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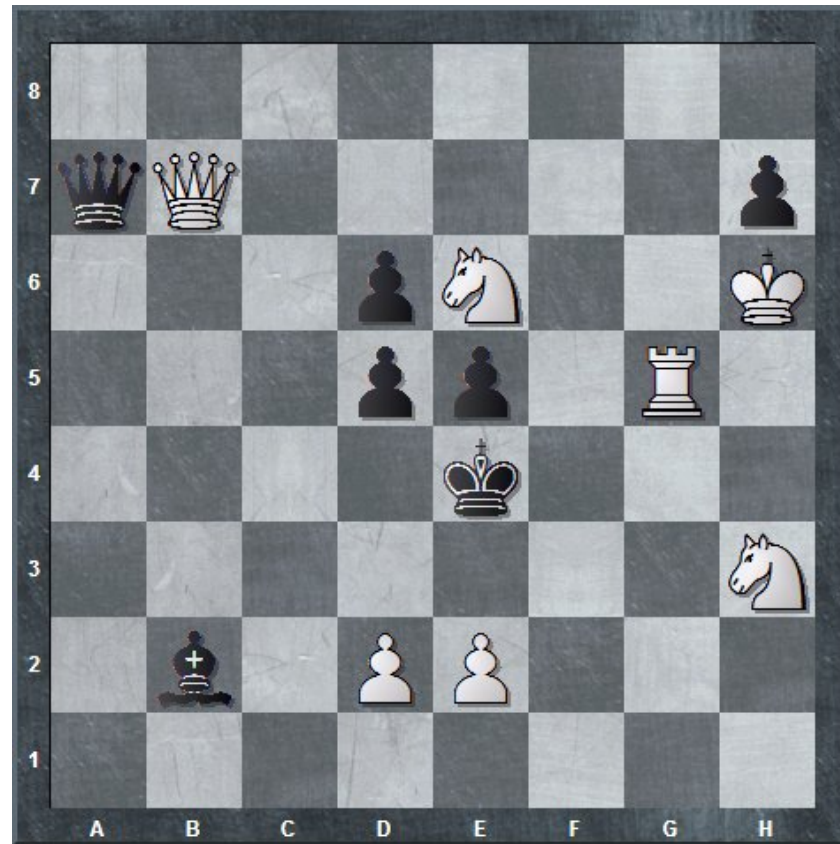




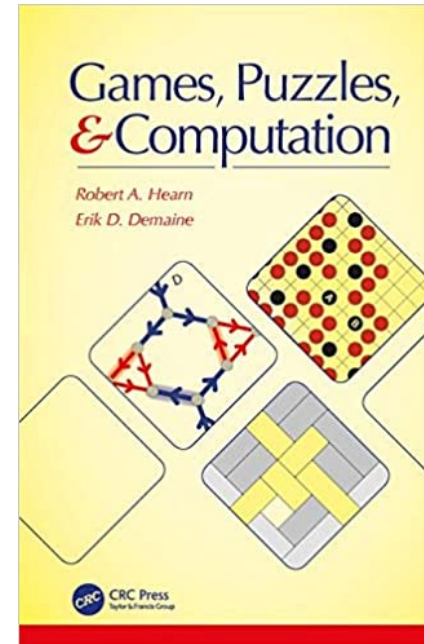
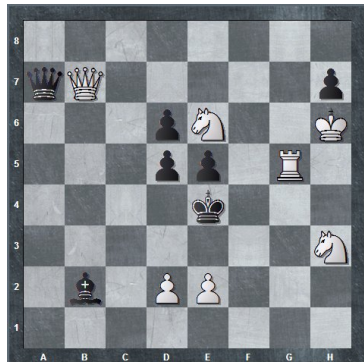
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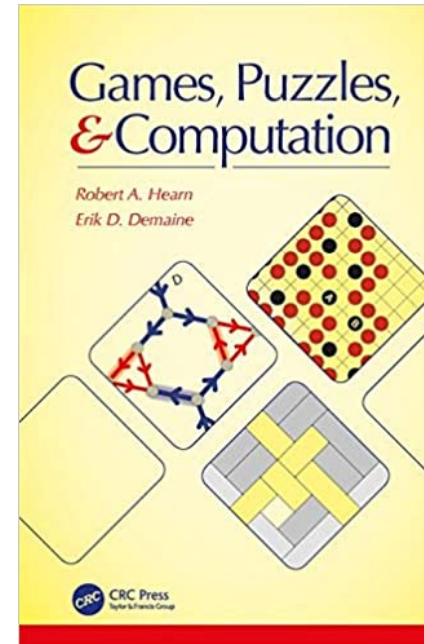
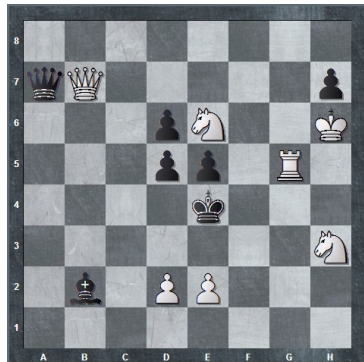
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## The Constraint-Logic Formalism

