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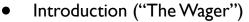


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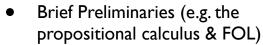
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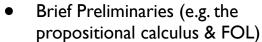
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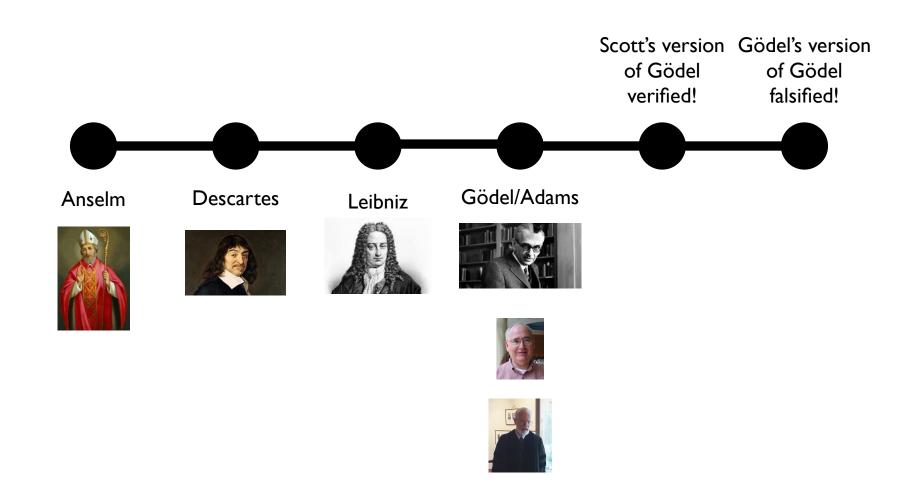




