

## Refutation of the second incompleteness theorem by Gödel logic

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**Abstract:** Gödel's second incompleteness theorem as based on the minimal modal logic to express the Löb axiom is *not* tautologous. Subsequent substitutions into the Löb axiom along with Hájek's earlier lemma raise further suspicion about Gödel-justification logic.

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/VL4 with Tautology as the designated *proof* value, **F** as contradiction, **N** as truthity (non-contingency), and **C** as falsity (contingency). Results are a 16-valued truth table in row-major and horizontal, or repeating fragments of 128-tables for more variables.

LET  $p, q, r, s: \phi$  or  $i$  or  $x, \psi$  or  $y, R, s$  or  $z;$   
 $\sim$  Not,  $\neg$ ;  $+$  Or,  $\vee$ ;  $\&$  And,  $\wedge$ ;  $=$  Equivalent,  $\leftrightarrow$ ;  $>$  Imply,  $\rightarrow$ , greater than;  
 $\#$  necessity, for all or every,  $\square, \forall$ ;  $\%$  possibility, for one or some,  $\diamond, \exists$   
 $(s=s) \top$ , Tautology as the designated *proof* value;  $(s@s) \perp, \mathbf{F}$  as contradiction.

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Let  $\nu B$  be the smallest normal modal logic containing the axiom

$$\square \diamond \top \rightarrow \square (\square (\square p \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p), \quad (2.0.1.1)$$

$$\# \%(p=p) > \# (\# (\# p > p) > p); \quad \mathbf{FNFN \ FNFN \ FNFN \ FNFN} \quad (2.0.1.2)$$

which we will call the  $\nu B$ -axiom. Van Benthem [1979] proved that the logic  $\nu B$  is Kripke incomplete.

In this connection, it is noteworthy that the  $\nu B$ -axiom is a theorem of the provability logic  $GL$ , the smallest normal modal logic containing the Löb axiom,

$$\square (\square p \rightarrow p) \rightarrow \square p. \quad (2.0.2.1)$$

$$\# (\# p > p) > \# p; \quad \mathbf{CTCT \ CTCT \ CTCT \ CTCT} \quad (2.0.2.2)$$

**Remark 2.0.2.:** Eq. 2.0.2.2 as rendered is *not* tautologous. This means the Löb axiom is refuted. (From our other papers, the likely intention of the Löb axiom is:  $\square (\square p \rightarrow p) \leftrightarrow (p \vee \neg p)$ ; with a simpler version as either  $\square (\square \neg p \rightarrow \neg p) \leftrightarrow \square p$  or  $\square (\square p \rightarrow \neg p) \leftrightarrow \square \neg p$ .)

Substituting  $\perp$  for  $p$  in the Löb axiom yields

$$\square \diamond \top \rightarrow \square \perp, \quad (2.0.3.1)$$

$$\# \%(p=p) > \# (p @ p); \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF} \quad (2.0.3.2)$$

which in the context of provability logic is a modal version of Gödel's Second Incompleteness Theorem.

**Remark 2.0.3.2:** Eq. 2.0.3.2 is *not* tautologous, meaning in this modal context Gödel's second incompleteness theorem is refuted.

Clearly the vB-axiom is derivable from  $\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box\perp$ .

We write this to mean that Eqs. 2.0.3.1 implies 2.0.1.1. (2.0.4.1)

$$(\#(p=p) \#(p@p)) \# (\#(p=p) \# (\#(p>p) \# p)) ;$$

TTTT TTTT TTTT TTTT (2.0.4.2)

In the other direction, van Benthem showed that  $\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box\perp$  is a Kripke-frame consequence of the vB-axiom. However, he also showed that  $\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box\perp$  is not a theorem of vB.

We write this to mean that Eqs. 2.0.1.1 does not imply 2.0.3.1. (2.0.5.1)

$$\sim (\#(p=p) \# (\#(p>p) \# p)) \# (\#(p=p) \# (p@p)) = (p=p) ;$$

FNFN FNFN FNFN FNFN (2.0.5.2)

Together these facts imply the Kripke-incompleteness of vB. (2.0.6.0)

We write this to mean that Eqs. 2.0.4.1 and 2.0.5.1 imply Kripke-incompleteness as defined in Fn. 7 per the Henkin sentence, as "a simplest possible Kripke incomplete unimodal logic" of  $\Box(\Box p \leftrightarrow p) \rightarrow \Box p$  (with the same result table for Eq. 2.0.2.1, the Löb axiom, as *not* tautologous). (2.0.6.1)

$$(((\#(p=p) \# (p@p)) \# (\#(p=p) \# (\#(p>p) \# p))) \# \sim((\#(p=p) \# (\#(p>p) \# p)) \# (\#(p=p) \# (p@p)))) \# (\#(p=p) \# p) ;$$

TTTT TTTT TTTT TTTT (2.0.6.2)

**Remark 2.0.6.2:** Eq. 2.0.6.2 has the canonical form of True And False Implies False ( $TTTT \ \& \ FNFN = FNFN$ )  $> CTCT$  as a theorem. This means that Eq. 2.0.6.0 uses the *non* fact of Eq. 2.0.5.1 to imply the *non* fact of Kripke-incompleteness of vB which is probably not the author intention.

SO[second-order] ( $\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box\perp$ ), which is equivalent to

$$\forall x(\forall y(Rxy \rightarrow \exists zRyz) \rightarrow \forall y\neg Rxy),$$

(8.1.1)

$$(\#(s=s) \# (s@s)) = (((r \# (p \# q)) \# (r \# (q \# s))) \# (q \# (\sim r \# (p \# q))))$$

TTTC TTTC TTTC TTTT (8.1.2)

by a formalized version of the proof of Lemma 2.1.

**Remark 8.1.2:** Eq. 8.1.2 is *not* tautologous, meaning the equivalence of Eq. 8.1.1 is denied.

Proposition 9.2 ... [D]erive  $\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box\perp$  from the vB-axiom  
 $\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box(\Box(\Box p \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p)$ .

We write this as  $(\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box(\Box(\Box p \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p))$  implies  $(\Box\Diamond\top \rightarrow \Box\perp)$ . (9.2.1)

$$((\#(s=s))\#(\#(p>p))\#(s@s))\#(s@s) ; \quad \text{TCTC TCTC TCTC TCTC} \quad (9.2.2)$$

**Remark 9.2.2:** Eq. 9.2.2 is *not* tautologous, meaning he derivation is denied.

From: Pischke, N. (2018). A note on strong axiomatization of Gödel-justification logic.  
[arxiv.org/pdf/1809.09608.pdf](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1809.09608.pdf)

Lemma 2.6 (Hájek [1998]). G proves the following formulas:

- (1)  $\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$
- (2)  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$
- (3)  $\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$  (2.6.3.1)

While item (1) and (2) are even theorems for Hájek's basic logic BL, item (3) is a particular feature of Gödel logic, distinguishing it from the other prominent t-norm based logics. This lemma is also the reason for why the usual proof of the classical deduction theorem works in Gödel logic.

$$(p>(q>r))>((p>q)>(q>r)) ; \quad \text{TFTT TTTT TFTT TTTT} \quad (2.6.3.2)$$

**Remark 2.6.3.2:** Eq. 2.6.3.2 as rendered is *not* tautologous. That particular feature of Gödel logic is refuted along with the lemma as "reason for why the usual proof of the classical deduction theorem works in Gödel logic". Consequently, Gödel-justification logic is suspicious.