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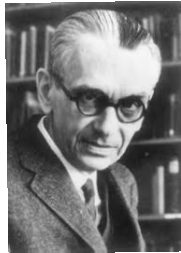
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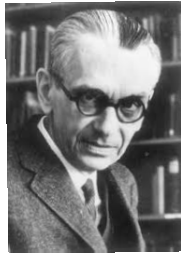
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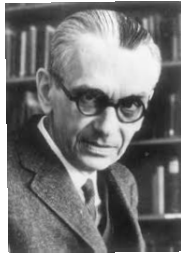
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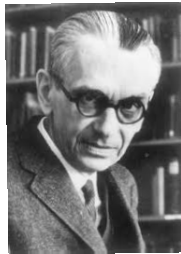
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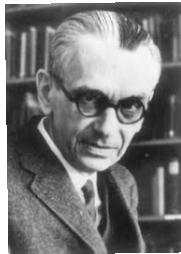
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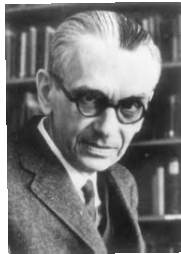
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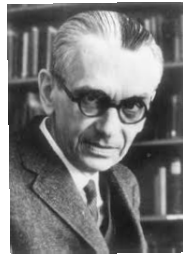
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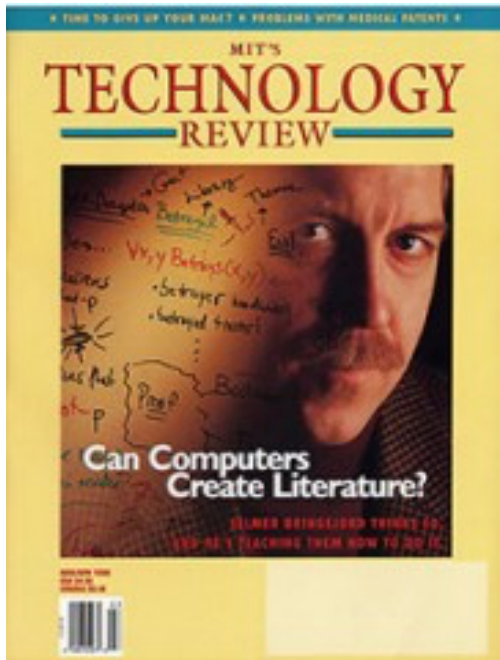
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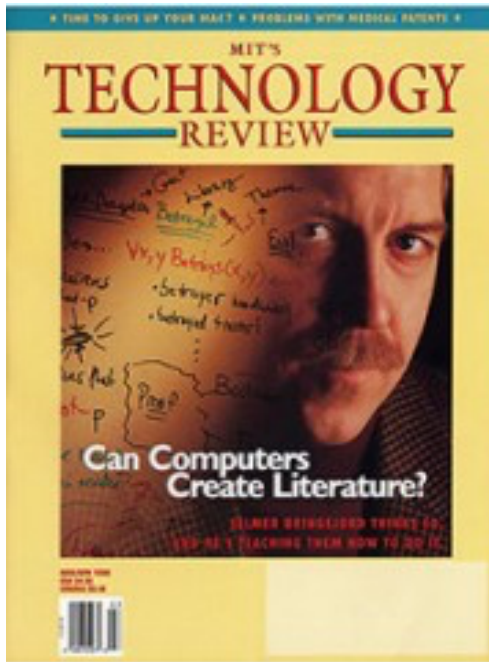
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Some of Gödel's great work is at the level of chess.

