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**CHAPTER 11 SLIDES**

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# Chapter 11

## Formal Theories and Gödel Theorems

### Slides Set 1

#### PART 1: **Formal Theories:** Definition and Examples

## Introduction

**Formal theories** play crucial role in **mathematics**

They were historically defined for **classical** predicate and also for **other** first and higher order **logics**, classical and **non-classical**

The idea of **formalism** in mathematics, which resulted in the **concept** of formal theories, or **formalized theories**, as they are also called

The concept of **formal theories** was developed in connection with the **Hilbert Program**

## Introduction

### Hilbert Program

One of the main objectives of the **Hilbert** program was to construct a **formal theory** that would **cover** the whole **mathematics** and to prove its **consistency** by employing the simplest of **logical** means

We say that a formal **theory** is **consistent** if no formal **proof** can be **carried** in that theory for a formula **A** and at the same time for its negation  $\neg A$

This **part** of the program is called the **Consistency** Program .

## Introduction

In 1930, while still in his twenties Kurt Gödel made a historic announcement:

*Hilbert Consistency Program could not be carried out*

He justified his claim by proving his **Inconsistency Theorem**

The Gödel Inconsistency Theorem is called also **Second Incompleteness** Theorem

## Introduction

### Gödel Inconsistency Theorem

Roughly speaking the theorem states that

a **proof** of the **consistency** of every **formal theory** that contains *arithmetic* of natural numbers **can be** carried out **only in** *mathematical theory* which is *more* comprehensive than the *one* whose **consistency** is to be *proved*



## Introduction

In particular,

**Gödel Inconsistency Theorem** states that

a **proof** of the **consistency** of formal (elementary, first order) **arithmetic** can be carried out **only** in **mathematical theory** which **contains** the whole **arithmetic** and also other **theorems** that **do not** belong to **arithmetic**

It applies to a **formal theory** that would cover the **whole** mathematics because it would obviously **contain** the **arithmetic** of natural numbers

Hence the **Hilbert Consistency Program** **fails**

## Introduction

**Gödel's result** concerning the **proofs** of the **consistency** of **formal** mathematical theories has had a decisive **impact** on research in properties of **formal theories**

**Instead** of looking for **direct proofs** of **inconsistency** of mathematical theories, mathematicians **concentrated** largely on **relative proofs** that demonstrate that a **theory** under consideration is **consistent** if a certain **other theory**, for example a **formal** theory of **natural numbers**, is **consistent**

## Introduction

All those **relative proofs** are rooted in a deep **conviction** that even though it **cannot** be proved that the theory of **natural numbers** is **free** of inconsistencies, it is **consistent**

This **conviction** is **confirmed** by centuries of **development** of mathematics and **experiences** of mathematicians

## Introduction

We say that formal **theory** is called **complete** if for every **sentence** (formula without free variables) of the **language** of that theory **there is** a formal proof of **it** or of **its** negation

A formal **theory** is **incomplete** if there is a sentence **A** of the **language** of that theory, such that **neither A nor  $\neg A$**  are **provable** in it

Such sentences are called **undecidable** or **independent** of the **theory**

## Introduction

It might seem that one **should be able** to **formalize** a formal theory of **natural numbers** in a way to make it **complete** i.e. **free** of **undecidable** (independent) sentences

**Gödel** proved that **it is not** the case in the following

### Incompleteness Theorem

*Every **consistent** formal theory which contains the **arithmetic** of natural numbers is **incomplete***

## Introduction

The **Inconsistency Theorem** follows from the **Incompleteness Theorem**

This is why the **Incompleteness** and **Inconsistency** Theorems are now called

**Gödel First Incompleteness Theorem** and

**Gödel Second Incompleteness Theorem**, respectively

## Introduction

The **third part** of the **Hilbert Program** posed and was concerned with the problem of **decidability** of formal mathematical theories

A formal **theory** is called **decidable** if there is a **method** of [determining, in a **finite number** of steps, whether any given formula in that theory **is** its **theorem** or **not**

Most of **mathematical** theories are **undecidable**

**Gödel** proved in **1931** that the **arithmetic** of natural numbers is **undecidable**

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples



## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

We define here a notion of a **formal theory** based on a **predicate** (first order) **language**

**Formal theories** are also routinely called **first order** or **elementary** theories, or **formal axiomatic** theories, or **theories**, when it is clear from the context that they are **formal theories**

We will often use the term **theory** for simplicity.

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

We consider here only **formal theories** based on a **complete classical** Hilbert style proof system

$$H = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, \mathcal{R})$$

with a predicate (first order) language

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \cap, \cup, \Rightarrow\}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C})$$

where the sets **P**, **F**, **C** are infinitely enumerable.

A **formal theory** based on  $H$  is a proof system obtained from  $H$  by **adding** a special set **SA** of axioms to it, called the set of **specific axioms**

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

Let  $SA$  be a certain set of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  of  $H$ , such that

$$SA \subseteq \mathcal{F} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{L}} \cap SA = \emptyset$$

where  $\mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{L}}$  denotes the set of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  that are classical **tautologies**

We call the set  $SA$  a set of **specific axioms** of a formal **theory** based on  $H$

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

The **specific axioms** are **characteristic** descriptions of the universe of the **formal theory**

The **specific axioms** **SA** are to be **true** only in a **certain** structure as opposed to logical axioms **LA** that are **true** in **all** structures i.e. that are tautologies

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

### Language $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$

Given a proof system  $H = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, \mathcal{R})$  and a non-empty set  $SA$  of **specific axioms**

We define a language

$$\mathcal{L}_{SA} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$$

determined by the specific axioms  $SA$  by **restricting** the sets  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}$  of predicate, functional, and constant symbols of  $\mathcal{L}$  to predicate, functional, and constant symbols appearing in the set  $SA$  of specific axioms

Both languages  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  share the same set of propositional **connectives**

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

### Formal Theory

Given a proof system  $H = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, \mathcal{R})$  and a non-empty set  $SA$  of specific axioms

A proof system  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$  is called a **formal theory** based on  $H$ , with its set  $SA$  of specific axioms

The language

$$\mathcal{L}_{SA} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$$

determined by the set  $SA$  is called the language of the **formal theory**  $T$

## Formal Theories: Definition and Examples

Given a theory  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$

We denote by

$$\mathcal{F}_{SA}$$

the set of formulas of the **language**  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  of the theory  $T$

We denote by  $\mathbf{T}$  the set all **provable** formulas in  $T$ , i.e.

$$\mathbf{T} = \{B \in \mathcal{F}_{SA} : SA \vdash B\}$$

We also write  $\vdash_T B$  to denote that  $B \in \mathbf{T}$

## LE- Logic with Equality

### Definition

A proof system

$$H = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, \mathcal{R})$$

is called a **Logic with Equality LE** if and only if the language  $\mathcal{L}$  has **as one of its predicates**, a two argument predicate  $P$  which we denote by  $=$ , and the following axioms are provable in  $H$



## LE- Logic with Equality

### Equality Axioms LE

For any any free variable or constant of  $\mathcal{L}$ , i.e for any  $u, w, u_i, w_i \in (\text{VAR} \cup \mathbf{C})$ , and any  $R \in \mathbf{P}$ , and  $t \in \mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{L}}$ , where  $\mathbf{T}_{\mathcal{L}}$  is set of all **terms** of  $\mathcal{L}$ , the following properties hold

$$\text{E1} \quad u = u$$

$$\text{E2} \quad (u = w \Rightarrow w = u)$$

$$\text{E3} \quad ((u_1 = u_2 \cap u_2 = u_3) \Rightarrow u_1 = u_3)$$

## LE- Logic with Equality

E4

$$((u_1 = w_1 \cap \dots \cap u_n = w_n) \Rightarrow (R(u_1, \dots, u_n) \Rightarrow R(w_1, \dots, w_n)))$$

E5

$$((u_1 = w_1 \cap \dots \cap u_n = w_n) \Rightarrow (t(u_1, \dots, u_n) \Rightarrow t(w_1, \dots, w_n)))$$

Directly from above definition we have the following

### Fact

The Hilbert style proof system **H** defined in **chapter 9** is a **logic with equality** with the set of specific axioms **SA =  $\emptyset$**

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

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**Formal theories** are **abstract models** of real **mathematical theories** we develop using laws of logic

Hence the **theories** we present here are based on a **complete** proof system  $H$  for classical predicate logic with a language

$$\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \cap, \cup, \Rightarrow\}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}))$$

The classical, first order (predicate) **formal theories** are also called first order **elementary theories**

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### **$T_1$ . Theory of Equality**

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T_1} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\mathbf{P} = \{P\}, \mathbf{F} = \emptyset, \mathbf{C} = \emptyset)$$

where  $\#P = 2$ , i.e.  $P$  is a two argument predicate

The **intended** interpretation of  $P$  is **equality**, so we use the equality symbol  $=$  instead of  $P$

We write  $x = y$  instead  $=(x, y)$

We write the **language** of  $T_1$  as

$$\mathcal{L}_{T_1} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T1. Specific Axioms

e1  $x = x$

e2  $(x = y \Rightarrow y = x)$

e3  $(x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$

for any  $x, y, z \in VAR$

### Observation

We have chosen to write the T1. specific axioms as **open** formulas. Sometimes it is more convenient to write them as **closed** formulas (sentences)

In this case **new axioms** will be **closures** of **axioms** that were **open** formulas

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T2. Theory of Equality (2)

We adopt a **closure** of the axioms  $e1, e2, e3$ , i.e. the following **new** set of axioms.

#### Specific Axioms

$$(e1) \quad \forall x(x = x)$$

$$(e2) \quad \forall x\forall y(x = y \Rightarrow y = x)$$

$$(e3) \quad \forall x\forall y\forall z(x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T3. Theory of Partial Order

Partial order relation is also called **order** relation.

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T3} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\mathbf{P} = \{P, Q\}, \mathbf{F} = \emptyset, \mathbf{C} = \emptyset)$$

where  $P$  is a two argument predicate

The **intended** interpretation of  $P$  is **equality**, so we use the equality symbol  $=$  instead of  $P$

$Q$  is a two argument predicate

The **intended** interpretation of  $Q$  is **partial order**

We use the order symbol  $\leq$  instead of  $Q$  and write  $x \leq y$  instead  $\leq(x, y)$

We write the language of  $T3$  as

$$\mathcal{L}_{T3} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=, \leq\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$



## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T3. Specific Axioms

There are two groups of axioms: **Equality** and **Order**

We adopt the **LE** (logic with equality ) axioms to the language  $\mathcal{L}_{T3}$  as follows

#### Equality Axioms

For any  $x, y, z, x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \text{VAR}$

**e1**  $x = x$

**e2**  $(x = y \Rightarrow y = x)$

**e3**  $((x = y \wedge y = z) \Rightarrow x = z)$

**e4**  $((x_1 = y_1 \wedge x_2 = y_2) \Rightarrow (x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \leq y_2))$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### Partial Order Axioms

**o1**  $x \leq x$  (*reflexivity*)

**o2**  $((x \leq y \wedge y \leq x) \Rightarrow x = y)$  (*antisymmetry*)

**o3**  $((x \leq y \wedge y \leq z) \Rightarrow x \leq z)$  (*transitivity*)

where  $x, y, z \in VAR$

The **model** of **T3** is called a **partially ordered** structure

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T4. Theory of Partial Order (2)

Here is another formalization for partial order

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T4} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\mathbf{P} = \{P\}, \mathbf{F} = \emptyset, \mathbf{C} = \emptyset)$$

where  $\#P = 2$  i.e.  $P$  is a two argument predicate

The **intended** interpretation of  $P(x, y)$  is  $x < y$ , so we use the "less" symbol  $<$  instead of  $P$

We write  $x \not< y$  for  $\neg(x < y)$ , i.e. for  $\neg < (x, y)$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

We write the language of  $T_4$  as

$$\mathcal{L}_{T_4} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{<\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

### Specific Axioms

For any  $x, y, z \in VAR$

**p1**  $x \not\leq x$  (*irreflexivity*)

**p2**  $((x \leq y \cap y \leq z) \Rightarrow x \leq z)$ . (*transitivity*)

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T5. Theory of Linear Order

Linear order relation is also called **total order** relation

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T5} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=, \leq\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

#### Specific Axioms

We adopt **all** axioms of theory **T3** of partial order and **add** the following additional axiom

$$\text{o4} \quad (x \leq y) \cup (y \leq x).$$

This axiom **says** that in **linearly** ordered sets **each two** elements are **comparable**