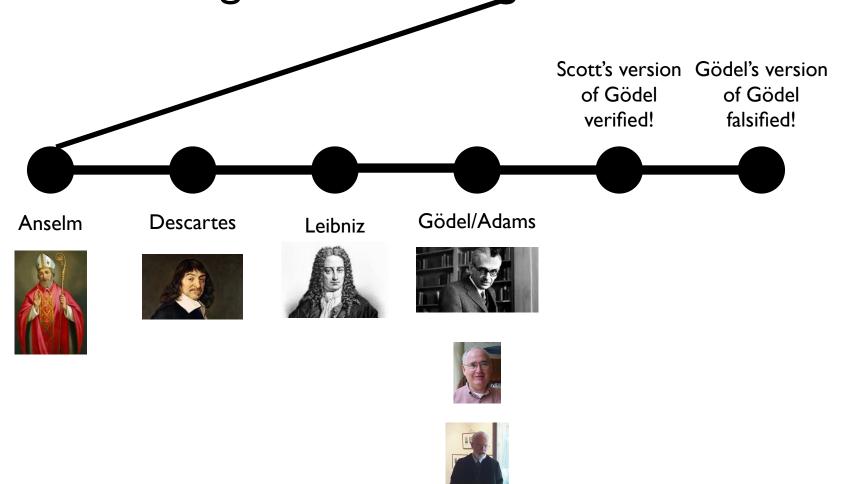
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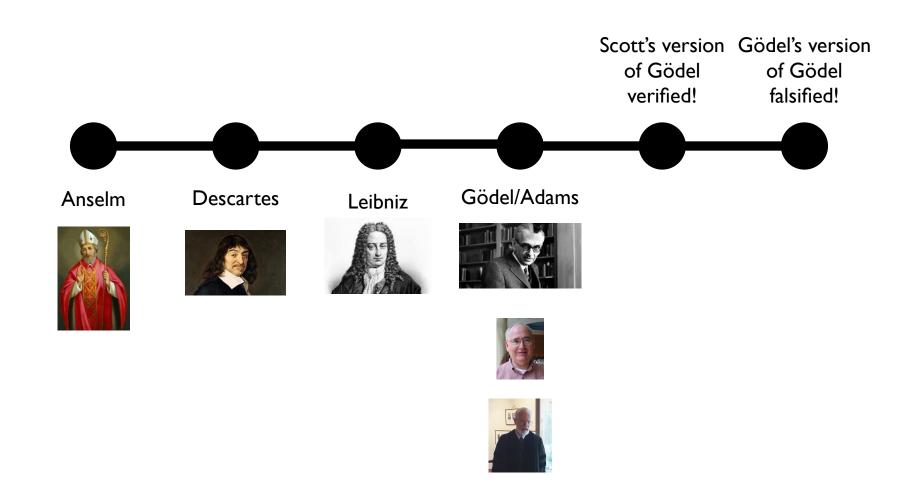
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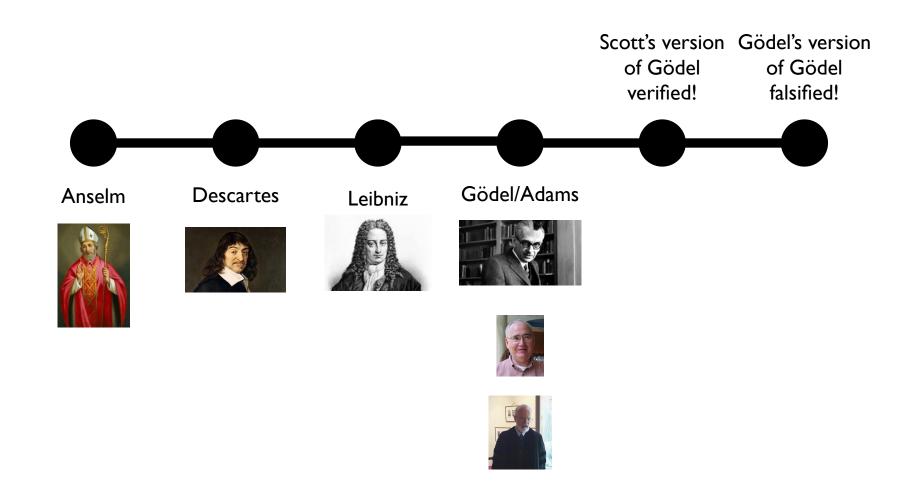
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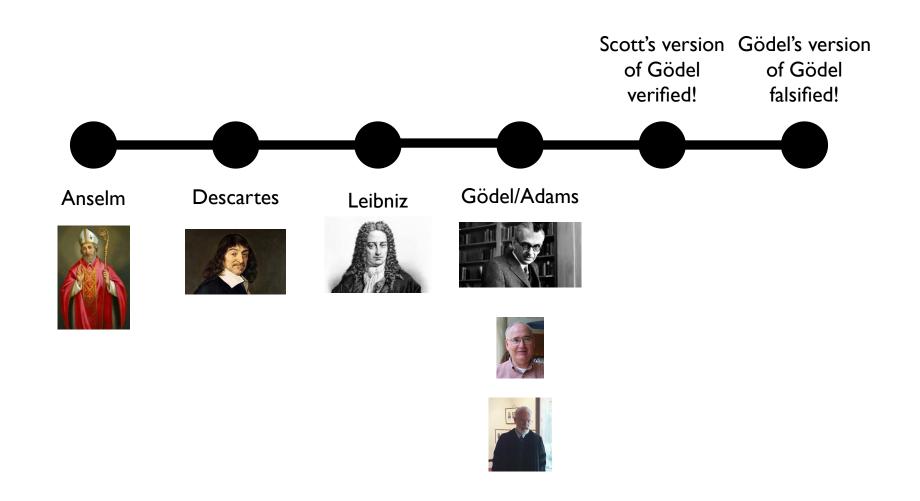
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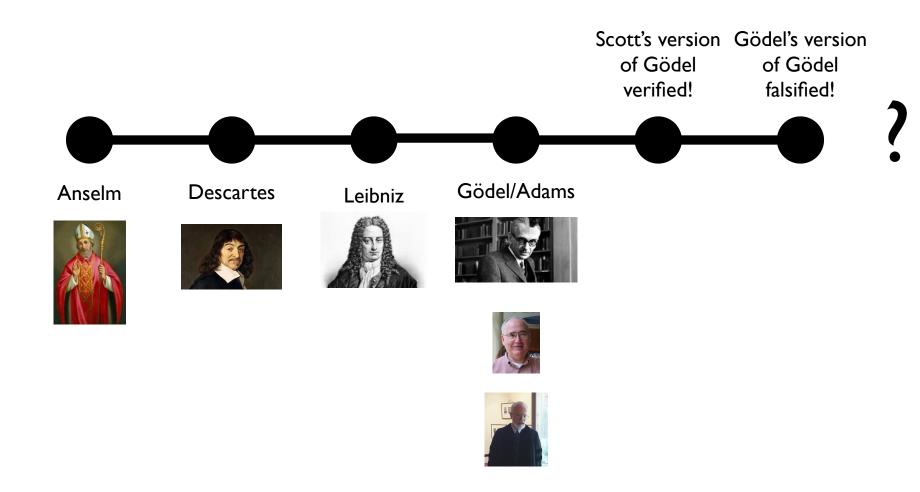
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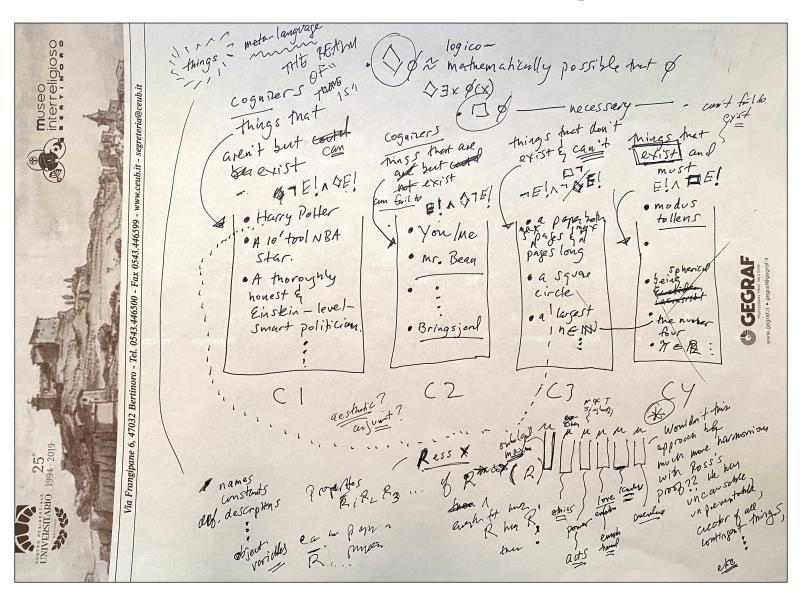
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"The Other Way"



