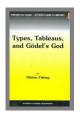
Gödel's Proof of God's Existence

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Square of Opposition Vatican, May 6, 2014



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A gift to Priest Edvaldo in Piracicaba, Brazil

Contribution

First time mechanization and automation of

- (variants of) a modern ontological argument
- (variants of) higher-order modal logic

Work context/history:

- Proposal: exploit classical higher-order logic (HOL) as universal meta-logic — cf. previous talks at UNILOG
 - for object-level reasoning (in embedded non-classical logics)
 - for meta-level reasoning (about embedded non-classical logics)
- Proof of concept: demonstrate practical relevance of the approach by an interesting and relevant application
- Experiments: systematic study of Gödel's argument
- Relation to Square of Opposition: should be easy to analyze variants of the Square within our approach



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

What we did:

A: Pen and paper: detailed natural deduction proof

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

Automation: theorem provers LEO-II(**E**) and Satallax

Consistency: model finder Nitpick (Nitrox)

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

D: Automation & verification: proof assistant Isabelle

Did we get any new results?

Yes — let's discuss this later!



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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.
- Theistic: Successful argument should convince atheists
- Ours: Can computers (theorem provers) be used . . .
 - ...to formalize the definitions, axioms and theorems?
 - ...to verify the arguments step-by-step?
 - ...to fully automate (sub-)arguments?

Towards: 'Computer-assisted Theoretical Philosophy"

(cf. Leibniz dictum — Calculemus!)



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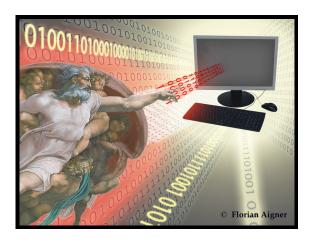
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Remainder of this Talk

- Embedding of QML in HOL and Proof Automation (myself)
- Proof Overview (Bruno)
- Experiments and Results (Bruno)
- Conclusion and Outlook (Bruno)



Embedding of QML in HOL and Proof Automation

Challenge: No provers for Higher-order Quantified Modal Logic (QML)

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

Then use existing HOL theorem provers for reasoning in QML

[BenzmüllerPaulson, Logica Universalis, 2013]

Previous empirical findings:

Embedding of *First-order Modal Logic* in HOL works well

[BenzmüllerOttenRaths, ECAI, 2012]

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QML
$$\varphi, \psi ::= \dots | \neg \varphi | \varphi \wedge \psi | \varphi \supset \psi | \Box \varphi | \diamond \varphi | \forall x \varphi | \exists x \varphi | \forall P \varphi$$

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 exist

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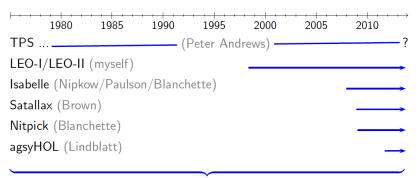
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Automated Theorem Provers and Model Finders for HOL



- 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 —



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Natural Deduction Calculus

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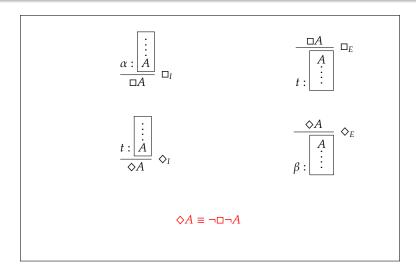
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Natural Deduction Proofs T1 and C1

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Natural Deduction Proofs T2 (Partial)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & \square P(\psi)^7 & \square_E & \square_3 & \square_7 & \square_8 \\ \hline P(\psi) & \square_E & P(\psi) \rightarrow \forall x. (\overrightarrow{G}(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \rightarrow_E \\ \hline P(\psi) & \square \forall x. (G(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \square_1 \\ \hline \square P(\psi) & \square \forall x. (G(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \longrightarrow_E \\ \hline \hline \square P(\psi) \rightarrow \square \forall x. (G(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \rightarrow_E \\ \hline \hline \square \forall x. (G(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \rightarrow_E \\ \hline \hline \square \forall x. (G(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \rightarrow_E \\ \hline \hline \square \forall x. (G(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)) & \rightarrow_E \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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- Formal encoding(s) of the axioms, definitions, and theorems in Scott's proof script
- Calls to the HOL reasoners mentioned before
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The source files of these experiments are available at:

https://github.com/FormalTheology/GoedelGod/

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S5 usually considered adequate (But KB is sufficient! — shown by HOL ATPs)



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Follows from T2, T3 and D2 (as shown by HOL ATPs).

There are no contingent "truths".

Everything is determined.

There is no free will.

Many proposed solutions: Anderson, Fitting, Hájek, ...

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