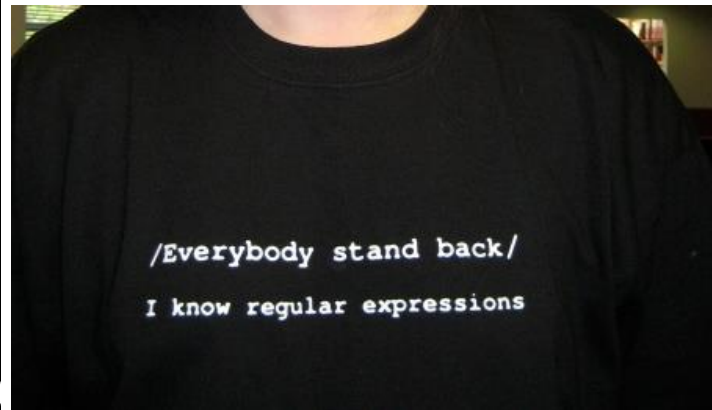
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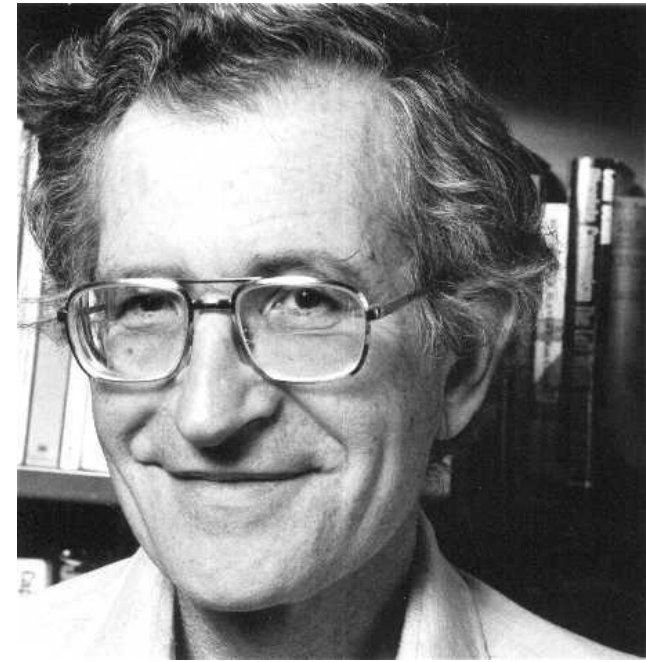
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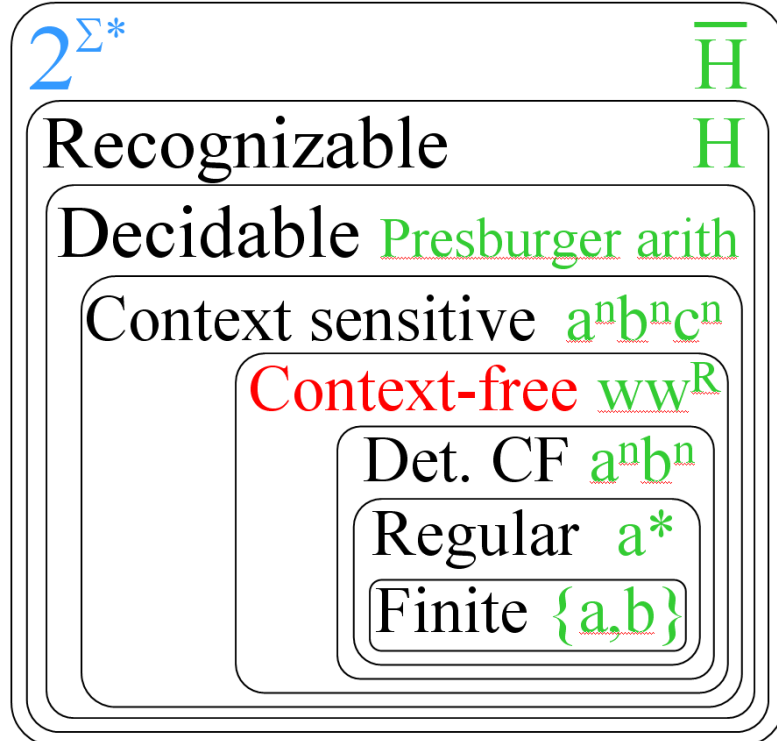
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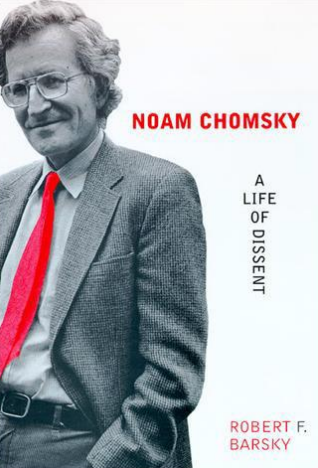
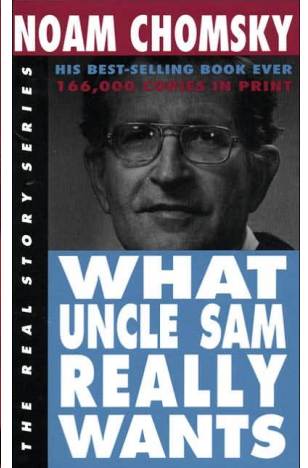
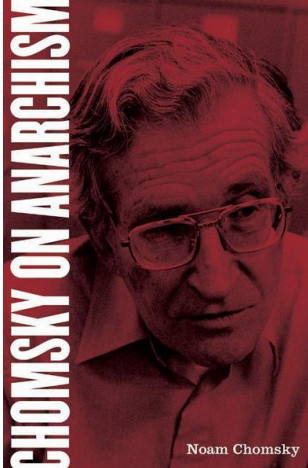
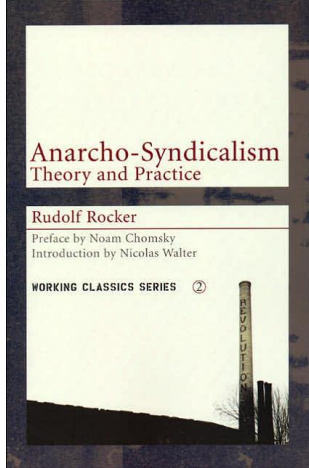
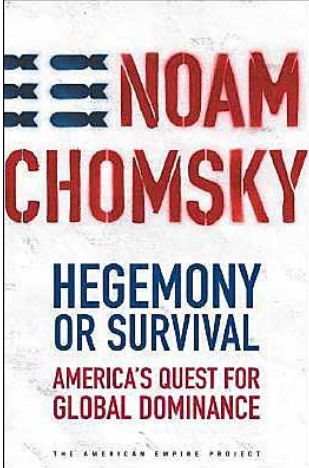
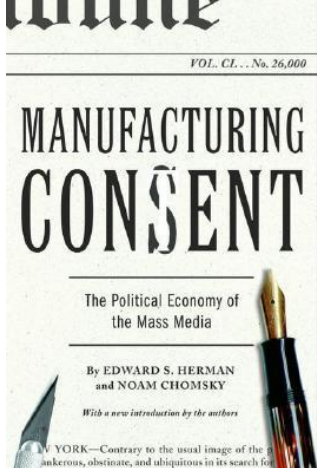
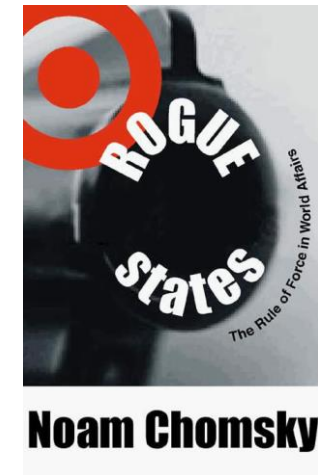
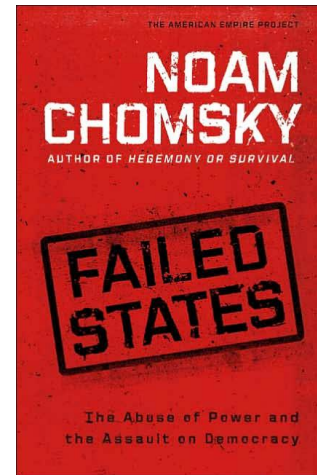