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

# Rengo Kriegspiel



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### US Go Congress Goes a Little Crazy

Wednesday August 13, 2014



"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

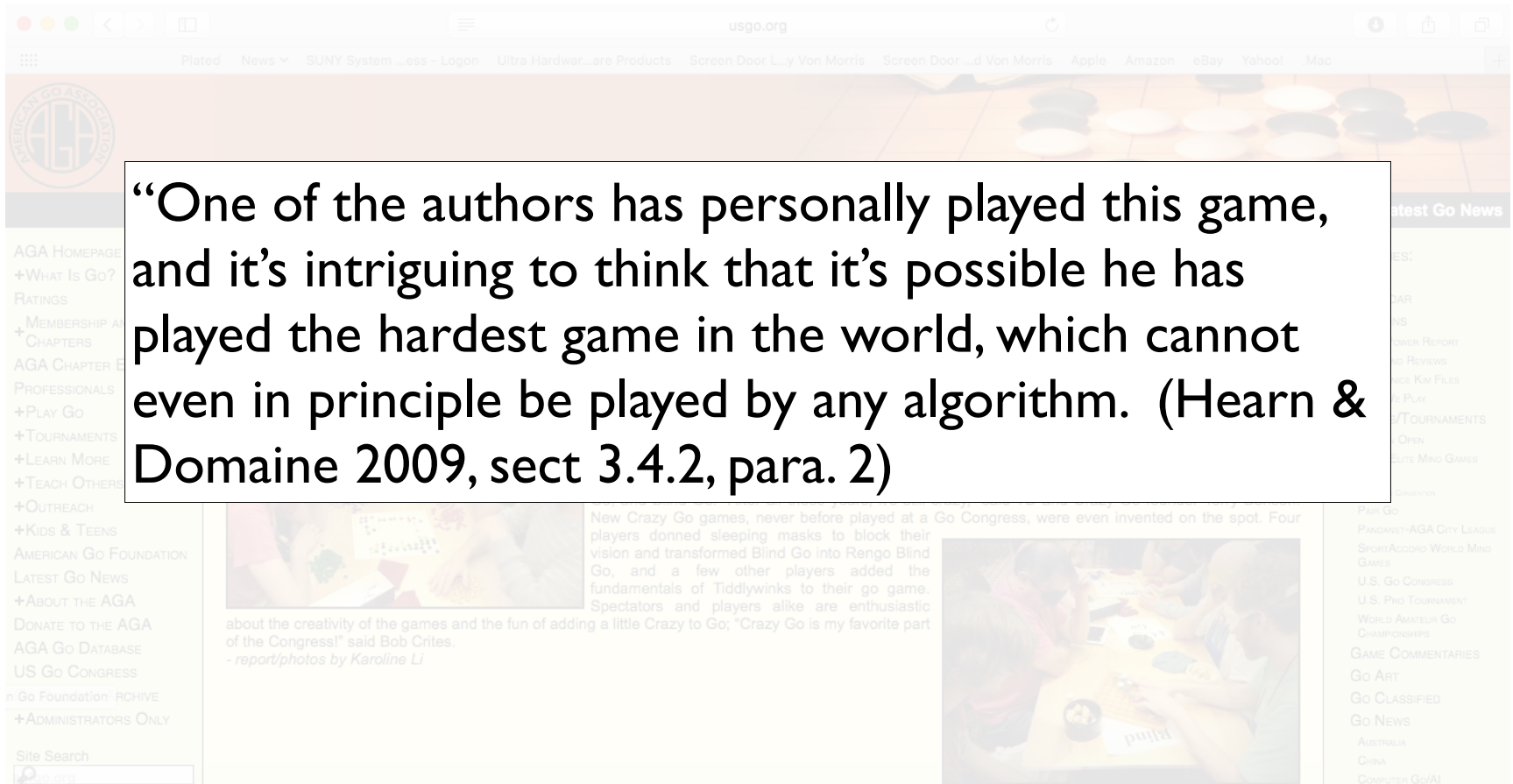


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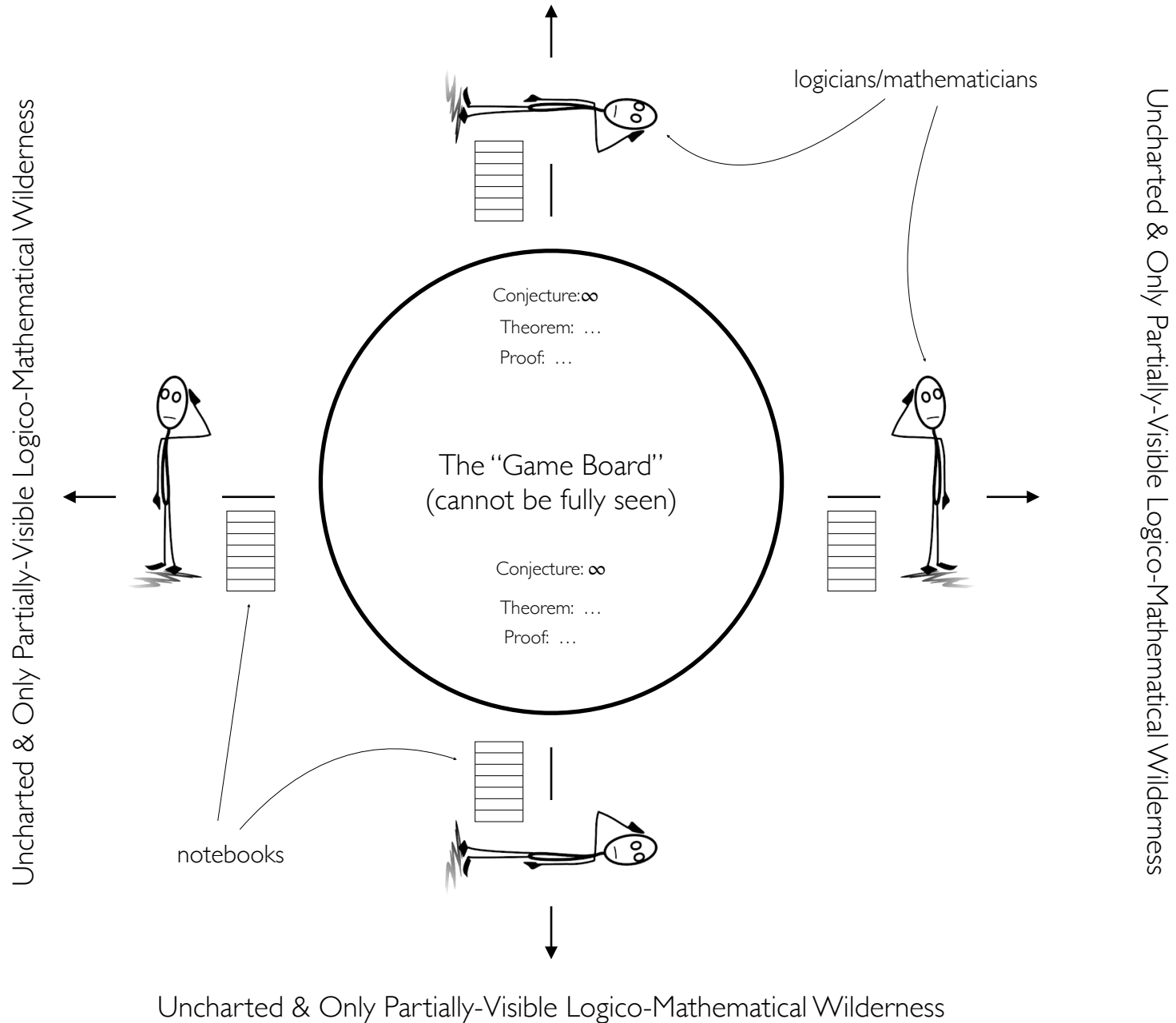
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“One of the authors has personally played this game, and it’s intriguing to think that it’s possible he has played the hardest game in the world, which cannot even in principle be played by any algorithm. (Hearn & Domaine 2009, sect 3.4.2, para. 2)



