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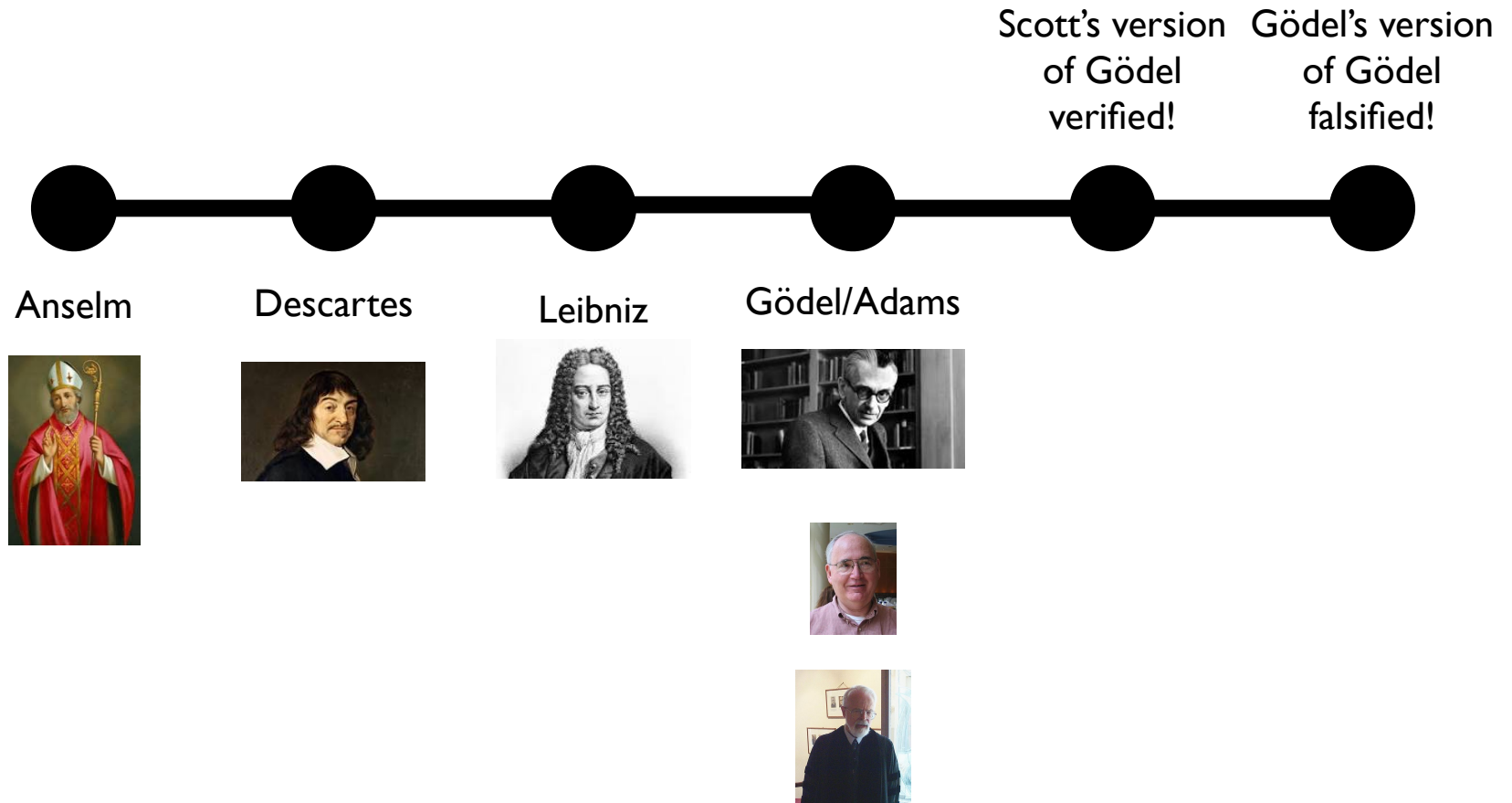
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Abstract

This paper discusses the discovery of the inconsistency in Gödel's ontological argument as a success story for artificial intelligence. Despite the popularity of the argument since the appearance of Gödel's manuscript in the early 1970's, the inconsistency of the axioms used in the argument remained unnoticed until 2013, when it was detected automatically by the higher-order theorem prover

