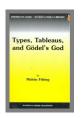
# Formalization, Mechanization and Automation of Gödel's Proof of God's Existence

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A gift to Priest Edvaldo and his church in Piracicaba, Brazil



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# Wohl eine jede Philosophie kreist um den ontologischen Gottesbeweis

(Adorno, Th. W.: Negative Dialektik. Frankfurt a. M. 1966, p.378)



# Rich history on ontological arguments (pros and cons)



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# Different Interests in Ontological Arguments:

- Philosophical: Boundaries of Metaphysics & Epistemology
  - We talk about a metaphysical concept (God),
  - but we want to draw a conclusion for the real world.
  - Necessary Existence (NE): metaphysical NE vs. logical NE vs. modal NE
- Theistic: Successful argument should convince atheists.
- Our: Can computers (theorem provers) be used
  - to formalize the definitions and axioms?
  - to verify the arguments step-by-step?
  - to fully automate (sub-)arguments?

"Computer-assisted Theoretical Philosophy"



### Introduction

Main challenge: No provers for Higher-order Modal Logic (HML)

Our solution: Embedding in Higher-order Classical Logic (HOL)

[BenzmüllerPaulson, Logica Universalis, 2013]

# What we did (rough outline for remaining presentation!):

A: Pen and paper: detailed natural deduction proof

B: Formalization: in classical higher-order logic (HOL)

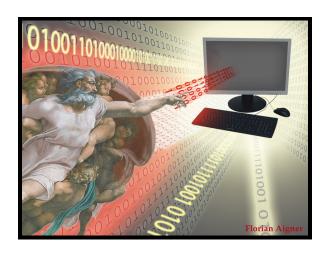
Automation: theorem provers Leo-II and Satallax

Consistency: model finder Nitpick (Nitrox)

C: Step-by-step verification: proof assistant Coo

D: Automation & verification: proof assistant Isabelle

Did we get new results? Yes — let's discuss this later!



Part A:
Informal Proof and Natural Deduction Proof

# Gödel's Manuscript (1970)

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### Versions

- A1 Either a property is positive or its negation is (never both):  $\forall \phi[P(\neg \phi) \leftrightarrow \neg P(\phi)]$ A2 A property necessarily implied by a positive property is
- positive:  $\forall \phi \forall \psi [(P(\phi) \land \Box \forall x [\phi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)]) \rightarrow P(\psi)]$ T1 Positive properties are possibly exemplified:  $\forall \phi [P(\phi) \rightarrow \Diamond \exists x \phi(x)]$
- D1 A *God-like* being possesses all positive properties:  $G(x) \leftrightarrow \forall \phi [P(\phi) \rightarrow \phi(x)]$
- A3 The property of being God-like is positive: P(G)C Possibly, God exists:  $\diamondsuit \exists x G(x)$
- A4 Positive properties are necessarily positive:
  - You properties are necessarily positive:  $\forall \phi[P(\phi) \rightarrow \Box P(\phi)]$
- D2 An *essence* of an individual is a property possessed by it and necessarily implying any of its properties:  $\phi \ ess \ x \leftrightarrow \phi(x) \land \forall \psi(\psi(x) \rightarrow \Box \forall y(\phi(y) \rightarrow \psi(y)))$
- T2 Being God-like is an essence of any God-like being:  $\forall x [G(x) \rightarrow G \ ess \ x]$
- D3 Necessary existence of an individual is the necessary exemplification of all its essences:  $E(x) \leftrightarrow \forall \phi [\phi \ ess \ x \rightarrow \Box \exists y \phi(y)]$
- A5 Necessary existence is a positive property:
- $\Box \exists x G(x)$

P(E)

T3 Necessarily, God exists:

### **Proof Overview**

**D1:** 
$$G(x) \equiv \forall \varphi.[P(\varphi) \rightarrow \varphi(x)]$$
  
**D2:**  $\varphi \ ess \ x \equiv \varphi(x) \land \forall \psi.(\psi(x) \rightarrow \Box \forall x.(\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)))$   
**D3:**  $E(x) \equiv \forall \varphi.[\varphi \ ess \ x \rightarrow \Box \exists y.\varphi(y)]$ 

