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Computability Theory and the Fundamental Difference between Arithmetic and Math.

Abstract

In this talk I will give a short introduction to computability theory. In particular, we will see that mathematics is undecidable, hence "more difficult" than arithmetic. We'll move on to the theory of computable functionals, strengthening our previous statement. Finally, we'll study the existence of fixed points for computable functionals, and underline their importance within and outside of computability theory.