

Gödel's God in Isabelle/HOL

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A1	Either a property or its negation is positive, but not both:	$\forall\phi[P(\neg\phi) \leftrightarrow \neg P(\phi)]$
A2	A property necessarily implied by a positive property is positive:	$\forall\phi\forall\psi[(P(\phi) \wedge \Box\forall x[\phi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)]) \rightarrow P(\psi)]$
T1	Positive properties are possibly exemplified:	$\forall\phi[P(\phi) \rightarrow \Diamond\exists x\phi(x)]$
D1	A <i>God-like</i> 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:	$\Diamond\exists xG(x)$
A4	Positive properties are necessarily positive:	$\forall\phi[P(\phi) \rightarrow \Box P(\phi)]$
D2	An <i>essence</i> of an individual is a property possessed by it and necessarily implying any of its properties:	$\phi \text{ ess. } x \leftrightarrow \phi(x) \wedge \forall\psi(\psi(x) \rightarrow \Box\forall y(\phi(y) \rightarrow \psi(y)))$
T2	Being God-like is an essence of any God-like being:	$\forall x[G(x) \rightarrow G \text{ ess. } x]$
D3	<i>Necessary existence</i> of an individual is the necessary exemplification of all its essences:	$NE(x) \leftrightarrow \forall\phi[\phi \text{ ess. } x \rightarrow \Box\exists y\phi(y)]$
A5	Necessary existence is a positive property:	$P(NE)$
T3	Necessarily, God exists:	$\Box\exists xG(x)$

1 Introduction

A formalization and (partial) automation of Dana Scott's version [11] of Goedel's ontological argument [8] in quantified modal logic KB (QML KB) is presented. QML KB is in turn modeled as a fragment of classical higher-order logic (HOL). Thus, the formalization is essentially a formalization in HOL. The employed embedding of QML KB in HOL is adapting the work of Benz Müller and Paulson [2, 1]. Note that the QML KB formalization employs quantification over individuals and quantification over sets of individuals (poperties).

The formalization presented here has been carried out and verified in the Isabelle/HOL proof assistant; for more information on this system see the textbook by Nipkow, Paulson, and Wenzel [10]. More recent tutorials on Isabelle can be found at: <http://isabelle.in.tum.de>.

Some further notes:

1. This LaTeX text document has been produced automatically from the Isabelle source code document at <https://github.com/FormalTheology/GoedelGod/tree/master/Formalizations/Isabelle/GoedelGodSession> with the Isabelle build tool.
2. The formalization presented here is related to the THF [13] and Coq [4] formalizations at <https://github.com/FormalTheology/GoedelGod/tree/master/Formalizations/>.

3. All reasoning gaps in Scott's proof script have been automated with Sledgehammer [5], performing remote calls to the higher-order automated theorem prover LEO-II [3]. These calls suggest the Metis [9] calls as given below. The Metis proofs are verified in Isabelle/HOL.
4. For consistency checking, the model finder Nitpick [6] has been employed.

2 An Embedding of QML KB in HOL

The types i for possible worlds (or states) and μ for individuals are introduced.

typeddecl i — the type for possible worlds
typeddecl μ — the type for individuals

Possible worlds are connected by an accessibility relation r .

consts $r :: i \Rightarrow i \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ (**infixr** r 70) — accessibility relation r

The B axiom (symmetry) for relation r is stated. B is needed only for proving theorem T3.

axiomatization where $\text{sym}: x\ r\ y \longrightarrow y\ r\ x$

QML formulas are identified with certain HOL terms of type $i \Rightarrow \text{bool}$. This type will be abbreviated in the remainder as σ .

type-synonym $\sigma = (i \Rightarrow \text{bool})$

The classical connectives $\neg, \wedge, \rightarrow$, and \forall (over individuals and over sets of individuals) and \exists (over individuals) are lifted to type σ . The lifted connectives are $m\neg, m\wedge, m\Rightarrow, \forall, \Pi$, and \exists . Further connectives could be introduced analogously. Definitions could be used instead of abbreviations.

