

# Proof Theory.



## Theorem (Gentzen).

Let  $T \supseteq \text{PA}$  such that  $T$  proves the existence and wellfoundedness of (a code for) all ordinals  $\alpha < \varepsilon_0$ . Then  $T \vdash \text{Cons}(\text{PA})$ .

## Questions:

- What is  $\varepsilon_0$ ?
- How can a theory in the language of arithmetic prove anything about ordinals?

# Operations on ordinals (1).

If  $\mathbf{L} = \langle L, \leq \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{M} = \langle M, \sqsubseteq \rangle$  are linear orders, we can define their sum and product:

$\mathbf{L} \oplus \mathbf{M} := \langle L \dot{\cup} M, \preceq \rangle$  where  $x \preceq y$  if

- $x \in L$  and  $y \in M$ , or
- $x, y \in L$  and  $x \leq y$ , or
- $x, y \in M$  and  $x \sqsubseteq y$ .

$\mathbf{L} \otimes \mathbf{M} := \langle L \times M, \preceq \rangle$  where  $\langle x, y \rangle \preceq \langle x^*, y^* \rangle$  if

- $y \sqsubset y^*$ , or
- $y = y^*$  and  $x \leq x^*$ .

# Operations on ordinals (2).

**Fact.**  $\mathbb{N} \oplus \mathbb{N}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{N} \otimes 2$ .

**Exercise.** These operations are not commutative: there are linear orders such that  $L \oplus M$  is not isomorphic to  $M \oplus L$  and similarly for  $\otimes$ . (Exercise 37.)

**Observation.** If  $L$  and  $M$  are wellorders, then so are  $L \oplus M$  and  $L \otimes M$ .

Based on  $\otimes$ , we can define **exponentiation** by transfinite recursion for ordinals  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^0 &:= \mathbf{1} \\ \alpha^{\beta+1} &:= \alpha^\beta \otimes \alpha \\ \alpha^\lambda &:= \bigcup \{ \alpha^\beta ; \beta < \lambda \}\end{aligned}$$

# Hauptzahlen

An ordinal  $\xi$  is called  **$\gamma$ -number** (“Hauptzahl der Addition”) if for all  $\alpha, \beta < \xi$ , we have  $\alpha \oplus \beta < \xi$ .

**Example.**  $\omega \otimes \omega$  is a  $\gamma$ -number.

An ordinal  $\xi$  is called  **$\delta$ -number** (“Hauptzahl der Multiplikation”) if for all  $\alpha, \beta < \xi$ , we have  $\alpha \otimes \beta < \xi$ .

**Example.**  $\omega^\omega$  is a  $\delta$ -number.

An ordinal  $\xi$  is called  **$\varepsilon$ -number** (“Hauptzahl der Exponentiation”) if for all  $\alpha, \beta < \xi$ , we have  $\alpha^\beta < \xi$ .

$\varepsilon_0$  is the least  $\varepsilon$ -number.

# Arithmetic and orderings (1).

Ordinals are not objects of arithmetic (neither first-order nor second-order). So what should it mean that an arithmetical theory proves that “ $\varepsilon_0$  is well-ordered”?

Let  $\alpha$  be a countable ordinal. By definition, there is some bijection  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \alpha$ . Define

$$n <_f m \iff f(n) < f(m).$$

Clearly,  $f$  is an isomorphism between  $\langle \mathbb{N}, <_f \rangle$  and  $\alpha$ .

If  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is an arbitrary function, we can interpret it as a binary relation on  $\mathbb{N}$ :

$$n <_g m \iff g(n, m) = 1.$$

# Arithmetic and orderings (2).

Let us work in second-order arithmetic

$$\langle \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}, 2^{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}}, +, \times, 0, 1, \text{app} \rangle$$

$g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  codes a wellfounded relation if and only if

$$\neg \exists F \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} (g(F(n+1), F(n)) = 1).$$

“Being a code for an ordinal  $< \varepsilon_0$ ” is definable in the language of second-order arithmetic (ordinal notation systems).

$\text{TI}(\varepsilon_0)$  is defined to be the formalization of “every code  $g$  for an ordinal  $< \varepsilon_0$  codes a wellfounded relation”.