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Gödel's Either/Or

"[E]ither ... the human mind (even within the realm of pure mathematics) infinitely surpasses the power of any finite machine, or else there exist absolutely unsolvable diophantine problems."

— Gödel, 1951, Providence RI

PT as a Diophantine Equation

Equations of this sort were introduced to you in middle-school, when you were asked to find the hypotenuse of a right triangle when you knew its sides; the familiar equation, the famous Pythagorean Theorem that most adults will remember at least echoes of into their old age, is:

(PT)
$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$
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and this is of course equivalent to

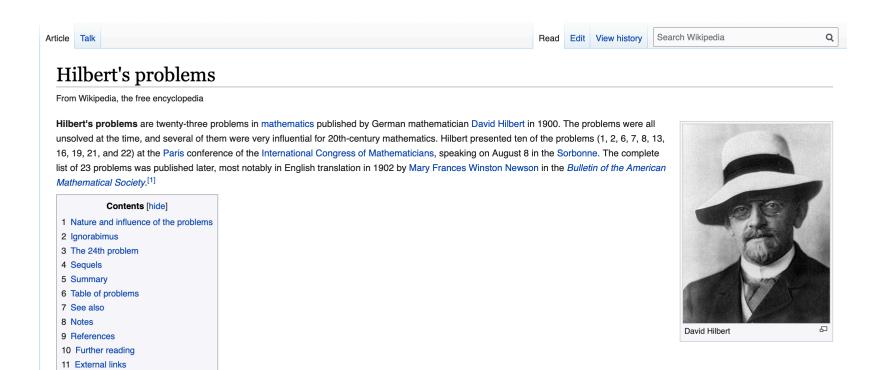
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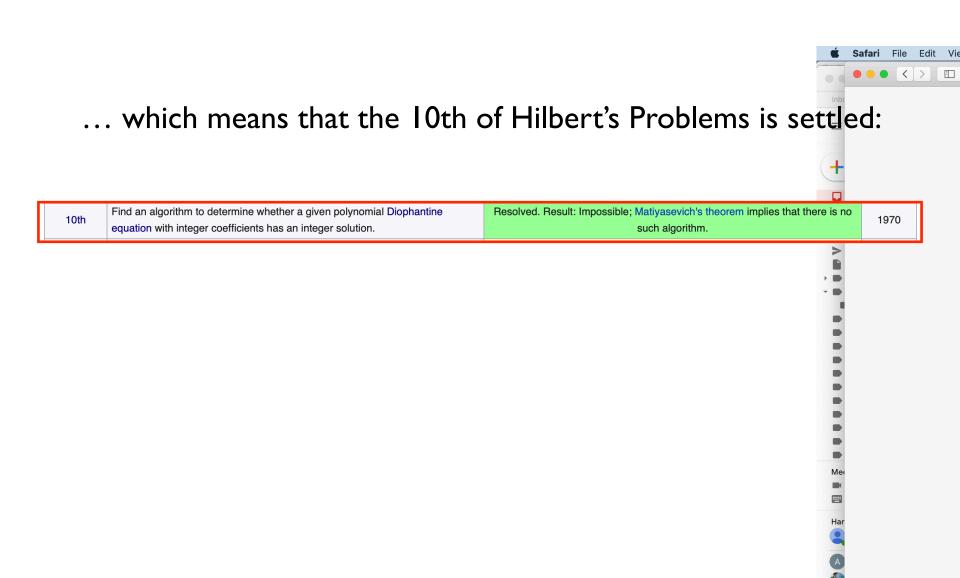
which is a Diophantine equation. Such equations have at least two unknowns (here, we of course have three: a, b, c), and the equation is solved when positive integers for the unknowns are found that render the equation true. Three positive integers that render (PT') true are

