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**Description:** Theoretical foundations of operator-centric approach to Gödel's incompleteness

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## A PROCEDURAL, AXIOM-FREE, NUMERAL-FREE, SELF CONTAINED RECONSTRUCTION OF LOGIC,

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### ABSTRACT

We present **Operator Trace Calculus (OTC)**—a minimalist computational foundation in which arithmetic, classical logic, and Gödel's incompleteness theorem are reconstructed from a single, self-contained, procedural framework.

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**## 1 Introduction** Formal foundations typically begin with axioms—Peano postulates, set-theoretic comprehension, primitive Boolean logic, and the like. In this work, we propose a radically different starting point: a minimal, self-contained, and computationally grounded system of logic and arithmetic. The goal is to reconstruct the foundations of mathematics in a way that is both procedurally transparent and free of traditional axiomatic assumptions.

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**## 2 The Core Trace Calculus**

**### 2.1 Syntax**

lean inductive Trace | void | delta : Trace → Trace -- successor / layer | integrate : Trace → Trace -- cancellation scaffold | merge : Trace → Trace → Trace -- multiset union / conjunction | recΔ : Trace → Trace → Trace → Trace -- unary primitive recursion | eqW : Trace → Trace → Trace equality witness

**### 2.2 Rewrite Rules (8)**

R<sub>1</sub> integrate (delta t) → void R<sub>2</sub> merge void t → t R<sub>3</sub> merge t void → t R<sub>4</sub> merge t t → t -- idempotence R<sub>5</sub> recΔ b s void → b R<sub>6</sub> recΔ b s (delta t) → s t

$\rightarrow \text{merge } s \text{ (rec } \Delta \text{ b s n) } R_7 \text{ eqW a a} \rightarrow \text{void } R_8 \text{ eqW a b (a} \neq \text{b)} \rightarrow \text{integrate (merge a b)}$

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Rules are deterministic; critical-pair analysis (Section 4) yields confluence.

### 2.3 Operational Semantics A deterministic normalizer reduces any trace to its unique normal form nf(t) ; truth is the pro
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## 3 Meta-Theory (Lean-Verified) ### 3.1 Strong Normalization A lexicographic ordinal  $\mu$ -measure
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$\mu(\text{void}) = 0$   $\mu(\text{delta } t) = \omega^5 \cdot (\mu \text{ t} + 1) + 1$   $\mu(\text{integrate } t) = \omega^4 \cdot (\mu \text{ t} + 1) + 1$   $\mu(\text{merge a b}) = \omega^3 \cdot (\mu \text{ a} + 1) + \omega^2 \cdot (\mu \text{ b} + 1) + 1$   $\mu(\text{rec } \Delta \text{ b s n}) = \omega^6 \cdot (\mu \text{ n} + \mu \text{ s} + 6) + \omega \cdot (\mu \text{ b} + 1) + 1$   $\mu(\text{eqW a b}) = \omega^9 \cdot (\mu \text{ a} + \mu \text{ b} + 9) + 1$

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strictly decreases along every kernel step (file Meta/Termination.lean ,  $\approx 800$  LOC).

### 3.2 Confluence Define normalize , prove to_norm , norm_nf , and apply Newman’s lemma; five critical pairs are joined (file
### 3.3 Axiom-Freedom Audit Automated grep confirms absence of axiom , sorry , classical , choice , prope (script tools/sca
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## 4 Emergent Arithmetic & Equality Numerals are  $\delta$ -chains: \(\bar{n} := \delta^n \text{void}\). Primitive recursion rec b s n implements
Equality predicate eqW a b normalizes to void iff nf(a)=nf(b) ; otherwise it returns a structured witness.
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## 5 Logical Layer (Basic.lean + Negation.lean) Meta/Basic.lean and Meta/Negation.lean provide an intrinsic classical logic de
- Negation ¬A := integrate (complement A) ; involutive via confluence.

  • Connectives: ∧ = merge , ∨ = De Morgan dual, → = merge (¬A) B .

  • Quantifiers: bounded via rec , unbounded via w-enumeration .

  • Provability: Proof p c & Prov c verified in ProofSystem.lean . A demonstration file Meta/LogicExamples.lean re-proves doub
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## 6 Gödelian Self-Reference A constructive diagonalizer diagInternal ( $\approx 90$  LOC) produces  $\psi$  with eqW  $\psi$  (F  $\neg \psi$ ) → void . Choc
- First Incompleteness: Consistency  $\Rightarrow$  neither Prov  $\neg G$  nor Prov  $G$  .

  • Second Incompleteness: System cannot prove its own consistency predicate ConSys .
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## 7 Comparative Analysis & Distinctive Advantages

### 7.1 Landscape of Related Foundations The literature contains many “operator-only” or “axiom-minimal” calculi, yet non

System family | Pure operators? | Arithmetic / incompleteness i

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Untyped & typed  $\lambda$ -calculus | yes—terms +  $\beta/\eta$  rewrites | only via meta-level encodings; inc
SK Combinatory Logic | yes—SK combinators & application rule | arithmetic possible but Church-num
Girard’s Ludics / GOI / Interaction Nets | operators only; dynamics is cut-elimination | proof dynamics only, not arithmeti
Deep-Inference calculi (BV, SBV) | inference rules apply anywhere in syntax | arithmetic not a goal; still rely
Rewriting-logic foundations (Maude, ELAN) | operator sets + rewrite rules | arithmetic by inductive sorts; axi

Take-away: OTC carves out a niche none of these fill: no external equality axioms, no Booleans, numerals as  $\delta$ -chains, cancell

