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*Reflections on relativism in set theory*

In 1922, Skolem gave an address on Zermelo's axiom system for set theory which elaborated 8 separate criticisms of it. The most striking, and the best remembered, develops what we now know as the *Skolem Paradox*. Skolem's destructive conclusion is that this shows that the set concept, as presented by the axiomatic theory, is irredeemably relative. This paper does not set out to show that Skolem was wrong; rather it tries to show that the development of axiomatic set theory in the 1920s and 1930s (von Neumann, Gödel) turned Skolem's relativity into something largely *productive*.