**T3:**  $\Box \exists x.G(x)$ 

### **Natural Deduction Calculus**

$$\frac{A}{A} \quad \overline{B}$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

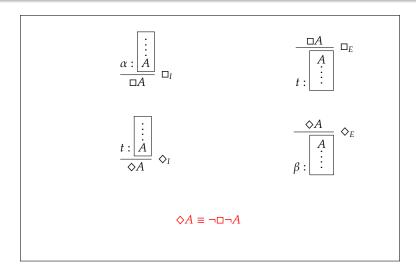
$$\frac{A \vee B \quad \overline{C} \quad \overline{C}}{C} \vee_{E} \qquad \frac{A}{A \wedge B} \wedge_{I} \qquad \frac{B}{A \to B} \rightarrow_{I}^{n}$$

$$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \vee_{I_{1}} \qquad \frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge_{E_{1}} \qquad \frac{B}{A \to B} \rightarrow_{I}$$

$$\frac{B}{A \vee B} \vee_{I_{2}} \qquad \frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge_{E_{2}} \qquad \frac{A}{B} \rightarrow_{E}$$

$$\frac{A[\alpha]}{\forall x.A[x]} \vee_{I} \qquad \frac{\forall x.A[x]}{A[t]} \vee_{E} \qquad \frac{A[t]}{\exists x.A[x]} \exists_{I} \qquad \frac{\exists x.A[x]}{A[\beta]} \exists_{E}$$

$$\neg A \equiv A \to \bot$$



# Natural Deduction Proofs T1 and C1

$$\frac{\frac{\mathbf{A2}}{\forall \varphi. \forall \psi. [(P(\varphi) \land \Box \forall x. [\varphi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)]) \rightarrow P(\psi)]}}{\forall \psi. [(P(\rho) \land \Box \forall x. [\rho(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)]) \rightarrow P(\psi)]} \forall_{E}$$

$$\frac{P(\varphi) \land \Box \forall x. [\rho(x) \rightarrow \neg \rho(x)]) \rightarrow P(\neg \rho)}{(P(\varphi) \land \Box \forall x. [\neg \rho(x)]) \rightarrow P(\neg \rho)} \forall_{E}$$

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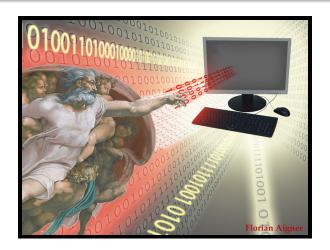
$$\frac{\mathbf{A3}}{P(G)} \frac{\nabla \varphi. [P(\varphi) \rightarrow \Diamond \exists x. \varphi(x)]}{P(G) \rightarrow \Diamond \exists x. G(x)} \forall_{E}$$

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# Natural Deduction Proofs T2 (Partial)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & \square P(\psi)^7 & \square_E & \neg \Pi_3 \\ \hline P(\psi) & \square_E & P(\psi) & \forall x. (\overrightarrow{G}(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline & \square P(\psi) & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline & \square P(\psi) & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) & \neg Vx. (G(x) \to \psi(x)) \\ \hline \end{array}$$



# Part B:

Formalization: Automation: Consistency: in classical higher-order logic (HOL) theorem provers Leo-II and Satallax model finder Nitpick (Nitrox)

Main challenge: No provers for Higher-order Modal Logic (HML)

Our solution: Embedding in *Higher-order Classical Logic* (HOL)

Then use existing HOL theorem provers for reasoning in HML

[BenzmüllerPaulson, Logica Universalis, 2013]

Previous empiricial findings:

Embedding of First-order Modal Logic in HOL works well

[BenzmüllerOttenRaths, ECAI, 2012]

[Benzmüller, LPAR, 2013]

$$\mathsf{HML} \quad \varphi, \psi \ ::= \ \dots | \neg \varphi | \varphi \land \psi | \varphi \rightarrow \psi | \square \varphi | \diamond \varphi | \forall x \varphi | \exists x \varphi | \forall P \varphi$$

Kripke style semantics (possible world semantics)

$$s,t ::= C |x| \lambda xs |st| \neg s |s \lor t| \forall x t$$

- meanwhile very well understood
- Henkin semantics vs. standard semantics
- various theorem provers do exists

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interactive: Isabelle/HOL, HOL4, Hol Light, Coq/HOL, PVS, ... automated: TPS, LEO-II, Satallax, Nitpick, Isabelle/HOL, ...
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HOL  $s, t ::= C | x | \lambda x s | s t | \neg s | s \lor t | \forall x t$ 

HML in HOL: HML formulas  $\varphi$  are mapped to HOL predicates  $\varphi_{\iota \to 0}$ 

The equations in Ax are given as axioms to the HOL provers!

