

# Gödel's Incompleteness Phenomenon; Computationally

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## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

► **Completeness** of Logic  $\mathcal{L}$  w.r.t Class of Structures  $\mathcal{K}$ :

For any formula  $\varphi$ :  $\forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K} (\mathcal{M} \models \varphi) \implies \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi$ .

► **Strong Completeness**

For any theory  $\Gamma$  (set of formulas) and any formula  $\varphi$ :

$$\forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K} (\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \varphi) \implies \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi.$$

► **Soundness** of Logic  $\mathcal{L}$  w.r.t Class of Structures  $\mathcal{K}$ :

For any formula  $\varphi$ :  $\vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \implies \forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K} (\mathcal{M} \models \varphi)$ .

- $\equiv$  Strong Soundness

- $\forall \Gamma \forall \varphi$ :  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \implies \forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K} (\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \varphi)$ .

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So (*here*) Completeness & Soundness are **Semantic** concepts.

## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

► **Completeness** of Theory  $T$  w.r.t Class of Structures  $\mathcal{K}$ :

For any formula  $\varphi$ :  $\forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K} (\mathcal{M} \models T \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \varphi) \implies T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi$ .

► **Soundness** of Theory  $T$  w.r.t Class of Structures  $\mathcal{K}$ :

For any formula  $\varphi$ :  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \implies \forall \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K} (\mathcal{M} \models T \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \varphi)$ .

The Theory  $T$  axiomatizes the Class  $\mathcal{K}$ :

$T$  is Sound and Complete w.r.t  $\mathcal{K}$ ;  $T = \text{AxTh}(\mathcal{K})$ ;  $\mathcal{K} = \text{Mod}(T)$ .

(SEMANTIC)  $\mathcal{K}$  is axiomatizable iff  $\mathcal{K} = \text{Mod}(\text{Th}(\mathcal{K}))$  iff  
 $\mathcal{K}$  is closed under elementary equivalence and ultra-products  
 iff  $\mathcal{K}$  is an elementary class.

(SYNTACTIC)  $\text{Der}(T) = \{\theta \mid T \vdash \theta\} = \text{Th}(\text{Mod}(T))$ .

► **Syntactic Completeness of Theory T:**

For any formula  $\varphi$ : either  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi$  or  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \neg\varphi$ .

That is *Negation* Completeness:  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \neg\varphi \iff T \not\vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi$ .

*Conjunction* Completeness:  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \wedge \psi \iff T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \ \& \ T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \psi$ .

*Disjunction* Completeness:  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \vee \psi \iff T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \text{ or } T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \psi$ .

*Implication* Completeness:  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \rightarrow \psi \iff T \not\vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi \text{ or } T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \psi$ .

*Universal* Completeness:  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \forall x\varphi \iff T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi(x)$  for all  $x$ .

*Existential* Completeness:  $T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \exists x\varphi \iff T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi(t)$  for an  $t$ .

It all makes sense in the case of

► **Consistency of Theory T:**

For any formula  $\varphi$ : either  $T \not\vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi$  or  $T \not\vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \neg\varphi$ .

$$T \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \neg\varphi \implies T \not\vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi.$$

## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

(SYNTACTIC) Completeness and Consistency  $\equiv$

(SEMANTIC) Completeness and Soundness w.r.t a Class of  
Equivalent Models.

$$\equiv \forall \varphi : T \vdash \neg \varphi \iff T \not\vdash \varphi.$$

- (Syn.) Complete + Consistent  $\iff$  Maximally Consistent.
- So, by Axiom of Choice, every Theory *can be* COMPLETED.  
But not in an effective (algorithmic) way !

## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

- ▶ **Axiomatizable Theory:** A Consistent Theory whose Axioms can be Algorithmically Listed (be Recursively Enumerable).
  - Then, the Theorems of the Theory will be R.E. too.
- ▶ A(n Axiomatizable) Theory is called *Decidable* if the set of its Theorems is Decidable (Recursive).
- ▶ A(n Axiomatizable) Theory  $T$  is *Completable* if there exists a(n axiomatizable) Complete Theory  $T'$  extending  $T (\subseteq T')$ .