abbreviation $mnot :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ ($m\neg$) **where** $m\neg\ \varphi \equiv (\lambda w. \neg\ \varphi\ w)$
abbreviation $mand :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** $m\wedge$ 79) **where** $m\wedge\ \varphi\ \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \varphi\ w \wedge \psi\ w)$
abbreviation $mimplies :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** $m\Rightarrow$ 74) **where** $m\Rightarrow\ \varphi\ \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \varphi\ w \longrightarrow \psi\ w)$
abbreviation $mforall\text{-ind} :: (\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\forall) **where** $\forall\ \Phi \equiv (\lambda w. \forall x. \Phi\ x\ w)$
abbreviation $mforall\text{-indset} :: ((\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$ (Π) **where** $\Pi\ P \equiv (\lambda w. \forall x. P\ x\ w)$
abbreviation $mexists\text{-ind} :: (\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\exists) **where** $\exists\ \Phi \equiv (\lambda w. \exists x. \Phi\ x\ w)$
abbreviation $mbox :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\Box) **where** $\Box\ \varphi \equiv (\lambda w. \forall v. \neg\ w\ r\ v \vee \varphi\ v)$
abbreviation $mdia :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\Diamond) **where** $\Diamond\ \varphi \equiv (\lambda w. \exists v. w\ r\ v \wedge \varphi\ v)$

For grounding lifted formulas, the meta-predicate *valid* is introduced.

abbreviation $valid :: \sigma \Rightarrow \text{bool}$ ($[-]$) **where** $[p] \equiv \forall w. p\ w$

3 Gödel's Ontological Argument

Constant symbol P (Gödel's 'Positive') is declared.

consts $P :: (\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$

The meaning of P is restricted by axioms $A1(a/b): \forall \phi [P(\neg \phi) \leftrightarrow \neg P(\phi)]$ (Either a property or its negation is positive, but not both.) and $A2: \forall \phi \forall \psi [(P(\phi) \wedge \Box \forall x [\phi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)]) \rightarrow P(\psi)]$ (A property necessarily implied by a positive property is positive).

axiomatization where

A1a: $[\Pi (\lambda \Phi. P (\lambda x. m \neg (\Phi x)) m \Rightarrow m \neg (P \Phi))]$ **and**
A1b: $[\Pi (\lambda \Phi. m \neg (P \Phi) m \Rightarrow P (\lambda x. m \neg (\Phi x)))]$ **and**
A2: $[\Pi (\lambda \Phi. \Pi (\lambda \psi. (P \Phi m \wedge \Box (\forall (\lambda x. \Phi x m \Rightarrow \psi x))) m \Rightarrow P \psi))]$

We prove theorem *T1*: $\forall \varphi [P(\varphi) \rightarrow \Diamond \exists x \varphi(x)]$ (Positive properties are possibly exemplified). *T1* is proved directly by Sledgehammer with command *sledgehammer [provers = remote-leo2]*. This successful attempt then suggests to instead try the Metis call in the line below. This Metis call generates a proof object that is verified in Isabelle/HOL's kernel.

theorem *T1*: $[\Pi (\lambda \Phi. P \Phi m \Rightarrow \Diamond (\exists \Phi))]$
sledgehammer *[provers = remote-leo2]*
by (*metis A1a A2*)

Next, the symbol *G* for ‘God-like’ is introduced and defined as $G(x) \leftrightarrow \forall \phi [P(\phi) \rightarrow \phi(x)]$ (A God-like being possesses all positive properties).

definition *G* :: $\mu \Rightarrow \sigma$ **where** $G = (\lambda x. \Pi (\lambda \Phi. P \Phi m \Rightarrow \Phi x))$

Axiom *A3* is added: $P(G)$ (The property of being God-like is positive). Sledgehammer and Metis then prove corollary *C*: $\Diamond \exists x G(x)$ (Possibly, God exists).

axiomatization where *A3*: $[P G]$

corollary *C*: $[\Diamond (\exists G)]$
sledgehammer *[provers = remote-leo2]* **by** (*metis A3 T1*)

Axiom *A4* is added: $\forall \phi [P(\phi) \rightarrow \Box P(\phi)]$ (Positive properties are necessarily positive).

axiomatization where *A4*: $[\Pi (\lambda \Phi. P \Phi m \Rightarrow \Box (P \Phi))]$

