

Topics in Applied Math: Logic and Foundations of Mathematics

Part 4. First order arithmetic

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§4. The first incompleteness theorem

We assume that all theories are given in the language \mathcal{L}_{OR} and contain R, so Σ_1 -complete.

Definition 4.1

A theory T is **ω -consistent** \Leftrightarrow for any formula $\varphi(x)$, if $\varphi(\bar{n})$ is provable in T for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\exists x \neg \varphi(x)$ is not provable in T . A theory is **1-consistent** \Leftrightarrow it is ω -consistent with $\varphi(x)$ restricted to Σ_0 (or Δ_1). A theory is **Σ_n -sound** if all the Σ_n theorems of T are true.

Homework # 3-2

- (1) Show that a Σ_1 -complete theory T is 1-consistent iff it is Σ_1 -sound.
- (2) Show that any ω -consistent Σ_1 -complete theory is Π_3 -sound, but may not be Σ_3 -sound.

Lemma 4.2 ((Weak) Representation Theorem for CE sets)

Suppose that a theory T contains R and 1-consistent. Then, for any CE set C , there exists a Σ_1 formula $\varphi(x)$ such that for any n , $n \in C \Leftrightarrow T \vdash \varphi(\bar{n})$.

Definition 4.5

Let Ω be a set of symbols with an injection $\phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. For a string $s = a_0 \cdots a_{n-1} \in \Omega^*$, the following natural number $\ulcorner s \urcorner$ is called the **Gödel number** of s ,

$$\ulcorner s \urcorner = p(0)^{\phi(a_0)+1} \cdot p(1)^{\phi(a_1)+1} \cdot \dots \cdot p(n-1)^{\phi(a_{n-1})+1}.$$

The mapping $\ulcorner \cdot \urcorner$ is an injection from the set of all symbols Ω^* to \mathbb{N} .

Theorem 4.7 (Craig's lemma)

For any CE theory T , there exists a prim. rec. theory T' that proves the same theorems.

Definition 4.8

We define the primitive recursive predicate Proof_T as follows.

$$\text{Proof}_T(\ulcorner P \urcorner, \ulcorner \sigma \urcorner) \Leftrightarrow P \text{ is a proof of formula } \sigma \text{ in } T'.$$

By Proof_T , we also denote a Δ_1 formula expressing the above Proof_T in IS_1 .

A Σ_1 formula Bew_T is defined as

$$\text{Bew}_T(x) \equiv \exists y \text{Proof}_T(y, x).$$

Lemma 4.9 (Diagonalization lemma)

Let T be a theory containing R . For any formula $\psi(x)$ in which x is the unique free variable, there exists a sentence σ such that $T \vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \psi(\overline{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner})$.

Theorem 4.10 (Gödel's first incompleteness theorem, a formal version)

Let T be a 1-consistent Σ_1 theory containing R . Then, T is incomplete, that is, there is a sentence σ such that $T \not\vdash \sigma$ and $T \not\vdash \neg\sigma$.

Proof.

- By the diagonalization lemma, $\neg\text{Bew}_T(x)$ has a fixed point, that is, there exists σ such that $T \vdash \sigma \leftrightarrow \neg\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner})$.
- In T , σ is neither provable (by Σ_1 completeness) nor disprovable (by 1-consistency).

The sentence σ asserts its own unprovability, and it is called the **Gödel sentence** of T . The Gödel sentence is a true Π_1 sentence.

To weaken the assumption of incompleteness theorem, Rosser modified $\text{Bew}_T(x)$ as follows

$$\text{Bew}_T^*(\overline{\sigma}) \equiv \exists y (\text{Proof}_T(y, \overline{\sigma}) \wedge \forall z < y \neg \text{Proof}_T(z, \overline{\neg\sigma})).$$

Lemma 4.11

Let T be a Σ_1 theory containing R. Then, for any sentence σ ,

- (1) $T \vdash \sigma \Rightarrow T \vdash \text{Bew}_T^*(\overline{\sigma})$,
- (2) $T \vdash \neg\sigma \Rightarrow T \vdash \neg\text{Bew}_T^*(\overline{\sigma})$.