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T6. Theory of Dense Order

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T6} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=, \leq\}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

We write  $x \neq y$  for  $\neg(x = y)$ , i.e. for the formula  $\neg = (x, y)$

#### Specific Axioms

We adopt **all** axioms of theory **T5** of **linear** order and **add** the following additional axiom

**o5**

$$((x \leq y \wedge x \neq y) \Rightarrow \exists z((x \leq z \wedge x \neq z) \wedge (z \leq y \wedge z \neq y)))$$

This axiom **says** that in **linearly** ordered sets **between** **any two** different elements there is a **third** element **between** them, respective to the order

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T7. Lattice Theory

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T7} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\mathbf{P} = \{P, Q\}, \mathbf{F} = \{f, g\}, \mathbf{C} = \emptyset)$$

where  $P$  is a two argument predicate symbol

The **intended** interpretation of  $P$  is **equality**, so we use the equality symbol  $=$  instead of  $P$

$Q$  is a two argument predicate symbol

The **intended** interpretation of  $Q$  is **partial order**, so we use the order symbol  $\leq$  instead of  $Q$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

$f, g$  are a two argument **functional** symbols

The **intended** interpretation of  $f, g$  is the **lattice** intersection  $\wedge$  and union  $\vee$ , respectively

We write  $(x \wedge y)$  for  $\wedge(x, y)$  and  $(x \vee y)$  for  $\vee(x, y)$

$(x \cap y), (x \cup y)$  are **atomic** formulas of  $\mathcal{L}_{T7}$  and

$(x \wedge y)$  and  $(x \vee y)$  are **terms** of  $\mathcal{L}_{T7}$

We write the language of  $T7$ . as

$$\mathcal{L}_{T7} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=, \leq\}, \{\wedge, \vee\}, \emptyset)$$



## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### Specific Axioms

There are three groups of axioms: **equality** axioms, **order** axioms, and **lattice** axioms

### Equality Axioms

We adopt the **LE** (logic with equality ) axioms to the language  $\mathcal{L}_{T7}$  as follows

$$\mathbf{e1} \quad x = x$$

$$\mathbf{e2} \quad (x = y \Rightarrow y = x)$$

$$\mathbf{e3} \quad ((x = y \wedge y = z) \Rightarrow x = z)$$

$$\mathbf{e4} \quad ((x_1 = y_1 \wedge x_2 = y_2) \Rightarrow (x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \leq y_2))$$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

$$\text{e5} \quad ((x_1 = y_1 \cap x_2 = y_2) \Rightarrow (x_1 \wedge x_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \wedge y_2))$$

$$\text{e6} \quad ((x_1 = y_1 \cap x_2 = y_2) \Rightarrow (x_1 \vee x_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \vee y_2))$$

where  $x, y, z, x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \text{VAR}$

### Remark

We use the symbol  $\wedge$  for the lattice **set intersection** functional symbol in order to better distinguish it from the **conjunction** symbol  $\cap$

The same applies to the axiom that involves lattice **set union** functional symbol  $\vee$  and the **disjunction** symbol  $\cup$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### Partial Order Axioms

For any  $x, y, z \in VAR$

**o1**  $x \leq x$  (*reflexivity*)

**o2**  $((x \leq y \wedge y \leq x) \Rightarrow x = y)$  (*antisymmetry*)

**o3**  $((x \leq y \wedge y \leq z) \Rightarrow x \leq z)$  (*transitivity*)

### Lattice Axioms

For any  $x, y, z \in VAR$

**b1**  $(x \wedge y) = (y \wedge x), \quad (x \vee y) = (y \vee x),$

**b2**  $(x \wedge (y \wedge z)) = ((x \wedge y) \wedge z), \quad (x \vee (y \vee z)) = ((x \vee y) \vee z)$

**b3**  $((x \wedge y) \vee y) = y, \quad ((x \vee y) \wedge x) = x.$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T8. Theory of Distributive Lattices

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T8} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=, \leq\}, \{\wedge, \vee\}, \emptyset)$$

#### Specific Axioms

We adopt **all** axioms of the lattice theory **T7** and the following **additional** axiom

$$\mathbf{b4} \quad (x \wedge (y \vee z)) = ((x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z))$$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T9. Theory of Boolean Algebras

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T9} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=, \leq\}, \{\wedge, \vee, -\}, \emptyset)$$

where  $-$  is one argument function symbol representing algebra **complement**

#### Specific Axioms

We adopt all axioms of **distributive lattices** theory T8 and **add** the following axiom that characterizes the algebra complement  $-$

$$\mathbf{b5} \quad (((x \wedge -x) \vee y) = y), \quad (((x \vee -x) \wedge y) = y)$$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### T10. Theory of Groups

Language

$$\mathcal{L}_{T10} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\mathbf{P} = \{P\}, \mathbf{F} = \{f, g\}, \mathbf{C} = \{c\})$$

where  $P$  is a two argument **predicate** symbol

The **intended** interpretation of  $P$  is equality and we use the equality symbol  $=$  instead of  $P$

$f$  is a two argument **functional** symbol

The **intended** interpretation of  $f$  is **group** operation  $\circ$

We write  $(x \circ y)$  for the term  $\circ(x, y)$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

$g$  is a one argument **functional** symbol

$g(x)$  **represents** a group **inverse** element to a given  $x$   
usually denoted it by  $x^{-1}$

We hence use a symbol  $^{-1}$  for  $g$

$c$  is a **constant** symbol representing group **unit** element  $e$

Hence we use a symbol  $e$  for  $c$

We write the language of **T10**. as

$$\mathcal{L}_{T10} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \{o, ^{-1}\}, \{e\})$$

## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### Specific Axioms

There are two groups of axioms: **equality** and **group** axioms

### Equality Axioms

We adopt the **TE** (theory with equality ) axioms to the language  $\mathcal{L}_{T10}$  as follows

For any  $x, y, z, x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \in VAR$

**e1**  $x = x$

**e2**  $(x = y \Rightarrow y = x)$

**e3**  $((x = y \wedge y = z) \Rightarrow x = z)$

**e4**  $(x = y \Rightarrow x^{-1} = y^{-1})$

**e5**  $((x_1 = y_1 \wedge x_2 = y_2) \Rightarrow (x_1 \circ x_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \circ y_2))$



## Formal Theories: Some Examples

### Group Axioms

$$g1 \quad (x \circ (y \circ z)) = ((x \circ y) \circ z)$$

$$g2 \quad (x \circ e) = x$$

$$g3 \quad (x \circ x^{-1}) = e$$

### T11. Theory of Abelian Groups

Language is the same as  $\mathcal{L}_{T10}$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{L}_{T11} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \{o, {}^{-1}\}, \{e\})$$

We adopt **all** axioms of theory **T10** of groups and **add** the following axiom

$$g4 \quad (x \circ y) = (y \circ x)$$

## Elementary Theories

### Elementary Theories

Observe that all what we can **prove** in the **formal axiomatic theories** defined and presented here **represents** only small **fragments** of corresponding **axiomatic theories** developed in **mathematics**

For example, **Groups Theory**, **Lattices** or **Boolean Algebras Theories** are whole, often large **fields** in **mathematics**

## Elementary Theories

The **theorems** developed in the **axiomatic theories** in **mathematics** like for example the **Representation Theorem** for **Boolean algebras**, can not be even **expressed**, not to mention to be **proved** in the **languages** of respective **formal theories**

This is a **reason** why we also call the formal axiomatic theories **elementary theories**

For example, we say **Elementary Group Theory** to distinguish it from the **Group Theory** as a much larger and complicated **field of mathematics**

# Chapter 11

## Formal Theories and Gödel Theorems

### Slides Set 1

**PART 2: PA:** Formal Theory of **Natural Numbers**

## Peano Arithmetic PA

Next to geometry, the **theory of natural numbers** is the **most intuitive** and **intuitively known** of all branches of mathematics

This is why the **first attempts** to **formalize mathematics** begin with **arithmetic** of natural numbers.

The first attempt of **axiomatic formalization** was given by **Dedekind** in **1879** and by **Peano** in **1889**

The **Peano formalization** became known as **Peano Postulates** and can be written as follows.

## Peano Arithmetic PA

### Peano Postulates

**p1**  $0$  is a natural number

**p2** If  $n$  is a natural number, **there is** another number which we denote by  $n'$

We call the number  $n'$  a **successor** of  $n$  and the intuitive meaning of  $n'$  is  $n + 1$

**p3**  $0 \neq n'$ , for any natural number  $n$

**p4** If  $n' = m'$ , then  $n = m$ , for any natural numbers  $n, m$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**p5** If  $W$  is a **property** that may or may not hold for natural numbers, and  
if **(i)**  $0$  has the property  $W$  and  
**(ii)** whenever a natural number  $n$  has the property  $W$ ,  
then  $n'$  has the property  $W$ ,  
**then** all **natural numbers** have the property  $W$

The postulate **p5** is called **Principle of Induction**

## Peano Arithmetic PA

The **Peano Postulates** together with certain amount of **set theory** are sufficient to develop **not only** theory of **natural** numbers, **but also** theory of **rational** and even **real** numbers

But **Peano Postulates** can't act as a fully **formal theory** as they include **intuitive** notions like **"property"** and **"has a property"**

A **formal theory** of natural numbers based on the **Peano Postulates** is referred in literature as **Peano Arithmetic**, or simply **PA**

We present here formalization by **Mendelson** (1973)  
It is included and worked out in the smallest **details** in his book ***Intoduction to Mathematical Logic*** (1987)

We refer the reader to this **excellent book** for details and further reading



## Peano Arithmetic PA

We assume, as we did for all other formal theories, that the **Peano Arithmetic PA** is based on a **complete** Hilbert style proof system

$$H = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, \mathcal{R})$$

for classical predicate logic with a language

$$\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \cap, \cup, \Rightarrow\}}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{C}))$$

We **additionally** assume that the system  $H$  has as one of the inference rules a **generalization rule**

$$(G) \quad \frac{A(x)}{\forall x A(x)}$$

We do so to **facilitate** the use of the **Mendelson's** book as a supplementary reading to the material **included** here and for additional reading for material **not covered** here

# Peano Arithmetic PA

## PA Peano Arithmetic

Language is

$$\mathcal{L}_{PA} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{P} = \{P\}, \mathbf{F} = \{f, g, h\}, \mathbf{C} = \{c\})$$

where the predicate  $P$  represents the equality  $=$  and we write  $x \neq y$  for the formula  $\neg(x = y)$

the functional symbol  $f$  represents the successor  $'$

the functional symbols  $g, h$  represent addition  $+$  and the multiplication  $\cdot$ , respectively

$c$  is a constant symbol representing zero and we use a symbol  $0$  to denote  $c$

We write the language of  $PA$  as

$$\mathcal{L}_{PA} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \{', +, \cdot\}, \{0\})$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

### Specific Axioms

**P1**  $(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)),$

**P2**  $(x = y \Rightarrow x' = y'),$

**P3**  $0 \neq x',$

**P4**  $(x' = y' \Rightarrow x = y),$

**P5**  $x + 0 = x,$

**P6**  $x + y' = (x + y)'$

**P7**  $x \cdot 0 = 0,$

**P8**  $x \cdot y' = (x \cdot y) + x,$

**P9**  $(A(0) \Rightarrow (\forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow A(x') \Rightarrow \forall xA(x))))),$

for all formulas  $A(x)$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  and all  $x, y, z \in VAR$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

The axiom **P9** is called **Principle of Mathematical Induction**  
It **does not** fully corresponds to **Peano** Postulate **p5** which refers **intuitively** to all (uncountably many) possible properties of natural numbers

The axiom **P7** applies only to properties defined by infinitely countably many formulas of  $A(x)$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

Axioms **P3**, **P4** correspond to **Peano** Postulates **p3**, **p4**

The **Peano** Postulates **p1**, **p2** are taken care of by presence of **0** and **successor** function

## Peano Arithmetic PA

Axioms **P1**, **P2** deal with some needed properties of **equality** that were probably assumed as intuitively obvious by **Peano** and **Dedekind**

Axioms **P5 - P8** are the recursion equations for **addition** and **multiplication**

They are **not stated** in the **Peano Postulates** as **Dedekind** and **Peano** allowed the use of intuitive **set theory** within which the **existence** of addition and multiplication and their properties **P5 - P8** can be **proved** ( **Mendelson**, 1973)

