Proof Theory in Philosophy

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What I'm not considering

I don't consider proof-theoretic semantics.

I only briefly touch upon **reductive proof-theory** in the philosophy of mathematics.

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Here I assume that for any φ in the language there is a term $\{v \mid \varphi(v)\}$ with $FV(\{v \mid \varphi(v)\}) = FV(\varphi) \setminus \{v\}$. If φ is a sentence, I write $\ ^rA \ ^r$ for 'the proposition expressed by A'.

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$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \text{Tr} \lceil A \rceil} \qquad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow D}{\text{Tr} \lceil A \rceil, \Gamma \Rightarrow D}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B \qquad \Gamma, C \Rightarrow D}{\Gamma, A, C(\lceil B \rceil, \lceil C \rceil) \Rightarrow D}$$

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Cut-elimination for truth and abstraction

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Tr -rules principal in the last inferences

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$$\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$$

... which we would like to reduce to:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D}_{o} & \mathcal{D}_{1} \\ \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A & A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \\ \hline \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta & \end{array}$$

This creates a problem because $\operatorname{Tr} \lceil A \rceil$ is atomic whereas A is of arbitrary (logical) complexity.

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▶ In the second case:

$$\frac{\gamma_{o} \Rightarrow {}^{\circ}\mathsf{T}}{\gamma_{o} \Rightarrow {}^{1}\mathsf{Tr}^{\mathsf{r}}\mathsf{T}^{\mathsf{r}} \qquad \gamma_{1} \Rightarrow {}^{o}\mathsf{Tr}^{\mathsf{r}}\mathsf{T}^{\mathsf{r}}}$$

$$\gamma_{o}, \gamma_{1} \Rightarrow {}^{\max(1, n)}\mathsf{Tr}^{\mathsf{r}}\mathsf{T}^{\mathsf{r}} \wedge \mathsf{Tr}^{\mathsf{r}}\mathsf{T}^{\mathsf{r}}$$

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Contraction-Free

Systems of truth and 'set theories' can be proved to be consistent via cut elimination arguments Grišin (1982), Petersen (2000), Cantini (2003).

Truth à la Grišin GT

$$\Gamma, \operatorname{Tr} s \Rightarrow \operatorname{Tr} s, \Delta [o] \qquad \Gamma \Rightarrow \tau, \Delta [o] \qquad \Gamma, \bot \Rightarrow \Delta [o]$$

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta [\alpha]}{\operatorname{Tr} \Gamma A^{\gamma}, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta [\alpha + 1]} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A [\alpha]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A_{\sigma} [\alpha + 1]}$$

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$$\frac{A, B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta [\alpha]}{A \star B, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta [\alpha]} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A [\alpha]}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, A [\alpha]} \qquad \frac{\Theta \Rightarrow \Lambda, B [\beta]}{\Gamma, \Theta \Rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda, A \star B [\alpha + \beta]}$$

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Lemma

Given cut-free derivations $\mathcal{D}_o \vdash_{\mathrm{GT}} \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$, A and $\mathcal{D}_1 \vdash_{\mathrm{GT}} A, \Theta \Rightarrow \Lambda$, there is a $\mathcal{D} \vdash_{\mathrm{GT}} \Gamma, \Theta \Rightarrow \Delta$, Λ with the Tr-rank ρ of \mathcal{D} is $\leq \rho(\mathcal{D}_o) + \rho(\mathcal{D}_1)$.

Proof Idea.

The induction is on $(\rho(\mathcal{D}_0) + \rho(\mathcal{D}_1), |A|, |\mathcal{D}_0| + |\mathcal{D}_1|)$.

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Contraction-free

Systems of truth and 'set theories' can be proved to be consistent via cut elimination arguments Grišin (1982), Petersen (2000), Cantini (2003).

Two problems of the contraction-free approach:

Viewed as a set theory, GS is inconsistent with extensionality, e.g defined as:

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However, it needs to be added that it also features a 'decent' conditional (compared, e.g. to Field (2008)).