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$\text{TI}(\varepsilon_0)$ : “every code  $g$  for an ordinal  $< \varepsilon_0$  codes a wellfounded relation”

**Generalization:** If “being a code for an ordinal  $< \alpha$ ” can be defined in second-order arithmetic, then let  $\text{TI}(\alpha)$  mean “every code  $g$  for an ordinal  $< \alpha$  codes a wellfounded relation”.

**The proof-theoretic ordinal of a theory  $T$ .**

$$|T| := \sup\{\alpha; T \vdash \text{TI}(\alpha)\}$$

**Rephrasing Gentzen.**  $|\text{PA}| = \varepsilon_0$ .

# More proof theory (2).

## Results from Proof Theory.

- The proof-theoretic ordinal of primitive recursive arithmetic is  $\omega^\omega$ .
- (Jäger-Simpson) The proof-theoretic ordinal of arithmetic with arithmetical transfinite recursion is  $\Gamma_0$  (the limit of the Veblen functions).

These ordinals are all smaller than  $\omega_1^{\text{CK}}$ , the least noncomputable ordinal, *i.e.*, the first ordinal  $\alpha$  such that there is no computable function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\langle \mathbb{N}, <_g \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\alpha$ .



# Our open question in set theory...

- **inaccessible cardinal** – a regular, strong limit cardinal.
- **measurable cardinal** – a cardinal  $\kappa$  such that there is a nonprincipal  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter on  $\kappa$  (“ $\kappa$  is a generalized solution to the measure problem”).

**Theorem** (Tarski-Ulam, 1930). Every measurable cardinal is inaccessible.

**Question.** Is every inaccessible cardinal measurable?

# Łoś



Jerzy Łoś  
1920-1998

- Invented ultraproducts.
- Introduced the notion of categoricity.
- Conjectured Morley's theorem: If a theory is  $\kappa$ -categorical for an uncountable  $\kappa$ , then it is  $\kappa$ -categorical for all uncountable  $\kappa$ .
- **1955.** *Quelques remarques, théorèmes et problèmes sur les classes définissable d'algèbres.*

# Products (1).

Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{\dot{f}_n, \dot{R}_m ; n, m\}$  be a first-order language and  $S$  be a set.

Suppose that for every  $i \in S$ , we have an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure

$$\mathbf{M}_i = \langle M_i, f_n^i, R_m^i ; n, m \rangle.$$

Let  $M_S := \prod_{i \in S} M_i$ . For  $X_0, \dots, X_k \in M$ , we let

$$f_n^S(X_0, \dots, X_k)(i) := f_n^i(X_0(i), \dots, X_k(i)) \text{ and}$$

$$R_m^S(X_0, \dots, X_k) :\leftrightarrow \forall i \in S (R_m^i(X_0(i), \dots, X_k(i))).$$

# Products (2).

In general, classes of structures are not closed under products:

Let  $\mathcal{L}_F := \{+, \times, 0, 1\}$  be the language of fields and  $\Phi_F$  be the field axioms. Let  $S = \{0, 1\}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_0 = \mathbf{M}_1 = \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}_S = \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$  is not a field:  $\langle 1, 0 \rangle \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$  doesn't have an inverse.

**Theorem** (Birkhoff, 1935). If a class of algebras is equationally definable, then it is closed under products.



**Garrett Birkhoff**  
(1884-1944)

Garrett **Birkhoff**, On the structure of abstract algebras, **Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society** 31 (1935), p. 433-454

# Ultraproducts (1).

Suppose  $S$  is a set,  $\mathbf{M}_i$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $U$  is an ultrafilter on  $S$ .

Define  $\equiv_U$  on  $M_S$  by

$$X \equiv_U Y :\leftrightarrow \{i ; X(i) = Y(i)\} \in U,$$

and let  $M_U := M_S / \equiv_U$ .

The functions  $f_n^S$  and the relations  $R_m^S$  are welldefined on  $M_U$  (i.e., if  $X \equiv_U Y$ , then  $f_n^S(X) \equiv_U f_n^S(Y)$ ), and so they induce functions and relations  $f_n^U$  and  $R_m^U$  on  $M_U$ .

We call

$$\mathbf{M}_U := \text{Ult}(\langle \mathbf{M}_i ; i \in S \rangle, U) := \langle M_U, f_n^U, R_m^U ; n, m \rangle$$

the **ultraproduct** of the sequence  $\langle \mathbf{M}_i ; i \in S \rangle$  with  $U$ .