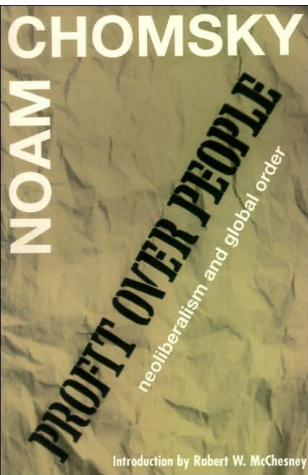
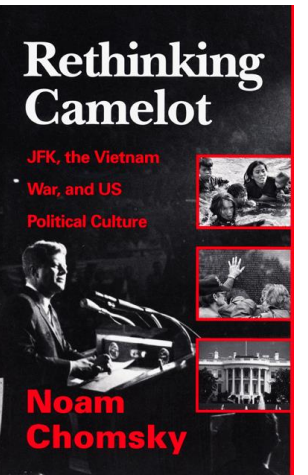
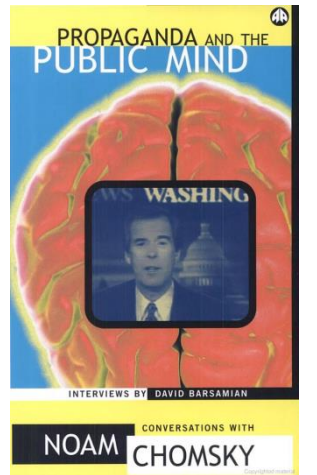
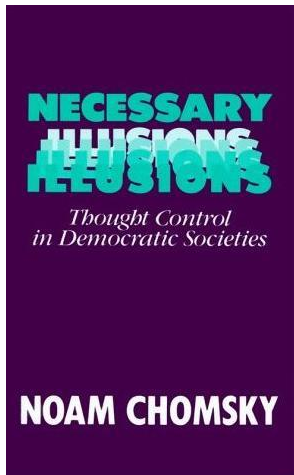
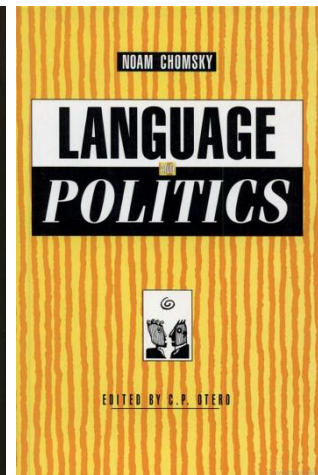
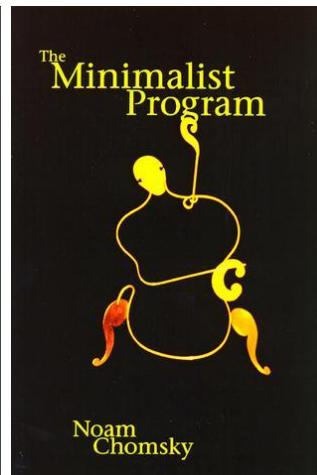
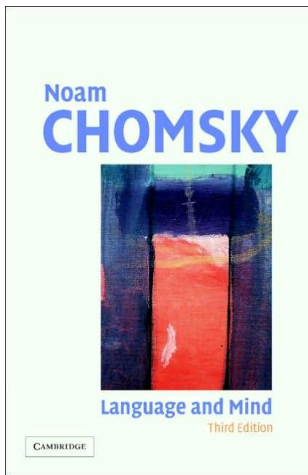
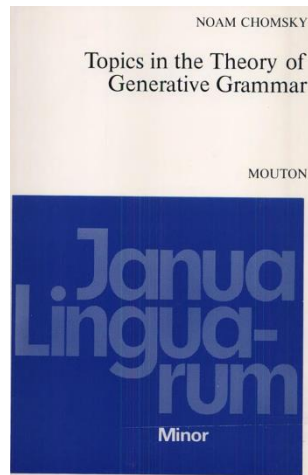
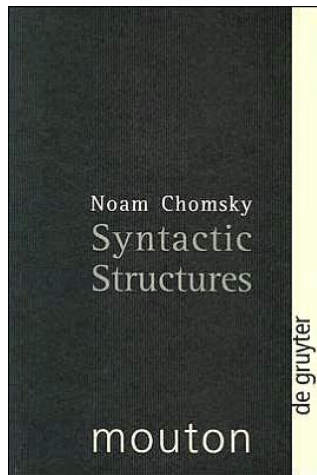
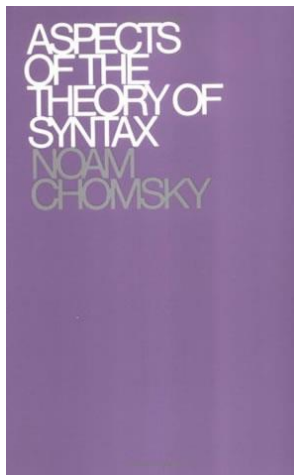
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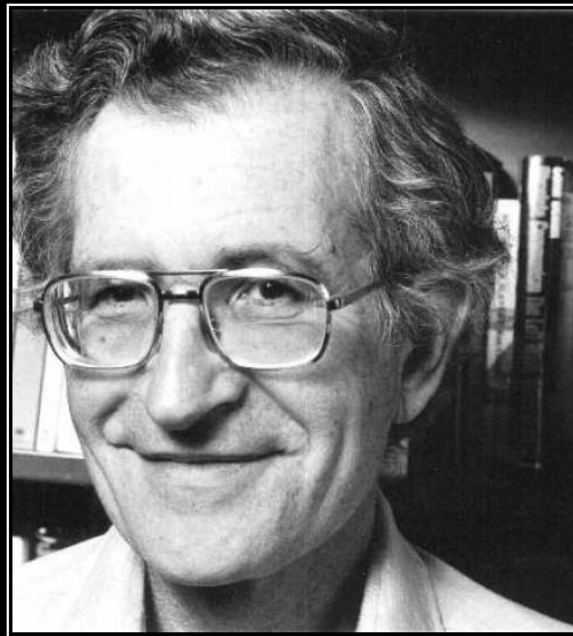
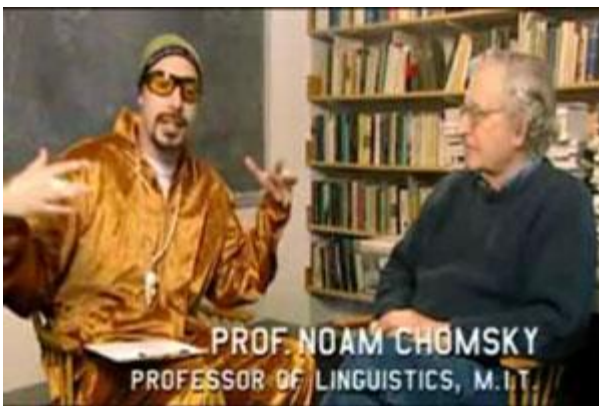
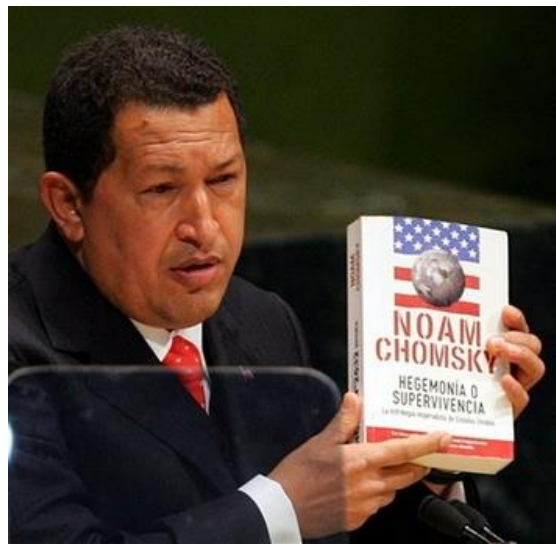
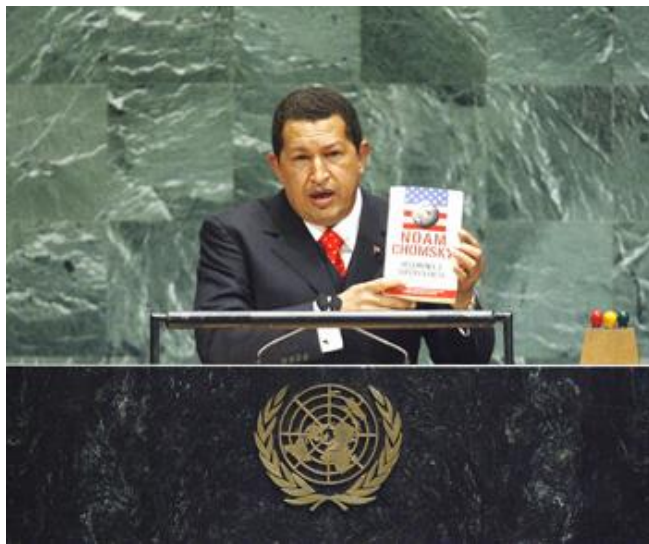
Noam Chomsky (1928-)



- Linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, political activist, dissident, author
- Father of **modern linguistics**
- Pioneered **formal languages**
- Developed **generative grammars**
Invented **context-free grammars**
- Defined the **Chomsky hierarchy**
- Influenced **cognitive psychology**, **philosophy of language** and mind
- **Chomskyan linguistics**, Chomskyan syntax, Chomskyan models
- Critic of U.S. foreign policy
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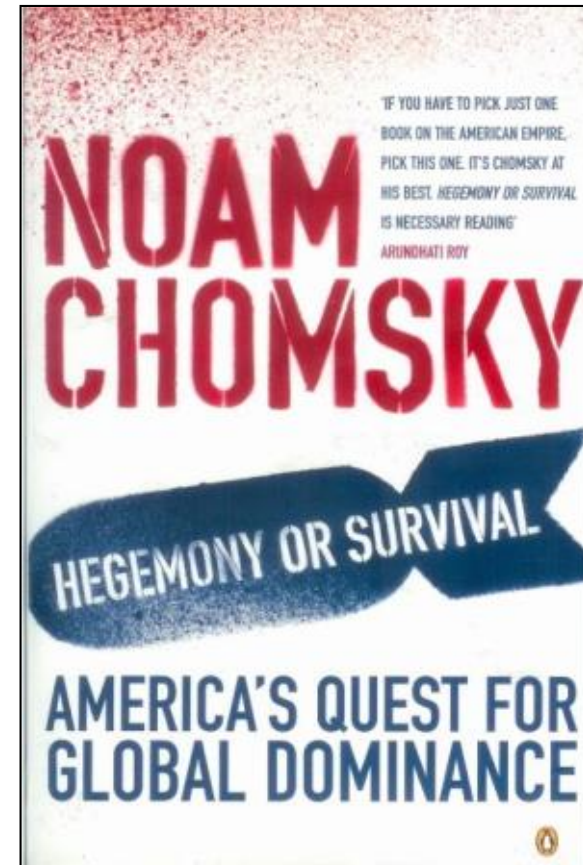