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Let then
$$\Phi^{\circ}(X) = X$$
, $\Phi^{\alpha+1}(X) = \Phi(\Phi^{\alpha}(X))$, $\Phi^{\lambda}(X) = \bigcup_{\beta < \lambda} \Phi^{\beta}(X)$.

Lemma (Kripke (1975), Martin and Woodruff (1975))

If $S \subseteq |\mathcal{M}|$ is a fixed-point of Φ , then for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{Tr}$:

$$\varphi \in S \text{ iff } Tr \lceil \varphi \rceil \in S$$

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The structure $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{I}_{\Phi})$ gives rise to a three-valued model for \mathcal{L}_{Tr} with Tr a 'partial' predicate. Define

$$\mathcal{M} \vDash \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta : \Leftrightarrow \left(\forall \gamma \in \Gamma \right) |\gamma|_{\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}}^{\mathcal{M}} \neq o \rightarrow \left(\exists \delta \in \Delta \right) |\gamma|_{\mathcal{I}_{\Phi}}^{\mathcal{M}} = 1$$

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Now the idea here would be that we transform the derivation in

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_{\text{oo}}^{*} \qquad \mathcal{D}_{1}^{*}}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi, \psi \quad [\alpha] \qquad \psi, \Theta \Rightarrow \Lambda \quad [\beta]} \qquad \mathcal{D}_{1}^{*} \\
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then

$$\begin{split} \kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\varphi \wedge \psi) &= \max(\kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\varphi), \kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\psi)) \\ \kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\gamma_i^3) &= \max(\kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\gamma_i^1), \kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\gamma_i^2)) \ 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\delta_j^3) &= \max(\kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\delta_j^1), \kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\delta_j^2)) \ 1 \leq j \leq m \end{split}$$

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Proposition

If \mathcal{D}_{\circ} is a cut-free proof of $\Gamma^{1} \Rightarrow \Delta^{1}$, φ^{1} in LPT, and \mathcal{D}_{1} is a cut-free LPT-proof of φ^{2} , $\Gamma^{2} \Rightarrow \Delta^{2}$, then there is a cut-free proof \mathcal{D} of $\Gamma^{3} \Rightarrow \Delta^{3}$ with $\kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\Gamma^{3}) \leq \max(\kappa_{\mathcal{D}_{\circ}}(\Gamma^{1}), \kappa_{\mathcal{D}_{1}}(\Gamma^{2}))$ and $\kappa_{\mathcal{D}}(\Delta^{3}) \leq \max(\kappa_{\mathcal{D}_{\circ}}(\Delta^{1}), \kappa_{\mathcal{D}_{1}}(\Delta^{2}))$.

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- Another advantage of the approach with restricted initial sequents is that unlike the contraction-free approaches there are natural **infinitary systems** that arise from the logic and that give succinct presentations of Π_1^1 -sets.

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Notice that this is imposing non-trivial constraints. More 'philosophical' theories of truth are often formulated in terms of propositions, and not sentence types (Horwich, 1998; Soames, 1998; Jago, 2018). This rules out that propositions are coarse-grained, e.g. sets of possible worlds. Basics

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- ▶ Finite set theories are also a convenient choice. For instance
 - Kaye and Wong (2006) show that PA and KF \ {Inf}+ 'every set has a transitive closure' are bi-interpretable;
 - ▶ similarly, a neat set theory based by Świerczkowski (2003) based on the **adjunction operation** $x \triangleleft y \mapsto x \cup \{y\}$ is bi-interpretable with PA.

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- As to induction, since all the relevant syntactic notions (terms, formulas, proofs) are p-time decidable, the theory S¹ by Buss (1986) suffices. However, many of the results that I will treat below are specific to PA (or equivalents), and it is object of current research to check which results are stable over T ⊇ S¹.

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- Using standard coding techniques one can show that OT, PT, \prec are primitive recursive. Actually, Beckmann et al. (2003) show that they can be showed to be p-time and represented in S_2^1 notice that I **do not** mean that Γ_0 can be well-founded in S_2^1 !