Symbol *ess* for ‘Essence’ is introduced and defined as $\phi \text{ ess. } x \leftrightarrow \phi(x) \wedge \forall \psi (\psi(x) \rightarrow \Box \forall y (\phi(y) \rightarrow \psi(y)))$ (An *essence* of an individual is a property possessed by it and necessarily implying any of its properties).

definition *ess* :: $(\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \mu \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** *ess* 85) **where**
 $\Phi \text{ ess } x = \Phi x m \wedge \Pi (\lambda \psi. \psi x m \Rightarrow \Box (\forall (\lambda y. \Phi y m \Rightarrow \psi y)))$

Next, Sledgehammer and Metis prove theorem *T2*: $\forall x [G(x) \rightarrow G \text{ ess. } x]$ (Being God-like is an essence of any God-like being).

theorem *T2*: $[\forall (\lambda x. G x m \Rightarrow G \text{ ess } x)]$
sledgehammer *[provers = remote-leo2]* **by** (*metis A1b A4 G-def ess-def*)

Symbol *NE*, for ‘Necessary Existence’, is introduced and defined as $NE(x) \leftrightarrow \forall \phi [\phi \text{ ess. } x \rightarrow \Box \exists y \phi(y)]$ (Necessary existence of an individual is the necessary exemplification of all its essences).

definition *NE* :: $\mu \Rightarrow \sigma$ **where** $NE = (\lambda x. \Pi (\lambda \Phi. \Phi \text{ ess } x m \Rightarrow \Box (\exists \Phi)))$

Moreover, axiom *A5* is added: $P(NE)$ (Necessary existence is a positive property).

axiomatization where *A5*: $[P NE]$

Finally, Sledgehammer and Metis prove the main theorem *T3*: $\Box \exists x G(x)$ (Necessarily, God exists).

theorem *T3*: $[\Box (\exists G)]$

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-leo2*] **by** (*metis A5 C T2 sym G-def NE-def*)

corollary *C2*: $[\exists G]$

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-leo2*](*T1 T3 G-def sym*) **by** (*metis T1 T3 G-def sym*)

The consistency of the entire theory is checked with Nitpick.

lemma *True nitpick* [*satisfy, user-axioms, expect = genuine*] **oops**

It has been criticized that Gödel's ontological argument implies what is called the modal collapse. The prover Satallax [7] can indeed show this, but verification with Metis still fails.

lemma *MC*: $[p \Rightarrow (\Box p)]$

using *T2 T3 ess-def sym* **sledgehammer** [*provers = remote-satallax*] **oops**

4 Further results on Gödel's God.

Lifted Leibniz equality is introduced.

abbreviation *mequals* :: $\mu \Rightarrow \mu \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** *m= 90*) **where** $x \text{ m= } y \equiv \Pi (\lambda \varphi. (\varphi \ x \Rightarrow \varphi \ y))$

Gödel's God is flawless, that is, he has only positive properties.

theorem *Flawless*: $[\Pi (\lambda \varphi. \forall (\lambda x. (G \ x \Rightarrow (m \neg (P \ \varphi) \Rightarrow m \neg (\varphi \ x)))))]$

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-leo2*] **by** (*metis A1b G-def*)

Moreover, it can be shown that any two God-like beings are equal, that is, there is only one God-like being.

theorem *Monotheism*: $[\forall (\lambda x. \forall (\lambda y. (G(x) \Rightarrow (G(y) \Rightarrow (x \text{ m= } y)))))]$

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-leo2*] **by** (*metis Flawless G-def*)

Add-on: We briefly show that lifted Leibniz equality indeed denotes equality.

lemma *eqtest1*: $x = y \Rightarrow [x \text{ m= } y]$

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-leo2*] **by** *metis*

lemma *eqtest2*: $[x \text{ m= } y] \Rightarrow x = y$

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-satallax*] **oops**

5 What does Gödel mean with 'Positive' properties? And what not?

In order to better illustrate Gödel's notion of 'Positive' properties, we reformulate the entire theory and use 'Divine' instead of 'Positive'. Then we introduce orthogonal predicates 'positive' and 'negative' and we show that God-like beings may well have 'positive' and 'negative' properties as long as all these properties are divine properties.

