

Lecture notes

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Chapter 1

Finite-type arithmetic

Higher types and higher-type entities (functionals) constitute a natural, and constructive, way of extending the expressive power of arithmetic without increasing its proof-theoretic strength. They also provide the syntactic means to express the effective information contained in proofs of arithmetical statements.

As a foundation for our subsequent proof-theoretic considerations, we present a basic theory **HA**^ω of intuitionistic finite-type arithmetic, together with an extensional variant **E-HA**^ω and an intensional one **I-HA**^ω.

1.1 Syntax

The language of finite-type arithmetic The following types are present:

1. An atomic type $\mathcal{N}$ (the type of natural numbers),
2. a type $\sigma \times \tau$ for any two types σ and τ (product types),
3. a type τ^σ for any two types σ and τ (function types).

Notation. $(\tau^\sigma)^\rho$ is simplified to $\tau^{\rho\sigma}$, and $\tau^{\vec{\sigma}}$ is governed by a similar convention; hence, τ^{σ^ρ} denotes the other alternative.

Terms, and their types, are generated by

0. There is an inexhaustible supply (infinite set) of variables of each type.
1. 0 is a term of type $\mathcal{N}$; for any term t of type $\mathcal{N}$, $\mathbf{S}t$ is a term of type $\mathcal{N}$.
2. For any terms t of type τ , u of type $\tau^{\mathcal{N}^\tau}$ and v of type $\mathcal{N}$, $\mathbf{R}tuv$ is a term of type τ .
3. For any terms t_l and t_r of types τ_l and τ_r respectively, $\langle t_l, t_r \rangle$ is a term of type $\tau_l \times \tau_r$.
4. For any term t of type $\tau_l \times \tau_r$, $\mathbf{p}_s t$ is a term of type τ_s , for $s \in \{l, r\}$.

5. For any variable x of type σ and term t of type τ , $\lambda x t$ is a term of type τ^σ .

6. For any terms t of type τ^σ and u of type σ , tu is a term of type τ .

Prime (or atomic) formulae are equations $t = u$ between terms of the same type. *Formulae* are formed from prime formulae by means of $\&$, $\rightarrow$, $\forall$, and $\exists$.

Axioms and rules of inference Besides the usual (natural deduction or other) rules for the logical constants present in the system, we have rules for *equality*

$$\frac{}{t = t} \qquad \frac{t = u \quad \phi(t)}{\phi(u)} ,$$

β -conversion

$$\frac{}{Rtu0 = t} \qquad \frac{}{Rtu(Sv) = uvRtuv}$$

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{p}_i \langle t_l, t_r \rangle = t_i} , \qquad i \in \{l, r\}$$

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x t)u = t[x := u]} ,$$

and *induction*

$$\frac{\phi(0) \quad \forall x [\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(Sx)]}{\phi(v)} .$$

The above axioms and rules constitute $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$. We will also be interested in a number of extensions of this theory. *Extensional finite-type arithmetic*, $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$, is obtained from $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$ by the addition of the *extensionality rules*

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}_l t = \mathbf{p}_l u \quad \mathbf{p}_r t = \mathbf{p}_r u}{t = u}$$

for t, u of product type, and

$$\frac{\forall x (tx = ux)}{t = u} , \qquad x \notin \text{FV}(t, u)$$

for t, u of function type. *Intensional finite-type arithmetic*, $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$, augments the language of $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$ with *equality functionals* $\mathbf{E}_\tau$, one for each type τ , subject to

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{E}_\tau tu = 0 \leftrightarrow t = u} \qquad \frac{}{\mathbf{E}_\tau tu = 1 \leftrightarrow t \neq u} .$$

Classical (or Peano) finite-type arithmetic $\mathbf{PA}^\omega$ is the extension of $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$ by the *principle of the excluded middle*

$$\frac{}{\neg\neg\phi \rightarrow \phi} \text{ (PEM)} .$$

1.2 Semantics

(to be written)

1.3 Exercises

1. Define addition and multiplication with the aid of primitive recursion.
2. Using your preferred logical formalism, show that if

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \phi,$$

then

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \phi[x := t].$$

3. Prove that extensionality is equivalent to the set of equations

$$(\eta) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{p}_l t, \mathbf{p}_r t \rangle &= t, \text{ } t \text{ of product type,} \\ \lambda x (tx) &= t, \text{ } t \text{ of function type, } x \notin \text{FV}(t). \end{aligned}$$

4. Extensional equality $t =_e u$ between terms t, u of the same type is inductively defined by

$$t =_e u \equiv \begin{cases} t = u & t, u \text{ of atomic type,} \\ \mathbf{p}_l t =_e \mathbf{p}_l u \ \& \ \mathbf{p}_r t =_e \mathbf{p}_r u & t, u \text{ of product type,} \\ \forall x (tx =_e ux) & t, u \text{ of function type.} \end{cases}$$

Show that extensionality is equivalent to the schema

$$t =_e u \leftrightarrow t = u,$$

and conclude that, in $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$, equality at higher types is reducible to equality between terms of type $\mathcal{N}$.