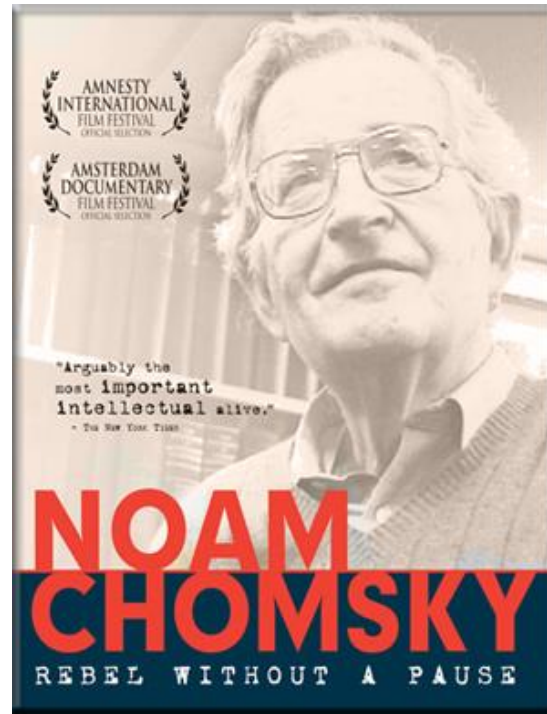
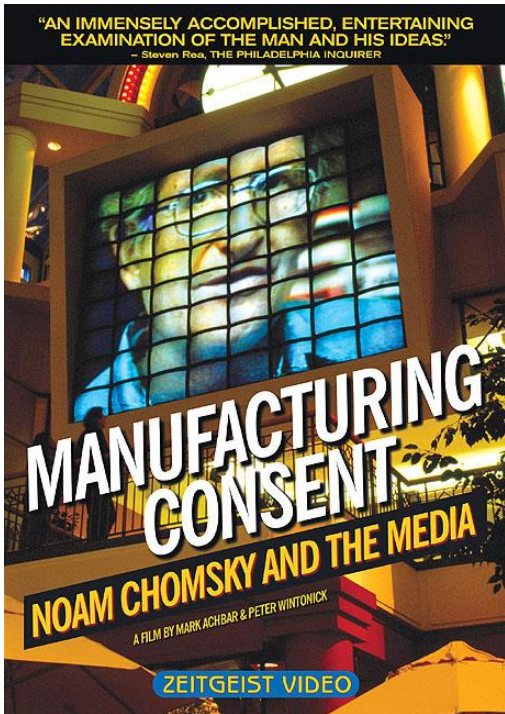