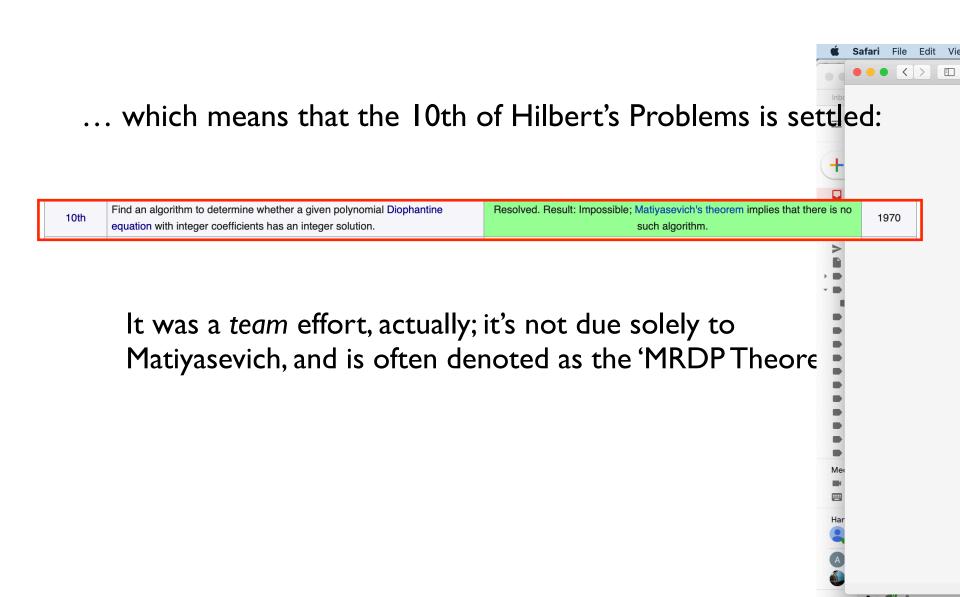
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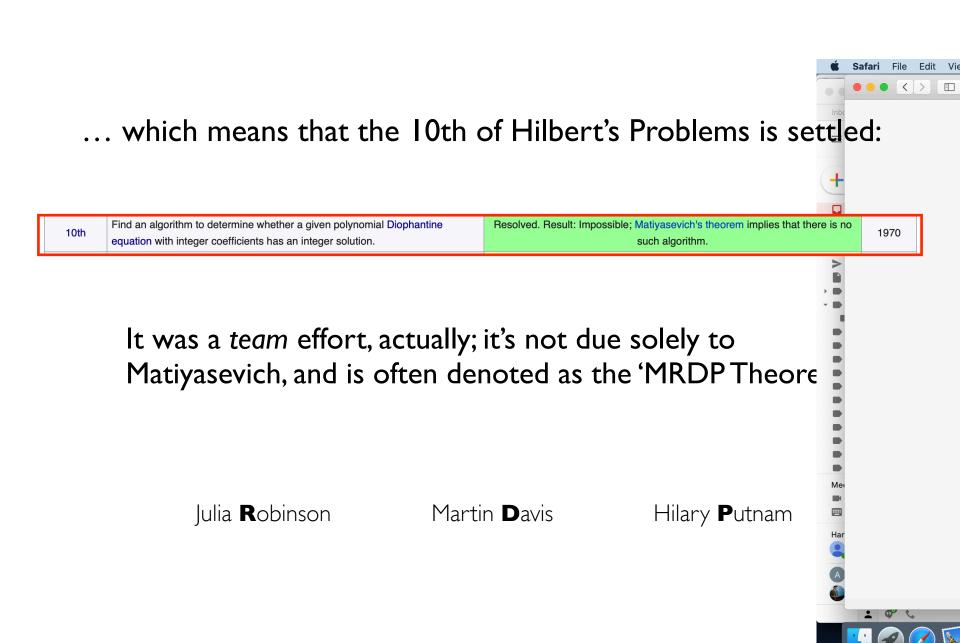
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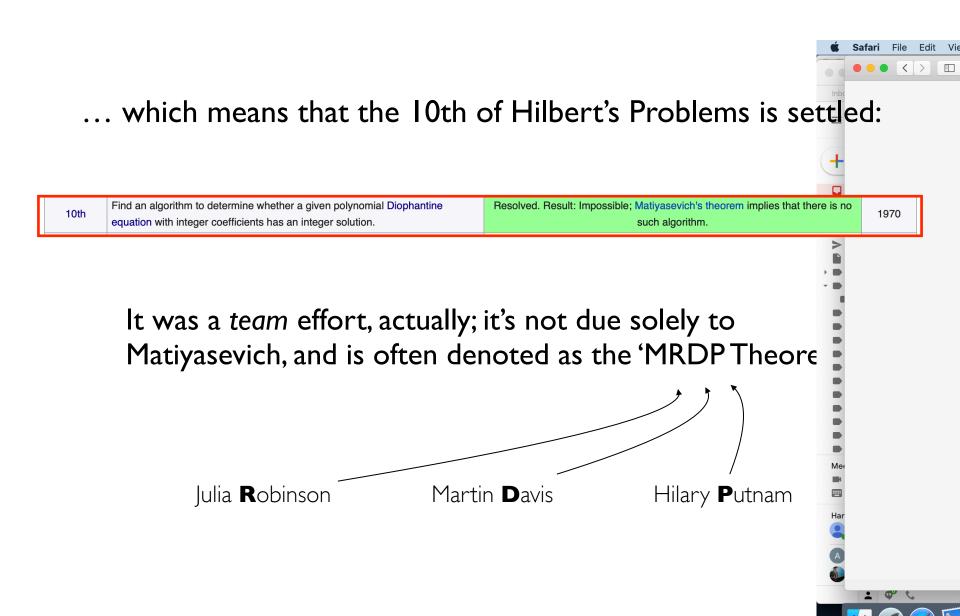
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Background