5. (Closure of $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$ under *mutual primitive recursion*.) Let $\vec{\tau} \equiv \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$ be a list of types, $\vec{t}$ a list of terms of types $\vec{\tau}$ (i.e., each t_i has type τ_i) and $\vec{u}$ a list of terms of types $\vec{\tau}^{\mathcal{N}\vec{\tau}}$ (i.e., each u_i has type $\tau_i^{\mathcal{N}\tau_1 \dots \tau_n}$). Construct terms $\vec{r} \equiv \vec{r}(z)$, z fresh, with the properties

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(0) &= \vec{t}, \\ \vec{r}(Sv) &= \vec{u}v\vec{r}(v). \end{aligned}$$

Chapter 2

Modified realizability

The term *realizability* refers to any one of a family of translations that may be seen as formalizations of the BHK interpretation of the logical constants; for a more complete description of the BHK interpretation, the reader may consult Troelstra and van Dalen (1988).

Modified realizability is a variant of realizability where the realizing objects are functionals. This notion of realizability is well adapted to the study of typed theories; it will be our first, and simplest, example of term extraction.

2.1 Definition

To each formula ϕ in the language of finite-type arithmetic we associate its *modified realizability interpretation* ϕ^{mr} , which is a formula of the form

$$\exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$$

with the same free variables as ϕ , where $\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ ($\vec{x}$ *modified realizes* ϕ , alternative notation: $\vec{x} \mathbf{mr} \phi$) is an $\exists$ -free formula and $\vec{x}$ a possibly empty list of variables. The associations $()_{\text{mr}}$ and $()^{\text{mr}}$ are defined by the following induction:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \phi \text{ atomic, } \phi^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \phi, \\ (\phi \ \& \ \psi)^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{x}, \vec{y} [\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \ \& \ \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})], \\ (\phi \rightarrow \psi)^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{Y} [\forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{Y}\vec{x}))], \\ (\forall z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{X} [\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X}z))], \\ (\exists z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists z, \vec{x} [\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})], \end{aligned}$$

where, in each case, the $\exists$ -free kernel is delimited by brackets.

Remark on notation. For a (possible) dependence of a formula ϕ on a variable z to be made explicit, it is customary to write $\phi(z)$ in place of ϕ . Then, substitution of a term v for z in ϕ is conveniently denoted $\phi(v)$ instead of $\phi[z := v]$.

This may contribute a lot to readability, but it may also lead to error if sufficient attention is not paid. Fortunately, one possible source of ambiguity is lifted as soon as we know that *modified realizability commutes with substitution*, namely

$$\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})[z := v],$$

and hence

$$\phi(v)^{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi(z)^{\text{mr}}[z := v].$$

Proposition 2.1.1. *Let $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$.*

1. $\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ is $\exists$ -free, and if ϕ is $\exists$ -free, then $\vec{x}$ is empty and $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi$.
2. If ψ is $\exists$ -free, then $(\exists \vec{y} \psi)^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{y} \psi$; in particular, $(\phi^{\text{mr}})^{\text{mr}} \equiv \phi^{\text{mr}}$.

Proof. Exercise. □

2.2 Soundness

In the following, we are going to employ the *modified realizability schema*

$$(\text{MR}) \quad \phi^{\text{mr}} \leftrightarrow \phi.$$

This is not among the axioms usually considered for arithmetic; we will shortly prove its equivalence to something more familiar (??).

Theorem 2.2.1 (soundness). *Let $\mathbf{H}$ be any one of $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$, $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$, $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$, and let $\mathbf{H}-\exists$ be $\mathbf{H}$ with the rules for the existential quantifier removed. If $\vdash_{\mathbf{H}+\text{MR}} \phi$, then $\vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$ for a suitable list $\vec{t}$ of terms satisfying $\text{FV}(\vec{t}) \subseteq \text{FV}(\phi)$.*

Proof. We are going to apply induction on the proofs of $\mathbf{H}+\text{MR}$, for the purpose of which we will need the (superficially) stronger statement

If $\Phi \vdash_{\mathbf{H}+\text{MR}} \phi$, then $\Phi_{\text{mr}} \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$, where all free variables of $\vec{t}$ are among those free in ϕ and the realizing variables in Φ_{mr} .

where Φ is an arbitrary (finite) set of formulae and $\Phi_{\text{mr}} = \{\phi_{\text{mr}} \mid \phi \in \Phi\}$. Of the axioms and rules of $\mathbf{H}-\exists$, those that are $\exists$ -free are *self-realizing* and don't need any further examination; this includes the “extras” of $\mathbf{E-HA}^\omega$ and $\mathbf{I-HA}^\omega$. For most of the others, a deduction will be furnished that may be combined with the induction hypotheses in an obvious way to yield the required conclusion. Exception: $\exists$ -rules.