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From a Logician's Point of View:

- (SYNTACTIC) Complete  $\implies$  Decidable  $\implies$  Completable.

## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

- $T$  is Complete  $\implies T$  is Decidable:

Since  $\{\theta \mid T \vdash \theta\}$  is R.E. then  $\{\theta \mid T \not\vdash \theta\} = \{\theta \mid T \vdash \neg\theta\}$  is R.E.  
So,  $\{\theta \mid T \vdash \theta\}$  is Decidable (Recursive).

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- $T$  is Decidable  $\implies T$  is Completable:

The Henkin Construction for a Completion of  $T$  is effective,  
when  $T$  is Decidable.

Thus that Completion is also Decidable; so  $T$  is Completable.

## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

- Does Decidability (of T)  $\implies$  Completeness (of T)?

NO: Monadic Predicate Logic (without Equality –  
 Unary Relations Only [like  $P(x)$ ]).  
 Decidable but Incomplete ( $\not\vdash \forall x P(x)$  &  $\not\vdash \exists x \neg P(x)$ ).

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- Completeness  $\implies$  Decidability.

$\not\Leftarrow$



## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

- Does Completability (of T)  $\implies$  Decidability (of T)?

NO: First-Order Logic with equality is UNDecidable  
(by Church's Theorem)

but Completable:

$$\text{Logic} + \forall x \forall y (x = y).$$

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- Decidability  $\implies$  Completability.  
 ~~$\implies$~~

## Completeness vs. Incompleteness of Kurt Gödel

- Incompleteness  $\implies$  Undecidability  $\implies$  Incompleteness  
 $\not\Leftarrow$   $\not\Leftarrow$

► Incompletable = Essentially Undecidable

A Simple Example of an Incompletable Theory ?  
 With a Simple Proof of its Incompleteness?



Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem ...

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

## A Complete Theory

Axioms  $A_L$  over the language  $\langle 0, \mathbf{S}, < \rangle$ :

- $\forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow y \not< x)$
- $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x < y \wedge y < z \rightarrow x < z)$
- $\forall x \forall y (x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x)$
- $\forall x (x \not< 0)$
- $\forall x \forall y (x < \mathbf{S}(y) \leftrightarrow x < y \vee x = y)$
- $\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y [y = \mathbf{S}(x)])$

This Axiomatizes the Theory  $\langle \mathbb{N}, 0, \mathbf{S}, < \rangle$ .

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

A Ternary Predicate  $\mathcal{T}(e, x, t) =$

The (single-input) Algorithm (with code)  $e$  with input  $x$  takes time  $t$  to halt (and it indeed halts).

Let the Theory  $A_S$  be  $A_L +$

$$\{\mathcal{T}(\bar{e}, \bar{x}, \bar{t}) \mid \mathbb{N} \models \mathcal{T}(e, x, t)\}$$

where  $\bar{n}$  is  $\underbrace{\mathbf{S} \dots \mathbf{S}}_{n \text{ times}}(0)$ .

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Theory  $A_S$  is UnDecidable but Completable.

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

A Completion:

$$A_S + \forall y \forall x \forall z \mathcal{T}(y, x, z).$$

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UnDecidability of  $A_S$ :

Was  $A_S$  decidable then Halting Problem would be solvable:

Take  $e$  and  $x$ , form  $\varphi_{e,x} = \exists t \mathcal{T}(\bar{e}, \bar{x}, z)$ .

$A_S \vdash \varphi_{e,x} \iff \mathbb{N} \models \mathcal{T}(e, x, t)$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{N} \iff$

Program  $e$  with Input  $x$  eventually halts.

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

UnDecidability of  $A_S$  Directly:

If  $\{\theta \mid A_S \vdash \theta\}$  is Decidable, then so is

$$\mathfrak{D} = \{n \mid A_S \not\vdash \exists z \mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \bar{n}, z)\}.$$

Let the Algorithm (with code)  $e$  halt on  $x$  whenever  $x \in \mathfrak{D}$  and does not halt (loop forever) whenever  $x \notin \mathfrak{D}$ .