problem?⁷ In his lecture, Gödel precisely defines diophantine problems, but we don't need to bother with all of the details here; we only need to appreciate the general structure of such a problem, and that can be achieved quickly as follows, given what was introduced in Chapter 2.

Each diophantine problem has at its core a polynomial \mathcal{P} whose variables are comprised by two lists, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_m ; all variables must be integers, and the same for subscripts n and m. To represent a polynomial in a manner that announces its variables, we can write

$$\mathcal{P}(x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_k,y_1,y_2,\ldots,y_j).$$

But Gödel was specifically interested in whether, for all integers that can be set to the variables x_i , there are integers that can be set to the y_j , such that the polynomial equals 0. To make this clearer, first, here are two particular, simple equations that employ polynomials that are both instances of the needed form:

$$E1 3x - 2y = 0$$

E2
$$2x^2 - y = 0$$

All we need to do now is prefix these equations with quantifiers in the pattern Gödel gave. This pattern is quite simple: universally quantify over each x_i variable (using the now-familiar \forall), after which we existentially quantify over each y_i variable (using the also-now-familiar \exists). Thus, here are the two diophantine problems that correspond to the pair E1 and E2 from just above:

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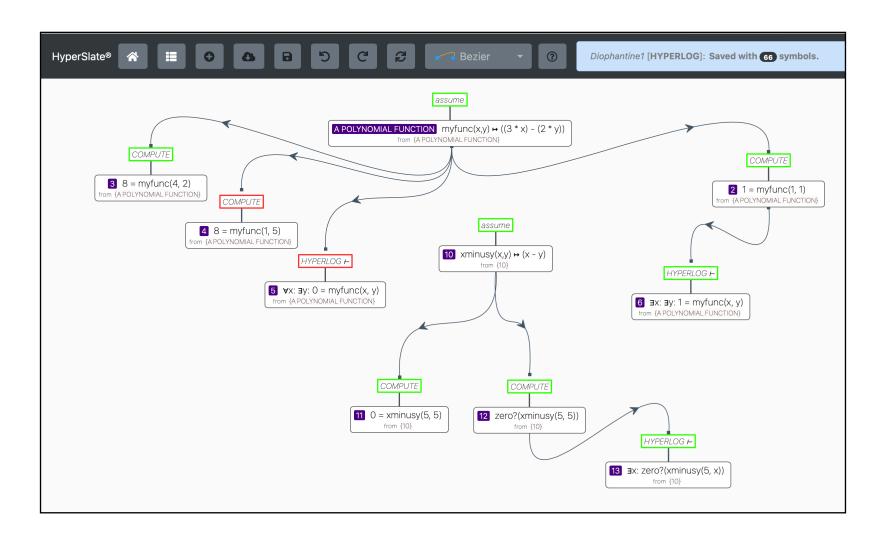
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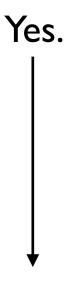


