

**Self-reference Lemma.** For any formula  $\phi(x)$ , there is a sentence  $\psi$  so that  $PA \vdash (\psi \leftrightarrow \phi(\ulcorner \psi \urcorner))$ .

**Proof:** Let  $d$  be the following calculable function:

If  $m$  has the form  $\theta(x)$ ,  $d(m) = \ulcorner \theta(\ulcorner m \urcorner) \urcorner$ .

Otherwise  $d(m) = 0$ .

$d$  is calculable, so there is a formula  $\mathcal{D}$  that functionally represents it. Let  $\chi(x)$  be the formula  $(\exists y)(\mathcal{D}(x,y) \wedge \psi(y))$ , let  $m = \ulcorner \chi(x) \urcorner$ , and let  $\phi = \chi(\ulcorner m \urcorner)$ , so that  $\ulcorner \phi \urcorner = d(m)$ . In PA, we can prove the following:

$(\forall y)(\mathcal{D}(\ulcorner m \urcorner, y) \leftrightarrow y = \ulcorner \phi \urcorner)$ .

$((\exists y)(\mathcal{D}(\ulcorner m \urcorner, y) \wedge \psi(y)) \leftrightarrow \psi(\ulcorner \phi \urcorner))$ .

$(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi(\ulcorner \phi \urcorner))$ .

Write  $y B_\Gamma x$  for “ $y$  is the code of a sequence of sentences containing  $x$ , each of which is either a member of  $\Gamma$ , an axiom of logic, or obtained from earlier members of the sequence by modus ponens.”

$Bew_\Gamma(x) =_{\text{Def}} (\exists y) y B_\Gamma x$ , i.e.,  $x$  is provable in  $\Gamma$

Use the self-reference lemma to find  $\gamma$  so that  $PA \vdash (\gamma \leftrightarrow \sim Bew_\Gamma(\ulcorner \gamma \urcorner))$ .

$\gamma$  asserts its own unprovability.

If  $\Gamma$  is consistent,  $\gamma$  is unprovable.

If  $\Gamma$  is  $\omega$ -consistent,  $\gamma$  is unrefutable.

The proof of “ $CON(\Gamma) \rightarrow \sim Bew_\Gamma(\ulcorner \gamma \urcorner)$ ” can be formalized in PA giving us the

*Second Incompleteness Theorem.* If  $\Gamma$  is consistent,  $\Gamma \nvdash CON(\Gamma)$