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Important variations are obtained by tweaking the induction schema:

- ▶ CT \ (a.k.a. CT) is obtained by restricting induction to \mathcal{L}
- ► CT_{int} is obtained by adopting the internal induction schema

$$\forall \varphi(v) (\operatorname{Tr} \varphi(o/v) \wedge \forall y (\operatorname{Tr} \varphi(\dot{y}/v) \to \operatorname{Tr} \varphi(\dot{S}y/v)) \to \forall x \operatorname{Tr} \varphi(\dot{x}/v))$$

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The discussion took a strong technical turn, brilliantly summarized in Cieliski (2017) – with many original contributions. It's worth mentioning:

Proposition (Enayat and Pakhomov (2018))

CT ↑ plus 'disjunctive correctness', i.e.

$$\forall s \big(\mathit{Tr} \big(\bigvee_{i < s} \varphi_i \big) \leftrightarrow \exists i < s \; \mathit{Tr} \, \varphi_i \big)$$

is the same theory as $CT[I\Delta_o]$, and therefore proves Con(PA).

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- This has led to the programme of 'disentangling' syntactic quantifiers from quantifiers over natural numbers:

Proposition (Nicolai (2015, 2016))

If one formulates CT \ as a two-sorted theory, with 'syntactic' quantifiers and 'number-theoretic' quantifiers, and truth applying only over syntactic objects, then:

- ► The theory of truth becomes *trivially* conservative over PA;
- This version of CT ↑ plus 'all axioms of PA are true' is mutually interpretable with PA + Con(PA).

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First attempt: $CT_{< a}$, $\alpha \le \Gamma_{o}$

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 $\qquad \qquad \mathcal{L}_{< c} \coloneqq \mathcal{L} \cup \{ Tr_{b} \mid b < c \}$

With *b* < *c*:

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- The next step was to find an independent characterization of such theories:

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Proof Idea.

Lower bound: PA in \mathcal{L}_{Tr} proves $TI_{\mathcal{L}_{Tr}}^{\langle \epsilon_o}$. Now KF proves:

$$\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{< a} \to D(\varphi) \Rightarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_a \to D(\varphi)$$

An application of $TI_{\mathcal{L}_{Tr}}^{<\epsilon_o}$ yields an embedding of $CT_{<\epsilon_o}$, which suffices.

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$$KF^{\infty} \vdash^{\alpha} Tr \lceil A \rceil$$
, then $Tr_{2^{\alpha}} \lceil A \rceil$

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Symmetries

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Lemma (Halbach and Horsten (2006))

There are A's in \mathcal{L}_{Tr} such that $KF \vdash Tr^rA^r$ but the proof essentially employs B's such that $KF \nvdash Tr^rB^r$.

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▶ The theories are closely related:

ω -categoricity

For S a fixed point of Kripke's theory of truth,

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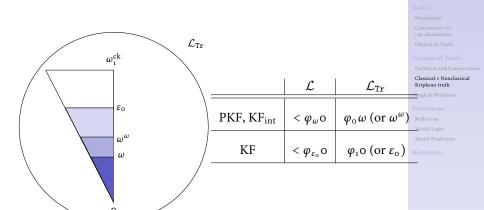
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▶ It turns out that if one focuses on **classical** biconditionals

$$PTB \upharpoonright \mathcal{L} = \{ Tr \lceil A \rceil \leftrightarrow A \mid A \text{ positive of } \mathcal{L}_{Tr} \}$$

one obtains:

Proposition (Horsten and Leigh (2017))

 $RFN^2(PTB \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}) \supseteq KF.$

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and define reflection as

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Then we can prove:

Proposition (Fischer et al. (2017))

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- $RR^{\omega}(TS \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}) \vdash TI_{\mathcal{L}_{Tr}}^{<\omega^{\omega^2}}$

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one can ask:

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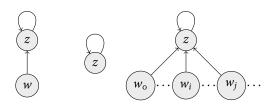
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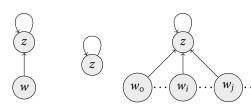
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