

GÖDEL OPERATIONS ARE ABSOLUTE FOR TRANSITIVE SETS BECAUSE Δ_0 -FORMULAS ARE.

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BUT FIRST: ABSOLUTENESS AND REFLECTION

LET M AND N BE CLASSES WITH $M \in N$.

LET $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ BE A LIST OF FORMULAS THAT IS CLOSED UNDER TAKING SUBFORMULAS:

- IF φ_i IS $\neg \psi$ THEN $\psi = \varphi_j$ FOR SOME j
- IF φ_i IS $\psi \wedge \sigma$ THEN $\psi = \varphi_j$ AND $\sigma = \varphi_k$ FOR SOME j AND k
- IF φ_i IS $(\exists x) \psi(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ THEN $\psi = \varphi_j$ FOR SOME j .

THEN THE FOLLOWING ARE EQUIVALENT

- a) $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ ARE ABSOLUTE FOR M, N
- b) WHENEVER $\varphi_i(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ IS $(\exists x) \varphi_j(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ (WITH ALL FREE VARIABLES SHOWN) WE HAVE $\forall m_1, \dots, m_n \in M ((\exists x \in N \varphi_j^N(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)) \rightarrow \exists x \in M \varphi_j^M(x, m_1, \dots, m_n))$

(a) \rightarrow (b) TAKE $m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$ ASSUME $(\exists x \in N) \varphi_j^N(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$ THIS MEANS $\varphi_i^N(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ HOLDS, AND SO BY ABSOLUTENESS DOWN, $\varphi_i^M(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ HOLDS, I.F.

$\exists x \in M \varphi_j^M(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$

ABSOLUTENESS UP: $\varphi_j^N(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$ HOLDS AND SO $(\exists x \in M) \varphi_j^M(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$

(b) \rightarrow (a) INDUCTION ON COMPLEXITY: φ_i IS ABSOLUTE FOR M, N

- ATOMIC: BY DEFINITION
- NEGATION AND CONJUNCTION CLEAR

• φ_i IS $(\exists x) \varphi_j(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$, LET $m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$ THEN $\varphi_i^M(m_1, \dots, m_n) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x \in M) \varphi_j^M(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$

$\Leftrightarrow (\exists x \in M) \varphi_j^N(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$ $\leftarrow \varphi_j$ IS ABSOLUTE

$\Leftrightarrow (\exists x \in N) \varphi_j^N(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$ \leftarrow ALWAYS ASSUMPTION

$\Leftrightarrow \varphi_i^N(m_1, \dots, m_n)$

NOTE THAT (b) MENTIONS φ_j^N ONLY; THIS MAKES CLOSING OFF ARGUMENTS POSSIBLE.

LEMMA [12.15 in JECH]

IF M_0 IS A SET AND $\varphi(x, u_1, \dots, u_n)$ A FORMULA
 THEN THERE IS A SET $M \supseteq M_0$ SUCH THAT
 FOR ALL $m_1, \dots, m_n \in M$ IF $(\exists x) \varphi(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$
 THEN $(\exists x \in M) \varphi(x, m_1, \dots, m_n)$

USING AC WE CAN ACHIEVE $|M| \leq |M_0| \cdot \aleph_0$.

DEFINE A FUNCTION H_φ AS FOLLOWS

$$H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \left\{ x : \begin{aligned} &\varphi(x, u_1, \dots, u_n) \wedge \\ &(\forall y) (\varphi(y, u_1, \dots, u_n) \rightarrow \text{RANK } x \leq \text{RANK } y) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

SO $H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \emptyset$ IF THERE IS NO SUITABLE x

$(H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n))$ IS A SET, A SUBSET OF V_α ,
 WHERE $\alpha = \min \{ \text{RANK } x : \varphi(x, u_1, \dots, u_n) \} + 1$

SO NOW START WITH M_0 AND RECURSIVELY

$$\text{SET } M_{i+1} = M_i \cup \bigcup \{ H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n) : u_1, \dots, u_n \in M_i \}$$

AND, IN THE END $M = \bigcup_{i \in \omega} M_i$.

TO GET A SMALL SET LET $F: \mathcal{P}(M) \setminus \{\emptyset\} \rightarrow M$

BE A CHOICE FUNCTION AND LET

$$h(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \begin{cases} F(H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n)) & \text{IF } H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n) \neq \emptyset \\ u_1 & \text{IF } H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

START WITH $N_0 = M_0$ AND, RECURSIVELY,

$$\text{SET } N_{i+1} = N_i \cup h[N_i^A]$$

AND IN THE END $N = \bigcup_{i \in \omega} N_i$

NOW SHOW $|N| \leq |M_0| \cdot \aleph_0$.

