# Logic. <br> Computational Complexity 

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## Exercise: Turing machine in Prolog

- We use tape ( $L s, S, R s$ ) to represent the current symbol $S$, the left fragment of the tape Ls (reversed) and the right one Rs.

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compute(Q, T, T) :- final(Q), !.
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compute (Q0, tape(Ls0,S,Rs0), T):-
showmachine (Q0,Ls0, S, Rs0),
t(Q0,S, Q1,S1,Action),
move (Action,tape(Ls0,S1,Rs0), T1),
compute (Q1,T1,T).
move(l,tape([], $S, R s), ~ t a p e([], 0,[S \mid R s]))$.
move(l,tape([L|Ls],S,Rs), tape(Ls,L, [S|Rs])).
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