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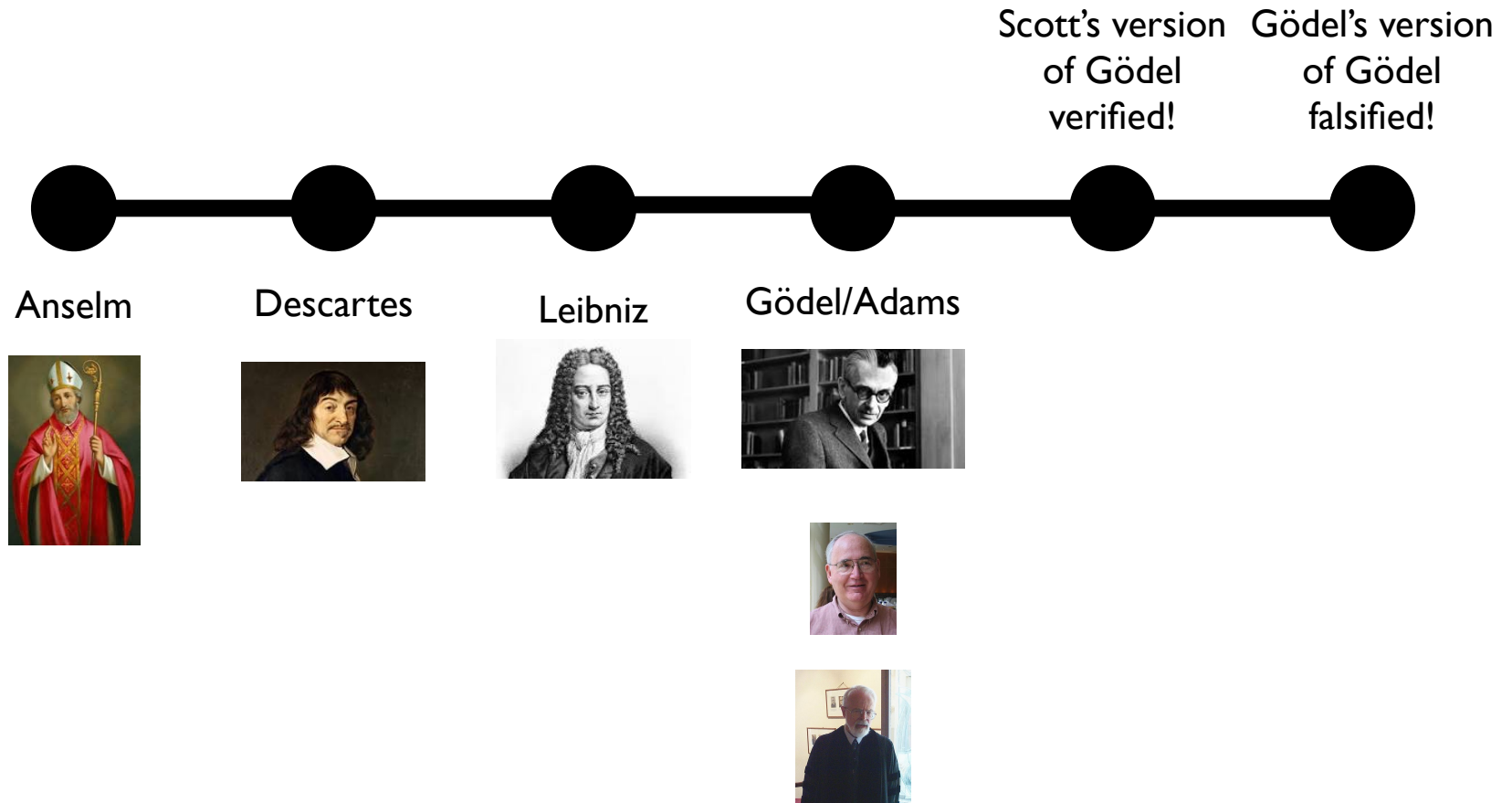
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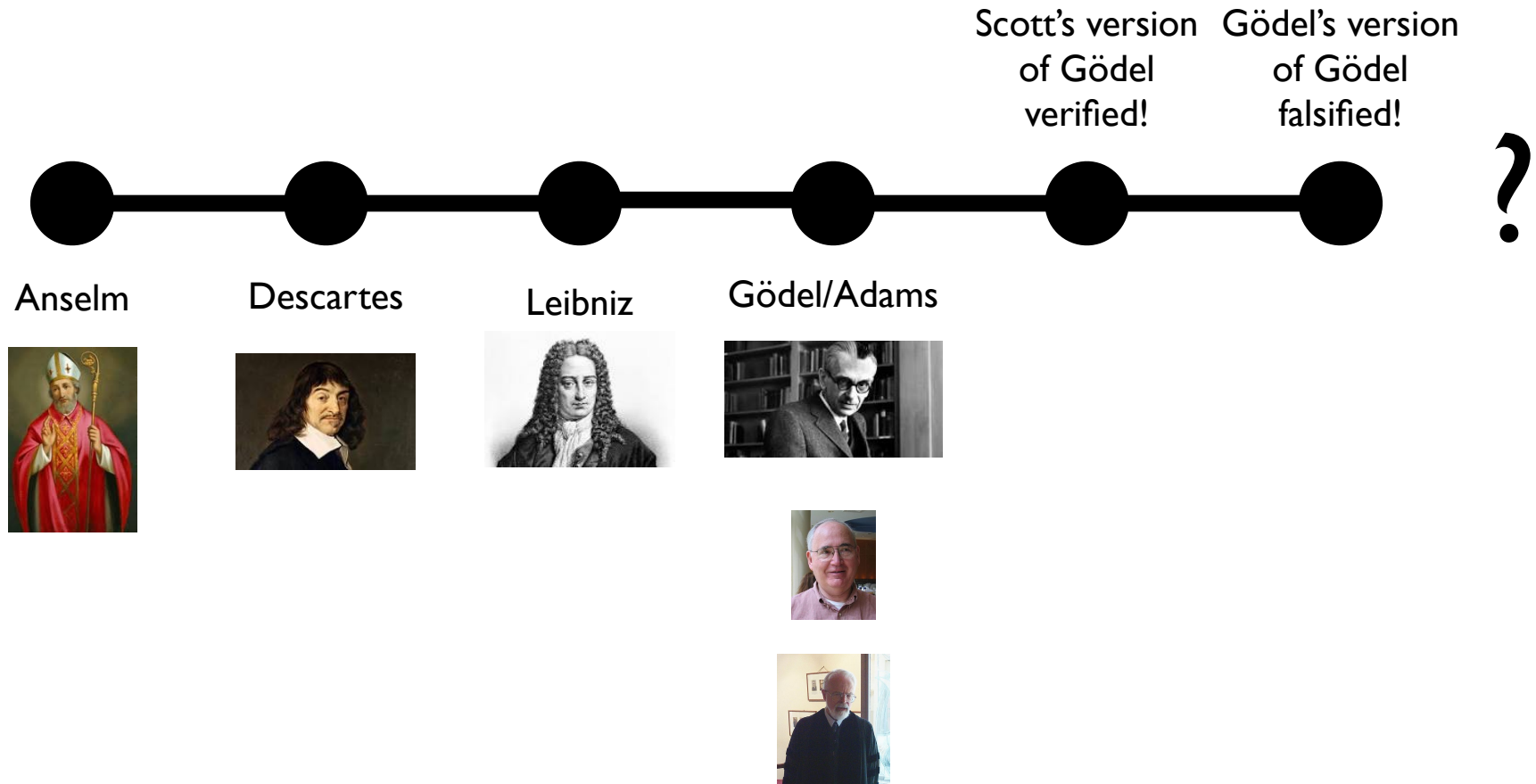
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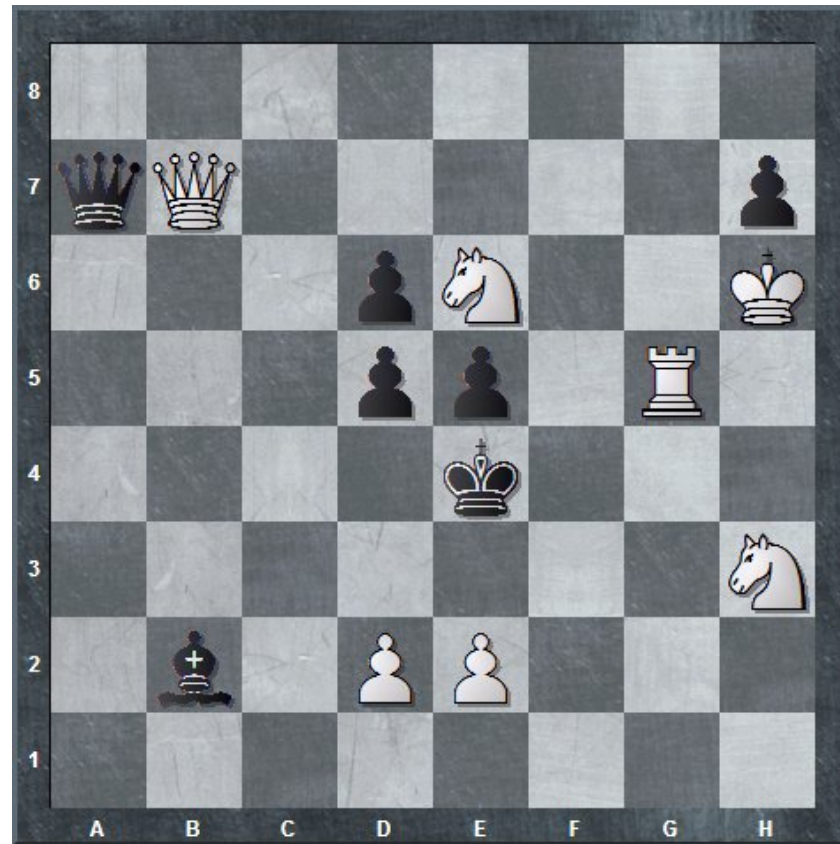
- ✓ • Introduction (“The Wager”)
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- ➔ • Could a Finite Machine Match Gödel’s Greatness?