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**Observe** that while axioms **P1 - P9** of Peano Arithmetic **PA** are particular formulas of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  and the axiom **P9** is an **axiom schema** providing an **infinite number** of axioms

This means that the set of axioms **P1 - P9** **do not** provide a **finite** axiomatization for **Peano Arithmetic**

The following was **proved** formally by **Czeslaw Ryll-Nardzewski** in 1952 and again by **Rabin** in 1961

## Peano Arithmetic PA

### Ryll-Nardzewski Theorem

Peano Arithmetic is **is not** **finitely** axiomatizable

That is there **is no** theory  $K$  having only a **finite** number of **proper axioms**, whose theorems are the same as those of  $PA$

Observe that the theory  $PA$  is **one** of many **formalizations** of the Peano Arithmetic

We denoted by  $T$  the set all **provable** formulas in  $T$

In particular,  $PA$  denotes the set of all formulas **provable** in theory  $PA$  and we adopt the following definition

## Peano Arithmetic PA

### Definition

Any theory  $T$  such that  $T = PA$  is called a Peano Arithmetic

For example, taking **closure** of axioms  $P1 - P8$  of  $T14$  we obtain new theory  $CPA$

The axiom  $P9$  is a **sentence** (closed formula) already



## Peano Arithmetic CPA

Theory *CPA*

Language is  $\mathcal{L}_{CPA} = \mathcal{L}_{PA} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \{ '\}, \{+, \cdot\}, \{0\})$

### Specific Axioms

$$C1 \quad \forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$$

$$C2 \quad \forall x \forall y (x = y \Rightarrow x' = y')$$

$$C3 \quad \forall x (0 \neq x')$$

$$C4 \quad \forall x \forall y (x' = y' \Rightarrow x = y)$$

$$C5 \quad \forall x (x + 0 = x)$$

$$C6 \quad \forall x \forall y (x + y' = (x + y)')$$

$$C7 \quad \forall x (x \cdot 0 = 0)$$

$$C8 \quad \forall x \forall y (x \cdot y' = (x \cdot y) + x)$$

$$C9 \quad (A(0) \Rightarrow (\forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow A(x')) \Rightarrow \forall x A(x)))$$

for all formulas  $A(x)$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{CPA}$

## Peano Arithmetic CPA

### Fact 1

Theory  $CPA$  is a Peano Arithmetic

### Proof

We have to show that  $PA = CPA$

As both theories are based on the same language  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  we have to show that for any formula  $B$

$$\vdash_{PA} B \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \vdash_{CPA} B$$

Both theories are also based on the same proof system  $H$ , so we have to prove that

- (1) all axioms  $C1 - C8$  of  $CPA$  are provable in  $PA$  and
- (2) all axioms  $P1 - P8$  of  $PA$  are provable in  $CPA$

## Peano Arithmetic CPA

Here are detailed **proofs** for axioms **P1**, and **C1**

The proofs for **other** axioms follow the same pattern

(1) We prove that the axiom

$$\mathbf{C1} \quad \forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$$

is **provable** in **PA** as follows

Observe that axioms of **CPA** are **closures** of respective axioms of **PA**

Consider axiom

$$\mathbf{P1} \quad (x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$$

## Peano Arithmetic CPA

As the proof system  $H$  has a **generalization rule**

$$(G) \frac{A(x)}{\forall x A(x)}$$

we obtain a **formal proof**

$B1, B2, B3, B4$

of  $C1$  as follows

$B1$ :  $(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$ ,  $P1$

$B2$ :  $\forall z(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$   $(G)$  rule

$B3$ :  $\forall y \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$   $(G)$  rule

$B4$ :  $\forall x \forall y \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$   $C1$

This **ends** the proof of (1) for axioms  $P1$ , and  $C1$

## Peano Arithmetic CPA

(2) We prove now that the axiom

$$\mathbf{P1} \quad (x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$$

is provable in **CPA**

By completeness of **H** we know that the predicate tautology

$$(**) \quad (\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow A(t))$$

where term **t** is **free** for **x** in  $A(x)$

is **provable** in **H** for any formula  $A(x)$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  and hence for

any formula  $A(x)$  of its particular **sublanguage**  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

So for its particular case of

$$A(x) = (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \text{ and } t = x$$

$$(*) \quad \vdash_{CPA} (\forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)))$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$$

## Peano Arithmetic CPA

We construct a formal proof  $B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7$  of  $P1$  in  $CPA$  in as follows

$$B1 \quad \forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \quad C1$$

$$B2 \quad (\forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \\ \Rightarrow \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))) \quad (ast)$$

$$B3 \quad \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \quad MP \text{ on } B1, B2$$

$$B4 \quad (\forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \\ \Rightarrow \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))) \quad (ast)$$

## Peano Arithmetic CPA

**B5**  $\forall z(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$ , **MP** on **B3**, **B4**

**B6**  $(\forall z(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$   
 $\Rightarrow (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z)))$ , (*ast*)

**B7**  $(x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$  **MP** on **B5**, **B6**

This **ends** the proof of (2) for axioms **P1**, and **C1**

The proofs for **other axioms** is similar and are left as homework assignment

## Peano Arithmetic PA

Here are some basic facts about PA

### Fact 2

The following formulas are provable in PA for any terms  $t, s, r$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

$$P1' \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s))$$

$$P2' \quad (t = r \Rightarrow t' = r')$$

$$P3' \quad 0 \neq t'$$

$$P4' \quad (t' = r' \Rightarrow t = r)$$

$$P5' \quad t + 0 = t$$

$$P6' \quad t + r' = (t + r)'$$

$$P7' \quad t \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$P8' \quad t \cdot r' = (t \cdot r) + t$$



## Peano Arithmetic PA

We named the **Fact 1** properties as **P1'- P8'** to stress the fact that they are **generalizations** of axioms **P1 - P8** of **PA** to the set of all terms of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

### Proof

We write the proof for **P1'** as an example

Proofs of all other formulas follow the same pattern

Consider axiom

$$\mathbf{P1:} \quad (x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$$

By the **Fact 1** its **closure** is **provable** in **PA**, i.e.

$$(*) \quad \vdash_{PA} \forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

By completeness of  $H$  we know that the predicate tautology

$$(PT) \quad (\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow A(t))$$

where term  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $A(x)$

is **provable** in  $H$  for any formula  $A(x)$  of  $\mathcal{L}$

So it is also provable for a formula

$$A(x) = \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))$$

Observe that any term  $t$  is free for  $x$  in this **particular**  $A(x)$   
so we get that for any term  $t$  the following holds

$$\begin{aligned} (**) \quad \vdash_{PA} \quad & (\forall x \forall y \forall z (x = y \Rightarrow (x = z \Rightarrow y = z))) \\ & \Rightarrow \forall y \forall z (t = y \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \end{aligned}$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

Applying **MP** to **(\*)** and **(\*\*)** we get that for any term  $t$

$$(a) \vdash_{PA} \forall y \forall z (t = y \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow y = z))$$

Observe that any term  $r$  is free for  $y$  in

$$\forall z (t = y \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow y = z))$$

so we have that for all terms  $r$

$$(aa) \vdash_{PA} (\forall y \forall z (t = y \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \\ \Rightarrow \forall z (t = r \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow r = z)))$$

as a particular case of the tautology **(PT)**

## Peano Arithmetic PA

Applying **MP** to **(a)** and **(aa)** we get that for any terms  $t, r$

$$(b) \vdash_{PA} \forall z(t = r \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow r = z))$$

Observe that any term  $s$  is free for  $z$  in the formula

$$(t = r \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow r = z))$$

and so we have that

$$(bb) \vdash_{PA} (\forall z(t = y \Rightarrow (t = z \Rightarrow y = z)) \\ \Rightarrow (t = r \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s)))$$

for all terms  $r, t, s$  as a particular case of the tautology **(PT)**

## Peano Arithmetic PA

Applying **MP** to (b) and (bb) we get that for any terms  $t, r$

$$\vdash_{PA} (t = r \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s))$$

This **ends** the proof of  $P1'$

The proofs of properties  $P2' - P8'$  follow the same pattern and are left as an exercise

As the **next step** we use **Fact 1** and **Fact 2**, the axioms of **PA**, and the **completeness** of the proof system  $H$  to prove the following **Fact 3**

The **details** of the steps in the proof, **similar** to the proof of the **Fact 2** are left to the reader as an exercise

## Peano Arithmetic PA

### Fact 3

The following formulas are **provable** in **PA** for any terms  $t, s, r$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

$$\mathbf{a1} \quad t = t$$

$$\mathbf{a2} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow r = t)$$

$$\mathbf{a3} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (r = s \Rightarrow t = s))$$

$$\mathbf{a4} \quad (r = t \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s))$$

$$\mathbf{a5} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (t + s = r + s))$$

$$\mathbf{a6} \quad t = 0 + t$$

### Proof

The full **details** of the steps in the proof, **similar** to the proof of the **Fact 2** are left to the reader as an exercise

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**a1**  $t = t$

We construct a **formal proof**

**B1, B2, B3, B34**

of  $t = t$  in **PA** in as follows

**B1**  $t + 0 = t$       P5' in Fact 2

**B2**  $(t + 0 = t \Rightarrow (t + 0 = t \Rightarrow t = t))$

P1' in Fact 2 for  $t = t + 0$ ,  $r = t$ ,  $s = t$

**B3**  $(t + 0 = t \Rightarrow t = t)$       MP on **B1, B2**

**B4**  $t = t.$       MP on **B1, B3**

## Peano Arithmetic PA

$$\mathbf{a2} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow r = t)$$

We construct a **formal proof**

**B1, B2, B3, B4**

of **a2** as follows.

$$\mathbf{B1} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (t = t \Rightarrow r = t))$$

P1' in Fact 2 for  $r = t$ ,  $s = t$

$$\mathbf{B2} \quad (t = t \Rightarrow (t = r \Rightarrow r = t)) \quad \text{tautology, } \mathbf{B1}$$

$$\mathbf{B3} \quad t = t \quad \text{already proved } \mathbf{a1}$$

$$\mathbf{B4} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow r = t) \quad \text{MP on } \mathbf{B2, B3}$$



## Peano Arithmetic PA

$$\mathbf{a3} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (r = s \Rightarrow t = s))$$

We construct a **formal proof**

**B1, B2, B3**

of **a3** as follows.

$$\mathbf{B1} \quad (r = t \Rightarrow (r = s \Rightarrow t = s)) \quad \text{P1' in Fact 2}$$

$$\mathbf{B2} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow r = t) \quad \text{already proved } \mathbf{a2}$$

$$\mathbf{B3} \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (r = s \Rightarrow t = s)) \quad \text{tautology, } \mathbf{B1, B2}$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

$$\mathbf{a4} \quad (r = t \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s))$$

We construct a **formal proof**

**B1, B2, B3, B4, B5**

of **a4** as follows.

$$\mathbf{B1} \quad (r = t \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s)) \quad \mathbf{a3} \text{ for } t = r, r = t$$

$$\mathbf{B2} \quad (t = s \Rightarrow (r = t \Rightarrow r = s)) \quad \mathbf{B1}, \text{ tautology}$$

$$\mathbf{B3} \quad (s = t \Rightarrow t = s) \quad \mathbf{a2}$$

$$\mathbf{B4} \quad (s = t \Rightarrow (r = t \Rightarrow r = s)) \quad \mathbf{B1, B2}, \text{ tautology}$$

$$\mathbf{B5} \quad (r = t \Rightarrow (t = s \Rightarrow r = s)) \quad \mathbf{B4}, \text{ tautology}$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

$$a5 \quad (t = r \Rightarrow (t + s = r + s))$$

We **prove**  $a5$  by the **Principle of Mathematical Induction**

$$P9 \quad (A(0) \Rightarrow (\forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow A(x') \Rightarrow \forall xA(x))))$$

The proof uses the **Deduction Theorem** which holds for the proof system  $H$  and so it can be used in  $PA$

We **first** apply the Induction Rule  $P9$  to the formula

$$A(z) : \quad (x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$$

to prove

$$\vdash_{PA} \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**Proof** of the formula  $\forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$   
by the **Principle of Mathematical Induction**

$$P9 \quad (A(0) \Rightarrow (\forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow A(x') \Rightarrow \forall xA(x))))$$