Then Algorithm (with code)  $e$  with input  $e$ :

- (Algorithm  $e$  Halts in time  $t$  on input  $e$ )  $\iff$   
 $\iff [\mathbb{N} \models \mathcal{T}(n, n, t)] \iff [\mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \bar{n}, \bar{t}) \in A_S] \iff$   
 $\iff [A_S \vdash \exists z \mathcal{T}(\bar{e}, \bar{e}, z)] \iff [e \notin \mathfrak{D}] \iff$   
 (Algorithm  $e$  does NOT halt on input  $e$ )!

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The Proof Works for Every Sound  $T \supseteq A_S$  (s.t.  $\mathbb{N} \models T$ ).

So,  $A_S$  is NOT Soundly Completable.

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

So, we can complete  $A_S$  as  $A_S + \forall y \forall x \forall z \mathcal{T}(y, x, z)$ .

But there is no complete  $T \supseteq A_S$  such that  $\mathbb{N} \models T$ .

Thus  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{N}, 0, \mathbf{S}, <, \mathcal{T})$  is NOT R.E.

The Proof is the Classical Argument:

A Sound Theory (of  $\mathbb{N}$ ) Can Not Be Complete: Because of the Existence of a Definable non-E.R. Set, or an R.E. Set Which is Not Decidable. For example,  $K = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \in W_n\}$  is R.E. and UnDecidable. Thus  $\bar{K} = \{n \mid n \notin W_n\}$  is not R.E. For a Sound Theory  $T$ , we have the R.E. Set  $\{m \mid T \vdash "m \notin W_m"\} \subset \bar{K}$ . So, there must Exist some  $n \in \bar{K}$  for which  $T \not\vdash "n \notin W_n"$ . Thus  $(\mathbb{N} \models) "n \notin W_n"$  is a True Sentence which is Not  $T$ -Provable.

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

Let  $A_T$  be  $A_S + \{\neg\mathcal{T}(\bar{e}, \bar{x}, \bar{t}) \mid \mathbb{N} \models \neg\mathcal{T}(e, x, t)\}$   
 in a Language that Contains a (Definable) Pairing Function  $\pi$ .

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So,  $A_T$  is Axiomatized over  $\langle 0, \mathbf{S}, <, \mathcal{T}, \pi \rangle$  by

- $\forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow y \not< x)$
- $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x < y \wedge y < z \rightarrow x < z)$
- $\forall x \forall y (x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x)$
- $\forall x (x \not< 0)$
- $\forall x \forall y (x < \mathbf{S}(y) \leftrightarrow x < y \vee x = y)$
- $\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y [y = \mathbf{S}(x)])$
- $\{ \mathcal{T}(\bar{e}, \bar{x}, \bar{t}) \mid \mathbb{N} \models \mathcal{T}(e, x, t) \}$
- $\{ \neg\mathcal{T}(\bar{e}, \bar{x}, \bar{t}) \mid \mathbb{N} \models \neg\mathcal{T}(e, x, t) \}$
- $\forall x \forall y \forall u \forall v \left( \pi(x, y) = \pi(u, v) \iff x = u \wedge y = v \right)$



## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

Theory  $A_T$  is Consistent (and  $\mathbb{N}$ -Sound) but  
INCOMPLETABLE:

- ▶ Let  $\varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle} = \exists x[\mathcal{T}(\bar{k}, \pi(\bar{k}, \bar{l}), x) \wedge \forall y \leq x \neg \mathcal{T}(\bar{l}, \pi(\bar{k}, \bar{l}), y)]$ .
- If  $T \supseteq A_T$  is Complete (Not-Sound), then are Decidable:
  - $\{\langle k, l \rangle \mid T \vdash \varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle}\}$  and  $\{\langle k, l \rangle \mid T \vdash \neg \varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle}\}$ .
- ▶ Let Algorithm (with code)  $m$  on input  $\langle k, l \rangle$  Halt, Whenever  $T \vdash \varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle}$  and Never Halt Whenever  $T \not\vdash \varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle}$ .
- ▶ Let Algorithm (with code)  $n$  on input  $\langle k, l \rangle$  Halt, Whenever  $T \vdash \neg \varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle}$  and Never Halt Whenever  $T \not\vdash \neg \varphi_{\langle k,l \rangle}$ .