# Ultraproducts (2).

**Theorem (Łoś.)** Let  $\langle \mathbf{M}_i ; i \in S \rangle$  be a family of  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures and  $U$  be an ultrafilter on  $S$ . Let  $\varphi$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $\mathbf{M}_U \models \varphi([X_0]_{\equiv_U}, \dots, [X_k]_{\equiv_U})$ , and
2.  $\{i \in S ; \mathbf{M}_i \models \varphi(X_0(i), \dots, X_k(i))\} \in U$ .

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1.  $\mathbf{M}_U \models \sigma$ , and
2.  $\{i \in S ; \mathbf{M}_i \models \sigma\} \in U$ .

## Applications.

- If for all  $i \in S$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_i$  is a field, then  $\mathbf{M}_U$  is a field.
- Let  $S = \mathbb{N}$ . Sets of the form  $\{n ; N \leq n\}$  are called **final segments**. An ultrafilter  $U$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is called **nonprincipal** if it contains all final segments. If  $\langle \mathbf{M}_n ; n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a family of  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures,  $U$  a nonprincipal ultrafilter, and  $\Phi$  an (infinite) set of sentences such that each element is “eventually true”, then  $\mathbf{M}_U \models \Phi$ .
- **Nonstandard analysis** (Robinson). Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the language of fields with an additional 0-ary function symbol  $\dot{c}$ . Let  $\mathbf{M}_i \models \text{Th}(\mathbb{R}) \cup \{\dot{c} \neq 0 \wedge \dot{c} < \frac{1}{i}\}$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}_U$  is a model of  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{R})$  plus “there is an infinitesimal”.

# Tarski (1).



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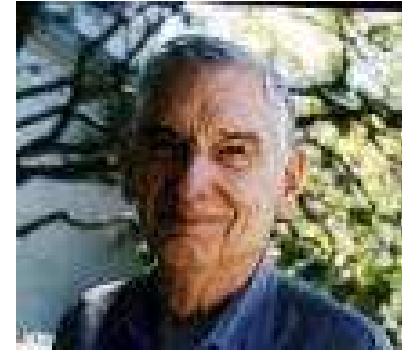
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# Tarski (2).

- **Undefinability of Truth.**

If a language can correctly refer to its own sentences, then the truth predicate is not definable.

## **Limitative Theorems.**

<i>Provability</i>	<i>Truth</i>	<i>Computability</i>
1931	1933	1935
Gödel	Tarski	Turing

More in the last lecture (Dec 15th).

# Tarski (2).

- **Undefinability of Truth.**
- **Algebraic Logic.**
  - **Leibniz** called for an analysis of relations (“Plato is taller than Socrates”  $\rightsquigarrow$  “Plato is tall in as much as Socrates is short”).
  - **Relation Algebras:** Steve Givant, István Németi, Hajnal Andréka, Ian Hodkinson, Robin Hirsch, Maarten Marx.
  - **Cylindric Algebras:** Don Monk, Leon Henkin, Ian Hodkinson, Yde Venema, Nick Bezhanishvili.

# Tarski (2).

- **Undefinability of Truth.**
- **Algebraic Logic.**
- **Logic and Geometry.**
  - A theory  $T$  admits **elimination of quantifiers** if every first-order formula is  $T$ -equivalent to a quantifier-free formula (Skolem, 1919).
  - **1955.** Quantifier elimination for the theory of real numbers (“real-closed fields”).
  - Basic ideas of modern **algebraic model theory**.
  - Connections to theoretical computer science: running time of the quantifier elimination algorithms.



# Ultraproducts in Set Theory.

**Recall:** A cardinal  $\kappa$  is called **measurable** if there is a  $\kappa$ -complete nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $\kappa$ .

**Idea:** Apply the theory of ultraproducts to the ultrafilter witnessing measurability.

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a model of set theory and  $\mathbf{V} \models \text{“}\kappa \text{ is measurable”}$ . Let  $U$  be the ultrafilter witnessing this. Define  $M_\alpha := \mathbf{V}$  for all  $\alpha \in \kappa$  and  $M_U := \text{Ult}(\mathbf{V}, U)$ .

By Łoś,  $M_U$  is again a model of set theory with a measurable cardinal.

