

# Refutation of the Gödel class with identity as un-solvable

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**Abstract:** We evaluate the Gödel quantification scheme of  $\exists^* \forall^n \exists^* \phi$  as tautologous. When it is extended to decidable and undecidable prefix-classes, none is tautologous. This refutes the Gödel class with identity as undecidable, to mean it is in fact solvable as *not* tautologous. Therefore the prefix-classes are *non* tautologous fragments of the universal logic  $\forall\exists\forall$ .

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/ $\forall\exists\forall$  with Tautology as the designated proof value, **F** as contradiction, **N** as truthity (non-contingency), and **C** as falsity (contingency). The 16-valued truth table is row-major and horizontal, or repeating fragments of 128-tables, sometimes with table counts, for more variables. (See ersatz-systems.com.)

LET  $\sim$  Not,  $\neg$ ; + Or,  $\vee, \cup$ ; - Not Or; & And,  $\wedge, \cap, \cdot$ ; \ Not And;  
 $>$  Imply, greater than,  $\rightarrow, \Rightarrow, \mapsto, \succ, \supset, \rightsquigarrow$ ;  
 $<$  Not Imply, less than,  $\in, \prec, \subset, \not\subset, \neq, \leftarrow, \preceq$ ;  
 $=$  Equivalent,  $\equiv, :=, \Leftrightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \triangleq, \approx, \simeq$ ; @ Not Equivalent,  $\neq$ ;  
 $\%$  possibility, for one or some,  $\exists, \diamond, M$ ; # necessity, for every or all,  $\forall, \square, L$ ;  
 $(z=z)$  **T** as tautology,  $\top$ , ordinal 3;  $(z@z)$  **F** as contradiction,  $\emptyset$ , Null,  $\perp$ , zero;  
 $(\%z>\#z)$  **N** as non-contingency,  $\Delta$ , ordinal 1;  
 $(\%z<\#z)$  **C** as contingency,  $\nabla$ , ordinal 2;  
 $\sim(y < x)$  ( $x \leq y$ ), ( $x \leq y$ );  $(A=B)$  ( $A \sim B$ );  $(B > A)$  ( $A \sim B$ );  $(B > A)$  ( $A = B$ ).  
 Note for clarity, we usually distribute quantifiers onto each designated variable.

See: Marcos, J. (2016). Breaking the proof code. [youtube.com/watch?v=XykVjsweqpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XykVjsweqpc)

The class of sentences of the form

$$\exists^* \forall^n \exists^* \phi, \text{ where } \phi \text{ is quantifier free, is decidable if (and only if) } n \leq 2. \quad (1.0)$$

**Remark 1.0:** We take  $\exists^*$  to mean zero or more existential quantifiers, and  $n \leq 2$  to mean  $n = \{0, 1, 2\}$ . We rewrite (1.0) by inserting the variables  $t, u, v, w, x, y, z$  as needed:

$$\exists x \forall^n y \exists z \phi, \text{ where } \phi \text{ is quantifier free, is decidable if (and only if) } n \leq 2. \quad (1.1)$$

LET  $p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z$ ;  
 $\phi, q, n, *, t, u, v, w, w, y, z$ ;  
 $* > 0; n \leq 2; (p@p) 0; (p=p) 3.$

$$(\sim(s < (q@q)) \& \sim(r > (q=q))) > (((\%s \& x) \& ((\#r \& y) \& (\%s \& z))) \& p); \quad (1.2)$$

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**Remark 1.2:** Eq. 1.2 as rendered is tautologous, hence confirming Gödel's asserted proof. However, the antecedent is a contradiction, **FFFF**, causing any consequent (here in part **FNFN**) to imply tautology.