(Remark: We are here dealing with constant domain quantification.)

# Example

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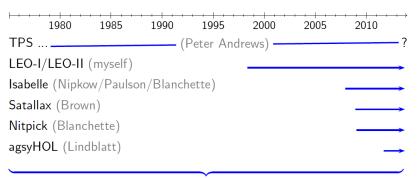
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### Automated Theorem Provers and Model Finders for HOL



- all accept TPTP THF Syntax [SutcliffeBenzmüller, J.Form.Reas, 2009]
  - can be called remotely via SystemOnTPTP at Miami
  - they significantly gained in strength over the last years
    - they can be bundled into a combined prover HOL-P

Exploit HOL with Henkin semantics as metalogic

Automate other logics (& combinations) via semantic embeddings

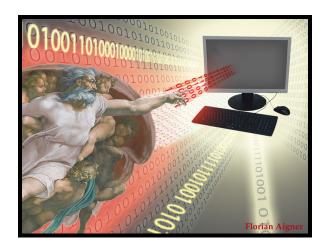
— HOL-P becomes a Universal Reasoner —

# Proof Automation and Consistencey Checking: Demo!

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MacBook-Chris % ./call_tptp.sh T3.p
Asking various HOL-ATPs in Miami remotely (thanks to Geoff Sutcliffe)
MacBook-Chris % agsyHOL---1.0 : T3.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_7L4x_Y - agsyHOL---1.0 says Unknown - CPU = 0.00 WC = 0.02
LEO-II---1.6.0 : T3.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_E4SCha - LEO-II---1.6.0 says Theorem - CPU = 0.03 WC = 0.09
Satallax---2.7 : T3.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_kVZ1cB - Satallax---2.7 says Theorem - CPU = 0.00 WC = 0.14
Isabelle---2013 : T3.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_xa0aEp - Isabelle---2013 says Theorem - CPU = 14.06 WC = 17.73 SolvedBy = auto
TPS---3.12060151b : T3.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT ROEgsg - TPS---3.12060151b says Unknown - CPU = 33.56 WC = 41.57
Nitrox---2013 : T3.p ++++++ RESULT: S0T WGY1Tx - Nitrox---2013 says Unknown - CPU = 75.55 WC = 49.24
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Nitrox---2013 : Consistency.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_HUZ10C - Nitrox---2013 says Satisfiable - CPU = 6.56 WC = 8.50
TPS---3.120601S1b : Consistency.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_fpJxTM - TPS---3.120601S1b says Unknown - CPU = 43.00 WC = 49.42
Isabelle---2013 : Consistency,p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_6Tpp9i - Isabelle---2013 says Unknown - CPU = 69.96 WC = 72.62
LEO-II---1.6.0 : Consistency.p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_dY10si - LEO-II---1.6.0 says Timeout - CPU = 90 WC = 89.86
Satallax---2.7 : Consistency,p ++++++ RESULT: SOT_09WSLf - Satallax---2.7 says Timeout - CPU = 90 WC = 90.50
MacBook-Chris %
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Provers are called remotely in Miami — no local installation needed!





**Part C:** Formalization and Verification in Coq

- Goal: verification of the natural deduction proof
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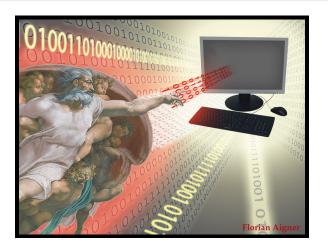
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Part D: automation & verification: proof assistant Isabelle





Overview

Installation

Community
Site Mirrors:

Combridge (Luk)

Isabele is a generic proof assistant. It allows mathematical formulas to be expressed in a formal language and provides tools for proving those formulas in a logical calculus. Isabelle is developed at University of Cambridge (Larry Paulson), Technische Universität München (Tobias Nipkow) and Université Paris-Sud (Makarius Werzel). See the Isabelle overview for a brief introduction.