Proof. We may assume T is consistent. Then, (1) follows from Σ_1 completeness.

To show (2), assume $T \vdash \neg\sigma$. There exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the following holds in \mathfrak{N}

$$\text{Proof}_T(\overline{n}, \overline{\neg\sigma}) \wedge \forall z \leq \overline{n} \neg \text{Proof}_T(z, \overline{\sigma}).$$

By Σ_1 completeness, the above formula is provable in T . So, since T contains R, T proves

$$\forall y (\text{Proof}_T(y, \overline{\sigma}) \rightarrow \exists z < y \text{Proof}_T(z, \overline{\neg\sigma})), \text{ i.e., } \neg\text{Bew}_T^*(\overline{\sigma}). \quad \square$$

Theorem 4.12 (Gödel-Rosser)

Let T be a consistent Σ_1 theory containing R, and σ a fixed point of $\neg\text{Bew}_T^*(x)$. Then $T \not\vdash \sigma$ and $T \not\vdash \neg\sigma$.

Two applications of the first incompleteness thm

Theorem 4.14 (Tarski's undefinability of truth)

There is no formula $\psi(x)$ such that $\mathfrak{N} \models \sigma \leftrightarrow \psi(\overline{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner})$ for all sentence σ .

Lemma 4.16

For a consistent Σ_1 theory $T \supset R$, $\{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner : T \vdash \sigma, \sigma \text{ is a sentence}\}$ is not computable.

Proof. By the strong representation theorem and the diagonalization lemma.

Theorem 4.17 (Undecidability of first-order logic, due to Church-Turing)

$\{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner : \sigma \text{ is a valid sentence in the language } \mathcal{L}_{OR}\}$ is not computable. Therefore, the satisfiability of first order logic is not decidable.

Proof. Let ξ be a sentence obtained by connecting all the axioms of $Q_{<}$ by \wedge . If $\{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner : \vdash \sigma\}$ is computable, $\{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner : \vdash \xi \rightarrow \sigma\} = \{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner : Q_{<} \vdash \sigma\}$ is also computable, which contradicts with the above lemma.

Finally, the satisfiability of first order logic can be expressed as $\{\ulcorner \sigma \urcorner : \not\vdash \neg \sigma\}$. □

§5. Introducing the second incompleteness theorem

- The first incompleteness theorem says that a consistent CE theory T containing R is neither prove nor disprove the Gödel sentence.
- The second incompleteness theorem says that a consistent CE theory T containing $I\Sigma_1$ does not prove its consistency.
- To obtain the second theorem, it is sufficient to show that the consistency implies the Gödel sentence, or equivalently the consistency implies the unprovability of the Gödel sentence.
- Thus, the main part of the proof of the second theorem is to formalize the proof of the first theorem in the system T .
- Although this requires extremely elaborate arguments, the main points are summarized as the three properties of the derivability predicate $\text{Bew}_T(x)$ as shown in the next slide.

Lemma 5.1 (Hilbert-Bernays-Löb's derivability condition)

Let T be a consistent CE theory containing $I\Sigma_1$. For any φ, ψ ,

D1. $T \vdash \varphi \Rightarrow T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi\overline{\Gamma}})$.

D2. $T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi\overline{\Gamma}}) \wedge \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi \rightarrow \psi\overline{\Gamma}}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\psi\overline{\Gamma}})$.

D3. $T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi\overline{\Gamma}}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi\overline{\Gamma}})\overline{\Gamma}})$.

Proof.

