

PA FIRST-ORDER PEANO'S ARITHMETIC

$$Sx \approx Sy \rightarrow x \approx y \quad S + 1$$

$$\neg(\bar{0} \approx Sx)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x + \bar{0} \approx x \\ x + Sy \approx S(x + y) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \cdot \bar{0} \approx \bar{0} \\ x \cdot Sy \approx (x \cdot y) + x \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \uparrow \bar{0} \approx S\bar{0} \\ x \uparrow Sy \approx (x \uparrow y) \cdot x \end{array} \right.$$

and, for each formula  $\phi(x, \vec{y})$   
 with a free variable  $x$  and  
 possibly some others  $\vec{y} = y_1, \dots, y_n$

$$\phi(\bar{0}, \vec{y}) \wedge \forall x (\phi(x, \vec{y}) \rightarrow \phi(Sx, \vec{y})) \rightarrow \forall x \phi(x, \vec{y})$$

Logical axioms:

$$x \approx y \wedge y \approx z \rightarrow x \approx z$$

$$(\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\exists x \varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi)$$

provided  $x$  not free in  $\psi$ ,

$$\forall x (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\forall x \varphi \rightarrow \forall x \psi)$$

etc.

Rule of inference:

Infer  $\psi$  from  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$

Proof of  $\varphi$ :

A sequence  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n = \varphi$  where  
for each  $i$ , either

$\varphi_i$  is an axiom

or

for some  $j, k < i$

$$\varphi_k = \varphi_j \rightarrow \varphi_i$$

$\vdash \varphi$  means " $\varphi$  has a proof"

**IMPORTANT:** The formulas are strings of symbols built up from

$\approx \quad S \quad ( \quad ) \quad \rightarrow \quad \wedge \quad \vee \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \neg$   
 $\forall \quad \exists \quad \bar{O} \quad v \quad + \quad \cdot \quad \uparrow$

By interpreting these symbols, you can attach meanings to the formulas. But the formulas are not mere abbreviations for these meanings, they are objects themselves.

Formal variables: Need infinitely many.

$v, vv, vvv, vvvv, \dots$

" " " "  
 $v_0 \quad v_1 \quad v_2 \quad | \quad v_3$

$x, y, z, \dots$  — formal variables

$\tau, \pi$  — terms

e.g.  $x, (x+y)\uparrow (5\bar{0}+z)$

$\varphi, \psi, \vartheta$  — formulas

$\sigma$  — sentences (formulas with no free variables)

$\varphi[x/\tau]$  — replace the free occurrences of  $x$  in  $\varphi$  by  $\tau$

$\varphi(z, \tau)$  is conventional:

You have some understanding that  $\varphi$  has two free variables  $x, y$ ; then

$$\varphi(z, \tau) = \varphi[x/z][y/\tau]$$

# Numerals

$\bar{0}$

$$\bar{1} = S\bar{0}$$

$$\bar{2} = S\bar{1} = SS\bar{0}$$

$$\bar{3} = S\bar{2} = SSS\bar{0}$$

⋮

$$\text{Prime}(x) =$$

$$\neg x \approx \bar{0} \wedge \forall u \forall v (x \approx u \cdot v \rightarrow u \approx \bar{1} \vee u \approx x)$$

$$\text{even}(x) = \exists y (x \approx \bar{2} \cdot y)$$

$$x < y = \exists z (\neg z \approx \bar{0} \wedge y \approx x + z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (\text{even}(x) \wedge \bar{0} < x \rightarrow \\ \exists y \exists z (\text{Prime}(y) \wedge \text{Prime}(z) \\ \wedge x \approx y + z)) \end{aligned}$$

PA expresses and proves essentially all of Hardy & Wright

## HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

**Paradise** : Cantor's Set Theory.

The blossoming of infinitistic and non-constructive mathematics.  
 Set theory provides a coherent framework for unifying mathematics,  
 dealing with infinite sets. It is very elegant and *obviously correct*.

**Paradise Lost**: The paradoxes.

Russell's paradox:

Let  $S$  be the set of all those sets which are not members of themselves. Is  $S$  a member of  $S$ , or not?

Ricard's paradox:

List the possible properties of natural numbers;  $P_0(n)$ ,  $P_1(n)$ , ... etc. Some numbers  $n$  possess property  $P_n$ , and others do not. That  $n$  does not have property  $P_n$  is itself a property of natural numbers, and must appear in the list. Say it's  $P_k$ . Do we have  $P_k(k)$ , or not?

