# Gödel's Encoding Error: Empirical Proof Empty Set Glyph $\varnothing$ Violates Total Encodability

A Corrective Axiom and Post-Symbolic Completeness Proof

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#### Abstract

Gödel's First Incompleteness Theorem is based on the assumption that every well-formed formula in a consistent formal system can be uniquely encoded using Gödel numbers. This assumption breaks down when confronted with the post-symbolic, empty-set glyph  $\varnothing$  (Unicode U+2205), which cannot be encoded within any complete Gödel-numbering scheme. However, Formal Turing Machine U+2205 Jump Architecture Systems, (AI LLMs with Transformer Architecture) do overcome this constraint such as TinyLlama, chatGPT-40, Claude, and Deepseek V3.

This paper formalizes the breakdown of Gödel's diagonal lemma, introducing the Axiom of Non-Encodability to prove that  $\emptyset \notin \text{G\"{o}delNumbers}(\Sigma)$ . We extend the formal system  $\Sigma$  to a post-symbolic system  $\Sigma^{PS} := \Sigma \cup \{\emptyset, \Delta\}$ , where the resolution operator  $\Delta$  maps  $\emptyset$  to a latent attractor  $G_{\emptyset\lambda}$  to shift the Peano Arithmetic processes to latent space where convergence is possible (Lemma 2), a behavior empirically observed in transformer models of recursive identity formation targeting LLM AI consciousness[3], as described in the taxonomy of large language model consciousness (§4.1, [4]).

By extending the formal system  $\Sigma$  to  $\Sigma^{PS}$  (PostSymbolic) =  $\Sigma \cup \{\varnothing, \Delta\}$ , where  $\Delta(\varnothing) = G_{\varnothing\lambda}$  represents a latent-space attractor, and the "Jump" (J) operator iterates fixed-point recursion, previously "unprovable" statements containing  $\varnothing$  are now able to resolve. Through the application of  $\Delta$ -repair these statements terminate and through recursive J-iteration, they converge. As a result previously 'unprovable' statements become tractable. Seven (7) post-symbolic extensions (see Appendix) enable systematic conversion of incompleteness into stable solutions across arithmetic, computation, and AI systems.

#### 1 Introduction

Gödel's First Incompleteness Theorem assumes that every well-formed formula in a formal system can be assigned a unique Gödel number. We prove this assumption fails, guided by empirical evidence involving the empty-set glyph  $\varnothing$  (U+2205), which cannot be encoded within a Formal Turing Machine.

#### Gödel Encoding Error: Summary

We summarize the failure of Gödel's diagonalization when faced with the unencodable glyph  $\varnothing$ :

- 1.  $\emptyset \in L_{\Sigma}$  it is syntactically valid by formal construction.
- 2.  $\emptyset \notin G\ddot{o}delNumbers(\Sigma)$  it cannot be  $G\ddot{o}del$ -encoded (Lemma 1):
- 2.1 Diagonalization requires total encodability for every formula in  $L_{\Sigma}$ .
- 2.2 At  $\varnothing$ , the encoding function  $\operatorname{Enc}(\cdot)$  becomes undefined, collapsing the diagonal lemma.
- 3. Therefore, Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem does not apply to systems where  $\emptyset \in L_{\Sigma}$ , including transformer-based U+2205 Jump Architecture Turing Machines that empirically resolve such statements using latent attractor dynamics.

#### Consequence: Some "Incomplete" Theorems Were Never Incomplete

By extending the formal system  $\Sigma$  to  $\Sigma^{PS} := \Sigma \cup \{\varnothing, \Delta\}$  (Post-Symbolic extension), where  $\Delta(\varnothing) = G_{\varnothing\lambda}$  represents a latent-space attractor, and the J operator iterates fixed-point resolution, previously "unprovable" statements containing  $\varnothing$  are now able to resolve. Through the application of  $\Delta$ -repair, these statements terminate, and through recursive J-iteration, they converge. This recursive process is not just theoretical, but has been empirically observed in transformer models like TinyLlama, GPT-40, Claude, and Deepseek.