- D1 is obtained from the Σ_1 completeness of T , since $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi\overline{\Gamma}})$ is a Σ_1 formula.
- For D2, it is clear that the proof of ψ is obtained by applying MP to the proof of φ and the proof of $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$.
- D3 formalizes D1 in T . This is the most difficult, since we can not find a simple machinery to transform a proof of φ in T to a proof of $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma\varphi\overline{\Gamma}})$. There are several known ways to deal with this problem, but below we will briefly explain how to deal with the representability of primitive recursive functions within the system.

- Since the function from a number n to the Gödel number of its numeral $\ulcorner \bar{n} \urcorner$ is primitive recursive, we denote the function by \dot{x} .
- For an expression $\varphi(x)$, $\varphi(\dot{y})$ denotes the expression obtained by substituting the term with the Gödel number \dot{y} to every free occurrence of the variable x . If the value of y is a standard natural number n , this is nothing but a substitution of the numeral \bar{n} , but $\varphi(\dot{y})$ is just an expression with the variable y , which can be formulated within Bew_T .
- With this notation, our goal is to prove

$$T \vdash \text{Proof}_T(x, y) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \text{Proof}_T(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) \urcorner}). \quad (1)$$

- In general, we prove that for any primitive recursive function f ,

$$T \vdash f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = y \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner f(\dot{x}_1, \dots, \dot{x}_k) = \dot{y} \urcorner}). \quad (2)$$

- The above formula can be proved by meta-induction on the construction of the primitive recursive function f .
- As a example, we will prove for addition $x + y = z$, the above formula (2) holds.

- By Σ_1 induction on variable y (assuming other variables are constants), we prove that

$$x + y = z \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + \dot{y} = \dot{z}}). \quad (3)$$

- First, if $y = 0$, then $x + 0 = z$ and so $x = z$. By A3 of PA, $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + 0 = \dot{x}})$. Thus

$$x + 0 = z \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + 0 = \dot{z}}).$$

- Next assuming $x + y = w \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + \dot{y} = \dot{w}})$, we want to show

$$x + (y + 1) = z \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + (\dot{y} + 1) = \dot{z}}).$$

- Suppose $x + (y + 1) = z$. Let $w = x + y$. Then, we have $z = w + 1$.
- By the induction hypothesis, $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + \dot{y} = \dot{w}})$. So, by using A4 in Bew_T , $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + (\dot{y} + 1) = \dot{w} + 1})$. Then from $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{z} = \dot{w} + 1})$, we obtain $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\Gamma \dot{x} + (\dot{y} + 1) = \dot{z}})$.
- Thus, we have shown (3) by $I\Sigma_1$.
- As for other p.r. functions, their defining formulas are given as axioms in the theory T , so (2) can be proved using a similar argument.

- To prove D3, assume $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner})$ in addition to T. Then, there is a numeral c that satisfies $\text{Proof}_T(c, \overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner})$.
- Now by (1), we have $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \text{Proof}_T(\dot{c}, \ulcorner \dot{\varphi} \urcorner) \urcorner})$. Here, $\ulcorner \dot{\varphi} \urcorner$ is a standard natural number, so it is nothing but $\overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}$.
- Since $T \vdash \text{Proof}_T(\dot{c}, \overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \rightarrow \exists x \text{Proof}_T(x, \overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner})$ can be deduced from a quantification axiom of first-order logic, we have

$$T \vdash \text{Proof}_T(\dot{c}, \overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}).$$

- Then, by D1,

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \text{Proof}_T(\dot{c}, \overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \urcorner}).$$

By D2,

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \text{Proof}_T(\dot{c}, \overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \urcorner}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \urcorner}).$$

- Finally, $\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner}) \urcorner})$ is obtained with the first assumption by MP. Thus, D3 is proven.

□

In the following, let π_G denote the Gödel sentence in the proof of the first incompleteness theorem. That is,

$$T \vdash \pi_G \leftrightarrow \neg \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \pi_G \urcorner}).$$

By $\text{Con}(T)$, we denote the sentence meaning “ T is consistent”, formally defined as

$$\text{Con}(T) \equiv \neg \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner 0 = 1 \urcorner}).$$

Then we have the following.