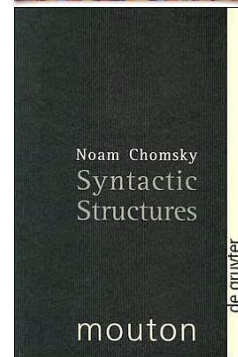
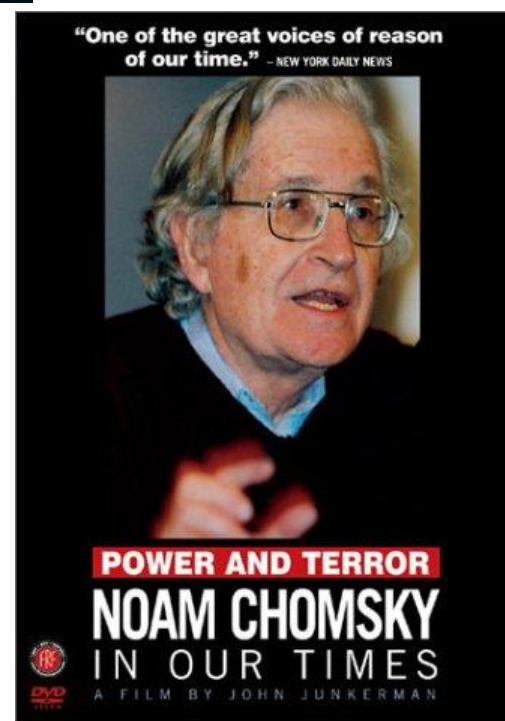
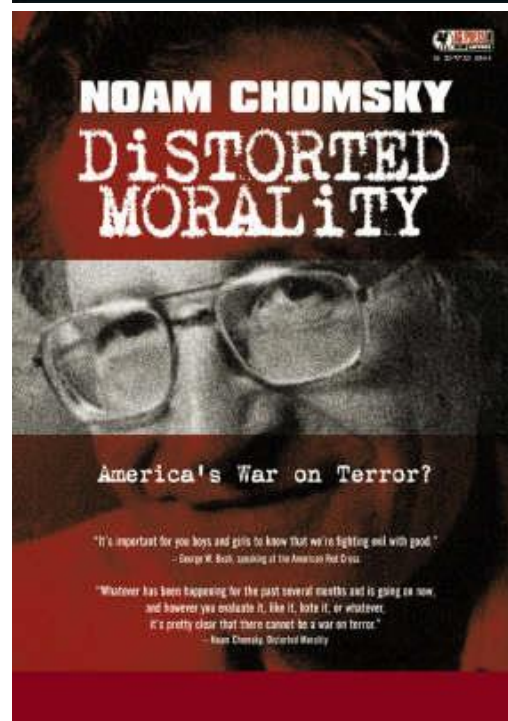
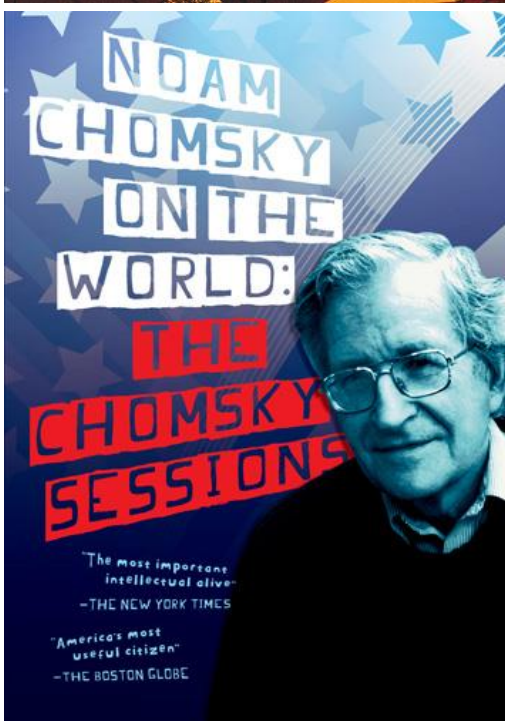
ANARCHISM