#### Now available: Isabelle2013



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#### Some highlights:

- Improvements of Isabelle/Scala and Isabelle/iEdit Prover IDE.
- Advanced build tool based on Isabelle/Scala.
- . Updated manuals: isar-ref, implementation, system.
- . Pure: improved support for block-structured specification contexts.
- HOL tool enhancements: Sledgehammer, Lifting, Quickcheck.
- . HOL library enhancements: HOL-Library, HOL-Probability, HOL-Cardinals.
- . HOL: New BNF-based (co)datatype package.
- Improved performance thanks to Poly/ML 5.5.0.

See also the cumulative NEWS.

#### **Distribution & Support**

Isabelle is distributed for free under the BSD license. It includes source and binary packages and documentation, see the detailed installation instructions. A vast collection of isabelle examples and applications is available from the <a href="Archive of Formal Proofs">Archive of Formal Proofs</a>.

Support is available by ample documentation, the Isabelle community Wiki, and the following mailing lists:

- isabelle-users@cl.cam.ac.uk provides a forum for Isabelle users to discuss problems, exchange information, and make announcements. Users of official
- Isabelle releases should <u>subscribe</u> or see the <u>archive</u> (also available via <u>Google groups</u> and <u>Narkive</u>).
- isabelle-dev@in.tum.de covers the Isabelle development process, including intermediate repository versions, and administrative issues concerning the
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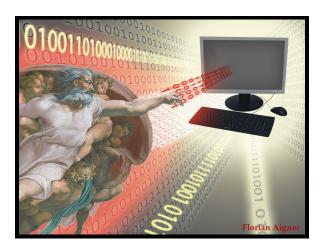
# Isabelle/HOL (Cambridge University/TU Munich)

- HOL instance of the generic Isabelle proof assistant
- User interaction and proof automation
- Automation is supported by Sledgehammer tool
- Verification of the proofs in Isabelle/HOL's small proof kernel

### What have we done?

- Proof automation of Gödel's proof script (Scott version)
- SLEDGHAMMER makes calls to remote THF provers in Miami
- These calls the suggest respective calls to the Metis prover
- Metis proofs are verified in Isabelle/HOL's proof kernel

See the handout (generated from the Isabelle source file).



Part E: Criticisms

$$\forall P. [\lozenge \Box P \to \Box P]$$

$$\Diamond \Box (A \lor \neg A) \qquad \Box (A \lor \neg A)$$

logical necessity ~ validity

logical possibility ~ satisfiability

for all M  $M \models F$   $\longrightarrow$   $\Box F$ 

exists  $M, M \models F \longrightarrow \Diamond F$ 

What about iterations?

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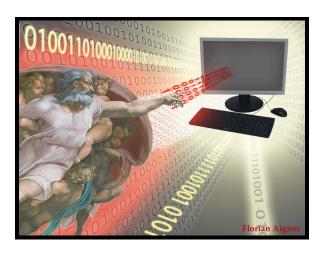
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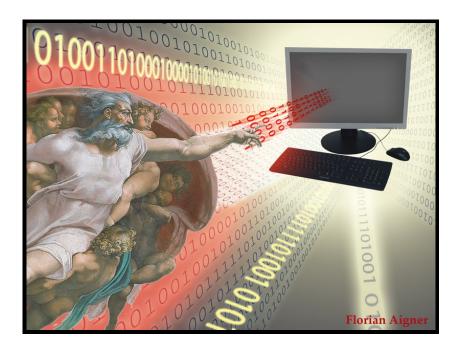
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#### What have we achieved

- Verification of Gödel's ontological argument with HOL provers
  - exact parameters known: constant domain quantification, Henkin Semantics
  - parameters can be varied and experiments can repeated
- Gained some novel results and insights
- Major step towards Computer-assisted Theoretical Philosophy
  - see also Ed Zalta's Computational Metaphysics project at Stanford University
  - remember Leibniz' dictum Calculemus!
- Highly fascinating bridge between CS, Philosophy and Theology
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#### Future Work

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