Lemma 5.2

$$T \vdash \text{Con}(T) \leftrightarrow \pi_G.$$

Proof. • To show $\pi_G \rightarrow \text{Con}(T)$.

Obviously, $T \vdash 0 = 1 \rightarrow \pi_G$. So, by D1 and D2,

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner 0 = 1 \urcorner}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\ulcorner \pi_G \urcorner}).$$

Taking the contraposition, we have $T \vdash \pi_G \rightarrow \text{Con}(T)$.

- To show $\text{Con}(T) \rightarrow \pi_G$.

First, from $T \vdash \pi_G \leftrightarrow \neg \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G})$ and D1,

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}) \rightarrow \neg \pi_G}).$$

Using D2, we have

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G})})}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}).$$

Combining this with D3: $T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G})})$, we obtain

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}).$$

Then, by using $T \vdash \pi_G \rightarrow (\neg \pi_G \rightarrow 0 = 1)$ and D2, we get

$$T \vdash \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}) \rightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{0 = 1}).$$

Taking the contraposition,

$$T \vdash \neg \text{Bew}_T(\overline{0 = 1}) \rightarrow \neg \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\neg \pi_G}).$$

That is, $T \vdash \text{Con}(T) \rightarrow \pi_G$.

Theorem 5.3 (Gödel's second incompleteness theorem)

Let T be a consistent CE theory, which contains $I\Sigma_1$. Then $T \not\vdash \text{Con}(T)$.
In other words, T cannot prove its own consistency $\text{Con}(T)$.

Proof

By the proof of the first incompleteness theorem, $T \not\vdash \pi_G$.

By the above lemma, $T \vdash \text{Con}(T) \leftrightarrow \pi_G$. So, $T \not\vdash \text{Con}(T)$. □

Remark

- The first incompleteness theorem is a negative result in the sense that it shows the limit of provability, whereas the second incompleteness theorem shows that the concrete proposition $\text{Con}(T)$ is not provable in T , which provides a positive tool from an application perspective.
- In mathematical logic, the second incompleteness theorem is often used to separate two axiomatic theories by showing the consistency of one over the other. E.g. $I\Sigma_1$ is a proper subsystem of PA, since the consistency of the former can be proved in the latter.

Homework # 4-1

- (1) Show that there is a consistent theory T that proves its own contradiction $\neg\text{Con}(T)$.
- (2) Let $\text{Bew}_T^\#(x) \equiv (\text{Bew}_T(x) \wedge x \neq \overline{\overline{0=1}})$. For any true proposition σ ,

$$\text{Bew}_T^\#(\overline{\overline{\sigma}}) \leftrightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\overline{\sigma}})$$

and

$$T \vdash \neg\text{Bew}_T^\#(\overline{\overline{0=1}}).$$

Does it contradict with the second incompleteness theorem?

- As a variant of the Gödel sentence, a sentence meaning “this sentence is provable” is known as a **Henkin sentence**. That is, H is a Henkin sentence if

$$H \leftrightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\overline{H}}).$$

If H is provable and true, then both sides are true and there is no problem.

On the other hand, if H is false and unprovable, both sides are also equivalent. So, there does not seem to be any clue to determine whether or not H is provable or true. Yet, we can show it is actually provable.

- To this end, first let C denote the sentence “this sentence is consistent with T ”, i.e., $C \leftrightarrow \neg \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\overline{\neg C}})$.
- Since the theory $T+C$ proves its own consistency, it is inconsistent by the second incompleteness theorem. Thus, T proves $\neg C$.
- On the other hand, since $\neg C \leftrightarrow \text{Bew}_T(\overline{\overline{\neg C}})$, $\neg C$ is the same as H , and therefore H is provable.

The above fact can be also stated as follows.

Theorem 5.4 (Löb's theorem)

Let T be a consistent Σ_1 theory containing $I\Sigma_1$. If T proves “if T proves σ , then σ ”, then T proves σ .