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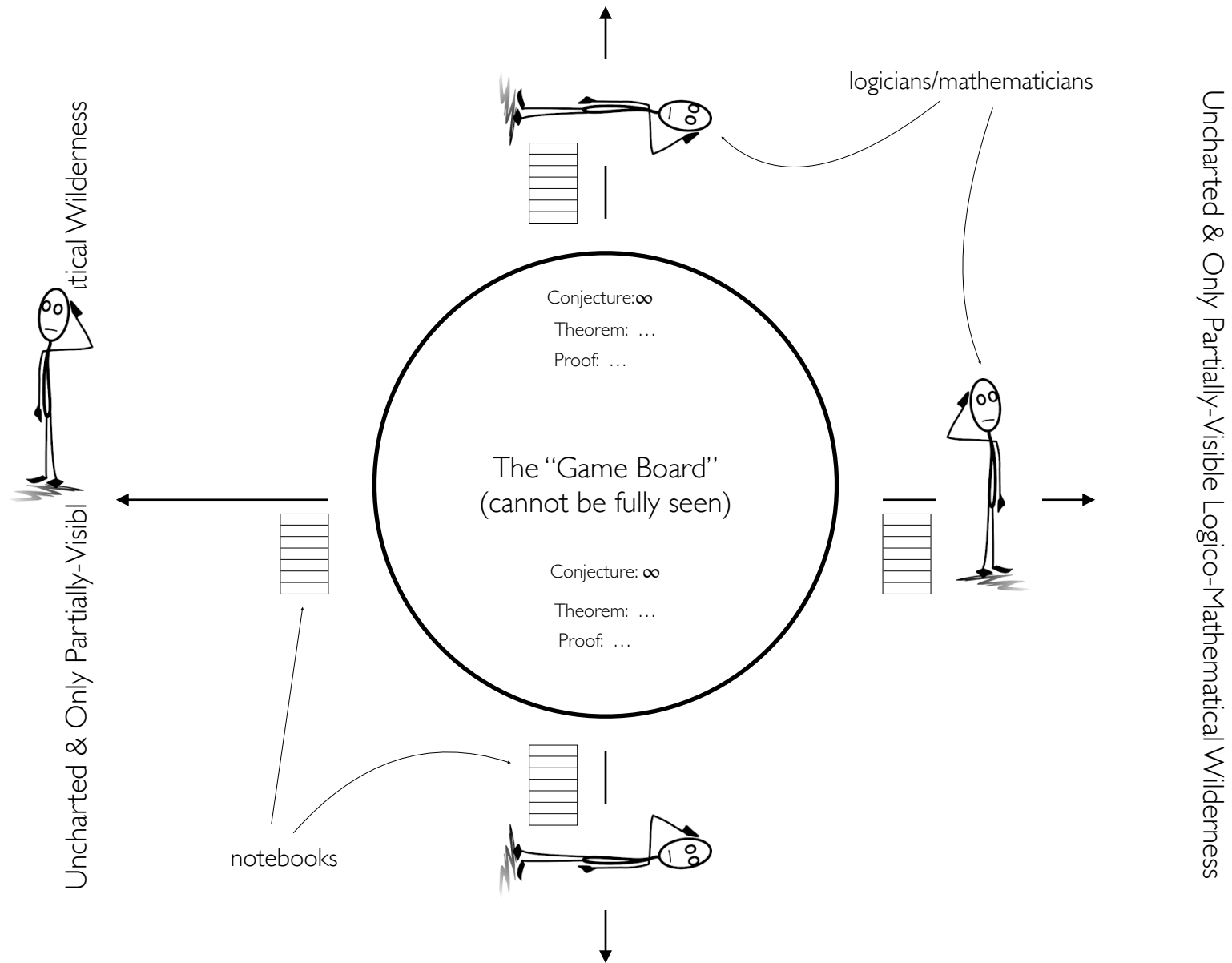
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