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Reflection principles and provability algebras

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1. Introduction

K. Gödel (31): T is consistent $\Rightarrow T \not\vdash \text{Con}(T)$.
Holds for all reasonable T .

G. Gentzen (37):

$\text{PA} + (\text{transfinite ind. up to } \varepsilon_0) \vdash \text{Con}(\text{PA})$.
Specific for PA.

Ordinal $\varepsilon_0 = \sup\{\omega, \omega^\omega, \dots\}$ is represented by an elementary well-ordering \prec on \mathbb{N} .

- Transf. ind. depends on the formula representing \prec
- Con depends on the proof system

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theory \rightsquigarrow *ordinal (notation system)*

complex simple

- The problem of canonical ordinal notations
- General lack of canonicity. Category of proofs?
- Category of ordinal notation systems?
Ordinals with additional operations, like

$$(\varepsilon_0, <, 0, +, \omega^x)$$

What is the right notion of ‘theory’?
What is the right choice of operations?

‘Coordinate-free’ proof theory?

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Graded Probability Algebras

- Decent ‘simple’ structures
 - Ordinal notation systems are canonically extractable
 - Closely linked to the theories by ‘arithmetical interpretation’
 - Clear proof-theoretic analysis

Provability logic:

theory \rightsquigarrow *provability logic*

complex simple

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2. Background

Elementary arithmetic EA is formulated in the language $(0, 1, +, \cdot, 2^x, \leq, =)$ and has some minimal set of basic axioms defining these symbols plus the induction schema for bounded formulas.¹

Peano arithmetic PA is EA with full induction:

$$\varphi(0) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x + 1)) \rightarrow \forall x \varphi(x).$$

Σ_n -formulas: $\exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots \mathbf{Q} x_n \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, with $\varphi(\vec{x})$ bounded.

$$I\Sigma_n = \text{EA} + \text{induction for } \Sigma_n\text{-formulas}$$

$$\text{EA} \subset I\Sigma_1 \subset I\Sigma_2 \dots \subset \text{PA}$$

¹EA is also known as $I\Delta_0 + \text{exp}$ and EFA.

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2.1. Lindenbaum Algebras

Lindenbaum algebra of T , the space of all T -independent sentences:

$$\mathcal{L}_T = \{T\text{-sentences}\} / \sim_T, \text{ where}$$

$$\varphi \sim_T \psi \iff T \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$$

Ordering: $[\varphi] \leq [\psi] \iff T \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$.

Boolean algebra with $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \top, \perp$.

Identities = boolean tautologies, like

$$x \vee \neg x = \top \quad \varphi \vee \neg \varphi,$$

$$\neg \neg x = x \quad \neg \neg \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi,$$

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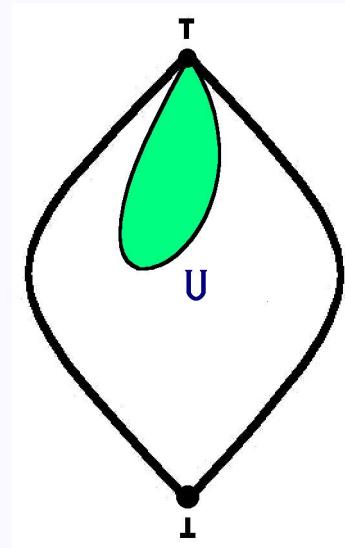
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Extension $T \subseteq U \longmapsto$ filter in \mathcal{L}_T .

$$\mathcal{L}_U \simeq \mathcal{L}_T/U.$$



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Fact. T is consistent $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_T$ is dense.

$$x < y \Rightarrow \exists z \ x < z < y$$

(Follows from Rosser's theorem.)

Fact. \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} countable, dense $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \simeq \mathcal{B}$.

Hence $\mathcal{L}_T \simeq \mathcal{L}_U$, for all reasonable T, U .

(By Pour-El and Kripke, even recursively isomorphic.)

How to enrich the structure of Lindenbaum algebras?

Cylindric algebras \leadsto difficulties.