**applied** to the formula

$$A(z) : \quad (x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$$

(i) We prove initial step  $A(0)$ , i.e. we prove that

$$\vdash_{PA} (x = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y + 0)$$

Here the steps in the proof

$$B1 \quad x + 0 = x \quad P5'$$

$$B2 \quad y + 0 = y \quad P5'$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**B3**  $x = y$  Hyp

**B4**  $(x + 0 = x \Rightarrow (x = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y))$  a3 for  
 $t = x + 0, r = x, s = y$

**B5**  $(x = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y)$  MP on B1, B4

**B6**  $x + 0 = y$  MP on B3, B5

**B7**  $(x + 0 = y \Rightarrow (y + 0 = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y + 0))$ , a4 for  
 $r = x + 0, t = y, s = y = 0$

**B8**  $(y + 0 = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y + 0)$  MP on B6, B7

**B9**  $x + 0 = y + 0)$  MP on B2, B8

**B10**  $(x = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y + 0)$  B1- B9, Deduction Theorem

Thus,  $\vdash_{PA} A(0)$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

(ii) We prove inductive step  $\forall z(A(z) \Rightarrow A(z'))$

i.e. prove that

$$\vdash_{PA} \forall z((x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z) \Rightarrow (x = y \Rightarrow x + z' = y + z'))$$

Here the steps in the proof

$$C1 \quad (x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z) \quad \text{Hyp}$$

$$C2 \quad x = y \quad \text{Hyp}$$

$$C3 \quad x + z' = (x + z)' \quad P6'$$

$$C4 \quad y + z' = (y + z)' \quad P6'$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**C5**  $(x + z = y + z)$  MP on **C1, C2**

**C6**  $(x + z = y + z \Rightarrow (x + z)' = (y + z)')$  **P2'** for  
 $t = x + z, r = y + z$

**C7**  $(x + z)' = (y + z)'$  MP on **C5, C6**

**C8**  $x + z' = y + z',$  **a3** substitution, MP on **C3, C7**

**C9**  $((x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z) \Rightarrow x + z' = y + z')$  **C1-C8,**  
Deduction Theorem

This proves  $\vdash_{PA} A(z) \Rightarrow A(z')$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

**C10**  $((((x = y \Rightarrow x + 0 = y + 0) \Rightarrow ((x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z) \Rightarrow x + z' = y + z')) \Rightarrow \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z))$

**P9** for  $A(z) : (x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$

**C11**  $((x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z) \Rightarrow x + z' = y + z') \Rightarrow \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$  MP on **C10** and **B10**

**C12**  $\forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$  MP on **C11**, **C9**

**C13**  $\forall y \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$  (G) rule

**C14**  $\forall x \forall y \forall z(x = y \Rightarrow x + z = y + z)$  (G) rule



## Peano Arithmetic PA

Now we **repeat** here the proof of **P1'** of **Fact 2**

We apply it step by step to **C14**

We **eliminate** the quantifiers  $\forall x \forall y \forall z$  and **replace** variables  $x, y, z$  by terms  $t, r, s$  using the tautology

$$(\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow A(t))$$

and Modus Ponens (**MP**) rule

Finally, we obtain the proof of **a5**, i.e. we prove that

$$\vdash_{PA} (t = r \Rightarrow (t + s = r + s))$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

We go on proving other basic properties of **addition** and **multiplication** including for example the following

### Fact

The following formulas are provable in **PA** for any terms  $t, s, r$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

- (i)  $t \cdot (r + s) = (t \cdot r) + (t \cdot s)$       **distributivity**
- (ii)  $(r + s) \cdot t = (r \cdot t) + (s \cdot t)$       **distributivity**
- (iii)  $(r \cdot t) \cdot s = r \cdot (t \cdot s)$       **associativity**
- (iv)  $(t + s = r + s \Rightarrow t = r)$       **cancelation**

## Numerals in PA

### Numerals Definition

The terms  $0, 0', 0'', 0''', \dots$  are called **numerals** and denoted by

$$\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \dots \dots$$

More precisely,

- (1) the term  $\bar{0}$  is number  $0$
- (2) for any natural number  $n$ ,

$$\overline{n+1} \text{ is } (\bar{n})'$$

In general, if  $n$  is a natural number,

$\bar{n}$  stands for the corresponding **numeral**  $0''' \dots$ , i.e. by  $0$  followed by  $n$  strokes

## Numerals in PA

The **numerals** can be defined recursively as follows

- (1)  $0$  is a numeral
- (2) if  $u$  is a numeral, then  $u'$  is also a numeral

Here are some more of **many properties**, intuitively obvious, that **provable** in **PA**

We give in the chapter some **proofs** and an **example**, and leave the others as an **exercise**

### Reminder

We use  $\bar{n}, \bar{m}$  as an **abbreviation** of the terms  $r, s$  they represent

## Peano Arithmetic PA

### Fact

The following formulas are **provable** in **PA** for any terms **t, s** of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

1.  $t + \bar{1} = t'$
2.  $t \cdot \bar{1} = t$
3.  $t \cdot \bar{2} = t + t$
4.  $(t + s = 0 \Rightarrow (t = 0 \wedge s = 0))$
5.  $(t \neq 0 \Rightarrow (s \cdot t = 0 \Rightarrow s = 0))$

### Proof

Major steps in the proof of 1. - 5. are presented in the chapter

## Peano Arithmetic PA

For example, we construct the **proof** of

4.  $(t + s = 0 \Rightarrow (t = 0 \wedge s = 0))$

in the following sequence of steps

**(s1)** We apply the Principle of Mathematical Induction **P9** to

$$A(y) : (x + y = 0 \Rightarrow (x = 0 \wedge y = 0))$$

and prove

$$(*) \quad \forall y(x + y = 0 \Rightarrow (x = 0 \wedge y = 0))$$

**(s2)** We apply the generalization rule **(G)** to **(\*)** and get

$$(**) \quad \forall x \forall y(x + y = 0 \Rightarrow (x = 0 \wedge y = 0))$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

(s3) We now **repeat** here the proof of **P1'** of **Fact 2**

We apply it step by step to **(\*\*)** as follows

We **eliminate** the quantifiers  $\forall x \forall y$  and **replace** variables  $x, y$  by terms  $t, s$  using **(MP)** rule and the tautology

$$(\forall x A(x) \Rightarrow A(t))$$

Finally, we obtain the **proof** of **4.**, i.e. we have proved that

$$\vdash_{PA} (t + s = 0 \Rightarrow (t = 0 \wedge s = 0))$$

## Peano Arithmetic PA

We also prove in the chapter, as an example, the following

### Fact

Let  $n, m$  be any natural numbers

(1) If  $m \neq n$ , then  $\overline{m} \neq \overline{n}$

(2)  $\overline{m + n} = \overline{m} + \overline{n}$  and  $\overline{m \cdot n} = \overline{m} \cdot \overline{n}$

are **provable** in PA

(3) Any **model** for PA is **infinite**



## Order Relation in PA

An **order relation** can be introduced in PA as follows

### Order Relation Definition

Let  $t, s$  be any terms of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$

We write  $t < s$  for a formula  $\exists w (w \neq 0 \wedge w + t = s)$

where we choose  $w$  to be the first variable **not** in  $t$  or  $s$

We write  $t \leq s$  for a formula  $(t < s \cup t = s)$

We write  $t > s$  for a formula  $s < t$  and

$t \geq s$  for a formula  $s \leq t$

$t \not< s$  for a formula  $\neg(t < s)$

and so on...

## Order Relation in PA

Then we prove properties of **order** relation, for example the following.

### Fact

For any terms  $t, r, s$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$ , the following formulas are **provable** in  $PA$

- o1  $t \leq t$
- o2  $(t \leq s \Rightarrow (s \leq r \Rightarrow t \leq r))$
- o3  $((t \leq s \wedge s \leq t) \Rightarrow t = s)$
- o4  $(t \leq s \Rightarrow (t + r \leq s + r))$
- o5  $(r > 0 \Rightarrow (t > 0 \Rightarrow r \cdot t > 0))$ .

## Complete Induction in PA

There are several **stronger forms** of the the  
Principle of Mathematical Induction

**P9**  $(A(0) \Rightarrow (\forall x(A(x) \Rightarrow A(x') \Rightarrow \forall xA(x))))$   
that are **provable** in **PA**. Here is one of them

### Fact

The following formula, called **Complete Induction Principle**  
(**PCI**)  $(\forall x \forall z (z < x \Rightarrow A(z)) \Rightarrow A(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x A(x)$   
is **provable** in **PA**

In plain English, the (**PCI**) says:

consider a property **P** such that, for any  $x$ , if **P** holds for for  
all natural numbers **less then**  $x$ , then **P** holds for  $x$  also.

Then **P** holds for **all** natural numbers

## Mendelson Book

We **proved** and cited only **some** of the **basic properties** corresponding to properties of arithmetic of **natural numbers**  
There are **many more** of them, developed in many **Classical Logic** textbooks

We **refer** the reader especially to **Mendelson** (1997) book:  
*Introduction to Mathematical Logic*, Fourth Edition,  
Wadsworth&Brooks/Cole Advanced Books &Software

We found this book the most **rigorous** and **complete**  
The **proofs** included in this chapter are **detailed** versions of few of **Mendelson's** proofs.

## Peano Arithmetic PA

We selected and **proved** some direct **consequences** Peano Arithmetic **axioms** **not only** because they are needed as the **starting point** for a **strict development** of the formal theory of arithmetic of **natural numbers** **but also** because they are good **examples** of how one **develops** **any** formal theory

From this point on one can generally **translate** onto the language  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  and prove in the **PA** the **results** from any textbook on **elementary** number theory

## Robinson Arithmetic RR

We know by **Ryll Nardzewski** Theorem that the Peano Arithmetic **PA** **is not finitely** axiomatizable

We want now to bring reader's attention a **Robinson Arithmetic RR** that is a proper sub-theory of **PA** and which **is finitely** axiomatizable

Moreover, the Robinson Arithmetic **RR** has the same **expressive power** as **PA** with respect to the **Gödel** Theorems discussed and **proved** in the **next** section

Here it is, as **formalized** and discussed in **detail** in the **Mendelson's** book.

## Robinson Arithmetic RR

### RR Robinson Arithmetic

#### Language

The language of **RR** is the same as the language of **PA**, i.e.

$$\mathcal{L}_{RR} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \{ '\}, \{ +, \cdot \}, \{ 0 \})$$

#### Specific Axioms

**r1**  $x = x$

**r2**  $(x = y \Rightarrow y = x)$

**r3**  $(x = y \Rightarrow (y = z \Rightarrow x = z))$

**r4**  $(x = y \Rightarrow x' = y')$

**r5**  $(x = y \Rightarrow (x + z = y + z \Rightarrow z + x = z + y))$

**r6**  $(x = y \Rightarrow (x \cdot z = y \cdot z \Rightarrow z \cdot x = z \cdot y))$

## Robinson Arithmetic RR

$$r7 \quad (x' = y' \Rightarrow x = y)$$

$$r8 \quad 0 \neq x'$$

$$r9 \quad (x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists y \ x = y')$$

$$r10 \quad x + 0 = x$$

$$r11 \quad x + y' = (x + y)'$$

$$r12 \quad x \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$r13 \quad x \cdot y' = x \cdot y + x$$

$$r14 \quad (y = x \cdot z + p \wedge ((p < x \wedge y < x \cdot q + r) \wedge r < x) \Rightarrow p = r)$$

for any  $x, y, z, p, q, r \in VAR$



## Robinson Arithmetic RR

Axioms  $r1 - r13$  are due to Robinson (1950)

Axiom  $r14$  is due to Mendelson (1973)

It expresses the uniqueness of remainder

The relation  $<$  is the order relation as defined in  $PA$

Gödel showed in his famous **Incompleteness Theorem** that there are closed formulas of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  of the Peano Arithmetic  $PA$  that **are** neither **provable** nor **disprovable** in  $PA$ , if  $PA$  is **consistent**

## Robinson Arithmetic RR

Hence, the **Gödel Incompleteness Theorem** also says that there is a **formula** that is **true** under **standard interpretation** but is **not provable** in **PA**

We also see that the **incompleteness** of **PA** cannot be attributed to **omission** of some essential axiom but has **deeper** underlying **causes** that apply to **other theories** as well

**Robinson** proved in **1950**, that the **Gödel Theorems** hold in his system **RR** and that **RR** has the same incompleteness property as **PA**