Ur doin it wrong





"...I must admit to taking a copy of **Noam Chomsky's 'Syntactic Structures'** along with me on my **honeymoon** in 1961 ... Here was a marvelous thing: a **mathematical theory of language** in which I could use as a computer programmer's intuition!"
- **Don Knuth** on Chomsky's influence



The Adventures of... NOAM CHOMSKY



... and his dog Predicate!

Good news! I just got an interview on Nightline!

Don't screw it up!

Wait? What do you mean, "screw it up"?

You know, by being you!

I..Hey!

If you go on there you're going to be like, "I'm Noam Chomsky the Modern Industrial Society must... big word here, big word there, U.S. foreign policy this... Blah, blah, blah..."

I'm not going to compromise my integrity by contributing to the numbing of society's intellect!

To do that would be to undermine the responsibility of the Intellectual in our society! To tell the truth and expose the lies! If the problems in the system are complicated and the lies abstruse then I'm going to say just that! It is my duty!

OK, fine. So what's the topic going to be?

I don't know, but it's some sort of panel discussion, which I think will be very informative!

NIGHTLINE

Uh, thank you Professor Chomsky for that "unique" insight into the hidden agendas of international trade organizations. So now, let me pose the same question to our other panelist.

Ms. Spears, what is your opinion of... fuzzy things?

The Adventures of... NOAM CHOMSKY



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By Jeffrey Weston

I need a better way to get my message out.

Yeah, market research is saying that *The Noam Chomsky Quote of the Day Calendar* is giving people head aches.

What can I do?

There is only one option! **SELL OUT!**

Look Noam, let's be realistic. You're a downer. People don't want to hear about how awful things are all the time!

Positive spin Noam, that's the way to get your message out!

How can you possibly put positive spin on the continuing decay and directed destruction of our basic freedoms?!!

Noam sez... *Everything's Fine!*

If we don't believe
in freedom of
expression for
people we despise,
we don't believe in
it at all.