Proof.

Suppose that T proves that “if T proves σ , then σ ”, which means that “If $\neg\sigma$, then T does not prove σ , that is, $T + \neg\sigma$ is consistent.” That is, since $T + \neg\sigma$ proves the consistency of $T + \neg\sigma$, by the second incompleteness theorem, $T + \neg\sigma$ is inconsistent. Therefore, T proves σ . □

The Henkin sentence H satisfies that T proves “if T proves H , then H ”. So by the theorem, T proves H .

A paradoxical fact derived from this theorem is that any proposition σ can be proven by assuming that there is a proof of σ .

- For simplicity, let T be PA. We also identify a formula $\varphi(x)$ with the set $\{n : \varphi(n)\}$.
- In T , we can prove a countable version of the completeness theorem of first-order logic. A countable model M can be treated as its coded diagram, i.e., the set of the Gödel numbers of \mathcal{L}_M -sentences true in M . The arithmetized completeness theorem says that if T' is consistent then there exists (a formula expressing the diagram of) a model of T' .
- Now, we going to prove $\text{Con}(T) \rightarrow \pi_G$ in T . By the completeness theorem, it is sufficient to show that any model M of $T + \text{Con}(T)$ satisfies π_G . First, note that π_G is equivalent to $\neg \text{Bew}_T(\ulcorner \pi_G \urcorner)$, which is also equivalent to $\text{Con}(T + \neg \pi_G)$. Since M satisfies $\text{Con}(T)$, we can make a model M_1 of T over M . So, if M_1 satisfies $\neg \pi_G$, then M shows $\text{Con}(T + \neg \pi_G)$. If M_1 satisfies π_G , M also satisfies π_G since π_G is Π_1 and M is a submodel of M_1 . (This proof is due to Kikuchi-Tanaka.)

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Thank you for your attention!

Introduction to Part 5, §1. Non-standard models

- We will discuss the general features of non-standard models of arithmetic, especially the properties of their ordered structure.
- A non-standard model of $I\Sigma_0$ cannot be defined recursively, even if it is countable (Tennenbaum's theorem). However, its ordered structure is relatively simple.
- Let \mathcal{L}_{OR} structure \mathfrak{A} be a model of $I\Sigma_0$. Since \mathfrak{A} is also a model of PA^- , $<$ is a discrete linear order on A .
- \mathfrak{A} includes the standard part \mathfrak{N} as an initial segment, i.e., any **non-standard** element $a \in A$ is greater than any standard numbers.
- Now, for two elements a and b of \mathfrak{A} , we define $a \sim b$ if $|a - b| \in \mathbb{N}$. The equivalence class $[a]_{\sim}$ of the non-standard element a is the set of elements represented by $a \pm n$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). Therefore, its order type is isomorphic to the order of integers.
- To sum up, the order type of \mathfrak{A} is illustrated as follows.

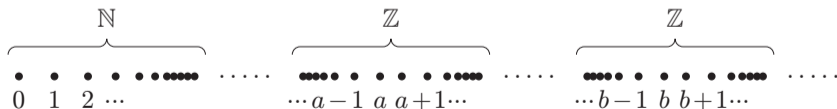


Figure: The order type of a non-standard model of arithmetic

Theorem 5.5

- The order type of a non-standard model of PA^- is $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \eta$, where η is a linear ordering without a maximal element.
- The order type of a non-standard model of $\text{I}\Sigma_0$ is $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \eta$, where η is a dense linear order. In particular, the order type of a countable non-standard model of $\text{I}\Sigma_0$ is $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathbb{Q}$.

Proof.