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

Algorithm (with code)  $m$  on input  $\langle k, l \rangle$  Halts Whenever

$\mathsf{T} \vdash \varphi_{\langle k, l \rangle}$  and Never Halts Whenever  $\mathsf{T} \not\vdash \varphi_{\langle k, l \rangle}$ .

Algorithm (with code)  $n$  on input  $\langle k, l \rangle$  Halts Whenever

$\mathsf{T} \vdash \neg\varphi_{\langle k, l \rangle}$  and Never Halts Whenever  $\mathsf{T} \not\vdash \neg\varphi_{\langle k, l \rangle}$ .

Consider  $\varphi_{\langle n, m \rangle}$ : Was  $\mathsf{T}$  Complete, then

either  $\mathsf{T} \vdash \varphi_{\langle n, m \rangle}$  or  $\mathsf{T} \vdash \neg\varphi_{\langle n, m \rangle}$ .

We Will Get A Contradiction For Each Case ...

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

- If  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \varphi_{\langle n,m \rangle}$  Then  $\mathbf{T} \not\vdash \neg\varphi_{\langle n,m \rangle}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}(m, \pi(n, m), t)$  holds for some  $t$  and  $\neg\mathcal{T}(n, \pi(n, m), s)$  holds for every  $s$ . Also  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \exists x[\mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), x) \wedge \forall y \leq x \neg\mathcal{T}(\bar{m}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), y)]$ . Since  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \mathcal{T}(\bar{m}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), \bar{t})$ , then  $x_0 < \bar{t}$ . Whence,  $\bigvee_{\{i < \bar{t}\}} x_0 = \bar{i}$ , but then  $A_T \vdash \bigwedge_{\{i < t\}} \neg\mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), \bar{i})$ , so  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \neg\mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), x_0)$ . **Contradiction!**
- If  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \neg\varphi_{\langle n,m \rangle}$  Then  $\mathbf{T} \not\vdash \varphi_{\langle n,m \rangle}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{T}(n, \pi(n, m), t)$  holds for some  $t$  and  $\neg\mathcal{T}(m, \pi(n, m), s)$  holds for every  $s$ . Also  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \forall x[\mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), x) \rightarrow \exists y \leq x \mathcal{T}(\bar{m}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), y)]$ . Since  $A_T \vdash \mathcal{T}(\bar{n}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), \bar{t})$ , then  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \mathcal{T}(\bar{m}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), y_0)$  for some  $y_0 \leq \bar{t}$ . But then  $\bigvee_{\{i \leq t\}} y_0 = \bar{i}$  and  $A_T \subseteq \mathbf{T} \vdash \bigwedge_{\{i \leq t\}} \neg\mathcal{T}(\bar{m}, \pi(\bar{n}, \bar{m}), \bar{i})$ . **Contradiction!**

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

- ▷ The Proof Resembles Rosser's Strengthening of Gödel's Theorem for ALL CONSISTENT Theories, instead of Sound or  $\omega$ -CONSISTENT Theories.
- ▷ The Proof is Effective:  
For any (Hypothetical Code for) Enumeration of  $T$ , one can effectively find a (Gödel-Rosser)  $T$ -independent Sentence.
- ▷ Any Theory Capable of Interpreting  $A_T$  is INCOMPLETABLE = Essentially Undecidable=Essentially Incomplete.  
Like Robinson's Arithmetic  $Q$  or  $PRA$  or ...
- ▷ In the Proof Was Avoided:  
Coding of Syntax (Coding of Algorithms Was Needed)  
Constructing Gödel Sentence (I Am Not Provable)  
Finding a Fixed Point Formula (Diagonalization)

## Kurt Gödel's Incompleteness . . . COMPUTATIONALLY

- ▷ By Relativizing the arguments to a DEFINABLE ORACLE  
Tarski's Theorem on the Undefinability of Truth.
- ▷ By Finitely Axiomatizing  $A_T$   
Church's Theorem on the Undecidability of Logic.
- ▷ By Finitely Axiomatizing  $A_T$   
We Find a Theory  $A_U$  such that  
Gödel's Second Incompleteness Theorem  
Can Be Proved For Every Theory  $T \supseteq A_U$ .
- ▷ Then One Can Also Prove Rice's Theorem  
For R.E. Theories ...

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