Noam Chomsky

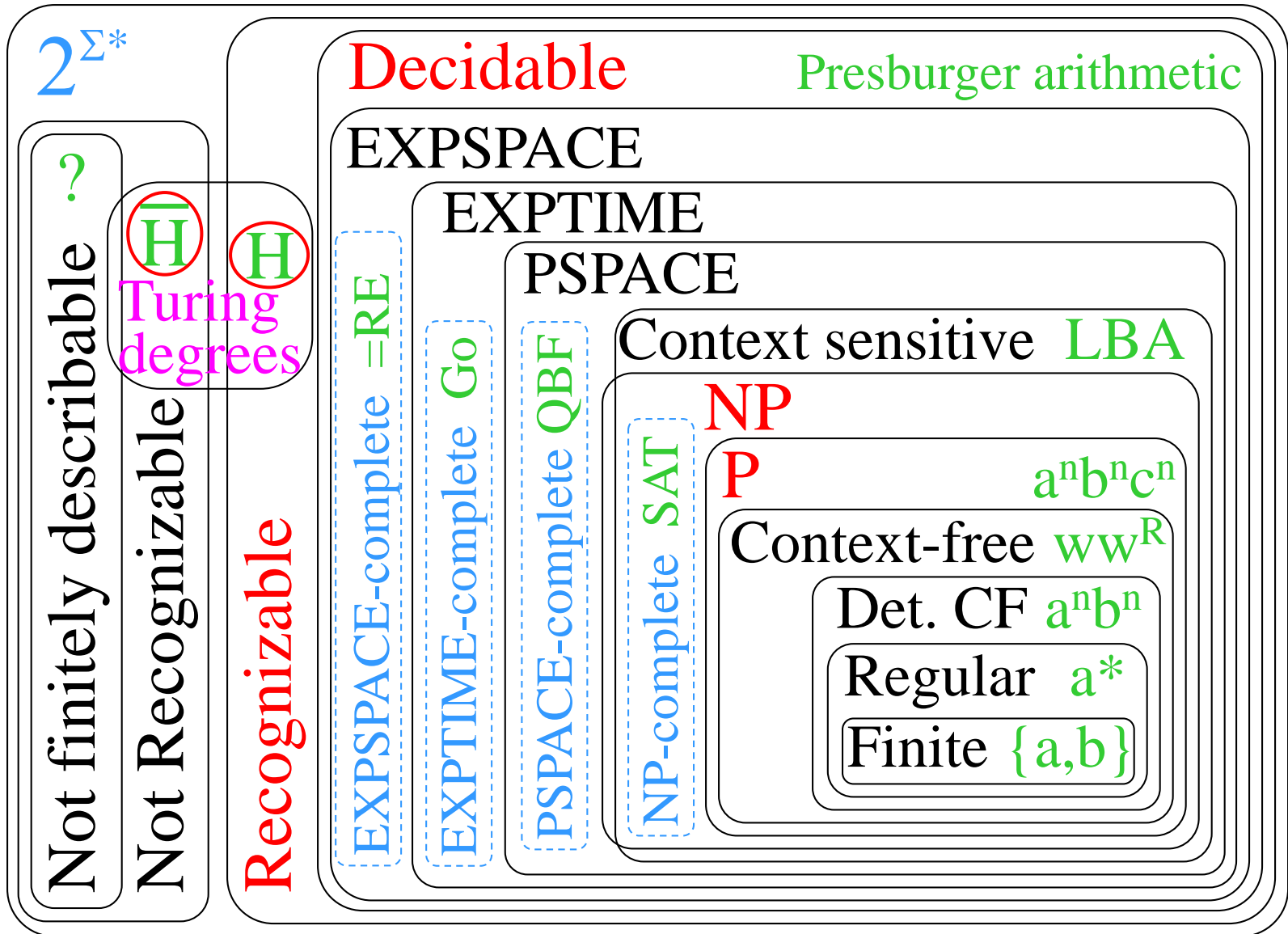
"Propaganda is to a
democracy what the
bludgeon is to a
totalitarian state"
- Noam Chomsky

