

Defying Gödel: Let's Prove Consistency of PA

A Crash Course on Proof Theory

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The true consistency of PA, however, does not belong to this realm. $\text{Con}(-)$ is just a particular type of sentences Gödel utilizes to show a general incompleteness phenomenon.

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The ordinal strength of PRA is ω^ω . Hence, PRA is weaker than PA but well-foundedness of ϵ_0 is stronger. Together, PRA + well-foundedness of ϵ_0 is neither stronger nor weaker than PA. That's how we avoid Gödel's incompleteness.

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 $PA = HA + LEM$ where LEM is Law of Excluded Middle.

HA fits in the idea of constructive mathematics: each proof conducted in HA has a **realizer** that captures the constructive information that the conclusion demands.

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They are all valid in PA but none of them is true in HA from constructive point of view.

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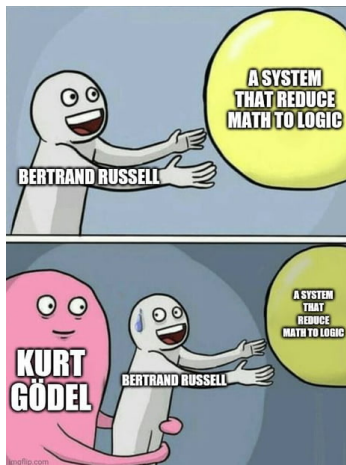
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