

# The non-normal abyss in Kleene's Computability Theory

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Turing machines may or may not produce an output after finitely many steps: partiality and the Halting problem.

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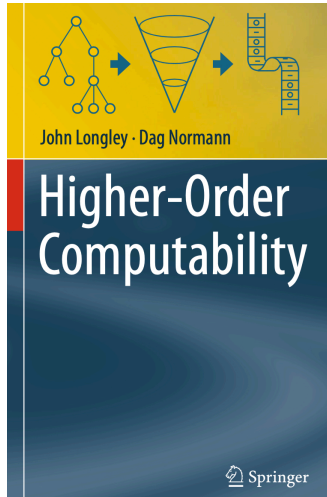
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For details, consult:



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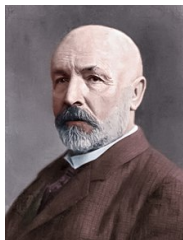
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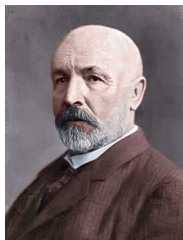
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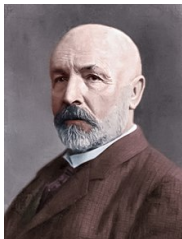
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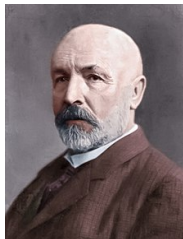


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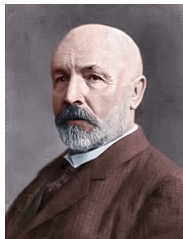
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