# Chapter 11

## Formal Theories and Gödel Theorems

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# Chapter 11

## Formal Theories and Gödel Theorems

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### PART 3: Consistency, Completeness, Gödel Theorems

## Consistency, Completeness, Gödel Theorems

**Formal theories**, because of their **precise structure**, became themselves an **object** of of mathematical **research**

The **mathematical theory** concerned with the study of **formalized** mathematical theories is called, after **Hilbert**, **metamathematics**

The most important **open problems** of **metamathematics** were introduced by **Hilbert** as a part of the **Hilbert Program**

They were concerned with **notions** of **consistency**, **completeness**, and **decidability**

## Consistency, Completeness, Gödel Theorems

The answers to **Hilbert** problems of **consistency** and **completeness** of formal theories were given by **Gödel** in **1930** in a form of his two theorems

They are some of the most **important** and **influential** results in twentieth century **mathematics**

There are two definitions of **consistency**: **semantical** and **syntactical**

## Consistency

The **semantical** definition is based on the notion of a **model** and says, in plain English:

*a theory is **consistent** if the set of its **specific axioms** has a **model***

The **syntactical** definition uses the notion of **provability** and says:

*a theory is **consistent** if one **can't** prove a **contradiction** in it*

## Consistency

We have used the **syntactical** definition in chapter 5 in the proof the **completeness theorem** for the **propositional** logic  
In chapter 9 we used the **semantical** one

We **extend** now these **propositional** definitions to the **predicate** language and **formal theories**

In order to **distinguish** these two definitions of **consistency**  
we call the **semantical** one **model-consistent**, and  
we call the **syntactical** one just **consistent**



## Model - Consistency

### Model for a Theory

Given a first order theory

$$(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$$

Any structure  $\mathcal{M} = [M, I]$  that is a **model** for the set **SA** of the **specific axioms** of  $T$  is called a **model** for the theory  $T$

### Model - Consistent Theory

A first order theory  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$  is **model - consistent** if and only if it has a **model**

## Standard Model for PA

Consider the **Peano** Arithmetics **PA** and a structure  $\mathcal{M} = [M, I]$  for its language

$$\mathcal{L}_{PA} = \mathcal{L}_{\{\neg, \Rightarrow, \cup, \cap\}}(\{=\}, \{ '\}, \{ +, \cdot \}, \{0\})$$

such that the universe  $M$  is the set  $N$  of **natural numbers** (nonnegative integers) and the interpretation  $I$  is defined as follows

(1) the **constant** symbol  $0$  is interpreted as a **natural number**  $0$

## Standard Model for PA

(2) the one argument **function** symbol  $'$  (successor) is interpreted as **successor** operation (addition of **1**) on **natural** numbers;

$$\text{succ}(n) = n + 1$$

(3) the two argument **function** symbols  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are interpreted as ordinary **addition** and **multiplication** in **N**

(4) the **predicate** symbol  $"="$  is interpreted as **equality** relation in **N**

## Standard Model for PA

### Standard Model for PA

We denote  $\mathcal{M} = [N, I]$  for  $I$  defined by (1) - (4) as

$$\mathcal{M} = [N, =, succ, +, \cdot]$$

and call it a **standard model** for PA

The interpretation  $I$  is called a **standard interpretation**

Any **model** for PA in which the predicate symbol "=" is interpreted as **equality** relation in  $N$  that **is not isomorphic** to the **standard model** is called a **nonstandard model** for PA

## Standard Model for PA

Observe that if we **recognize** that the set **N** of **natural numbers** with the **standard interpretation** i.e. the structure

$$\mathcal{M} = [N, =, succ, +, \cdot]$$

to be a **model** for **PA**, then, of course, **PA** is **consistent**

However, **semantic** methods, involving a fair amount of **set-theoretic** reasoning, are regarded by many (and were regarded as such by **Gödel**) as too **precarious** to serve as **basis** of **consistency proofs**

## Standard Model and Consistency

Moreover, we have **not proved formally** that the **axioms** of **PA** are **true** under **standard** interpretation

We only have taken it as **intuitively obvious**

Hence for this and other **reasons** it is common practice to take the **model-consistency** of **PA** as an **explicit, unproved assumption** and to adopt, after **Gödel** the following **syntactic** definition of **consistency**

## Consistent Theory

### Consistent Theory

Given a theory  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$

Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the set of all **provable** formulas in  $T$

The theory  $T$  is **consistent** if and only if **there is no** formula  $A$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  such that

$$\vdash_T A \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_T \neg A$$

i.e. **there is no** formula  $A$  such that

$$A \in \mathbf{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \neg A \in \mathbf{T}$$

## Inconsistent Theory

### Inconsistent Theory

The theory  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$  is **inconsistent**

if and only if

**there is** a formula  $A$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  such that

$$\vdash_T A \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_T \neg A$$

i.e. **there is** a formula  $A$  such that

$$A \in T \quad \text{and} \quad \neg A \in T$$



## Consistency Theorem

Here is a **basic** characterization of consistent theories

### Theorem

A theory  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$  based on a complete proof system  $H = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, \mathcal{R})$  is **consistent** if and only if **there is** a formula  $A$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  such that

$$A \notin T$$

### Proof

Let denote by **CD** the consistency condition in the consistency **definition** and by **CT** consistency condition in the **theorem**

## Consistency Theorem Proof

1. We prove implication "if **CD**, then **CT**"

Assume **not CT**

This means that  $A \in \mathbf{T}$  for all formulas  $A$

In particular **there is** a formula  $B$  such that

$$B \in \mathbf{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \neg B \in \mathbf{T}$$

and **not CD** holds

2. We prove implication "if **CT**, then **CD**"

Assume **not CD**

This means that **there is**  $A$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$ , such that  $A \in \mathbf{T}$

$$(*) \quad A \in \mathbf{T} \quad \text{and} \quad \neg A \in \mathbf{T}$$

## Consistency Theorem Proof

By definition of formal theory  $T$ , all tautologies of  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  are provable on  $T$ , i.e. are in  $\mathbf{T}$  and so

$$(((A \cap B) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)))) \in \mathbf{T}$$

and

$$(**) ((A \cap \neg A) \Rightarrow C) \in \mathbf{T}$$

for all  $A, B, C$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$

In particular, when  $B = \neg A$  we get that

$$(***) (((A \cap \neg A) \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow (\neg A \Rightarrow C)))) \in \mathbf{T}$$

## Consistency Theorem Proof

Applying **MP** to **(\*\*)** and **(\*\*\*)** we get

$$((A \Rightarrow (\neg A \Rightarrow C))) \in \mathbf{T}$$

Applying MP twice to **(\*\*\*)** and **(\*)** we get that

$$C \in \mathbf{T} \quad \text{for all formulas } C$$

We proved **not CT**

This **ends** the proof of 2. and of the **Theorem**

The **Theorem** often **serves** a following definition of **consistency**

## Consistency Definition

### Definition

A theory  $T$  is **consistent** if and only if  $T \neq \mathcal{F}_{SA}$ , i.e. there is  $A$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$ , such that

$$A \notin T$$

The next important **characterization** of a formal theory  $T$  is the one of its **completeness** understood as the **ability** of **proving** or **disproving** any of its statements, provided it is correctly formulated in its language  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$

## Complete Theory

### Definition

A theory  $T = (\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, LA, SA, \mathcal{R})$  is **complete**

if and only if

for **any** closed formula (sentence)  $A$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$ ,

$$\vdash_T A \quad \text{or} \quad \vdash_T \neg A$$

We also write the above as

$$A \in T \quad \text{or} \quad \neg A \in T$$

## Incomplete Theory

### Definition

A theory  $T$  is **incomplete** if and only if **there is** a closed formula (sentence)  $A$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$ , such that

$$\not\vdash_T A \quad \text{and} \quad \not\vdash_T \neg A$$

We also write the above condition as

$$(*) \quad A \notin T \quad \text{and} \quad \neg A \notin T$$

### Definition

Any sentence  $A$  with the property  $(*)$  is called an **independent**, or **undecidable** sentence of the theory  $T$

## Gödel Theorems

The **incompleteness** definition says that in order to **prove** that a given theory  $T$  is **incomplete** we have to **construct** a sentence  $A$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{SA}$  and be able to **prove** that **neither**  $A$  **nor**  $\neg A$  has a **proof** in it

We are now **almost** ready to discuss **Gödel** Theorems

One of the most **comprehensive** development and proofs of **Gödel** Theorems can be found the **Mendelson** (1984) book

The **Gödel** Theorems chapter in **Mendelson** book is over **50** pages long, technically **sound** and **beautiful**



## Gödel Theorems

We present here a short, **high level** approach **adopting** style of **Smorynski's** chapter in the

*Handbook of Mathematical Logic, Studies in Logic and Foundations of Mathematics, Volume 20 (1977)*

The chapter is over **40** pages long what seems to be a norm when one wants to prove **Gödel's** results

**Smorynski's** chapter is written in a very **condensed** and **general** way and **concentrates** on presentation of modern results

## Gödel Theorems

We also want to bring to **readers** attention that the **introduction** to the **Smorynski's** chapter contains an **excellent** discussion of **Hilbert** Program and its relationship to **Gödel's** results

The chapter also provides an **explanation** **why** and **how** devastating **Gödel** Theorems were to the **optimism** reflected in **Hilbert's Consistency** and **Conservation** Programs

## Hilbert's Conservation and Consistency Programs

## Hilbert's Conservation and Consistency Programs

Hilbert proposed his Conservation and Consistency Programs as **response** to Brouwer and Weyl propagation of their **theory** that existence of Zermello's paradoxes free axiomatization of set theory makes the need for investigations into **consistency** of mathematics **superfluous**

Hilbert wrote:

*" .... they ( Brouwer and Weil ) would **chop and mangle** the science. If we would follow such a reform as the one they suggest, we would run the risk of **losing** a great part of our most valuable **treasures!** "*

## Hilbert's Conservation Programs

Hilbert stated his **Conservation Program** as follows:

To **justify** the use of *abstract* techniques he would show - by as *simple* and *concrete* a means as possible - that the **use** of *abstract* techniques was **conservative** - i.e. that any concrete *assertion* one could derive by means of such *abstract techniques* would be derivable without *them*

## Hilbert's Conservation Programs

We follow **Smorynski's** clarification of some of **Hilbertian** jargon whose **exact** meaning was never **defined** by **Hilbert**

We hence talk about **finitistically** meaningful **statements** and **finitistic** means of **proof**

By the **finitistically** meaningful **statements** we mean for **example** identities of the form

$$\forall x(f(x) = g(x))$$

where **f, g** are reasonably simple **functions**, for example **primitive recursive**

We will call them **real statements**

## Hilbert's Conservation Programs

**Finitistic proofs** correspond to **computations** or combinatorial **manipulations**

More complicated **statements** are called **ideal** ones and, as such, have **no** meaning, but can be manipulated **abstractly**

The use of **ideal** statements and **abstract** reasoning about them would **not allow** one to derive any new **real** statements, i.e. **none** which were **not** already **derivable**

To **refute** **Weyl** and **Brouwer**, **Hilbert** required that his **conservation** property itself be **finitistically** provable

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

**Hilbert's Consistency Program** asks to devise a **finitistic** means of proving the **consistency** of various formal systems **encoding** abstract **reasoning** with **ideal statements**

The **Consistency Program** is a natural outgrowth and **successor** to the **Conservation Program**

There are two reasons for this



## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

**R1** **Consistency** is the assertion that some **string** of symbols **is not** provable

Since **derivations** are simple combinatorial **manipulations**, this is a **finitistically meaningful** and ought to have a **finitistic proof**

**R2** Proving a **consistency** of a formal system **encoding** the abstract **concepts** already **establishes** the **conservation result**

Reason **R1** is straightforward

We will discuss **R2** as it is **particularly** important

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

Let's denote by **R** a formal system **encoding real** statements with their **finitistic** proofs

Denote by **I** the **ideal** system with its **abstract reasoning**

Let **A** be a **real** statement  $\forall x(f(x) = g(x))$

Assume  $\vdash_I A$

Then there is a derivation **d** of **A** in **I**

But, **derivations** are concrete objects and, for some **real** formula **P(x, y)** **encoding** derivations in **I**,

$$\vdash_R P(d, \ulcorner A \urcorner)$$

where  $\ulcorner A \urcorner$  is some **code** for **A**

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

Now, if  $A$  were **false**, one would have

$$f(a) \neq g(a)$$

for some  $a$  and hence

$$\vdash_R P(c, \ulcorner \neg A \urcorner)$$

for some  $c$  being a **derivation** of  $\neg A$  in  $\mathbf{I}$

In fact, one would have a **stronger** assertion

$$\vdash_R (f(x) \neq g(x) \Rightarrow P(c_x, \ulcorner \neg A \urcorner))$$

for some  $c_x$  depending on  $x$

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

But, if **R** proves **consistency** of **I**, we have

$$\vdash_R \neg(P(d, \ulcorner A \urcorner) \cap P(c, \ulcorner \neg A \urcorner))$$

whence  $\vdash_R f(x) = g(x)$ , with free variable **x**, i.e.