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2.2. Provability algebras

R. Magari² [Mag75], F. Montagna [Mon75], V. Shavrukov [Sha93, Sha97]

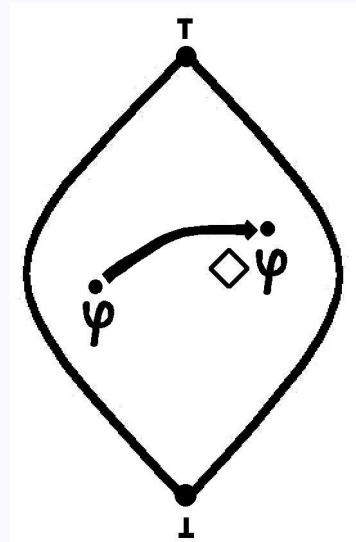
Consistency operator $\diamond : \mathcal{L}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_T$

$$\varphi \longmapsto \text{Con}(T + \varphi)$$

$(\mathcal{L}_T, \diamond) =$ the provability algebra of T

$\Box\varphi = \neg\diamond\neg\varphi =$ “ φ is T -provable”

Gödel 2nd: $\varphi \neq \perp \Rightarrow \varphi \not\leq \diamond\varphi.$



²provability algebras = Magari algebras, diagonalizable algebras

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Modal logic = propositional logic with \Box , \Diamond .

Identities of \mathcal{L}_T = *the provability logic of T*

GL (Gödel–Löb logic)

1. boolean tautologies
2. $\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$
3. $\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Box\varphi$
4. $\Box(\Box\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \Box\varphi$

Rules: modus ponens, $\varphi \vdash \Box\varphi$.

Decidable, fmp, Craig interpolation, ...

More on provability logics see [Boo93, Smo85].

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R. Solovay [Sol76]:

$$\mathbf{GL} \vdash \varphi(\vec{x}) \iff (\mathcal{L}_T, \Box) \models \forall \vec{x} (\varphi(\vec{x}) = \top).$$

K. Segerberg [Seg71]: **GL** is sound and complete for the class of converse well-founded Kripke frames.

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2.3. Graded provability algebras

\mathcal{L}_T is stratified by the quantifier complexity levels:

$$\Pi_1 \subseteq \Pi_2 \subseteq \dots, \quad \bigcup_{i \geq 1} \Pi_i = \mathcal{L}_T$$

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$\Box = [0], \ [n] = \neg \langle n \rangle \neg \quad (n\text{-provability})$

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$\Box = [0], [n] = \neg \langle n \rangle \neg$ (*n*-provability)

Notice that $\langle n \rangle \varphi$ is Π_{n+1} for any φ .

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Graded provability algebra of T :

$$\mathcal{M}_T = (\mathcal{L}_T, \langle 0 \rangle, \langle 1 \rangle, \dots).$$

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Identities (Japaridze [Jap85]):

GLP

1. **GL** for each $[n]$
2. $[n]\varphi \rightarrow [n+1]\varphi$
3. $\langle n \rangle\varphi \rightarrow [n+1]\langle n \rangle\varphi$

Rules: modus ponens, $\varphi \vdash [n]\varphi$.

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Lem. 1. [Σ_{n+1} -completeness] For $\varphi \in \Sigma_{n+1}$,

$$\text{EA} \vdash \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow [n]_T \varphi(\dot{x})).$$

Proof. If $\exists y \psi(y, k)$ is true, then for some m , $\psi(m, k)$ is true Π_n . Hence, $\psi(\bar{m}, \bar{k})$ is n -provable. $\exists y \psi(y, \bar{k})$ follows.

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Lem. 2. [Reflection] Over EA,

$$n\text{-Con}(T) \equiv \{\forall x(\square_T \varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x)) : \varphi \in \Pi_{n+1}\}.$$

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(\Leftarrow) If $[n]\perp$, then for some true $\pi \in \Pi_n$, $\square\neg\pi$. Take $\varphi(x) := \neg\text{True}_{\Pi_n}(x)$ so that

$$\text{EA} \vdash \pi \leftrightarrow \text{True}_{\Pi_n}(\Gamma \pi^\top).$$

We have $\square_T \varphi(\Gamma \pi^\top)$ but $\neg\varphi(\Gamma \pi^\top)$.