Natural deduction

$$\frac{\phi \quad \psi}{\phi \ \& \ \psi} : \quad \frac{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \quad \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \ \& \ \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}) \equiv (\phi \ \& \ \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}, \vec{u})}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\phi \& \psi}{\phi} : \quad \frac{(\phi \& \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \& \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})} \\
\\
\frac{\frac{[\phi]}{\psi}}{\phi \rightarrow \psi} : \quad \frac{\frac{[\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})]}{\psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}}{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}}{\forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})) \leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\lambda \vec{x} \vec{u})} \\
\\
\frac{\phi \rightarrow \psi \quad \phi}{\psi} : \quad \frac{(\phi \rightarrow \psi)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \equiv \forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}\vec{x}))}{\frac{\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}\vec{u})}{\psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}\vec{u})} \quad \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})}} \\
\\
\frac{\phi(z)}{\forall z \phi(z)} : \quad \frac{\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})}{\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})) \leftrightarrow (\forall z \phi(z))_{\text{mr}}(\lambda z \vec{t})} \\
\\
\frac{\forall z \phi(z)}{\phi(v)} : \quad \frac{(\forall z \phi(z))_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \equiv \forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}z))}{\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}v)}
\end{array}$$

$\frac{\phi(v)}{\exists z \phi(z)}$: Nothing to prove; the conclusion coincides with the induction hypothesis (this is because the interpretation of $\exists$ is “trivial”, in the sense that it merely turns the existentially quantified variable into a realizing variable).

$\frac{[\phi(z)]}{\exists z \phi(z)} \quad \frac{\psi}{\psi}$: By hypothesis, there are deductions $\Phi_{\text{mr}} \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$ and $\Phi_{\text{mr}}, \phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u})$, whence $\Phi_{\text{mr}} \vdash_{\mathbf{H}-\exists} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}[\vec{x} := \vec{t}])$.

Equality

$$\frac{t = u \quad \phi(t)}{\phi(u)} : \quad \frac{t = u \quad \phi(t)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{v})}{\phi(u)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{v})}$$

(using the fact that modified realizability commutes with substitution).

Induction

$$\frac{\phi(0) \quad \forall z (\phi(z) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z))}{\phi(v)} : \quad \frac{\phi(0)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t}) \quad \frac{\forall z, \vec{x} (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}z\vec{x}))}{\forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{w}z) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{S}z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{u}z\vec{w}(z)))}}{\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{w}(v))}$$

where $\vec{w} \equiv \vec{w}(z)$ is a list of terms such that

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{w}(0) &= \vec{t}, \\ \vec{w}(\mathbf{S}z) &= \vec{u}z\vec{w}(z).\end{aligned}$$

One way to guarantee the existence of $\vec{w}(x)$ is by formulating the system with *mutual primitive recursion*. In the presence of product types, however, mutual primitive recursion is reducible to ordinary primitive recursion; e.g., $\vec{w}(z)$ may be constructed as follows: Assuming $\vec{t} \equiv t_1, \dots, t_n$ and $\vec{u} \equiv u_1, \dots, u_n$, define

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{t} &\equiv \langle \vec{t} \rangle \equiv \langle t_1, \dots, t_n \rangle, \\ \mathbf{u} &\equiv \lambda z, y \langle \vec{u}z(\vec{q}y) \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

where $\langle \rangle$ denotes an arbitrary representation of n -tuples (using pairing), and $\vec{q}y \equiv q_1y, \dots, q_ny$ are the corresponding projections. Then,

$$\vec{w}(z) \equiv \vec{q}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{u}z)$$

are our desired terms.

MR

Since $(\phi^{\text{mr}})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$, a simple calculation yields

$$(\phi^{\text{mr}} \leftrightarrow \phi)^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{X}, \vec{Y} [\forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X}\vec{x})) \ \& \ \forall \vec{y} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y}) \rightarrow \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{Y}\vec{y}))]$$

which has the trivial realizers $\lambda \vec{x} \vec{x}, \lambda \vec{y} \vec{y}$. $\square$

2.3 Axiomatization

Here, we are going to show that $\mathbf{HA}^\omega + \text{MR}$ may be axiomatized by familiar principles.