GENERALIZATIONS:

- FINITELY MANY FORMULAS INSTEAD OF JUST ONE
- M CAN BE OF THE FORM V_α FOR SOME LIMIT α .
 GIVEN M_i LET $\alpha_i = \sup \{ \text{RANK } x : x \in \bigcup \{ H_\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_n) : u_1, \dots, u_n \in M_i \} \}$
 AND $M_{i+1} = V_{\alpha_i + 1}$.
- IF $M_0 \in L$ THEN M CAN BE OF THE FORM L_α
 FOR SOME LIMIT α , AND THEN WE GET
 IF $(\exists x \in L) \varphi^L(x, u_1, \dots, u_n)$ THEN $(\exists x \in L_\alpha) \varphi^L(x, u_1, \dots, u_n)$

NOW WE CAN FINISH THE INFORMAL PROOF THAT L IS A MODEL OF ZF.

LET $\varphi(x, z, w_1, \dots, w_n)$ BE A FORMULA AS IN THE COMPREHENSION AXIOM.

LET $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_m$ BE A LIST OF FORMULAS THAT CONTAINS φ AND THAT IS CLOSED UNDER TAKING SUBFORMULAS

WE HAD α AND $z, w_1, \dots, w_n \in L_\alpha$

AND NEEDED TO SHOW $\{x \in Z : \varphi^L(x, z, w_1, \dots, w_n)\} \in L$.

APPLY THE LEMMA TO L_α AND THE LIST TO FIND A LIMIT ORDINAL $\beta > \alpha$ SUCH THAT FOR ALL j WE HAVE

$$(\forall w_1, \dots, w_n \in L_\beta) \left((\exists x \in L_\alpha) \varphi_j^L(x, w_1, \dots, w_n) \rightarrow (\exists x \in L_\beta) \varphi_j^L(x, w_1, \dots, w_n) \right)$$

THEN ALL φ_i , AND IN PARTICULAR OUR φ , ARE ABSOLUTE FOR L_β, L .

AND THEN WE KNOW THAT

$$\{x \in Z : \varphi^L(x, z, w_1, \dots, w_n)\} = \{x \in Z : \varphi^{L_\beta}(x, z, w_1, \dots, w_n)\} \in L_{\beta+1}.$$

FOR LATER USE {

REMEMBER THE TRANSITIVE CLOSURE [2022-10-24]:

$$U^0 x = x, \quad U^{n+1} x = U(U^n x), \quad \dots \quad \text{TRCL } x = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} U^n x$$

THE SMALLEST TRANSITIVE SET THAT CONTAINS x .

FOR AN ^{INFINITE} CARDINAL κ DEFINE $H(\kappa) = \{x : |\text{TRCL}(x)| < \kappa\}$

THIS IS A SET: $H(\kappa) \in V_\kappa$

IF $x \in H(\kappa)$ THEN $\text{RANK}(x) < \kappa$

LET $S = \{\text{RANK}(y) : y \in \text{TRCL}(x)\}$ - A SET OF ORDINALS

ASSUME $\alpha \in S, \alpha \notin S, \beta = \min\{\gamma \in S : \alpha < \gamma\}$ (IMPOSSIBLE)

TAKE $y \in \text{TRCL}(x)$ WITH $\text{RANK}(y) = \beta$

BY TRANSITIVITY $|\{\text{RANK}(z) : z \in y\}| \leq \kappa$

AND SO $\sup\{\text{RANK}(z) : z \in y\} \leq \alpha < \beta = \text{RANK}(y)$

CONTRADICTION SO S IS AN ORDINAL

SINCE $|\text{TRCL}(x)| < \kappa$ WE HAVE $S \in V_\kappa$

AND SO $\text{RANK}(x) \in S \leq \kappa$.

IN FACT $S = \text{RANK}(x) = \{\text{RANK}(y) : y \in \text{TRCL}(x)\}$.

$H(\aleph_0)$ NUMERICALLY FINITE SETS: $H(\aleph_0) = V_\omega$

$H(\aleph_1)$ NUMERICALLY COUNTABLE SETS.

$H(\kappa)$ IS A MODEL OF ZF-P (ZFC-P IF AC).