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Accessibility relation r .

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The B axiom (symmetry).

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QML formulas are identified with certain HOL terms of type $i \Rightarrow \text{bool}$.

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The classical connectives $\neg, \wedge, \rightarrow$, and \forall (over individuals and over sets of individuals) and \exists (over individuals) are lifted to type σ .

abbreviation $m\text{not} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ ($m\neg$) **where** $m\neg \varphi \equiv (\lambda w. \neg \varphi \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{and} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** $m\wedge$ 79) **where** $m\wedge \varphi \ \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \varphi \ w \wedge \psi \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{implies} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** $m\Rightarrow$ 74) **where** $m\Rightarrow \varphi \ \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \varphi \ w \longrightarrow \psi \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{or} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** $m\vee$ 78) **where** $m\vee \varphi \ \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \varphi \ w \vee \psi \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{equiv} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (**infixr** $m\equiv$ 77) **where** $m\equiv \varphi \ \psi \equiv (\lambda w. (\varphi \ w \longrightarrow \psi \ w) \wedge (\psi \ w \longrightarrow \varphi \ w))$
abbreviation $m\text{forall-ind} :: (\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\forall) **where** $\forall \ \Phi \equiv (\lambda w. \forall x. \Phi \ x \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{forall-indset} :: ((\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$ (Π) **where** $\Pi \ P \equiv (\lambda w. \forall x. P \ x \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{exists-ind} :: (\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\exists) **where** $\exists \ \Phi \equiv (\lambda w. \exists x. \Phi \ x \ w)$
abbreviation $m\text{box} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\Box) **where** $\Box \ \varphi \equiv (\lambda w. \forall v. \neg w \ r \ v \vee \varphi \ v)$
abbreviation $m\text{dia} :: \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$ (\Diamond) **where** $\Diamond \ \varphi \equiv (\lambda w. \exists v. w \ r \ v \wedge \varphi \ v)$

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Constant symbol *Divine* (Gödel's 'Positive') is declared.

consts $\text{Divine} :: (\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$

The meaning of *Divine* is restricted by axioms $A1(a/b): \forall \phi [Divine(\neg \phi) \leftrightarrow \neg Divine(\phi)]$ (Either a property or its negation is divine, but not both.) and $A2: \forall \phi \forall \psi [(Divine(\phi) \wedge \Box \forall x [\phi(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)]) \rightarrow Divine(\psi)]$ (A property necessarily implied by a divine property is divine).

axiomatization where

$A1a: [\Pi (\lambda \Phi. Divine (\lambda x. m\neg (\Phi \ x))) \ m\Rightarrow \ m\neg (Divine \ \Phi)]$ **and**
 $A1b: [\Pi (\lambda \Phi. m\neg (Divine \ \Phi) \ m\Rightarrow \ Divine (\lambda x. m\neg (\Phi \ x)))]$ **and**
 $A2: [\Pi (\lambda \Phi. \Pi (\lambda \psi. (Divine \ \Phi \ m\wedge \Box (\forall (\lambda x. \Phi \ x \ m\Rightarrow \psi \ x))) \ m\Rightarrow \ Divine \ \psi))]$

We prove theorem T1: $\forall\phi[Divine(\phi) \rightarrow \Diamond\exists x\phi(x)]$ (Divine properties are possibly exemplified). T1 is proved directly by Sledgehammer with command *sledgehammer* [*provers* = *remote-leo2*]. This successful attempt then suggests to instead try the Metis call in the line below. This Metis call generates a proof object that is verified in Isabelle/HOL's kernel.

theorem T1: $[\Pi (\lambda\Phi. Divine \Phi m \Rightarrow \Diamond (\exists \Phi))]$
sledgehammer [*provers* = *remote-leo2*]
by (*metis* A1a A2)

Next, the symbol G for ‘God-like’ is introduced and defined as $G(x) \leftrightarrow \forall\phi[Divine(\phi) \rightarrow \phi(x)]$ (A God-like being possesses all divine properties).

definition $G :: \mu \Rightarrow \sigma$ **where** $G = (\lambda x. \Pi (\lambda\Phi. Divine \Phi m \Rightarrow \Phi x))$