Theorem 2.3.1. *Over $\mathbf{HA}^\omega$, the following schemata are equivalent:*

1. *MR:* $\phi^{\text{mr}} \leftrightarrow \phi$,
2. $\phi^{\text{mr}} \rightarrow \phi$,
3. $\text{AC} + \text{IP}_{\text{ef}}^\omega$, where

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{AC}) \quad & \forall \vec{x} \exists \vec{y} \phi(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \rightarrow \exists \vec{Y} \forall \vec{x} \phi(\vec{x}, \vec{Y}\vec{x}), \\ (\text{IP}_{\text{ef}}^\omega) \quad & (\phi \rightarrow \exists x \psi) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi \rightarrow \psi), \quad \phi \text{ } \exists\text{-free}.\end{aligned}$$

Proof. 1. $\rightarrow$ 2. Obvious.

2. $\rightarrow$ 3. It suffices to show that each instance θ of one of AC and $\text{IP}_{\text{ef}}^\omega$ is modified realizable, $\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \theta^{\text{mr}}$. In each case, this holds trivially, and is left as an exercise.

3. $\rightarrow$ 1. We proceed by structural induction, where $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$ and $\psi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})$:

(a) Atomic formulae are self-realizing.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi \ \& \ \psi)^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{x}, \vec{y} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \ \& \ \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ &\leftrightarrow (\exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \ \& \ (\exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ &\equiv \phi^{\text{mr}} \ \& \ \psi^{\text{mr}} \\ &\leftrightarrow \phi \ \& \ \psi. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi \rightarrow \psi)^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{Y} \forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{Y} \vec{x})) \\ &\leftrightarrow \forall \vec{x} \exists \vec{y} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ &\leftrightarrow \forall \vec{x} (\phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \rightarrow \exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ &\leftrightarrow (\exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \rightarrow (\exists \vec{y} \psi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{y})) \\ &\equiv \phi^{\text{mr}} \rightarrow \psi^{\text{mr}} \\ &\leftrightarrow \phi \rightarrow \psi. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists \vec{X} \forall z (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X} z)) \\ &\leftrightarrow \forall z \exists \vec{x} (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \\ &\equiv \forall z \phi(z)^{\text{mr}} \\ &\leftrightarrow \forall z \phi(z). \end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} (\exists z \phi(z))^{\text{mr}} &\equiv \exists z, \vec{x} (\phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})) \\ &\equiv \exists z (\phi(z)^{\text{mr}}) \\ &\leftrightarrow \exists z \phi(z). \end{aligned}$$

□

2.4 Exercises

1. Prove the following:

(a) $(\forall \vec{z} \phi(\vec{z}))^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{X} \forall \vec{z} (\phi(\vec{z})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{X} \vec{z})).$

(b) $(\exists \vec{z} \phi(\vec{z}))^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{z}, \vec{x} (\phi(\vec{z})_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})).$

2. Show that modified realizability commutes with substitution,

$$\phi(v)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \phi(z)_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})[z := v], \quad (\vec{x} \text{ not free in } v).$$

3. Prove whatever has been left as an exercise for you (the reader).
4. Expand $(\neg\neg\phi \rightarrow \phi)^{\text{mr}}$ and show that it is provable in $\mathbf{PA}^\omega$. Conclude that if $\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^\omega} \phi$, then $\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^\omega} \phi^{\text{mr}}$ (soundness for $\mathbf{PA}^\omega$).
5. *Harrop* formulae are defined by the induction
 - (a) atomic formulae are Harrop,
 - (b) if ϕ and ψ are Harrop, then $\phi \& \psi$ is Harrop,
 - (c) if ψ is Harrop, then $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ is Harrop (ϕ any formula),
 - (d) if ϕ is Harrop, then $\forall x \phi$ is Harrop.

Prove that a formula ϕ is Harrop if and only if ϕ^{mr} is $\exists$ -free, i.e., if in $\phi^{\text{mr}} \equiv \exists \vec{x} \phi_{\text{mr}}(\vec{x})$, $\vec{x}$ is the empty list.

6. Show that for any instance θ of schema

$$(\text{IP}_{\text{Harrop}}^\omega) \quad (\phi \rightarrow \exists x \psi) \rightarrow \exists x (\phi \rightarrow \psi), \quad \phi \text{ Harrop}$$

there are terms $\vec{t}$ such that $\vdash_{\mathbf{HA}^\omega} \theta_{\text{mr}}(\vec{t})$.

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