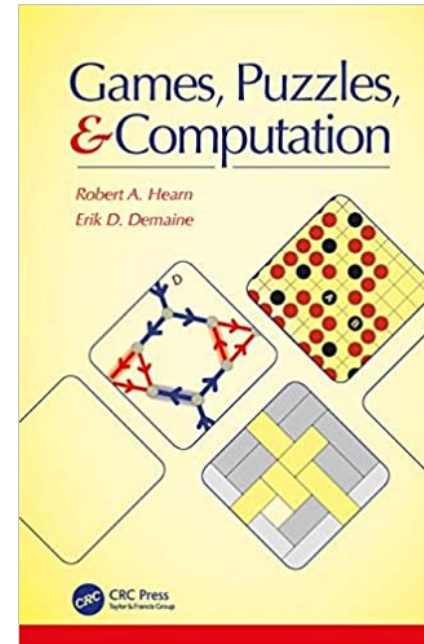
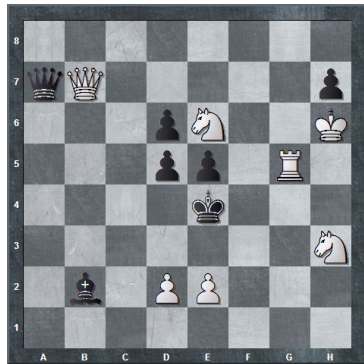
Gödel's Greatness & Games