**Theorem** (Scott / Tarski-Keisler, 1961). If  $\kappa$  is measurable, then there is some  $\alpha < \kappa$  such that  $\alpha$  is inaccessible.

**Corollary.** The least measurable is not the least inaccessible.

# More on large cardinals.

**Reflection.** Some properties of a large cardinal  $\kappa$  reflect down to some (many, almost all) cardinals  $\alpha < \kappa$ .

- **Lévy** (1960); **Montague** (1961). Reflection Principle.
- **Hanf** (1964). Connecting large cardinal analysis to infinitary logic.
- **Gaifman** (1964); **Silver** (1966). Connecting large cardinals and inner models of constructibility (“iterated ultrapowers”).
- **Gödel’s Programme.**  
1947. “What is Cantor’s Continuum Problem?”  
Use new axioms (in particular large cardinal axioms) in order to resolve questions undecidable in ZF.
- **Lévy-Solovay** (1967). Large Cardinals don’t solve the continuum problem.

# Modal logic (1).

## Modalities.

- *“the standard modalities”*. “necessarily”, “possibly”.
- *temporal*. “henceforth”, “eventually”, “hitherto”.
- *deontic*. “it is obligatory”, “it is allowed”.
- *epistemic*. “ $p$  knows that”.
- *doxastic*. “ $p$  believes that”.

# Modal logic (2).

## Modalities as operators.

McCull (late XIXth century); Lewis-Langford (1932).  $\diamond$  as an operator on propositional expressions:

$$\diamond\varphi \rightsquigarrow \text{“Possibly } \varphi\text{”}.$$

$\square$  for the dual operator:

$$\square\varphi \rightsquigarrow \text{“Necessarily } \varphi\text{”}.$$

Iterated modalities:

$$\square\diamond\varphi \rightsquigarrow \text{“It is necessary that } \varphi \text{ is possible”}.$$

# Modal logic (3).

What modal formulas should be axioms? This depends on the interpretation of  $\diamond$  and  $\square$ .

**Example.**  $\square\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$  (“axiom T”).

- *Necessity interpretation.* “If  $\varphi$  is necessarily true, then it is true.”
- *Epistemic interpretation.* “If  $p$  knows that  $\varphi$ , then  $\varphi$  is true.”
- *Doxastic interpretation.* “If  $p$  believes that  $\varphi$ , then  $\varphi$  is true.”

# Early modal semantics.

## Topological Semantics (McKinsey / Tarski).

Let  $\langle X, \tau \rangle$  be a topological space and  $V : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \wp(X)$  a valuation for the propositional variables.

$\langle X, \tau, x, V \rangle \models \diamond\varphi$  if and only if  $x$  is in the closure of  $\{z; \langle X, \tau, z, V \rangle \models \varphi\}$ .

$\langle X, \tau \rangle \models \varphi$  if for all  $x \in X$  and all valuations  $V$ ,  
 $\langle X, \tau, x, V \rangle \models \varphi$ .

**Theorem** (McKinsey-Tarski; 1944).  $\langle X, \tau \rangle \models \varphi$  if and only if  $S4 \vdash \varphi$ .

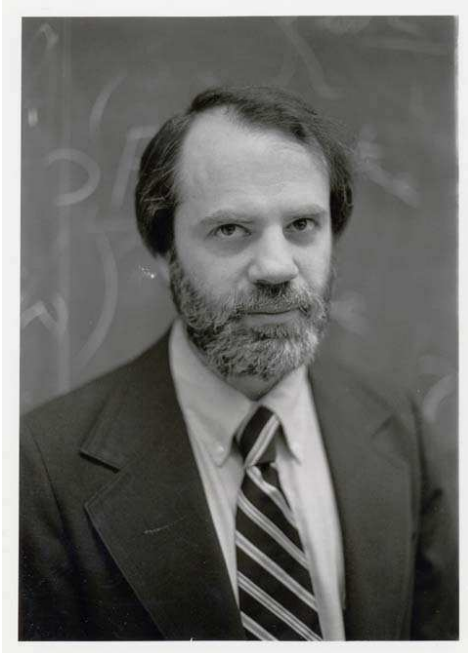
( $S4 = \{\mathbf{T}, \Box\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\varphi\}$ )