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2.4. Reduction property

(generalizes U. Schmerl [Sch79])

Π_{n+1} -*conservativity* relation between filters:

$$U \equiv_n V \Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \Pi_{n+1} (\pi \in U \Leftrightarrow \pi \in V)$$

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Th. 1. Assume T is Π_{n+2} -axiomatized. Then in \mathcal{M}_T

$$\{\langle n+1 \rangle \varphi\} \equiv_n \{\langle n \rangle \varphi, \langle n \rangle (\varphi \wedge \langle n \rangle \varphi), \dots\}$$

Proof: formalizable in $\text{EA}^+ = \text{EA} + 1\text{-Con}(\text{EA})$.

Ex. 1. $\langle 2 \rangle \top \equiv_1 \{\langle 1 \rangle \top, \langle 1 \rangle \langle 1 \rangle \top, \dots\}$.

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Consistency ordering:

$$\psi <_0 \varphi \Leftrightarrow T \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \Diamond \psi.$$

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Define: if $\alpha = \langle n + 1 \rangle \varphi$, then

$$\alpha[k] := \underbrace{\langle n \rangle (\varphi \wedge \langle n \rangle (\varphi \wedge \dots))}_{k \text{ times}}$$

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Cor. 3. $\vdash \alpha \rightarrow \Diamond \psi \Rightarrow \exists k : \vdash \alpha[k] \rightarrow \Diamond \psi$,
hence $\alpha[0] <_0 \alpha[1] <_0 \dots \longrightarrow \alpha$

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3. Consistency proof for PA

3.1. An algebraic view of ε_0

Work in **GLP**.

Let S be generated from \top by $\langle 0 \rangle, \langle 1 \rangle, \dots$

$$\alpha = \langle n_1 \rangle \langle n_2 \rangle \dots \langle n_k \rangle \top$$

We identify S with words

$$\alpha = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$$

S_n is the restriction of S to the alphabet $\{n, n+1, \dots\}$.

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Th. 2. $(S, <_0)$ is well-founded of height ε_0 .

Modulo \sim_{GLP} the ordering is linear.

Proof: purely in **GLP**. The ordinal $o(0^k) = k$.

If $\alpha = \alpha_1 0 \alpha_2 0 \cdots 0 \alpha_n$, then

$$o(\alpha) = \omega^{o(\alpha_n^-)} + \cdots + \omega^{o(\alpha_1^-)},$$

where $(132)^- = 021$.

Ex. 2. $o(2101) = \omega^{o(0)} + \omega^{o(10)} = \omega + \omega^{\omega^0 + \omega^1} = \omega^\omega$

$$2101 \sim_{\text{GLP}} 2$$

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Let α^* denote the interpretation of $\alpha \in S$ in \mathcal{M}_T .
Notice that

$$\text{GLP} \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_T \vDash \alpha^* = \beta^*$$

The converse also holds, provided T is sound (i.e., true).

K. Ignatiev [Ign93]: normal forms for the letterless fragment of **GLP**. Interpretations of letterless formulas constitute the *prime subalgebra* $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{M}_T$.

Th. 3. [Ignatiev] Suppose T is sound. On $\mathcal{P} \setminus \{\perp\}$ the ordering $<_0$ is well-founded of height ε_0 .

Technically, we do not need this result, but it shows that ε_0 is an intrinsic *characteristic* of the algebra \mathcal{M}_T .

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3.2. A closure property of S

Lem. 4. Some derivations in **GLP**:

- (i) If $m < n$, then $\vdash \langle n \rangle \varphi \wedge \langle m \rangle \psi \leftrightarrow \langle n \rangle (\varphi \wedge \langle m \rangle \psi)$;
- (ii) If $\alpha \in S_{n+1}$, then $\vdash \alpha \wedge n\beta \leftrightarrow \alpha n\beta$.
- (iii) If $m \leq n$, then $\vdash nm\alpha \rightarrow m\alpha$.

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- (iii) If $m \leq n$, then $\vdash nm\alpha \rightarrow m\alpha$.