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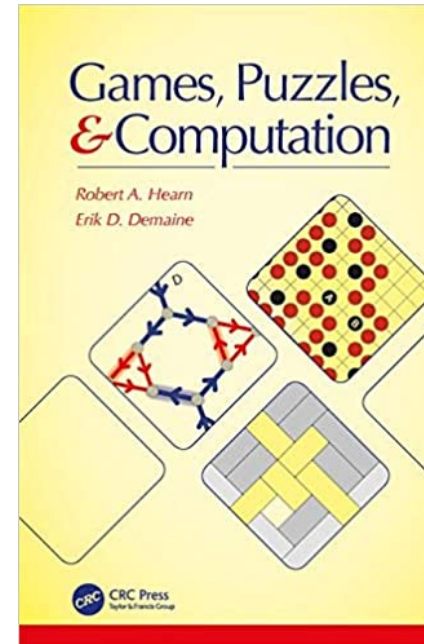
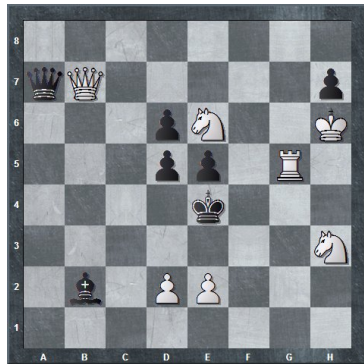
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The Constraint-Logic Formalism