BACK TO THE DEFINITION OF L .

WE NEED TO SHOW:

IF $\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ IS A Δ_0 -FORMULA THEN THERE IS A COMPOSITION G OF G_1, \dots, G_{10} SUCH THAT FOR ALL X_1, \dots, X_m

$$G(X_1, \dots, X_m) = \{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_m \rangle : u_i \in X_i \wedge \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m) \}.$$

THE PROOF IS BY INDUCTION ON THE COMPLEXITY OF φ .

WE USE ONLY \neg , \wedge , AND \exists

WE SKIP $=$: $x=y$ IS $(\forall u \in x)(u \in y) \wedge (\forall u \in y)(u \in x)$

FIRST $u_i \in u_j$

- $n=2$: $u_1 \in u_2$ AND $u_2 \in u_1$
 - $\{ \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle : u_1 \in u_2 \} = G_3(X_1, X_2)$
 - $\{ \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle : u_2 \in u_1 \} = G_9(G_3(X_2, X_1))$
- $n > 2$: VARIOUS SUBCASES
 - $i, j \neq n$.
 - $\{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \rangle : \dots u_i \in u_j \} = G(X_1, \dots, X_{m-1})$
 - $\{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle : \dots u_i \in u_j \} = G_2(G(X_1, \dots, X_{m-1}), X_m)$
 - $i, j \neq n-1$
 - $\{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-2}, u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle : \dots u_i \in u_j \} = G(X_1, \dots, X_m)$
 - $\{ \langle \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-2} \rangle, u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle : \dots u_i \in u_j \} = G_9(G(X_1, \dots, X_m))$
 - $i = n-1, j = n$
 - $\{ \langle u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle : u_{m-1} \in u_m \} = G_3(X_{m-1}, X_m)$
 - $\{ \langle \langle u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle, \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \rangle \rangle : \dots u_{m-1} \in u_m \} = G_2(G_3(X_{m-1}, X_m), X_1, \dots, X_{m-2})$
 - $\{ \langle u_{m-1}, u_m, \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-1} \rangle \rangle \rightarrow \langle \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-2} \rangle, u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle$
 - APPLY G_{10} TO GET $\{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_{m-2}, u_{m-1}, u_m \rangle : u_{m-1} \in u_m \}$
 - $i = n, j = n-1$
 - START WITH $G_3(X_m, X_{m-1})$ ACT AS ABOVE
 - AND AT THE END APPLY G_9 .

NEGATION

$$X_1, \dots, X_m \setminus G(X_1, \dots, X_m) = G_4(X_1, \dots, X_m, G(X_1, \dots, X_m))$$

$$X_1, \times X_2 = G_2(X_1, X_2) \quad (X_1, \times X_2) \times X_3 = G_2(G_2(X_1, X_2), X_3), \dots$$

CONJUNCTION $G_\varphi(X_1, \dots, X_m) \wedge G_\psi(X_1, \dots, X_m) = G_5(-, -)$

QUANTIFICATION

φ IS $(\exists u_{m+1} \in U_c) \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m, u_{m+1})$, I.E.,

$(\exists u_{m+1}) (u_{m+1} \in U_c \wedge \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m, u_{m+1}))$

WE HAVE $G_a(X_1, \dots, X_m) = \{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_m \rangle : u_{m+1} \in U_c \}$

$G_b(X_1, \dots, X_m) = \{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_m \rangle : \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m) \}$

AND W $G_f(G_a(-), G_b(-))$ GIVES

$\{ \langle u_1, \dots, u_m \rangle : u_{m+1} \in U_c \wedge \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m) \}$

NOW $\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m) \Leftrightarrow (\exists v \in U_c) (\varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m, v))$

$\Leftrightarrow (\exists v) (v \in U_c \wedge \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m, v) \wedge v \in UX_c)$

$\Leftrightarrow \langle u_1, \dots, u_m \rangle \in \text{DOM} \{ \langle u, v \rangle : u \in X_1 \times \dots \times X_m, v \in UX_c, v \in U_c \wedge \varphi(u_1, \dots, u_m, v) \}$

$G_f(G_a(X_1, \dots, X_m, UX_c))$ $\leftarrow G_b(X_c)$

CONVERSELY IF G IS A COMPOSITION OF THE OPERATIONS G_1, \dots, G_{10} THEN

$$Z = G(X_1, \dots, X_m)$$

CAN BE EXPRESSED BY A Δ_0 -FORMULA. (JECH 12.10)

