MITx: 24.118x Paradox and Infinity

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About the Course

In *Paradox and Infinity* we will study a cluster of puzzles, paradoxes and intellectual wonders, and discuss their philosophical implications.

The class is divided into three modules:

- Time Travel and Free Will: Learn about whether time travel is logically possible, and whether it is compatible with free will.
- **Infinity**: Learn about how some infinities are bigger than others, and explore the mind-boggling hierarchy of bigger and bigger infinities.
- Computability and Gödel's Theorem: Learn about how some mathematical functions are so complex, that no computer could possibly compute them. Use this result to prove Gödel's famous Incompleteness Theorem.

Prerequisites

No prerequisites, but experience in college-level mathematics or computer-science could be helpful.