L211 Logic and Mathematics

11. Lecture

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Axiomatic method

FORMALIZATION OF NUMBER THEORY

- ▶ 0 is the first natural number.
- If x is a natural number, then also s(x).
- If x and y are natural numbers, so are x + y and $x \times y$.

Does this really give \mathbb{N} ?

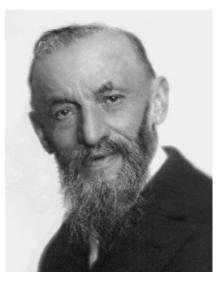
Condition: All natural numbers are only constructed from 0 and s(x).

Mathematical induction $[0 \in A \land \forall x (x \in A \to s(x) \in A)] \to \forall x (x \in \mathbb{N} \to x \in A)$

PEANO AXIOMS

Giuseppe Peano

- Italian mathematician
- ▶ 1858-1932
- ► Russel Peano



PEANO AXIOMS

- ▶ $s(x) \neq 0$, $s(x) = s(y) \rightarrow x = y$
- x + 0 = x, x + s(y) = s(x + y)
- $x \times 0 = 0$, $x \times s(y) = (x \times y) + x$
- $[\phi(0) \land \forall x(\phi(x) \to \phi(s(x)))] \to \forall x \phi(x)$

Question: Is the Peano axiom system free of contradictions (consistent)? — And how to prove it?

Consistent means we *cannot* prove 0 = 1.

Is it ok to use set theory to prove consistency? - no!

Peano axiom system – Gödels Incompleteness theorem

Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

For any ω -consistent theory that includes the natural numbers and induction, there are true statements that can neither proved nor disproved.

Condition: ω -consistent

Consequence

In Peano's system there are statements that are true but cannot be proved (nor disproved).

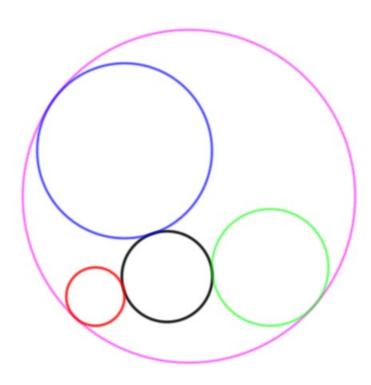
FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS

- Gödel's completeness theorem, 1929
 Provability and semantical truth of first order predicate logic coincides.
- Church's thesis, 1936
 Every computable function is recursive.
 There is no algorithm to decide the truth of an arbitrary statement of first order predicate logic.

Geometry as axiom systems Non-Euclidean Geometry

AXIOM SYSTEM

- Undefined concepts
 Example: Peano: 0,s
- Axioms Example: Peano: $s(x) \neq 0$
- Inference rules
 Example: Peano: Induction



CONSTRUCTIONS WITH COMPASS AND RULER (STRAIGHTEDGE)

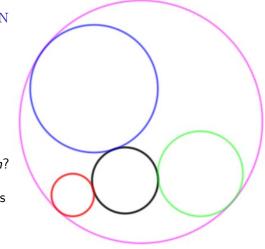
- ruler: connecting two points with a straight line (no measuring!)
- compass: draw a circle around a center

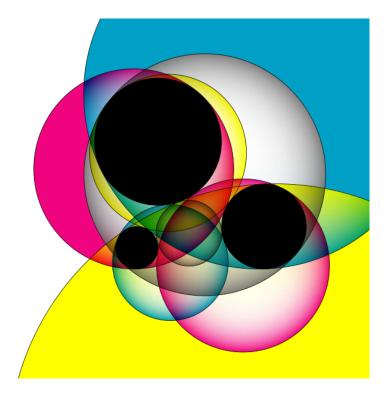
Basic constructions: 'axioms'

- For two given different points, draw the straight line through these points.
- For two given different points, use one as center and draw a circle through the other.
- ▶ For two non-parallel lines, determine the intersection point.
- For a given circle and a straight line, determine the intersection points (at most 2).
- ▶ For two given points, determine the intersection points (at

WHAT CAN BE CON

- straight line
- center point
- half of an angle
- polygons: for which n?
- Problem of Apollonius





QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS

Problems couldn't be constructed since the Greek times:

- Construct a square with the same area as a given circle.
- Construct a cube with double the volume of a given cube.
- ► Trisect a given angle.

Apollonios of Perge

- Greek mathematician and astronomer
- ▶ 262BC-190BC
- conic curves ellispe, parabola, hyperbola

KARL FRIEDRICH GAUSS

- ▶ Germany, 1777–1855
- Mathematician, astronomer, physicist
- Princeps mathematicorum



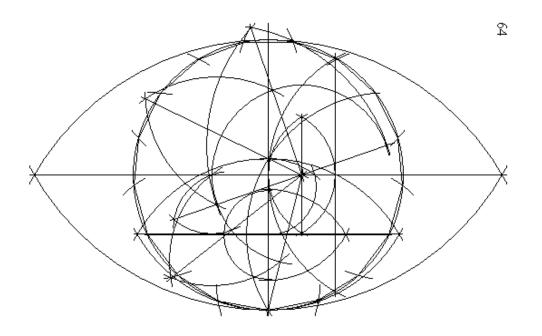
Gauss and the polygons

In the 1796, at the age of 19

A regular *n*-Polygon can be constructed with compass and ruler only \uparrow

 $n = 2^k p_1 p_2 \dots p_t$, k, t > 0, p_i Fermat prime

- Fermat primes: $F_n = 2^{(2^n)} + 1$ (3, 5, 17, 257)
- F_5, \ldots, F_{32} is not a real prime!
- n = 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 20, 24, ...
 can be constructed



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