$$\vdash_R \forall x(f(x) = g(x))$$

To make the above **argument** rigorous, one has to define and explain the **basics** of **encoding**, develop the **assumptions** on the formula  $P(x, y)$  and to **deliver** the whole **argument** in a formal **rigorous** way

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

To make the above **argument** rigorous, one also has to **develop** rigorously the whole **apparatus developed** originally by **Gödel**, which is **needed** for the **proofs** of his **theorems**

We **bring** it here at this stage because the above **argument** clearly invited **Hilbert** to establish his **Consistency Program**

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

Since **Consistency Program** was as **broad** as the general **Conservation Program** and, since it was more **tractable**, **Hilbert fixed** on it asserting:

*"if the arbitrary given **axioms** do not **contradict** each other through their **consequences**, then they are **true**, then the **objects** defined through the axioms **exist***

*That, for me, is the **criterion** of **truth** and **existence**"*

## Hilbert's Consistency Programs

The **Consistency Program** had as its **goal** the proof, by **finitistic** means of the **consistence** of strong systems

The solution would completely **justify** the use of **abstract concepts** and would **repudiate** **Brouwer** and **Weyl**

**Gödel** proved that it **couldn't** work

# Gödel Incompleteness Theorems



## Gödel Incompleteness Theorems

In 1920, while in his twenties, Kurt Gödel announced that Hilbert's Consistency Program could not be carried out

He had proved two theorems which gave a blow to the Hilbert's Program but on the other hand changed the face of mathematics establishing mathematical logic as strong and rapidly developing discipline

Loosely stated these theorems are as follows

# Gödel Incompleteness Theorems

## First Incompleteness Theorem

Let  $T$  be a formal theory containing **arithmetic**

Then **there is** a sentence  $A$  in the language of  $T$  which **asserts** its own **unprovability** and is such that:

- (i) If  $T$  is **consistent**, then  $\not\vdash_T A$
- (ii) If  $T$  is  **$\omega$ -consistent**, then  $\not\vdash_T \neg A$

# Gödel Incompleteness Theorems

## Second Incompleteness Theorem

Let  $T$  be a **consistent** formal theory containing **arithmetic**

Then

$$\not\vdash_T \text{Con}_T$$

where  $\text{Con}_T$  is the sentence in the language of  $T$  asserting the **consistency** of  $T$

Observe that the **Second Incompleteness Theorem** destroys the **Consistency Program**

It **states** that **R** **can't** prove its own **consistency**, so obviously it **can't** prove **consistency** of **I**

## Gödel Incompleteness Theorems

Smorynski's argument that the **First Incompleteness Theorem** destroys the **Conservation Program** is as follows

The **Gödel** sentence **A** is **real** and is easily seen to be **true**

It **asserts** its own **unprovability** and **is** indeed **unprovable**

Thus the **Conservation Program** **cannot** be **carried out** and, hence, the **same** must **hold** for the **Consistency Program**

## Gödel Incompleteness Theorems

M. Detlefsen in the **Appendix** of his book

*"Hilbert Program: An Essay on Mathematical Instrumentalism", Springer, 2013*

**argues** that **Smorynski's** argument is **ambiguous**, as he **doesn't** tell us whether **it is unprovability** in **R** or **unprovability** in **I**

## Gödel Incompleteness Theorems

We **recommend** to the **reader** interested a philosophical discussion of **Hilbert Program** to read this **Appendix**, if not the whole **book**

We will now **formulate** the **Incompleteness Theorems** in a **more** precise formal way and **describe** the main **ideas** behind their **proofs**

## Arithmetization and Encoding

## Arithmetization and Encoding

Observe that in order to **formalize** the **Incompleteness Theorems** one has **first** to "translate" the **Gödel** sentences  $A$  and  $Con_T$  into the language of  $T$

For the **First Incompleteness Theorem** one **needs** to "translate" a self-referring sentence

*"I am not provable in a theory  $T$ "*

and for the **Second Incompleteness Theorem** one **needs** to

"translate" the self-referring sentence

*"I am consistent"*



## Arithmetization and Encoding

The **assumption** in both theorems is that  $T$  contains **arithmetic means** usually it contains the Peano Arithmetic  $PA$ , or even its **sub-theory**  $RR$  called **Robinson System**

In this case the **final** product of such "translation" must be a sentence  $A$  or sentence  $Con_T$  of the language  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  of  $PA$ , usually written as

$$\mathcal{L}_{PA} = \mathcal{L}(\{=\}, \{ '\}, \{ +, \cdot \}, \{ 0 \})$$

## Arithmetization and Encoding

This "translation" process into the **language** of some formal system containing **arithmetic** is called **arithmetization** and **encoding**, or just **encoding** for short

We **define** a notion of *arithmetization* as follows

An **arithmetization** of a theory  $T$  is a **one-to-one** function  $g$  from the **set** of **symbols** of the **language** of  $T$ , **expressions** (formulas) of  $T$ , and **finite sequences** of expressions of  $T$  (proofs) **into** the **set** of positive **integers**

## Arithmetization and Encoding

The function  $g$  must **satisfy** the following conditions

- (1)  $g$  is effectively **computable**
- (2) there is an **effective** procedure that **determines** whether any given **positive** integer  $n$  is in the **range** of  $g$  and, if  $n$  is in the **range** of  $g$ , the procedure **finds** the object  $x$  such that  $g(x) = n$

**Arithmetization** was originally devised by **Gödel** in **1931** in order to **arithmetize** Peano Arithmetic **PA** and **encode** the **arithmetization** process in **PA** in order to **formulate** and to **prove** his **Incompleteness Theorems**

## Arithmetization and Encoding

Functions and relations whose **arguments** and **values** are **natural numbers** are called the **number-theoretic** functions and relations

In order to **arithmetize** and **encode** in a **formal system** we have to

1. **associate numbers** with **symbols** of the language of the system, **associate numbers** with **expressions** (formulas), and with **sequences of expressions** of the language of the system

This is **arithmetization** of **basic syntax**, and **encoding** of **syntax** in the system

## Arithmetization and Encoding

2. **replace** assertions **about** the system by **number-theoretic** statements, and **express** these number-theoretic **statements** **within** the formal system itself

This is **arithmetization** and **encoding** in the system

We want the **number - theoretic** function to be **representable** in **PA** and we want the **predicates** to be **expressible** in **PA**, i.e. their **characteristic** functions to be **representable** in **PA**

## Functions Representable in PA

The study of **representability** of functions in **PA** leads to the **class** of **number-theoretic** functions that turn out to be of great **importance** in mathematical **logic**, namely the **primitive recursive** and **recursive functions**

Their **definition** and **study** in a form of a **Recursion Theory** is an important field of **mathematics** and of **computer science** which developed out of the **Gödel** proof of the **Incompleteness Theorems**

## Primitive Recursive and Recursive Functions

We **prove** that the class of **recursive** functions is **identical** with the class of functions **representable** in **PA**, i.e. we prove:

*every **recursive** function is **representable** in **PA** and every function **representable** in **PA** is **recursive***

The **representability** of **primitive recursive** and **recursive** functions in a formal system **S** in general and in **PA** in particular **plays** crucial role in the **encoding** process and consequently in the **proof** of **Gödel** Theorems

## Arithmetization and Encoding

The **details** of **arithmetization** and **encoding** are as **complicated** and **tedious** as **fascinating** but are out of **scope** of our book

We recommend **Mendelson's** book:

*Introduction to Mathematical Logic*, Chapman & Hall (1997)  
as the one with the **most comprehensive** and **detailed** presentation



Theories T and S

Principles of **Encoding** for T and S

## Theories $T$ and $S$

We **assume** at this moment that  $T$  is some **fixed**, but for a moment **unspecified consistent** formal theory

We also **assume** that **encoding** is done in some **fixed** theory  $S$  and that the theory  $T$  **contains**  $S$ , i.e. the **language** of  $T$  is an **extension** of the language of  $S$  and

$$S \subseteq T$$

i.e. for any formula  $A$ ,

if  $\vdash_S A$ , then  $\vdash_T A$

## Theories T and S

Moreover, we also **assume** that theories T and S **contain** as constants **only numerals**

$$\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \dots, \dots$$

and T **contains** **infinitely** countably many **functional** and **predicate** symbols

Usually S is taken to be a formal theory of **arithmetic**, but sometimes S can be a weak **set theory**

But in any case S always **contains** **numerals**

We also assume that theories T and S are such that the following **Principles of Encoding** hold

## Principles of Encoding

The **mechanics**, **conditions** and **details** of **encoding** for  $T$  and  $S$  being Peano Arithmetic  $PA$  or its **sub-theory** Robinson Arithmetic  $RR$  are beautifully presented in the smallest **detail** in **Mendelson's** book

The **Smorynski's** approach we discuss here **covers** a larger **class** of formal theories and **uses** a more **general** and **modern** approach

We **can't** include all details but we are **convinced** that at this stage the reader will be able to **follow** **Smorynski's** chapter in the **Encyclopedia**

## Principles of Encoding

Smorynski's chapter is very well and clearly **written** and is now **classical**

We wholeheartedly **recommend** it as a future **reading**

We also follow **Smorynski's** approach explaining **what** is to be **encoded**, **where** it is to be **encoded**, and which are the most **important encoding** and **provability conditions** needed for the **proofs** of the **Incompleteness Theorems**

## Principles of Encoding

We first **encode** the **syntax** of **T** in **S**

Since **encoding** takes place in **S**, we assumed that it has a **sufficient** supply of **constants**, namely a countably **infinite** set of **numerals**

$\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \dots, \dots$

and **closed terms** to be used as **codes**

We assign to each formula **A** of the language of **T** a **closed term**

$\ulcorner A \urcorner$

called the **code** of **A**

## Principles of Encoding

If  $A(x)$  is a formula with a **free** variable  $x$ , then the **code**

$$\ulcorner A(x) \urcorner$$

is a **closed term** encoding the formula  $A(x)$ , with  $x$  viewed as a **syntactic object** and **not** as a **parameter**

We do it **recursively**

**First** we assign **codes** (unique closed terms from  $S$ ) to its **basic** syntactic **objects**, i.e. elements of the **alphabet** of the language of  $T$

## Principles of Encoding

Terms and formulas are **finite sequences** of the **basic** syntactic **objects** and **derivations** (formal proofs) are also **finite sequences** of formulas

It means that **S** have to be **able** to **encode** and **manipulate** **finite sequences**

In the **next recursive step** we use for such **encoding** a class of **primitive recursive** functions and relations

We **assume** **S** admits a **representation** of the **primitive recursive** functions and relations and we **finish encoding** **syntax**



## Principles of Encoding

**S** will also have to have certain important **function symbols** and we have to be **able** to **encode** them

1. **S must** have functional symbols

*neg, impl, ...* etc.

**corresponding** to the logical **connectives** and **quantifiers**, such that, for all formulas **A, B** of the language of **T**

$$\vdash_S \text{neg}(\ulcorner A \urcorner) = \ulcorner \neg A \urcorner,$$

$$\vdash_S \text{impl}(\ulcorner A \urcorner, \ulcorner B \urcorner) = \text{impl}(\ulcorner A \Rightarrow B \urcorner), \quad \dots \text{ etc.}$$

## Principles of Encoding

An operation of **substitution** of a variable  $x$  in a formula  $A(x)$  by a term  $t$  is of a special **importance** in logic, so it **must** be **represented** in  $S$ , i.e.