Proof. Statement (i):

$$\begin{aligned}\langle n \rangle \varphi \wedge \langle m \rangle \psi &\rightarrow [n]\langle m \rangle \psi \quad \text{by Axiom 3} \\ &\rightarrow \langle n \rangle (\varphi \wedge \langle m \rangle \psi)\end{aligned}$$

Statement (ii) follows by repeated application of (i).

Statement (iii) is **axiom** $[m]\varphi \rightarrow [m][m]\varphi$ of **GL**.

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Lem. 5. $\alpha = \langle n+1 \rangle \varphi \in S \Rightarrow \exists \beta \in S \vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \alpha[k]$.

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Proof: by induction on k . For $k = 0$ we have $\alpha[0] = \langle n \rangle \varphi \in S$.

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Write $\alpha[k] \in S$ in the form $n\gamma m\beta$, where $\gamma \in S_{n+1}$ and $m \leq n$.

$$\alpha[k+1] \leftrightarrow \langle n \rangle (\gamma m\beta \wedge n\gamma m\beta)$$

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Cor. 6. For any k , $\vdash \alpha[k] \leftrightarrow (n\gamma)^{k+1} m\beta$.

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Operations on ordinals vs. operations of the algebra

- ω^α corresponds to α^+ (not in the signature of the algebra!).
- $\alpha + n$ is $0^n\alpha$.
- $\alpha + \beta$ is $\beta 0\alpha$, if $\beta \geq \omega$.
- Conjunction of ordinals: $o(\alpha \wedge \beta) = ?$

$$2 \wedge 12 = 212, \quad \omega^\omega \wedge \omega^{\omega+1} = \omega^{\omega+\omega}$$

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3.3. Embedding of PA into \mathcal{M}_{EA}

Lem. 7. [Kreisel] $\text{PA} \equiv \{\langle n \rangle \top : n < \omega\}$

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Obviously, $\forall n \text{ EA} \vdash P \rightarrow \varphi(\bar{n})$, so

$$\text{EA} \vdash \forall x \square(P \rightarrow \varphi(\dot{x})).$$

By Lem. 2 $\langle n \rangle \top$ implies $\forall x (P \rightarrow \varphi(\dot{x}))$, where n is the complexity of $P \rightarrow \varphi$.

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$$\text{EA} \vdash \forall x \square(P \rightarrow \varphi(\dot{x})).$$

By Lem. 2 $\langle n \rangle \top$ implies $\forall x (P \rightarrow \varphi(\dot{x}))$, where n is the complexity of $P \rightarrow \varphi$.

(\supseteq) Assume $\square \varphi(\dot{x})$. There is a cut-free proof of φ . Prove that all formulas in the proof are true by induction on depth.

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3.3. Embedding of PA into \mathcal{M}_{EA}

Lem. 7. [Kreisel] $\text{PA} \equiv \{\langle n \rangle \top : n < \omega\}$

Proof. (\subseteq) Let $P := \varphi(0) \wedge \forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x + 1))$.

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Cor. 8. $\text{EA}^+ \vdash \forall n \diamond \langle n \rangle \top \leftrightarrow \text{Con}(\text{PA})$.

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3.4. Consistency proof

Work in \mathcal{M}_{EA} . We claim:

$$\text{EA}^+ \vdash \forall \beta <_0 \alpha \diamond \beta^* \rightarrow \diamond \alpha^*.$$

Assume $\forall \beta <_0 \alpha \diamond \beta^*$.

If $\alpha = 0\beta$, then $\diamond \beta^*$, hence $\diamond \diamond \beta^*$ using $\langle 1 \rangle \top$.

If $\alpha = \langle n+1 \rangle \beta$, then $\forall k \diamond \alpha[k]^*$, because $\alpha[k] <_0 \alpha$.

By Reduction (provably in EA^+)

$$\alpha^* \equiv_n \{\alpha[k]^* : k < \omega\}.$$

Therefore $\forall k \diamond \alpha[k]^*$ yields $\diamond \alpha^*$.