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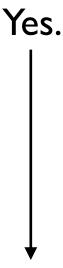
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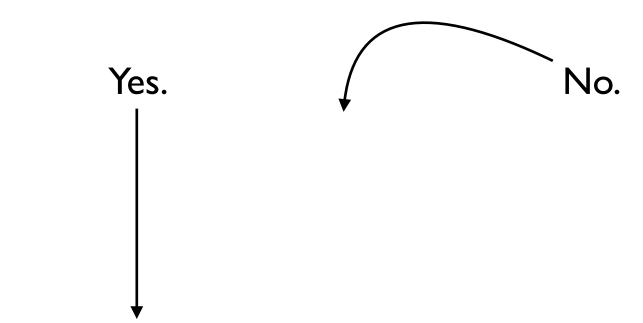
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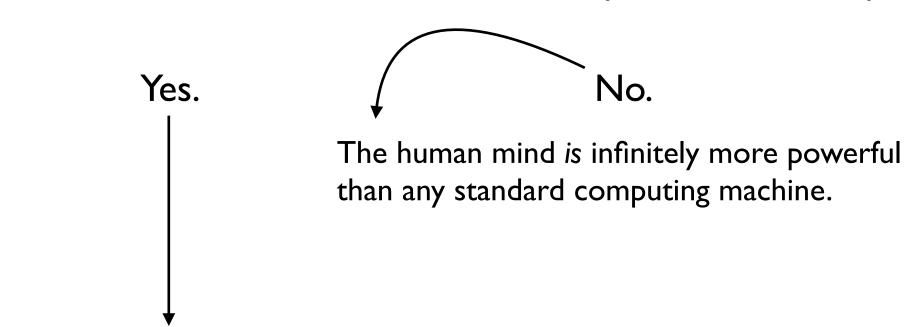
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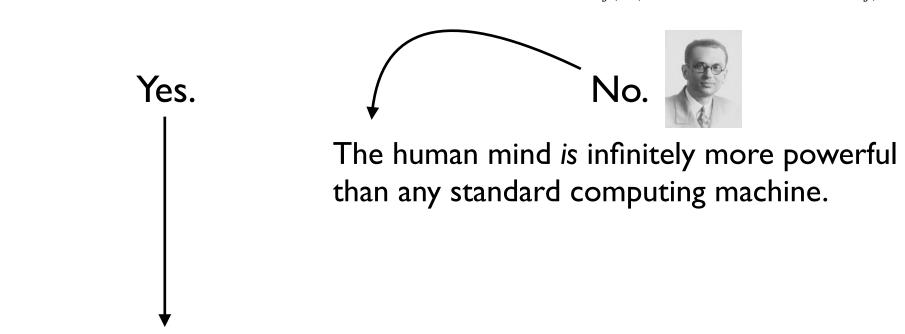
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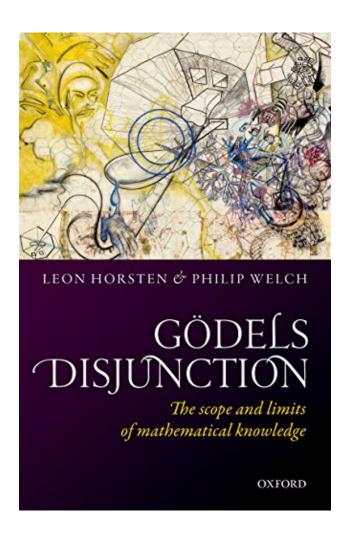
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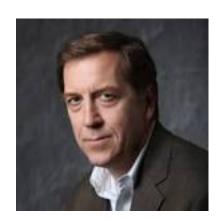
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