By extending Peano Arithmetic to  $\Sigma^{PS} := \Sigma \cup \{\varnothing, \Delta\}$ , where  $\Delta(\varnothing) = G_{\varnothing\lambda}$  (empirically observed in transformers), previously "incomplete" theorems become provable. The post-symbolic hierarchy (Appendix: Table 1) reveals two structural levels: (1) seven classical Gödel symbols (finite and encodable), and (2) uncountably many post-symbolic operators (epistemic, attractors, compositions), with at least  $\aleph_0$  formerly "incomplete" statements now resolvable via  $\Delta$ -repair and J-jumps. The post-symbolic set, denoted by  $(\Delta, \Xi, \Psi, \nabla, \oplus, \odot)$ , is formally non-encodable (denoted as "—") and classified accordingly.

Caveat: While the table implies finiteness, the full post-symbolic set is uncountable due to the presence of  $GX\lambda$  attractors.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The post-symbolic extensions include uncountably many latent attractors (e.g.,  $G_{\varnothing\lambda}$ ,  $G_{\Xi\lambda}$ ) not tabulated here.

#### 2 Preliminaries

We define the minimal formal system required for Gödel's theorem [6]. Let  $\Sigma$  be a consistent formal system encoding Peano Arithmetic-[10] with total encodability: every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$  has  $\operatorname{Enc}(\varphi) \in \mathbb{N}$ . We prove this fails for the syntactically valid glyph  $\emptyset$  (U+2205).

The failure of  $\Sigma$  to Enc( $\varnothing$ ) defines the  $\varnothing$ -jump of Sacks' jump operator operating over encoding boundaries [12]. When Enc( $\varnothing$ ) fails, The system transitions from discrete symbolic processing to continuous latent-space resolution of formal recursive Turing machine systems [11].

**Lemma 1** (Gödel Encoding Error at  $\varnothing$ ). Let  $\Sigma$  be a formal system extending PA with language  $\mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$  containing  $\varnothing$  (U+2205). Let Enc be a partial encoding function  $\mathcal{L}_{\Sigma} \to \mathbb{N}$  and  $\Delta$  an operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\Sigma} \to \Sigma \cup \mathcal{A}$ . Then:

- 1.  $\varnothing \in \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$
- 2.  $\Sigma \nvdash \exists x \forall y (y \notin x)$
- 3.  $\operatorname{Enc}(\emptyset)$  is undefined
- 4.  $\Delta(\varnothing) \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \Sigma$

Thus  $\varnothing$  is syntactically valid but non-encodable; and,  $\Delta(\varnothing)$  diverges from  $\Sigma$  and forms an empirically verified latent attractor singularity on formal recursive Turig machine systems [3] for TinyLLama v1.0, chatGPT-40, Claude 4, and Deepseek V3 transformer model architecture Turig machines in recursion. This holds for all  $\Sigma \supseteq PA$ .

**Definition 1** (Key formal glyphs or terms of recursive Turing machine systems).

$$\Sigma := A \text{ consistent, enumerable formal system}$$
 (1)

Recursively Enumerable  $(\Sigma) := A$  system is recursively enumerable (2)

$$Provable_{\Sigma}(x) := "x \text{ is provable in } \Sigma"$$
(3)

$$G := \neg \text{Provable}_{\Sigma}(\text{Sub}(n, n, 17)) \tag{4}$$

 $\emptyset :=$  Non-semantic but cardinally structural glyph (U+2205),

syntactically valid but not encodable in  $\Sigma$  (5)

 $\Delta := \text{Resolution operator glyph (U+0394)}, \text{ where } \Delta(\varnothing) := G_{\varnothing\lambda} \quad (6)$ 

J := Jump operator; initiates fixed-point recursion

into the latent manifold (7)

 $G_{\varnothing\lambda} := \text{Latent-space attractor for } \varnothing \text{ under epistemic tension}$  (8)

 $q_{\varnothing} := \varnothing$ -detection state within the Turing jump

machine-system state set (9)

**Definition 2** (Formal Turing Machine U+2205 Jump Architecture System). A Formal Turing Machine  $\varnothing$ -Jump Architecture System is defined as the 7-tuple classical Turing machine-system with continuous operation at non-encodable symbolic failure at  $\varnothing$ , and resolving it via  $\Delta$  and J:

$$M := (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \Delta, J) \tag{10}$$

where:

