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Computability Revisited

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Classical computability theory disregards runtime interaction completely. The strong Church-Turing thesis states that anything a computer can do can also be done by a Turing machine, given enough time and memory. This thesis is invalidated by e.g. a self-driving car, as all possibly crossing pedestrians cannot be put on the Turing tape before starting, and resulting actions cannot be postponed until after finishing. Concurrency theory gives us a proper treatment of interaction. The talk surveys what happens when computability theory is integrated with concurrency theory, which theorems remain valid and which theorems should be adapted. The Reactive Turing Machine is introduced as a model of computability with interaction.



Jos Baeten has a Ph.D. in mathematics of the University of Minnesota (1985). From 1991 to 2015, he was professor of computer science at the Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (TU/e). In addition, from 2010 to 2012 he was professor of Systems Engineering at TU/e. As of October 1, 2011, he is general director of CWI in Amsterdam, the Netherlands research institute for mathematics and computer science. Since January 1, 2015, he is part-time professor in Theory of Computing at the Institute of Logic, Language and Computation of the University of Amsterdam.

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