2.  $S$  **must** have in a functional symbol  $sub$  that **represents** the **substitution operator**, such that for any formula  $A(x)$  and term  $t$  with **codes**

$$\ulcorner A(x) \urcorner, \quad \ulcorner t \urcorner$$

respectively, we have that

$$\vdash_S \text{sub}(\ulcorner A(x) \urcorner, \ulcorner t \urcorner) = \ulcorner A(t) \urcorner$$

## Principles of Encoding

Iteration of *sub* allows one to define

*sub*<sub>3</sub>, *sub*<sub>4</sub>, *sub*<sub>5</sub>, ...

such that

$$\vdash_S \text{sub}_n(\ulcorner A(x_1, \dots, x_n) \urcorner, \ulcorner t_1 \urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner t_n \urcorner) = \ulcorner A(t_1, \dots, t_n) \urcorner$$

Finally, we have to **encode derivations** in **S**

To do so we **proceed** as follows

## Principles of Encoding

3. **S must** have in a binary relation  $Prov_T(x, y)$ , such that for **closed terms**  $t_1, t_2$

$\vdash_S Prov_T(t_1, t_2)$  if and only if  $t_1$  is a **code** of a **derivation** in  $T$  of the formula with a **code**  $t_2$

We read  $Prov_T(x, y)$  as " $x$  **proves**  $y$  in  $T$ " or as " $x$  **is** a **proof**  $y$  in  $T$ "

It follows that for some **closed term**  $t$ ,

$\vdash_T A$  if and only if  $\vdash_S Prov_T(t, \ulcorner A \urcorner)$

## Principles of Encoding

We **define**

$$Pr_T(y) \Leftrightarrow \exists x Prov_T(x, y)$$

and obtain a **predicate asserting provability**

However, it **is not** always **true**

$$\vdash_T A \text{ if and only if } \vdash_S Pr_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner)$$

unless **S** is fairly **sound** (to be defined separately)

The **encoding** can be **carried out**, however, in such a way that the following **conditions essential** to the proofs of the **Incompleteness Theorems hold** for any sentence **A** of **T**

## Derivability Conditions

### Derivability Conditions (Hilbert-Bernays, 1939)

For sentence  $A$  of  $T$

**D1**  $\vdash_T A$  implies  $\vdash_S Pr_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner)$

**D2**  $\vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner Pr_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner) \urcorner)))$

**D3**  $\vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner) \cap Pr_T(\ulcorner (A \Rightarrow B) \urcorner)) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner B \urcorner))$

# Chapter 11

## Formal Theories and Gödel Theorems

### Slides Set 2

### PART 4: **Proof** of the Gödel **Incompleteness Theorems**

## Diagonalization Lemma

The following theorem, called **historically** by the name **Diagonalization Lemma** is **essential** to the **proof** of the **Incompleteness Theorems**

It is also called **Fixed Point Theorem** and both names are used **interchangeably**

The **first name** as is historically older, important for convenience of **references** and the **second** name is routinely **used** in **computer science** community



## Diagonalization Lemma

**Mendelson** (1977) believes that the **central idea** was first explicitly **mentioned** by **Carnap** who pointed out in **1934** that the result was **implicit** in the work of **Gödel** (1931)

Gödel was **not aware** of **Carnap** work until **1937**

The name **Diagonalization Lemma** is used because the **main argument** in its proof has some **resemblance** to the **diagonal** arguments used by **Cantor** in **1891**

## Diagonalization Lemma

In mathematics, a **Fixed-point Theorem** is a **name** of a theorem saying that a function  $f$  under some conditions, will have at least one **fixed point**, i.e. a point  $x$  such that

$$f(x) = x$$

The **Diagonalization Lemma** says that for any formula  $A$  in the language of theory  $T$  with **one free** variable **there is** a sentence  $B$  such that the formula

$$(B \Leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner)) \text{ is provable in } T$$

## Diagonalization Lemma

Intuitively, the **Diagonalization Lemma** sentence **B** such that

$$\vdash_T (B \Leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner))$$

is a **self-referential** sentence saying that **B** has property **A**

The sentence **B** can be viewed as a **fixed point** of the **operation** assigning to each formula **A** the sentence  $A(\ulcorner B \urcorner)$

Hence the name **Fixed Point Theorem**.

## Diagonalization Lemma

### Diagonalization Lemma

Let  $T, S$  be theories as defined

Let  $A(x)$  be a formula in the language of  $T$  with  $x$  as the only free variable

Then **there is** a sentence  $B$  such that

$$\vdash_S (B \leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner))$$

*NOTE: If  $A, B$  are not in the language of  $S$ , then by  $\vdash_S (B \leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner))$  we mean that the equivalence is proved in the theory  $S'$  in the language of  $T$  whose only non-logical axioms are those of  $S$*

## Proof of Diagonalization Lemma

### Proof of Diagonalization Lemma

Given  $A(x)$ , let the formula  $(C(x) \Leftrightarrow A(\text{sub}(x, x)))$  be a *diagonalization* of  $A(x)$

Let  $m = \ulcorner C(x) \urcorner$  and  $B = C(m)$ , i.e.  $B = C(\ulcorner C(x) \urcorner)$

Then we claim

$$\vdash_S (B \Leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner))$$

For, in  $S$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} B &\Leftrightarrow C(m) \Leftrightarrow A(\text{sub}(m, m)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow A(\text{sub}(\ulcorner C(x) \urcorner, m)) \quad (\text{since } m = \ulcorner C(x) \urcorner) \\ &\Leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner C(m) \urcorner) \Leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner) \end{aligned}$$

by *sub* definition and  $B = C(m)$

This **proves** (we leave details to the reader as exercise)

$$\vdash_S (B \Leftrightarrow A(\ulcorner B \urcorner))$$

# First Incompleteness Theorem

## First Incompleteness Theorem

### First Incompleteness Theorem

Let  $T, S$  be theories as defined

Then **there is** a sentence  $G$  in the language of  $T$  such that:

- (i)  $\not\vdash_T G$
- (ii) under an additional assumption,  $\not\vdash_T \neg G$

### Proof

We apply **Diagonalization Lemma** for a formula  $A(x)$  being  $\neg Pr_T(x)$ , where  $Pr_T(x)$  is defined as

$$Pr_T(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists y Prov_T(y, x)$$

and  $Prov_T(y, x)$  reads as " $y$  is a proof  $x$  in  $T$ "

We get that **there is** a sentence  $G$  such that

$$\vdash_S (G \Leftrightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

## Proof of First Incompleteness Theorem

We have assumed about theories  $T, S$  that  $T$  is **consistent** and  $S \subseteq T$ , i.e. for any formula  $A$ ,

if  $\vdash_S A$ , then  $\vdash_T A$

So we have that also

$$(*) \quad \vdash_T (G \leftrightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

Now we are ready to prove (i)

We conduct the proof of (i)  $\not\vdash_T G$  by **contradiction**

Assume

$$\vdash_T G$$



## Proof of First Incompleteness Theorem

Observe that by the Derivability Condition **D1**:  $\vdash_T A$  implies  $\vdash_S Pr_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner)$  for  $A = G$  we get that

$$\vdash_T G \text{ implies } \vdash_S Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$$

Hence by assumption  $\vdash_T G$  we get

$$\vdash_S Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$$

By the assumption  $S \subseteq T$  we get

$$\vdash_T Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$$

This, the assumption  $\vdash_T G$ , and already proved

$$(*) \quad \vdash_T (G \leftrightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

**contradicts** the consistency of  $T$

## Proof of First Incompleteness Theorem

Now we are ready to prove

(ii) under an additional assumption,  $\not\vdash_T \neg G$

The *additional assumption* is a **strengthening** of the **converse** implication to **D1** namely,

$$\vdash_T Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \text{ implies } \vdash_T G$$

We conduct the proof by **contradiction**

Assume  $\vdash_T \neg G$

Hence  $\vdash_T \neg \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$  so we have that  $\vdash_T Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$

By the *additional assumption* it implies that  $\vdash_T G$  what **contradicts** the **consistency** of  $T$

This **ends** the **proof**

## First Incompleteness Theorem

Observe that the sentence  $G$  is **equivalent** in  $T$  to an **assertion** that  $G$  is **unprovable** in  $T$

In other words the sentence  $G$  says

*" I am not provable in  $T$ "*

Hence the just proved **Second Incompleteness Theorem** provides a **strict mathematical formalization** of its previously intuitively stated version that said:

*" there is a sentence  $A$  in the language of  $T$  which asserts its own unprovability "*

We call  $G$  the **Gödel's sentence**

## Second Incompleteness Theorem

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### Second Incompleteness Theorem

Let  $T, S$  be theories as defined

Let  $Con_T$  be a sentence  $\neg Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner)$ , where  $C$  is any **contradictory** statement

Then

$$\not\vdash_T Con_T$$

### Proof

Let  $G$  the **Gödel's sentence** of the First Incompleteness Theorem. We prove that

$$\vdash_T (Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$$

and use it to prove that

$$\not\vdash_T Con_T$$

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

Assume that we have already proved the property

$$(*) \quad \vdash_T (Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$$

We conduct the proof of

$$\not\vdash_T Con_T$$

by **contradiction**

Assume  $\vdash_T Con_T$

By  $(*)$  we have that  $\vdash_T (Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$ , so by the assumption we get  $\vdash_T G$  what **contradicts** the First Incompleteness Theorem.

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

To complete the **proof** we have to prove now the property

$$(*) \quad \vdash_T (Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$$

In the proof of  $(*)$  we use some logic facts, called **Logic 1, 2, 3, 4** that are listed and proved after this **proof**

We know by **Logic 1** that

$$\vdash_T (Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$$

if and only if

$$\vdash_T (Con_T \Rightarrow G) \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_T (G \Rightarrow Con_T)$$

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

1. We prove the implication

$$\vdash_T (G \Rightarrow \text{Con}_T)$$

By definition of  $\text{Con}_T$  we have to prove now

$$\vdash_T (G \Rightarrow \neg \text{Pr}_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner))$$

The formula  $C$  is a **contradiction**, so the formula  $(C \Rightarrow G)$  is a predicate tautology

Hence

$$\vdash_T (C \Rightarrow G)$$

By the Derivability Condition **D1**:  $\vdash_T A$  implies

$\vdash_S \text{Pr}_T(\ulcorner A \urcorner)$  for  $A = (C \Rightarrow G)$  we get that

$$\vdash_S \text{Pr}_T(\ulcorner (C \Rightarrow G) \urcorner)$$



## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

We write **D3** for  $A = Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner)$  and  
 $B = \vdash_S Pr_T(\ulcorner C \Rightarrow G \urcorner)$  and obtain that

$$(*) \quad \vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner) \cap Pr_T(\ulcorner C \Rightarrow G \urcorner)) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

We have by **Logic 2**

$$(**) \quad \vdash_S (Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner) \Rightarrow (Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner) \cap Pr_T(\ulcorner C \Rightarrow G \urcorner)))$$

We get from  $(*)$ ,  $(**)$ , and **Logic 3**

$$\vdash_S (Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

We apply **Logic 4** (contraposition) to the above and get

$$(***) \quad \vdash_S (\neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner))$$

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

Observe that by the property  $\vdash_S (G \Leftrightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$  proved in the proof of the **First Incompleteness Theorem** we have

$$\vdash_S (G \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

We put  $(***)$  and the property above together and get

$$\vdash_S (G \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)) \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_S (\neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner))$$

Applying **Logic 4** to the above we get

$$\vdash_S (G \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner))$$

But  $C$  is by definition  $Con_T$  and hence we have **proved** the

$$\vdash_S (G \Rightarrow Con_T)$$

and hence also

$$\vdash_T (G \Rightarrow Con_T)$$

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

2. We prove now  $\vdash_T (Con_T \Rightarrow G)$ , i.e. the implication

$$\vdash_T (\neg Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner) \Rightarrow G)$$

Here is a concise **proof**

We leave it to the reader as an **exercise** to write a detailed version that **develops** and lists needed **Logic** properties in a **similar** way as we did in the part **1**.