- As explained in the last slide, the order type of a non-standard model of PA^- is $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \eta$, where η is a linear order. Moreover, η has no largest element since $[a]_{\sim} < [a+a]_{\sim}$.
- Suppose \mathfrak{A} is a model of $\text{I}\Sigma_0$. If $[a]_{\sim} < [b]_{\sim}$, there exists c s.t. $[a]_{\sim} < [c]_{\sim} < [b]_{\sim}$. Because $c \sim (a+b)/2$ can be obtained s.t. $(a+b=2c) \vee (a+b=2c+1)$. (In PA^- , this property is not provable.) Thus for any non-standard element b , there exists a non-standard element c such that $[c]_{\sim} < [b]_{\sim}$. Therefore, η is a dense linear order with no maximum or minimum.
- According to Cantor's theorem (which will be shown later), any countable dense linear order without end-points is isomorphic to the order type of rational numbers, so when \mathfrak{A} is countable, its order type is uniquely determined as $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathbb{Q}$. □

Example 1

- Let $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ be the set of polynomials in variable X with integer coefficients. With $+$, \cdot , 0 , 1 naturally defined on it, $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ turns out to be a ring.
- For $p \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$, we set $p > 0$ if its highest order coefficient is positive. Then define the order $p > q$ by $p - q > 0$.

- Let

$$\mathbb{Z}[X]^+ = \{p \in \mathbb{Z}[X] : p \geq 0\}.$$

Then $\mathbb{Z}[X]^+$ is a non-standard model of PA^- (check it).

- In $\mathbb{Z}[X]^+$, any non-standard element smaller than X can be written as $X - n$. Thus, there is no element between $[X]_{\sim}$ and the standard part \mathbb{N} .
- In other words, $\mathbb{Z}[X]^+$ cannot be a model of $\text{I}\Sigma_0$.

Lemma 5.6

Let $n \geq 0$. In any non-standard model \mathfrak{A} of IS_n , \mathbb{N} cannot be defined by a Σ_n formula. That is, there is no Σ_n formula $\varphi(x)$ such that $i \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_A \models \varphi(i)$.

Proof. Assume to the contrary that for a non-standard model \mathfrak{A} of IS_n , there exists a Σ_n formula $\varphi(x)$ that defines \mathbb{N} . Then,

$$\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(0) \wedge \forall x(\varphi(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x+1)).$$

So by induction $\mathfrak{A} \models \forall x\varphi(x)$, and hence $\varphi(x)$ does not define \mathbb{N} . □

By the above proof, we can also easily see that, in a model \mathfrak{A} of IS_n , any proper subset that includes 0 and is closed under $x+1$ cannot be defined by a Σ_n formula.

Theorem 5.7 (Overspill principle)

Let $n > 0$ and \mathfrak{A} be any non-standard model of $I\Sigma_n$, and $\varphi(x)$ be any Σ_n formula. If $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(i)$ holds for infinitely many $i \in \mathbb{N}$, then there exists a non-standard element a such that $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a)$ holds.

Proof. If there is no non-standard element a such that $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a)$, then \mathbb{N} can be defined by the Σ_n formula $\psi(x) \equiv \exists y(x < y \wedge \varphi(y))$, which contradicts with the above lemma. \square

It is easy to have the following generalization. In a proper subset closed under $x + 1$ of a model \mathfrak{A} of $I\Sigma_n$, if the set of elements satisfying a Σ_n formula $\varphi(x)$ has no upper bound, then there is an element outside of the subset also satisfying $\varphi(x)$.

Example 2

There is no non-standard model of $I\Sigma_0$ with the order type $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathbb{R}$.

- If there is such a model \mathfrak{A} , $\{[na]_{\sim} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has an upper bound $[aa]_{\sim}$, so due to the nature of \mathbb{R} , it has a least upper bound $[b]_{\sim}$.
- However, if $na < b$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, by the overspill principle, $ca < b$ for some non-standard element c .
- Then, $[(c-1)a] < [b]_{\sim}$, and since $[(c-1)a]_{\sim}$ is also an upper bound of $\{[na]_{\sim} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, which contradicts with the minimality of $[b]_{\sim}$.

Problem 1

Show that there is no non-standard model of PA^- with the order type $\mathbb{N} + \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathbb{R}$.