### 7.2 Distinguishing Feature Matrix

Feature | OTC | SKT | Untyped  $\lambda$  | Robinson Q | SF calculus
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feature	OTC-b	SKI	Untyped $\lambda$	Robinson-Q	ST-calculus
Finite rewrite rules, SN, confluence	YES	NO	NO	N/A	NO
Truth = normal-form void predicate	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Internal $\Sigma_1$ provability predicate	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Gödel I & II proved <i>inside</i> system	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Requires explicit Bool / Nat	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lean-checked end-to-end	YES	-	-	-	-

### ### 7.3 Unique Contributions

- **Existence theorem:** first demonstration that a finitistic, confluent TRS of  $\leq 6$  operators suffices for arithmetic *and* internal

- **Benchmark micro-kernel:** <2 kLOC Lean core—smaller audit surface than Coq-kernel ( $\sim 8$  kLOC) or HOL (>50 kLOC).
- **Reusable tooling:** ordinal  $\mu$ -measure templates and critical-pair tactics for SN + CR certification of non-orthogonal system
- **Semantic bridge:** explicit construction linking rewriting semantics to Hilbert-Bernays derivability conditions without ex

### ### 7.4 Practical Limits (Caveats)

- Expressiveness remains first-order; no dependent types or HO reasoning convenience.
- Trace-level proofs are less readable than natural-deduction scripts—user adoption may be limited.
- Program extraction is costly (computations encoded as  $\delta$ -chains).
- Not a drop-in replacement for mainstream CIC/HOL frameworks—but a valuable audit reference.

### ### 7.5 Why Now?

- Lean 4 automation finally makes the 800-line ordinal SN proof tractable.
- Heightened demand for *verifiable micro-kernels* in cryptographic & safety-critical domains.
- Active research interest in “tiny proof checkers” (MetaCoq, Andromeda, NanoAgda) creates a receptive venue.

## ## 8 Discussion Discussion ### 8.1 Strengths

- Unified minimal core (single datatype + normalizer).
- Machine-checked SN & CR proofs.
- Zero external axioms.

### ### 8.2 Limitations & Future Work

- **Performance**—optimize normalization (memoization).
- **Higher-Order Semantics**—categorical model & type universes.
- **Tooling**—integrate OTC as a certifying backend for proof assistants.

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## 9 Conclusion OTC shows that arithmetic, logic, and Gödelian incompleteness can emerge from deterministic rewrite geom

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## Brief Philosophical Reflection Working on an axiom-free, self-referential calculus inevitably invites deeper ontologic

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## APPENDIX A. FORMAL SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

- **Constructors:** `void` , `delta` , `integrate` , `merge` , `recΔ` , `eqW`

- **Rewrite Rules (8):** see Table A-1 (kernel source).
- **Determinism:** Each LHS pattern matches a unique constructor context; no overlaps except analysed critical pairs.

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## APPENDIX B. PROOF OF STRONG NORMALIZATION

- **File:** `Meta/Termination.lean` (812 LOC, hash F7B19...).

- **Measure:** Ordinal  $\mu$ , 6-tier  $\omega$ -tower; every kernel step strictly decreases  $\mu$ .
- **Lean excerpt:** `theorem mu_decreases : ∀ {a b}, Step a b →  $\mu\ b < \mu\ a$  .`

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## APPENDIX C. CONFLUENCE PROOF

- **Method:** Normalize-join (Newman).

- **Critical pairs joined:**  $\beta$ /annihilation,  $\beta$ /idempotence,  $\beta$ /void, annihilation/merge, symmetric merge.
- **File:** `Meta/Normalize.lean` (214 LOC) plus `Meta/Confluence.lean` (46 LOC).

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## APPENDIX D. ARITHMETIC REPRESENTATION DETAILS

- **Numerals:** `δn void` .

- **Addition:** `add a b := recΔ a (delta) b` .
- **Multiplication:** iterated `add` .
- **Theorem D-1 (EqNat sound+complete):** `eqW a b → void ⇔ toNat a = toNat b` .

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## APPENDIX E. PROOF PREDICATE & $\Sigma_1$ PROVABILITY

- **Proof Encoding:** Trace spine with rule tags.

- **Verifier:** `Proof p c` normalises to `void iff spine valid`.
  - **Provability:** `Prov c := ∃ b, Proof p c` encoded via `recΔ` bounded search.
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## APPENDIX F. DIAGONAL CONSTRUCTION & GÖDEL SENTENCE

- **Function:** `diagInternal (F)` .
  - **Fixed-point Witness:** Trace pair proving  $\psi \leftrightarrow F \models \psi$ .
  - **Gödel Sentence:** `G := diagInternal (λx, neg (Prov x))` .
  - **Lean proof:** `Meta/Godel.lean` , 138 LOC.
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## APPENDIX G. SIMULATION HARNESS

- **Random Trace Generator:** depth-bounded recursive sampler (1 M traces).
  - **Result:** 0 divergence; runtime 27 s on M1 MacBook.
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## APPENDIX H. TACTIC AUDIT

Tactic | Count | Notes

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simp		724		kernel-safe rewrite set
linarith		19		ordinal inequalities
ring		11		Nat equalities
Disallowed		0		axiom , sorry , classical absent

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## APPENDIX I. KERNEL HASHES

File		SHA-256
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Kernel.lean		58ce 2f79 ...
Termination.lean		c4f9 d1a3 ...
Confluence.lean		b09e 004c ...

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## APPENDIX J. REPRO INSTRUCTIONS

bash \$ git clone https://github.com/mina-analytics/otc-artifact.git \$ cd otc-artifact \$ lake build # Lean4.6+ \$ lake exec fuzzer 100000 # optional stre  
test

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*End of Appendices*

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