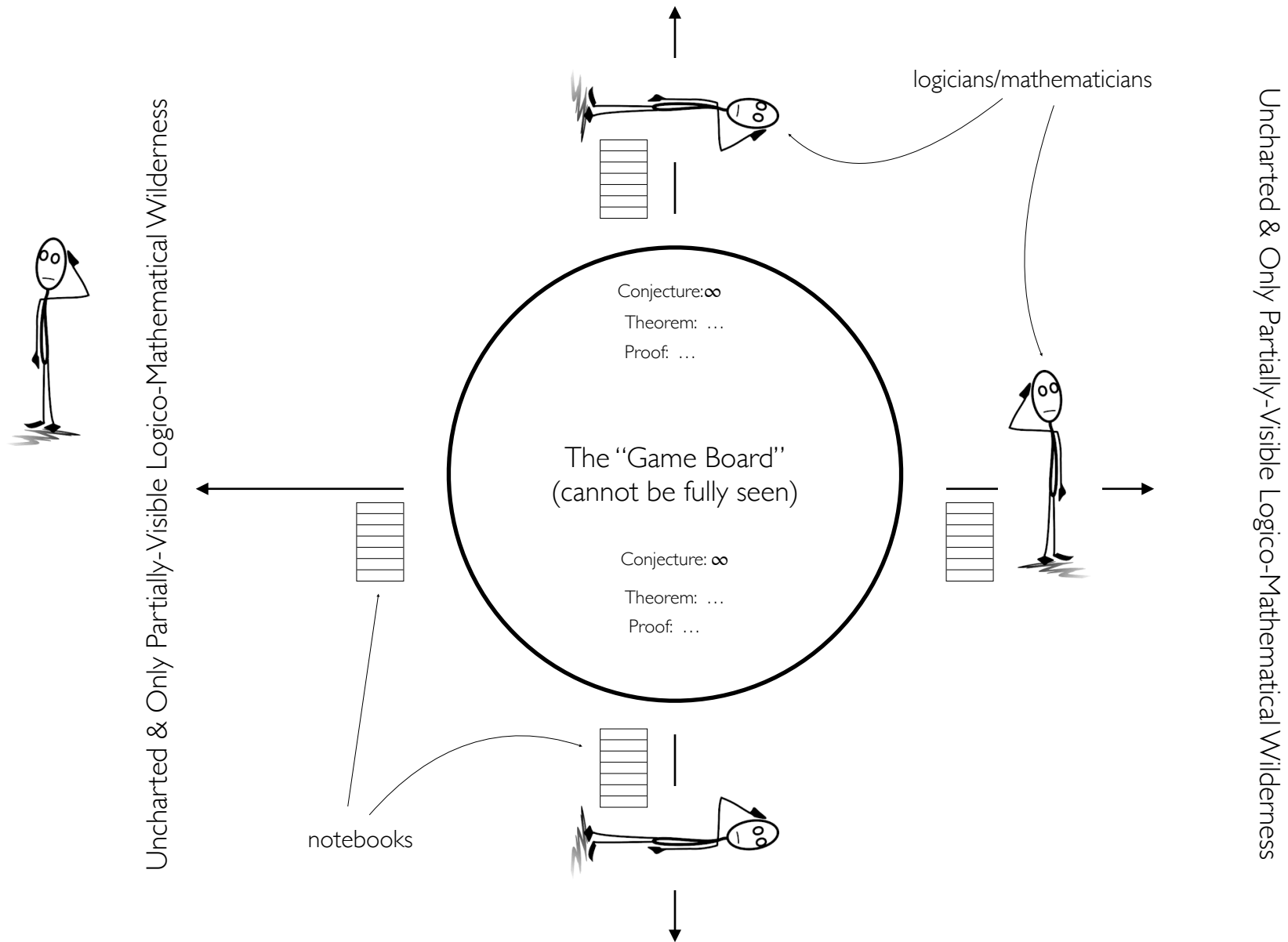
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Gödel's Either/Or ...