$G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, G_5, G_6, G_7$ DONE ALREADY

$G_8: Z = G_8(X)$

$(\forall z \in Z)(\exists x \in X)(\exists u \in \text{RAN } X)(\exists v \in \text{DOM } X) (x = \langle v, u \rangle \wedge z = \langle u, x \rangle)$
 $\wedge (\forall x \in X)(\forall u \in \text{RAN } X)(\forall v \in \text{DOM } X)(\exists z \in Z) (x = \langle v, u \rangle \rightarrow z = \langle u, x \rangle)$

G_9, G_{10} EXERCISE

By induction (i) $u \in G(X_1, \dots)$ IS Δ_0

(ii) IF φ IS Δ_0 THEN SO ARE

$\forall u \in G(X_1, \dots) \varphi$ AND $\exists u \in G(X_1, \dots) \varphi$

(iii) $Z = G(X_1, \dots)$ IS Δ_0

(iv) IF φ IS Δ_0 THEN SO IS $\varphi(G(X_1, \dots))$.

(i) SAY $x \in G_3(G(X_1, \dots), H(X_1, \dots))$ MEANS

$(\exists u \in G(X_1, \dots)) (\exists v \in H(X_1, \dots)) (u \in v \wedge x = \langle u, v \rangle)$

THEN APPLY INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS TO G AND H

(ii) SAY $\varphi(G(X_1, \dots) \cap H(X_1, \dots))$ BECOMES

$\varphi(u) \wedge u \in (G(X_1, \dots) \cap H(X_1, \dots))$

\uparrow
 Δ_0

$(\forall v \in u) (u \in G(X_1, \dots) \wedge v \in H(X_1, \dots))$

$\wedge \forall z \in G(X_1, \dots) (z \in H(X_1, \dots) \rightarrow z \in u)$

- (iii) $Z = G(X, -) : (\forall u \in Z)(u \in G(X, -)) \wedge (\forall u \in G(X, -))(u \in Z)$
- (iv) IN $\varphi(G(X, -))$ WE HAVE
- $u \in G(X, -)$ SEE (i), $u = G(X, -)$ SEE (iii)
 - $\forall u \in G(X, -) \exists u \in G(X, -)$ SEE (ii)
 - $G(X, -) \in u : (\exists u \in u)(u = G(X, -))$ SEE (iii).

WHY ALL THIS ADD ABOUT Δ_0 -FORMULAS?

FOR EVERY FORMULA φ THE RELATIVATION φ^M IS A Δ_0 -FORMULA.

- SO FOR EVERY FORMULA φ THERE IS A G SUCH THAT FOR EVERY TRANSITIVE M AND ALL a_1, \dots, a_m

$$\{x \in M : M \models \varphi[x, a_1, \dots, a_m]\} = \{x \in M : \varphi^M(x, a_1, \dots, a_m)\} = G(M, a_1, \dots, a_m)$$

- IF G IS A COMPOSITION THEN WE HAVE A Δ_0 -FORMULA φ SUCH THAT FOR ALL M, a_1, \dots, a_m

$$\text{IF } X = G(M, a_1, \dots, a_m) \text{ THEN } X = \{x : \varphi(M, x, a_1, \dots, a_m)\}$$

IF M IS TRANSITIVE AND $X \in M$ THEN

$$X = \{x \in M : M \models \varphi[x, a_1, \dots, a_m]\} \quad \varphi : \exists u \in M \sim \exists u$$

THIS GIVES US, FINALLY, A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF $\text{DEF}(M)$:

$$\text{DEF}(M) = \underbrace{\text{CL}(M \cup \{M\})}_{\text{CLOSURE UNDER } G_1, \dots, G_0} \cap \mathcal{P}(M)$$

THIS IS $\text{DEF}(M)$ FORMALIZED WITHIN ZF.

SO NOW $\langle L_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{ON} \rangle$ IS WELL-DEFINED

WHAT IS LEFT TO DO?