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So, $\text{EA}^+ + (S, <_0)\text{-induction} \vdash \forall\alpha \in S \diamond \alpha^*$

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De facto we apply $(S, <_0)\text{-induction rule for } \Pi_1\text{-formula}$
 $\varphi(\alpha) := \diamond \alpha^*$ once:

$$\frac{\forall \beta <_0 \alpha \varphi(\beta) \rightarrow \varphi(\alpha)}{\forall \alpha \varphi(\alpha)}$$

Th. 4. $\text{EA}^+ + (S, <_0)\text{-induction rule for } \Pi_1\text{-formulas is equivalent to}$

$\text{EA}^+ + \text{Con(PA)} + \text{Con(PA + Con(PA))} + \dots$

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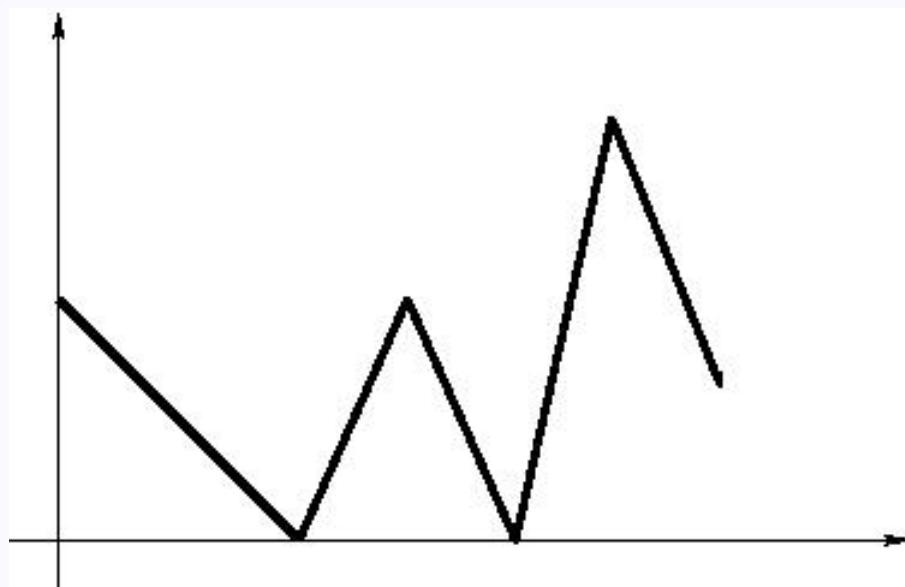
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4. The Worm Principle

Worm is a function $f : [0, n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

List: $w = (f(0), f(1), \dots, f(n))$

Word: $w = 2102031$



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$\text{next}(w, m) := (f(0), \dots, f(n - 1))$.

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$\text{next}(w, m) := r * \underbrace{s * s * \dots * s}_{m+1 \text{ times}}$.

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$$\text{next}(2102031, 1) = 210203030$$

$$k = 4; r = 21020; s = 30.$$

Now let $w_0 := w$ and $w_{n+1} := \text{next}(w_n, n + 1).$

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...

Notice that w_n is an elementary function.

$$|w_n| \leq (n+2)! \cdot |w_0|$$

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Every Worm Dies $\Leftrightarrow \forall w \exists n w_n = \emptyset$

Th. 5. *EWD is true but unprovable in PA.*

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Th. 6. *EWD is EA-equivalent to 1-Con(PA).*

1-Con(T) means “ $(T + \text{all true } \Pi_1^0) \text{ is consistent}$ ”

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4.2. Validity of EWD

To prove: EA + 1-Con(PA) ⊢ EWD.

Work in \mathcal{M}_{EA} . Shift the interpretation of worms:

$$0 \mapsto \langle 1 \rangle$$

$$1 \mapsto \langle 2 \rangle$$

...

Let α be the inverse of w . Then $w^* = (\alpha^+)^*$, where $(132)^+ = 243$.

Thus, $(103)^* = \langle 4 \rangle \langle 1 \rangle \langle 2 \rangle \top$

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Lem. 9. For any w , $\text{PA} \vdash w^*$.