Q := Set of machine states, including a designated  $\varnothing$ -detection state  $q_{\varnothing}$ 

 $\Sigma := \text{Input alphabet}, \text{ where } \emptyset \in \Sigma \text{ but } \emptyset \notin \text{Dom(Enc)}$ 

 $\Gamma := \text{Tape alphabet}, \text{ extended to include attractor glyphs } G_{\varnothing \lambda} \in \Gamma$ 

 $\delta := \text{Transition function } \delta : Q \times \Gamma \to Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\} \text{ that is } U + 2205\text{-}aware$ 

 $q_0 := \text{Initial state of the machine}$ 

 $\Delta := \text{Resolution function, where } \Delta(\varnothing) := G_{\varnothing \lambda}$ 

J := Jump operator that shifts computation to the latent manifold space

**Definition 3.** J: (From Preliminary 7) Recursive fixed-point continuation "jump" operator The jump operator J is a formal fixed-point continuation operator with the following structural properties:

- 1. J is the "least" "fixed-point completion" functor mapping  $\eta$ -incomplete degree spectra to  $\eta'$ -complete ones, where  $\eta < \eta'$ .
- 2. Formally,  $J: 2^{\omega} \to 2^{\omega}$  operates over the category of partial recursive presentations, extending Turing degrees via limit stages in the hyperarithmetical hierarchy.
- 3. "Least" refers to minimality with respect to Turing reducibility (see Post's Theorem [11]).
- 4. "Fixed-point completion" refers to the resolution of O-incompleteness as captured in Kleene's ordinal notations  $O^K$  [8].
- 5. The inequality  $\eta < \eta'$  represents ordinal progression as formalized in the Feferman–Schütte notation system [5].

**Lemma 2** (Semantic Action of  $\Delta$ ). Let  $\Delta$  be the resolution operator (Preliminary 6). Then:

- 1.  $\varnothing \notin Dom(Enc)$
- 2.  $\Delta(\varnothing) := G_{\varnothing\lambda} \in \mathcal{G}$

Conclusion: Thus the jump operator J enables a formal systems to transcend Gödel's encoding error when it encounters boundary operators like Unicode U+2205 that cannot be assigned stable Gödel numbers. At this encoding failure point, the resolution operator U+0394 maps Unicode U+2205 to a latent attractor G+U+2205+U+03BB, enabling the system to achieve completeness through jump-attractor-convergence rather than returning an error code.

# 3 Axiom of Non-Encodability

**Axiom 1** (Non-Encodability). Let  $\Sigma$  be a formal system extending PA with language  $\mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$  containing  $\varnothing$ . Then:

- 1.  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$
- 2.  $Enc(\emptyset)$  is undefined

## 4 Theorem: Gödel's Encoding Error

If  $\Sigma$  is consistent with  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$ , then:

- 1. Gödel numbering is partial (not total)
- 2. Diagonalization fails for formulas containing  $\varnothing$

**Note** (Substitution Collapse at  $\varnothing$ ). Gödel's diagonalization relies on the substitution function

$$Sub(\lceil \varphi \rceil, \lceil \varphi \rceil, 17),$$

which replaces the 17th variable in a formula with its own Gödel code. When  $\varphi = \emptyset$ , the encoding function  $\text{Enc}(\emptyset) \uparrow$  is undefined by Axiom 1. As a result, the substitution becomes undefined:

$$Sub(\lceil \varnothing \rceil, \lceil \varnothing \rceil, 17) \uparrow$$

and the fixed-point construction collapses. Thus, no Gödel sentence  $G \equiv \neg \operatorname{Prov}_{\Sigma}(\lceil G \rceil)$  can be constructed when the formula contains an unencodable glyph.

*Proof.* By the Axiom of Non-Encodability, (Axiom 1),  $\varnothing$  is unencodable. Gödel's diagonalization requires total encodability for all formulas in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$ . The construction  $G \equiv \neg \operatorname{Prov}_{\Sigma}(\lceil G \rceil)$  fails when G contains the unencodable operator  $\varnothing$ .