Hilbert's Program:

"We shall not be driven from the paradise to which Cantor has led us."  
 Using only finitary methods, prove that non-finitary procedures can't lead to error.

Finitary methods: No reference to infinities as completed; only as 'potential.' Use only simplest rules of logic. Apply induction only to prove equations of constructive functions.

Prove the consistency of normal mathematics (set theory?) by using only that part of it with which no one can quarrel.

Consistency: You can't prove both a statement and its negation.

Gödel: Hilbert's program can't be done.

If a theory is strong enough to do even a minimum part of finitary mathematics, then it can't prove its own consistency.

## Gödel Numbers

Each symbol gets a 5-bit code,  
e.g.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \approx & 00100 & S \quad 10001 \\ v & 01000 & + \quad 01001 \end{array}$$

Consider the equation

$$v_0 \approx Sv_2 + v_1$$

Officially, it is

$$v \approx Svvv + vv$$

The Gödel number is, in binary,

01000 00100 10001 01000 01000 01000 01001 01000 0100

$$v \approx S \quad v \quad v \quad v \quad + \quad v \quad v$$

$$[v_0 \approx Sv_2 + v_1] =$$

$$[\alpha] = \text{Gödel Number of } \alpha$$

By adding symbol  $\circ$ , we can have  
Gödel numbers for lists of strings:

$$[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]$$

Property  $P(n)$  is represented by  $\varphi$ :

$$P(n) \text{ holds} \implies \vdash \varphi(\bar{n})$$

$$P(n) \text{ fails} \implies \vdash \neg \varphi(\bar{n})$$

Function  $f(n)$  is represented by  $\varphi$ :

$$f(n) = m \implies \vdash \varphi(\bar{n}, \bar{m})$$

$$f(n) \neq m \implies \vdash \neg \varphi(\bar{n}, \bar{m})$$

All primitive recursive functions and predicates are represented.

Usually, more & simple properties are formally provable, e.g., p.s. functions are represented by formulas  $\varphi$  for which

$$\vdash \varphi(x, y) \wedge \varphi(x, z) \rightarrow y \approx z$$

There is a primitive recursive function  $sbn(m, n)$  which does this:

Substitute  $\bar{n}$  for the first free variable in the formula with Gödel number  $m$ , and return the Gödel number of the result.

$$sbn(' \varphi(x) ', n) = ' \varphi(\bar{n}) '$$

Let  $sbn(x, \bar{y})$  represent  $sbn$ ; then

$$\vdash sbn(\overline{' \varphi(x) '}, \bar{n}, \overline{' \varphi(\bar{n}) '} )$$

$$\varphi(x), n \quad \varphi(\bar{n})$$

$$' \varphi(x) ', n \quad ' \varphi(\bar{n}) '$$

This is primitive recursive:

$\text{prf}(m, n) \stackrel{\Delta}{\iff} m \text{ is the Gödel number}$   
of a proof of the  
formula with Gödel  
number  $n$

Let  $\text{Prf}(x, y)$  represent  $\text{prf}$ .

Then if  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  is a proof  
of  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\text{prf}(\overline{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n}, \overline{\varphi}).$$

and hence

$$+ \text{Prf}(\overline{\overline{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n}}, \overline{\overline{\varphi}}).$$

## DIAGONAL LEMMA:

Given a formula  $\phi(x)$  there is a sentence  $\sigma$  such that

$$\vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \phi(\overline{\sigma})$$

Proof: Let

$$\vartheta(y) = \forall x(sbn(y, y, x) \rightarrow \phi(x))$$

$$m = \ulcorner \vartheta(y) \urcorner$$

$$\sigma = \vartheta(\bar{m})$$

Now

$$sbm(m, m) = \ulcorner \vartheta(\bar{m}) \urcorner = \ulcorner \sigma \urcorner$$

so

$$\vdash sbn(\bar{m}, \bar{m}, x) \leftrightarrow x \approx \overline{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner}$$

and hence

$$\vdash \underbrace{\forall x(sbn(\bar{m}, \bar{m}, x) \rightarrow \phi(x))}_{\sigma} \leftrightarrow \phi(\overline{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner})$$

## RICHARD'S PARADOX, FORMALIZED

Suppose there is a truth definition; a formula  $\text{Tr}(x)$  such that for each sentence  $\sigma$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\overline{\sigma})$  is true iff  $\sigma$  is true.