Proof: induction on $|w|$. If $w = vn$ and $m >$ any letter in w , then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{EA} \vdash v^* \wedge \langle m+1 \rangle \top &\rightarrow \langle m+1 \rangle v^* \quad \text{by Lem. 4} \\ &\rightarrow \langle n+1 \rangle v^*\end{aligned}$$

By Lem. 7 and the induction hypothesis

$$\text{PA} \vdash v^* \wedge \langle m+1 \rangle \top.$$

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$$\text{EA} \vdash \forall n (w_n \neq \emptyset \rightarrow \square(w_n^* \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle w_{n+1}^*)).$$

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Proof. It is sufficient to prove

$$\forall w \neq \emptyset \forall n \text{ EA} \vdash w^* \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle \text{next}(w, n)^*$$

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Let α be the converse of w . By Cor. 6, $\alpha[n]$ is the converse of $\text{next}(w, n)$.

$$\alpha \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{GLP} \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \diamond \alpha[n]$$

GLP is stable under $(\cdot)^+$, so

$$\text{GLP} \vdash \alpha^+ \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle \alpha[n]^+.$$

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4.3. The proof

From Lemmas 9 and 11 we obtain

$$\text{PA} \vdash \langle 1 \rangle w^*$$

$$\text{EA} \vdash \langle 1 \rangle w^* \rightarrow \exists n w_n = \emptyset$$

Hence, provably in EA,

$$\forall w \text{ PA} \vdash \exists n w_n = \emptyset.$$

So, 1-Con(PA) implies $\forall w \exists n w_n = \emptyset$.

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4.4. Independence of EWD

Let $w[n] := \text{next}(w, n)$ and

$$w[n \dots n+k] := w[n][n+1] \dots [n+k]$$

Let $h_w(n)$ be the smallest k such that

$$w[n \dots n+k] = \emptyset.$$

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Some properties of h :

Lem. 12. $h_{u0v}(n) = h_u(h_v(n) + 1) + h_v(n) + 1$

Proof: $u0v \rightarrow u0 \rightarrow \emptyset$.

Cor. 13. If $w \in S_1$, then $h_{w1}(n) > h_w^{(n)}(n)$.

Proof: $w1[n] = w0w0 \dots w0$.

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Let $v \trianglelefteq u$ iff $v = u[0][0] \dots [0]$.

Lem. 14. If $h_w(m) \downarrow$ and $u \trianglelefteq w$, then

$$\exists k \ w[m \dots m+k] = u.$$

Proof. The n -th letter in w can only change if all letters to the right of it are deleted.

Cor. 15. $\forall m \leq n \ \exists k \ w[n \dots n+k] = w[m]$.

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Lem. 16. If $v \trianglelefteq u$ and $x \leq y$ then $h_v(x) \leq h_u(y)$.

Proof. Repeating Cor. 15 obtain s_0, s_1, \dots s.t.

$$u[y \dots y + s_0] = v[x]$$

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Proof. The n -th letter in w can only change if all letters to the right of it are deleted.

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Lem. 16. If $v \trianglelefteq u$ and $x \leq y$ then $h_v(x) \leq h_u(y)$.

Proof. Repeating Cor. 15 obtain s_0, s_1, \dots s.t.

$$u[y \dots y + s_0] = v[x]$$

$$u[y \dots y + s_0 + s_1] = v[x][x+1]$$

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We use additional general fact (to be proved later):

Th. If f is provably increasing, has an el. graph and $f(x) > 2^x$, then

$$\text{EA} \vdash \lambda x. f^{(x)}(x) \downarrow \leftrightarrow \langle 1 \rangle f \downarrow.$$

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Proof of Lem. 17: $\forall w \in S_1 (h_{1111w} \downarrow \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle w^*)$.

By Löb we can use as an additional assumption

$$\forall w \in S_1 [1](h_{1111w} \downarrow \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle w^*).$$

If $1111w = v1$, then $h_{v1} \downarrow \rightarrow \lambda x.h_v^{(x)}(x) \downarrow$.