The general model of games we will develop is based on the idea of a *constraint graph*; by adding rules defining legal moves on such graphs we get *constraint logic*. In later chapters the graphs and the rules will be specialized to produce games with different numbers of players: zero, one, two, etc. A game played on a constraint graph is a computation of a sort, and simultaneously serves as a useful problem to reduce to other games to show their hardness.

In the game complexity literature, the standard problem used to show games hard is some kind of game played with a Boolean formula. The Satisfiability problem (SAT), for example, can be interpreted as a puzzle: the player must existentially make a series of variable selections, so that the formula is true. The corresponding model of computation is nondeterminism, and the natural complexity class is NP. Adding alternating existential and universal quantifiers creates the Quantified Boolean Formulas problem (QBF), which has a natural interpretation as a two-player game [158].

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Podcast: The Turing Test is Dead.
Long Live the Lovelace Test.



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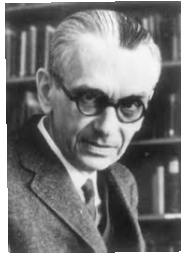
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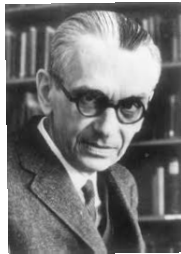
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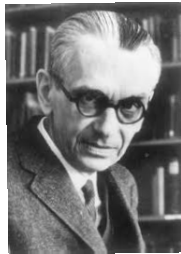
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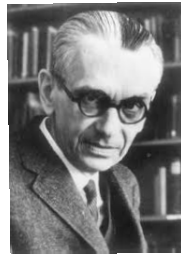
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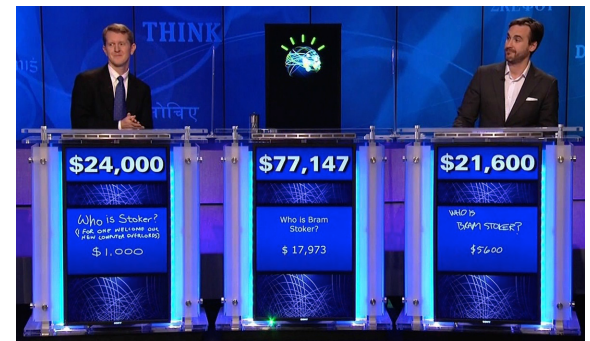
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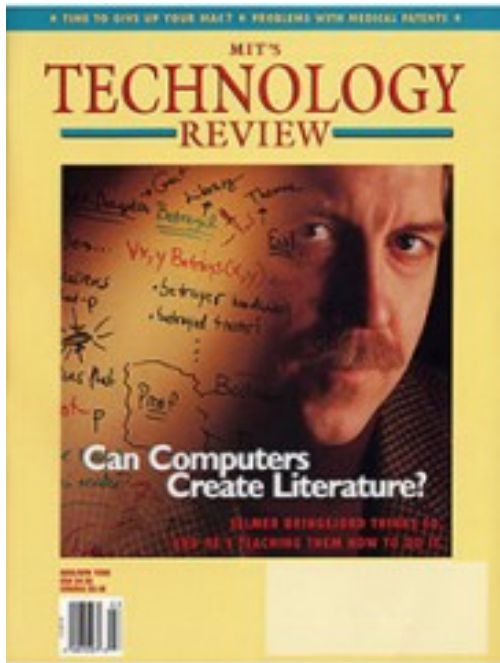
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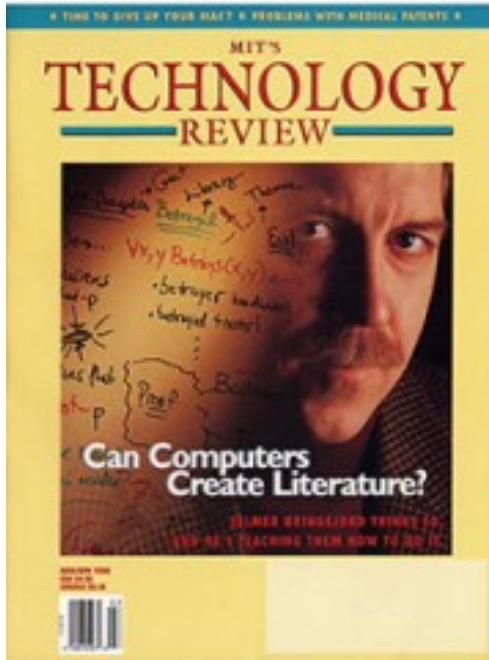
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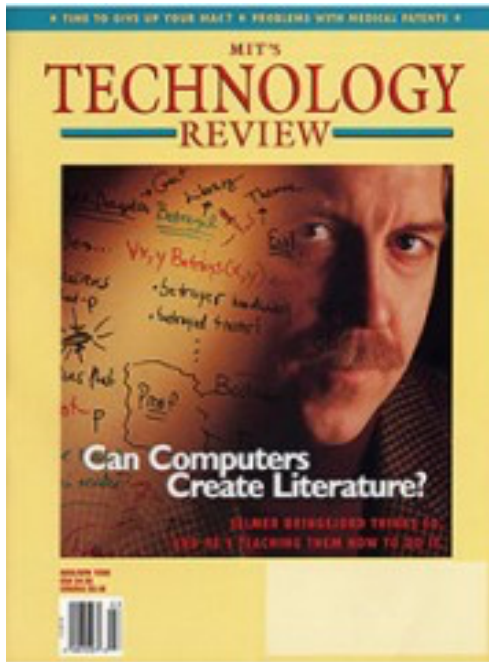
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“Chess is Too Easy”