# Possible Worlds.

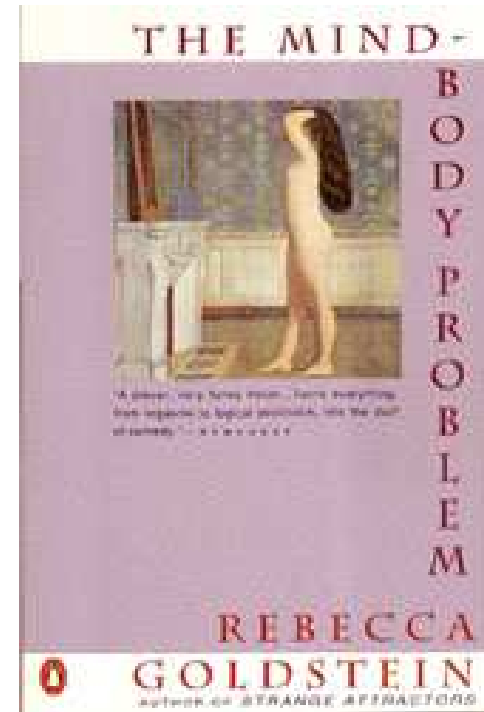


**Leibniz:** There are as many possible worlds as there are things that can be conceived without contradiction.  $\varphi$  is necessarily true if its negation implies a contradiction.  
 $\rightsquigarrow \varphi$  is necessarily true if it is true in all possible worlds.

# Kripke.



Saul Kripke  
(b. 1940)



- Saul Kripke, A completeness theorem in modal logic, **Journal of Symbolic Logic** 24 (1959), p. 1-14.
- *"Naming and Necessity"*.



# Kripke semantics (1).

Let  $M$  be a set and  $R \subseteq M \times M$  a binary relation. We call  $\mathbf{M} = \langle M, R \rangle$  a **Kripke frame**. Let  $V : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \wp(M)$  be a valuation function. Then we call  $\mathbf{M}^V = \langle M, R, V \rangle$  a **Kripke model**.

$$\mathbf{M}^V, x \models p_n \quad \text{iff} \quad x \in V(n)$$

$$\mathbf{M}^V, x \models \diamond\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists y(xRy \ \& \ \mathbf{M}^V, y \models \varphi)$$

$$\mathbf{M}^V, x \models \Box\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall y(xRy \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^V, y \models \varphi)$$

$$\mathbf{M}^V \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall x(\mathbf{M}^V, x \models \varphi)$$

$$\mathbf{M} \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall V(\mathbf{M}^V \models \varphi)$$

# Kripke semantics (2).

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^V, x \models \diamond\varphi & \text{ iff } \exists y(xRy \ \& \ \mathbf{M}^V, y \models \varphi) \\ \mathbf{M}^V, x \models \Box\varphi & \text{ iff } \forall y(xRy \rightarrow \mathbf{M}^V, y \models \varphi) \\ \mathbf{M}^V \models \varphi & \text{ iff } \forall x(\mathbf{M}^V, x \models \varphi) \\ \mathbf{M} \models \varphi & \text{ iff } \forall V(\mathbf{M}^V \models \varphi)\end{aligned}$$

- Let  $\langle M, R \rangle$  be a **reflexive frame**, *i.e.*, for all  $x \in M$ ,  $xRx$ .  
Then  $\mathbf{M} \models \mathbf{T}$ .  
( $\mathbf{T} = \Box\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$ )
- Let  $\langle M, R \rangle$  be a **transitive frame**, *i.e.*, for all  $x, y, z \in M$ , if  $xRy$  and  $yRz$ , then  $xRz$ .  
Then  $\mathbf{M} \models \Box\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\varphi$ .

# Kripke semantics (3).

## Theorem (Kripke).

1.  $\mathbf{T} \vdash \varphi$  if and only if for all reflexive frames  $\mathbf{M}$ , we have  $\mathbf{M} \models \varphi$ .
2.  $\mathbf{S4} \vdash \varphi$  if and only if for all reflexive and transitive frames  $\mathbf{M}$ , we have  $\mathbf{M} \models \varphi$ .
3.  $\mathbf{S5} \vdash \varphi$  if and only if for all frames  $\mathbf{M}$  with an equivalence relation  $R$ , we have  $\mathbf{M} \models \varphi$ .

More about this next week.