From: Goldfarb, W.D. (1984). The Gödel class with identity is unsolvable.  
 academia.edu/31504009/The\_Gödel\_Class\_with\_Identity\_is\_Unsolvable  
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For example, let  $G = \forall x \exists u \forall y K$  be any  $\forall \exists \forall$ -formula of pure quantification theory; we may suppose that the predicate letters of  $G$  are distinct from those of  $F$ . A

straightforward argument shows that  $G$  is satisfiable if and only if  $F \wedge$

$\forall x \forall y \exists u (Sux \wedge K)$  is satisfiable; and the latter formula has a prenex equivalent in the

GCI [Gödel class with identity]. Since the class of  $\forall \exists \forall$ -formulas is undecidable, we

obtain the THEOREM. *The Gödel Class with Identity is undecidable.*

LET  $p, q, r, s, u, x, y:$   
 $F, G, K, S, u, x, y.$

$$q = ((\#x \& (\%u \& \#y)) \& r) ; \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFN} (128) \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$p \& (((\#x \& \#y) \& \%u) \& ((s \& (u \& x)) \& r)) ;$$

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**Remark 2.3.1:** The conjecture is Eqs. 2.2.1 implies 2.2.1: (2.3.1)

$$(p \& (((\#x \& \#y) \& \%u) \& ((s \& (u \& x)) \& r))) > (q = ((\#x \& (\%u \& \#y)) \& r)) ;$$

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**Remark 2.3.2:** Eq. 2.3.2 is *not* tautologous, but *not* for the reason as claimed that 2.2.1 is satisfiable (decidable).

The theorem may be sharpened. Using several additional predicate letters, we may construct an infinity axiom and encode  $\forall \exists \forall$ -formulas while using only one existential quantifier. Hence the Minimal GCI, i.e., the class of formulas with prefixes  $\forall x \forall y \exists z$ , is undecidable. This settles the decision problem for all prefix-classes of quantification theory with identity, for we now have the following division: (3.0)

**Remark 3.0:** We rewrite Eqs. 4.1-7.1 by inserting variables as in Remark 1.0.

$$\text{Decidable prefix-classes: } \exists \dots \exists \forall \dots \forall \text{ and} \quad (4.1.1)$$

$$\exists \dots \exists \forall \exists \dots \exists. \quad (4.2.1)$$

$$\%p\&((\%q\&\#r)\&\#s) ; \text{ and} \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFN} \quad (4.1.2)$$

$$\%p\&((\%q\&(\#r\&\%s))\&\%t) ; \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF} (2) , \\ \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFN} (2) \quad (4.2.2)$$

$$\text{Undecidable prefix-classes: } \forall \exists \forall \text{ and} \quad (5.1.1)$$

$$\forall \forall \exists. \quad (5.2.1)$$

$$\#p\&(\%q\&\#r) ; \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFN \ FFFF \ FFFN} \quad (5.1.2)$$

$$\#p\&(\#q\&\%r) ; \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFN \ FFFF \ FFFN} \quad (5.2.2)$$

This dividing line differs from that in pure quantification theory, where the  $\exists \dots \exists \forall \exists \dots \exists$  class is decidable, (6.1)

$$\%u\&(((\%v\&\#w)\&(\#x\&\%y))\&\%z) ; \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF} (126) , \\ \mathbf{NNNN \ NNNN \ NNNN \ NNNN} ( 2) \quad (6.2)$$

so that the minimal undecidable prefix-classes are  $\forall \exists \forall$  (7.1.1)

and  $\forall \forall \forall \exists \dots$  (7.2.1)

$$\#p\&(\%q\&\#r) ; \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFN \ FFFF \ FFFN} \quad (7.1.2)$$

$$\#p\&((\#q\&\#r)\&\%s) ; \quad \mathbf{FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFF \ FFFN} \quad (7.2.2)$$

The "sharpening" of the *The Gödel Class with Identity as undecidable* produces two decidable and two undecidable prefix classes, none of which is tautologous (Eqs. 4-5). The difference from quantification theory for class decidability is *not* tautologous (Eq. 6), and the minimal prefix-classes for undecidability are *not* tautologous and *not* equivalent (Eqs. 7). This means the Gödel class with identity is decidable, but solvable as *not* tautologous.