Since h_v is increasing, has an elementary graph and grows at least exponentially,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda x.h_v^{(x)}(x) \downarrow &\rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle h_v \downarrow \\ &\rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle \langle 1 \rangle v^* \\ &\rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle w^*\end{aligned}$$

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If $1111w = v$ ends with $m > 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} h_v \downarrow &\rightarrow \lambda x. h_{v[\![x]\!]}(x + 1) + 1 \downarrow \\ &\rightarrow \forall n h_{v[\![n]\!]} \downarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \forall n h_{v[n+1]} \downarrow &\rightarrow \forall n h_{v[n]1} \downarrow \text{ as } v[n]1 \trianglelefteq v[n+1] \\ &\rightarrow \forall n \langle 1 \rangle h_{v[n]} \downarrow \text{ as before} \\ &\rightarrow \forall n \langle 1 \rangle \langle 1 \rangle w[n]^* \\ &\rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle w^* \text{ by Reduction} \end{aligned}$$

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5. Proof-theoretic analysis

5.1. Provably total computable functions

Let $\mathcal{F}(T)$ be the class of *provably total computable functions* of a theory T .

Def. 1. $g \in \mathcal{F}(T)$ iff for some $\varphi(x, y) \in \Sigma_1$,

- (i) $g(x) = y \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{N} \models \varphi(x, y)$
- (ii) $T \vdash \forall x \exists y \varphi(x, y)$.

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Examples. $\mathcal{F}(\text{EA}) = \mathcal{E}$ (elementary functions)

$\mathcal{F}(I\Sigma_1) =$ primitive rec. functions (Parsons 70)

$\mathcal{F}(\text{PA}) = < \varepsilon_0\text{-recursive functions}$ (Ackermann 44)

In general,

- $\mathcal{F}(T) \supseteq \mathcal{E}$ and closed under composition
- $\mathcal{F}(T)$ only depends on the Π_2 -fragment of T
- $\mathcal{F}(T) = \mathcal{F}(T + \text{Th}_{\Pi_1}(\mathbb{N}))$

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$$f \leq_c g \iff f \text{ is obtained from } \mathcal{E} \cup \{g\} \text{ by composition}$$

Lem. 18. Let g have an elementary graph. Then

$$f \in \mathcal{F}(\text{EA} + g\downarrow) \iff f \leq_c g.$$

Proof: follows from Herbrand theorem.

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Internal indexing

Def. 2. e is a T -index, if $e = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$ where

- e_1 codes a Turing machine
- e_2 codes a T -proof of $\forall x \exists y \varphi_{e_1}(x) = y$

Universal function: $\psi_e(x) := \varphi_{e_1}(x)$.

Jump: $\mathcal{F}(T)':=$ closure under composition of

$$\mathcal{F}(T) \cup \{\psi\}.$$

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Lem. 19. EA $\vdash \forall e, x \exists y \psi_e(x) = y \leftrightarrow \text{1-Con}(T)$

Proof. The formulas are basically the same:

$$\forall e_1, e_2, x (\text{Prf}_T(e_2, \ulcorner \forall x \exists y \varphi_{e_1}(x) = y \urcorner) \rightarrow \exists y \varphi_{e_1}(x) = y).$$

Cor. 20. $\mathcal{F}(\text{EA} + \text{1-Con}(T)) = \mathcal{F}(T)'$

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In EA^+ : $\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle \rightsquigarrow \text{term}$, so the internal indexing is equivalent to the Gödel numbering of terms.

Th. 7. If f is provably increasing, has an el. graph and $f(x) > 2^x$, then

$$\text{EA} \vdash \lambda x. f^{(x)}(x) \downarrow \leftrightarrow \langle 1 \rangle f \downarrow.$$

Proof. By monotonicity every function $\leq_c f$ is bounded by a fixed iterate of f . Hence, $\lambda x. f^{(x)}(x) \downarrow$ iff $\psi \downarrow$.