By the Derivability Condition **D2** for  $A = G$  we get

$$\vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \urcorner)))$$

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

The property  $\vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \urcorner)))$  implies

$$\vdash_S (Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner \neg G \urcorner))$$

by **D1**, **D3**, since  $\vdash_S (G \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$

This yields

$$\vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner (G \cap \neg G) \urcorner)))$$

by **D1**, **D3**, and logic properties

This in turn implies

$$\vdash_S ((Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner)))$$

by again **D1**, **D3**, and logic properties

## Proof of Second Incompleteness Theorem

By **Logic 4** (contraposition) we get

$$\vdash_S (\neg Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner) \Rightarrow \neg Pr_T(\ulcorner C \urcorner))$$

which is

$$\vdash_S (Con_T \Rightarrow G)$$

and hence by assumption  $\mathbf{S} \subseteq \mathbf{T}$  we get that also

$$\vdash_T (Con_T \Rightarrow G)$$

This **ends** the **proof**

## Second Incompleteness Theorem

### Observation

We proved, a part of proof of the **Second Incompleteness Theorem** the equivalence

$$\vdash_T (Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$$

which says that the **self-referential Gödel** sentence  $G$  which **asserts** its own **unprovability** is **equivalent** to the sentence **asserting consistency**

Hence, the sentence  $G$  **is unique** up to provable equivalence  $(Con_T \Leftrightarrow G)$  and we can say that  $G$  is **the sentence** that **asserts** its own **unprovability**

## $\omega$ -consistency

We used, in the part (ii) of the **First Incompleteness Theorem**, an **additional assumption** that  $\vdash_T Pr_T(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$  implies  $\vdash_T G$ , instead of a **habitual** assumption of  **$\omega$ -consistency**

The concept of  **$\omega$ -consistency** was introduced by **Gödel** for purpose of stating assumption **needed** for the proof of his **First Incompleteness Theorem**

The **modern** researchers **proved** that the assumption of the  **$\omega$ -consistency** can be **replaced**, as we did, by other **more general** better suited for **new proofs conditions**

## $\omega$ -consistency

### $\omega$ - consistency

Informally, we say that  $T$  is  $\omega$ -consistent if the following two conditions are **not simultaneously** satisfied for any formula  $A$ :

- (i)  $\vdash_T \exists x A(x)$
- (ii)  $\vdash_T \neg A(\bar{n})$  for every natural number  $n$

Formally,  $\omega$ -consistency can be **represented** in varying degrees of generality by (modification of) the following formula

$$(Pr_T (\ulcorner \exists x A(x) \urcorner) \Rightarrow \exists x \neg Pr_T (\ulcorner \neg A(x) \urcorner))$$



## Logic Properties

## Logic Properties

We **prove** now, as an **exercise** the **logic based** steps in the **proof** of part **1.** of the proof the **Second Incompleteness Theorem** that follow the **predicate logic** properties, hence we named them **Logic**

The **discovery** and **formalization** of needed **logic properties** and their proofs for the part **2.** is left as a **homework** exercise

## Logic Properties

### Remark

All **formulas** belonging to the languages of  $T, S$  belong to the language of  $H$

By the **monotonicity** of classical consequence everything provable in  $T, S$  is provable in  $H$

By definition of  $T, S$ , they are based on a **complete** proof system  $H$  for predicate logic and so all predicate **tautologies** are **provable** in  $H$

In particular, all predicate **tautologies** formulated on the languages of  $T, S$  are **provable** in  $T$  and in  $S$ , respectively

## Logic Properties

### Logic 1

Given a complete proof system  $H$ , for any formulas  $A, B$  of the language of  $H$ ,

$\vdash (A \Leftrightarrow B)$  if and only if  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow B)$  and  $\vdash (B \Rightarrow A)$

### Proof

1. We prove implication

if  $\vdash (A \Leftrightarrow B)$ , then  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow B)$  and  $\vdash (B \Rightarrow A)$

Directly from provability of a tautology

$$((A \Leftrightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \wedge (B \Rightarrow A)))$$

and assumption  $\vdash (A \Leftrightarrow B)$ , and **MP** we get

$$\vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \wedge (B \Rightarrow A))$$

## Logic Properties

Consequently, from

$$\vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \wedge (B \Rightarrow A))$$

and provability of tautologies  $((A \wedge B) \Rightarrow A)$  and  $((A \wedge B) \Rightarrow B)$ , for any formulas  $A, B$ , i.e. from fact that in a particular case

$$\vdash (((A \Rightarrow B) \wedge (B \Rightarrow A)) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B))$$

and

$$\vdash (((A \Rightarrow B) \wedge (B \Rightarrow A)) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A))$$

and **MP** applied twice we get

$$\vdash (A \Rightarrow B) \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash (B \Rightarrow A)$$

## Logic Properties

2. We prove implication

if  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow B)$  and  $\vdash (B \Rightarrow A)$ , then  $\vdash (A \Leftrightarrow B)$

Directly from provability of tautology

$$\vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow (A \Leftrightarrow B)))$$

and assumptions

$$\vdash (A \Rightarrow B) \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash (B \Rightarrow A)$$

and MP applied twice we get

$$\vdash (A \Leftrightarrow B)$$

## Logic Properties

### Logic 2

For any formulas  $A, B$  of the language of  $H$ ,

$$\vdash (A \Rightarrow (A \cup B)) \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash (A \Rightarrow (B \cup A))$$

### Proof

Follows directly from predicate **tautologies**

$$(A \Rightarrow (A \cup B)) \quad \text{and} \quad (A \Rightarrow (B \cup A))$$

and **completeness** of  $H$

## Logic Properties

### Logic 3

For any formulas  $A, B$  of the language of  $H$ ,

if  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow B)$  and  $\vdash (B \Rightarrow C)$ , then  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow C)$

### Proof

From completeness of  $H$  and predicate tautology we get

$$(*) \quad \vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$$

Assume  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow B)$  and  $\vdash (B \Rightarrow C)$

Applying **MP** to  $(*)$  twice we get the proof of  $(A \Rightarrow C)$ , i.e.

$$\vdash (A \Rightarrow C)$$



## Logic Properties

### Logic 4

For any formulas  $A, B$  of the language of  $H$ ,

$$\vdash (A \Rightarrow B) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \vdash (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A)$$

### Proof

From completeness of  $H$ , predicate tautology, and **Logic 1**

$$\vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A))$$

if and only if

$$(*) \quad \vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A)) \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash ((\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B))$$

## Logic Properties

Assume  $\vdash (A \Rightarrow B)$

By (\*) and MP we get

$$\vdash (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A)$$

Assume  $\vdash (\neg B \Rightarrow \neg A)$

By (\*) and MP we get

$$(A \Rightarrow B)$$

This **ends** the proof

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem - Introduction

Proving **completeness** of a proof system with respect to a given **semantics** is the **first** and most important **goal** while developing a **logic** and was the **central focus** of our study

So we now **conclude** our book with presentation the **formalized completeness theorem**

We discuss its **proof** and show how to use it to give **new type** of proofs, called **model-theoretic** proofs, of the **incompleteness theorems** for Peano Arithmetic **PA**, i.e. for the case when **S= PA**

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

Formalizing the proof of **completeness theorem** for classical predicate logic from **chapter 9** within **PA** we get the following

### Hilbert-Bernays Completeness Theorem

Let **U** be a theory with a **primitive recursive** set of axioms

There is a set  $Tr_M$  of formulas such that in  $PA + Con_U$  one can **prove** that this set  $Tr_M$  **defines** a model **M** of **U**:

$$\vdash_{PA+Con_U} \forall x (Pr_U(x) \Rightarrow Tr_M(x))$$

Moreover, the set  $Tr_M$  is of type  $\Delta_2$

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

The **Hilbert-Bernays Completeness Theorem** asserts that modulo  $Con_U$ , one can **prove** in **PA** the **existence** of a **model** of **U** whose **truth definition** is of type  $\Delta_2$

The **proof** of the **Completeness Theorem** is just an **arithmetization** of the **Henkin** proof presented in **chapter 9**

The **proof** proceeds as follows

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

Following the **Henkin proof** one **adds** to the language of  $\mathcal{U}$  an infinite primitive recursive set of **new constants**

$$c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, \dots$$

Then one **adds** for **each** formula  $A(x)$  the corresponding **Henkin Axiom**

$$(\exists x A(x) \Rightarrow A(c_{A[x]}))$$

and **enumerates** sentences

$$A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, \dots$$

in this augmented **language**

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

As **next step** one defines a **complete theory** by **starting** with  $U$  and **adding** at each step  $n$  a sentence

$$A_n, \text{ or } \neg A_n$$

according to whether  $A_n$  **is consistent** with what has been **chosen** before **or not**

The **construction** is then **described** within **PA**

Assuming  $Con_U$  one can also **prove** that the construction **never** terminates



## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

The **resulting** set of sentences forms a **complete theory**

which by **Henking Axioms** forms a **model** of  $\mathcal{U}$

Inspection shows that the **truth definition**  $Tr_M$  is of type  $\Delta_2$

This **ends** the proof

The **Hilbert-Bernays completeness** makes possible

to **conduct new type** of proofs of the **Gödel**

**incompleteness theorems**, **model-theoretic** proofs

## The Formalized Completeness Theorem

Gödel chose as the **self-referring sentence** a **syntactic** statement

*"I do not have a proof"*

He **did not want** (and saw difficulties with) to use the sentence **involving** the notion of **truth**, i.e. the sentence

*"I am not true"*

The **new proofs** use **exactly** this **semantic** statement and this is **why** they are called **model-theoretic** proofs

## Model-theoretic Proof

**Dana Scott** was the **first** to **observe** that one can give a **model-theoretic** proof of the **First Incompleteness Theorem**

Here is the **theorem** and its **Dana Scott's** short **proof**

### First Incompleteness Theorem

Let **PA** be a Peano Arithmetic

**There is** a sentence **G** of **PA**, such that

(i)  $\not\vdash_{PA} G$

(ii)  $\not\vdash_{PA} \neg G$

## Model-theoretic Proof

### Proof

Assume  $PA$  is **complete**

Then, since  $PA$  is **true**,

$$\vdash_{PA} \text{CON}_{PA}$$

and we can apply the **Hilbert-Bernays Completeness Theorem** to obtain a formula  $Tr_M$  which gives a **truth definition** for the **model** of  $PA$

We choose  $G$  by

$$(*) \quad \vdash_{PA} (G \leftrightarrow \neg Tr_M(\ulcorner G \urcorner))$$

## Model-theoretic Proof

We claim

$$\not\models_{PA} G \quad \text{and} \quad \not\models_{PA} \neg G$$

For if  $\vdash_{PA} G$ , then  $\vdash_{PA} Tr_M(\ulcorner G \urcorner)$

By (\*) and logic properties we get  $\vdash_{PA} \neg G$

### Contradiction

Similarly,  $\vdash_{PA} \neg G$  implies  $\vdash_{PA} G$

This **ends** the proof

Observe that the sentence  $G$  as defined by (\*) **asserts**

*"I am not true"*

## G Sentences

Scott's proof **differs** from the Gödel proof **not only** by the choice of the **model- theoretic** method, **but also** by be a choice of the **model- theoretic** sentence **G**

Let's **compare** these two **independent** sentences **G**:  
the classic **syntactic** one of Gödel proof representing  
statement

*"I do not have a proof"*

and the **semantic** one of Scott proof representing statement

*"I am not true"*

## G Sentences

### G- Sentences Property

The sentence  $G_S$  of the **Gödel Incompleteness Theorem** asserting its own **unprovability** is

- (i) **unique** up to provable equivalence ( $Con_T \Leftrightarrow G$ )
- (ii) the sentence is  $\Pi_1$  and hence **true**

The sentence  $G$  of the **Scott Incompleteness Theorem** asserting its own **falsity** in the model constructed is

- (iii) **not unique** - for the following implication holds

$$\text{if } (G \Leftrightarrow \neg Tr_M(\ulcorner G \urcorner)), \text{ then } (\neg G \Leftrightarrow \neg Tr_M(\ulcorner \neg G \urcorner))$$

- (iv) the sentence is  $\Delta_2$  and, by (iii) there **is no** obvious way of **deciding** its **truth** or **falsity**

## Model-theoretic Proof

Georg Kreisker was the **first** to present a **model-theoretic** proof of the following

### Second Incompleteness Theorem

Let **PA** be a Peano Arithmetic

$$\not\vdash_{PA} \text{Con}_{PA}$$

The **proof** uses, as did the proof of the **Hilbert-Bernays** Completeness Theorem the **arithmetization** of **Henkin** proof of completeness theorem presented in **Chapter 9**



## Model-theoretic Proof

### Proof

The proof is carried by **contradiction**

We assume

$$\vdash_{PA} \text{Con}_{PA}$$

Then we show, for any **presentation** of the **Henkin** proof of completeness theorem **construction** (as given by encoding, the enumeration of sentences ...etc.) **there is** a number ***m***, such that, for any **model *N*** of **PA**, the **sequence** of models **determined** by the given **presentations** must **stop** after fewer than ***m*** steps with a **model** in which

***Con*<sub>PA</sub>** is **false**