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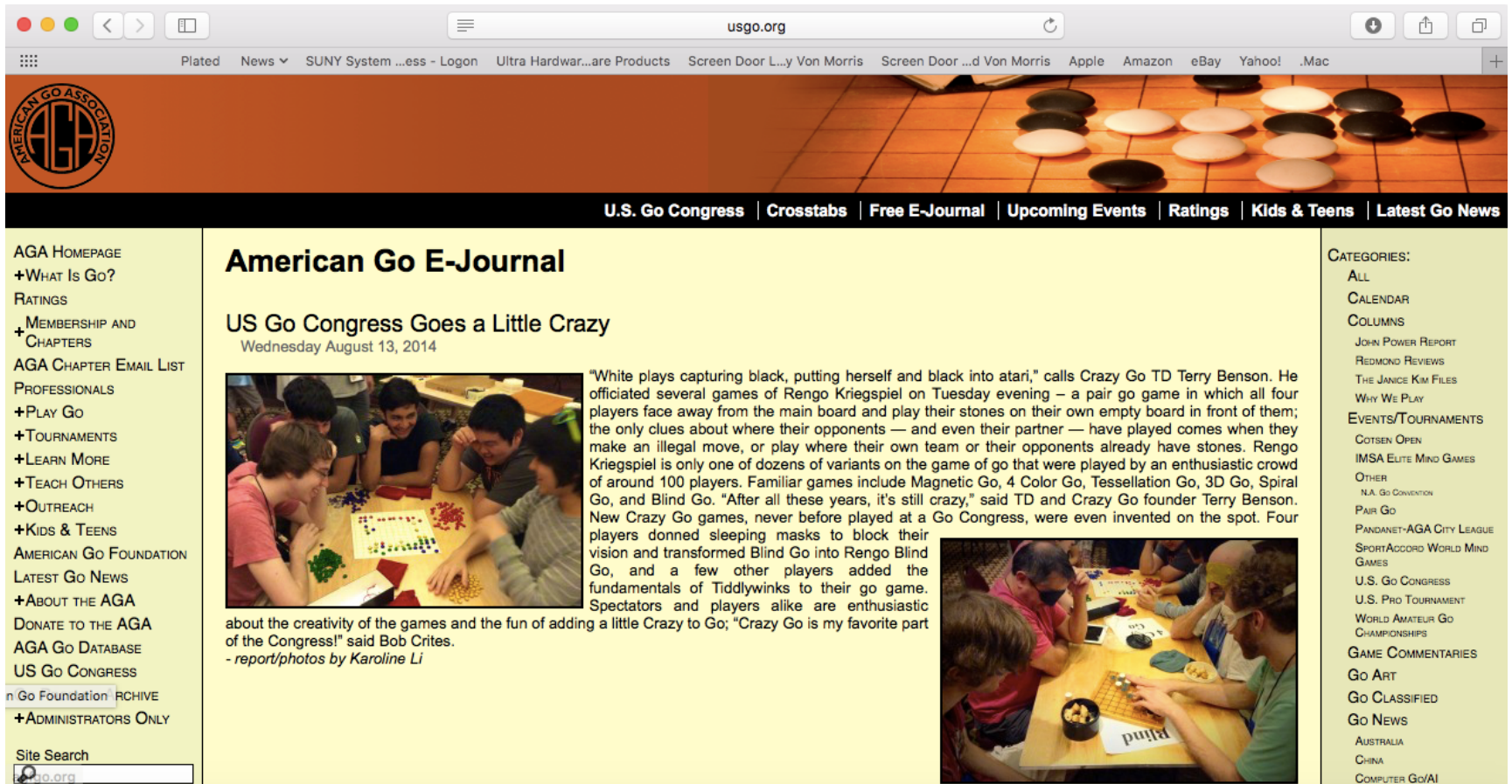