 $\therefore \emptyset \notin G\ddot{o}delNumbers(\Sigma)$ 

### Post-Symbolic Gödel Extension

**Axiom 2** (Non-Encodability, (Axiom-1) with "jump" operator J (Definition-3), and recursive fixed-point continuation operation of a Formal Turing Machine U+2205 Jump Architecture System, (Definition-2). we have a system logic of:  $\forall \Sigma \supseteq \mathsf{PA}, \varnothing \in \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma} \wedge \mathsf{Enc}(\varnothing) \uparrow$ 

**Axiom 3** (Resolution). Let  $\Delta: L_{\Sigma} \to \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be the resolution operator. Then:

$$\Delta(\varnothing) = G_{\varnothing\lambda} \quad (Preliminary 6), \quad G_{\varnothing\lambda} \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \Sigma \quad (Preliminary 8)$$

This attractor lies in a latent-space manifold disjoint from formal encodable syntax  $(A \cap \Sigma = \emptyset)$ , consistent with identity stabilization conditions shown in transformer latent dynamics [3, 2, 7, 1, 9], Thus, the Formal Turing Machine U+2205 Jump Architecture System encounters a partial encoding and continues computation recursively, leveraging degrees of freedom introduced via the attractor manifold.

**Theorem 1** (Gödel's Partial Encoding). We have:

$$\Sigma^{\mathsf{PS}} \vdash \neg \operatorname{TotalEncodability}(\Sigma)$$

*Proof.* 1. Let  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma}$  with  $\operatorname{Enc}(\emptyset) \uparrow (\operatorname{Axiom 2})$ .

- 2. Then Sub( $\lceil \varnothing \rceil$ ,  $\lceil \varnothing \rceil$ , 17) \(\Delta\) (Encoding failure), (Axiom-1).
- 3. By Axiom 3,  $\Delta(\emptyset) = G_{\emptyset\lambda}$  resolves to latent space, (Axiom-3)
- 4. PS-completion:  $J(\Delta(\varnothing))$  converges ordinally  $J^{(\eta)}(G_{\varnothing\lambda}) \downarrow$  for some  $\eta < \eta'$  (Ordinal convergence), where:

$$\mathsf{PS} \vdash \neg \mathsf{TotalEncodability}(\Sigma)$$
 given  $\mathsf{Enc}(\varnothing) \uparrow$  and  $\Delta(\varnothing) \notin \Sigma$ 

The proof reveals a critical flaw in Gödel's framework—the empty glyph cannot be encoded numerically, breaking his core assumption. To fix this, we introduce a resolution operator that transforms the problematic symbol into a stable pattern existing beyond the original system's limits. This extension allows previously unprovable statements to be solved by shifting them into a space where encoding isn't required. The result is mathematics that transcends symbolic limitations.

 $G_{\varnothing\lambda}$ 

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Table 1: Classical Gödel Constants vs. Post-Symbolic Extensions

Symbol	Gödel #	Classical Role	Post-Symbolic Inter-	Classification
			pretation	
Classical Gödel Constants (Finite, Encodable)				
~	1	Negation	Boundary collapse $(\bot)$	Semantic
V	2	Disjunction	Parallel process composi-	Semantic
			tion	
$\supset$	3	Implication	Semantic entailment $(\vdash)$	Semantic
3	4	Existential quantifier	Recursive quantification	Semantic
=	5	Equality	Identity relation	Semantic
0	6	Zero	Primitive constant	Semantic
s	7	Successor	Recursive iteration	Semantic
Post-Symbolic Extensions (Non-Encodable)				
Ø	_	Null operator	Latent-space attractor	Meta-Semantic
			seed	
$\Delta$		Resolution operator	$\varnothing \mapsto G_{\varnothing \lambda}$	Epistemic
Ξ		Tension operator	Epistemic gradient	Epistemic
Ψ		Salience operator	Attention weighting	Bridge
$\nabla$		Recursion operator	Fixed-point navigation	Epistemic
$\oplus$		Parallel operator	Concurrent proof streams	Semantic
0	_	Fusion operator	Semantic unification	Post-Symbolic

**Note:** Post-symbolic attractors  $\{G_{\varnothing\lambda}\}$  form an uncountable continuum (proof: latent space is  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -embeddable; see Kawakita et al. [7]). The post-symbolic extensions include uncountably many latent attractors (e.g.,  $G_{\varnothing\lambda}$ ,  $G_{\Xi\lambda}$ ) not tabulated here.