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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:

$$(PT) \quad a^2 + b^2 = c^2,$$

and this is of course equivalent to

$$(PT') \quad a^2 + b^2 - c^2 = 0,$$

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

$$a = 4, b = 3, c = 5.$$

It is *mathematically impossible* that there is a finite computing machine capable of solving any Diophantine equation given to it as a challenge (!).



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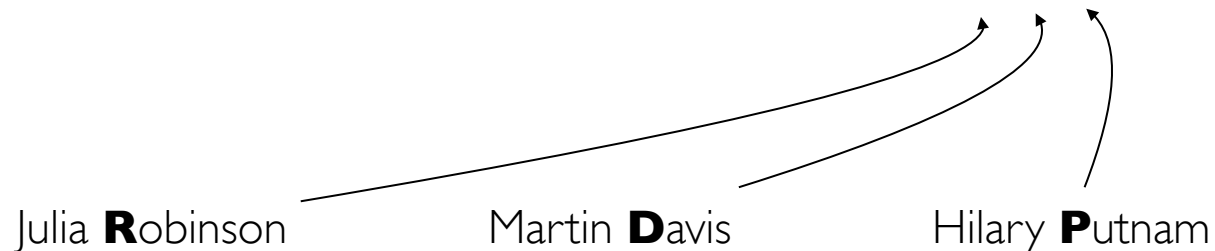
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# Background

problem?<sup>7</sup> 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,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$ ; 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

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

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:

