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The *Second Incompleteness Theorem* actually makes 2 assertions:

- (1) Con_Σ states that Σ is consistent;
- (2) $\Sigma \not\vdash \text{Con}_\Sigma$ if $\Sigma \supseteq \Sigma_{\text{PA}}$ is consistent.
(1) had no explicit definiens.

If (1) is—as the definiendum, lacking another statement of place, suggests—related to (the theory of) Σ , then, as we will show, (2) implies *non* (1), whence (1) & (2) becomes a *contradiction in terms*. In addition, the generalisation: κ states consistency, cannot be fulfilled at all.

If Σ is decidable, (1) becomes true *in* $\text{Th}(\mathcal{N})$, the deductively inaccessible theory of arithmetics.

More innately, κ states that Σ is consistent :iff $\Sigma \not\vdash \kappa$. Consequently, if Σ is consistent, all of the then existing κ , unprovable from Σ , state this, and, if Σ is inconsistent, *no* κ states that Σ is consistent. If (1) is interpreted in this way, (1) follows from (2), but Con_Σ *is not distinguished from any other* $\Sigma \not\vdash \kappa$.

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