WE WANT TO SHOW

- $\langle L_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{ON} \rangle$ IS ABSOLUTE FOR TRANSITIVE MODELS OF ZF-P
- SO THAT $(\exists \alpha)(x \in L_\alpha)$ WILL BE ABSOLUTE TOO
- L CAN BE WELL-ORDERED, SO $L \models AC$
- L SATISFIES GCH
- L HAS A SOUSLIN TREE (IF THERE IS TIME)

WE HAVE Δ_0 -FORMULAS

WE HAVE Σ_1 - AND Π_1 -FORMULAS

Σ_1 : $(\exists x) \varphi$ WITH φ A Δ_0 -FORMULA

Π_1 : $(\forall x) \varphi$ WITH φ A Δ_0 -FORMULA

A PROPERTY IS Σ_1 OR Π_1 IF IT CAN BE EXPRESSED BY A Σ_1 - OR Π_1 -FORMULA

IT IS Δ_1 IF IT CAN BE EXPRESSED BY A Σ_1 - AND A Π_1 -FORMULA.

- Σ_1 -FORMULAS ARE UPWARD ABSOLUTE
- Π_1 -FORMULAS ARE DOWNWARD ABSOLUTE
- SO Δ_1 -PROPERTIES ARE ABSOLUTE.

WE WANT TO SHOW $\alpha \mapsto L_\alpha$ IS Δ_1

① $Y = \text{DEF}(X)$ IS Σ_1
 $\exists W (W \text{ IS A FUNCTION } \wedge \text{DOM } W = \omega \wedge W(0) = X \wedge$
 $\wedge (\forall n \in \omega) (W(n+1) = W(n) \cup$
 $\{G_n(x, y) : x \in W(n) \wedge y \in W(n) \wedge c \in \{1\} \}) \wedge$
 $\wedge Y = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} W)$

EVERYTHING IN THE PARENTHESES IS Δ_0 .

② RECURSION APPLIED TO Σ_1 -FUNCTIONS RESULTS IN A Σ_1 -FUNCTION

$\alpha = L_\alpha \leftrightarrow \exists f (f \text{ IS A FUNCTION } \wedge \text{DOM } f = \alpha \wedge f(0) = \emptyset \wedge$
 $(\forall \beta \in \alpha) (f(\beta+1) = \text{DEF}(f \upharpoonright \beta \cup \{f \upharpoonright \beta\})) \wedge$
 $(\forall \beta \in \alpha) (\beta = \bigcup \gamma \rightarrow f(\beta) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \beta} f(\gamma)) \wedge$
 $(\alpha = \bigcup \alpha \rightarrow \alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \alpha} f(\gamma)))$

③ BUT $\alpha = L_\alpha$ IS EQUIVALENT TO
 $\alpha \in \text{ON} \wedge (\forall z) (z = L_\alpha \rightarrow \alpha = z)$

THIS IS Π_1 BECAUSE $z = L_\alpha \rightarrow \alpha = z$ IS Π_1
 BY TRANSLATION: $\neg (z = L_\alpha) \vee \alpha = z$

$\neg (z = L_\alpha) = \neg \exists f \varphi(f) = \forall f (\neg \varphi(f))$ IS Π_1

SO $\alpha = L_\alpha$ IS ALSO Π_1 -EXPRESSIBLE

④ DONE: $\alpha \mapsto L_\alpha$ IS Δ_1 AND SO ABSOLUTE FOR TRANSITIVE MODELS

So $\alpha \mapsto L_\alpha$ is ABSOLUTE FOR TRANSITIVE MODELS

HENCE SO IS

α IS CONSTRUCTIBLE

LET M BE SUCH A MODEL WITH $0 \in M$.

FOR $\alpha \in M$ WE HAVE

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \text{ IS CONSTRUCTIBLE})^M &\text{ IFF } (\exists \alpha \in M)(\alpha \in L_\alpha^M) \\ &\text{ IFF } (\exists \alpha)(\alpha \in L_\alpha) \\ &\text{ IFF } \alpha \text{ IS CONSTRUCTIBLE} \end{aligned}$$

WE GET

THEOREM [GÖDEL]

- L SATISFIES THE AXIOM OF CONSTRUCTIBILITY
IF $\alpha \in L$ THEN $(\alpha \text{ IS CONSTRUCTIBLE})^L$

IFF α IS CONSTRUCTIBLE

SO L SATISFIES "EVERY SET IS CONSTRUCTIBLE"

WE SHORTEN THAT TO $V = L$.

- L IS THE SMALLEST INNER MODEL OF ZF
INNER MODEL: IT CONTAINS 0
IF M IS AN INNER MODEL THEN $L^M = L$
AND SO $L \in M$.

NEXT TIME AC AND GCH IN L .

ON 2022-12-07: 149 YEARS OF UNCOUNTABILITY.