Apply the Diagonal Lemma:

$$\vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \neg \text{Tr}(\overline{\sigma})$$

Anything provable is true, so  $\sigma$  is true iff  $\neg \text{Tr}(\overline{\sigma})$  is true.

" iff  $\text{Tr}(\overline{\sigma})$  is false

" iff  $\sigma$  is false.

So there is no truth definition  
(Tarski)

$$Pr(x) \triangleq \exists y \text{ Prf}(y, x)$$

The first derivability condition:

$$(D1) \quad \vdash \phi \Rightarrow \vdash Pr(\overline{\phi})$$

For if  $\vdash \phi$ , then  $\phi$  has a proof  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ , so

$\text{prf}(\overline{\varphi_1}, \dots, \overline{\varphi_n}, \overline{\phi})$  holds,  
so

$$\vdash \text{Prf}(\overline{\varphi_1}, \dots, \overline{\varphi_n}, \overline{\phi})$$

so

$$\vdash Pr(\overline{\phi})$$

Gödel's 1<sup>st</sup> Incompleteness Theorem follows the pattern of Ricard, but using provability instead of truth.

## 1<sup>st</sup> INCOMPLETENESS THEOREM

THERE IS A TRUE SENTENCE  $\sigma$  SUCH THAT, IF PA IS CONSISTENT, THEN  $\vdash \sigma$ .

Proof. Using the Diagonal Lemma, let

$$\vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \neg \text{Pr}(\overline{\sigma})$$

Then

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdash \sigma \\ \Downarrow \\ \vdash \text{Pr}(\overline{\sigma}) \Rightarrow \vdash \neg \sigma \end{array} \quad (\text{D1})$$

So if PA is consistent, then  $\vdash \sigma$ . Further, for each  $n$ ,  $n$  isn't the G.N. of a proof of  $\sigma$ , so

$$\text{prf}(n, \overline{\sigma})$$

is false for each  $n$ . Thus,

$$\exists y \text{ Prf}(y, \overline{\sigma})$$

i.e.,  $\text{Pr}(\overline{\sigma})$  is false. So  $\sigma$  is true.

Two more derivability conditions:

(D2)  $\vdash \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\phi^\top}) \wedge \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\phi \rightarrow \psi^\top}) \rightarrow \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\psi^\top})$   
 for any  $\phi, \psi$ .

(D3)  $\vdash \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\phi^\top}) \rightarrow \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\phi^\top})^\top})$

(D2) is easy.

(D3) is straight forward, but very lengthy. It is a formalization of (D1)

$$\text{Con}_{PA} \triangleq \neg \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\bar{o} \approx \bar{i}^\top})$$

Note that, with (D1), (D2)  
 one easily shows

$$\vdash \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\phi^\top}) \rightarrow (\text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\neg\phi^\top}) \rightarrow \neg \text{Con}_{PA})$$

$$\vdash \text{Con}_{PA} \leftrightarrow \neg(\text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\phi^\top}) \wedge \text{Pr}_2(\overline{\Gamma\neg\phi^\top}))$$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> INCOMPLETENESS THEOREM

PA CONSISTENT  $\Rightarrow \nvdash \text{Con}_{\text{PA}}$

Proof. We have  $\vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \neg P_{\lambda}(\overline{\sigma^*})$

By (D3),

$$\vdash P_{\lambda}(\overline{\sigma^*}) \rightarrow P_{\lambda}(\overline{P_{\lambda}(\overline{\sigma^*})^*})$$

With  $\vartheta = P_{\lambda}(\overline{\sigma^*})$ , this is

$$\vdash \vartheta \rightarrow P_{\lambda}(\overline{\vartheta^*})$$

But also,

$$\vdash \sigma \rightarrow \neg \underbrace{P_{\lambda}(\overline{\sigma^*})}_{\vartheta}$$

so by (D1), (D2)

$$\vdash P_{\lambda}(\overline{\sigma^*}) \rightarrow P_{\lambda}(\overline{\neg \vartheta^*})$$

$$(*x) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \vdash \vartheta \rightarrow P_{\lambda}(\overline{\neg \vartheta^*})$$

Lines (\*), (\*\*\*) show

$$\vdash \text{Con}_{\text{PA}} \rightarrow \neg \vartheta$$

But  $\vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \neg \vartheta$ , so

$$\vdash \text{Con}_{\text{PA}} \rightarrow \sigma$$

$\nvdash \sigma$ , so  $\nvdash \text{Con}_{\text{PA}}$ .