Axiom A3 is added: $Divine(G)$ (The property of being God-like is divine). Sledgehammer and Metis then prove corollary C: $\Diamond\exists xG(x)$ (Possibly, God exists).

axiomatization where A3: [*Divine* G]

corollary C: $[\Diamond (\exists G)]$
sledgehammer [*provers* = *remote-leo2*] **by** (*metis* A3 T1)

Axiom A4 is added: $\forall\phi[Divine(\phi) \rightarrow \Box Divine(\phi)]$ (Divine properties are necessarily divine).

axiomatization where A4: $[\Pi (\lambda\Phi. Divine \Phi m \Rightarrow \Box (Divine \Phi))]$

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theorem T2: $[\forall (\lambda x. G x m \Rightarrow G \text{ ess } x)]$
sledgehammer [*provers* = *remote-leo2*] **by** (*metis* A1b A4 *G-def* *ess-def*)

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definition $NE :: \mu \Rightarrow \sigma$ **where** $NE = (\lambda x. \Pi (\lambda\Phi. \Phi \text{ ess } x m \Rightarrow \Box (\exists \Phi)))$

Moreover, axiom A5 is added: $Divine(NE)$ (Necessary existence is a divine property).

axiomatization where A5: [*Divine* NE]

Finally, Sledgehammer and Metis prove the main theorem T3: $\Box\exists xG(x)$ (Necessarily, God exists).

theorem T3: $[\Box (\exists G)]$
sledgehammer [*provers* = *remote-leo2*] **by** (*metis* A5 C T2 *sym* *G-def* *NE-def*)

corollary C2: $[\exists G]$
sledgehammer [*provers* = *remote-leo2*](T1 T3 *G-def* *sym*) **by** (*metis* T1 T3 *G-def* *sym*)

The consistency of the entire theory is checked with Nitpick.

lemma *True nitpick* [*satisfy, user-axioms, expect = genuine*] **oops**

It has been criticized that Gödel's ontological argument implies what is called the modal collapse. The prover Satallax [7] can indeed show this, but verification with Metis still fails.

lemma *MC*: [$p \Rightarrow (\Box p)$]

using *T2 T3 ess-def sym sledgehammer* [*provers = remote-satallax*] **oops**

We now introduce some orthogonal predicates 'positive' and 'negative'.

consts *positive* :: $(\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$

consts *negative* :: $(\mu \Rightarrow \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$

axiomatization where

axTest1 : [*positive*(φ) $m \vee$ *negative*(φ)] **and**

axTest2 : [*positive*(φ) $m \equiv m \neg$ (*negative*(φ)))] **and**

axTest3 : [$m \neg$ (*positive*(φ)) $m \equiv$ (*positive* ($\lambda x . m \neg$ (φx))))] **and**

axTest4 : [$m \neg$ (*negative*(φ)) $m \equiv$ (*negative* ($\lambda x . m \neg$ (φx)))]

We model a concrete God-like being called *god1*. *god1* is omniscient, punitive, and a fan of the Bayern Munich soccer team. Omniscience is modeled as a positive property and the other two properties are declared as negative.

consts *god1* :: μ

consts *omniscient* :: $\mu \Rightarrow \sigma$

consts *fanOfBayernMunich* :: $\mu \Rightarrow \sigma$

consts *punitive* :: $\mu \Rightarrow \sigma$

axiomatization where

axTest5 : [*positive*(*omniscient*) $m \wedge$ *negative*(*punitive*) $m \wedge$ *negative*(*fanOfBayernMunich*)] **and**

axTest6 : [*omniscient*(*god1*) $m \wedge$ *punitive*(*god1*) $m \wedge$ *fanOfBayernMunich*(*god1*)] **and**

axTest7 : [*G god1*]

Nitpick confirms that these assumptions are consistent.

lemma *True nitpick* [*satisfy, user-axioms, expect = genuine*] **oops**

We prove that the properties of *god1* are all divine properties.

lemma *DivineProps* : [*Divine*(*omniscient*) $m \wedge$ *Divine*(*punitive*) $m \wedge$ *Divine*(*fanOfBayernMunich*)]

sledgehammer [*provers = remote-satallax*]

by (*metis A1b G-def axTest6 axTest7*)

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