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5.2. Proof-theoretic analysis

theories \rightsquigarrow ordinals

Π_1^1 -analysis: Provable well-orderings

$$|S|_{\Pi_1^1} := \sup\{| \prec | : S \vdash WF(\prec)\}.$$

Π_2^0 -analysis: Provably total computable functions

$$S \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F}(S) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{E}_\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{E}_\alpha := \mathbf{E}(\{F_\beta : \beta < \alpha\})$$

$$\begin{cases} F_0(x) &:= x + 1 \\ F_{\alpha+1}(x) &:= F_\alpha^{(x+1)}(x) \\ F_\alpha(x) &:= F_{\alpha[\![x]\!]}(x), \quad \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a limit ordinal.} \end{cases}$$

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$$|S|_{\Pi_2^0} := \min\{\alpha : S \not\models \forall x \exists y F_\alpha(x) = y\}$$

Ex. 3. $|\text{PA} + \text{EWD}|_{\Pi_1^1} = |\text{PA}|_{\Pi_1^1} = \varepsilon_0$

Ex. 4. $|\text{PA} + \text{Con}(\text{PA})|_{\Pi_2^0} = |\text{PA}|_{\Pi_2^0} = \varepsilon_0$

Π_1^1 -ordinal is insensitive to true Σ_1^1 axioms.

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Π_1^0 -analysis: Iterated consistency assertions

$$|S|_{\Pi_1^0} := \min\{\alpha : S \not\models \text{Con}(\text{EA}_\alpha)\}.$$

$$T_0 := T; \quad T_{\alpha+1} := T_\alpha + \text{Con}(T_\alpha); \quad T_\alpha := \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} T_\beta$$

Ex. 5.

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{PA} + \text{Con}(\text{PA})|_{\Pi_1^0} &= \varepsilon_0 \cdot 2 & |I\Sigma_1 + \text{Con}(\text{PA})|_{\Pi_1^0} &= \varepsilon_0 + \omega^\omega \\ |\text{PA} + \text{EWD}|_{\Pi_1^0} &= \varepsilon_0^2 & |\text{PA} + \text{EWD}|_{\Pi_2^0} &= \varepsilon_0 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

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5.3. Analysis by iterated consistency

S_n is the fragment of S in the language with $\langle n \rangle, \langle n+1 \rangle, \dots$ equipped with the ordering

$$\varphi <_n \psi \Leftrightarrow \text{GLP} \vdash \psi \rightarrow \langle n \rangle \varphi.$$

Def. 3. $T_\alpha^n \equiv T + \{n\text{-Con}(T_\beta^n) : \beta <_n \alpha, \beta \in S_n\}$

Theories T_α^n are uniquely defined for $\alpha \in S_n$.

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Th. 8. If T is Π_{n+1} axiomatized, then (provably in EA^+)

$$\forall \alpha \in S_n, T + \alpha^* \equiv_n T_\alpha^n.$$

Proof: reduction + Löb.

Cor. 21. $\text{PA} \equiv_n \bigcup_\alpha (\text{EA}^+)_\alpha^n$

Lem. 22. $\mathcal{F}(\text{EA}_\alpha^1) = \mathcal{E}_\alpha$, where \mathcal{E}_α is the α -th class of the fast growing hierarchy.

Proof: an extension of Theorem 7.

Hence: analysis by iterated 1-consistency yields the same information as the usual Π_2^0 -analysis.

Cor. 23. $\mathcal{F}(\text{PA}) = \bigcup_\alpha \mathcal{E}_\alpha$

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Ex. 6. $|\text{PA} + \text{EWD}|_{\Pi_2^0} = \varepsilon_0 \cdot 2$.

Proof. Consider $T := \text{EA} + \text{EWD}$. Work in \mathcal{M}_T . We have

$$\text{PA} + \text{EWD} = \{\langle n \rangle \top : n < \omega\}.$$

Reduction property holds in \mathcal{M}_T , as T is Π_2 . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PA} + \text{EWD} &\equiv_1 T_{\varepsilon_0}^1 \\ &\equiv_1 (\text{EA}_{\varepsilon_0+1}^1)_{\varepsilon_0}^1 \\ &\equiv_1 \text{EA}_{\varepsilon_0 \cdot 2}^1\end{aligned}$$

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Open questions

1. Generalizations of graded provability algebras for stronger theories: RA, KP_ω, ...
2. A general argument for the well-foundedness of GPA.
3. New combinatorial independent principles from Kripke models?
4. Infinitely generated filters on GPA, regularity, automata.
5. Is the elementary theory of the prime subalgebra of \mathcal{M}_T decidable?

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