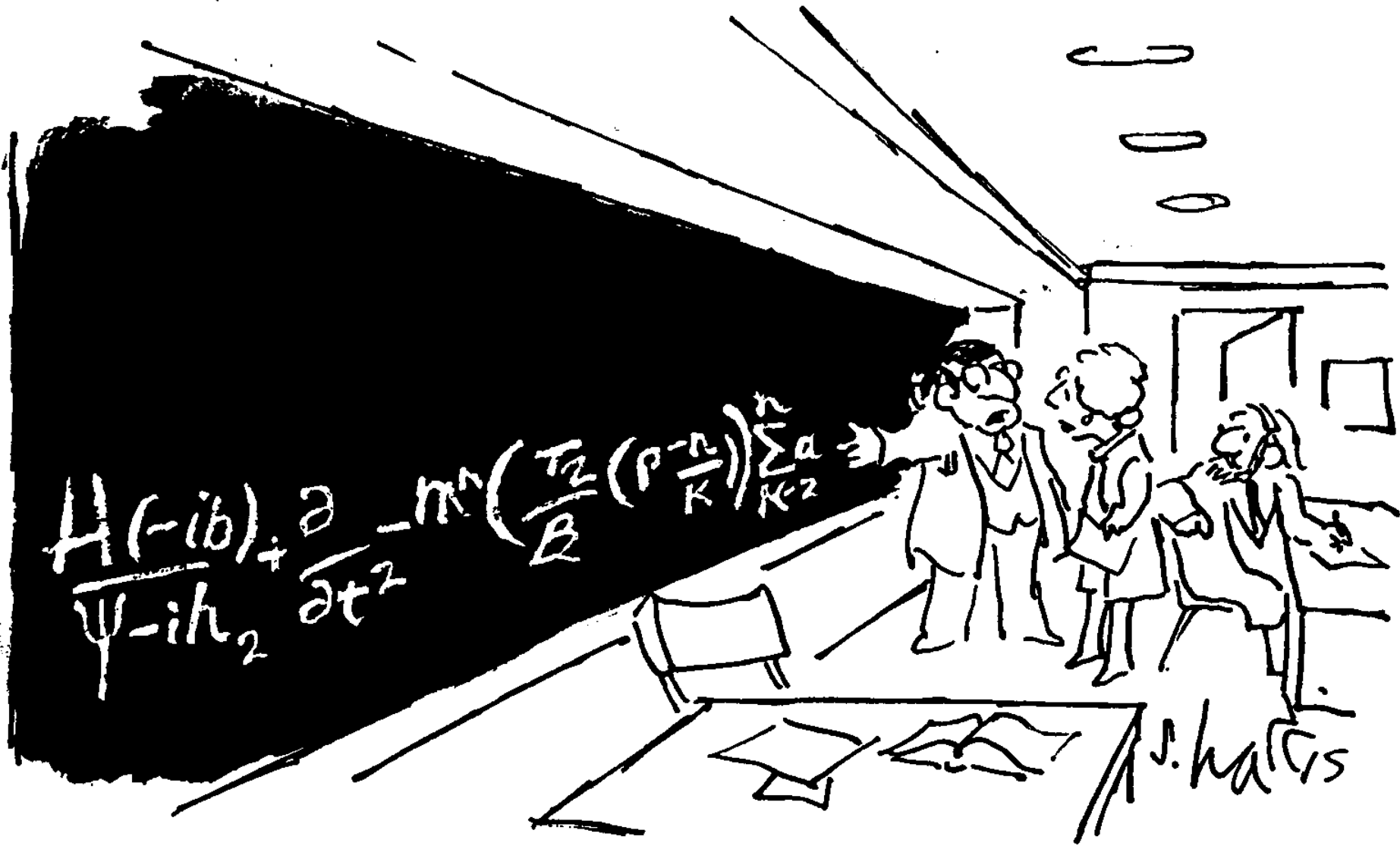
**COULD CHOMSKY
BE WRONG?**



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The Chomsky Hierarchy





“But this *is* the simplified version for the general public.”

NP Completeness

- Tractability
- Polynomial time
- Computation vs. verification
- Power of non-determinism
- Encodings
- Transformations & reducibilities
- P vs. NP
- “Completeness”



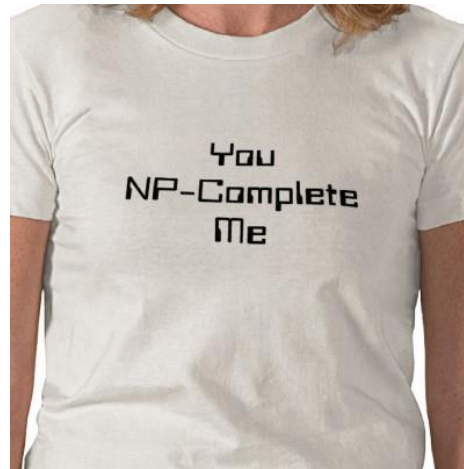
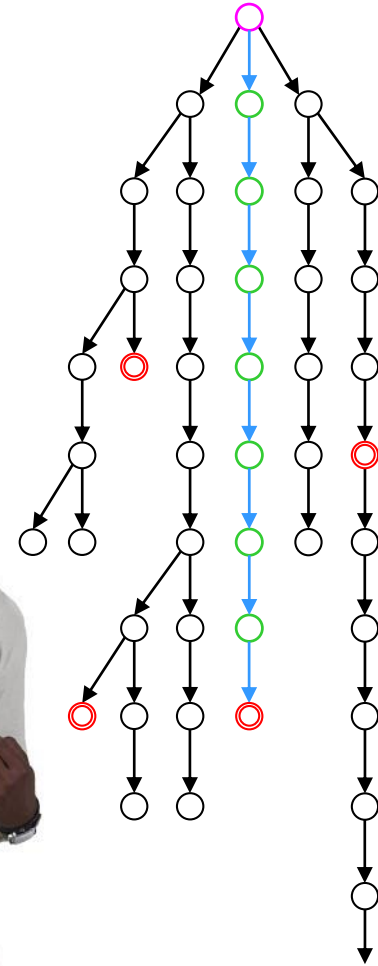
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Historical Perspectives