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Some of Gödel's great work is at the level of chess.

But to *fully* “gamify” Gödel,
we need a harder game! ...

Rengo Kriegspiel




The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL usgo.org. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website header features the American Go Association logo on the left and a navigation menu with links: [U.S. Go Congress](#), [Crosstabs](#), [Free E-Journal](#), [Upcoming Events](#), [Ratings](#), [Kids & Teens](#), and [Latest Go News](#). The main content area is titled "American Go E-Journal" and features an article titled "US Go Congress Goes a Little Crazy" dated Wednesday August 13, 2014. The article includes a photograph of a group of people playing Crazy Go and a quote from Terry Benson. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with links such as "AGA HOMEPAGE", "WHAT IS GO?", "RATINGS", "MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTERS", "AGA CHAPTER EMAIL LIST", "PROFESSIONALS", "PLAY GO", "TOURNAMENTS", "LEARN MORE", "TEACH OTHERS", "OUTREACH", "KIDS & TEENS", "AMERICAN GO FOUNDATION", "LATEST GO NEWS", "ABOUT THE AGA", "DONATE TO THE AGA", "AGA GO DATABASE", "US GO CONGRESS", "Go Foundation ARCHIVE", and "ADMINISTRATORS ONLY". A "Site Search" box is located at the bottom left of the sidebar. A sidebar on the right lists "CATEGORIES:" including ALL, CALENDAR, COLUMNS, JOHN POWER REPORT, REDMOND REVIEWS, THE JANICE KIM FILES, WHY WE PLAY, EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS, COTSEN OPEN, IMSA ELITE MIND GAMES, OTHER, N.A. GO CONVENTION, PAIR GO, PANDANET-AGA CITY LEAGUE, SPORTACCORD WORLD MIND GAMES, U.S. GO CONGRESS, U.S. PRO TOURNAMENT, WORLD AMATEUR GO CHAMPIONSHIPS, GAME COMMENTARIES, GO ART, GO CLASSIFIED, GO NEWS, AUSTRALIA, CHINA, and COMPUTER GO/AI.

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"White plays capturing black, putting herself and black into atari," calls Crazy Go TD Terry Benson. He officiated several games of Rengo Kriegspiel on Tuesday evening – a pair go game in which all four players face away from the main board and play their stones on their own empty board in front of them; the only clues about where their opponents — and even their partner — have played comes when they make an illegal move, or play where their own team or their opponents already have stones. Rengo Kriegspiel is only one of dozens of variants on the game of go that were played by an enthusiastic crowd of around 100 players. Familiar games include Magnetic Go, 4 Color Go, Tessellation Go, 3D Go, Spiral Go, and Blind Go. "After all these years, it's still crazy," said TD and Crazy Go founder Terry Benson. New Crazy Go games, never before played at a Go Congress, were even invented on the spot. Four players donned sleeping masks to block their vision and transformed Blind Go into Rengo Blind Go, and a few other players added the fundamentals of Tiddlywinks to their go game. Spectators and players alike are enthusiastic about the creativity of the games and the fun of adding a little Crazy to Go; "Crazy Go is my favorite part of the Congress!" said Bob Crites.
- report/photos by Karoline Li