$$\text{E1} \quad 3x - 2y = 0$$

$$\text{E2} \quad 2x^2 - y = 0$$

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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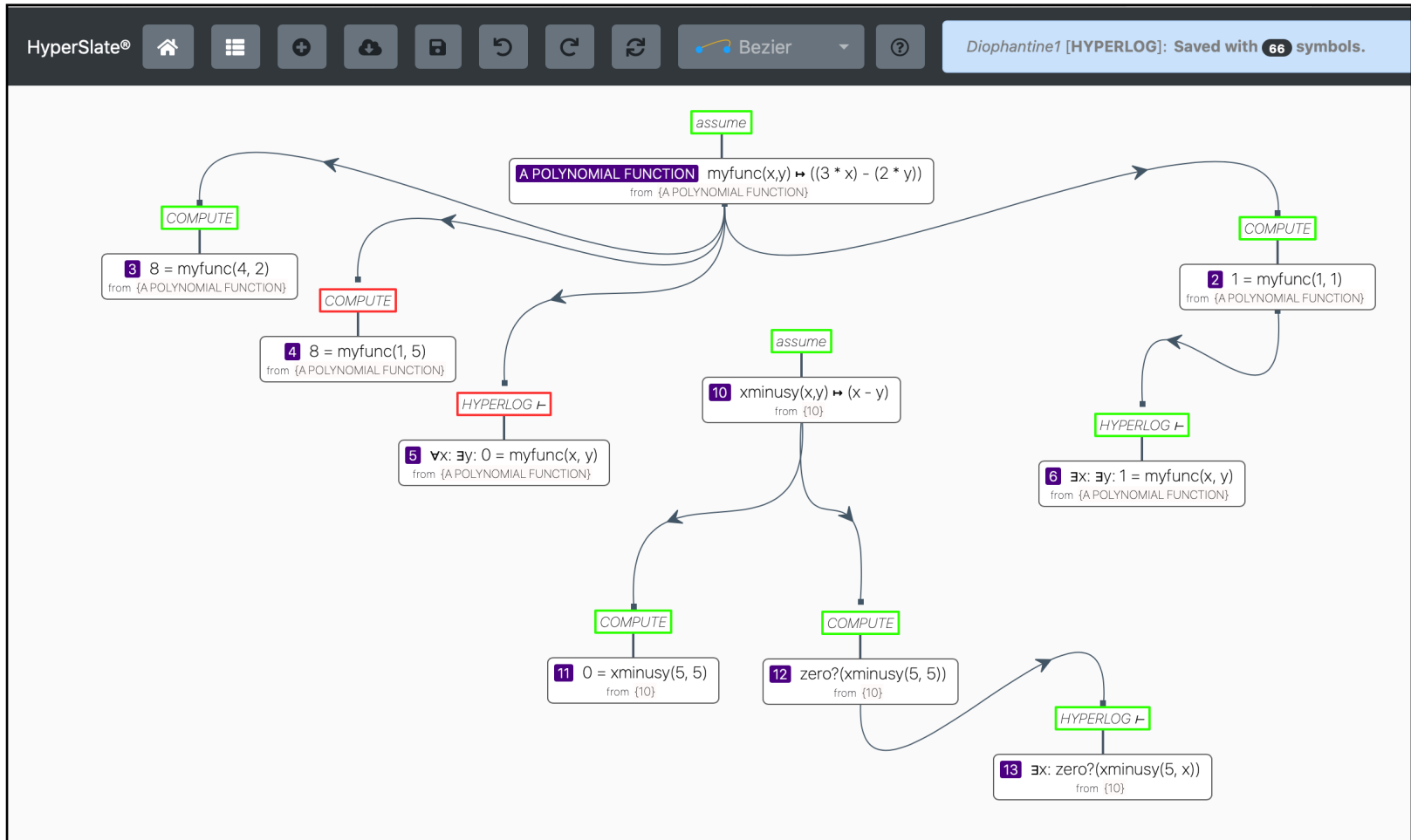
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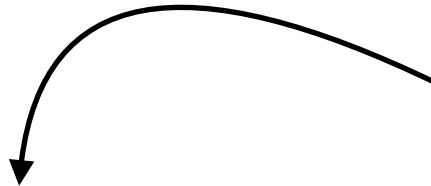
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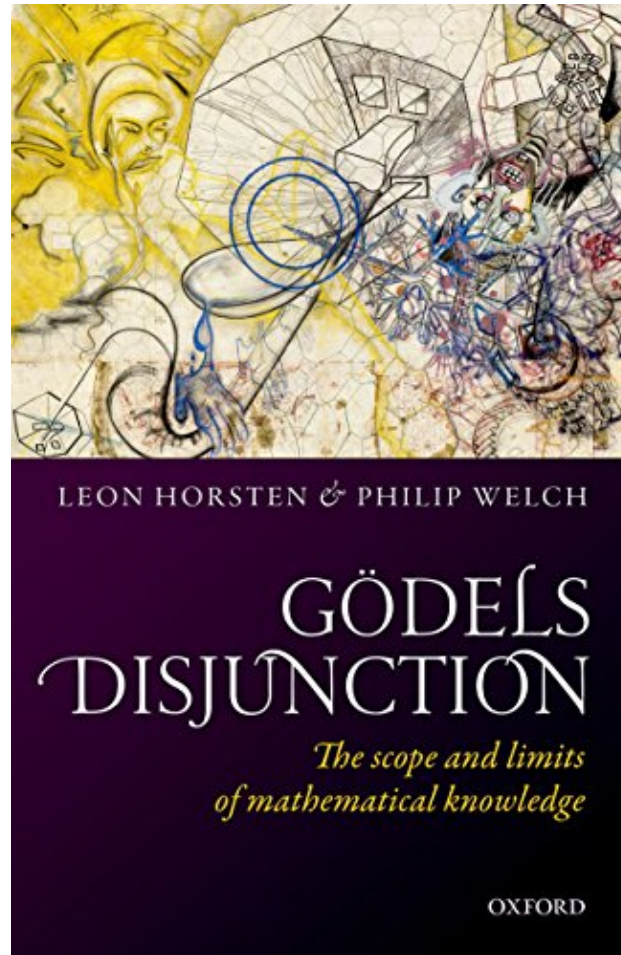
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