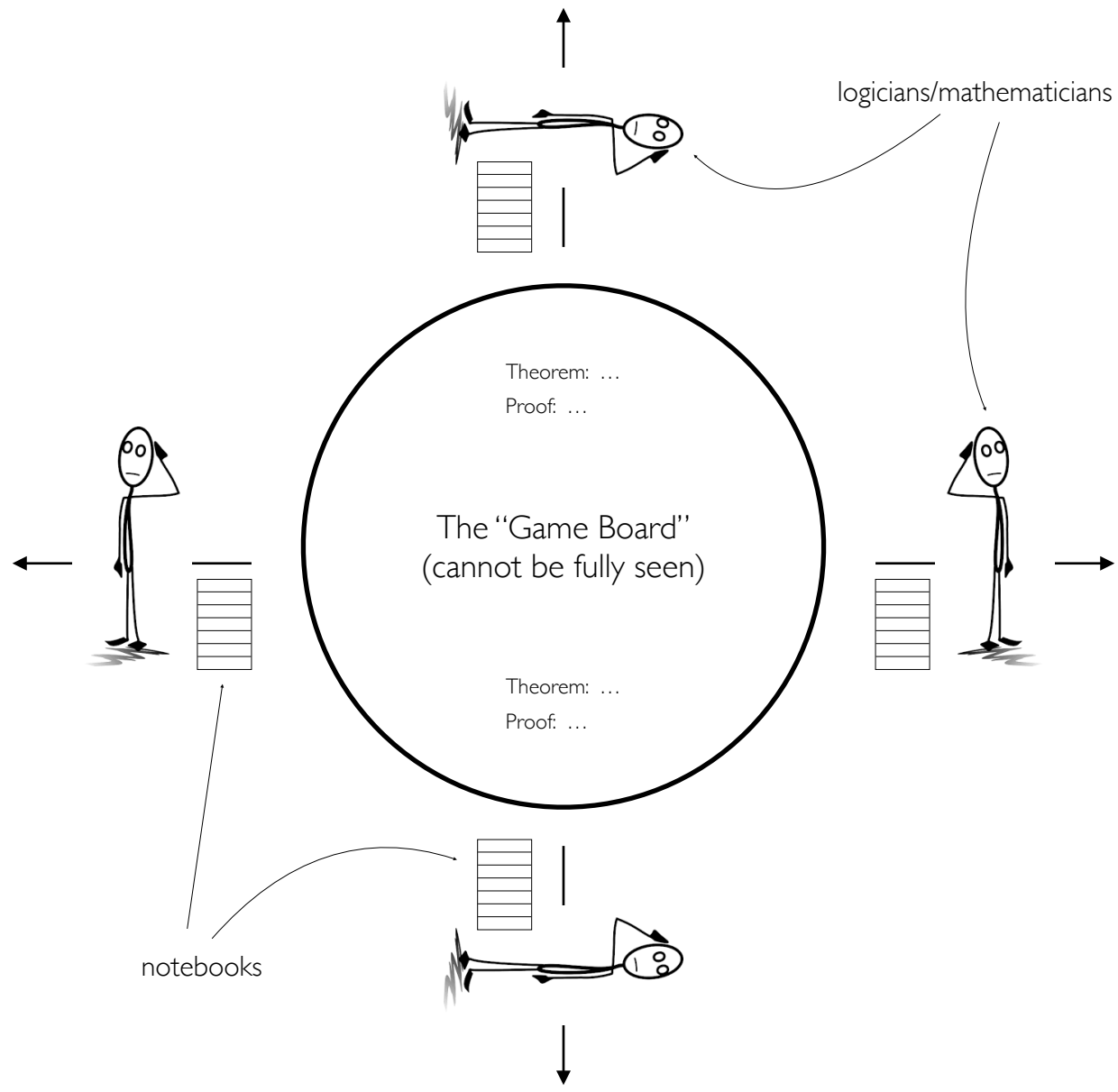


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